



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

Date: Monday, 19 December 2022
Time: 9.15am
Location: Bourke Shire Council
29 Mitchell Street Bourke NSW

BUSINESS PAPER

Ordinary Council Meeting

19 December 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	Superintendent Tim Chinn and A/Inspector Bennetts	Central North Police District
11.00	Update of Status with BDCS	Prue Ritchie, Tanya Mitchell and Rachael Neilson	Bourke and District Childrens Service



DECLARATION OF INTEREST FORM COUNCIL OFFICIAL

FOR USE AT COUNCIL AND COUNCIL MEETINGS

NAME OF COUNCIL OFFICIAL DECLARING INTEREST:
ACTION PROPOSED:
<p>Tick one box only:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> In my opinion, my interest is pecuniary, 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, my interest is non-pecuniary but significant. 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, my interest is non-pecuniary and less than significant. 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>
COUNCIL OFFICIAL
<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>
GENERAL MANAGER – required for all declarations:
<p>I have noted the above declaration and I note your opinion and/or the action you have proposed.</p> <p>Signed: _____ Date: _____</p>
DEFINE YOUR INTEREST:
<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>
MATTER IN WHICH YOU HAVE AN INTEREST: (Please provide full details, including item number on Council agenda)
NAME OF THE INTEREST:
<p>Be specific and include information such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The names of any person or organisation with which you have a relationship; - The nature of your relationship with the person or organisation; - 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 .

<p>MANAGING LESS THAN SIGNIFICANT NON-PECUNIARY INTERESTS:</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>IS YOUR NON-PECUNIARY INTEREST LESS THAN SIGNIFICANT?</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>DEFINITIONS:</p> <p>A PECUNIARY INTEREST 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 NON-PECUNIARY INTEREST 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>MANAGING PECUNIARY INTERESTS:</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>MANAGING SIGNIFICANT NON-PECUNIARY INTERESTS:</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>MANAGING NON-PECUNIARY INTERESTS:</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"> 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; 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; 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; 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; 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; 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.

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 23 November to 14 December 2022 are as follows:

Date	Meeting	Location
23/11/2022	International World Men’s Day Luncheon	Bourke High School
28/11/2022	Bourke Shire Council Meeting	Shire Chambers
30/11/2022	Far North West Joint Organisation Board Meeting	Virtual Meeting via Teams
01/12/2022	Border Regional Organisation of Councils Annual General Meeting	Virtual Meeting via Teams
07/12/2022	Bourke / Walgett School of Distance Education Presentation Day	Bourke Public School
09/12/2022	Alliance of Western Councils Board Meeting	Narromine Aero Club Auditorium
12/12/2022	Bourke Public School Presentation Assembly	Bourke Public School
12/12/2022	Minister Dugald Saunders – Pollies in the Pub	North Bourke Hotel
13/12/2022	Minister Dugald Saunders – Announcement	TFI Small Stock Abattoir
13/12/2022	Minister Dugald Saunders – Ministers Industry Forum (Sheep and Goats Transition to individual electronic identification)	Back O’ Bourke Exhibition Centre
13/12/2022	Minister Dugald Saunders – Announcement (Summer School Holiday Program Funding for Bourke and Walgett communities)	PCYC

Recommendation

That the information in the Mayoral Minute – Mayoral Activities as presented to Council on Monday, 19 December 2022 be noted.

7.2 COUNTRY MAYOR'S ASSOCIATION OF NSW

File Number:	A12.10
Author:	Barry Hollman, Mayor
Authoriser:	Leonie Brown, General Manager
Attachments:	1. CMA Constitution 2021 2. Country Mayors State Election Priorities 2023

Background

The Country Mayors Association of NSW (CMA) has a membership of 76 rural and coastal councils across New South Wales, the equivalent of about three quarters of the state in land mass and a population base of some 3 million people. Given these numbers, the Association has proven to be a strong force in advocating for local government in NSW and issues that affect the various member communities.

The CMA allows local government from rural and regional NSW to come together to discuss issues of specific interest, to areas outside the major metropolitan centres as well as looking at the bigger picture of the whole local government sector within the State.

Current Situation

I have recently been approached by the current Chairman of the CMA, Clr Jamie Chaffey, who is also the Mayor of Gunnedah Shire Council, with a view to Bourke Shire Council joining its membership base. Following discussions with Clr Chaffey, he provided a copy of the CMA's Constitution and its "2023 State Election Priority" document. Both these documents are attached herewith.

The CMA meets four (4) times a year in Sydney with the timing of meetings set to be at Parliament House when Parliament is sitting as this gives Members the added opportunity to attend one on one meetings with MPs. It also allows Members of Parliament access to address meetings of the Association. Attendance at meetings is by the Mayor and General Manager.

Clr Chaffey also advised that the Association intends, in 2023, to trial the holding of two (2) extra meetings in the regions, with the first such meeting planned to be a site visit to the Port of Newcastle.

My understanding is that the CMA has successfully been in operation for at least 40 years and I see value in Bourke Shire potentially becoming a member. The pursuits of the CMA are certainly consistent with the pursuits of Council as evidenced by the Associations "State Election Priority" document which nominate the following priorities:

- Skills and Education;
- Health Services;
- Roads and Transport;
- Water Security;
- Housing;
- Crime, Law and Order;

- Telecommunication Black Spots; and
- Disaster Preparedness and Funding.

All the above identified priorities are ongoing challenges for Bourke Shire and I see benefit in being part of a combined association pursuing such matters being of benefit to our community.

It would be proposed that a meeting of the Association be attended by myself and the General Manager in early 2023, with a view to Council delegating to the Mayor, in consultation with the General Manager, the decision to join the Association, or not.

Financial Implications

Current Annual Subscription fees for Bourke Shire would be \$562.50. In addition to this, there would be travel costs for the Mayor and General Manager to attend meetings. The General Manager has advised that funding for such expenses is available in Councils Budget.

Recommendation

- 1. That the Mayor and General Manager be authorised to attend a meeting of the Country Mayors Association, to be held in Sydney in early 2023.**
- 2. That following attendance at the early 2023 meeting of the CMA, the Mayor, in consultation with the General Manager, be delegated the authority to determine whether Council joins the Country Mayors Association, or not.**



Country Mayors Association

of NEW SOUTH WALES

Incorporation No. Y1955304

CONSTITUTION

Registered Date 18 February 2022, Department of Fair Trading Registry Services, (Ref: N3219930); Updated by Resolution of the Association 5 November 2021, replacing Constitution registered on 27 January 2015

NAME	1.	The Association shall be known as “Country Mayors Association of New South Wales Incorporated”.
OBJECTIVE	2.	To further the interests rural and regional councils by advocating and lobbying on relevant State and National issues by working with State and Federal Governments and other appropriate organisations to further the interests of our members and to act as an information sharing forum
MEMBERSHIP	3.	Those Councils eligible for membership shall be Country Councils outside The Greater Sydney area, Newcastle and Wollongong metropolitan area
	3(a)	General Managers and Executive Officers of Regional Organisations are encouraged to attend and participate in the discussions of the Association
	4.	Any applicant for membership shall be nominated by a Member and be supported by a majority of the members present at the meeting at which the written nomination, which has been previously communicated to members, is considered.
	5.	In the event of a Member being unable to attend a meeting, he/she may be represented by an alternate representative from the members council nominated by the Member.
REGISTER OF MEMBERS	6.	In accordance with Clause 3, current membership consists of the Mayor and General Manager of member Councils. This membership list may change from time to time in accordance with Clause 4. The Secretary shall maintain a list of current members
FEES	7.	Membership fees of the Association shall be determined at the Annual General Meeting each year.

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Membership fees for Councils with a population of less than 10,000 shall be 75% of the full fee. Membership fees shall fall due on the first day of each calendar year

MEMBERS' LIABILITY

- 8. The liability of a member of the Association to contribute towards the payment of the debts in relation to the winding up of the Association shall be limited to the amount, if any, unpaid by the Member in respect to membership fees.

CONDUCT OF MEMBERS

- 9. The provisions of the Model Code of Conduct for Local Councils in NSW shall apply in cases of alleged misconduct

INTERNAL DISPUTES

- 10. Members who may have a dispute with the Association shall firstly address the Executive Committee, and if that does not resolve the issue, take the matter to an agreed third party for assistance.

Members who may have a dispute with fellow members of the Association shall seek the assistance of the Executive Committee in resolving the issue.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

- 11. The Association shall have an Executive Committee.
- 12. Membership of the Committee shall consist of the Chairman and Vice-Chairman and the Secretary and up to a maximum of eight ordinary members.
- 12(a). The Executive Committee may exercise the powers of the Association where delegated, or in the case of emergency.
- 12(b). The Executive Committee may convene a meeting through video streaming or a phone/tele conference as determined by the chairperson.
- 13. The office of a member of the committee shall become vacant upon the grounds of resignation, or other reason as declared by the Executive Committee, or by virtue of expiry of the term under these rules.
- 13(a). The Constitution of the Executive Committee shall be the same as for the Association with the exception of meeting dates.
- 13(b). The Executive Committee shall meet when the need arises after liaison with Executive members on a suitable date and time. Notice of a meeting shall be

forwarded to members in writing with as much notice as possible.

13(c). Substitute members from representative Councils to the Executive Committee shall not be permitted.

14(a). Casual vacancies on the Executive Committee shall be filled by appointment of a Member of the Association to fill the vacancy as determined by the Executive and the Member so appointed is to hold office until the next election of the Executive Committee

14(b). The quorum of the Executive Committee shall consist of four members.

**GENERAL MEETINGS-
CALLING OF**

15. The Association shall meet at intervals of approximately three months or when required by the Chairman, unless otherwise decided by the Association.

16. Notice of meetings shall be forwarded to members in writing not less than ten working days prior to a meeting.

**GENERAL MEETINGS-
PROCEDURE**

17. The rules governing the conduct of Council Meetings as contained in the Local Government Act 1993 and regulations, the Code of Meeting Practice and the Model Code of Conduct for Local Councils in NSW shall apply to meetings of the Association

18. The quorum for meetings shall be a number which is not less than one quarter (1/4) of the number of Councils whose representatives are members of the Association

19. The Mayor and General Manager or their designate of each member Council shall be voting delegates.

20. Voting by proxy other than an alternate voting representative of a council will not be applicable to the Association

**GENERAL MEETINGS-
NOTICES**

21. Notices of Motion are to be forwarded to the Secretary or Secretariat fifteen working days prior to the meeting of the Association for inclusion on the Agenda.

**GENERAL MEETINGS-
MINUTES**

22. The Secretary is responsible for ensuring minutes are taken and recorded at each meeting.

23. Minutes are to be distributed to members no more than ten working days after the meeting.

24. A permanent copy of the Association’s Minutes is to be kept by the Secretary.
- ANNUAL MEETING**
25. The Association shall hold an Annual Meeting in November of each year, at which meeting the Association shall:
- a) Determine the annual membership fees for the Association
 - b) Adopt the financial accounts for the previous year
 - c) Appoint a Secretariat for the next twelve months.
 - d) Every two years (unless the council election period determined by the Minister is not four years, but an uneven number, then one term will be for one year only) the AGM will in accordance with the Local Government (General) Regulation 2005, Division 12 election of Mayors by Councillors Schedule 7
 - i Elect a Chairperson and Vice Chairperson to hold office for the ensuing two years
 - ii Elect up to eight Executive members to hold office for the ensuing two years
 - iii Appoint a Secretary/Public Officer to hold office for the ensuing two years
26. The Chairperson, Vice Chairperson and Secretary shall hold office for a period no greater than two consecutive years, unless the Association otherwise determines by ordinary resolution.
27. The Secretary is designated as the Association’s Public Officer who will comply with the reporting requirements of NSW Fair Trading
- FUNDS-SOURCE**
28. Funds for the management of the Association are obtained from membership fees, and other sources as approved by resolution of the Association.
- FUNDS-MANAGEMENT**
29. The Secretary shall submit financial reports to each General Meeting and it’s the duty of the Chairperson and the members to ensure that due care and responsibility is taken in relation to the management of the Associations funds.
- 29(a) The Association will not gift any funds

- 30. The drawing of cheques shall be done in accordance with the requirements of the *Associations Incorporation Act 1984*. Cheques are to be signed by the Chairperson and Secretary. Accounts may be paid directly by internet banking
- 31. It is the Chairperson’s responsibility to arrange, with the authority of the General Manager of the host council, that an annual financial audit be undertaken by the host council’s designated responsible accounting officer.
- ALTERATION TO CONSTITUTION** 32. Notwithstanding the provisions of Clause 18, no alterations to the Constitution shall be made unless two months’ notice in writing is first given and unless the alteration be supported by 75% of the members present at the meeting at which the vote is taken.
- COMMON SEAL** 33. Custody of the Common Seal is to be the Chairperson’s responsibility.
- 34. The Common Seal can only be placed on documents that the Association resolves so to do.
- CUSTODY OF BOOKS** 35. The custody of books, documents and securities of the Association are to be the responsibility of the Secretary.
- INSPECTION OF BOOKS** 36. Members are welcome to inspect books, documents and securities of the Association at any time. Arrangements for the inspection are to be made with the Secretary.

End of Constitution



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"What we want is nothing more than equity"

Introduction

Notes: Brief History of Organisation

NSW Country Mayors Association is an incorporated body with a rich history of standing up for the needs of all residents that choose to live, work, and play within a rural local government area covered by our membership. CMA was established prior to 1980 with a handful of members, and has proudly grown to 76 members councils, representing more than three million residents or 37% of the NSW population.

Our mission is to further the interests of rural and regional councils by advocating and lobbying on relevant State and National issues by working with State and Federal Governments and other appropriate organisations to further the interests of our members, as well as to act as an information sharing forum. People should have the same rights and opportunities, regardless of where they live within the State.

2022 has been a challenging year for local government in NSW and our members have experienced extreme financial pressure. Compounding factors include: Rate pegging determination by Ipart; inflation reaching 7%; an increase in operating expenses; delivery of infrastructure and maintenance projects blowouts; energy price increases; shortage of skilled staff; and the list goes on.

The list of election priorities within this document were resolved by consensus on 18 November 2022 and informed by our annual membership survey of highest priorities.





Skills and Education

Ask – The NSW Skills board oversee the department of Skills and Training review of the “Smart and Skilled program” to address the inadequate access to apprenticeship and pre-apprenticeship courses in member councils.

Justification – CMA member councils are experiencing critical skills shortages among many sectors of their communities. Trades qualified positions are over-represented and the availability to undertake these courses in country communities is extremely low. The requested review must seek out key information to test if equity of service provision through RTOs and the NSW TAFE system is available.

Key information required;

- Availability of apprenticeships courses by LGA
- Course completion rates by LGA
- Courses available that are listed by Infrastructure Australia on their Infrastructure Priority List (IPSL) and the frequency of the course offering
- Time of enquiry to enrolment in five categories - Rural, Regional, Remote, Outer Metro and Metro

Our members are looking for transparency that is not available in TAFE NSW annual reports. It is anticipated this data will prove

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change is needed to provide equity of service provision.

Ask – A commitment to funding a “Building Country Trades Program” to be delivered throughout member councils TAFE facilities or RTOs.

Justification – Following on from the review of the “Smart and Skilled program”, change will be needed to provide equity and a program must be developed to ensure funding is delivered to the right location to provide the right courses. The guidelines for this new program must require local community input into the apprenticeship courses that will be available to ensure maximum participation. Council and Chamber of Commerce and Industry or other identified business representative bodies should be invited to participate.

Ask – NSW Government agencies commit to funding the training placements to meet 100% of future workforce needs.

Justification – During a Rural Skills Forum run by CMA in August 2022, member councils expressed disappointment in the number of trained staff that are being poached for State government positions and therefore adding to the skills shortage in member councils. One of the items on the list of suggestions to see positive change from the forum was to encourage the State government to train their own trainees and apprentices rather than seeking staff from local government and the private sector.



Health Services

Ask – NSW Regional Health Minister commits to a review of the local health districts, including operational performance and boundaries.

Justification – CMA held a Rural Health Forum in May 2022, during which many member councils called for a review of the local health districts and their performance.

Ask – That the NSW Government increases the incentives to rural generalists (doctors) to encourage greater numbers providing essential services to our member councils’ residents.

Justification – Country NSW is experiencing critical doctor shortages of all skill sets. Many country hospitals are unable to attract locums to provide care during weekends and holidays and this is adding pressure to facilities in larger regional cities. Increasing the incentive may overcome this critical shortage.

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Ask – That NSW health commits to training and employing sufficient nurse practitioners to ensure every hospital and medical service in Regional, Rural and Remote NSW can provide timely service to residents

Justification - Country NSW is experiencing critical doctor shortages of all skill sets. Training and/or upskilling local experienced registered nursing staff to become nurse practitioners will help ease the pressure on those doctors serving in country communities.



Roads and Transport

Ask – Commit to funding the “Fixing Local Roads Program” from 2023 through to 2027 at the same value plus inflation rate. It is also desirable that this program change to a non-contestable funding stream to allow member councils to plan for future works with certainty.

Justification - The \$500 million Fixing Local Roads Program has provided a major funding boost to member councils to carry out vital maintenance and repairs on local roads since 2019. Round four opened in September this year.

Ask – The establishment of a \$250 million funding program for Regional, Rural and Remote councils that will allow for reoccurring failure points in local and regional road networks to be removed – a “Fixing Country Pinch Points Program”. It is also desirable that this program be established as a non-contestable funding stream to allow member councils to plan for future works with certainty.

Justification – During the past 12 months, 126 out of NSW’s 128 councils have had a natural disaster declaration. The local and regional road networks throughout rural NSW have seen significant damage. Many of these roads have seen extended closure timelines due to isolated locations being affected, such as

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causeways, creeks, low lying areas, drains etc. Such a program would enable a targeted approach for swift action.

Ask – The establishment of a “Country Roads to Recovery Program”. This new State program should mirror the Commonwealth government’s Roads to Recovery Program.

Justification – The Commonwealth “Roads to Recovery Program supports the construction and maintenance of the nation’s local road infrastructure assets, which facilitates greater accessibility and improves safety, economic and social outcomes for country Australians. The program provides funding to all local governments, and to state and territory governments in unincorporated areas. Flexibility is built into the program, with funding recipients responsible for choosing road projects on which to spend their Roads to Recovery funding, based on their local priorities.

Ask – Acceleration of the Regional Road Reclassification and Transfer Program (15,000km Take Back Program).

Justification – In February 2019, the NSW Government announced the initiation of a Road Classification Review to ensure the road classification framework was still fit for purpose and that roads across NSW were appropriately classified.

Future Transport 2056 identifies the NSW Road Classification Review

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(Classification Review) as a key initiative to make adjustments to the classification policy framework and update the road network to align with the “Hub and Spoke” Transport Network Model and the “Movement and Place” Framework.

Also in February 2019, the NSW Government announced up to 15,000 kilometres of council-owned roads would be returned to state management as part of a broader package of support for local councils to better manage and maintain the rural road network.

Combining the transfer of regional roads with the Classification Review will ensure equity and transparency in all changes and support the development of an integrated road transport network.

An Independent Panel, chaired by Ms Wendy Machin, has been established

to make recommendations for consideration by the NSW Government.

The Minister for Regional Transport and Roads has stated the program that was committed during the 2019 election campaign was now scheduled to take up to eight years to deliver.

Ask – Increase regional road funding allocation to the Block, Repair and Supplementary grant programs to member councils by 30%.

Justification – The current funding allocations are not adequate to maintain the existing network at the Austroads standard for the traffic volumes these roads carry.





Water Security

Ask – Establishment of a funding program to assist our member councils to purchase and install smart water meters throughout residential, commercial and industrial users - the “Smart Country Water User Program”.

Justification – Water is a precious resource that enables country communities to thrive. The installation of smart meters allows for real-time monitoring of water use or misuse and excess use. Another significant benefit is early warning leak detection that leads to prompt repair and water conservation.

Ask - Simplify the process to enable the reuse of recycled water on the gravel road networks throughout country NSW.

Justification – Normal weather cycles will soon return to NSW, and pressure

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will return on many member councils to implement water restrictions on residents, therefore reducing the livability in some member council towns and villages. The use of potable water on the gravel road network throughout country NSW is a waste during extreme times of water shortages. A review of the Section 60 approval by NSW health could see barriers removed and the safe use of recycled water replacing the need to use precious potable water.

Ask - Increase in funding of the “Safe and Secure Water Program” to allow more availability for member councils to access support to reduce the risks associated with operation of our water and sewer treatment facilities.

Justification – Funding currently available is not adequate to address all risk rating five facilities across country NSW.



Housing

Ask - Establishment of a funding program that will support member councils to increase the housing stock available and improve own source revenue. The “Building Country Homes Program” will be a four-year commitment that will deliver \$100 million each year. The program design will allow applications from Regional, Rural and Remote councils only, and should require equal contributions. The purpose of the fund is to encourage the establishment of new residential estates or increase of homes in existing estates. Once the homes are sold, both State and Local governments must share the proceeds equally.

Justification - The establishment of the suggested program will assist in closing the gap between the housing that is available and the housing required in country communities. Extra housing will also assist with the under-population concerns in the majority of member council communities and reduce the job vacancy rates. This approach is consistent with priority area 5.1.1, 5.1.2 & 5.1.3 of the NSW Housing Strategy 2041.



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Ask - That an adequately funded and suitably qualified taskforce within the department of Department of Planning and Environment (DPIE) – Housing and Property is created to identify suitable land in Regional, Rural and Remote LGAs to escalate the creation of community housing in member councils.

Justification - NSW Housing Strategy 2041- Priority Area 3 is maximising the impact of NSW Government-owned land, investment or assets and government-led development projects or funding to achieve the housing vision. Priority 3.1.1 states the NSW Government should support the ongoing growth of the community housing industry through new supply development partnerships that attract low-cost finance, and a new policy to enable community housing provider-led redevelopment of Land and Housing Corporation-owned land through long-term leases.

Ask -Establishment of a fund to provide interest-free loans to enable critical head work infrastructure (sewer, water, storm water, communications and power) to be available to developers in identified Regional, Rural and Remote council areas with critical affordable housing shortages.

Justification – The housing system is complex, and although the NSW Government can have a significant impact through investment, policy, legislation and regulation, it cannot achieve the Housing 2041 vision alone. Collaboration is at the center of the strategy and will be key to its successful delivery over the next 20 years. This includes collaboration with local Government, community housing providers, the development industry, the finance industry and other private sector partners.

