



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

**Date:** Monday, 22 May 2023  
**Time:** 9.15am  
**Location:** Bourke Shire Council  
29 Mitchell Street Bourke NSW

# **BUSINESS PAPER**

## **Ordinary Council Meeting**

**22 May 2023**

**Ross Earl**  
**Acting General Manager**

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



# DECLARATION OF INTEREST FORM COUNCIL OFFICIAL

FOR USE AT COUNCIL AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS

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

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

**Statement of ethical obligations**

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



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## 7 MAYORAL MINUTE

### 7.1 MAYORAL MINUTE - MAYORAL ACTIVITIES

**File Number:** M2.1  
**Author:** Barry Hollman, Mayor  
**Authoriser:** Ross Earl, Acting General Manager  
**Attachments:** Nil

The Activities of the Mayor from 18 April 2023 to 16 May 2023 are as follows:

<b>Date</b>	<b>Meeting</b>	<b>Location</b>
24/04/2023	Bourke Shire Council Meeting	Council Chambers
24/04/2023	Meeting with Miranda Fry – Roy Butler’s Office	Conference Room
25/04/2023	ANZAC Morning Service	Cenotaph Central Park
03/05/2023	Murray Darling Basin Authority	Council Chambers
10/05/2023	Meeting with Darriea Turley and Scott Phillips – Local Government NSW	Council Chambers

#### Recommendation

**That the information in the Mayoral Minute – Mayoral Activities as presented to Council on Monday, 22 May 2023 be noted.**

**8 STARRING OF ITEMS**

**9 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

Ordinary Council Meeting - 24 April 2023



**BOURKE  
SHIRE  
COUNCIL**

# **MINUTES**

**Ordinary Council Meeting**

**24 April 2023**

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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, 24 APRIL 2023 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, Cr Nathan Ryan, Cr Robert Stutsel

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Leonie Brown (General Manager), Peter Brown (Manager Works), Paul Flanagan (Manager Roads Services), Ang Pasang Rai (Manager Corporate Services), Dwayne Willoughby (Manager Environmental Services), Margo Anderson (Executive Assistant - Minutes)

**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:

Troy Brooks            Rhonda Donn            Dennis Faulkner            Brian "Archie" Harland  
Jim Thornton

**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 2023/63**

**Moved: Cr Sally Davis**

**Seconded: Cr Robert Stutsel**

**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

Cr Sarah Barton declared a pecuniary conflict of interest in Item 17.1 of the Agenda – Visitor Enhancements at the Back O’ Bourke Exhibition Centre. The reason for such interest is that Cr Barton is an employee of Department of Regional NSW who administers the Creative Capital Fund, the source of funding for the enhancements project. In making this declaration, Cr Barton advised that she would leave the Chamber and be out of sight during Councils consideration of Item 17.1 of the Agenda.

Cr Sally Davis declared a pecuniary conflict of interest in Item 12.1 of the Agenda – Business Arising, North Bourke Storm Water Drainage. The reason for such interest is that Cr Davis and her husband own land adjacent to the land the subject of the reports and is in discussion with Council regarding a potential sale of a portion of such land. In addition, she has a friendship with the landowner (Mr G Seiler). In making these declarations, Cr Davis advised she would leave the Chamber and be out of sight should Council separately consider Item 12.1 of the Agenda.

Cr Grace Ridge declared a pecuniary conflict of interest in Item 12.1 of the Agenda – Business Arising, North Bourke Storm Water Drainage. The reason for such interest is that Cr Ridge and her family have a business relationship with the owner of the land detailed within the report. In making this declaration Cr Ridge advised that she would turn off her a-v link, and be out of sight should Council separately consider Item 12.1 of the Agenda.

Cr Barry Hollman declared a significant non-pecuniary interest in Item 22.1 of the Agenda – Tender (05/23) Management of the Bourke War Memorial Swimming Pool. The reason for such interest is that Cr Hollman is the father of Mark Hollman who is the current Manager of the Bourke War Memorial Olympic Swimming Pool. In making this declaration, Cr Hollman advised he would leave the Chamber and be out of sight during Councils consideration of Items 22.1 of the Agenda.

## 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 2023/64**

**Moved: Cr Barry Hollman**

**That the information in the Mayoral Minute – Mayoral Activities as presented to Council on Monday, 24 April 2023 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. The following additional reports were identified by Council to be starred for individual consideration.

Item No	Name of Report	Officer
13.1	Bourke Local Traffic Committee Meeting Minutes	Paul Flanagan
21.3	Planning, Regulatory and Environmental Services Activity Report	Dwayne Willoughby
21.6	Tourism and Events Report	Ben Nott

### Resolution 2023/65

Moved: Cr Robert Stutsel

Seconded: Cr Cec Dorrington

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, 24 April 2023 be adopted save and except for Items numbered 13.1, 21.3 and 21.6 of the Agenda, with such items to be considered seperately.

Carried

## 9 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

### Resolution 2023/66

Moved: Cr Cec Dorrington

Seconded: Cr Sarah Barton

That the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 27 March 2023 taken as read, confirmed as correct minutes and signed by the Mayor and the General Manger.

Carried

## 10 RESCISSION MOTIONS

Nil

## 11 NOTICES OF MOTION

### 11.1 \*\*\* NOTICE OF MOTION - WATER SECURITY FOR BOURKE ABATTOIR

**File Number: A1.1, W2.2.3**

The Council had before it a Notice of Motion from Councillor Lachlan Ford regarding Water Security for Bourke Abattoir.

