



**I hereby give notice that an Ordinary Meeting of Council will be held on:**

**Date: Monday, 26 September 2022**  
**Time: 9.15am**  
**Location: Bourke Shire Council**  
**29 Mitchell Street Bourke NSW**

# **BUSINESS PAPER**

**Ordinary Council Meeting**

**26 September 2022**

**Leonie Brown**  
**General Manager**

Time	Event	Representative	Organisation
9.00am	Community Open Forum for members of the public to address Council		
10.30am	Monthly Update	Inspector Peter Walton	Central North Police District



# DECLARATION OF INTEREST FORM COUNCIL OFFICIAL

FOR USE AT COUNCIL AND COUNCIL MEETINGS

<b>NAME OF COUNCIL OFFICIAL DECLARING INTEREST:</b>
<b>ACTION PROPOSED:</b>
<p><b>Tick one box only:</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> In my opinion, <b>my interest is pecuniary</b>, and I am therefore required to take the action specified in Part 4 of Council’s Code of Conduct.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> In my opinion, <b>my interest is non-pecuniary but significant</b>. I am unable to remove the source of conflict. I am therefore required to treat the interest as if it were pecuniary and take the action specified in clause 5.10 of Council’s Code of Conduct.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> In my opinion, <b>my interest is non-pecuniary and less than significant</b>. I therefore make this declaration as I am required to do pursuant to clause 5.11 of Council’s Code of Conduct. However, I intend to continue to be involved with the matter.</p>
<b>COUNCIL OFFICIAL</b>
<p>I, _____ (name of COUNCIL OFFICIAL ) disclose the above interest and acknowledge that I will take appropriate action as I have indicated above.</p> <p>Signed: _____ Date: _____</p>
<b>GENERAL MANAGER – required for all declarations:</b>
<p>I have noted the above declaration and I note your opinion and/or the action you have proposed.</p> <p>Signed: _____ Date: _____</p>
<b>DEFINE YOUR INTEREST:</b>
<p>Is your interest:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Pecuniary (see dealing with pecuniary interests)?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Non pecuniary (see dealing with non-pecuniary interests)</p>
<b>MATTER IN WHICH YOU HAVE AN INTEREST:</b> (Please provide full details, including item number on Council agenda)
<b>NAME OF THE INTEREST:</b>
<p>Be specific and include information such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The names of any person or organisation with which you have a relationship;</li> <li>- The nature of your relationship with the person or organisation;</li> <li>- The reason(s) why you consider the situation may (or may be perceived to) give rise to a conflict between your personal interests and your public duty as a COUNCIL OFFICIAL .</li> </ul>

<p><b>MANAGING LESS THAN SIGNIFICANT NON-PECUNIARY INTERESTS:</b></p> <p>Clause 5.11 of Council’s Code of Conduct provides that if you determine that a non-pecuniary conflict of interest is less than significant and does not require further action, you must provide an explanation of why you consider that conflict does not require further action in the circumstances.</p>
<p><b>IS YOUR NON-PECUNIARY INTEREST LESS THAN SIGNIFICANT?</b></p> <p>If you are of the view that your non-pecuniary interest is less than significant, please provide your explanation directly below (only complete if you are claiming that your non-pecuniary interest is less than significant).</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>
<p><b>DEFINITIONS:</b></p> <p>A <b>PECUNIARY INTEREST</b> is an interest that a designated person has in a matter because of a reasonable likelihood or expectation of appreciable financial gain or loss to the person (see Part 4 of Council’s Code of Conduct).</p> <p>A <b>NON-PECUNIARY INTEREST</b> is a private or personal interest that does not amount to pecuniary interest as defined by Part 5 of Council’s Code of Conduct.</p>
<p><b>MANAGING PECUNIARY INTERESTS:</b></p> <p>Part 4.10 of Council’s Code of Conduct requires designated persons to declare in writing to the General Manager the nature of a pecuniary interest the person has in any Council matters, as soon as practicable after becoming aware of the interest.</p>
<p><b>MANAGING SIGNIFICANT NON-PECUNIARY INTERESTS:</b></p> <p>Clause 5.10 of Council’s Code of Conduct provides that you must manage a significant non-pecuniary interest by not participating in consideration of, or decision making in relation to, the matter in which you have the significant non-pecuniary conflict of interest and the matter being allocated to another person for consideration or determination, or if the significant non-pecuniary conflict of interest arises in relation to a matter under consideration at a council or committee meeting, by managing the conflict of interest as if you had a pecuniary interest in the matter by complying with clauses 4.28 and 4.29 of the Code.</p>
<p><b>MANAGING NON-PECUNIARY INTERESTS:</b></p> <p>Clause 5.8 of Council’s Code of Conduct states that how you manage a non-pecuniary interest will depend on whether or not it is significant. Clause 5.9 of Council’s Code of Conduct states that, as a general rule, a non-pecuniary conflict of interests will be significant where a matter does not raise a pecuniary interest but involves:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) a relationship between a council official and another person who is affected by a decision or a matter under consideration that is particularly close, such as a current or former spouse or de facto partner, a relative for the purposes of clause 4.4 of the Code or another person from the council official’s extended family that the council official has a close personal relationship with, or another person living in the same household;</li> <li>b) other relationships with persons who are affected by a decision or a matter under consideration that are particularly close, such as friendships and business relationships. Closeness is defined by the nature of the friendship or business relationship, the frequency of contact and the duration of the friendship or relationship;</li> <li>c) an affiliation between the council official and an organisation (such as a sporting body, club, religious, cultural or charitable organisation, corporation or association) that is affected by a decision or a matter under consideration that is particularly strong. The strength of a council official’s affiliation with an organisation is to be determined by the extent to which they actively participate in the management, administration or other activities of the organisation;</li> <li>d) membership, as the council’s representative, of the board or management committee of an organisation that is affected by a decision or a matter under consideration, in circumstances where the interests of the council and the organisation are potentially in conflict in relation to the particular matter;</li> <li>e) a financial interest (other than an interest of a type referred to in clause 4.6 of the Code) that is not a pecuniary interest for the purposes of clause 4.1 of the Code;</li> <li>f) the conferral or loss of a personal benefit other than one conferred or lost as a member of the community or a broader class of people affected by a decision.</li> </ul>

**Statement of ethical obligations**

In accordance with Councils adopted Code of Meeting Practice (Clause 3.23), Councillors are reminded of their Oath or Affirmation of Office made under section 233A of the Local Government Act and their obligations under the Council's Code of Conduct to disclose and appropriately manage conflicts of interest.



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**7 MAYORAL MINUTE****7.1 MAYORAL MINUTE - MAYORAL ACTIVITIES**

**File Number:** M2.1  
**Author:** Barry Hollman, Mayor  
**Authoriser:** Leonie Brown, General Manager  
**Attachments:** Nil

The Activities of the Mayor from 20 August 2022 to 22 September 2022 are as follows:

<b>Date</b>	<b>Meeting</b>	<b>Location</b>
22/08/2022	Bourke Shire Council Meeting	Shire Chambers
26/08/2022	Maryanne Hawthorne, Director and Kerrie O'Neill, Community Engagement Project Manager, Health Intelligence Unit, Western NSW Local Health District	Conference Room
26/08/2022	The Hon Natasha Maclaren-Jones, Minister for Families and Communities, Minister for Disability Services	Maranguka Community Hub
01/09/2022	Paul Scully, Shadow Minister for Planning and Western Alliance Councils regarding Biodiversity Act	Webinar
02/09/2022	The Hon Troy Grant, Inspector General of Water Compliance	Conference Room
10/09/2022	Presentations - Bourke and District Garden Club Flower Show	Renshaw Complex Pavilion
13/09/2022	Mr Nick White, Newcastle Harbour Port Authority of NSW	Conference Room
22/09/2022	Queen Elizabeth II Memorial Service and Morning Tea	Bourke Cenotaph
23/09/2022	SES Vehicle Handover	SES Precinct, Bourke Airport
23/09/2022	The Hon. Paul Toole, Deputy Premier, Minister for Regional Roads and Transport and, Minister for Police and the Hon Dugald Saunders, Minister for Agriculture and Minister for Western New South Wales - Official Opening of Bourke Water Treatment Plant	Water Treatment Plant

**Recommendation**

**That the information in the Mayoral Minute – Mayoral Activities as presented to Council on**

**Monday, 26 September 2022 be noted.**

**8 STARRING OF ITEMS**

**9 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

Ordinary Council Meeting - 22 August 2022



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**Ordinary Council Meeting**

**22 August 2022**

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	2. Nil	
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**MINUTES OF SHIRE OF BOURKE  
ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING  
HELD AT THE BOURKE SHIRE COUNCIL, 29 MITCHELL STREET BOURKE NSW  
ON MONDAY, 22 AUGUST 2022 AT 9.15AM**

**PRESENT:** Cr Barry Hollman (Mayor), Cr Victor Bartley, Cr Sarah Barton, Cr Cec Dorrington, Cr Lachlan Ford (Deputy Mayor), Cr Sam Rice, Cr Grace Ridge, Cr Nathan Ryan, Cr Robert Stutsel

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Leonie Brown (General Manager), Peter Brown (Manager Works), Melanie Milgate (Economic Development Manager), Brian Tickle (Acting Manager Corporate Services), Dwayne Willoughby (Manager Environmental Services)

**1 OPENING PRAYER**

The Mayor opened the meeting with a prayer.

**2 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY**

The Mayor then provided an Acknowledgment of Country.

**3 REMEMBRANCE**

Council stood in silence in the memory of the following recently deceased:

Rhonda Carson, nee Howard      Desley Clark      Albert Hartnett      Kathleen Smith

**4 APOLOGIES AND APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

A request for Leave of Absence was received from Councillor Sally Davis who was absent from the meeting for personal reasons.

**Resolution 2022/174**

**Moved: Cr Robert Stutsel**

**Seconded: Cr Victor Bartley**

**That the apology received from Cr Sally Davis be accepted and leave of absence granted.**

**Carried**

Nil

**5 ATTENDANCE BY AUDIO VISUAL LINK BY COUNCILLORS**

Nil

**6 DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST**

Cr Sarah Barton declared a pecuniary interest in Item 12.1 of the Agenda - Business Arising – 2022/116, Reconnecting Regional NSW Community Events Program. The reasons for such interest are that Cr Barton is a Committee Member of the Back O’ Bourke Stampede Inc. and also an

employee of the Department of Regional NSW who funds the program. In making this declaration, Cr Barton advised that she would leave the Chamber and be out of sight should Council separately consider Item 12.1 of the Agenda.

Cr Sarah Barton declared a pecuniary interest in Item 21.4 of the Agenda – General Manager’s Activity Report – Stronger Country Communities Fund. The reason for such interest is that Cr Barton is an employee of Department of Regional NSW who funds the program. In making this declaration, Cr Barton advised that she would leave the Chamber and be out of sight should Council separately consider Item 21.4 of the Agenda.

Cr Cec Dorrington declared a non-pecuniary interest in Item 20.1 of the Agenda – Bourke and District Garden Club – Request for Assistance. The reason for such interest is that Cr Dorrington is the Treasurer of the Bourke and District Garden Club. In making this declaration, Cr Dorrington advised that he would remain in the room during consideration of the matter, however, he would not be participating in the vote thereon.

## **7 MAYORAL MINUTE**

<b>7.1 MAYORAL MINUTE - MAYORAL ACTIVITIES</b>
<p><b>File Number: M2.1</b></p> <p>The Council had before it the report of the Mayor regarding the Mayoral Minute - Mayoral Activities.</p>
<p><b>Resolution 2022/175</b></p> <p><b>Moved: Cr Barry Hollman</b></p> <p><b>That the information in the Mayoral Minute – Mayoral Activities as presented to Council on Monday, 22 August 2022 be noted.</b></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>Carried</b></p>



<b>7.2 MAYORAL MINUTE - WESTERN WEIRS STRATEGY</b>
<b>File Number: W3.1</b>
The Council had before it the report of the Mayor regarding the Mayoral Minute – Western Weirs Strategy. The Council reports having met, via audio visual link, Ms Ingrid Emery, Executive Director Project Interfaces and Program Management at Water Infrastructure NSW, NSW Department of Planning and Environment, in respect of the Weirs Strategy.
<b>Resolution 2022/176</b> <b>Moved: Cr Sarah Barton</b> <b>Seconded: Cr Lachlan Ford</b>  <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li><b>1. That the status upgrade in respect of the Western Weirs Strategy as presented to Council by Ms Ingrid Emery, Water Infrastructure NSW on Monday, 22 August 2022 be noted.</b></li><li><b>2. That Council write to the Hon. Tanya Plibersek, MP, Federal Minister for the Environment and Water, and the Hon. Kevin Anderson, MP, State Minister for Land and Water seeking support and funding to progress the next stage of the Western Weir Strategy being the Final Business Case for the proposed upgrading of the Bourke Weir to improve town water supply security.</b></li></ol> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>Carried</b></p>

## **8 STARRING OF ITEMS**

Council's Code of Meeting Practice provides that Council may at any time, resolve to adopt multiple items of business on the agenda by way of a single resolution.

In this regard the Council had before it a list of reports, unstarred, with such items proposed to be adopted by Council in a single resolution.

<b>Resolution 2022/177</b> <b>Moved: Cr Victor Bartley</b> <b>Seconded: Cr Lachlan Ford</b>  <b>That the the recommendations as detailed in the un-starred items as contained in the agenda for the Ordinary Meeting of Council, held on Monday, 22 August 2022 be adopted.</b> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>Carried</b></p>
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## **9 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

<b>Resolution 2022/178</b> <b>Moved: Cr Cec Dorrington</b> <b>Seconded: Cr Sam Rice</b>  <b>That the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 25 July 2022 taken as read, confirmed</b>
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as correct minutes and signed by the Mayor and the General Manger.

Carried

**10 NOTICES OF MOTION**

Nil

**11 RESCISSION MOTIONS**

Nil

**12 BUSINESS ARISING**

**12.1 \*\*\* BUSINESS ARISING**

**File Number: C12.1**

The Council had before it the report of the General Manager regarding the Business Arising.

**Resolution 2022/179**

**Moved: Cr Sam Rice**

**Seconded: Cr Robert Stutsel**

**That the information in the Business Arising Report as presented to Council on Monday, 22 August 2022 be noted.**

Carried

**12.2 CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**File Number: C12.6**

The Council had before it the report of the General Manager regarding the Calendar of Events.

**Resolution 2022/180**

**Moved: Cr Victor Bartley**

**Seconded: Cr Lachlan Ford**

**That the information in the Calendar of Events Report as presented to Council on Monday, 22 August 2022 be noted.**

Carried

**12.3 INFORMATION TO COUNCILLORS****File Number: C12.1**

The Council had before it the report of the General Manager regarding the Information to Councillors.

**Resolution 2022/181****Moved: Cr Victor Bartley****Seconded: Cr Lachlan Ford**

**That the contents of the Information to Councillors Report as presented to Council on Monday, 22 August 2022 be noted.**

**Carried****13 ENGINEERING SERVICES DEPARTMENT**

Nil

**14 ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES & DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT**

Nil

**15 GENERAL MANAGER****15.1 OCTOBER COUNCIL MEETING CHANGE OF DATE****File Number: C12.1**

The Council had before it the report of the General Manager regarding the October Council Meeting Change of Date.

**Resolution 2022/182****Moved: Cr Victor Bartley****Seconded: Cr Lachlan Ford**

**That the date of Councils October 2022 Ordinary Meeting be amended such that it be held on Monday, 31 October 2022.**

**Carried**

**15.2 DELIVERY PROGRAM REPORT 1 JULY 2021 TO 30 JUNE 2022****File Number: P4.2**

The Council had before it the report of the General Manager regarding the Delivery Program Report 1 July 2021 to 30 June 2022.

**Resolution 2022/183****Moved: Cr Victor Bartley****Seconded: Cr Lachlan Ford**

**That Council notes the activity progress against the actions contained in the 2021/2022 Delivery Program.**

**Carried****16 CORPORATE SERVICES DEPARTMENT****16.1 \*\*\* BANK RECONCILIATION & STATEMENT OF BANK BALANCES****File Number: F1.1**

The Council had before it the report of the Acting Manager Corporate Services regarding the Bank Reconciliation & Statement of Bank Balances.

**Resolution 2022/184****Moved: Cr Victor Bartley****Seconded: Cr Sam Rice**

**That the Certificate of Reconciliation of the Cash Book for all funds of the Council and the Statement of Bank Balances as at 31 July 2022 be noted.**

**Carried**

**16.2 \*\*\* INVESTMENT REPORT AS AT 31 JULY 2022****File Number: F1.1**

The Council had before it the report of the Acting Manager Corporate Services regarding the Investment Report as at 31 July 2022.

**Resolution 2022/185****Moved: Cr Victor Bartley****Seconded: Cr Sam Rice**

1. That the report regarding Council's Investment Portfolio 31 July 2022 be received and noted.
2. That the Certificate of the Responsible Accounting Officer be noted, and the report adopted.

**Carried****16.3 \*\*\* RATES WRITE OFF ASSESSMENT 02008-30000000-000****File Number: R2.5**

The Council had before it the report of the Revenue Officer regarding the Rates Write Off Assessment 02008-30000000-000.

**Resolution 2022/186****Moved: Cr Victor Bartley****Seconded: Cr Sam Rice**

That as a result of the sale of Rates Assessment No. 02008-30000000-000 for the purposes of a National Park, Council deem the property non-rateable and in doing so write off rates levied for 2022/2023 in the amount of \$7,226.73.

**Carried****17 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT**

Nil

**18 DELEGATES AND COUNCILLORS REPORTS**

Nil

**19 POLICIES**

Nil

**20 PRÉCIS OF CORRESPONDENCE****20.1 \*\*\* BOURKE & DISTRICT GARDEN CLUB - REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE****File Number: C12.5-D5.2-B3.2**

The Council had before it the report of the General Manager regarding the Bourke & District Garden Club - Request for Assistance.

**Resolution 2022/187****Moved: Cr Robert Stutsel****Seconded: Cr Lachlan Ford**

**That Council support the application from the Bourke and District Garden Club for assistance comprising both in-kind and monetary (\$1,000) for the 2022/2023 Competitions up to an amount of \$2,000.00.**

**Carried**

As per his Disclosure of Interest Cr Dorrington did not vote on this matter.

**21 ACTIVITY REPORTS****21.1 ACTIVITY REPORT - ENGINEERING SERVICES ROAD WORKS & WORKSHOP - WORKS COMPLETED****File Number: E7.1**

The Council had before it the report of the General Manager regarding the Activity Report - Engineering Services Road Works & Workshop - Works Completed.

**Resolution 2022/188****Moved: Cr Victor Bartley****Seconded: Cr Lachlan Ford**

**That Council note the information in the Engineering Services Department Road Works and Workshop Activity Reports as presented to Council on Monday, 22 August 2022.**

**Carried**

**21.2 ACTIVITY REPORT - PARKS & GARDENS / TOWN SERVICES / WATER & WASTEWATER ENGINEERING SERVICES ACTIVITY REPORT****File Number: E7.1**

The Council had before it the report of the Manager Works regarding the Activity Report - Parks & Gardens / Town Services / Water & Wastewater Engineering Services Activity Report.

**Resolution 2022/189****Moved: Cr Victor Bartley****Seconded: Cr Lachlan Ford**

**That Council note the information in the Parks and Gardens, Town Services and Water and Wastewater Engineering Services Department Activity Reports as presented to Council on Monday, 22 August 2022.**

**Carried****21.3 PLANNING, REGULATORY & ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES - ACTIVITY REPORT****File Number: D3.1-A11.1-A8.1**

The Council had before it the report of the Manager Environmental Services regarding the Planning, Regulatory & Environmental Services - Activity Report.

**Resolution 2022/190****Moved: Cr Victor Bartley****Seconded: Cr Lachlan Ford**

**That the information in the Planning, Regulatory & Environmental Services Activity Report as presented to Council on Monday, 22 August 2022 be received and noted.**

**Carried**

**21.4 GENERAL MANAGER'S ACTIVITY REPORT****File Number: G2.1**

The Council had before it the report of the General Manager regarding the General Manager's Activity Report.

**Resolution 2022/191****Moved: Cr Victor Bartley****Seconded: Cr Lachlan Ford**

**That the information in the General Manager's Activity Report as presented to Council on Monday, 22 August 2022 be noted.**

**Carried****21.5 LIBRARY MANAGER'S ACTIVITY REPORT FOR JULY 2022****File Number: L4.1**

The Council had before it the report of the Library Manager regarding the Library Manager's Activity Report for July 2022.

**Resolution 2022/192****Moved: Cr Victor Bartley****Seconded: Cr Lachlan Ford**

**That the information in the Library Manager's Report for July 2022 as presented to Council on Monday, 22 August 2022 be noted.**

**Carried**



**21.6 TOURISM & EVENTS MANAGER'S ACTIVITY REPORT****File Number: T4.3**

The Council had before it the report of the Manager Tourism & Events regarding the Tourism & Events Manager's Activity Report.

**Resolution 2022/193****Moved: Cr Victor Bartley****Seconded: Cr Lachlan Ford**

**That the information in the Tourism and Events Manager's Activity Report for July 2022 as presented to Council on Monday, 22 August 2022 be noted.**

**Carried****22 CLOSED SESSION**

At this juncture, the Council gave consideration to moving into Closed Session of Council.

**Resolution 2022/194****Moved: Cr Robert Stutsel****Seconded: Cr Cec Dorrington**

**That Council considers the confidential report(s) listed below in a meeting closed to the public in accordance with Section 10A(2) of the Local Government Act 1993:**

**22.1 \*\*\* Historical Land Transfer - 25 Mertin Street, Bourke**

**This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 10A(2) - (b) of the Local Government Act, and the Council is satisfied that discussion of this matter in an open meeting would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest as it deals with discussion in relation to the personal hardship of a resident or ratepayer.**

**22.2 \*\*\* Outstanding Rates and Charges**

**This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 10A(2) - (b) of the Local Government Act, and the Council is satisfied that discussion of this matter in an open meeting would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest as it deals with discussion in relation to the personal hardship of a resident or ratepayer.**

**Carried**

Council proceeded into closed session with the livestreaming of the meeting being paused at 9.50 am.

**22.1 \*\*\* HISTORICAL LAND TRANSFER - 25 MERTIN STREET, BOURKE****File Number: S3.1.2**

The Council had before it the report of the General Manager regarding the Historical Land Transfer - 25 Mertin Street, Bourke.

**Resolution 2022/195****Moved: Cr Cec Dorrington****Seconded: Cr Robert Stutsel**

1. That Council proceed to accept the transfer of 25 Mertin St, Bourke from the Murdi Paaki Regional Housing Corporation into Councils ownership with such land being transferred to Council at no cost, with Council to pay all legal costs associated with the transfer.
2. That any necessary documents relating to this land transfer be executed under the Common Seal of Council.
3. That the documents and considerations in respect of this matter remain confidential to the Council.

**Carried****22.2 \*\*\* OUTSTANDING RATES AND CHARGES****File Number: P2.5-R2.15-R2.22-P9.3**

The Council had before it the report of the Acting Manager Corporate Services regarding the Outstanding Rates and Charges.

**Resolution 2022/196****Moved: Cr Sam Rice****Seconded: Cr Robert Stutsel****Recommendation**

1. That Council notes the report on Outstanding Rates and Charges, Water Billing and Sundry Debtors owed to Council as at 30 June 2022.
2. That the documents and considerations in respect of this matter remain confidential to the Council.

**Carried****Resolution 2022/197****Moved: Cr Sarah Barton****Seconded: Cr Cec Dorrington****That Council moves out of Closed Council into Open Council.**

**Carried**

Open Council resumed at 10.02 am.

**RESOLUTIONS FROM CLOSED SESSION OF COUNCIL**

At the request of the Mayor, the General Manager read to the meeting the Councils resolutions as determined in the Closed Session of Council.

**The Meeting closed at 10.06 am.**

**The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 26 September 2022.**

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**CHAIRPERSON**

**10 NOTICES OF MOTION**

Nil

**11 RESCISSION MOTIONS**

Nil

**12 BUSINESS ARISING**

**12.1 \*\*\* BUSINESS ARISING**

**File Number:** C12.1  
**Author:** Leonie Brown, General Manager  
**Authoriser:** Leonie Brown, General Manager  
**Attachments:** Nil

**Background**

Business outstanding from previous meetings.

**Current Situation**

**KEY:** Action Still Pending  Action in Progress  Action  Complete

GM GENERAL MANAGER	MW MANAGER WORKS
MCS MANAGER CORPORATE SERVICES	MRS MANAGER ROAD SERVICES
MES MANAGER ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES	EDM ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT MANAGER

362/2018	BIODIVERSITY CONSERVATION ACT 2016 - UPDATE
RESPONSIBLE OFFICER	DWAYNE WILLOUGHBY - MANAGER ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES
FILE NUMBER	E6.1-E6.4-L8.1

DECISION	ACTION TAKEN
1. That Council undertake a review of the potential impact on the sale of land held for industrial development including obtaining specialist advice as appropriate. 2. That on finalisation of that review a further report be brought back to Council	1. Continue to lobby Government – matter evolving. 2. Issue of impact of the Biodiversity Act recently discussed at meeting of the Alliance of Western Councils. 3. Meeting held with Alliance of Western Councils and Paul Scully, Shadow Minister for Planning, 1 September to provide an update on the impact if the Biodiversity Act.