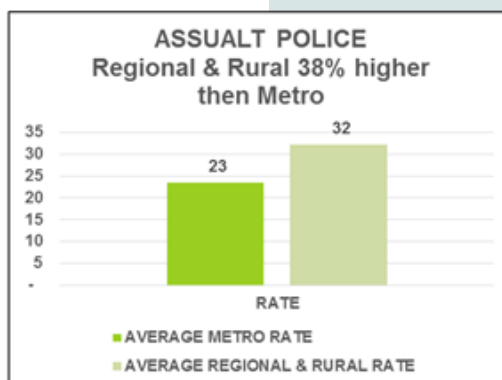
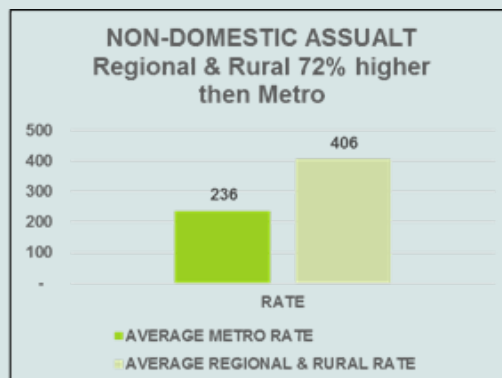
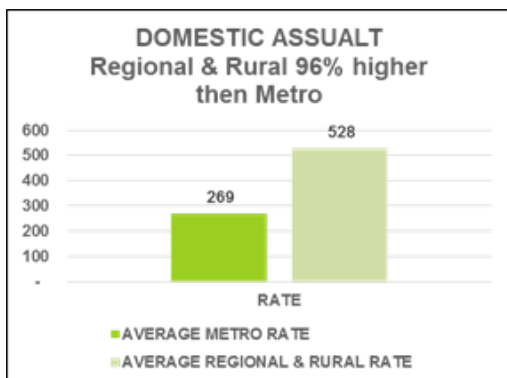


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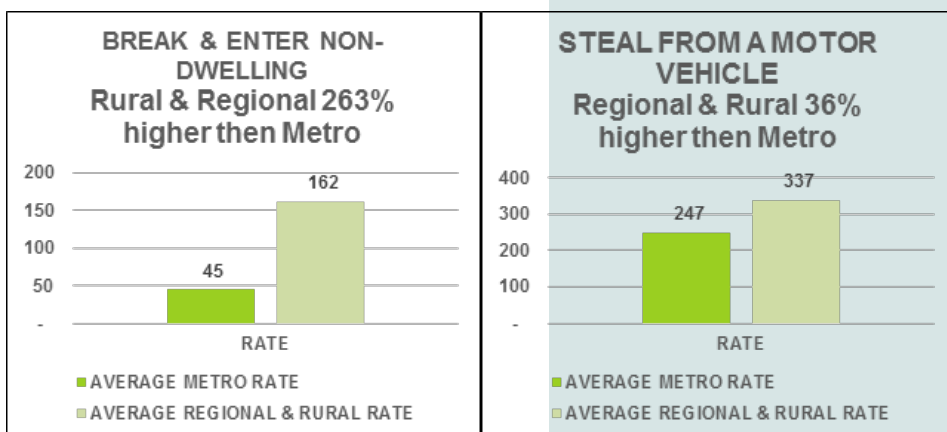
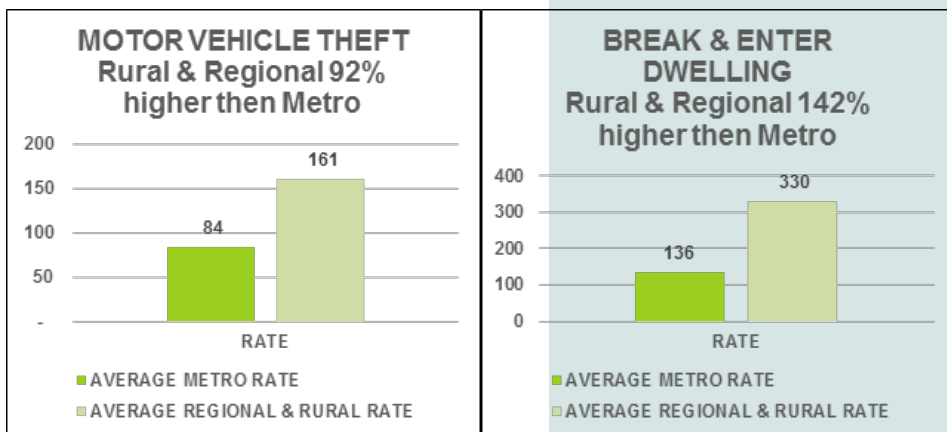
Ask - NSW Government conduct a review and redistribution of the policing workforce to ensure equity according to the BOCSAR crime rates between Metropolitan and Regional, Rural and Remote LGAs.

Justification - According to the data published on the NSW Bureau of Crime Statistics and Research (BOCSAR) the rates of crime in the majority of reportable categories are substantially higher in regional, rural and remote LGAs than in metropolitan LGAs. It is reasonable to assume that this imbalance or inequity is due to the incorrect distribution of policing resources according to the need. It is not unreasonable that the residents of Regional, Rural and Remote NSW should expect to have crime rates equal to that of metropolitan residents. To achieve this, change is required.

Graphs indicate crime rates year 2021/22 according to BOCSAR data



2023 State Election Priorities



Ask – The NSW Government increase spending on the NSW police force to increase front line proactive policing numbers in Regional, Rural and Remote LGAs most in need according the BOCSAR data.

Justification – According to the 2021 NSW Police Annual Report, NSW had the highest ratio of residents to police officers at 1:466 when compared to Queensland, Victoria and South Australia. Queensland was the next highest at 1:332, followed by Victoria at 1:303 and South Australia at 1:293. NSW also had the lowest spend per resident at \$511, Queensland at \$512, South Australia at \$564 and Victoria at \$622.



Telecommunications Blackspot Coverage

Ask - That the NSW Government commits to funding the “Connecting Country Communities” Mobile Black Spot Program and the “Regional Digital Connectivity” Program at current annual funding levels plus inflation rate until 2027.

Justification - This major infrastructure investment will help regional, rural and remote residents and businesses stay connected. In particular, the rollout will improve mobile coverage along major transport routes, in small communities and across locations prone to natural disasters. It will make country NSW an even better place to live and do business.

As part of the Federal 2022–23 Budget, the Commonwealth committed \$300 million to boost multi-carrier mobile coverage on regional roads, and improve mobile coverage in under-served remote communities. This commitment forms a key part of the Government’s Better Connectivity Plan for Regional and Rural Australia and CMA is seeking a long-term commitment from the NSW Government to boost the funding available to our member councils.





Disaster Preparedness and Funding

Ask – Commitment to increase disaster recovery funding to councils for the task of assessment, clean-up and building back more resilient infrastructure and services following natural disaster events, and to reduce assessment timeline for category of natural disasters to eliminate financial uncertainty impeding recovery.

Justification – Responding to natural disasters, including the provision of relief and recovery assistance to disaster-affected communities, is primarily the responsibility of state and territory governments ('the states'). However, in recognition of the significant cost of natural disasters, the Australian Government established the Natural Disaster Relief and Recovery Arrangements (NDRRA) to alleviate the financial burden on the states and to facilitate the early provision of assistance to disaster-affected communities.

Through the NDRRA, the Australian Government provides financial assistance directly to the states to assist them with costs associated with certain disaster relief and recovery assistance measures. The NDRRA makes provisions for state governments to activate relief and recovery assistance immediately following a disaster without seeking approval from the Australian Government.

Under these arrangements, the state or territory government determines which areas receive NDRRA assistance and what assistance is available to individuals and communities, making available whatever assistance deemed necessary regardless of whether it is eligible for cost sharing under the NDRRA. This recognises that states are best placed to identify the type and level of assistance to make available following a disaster, in accordance with their responsibility for disaster management

The current process of declaring a natural disaster in NSW relies on federal approval of the category (A,B,C or D) and this process can take months before approval is granted enabling member councils to proceed with works.

Ask – Commit to policy reform that will see the Emergency Services Levy (ESL) being removed from local government and funded by other means.

Justification – Accounting Assessment of Control of Red Fleet Assets

1. Under Australian Accounting Standard AASB 116 *Property, Plant and Equipment*, issued by the Australian Accounting Standards Board (AASB), an entity recognises items of property, plant and equipment **in its financial statements**. Therefore, who controls an item is important.

2. AASB 15 (Revenue from Contracts with Customers) defines control as: *"the ability to direct the use of, and obtain substantially all of the remaining benefits from, the asset. **Control includes the ability to prevent other entities from directing the use of, and obtaining the benefits from, an asset**".*

3. AASB 16 also includes in the right to control **the right to direct the use of the identified asset** (paras B24-B30).

2023 State Election Priorities

4. *Framework for the Preparation and Presentation of Financial Statements* (para Aus49.1) states that “An asset is a resource controlled by the entity as a result of past events and from which future economic benefits are expected to flow to the entity,” and that ‘In respect of not-for-profit entities in the public or private sector ... Future economic benefits is synonymous with the notion of service potential’.

5. *AASB Conceptual Framework for Financial Reporting* in para 4.21 states that “An entity has the present ability to direct the use of an economic resource if it has the right to deploy that economic resource in its activities, or to allow another party to deploy the economic resource in that other party’s activities”.

NSW local government bodies LGNSW and NSW Country Mayors Association have been calling for a reversal of the decision that places a huge financial burden on our members and puts a cloud over the long-term viability of some member councils.

Ask – Increase the funding available to councils through the “Floodplain Management Grant Program” to remove the financial burden from local government when flood mitigation studies are conducted.

Justification – The NSW Floodplain Management Program provides financial support to local councils and eligible public land managers to help them manage flood risk in their communities. The program supports the implementation of the NSW Government’s Flood Prone Land Policy.

Support provided under the programs usually involves \$2 from government for every \$1 provided by the applicant. Increasing the funding available would eliminate the requirement for councils to contribute.

Ask – NSW Government establish a funding program that will lead to an increase the installation of flood gauges and automated warning systems.

Justification –Across our member councils, the current amount and condition of flood gauges is unacceptable and swift action is required. Members have raised concerns for the safety of those road users travelling through the network of local and regional roads during flooding events.



2023 State Election Priorities

Ask – NSW Government provide adequate funding to allow member councils to implement any and all relevant recommendations from the recent “2022 NSW Flood Enquiry”

Justification – In March 2022, the NSW Flood Inquiry was commissioned to examine and report on the causes of, planning and preparedness for, response to and recovery from the 2022 catastrophic flood events.

The Inquiry made 28 recommendations for change. The recommendations are intended to provide practical, proactive and sustained mechanisms to ensure readiness for and resilience to flood (and by extension, other disasters). These mechanisms include enabling governance structures, administrative tools, new or enhanced systems, and better technology and processes to improve the ways in which decision-makers at all levels – state and local government, community and within families and households – plan and prepare for, respond to and recover from flood.

Ask – NSW Government take responsibility for the management and ownership of member councils State Emergency Services buildings, including the deprecation responsibilities.

Justification – CMA member councils are carrying a huge financial burden with the provision of buildings and the responsibility of deprecation on an annual basis for our amazing volunteers who serve as SES members.

CMA recognise our communities depend on the services provided by our SES teams to keep us safe during extreme conditions and our member council stand united in full support. However, the facilities in many cases, that our volunteers are utilising are inadequate or in need of a major refurbishment. The ongoing costs of these works simply can not be met by our members.

Summary

The NSW Country Mayors Association stands firm in our pursuit of equity of service provision for the residents of our communities that choose to live, work and prosper in country NSW. That is why we are pleased to offer our list of priorities for consideration and implementation to all political parties contesting the 2023 NSW state election.

CMA requests the establishment of suggested new funding programs to activate regional, rural and remote communities across NSW, these include;

- "Building Country Trades Program"
- "Fixing Country Pinch Points Program"
- "Country Roads to Recovery Program"
- "Smart Country Water User Program"
- "Building Country Homes Program"
- The establishment of a funding program that will lead to an increase in the installation of flood gauges and automated warning systems.

CMA requests that an ongoing funding commitment to existing successful funding programs not mentioned within this document be made, these include;

- "Stronger Country Communities"
- "Fixing Local Road's program" from 2023 through to 2027
- "Resources for Regions"

CMA requests increased support for the programs listed below

- Increase regional road funding allocation to the; block, repair and supplementary grant programs to member councils by 30%
- Increase in funding of the "Safe and Secure Water Program"
- That the NSW Government commitments to fund the "Connecting Country Communities" Mobile Black Spot Program and the "Regional Digital Connectivity" Program at current annual funding levels until 2027.
- That the NSW Government increases the incentives to rural generalists (doctors) to encourage greater numbers providing essential services to our member councils' residents.

CMA requests a review of the list of current ministries that are charged with delivering for all residents of NSW equally.

2023 State Election Priorities

- The NSW Skills Board oversee the department of Skills and Training review of the “Smart and Skilled program”
- That the NSW Government review its forecasting methodology to incorporate localized data that has been proven to provide a more accurate outcome on population.
- Simplify the process to enable the reuse of recycled water on the gravel road networks throughout country NSW.
- NSW Regional Health Minister commits to a review of the local health districts, their operational performance and boundaries.
- That an adequately funded and suitably qualified taskforce within the department of DPIE – Housing and Property is created to identify suitable land in Regional, Rural and Remote LGAs to escalate the creation of community housing in member councils.
- Establishment of a fund to provide interest-free loans to enable critical head work infrastructure (sewer, water, storm water, communications and power) be available to developers in identified Regionals, Rural and Remote LGAs with critical affordable housing shortages.
- NSW Government conduct a review and redistribution of the policing workforce to ensure equity according the BOCSAR crime rates between Metropolitan and Regional, Rural and Remote LGAs.
- The NSW Government increase spending on the NSW police force to increase front line proactive policing numbers in Regional, Rural and Remote LGAs most in need according to the BOCSAR data.
- Commit to policy reform that will see the Emergency Services Levy (ESL) being removed from local government and funded by other means.
- Commitment to increase disaster recovery funding to councils for the task of assessment, clean-up and building back better post natural disaster events, also to reduce assessment timeline for category of natural disaster to eliminate the burden of financial uncertainty that decreases the speed in which the build back better happens.
- CMA requests that our Chairman or representative have a seat at the table in the NSW Minister for Local Governments advisory panel.
- CMA calls for a review of the Biodiversity off-sets scheme in NSW; we are seeking outcomes that will not penalise developments in regional, rural and remote local government areas, only incentives.

The NSW Country Mayors Association stands united with our members to advocate for residents who choose to call country NSW home. We will continue to work with both State and Commonwealth governments to achieve the best quality of life and provision of services for our residents and we look forward to a prosperous future.



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Ordinary Council Meeting - 28 November 2022



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Ordinary Council Meeting

28 November 2022

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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, 28 NOVEMBER 2022 AT 9.15AM**

PRESENT: Cr Barry Hollman (Mayor), Cr Victor Bartley, Cr Sarah Barton, Cr Sally Davis, Cr Cec Dorrington, Cr Lachlan Ford (Deputy Mayor), Cr Sam Rice, Cr Grace Ridge (via Audio Visual Link), Cr Nathan Ryan, Cr Robert Stutsel

IN ATTENDANCE: Leonie Brown (General Manager), Paul Flanagan (Manager Roads Services), Melanie Milgate (Economic Development Manager), Ang Pasang Rai (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:

Ruth Mary Buchanan	Joanne McMaster	Leah Pearse
Gary Pickworth	Jeff Sowiak	

4 APOLOGIES AND APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Nil

5 ATTENDANCE BY AUDIO VISUAL LINK BY COUNCILLORS

A request to attend the meeting via Audio Visual Link was received from Councillor Grace Ridge who was unable to attend the meeting due to personal reasons.

Resolution 2022/255

Moved: Cr Robert Stutsel

Seconded: Cr Sam Rice

That Cr Grace Ridge be permitted to attend the meeting via audio-visual link due to her inability to attend in person due to personal reasons.

Carried

6 DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

Nil

7 MAYORAL MINUTE

7.1 MAYORAL MINUTE - MAYORAL ACTIVITIES

File Number: M2.1

The Council had before it the report of the Mayor regarding the Mayoral Minute - Mayoral Activities.

Resolution 2022/256

Moved: Cr Barry Hollman

Seconded: Cr Cec Dorrington

That the information in the Mayoral Minute – Mayoral Activities as presented to Council on Monday, 28 November 2022 be noted.

Carried

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.

Resolution 2022/257

Moved: Cr Cec Dorrington

Seconded: Cr Robert Stutsel

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, 28 November 2022 be adopted.

Carried

9 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Resolution 2022/258

Moved: Cr Cec Dorrington

Seconded: Cr Victor Bartley

That the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 31 October 2022 taken as read, confirmed 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 2022/259

Moved: Cr Robert Stutsel

Seconded: Cr Victor Bartley

That the information in the Business Arising Report as presented to Council on Monday, 28 November 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 2022/260

Moved: Cr Cec Dorrington

Seconded: Cr Robert Stutsel

That the information in the Calendar of Events Report as presented to Council on Monday, 28 November 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 2022/261

Moved: Cr Cec Dorrington

Seconded: Cr Robert Stutsel

That the contents of the Information to Councillors Report as presented to Council on Monday, 28 November 2022 be noted.

Carried

13 ENGINEERING SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Nil

14 ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES & DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

14.1 * DRAFT PLANNING PROPOSAL**

File Number: T5.1

The Council had before it the report of the Manager Environmental Services regarding the Draft Planning Proposal.

Resolution 2022/262

Moved: Cr Robert Stutsel

Seconded: Cr Sam Rice

- 1. That Council endorse the Planning Proposal seeking gateway determination to amend Council's Local Environmental Plan 2012 (LEP) to facilitate an increase in small-scale commercial floor space through the permissibility of business premises and office premises within the R1 zone and to rezone Lot 62, DP1027306 – 68b, Sid Coleman Drive, North Bourke from SP2 to IN1.**
- 2. That Council submit the subject Planning Proposal to the Department of Planning and Environment for consideration for a Gateway Determination in accordance with section 3.34 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act, 1979.**

Carried

14.2 ADDITIONAL PURPOSES TO CROWN RESERVES 81309 AND 81825

File Number: L1.9

The Council had before it the report of the Manager Environmental Services regarding the Additional Purposes to Crown Reserves 81309 and 81825.

Resolution 2022/263

Moved: Cr Cec Dorrington

Seconded: Cr Robert Stutsel

That the Additional Purposes of Community Purposes, added to Reserve 81309 (Enngonia War Memorial Hall), and Rural Services added to Reserve 81825 (Byrock Community Hall), be noted.

Carried

14.3 * 2022/2023 ADOPTED FEES AND CHARGES**

File Number: F1.1

The Council had before it the report of the Manager Environmental Services regarding the 2022/2023 Adopted Fees and Charges.

Resolution 2022/264

Moved: Cr Robert Stutsel

Seconded: Cr Victor Bartley

- 1. That the Security deposit fee for the hire of the Bourke Sporting Complex, Area A – JB Renshaw, be increased from the current fee of \$1000.00 to the proposed fee of \$2500.00.**
- 2. That the proposed fee be advertised for a period of 28 days and that the matter be referred back to Council setting out details of any objections.**
- 3. That in the event of no objections being received to the proposal, the increased security deposit be adopted.**

Carried

14.4 STATE OF THE ENVIRONMENT REPORT

File Number: E6.3.1

The Council had before it the report of the Manager Environmental Services regarding the State of The Environment Report.

Resolution 2022/265

Moved: Cr Cec Dorrington

Seconded: Cr Robert Stutsel

That the information in the 2021-2022 State of the Environment Snapshot Report in respect of the Bourke Shire Council area, be noted.

Carried

15 GENERAL MANAGER

15.1 * REVIEW OF ORGANISATIONAL STRUCTURE**

File Number: S6.1

The Council had before it the report of the General Manager regarding the Review of Organisational Structure.

Resolution 2022/266

Moved: Cr Robert Stutsel

Seconded: Cr Sam Rice

- 1. That in accordance with Section 332 of the Local Government Act 1993, Council endorse the General Manager as its only senior staff designated employee.**
- 2. That Council notes the five (5) department structure as determined by the General Manager comprising Corporate Services / Economic Development / Environmental Services / Roads Services and Works Services Departments.**

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 Manager Corporate Services regarding the Bank Reconciliation & Statement of Bank Balances.

Resolution 2022/267

Moved: Cr Cec Dorrington

Seconded: Cr Robert Stutsel

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

Carried

16.2 * INVESTMENT REPORT AS AT 31 OCTOBER 2022**

File Number: F1.1

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

Resolution 2022/268

Moved: Cr Cec Dorrington

Seconded: Cr Robert Stutsel

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

Carried

16.3 * CODE OF CONDUCT - ANNUAL SUMMARY**

File Number: P4.1

The Council had before it the report of the Manager Corporate Services regarding the Code of Conduct - Annual Summary.

Resolution 2022/269

Moved: Cr Robert Stutsel

Seconded: Cr Cec Dorrington

- 1. That it be noted that no Code of Conduct Complaints were made about Councillors and the General Manager, or costs incurred, during the reporting period of 1 October 2021 till 30 September 2022.**
- 2. That the Office of Local Government be advised accordingly as per Part 11.2 of the Procedures for the Administration of the Model Code of Conduct.**

Carried

17 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

Nil

18 DELEGATES AND COUNCILLORS REPORTS

Nil

19 POLICIES

Nil

20 PRÉCIS OF CORRESPONDENCE

Nil

21 ACTIVITY REPORTS

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

File Number: E7.1

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

Resolution 2022/270

Moved: Cr Cec Dorrington

Seconded: Cr Robert Stutsel

That Council note the information in the Roads Department Road Works and Workshop Activity Report as presented to Council on Monday, 28 November 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 2022/271

Moved: Cr Cec Dorrington

Seconded: Cr Robert Stutsel

That Council note the information in the Parks and Gardens, Town Services and Water and Waste Water Engineering Services Department Activity Reports as presented to Council on Monday, 28 November 2022.

Carried

21.3 PLANNING, REGULATORY & ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES - ACTIVITY REPORT

File Number: D3.1-A11.1-A8.1-T5.1-S10.1

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

Resolution 2022/272

Moved: Cr Cec Dorrington

Seconded: Cr Robert Stutsel

That the information in the Planning, Regulatory and Environmental Services Activity Report as presented to Council on Monday, 28th November 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 2022/273

Moved: Cr Cec Dorrington

Seconded: Cr Robert Stutsel

That the information in the General Manager's Activity Report as presented to Council on Monday, 28 November 2022 be noted.

Carried

21.5 LIBRARY MANAGER'S ACTIVITY REPORT FOR OCTOBER 2022

File Number: L4.1

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

Resolution 2022/274

Moved: Cr Cec Dorrington

Seconded: Cr Robert Stutsel

That the information in the Library Manager's Report for October 2022 as presented to Council on Monday, 28 November 2022 be noted.