#### **Resolution 2023/67**

**Moved: Cr Lachlan Ford**

**Seconded: Cr Victor Bartley**

**That it be Council Policy that no access be made available to either business or members of the public to the 50mm raw water supply line or the 150mm filtered water supply line that both extend from the Bourke Water Treatment Plant, via North Bourke , to the Bourke Abattoir North Bourke, other than to provide water supplies to the abattoir itself at the abattoir site.**

**Carried**

### 11.2 \*\*\* NOTICE OF MOTION - AGE OF CRIMINAL RESPONSIBILITY

**File Number: C8.9.3, C8.9.13**

The Council had before it a Notice of Motion from Councillor Victor Bartley and Councillor Robert Stutsel regarding the Age of Criminal Responsibility.

#### **Resolution 2023/68**

**Moved: Cr Robert Stutsel**

**Seconded: Cr Victor Bartley**

**That Council write to the Prime Minister, the Hon Anthony Albanese MP, Federal Minister for Indigenous Australians, the Hon Linda Burney MP, the NSW Premier, the Hon Chris Minns MP, the NSW Attorney General – the Hon Michael Daley MP, the NSW Leader of the Opposition, the NSW Shadow Attorney-General, the Member for Barwon – Mr Roy Butler MP, and the Alliance of Western Councils, expressing Councils absolute opposition to an increase in the age of criminal responsibility from ten years to fourteen years.**

**Carried**

## 12 BUSINESS ARISING

### 12.1 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**File Number: C12.6**

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

**Resolution 2023/69**

**Moved: Cr Robert Stutsel**

**Seconded: Cr Cec Dorrington**

**That the information in the Calendar of Events Report as presented to Council on Monday, 24 April 2023 be noted.**

**Carried**

### 12.2 INFORMATION TO COUNCILLORS

**File Number: C12.1**

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

**Resolution 2023/70**

**Moved: Cr Robert Stutsel**

**Seconded: Cr Cec Dorrington**

**That the contents of the Information to Councillors Report as presented to Council on Monday, 24 April 2023 be noted.**

**Carried**

### 12.3 \*\*\* BUSINESS ARISING

**File Number: C12.1**

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

**Resolution 2023/71**

**Moved: Cr Sally Davis**

**Seconded: Cr Sarah Barton**

**That the information in the Business Arising Report as presented to Council on Monday, 24 April 2023 be noted.**

**Carried**

## 13 ENGINEERING SERVICES DEPARTMENT

### 13.1 BOURKE LOCAL TRAFFIC COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

**File Number:** C6.6

The Council had before it the report of the Manager Roads regarding the Bourke Local Traffic Committee Meeting Minutes.

#### **Resolution 2023/72**

**Moved:** Cr Robert Stutsel

**Seconded:** Cr Sarah Barton

**That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Bourke Shire Council Traffic Committee held on 14 March 2023 as presented to Council on Monday, 24 April 2023 be noted.**

**Carried**

### 13.2 \*\*\* BOURKE FLOODPLAIN RISK MANAGEMENT STUDY AND PLAN

**File Number:** W2.1

The Council had before it the report of the Manager Works regarding the Bourke Floodplain Risk Management Study and Plan.

#### **Resolution 2023/73**

**Moved:** Cr Victor Bartley

**Seconded:** Cr Sarah Barton

- 1. That the Bourke Floodplain Risk Management Study and Plan (Volumes 1 and 2) dated December 2022, be adopted.**
- 2. That the General Manager be requested to take the necessary action in respect of implementing Measures 1-4 as identified in the Plan, being the measures “that could be implemented by Council with the assistance, where required, of the NSW SES”.**
- 3. That in implementing Measures 1-2, being proposed revised planning controls, a further report on such measures be forthcoming to Council.**
- 4. That the General Manager be requested to take the necessary action in respect of implementing Measures 5-10, as identified in the Plan, being the measures “that require the sourcing of Government funding” to progress such measures.**

**Carried**

## 14 ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES & DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

Nil

**15 GENERAL MANAGER**

Nil

**16 CORPORATE SERVICES DEPARTMENT**

**16.1 \*\*\* BANK RECONCILIATION AND STATEMENT OF BANK BALANCES - MARCH 2023**

**File Number: F1.1**

The Council had before it the report of the Manager Corporate Services regarding the Bank Reconciliation and Statement of Bank Balances - March 2023.

**Resolution 2023/74**

**Moved: Cr Cec Dorrington**

**Seconded: Cr Victor Bartley**

**That the Certificate of Reconciliation of the Cash Book for all funds of the Council and the Statement of Bank Balances as at 31 March 2023 be noted.**

**Carried**

**16.2 \*\*\* INVESTMENT REPORT AS AT 31 MARCH 2023**

**File Number: F1.1**

The Council had before it the report of the Manager Corporate Services regarding the Investment Report as at 31 March 2023.

**Resolution 2023/75**

**Moved: Cr Sally Davis**

**Seconded: Cr Cec Dorrington**

**1. That the report regarding Council's Investment Portfolio 31 March 2023 be received and noted.**

**2. That the Certificate of the Responsible Accounting Officer be noted, and the report adopted.**

**Carried**

## **16.3 \*\*\* BUDGET REVIEW TO 31 MARCH 2023**

**File Number: F1.6**

The Council had before it the report of the Manager Corporate Services regarding the Budget Review to 31 March 2023.