427/2018	PROPOSED CHANGE OF MANAGEMENT OF THE PCYC
RESPONSIBLE OFFICER	LEONIE BROWN - GENERAL MANAGER
FILE NO	L1.17-Y1.7-LD-L11.14.3
<b>DECISION</b>	<b>ACTION TAKEN</b>
That the General Manager prepare a detailed report in relation to the matter, including the seeking of legal advice if necessary	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. In progress.</li> <li>2. Teleconference held 20/08/2020.</li> <li>3. Correspondence sent to PCYC 25/8/20 and followed up for response 20/10/20 &amp; 16/11/2020.</li> <li>4. Matter further discussed with Crown Lands staff on 09/03/2021 for their contact with PCYC.</li> <li>5. Further discussions held in July 2021 with Crown Lands in regard to their contact with PCYC with correspondence sent to PCYC as a follow up to discussions.</li> <li>6. PCYC have advised that as a result of internal management changes they wish to defer discussions on land management till mid-2022.</li> </ol>

156/2019	CONFIDENTIAL – CONSTRUCTION OF SEWERAGE TREATMENT PLANT FACILITIES
RESPONSIBLE OFFICER	PETER BROWN - MANAGER OF WORKS
FILE NO	S3.2.3
<b>DECISION</b>	<b>ACTION TAKEN</b>
That Council continue with its representations to obtain funding for the additional costs anticipated to be incurred in the construction of the new Additional Sewage Treatment Facilities in Bourke	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Ongoing.</li> <li>2. Water use study near completion. Will then make application for additional funding.</li> </ol>

274/2019	DROUGHT – WATER UPDATE
RESPONSIBLE OFFICER	LEONIE BROWN – GENERAL MANAGER
FILE NO	W2.2.9 – W2.2.9.1
<b>DECISION</b>	<b>ACTION TAKEN</b>
That the General Manager write to the State Government seeking their urgent consideration of the construction of a regulator or additional weir including a fish ladder upstream of Bourke at a location identified as BU8	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Letter sent &amp; meeting held.</li> <li>2. State Government commits to preparation of Western Weirs Strategy.</li> <li>3. Teleconference involving staff and Councillors held with State Water on 22/9/2020 re Strategy.</li> <li>4. Meeting held with DPIE representatives on 10/11/2020 &amp;</li> </ol>

- 11/11/2020.
5. Further briefings on Strategy held 10/02/2021 and 24/05/2021.
  6. Discussions held by GM with Jim Betts in July 2021 Secretary, DPIE, in regard to the Weir Strategy Project and its prolonged timeframes.
  7. NSW Govt. in Oct 2021 announced the Better Baaka Program which includes Weir renewals on the Darling and specifically upgrading of the Bourke Weir. Meeting with DPIE to be held in Bourke on 23 November 2021.
  8. Meeting held DPIE 23/11/2021 with Jim Bently and his team via Video conference regarding Better Baaka Better Bidgee project.
  9. Meeting held in December 2021 with Andrew Lavelle regarding the Weir upgrade at Bourke and connectivity strategy.
  10. Contact made with Minister Pavey's Office re concerns regarding potential removal of downstream weirs.
  11. GM and MCS met with DPIE officers undertaking Western Regional Water Strategy consultation in Bourke on 8 March 2022 raising concern at the potential loss of downstream weirs.
  12. Contact made in March 2022 with Andrew Lavelle of DPIE re weir progress. Advised that Western Weirs project is progressing following completion of Strategic Business Case. Advised that he will be seeking to have further conversations re weirs downstream.
  13. Meeting held with Graham Attenborough and Jason Gordon of DPIE on 15 March 2022 re all things water including weir.
  14. Mayor, Mark Riley and Leonie Brown attended the DPIE Forum at Bourke Bowling Club on 30 June 2022 re Western Region Water Strategy and Barwon-Darling Water Sharing Plan and Floodplain Harvesting licencing.
  15. Submissions subsequently made re increasing Bourke Weir height and

	<p>retention of downstream weirs.</p> <p>16. Mayor/GM met with Hon. Tanya Plibersek, MP Federal Minister for the Environment and Water at Alliance of Western Council Meeting at Narromine on 19/08/2022.</p> <p>17. Ingrid Emery, Executive Director Project Interfaces and Program Management Water Infrastructure to provide update to Councillors on 22 August 2022 – No State or Federal Funding for Final Business Case Study.</p>
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2020/111	DUAL NAMING OF THE DARLING RIVER – DARLING RIVER BAAKA	
RESPONSIBLE OFFICER	LEONIE BROWN – GENERAL MANAGER	
FILE NO	R6.5	
<b>DECISION</b>		<b>ACTION TAKEN</b>
<p>That Council seek further clarification from the GNB on which section of the Darling River will be dual named Baaka and will the name be Darling Baaka River / Baaka Darling River or Darling River Baaka.</p>		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Ongoing. Geographical Names Board GNB contacted.</li> <li>2. Investigations are continuing by GNB.</li> <li>3. GNB advised in July 2021 that it would be undertaking consultation in August 2021 in regard to dual name proposal.</li> <li>4. GNB subsequently advised in August that due to COVID the consultations will now be undertaken in 2022.</li> <li>5. Meeting was to be held with GNB on 22 June 2022 however was postponed by GNB till “next month” with a date yet to be suggested.</li> <li>6. Meeting scheduled for 19 July 2022 postponed – new date yet to be confirmed.</li> <li>7. New meeting date proposed for 11 October 2022.</li> </ol>

2020/236	14.2 BOURKE AIRPORT DEVELOPMENT PROPOSAL	
RESPONSIBLE OFFICER	PETER BROWN – MANAGER WORKS	
FILE NO	A6.1	
<b>DECISION</b>		<b>ACTION TAKEN</b>
<p>That Council seeks quotations for the preparation of a Master Plan at the Bourke Airport to determine the availability of land for the proposed development and future developments.</p>		<p>Brief prepared, quotations to be invited.</p>



2020/325 & 326	REVIEW OF CAPITAL WORKS PROGRAM 2019/2020 AND REALLOCATION OF FUNDS – ITEM 15.5 - MOUNT OXLEY
RESPONSIBLE OFFICER	LEONIE BROWN – GENERAL MANAGER
FILE NO	R2.5
DECISION	ACTION TAKEN
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. That Council notes the report on the responsibility and current condition of the access road to the summit of Mount Oxley.</li> <li>2. That Council notes the status of telecommunication infrastructure located atop Mount Oxley.</li> <li>3. That following a Title Search discussion be held with the owners of the land and the various owners of the telecommunications infrastructure atop Mount Oxley with a view to sourcing funding for at least the \$80,000 in maintenance work and potentially a further \$110,000 for the guard rail installation, for a further report to Council including consideration to any contribution by Council.</li> <li>4. That Council investigates its potential liability as a result of the public use of the access road to the top of Mount Oxley and a report be submitted back to Council.</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Extensive title searches have been completed.</li> <li>2. Liability issues being pursued by Booth Brown Legal for further report.</li> <li>3. Meeting held with Mr &amp; Mrs Stalley on 10 December 2020.</li> <li>4. Risk review undertaken by Council’s insurers on 16/03/21. Awaiting advice to allow instructions to be issued by Booth Brown Legal to prepare licence documentation.</li> <li>5. Discussions held with NSW Telco Authority re potential for funding to assist with road upgrade. Costs advised. No funding available.</li> <li>6. Further discussions to be held with owners of Mt Oxley site.</li> </ol>

2019/439 & 2021/33	NORTH BOURKE BRIDGE REHABILITATION CONCEPT PLAN
RESPONSIBLE OFFICER	LEONIE BROWN – GENERAL MANAGER
FILE NO	B6.1
DECISION	ACTION TAKEN
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Council continues to apply for funding to undertake the project</li> <li>2. Council commits additional funds of \$269,922 from Councils Infrastructure Reserve Fund to ensure a total co-contribution from Council of \$969,922 (25%) to the Building Better Regions Fund Round 5, for North Bourke Bridge Renewal, if a funding application is successful.</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Ongoing.</li> <li>2. Letter received from Minister Toole 11/11/2020 advising upcoming funding opportunities for bridge.</li> <li>3. Funds as resolved reserved in Councils accounts.</li> <li>4. Application under Building Better Regions Fund lodged 11/02/2021. Application unsuccessful.</li> <li>5. Strategy prepared for investigation, assessment and restoration of bridge for input into Tourism Grant Application.</li> <li>6. Application lodged in August 2021. No response to date.</li> <li>7. Representations made to Member for Barwon, Roy Butler MP regarding funding for Bridge.</li> <li>8. Further application under Building</li> </ol>

	<p>Better Regions Fund lodged February 2022.</p> <p>9. Council resolved 25 February 2022 to allocate funding of \$200,000 to engage a structural engineer to prepare documentation to allow Council to invite tenders for restoration of the bridge.</p> <p>10. Draft brief prepared and with Public Works Advisory (PWA) for review.</p> <p>11. Quote obtained from PWA with further discussions to be held.</p> <p>12. Further Grant funding application for design funding lodged with NSW Government in July 2022.</p> <p>13. Councils Grant Funding application was successful. Awaiting Deed for execution.</p>
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2021/355	ROAD CLASSIFICATION REVIEW
RESPONSIBLE OFFICER	LEONIE BROWN – GENERAL MANAGER
FILE NO	R7.1, R7.4.3

DECISION	ACTION TAKEN
<p>1. That Council provide a submission to the Independent Panel on Road Classification Review and Regional Road Transfer proposing that ownership of the Bourke – Milparinka Rd (Wanaaring Rd) be transferred to the NSW Government, as a minimum.</p> <p>2. That the transfer of any Regional Roads to Government in the Bourke Shire being on the basis of Council entering into a contract with Government which would see Council continuing to undertake both improvement works, and the necessary programmed and emergency maintenance works on the transferred roadway(s).</p> <p>3. That Council also provides a submission to the Independent Panel on Road Classification Review and Regional Road Transfer proposing the reclassification from local road to regional road status of the following roads:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• RLR 5 – Caronga Peak to Wilga Downs (23km / no bridge);</li> <li>• RLR50 - Moleyarrah Road – Wanaaring to Hungerford (86.82km / no bridge);</li> <li>• RLR44 – Janina Road – Louth to Wanaaring (85.7km / no bridge);</li> </ul>	<p>1. Submission to Review Panel prepared and submitted.</p> <p>2. Additional information and financial data requested for consideration 23 August 2022. Information provided.</p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>RLR49 – West Culgoa Road – Bourke to Weilmoringle (82.82km / single lane bridge).</li> </ul>	
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2022/6	NOTICE OF MOTION - VILLAGE TOURS
RESPONSIBLE OFFICER	LEONIE BROWN - GENERAL MANAGER
FILE NO	C8.1, C11.1, P4.1

DECISION	ACTION TAKEN
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All councillors be invited to attend any future Council Village Tours and community meetings.	Noted.
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2022/11	EMPLOYMENT ZONE REFORM
RESPONSIBLE OFFICER	DWAYNE WILLOUGHBY - MANAGER ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES
FILE NO	T5.1

DECISION	ACTION TAKEN
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That the proposal to permit business premises, with consent, in the R1 General Residential Zone of the Bourke Local Environmental Plan be endorsed for the purposes of preparing a Planning Proposal for further consideration by Council in due course.	Matter proceeding.
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2022/63	CONTRACT MANAGEMENT OF THE BOURKE WAR MEMORIAL OLYMPIC SWIMMING POOL	
RESPONSIBLE OFFICER	DWAYNE WILLOUGHBY - MANAGER ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES	
FILE NO	S10.1	
DECISION		
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. That as per the existing Management Contract between Council and Mr Mark Hollman in respect of the Management of the Bourke War Memorial Olympic Swimming Pool Complex (BWMOSP), Council and Mr Hollman proceed to exercise the available 12-month option period ending 30 June 2023 at the agreed contract fee for the season as detailed in the report herewith.</li> <li>2. That it be noted that as per the existing contract in respect of the management of the BWMOSP, it will be necessary for Council to invite tenders for the management Contract post the period ending 30 June 2023.</li> <li>3. That entry fees at the Bourke War Memorial Olympic Swimming Pool Complex for the 2022/2023 period be included and exhibited as part of Councils 2022/2023 draft Operational Plan.</li> </ol>	ACTION TAKEN	
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Contractor formally advised of Council’s decision.</li> <li>2. Contract Management Tenders to be invited in due course.</li> <li>3. Entry fees included in 2022/2023 draft Operational Plan.</li> </ol>	

2022/ 96	NORTH BOURKE STORMWATER DRAINAGE	
RESPONSIBLE OFFICER	LEONIE BROWN - GENERAL MANAGER	
FILE NO	D6.1, D6.2, V 1.6	
DECISION		
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. That the information in the report of the General Manager from March 2022 be noted.</li> <li>2. That the Mayor and General Manager be requested to take the necessary action in pursuit of potentially acquiring land in respect of this drainage matter, for a further report to Council.</li> <li>3. That the Mayor and General Manager be requested to brief Mr G Seiler on the progress of this matter.</li> <li>4. That the documents and considerations in respect of this matter remain confidential to Council.</li> </ol>	ACTION TAKEN	
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Investigations into land proceeding.</li> <li>2. Mayor and GM have briefed Mr Seiler.</li> <li>3. Land to west of subject site reviewed by environmental consultant and is considered to be an undesirable location for the construction of stormwater retention infrastructure due to the multitude of environmental, practical and physical constraints.</li> <li>4. Further update meeting held in June 2022 with Mr Seiler involving Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Messrs Riley and Brown.</li> <li>5. Monthly progress reports to be provided to Mr Seiler by Council.</li> <li>6. Structural Engineer engaged by Insurers inspected property on 8 September 2022.</li> </ol>	

2022/ 113	LOCAL GOVERNMENT NSW (LGNSW) ANNUAL CONFERENCE 23 TO 25 OCTOBER 2022
RESPONSIBLE OFFICER	LEONIE BROWN - GENERAL MANAGER
FILE NO	L8.3, G2.3, M2.2
<b>DECISION</b>	<b>ACTION TAKEN</b>
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. That the Mayor and General Manager attend the LGNSW Annual Conference to be held 23 to 25 October 2022.</li> <li>2. That Councillors who wish to attend the LGNSW Annual Conference to be held 23 to 25 October 2022 nominate prior to August 2022.</li> </ol>	Mayor, Councillor Bartley and General Manager registered to attend conference.

2022/ 115	RISK MANAGEMENT AND INTERNAL AUDIT FRAMEWORK FOR COUNCILS
RESPONSIBLE OFFICER	LEONIE BROWN – GENERAL MANAGER
FILE NO	R5.1
<b>DECISION</b>	<b>ACTION TAKEN</b>
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. That Council join with the Far North West Joint Organisation and its member Councils in establishing a Shared Audit Risk and Improvement Committee in accordance with section 428B of the Local Government Act 1993.</li> <li>2. That Council delegate authority to the Far North West Joint Organisation to appoint the chair and two (2) independent members to form the shared Audit Risk And Improvement Committee to serve the Far North West Joint Organisation and all three member Councils.</li> <li>3. That Council appoint a Councillor to serve as the non-voting board member on the ARIC for this Council only.</li> <li>4. That Council adopt the Draft Terms of Reference developed for the operation of the Audit Risk and Improvement noting the initial revised term to cater for the shorter period to be served by the current Council and the fact that there is no current need for the Chair to be pre-qualified at this stage.</li> <li>5. That Council note the Expression of Interest document developed by the Far North West Joint Organisation for distribution to potential applicants for persons to serve as the Chair or one of the two (2) independent Committee Members including the fees payable to the Chair and Committee members.</li> <li>6. That applications as detailed in the Expression of Interest document be called for by the placement of advertisements in the local papers circulating in each of the towns within the FNWJO area together with the</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. General Manager advised FNWJO of Council’s resolution.</li> <li>2. Manager Corporate Services take the necessary action to implement Council’s resolution.</li> <li>3. Expression of Interest received from another Council regarding joining the FNWJO.</li> <li>4. FNWJO meeting held on 1 August 2022.</li> <li>5. Matter proceeding.</li> </ol>

<p>websites of each of the member Councils to provide local residents the opportunity to apply to become a member of the Shared Committee if they are suitably qualified and wish to apply.</p>	
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2022/ 116	RECONNECTING REGIONAL NSW - COMMUNITY EVENTS PROGRAM
RESPONSIBLE OFFICER	LEONIE BROWN – GENERAL MANAGER
FILE NO	G4.1

<b>DECISION</b>	<b>ACTION TAKEN</b>
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. That application be made to the Community Events Program for \$150,854 for events to be held in Bourke, Byrock, Enngonia, Fords Bridge, Louth and Wanaaring.</li> <li>2. That the Mayor, and General Manager be authorised to finalise the list of events for submission of the application of \$150,854 for the Community Events Program.</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Manager Economic Develop take the necessary action to implement Council’s resolution.</li> <li>2. Applications submitted for Rodeo event in Bourke and various other events at villages in the Shire.</li> <li>3. Events identified to be funded under the Reconnecting Regional NSW Grant include:                         <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Back O’ Bourke Rodeo – 15/10/2022</li> <li>2. Henry Lawson Centenary Celebrations – 02-04/09/2022</li> <li>3. Louth Races – 06/08/2022</li> <li>4. Wanaaring Gymkhana/Bike Day – 24/09/2022</li> <li>5. Enngonia Races – 17/09/2022</li> <li>6. Fords Bridge Christmas Tree – December 2022</li> <li>7. Byrock Christmas Tree – December 2022</li> </ol> </li> <li>4. Awaiting approval of application.</li> <li>5. Application subsequently approved.</li> <li>6. Weather has affected some events. A revised Scope of Works completed with reallocation of funds.</li> <li>7. Arrangements for the major event, Bourke Rodeo, to be held in October 2022, proceeding well.</li> </ol>

2022/160	RURAL WATER CONNECTIONS
RESPONSIBLE OFFICER	PETER BROWN – MANAGER WORKS
FILE NO	W2.1
DECISION	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. That the identified boundaries for the maintenance and supply of water to the Village of Wanaaring, as herewith, be adopted.</li> <li>2. That Council cease to maintain and supply water to any properties outside of the identified boundaries for the Village of Wanaaring as included herewith.</li> <li>3. That Council advise any residents on water lines external to the village boundaries that no further upgrade to the water supply line will be completed by Bourke Shire Council and that effective 1 January 2023, the service be disconnected.</li> </ol>	ACTION TAKEN
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Property owners advised and letters provided.</li> <li>2. Service to be disconnected 1 January 2023.</li> </ol>

2022/161	CAMPING & CARAVAN USAGE - MITCHELL HIGHWAY ROAD RESERVE AND NORTH BOURKE BOAT RAMP CROWN RESERVE
RESPONSIBLE OFFICER	DWAYNE WILLOUGHBY – MANAGER ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES
FILE NO	L1.9
DECISION	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. That the legislative information in respect of the potential usage of the North Bourke Boat Ramp Crown Reserve for the purposes of caravanning and camping be noted.</li> <li>2. That Council not pursue the development of a primitive campground to allow camping at the North Bourke Boat Ramp Crown Reserve and having regard to this position, camping in this reserve not be permissible and appropriate signage be maintained.</li> <li>3. That Council enter into discussions with TfNSW with a view to the sealed section of road reserve leading to the old North Bourke Bridge being designated for use by light and recreational travellers as a Rest Area, for a trial period ending 12 months after the opening of such road reserve as a rest area, should it be approved.</li> <li>4. At the end of this period it would be proposed that a report on the trial be provided to Council to review usage and issues, including any impact on accommodation providers in Bourke.</li> <li>5. That Council investigate further opportunities to promote Bourke as an RV friendly town.</li> </ol>	ACTION TAKEN
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Contact made with Transport for NSW (TfNSW).</li> <li>2. Awaiting response from TfNSW.</li> </ol>

2022/162	ACCOUNTING FOR RURAL FIREFIGHTING EQUIPMENT
RESPONSIBLE OFFICER	LEONIE BROWN – GENERAL MANAGER
FILE NO	F2.3
DECISION	
ACTION TAKEN	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. That Council write to the NSW Treasurer, the Hon Matt Kean MP; the Minister for Emergency Services and Resilience, the Hon Stephanie Cook MP; the Minister for Local Government, Wendy Tuckerman MP and the Member for Barwon, Roy Butler MP expressing Council’s objection to the NSW Governments determination on ownership of Rural Fire Service assets.</li> <li>2. That Council write to the NSW Auditor General, Ms Margaret Crawford, advising that Council will not carry out RFS stocktakes on behalf of the NSW Government and will not record RFS assets in Bourke Shire Council’s Financial Statements.</li> <li>3. That Council requests LGNSW to continue advocating on Council’s behalf to get clarification finally from the State Government about the accounting treatment of RFS assets.</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Letters written to the NSW Treasurer, the Hon Matt Kean MP; the Minister for Emergency Services and Resilience, the Hon Stephanie Cook MP; the Minister for Local Government, Wendy Tuckerman MP, the Member for Barwon, Roy Butler MP.</li> <li>2. Letter written to the NSW Auditor General, Ms Margaret Crawford.</li> <li>3. Letter written to Mr Scott Phillips, CEO, Local Government NSW.</li> <li>4. Discussion held between GM and Audit Office representative whereby Councils position was reiterated.</li> </ol>

2022/176	MAYORAL MINUTE – WESTERN WEIRS STRATEGY
RESPONSIBLE OFFICER	LEONIE BROWN – GENERAL MANAGER
FILE NO	W3.1
DECISION	
ACTION TAKEN	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. That the status upgrade in respect of the Western Weirs Strategy as presented to Council by Ms Ingrid Emery, Water Infrastructure NSW on Monday, 22 August 2022 be noted.</li> <li>2. That Council write to the Hon. Tanya Plibersek, MP, Federal Minister for the Environment and Water, and the Hon. Kevin Anderson, MP, State Minister for Land and Water seeking support and funding to progress the next stage of the Western Weir Strategy being the Final Business Case for the proposed upgrading of the Bourke Weir to improve town water supply security.</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Letter written by the Mayor to Hon. Tanya Plibersek, MP, seeking support and funding to progress to the next stage of the Western Weir Strategy being the Final Business Case for the proposed upgrading of the Bourke Weir to improve town water supply security.</li> <li>2. Letter also written to the Hon. Kevin Anderson, State Minister for Land and Water seeking support and seeking a meeting to discuss same. Minister’s office advised that “the Minister will be unable to accept your request to meet.”</li> </ol>



2022/182	OCTOBER COUNCIL MEETING CHANGE OF DATE
RESPONSIBLE OFFICER	LEONIE BROWN – GENERAL MANAGER
FILE NO	C12.1
<b>DECISION</b>	<b>ACTION TAKEN</b>
That the date of Councils October 2022 Ordinary Meeting be amended such that it be held on Monday, 31 October 2022.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Councillors and MANEX calendars amended to reflect Monday, 31 October 2022.</li> <li>2. Superintendent Chinn and Inspector Walton from the Darling River Command advised of the change of date.</li> <li>3. Public Notice advising of change of date advertised 01/09/2022 and 22/09/2022.</li> <li>4. Change of date also included in GM’s Column.</li> </ol>

2022/186	RATES WRITE OFF ASSESSMENT 02008-30000000-000
RESPONSIBLE OFFICER	BRIAN TICKLE – ACTING MANAGER CORPORATE SERVICES
FILE NO	R2.5
<b>DECISION</b>	<b>ACTION TAKEN</b>
That as a result of the sale of Rates Assessment No. 02008-30000000-000 for the purposes of a National Park, Council deem the property non-rateable and in doing so write off rates levied for 2022/2023 in the amount of \$7,226.73.	Rates Assessment No. 02008-30000000-000 written off.

2022/187	BOURKE AND DISTRICT GARDEN CLUB - REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE
RESPONSIBLE OFFICER	LEONIE BROWN – GENERAL MANAGER
FILE NO	C12.5-D5.2-B3.2
<b>DECISION</b>	<b>ACTION TAKEN</b>
<p>That Council support the application from the Bourke and District Garden Club for assistance comprising both in-kind and monetary (\$1,000) for the 2022/2023 Competitions up to an amount of \$2,000.00.</p> <p>Please note in-kind and monetary assistance:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A monetary donation of \$1,000 allocated to advertising in the Western Herald for the competition including advertising categories and results of judging, and cash</li> </ul>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Letter sent advising the Garden Club of Council’s decision.</li> <li>2. Council cheque drawn and provided with letter.</li> <li>3. In-kind assistance provided as requested.</li> </ol>

<p>prizes for the winners;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Free storage of a shipping container, containing club items at the Bourke Shire Council Depot;</li> <li>• Tagging and testing of club electrical equipment, including 2 urns and extension cord used in flower shows;</li> <li>• Assistance creating and printing entry flyers and winners certificates;</li> <li>• Use of a Council vehicle for judges to be driven around to complete judging;</li> <li>• Use of the Renshaw Oval Pavilion for flower show displays;</li> <li>• Council staff to gather, set up and return equipment and supplies for flower shows; and</li> <li>• Provision of the Bourke Community Centre for Garden Club monthly meetings.</li> </ul>	
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2022/195	HISTORICAL LAND TRANSFER - 25 MERTIN STREET, BOURKE
RESPONSIBLE OFFICER	LEONIE BROWN – GENERAL MANAGER
FILE NO	S3.1.2

DECISION	ACTION TAKEN
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. That Council proceed to accept the transfer of 25 Mertin St, Bourke from the Murdi Paaki Regional Housing Corporation into Councils ownership with such land being transferred to Council at no cost, with Council to pay all legal costs associated with the transfer.</li> <li>2. That any necessary documents relating to this land transfer be executed under the Common Seal of Council.</li> <li>3. That the documents and considerations in respect of this matter remain confidential to the Council.</li> </ol>	<p>The Contract for the acquisition of this land has been signed and is back with Solicitors.</p>

**Recommendation**  
**That the information in the Business Arising Report as presented to Council on Monday, 26 September 2022 be noted.**

**12.2 CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**File Number:** C12.6  
**Author:** Leonie Brown, General Manager  
**Authoriser:** Leonie Brown, General Manager  
**Attachments:** Nil

**Background**

Information is sent out monthly to advise when Council Meetings, meetings which Councillors are Delegates to and other meetings of which Council is a member of, or representatives of Council, are to be held.