Carried

21.6 TOURISM AND EVENTS MANAGER'S ACTIVITY REPORT

File Number: T4.3

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

Resolution 2022/275

Moved: Cr Cec Dorrington

Seconded: Cr Robert Stutsel

That the information in the Tourism and Events Managers Report for October 2022 as presented to Council on Monday, 28 November 2022 be noted.

Carried

22 CLOSED SESSION

Nil

23 FLOODING UPDATE

Prior to closing the meeting, the Mayor provided an update on the flooding currently impacting Bourke Shire. In doing so, the Mayor noted that whilst the Darling River at Bourke had peaked at a level of 13.95 metres, it would still be some time before the river was back in its banks, and that is subject to no further rainfall upstream. The Mayor further noted that when it became evident there would be water inundation of property in the community, he authorised the General Manager to utilise Council resources to assist people wherever Council could. The Mayor acknowledged that such action had been taken professionally, fairly and consistently, with the Mayor placing on record Council's thanks to its General Manager and her staff for their work during the difficult times. The Mayor advised that the efforts of the General Manager, and those of her staff, had not gone unnoticed. The Mayor also thanked the Police, and all Emergency Services for their work for the Bourke Community.

The Mayor advised that access to/from Bourke via the Sydney and Cobar Roads, to the south of Bourke, was still limited to essential service vehicles. Councils Roads Manager noted that these roads were closed to general usage due to saturation of the road base and concerns regarding the integrity of the base stemming from continual use. At this point, these roads are closed indefinitely.

The Mayor further noted that under the NSW Flood Plan, where a town is isolated, the NSW Government organises and funds the required logistics. An anomaly in the plan is that a town has to be totally isolated in terms of available access. With access to Bourke still being available from the north, under the plan, Bourke is not categorised as isolated. This is despite that a trip from Dubbo to Bourke via Cunnamulla adds some 900kms to the journey. The Mayor advised he has written to the Deputy Premier on the issue who had requested the Minister for Emergency Services to review the matter.

The Mayor further noted that airlink Air Services had come to the fore, working with the Far North West Joint Organisation and Council such that they are providing flights to and from Bourke on a Monday to Friday daily basis. Reasonably priced, the extra flights are aimed at those who may have medical appointments in Dubbo.

The Meeting closed at 9.48am.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 19 December 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. 4. Matter continues to be pursued by Western Alliance on behalf of member Councils. 5. Matter discussed at the Alliance of Western Council Meeting 09/12/2022.

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	
DECISION	ACTION TAKEN	
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"> 1. In progress. 2. Teleconference held 20/08/2020. 3. Correspondence sent to PCYC 25/8/20 and followed up for response 20/10/20 & 16/11/2020. 4. Matter further discussed with Crown Lands staff on 09/03/2021 for their contact with PCYC. 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. 6. PCYC have advised that as a result of internal management changes they wish to defer discussions on land management till mid-2022. 7. No further approaches made by PCYC re land management matter. 	

156/2019	CONFIDENTIAL – CONSTRUCTION OF SEWERAGE TREATMENT PLANT FACILITIES	
RESPONSIBLE OFFICER	PETER BROWN - MANAGER OF WORKS	
FILE NO	S3.2.3	
DECISION	ACTION TAKEN	
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"> 1. Ongoing. 2. Water use study near completion. Will then make application for additional funding. 3. Council currently negotiating to return funding and complete a further scope. To reapply when completed. 	

274/2019	DROUGHT – WATER UPDATE
RESPONSIBLE OFFICER	LEONIE BROWN – GENERAL MANAGER
FILE NO	W2.2.9 – W2.2.9.1
DECISION	ACTION TAKEN
<p>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</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Letter sent & meeting held. 2. State Government commits to preparation of Western Weirs Strategy. 3. Teleconference involving staff and Councillors held with State Water on 22/9/2020 re Strategy. 4. Meeting held with DPIE representatives on 10/11/2020 & 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.

	<p>13. Meeting held with Graham Attenborough and Jason Gordon of DPIE on 15 March 2022 re all things water including weir.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>15. Submissions subsequently made re increasing Bourke Weir height and 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> <p>18. Refer Council Resolution Clause 2022/176 herewith for further update.</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

DECISION	ACTION TAKEN
<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"> 1. Ongoing. Geographical Names Board GNB contacted. 2. Investigations are continuing by GNB. 3. GNB advised in July 2021 that it would be undertaking consultation in August 2021 in regard to dual name proposal. 4. GNB subsequently advised in August that due to COVID the consultations will now be undertaken in 2022. 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. 6. Meeting scheduled for 19 July 2022 postponed – new date yet to be confirmed. 7. New meeting date proposed for 11 October 2022. 8. Representatives of NSW GNB attended Council on 11 October 2022 and met with

	<p>available Councillors and relevant staff re naming matter.</p> <p>9. No further advice received from GNB, to date.</p>
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2020/236	14.2 BOURKE AIRPORT DEVELOPMENT PROPOSAL
RESPONSIBLE OFFICER	PETER BROWN – MANAGER WORKS
FILE NO	A6.1
DECISION	ACTION TAKEN
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.	Brief prepared, quotations to be invited, when funding available.

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"> 1. That Council notes the report on the responsibility and current condition of the access road to the summit of Mount Oxley. 2. That Council notes the status of telecommunication infrastructure located atop Mount Oxley. 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. 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. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Extensive title searches have been completed. 2. Liability issues being pursued by Booth Brown Legal for further report. 3. Meeting held with Mr & Mrs Stalley on 10 December 2020. 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. 5. Discussions held with NSW Telco Authority re potential for funding to assist with road upgrade. Costs advised. No funding available. 6. Further discussions to be held with owners of Mt Oxley site.

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"> 1. Council continues to apply for funding to undertake the project 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. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ongoing. 2. Letter received from Minister Toole 11/11/2020 advising upcoming funding opportunities for bridge. 3. Funds as resolved reserved in Councils accounts. 4. Application under Building Better Regions Fund lodged 11/02/2021. Application unsuccessful. 5. Strategy prepared for investigation, assessment and restoration of bridge for input into Tourism Grant Application. 6. Application lodged in August 2021. No response to date. 7. Representations made to Member for Barwon, Roy Butler MP regarding funding for Bridge. 8. Further application under Building Better Regions Fund lodged February 2022. 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. 10. Draft brief prepared and with Public Works Advisory (PWA) for review. 11. Quote obtained from PWA with further discussions to be held. 12. Further Grant funding application for design funding lodged with NSW Government in July 2022. 13. Councils Grant Funding application was successful. Still awaiting Deed for execution. 14. Council successful in receiving Grant Funding of \$200,000 from Transport for NSW, Active Transport: Get NSW Active Program 2022/23. Development of final design brief with PWA progressing. 15. Brief with PWA finalised and awaiting final quotation.

2021/355	ROAD CLASSIFICATION REVIEW
RESPONSIBLE OFFICER	PAUL FLANAGAN – ROADS MANAGER
FILE NO	R7.1, R7.4.3
DECISION	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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. 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). 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: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> RLR 5 – Caronga Peak to Wilga Downs (23km / no bridge); RLR50 - Moleyah Road – Wanaaring to Hungerford (86.82km / no bridge); RLR44 – Janina Road – Louth to Wanaaring (85.7km / no bridge); RLR49 – West Culgoa Road – Bourke to Weilmoringle (82.82km / single lane bridge). 	ACTION TAKEN
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Submission to Review Panel prepared and submitted. Additional information and financial data requested for consideration 23 August 2022. Information provided. No Further information to date.

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"> That the information in the report of the General Manager from March 2022 be noted. 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. That the Mayor and General Manager be requested to brief Mr G Seiler on the progress of this matter. That the documents and considerations in respect of this matter remain confidential to Council. 	ACTION TAKEN
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Investigations into land proceeding. Mayor and GM have briefed Mr Seiler. 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. Further update meeting held in June 2022

	<p>with Mr Seiler involving Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Messrs Riley and Brown.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 5. Monthly progress reports to be provided to Mr Seiler by Council. 6. Structural Engineer engaged by Insurers inspected property on 8 September 2022. 7. Meeting held with landowners to the north of Warrego Street with a view to a portion of this land being acquired and utilised for the construction of a detention pond. Further information being sought for a future meeting. 8. Further information received and provided to the landowners to the north of Warrego Street to be arranged.
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2022/ 115	RISK MANAGEMENT AND INTERNAL AUDIT FRAMEWORK FOR COUNCILS
RESPONSIBLE OFFICER	ANG PASANG RAI - MANAGER CORPORATE SERVICES
FILE NO	R5.1

DECISION	ACTION TAKEN
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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. 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. 3. That Council appoint a Councillor to serve as the non-voting board member on the ARIC for this Council only. 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. 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. 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 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. General Manager advised FNWJO of Council’s resolution. 2. Manager Corporate Services take the necessary action to implement Council’s resolution. 3. Expression of Interest received from another Council regarding joining the FNWJO. 4. FNWJO meeting held on 1 August 2022. 5. Matter proceeding.

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.	
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2022/160	RURAL WATER CONNECTIONS
RESPONSIBLE OFFICER	PETER BROWN – MANAGER WORKS
FILE NO	W2.1

DECISION	ACTION TAKEN
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That the identified boundaries for the maintenance and supply of water to the Village of Wanaaring, as herewith, be adopted. 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. 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. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Property owners advised and letters provided. 2. Service to be disconnected 1 January 2023.

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	ACTION TAKEN
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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. 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. 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. 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 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Contact made with Transport for NSW (TfNSW). 2. Awaiting response from TfNSW. 3. Further follow up with TfNSW. Cobar Shire have advised they are having similar issues.

<p>providers in Bourke. 5. That Council investigate further opportunities to promote Bourke as an RV friendly town.</p>	
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2022/176	MAYORAL MINUTE – WESTERN WEIRS STRATEGY
RESPONSIBLE OFFICER	LEONIE BROWN – GENERAL MANAGER
FILE NO	W3.1

DECISION	ACTION TAKEN
<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>	<p>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.</p> <p>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.”</p> <p>3. Response dated 5 October 2022 received from Minister Anderson. The Minister advised that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Infrastructure NSW (INSW) completed its Gateway 1 Review in December 2021 in respect of the Western Weirs Program. INSW is working with the Australian Government re: funding arrangements for a final Business Case. • Western Weirs Program has been incorporated into the Better Baaka Program. Better Baaka aims to protect rivers and floodplains with towns having “a secure water source into the future, and sustainable local communities, agriculture and industries can be supported.”

2022/208	AUSTRALIA DAY	
RESPONSIBLE OFFICER	MELANIE MILGATE – MANAGER ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	
FILE NO	C2.3-C2.31	
DECISION		
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> That award categories for the 2023 Australia Day Awards be maintained as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 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. 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. 	ACTION TAKEN	
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Notice placed on Social media, Bourke Shire Council Facebook page and advertised in the Western Herald 20 October 2022 and weekly until nominations close. The period for submission of nominations was extended to 9 December 2022. The number of nominations received: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Village Service Award – 5 Emergency Service Volunteer – 1 Young Sportsperson – 1 Sportsperson – 1 Young Citizen of the Year – 1 Citizen of the Year – 7 	

2022/222 & 2022/250	PROPOSED INTEGRATED PRIMARY HEALTH CARE CENTRE	
RESPONSIBLE OFFICER	LEONIE BROWN – GENERAL MANAGER	
FILE NO	A11.1, H1.1, H1.15	
DECISION		
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> That the Mayor and General Manager be requested to further discuss with the Bourke Aboriginal Corporation Health Service (BACHS) the potential acquisition of the following land: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Lot 8 DP 35739, Lot 9 DP 35739 and Lot 10 DP35739 in Mitchell Street, Bourke Three (3) x lots from Lot 6 DP 35797, Lot 7 DP 35797, Lot 8 DP 35797, Lot 9 DP 35797 and Lot 10 DP 35797. That based on three (3) lots in one line being required, the land be available for sale at an indicative combined price of \$45,000. That Council provide the BACHS with the requested Evidence of Tenure and Letter of Support, as requested. That the documents and considerations in respect of this matter remain confidential to Council. That Council proceed to sell Lots 7,8,9 and 10 DP 35797 Mitchell St, Bourke at a combined price of \$45,000 (ex 	ACTION TAKEN	
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Further discussions with BACHS as Resolved by Council. Follow up report on matter to be considered by Council at its October 2022 meeting. BACHS advised of Councils resolution. Email received from BACHS advising that they were not able to proceed with the purchase without securing grant funding to construct the new clinic. Correspondence sent to BACHS acknowledging the reliance on securing funding prior to progressing sale. 	

GST) to the Bourke Aboriginal Corporation Health Service. 6. That any necessary documents be executed under the Common Seal of Council. 7. That the documents and considerations in respect of this matter remain confidential to Council.	
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2022/223	WRITE-OFF OUTSTANDING DEBTOR ACCOUNTS
RESPONSIBLE OFFICER	ANG PASANG RAI – MANAGER CORPORATE SERVICES
FILE NO	D1.1

DECISION	ACTION TAKEN
1. That a write-off of \$4,262.84 for DRS Australia Pty Ltd is approved as the debt is not recoverable in the event that an approach to TAFE NSW to recover the funds is unsuccessful. 2. That Council write to TAFE NSW regarding this outstanding debtor account in the name of DRS Australia, a contractor to TAFE NSW. 3. That the documents and consideration in respect if this matter remain confidential to Council.	Matter proceeding.

2022/235	DRAFT FAR WEST REGIONAL PLAN 2041
RESPONSIBLE OFFICER	DWAYNE WILLOUGHBY – MANAGER ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES
FILE NO	T1.5

DECISION	ACTION TAKEN
That Council note the information contained within the Draft Far West Regional Plan 2041 Report.	1. Matter discussed regarding gaps in the plan relative to Bourke, linkages, tourism, health services, transport, small business and biodiversity. Hoping for changes to the draft. Opportunities to participate in workshops. 2. Continue to pursue amendments to the plan in respect of identified gaps. 3. Submission in, awaiting response.

2022/238	GEOGRAPHICAL NAMES BOARD – THE POUND YARD
RESPONSIBLE OFFICER	LEONIE BROWN - GENERAL MANAGER
FILE NO	A2.1, A2.2.16, H3.3
DECISION	
That Council advise the NSW Geographical Names Board that whilst it raises no objection to the name “Pound Yard”, it is considered imperative that the Board consult with appropriate Aboriginal persons before any decision is ultimately made.	ACTION TAKEN
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. NSW Geographical Names Board advised of Council’s Resolution. 2. Aboriginal people who have been identified as residents of the Pound Yard have been suggested as the appropriate people to be consulted by the GNB. Work in progress.

2022/251	SALE OF LAND FOR UNPAID RATES AND CHARGES
RESPONSIBLE OFFICER	ANG PASANG RAI – MANAGER CORPORATE SERVICES
FILE NO	R2.10
DECISION	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That the land listed in Attachment 1 herewith be included in a sale of land for unpaid rates and charges by way of public auction, or by private treaty subsequent to such public auction, pursuant to Section 713 of the Local Government Act 1993. 2. That the General Manager be authorised to perform the necessary actions to facilitate the conduct of such public auction, including the authority to determine reserve prices for the various allotments, negotiate the terms of the sale of any land listed in Attachment 1, even if the reserve price is not reached. 3. That the General Manager be authorised to apply the proceeds of any such sales and to write off any rates, charges or costs incurred through the sale of land process which are not recovered by the sale. 4. That the General Manager be authorised, and Council reserves the right, to withdraw any property from sale for technical or legal reasons. 5. That the Centre for Sustainable Debt Recovery Pty Ltd, t/as Recoupa, be appointed to administer the sale on Council’s behalf. 6. That the General Manager be requested to review the various properties as to them having any strategic benefit to Council, for a further report to Council, if required. 7. That the Mayor and General Manager be authorised to execute all relevant documentation to affect such sales. 	ACTION TAKEN
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Matter proceeding. 2. Real Estate Agent identified to manage sale. Date of sale to be confirmed.

8. That the documents and considerations in respect of this matter remain confidential to the Council.	
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2022/262	DRAFT PLANNING PROPOSAL
RESPONSIBLE OFFICER	DWAYNE WILLOUGHBY
FILE NO	T5.1
DECISION	ACTION TAKEN
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That Council endorse the Planning Proposal seeking gateway determination to amend Council’s Local Environmental Plan 2012 (LEP) to facilitate an increase in small-scale commercial floor space through the permissibility of business premises and office premises with the R1 zone and to rezone Lot 62, DP1027306 – 68b, Sid Coleman Drive, North Bourke from SP2 to IN1. 2. That Council submit the subject Planning Proposal to the Department of Planning and Environment for consideration for a Gateway Determination in accordance with section 3.34 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act, 1979. 	<p>Planning proposal submitted.</p>

2022/264	2022/2023 ADOPTED FEES AND CHARGES
RESPONSIBLE OFFICER	DWAYNE WILLOUGHBY
FILE NO	F1.1
DECISION	ACTION TAKEN
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That the Security deposit fee for the hire of the Bourke Sporting Complex, Area A – JB Renshaw, be increased from the current fee of \$1000.00 to the proposed fee of \$2500.00. 2. That the proposed fee be advertised for a period of 28 days and that the matter be referred back to Council setting out details of any objections. 3. That in the event of no objections being received to the proposal, the increased security deposit be adopted. 	<p>Advertised as per resolution of Council.</p>

Recommendation

That the information in the Business Arising Report as presented to Council on Monday, 19 December 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
2022				
December	19	9.15am	Council Meeting	Council Chamber
2023				
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, 19 December 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
22/11/2022	OLG's fortnightly newsletter - 10 November 2022	Office of Local Government	✓
22/11/2022	Coulton's Catch Up – Monday, 14 November 2022	Mark Coulton, MP	✓
23/11/2022	Extra road repairs welcomed	NSW Farmers Association	✓
23/11/2022	GMs Column for Publication 24 November 2022	Leonie Brown	✓
24/11/2022	Business Paper for the Ordinary Council Meeting Monday, 28 November 2022	Leonie Brown	✓
25/11/2022	Topical stories regarding Local Government issues	Inside Local Government	✓
29/11/2022	Coulton's Catch Up - Monday 28 November 2022	Mark Coulton, MP	✓
29/11/2022	News of happenings in Barwon	Roy Butler, MP	✓
30/11/2022	Invitation to Wanaaring Public School Presentation Night	Wendy Robb, Principal	✓
30/11/2022	GMs Column for Publication 1 December 2022	Leonie Brown	✓
30/11/2022	The Weekly Newsletter, 29 November 2022	Local Government NSW	✓
30/11/2022	Warning about snakes on the plains	NSW Farmers Association	✓
30/11/2022	Minutes of the November 2022 Council Meeting	Leonie Brown	✓
02/12/2022	2021-2022 Annual Report	Leonie Brown	✓
04/12/2022	Mitchell Highway Update	Leonie Brown	✓
05/12/2022	Coulton's Catch Up - Monday 5 December 2022	Mark Coulton, MP	✓
05/12/2022	RSVP - Invitation to Wanaaring Public School Presentation Night	Margo Anderson	✓
08/12/2022	GMs Column for Publication 8 December 2022	Leonie Brown	✓
08/12/2022	Politicians visit this coming week	Leonie Brown	✓
12/12/2022	Storm and flood support update for stakeholders	NSW Government	✓
12/12/2022	The Weekly Newsletter, 6 December 2022	Local Government NSW	✓
12/12/2022	Pollies in the Pub	Leonie Brown	✓
12/12/2022	Topical stories regarding Local Government issues	Inside Local Government	✓





12/12/2022	OLG's fortnightly newsletter - 9 December 2022	Office of Local Government	✓
12/12/2022	Active Transport Strategy - released 9 December 2022	Transport for NSW	✓
13/12/2022	Meeting with Minister Sam Farraway MP Thursday, 15 December 2022	Leonie Brown	✓
13/12/2022	Council Circular 22-38 Consultation on the outcomes of the review of the Councillor misconduct framework	Office of Local Government	✓
14/12/2022	GMs Column for Publication 15 December 2022	Leonie Brown	✓
14/12/2022	Postponement of Minister Farraway's Visit 15 December 2022	Margo Anderson	✓

Recommendation

That the contents of the Information to Councillors Report as presented to Council on Monday, 19 December 2022 be noted.

13 ENGINEERING SERVICES DEPARTMENT

13.1 * NORTH BOURKE WATER SUPPLY**

- File Number:** W2.1
- Author:** Peter Brown, Manager Works
- Authoriser:** Leonie Brown, General Manager
- Attachments:**
1. Letters from Messrs Morral and Simpson  
 2. Letter from Warren and Susanne Hand  

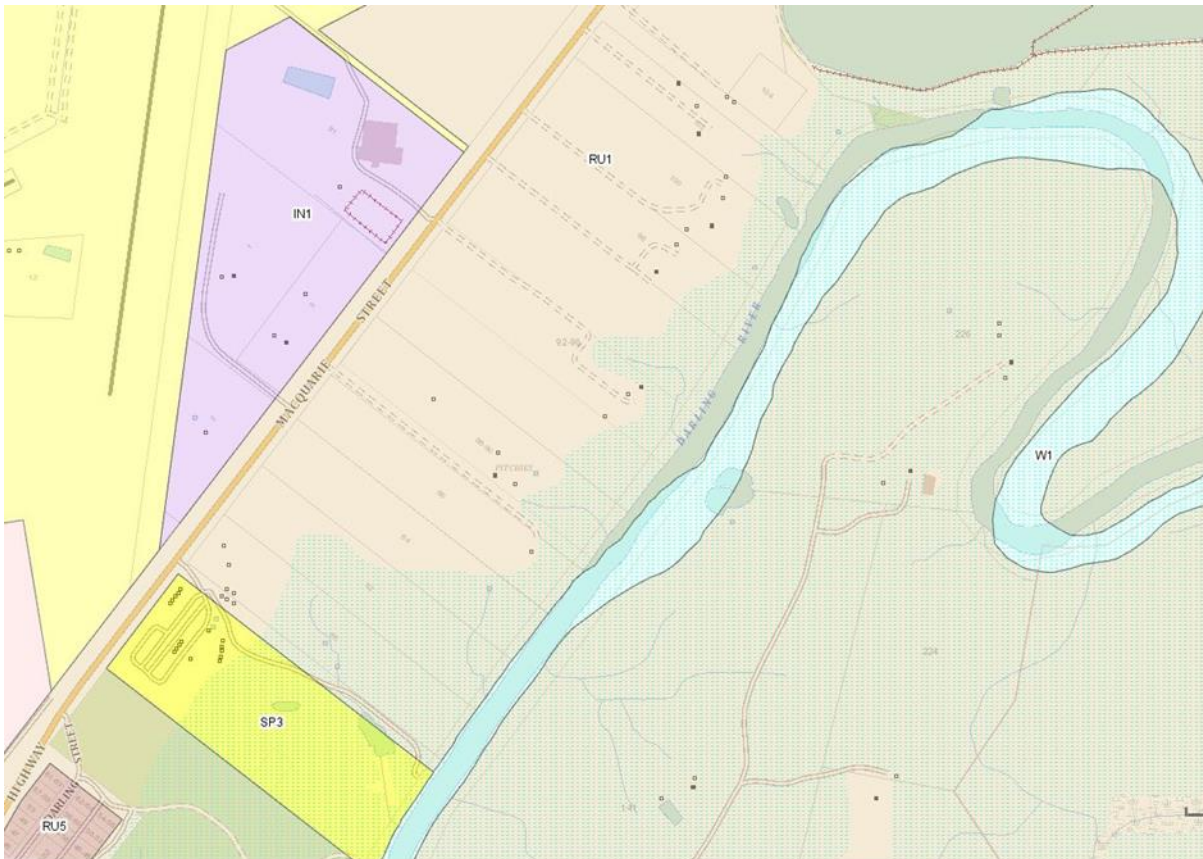
Background

In October 2022, Council received correspondence from two (2) residents on the Enngonia Road, North Bourke, seeking to gain access to Councils Raw Water System Network in North Bourke. (Attachment 1). Mr Alan Morral has requested Council extend the “raw water line and connection access to the residential properties it would service, from north of Kidman Camp up to and including Simpsons property”. Mr Neville Simpson has also confirmed such a request. The land the subject of the requests comprises of 11 allotments, being lots 1 & 2 DP 1105959, lot 10 DP 753570, lot 660 DP 761689, 5,6,7,8,9 & 86 DP 753370 and Lot 1 DP 653311, subject sites are zoned RU1 - Primary Production under the Bourke Local Environmental Plan 2012 and are outside the RU5 – Village zoned land at North Bourke.