### **Resolution 2023/76**

**Moved: Cr Sally Davis**

**Seconded: Cr Robert Stutsel**

- 1. That the document entitled “Quarterly Budget Review Statement – March 2023” be received and noted.**
- 2. That the variations of income and expenditure as identified in the “Quarterly Budget Review Statement – March 2023” be adopted.**

**Carried**

At this juncture, Cr Sarah Barton left the meeting, the time being 10:03 am.

## **17 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT**

### **17.1 \*\*\* VISITOR ENHANCEMENTS AT BACK O' BOURKE EXHIBITION CENTRE**

**File Number: T1.1**

The Council had before it the report of the Manager Economic Development regarding the Visitor Enhancements at Back O' Bourke Exhibition Centre.

### **Resolution 2023/77**

**Moved: Cr Robert Stutsel**

**Seconded: Cr Victor Bartley**

- 1. That Council note the report regarding the visitor enhancements at the Back O' Bourke Exhibition Centre.**
- 2. That Council make a co-contribution of \$80,000 towards the business case and development application phase for the construction of a building that will house an Aboriginal Cultural Centre at the Back O' Bourke Exhibition Centre from Councils Infrastructure Renewal Reserve fund.**

**Carried**

At this juncture, Cr Sarah Barton returned to the meeting, the time being 10:08 am.

## **18 DELEGATES AND COUNCILLORS REPORTS**

Nil

## 19 POLICIES

Nil

## 20 PRÉCIS OF CORRESPONDENCE

### 20.1 \*\*\* REQUEST FOR SUPPORT - NSW RURAL DOCTORS NETWORK BUSH BURSARY AND COUNTRY WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION OF NSW SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

**File Number: D5.2**

The Council had before it the report of the General Manager regarding the Request for Support - NSW Rural Doctors Network Bush Bursary and Country Women's Association of NSW Scholarship Program.

#### **Resolution 2023/78**

**Moved: Cr Sally Davis**

**Seconded: Cr Robert Stutsel**

- 1. That Council accede to the request from the Rural Doctors Network regarding financial support in the amount of \$3,000 to assist the Bush Bursary Scheme.**
- 2. That Council advise the NSW RDN it is unable to fulfil the expected role of Council regarding the logistics of the student placement.**
- 3. That Council suggest liaison with the NWAC regarding the student placement.**

**Carried**

## 21 ACTIVITY REPORTS

### 21.1 ENGINEERING SERVICES - ROAD WORKS AND WORKSHOP - WORKS UNDERTAKEN

**File Number: E7.1**

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

#### **Resolution 2023/79**

**Moved: Cr Robert Stutsel**

**Seconded: Cr Cec Dorrington**

**That Council note the information in the Roads Department Road Works and Workshop Activity Report as presented to Council on Monday, 24 April 2023.**

**Carried**

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

**File Number: E7.1**

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

**Resolution 2023/80**

**Moved: Cr Robert Stutsel**

**Seconded: Cr Cec Dorrington**

**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, 24 April 2023.**

**Carried**

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

**File Number: D3.1-A11.1-A8.1**

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

**Resolution 2023/81**

**Moved: Cr Sally Davis**

**Seconded: Cr Robert Stutsel**

**That the information in the Planning, Regulatory and Environmental Services Activity Report as presented to Council on Monday, 24 April 2023 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 2023/82**

**Moved: Cr Robert Stutsel**

**Seconded: Cr Cec Dorrington**

**That the information in the General Manager's Activity Report as presented to Council on Monday, 24 April 2023 be noted.**

**Carried**



## **21.5 LIBRARY MANAGER'S ACTIVITY REPORT FOR MARCH 2023**

**File Number: L4.1**

The Council had before it the report of the Library Manager regarding the Library Manager's Activity Report for March 2023.

### **Resolution 2023/83**

**Moved: Cr Robert Stutsel**

**Seconded: Cr Cec Dorrington**

**That the information in the Library Manager's Report for March 2023 as presented to Council on Monday, 24 April 2023 be noted.**

**Carried**

## **21.6 TOURISM AND EVENTS REPORT**

**File Number: T4.3**

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

### **Resolution 2023/84**

**Moved: Cr Robert Stutsel**

**Seconded: Cr Cec Dorrington**

**That the information in the Tourism and Events Managers Report for March 2023 as presented to Council on Monday, 24 April 2023 be noted.**

**Carried**

## **22 CLOSED SESSION**

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

### **Resolution 2023/85**

**Moved: Cr Cec Dorrington**

**Seconded: Cr Sarah Barton**

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

#### **22.1 \*\*\* Tender (05/23) - Management of the Bourke War Memorial Olympic Swimming Pool**

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

**Carried**

Council proceeded into closed session with the livestreaming of the meeting being paused at 10.25am.

At this juncture, Cr Barry Hollman left the meeting, the time being 10:25 am.

**22.1 \*\*\* TENDER (05/23) - MANAGEMENT OF THE BOURKE WAR MEMORIAL OLYMPIC SWIMMING POOL**

**File Number: S10.2.1**

The Council had before it the report of the Manager Environmental Services regarding the Tender (05/23) - Management of the Bourke War Memorial Olympic Swimming Pool.