**Current Situation**

Month	Date	Time	Meeting / Event	Location
<b>2022</b>				
September	26	9.15am	Council Meeting	Council Chamber
October	31	9.15am	Council Meeting	Council Chamber
November	28	9.15am	Council Meeting	Council Chamber
December	19	9.15am	Council Meeting	Council Chamber
<b>2023</b>				
February	27	9.15am	Council Meeting	Council Chamber
March	27	9.15am	Council Meeting	Council Chamber
April	24	9.15am	Council Meeting	Council Chamber
May	22	9.15am	Council Meeting	Council Chamber
June	26	9.15am	Council Meeting	Council Chamber
July	24	9.15am	Council Meeting	Council Chamber
August	28	9.15am	Council Meeting	Council Chamber
September	25	9.15am	Council Meeting	Council Chamber

**Recommendation**

**That the information in the Calendar of Events Report as presented to Council on Monday, 26 September 2022 be noted.**

**12.3 INFORMATION TO COUNCILLORS**

**File Number:** C12.1  
**Author:** Leonie Brown, General Manager  
**Authoriser:** Leonie Brown, General Manager  
**Attachments:** Nil

**Background**

Each month a list of correspondence is sent out in the Business Paper to Councillors to ensure that they have not missed any information since the last Business Paper was produced.

**Current Situation**

Date	Information Sent	Author	Email
19/08/2022	OLG's fortnightly newsletter - 18 August 2022	Office of Local Government	✓
19/08/2022	Business Papers for Council Meeting - 22 August 2022	Leonie Brown	✓
21/08/2022	Workshop Details - Cultural Billabong Restoration Project	Leonie Brown	✓
23/08/2022	News from the Barwon electorate - August 2022	Roy Butler	✓
24/08/2022	GMs Column for 25/08/2022	Leonie Brown	✓
24/08/2022	Minutes from August Council Meeting	Margo Anderson	✓
26/08/2022	LGNSW Annual Conference 2023 and 2024 - Host destinations	Local Government NSW	✓
29/08/2022	Electorate of Parkes e-News	Mark Coulton	✓
31/08/2022	GMs Column for 01/09/2022	Leonie Brown	✓
31/08/2022	Resignation – Fran Carter	Leonie Brown	✓
01/09/2022	Topical stories regarding Local Government issues x 4	Inside Local Government	✓
01/09/2022	The Weekly Newsletter, 30 August 2022	Local Government NSW	✓
01/09/2022	Coulton's Catch Up - Monday 29 August 2022	Mark Coulton	✓
05/09/2022	Ministerial Correspondence Regarding the Bourke Weir Upgrade	Barry Hollman	✓
07/09/2022	GMs Column for 08/09/2022	Leonie Brown	✓
07/09/2022	Group photograph for Annual Report	Margo Anderson	✓
12/09/2022	Annual Electoral Expenditure Disclosures	Margo Anderson	✓
12/09/2022	2022 National Local Roads and Transport Congress	Australian Local Government Association	✓
12/09/2022	Coulton's Catch Up - Monday 5 September 2022	Mark Coulton	✓
12/09/2022	Council e-News	Council Magazine	✓
13/09/2022	The Red Fleet Fight Continues	Local Government NSW	✓
13/09/2022	The Weekly Newsletter, 06 September 2022	Local Government NSW	✓

13/09/2022	New iPhone's 'lifesaving' feature good news for the bush	NSW Farmers Association	✓
14/09/2022	GM's Column for 15/09/2022	Leonie Brown	✓
16/09/2022	Invitation to Queen Elizabeth II Memorial Service and Morning Tea 22/09/2022	Belinda Norman	✓
19/09/2022	Coulton's Catch Up – Monday 12 September 2022	Mark Coulton	✓
19/09/2022	The Weekly Newsletter, 13 September 2022	Local Government NSW	✓
19/09/2022	Critical housing shortage threatens bush push	NSW Farmers Association	✓
19/09/2022	Third wet summer would be 'devastating' says farmer	NSW Farmers Association	✓
19/09/2022	Discover the upcoming Professional Ethics: Navigating the grey zone course	Local Government NSW	✓
19/09/2022	New cybercrime risk for farms and businesses	NSW Farmers Association	✓
19/09/2022	Regionalisation Agenda launched	RDA Orana	✓
19/09/2022	Changes to COVID-19 self-isolation rules	NSW Government	✓
20/09/2022	Coulton's Catch Up - Monday 19 September	Mark Coulton	✓
20/09/2022	Extra help welcomed ahead of a wet summer	NSW Farmers Association	✓
21/09/2022	Official Opening of the Bourke Water Treatment Plant	Leonie Brown	✓
21/09/2022	GM's Column for 22/09/2022	Leonie Brown	✓

**Recommendation**


**That the contents of the Information to Councillors Report as presented to Council on Monday, 26 September 2022 be noted.**

**13      ENGINEERING SERVICES DEPARTMENT**

Nil

## 14 ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES & DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

### 14.1 CONTINUATION OF ALCOHOL-FREE ZONE - VILLAGE OF ENNGONIA

**File Number:** H1.5  
**Author:** Dwayne Willoughby, Manager Environmental Services  
**Authoriser:** Leonie Brown, General Manager  
**Attachments:** 1. Enngonia AFZ Map [↓](#) 

#### Background

The principal object of an Alcohol-Free Zone (AFZ) is to prevent disorderly behaviour caused by the consumption of alcohol in public areas in order to improve public safety. Alcohol-Free Zones are an early intervention measure to prevent the escalation of irresponsible street drinking to incidents involving serious crime.

An AFZ prohibits the consumption of alcohol in public areas within the designated area. In regard to the designated area in Enngonia, please see the attached map. It includes all public roadways, footpaths and laneways within the village of Enngonia.

#### Current Situation

It is proposed to continue the Alcohol-Free Zone within the village of Enngonia for a further four (4) years from 1 November 2022 until 31 October 2026. Council has notified all interested parties in accordance with the Ministerial Guidelines and advertised for public comment and consultation. Council received no objections to the zone.

The Anti-Discrimination Board and NSW Police Force have responded and have raised no objection to the continuation of the Alcohol-Free Zone in village of Enngonia, on the basis that the Council has followed the Ministerial Guidelines in all respects.

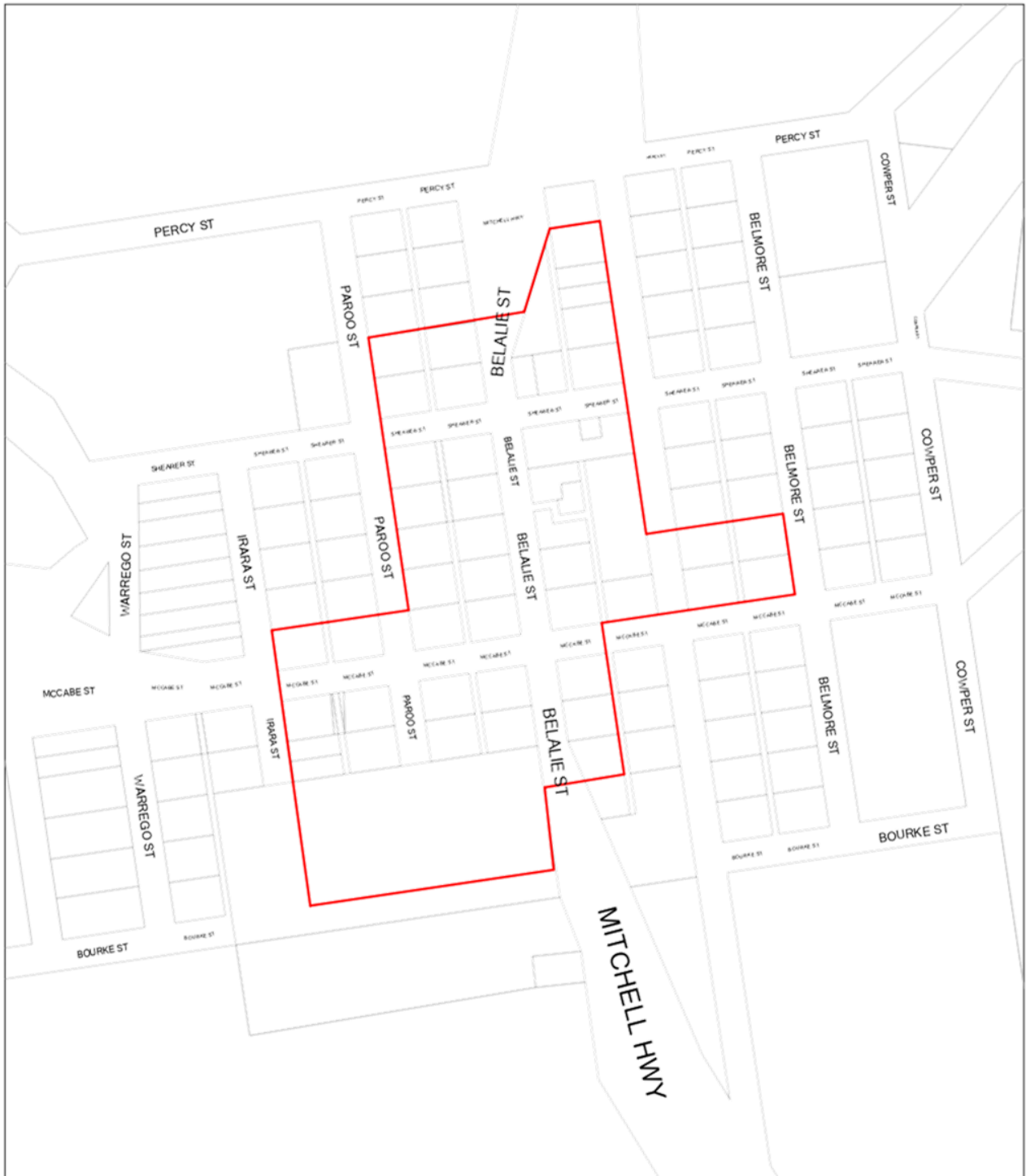
The proposed AFZ for the village of Enngonia is in accordance with the Ministerial Guidelines.

#### Financial Implications

The costs for the replacement of AFZ signage in Enngonia has been budgeted for in Councils 2022/2023 Operational Plan.

#### Recommendation

**That Council approves the continuation of the Alcohol-Free Zone within the village of Enngonia from 1 November 2022 to 31 October 2026 and to notify the public in accordance with the Ministerial Guidelines.**





**14.2 FAR WEST NSW COUNCILS - PLANNING ISSUES**

**File Number:** T5.1  
**Author:** Dwayne Willoughby, Manager Environmental Services  
**Authoriser:** Leonie Brown, General Manager  
**Attachments:** Nil

**Background**

The Far West Region (planning region) includes eight Local Government Areas (LGA's) with low populations compared to the remainder of NSW and for the most part expansive land areas making up 40% of NSW land area. The region comprises the lands of several Aboriginal communities and eight LGA's, including:

- Balranald
- Bourke
- Brewarrina
- Broken Hill
- Cobar
- Central Darling
- Walgett
- Wentworth

The Western Region team of the Department of Planning and Environment (DPE) works closely with these Far West Councils on a variety of strategic and statutory planning matters. Based on the specific needs of each Council, DPE has historically provided grant funding and assistance for planning related projects such as: the development and finalisation of planning proposals; the development of strategic plans; grants for implementing the Planning Portal; and assistance in the preparation of key strategic plans including standard instrument Local Environmental Plan's (LEPs) and Local Strategic Planning Statements (LSPSs).

**Current Situation**

As part of the current review of the Far West Regional Plan 2036, Councils were consulted via a survey and workshop in late 2021 to assist with project scoping and issue identification.

Resourcing issues were raised in both the survey and workshops with Councils also citing frequent staff turnover and difficulties in attracting staff to live in the region as being a major contributor to resource challenges. In some instances, staff turnover has resulted in there being no planning staff leading to greater challenges in relation to the implementation of the planning system.

To better understand the specific strategic and statutory planning needs of each Council, and the collective needs of all Far West Council's in implementing the planning system, DPE has carried out the Far West Council Assistance Project. The primary objectives of the Project were as follows:

- Carry out detailed consultation with town planning staff and senior management at each of the Far West Councils to better understand the issues being experienced with the planning system

- Investigate these issues and make recommendations regarding the potential for the Department to support delivery of strategic and local planning projects within Western NSW, including the methodology and priority for these tasks.
- Identify opportunities to:
  - remove short-term blockages
  - build capacity within councils to undertake strategic and local planning projects
  - support the ongoing sustainability of the delivery of the planning system in the Far West Region
  - provide a coordinated delivery approach if possible.

The Project has also informed the drafting of the Far West Regional Plan 2041 and would support the Planning Delivery Units (PDU's) current work in identifying planner skills shortages in NSW. It may also inform the implementation plan for the updated regional plan.

### **Gap Analysis**

Bourke lacks important and critical strategic planning documents. As part of the preparation of this report a Gap Analysis was undertaken. From this analysis the following key plans or strategies are considered outstanding:

- Housing Strategy/Review
  - Utilising existing housing stock, large lot residential, strategies to provide quality affordable housing and infill opportunities.
  - Abattoir in Bourke (goat) is a recent addition (200 employees) and will put a lot of pressure on housing stock.
  - Itinerant workforce and temporary housing opportunities.
  - Strategies for a declining population are also required.
- LEP Review, considering:
  - Zoning changes
  - Environmental assessments and mapping – bushfire, flooding, biodiversity
  - Housing strategy – affordable, and private housing, limited rental stock.
- Engineering Guidelines and standards
- Contributions Plan
- Tourism Strategy - tourism is increasing and there are pressures on accommodation, most of which are caravans.

### **Consultation Outcomes**

#### Outstanding Plans and Strategies

Council staff noted that there were various strategic plans that had not been completed and would be required in order to progress and facilitate planning outcomes.

It was noted that the primary need was for a review of the LEP as there is pressure on certain housing outcomes in urban areas as well as a need to consider housing diversity for workforce demands created by new industries. However, the lack of previous strategic work also means that there is also a greater need for foundational studies to justify any LEP changes.

The various strategic documents (outlined in the gaps analysis) need to be underpinned by foundational demographic research, spatial analysis, scenario planning and participatory planning processes.

#### Planning System Amendments

Council expressed that given the limited number of available staff that it finds it difficult to keep up with planning system amendments and noted that there have been a lot of changes to the planning system that staff are often unaware of. Many of the changes being released are considered by Council to be irrelevant for Bourke and staff mostly ignore the changes as they have many other non-planning priorities to deal with.

Council staff emphasised that “one size doesn’t fit all” in the planning system and that there needs to be greater recognition that regional areas function very differently to urban areas of the State. Communication from State Government is not always consistent, and information can be hard to find online.

#### Local Environmental Plan and LSPS

Council is generally happy with the LSPS which was prepared with assistance from DPE. The LEP (gazetted in 2012) is required to be reviewed in the short term and Council have already noted that they expect pressure to rezone some areas in the villages to a residential zone. There has been pressure from landowners in and around smaller villages throughout the Shire to rezone or amend the minimum lot size of land to facilitate additional residential development.

Council has investigated with their consultant, the likely process and costs to deliver an LEP review, however, would like to discuss this further with the Department. Council considers that some housekeeping amendments will likely to be more economical and faster to implement than a total review.

Outstanding plans and strategies are also required to inform amendments including relating to housing, biodiversity, flooding and bushfire. Council believes that some of these plans may be necessary to progress an LEP review. Council also considers that there is merit in investigating manufactured homes estates to enable key worker housing and outcomes for a population predicted to steadily decline and age. Further housing pressures are anticipated from the construction and expansion of the goat abattoir and the need to house itinerant staff (expected to be up to 200 employees).

#### Departmental Assistance

Council staff were asked how they believed the Department could best support them in delivering the planning system. Council staff did not raise any issues with their ability to process statutory planning tasks and are generally able to turn around DA’s and planning certificates in a reasonably efficient manner. They are, however, reliant on consultant resources to process complex development proposals which Council staff highlighted as a significant cost to the Council on an annual basis.

Council expressed a greater need for Departmental assistance in relation to strategic planning processes, particularly for the LEP amendment and associated studies. Council has begun to consider the process to prepare various studies and ultimately review the LEP, however would like to discuss this with the Department further and seek financial assistance.

Agency referrals were reported by staff to be difficult and take a long time. Additional assistance in speeding up timeliness of referral comments was a need for Council. The PDU was recommended for this task.

### Planning Portal

Council staff were particularly critical of the Planning Portal in terms of its ability to deliver more efficient planning outcomes. Residents, who are the majority of Applicants of DA's in the Bourke Shire, have difficulty accessing and understanding the Planning Portal. Many are not familiar with digital submissions and prefer to have a local relationship with Council.

Council believes that the difficulty of the planning framework and the frustrations in the community from the Planning Portal has resulted in (and will continue to) illegal development occurring.

The community requires the assistance of Council staff to use the Planning Portal, which takes valuable staff resources.

### Other Issues Identified During Consultation

Council commented that in their view there is limited flexibility in the planning controls for creative or entrepreneurial building use. For instance, a town hairdresser (an essential service) can't find a commercial property but has found an old church and a change of use is difficult to achieve.

## **Council Specific Recommendations**

### High Priority (1-2 years)

- Assistance with and implementation of a proposed Regional Housing Strategy - resources will be required to assist Council in implementing the recommendations of the proposed Regional Housing Strategy. This could include preparing and lodging planning proposals to rezone land, master planning existing zoned lands, liaising with Crown Lands and the LALC.
- LEP Amendment – Council should carry out either a contemporary general amendment or review of the LEP with additional local provisions and rezonings in line with strategic work to be undertaken, particularly in relation to housing.

### Medium Priority (2-5 Years)

- Flood Management Plan / Strategy – More recent data has been received from recent floods which could inform a Flood Management Plan / Strategy.
- Engineering Guidelines – a basic set of engineering standards and associated conditions of consent should be prepared,
  - A standard set of Engineering Guidelines could be prepared and used for all Far West Councils.
- Conservation Land Strategy or Study (Biodiversity),
  - Identifying and mapping biodiversity values. A regional approach to the provision of surveys and mapping to inform biodiversity mapping in LEPs should be investigated.
- Review and update LSPS following completion of strategies including the Regional Plan.

- Review and update Contributions Plan – ensure contributions plan remains up to date and allow Council to collect suitable contributions from the variety of large infrastructure projects in the Shire.

Low Priority (5-10 Years)


- Employment Land Strategy
- Heritage Study

**Financial Implications**

Nil

**Recommendation**

**That Council note the information in the report regarding the Far West NSW Councils Planning Issue paper.**

**15 GENERAL MANAGER****15.1 2022 NATIONAL LOCAL ROADS AND TRANSPORT CONGRESS****File Number:** R7.6-G2.2-M2.2**Author:** Leonie Brown, General Manager**Authoriser:** Leonie Brown, General Manager**Attachments:** 1. **2022 National Local Roads and Transport Congress Preliminary Program** [↓](#) **Background**

Locally controlled, or Council, roads account for 75% of total road length in Australia, or 660,597 kilometres and could circle the earth 16.5 times. The National Transport Commission estimates 36% of all kilometres travelled in Australia are on local roads.

The Australian Local Government Association is the main driver of advocacy for road funding and has, over time, successfully secured Roads to Recovery Funding, additional funding through the Governments Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program, and increased funding for Federal Disaster Mitigation.

The National Local Roads and Transport Congress presents Councils with the opportunity to network and discuss boosting national productivity, improve safety on our local roads and build more sustainable infrastructure.

Bourke Shire Council attends the Annual Congress each year, with the Mayor, General Manager, or nominee, and available Councillors being in attendance.

**Current Situation**

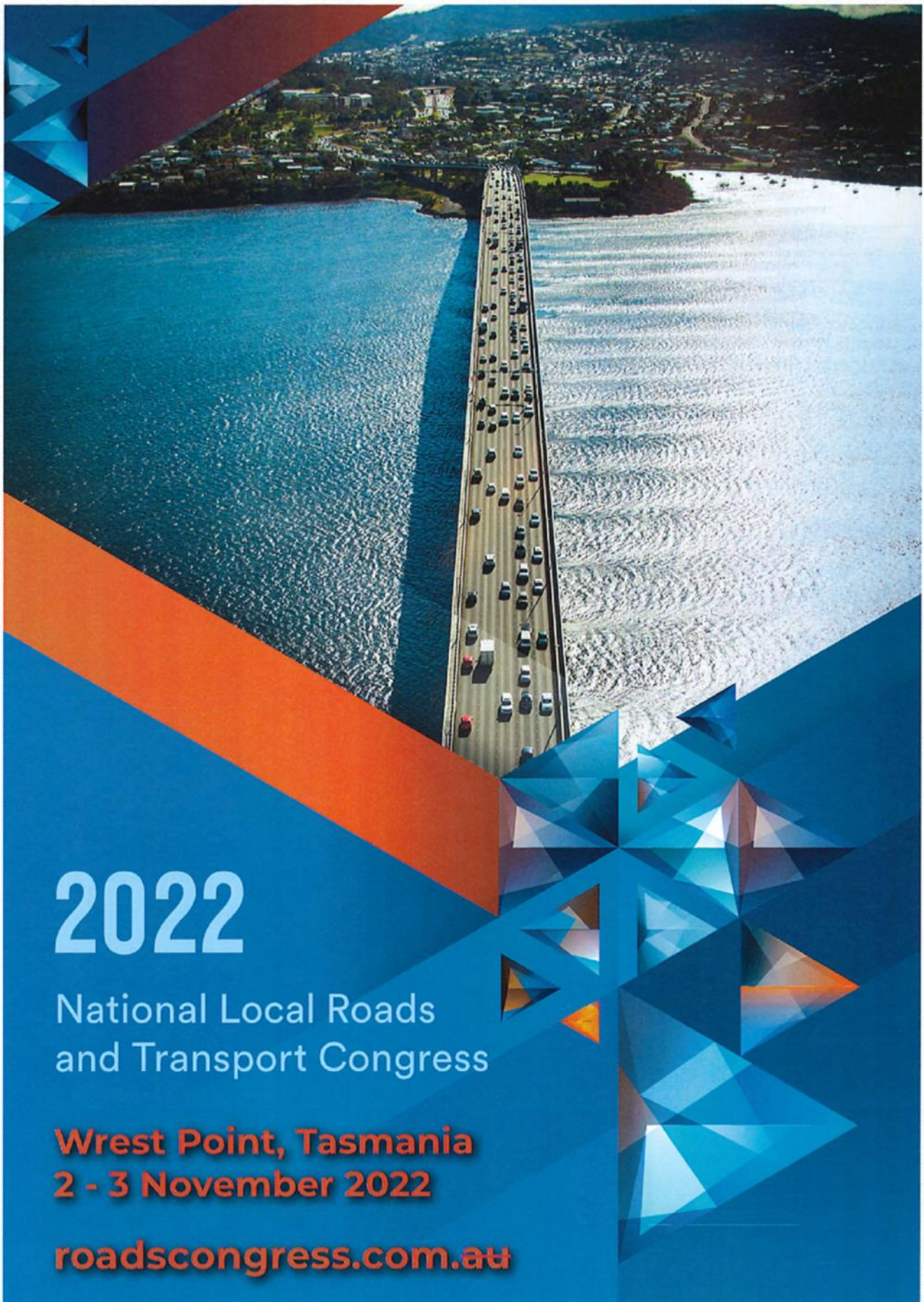
The next National Local Roads and Transport Congress will be held at Wrest Point, Sandy Bay, Tasmania from 2 to 3 November 2022.

**Financial Implications**

Attendance at the Congress would be met from existing budgetary allocations and will involve registration, travel and accommodation.