Neville Simpsons block is the last block in the top right-hand corner closest to the Dam.

The RU1 zoned land is also shown below:



Following an invitation from Mr Frank Old to discuss the raw water issue, the General Manager, Manager Environmental Services and I attended a meeting at Mr Neville Simpsons place on Tuesday, 6 December 2022. In addition to Mr Old and Mr Simpson, the following persons also attended:

Mrs Susanne Hand
Mr Alan Morrall
Mr Trevor Randall
Mrs Pam Simpson

Subsequent to this meeting, correspondence was received from Warren and Susanne Hand also seeking access to the raw water supply, so they “have water for the short term whilst we are unable to pump water.” (Attachment 2).

On receipt of this correspondence, Councils General Manager emailed me and advised that as Warren Hand is her brother, she requested that she “be excluded from any reports and decision making regarding this request.” This request has been adhered to.

The landholders have riparian rights to access raw water from the Darling River water system. The various properties on the eastern side of the Enngonia Road also have access to the filtered water supply, as extended past North Bourke, whilst Mr and Mrs Hands property, located on the western side of Enngonia Road, only have access to the river water.

Report

Council in November 2015 adopted a Raw Water Supply Policy (Policy No 3.7.10). This Policy is still considered relevant and states as follows:

POLICY

Bourke Shire Council treats water to drinking water quality and distributes it to the community via the water reticulation system. In Bourke there are two water reticulation systems, which distribute the filtered treated water for drinking and internal use and raw water for external use for the Bourke community.

PROCEDURES

There will be no further connections allowed for rural/agricultural use outside the designated village and town areas of Bourke and North Bourke, Fords Bridge, Louth, Enngonia, Wanaaring and Byrock without a resolution of Council.

Consideration of any application will be subject to:-

- The capital works being undertaken at no cost to Council and the total cost of the scheme proposed is prepaid to Council prior to Council carrying out the work.*
- All new owners agreeing to pay Water Headworks contributions to cover augmentation of major capital items such as treatment works, reservoirs, pumps and rising mains relatively remote from the Scheme area.*
- The connection shall be for domestic purposes only.*
- That all internal plumbing be carried out by a licensed plumber in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2005 and that all such works be inspected and tested by officers of Council prior to the covering of the works.*

The design and construction of any water main to service properties complying with Council's current policies.

In respect of the subject properties requesting access to the raw water supply, it is advised that they are between 700m and 1300m away from the closet raw water main. This closest raw water main is located at the Kidman Way Caravan Park. On the western side of Enngonia Road, heading north, Council has previously constructed a 100mm raw water line feeding the industrial estate and an 80mm line feeding the abattoir.

As per the Policy, access to these water supplies requires approval from Council by resolution and be in line with the Policy. Should Council wish to grant access to the raw water supply, the Policy requires a full hydraulic study and system overview of the raw water scheme at North Bourke to be completed. It would be my view that such a study would show that the raw water system is basically at full capacity and the proposed additional connections may result in system collapse during periods of high demand.

Whilst the Abattoir raw water line is also in place, any additional connections to this line would also need a full hydraulic assessment to ensure the Abattoir have enough raw water for their

operations. With the proposed plans of throughput growth at the Abattoir, it is also considered best that Council does not permit access to this line.

Whilst the recent flooding of the Darling River has caused issues for adjoining residents with the relocation of pumps on a steep riverbank with an ever-widening river, it has meant in some cases that residents have been left without the usage of their river pumps for raw water access. Notwithstanding, extension of, and access to, Councils raw water supply is not supported.

It is further advised that during the discussions with property owners on 6 December 2022, enquiries were made of the Council Officers in attendance by Mr Old as to what Councils plans were for growth and development of North Bourke into the future. In respect of this matter, Council staff informed the meeting that they saw North Bourke as a growth area and in this regard, advised that Council had applied for funding to undertake the preparation of a Housing Strategy for the Shire. This strategy would include the North Bourke area. At this point, the development of the Strategy is reliant on achieving this funding. In seeking to prepare the Strategy, and as relating to the North Bourke area, the matters of land use, housing and infrastructure requirements such as water, were discussed at the meeting as were limitations with the development and growth of the North Bourke Precinct. It would be proposed that should funding not be forthcoming for this study during 2023, then consideration be given at the appropriate time with a view to Council funding the preparation of such a Strategy.

Financial Implications

It is estimated that that costs to undertake a hydraulic assessment of the North Bourke raw water supply in respect of the provision of water external to the North Bourke Village would be in the vicinity of \$30,000 - \$50,000.

Recommendation

- 1. That Council confirms and readopts its Raw Water Supply Policy (Policy No 3.7.10) as at 19 December 2022 and as printed herein.**
- 2. That Mr Frank Old, Mr Alan Morrall, Mr Trevor Randall, Mr Neville and Mrs Pam Simpson be advised that as per Councils Raw Water Supply Policy, Council does not provide its approval to any extension of the raw water supply to those properties located north of Kidman Camp up to and including Simpsons property, Enngonia Rd, North Bourke, due to the limited capacity of the existing raw water infrastructure in North Bourke.**
- 3. That Mr Warren and Mrs Susanne Hand be advised that as per Councils Raw Water Supply Policy, Council does not provide its approval to the extension of the raw water supply, or the provision of access to the abattoir line, to their property, "Virginia Farm" Enngonia Rd, North Bourke, due to the limited capacity of the existing raw water infrastructure in North Bourke and proposed plans of throughput growth at the Abattoir, respectively.**
- 4. That it be noted that Council has sought grant funding for the preparation of a Housing Strategy for Bourke, which includes addressing future growth and development opportunities in the North Bourke Area.**

- 5. That should grant funding for the preparation of the Housing Strategy not be forthcoming during 2023, then consideration be given, at the appropriate time, with a view to Council funding the preparation of such a Strategy.**

P.O. Box 312,
 Bourke, NSW, 2840.
 20/10/2022.
 General Manager,
 Bourke Shire Council,
 P.O. Box 21,
 Bourke, NSW, 2840.

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Dear Leonie,

Subject; Raw water line eastern side and parallel to the Mitchell Highway(Macquarie Street) north of Kidman Camp Caravan Park.

I seek Councils consideration in extending the raw water line and connection access to the residential properties it would service up to and including Simpson's property 102 Macquarie Street,North Bourke.

Thank you in anticipation,


 Alan Morrall

P.O. Box 548
10-10-22

General Manager,
Bourke Shire Council
Mitchell Street
Bourke 2840.
Dear Sir or Madam

I would like to enquire about the possibility of having the town water supply connected to our block at Lot 1, north Bourke, some time in the near future. This would be the raw water supply as we already are connected to the Filtered Water Supply.

There are a number of houses along the river bank who may also be interested in having this connection.

This block is in the name of Mrs. Cathy Simpson who has given her approval to me to write this letter.

Yours faithfully

Reville Simpson

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Leonie Brown
General Manager
Peter Brown
Manager of Works
Bourke Shire Councilors

Bourke Shire Council
Mitchell Street
Bourke, NSW, 2840

Warren & Susanne Hand

Virginia Farm
985 Mitchell Highway
Bourke, NSW, 2840
Phone: 0268724442 | 0400665889 /0427747516

Dear Mrs Brown, Peter and Councilors

RE: Water Access to Virginia Farm

We write to you again for reconsideration requesting assistance for water access.

As you are currently aware, our water supply comes directly from the Darling River through pumping into a storage ground tank and is then pumped into a settling tank.

Due to the current flood, we are unable to pump water for domestic and stock use due to our pump being under water.

We had pulled up our pump to the highest possible point, with in the original river height prediction it was deemed to be safe. With the continuous rain we were unable to remove the pump due to inability to access the pump and then continual flooding has caused the pump to be submerged,

We are at the point now where we only have 2 weeks of water left in our ground tank and are again requesting access to raw water from the existing water supply at North Bourke or the abattoir line that runs along our property frontage.

We realize that our property is not included in the current boundaries for the north Bourke water supply, but our situation is now that of desperation.

We understand that we have been denied access to the main water line to the Bourke Abattoir as per correspondence June 2022.

However, we would like to request the possibility of access to the raw water supply, so we do have water for the short term whilst we are unable to pump water.

We have restricted our water usage to attempt to preserve water, however evaporation is also contributing to the water loss.

This is now becoming an urgent situation due to the ongoing river height and inaccessibility.

We thank you for your time.

Kind regards

Warren and Susanne Hand

14 ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES & DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

Nil

15 GENERAL MANAGER

15.1 *** ADMINISTRATION OF SEPTEMBER 2024 ORDINARY COUNCIL ELECTIONS

File Number: C11.1, E2.3.7
Author: Leonie Brown, General Manager
Authoriser: Leonie Brown, General Manager
Attachments: Nil

Background

The next ordinary election for NSW Councils is planned to be held on Saturday 14 September 2024.

Section 296AA of the NSW Local Government Act provides as follows in respect of required actions of councils for the administration of these elections, as follows:

- (1) *At least 18 months before the next ordinary election of councillors for a council, the council must resolve—*
 - (a) *to enter into an arrangement with the Electoral Commissioner, by contract or otherwise, for the Electoral Commissioner to administer elections of the council (as provided by section 296), or*
 - (b) *that the elections of the council are to be administered by an electoral services provider engaged by the council.*
- (2) *A resolution referred to in subsection (1)(b) must include the following information—*
 - (a) *whether the general manager has identified an electoral services provider to be engaged for the next ordinary election of councillors and, if so, the name of that provider,*
 - (b) *any other information required by the regulations.*
- (3) *As soon as practicable after the making of a resolution referred to in subsection (1)(b), the general manager of the council must publish a copy of the resolution on the council's website.*
- (4) *If a council fails to comply with subsection (1), the general manager of the council must publish a notice of that failure on the council's website.*

In addition to the above, Section 296 of the Act provides in respect of how elections are to be administered as follows:

- (1) *Elections for the purposes of this Chapter are to be administered by an electoral services provider engaged by the council concerned, except as provided by this section.*
- (2) *A council can enter into an arrangement (an election arrangement) with the Electoral Commissioner, by contract or otherwise, for the Electoral Commissioner to administer elections of the council as provided by this section. If such an arrangement is entered into,*

the Electoral Commissioner is to administer elections of the council in accordance with the arrangement.

- (3) *An election arrangement for the Electoral Commissioner to administer all elections of a council can be entered into if—*
- (a) the council resolves at least 18 months before the next ordinary election of councillors that such an arrangement is to be entered into, and*
 - (b) the arrangement is entered into no later than 15 months before the next ordinary election of councillors.*
- (4) *An election arrangement for the Electoral Commissioner to administer a particular election of a council (other than an ordinary election of councillors) can be entered into at any time if the council has resolved that an election arrangement for the election is to be entered into.*

Note—

Section 18 provides that certain provisions of this Act (relating to the conduct of elections) apply to council polls and constitutional referendums, with such modifications as may be necessary, in the same way as they apply to elections.

Current Situation

Having regard to the requirements of the Local Government Act, Council is required to make a determination as to how their ordinary elections in September 2024 are to be administered by 13 March 2023.

Council must resolve either:

- to enter into an election arrangement with the NSW Electoral Commissioner (NSWEC) to administer all the council's elections, polls and constitutional referenda; or
- that the council's elections are to be administered by another electoral services provider engaged by the Council.

It will be recommended that Council continue its past practice and engage the NSW Electoral Commission (NSWEC) to administer the ordinary election in September 2024. It will also be recommended that the NSWEC administers any polls and referenda, if required, noting that the election arrangement with the NSWEC will apply to the 2024 ordinary election and every election, poll and referendum including any by-election or countback election until the contract is automatically terminated 18 months before the following ordinary election of councillors.

The election arrangement is a standardised contract for all councils. The service schedule and costs schedule of the standardised contract will vary between councils and are made by the NSWEC in consultation with each council.

If Council was not to resolve to engage the NSWEC to administer its elections by 13 March 2023, it is required to engage another electoral services provider to do so.

Financial Implications

Funding will be provided in Councils 2024/2025 Operational Plan for the elections.

Recommendation

- 1. That pursuant to s. 296(2) and (3) of the Local Government Act 1993 (NSW) an election arrangement be entered into by contract for the Electoral Commissioner to administer all elections of the Council.**
- 2. That pursuant to s.296(2) and (3) of the Act, as applied and modified by s.18, a council poll arrangement be entered into by contract for the Electoral Commissioner to administer all council polls of the Council.**
- 3. That pursuant to s.296(2) and (3) of the Act, as applied and modified by s.18, a constitutional referendum arrangement be entered into by contract for the Electoral Commissioner to administer all constitutional referenda of the Council.**
- 4. That the General Manager be requested to publish a copy of this resolution on Council's website and further advise the NSW Electoral Commission.**

15.2 * ANNUAL REPORT 2021/2022**

File Number: A3.2
Author: Leonie Brown, General Manager
Authoriser: Leonie Brown, General Manager
Attachments: Nil

Background

This report is presented to Council to note the publication of Council's 2021/2022 Annual Report.

Section 428 (1) of the Local Government Act 1993 details the requirements for the preparation of the Annual Report for Councils.

428 Annual reports

- (1) Within 5 months after the end of each year, a Council must prepare a report (its annual report) for that year reporting as to its achievements in implementing its delivery program and the effectiveness of the principal activities undertaken in achieving the objectives at which those principal activities are directed.*
- (2) The annual report in the year in which an ordinary election of Councillors is to be held must also report as to the Council's achievements in implementing the community strategic plan over the previous 4 years.*
- (3) An annual report must be prepared in accordance with the guidelines under section 406.*
- (4) An annual report must contain the following:
 - (a) a copy of the Council's audited financial reports prepared in accordance with the Local Government Code of Accounting Practice and Financial Reporting published by the Department, as in force from time to time,*
 - (b) such other information or material as the regulations or the guidelines under section 406 may require.**
- (5) A copy of the Council's annual report must be posted on the Council's website and provided to the Minister and such other persons and bodies as the regulations may require. A copy of a Council's annual report may be provided to the Minister by notifying the Minister of the appropriate URL link to access the report on the Council's website.*

The Annual Report is one of the suite of documents required to be produced under section 406 of the Local Government Act 1993 dealing with the Integrated Planning and Reporting Framework.

Current Situation

Council prepared its 2021/2022 Annual Report within five (5) months of the end of the 30 June 2022 financial year with the report outlining Council's achievements in implementing its Delivery

Program. Information, as per the Local Government Regulations has also been included in the Report as have Council's Audited Financial Statements for 2021/2022.

A copy of the report was published on Council's website and notification was sent to the Minister for Local Government, both on 30 November 2022.

Financial Implications

Funding is provided in Councils 2022/2023 Operational Plan to fund the preparation of the Report.

Recommendation

That the information in this report regarding the Annual Report as presented to Council on Monday, 19 December 2022 be noted.

15.3 * COMMUNITY CONSULTATION MEETINGS 2023**

File Number: V1.9
Author: Leonie Brown, General Manager
Authoriser: Leonie Brown, General Manager
Attachments: Nil

Background

Over the past nine (9) years, Bourke Shire Council has conducted a series of community meetings across the Shire to provide the opportunity for residents to have input into the development of the annual Operational Plan (budget). The meetings have also provided residents with an overview and update of Council’s current operations and proposed works schedule. In addition, the meetings enable community members to build relationships with Councillor’s and senior staff and discuss any issues and ideas for the future.

Feedback from the engagement with communities ensure that services and facilities provided by Council are in accord with the wishes of the community and subject to financial constraints, are meeting the expectations of the community.

Current Situation

Planning for the 2023 Community Consultation round have commenced with the following dates and times proposed. When dates are confirmed, venues will be organised and communities notified.

Proposed Meeting Schedule

Village	Day	Date	Time
Louth	Wednesday	15 February 2023	8.00am
Wanaaring	Wednesday	15 February 2023	1.00pm
Enngonia	Thursday	16 February 2023	8.00am
Fords Bridge	Thursday	16 February 2023	1.00pm
Byrock	Thursday	23 February 2023	1.00pm
Bourke	Thursday	23 February 2023	5.30pm

The format of the meetings will be similar to that of previous years.

Financial Implications

The costs associated with the staging of the meetings is provided for in Councils 2022/2023 Operational Plan.

Recommendation

- 1. That Council note the scheduling of the 2023 Community Consultation Meetings.**
- 2. That Councillors indicate to the General Manager which meetings they are able to attend so transport and catering can be coordinated.**

16 CORPORATE SERVICES DEPARTMENT

16.1 *** BANK RECONCILIATION & STATEMENT OF BANK BALANCES

File Number: F1.1
Author: Ang Pasang Rai, Manager Corporate Services
Authoriser: Leonie Brown, General Manager
Attachments: Nil

Bank Reconciliation for the period ending 30 November 2022

Balances as per Bank Statement	\$648,082.89
Plus: Deposit not shown	\$10,703.86
Less: Unpresented Cheques	\$3,283.74
Balance as per Cash Book	\$655,503.01

Reconciled Ledger Accounts as at 30 November 2022

Fund or Account	Current Balance	Overdraft Statutory Limit
General	\$23,893,103.04	\$200,000.00
Water	\$2,907,932.07	
Sewer	\$2,824,063.97	
Trust	\$99,440.10	
	\$29,724,539.18	

Reconciliation at 30 November 2022

Balance as per cash book	\$655,503.01
Investments*	\$29,069,036.17
Total, equalling Reconciled Ledger	\$29,724,539.18

* In accordance with Council policy and legislative obligations, a complete breakdown of investments will be provided in the investment report for the month.

Statement of Bank Balances as at 30 November 2022

	Balance 31 October 2022	Transaction	Balance 30 November 2022
General Fund	\$24,593,327.66	-\$700,224.62	\$23,893,103.04
Water Fund	\$2,666,179.10	\$241,752.97	\$2,907,932.07
Sewer Fund	\$2,895,747.00	-\$71,683.03	\$2,824,063.97
Trust Fund	\$111,292.38	-\$11,852.28	\$99,440.10
Investments	-\$28,617,605.77	-\$451,430.40	-\$29,069,036.17
Totals	\$1,648,940.37	-\$993,437.36	\$655,503.01

Balance of all Funds as at 30 November 2022

Balance as at 31 October 2022	\$1,648,940.37
Add Receipts for	
(a) Rates	\$571,421.00
(b) Other Cash	-\$1,057,602.25
Deduct payments for	
(a) Payments	-\$600,478.50
(b) New Investment	\$1,107,734.61
Balance as at 30 November 2022	\$655,503.01

Recommendation

That the Certificate of Reconciliation of the Cash Book for all funds of the Council and the Statement of Bank Balances as at 30 November 2022 be noted.

16.2 * INVESTMENT REPORT AS AT 30 NOVEMBER 2022**

File Number: F1.1
Author: Ang Pasang Rai, 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

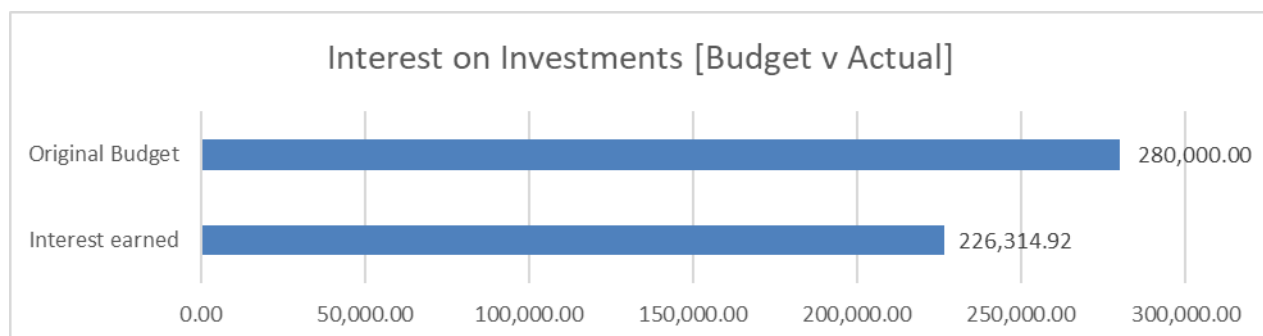
Local Government (General) Regulation 2005

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 30 November 2022 is \$ 29,069,036.17
 Investment income earned as at 30 November 2022 is \$226,314.92



Due to a considerable increase in interest rates by the Reserve Bank of Australia, which was unanticipated at the time the budget was prepared, interest earned on investments will surpass

the original budget. Therefore, a favourable variation for Interest earned on Investment will be reported in the budget review for the December 2022 quarter.

1. Policy Provisions – Council Policy and Procedure

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

Ministerial Investment Order – 12 January 2011

2. Strategic Implications – Implications for Long Term Plans/Targets

Funds are invested in accordance with identified cash flow requirements.