**Resolution 2023/86**

**Moved: Cr Victor Bartley**

**Seconded: Cr Robert Stutsel**

- 1. That the tender of Mr Scott Parnaby for the Contract Management of the Bourke Memorial Olympic Swimming Pool be accepted in the amount of \$154,000 (Inc GST) per annum for an initial three (3) year term, noting that a further two (2) x 1-year contract terms are available to Mr Parnaby at Councils discretion, to be negotiated singularly.**
- 2. That any necessary documents be executed under the Common Seal of Council.**
- 3. That the documents and considerations in respect of this matter remain confidential to Council.**

**Carried**

At this juncture, Cr Barry Hollman returned to the meeting, the time being 10:42 am.

**Resolution 2023/87**

**Moved: Cr Sally Davis**

**Seconded: Cr Sarah Barton**

**That Council moves out of Closed Council into Open Council.**

**Carried**

Open council resumed at 10.43am.

**RESOLUTIONS FROM CLOSED SESSION OF COUNCIL**

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

**The Meeting closed at 10.45am.**

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 22 May 2023.

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**CHAIRPERSON**

**10 RESCISSION MOTIONS**

Nil

**11 NOTICES OF MOTION**

Nil

**12 BUSINESS ARISING**

**12.1 CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**File Number:** C12.6  
**Author:** Ross Earl, Acting General Manager  
**Authoriser:** Ross Earl, Acting General Manager  
**Attachments:** Nil

**Background**

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

**Current Situation**

Month	Date	Time	Meeting / Event	Location
<b>2023</b>				
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
October (*)	23	9.15am	Council Meeting	Council Chamber
November (*)	27	9.15am	Council Meeting	Council Chamber
December (*)	18	9.15am	Council Meeting	Council Chamber

(\*) Indicative date only. Council meeting dates post September 2023 will be determined by Council as part of the September 2023 Agenda relating to the election of the Mayor and Deputy Mayor.

**Recommendation**  
**That the information in the Calendar of Events Report as presented to Council on Monday, 22 May 2023 be noted.**

**12.2 INFORMATION TO COUNCILLORS**

**File Number:** C12.1  
**Author:** Ross Earl, Acting General Manager  
**Authoriser:** Ross Earl, Acting 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**

Information that has been provided to Councillors for the period 15 April 2023 to 15 May 2023 follows:

Date	Information Sent	Author	Email
17/04/2023	Reminder - Council Meeting Monday, 24 April 2023	Margo Anderson	✓
18/04/2023	Lower Balonne flow update - April 2023	Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water	✓
18/04/2023	The Weekly Newsletter, 18 April 2023	Local Government NSW	✓
18/04/2023	Visit from the Murray Darling Basin Authority Board and others on 3 and 4 May 2023	Margo Anderson	✓
19/04/2023	GMs Column for publication – 20 April 2023	Leonie Brown	✓
21/04/2023	Business Papers for the April Ordinary and Closed Sessions of Council Meeting, Monday 24 April 2023	Leonie Brown	✓
21/04/2023	Topical stories regarding Local Government issues	Inside Local Government	✓
21/04/2023	New online Speed Reading for Councillors course dates	Local Government NSW	✓
24/04/2023	Minutes of the April 2023 Council Meeting	Leonie Brown	✓
26/04/2023	GMs Column for publication - 27 April 2023	Leonie Brown	✓
26/04/2023	Basin Bulletin Issue 59	Murray Darling Association	✓
26/04/2023	Invitation to meet with Darriea Turley and Scott Phillips from LGNSW - Wednesday, 10 May 2023 9.00am	Margo Anderson	✓
26/04/2023	Invitation to Attend Central North Police District Awards and Medal Ceremony - Walgett Wednesday, 17 May 2023	Superintendent Tim Chinn	✓
26/04/2023	Invitation to meet with the MDBA and Others – Wednesday, 3 May 2023	Margo Anderson	✓
26/04/2023	Advice regarding arrangements during EA leave	Margo Anderson	✓
26/04/2023	NSW Council elects new Deputy Mayor   ALGA calls for \$50M to help reduce emissions	Council Magazine	✓
26/04/2023	The Weekly Newsletter, 26 April 2023	Local Government NSW	✓

09/05/2023	Reminder - Meeting with Local Government NSW, 10 May 2023	Letitia Tiffen	✓
11/05/2023	Formal Complaint – Animal Cruelty, Pain and Suffering	Ross Earl	✓
12/05/2023	Topical stories regarding Local Government issues	Inside Local Government	✓
15/05/2023	Regional Emergency Road Repair Fund	The Hon Jenny Aitchison MP	✓
15/05/2023	Phone services over the weekend	Ross Earl	✓

**Recommendation**

**That the contents of the Information to Councillors Report as presented to Council on Monday, 22 May 2023 be noted.**

**12.3 \*\*\* 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**

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

**RESOLUTION**

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

**ACTION TAKEN**

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 further discussed at the Alliance of Western Council Meeting held on 09/12/2022.
6. Impact of Biodiversity Act, and specifically the issue of the North Bourke Industrial lots, raised on Sydney Radio (2GB Ray Hadley 14/03/2023) by Chair of Western Alliance, Cr Craig Davies.
7. GM and MES attended Biodiversity teleconference organised by LGNSW held on 4 April 2023 . Submission from Council will be forthcoming during the follow up process.
8. The need for a review of the NSW Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016 was raised with Clr Darriea Turley, President LGNSW and Scott Phillips, Chief Executive Officer during discussions with them at Bourke on 10/05/2023.