**Recommendation**

1. **That the Mayor and General Manager, or nominee, attend the 2022 National Local Roads and Transport Congress to be held 2-3 November 2022.**
2. **That Councillors who wish to attend the 2022 National Local Roads and Transport Congress to be held from 2-3 November 2022 nominate to the General Manager prior to Wednesday, 5 October 2022.**



**2022**

National Local Roads  
and Transport Congress

**Wrest Point, Tasmania  
2 - 3 November 2022**

**[roadscongress.com.au](http://roadscongress.com.au)**

## PRELIMINARY CONGRESS PROGRAM

### Tuesday, November 1, 2022

3:00 PM - 5:00 PM	Registration
5:00 PM - 7:00 PM	Welcome Reception & Exhibition Opening

### Wednesday, November 2, 2022

8:00 AM - 9:00 AM	Registration   Arrival Tea and Coffee
9:00 AM - 9:05 AM	Opening Ceremony
9:05 AM - 9:10 AM	Welcome to Country
9:10 AM - 9:20 AM	<b>ALGA President Opening Address</b> Cr Linda Scott, President, Australian Local Government Association
9:20 AM - 9:50 AM	<b>Federal Minister Address</b> The Hon. Catherine King MP, Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government (invited)
9:50 AM - 10:20 AM	<b>MORNING TEA</b>
10:20 AM - 11:50 AM	<b>Keynote: SGS Productivity Report   Panel: Balancing productivity with council budgets</b> Marcus Spiller, Principal & Partner, SGS Economics & Planning
11:50 AM - 12:50 PM	<b>LUNCH</b>
12:50 PM - 1:50 PM	<b>Keynote: State of the Assets</b> Steve Verity, Principal Advisor, IPWEA
1:50 PM - 2:40 PM	<b>Panel: How can councils get the best bang for their buck in the current economy?</b>
2:40 PM - 3:10 PM	<b>AFTERNOON TEA</b>
3:10 PM - 4:10 PM	<b>Keynote: National Road Safety Strategy and Local Government</b> Gabby O'Neill, Head of National Office of Road Safety
4:10 PM - 4:40 PM	<b>Special Project - Women in Road Safety</b> Dr Diane Spencer-Scarr, Senior Research Officer, Australasian College of Road Safety
4:40 PM - 4:45 PM	<b>ALGA President closing remarks</b> Cr Linda Scott, President, Australian Local Government Association
7:00 PM - 11:00 PM	<b>Congress Dinner</b> Presentation by: Michael Ferguson, Tasmanian Minister for Infrastructure and Transport





**Thursday, November 3, 2022**

8:30 AM - 9:00 AM	Registration   Arrival Tea & Coffee		
9:00 AM - 9:30 AM	<b>Shadow Minister Address</b> Senator the Hon Bridget McKenzie, Shadow Minister for Infrastructure, Transport and Regional Development (invited)		
9:30 AM - 10:15 AM	<b>Keynote: How Councils can Prepare for an EV Future</b> Scott Nargar, Senior Manager Future Mobility and Government Relations, Hyundai		
10:15 AM - 11:00 AM	<b>Keynote: Shifting from Megaprojects to Maintenance</b> Marion Terrill, Transport and Cities Program Director, Grattan Institute		
11:00 AM - 11:30 AM	<b>MORNING TEA</b>		
Concurrent Session #1 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM	<b>Road Safety Stream: The Economic Value of Investing in Road Safety on Local Roads</b> Assoc. Prof. Jeremy Woolley, Director Centre for Automotive Safety Research	<b>Sustainability Stream - Infrastructure Sustainability for Councils in the Age of Climate Change</b> Ainsley Simpson - CEO Infrastructure Sustainability Council	<b>Productivity Stream - Keynote: Boosting National Productivity by Expanding Tasmania's HVAMS</b> Simon Buxton, Manager Network Access, Department of State Growth
12:30 PM - 1:30 PM	<b>LUNCH</b>		
Concurrent Session #2 1:30 PM - 2:45 PM	<b>Road Safety - Council Case Study   Panel: What can councils do to improve road safety outcomes now?</b>	<b>Sustainability - Council Case Studies</b> ARRB Keynote: Using Recycled Materials in Roads and other Infrastructure	<b>Productivity - Farm Gate and SPECS - An Interim Step Towards HVAMS</b> Scott Greenow, Director Freight Operations, Transport for NSW  <b>Panel - How can Councils and the HV Industry Partner on Boosting Productivity?</b>
2:45 PM - 3:15 PM	<b>AFTERNOON TEA</b>		
3:15 PM - 4:45 PM	<b>Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts Update</b>		
4:45 PM - 4:50 PM	<b>Closing Remarks</b> Cr Linda Scott, President, Australian Local Government Association		
6:30 PM - 9:00 PM	<b>Hobart Showcase Dinner (optional)</b>		

**Friday, November 4, 2022**

8:30 AM - 10:30 AM	Technical Tour of Mount Wellington hosted by Hobart City Council <i>Transport to airport included</i>
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**15.2 AUSTRALIA DAY**

**File Number:** C2.3-C2.31  
**Author:** Leonie Brown, General Manager  
**Authoriser:** Leonie Brown, General Manager  
**Attachments:** Nil

**Background**

Up until the 2021 Australia Day Awards, consideration of the recipients for the annual Australia Day Awards had been undertaken by Councillors at a workshop held at the conclusion of the January meeting. With Council resolving not to meet in January 2021, it was necessary to amend the timing of the closing date for nominations and determination of award recipients for Australia Day 2021.

The same situation arose in respect of determining winners for the 2022 Bourke Shire Council Australia Day Awards given that there was no Ordinary Meeting of Council held in January 2022.

**Current Situation**

With Council not scheduled to meet in January 2023, it is proposed that the award nomination process for the 2023 Australia Day Awards be held during November/December 2022 with a workshop of Councillors then being held at the completion of the December 2022 Council meeting to progress the matter. Such timing would result in the nomination process being advertised prior to local organisations and schools going into recess prior to the Christmas break.

As per previous years, it is proposed that the categories for the Awards be as follows:-

- Bourke Citizen of the Year
- Junior Citizen of the Year
- Sportsperson of the year
- Junior Sportsperson of the year
- Village Service Award
- Emergency Services Volunteer of the year

**Financial Implications**

Funding is provided in Councils Operational Plan for its Australia Day Awards and activities.

**Recommendation**

**1. That award categories for the 2023 Australia Day Awards be maintained as follows:**

- **Bourke Citizen of the Year;**
- **Junior Citizen of the Year**
- **Sportsperson of the year**
- **Junior Sportsperson of the year**

- **Village Service Award**
- **Emergency Services Volunteer of the year**

**2. That nominations in respect of the 2023 Australia Day Awards open on Tuesday 1 November 2022 and close at 4.30 pm on Friday 2 December 2022.**

**3. That Council delegate to the General Manager the role of finalising the determination of the Bourke Shire Council Australia Day Award Recipients, having regard to deliberations to be undertaken as part of a Workshop of Councillors to be convened following the Ordinary Council meeting to be held on 19 December 2022.**

**16 CORPORATE SERVICES DEPARTMENT****16.1 \*\*\* BANK RECONCILIATION & STATEMENT OF BANK BALANCES**

**File Number:** F1.1  
**Author:** Brian Tickle, Acting Manager Corporate Services  
**Authoriser:** Leonie Brown, General Manager  
**Attachments:** Nil

**Bank Reconciliation for the period ending 31 August 2022**

Balances as per Bank Statement	\$1,489,419.91
Plus: Deposit not shown	\$7,477.51
Less: Unpresented Cheques	\$2,698.01
<b>Balance as per Cash Book</b>	<b>\$1,494,199.41</b>

**Reconciled Ledger Accounts as at 31 August 2022**

Fund or Account	Current Balance	Overdraft Statutory Limit
General	\$28,026,780.75	\$200,000.00
Water	\$2,714,530.43	
Sewer	\$2,581,326.60	
Trust	\$112,744.30	
	<b>\$33,435,382.08</b>	

**Investments as at 31 August 2022**

National Australia Bank	\$1,084,474.56	0.35%	367 Days	A1+
National Australia Bank	\$456,379.79	0.07%	360 Days	A1+
National Australia Bank	\$3,036,222.84	0.35%	365 Days	A1+
National Australia Bank	\$1,102,965.00	0.35%	365 Days	A1+
National Australia Bank	\$2,014,665.26	0.46%	182 Days	A1+
National Australia Bank	\$2,008,219.18	0.36%	365 Days	A1+
National Australia Bank	\$1,158,167.48	0.55%	365 Days	A1+
National Australia Bank	\$678,210.58	0.33%	330 Days	A1+
National Australia Bank	\$3,106,731.89	0.04%	365 Days	A1+
National Australia Bank	\$3,065,270.42	0.07%	360 Days	A1+
National Australia Bank	\$704,706.26	0.04%	360 Days	A1+
National Australia Bank	\$1,730,366.78	0.32%	300 Days	A1+
National Australia Bank	\$1,505,944.53	1.07%	272 Days	A1+
Commonwealth Bank	\$2,000,000.00	3.76%	210 Days	A1+
Commonwealth Bank	\$2,000,000.00	3.88%	240 Days	A1+
National Australia Bank	\$4,322,641.86	Flex		
<b>Total Investments</b>	<b>\$29,974,966.43</b>			

In accordance with Clause 212 of the Local Government Act (General) Regulation 2005 it is certified that the above investments have been made under Sec 625 of the Local Government Act and Council's Investment Policy.

#### Reconciliation at 31 August 2022

Balance as per cash book	\$1,494,199.41
Investments	\$29,974,966.43
<b>Total, equalling Reconciled Ledger</b>	<b>\$31,469,165.84</b>

#### Statement of Bank Balances as at 31 August 2022

	Balance	Transaction	Balance
	31 July, 2022		31 August, 2022
General Fund	\$27,115,161.64	-\$1,431,492.62	\$25,683,669.02
Water Fund	\$2,883,031.45	-\$13,470.56	\$2,869,560.89
Sewer Fund	\$2,739,721.57	\$66,756.98	\$2,806,478.55
Trust Fund	\$109,969.11	\$-511.73	\$109,457.38
Investments	-\$30,742,928.76	\$767,962.33	-\$29,974,966.43
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$2,104,955.01</b>	<b>-\$610,755.60</b>	<b>\$1,494,199.41</b>

#### Balance of all Funds as at 31 August 2022

<b>Balance as at 31<sup>st</sup> July, 2022</b>	<b>\$2,104,955.01</b>
<b>Add Receipts for</b>	
(a) Rates	\$1,285,190.19
(b) Other Cash	\$5,272,737.71
<b>Deduct payments for</b>	
(a) Payments	\$5,830,146.81
(b) New Investment	\$823,520.95
<b>Balance as at 31 August 2022</b>	<b>\$1,494,199.41</b>

#### Recommendation

That the Certificate of Reconciliation of the Cash Book for all funds of the Council and the Statement of Bank Balances as at 31 August 2022 be noted.

**16.2 \*\*\* INVESTMENT REPORT AS AT 31 AUGUST 2022**

**File Number:** F1.1  
**Author:** Brian Tickle, Acting Manager Corporate Services  
**Authoriser:** Leonie Brown, General Manager  
**Attachments:** Nil

**Background**

The investment report is submitted monthly to Council.

**Issues**

- Investments are in accordance with Division of Local Government Guidelines and Council's Investment Policy
- Statutory obligations are being met
- Councillors' roles as resource allocators and policy directors are satisfied

**Assessment****Legal Implications Including Directives and Guidelines**

*Local Government Act 1993*

Local Government (General) Regulation 2005

The management, of Council's investments is delegated by the General Manager to the Manager Corporate Services.

**Financial Implications/Consideration**

The 2022/2023 Budget estimated the total investment revenue as \$280,000 which represents an estimated return of 1.475%. This revenue was split proportionally across General, Water and Sewer Funds and changes on a monthly basis in accordance with cash flow requirements.

The market value of Council's investments held as at 31 August 2022 is \$29,974,966.43

Investment income earned as at 31 August 2022 is \$32,037.71

**Policy Provisions – Council Policy and Procedure**

Policy 1.8.10(v5) – Investment Policy adopted 23 July 2020.

Ministerial Investment Order – 12 January 2011

**Strategic Implications – Implications for Long Term Plans/Targets**

Funds are invested in accordance with identified cash flow requirements.

**Investment Portfolio****Investments as at 31 August 2022**

National Australia Bank	\$1,084,474.56	0.35%	367 Days	A1+
National Australia Bank	\$456,379.79	0.07%	360 Days	A1+
National Australia Bank	\$3,036,222.84	0.35%	365 Days	A1+
National Australia Bank	\$1,102,965.00	0.35%	365 Days	A1+
National Australia Bank	\$2,014,665.26	0.46%	182 Days	A1+
National Australia Bank	\$2,008,219.18	0.36%	365 Days	A1+
National Australia Bank	\$1,158,167.48	0.55%	365 Days	A1+
National Australia Bank	\$678,210.58	0.33%	330 Days	A1+
National Australia Bank	\$3,106,731.89	0.04%	365 Days	A1+
National Australia Bank	\$3,065,270.42	0.07%	360 Days	A1+
National Australia Bank	\$704,706.26	0.04%	360 Days	A1+
National Australia Bank	\$1,730,366.78	0.32%	300 Days	A1+
National Australia Bank	\$1,505,944.53	1.07%	272 Days	A1+
Commonwealth Bank	\$2,000,000.00	3.76%	210 Days	A1+
Commonwealth Bank	\$2,000,000.00	3.88%	240 Days	A1+
National Australia Bank	\$4,322,641.86	Flex		
<b>Total Investments</b>	<b>\$29,974,966.43</b>			

**Term Deposits****Discussions/Comments**

The Investment portfolio decreased by \$767,962.33 during the period.

The investment portfolio is invested in term deposits with the National Australia Bank and the Commonwealth Bank. The investment portfolio is regularly reviewed in order to maximise investment performance and minimise risk.

The Government Guarantee on Investments up to \$1 million dollars has now expired and the new cap of \$250,000 has replaced the scheme.

**Certification – Responsible Accounting Officer**

I hereby certify that the investments listed in the attached report have been made in accordance with Section 625 of the Local Government Act 1993, clause 212 of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2005 and Council's Investment Policy.

**Recommendation**

- 1. That the report regarding Council's Investment Portfolio 31 August 2022 be received and noted.**
- 2. That the Certificate of the Responsible Accounting Officer be noted, and the report adopted.**

**16.3 \*\*\* FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE GRANT****File Number:** F1.4.6**Author:** Brian Tickle, Acting Manager Corporate Services**Authoriser:** Leonie Brown, General Manager**Attachments:** 1. 2022/2023 Financail Assistance Grants - Advice to Councils [↓](#) **Background**

Council is in receipt of correspondence from the NSW Local Government Grants Commission, attached herewith, providing information to Councils detailing the way in which it calculates Financial Assistance Grants (FAG). This information also provides the Council's 2022/2023 estimated FAG entitlement.

Council budgeted for a payment of \$6,899,279 as its FAG component for the 2022/2023 year. The estimate now provided by the Grants Commission provides for a further \$652,140 that may be provided to Council during this period.

**Current Situation**

The 2022/2023 payments are made up of the entitlement for 2022/2023 less an advanced payment made to Council in June 2022 plus an amount for underpayment that occurred in 2021/2022.

The adjustment will result from CPI and population adjustments.

As part of the Australians Government May 2022 budget, the Government announced that it would bring forward the first, second, and third quarterly payments of the 2022/2023 Local Government Financial Assistance Grants. Council received payment of \$5,495,913.

The total estimated payment of financial assistance grant to be received in 2022/2023 will be \$2,055,506. The remaining payment will be paid in four equal payments of \$513,876.50 in August and, November 2022 and, February and May 2023.

As in previous year's, it is proposed the additional funds will be allocated to the asset renewal reserve. The available funds in the asset renewal reserve as at 30 June 2022 was \$1,361,715.38. The additional funds estimated to be received this year of \$652,140 will increase the balance of the renewal reserve to \$2,013,855.38. Identified costs from the Infrastructure renewal reserve for 2022/2023 to date are \$1,176,922. This will leave a balance of \$836,933.38.

The availability of funds in this reserve has enabled Council to apply for grants where matching funding or a contribution to a project is required to enhance the opportunity of the success of projects.

**Financial Implications**

The estimated additional funds from the financial assistance grant include \$471,708 for the general purpose component of the grant and \$180,432 for the local roads component of the grant bringing the estimated total increase for 2022/2023 to \$652,140.



**Recommendation**

- 1. That Council notes the report detailing the Financial Assistance Grant recommended allocation for 2022/2023.**
- 2. That the additional funds received, estimated to be \$652,140, be transferred to Councils Asset Renewal Reserve.**



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Ms Leonie Brown  
 Bourke Shire Council

By email: [bourkeshire@bourke.nsw.gov.au](mailto:bourkeshire@bourke.nsw.gov.au)  
 Cc: [lbrown@bourke.nsw.gov.au](mailto:lbrown@bourke.nsw.gov.au)

16 August 2022

Dear Ms Brown

In accordance with the NSW Local Government Grants Commission’s (Commission) policy of providing information to councils about the way the Commission calculates financial assistance grants (FAGs), please find attached a summary of Council’s 2022- 23 estimated FAGs entitlement (**Appendix A**).

The national FAGs estimated entitlement for 2022-23 is \$2.817 billion and is made up of \$1.951 billion for the general purpose component and \$0.866 billion for the local roads component. The national estimated entitlement for 2021-22 increased by \$86 million to account for final adjustments to the CPI and population shares for the year.

The Commonwealth Treasury’s estimate of the Consumer Price Index (CPI) for 2021- 22 was adjusted up in July 2022. When compared to the 2021-22 final adjusted amount, the total national estimated FAGs for 2022-23 increased by 2.7%. Accordingly, the State’s FAGs allocation for 2022-23 is slightly higher than last year, however the ongoing economic impact of the pandemic remains difficult to predict.

The national general purpose component was distributed across the states and territories on a population basis. NSW received 30.85% or \$617.9 million in the general purpose component, which represents a 3.3% increase on last year’s final figure. The local roads component is based on an historical formula. NSW’s share of the total road funding is a fixed 29% share, or \$251.2 million, which represents a 2.7% increase. The total 2022-23 FAGs estimated entitlement for NSW is \$869.1 million.

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 (follow the “Commissions & Tribunals” links)



Annual Grant Entitlements	National % Change	NSW % Change
2012-13 Final and 2013-14 Estimated	4.22	3.64
2013-14 Final and 2014-15 Estimated no CPI	-0.001	-0.145
2014-15 Final and 2015-16 Estimated no CPI	-0.004	-0.114
2015-16 Final and 2016-17 Estimated no CPI	.005	.069
2016-17 Final and 2017-18 Estimated	3.41	3.51
2017-18 Final and 2018-19 Estimated	3.80	3.66
2018-19 Final and 2019-20 Estimated	4.49	3.97
2019-20 Final and 2020-21 Estimated GED	1.13	0.98
2020-21 Final and 2021-22 Estimated Covid	2.15	1.87
2021-22 Final and 2022-23 Estimated Covid	2.69	3.15

Following the impacts of the global economic downturn (GED), and Covid-19 Pandemic, during the last three years the Commission been faced with the challenge of a substantially reduced CPI estimate. In 2022-23, the CPI has begun to trend towards the average levels of previous years (about 3.5%-4%) but further fluctuations cannot be ruled out.

Council's 2022-23 FAGs estimated entitlement, compared to the 2021-22 final entitlement is as follows:

Bourke Shire Council				
Year	General Purpose \$	Local Roads \$	Total \$	
2021-22 final	4,854,627	2,113,454	6,968,081	<b>Change</b>
2022-23 est.	5,187,387	2,191,468	7,378,855	5.9%

To assist councils with budgets and bank reconciliations, a breakdown of the 2022-23 quarterly instalments is attached (**Appendix A**). The NSW Statement of Payments is also attached (**Appendix B**).

The Commonwealth Government decided to make an early payment of the 2022-23 estimated FAG entitlement to help manage the cumulative impacts of the floods and the Covid-19 Pandemic. The advance, which was paid to all councils in mid-April 2022, was for approximately 75% of the estimated entitlement. Generally, the advance payments have been based on approximately 50%. This has resulted in the quarterly instalments that follow being significantly less than in recent years. The remainder of the grant entitlements will be paid in quarterly instalments in August 2022, November 2022, February 2023 and May 2023.

As councils will be aware, the Commission is required to adhere to the National Principles which mandate a per capita payment based on population growth/decline. It is also the policy of the NSW Government to explore opportunities to direct grants to communities with the greatest relative need. The Commission has had regard to these policies in allocating the grants. The map contained in **Appendix D** identifies the rate of population change in NSW from 2006 to 2020. The legislated minimum grant requirement impedes the ability of the Commission to direct funds to the communities with the greatest relative need.

**Appendix D** lists the revised expenditure categories, disability factors, data sources used in calculating the expenditure allowance and the relative disability allowance.

#### **CONSIDERATIONS FOR 2023-24 GRANTS**

Councils should be mindful that, given the current economic environment, the CPI may not increase going forward. Should that occur, the Commission will likely need to restore the negative floor to ensure the integrity and legislative compliance of the FAGs allocation system is maintained. Such a decision will result in some councils receiving less in the 2023-24 GPC than they will in 2022-23.

#### **THE TRANSITION**

The Commission has been investigating ways to direct funds to councils with greatest relative need. Information about the methodology review and subsequent transition has been provided to councils, including about the recommendations for model refinements. The Commission is currently considering options to a pathway out of transition and resuming the negative floor. Based on the grant calculations for 2022-23, nine councils are currently protected from reducing grants by the Commission's transition policy of a 0% floor. Further information about the transition and general information about the FAGs can be found on the Commission's webpage at <https://www.olg.nsw.gov.au/commissions-and-tribunals/#ggc>.

#### **SPECIAL SUBMISSIONS RELATING TO 2023-24 GRANTS**

Special submissions from councils for 2023-24 will be considered by the Commission. The purpose of a submission is to give councils the opportunity to present information on the financial impact of inherent expenditure disabilities beyond councils' control that are not generally recognised in the current methodology. Please refer to the expenditure functions and Council's disability factors listed in **Appendix A**. This process allows the Commission to adequately consider all legitimate factors that affect councils' capacity to deliver services.

**Appendix C**, titled *Guidelines for Special Submissions*, contains guidelines for preparing submissions – please read the guidelines carefully.

Submissions should be e-mailed to the Commission at [olg@olg.nsw.gov.au](mailto:olg@olg.nsw.gov.au) by **30 November 2022**.

I would ask that this letter please be tabled at the next Council meeting.

If you have any questions concerning these matters, please contact me on (02) 4428 4131.

Yours sincerely



**Helen Pearce**  
**Executive Officer**

**17 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT****17.1 \*\*\* VISITOR ENHANCEMENTS AT BACK O' BOURKE EXHIBITION CENTRE**

**File Number:** T1.1  
**Author:** Melanie Milgate, Manager Economic Development  
**Authoriser:** Leonie Brown, General Manager  
**Attachments:** Nil

**Background**

The purpose of this report is to update Councillors in regard to proposed visitor enhancements at the Back O' Bourke Exhibition Centre. These enhancements will be to the Café and to a new Outback Show arena. The report further highlights the opportunity for grant funding through the Regional Tourism Activation Fund.

Round 2 of the Regional Tourism Activation Fund is focused on accelerating the development of high impact tourism and events infrastructure that will increase the international appeal of destinations in regional NSW and boost the visitor economy through increased visitation and job creation. The Fund aims to support projects that are accessible and inclusive for everyone and ensure all visitors to regional NSW have unforgettable experiences that encourage repeat visitation.

This program is administered by Department of Regional NSW. The fund is open now and closes on 27 September 2022. The program is open to funding applications of over \$500,000 and seeks a co contribution in cash of a minimum of 25% from the applicant.

Bourke Shire Council has been very successful with funding to enhance the visitor experience at the Exhibition Centre and is part of a deliberate approach to enhance the visitor economy in the region which is supported by the Bourke Community Strategic Plan. Recent funding has included:

- Display enhancements, Cultural Garden- NSW Government- Tourism Demand Driver- Complete
- Display enhancements- Murray Darling Basin Diversification Fund- Ongoing (complete end 2022)
- Expansion visitor and retail area, café- NSW State Government-Joint Organisation- Complete
- Access improvements- Regional Tourism Fund Round 1- Ongoing (complete end 2022)

**Current Situation**

The expansion of the Visitor retail and reception area and the Café have proven extremely successful. The development of the café has allowed the use of the area surrounding the café for functions and already a number of concerts and community events have been held. The development of the café alongside the visitor retail and reception area has proven so successful that it has been shown to be at capacity at times through the winter season.

The enhancements that are planned make use of most of the work that has been undertaken to date and will see the development of:

- Additional deck area
- An expansion in the food preparation area
- The addition of a cool room
- Purchase of additional kitchen equipment
- Expanded shade area

At this stage it is planned to increase the shade area by approximately thirty percent. This will involve the installation of a new shade structure utilising the existing footings. The existing structure will be able to be reused in the future.

No change to the retail area will be undertaken with this work.

Staff are also planning for a resumption of the successful Outback Show in 2023. A more preferred setting is being designed to the front of the Exhibition Centre adjacent to the northern car park.

This work will include:

- Installation of portable sheep yards for an arena
- Development of all-weather access
- Concrete entry and surrounding seating area
- Shaded low level grandstand seating
- Storage area
- Planted earthen mounds

Both developments will not only enhance the existing visitor experience but will result in additional visitation to the Centre. While we are not certain if we will continue to have disruption with the Jandra operations, Centre staff are planning for record numbers through the Centre in 2023 with the Jandra and Outback Show operating.

The budget for these works is \$674,000 (GST Exclusive) allowing for a 10% contingency.

### **Financial Implications**

The cost allowance for the work as outlined is \$674,000 (GST Exclusive). The Regional Tourism Activation Program will fund up to 75% of the works if the grant application is successful. Given the funding mix, staff will apply for \$506,000 from the Regional Tourism Activation Fund with a contribution of \$168,000 required from Bourke Shire Council.

It will be recommended to Council that staff proceed with the application and that \$168,000 be provided from the Infrastructure Renewal Reserve fund if the grant is successful.

The current balance of the Infrastructure Renewal Reserve fund is \$836,933.38 as per Financial Assistance Grant Report in the Manager Corporate Services section of this Business Paper.

### **Recommendation**

- 1. That an application for funding of \$506,000 be made to the Regional Tourism Activation Fund for Visitor enhancements to the Back O' Bourke Exhibition Centre.**

- 2. That should the grant application be successful, Council make a co-contribution of \$168,000 towards the proposed enhancement works at the Back O' Bourke Exhibition Centre from Councils Infrastructure Renewal Reserve fund.**

**18 DELEGATES AND COUNCILLORS REPORTS**

Nil

**19 POLICIES**

Nil



**20 PRÉCIS OF CORRESPONDENCE****20.1 \*\*\* FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE - BOURKE HIGH SCHOOL - YEAR 12 FORMAL****File Number:** A3.14-E1.2**Author:** Leonie Brown, General Manager**Authoriser:** Leonie Brown, General Manager**Attachments:** 1. **Application for Financial Assistance Bourke High School, Year 12 Formal** [↓](#) **Background**

Council has received a request from the Relieving Principal of Bourke High School, Robert Bourke, for financial support towards the holding of the Year 12 Formal to be conducted on Friday, 4 November 2022. In previous year's, the Year 12 Formal has been hosted at the Bourke Bowling Club, who from Mr Bourke's letter have "always been made most welcome".

**Current Situation**

The 12 students graduating from Year 12 at Bourke High School in November 2022, have requested that their Formal be held at the Back O' Bourke Function Centre. Mr Bourke writes that the Year 12 group of students have requested that "they do something different". He continues, "They expressed the Exhibition Centre with the water views are very picturesque, which would enable them as a group to have photos of their graduation which would be completely original to past groups."

Due to the low numbers of students and COVID restrictions, fundraising has been difficult, resulting in limited funds being available to support the event.

The assistance requested, is for consideration to be given to waive or reduce the hire fee of the Back O' Bourke Function Centre. I am supportive of the request from the school and will recommend that the hire fee be waived and that the bond is also waived, with the High School being a Government Department. Mr Bourke has advised that "the school would ensure the premises were left neat and tidy afterwards."

**Financial Implications**

Council's 2022/2023 Fees and Charges Document provides that the out of hours cost of hire of the venue is \$500. The Document also provides that the normal bond of \$1,000, is waived for Government Departments.