Investment Portfolio

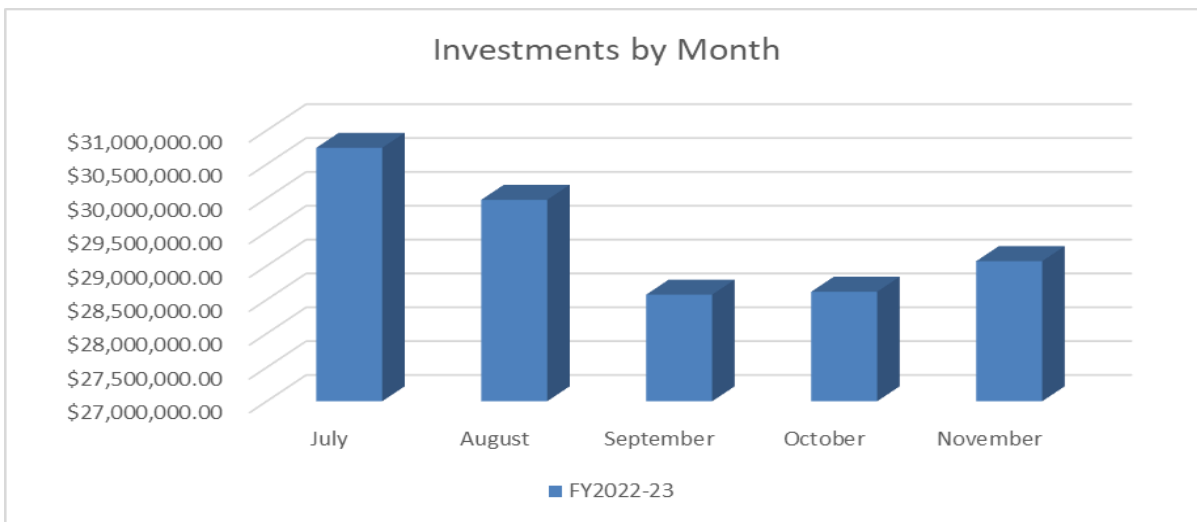
Investments as at 30 November 2022

Institution	Investment No.	Maturity Date	Amount	Rate	Days	S&P Rating
National Australia Bank	16	24/05/2023	678,210.58	2.80%	365	A-1+
National Australia Bank	17	6/06/2023	2,014,665.26	3.05%	365	A-1+
Commonwealth Bank	2	15/02/2023	2,000,000.00	3.76%	210	A-1+
Commonwealth Bank	3	17/03/2023	2,000,000.00	3.88%	240	A-1+
Commonwealth Bank	4	6/04/2023	3,036,222.84	3.73%	239	A-1+
National Australia Bank	5	1/08/2023	1,088,291.01	4.02%	330	A-1+
National Australia Bank	6	21/09/2023	1,106,825.39	4.30%	365	A-1+
National Australia Bank	7	29/03/2023	2,015,448.77	4.05%	180	A-1+
National Australia Bank	8	11/01/2023	3,119,158.82	3.41%	90	A-1+
National Australia Bank	9	9/08/2023	707,486.48	4.00%	300	A-1+
Commonwealth Bank	10	3/11/2023	458,508.37	4.41%	361	A-1+
Commonwealth Bank	11	4/09/2023	1,162,900.41	4.35%	301	A-1+
Commonwealth Bank	12	5/07/2023	1,739,578.58	4.20%	240	A-1+
Commonwealth Bank	13	7/03/2023	3,079,426.10	3.75%	120	A-1+
National Australia Bank	14	8/05/2023	1,519,411.37	4.10%	180	A-1+
National Australia Bank			3,342,902.19			
Total Investments			29,069,036.17			

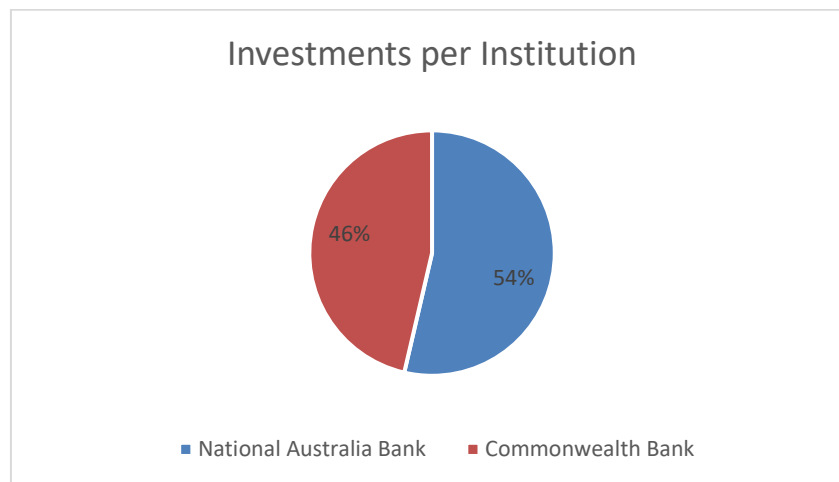
Term Deposits

Discussions/Comments

The Investment portfolio increased by \$451,430.39 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 30 November 2022 be received and noted.**
- 2. That the Certificate of the Responsible Accounting Officer be noted, and the report adopted.**

17 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

Nil

18 DELEGATES AND COUNCILLORS REPORTS

Nil

19 POLICIES

19.1 INVESTMENT POLICY

File Number: P4.1, B2.6

Author: Ang Pasang Rai, Manager Corporate Services

Authoriser: Leonie Brown, General Manager

Attachments: 1. 1.8.10(V7) - Investments Policy Final Version_1 [↓](#) 

Background

Council has been undertaking a systematic review of its policies reviewing those which have been developed previously and developing new policies as voids are identified.

The existence of clear policies provides the staff and the public clear guidelines and/or the requirements of Council.

Current Situation

The Policies relating to Investments, has been reviewed and is placed before Council for review and adoption, subject to any identified amendments.

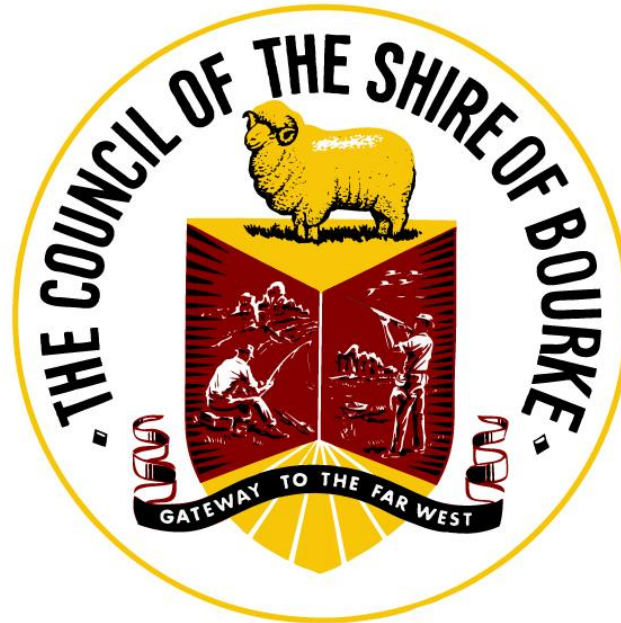
Financial Implications

No significant financial implications are anticipated.

Recommendation

That Council adopt the Investments Policy labelled 1.8.10 (v7) as presented to Council on Monday, 19 December 2022.

SECTION 8
PART 8.10



B BOURKE SHIRE COUNCIL

Investments Policy

Policy No:	8.10.6 (V6) <u>(V7)</u>
Date Adopted:	27/07/2020 <u>19/12/2022</u>
Minute No:	2020/247 <u>2022/---</u>
Supersedes:	8.10.6 (V5) <u>8.10.6 (V6)</u>

Proposed Review Date: ~~26/07/2024~~ 18/12/2023

Responsible Officer: Manager Corporate Services

~~Verified by General Manager~~



~~Verified by Mayor~~



1. Intent

~~To undertake investment of surplus funds in line with Council's current Investment Strategy.~~

To provide guidance and undertake investment of surplus funds in line with Council's current Investment Strategy.

To maximise earnings from authorised investments and ensure the security of Council Funds in compliance with section 625 of the Local Government Act 1993.

AUTHORITY FOR INVESTMENT

All investments are to be made in accordance with:-

- Ministerial Investment order: issued 12/01/2011 Attachment
- Local Government (General) regulation 2005 – Reg 212 Attachment
- Local Government Act 1993 – section 412 and 625 Attachment
- ~~Revised Ministerial Orders; Circular 11-01 issued 17 February 2011~~
- ~~Revised Ministerial Order; Circular 17-29 issued 10 October 2017~~
- Local Government Act 1993 – Investment Order (of the Minister) – in accordance with most recently published Order
- Local Government Code of Accounting Practice and Financial Reporting
- Australian Accounting Standards
- Office of Local Government Circulars as applicable
- ~~NSW Trustee Act, 1925 The Trustee Amendment (Discretionary Investments) Act 1997 – sections 14A(2), 14C(1) and (2)~~
- Office of Local Government Investment Policy Guidelines

DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY

Authority for the implementation of the Investment Policy is delegated by Council to the General Manager in accordance with the Local Government Act 1993.

The General Manager has also delegated authority to the Manager of Corporate Services and Senior Finance Officer to the Finance Team Leader, and any ~~or~~ other persons who have the requisite skills to undertake investment functions as authorised by the General Manager ~~have authority~~ to invest surplus funds.

Officers with delegated authority are required to acknowledge they have received a copy of this Policy and understand their obligations in this role.

PRUDENT PERSON STANDARD

The investment will be managed with the care, diligence and skills that a prudent person would exercise. As trustees of public monies, officers are to manage Council's investment portfolio to safeguard the portfolio in accordance with this Investment Policy and not for speculative purposes.

ETHICS AND CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Officers shall refrain from personal activities that would conflict with the proper execution and management of Council's investment portfolio. The Policy requires officers to disclose any conflict of interest to the General Manager.

AUTHORISED INVESTMENTS

The Officers delegated authority to manage Council's Investment is limited to investments allowed by the Ministerial Investment Order noting the following:

- All investments must be denominated in Australian Dollars. Authorised Investments would include but not necessarily be limited to:
- Commonwealth/State/Territory Government security e.g. Bonds;
- Interest bearing deposits issued by an authorised deposit taking institution;
- Bills of exchange, (< 200 days duration), guaranteed by an authorised deposit taking institution
- Debentures Issued by NSW Local Government
- ~~NSW Treasury Corporation Investments with TCorp and/or investments in TCorp managed funds.~~

PROHIBITED INVESTMENTS

This investment policy prohibits any investment carried out for speculative purposes including but not limited to:

- Derivative based instruments
- Principal only investments or securities that provide potentially nil or negative cash flow; and
- Stand alone securities issued that have underlying futures, options, forwards contracts and swaps of any kind

This policy also prohibits the use of leveraging (borrowing to invest) of an investment or investments that are themselves leveraged.

EXPLANATIONS AND PROCEDURES

TYPES OF APPROPRIATE MANAGED FUNDS

Cash funds invest solely in cash and bank bills, but offer much greater flexibility than Council investing in bills direct (which are held to maturity), since they offer immediate access to funds at all times with no penalty.

Both Rated and Unrated Cash-Plus funds invest primarily in bank bills and floating rate notes and only make strategic entry into longer term government securities when appropriate to enhance returns. They aim to outperform bank bills over a 6-12 month time horizon and should primarily be used for Council’s longer-term “core” investments. Access to funds is still normally available within 24 hours at no penalty.

APPROVED INVESTMENTS WITH FUND MANAGERS WOULD INCLUDE:

Fund Type	Minimum Investment Time Horizon	Maximum Exposure as % Total Investment Portfolio
Cash Funds (at call)	0 – 180 days	0 – 100
Cash Plus/Cash Enhanced Funds/or Equivalent Cash Funds – Term Deposits	3 – 12 months	0 - 90

The asset structure and features of the fund are to be consistent with the desired outcomes of Council’s Investment Strategy.

At Call Deposits:

Cash invested on an overnight basis with an Australian Authorised Deposit-taking Institution (ADI). Funds can be recalled or re-invested prior to the bank’s Real Time Gross Settlement cut-off each day.

Benefits: At call account provides a quick and easy investment solution for current balances that are not being used otherwise.

Major Risks/Disadvantages: Potentially a lower return investment product.

Term deposits:

Interest bearing deposit held at an ADI for a specific contracted period. Term deposits are not tradeable in the market. They typically have a fixed rate for their life, but floating rate term deposits are also available.

Benefits:

- Term deposits are considered to be a relatively low-risk investment.
- As these funds are not callable prior to maturity, banks generally offer a return premium.
- This type of investment allows investors to match cash flow requirements.
- The return is known.

Major Risks/ Disadvantages:

- Liquidity risk applies in that deposits are not redeemable before maturity.
- Deposits may not be breakable at all or may only be broken after a prohibitive break fee is paid.
- Interest Rate risk applies in that the rate of return is fixed.
- Credit risk is a function of the creditworthiness of the ADI.

COUNCIL’S DIRECT INVESTMENTS

(i) Quotations in Investments

Not less than two (2) quotations shall be obtained from authorised institutions when an investment is proposed and will be authorised by two signatories.

(ii) Term of Maturity

The term to maturity of any of Council’s direct investments may range from “at call” to twelve (12) months, for a term which best suits the cash flow requirements of Council. Council is specifically to approve if outside these terms.

GENERAL PROCEDURE GUIDELINES FOR DIVERSIFICATION/CREDIT RISK

i. Managed Fund Investments

The total amount invested with any one (1) fund manager should not exceed ~~45%~~ 60% of average annual funds invested by Council.

ii. Direct Investments

The amount invested with any one financial institution should not exceed the following percentages of average annual funds invested by Council.

Long Term Rating (Standard & Poors)	Short Term Rating (Standard & Poors)	Maximum Percentage of Total Investments
AAA to AA-	A1+	100%
A+ to A-	A1	45%

~~The National Bank has a AA rating and maintains a branch in Bourke and for that reason is permitted a higher ranking than other similarly rated institutions. Due to their A1+ ratings and Bourke branch, the Commonwealth Bank of Australia and the National Australia Bank are given a higher preference than other institutions with comparable ratings.~~

(iii) Credit Ratings

Standard & Poor’s and Moody’s equivalent ratings are acceptable for investments.

If any of Council’s investments are downgraded such that they no longer fall within these investment policy guidelines, they will be divested as soon as is practicable.

PERFORMANCE BENCHMARKS

Investment	Performance Benchmark
Cash / Cash Plus / Direct Investments	11 AM Cash Rate
Direct Investments	AFMS BBSW Rate: Average mid -90 days

AFMA – Australian Financial Markets Association

BBSW – Bank Bill Swap

REPORTING

Documentary evidence must be held for each investment and details therefore maintained in an Investment Register. The documentary evidence must provide Council legal title to the investment.

A monthly report is to be provided to Council, which complies with the requirements of the Local Government Act, Regulations and Code of Accounting Practice and details performance and counterparty percentage exposure of total portfolio.

The report should also detail investment income earned versus budget year to date.

For audit purposes, certificates must be obtained from the banks/fund managers confirming the amounts of investment held on Council’s behalf at 30th June each year.

All investments are to be appropriately recorded in Council’s financial records and reconciled at least on a monthly basis.

VARIATION TO PROCEDURE

The General Manager or his delegated representative is authorised to approve variations to these procedures if the investment is to Council’s advantage and/or due to revised legislation. The Investment Policy will be reviewed at least annually and any amendments to the Investment Policy must be by way of Council resolution.

All changes to these procedures are to be reported to Council within 28 days.

INVESTMENT STRATEGY

Council’s current investment strategy provides that Council Officers invest any surplus funds. Individual investments are selected, involving staff time, to ensure access to cash on a rolling monthly basis.

INCONSISTENCIES OF POLICY OR PROCEDURES

If there are any aspects in which this Council Policy is inconsistent with the Office of Local Government Policy Guidelines of May 2010, and any subsequent relevant Local Government policies, the Office of Local Government Policy Guidelines are to apply.

RELATED POLICIES

There are no related Council Policies.

Variation

Council retains the right to review, vary or revoke this policy at any time.

The General Manager has the right to review or vary these procedures.

Policy adopted by Council:

Policy Amendments

Version	Date Approved	Description of Changes

Attachment 1

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1993 – INVESTMENT ORDER (Relating to investments by councils)

I, the Hon. Barbara Perry MP, Minister for Local Government, in pursuance of section 625(2) of the Local Government Act 1993 and with the approval of the Treasurer, do, by this my Order, notify for the purposes of section 625 of that Act that a council or county council may only invest money (on the basis that all investments must be denominated in Australian Dollars) in the following forms of investment:

- (a) any public funds or securities issued by or guaranteed by, the Commonwealth, any State of the Commonwealth or a Territory;
- (b) any debentures or securities issued by a council (within the meaning of the Local Government Act 1993 (NSW));
- (c) interest bearing deposits with, or any debentures or bonds issued by, an authorised deposit-taking institution (as defined in the Banking Act 1959 (Cwth)), but excluding subordinated debt obligations;
- (d) any bill of exchange which has a maturity date of not more than 200 days; and if purchased for value confers on the holder in due course a right of recourse against a bank which has been designated as an authorised deposit-taking institution by the Australian Prudential Regulation Authority;
- (e) a deposit with the New South Wales Treasury Corporation or investments in an Hour-Glass investment facility of the New South Wales Treasury Corporation;

All investment instruments (excluding short term discount instruments) referred to above include both principal and investment income.

Transitional Arrangements

- (i) Subject to paragraph (ii) nothing in this Order affects any investment made before the date of this Order which was made in compliance with the previous Ministerial Orders, and such investments are taken to be in compliance with this Order.
- (ii) Paragraph (i) only applies to those investments made before the date of this Order and does not apply to any restructuring or switching of investments or any re-investment of proceeds received on disposal or maturity of such investments, which for the avoidance of doubt must comply with this Order.

Key Considerations

An investment is not in a form of investment notified by this order unless it also complies with an investment policy of council adopted by a resolution of council.

All councils should by resolution adopt an investment policy that is consistent with this Order and any guidelines issued by the Chief Executive (Local Government), Department of Premier and Cabinet, from time to time.

The General Manager, or any other staff member, with delegated authority by a council to invest funds on behalf of a council must do so in accordance with the council's adopted investment policy.

Councils have a fiduciary responsibility when investing. Councils should exercise the care, diligence and skill that a prudent person would exercise in managing the affairs of other persons.

When exercising the power of investment councils should consider, but not be limited by, the risk of capital or income loss or depreciation, the likely income return and the timing of income return, the length of the term of the proposed investment, the liquidity and marketability of the proposed investment, the likelihood of inflation affecting the value of the proposed investment and the costs (including commissions, fees, charges and duties payable) of making the proposed investment.

Dated this 12th day of January 2011


Hon BARBARA PERRY MP
Minister for Local Government

Attachment 2

Local Government (General) Regulation 2021 [NSW]

212 Reports on council investments

- (1) The responsible accounting officer of a council—
 - (a) must provide the council with a written report (setting out details of all money that the council has invested under section 625 of the Act) to be presented—
 - (i) if only one ordinary meeting of the council is held in a month, at that meeting, or
 - (ii) if more than one such meeting is held in a month, at whichever of those meetings the council by resolution determines, and
 - (b) must include in the report a certificate as to whether or not the investment has been made in accordance with the Act, the regulations and the council’s investment policies.
- (2) The report must be made up to the last day of the month immediately preceding the meeting.

Note. Section 625 of the Act specifies the way in which a council may invest its surplus funds.

Attachment 2

LOCAL GOVERNMENT (GENERAL) REGULATION 2005 - REG 212

Reports on council investments

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 - (b) must include in the report a certificate as to whether or not the investment has been made in accordance with [the Act](#), the regulations and the council’s investment policies.
- (2) The report must be made up to the last day of the month immediately preceding the meeting.

Note: [Section 625 of the Act](#) specifies the way in which a council may invest its surplus funds.

Attachment 3**LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1993 - SECT 625****How may councils invest?****625 How may councils invest?**

(1) A council may invest money that is not, for the time being, required by the council for any other purpose.

(2) Money may be invested only in a form of investment notified by order of the Minister published in the Gazette.

Note: See Gazettes No 152 of 24.11.2000, p 12041; No 94 of 29.7.2005, p 3977; No 97 of 15.8.2008, p 7638 and No 160 of 24.12.2008, p 13140.

(3) An order of the Minister notifying a form of investment for the purposes of this section must not be made without the approval of the Treasurer.

(4) The acquisition, in accordance with section 358, of a controlling interest in a corporation or an entity within the meaning of that section is not an investment for the purposes of this section.

412 Accounting records

- (1) A council must keep such accounting records as are necessary to correctly record and explain its financial transactions and its financial position.
 - (2) In particular, a council must keep its accounting records in a manner and form that facilitate—
 - (a) the preparation of financial reports that present fairly its financial position and the results of its operations, and
 - (b) the convenient and proper auditing of those reports.
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20 PRÉCIS OF CORRESPONDENCE

Nil

21 ACTIVITY REPORTS

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

File Number: E7.1
Author: Paul Flanagan, Manager Roads
Authoriser: Leonie Brown, General Manager
Attachments: Nil

Background

The following information outlines works undertaken from 14 November 2022 to 12 December 2022 inclusive.