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

274/2019	DROUGHT – WATER UPDATE
RESPONSIBLE OFFICER	LEONIE BROWN – GENERAL MANAGER
FILE NO	W2.2.9 – W2.2.9.1
<b>RESOLUTION</b>	
That the General Manager write to the State Government seeking their urgent consideration of the construction of a regulator or additional weir including a fish ladder upstream of Bourke at a location identified as BU8	
<b>ACTION TAKEN</b>	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Letter sent &amp; meeting held.</li> <li>2. State Government commits to preparation of Western Weirs Strategy.</li> <li>3. Teleconference involving staff and Councillors held with State Water on 22/9/2020 re Strategy.</li> <li>4. Meeting held with DPIE representatives on 10/11/2020 &amp; 11/11/2020.</li> <li>5. Further briefings on Strategy held 10/02/2021 and 24/05/2021.</li> <li>6. Discussions held by GM with Jim Betts in July 2021 Secretary, DPIE, in regard to the Weir Strategy Project and its prolonged timeframes.</li> <li>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.</li> <li>8. Meeting held DPIE 23/11/2021 with Jim Bentley and his team via Video conference regarding Better Baaka Better Bidgee project.</li> <li>9. Meeting held in December 2021 with Andrew Lavelle regarding the Weir upgrade at Bourke and connectivity strategy.</li> <li>10. Contact made with Minister Pavey’s Office re concerns regarding potential removal of downstream weirs.</li> <li>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.</li> <li>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</li> </ol>	

- be seeking to have further conversations re weirs downstream.
13. Meeting held with Graham Attenborough and Jason Gordon of DPIE on 15 March 2022 re all things water including weir.
  14. Mayor, Mark Riley and Leonie Brown attended the DPIE Forum at Bourke Bowling Club on 30 June 2022 re Western Region Water Strategy and Barwon-Darling Water Sharing Plan and Floodplain Harvesting licencing.
  15. Submissions subsequently made re increasing Bourke Weir height and retention of downstream weirs.
  16. Mayor/GM met with Hon. Tanya Plibersek, MP Federal Minister for the Environment and Water at Alliance of Western Councils Meeting at Narromine on 19/08/2022.
  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.
  18. Refer Council Resolution Clause 2022/176 herewith for further update.
  19. Meeting held in February 2023 with Minister Anderson - see item 2022/176.
  20. Letter sent to the Hon Rose Jackson, Minister for Water, Housing and Homelessness, following March 2023 State election, advising of the issues and seeking support.
  21. Councillors and staff met with members of the Board of the Murray Darling Authority, the Commonwealth Environmental Water Holder, the Commonwealth Environmental Water Office and the Department of Climate Change, Environment, Energy and Water – Water Division, in Bourke on 03/05/2023 and discussed water issues.

2020/111	DUAL NAMING OF THE DARLING RIVER – DARLING RIVER BAAKA
RESPONSIBLE OFFICER	LEONIE BROWN – GENERAL MANAGER
FILE NO	R6.5
<b>RESOLUTION</b>	
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.	
<b>ACTION TAKEN</b>	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Ongoing. Geographical Names Board GNB contacted.</li> <li>2. Investigations are continuing by GNB.</li> <li>3. GNB advised in July 2021 that it would be undertaking consultation in August 2021 in regard to dual name proposal.</li> <li>4. GNB subsequently advised in August that due to COVID the consultations will now be undertaken in 2022.</li> <li>5. Meeting was to be held with GNB on 22 June 2022 however was postponed by GNB till “next month” with a date yet to be suggested.</li> <li>6. Meeting scheduled for 19 July 2022 postponed – new date yet to be confirmed.</li> <li>7. New meeting date proposed for 11 October 2022.</li> <li>8. Representatives of NSW GNB attended Council on 11 October 2022 and met with available Councillors and relevant staff re naming matter.</li> <li>9. No further advice received from GNB, to date.</li> </ol>	

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

2020/236	BOURKE AIRPORT DEVELOPMENT PROPOSAL
RESPONSIBLE OFFICER	PETER BROWN – MANAGER WORKS
FILE NO	A6.1
<b>RESOLUTION</b>	
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.	
<b>ACTION TAKEN</b>	
Brief prepared, quotations to be invited, when funding available.	

2019/439 and 2021/33	NORTH BOURKE BRIDGE REHABILITATION CONCEPT PLAN
RESPONSIBLE OFFICER	LEONIE BROWN – GENERAL MANAGER
FILE NO	B6.1
<b>RESOLUTION</b>	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Council continues to apply for funding to undertake the project.</li> <li>2. Council commits additional funds of \$269,922 from Councils Infrastructure Reserve Fund to ensure a total co-contribution from Council of \$969,922 (25%) to the Building Better Regions Fund Round 5, for North Bourke Bridge Renewal, if a funding application is successful.</li> </ol>	

<b>ACTION TAKEN</b>
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Ongoing.</li> <li>2. Letter received from Minister Toole 11/11/2020 advising upcoming funding opportunities for bridge.</li> <li>3. Funds as resolved reserved in Councils accounts.</li> <li>4. Application under Building Better Regions Fund lodged 11/02/2021. Application unsuccessful.</li> <li>5. Strategy prepared for investigation, assessment and restoration of bridge for input into Tourism Grant Application.</li> <li>6. Application lodged in August 2021. No response to date.</li> <li>7. Representations made to Member for Barwon, Roy Butler MP regarding funding for Bridge.</li> <li>8. Further application under Building Better Regions Fund lodged February 2022.</li> <li>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.</li> <li>10. Draft brief prepared and with Public Works Advisory (PWA) for review.</li> <li>11. Quote obtained from PWA with further discussions to be held.</li> <li>12. Further Grant funding application for design funding lodged with NSW Government in July 2022.</li> <li>13. Councils Grant Funding application was successful. Deed executed.</li> <li>14. Brief with PWA finalised and awaiting final quotation.</li> <li>15. Meeting with PWA and Bridge Engineer held on site 5 April 2023 to progress brief development and consider restoration options. Report from Bridge Engineer to be provided.</li> <li>16. Advice received from PWA that Consultancy Proposal from Bridge Engineer to be provided by 31/05/2023. Bridge Engineer has been overseas.</li> </ol>