**Recommendation**

**That Council accede to the request of Bourke High School to waive the hire fees and the lodgement of a bond in support of the 2022 Year 12 Formal.**



**APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE  
(DONATIONS, SPONSORSHIP, "IN KIND" SUPPORT)  
2011/12**

<b>Name of applicant organisation:</b>	Bourke High School
<b>Postal Address:</b>	34 Tarcoon Street, Bourke NSW 2840
<b>Contact person:</b>	Robert Bourke
<b>Position:</b>	Relieving Principal
<b>Phone number:</b>	0268722522
<b>Mobile number:</b>	0434983418
<b>Fax number:</b>	0268723267
<b>Email address:</b>	Robert.j.bourke@det.nsw.edu.au

Enquiries are to be made to Council's Manager Corporate Services on 0268308000.

Completed applications are to be returned to Council no later than 4pm Friday,

*(Date(s) to be specified each year)*

An electronic version of the form can be made available upon request, or applications can be posted or hand delivered to:

Bourke Shire Council  
 Financial Assistance Program  
 P O Box 21 / 29 Mitchell Street  
 BOURKE NSW 2840  
 Phone: 02 68308000 Fax: 02 68723030  
 Email: [bourkeshire@bourke.nsw.gov.au](mailto:bourkeshire@bourke.nsw.gov.au)

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Policies and Processes of Bourke Shire Council

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**INFORMATION REGARDING YOUR REQUEST FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE**

**Please provide a brief overview of your group /organisation:** Bourke High School is the original and only High School in Bourke. It is a small school by school standards with only 138 Students at the present time. In terms of the student body 85% of children identify as Aboriginal. The school currently employs 51 people: teachers and administrative staff. Every effort is made by the school to deal with local businesses and trades so that we are a valuable contributor to the Bourke Community.

**Is the Group/organisation based in Bourke Shire:**  Yes  No  
**If no, where is it located?**

**What is the number of current members of your group/organisation?**  
 138 Students and 51 employees.

**Purpose for which the donation will be used:** The school would like to use the Exhibition Centre on the 4<sup>th</sup> of November this year for our Year 12 Formal. This year there will be 12 Students graduating. In most years, the Bourke Bowling Club has been used and the school has always been made most welcome. However, this year's group of students have requested that they do something different. They have expressed that the Exhibition Centre with the water views is very picturesque, which would enable them as a group to have photos of their graduation which would be completely original compared to past groups.  
 As there are only 12 students and with the difficulties associated with Covid, fundraising for Year 12 2022 has been minimal. Respectfully, the donation request is for Bourke Shire Council to wave or reduce the Exhibition Centre hire fee.  
 The school would ensure that the premises were left neat and tidy afterwards.

**If not stated above, briefly describe the way in which this donation will benefit Bourke Shire:** It would be a recognition by Bourke Shire Council that they value, support and recognise the efforts of the students in achieving their HSC.

<b>Has your group/organisation received financial or in-kind support from Bourke Shire in the last 12 months?</b>		<b>Yes</b>
<b>No</b>		
If yes, please provide amount and details of purpose:		
<b>Has your group/organisation received any grants from the State or Federal Government in relation to the project for which this donation is sought?</b>		<b>Yes</b>
<b>No</b>		
If yes, briefly list details and amount of grant		
<b>Rates Donations – if you are only applying for a donation of rates (general or water) please provide the following details: N/A</b>		
<b>Property for which rates donation is sought:</b>		
<b>Council’s Rates Assessment Number:</b>		
<b>Owner of land on which property is located:</b> Bourke Shire Council		
<b>Purpose for which the property is used:</b> Bourke High School 2022 Year 12 Formal.		

<b>Approximate number of days per year that the property is used for these purposes: 1</b>
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**APPLICATION FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE**

What is the total amount of your request (exclusive of GST)?	\$500	
Is your group / organisation registered for GST	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes	<input type="radio"/> No
Does your group / organisation have an ABN (Australian Business Number)?	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes	<input type="radio"/> No
Is your group / organisation incorporated?	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes	<input type="radio"/> No
If yes, please quote your ABN		
If yes, please quote your Incorporation No		
Does your group / organisation have Public Liability Insurance?	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes	<input type="radio"/> No
If yes, please attach a Certificate of Currency		

**To be completed for "in kind" support:**

(Please arrange appointment with appropriate Council staff to obtain a quote where necessary)

ITEM	Applicant's Contribution	Support sought from Council
A. Monetary		
Total (A)		
B. Equipment costs		
Total (B)		
C. Labour costs		
Total ©		
D. Other project costs		
Total (D)		
TOTAL COSTS (A+B+C+D)		

**ORGANISATION'S BANK ACCOUNT DETAILS**

Name of bank:	N/A
Name of bank account:	N/A
Bank BSB Number:	N/A
Bank Account Number:	N/A

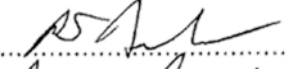
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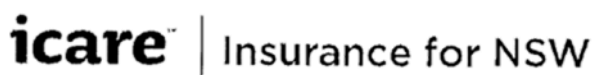
- For first time applicants, a copy of your group/organisation's constitution and if that constitution changes, then an updated copy is to be forwarded with any subsequent application
- A copy of the most recent annual report (including financial statements of income and expenditure) – preferably audited
- Copy of notification of ABN Number and GST Registration (if applicable) from the Australian Taxation Officer
- Evidence of Incorporation
- A copy of the applicant's current public liability insurance policy (i.e. Certificate of Currency)
- Where the applicant is a registered public charity, a copy of the registration certificate is required

**CERTIFICATION**

I certify that all the details supplied in this application form and in any attached documents are true and correct to the best of my knowledge, and that the application has been submitted with the full knowledge and agreement of the applicant group / organisation.

I have read the Financial Assistance Policy provided with this application form.

Signed:   
 Name: Robert Bourke  
 Position: Relieving Principal  
 Date: 5, 9, 2022



## Certificate of Currency

### NSW Department of Education

The NSW Self Insurance Corporation, branded as icare Insurance for NSW (icare), was established by the NSW Self Insurance Corporation Act 2004. The main function of icare is the administration of the Treasury Managed Fund (TMF), which provides cover for all insurance exposures (other than compulsory third-party insurance) faced by those general government sector agencies and public sector agencies that are members of the TMF scheme.

#### Period of coverage

This will confirm that commencing 1 July 2022, until 30 June 2023, NSW Department of Education, being a TMF Agency is a member of the TMF which provides insurable risk protection in accordance with the TMF Statement of Cover.

The TMF Agency, and their employees and volunteers, are fully covered for their legal liability to any third party arising out of their operations, worldwide.

#### Coverage inclusions

Cover includes, but is not limited to:

- Policy number WC900260 for Worker's Compensation as per current NSW Legislation.
- Policy number MF100001 for Legal Liability inclusive of:
  - Public Liability for an amount of \$100,000,000.
  - Professional Indemnity for an amount of \$100,000,000.
  - Product Liability for an amount of \$100,000,000, and
  - Directors & Officers for an amount of \$100,000,000.
- Policy number MF100003 for Personal Accident coverage for:
  - a) Voluntary Workers whilst actively engaged in voluntary work for the NSW Department of Education
  - b) NSW Department of Education students while engaged in approved educational work experience programmes.

Coverage is provided in accordance with and equivalent to the benefits payable under the NSW Workers Compensation Legislation, as amended, provided under TMF Miscellaneous cover.

- Policy number MF100003 for Personal Accident cover whilst travelling domestically and abroad.
- Policy number MF100661 for Property coverage (including plate glass) on a full replacement (new for old) basis, including, consequential loss, worldwide, for loss and/or damage to all real and personal property either owned by, or the responsibility of, the TMF Agency.
- Policy number MF100660 for Motor Vehicle cover for loss of and/or property damage caused to or by a motor vehicle while being used for the purpose of or in connection with the TMF Agency's business.

For full details on TMF indemnity and its protection, please refer to the relevant sections of the TMF Statement of Cover.

**Note:** icare hereby agrees that should such coverage be cancelled or withdrawn for any reason, 30 days' notice will be provided.

Rashi Bansal  
Group Executive, Insurance for NSW & HBCF



## 21 ACTIVITY REPORTS

### 21.1 ACTIVITY REPORT - ENGINEERING SERVICES ROAD WORKS & WORKSHOP - WORKS UNDERTAKEN

**File Number:** E7.1  
**Author:** Leonie Brown, General Manager  
**Authoriser:** Leonie Brown, General Manager  
**Attachments:** Nil

#### Background

The following information outlines works undertaken from 9 August 2022 to 1 September 2022 inclusive.

<b>Road Works Team - Michael Willoughby – Roads Supervisor</b>	
<b>1. NORTH TEAM – Denis Tiffen, Team Leader</b>	
<b>Location</b>	<b>Work Carried Out</b>
RLR 10 Nulty	Constructing pavement for seal
MR 68 Maintenance Grade	Completed
RLR 50 Maintenance Grade	Completed
<b>2. SOUTH TEAM - John Reed, Team Leader</b>	
<b>Location</b>	<b>Work Carried Out</b>
RLR 10 Dunlop	Constructing pavement for seal
Maintenance Grade RLR 20 Wampra	Commenced
Maintenance Grade RLR 13 Landsdown	Commenced
Maintenance Grade RLR 17 Snake Gully	Completed
<b>3. TRANSPORT TEAM - Simon Wielinga, Team Leader</b>	
<b>Location</b>	<b>Work Carried Out</b>
RLR 10 Nulty	Constructing pavement for seal
<b>4. BITUMEN TEAM – Phillip Harvey, Team Leader</b>	
Bourke Township	Patching undertaken
Regional Roads	Patching undertaken
State Highways	Patching undertaken
State Highway 29	Slashing completed

<b>WORKSHOP – Colin Kiley, Team Leader, Tradesman Plant Mechanic</b>			
<b>Plant no</b>	<b>Rego</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Work Carried Out</b>
32	XO42AE	2011 Isuzu NPR	Service carried out, checked over for registration and parts ordered, remove and replace shocks, shackle pins and bushes.
40	CP40FS	Isuzu NHNQR	Service carried out, diagnosed hydraulic leak, repaired hose, removed and replace shocks, shake pins and bushes, front brakes, sway bar

			and wheel bearings.
50	CL16AC	Kenworth	Service carried out, removed and replaced axle, two brake shoes, boosters, s-cam and rebuild kits, wheel bearings and seals.
66	CI37TV	Caterpillar Backhoe	Service carried out.
68	X50802	2011 Moore Trailers	Removed and replaced tarp, adjusted brakes.
69	X50803	2011 Moores Trailers	Removed and replaced tarp, adjusted brakes and checked over.
80	K33876	1996 Jakab Industries Industrial	Registration repairs, repaired wiring, replaced lights and reflectors, checked brakes and suspension.
81	Q97006	2004 Traymark	Repair and weld trailer, repair wiring and replace taillights, remove and replace shocks and reflectors.
83	K95933	Caravan	Registration repairs, repair wiring, lights and reflectors.
91	J93386	1996 Jakab Industries	Registration repairs, replace tail lights, reflectors and shocks.
92	XN29QQ	2014 Western Star	Service carried out, removed and replaced torque rod, brake booster, shocks and hydraulic lines and adjusted brakes, removed and replaced reverse switch and repaired lights, removed and replace front brakes, brake booster and wheel bearings, replaced rear springs.
101	CS92FY	Ford Ranger	Carried out service.
108	63723D	Toro Mower	Removed and replaced starter motor and blades.
111	TB60BR	Dolly	Removed and replaced valves, air hoses and repaired cracks, adjusted brakes.
132	CP22CH	John Deere	Service carried out, adjusted circle shims and removed and replaced pads.
134	94196D	2019 John Deere 770G	Service carried out.
139	BR53WH	Caterpillar 950H	Removed and replace inner door handle, weld up outer door handle and ordered parts.
141	XN84BW	John Deere Grader	Service carried out.
147	XO86CI	2020 Ford Ranger	Service carried out, removed and replaced mirror, diagnosed engine light found damage to wiring and repaired same.
162	CZ00HU	2020 Ford Ranger	Service carried out.
188	09245E	John Deere 670G	Service carried out, removed, and replaced pads and adjusted circle shims.
191	ELJ42B	2020 Toyota Prado	Fitted phone kit.
219	XO52KJ	2022 FVD 165-300 Isuzu	Inducted in repairing and operating vehicle.
220	W87367	Pump and Trailer	Service carried out, replaced seal in pump.
247	23013E	2021 John Deere	Removed and replaced broken mirror, manufacture cover for back of tractor to protect

			from slasher.
265	XN36KU	Isuzu NQR 450	Service carried out, diagnosed vibration and steering problem, found damage suspension, removed and replaced spring.
298		Caterpillar Compactor	Diagnosed drive problem, found faulty wiring, repaired, replaced flat batteries.
370		Wing Slasher	Removed and replaced blades and grease.
411	DB55CW	2022 Ford Everest Trend	Service carried out.
505	XN17EH	Kenworth Primemover	Service carried out.
506	XN65HG	Kenworth Primemover	Service carried out.
512	73235D	Multi Tyre Roller	Service carried out.
555	CY80XA	2020 Mitsubishi Pajero	Service carried out.
		Crossley Engine	Manufactured tools and parts to rebuild second engine.
		Small Plant	Serviced small plant, repaired pull cords, replaced spark plugs.
		Welding	Manufactured two new front gates, repaired gate at tip, manufactured tools to replace trailer bushes, manufactured forty-four trolls.
		Miscellaneous	Cleaned out storerooms to make and fit new shelves, cleaned out tool room, serviced pumps and repaired bush fire trailers, plant registrations.
<b>Staff Training</b>		Nil	

**Recommendation**  
**That Council note the information in the Roads Department Road Works and Workshop Activity Reports as presented to Council on Monday, 26 September 2022.**

**21.2 ACTIVITY REPORT - PARKS & GARDENS / TOWN SERVICES / WATER & WASTEWATER ENGINEERING SERVICES ACTIVITY REPORT**

**File Number:** E7.1  
**Author:** Peter Brown, Manager Works  
**Authoriser:** Leonie Brown, General Manager  
**Attachments:** Nil

**Background**

The following information outlines works completed for the period of 9 August 2022 to 1 September 2022 inclusive.

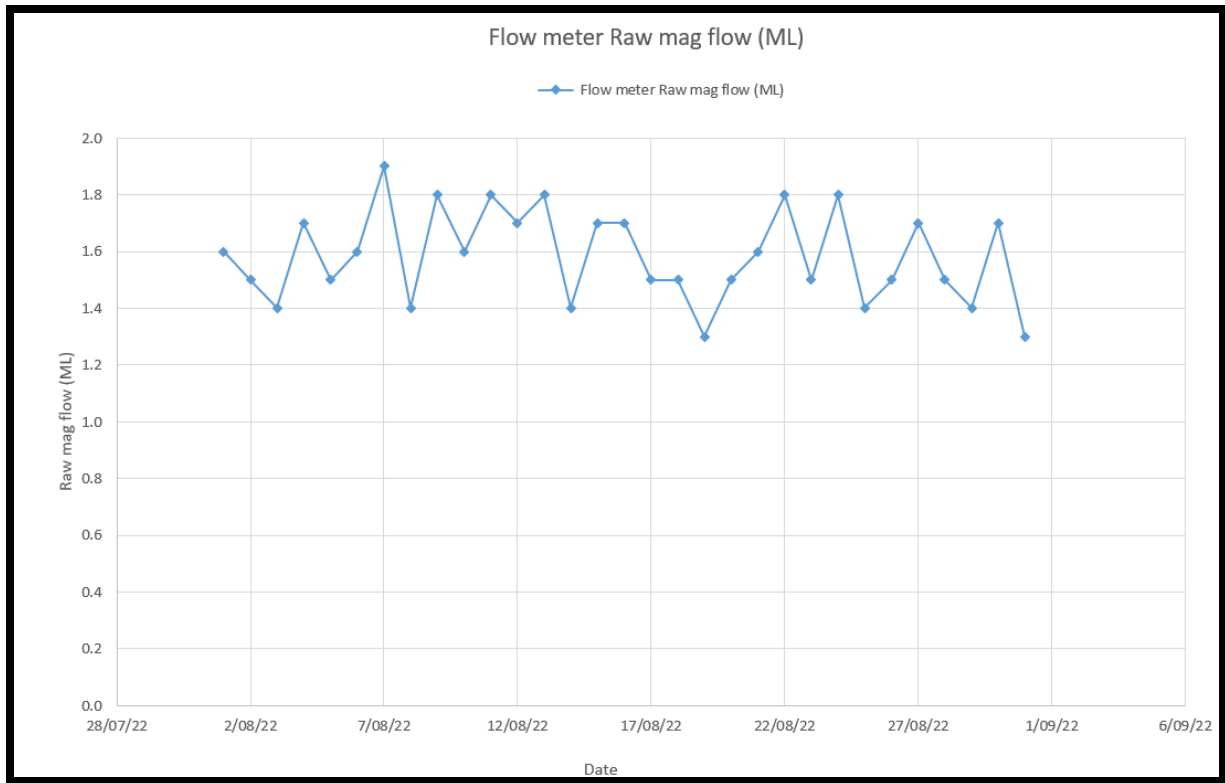
**Current Situation**

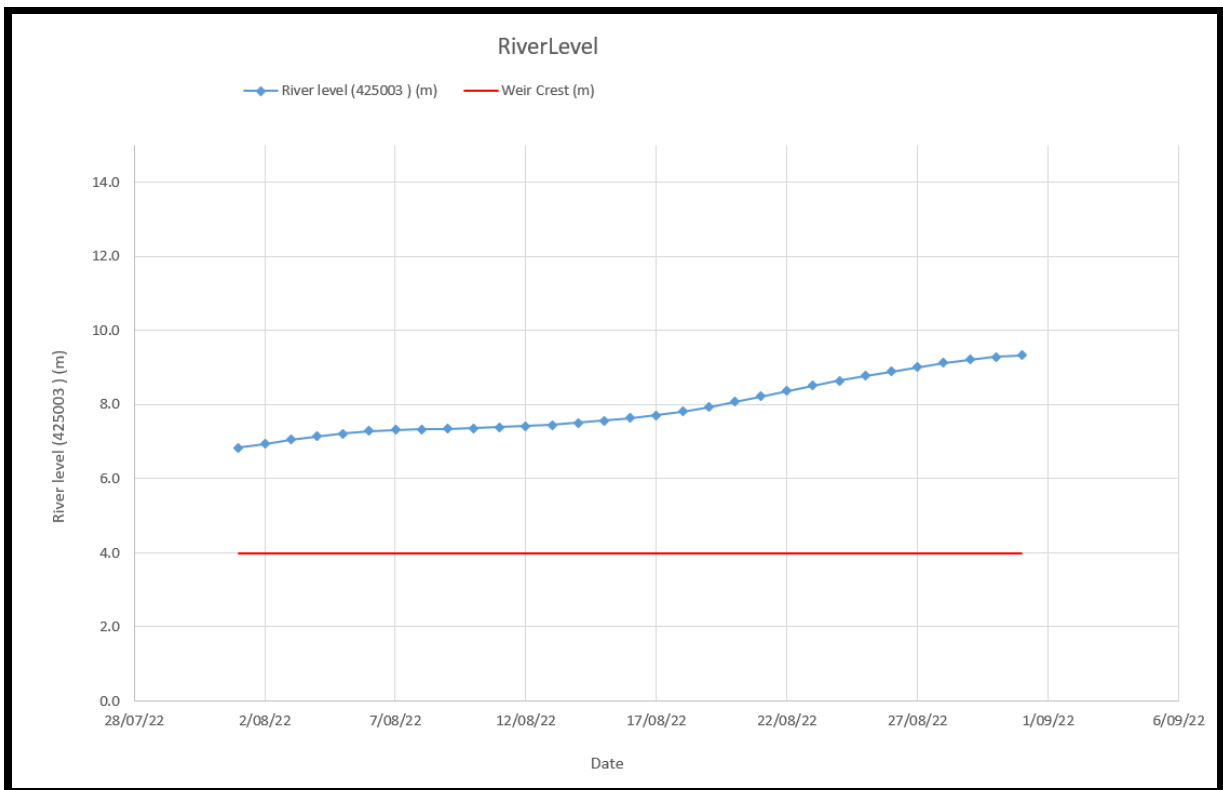
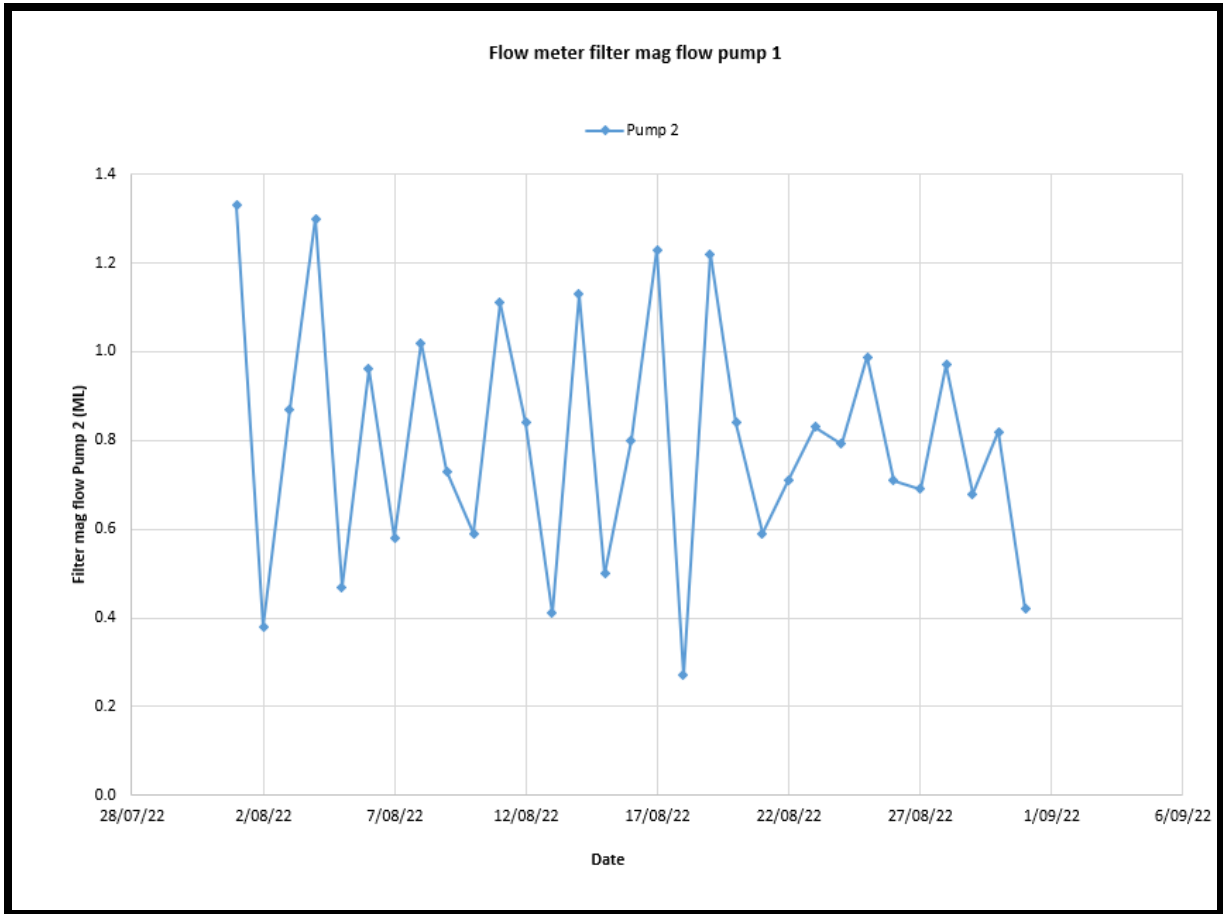
PARKS & GARDENS – Frank Hollman, Acting Team Leader	
Location	Work Carried Out
<b>General</b>	All parks and sporting grounds gardens, regular mowing and maintenance carried out. Sporting grounds facilities cleaned and maintained. Public toilets cleaned and maintained. Clean facilities. General graffiti removal carried out on Council facilities.
<b>Small Plant</b>	Maintenance and service carried out on all ground plant.
<b>Works Requests</b>	Actioned and ongoing.
<b>1 Tudor St</b>	General maintenance carried out.
<b>Wharf</b>	General maintenance carried out.
<b>Council Office</b>	General maintenance carried out.
<b>Renshaw Complex</b>	Grounds, facilities cleaned and maintained.
<b>Coolican Oval</b>	General maintenance carried out. Prepare grounds for Soccer.
<b>Davidson Oval</b>	General maintenance carried out. Prepare grounds for touch footy (Monday and Wednesday afternoons). Prepare grounds for Cricket Clinic.
<b>Central Park</b>	Skate Park - regular mowing and maintenance carried out, graffiti removal. Prepare grounds for Community Gathering (Night Patrol).
<b>Villages</b>	Mow grounds, facilities cleaned and maintained.
<b>Airport</b>	Mowed airstrip.
<b>Darling Park</b>	General maintenance carried out.
<b>Staff Training</b>	Nil