Road Works Team – Michael Willoughby – Roads Supervisor	
NORTH TEAM – Denis Tiffen, Team Leader	
Location	Work Carried Out
Flood Control	Commenced
RLR -1 Maintenance grade	Commenced
RLR -38 Maintenance grade	Completed
SOUTH TEAM - John Reed, Team Leader	
Location	Work Carried Out
Flood Control	Commenced
RLR -21 Bullamunta Road	Construction and seal re-sheeting commenced
RLR-10 Louth/Trilby	Construction and seal re-sheeting, stopped due to flooding
RLR-27 Maintenance grade	Commenced
TRANSPORT TEAM - Simon Wielinga, Team Leader	
Location	Work Carried Out
RLR-102 Louth/Trilby carting gravel	Stopped due to flooding
Carted red sand	Completed
BITUMEN TEAM – Phillip Harvey, Team Leader	
Bourke Township	Patching undertaken
Regional Roads	Patching undertaken
State Highways	Patching undertaken
SH 421 Kidman’s Way	Slashing commenced

WORKSHOP – Colin Kiley, Team Leader, Tradesman Plant Mechanic			
Plant no	Rego	Description	Work Carried Out
44	YII29T	Mazda BT 50	Carry out service
50	CL16AC	Kenworth	Remove and replace cab airbag, check front steering and suspension, balance front wheels

53	XN28QQ	2011 Traffic Signals	Carry out service, remove and replace controller
59	Z37484	2014 Transtech	Repair wiring and replace lights
62		2010 Delta	Remove and replace damage hydraulic hoses, adjust clutch and grease
76	P95814	2004 Moore Road train Tipper	Remove and replace hydraulic hoses, repair leak
101	CS92FY	Ford Ranger	Carry out service, repair toolbox
103	TF51EG	Fuel Trailer	Repair fuel hose
108	63723D	Toro Mower	Repair roof mounts and replace bolts, remove and replace blades and pullies, repair exhaust
110	43961D	2015 Toro Mower	Carry out service
112	Y73255	2015	Check over for repairs
114	N37716	Freighter	Replace lights and repair wiring
132	CP22CH	John Deere	Carry out service, drain and replace diff, tandems, gear box, circle motor and radiator fluid
134	94196D	2019 John Deere 770G	Carry out service
136	91045D	Toro Mower	Carry out service, remove and replace blades
139	BR53WH	Caterpillar 950H	Carry out service, remove and replace engine belt and pullies
144	AH13CI	Franna	Manufacture and fit new air conditioner system
146	TC61FS	2022 Ford Ranger	Carry out service
147	XO86CI	2020	Carry out service
148	TC60FC	Dolly	Repaired mud guard and lights, remove and replace trailer plug
149	TC61FS	Moore triaxle tipper	Remove trap arm, replace wire rope, reassemble and adjust
155	XN95ZI	2021 Isuzu	Carry out service
162	CZ00HU	2020 Ford Ranger	Carry out service
172	CL38AZ	Isuzu 1500 FXY	Carry out service, repair boom arm and leakage
174	YKY51P	2020 Mazda BT 50	Carry out service
204		Hyster	Diagnose engine and pump problems
206		Lister	Carry out service, replace drive seal in pump
219	X052KJ	2022 Isuzu	Repair oil leak and guards on bin lift arm
238	TB84BR	2016 Moore Tri axle tanker	Repair hydraulic leak
238	TB85BR	2016 Tri axle tanker	Clean out blocked water pipes, repair electrical and replace trailer plugs
242	19326E	Toro Mower	Carry out service
257	XO89ED	2021 Hino FE	Carry out service, replace broom, repair lights
265	XN36KU	Isuzu NQR 450	Diagnose brake light, found faulty ABS sensor, removed and replaced sensor
278	XO44HY	Isuzu	Carry out service, remove bearing, clean grease and adjust, replace diff oil, repair wiring on lights, remove and replace air conditioner hose, evacuate and gas, repair fuel hose on fuel pod

310	BY01TB	2014 Caterpillar	Carry out full service, remove and replace door locks
370		Wing Slasher	Check over and grease blades
371		2021 Woods Slasher	Check over and grease replace blades
404	XN30QQ	2010 Isuzu 500 Short	Remove and replace seat, repair air bag light
505	XN17EH	Kenworth Primemover	Carry out service
506	XN65HG	Kenworth Primemover	Carry out service
510	73228D	Smooth Drum Roller	Diagnose electrical problem. Remove and replace wiring harness
512	73235D	Multi Tyre Roller	Diagnose problem with forward gear, found faulty transmission controller, remove and replace faulty transmission controller
		Welding	Manufacture new back gate and handrail for road managers house
		Small Plant	Service and repair small plant, remove and replace blades and pull start codes
Staff Training		Nil	

Recommendation

That Council note the information in the Roads Department Road Works and Workshop Activity Report as presented to Council on Monday, 19 December 2022.

21.2 PARKS & GARDENS / TOWN SERVICES / WATER & WASTE WATER 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 14 November 2022 to 12 December 2022 inclusive.

Current Situation

PARKS & GARDENS – Frank Hollman, Team Leader	
Location	Work Carried Out
General	All parks and sporting grounds gardens - regular mowing and maintenance completed. Sporting grounds facilities cleaned and maintained. Public toilets cleaned and maintained. Cleaned facilities. General graffiti removal carried out on Council facilities.
Small Plant	Maintenance and service carried out on all ground plant.
Works Requests	Actioned and ongoing.
1 Tudor St	General maintenance carried out.
Wharf	General maintenance carried out.
Council Office	General maintenance carried out.
Renshaw Complex	Grounds, facilities cleaned and maintained.
Coolican Oval	General maintenance carried out.
Davidson Oval	General maintenance carried out. Prepare ground for Junior and Senior cricket.
Central Park	Skate Park - regular mowing and maintenance carried out, including, graffiti removal. Prepare for Christmas Markets.
Villages	Mow grounds, facilities cleaned and maintained.
Airport	Mowed airstrip.
Darling Park	General maintenance carried out.
Staff Training	Nil

TOWN SERVICES – Troy Hayman, Team Leader	
Location	Work Carried Out
Work Requests	Actioned and ongoing
	Weekly sand footpaths
	Weekly Town mowing

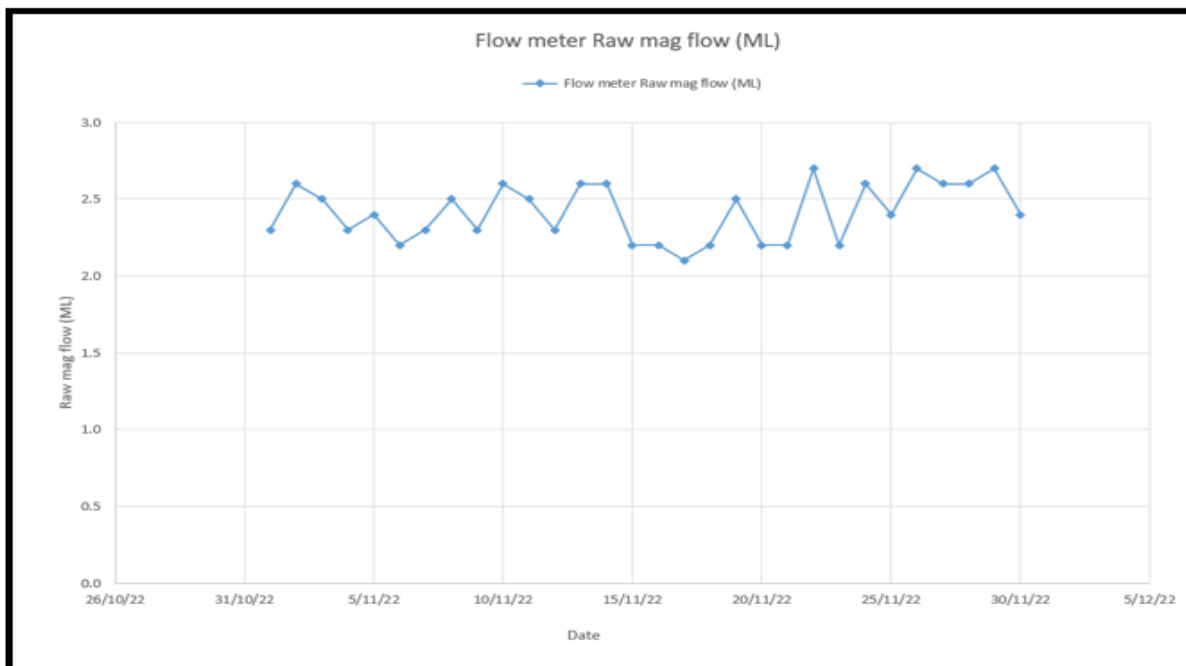
TOWN SERVICES – Troy Hayman, Team Leader	
Location	Work Carried Out
	Daily Main Street Program
	Airport Slashing and Mowing for Helicopters
	Town Slashing and Laneways
	Town Poisoning
Cemetery	Prepared grave 17/11/2022
Rest Areas	Weekly rubbish removal, cleaning along roadside, pressure clean and mow Cobar/Sydney rest areas, suspended due to flooding
Staff Training	WHS Training
Works Request	Cart Aggregate
	Cart Crusher Dust
	Crane to Mertin Street sewer well
	Town drainage
	Crane to Warraweena sewer well
	Deliver red sand and sandbags to River View Farm
	Deliver red sand and sandbags to Darling Street, North Bourke
	Daily checks of levee bank and flood gates
	Deliver red sand and sandbags to Alice Edwards Village
	Cart Aggregate to childcare office in Hope Street
	Remove blow out in bitumen in Anson Street
	Mow around Catholic School and vacant block
	Deliver crusher dust to meatworks
	Remove burnt out vehicle from Green Street
	Remove trees from Oxley Street Lane
	Remove vehicle from Enngonia highway
	Mow Tancred Drive
	Mow North Bourke subdivision
	Deliver sand to Percy Hobson Park
	Cold mix gutter edge in Anson Street
	Richard Street flood gate - fill with sandbags to stop water coming in
	Mow and whipper snip IGA, Gidgee Guest House and Diggers corners
	Sandbag North Bourke culvert
	Sandbag culvert along Hungerford Road into Airport
	Remove rubbish from Becker Street laneway
	Load Bush truck with gravel
	Garden mix Percy Hobson Park
	Deliver sandbags to Rural Fire Service
	Erect No Stopping sign at North Bourke Pub
	Deliver sand to State Emergency Services
	Sandbag North Bourke
	Sandbag Richard Street levee gate
	Slash behind Harris Street
	Mow tops of levee's
	Deliver aggregate to Sydney Road for wash outs over road from flood water
	Remove trees from cemetery

TOWN SERVICES – Troy Hayman, Team Leader	
Location	Work Carried Out
	Monitor levee bank pump stations
	Mow and whipper snip highway through town
	Street signs North Bourke, High Street and Peter Bryant’s Drive
	Crane and gravel Warraweena sewer well
	Slash and mow around town

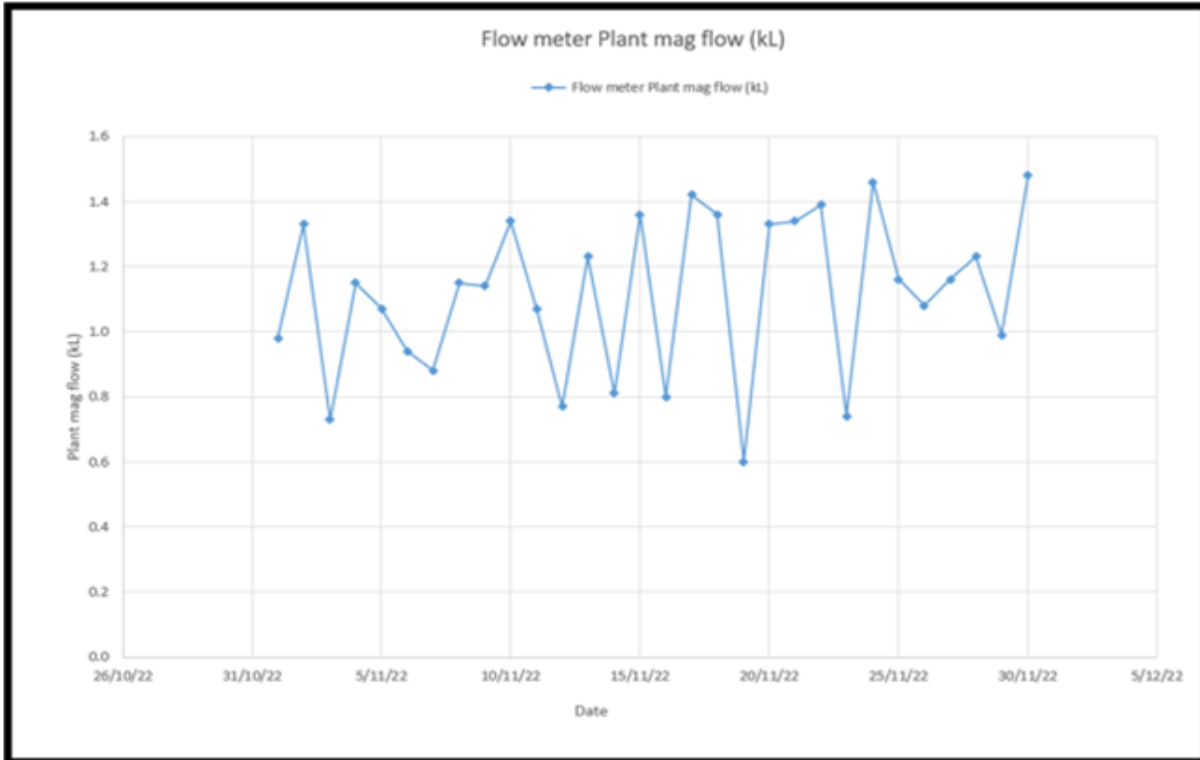
WATER & WASTEWATER – Shane Hopley, Team Leader	
Water Supply Planned Maintenance	
42 Mertin Street	Sewer Choke
44 Hope Street	Sewer Choke
8 Hope Street	Sewer Choke
41 Darling Street	Sewer Choke
103 Oxley Street	Sewer Choke
3 Oxley Street	Sewer Choke
5 Yanda Street	Sewer Choke
Wanaaring	No water Dug 80mm water main and repaired
Warrego Street North Bourke storm water	Install 100mm submersible pump and 150mm transfer pump
88 Anson Street	Dig 100mm raw water main and repair main
5 Richard Street	Dig 100mm raw water main and repair main
Cobar Street	Dig 100mm raw water main and repair main
Alice Edwards Village	Dig 100mm raw water main and repair main
70 Darling Street	Dig 100mm raw water main and repair main
23 Anson Street	Dig 100mm raw water main and repair main
Renshaw Complex	Dig 100mm raw water main and repair main
Darling Street North Bourke	Dig 50mm filtered water main and repair main
Renshaw Cottage	Dig 50mm raw water main and repair main
Warraweena Street	Dig 50mm filtered water main and repair main
76 Darling Street	Dig 25mm raw water service and repair
100 Hope Street	Repair leaking 25mm raw water service
72 Macquarie Street North Bourke	Repair leaking 20mm filtered water service
11 Moculta Street	Filtered water leak (internal)
North Bourke	Install filtered water meters on new services
6 Sturt Street	Repair leaking filtered water service
6 Warraweena Street	Repair leaking filtered water service
12 Darling Street	Move filtered water services
51 Anson Street	Repair leaking raw water service
15 Mitchell Street	Repair leaking raw water service
12 Short Street	Repair leaking toilet
2 Richard Street	Dig raw water main and cap service
76 Darling Street	Dig raw water main and cap service
65 Anson Street	Install water meter
North Bourke	Install new services
Short Street	Replace tap top

WATER & WASTEWATER – Shane Hopley, Team Leader	
Water Supply Planned Maintenance	
Pool	Adjust chlorine dosage
Renshaw Complex	Pull out fence posts Renshaw Cottage
North Bourke	Plug storm water drainage pipe
Bowden Drive	Replace leaking filtered Hydrant
Fords Bridge	No water pump tripped out
Wanaaring	No water Dig 80mm water main and repair
Renshaw Cottage	Install raw water service and garden tap
Alice Edwards village	Inspection sewer pump station and levee bank
Office	Replace Toilet seat and Repair leaking toilet Replace Storm water pipes and water line to gardens
Sewer mains	Risk assessment/inspection for report on relining sewer mains
Sewer pump stations	Preventative maintenance inspection on all SPS Mertin Street send 2 pumps for service Warraweena Street setup Bypass pump for cleaning and repairs
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	WHS

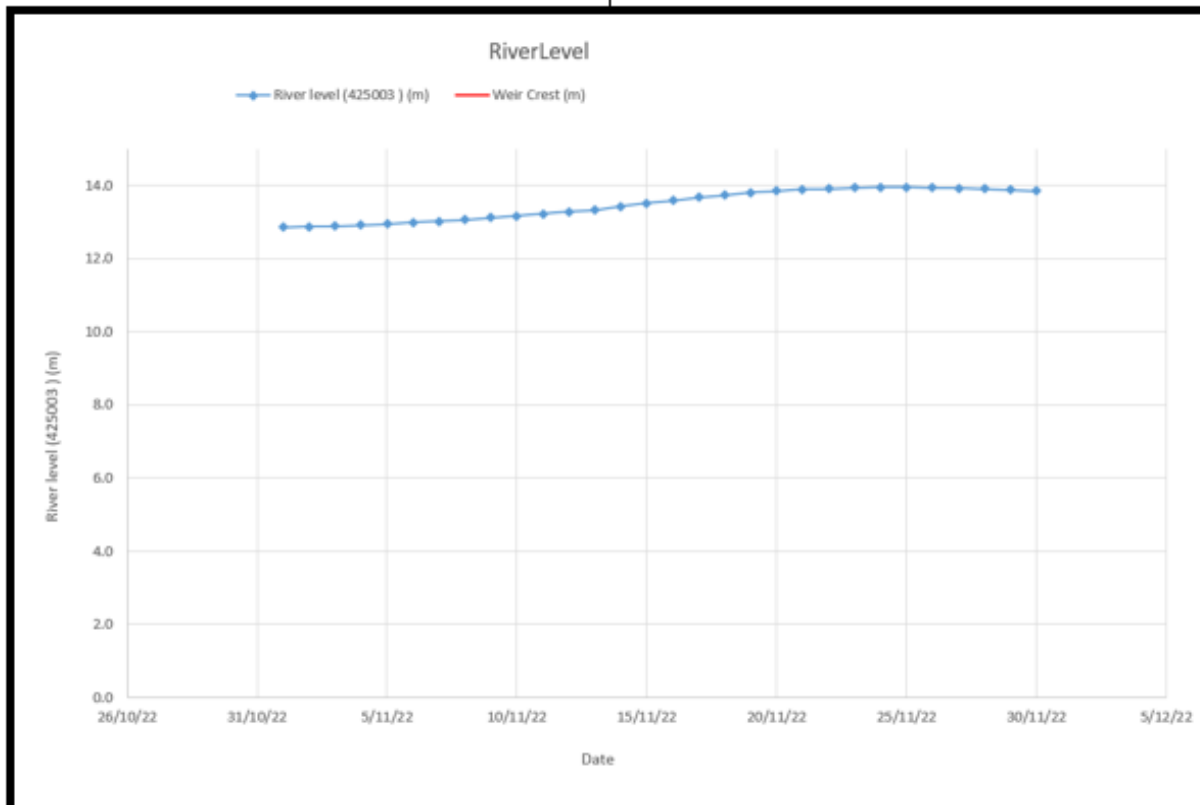
Raw Flow Meter



Plant Flow Meter



Current River Levels



Monthly Readings

Month	Raw water ML	Filter magflow pump 2 ML	Raw Water North Bourke KL	Filter Water North Bourke KL
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
September 2022	55	30	9,635	1,532
October 2022	52	27	7,862	1,544
November 2022	73	30	7,564	1,223

Process	Parameter	Minimum	Average	Maximum	Lower critical lim	Upper critical lim	No. of samples
River level	River level (425003)	12.85	13.48	13.95	3.9		30
Raw Water	pH	7.22	7.63	8.00			30
Raw Water	turbidity	12.00	29.33	42.00			30
Filtered water	pH	7.12	7.26	7.41	6.5	8.7	30
Tower	Free Cl2	2.23	3.31	3.92	0.2	5.0	30
Bourke High School	Free chlorine	2.10	2.10	2.10	0.2	4.0	2
Bourke High School	pH	7.40	7.45	7.50	6.5	8.5	2
Bourke High School	Turbidity	0.15	0.17	0.18	0.0	0.5	2
WTP	Free chlorine	2.00	2.00	2.00	0.2	4.0	1
WTP	pH	7.40	7.40	7.40	6.5	8.5	1
WTP	Turbidity	0.20	0.20	0.20	0.0	0.5	1
Bourke Primary School	Free chlorine	1.50	1.50	1.50	0.2	4.0	1
Bourke Primary School	pH	7.30	7.30	7.30	6.5	8.5	1
Bourke Primary School	Turbidity	0.21	0.21	0.21	0.0	0.5	1
Meadows Rd	Free chlorine	2.20	2.20	2.20	0.2	4.0	1
Meadows Rd	pH	7.70	7.70	7.70	6.5	8.5	1
Meadows Rd	Turbidity	0.20	0.20	0.20	0.0	0.5	1
Mitchell St	Free chlorine	1.70	1.70	1.70	0.2	4.0	1
Mitchell St	pH	7.60	7.60	7.60	6.5	8.5	1
Mitchell St	Turbidity	0.20	0.20	0.20	0.0	0.5	1
Alice Edwards Villa	Free chlorine	0.40	0.40	0.40	0.2	4.0	1
Alice Edwards Villa	pH	7.50	7.50	7.50	6.5	8.5	1
Alice Edwards Villa	Turbidity	0.20	0.20	0.20	0.0	0.5	1

Council’s Water Access Licences-WAL’s

Work Approval	Extraction Site	Site Name	Start meter read 01/07/2022	Old Meter read Nov- 22	New meter Sep-22	Meter read Nov-22	usage Year to Date			Comment
85CA753414	ESID 121627	Water Plant TWS	14804.9	15007.7			202.8	ML	3200ML	
85CA753420	ESID 121630	North Bourke TWS	1732.447	1739.1			6.653	ML	300ML	
85CA753421	ESID 121630	North Bourke Abs	30.006	30.006			0	ML		
85CA751207	24634	Engonia Village TWS	181.64	184.017	0	8.33	10.707	ML	150ML	New meter installed Sep-22
85CA753599		Wanaaring Station	0	0	0		0	ML	25ML	New meter installed Oct-23
85CA753412	ESID 121626	(LWU Louth)	491.101	493	0	4.021	5.92	ML	25ML	New meter installed Sep-22
85CA751215	24639	Fords Bridge TWS	0	0	0	0.519	0.519	ML	2ML	New meter installed Sep-23
85CA751240	32585	Walken Bore No1	19.005	19.005			0	ML	100ML	
	148936	Walken Bore No2	128.567	128.567			0	ML		
	148937	Belvedere Bore	13.996	13.996			0	ML		
	209518	Stoney Rise Bore	24.603	24.603			0	ML		
	222419	Toll Bore					0	ML		No Meter Not Active
85WA753906		Gumbalie					0	ML		No Meter Required Road works Bore
90WA836011	208200	Rainbar or Tichaluka					0	ML		No Meter Required Road works Bore
90WA836179	211161	Rainbar or Tichaluka					0	ML		No Meter Required Road works Bore
85CA753031	ESID 12002	Golf Course					0	ML	320ML	No Meter Not Active
85CA752937	ESID 119950	Exhibition Centre					0	ML	29ML	No Meter Not Active

Health Guidelines

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	<0.9 mg/L for > 72 hours
						or	Or
						>1.0 mg/L	>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	Sept 2022 Test	*Oct 2022 Test	*Nov 2022 Test
Oil & Grease	mg/L	10	<2		
pH		6.5-8.5	7.86		
Nitrogen (total)	mg/L	15	8.8		
Phosphorus (total)	mg/L	10	3.80		
Total suspended solids	mg/L	20	8		
Biochemical oxygen demand	mg/L	15	5		

*Statistics have not been submitted for October and November 2022.

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 November 2022 was 64.0 mm
- Hottest day for November 2022 was 27.3 degrees
- Coldest day for November 2022 was 15.4 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, 19 December 2022.