2021/355	ROAD CLASSIFICATION REVIEW
RESPONSIBLE OFFICER	PAUL FLANAGAN – ROADS MANAGER
FILE NO	R7.1, R7.4.3

<b>RESOLUTION</b>
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. That Council provide a submission to the Independent Panel on Road Classification Review and Regional Road Transfer proposing that ownership of the Bourke – Milparinka Rd (Wanaaring Rd) be transferred to the NSW Government, as a minimum.</li> <li>2. That the transfer of any Regional Roads to Government in the Bourke Shire being on the basis of Council entering into a contract with Government which would see Council continuing to undertake both improvement works, and the necessary programmed and emergency maintenance works on the transferred roadway(s).</li> <li>3. That Council also provides a submission to the Independent Panel on Road Classification Review and Regional Road Transfer proposing the reclassification from local road to regional road status of the following roads: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• RLR 5 – Caronga Peak to Wilga Downs (23km / no bridge);</li> <li>• RLR50 - Moleyarrah Road – Wanaaring to Hungerford (86.82km / no bridge);</li> <li>• RLR44 – Janina Road – Louth to Wanaaring (85.7km / no bridge);</li> <li>• RLR49 – West Culgoa Road – Bourke to Weilmoringle (82.82km / single lane bridge).</li> </ul> </li> </ol>

<b>ACTION TAKEN</b>
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Submission to Review Panel prepared and submitted.</li> <li>2. Additional information and financial data requested for consideration 23 August 2022. Information provided.</li> </ol>

3. No Further information to date.

2022/96 and 2023/60	NORTH BOURKE STORMWATER DRAINAGE
RESPONSIBLE OFFICER	LEONIE BROWN - GENERAL MANAGER
FILE NO	D6.1, D6.2, V 1.6
<b>RESOLUTION</b>	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. That the information in the report of the General Manager from March 2022 be noted.</li> <li>2. That the Mayor and General Manager be requested to take the necessary action in pursuit of Potentially acquiring land in respect of this drainage matter, for a further report to Council.</li> <li>3. That the Mayor and General Manager be requested to brief Mr G Seiler on the progress of this matter.</li> <li>4. That the documents and considerations in respect of this matter remain confidential to Council.</li> </ol>	
<b>ACTION TAKEN</b>	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Investigations into land proceeding.</li> <li>2. Mayor and GM have briefed Mr Seiler.</li> <li>3. Land to west of subject site reviewed by environmental consultant and is considered to be an undesirable location for the construction of stormwater retention infrastructure due to the multitude of environmental, practical and physical constraints.</li> <li>4. Further update meeting held in June 2022 with Mr Seiler involving Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Messrs Riley and Brown.</li> <li>5. Monthly progress reports to be provided to Mr Seiler by Council.</li> <li>6. Structural Engineer engaged by Insurers inspected property on 8 September 2022.</li> <li>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.</li> <li>8. Further information received and provided to the landowners to the north of Warrego Street with subsequent discussions held.</li> <li>9. Structural Engineers Report received. Comprehensive report being developed for Workshop of Councillors in March 2023.</li> <li>10. Workshop held 20 March 2023. Workshop report including recommendation included in March 2023 Business Paper.</li> <li>11. Council in March 2023 (2023/60) resolved: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• to undertake final negotiations with Mr Rob and Mrs Sally Davis in respect of the acquisition of some 2.21ha of their land fronting Warrego St, North Bourke for the purpose of constructing a stormwater detention basin thereon, for a final report to Council.</li> <li>• on the basis of Council resolving to formally acquire such land, the General Manager be requested to take the necessary action that would result in the construction of a stormwater detention basin and required infrastructure on such land, in general conformity with the concept plan developed by Premise dated 10 February 2023 designed to accommodate a 1:100 year rainfall event for this area.</li> <li>• noted the opinion as expressed in the Expert Report prepared by Engineering Investigations and Solutions in regard to the residence of Mr G and Mrs C Seiler.</li> <li>• not pursue the purchase of the Seiler property located in Namoi St, North Bourke.</li> </ul> </li> <li>12. Meeting with Mr and Mrs Davis requested. Council's Solicitor, Insurer and Mr G Seiler advised of Councils resolution accordingly.</li> <li>13. Meeting with Mr and Mrs Davis aimed to be convened in June 2023.</li> </ol>	