<b>TOWN SERVICES– Troy Hayman, Team Leader</b>	
<b>Location</b>	<b>Work Carried Out</b>
<b>Work Requests</b>	Actioned and ongoing
	Weekly sand footpaths
	Weekly Town mowing
	Relieving Staff in garbage truck. New garbage truck arrived 30/8/2022
	Daily Main Street Program
	Daily airport Inspections
	Airport Slashing and Mowing
	Town Slashing and laneways
	Town Poisoning
	Prune trees along footpath in Harris Street
	Monthly airport inspections Louth & Wanaaring
<b>Cemetery</b>	Prepared grave:- 10/8/2022
<b>Rest Areas</b>	Weekly rubbish removal, cleaning along roadside, pressure clean and mow Cobar rest area
	Monthly service and roadside rubbish removal
	Mow rest areas
<b>Staff Training</b>	Nil
<b>Works Request</b>	Mow vision way
	Prune trees along Doctor Surgery footpath
	Remove concrete to repair Mitchell Street footpath
	Remove shade structure from IGA footpath after being destroyed
	Deliver sand to AMS
	Deliver gravel to Exhibition Centre
	Filled holes at sales yards and Yanda Street
	Deliver crusher dust and sand to Wharf
	Close off wharf steps
	Unclog drains after rain event
	Slash Sewer Treatment Plant
	Mow along top of levee banks
	Deliver gravel to Charles Street water tower
	Slash old cemetery
	Remove fallen tree from Green Street (tree fell across footpath and road near school)
	Clean and level depot carpark
	Remove deceased animal from town street
	Cold mix approaches at depot new gate
	Gravel entrance into Renshaw Complex
	Cold mix gutter edge at Major Mitchell Motel
	Erect sign in Tarcoon Street
	Patch holes corner of Green and Tarcoon Streets
	Paint new pedestrian crossing Tarcoon Street near hospital
	Slash North Bourke subdivision
	Replace silt fence at North Bourke subdivision

<b>WATER &amp; WASTEWATER – Shane Hopley, Team Leader</b>	
<b>Water Supply Planned Maintenance</b>	
121 Oxley Street	Sewer Choke
Alice Edwards Village	Sewer Choke
43 Tudor Street	Sewer Choke
9 Denman Street	Sewer Choke
30 Mitchell Street	Sewer Choke
Louth	Sewer Choke, Install new raw water service
68 Darling Street	Repaired leaking 20mm filtered water service
10 Green Street	Repaired leaking 20mm filtered water service
Bourke Preschool	Dug and repaired 50mm filtered water line
66 Short Street	Dug and repaired 50mm filtered water line
Council Depot	Dug and repaired 50mm filtered water line
Sale Yards	Dug and repaired 50mm filtered water line
75 Oxley Street	Dig 100mm filtered water main and repair main
14 Richard Street	Dig 100mm filtered water main and repair main
Mooculta Street	Dig 100mm filtered water main and repair main
Yambacoona Street	Dig 100mm raw water main and repair main
Gorrell Ave	Dig 100mm raw water main and repair main
104 Hope Street	Dig 100mm raw water main and repair main
70 Hope Street	Dig 100mm raw water main and repair main
21 Anson Street	Dig 100mm raw water main and repair main
25 Anson Street	Dig 100mm raw water main and repair main
75 Oxley Street	Dig 100mm raw water main and repair main
8 Oxley Street	Dig 100mm raw water main and repair main
44 Wortumertie Street	Dig 100mm raw water main and repair main
46 Wortumertie Street	Dig 100mm raw water main and repair main
Anson Street	Dig 100mm raw water main and repair main
Mooculta Street	Dig 100mm raw water main and repair main
25 Mitchell Street	Leaking main
14 Glen Street	Move gas bottles and replace hot water system
1 Tudor Street	Dug sewer
68 Short Street	No filtered water (internal)
North Bourke	Move main switch board at raw water pump site
SES Shed	Replace septic tank
Medical Centre	Repair sprinkler
Wharf Toilets	Replace tap and install valve box at wharf
Renshaw Complex	Replace valve pits sprinkler system, locate power and dig poly lines leak
Coolican Oval	Connect filtered water to Kitchen
Rainbar	Mixer tap in kitchen
Wanaaring	Check water sports ground connect 3rd tank Wanaaring, Connect tanks Wanaaring flush hydrant's Wanaaring
Pool	Check and start pool pump

Back O Bourke Centre	Repair leaks in garden
STP	Mow and clean around inlets
Alice Edwards Village	Routine maintenance and monitoring as per ACP Management Plan
Clara Hart Village	Routine maintenance and monitoring as per ACP Management Plan
Training	Nil







Month	Raw water ML	Filter magflow pump 2 ML	Raw Water North Bourke KL	Filter Water North Bourke KL
January 2021	134	43	31,255	2,013
February 2021	94	39	30,110	2,145
March 2021	96	38	29,332	2,130
April 2021	99	36	11,607	1,717
May 2021	102	38	12,676	1,808
June 2021	74	34	8,484	1,735
July 2021	75	33	9,856	1,788
August 2021	98	27	16,310	1,542
September 2021	107	29	19,235	1,325
October 2021	122	30	20,314	1,255
November 2021	81	31	16,326	1,356
December 2021	108	36	20,589	1,234
January 2022	113	34	25,364	1,463
February 2022	129	31	29,523	1,958
March 2022	140	37	28,561	1,621
April 2022	104	33	10,985	1,563
May 2022	77	29	9,456	1,963
June 2022	40	29	8,562	1,836
July 2022	45	27	10,254	1,518
August 2022	49	25	15,321	1,622

Process	Parameter	Minimum	Average	Maximum	Lower critical lim	Upper critical lim	No. of samples
Rainfall	Rainfall	-	#DIV/0!	-			0
River level	River level (425003 )	6.84	7.92	9.33	3.9		31
Raw Water	pH	7.40	8.10	9.90			31
Raw Water	turbidity	124.00	140.87	169.00			31
Filtered water	pH	7.52	7.61	7.77	6.5	8.7	31
Filtered water	Temperature	-	#DIV/0!	-			0
Filtered water	Conductivity	-	#DIV/0!	-			0
Tower	Free Cl2	1.34	2.10	2.72	0.2	5.0	31
Filtered water	Free Cl2	-	#DIV/0!	-	0.2	5.0	0
Filtered water	Free Cl2	-	#DIV/0!	-	1.0	5.0	0
Bourke High Schoo	Free chlorine	1.00	1.30	1.80	0.2	4.0	3
Bourke High Schoo	pH	7.10	7.37	7.80	6.5	8.5	3
Bourke High Schoo	Turbidity	0.18	0.19	0.21	0.0	0.5	3
WTP	Free chlorine	2.30	2.30	2.30	0.2	4.0	1
WTP	pH	7.30	7.30	7.30	6.5	8.5	1
WTP	Turbidity	0.18	0.18	0.18	0.0	0.5	1
Bourke Primary Sch	Free chlorine	1.00	1.00	1.00	0.2	4.0	1
Bourke Primary Sch	pH	7.40	7.40	7.40	6.5	8.5	1
Bourke Primary Sch	Turbidity	0.21	0.21	0.21	0.0	0.5	1
Meadows Rd	Free chlorine	1.30	1.55	1.80	0.2	4.0	2
Meadows Rd	pH	7.30	7.35	7.40	6.5	8.5	2
Meadows Rd	Turbidity	0.20	0.21	0.21	0.0	0.5	2
Mitchell St	Free chlorine	1.20	1.20	1.20	0.2	4.0	1
Mitchell St	pH	7.20	7.20	7.20	6.5	8.5	1
Mitchell St	Turbidity	0.20	0.20	0.20	0.0	0.5	1
Alice Edwards Villa	Free chlorine	0.50	0.65	0.80	0.2	4.0	2
Alice Edwards Villa	pH	7.30	7.45	7.60	6.5	8.5	2
Alice Edwards Villa	Turbidity	0.24	0.27	0.30	0.0	0.5	2

No	CCP	Monitoring Parameter	Location	Frequency	Target	Adjustment Level	Critical limit
CCP 1	Clarification	Turbidity	After clarifier	Daily grab sample	<1 NTU	4 NTU	>4 NTU
CCP 2 *	Filtration	Turbidity	After Filters	Daily grab sample	0.4 NTU	1 NTU	>1.2 NTU
CCP 3	Disinfection	Chlorine residual	Filtered Water	Daily grab sample	1.5-2 mg/L	<1.5 mg/L for more than 3 days	<0.5 mg/L or > 5 mg/L
CCP 4	Fluoridation	Fluoride concentration	After filters	Daily grab sample	1.0 mg/L	<0.95 mg/L or >1.0 mg/L	<0.9 mg/L for > 72 hours Or >1.5 mg/L
CCP 5	Reservoirs	Reservoir Integrity	Reservoirs	Weekly	Integrity maintained	Signs of integrity breach	Unable to rectify breaches

**Treatment Plant EPA Licence Compliance**

## Record of Effluent Analysis

Pollutant	Unit Of Measure	Licence 100 Percentile Concentration Limit	Apr 2022 Test	May 2022 Test	Jun 2022 Test	Jul 2022 Test	Aug 2022 Test
Oil & Grease	mg/L	10	n/a	n/a	3	4	<2
pH		6.5-8.5	n/a	n/a	9.34	8.33	7.97
Nitrogen (total)	mg/L	15	n/a	n/a	9.2	11.6	14.3
Phosphorus (total)	mg/L	10	n/a	n/a	3.81	4.46	5.90
Total suspended solids	mg/L	20	n/a	n/a	90	49	<5
Biochemical oxygen demand	mg/L	15	n/a	n/a	21	10	6

Council notes the provisions of clause L2.5 (a) and (b) of its licence conditions of a chlorophyll exemption due algal growth, which also exempts the above exceedances.

- Rainfall in Bourke for August 2022 was 27.2 mm
- Hottest day for August 2022 was 19.8 degrees
- Coldest day for August 2022 was 6.2 degrees

**Recommendation**

**That Council note the information in the Parks and Gardens, Town Services and Water and Wastewater Engineering Services Department Activity Reports as presented to Council on Monday, 26 September 2022.**

**21.3 ACTIVITY REPORT - PLANNING, REGULATORY AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES**

**File Number:** D3.1-A11.1-A8.1  
**Author:** Dwayne Willoughby, Manager Environmental Services  
**Authoriser:** Leonie Brown, General Manager  
**Attachments:** Nil

Development Approvals			
Delegated Authority or Council	Consent Type & Consent No.	Subject Land	Nature of Development
Delegated	DA 2022/0019	Lot 61, DP 600373 22 Green Street, Bourke	Installation of detached studio
Delegated	DA 2022/0018	Lot 5, Section 7, DP 758389 11 Belalie Street, Enngonia	Construction of office building
Delegated	DA 2023/0001	Lot B, DP 409909 6 Becker Street, Bourke	Installation of transportable dwelling with associated structures
Delegated	DA 2023/0002	Lot 2, DP 355528 20 Tudor Street, Bourke	Installation of transportable dwelling with associated structures

Total value of Approved works for August 2022	= \$1,262,000
No. of Development Application Approvals for August 2022	= 4
No. of Complying Development Application Approvals for August 2022	= 0

Building Services Report	
Location	Work Carried Out
Work Requests	Actioned and ongoing
Risk Assessments	Completed with every job
Training	Nil
Contractors	Maintenance works completed as required Upgrade works completed as per Operational Plan
Buildings	Maintenance works completed as required
Airport	Maintenance works completed as required

Animal Control		
Bourke Shire Council Holding Facility	Dogs	Cats
Animals in Pound beginning of Month	2	2
Seized	12	3
Surrendered	3	0

Handed in by members of the public	0	0
Dumped at pound	1	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>5</b>
Euthanised	0	0
Released to Owner	1	0
Adopted	0	0
Re-housed	0	0
Died in Pound	1	0
Escaped from Pound	0	0
Animals Remaining at End of Month	16	5
<b>Total</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>5</b>
Stock Rested in Stock Yards	370	

- Attended complaints regarding dogs causing trouble to the general public
- Ongoing patrols of the township enforcing the Companion Animal Act
- Water sampling for the township, villages and Darling river
- Patrols of Councils Reserves

**Recommendation**

**That the information in the Planning, Regulatory and Environmental Services Activity Report as presented to Council on Monday, 26<sup>th</sup> September 2022 be received and noted.**

**21.4 GENERAL MANAGER'S ACTIVITY REPORT**

**File Number:** G2.1  
**Author:** Leonie Brown, General Manager  
**Authoriser:** Leonie Brown, General Manager  
**Attachments:** Nil

**25 August 2022**

**Active Fest Activities**

Council in conjunction with the NSW Office of Sport have combined to engage the Creative Community Concepts team to shortly be in the Bourke Shire area to deliver another round of Far West Active Fest events. All are welcome to join in the fun, fitness and laughter at these free events which will be held to allow families and friends to come together to experience a range of sports, activities and most of all fun. Laser tag, league tag, roll-a-ball and footy for fun are just some of the sporting activities that will be available at the Fest. In addition, free entertainment and a free barbeque will be available for attendees. Active Fest will be held at Louth on Tuesday, 6 September 2022 at the Louth Public School from 1 – 3pm, at the Enngonia Public School on Wednesday 7 September 2022 from 10.00am till 12pm before moving onto Davidson Oval in Bourke that afternoon from 4 -6pm. All are welcome to attend.

**Tour de OROC**

The Toyota Tour de OROC, run by the Rotary Club of Dubbo South, is a challenging 6-day biennial bicycle ride created in 2013 to raise funds for Macquarie Home Stay in Dubbo. Established to provide patients and their partner or carer with accommodation while preparing for or post treatment at Dubbo Hospital, the Macquarie Home Stay has proven invaluable for those who have accessed its facilities, including many patients from Bourke. This year, the tour departed Mudgee on Monday, 22 March 2022 and concluded in Dubbo on Saturday, 26 March 2022 with riders completing a punishing 1,132km ride taking in the sites of Mendooran, Armatree, Coonamble, Walgett, Brewarrina, Bourke, Cobar, Nyngan, Warren and Dubbo with riders averaging some 190 kms per day.

President of the Rotary Club of Dubbo South, Dr Tony Geraghty, recently had the honour of presenting a cheque in the amount of \$177,500 to Macquarie Home Stay as a result of fundraising activities associated with this year's Tour. Bourke played a significant role in the fundraising total with \$22,000 contributed by the community when the Tour came to Bourke earlier this year. I was delighted to read in the Dubbo Daily Liberal the comments of one of the riders, Simon Friend, reflecting on his experiences on the Tour, when he stated, "Each town we stopped in, especially Bourke, showed us what true hospitality really is." The Tour de OROC is scheduled again for Monday, 2 October to Saturday, 7 October 2023. Well done to all who participated and supported this important event for the region.

**Doctor Shortage**

There is no doubt that there is a general shortage of doctors however recent changes enacted by the Federal Government have raised concerns that it will be even harder for rural and remote communities to attract doctors. The Federal Member for Parkes, Mark Coulton, MP, recently spoke in Parliament against proposed changes to what is called the Distribution Priority Area (DPA)

classification system. According to Mr Coulton, the changes will mean peri-urban (ie. an area immediately surrounding a city or town) and regional centres like Albury, Port Stephens and Newcastle will be competing with the likes of Bourke, Cobar and Walgett for doctors. The DPA classification system was set up to address shortages of doctors in rural and remote areas, by mandating that overseas trained doctors and rurally bonded medical students spend time working in the bush.

One of the factors in determining the DPA status of an area is its remoteness based on the Modified Monash Model (MMM) geographical classification system - a scale of MMM1 to MMM7. MMM1 is a major city, such as Sydney, and MMM7 is very remote, and includes towns like Bourke and Brewarrina. Previously, MMM3 to MMM7 areas were automatically given DPA status, which means medical practices in those areas can access a broader recruitment pool of GP doctors. Under the changes it is understood that DPAs have been expanded to include all large regional centres (MMM2) and some outer metro areas (MMM1). As a result, there is understandable concern that communities across the western area, inclusive of Bourke, are at risk of losing their doctors to areas closer to the cities and coastal towns. This is a significant concern. Further information regarding Distribution Priority Areas is available at the following site: <https://www.health.gov.au/health-topics/rural-health-workforce/classifications/dpa>

### **Bourke Library**

There have been some exciting things happening at the Bourke Library this month. August sees Children's Book Week celebrated, with competitions held and prizes won. Last Friday, the Library was very excited to announce the launch of the new Library Code Club. The Code Club is a self-paced learn-to-code software program, called Fiero Code, for kids aged 8-18. Young people who learn to code develop meaningful life skills such as creative thinking and problem solving. Library staff are now registering kids for the program. Simply contact the Library on 6872 2751 or call in and talk to a staff member to register.

In other exciting news, the Library now offers contactless self-service of materials from within the library's app. The free app can be downloaded by searching for Bourke Public Library on the iOS Apple Store or Google Play Store. Through the app, users can log in to their account, and also link their children's accounts, to easily see what is on loan and renew items on all linked accounts. You can also access the library catalogue and reserve items, and link to library eBooks, eAudiobooks, eMagazines and online resources, and lots more! Go to the library website, [www.bourkelibrary.com.au](http://www.bourkelibrary.com.au), to find out more about what the Library has to offer. Make sure to also follow the Library Facebook page to keep up to date with what's happening in the library. If you're not already a member, call in to the library or sign up online on the library website. There's something for everyone at the library.

### **Darling River**

When I drafted my GM's Column last week, I had initially written that it was expected that the PV Jandra would be shortly back in operation as a result of, at the time, an expected falling Darling River. I had to subsequently re-write that section of the Column given that the ongoing flows in the River. I now consider it is going to be some time before the PV Jandra is back in operation with continuing flows in the river also now expected to continue for some time. With widespread rainfall in recent weeks, rivers are full and the countryside very wet.

### Feral Animals

It is considered that most readers of this Column would be aware of the impact that feral animals have on property owners in the far north west area of NSW. The State Government has recognised this with funding provided for various programs to address the wild dog issue and of course, fund the wild dog Fence on the border between NSW and Queensland and NSW and South Australia. It would appear however, that feral animals are not just limited to the far north west of NSW with members of NSW Farmers reporting an increase in the number of wild dogs and pigs, with deer also expanding their territory. Of most concern is the ever-increasing number of feral cats, which the CSIRO reported were responsible for 1.8 billion native animal deaths each year. I recently read of a farmer in the Tweed, on the north coast of NSW, who was reported as saying that there were shocking reports of livestock being attacked and ripped apart by feral animals in his area of the State and raising concerns that pests weren't being properly controlled by some public and private landholders which was giving the feral animals safe haven to breed and grow their territory. It is obviously a widely spread issue.

Feral animals are a significant cost to the Australian economy, primary producers, land managers, the environment, and regional communities. It is estimated that management of wild dogs by individual farmers and agencies costs \$50 million per year and feral pig incursions cost the Australian agricultural industry upwards of \$100 million a year. In our part of the State, in the far north west, there have been a lot of feral cats appearing on cameras that had been set up across the region, with pigs and dogs remained the main concern for farmers tearing up paddocks and fences and attacking livestock.

### Quote:

**"We need to be there for our mates and get them to talk about their feelings and what they're going through and seek professional help if they need it. We need to be able to talk about it."**

Former Rugby League player, Johnathan Thurston speaking on the death of his close friend, Paul Green.

### 01 September 2022

#### Bourke Weir

With all the water that has flowed past Bourke in the Darling River this year to date, and with the high level of water that is expected to continue to flow for much of the remainder of this year, it is easy to forget the very ordinary water situation that Bourke experienced during the drought of the last decade. Stagnant water, dead fish, Bourke's most popular tourist attraction, the Jandra Paddle boat, resting on the sandy base of a dry Darling River and a desolate townscape bereft of green grass, or any grass for that matter. In 2019, it was identified that the Bourke township was at a "very high risk" of running out of water. It was reported that Bourke was cited as being at the highest risk among large towns because of the shrinking weir pool on the Darling River. These conditions seem a long time ago and whilst all is good with the River at this point, as every day passes, undoubtedly as a community we are a day closer to a return to drought conditions.

Council has received significant funding from the NSW Government towards the drought proofing of Bourke in respect of the drilling of emergency bores and the redevelopment of the water treatment plant. The situation however regarding the capacity of the Bourke Weir Pool continues to remain unchecked. As it currently stands, when water ceases to flow over the Bourke Weir, and based on no further inflows, as is the case during drought periods, the Weir Pool only has a



capacity of 6 month's supply of water for the town. Once water ceases to flow across the weir, water restrictions commence in Bourke as per Councils Drought Management Plan.

To this end, Council has been focused on seeking to see upgrades take place at the Bourke Weir. Council was encouraged by the announcements by the NSW Government in October 2021 that the Bourke Weir would be reconfigured with a new fishway and a low-level outlet for more flexible operation being included, as part of the State Governments, Better Baaka Program. Further briefings revealed that the next phase of bringing these upgrades to reality was the completion by Government of a Final Business Case.

At the August 2022 Council Meeting, it is fair to say that all in attendance were disappointed to learn from Water Infrastructure NSW that it had not been able to achieve any funding either through the NSW Budget or through any Federal Government avenues to progress the upgrade of the weir. Council fully understands that in respect of the potential funding from the Federal Government, the matter has been effected by the change of Government at the federal level, and it obviously takes time for the new Government to set itself up, understand the budget position that it has inherited and also understand its priorities, however this situation has stopped any progress in respect of the preparation of the final business case for the Bourke Weir project.

As a result of this latest funding advice, Council resolved to write to the Hon Tanya Plibersek, MP, Federal Minister for the Environment and Water and the Hon Kevin Anderson, MP, State Minister for Lands and Water, seeking support and funding to progress the next stage of the Western Weirs Strategy being the final business case for the proposed upgrading of the Bourke Weir to improve town water supply security. In writing to both Minister Plibersek and Minister Anderson on the matter, Mayor Barry invited both Ministers to visit Bourke and view the weir and the community's other drought proofing initiatives.

### **Bowls News**

There was a heightened level of excitement in the Council offices last week with staff member Jenelle Hambrook advising that she and seven (7) fellow bowls associates had progressed to the 3<sup>rd</sup> round of the Grade 4 Ladies Zone Bowls Pennants to be played in Mudgee during October 2022.

Comprising 2 teams of 4 bowlers each, the teams play 21 ends each with the team with the most points "winning the board". In the 1<sup>st</sup> round of the Pennants, which was held at the Bourke Club back on Sunday 7 August 2022, the Bourke Ladies defeated Dubbo in both games, winning 55-15 overall. Jenelle assured me this was a massive achievement going into 2<sup>nd</sup> round with a 5-0 lead. On Saturday 20 August 2022, the Ladies were on the road travelling for the return match against Dubbo. Bourke again defeated Dubbo in both games winning 49-40. These results mean that the final overall board score was 10-0 to Bourke. Best wishes are extended to the Ladies for their ongoing success.

### **COVID Vaccinations**

Wednesday 24 and 31 August 2022 saw the Western NSW Local Health District deliver two (2) pop-up Flu and COVID-19 vaccination clinics in Bourke. The good news is that a further clinic will be held next Wednesday 7 September 2022 at the Bourke Men's Hub, Meek Street, Bourke from 10am -4pm. The clinic will be offering both Flu and COVID-19 vaccinations to anyone eligible, as well as light refreshments. You don't need an appointment to attend, simply walk in, get your shots and have a light refreshment before leaving. These clinics have been aimed at helping our

Aboriginal community members access vaccination, however anyone is welcome to attend. You can't attend the clinics if you are waiting on a COVID-19 test result, if you have recently tested positive for COVID-19 on a PCR or Rapid Antigen Test (current ATAGI advice recommends waiting 3 months after a COVID infection to receive your vaccination), or if you are unwell. Anyone with COVID symptoms should get tested & isolate until they receive a negative test result.

This is a fantastic service by the Western NSW Local Health District to all in our community and I thank the LHD for their endeavours to keep us well. For more information about the clinics, or eligibility for the vaccines, call Alice on 0438 143 808.

### **Volunteer Grants**

The Federal Government has announced that applications for Volunteer Grants of between \$1,000 and \$5,000 to help community groups pay for equipment or for promotional activities that increase participation in volunteering, as well as reimburse fuel costs and expenses associated with transport and training are available. The Volunteer Grants Activity is an element of the Federal Government's Families and Communities Program, which aims to strengthen relationships, support families, improve wellbeing of children and young people, reduce the cost of family breakdown and strengthen family and community functioning. The objectives of the Grant Program are to help community organisations to support the efforts of Australia's volunteers; help community organisations to support the inclusion of vulnerable people through volunteering and encourage, support and increase participation in volunteering. The closing date for applications is ultimately 5 December 2022 and whilst that sounds a while away, the process involves the submission of an expression of interest to your local Federal Member of Parliament. For us in Bourke that's an EO to Mark Coulton MP. Full details are available at <https://www.markcoulton.com.au/volunteer-groups-encouraged-to-apply-for-grants/>

### **Change of Meeting Date**

Due to a clash of dates between the previously determined date for Councils October 2022 meeting and the Annual Conference of Local Government NSW, Council has determined that the date of the October 2022 meeting is now Monday, 31 October 2022.

### **Ronny Gibb's 7's**

After a hiatus of two (2) year's due to COVID restrictions, the staging of the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Ronny Gibb's 7's Gala Rugby League and Netball event was celebrated in style on Wednesday 24 August 2022 followed by a fundraising dinner at the Bourke Bowling Club that evening.

One of the visitors to Bourke for the celebrations was rugby league commentator and former player, Darryl Brohman OAM. Councils Manager Environmental Services, Dwayne Willoughby, advised me that Darryl is better known as "the big marn" and with that, I knew exactly who he was talking about! A very funny man. Interestingly, Dwayne told me that Daryl became an instant fan of a Bourke Mocky Chicken Leg upon his first taste, and more than happy to go back for more Mocky's. Other visitors for the event included former players Jamie Lyon, Nathan Blacklock, Jeff Hardy and Scott Meanie, who is the nephew of the late Percy Hobson.

Ronny Gibbs, as a former Bourke resident, is to be both congratulated and thanked for what he has done for sport in our town and the wider region, both during his playing career and beyond.

**Quote:**

**“Unfortunately, my news today is not very positive in terms of Bourke Shire Council. We haven’t been able to achieve any funding.....”** A representative from Water Infrastructure NSW addressing Council’s August 2022 meeting regarding funding, or the lack thereof, to undertake the Final Business Case in respect of the upgrading of the Bourke Weir.

**08 September 2022****Henry Lawson**

Bourke, the most iconic Australian outback town proudly boasts its connections to Henry Lawson who, having spent a few very formative years here, once quipped "If you know Bourke, you know Australia" Bourke Shire Council honoured this great Australian writer by hosting the only major event in Australia celebrating the 100th anniversary of his passing in a festival of his poetry and music.