21.3 PLANNING, REGULATORY & ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES - ACTIVITY REPORT

File Number: D3.1-A11.1-A8.1-S10.1
Author: Dwayne Willoughby, Manager Environmental Services
Authoriser: Leonie Brown, General Manager
Attachments: Nil

Current Situation

Development Approvals			
Delegated Authority or Council	Consent Type & Consent No.	Subject Land	Nature of Development
Nil			

Total value of Approved works for November 2022	= \$0
No. of Development Application Approvals for November 2022	= 0
No. of Complying Development Application Approvals for November 2022	= 0

Building Services Report	
Location	Work Carried Out
Work Requests	Actioned and ongoing
Risk Assessments	Completed with every job
Training	As required
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	6	0
Seized	4	2
Surrendered	2	0
Handed in by members of the public	0	0
Dumped at pound	0	0
Total	12	2
Euthanised	0	2
Released to Owner	0	0
Adopted	1	0
Re-housed	0	0
Died in Pound	1	0
Escaped from Pound	0	0

Animals Remaining at End of Month	10	0
Total	12	2
Stock Rested in Stock Yards	50	

- 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, as required.
- Patrols of Councils Reserves.

Swimming Pool Attendance for November 2022	
Adults	453
Children (2+)	868
Children (<2)	175
School Groups/Other	808
Total for Month	2304

Recommendation

That the information in the Planning, Regulatory and Environmental Services Activity Report as presented to Council on Monday, 19 December 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

1 December 2022**Flooding in Bourke**

With Bourke having essentially been an island for some time, it has been a most hectic of times for so many in our community as action is taken to protect life and property. Events such as the flooding of the Darling River at Bourke are an interesting exercise in watching how people react to the issues at hand. Many simply take the necessary action to protect their property by themselves and not impose on anyone else for help or assistance. Others rise to the occasion and work themselves to the bone to assist their neighbours or community. Others volunteer their services to community organisations. Others however are unfortunately most demanding of service providers or take actions that have no regard for others. Pleasingly, the large majority of people in our community have taken positive actions and I again thank them for their tremendous work.

With so many areas of inland NSW affected by flooding, the NSW and Federal Governments have rolled out the next stage of natural disaster response funding. Recently, recovery grants to help begin immediate clean-up and recovery costs, and to repair extensive damage, were increased from \$25,000 to up to \$75,000 for primary producers. Rural landholders were able to apply for grants of up to \$10,000. These grants were made available to all of the local government areas (LGAs) that had been disaster declared since 14 September 2022, of which Bourke Shire is one. Personalised financial support to assist flood affected people is available online at: <https://www.nsw.gov.au/floods/financial-support> This site provides a link to a "Disaster Assistance Finder". Alternatively, you can speak to someone on the phone at Service NSW on 13 77 88. Isolated residents on properties requiring the resupply of essentials are encouraged to call NSW SES on 132 500. The operator will issue you with a reference number and advise you on how to go about ordering and receiving your required needs. The Department of Primary Industries (DPI) and Local Land Service (LLS) are providing help to landholders who require emergency assistance with animal welfare. Please call the Agriculture and Animal Service Hotline on 1800 814 647 if you require these services.

Western Cancer Centre

I recently had a friend attend the Western Cancer Centre in Dubbo for a Positron Emission Tomography (PET) scan as part of a regular follow up program following the removal of a melanoma. My friend was full of praise for the recently opened Centre in terms of the staff and the facilities. "First class," she said. A PET scan is an imaging test that uses radioactive material to diagnose a variety of diseases. Doctors use it to find tumours, diagnose heart disease, brain disorders and other conditions. Whilst my friend is fine, she was telling me that apart from PET machines in Albury, Wagga Wagga and now this one in Dubbo, there are no other such machines west of the Blue Mountains. To have this service in our region is obviously of great benefit to us

here in Bourke Shire should the need arise for such a scan, and I would like to think that is none of us, we only need to travel to Dubbo. My friend had previously travelled to Royal Prince Alfred Hospital in Sydney for her regular scans and Dubbo is obviously much more convenient for her and all patients in the western area. In addition to the PET scanner, the Western Cancer Centre includes 16 chemotherapy treatment spaces and a bunker for radiation treatment. I searched the web for information on the Centre and was pleased to read on the NSW Health Infrastructure website that in building the facility, it was very much on the basis of delivering “life-saving cancer treatment and diagnostic services to the communities in Dubbo and the regional and remote areas of western NSW.”

Bourke Police Station

The Deputy Premier, the Hon Paul Toole MP and the NSW Commissioner of Police, Karen Webb, were recently in Bourke to confirm the upgrading of the Bourke Police Station with \$13.9m in funding available. Council has received a Development Application for the work with Council staff currently assessing the application prior to a report on the matter being submitted to Council. After a previous false start due to insufficient funding, I would imagine that all who work at the current cramped and antiquated Bourke Station are very much looking forward to the provision of new facilities. Like all construction projects, where you invariably have to go backwards to go forwards, my understanding is that alternative premises will need to be sourced for staff to work from during the construction phase. I am sure that any inconvenience will be well worth it and I look forward to the ultimate completion of the project.

Pre-Kindergarten

The NSW Government recently announced that families in Bourke along with families in Cobar, Coonamble, Kempsey, Mt Druitt, Nambucca, and Wagga Wagga will be part of a pilot program to explore and trial key features as the state moves towards the introduction of a universal pre-Kindergarten year of education for every child in NSW by 2030. Early childhood services in these pilot locations are understood to be commencing their roll out of the first stage of the universal pre-Kindergarten policy in early 2023. I was delighted that when the Deputy Premier, Paul Toole, was in Bourke last month, he announced that the NSW Government had committed \$4.8 million to help build a new facility for Bourke and District Children’s Services through its Start Strong Capital Works Grants program.

With more locations across NSW to be added ahead of the full state-wide implementation of a full new year of education for children by 2030, the \$5.8 billion 10-year investment in universal pre-Kindergarten is on a scale that apparently has not been seen before in Australia and will benefit our youngest learners’ physical, cognitive, social and emotional development. Early learnings are so important. The Government has advised that the first stage of the universal pre-Kindergarten reforms will help shape the rollout of the initiative across the state and allow the Government to gather crucial information ahead of implementation of the program across NSW with Government obviously keen to develop the best model of universal pre-Kindergarten for NSW. The Bourke and District Children’s Services is to be congratulated on its initiative in being part of the pilot program for the Pre-Kindergarten Year and further for their success in achieving the level of grant funding.

Library Funding

On the issue of funding, back in 2019/2020, the NSW Government committed additional funding to public libraries for the 4 years ending 2022/2023. These funds enabled increases to the annual library subsidies for all councils in NSW, including the Bourke Library. An improved capital grants program to support councils with library building renewal was also made available. I recently received advice that this increased level of funding for public libraries will continue. I view this funding announcement as recognition of the value that libraries bring to communities all over NSW, and the same for Bourke. The Bourke Library is very much a most important piece in the fabric of Bourke, and I encourage the community to utilise the many services that the library, and its passionate staff, provides to our community.

Australia Post

December is here and the Christmas period is rapidly approaching. With 52 million parcels having been delivered in December 2021, Australia Post has now issued deadlines for when gifts need to be sent so they are delivered around the country before Christmas 2022. With mailrooms across Australia expected to be inundated in coming weeks as presents are sent ahead of the holiday season, if you want your gift to land before Christmas Day, I am advised that you will need to send such packages before 12 December 2022. Pay extra and send via Express Post, it is understood that this deadline will push back to 19 December 2022. Australia Post however has warned those sending to or from Western Australia or the Northern Territory will need to allow additional time. It would be my view that having regard to the severe and widespread weather events that have caused, and continue to have, significant logistical impacts for so many across the country, that cards, parcels and the like be sent as soon as possible to avoid missing delivery before that invariably hectic, Christmas Day.

Quote: “it makes absolutely no sense ... to spend billions of dollars in disaster recovery while we continue to see housing built on floodplains.” Federal Emergency Management Minister Murray Watt.

8 December 2022

Flooding

As I write this Column, well in advance of it being published, the Darling River is falling, albeit slowly at this point, having peaked at 13.95 metres around 10:15 pm on Wednesday 23 November 2022. Hopefully by the time this Column is published, and I must say that it's a big hope, both the Sydney and Cobar roads are either fully or partially reopened to the general public. With 400mm to 800mm of water having been over sections of these roads, significant concerns were held by both Council and Transport for NSW, as the owner of these roads, as to the integrity of the road due to a saturated road base. If the road was to collapse and a truck or car was to fall through the road, the consequences could be dire for all. Accordingly, the decision was made to limit access to resupply and essential service vehicles. As of last Thursday, the Mitchell Highway (South) was opened to high clearance 4WD vehicles, under escort, during the hours of 8am to 7pm daily. Given the saturation of the roads sub-base, by now it may have been necessary for further closures having to be enacted at short notice. Whilst I would prefer to be able to say with certainty what the situation will be, there are still many unknowns at this point.

During events such as a major protracted flood, you learn a fair bit about “fine print” in documentation. One such instance is the NSW Flood Plan. Under this Plan, where a town is isolated, the NSW Government organises and funds the required logistics. An anomaly in the plan is that a town has to be totally isolated in terms of available access. With access to Bourke during the flood still being available from the north, under the plan Bourke is not categorised as isolated. This is despite that a trip from Dubbo to Bourke, via Cunnamulla, adds some 900km’s to the journey. The Mayor has written to the Deputy Premier on the issue who had requested the Minister for Emergency Services review the matter.

To assist those who need to get to Dubbo or Sydney rather than drive via Cunnamulla QLD, Airlink Air Services have come to the fore, working with the Far North West Joint Organisation and Council such that they are providing flights between Dubbo Bourke on a Monday to Friday on a daily basis. Reasonably priced, the extra flights have been well received.

With an expected peak of 13.60 metres expected at Louth last Friday, eclipsing the levels of the 1998 flood, it’s fair to say that all in the Shire will be hoping for a general reduction in levels in coming weeks.

Government Funding for Council

Council recently received advice of two (2) separate tranches of funding associated with the flooding at Bourke and surrounds. Council will receive \$1 million in funding to assist with their recovery, as part of the jointly funded Commonwealth-State Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements. As a disaster declared Council, an upfront payment of \$1m will be received by Council with Council then required to submit a Program of Works within three (3) months of receiving the funding with expenditure to be completed by June 2024. It would be proposed that these funds are injected into fixing the communities roads and infrastructure damaged by the flooding.

Council then also received advice that it was one of 94 Councils across the State to share in \$50m of funding under the NSW Government’s \$50 million Fixing Local Roads Pothole Repair Round. The Government’s allocation to Bourke Shire was \$843,000 with these funds to be utilised repairing our weather damaged local and regional roads. Funding for repairs to the State Highways that traverse the Bourke Shire are separate to these funds with works, once confirmed by Transport for NSW, will either be undertaken by Council as part of its Roads Maintenance Council Contract (RMCC) that it has previously entered into with the NSW Government, or by emergency crews maintained by the Government.

Council is most appreciative of this funding and thanks the Australian and NSW Governments for their assistance. Thanks must also go to the numerous people who worked behind the scenes to make this funding reality.

Government Funding for the Community

The Federal Member for Parkes, the Hon Mark Coulton, MP, recently provided information as to the availability of various grants available to flood affected community members. I thank Mark for his information which I share herewith in the event that you have been impacted by the flooding and are eligible for assistance.

- Primary Producer Recovery Grants see: <https://www.raa.nsw.gov.au/disaster-assistance/storm-and-flood-programs> have been increased from \$25,000 to \$75,000 for eligible primary producers, providing assistance for flood-affected farmers. Eligible impacted landholders will also be able to access Rural Landholders Grants of up to \$10,000, helping them to recover from flood damage to their properties.
- The Disaster Recovery Allowance (DRA): providing income support fortnightly for up to 13 weeks for eligible people who can demonstrate that they have experienced a loss of income as a result of flooding within eligible LGAs. Claims can be lodged until 18 May 2023 through Services Australia, see; <https://www.servicesaustralia.gov.au/>
- Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements (DRFA): include a range of financial assistance for areas declared a natural disaster from 14 September onwards. For details on available recovery assistance, visit the Resilience NSW website: <https://www.nsw.gov.au/resilience-nsw> and the Service NSW website: <https://www.service.nsw.gov.au/floods>

For further information on disaster assistance, you can contact the Australian Government Information Hotline on 180 22 66 or visit the Disaster Assist website: <https://www.disasterassist.gov.au>

Christmas Events in Bourke

On a lighter note, I advise of two (2) upcoming Christmas events in Bourke for the community. This Sunday, 11 Dec 2022 from 6-8pm, the Combined Bourke Churches will host the Bourke Community Christmas Carols on the Billabong Lawns at the Back O' Bourke Exhibition Centre. With the Café open for limited service, come along for some carols but don't forget to bring a chair and mozzie spray. On Friday 9 December 2022 from 6pm -9pm at Central Park, Council in conjunction with the Maranguka Community Hub will host the annual Christmas in the Park event. With entertainment, a giant slide, jumping castle, sumo wrestling, a kid's playground, market and food and drink stall, along with the obligatory visit by Santa and his Elves, a great evening is again anticipated. All are most welcome.

Australia Day Awards

Nominations for the Bourke Shire Council's annual Australia Day Awards for 2023 have been extended until 9 December 2022 due to the limit number of nominations received. After such a hectic year, the Australia Day Awards allow residents to recognise those that have made outstanding contributions to the local community during 2022 and/or contributions to the local community over a number of years, by nominating them for one of the award categories. The various categories are: Citizen of the Year; Young Citizen of the Year (18 and under); Sportsperson; Young Sportsperson (18 and under); Shire Village Community Service and Emergency Service Volunteer of the Year. Nominations can be downloaded from www.bourke.nsw.gov.au or by accessing a copy from Council at 29 Mitchell St, Bourke. I encourage the community to take up the opportunity.

2021/2022 Annual Report

One of the major components of the NSW Governments Integrated Planning and Reporting requirements for NSW councils is the preparation of an Annual Report. Section 428 of the Local Government Act requires that within 5 months after the end of each year, a council must prepare

an Annual Report as to its achievements and activities along with addressing numerous other statutory matters. A copy of Council's Annual Report must be posted on the council's website and the Minister notified of the appropriate link to access the report on the council's website.

Councils 2021/2022 Annual Report was uploaded to Councils website last Wednesday and the Minister advised accordingly. For information, the Report can be viewed on Councils website by accessing the home page and by then scrolling down to the section "Noticeboard" where there is a link to the Report which includes reports on Councils Delivery Plan along with Councils audited financial reports for 2021/2022.

Quote: "As much as it kills me to inconvenience everyone, I have to get this fixed so I can jump around onstage for another 50 years." - Australian singer Jimmy Barnes cancelling his upcoming summer touring schedule to undergo back and hip surgery.

15 December 2022

Australia Day Activities

Each year, Australia Day Ambassadors, from Olympians and Paralympians, environmentalists and foodies, to humanitarians and local heroes - more than 100 remarkable Australians participate in Australia Day activities around the state, sharing meaningful stories and connecting with communities. These high achieving individuals head to all corners of NSW on 26 January, volunteering their time and energy to contribute to local festivities.

The activities of the Ambassadors on Australia Day are as diverse as the communities and events themselves. Ambassadors generously volunteer their time and energy to inspire pride and celebration. They may hand out Australia Day community awards, help cook sausage sizzles and mingle with locals over a cup of tea. Ambassadors also give an address that captures the spirit of being Australian and present certificates at awards ceremonies.

I am happy to advise that the 2023 Australia Day Ambassador for Bourke Shire is Ms Robina Beard OAM. With respect to Ms Beard, many people possibly wouldn't recognise the name of this talented entertainer, dancer and actress who was awarded an OAM for her service to the arts in 2011 and in the same year received an Australian Dance Award for Lifetime Achievement. I suspect, however, that many of the more mature residents in the Bourke Community would remember Ms Beard as Madge from the long running advertisement for Palmolive dish washing liquid. "You know your soaking in it!" Ms Beard has been a former NSW Seniors Festival Ambassador, still runs exercise and tap-dancing classes for seniors and has a long portfolio of acting performances in well-known Australian television productions. I look forward to welcoming Ms Beard to Bourke for the Australia Day Celebrations to be held at the Bourke Memorial Swimming Pool on 26 January 2023.

Mitchell Highway

After a period of 13 days of being closed, I was very happy last Tuesday (6/12) to receive advice from Transport for NSW advising Council to proceed to open the Mitchell Highway to all traffic, albeit from 8.00am to 7.00pm at that point. There's an old saying that "you don't know what you've got till it's gone" and that was certainly the case over the past near fortnight when our usual road access routes to/from Bourke became unavailable due to the floodwaters. I wish to

place on record my appreciation to Council staff involved as a result of the road closures. From those that assessed the permit applications through to the staff on the front line. I particularly wish to thank this week, Councils Customer Services Staff who man the phones here at the Council offices and who took hundreds of calls in respect of “can I get through” enquiries over the closure period. Whilst not all people are always that pleasant when they don’t necessarily get the answers they want or hoped for, I maintain my full support for the excellent job that the Customer Services Staff have done during a most difficult of time.

Snakes

At the outset, I must confess that I am not a great fan of snakes. With that in mind I shivered when I read that NSW Farmers are reporting increased snake sightings by their members as floodwaters force the reptiles onto higher ground. Reports from farmers stating that they saw “three black snakes near their place in a really short space of time, and it’s been like this for a while, they’re just trying to escape the water like we all are,” are not uncommon.

With livestock being lost to snakes because some farms are more like islands than paddocks, and they can’t get to a vet, it’s certainly time to be most aware of the reptiles. The spike in snake numbers coincides with increased activity during the warmer late spring and summer months. According to the Australian Reptile Park, Australia sees approximately 3000 snake bites each year with about 10 per cent of these requiring antivenom. First aid for snake bites included keeping the bite victim calm and immobile, removing all jewellery or watches, applying a pressure-immobilisation bandage to the bite site, then bandaging the entire limb (not just the bite area) and seeking emergency medical assistance immediately by calling an ambulance or going directly to hospital. Around the house, lawns are best kept short and avoiding the piling up of household items was an excellent snake deterrent in our urban areas. Vigilance is the key.

The Red Fleet

Back in my Column of 4 August 2022, I wrote that there had been considerable conjecture as to the accounting treatment of firefighting assets of the NSW Rural Fire Service (RFS), known as the Red Fleet. In one corner are NSW councils, including Bourke Shire Council, and in the other, the NSW Audit Office. Somewhere in between are various Departments of the NSW Government. It is the view of the NSW Auditor General, Ms Margaret Crawford, and her Office, that Rural fire-fighting equipment, specifically the red fleet vehicles, is controlled by council’s and should be recognised in their financial statements.

Bourke Shire Councils position, along with 67 other Councils throughout the State, is that the equipment is not Councils. At the time, there was advice from the NSW Audit Office of the potential for qualified audits being issued to Councils by the Audit Office if Councils failed to account for such equipment. Local Government NSW (LGNSW) has recently advised of “a dramatic increase in the number of councils being hit with qualified audits, after only two were issued in 2021” due to the insistence that council accounts include depreciation costs for Rural Fire Service (RFS) assets. The President of LGNSW, Councillor Darriea Turley of Broken Hill Council, has said that “A qualified audit report can have serious financial repercussions for councils, limiting their ability to obtain loans and grants.” From Bourke Shires perspective, the Council was prepared to risk a qualified audit, such was the Councils concerns as to the approach by the Audit Office. For the Bourke Audit however, it was ultimately determined by the Audit Office that the apparent

quantities of Red Fleet assets in the Bourke Shire was not material in respect of Councils Annual Financial Statements.

Throughout this ongoing dispute, Bourke Shire has made it clear to our local Rural Fire Service volunteers that Council re-affirms its complete support of and commitment to the local RFS brigades in the Bourke Shire such that volunteers are aware of Councils position in respect of this matter.

Soccer World Cup

Whilst I didn't get up to watch Australia play Argentina in the Soccer World Cup Elimination Round, there was much evidence on television news reports that many in our capital cities did rise early and travel to public hubs to watch the game. The vision of smoke-filled locations in Sydney and Melbourne and vision of a capacity filled ground in Qatar, certainly shows the popularity of the World Game, at least during the World Cup. I love how as Australians, even though we lost, we recognise the performance of the Socceroos and look forward to a new era of the game. As I say, I didn't watch the game in full. I saw some highlights where Australia went so close to scoring and potentially making the scores 2-2 at full time. So close but so far. On the issue of sport, I also saw the low attendance numbers for the First Cricket Test in Perth. Whilst much has been written that there is too much cricket these days, thus impacting attendance numbers, I think the bigger issue is cricket participation rates. Growing up on a place out of Fords Bridge, all the men and boys got involved in some form of cricket. Schools had teams of cricketers across the various year groups. Today that's certainly not the case with other sporting options available, or worse, kids don't play sport at all. If the kids aren't playing the game, it's unlikely they want to go and watch a game. Times are changing and it falls to the administrators of the various sports, not just cricket, to keep their respective sport relevant in the marketplace. I don't envy their challenge.

Quote: "Barack and I had always tried to operate on the principles of hope and hard work ... believing that most of us shared common goals, that progress could be made and measured, however incrementally, over time. Sure, maybe that's an earnest, hopeful story, but we invested in it." Michelle Obama reflecting on her closely synced relationship with husband and former US President, Barack Obama, in her new book.

Recommendation

That the information in the General Manager's Activity Report as presented to Council on Monday, 19 December 2022 be noted.

21.5 LIBRARY MANAGER'S ACTIVITY REPORT FOR NOVEMBER 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 November 2021 – November 2022 period are presented for information, noting that data for the November 2021 period was affected by COVID related restrictions.

Item	November 2021	November 2022
Loans	463	623
New Members	9	9
Internet/Word Processing	16	29
Wireless Tickets	2	15
Number of Visitors	268	592
Scans	9	20
Information Requests	53	81
Technical Assistance / Printing	33	56
Faxes/ Laminating	1	8

- Library staff have been busy during November 2022, weeding the library stock and cleaning out offices in preparation for the laying of new carpet. Deleted books will be sold at the Christmas markets.
- Jodi and Bronwyn visited the Bourke High School in November to speak to the Year 6 transition students. The students were given an introduction to all the services the library offers, particularly those that are of assistance for homework and study. All students received a library bag with information and goodies. To conclude the session everyone enjoyed participating in a Kahoot, with trivia questions about the library.

Recommendation

That the information in the Library Manager’s Report for November 2022 as presented to Council on Monday, 19 December 2022 be noted.