2022/115	RISK MANAGEMENT AND INTERNAL AUDIT FRAMEWORK FOR COUNCILS
RESPONSIBLE OFFICER	ANG PASANG RAI - MANAGER CORPORATE SERVICES
FILE NO	R5.1
<b>RESOLUTION</b>	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. That Council join with the Far North West Joint Organisation and its member Councils in establishing a Shared Audit Risk and Improvement Committee in accordance with section 428B of the Local Government Act 1993.</li> <li>2. That Council delegate authority to the Far North West Joint Organisation to appoint the chair and two (2) independent members to form the shared Audit Risk And Improvement Committee to serve the Far North West Joint Organisation and all three member Councils.</li> <li>3. That Council appoint a Councillor to serve as the non-voting board member on the ARIC for this Council only.</li> <li>4. That Council adopt the Draft Terms of Reference developed for the operation of the Audit Risk and Improvement noting the initial revised term to cater for the shorter period to be served by the current Council and the fact that there is no current need for the Chair to be pre-qualified at this stage.</li> <li>5. That Council note the Expression of Interest document developed by the Far North West Joint Organisation for distribution to potential applicants for persons to serve as the Chair or one of the two (2) independent Committee Members including the fees payable to the Chair and Committee members.</li> <li>6. That applications as detailed in the Expression of Interest document be called for by the placement of advertisements in the local papers circulating in each of the towns within the FNWJO area together with the 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.</li> <li>7. At the next meeting of the FNWJO in June 2023, the committee will be formalised.</li> </ol>	
<b>ACTION TAKEN</b>	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. General Manager advised FNWJO of Council's resolution.</li> <li>2. Manager Corporate Services take the necessary action to implement Council's resolution.</li> <li>3. Expression of Interest received from another Council regarding joining the FNWJO.</li> <li>4. FNWJO meeting held on 1 August 2022.</li> <li>5. Expression of Interest for persons to serve as the Chair on one of the two (2) independent Committee members have been invited and subsequently closed. As at 23/03/2023 the submissions received are under review for report to the FNWJO in April 2023.</li> <li>6. Report considered by FNWJO Board at its meeting of 31 March. Interviews of short listed applicants to proceed.</li> </ol>	

2022/161 and 2023/42	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
<b>RESOLUTION</b>	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. That the legislative information in respect of the potential usage of the North Bourke Boat Ramp</li> </ol>	

- 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 providers in Bourke.
  5. That Council investigate further opportunities to promote Bourke as an RV friendly town.

**ACTION TAKEN**

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.
4. Further contact made with Transport for NSW.
5. Follow up report included in March 2023 Business Paper.
6. At the March 2023 Ordinary Meeting of Council the following resolution (2023/42) was carried.
7. That the information in respect of the potential usage of the Polygonum Swamp Road be noted.
8. That Council not pursue the development of a Rest Area to allow camping on the side of the Polygonum Swamp Road.
9. That the No Camping and No Caravans signs be maintained to encourage Caravan and Camping users to move on to a more suitable location, where there is no risk to pedestrians, road users and themselves.

2022/176	MAYORAL MINUTE – WESTERN WEIRS STRATEGY
RESPONSIBLE OFFICER	LEONIE BROWN – GENERAL MANAGER
FILE NO	W3.1

**RESOLUTION**

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.
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.

**ACTION TAKEN**

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.
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.”
3. Response dated 5 October 2022 received from Minister Anderson. The Minister advised that:
  - 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.”
4. Response dated 12 December 2022 received from Minister Plibersek advised that:
    - The NSW Government is responsible for water management in our region and is developing regional water strategies across the State.
    - The Western Weirs Strategy sits alongside these strategies.
    - The Australian Government’s role as a significant investor in water infrastructure through the National Water Grid Authority, State and Territory Governments are responsible for water planning and water infrastructure delivery. Applications for National Water Grid funding must have support of the State Government.
  5. State Minister for Land and Water, the Hon Kevin Anderson attended Bourke on 6 February 2023 and met with the Mayor and Acting GM. The Minister advised the Western Weirs Strategy will be abandoned as it is not well supported. However, the issue of water security will be included in the Better Baaka Program. The State and Federal Ministers are to meet for discussion in late February. The proposal aims to meet the Federal objectives but will require more time to adopt measures to ensure water consumption is not restricted at the same time. There are implications for a need for increased water storage capacity if weirs are not upgraded.
  6. Correspondence sent to the Hon Tanya Plibersek, MP and the NSW Minister for Lands and Water, the Hon Kevin Anderson, MP in March 2023 seeking the status of weir proposals. In response, the acting CEO of the NSW Water Sector responded that “the strategic business case for the Western Weirs program was completed in November 2021” and further that “the NSW Government continues to work with the Australian Government on suitable funding arrangements to progress to a final business case.” The Federal Government responded in April 2023 advising that “for the raising of the Bourke Weir to be eligible for National Water Grid funding consideration, a proposal must be submitted to the National Water Grid Authority by the NSW Government. You may wish to continue your engagement with the NSW Government so that a proposal may be brought forward, should it be prioritised by the NSW Government.
  7. In response, a further letter was sent to acting CEO of the NSW Water Sector, April 2023, requesting confirmation that funding to progress to a final business case is an eligible project under the investment principles of the National Water Grid Fund and if so, what is the specific time frame for the NSW Government to submit an application that covers funding for a final business case to raise the height of the Bourke Weir.
  8. Letter sent to the Hon Rose Jackson, Minister for Water, Housing and Homelessness, following March 2023 State election, advising of the issues and seeking support.

2022/222 and 2022/250	PROPOSED INTEGRATED PRIMARY HEALTH CARE CENTRE
RESPONSIBLE OFFICER	LEONIE BROWN – GENERAL MANAGER
FILE NO	A11.1, H1.1, H1.15
<b>RESOLUTION</b>	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. 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"> <li>a) Lot 8 DP 35739, Lot 9 DP 35739 and Lot 10 DP35739 in Mitchell Street, Bourke</li> <li>b) 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.</li> </ol> </li> </ol>	



2. 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.
3. That Council provide the BACHS with the requested Evidence of Tenure and Letter of Support, as requested.
4. That the documents and considerations in respect of this matter remain confidential to Council.
5. That Council proceed to sell Lots 7,8,9 and 10 DP 35797 Mitchell St, Bourke at a combined price of \$45,000 (ex 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.