Co- funded by Regional NSW and Bourke Shire Council – many locals, artist, enthusiasts, and bush poetry fans experienced the three day Festival last weekend which included an historic cemetery tour, a tag along tour to Toorale Station, Henry Lawson's Wake - featuring Jason and Chloe Roweth, Geoffrey Graham, Andrew Hull, Paul Row, plus local talent. The weekend concluded on Sunday afternoon with the Mt Oxley 'Sunset Send Off' for Henry – a spectacular setting with amazing performances to say one last farewell.

One of our visitors to town on the weekend was Mr Andrew Furphy – a gentleman who has a great love of the work of Henry Lawson. Andrew called Councils Economic Development Manager, Mel Milgate to see if there would be any room on the itinerary for a couple of short films relating to Lawson to be played over the weekend. Mel set Andrew up in the Exhibition Centre and he was extremely grateful to be involved over the weekend. Andrew and his wife thoroughly enjoyed the Lawson weekend and as they left Bourke commented that they will be back to visit, only next time they will take their time to explore more of our sights. Mel mentioned when someone comes to find you in a crowd to thank you – you know you’ve done the best you can. Well done to all involved for an excellent weekend.

**Charles St Water Tower**

Work on the replacement of Councils water tower at Charles St, Bourke has been proceeding to plan and is rapidly approaching completion with the tower having recently been painted. Super chlorination, which means the dosing of water with a high dose of chlorine, often much larger than the usual condition of the water demands with a view to killing off any bacteria in the tower, will take place in September for a two-week period before the tower is ultimately commissioned in late September. With the old tower having undergone repairs when the tower ruptured back in 2018, the completion of the new tower will be one less matter that Council needs to be concerned about in respect of ensuring the provision of potable water to the Bourke community.

When Council originally invited tenders for this important project, a shortfall in funding of some \$520,000 was identified. At the time, Mayor Barry was able to make urgent representations to the then NSW Minister for Water, the Hon Melinda Pavey MP, such that further funding was made available by the then Minister. Melinda Pavey was a great supporter of Bourke during her term as Water Minister when Bourke faced some fairly ordinary times during the drought towards the end of the last decade. I note recent reports that Ms Pavey will be retiring from the NSW Parliament and won’t be contesting the next State Election in March 2023. On behalf of Council, I wish Ms

Pavey the best in her future endeavours and thank her for her assistance to Bourke during difficult times created by drought conditions.

### **Works Around Town**

Councils Works Services Branch is anticipating a very busy spring and summer season with expected above average rainfall expected to bring perfect conditions for grass and vegetation growth in and around Bourke. With grass growth limited during the cooler months, it is expected that given the rain to date, and as expected into the future once the weather warms, grass growth will be prolific. The challenge for the Works Services Branch, and I am confident they are well and truly up to it, is to keep on top of this growth and keep the communities grassed public areas neat and tidy. I call on the community to also keep grass and vegetation on their properties in town in a neat and tidy condition. Regular mowing by all makes the amenity of our town all that more pleasant.

In terms of other improvements to the amenity of Bourke, Works Services staff will shortly be completing required maintenance to the back lanes in town, which includes the poisoning of weeds and undertaking maintenance to the laneways gravel roads.

In addition, Council recently applied for a \$75,000 grant to improve pedestrian and cycleway access around Bourke and villages for the whole community.

It is also advised that Council will shortly commence installing street signs on many corners of town to assist motorists navigate their way around town.

### **Darling River**

The water in the Darling River keeps flowing! Based on predictions provided by the Bureau of Meteorology, the height of the Darling River at Bourke may reach a level near 10.50 metres around 14-16 September, with minor flooding expected. The river gates in town have been closed since the height of the River reached the 9-metre level. This action is to stop river water from entering the town and further allow Council to pump rainwater from within the town should a significant rain event takes place while the flood gates are closed.

### **Road Works**

Two (2) major potential sources of funding provided by the NSW Government to Councils in respect of road construction activities are currently open. The fourth (4<sup>th</sup>) round of the Fixing Local Roads Program is currently open with applications closing tomorrow, 9 September 2022. To date, the Fixing Local Roads Program has supported 499 projects across NSW, totalling over \$547 million in financial investment and in doing so, assisting 95 eligible councils with their road maintenance backlog. Bourke Shire is an eligible Council and will be submitting an application for the upgrade of various Council roads, following success in achieving funding in the initial three (3) rounds of the program.

Also open at the moment are applications for funding from the Fixing Country Roads 2022 Program. Council's across regional NSW, including Bourke Shire, have been invited to apply and submit an application which close on Friday 14 October 2022. Under this program, Council will be seeking up to \$13m to undertake the construction and sealing of the final 28 km's of the Bourke-Wanaaring Road. I am quietly excited at the prospect of the sealing of this last section of road being completed.

In respect of Councils Roads Construction Crew, works to reconstruct and seal 3.37km of the Weelong Road at Louth have been completed. Construction works for sealing of 3.5km, in total, of roadway at the bends on the Toorale Road at Nulty Station have commenced as has construction works for the sealing of 10km of road on Toorale Road, from the Weelong Road intersection towards Tilpa. All these works are being undertaken as result of funding from the State Governments Fixing Local Roads Program.

### **Residential Swimming Pools**

Now that we are in Spring, and with warmer weather already with us, a reminder to residents that have a backyard swimming pool, that the NSW Government requires that all swimming pools in NSW must be registered. Access to information regarding the process is available at [www.swimmingpoolregister.nsw.gov.au](http://www.swimmingpoolregister.nsw.gov.au)

The registration process is relatively simple where you will be required to enter your name, address, contact details, the type of pool and the approximate age of the pool. You will need to complete a self-assessment checklist about your pool to assess if your pool meets the appropriate Australian Standards. If you need assistance, Council officers can assist and complete the registration process for a fee of \$10. If you need help, drop into Councils Mitchell St office or phone Council on 68 308 000. As a last-ditch effort to ensure registration, Council *may* fine pool owners if their pool is not registered on the NSW Swimming Pool Register. Hopefully the issuing of any such fines can be avoided by residents taking the required action.

### **Drought Preparedness Program**

The Foundation for Rural & Regional Renewal (FRRR) and the Australian Rural Leadership Foundation (ARLF) have announced the opening of the first program in the Helping Regional Communities Prepare for Drought Initiative. The Initiative is funded through the Australian Government's Future Drought Fund and is designed to help agriculture-dependent communities across remote, rural and regional Australia enhance their preparedness for drought. The \$29.6 million investment over two years builds on the Future Drought Fund's previous Networks to Build Drought Resilience program (led by FRRR) and the Drought Resilience Leaders program (led by ARLF).

There are five elements to the Initiative, the first of which is the Community Impact Program. This is a program designed to support community members and not-for-profit organisations in 35 regions across remote, rural and regional Australia to drive local action that helps prepare for drought. Local Government Areas have been clustered into 35 regions with Bourke being in the NSW Far West Region and is an eligible locality for the Program.

The Foundation for Rural & Regional Renewal is seeking a locally-based not-for-profit to act as the lead applicant and work collaboratively with other local organisations to plan and undertake activities that increase drought preparedness over a multi-year period. The program has an emphasis on engaging First Nations communities and younger people in leading drought resilience planning and action. Expressions of Interest close 26 September 2022, with shortlisted groups commencing co-design in their communities in November and funding confirmed in May 2023. Groups will have until June 2025 to implement the projects. To learn more about the program and lodge an EOI to be a local lead partner organisation, local non-profits are encouraged to visit: [www.frrr.org.au/impact-program](http://www.frrr.org.au/impact-program)

### **Land Sale**

Council was recently formally advised of the sale of a large parcel of land in the Bourke Shire to the NSW Government for the purpose of usage as a National Park. Under the Local Government Act, and as a result of Government ownership and use, the property is now deemed non-rateable.

Accordingly, Council has written off rates levied for this financial year in the amount of some \$7,000.00 with future year's rates not able to be levied.

**Quote:**

**"Climate is what we expect, weather is what we get."** American Author, Mark Twain back in the early 1900's.

**15 September 2022**

**Passing of Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II**

I was saddened last Friday when I woke up to the news of the passing of Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II. What a remarkable woman who gave a lifetime to public duty. The outpouring of emotion by so many has been amazing. There were many reflections shared post her passing and I took the opportunity to research her visit to Bourke in 2000.

The day was Wednesday 22 March 2000 when the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh visited the Bourke community. The Official Itinerary for the visit shows that The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh departed RAAF Base, Fairbairn, in Canberra at 10.50am on an RAAF Falcon Aircraft. At 12.05pm they arrived at Bourke Airport and were received by the Premier of the day, the Hon. Bob Carr and then presented to our Mayor at the time, Councillor Wayne O'Mally and Councils then General Manager, Alan Varley. From there it was off to Bourke Primary School for the Queen, arriving at 12.20pm. Again received by the Premier, the Queen was then presented to the Principal of the School, Paul Loxley. In talking with Paul, he said the day defined surreal. The program provided 20 minutes for her visit to the School and during that time she met with students and parents, all in front of the media beaming the interactions to the world. It was reported at the time that student Warren Turnbull asked the Queen, "Did you bring your crown to Australia?" The Queen responded, "No, its in the Palace." From the Public School the Mayor accompanied The Queen down to Radio Station 2CUZ FM for a visit. She was received by the Mayor and Mrs O'Mally before being presented to Elder Greg McKellar, CEO of the Muda Aboriginal Corporation. She viewed the studio in operation and then walked to a side garden to observe a pre-school Aboriginal language learning class. After that it was off to a meet the people walk and a Welcome in Central Park where some 1,000 people were in attendance. Speeches by the Mayor, the Premier and Her Majesty followed before she unveiled a plaque. Another meet the people walk and then off to the airport with wheels up on the plane at 1.45pm. What a day for Bourke and in the Council Chamber is a beautiful picture of Her Majesty in Bourke that day which hangs proudly.

For me, I personally always enjoyed reports of her sense of humour. I heard a story provided by Her Majesty's former royal protection officer, a Mr Richard Griffin, known as Dick, which made me smile. The Monarch was out in the hills near her Scottish castle at Balmoral when two U.S. tourists on a walking holiday approached and one of them engaged Her Majesty in conversation. The hiker asked The Queen where she lived, so she said London, adding that she had a holiday home just over the hill and had been visiting the area for more than 80 years since she was little girl. She did not say she was referring to Balmoral Castle. Aware that the Castle was in the vicinity, the hiker then asked the Queen if she had ever met The Queen. Mr Griffin advised that The Queen quickly responded, "I haven't, but Dick here meets her regularly". The hiker then asked Griffin what the Monarch was like in person." Because I was with her a long time and I knew I could pull her leg (tease her), I said 'oh, she can be very cantankerous at times, but she's got a lovely sense of humour". Delighted, the hiker then put his arm around Griffin's shoulder and asked if he could have a picture of the two of them together." Before I could see what was happening, he gets his

camera and gives it to the Queen and says, "can you take a picture of us?" The Queen obliged, and then Griffin took the camera and took a picture of her with the pair of hikers. Later, Griffin said The Queen told him: "I'd love to be a fly on the wall when he shows those photographs to friends in America and hopefully someone tells him who I am." Lovely.

### **Back O' Bourke Stampede**

It's some 20 years since Bourke hosted its last major Rodeo however, with the assistance of funding from the NSW Government, via its Reconnecting Regional NSW Community Events Program, rodeo will shortly return to Bourke. On Saturday, 15 October 2022, the Back O' Bourke Stampede-Peter Simmonds Memorial Pro-Rodeo will be held at the Bourke Showgrounds (Renshaw Oval).

With nine (9) main events comprising Saddle Bronc, Bareback, Bull Ride, Barrel Race, Steer Wrestling, Rope and Tie, Break Away, Team Roping and a Junior Barrel Race, prize money of \$1,500 (plus add back) is on offer for the Junior Barrel Race with \$3,000 (plus add back) in prize money for each remaining events with an additional \$2,000 for the winner of the Peter Simmonds Memorial Saddle Bronc Shootout.

Some of the best bucking stock in Australia have been arranged with the McPhee Rodeo Company on board. Already, the organising Committee have received nominations for some big names for the October Stampede. One name that readers may know of is Fred Osman from Cameron's Corner. Fred is a two-time Australian Bareback Champion, a five-time Mt Isa Bareback Champion and a nine-time National Finals Rodeo (NFR) qualifier. Excellent credentials.

Having been involved in the last rodeo staged in Bourke all those years ago, I was always of the view that another rodeo would be a hit. The interest that the event has generated, however, is very much beyond my expectations. The recent launch of the event on the Back O' Bourke Stampede Facebook Page, to inform social media users to 'Save the date', has reached over 48,000 people and engagement has included more than 6800 clicks, reactions, likes and comments. These are very impressive numbers, and I am certain we are going to see locals, friends and many others head back to Bourke for this very special event.

### **Electric Vehicles**

Warren Brown, who is an Australian cartoonist and presenter of the motoring show, Top Gear Australia, recently wrote a most interesting article which appeared in the Sunday Telegraph under the banner, "Fury Road: the truth about EVs in the bush." There is certainly significant media surrounding governments vision for the nation's residents to be driving electric vehicles (EVs), however from Brown's article, it is evident that there is still a way to go, both from a vehicle and infrastructure perspective, especially in regional locations, such as Bourke.

Warren Brown lives in Goulburn and was travelling to Griffith, a one-way trip of some 390km. A friend picked him up in his EV and they were off on their journey. What he experienced was that the range of their EV, operating at "continuous high speed" and in cold conditions, lost charge rapidly and when using the cars heater, the power drain became even worse in terms of range. Brown wrote of experiencing "Range Anxiety", where drivers, and passengers, are concerned at their vehicle potentially running out of electricity in between charging stations and requiring a tow. Not good in a remote location.

Having regard to their experiences, and with a level of anxiety, Brown and his partner took a cautious approach to their travels. About halfway along their journey, the travellers stopped at

Gundagai for breakfast and to plug the car in to top up the charge. Upon arriving at the charging station, they had to wait about half an hour before a charger became available and they were able to plug their vehicle in for what Brown described as the vehicles, “intravenous dose of 240 volts.” Their charging time was half an hour. Brown and his driving partner were wary as to where the other drivers who had used the chargers prior to them were heading, concerned at potentially having to experience another half hour delay before being able to access a charger at the next stop. They travelled another 88km before stopping at Wagga Wagga for a 45-minute charge before heading the 100 km to Narrandera where they plugged in for a further charge before moving onto their final destination.

The question Brown asked after his experience was, “who on earth would be game enough to visit remote Outback towns in far flung NSW?” It’s an interesting question and whilst I am not anti EVs and I am aware of some EV vehicles being driven to Bourke on occasion, the experiences of Warren Brown show that as a Nation, we still have a way to go in the EV roll out. It’s still a bit like the joke about EVs, “you’re going to need a longer extension cord!”

### **Reduce Mosquito Risks**

Now that spring is with us it’s a good time to take action with a view to reducing your chance of being bitten. Mosquitoes aren’t just a nuisance. they can transmit serious diseases. They can transmit a number of serious human diseases. In NSW, some types of mosquitoes can transmit viruses such as Ross River and Barmah Forest and occasionally, the virus that causes Murray Valley Encephalitis.

To protect yourself: cover-up with a loose-fitting long-sleeved shirt and long pants when outside; apply mosquito repellent to exposed skin and take special care during peak mosquito biting hours, especially around dawn and dusk. Check for damaged flyscreens on windows and doors and repair them. Screen any chimneys, vents and other entrances. Consider also using a surface insecticide spray in areas where mosquitoes like to rest. During the day, mosquitoes rest and hide in cool shady areas such as in and around the home before emerging at dusk to feed. Make sure you if you spray to avoid aquaria and fishponds as fish are acutely sensitive to these insecticides.

Mosquitoes need water to breed and some mosquitoes can breed in very small amounts of water, such as in the water that collects in a discarded soft drink can. Measures to reduce the risk of mosquitoes breeding in around the home include cleaning up your backyard and removing all water-holding rubbish, including tyres and containers; keeping your lawns mowed; flushing and wiping out bird baths and water features once a week; filling pot plant bases with sand to avoid standing water; storing anything that can hold water undercover or in a dry place, and keeping bins covered; flushing out the leaves of water-holding plants such as bromeliads once a week; keeping drains and roof guttering clear to avoid standing water and covering or securely screening the openings of septic tanks and rainwater tanks. Properly cleaned and chlorinated swimming pools are rarely a source of mosquito breeding but neglected pools can be a haven for mosquitoes.

### **Quote:**

**“A few moments ago Buckingham Palace announced the death of Queen Elizabeth II,”** BBC reporter Huw Edwards announcing the Queens passing to the world.



**22 September 2022****Queens Memorial Service**

I wrote in last week's Column of my sadness at the passing of Her Majesty the Queen. The scenes since then have been most moving and memorable. For the large majority of us, she is the only Monarch we have lived under in Australia. The respect shown by Australians, in the many periods of silence that have held to honour Her Majesty, has been spine tingling. Once the program for the period of mourning was announced and with the Australian Government then announcing that today would be a nationwide Public Holiday to coincide with a Memorial Service for the Queen in Canberra, Mayor Barry and I were quickly of the view that as a community, we in Bourke should also recognise Her Majesty given Her visit to Bourke back on Wednesday 22 March 2000. To that end, commencing at 9.30am today in Central Park, a Memorial Service will be held. Members of the public are encouraged to attend, especially those who were part of the visit to our town, back in 2000. I am delighted to say that former Bourke Public School Principal, Paul Loxley, will attend and recount events when Her Majesty visited Bourke Public, twenty-two years ago. The Bourke Service will be completed in time for those who wish to return home to watch the Memorial Service from Canberra.

**Road Safety Action Plan**

The NSW Government has recently released its 2026 Road Safety Action Plan. Currently in NSW, someone is killed or hospitalised every 46 minutes because of a crash on NSW roads. Over two-thirds of fatalities in NSW happen on country roads. Almost half (47.7%) of the people who die on country roads are country locals, with males accounting for most of the fatalities. Whilst fatalities are trending down, the number of serious injuries per year is not declining. Factors in fatal crashes include speeding, tired drivers and riders, drink driving, seat belt non-usage, and illicit drugs being present. The 2026 Road Safety Action Plan features new targets to halve deaths and reduce serious injuries by 30% on NSW roads by 2030. The new Plan provides that these targets will be achieved by focusing on stronger local government action, engagement and education programs and using technology in the fight to end road trauma. As the Plan provides, the ultimate goal is zero fatalities.

**Shopping Bags**

Don't forget to pack your reusable shopping bags when you go to the shops as lightweight plastic shopping bags became a thing of the past in NSW as of 1 June 2022. The state's ban on these highly littered bags is the first in a series of single-use plastic phase-outs that will see a number of other items added to the list. A second ban from 1 November this year will result in single-use plastic straws, plastic stirrers, plastic cutlery, plastic plates and bowls and cotton buds, expanded polystyrene food ware and cups, and rinse-off personal care products containing plastic microbeads, all phased out. Single-use plastic items and packaging make up 60% of all litter in NSW. For more information about the plastics ban visit: [www.dpie.nsw.gov.au/our-work/environment-heritage/plastics-action-plan/stop-it-swap-it](http://www.dpie.nsw.gov.au/our-work/environment-heritage/plastics-action-plan/stop-it-swap-it)

**Back O' Bourke Stampede**

I am excited as the Back O' Bourke Stampede-Peter Simmonds Memorial Pro-Rodeo rapidly approaches. To be held on Saturday, 15 October 2022, at the Bourke Showgrounds (Renshaw Oval), I am most confident that it will be a super day for Bourke. It is fair to say that the Rodeo Committee has been overwhelmed by the line-up of sponsors who are prepared to contribute financially to the success of the day. The Platinum Sponsor for the Rodeo is local business, Frank's Outback Security. Proprietor Frank Kerr was very quickly "out of the chutes" to commit significant

funding and secure the pole position as Platinum Sponsor for the event. Frank was a good friend of Peter Simmonds, after whom the rodeo is being held in honour of, with Frank being proud to be able to have the opportunity for his business to be the major sponsor of the Stampede for 2022. Frank spoke very passionately when he spoke of Peter Simmonds, and I quote, "I like to think of Peter as a mate. He was a quiet and humble man, always willing to lend a hand, and always helping any child with good solid advice when it came to horses, shows and pony club. Peter was always there for a yarn and with some pretty good grounding advice. I really looked up to Peter for who he was, for how he went about his life and how he helped others with no thought of his own personal gain, but simply just to help someone out because they needed it. Even if it was only a bit of encouragement. Peter was a great mentor, a quiet achiever and a real gentleman. The Back O' Bourke Stampede is a fitting tribute to pay respects to Peter. He loved Bourke, loved the people and was always proud to have been called a Bourke boy. Now Bourke has the opportunity to show how proud they are to have been blessed to get to know Peter, and to hold an event with some wild horses and awesome horsemanship." Great words indeed. A big thank you to Frank & Liz for their support and as I said, the Committee is overwhelmed by their kind gesture.

### **Regional Housing**

I was interested to read from the recent Job Summit in Canberra of proposals to increase the number of skilled immigrants coming to Australia next year to fill the many unfilled jobs across the Nation. I thought to myself at the time that that all sounded good, however, where would these people live. With housing difficult to find across Australia and with rental vacancies at some of the lowest levels ever recorded, I really didn't know where these additional people were actually going to live. On a similar vein, NSW Farmers recently issued a media release welcoming a push to increase the number of people living in regional communities, but in doing so warned that critical housing issues "must be solved first." I have to agree with them. Housing shortages both in the big cities and in the regions, are critical. Shortages are such that as a Nation we can have all the ideas we like to bring in more immigrants or push growth in regional areas, however, all will fall flat if a lack of housing is not addressed. I have read of a regional locality in NSW with a population of some 27,000 with 300 jobs advertised and just six rental vacancies. Similarly, here in Bourke, rental accommodation is at a premium. Council is working with its fellow member Councils from the Alliance of Western Councils however it is not necessarily an easy problem to overcome.

### **September Council Meeting**

Councils Ordinary Council Meeting for September 2022 will be held next Monday, 26 September 2022 commencing at 9.15am in the Council Chambers in Mitchell St, Bourke. Members of the public are most welcome to attend. The Agenda for the meeting will be available tomorrow from Councils website (<https://bourke.nsw.gov.au/council/business-papers/>). In respect of next month's meeting, just a reminder that due to a clash of dates between the previously determined date for Councils October 2022 meeting and the Annual Conference of Local Government NSW, Council has now determined that the date of the October 2022 meeting is now Monday, 31 October 2022.

### **Grand Finals**

Winter sports are rapidly coming to a conclusion, with the AFL Grand Finals being held at the Melbourne Cricket Ground this Saturday, 24 September 2022 and the NRL Grand Finals being held on the Saturday of the October Long Weekend, 2 October 2022. I happened to catch a bit of the recent game where the Rabbitohs were playing the Roosters. Having watched a little of the action, the words "game" and "playing" are probably misnomers. With the intensity of the hits, and the seemingly ever attempts to attack the head of their opponents and the resulting sin-bins, I

thought that both teams lost the plot that afternoon. I write this column too far in advance to be able to say who is in the Grand Finals of either codes. Regardless of whether it is men or women teams playing, to the victors, the spoils!

**Quote:**

**“If I might paraphrase the words of the great Robert Burns, my dear mother was ‘The friend of man, the friend of truth; The friend of Age, and guide of Youth: Few hearts like his with virtue warm’d, Few heads with knowledge so inform’d’.”** King Charles III describing his Mother when addressing the Scottish Parliament.

**Recommendation**

**That the information in the General Manager’s Activity Report as presented to Council on Monday, 26 September 2022 be noted.**

**21.5 LIBRARY MANAGER'S ACTIVITY REPORT FOR AUGUST 2022**

**File Number:** L4.1  
**Author:** Jodi Hatch, Library Manager  
**Authoriser:** Melanie Milgate, Manager Economic Development  
**Attachments:** Nil

**Current Situation**

The following items for the August 2021 - August 2022 period are presented for your information.

Item	August 2021	August 2022
Loans	354	642
New Members	20	10
Internet/Word Processing	15	32
Wireless Tickets	1	9
Number of Visitors	262	622
Scans	14	32
Information Requests	26	94
Information Requests	31	84
Faxes/ Laminating	1	0

- This month the Library held 3 x Dungeons and Dragons sessions, 2 x Be Connected sessions and 1 x kids Lego session.
- We now have eMagazines available on the BorrowBox platform.



- Children’s Book Week was celebrated between the 20/08/2022 and 26/08/2022. The Library had a very busy time, with competitions and a party at the end of the month to give out the prizes to the winners. The Library also had preschool visits on the Monday and Thursday of Book Week. The children enjoyed listening to stories, and the Library staff put on a special puppet show for each of the groups, with The Gruffalo and the Three Little Pigs. The Library Manager attended the Bourke Public School to judge the book parade costumes.




- National Science Week was conducted from 13/08/2022 to 21/08/2022. During the week the Library launched the brand new Code Club, using the Fiero platform. There were 4 children who signed up on the day.



**Recommendation**

**That the information in the Library Manager’s Report for August 2022 as presented to Council on Monday, 26 September 2022 be noted.**

**21.6 TOURISM & EVENTS MANAGER'S ACTIVITY REPORT**

**File Number:** T4.3  
**Author:** Fran Carter, Manager Tourism & Events  
**Authoriser:** Melanie Milgate, Manager Economic Development  
**Attachments:** 1. BOBEC Statistics August 2022 [↓](#) 

**Background**

The Bourke Shire Councils Tourism and Events Manager's activity report provides Council with an updated status report for August 2022, relating to its tourism team's activities through visual data including graphs and statistics to allow for the measurement of the team's progress and performance.

**Current Situation**Bourke Brochure

Bourke's first edition of its Visitor's Guide has been completed and is currently being distributed. The Guide gives a flavour of the fantastic facilities and attractions that we have in this region, and it brings to life a strong visual image of Bourke and beyond for the potential visitor. It sets out an array of activities, places of interest and services that are available to potential visitors.