21.6 TOURISM AND EVENTS REPORT

File Number: T4.3
Author: Ben Nott, Coordinator Tourism Operations
Authoriser: Melanie Milgate, Manager Economic Development
Attachments: 1. **BOBEC Statistical Information November 2022**  

Background

The Bourke Shire Councils Tourism and Events report provides Council with an updated status report for November 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

Christmas in the Park

Preparations continue with organising the Christmas markets in Central Park to be held on the 9 December 2022, in partnership with Maranguka. A mix of activities including unique gifts from local makers, food treats, Santa visit, slippery slide and much more. The tourism team is expecting large numbers on the day and have made various changes to improve on last year's markets and community get together.

Christmas Light Competition

Plans for the "Light up the night" Christmas lights competition have been progressed. The support of the community will bring some much-needed Christmas cheer to the town. Nominations are available at the Back O' Bourke Visitor Information & Exhibition Centre.

Australia Day

This year's Australia Day festivities will again be held at the Bourke War Memorial Swimming Pool with the theme being "A Time to Reflect. Respect. Celebrate". 26 January, 2023 is a time to reflect on our history, respect the stories of others and celebrate our nation, its achievements and its people.

Nominations for Australia Day Awards will close mid-December 2022 for categories that include; Citizen of the Year, Young Citizen of the Year (18 and under), Emergency Service Volunteer of the Year, Shire Village Community Service, Young Sportsperson (18 and under) and Sportsperson of the year.



Back O' Bourke Information and Exhibition Centre

- BOBEC continued operations 7 days a week in November in both Café and Exhibition centre;
- Turnover in November 2022 (\$31,413.60) compared to October 2022 (\$38,806.51) was down by approximately 19%;
- Visitor numbers for November 2022 were 710 compared to 1094 in October 2022, down by 20%;
- Email enquiries for November 2022 were 410 compared to 369 in October 2022, up by 10%;
- Incoming calls for November 2022 were 535 compared to 413 in October 2022, up 25%;
- Website enquiries were zero due to the transition to the new website;
- The PV Jandra remains moored due to the high river;
- 59 Exhibition Centre tickets were sold in November 2022 compared to October 2022 where 240 tickets were sold, down approximately 75%;
- There were no tickets sold to Mt Oxley in November 2022 compared to 31 tickets sold in October 2022;
- Café turn over in November 2022 was \$ 21,472.50 compared to \$ 22,682.00 in October 2022;
- Visitor numbers, ticket and merchandise sales are all down compared to previous months. This is attributed to the flood waters and associated road closures.

The Crossley Engine ceased operations on Saturday, 5 November for the season. The engine ran very well throughout the season under the watchful eye of staff who did an outstanding job looking after the Crossley Engine with the backup of Don Burns. Don will be back in the new year to commence work on the 2nd engine.

The Back O' Bourke information Centre garden staff were again busy in November. The grounds continue to look welcoming. Thanks to the Shire Gardens Section that have helped out with the broad area mowing. Staff are spraying both lawns and garden beds, top dressing lawns and servicing the irrigation system. December is expected to be a busy month as flood waters recede and efforts are made to reclaim lawns and gardens around the Function Centre to restore them to their normal condition.

The Café and Information Centre had a great month yet again despite visitor numbers being reduced. The weekends continue to be supported very well by the local community. Thank you to the staff for their hard work around the Centre and preparations for the Christmas period. The Centre had 5 function bookings during November. Unfortunately 1 was cancelled due to flood water and road closure that prevented people travelling. There were no tour groups during November 2022.

Financial Year to date turnover up to end of November 2022 is \$339,353.08, up 193% on the same period last year.

Visitor Numbers to the Back O’ Bourke Tourist and Information Centre

	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	2203
Oct	2674	3967	2383	2486	2370	2475	2463	3574	2222	5246	409	1094
Nov	1012	930	789	671	610	1031	876	1014	1220	1989	866	710
Dec	386	347	207	242	272	281	255	630	860	1194	897	
Total	25841	27649	31044	32253	34750	33906	32537	39454	32984	19122	13647	

Financial Implications

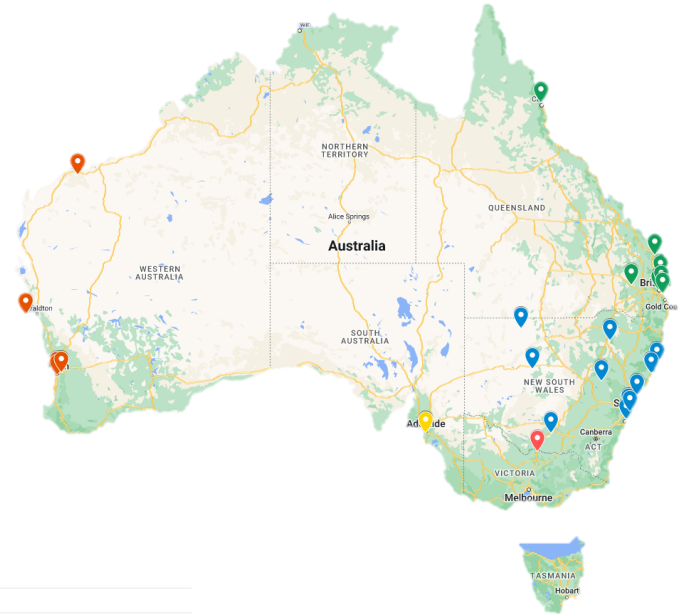
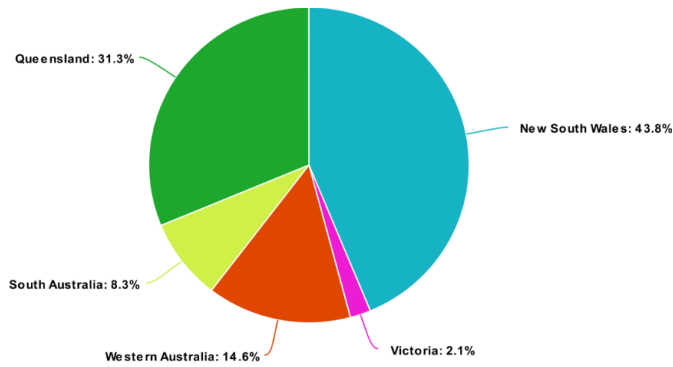
There are no financial implications.

Recommendation

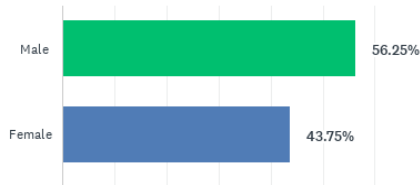
That the information in the Tourism and Events Managers Report for November 2022 as presented to Council on Monday, 19 December 2022 be noted.

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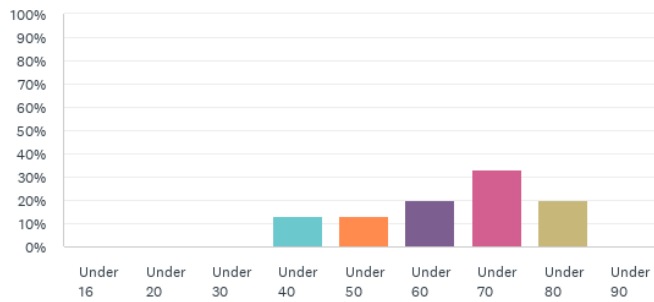
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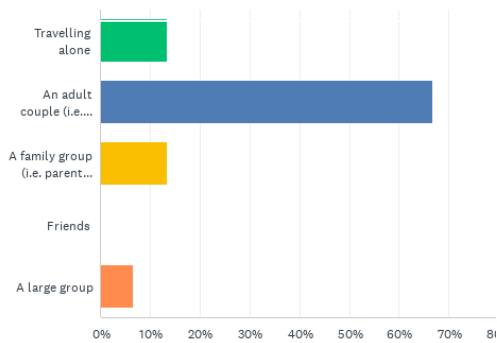
ARE YOU MALE OR FEMALE?



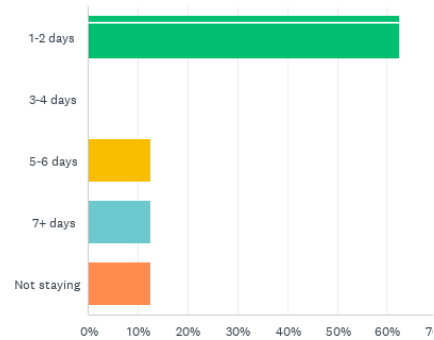
WHAT IS YOUR AGE?



HOW WOULD YOU DESCRIBE YOUR IMMEDIATE TRAVEL PARTY?

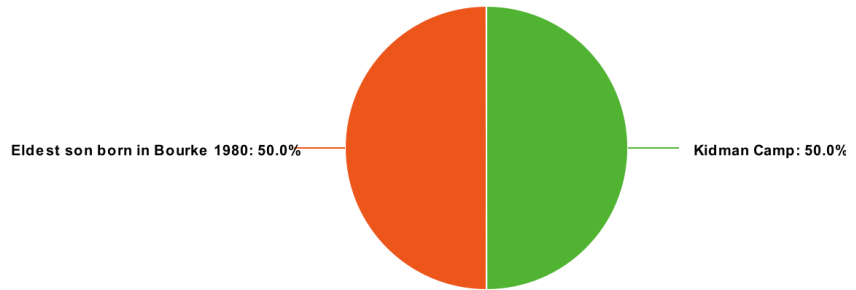
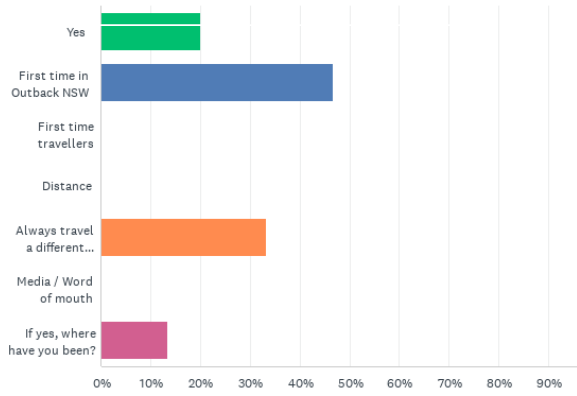


HOW LONG ARE YOU STAYING FOR?

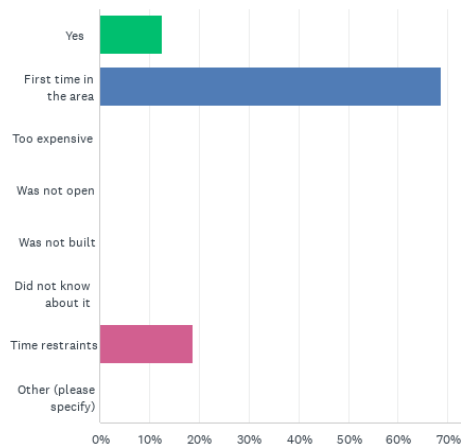


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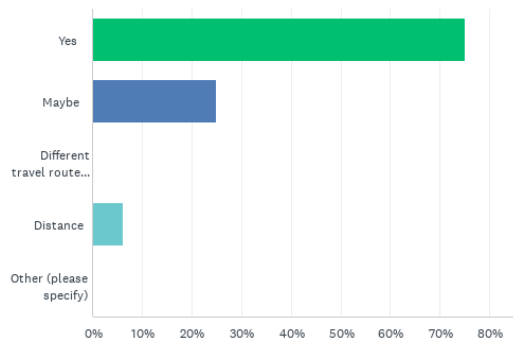
HAVE YOU BEEN TO BOURKE BEFORE?



HAVE YOU BEEN THROUGH BACK O BOURKE CENTRE?

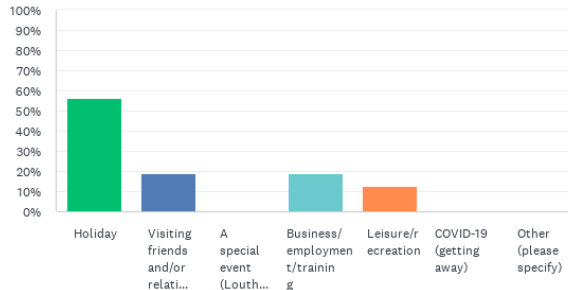


WILL YOU BE RETURNING TO BOURKE?

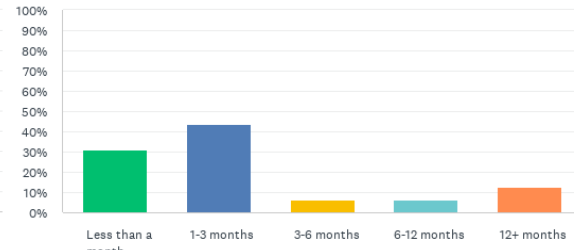


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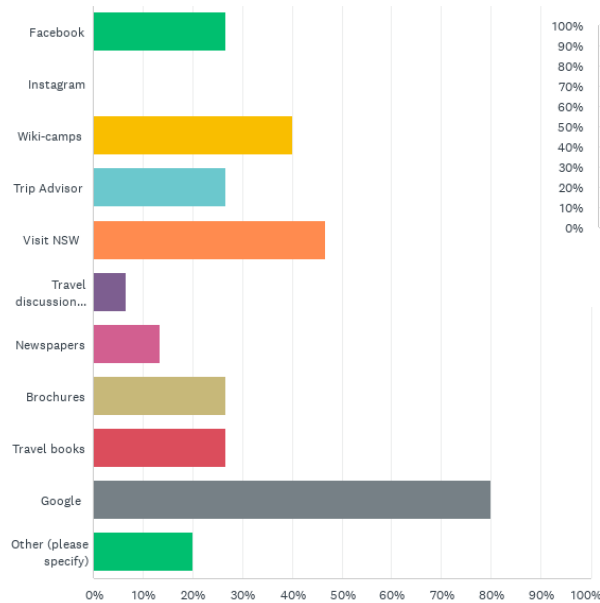
WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF YOUR TRIP?



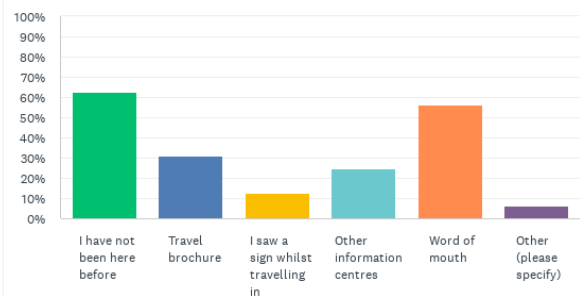
HOW LONG AGO DID YOU PLAN FOR THIS TRIP?



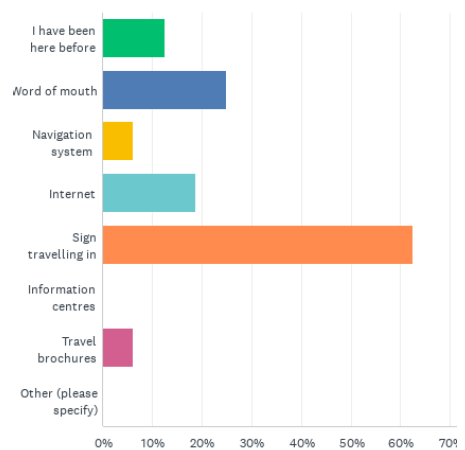
WHAT FORMS OF MEDIA DO YOU USE TO FIND INFORMATION?



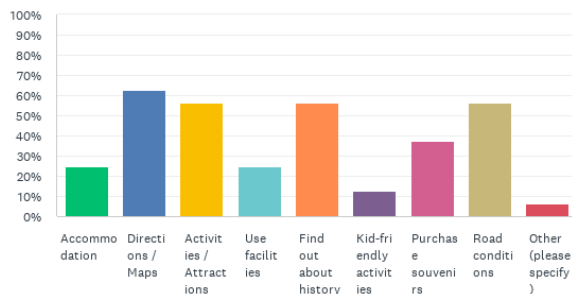
WHAT DETERMINES YOUR DECISION AS TO WHERE TO GO?



HOW DID YOU FIND OUT ABOUT THIS INFORMATION CENTRE?



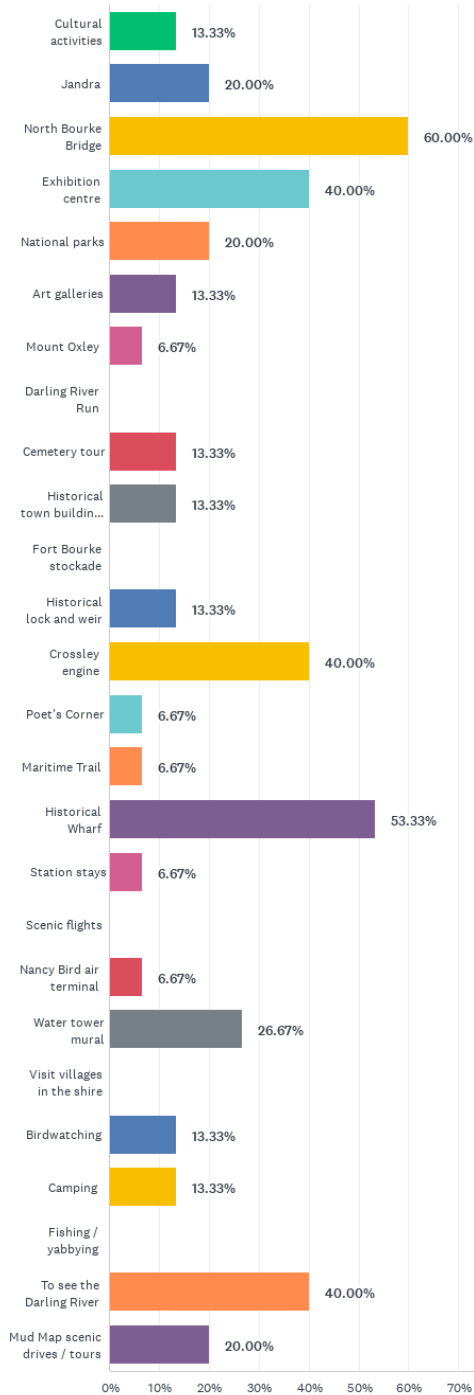
WHAT INFORMATION ARE YOU LOOKING FOR AT THE INFORMATION CENTRE?



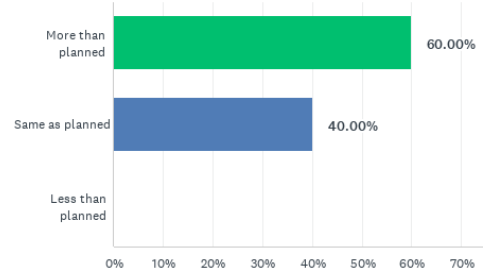
*172 people called regarding only road closures and detours.

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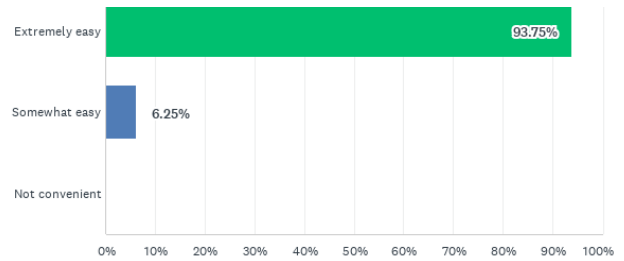
WHAT ACTIVITIES HAVE YOU DONE OR PLAN TO DO DURING YOUR STAY?



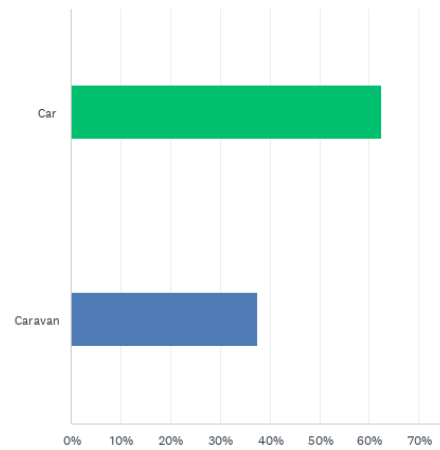
HOW DO YOU THINK THE INFORMATION THAT YOU GAINED FROM THE CENTRE MIGHT INFLUENCE HOW LONG YOU STAY AND THE ACTIVITIES YOU DO?



IN YOUR OPINION, HOW EASY WAS IT TO FIND OUR LOCATION?



HOW DID YOU TRAVEL TO BOURKE?

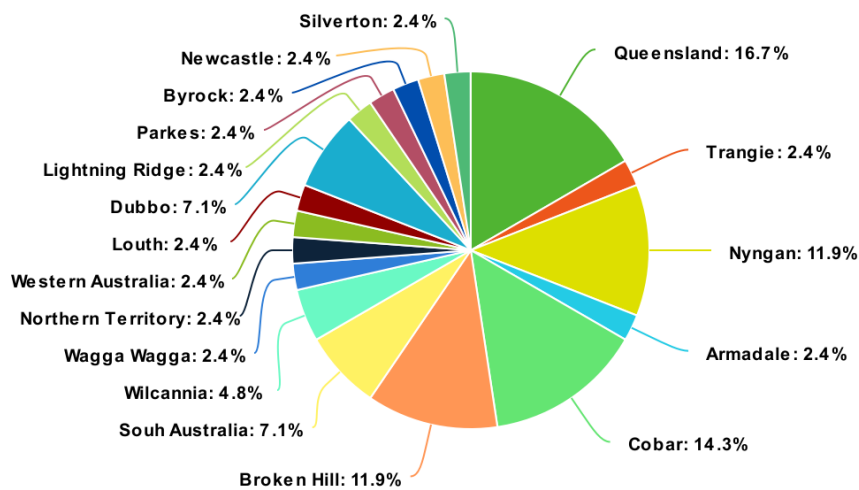


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OVER THE ENTIRE STAY IN BOURKE, HOW MUCH IN TOTAL, INCLUDING ACCOMMODATION, DO YOU ESTIMATE YOU HAVE/WILL SPEND IN AUSTRALIAN DOLLARS?



WHAT TOWNS HAVE YOU VISITED, OR ARE YOU PLANNING TO VISIT ON THIS TRIP?



PLEASE LET US KNOW ABOUT ANY FEEDBACK YOU MAY HAVE REGARDING YOUR STAY

- “Loving Bourke, love the Northy. Great people. Will be back!”
- “Have enjoyed the place so far.”
- “Great chatting to the young ladies at the help desk, thanks.”
- “Everyone friendly. It is a shame that feedback on the road can put doubt in others minds about what a town is the let all stay positive.”
- “Great staff at centre – friendly and helpful. A tribute to Bourke!”
- “Friendly servers.”
- “Very helpful staff.”
- “Beautiful place to be.”

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 * Transfer of Land - 47 Moculta Street, Bourke**

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).

22.2 * Netwaste Tender for Processing of Garden Organics, Wood and Timber F3928**

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 10A(2) - (d)(ii) 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 competitor of the council.

22.3 * Tender for Airport Runway Resealing Works**

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.