The Visitor's Guide is over 120 pages bringing it to one of the biggest guides in NSW, with an estimated circulation of 20,000. It is estimated that demand for this publication will grow to be an annual circulation distributed around Australia wide.

The Visitor's Guide picks up all the touring roads from the old "mud maps" and includes popular activities such as the paddleboat, national parks, indigenous culture, wildlife and wildflowers to our unique villages in the Shire and allows the reader to easily plan their visit.

It is a great pleasure to see the investment and commitment Bourke Shire Council and the tourism operators continue to provide to the Shire in terms of marketing Bourke on a national and international basis.

Copies of the Guides are available from the Back O' Bourke Exhibition & Information Centre.

Regional Promotion

- Kidman Way  
All Kidman Way Promotion Committee Councils have indicated their willingness to attend the Flemington Super show to be held on 22-26 February 2023 and also the Sydney Show on 18-23 April 2023.

The committee have accepted Andrew Hull's proposal to develop a narrative for the Kidman Way travelling route that is more closely aligned to the story of Sir Sidney Kidman.

- Kamilaroi Highway  
All member LGA's have been requested to supply content for the website. Agreement has been made to launch the new website at the Newcastle Caravan and Camping Show on 3-5 February 2023.
- Caravan and Camping Show  
Newcastle Caravan and Camping Show attended. Discussions continuing in regard to attendance at Sydney, Brisbane, Melbourne and Adelaide.

#### Back O Bourke Information & Exhibition Centre

- BOBEC continued operations 7 days a week in August in both the Café and the Exhibition centre,
- Turnover in August was down approximately 14% on July figures,
- Visitor numbers in August were 2557 compared to 2998 in July,
- The PV Jandra remains moored due to the rising river.
- Exhibition Centre tickets sold in August were down approximately 11% compared to July,
- Mt Oxley tickets sold were down slightly due to wet weather again and roads being closed,
- Café turn over in August was down 15 % on July.

August saw roads in the region reopened following floods. School holidays during the month were a bonus. Visitor numbers were positive with a lot of vans with family's travelling around the outback as well as heading north. BOBEC had function centre bookings and tour groups making it a busy month on the site.

The PV Jandra did not run again in August due to the river rising again. The boat marine inspection has been put on hold until the river recedes.

The Crossley ran 23 times during August and has again been a major draw card, with 30 to 40 people in attendance every time it operates. A check of the engine from the contractor engaged to maintain the engine reports it is running well. Donations were up for the month of August.

The Back O' Bourke Information Centre garden staff has been busy spraying lawns and mulching gardens again this month. The grounds look great. Thanks to the Shires garden staff that have helped with the broad area mowing. The new path from northern carpark up to the function centre has been started and once finished will be a great asset.

The Café and Information Centre had a great month. Weekend trade is doing well and is well supported by the community with most Sundays being busy. The café this month has catered to a number of local and tour groups. Staff have been very active around the centre covering shifts, cleaning, brochure deliveries, function/s set up and customer service. There has been a substantial amount of merchandise sold with staff busily restocking shelves.

There were 8 function centre bookings during August, both from local agencies and visiting sporting events over periods of 1-2 days, during the day and evening. This function of the centre is growing steadily. There were 3 x tour groups during the month. Cardwell Coaches, Action Coaches and Outback by Air x 2 visits. A total of close to 60 visitors were with these groups

In all, August was a solid month, the second biggest month this year after July. Year to date turnover up to end of August is up 45% on last year and all without being able to use our number one attraction, the PV Jandra.

	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Jan		448	560	325	326	302	348	386	782	1109	816	603
Feb		157	397	271	373	391	220	282	1043	386	630	725
Mar	810	570	1500	1051	1342	1612	1245	1274	1021	412	1389	1100
April	2507	2144	3103	3146	3849	3118	3114	4024	3166	0	2387	2323
May	2656	2891	3758	3988	4602	4073	3983	4770	3693	0	2564	2016
June	2952	3216	4492	4275	5437	5199	4754	5634	4490	993	2366	2227
July	4362	4643	5173	6241	6002	5941	5982	7614	6834	2570	1068	2998
Aug	4187	4162	4410	4793	5078	4951	5051	5548	4052	1898	255	2557
Sep	4295	5074	4275	4764	4489	4532	4246	4676	3601	3325	0	
Oct	2674	3967	2383	2486	2370	2475	2463	3574	2222	5246	409	
Nov	1012	930	789	671	610	1031	876	1014	1220	1989	866	
Dec	386	347	207	242	272	281	255	630	860	1194	897	
<b>Total</b>	<b>25841</b>	<b>27649</b>	<b>31044</b>	<b>32253</b>	<b>34750</b>	<b>33906</b>	<b>32537</b>	<b>39454</b>	<b>32984</b>	<b>19122</b>	<b>13647</b>	

**Financial Implications**

There are no financial implications.

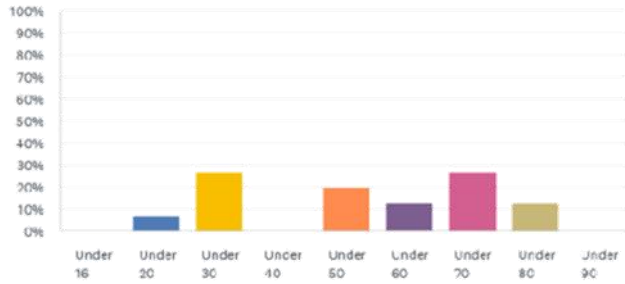
**Recommendation**

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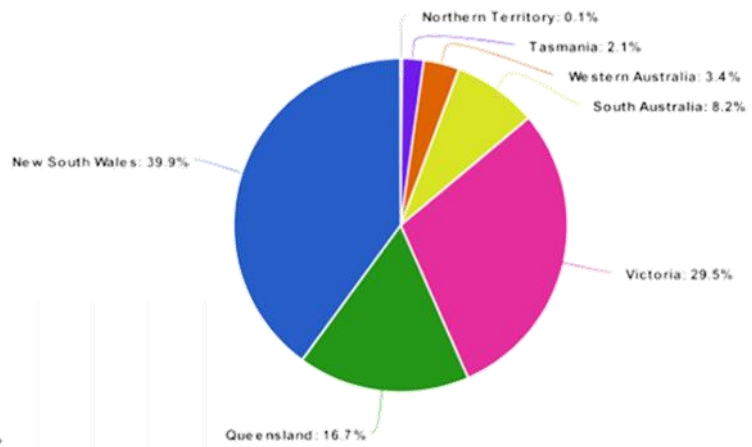


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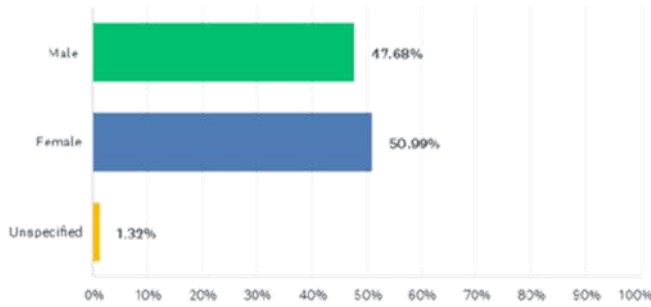
## What is your age?



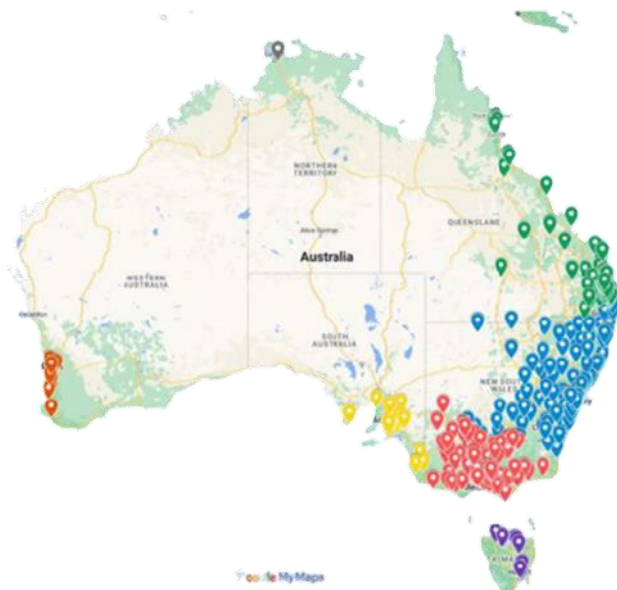
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## Are you male or female?

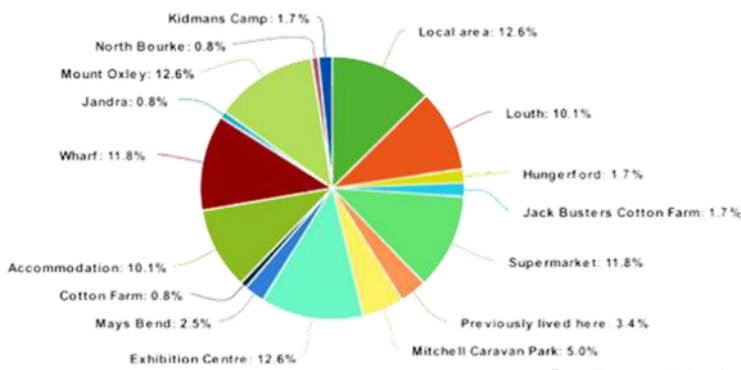


## Postcode of Visitors

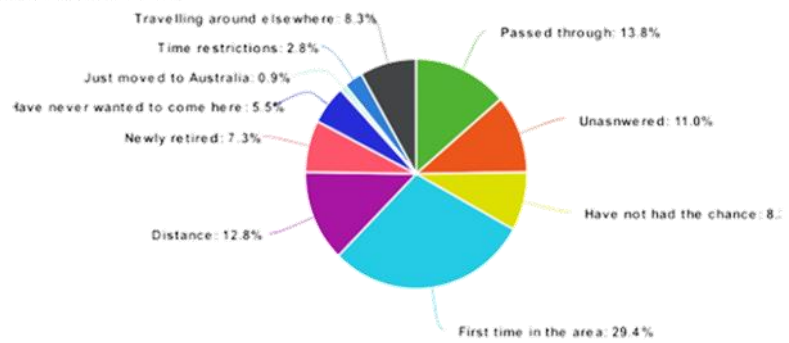


**Have you been to Bourke before?**

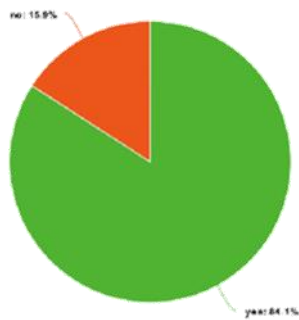
**If yes, where?**



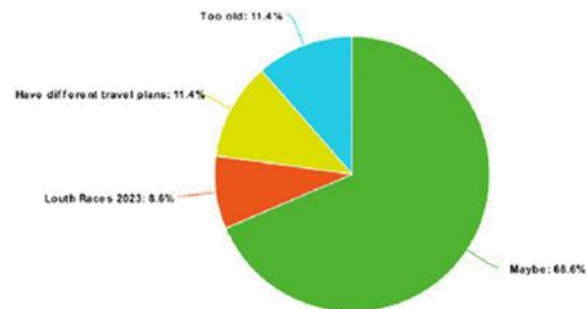
**If no, why?**



**Will you be returning to Bourke?**



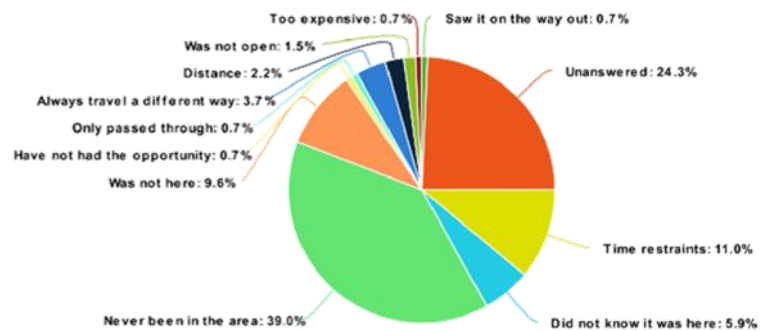
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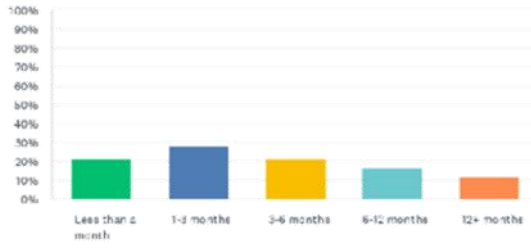
**Have you been through the Back O' Bourke Centre before?**



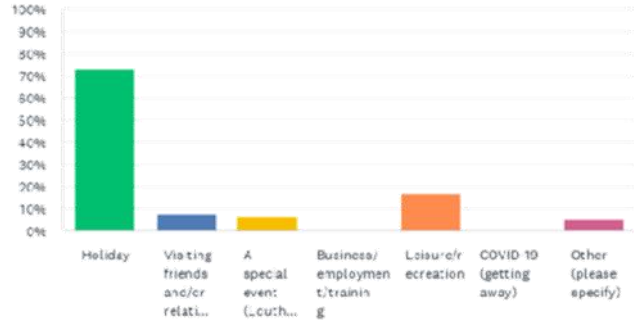
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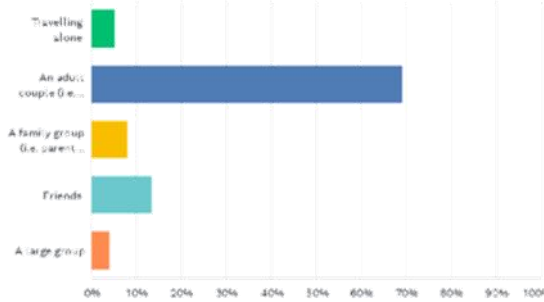
**How long did you plan for this trip?**



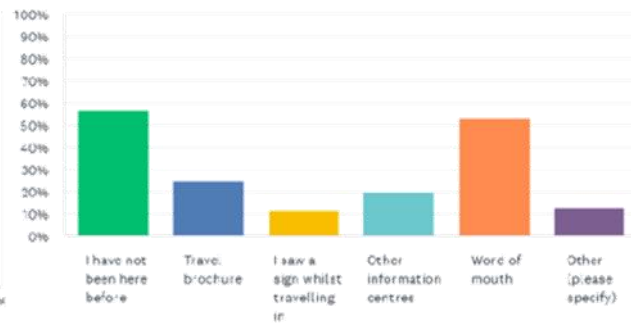
**What is the main purpose of your trip?**



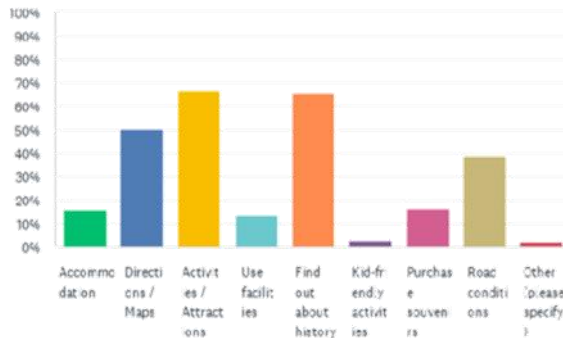
**How would you describe your immediate travel party?**



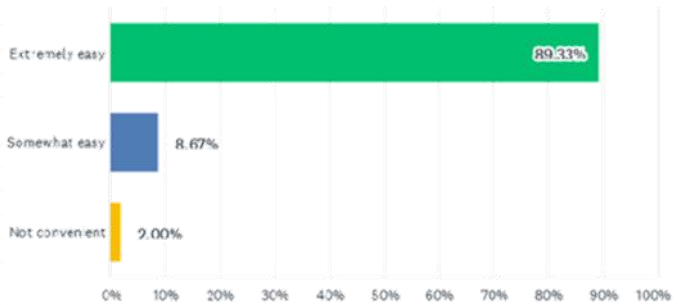
**What determines your decision to go where?**



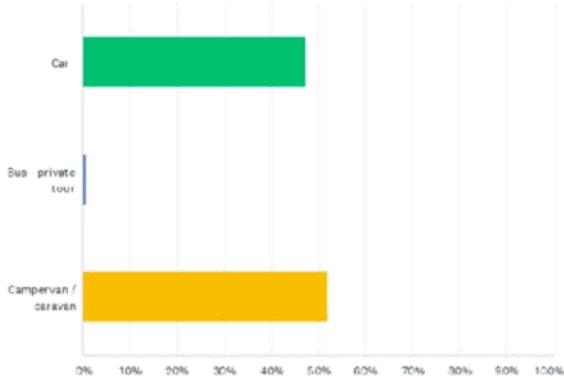
**What information are you looking for at the information centre?**



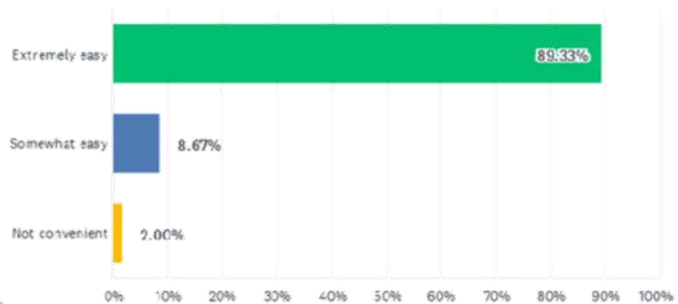
**In your opinion, how easy was it to find our location?**



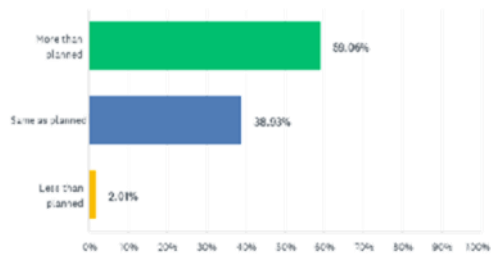
**How did you travel to Bourke?**



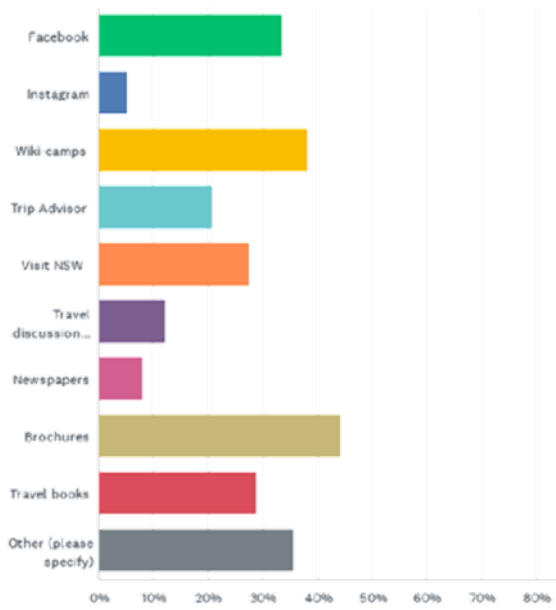
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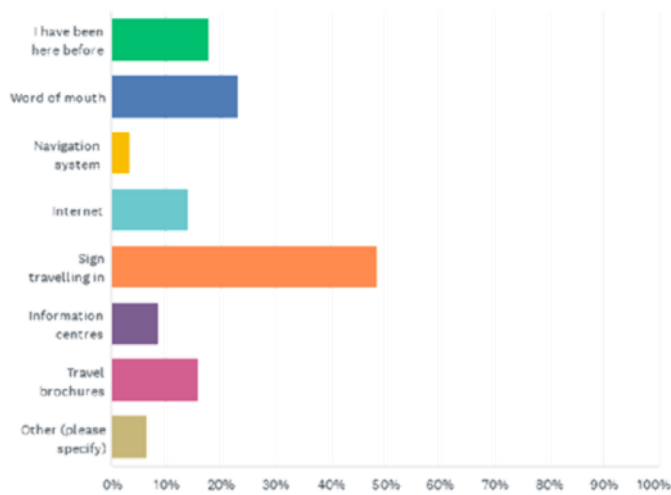
**How do you think the information that you gained from the centre might influence how long you stay and the activities that you do?**



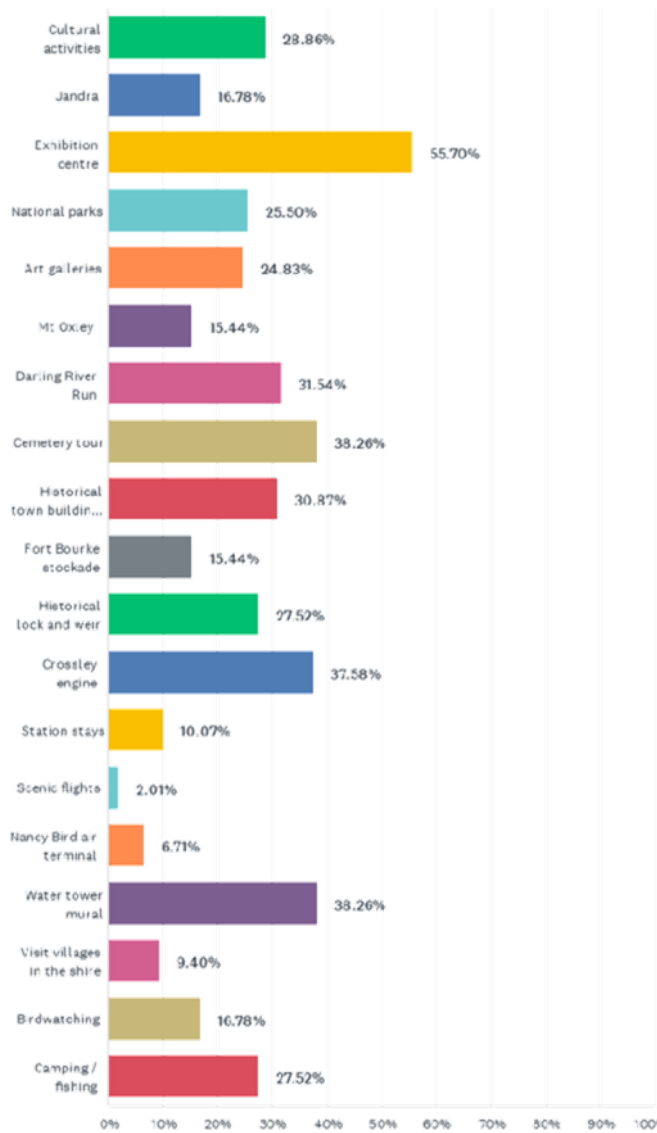
**What forms of media do you use to find information?**



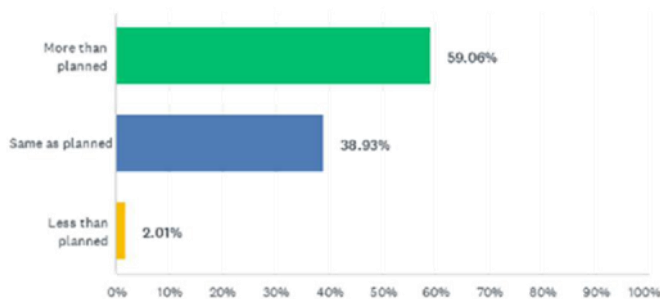
**How did you find out about this information centre?**



**What activities have you done or plan to do during your stay?**



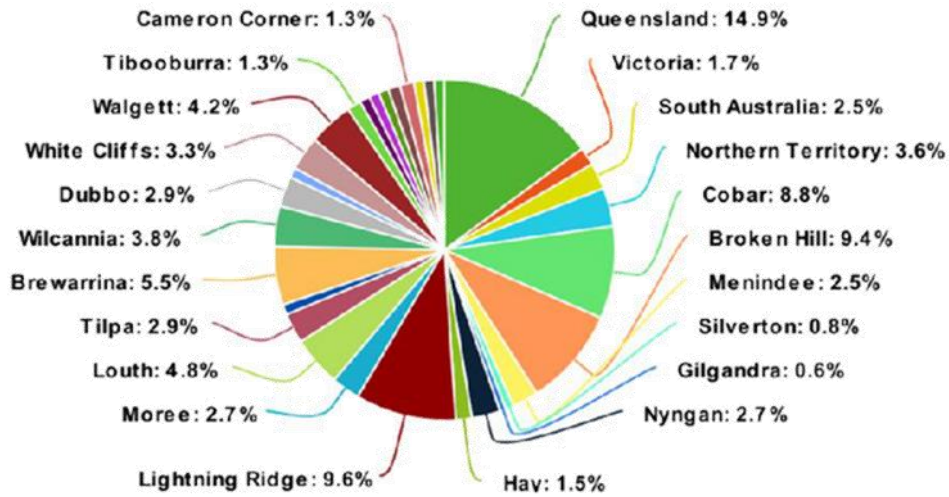
**How do you think the information that you gained from the centre might influence how long you stay and the activities you do?**



Over the entire stay in Bourke, how much in total, including accommodation, do you estimate you have or will spend in Australian dollars?



What towns have you visited, or are planning to visit on this trip?



**22 CLOSED SESSION****Recommendation**

That Council considers the confidential report(s) listed below in a meeting closed to the public in accordance with Section 10A(2) of the Local Government Act 1993:

**22.1 \*\*\* Bourke Emergency Water Supply Bores - Tenders**

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 10A(2) - (d)(i) of the Local Government Act, and the Council is satisfied that discussion of this matter in an open meeting would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest as it deals with commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it.

**22.2 \*\*\* Proposed Integrated Primary Health Care Centre**

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 10A(2) - (c) of the Local Government Act, and the Council is satisfied that discussion of this matter in an open meeting would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest as it deals with information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the Council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business.

**22.3 \*\*\* Write-off outstanding Debtor accounts**

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 10A(2) - (a) of the Local Government Act, and the Council is satisfied that discussion of this matter in an open meeting would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest as it deals with personnel matters concerning particular individuals (other than councillors).