**ACTION TAKEN**

1. Further discussions with BACHS as Resolved by Council.
2. Follow up report on matter to be considered by Council at its October 2022 meeting.
3. BACHS advised of Councils resolution.
4. Email received from BACHS advising that they were not able to proceed with the purchase without securing grant funding to construct the new clinic.
5. Correspondence sent to BACHS acknowledging the reliance on securing funding prior to progressing sale.
6. In December 2022, the Australian Government announced funding of \$8.06m to BACHS for the construction of a new Primary Care Clinic for the Bourke region.
7. In January 2023, Council forwarded a letter to BACHS congratulating them on the funding success and requesting advice as to their intentions in respect of Council’s land offer, such that Council can progress the contract of sale for such parcels of land, or not.
8. No response as yet received from BACHS re land acquisition.

2022/235	DRAFT FAR WEST REGIONAL PLAN 2041
RESPONSIBLE OFFICER	DWAYNE WILLOUGHBY – MANAGER ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES
FILE NO	T1.5
<b>RESOLUTION</b>	
That Council note the information contained within the Draft Far West Regional Plan 2041 Report.	
<b>ACTION TAKEN</b>	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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.</li> <li>2. Continue to pursue amendments to the plan in respect of identified gaps.</li> <li>3. Council’s submission lodged, awaiting response.</li> </ol>	

2022/238	GEOGRAPHICAL NAMES BOARD – THE POUND YARD
RESPONSIBLE OFFICER	LEONIE BROWN - GENERAL MANAGER
FILE NO	A2.1, A2.2.16, H3.3
<b>RESOLUTION</b>	
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.	

<b>ACTION TAKEN</b>	
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.	
3. Work in progress.	
4. List of names received, contact details yet to be received.	

2022/251 and 2023/43	SALE OF LAND FOR UNPAID RATES AND CHARGES
RESPONSIBLE OFFICER	ANG PASANG RAI – MANAGER CORPORATE SERVICES
FILE NO	R2.10

<b>RESOLUTION</b>	
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.	
8. That the documents and considerations in respect of this matter remain confidential to the Council.	

<b>ACTION TAKEN</b>	
1. Matter proceeding. Real Estate Agent engaged to manage sale confirmed for Friday, 17 March 2023.	
2. Statutory advertising requirements proceeding.	
3. Sale completed 17 March 2023. Summary included in March 2023 Business Paper.	
4. Report on Auction Sale considered at the April 2023 Council Meeting (2023/43) with Council resolving that a further report be provided to Council once all costs are known and the sales finalised.	
5. Sale processes proceeding.	

2022/285	ADMINISTRATION OF SEPTEMBER 2024 ORDINARY COUNCIL ELECTIONS
RESPONSIBLE OFFICER	LEONIE BROWN
FILE NO	C11.1, E2.3.7
<b>RESOLUTION</b>	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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.</li> <li>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.</li> <li>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.</li> <li>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.</li> </ol>	
<b>ACTION TAKEN</b>	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Correspondence advising of Councils resolution provided to the NSWEC. Resolution published on Councils website. Awaiting provision of contract to Council.</li> <li>2. Contract has been received, awaiting GM signature upon her return from leave.</li> </ol>	

2023/9, 2023/35, 2023/36	NORTH BOURKE WATER SUPPLY
RESPONSIBLE OFFICER	PETER BROWN
FILE NO	W2.1
<b>RESOLUTION</b>	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. At the December meeting of Council, having regard to the apology from Cr Hollman and the previously advised conflict of interest declarations from Crs Barton, Davis, Dorrington, Ford, and Rice, the Chairman adjourned consideration of this item to the February Ordinary Meeting of Council commencing at 9.15am on Monday, 27 February 2023 in the Council Chamber, due to the lack of a quorum to consider the matter, with Crs Bartley, Ridge (via Audio Visual Link), Ryan and Stutsel being the remaining councillors present.</li> <li>2. That a North Bourke Water Extension Request Committee be formed to meet for the sole purpose of determining the report of the Manager Works titled North Bourke Water Supply, as initially included in the Council Agenda of December 2022.</li> <li>3. That the membership of such Committee comprise the five (5) Councillors who were either absent from, or did not declare, a significant non-pecuniary conflict of interest in item 13.1, North Bourke Water Supply, of Councils December 2022 Meeting Agenda, being Councillors Bartley, Holman, Ridge, Ryan and Stutsel, with the Manager of Works and the Executive Assistant being non-voting attendees of the Committee.</li> <li>4. That the quorum for the Committee be three (3) Councillors.</li> <li>5. That once the Committee has made its determination, all Councillors be advised of the outcome.</li> </ol>	
<b>ACTION TAKEN</b>	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Report on matter to be included in Agenda for February 2023 meeting.</li> </ol>	

2. Contact was made with the Governance Branch of the Office of Local Government seeking guidance on management of the issue.
3. Meeting held 14 March 2023. Details of Resolution circulated to Councillors.
4. Rescission Motion re accessing the abattoir water line lodged and to be considered at Councils March meeting.
5. At the March 2023 Council Meeting a Rescission Motion in respect of W and S Hand having access to filtered water via the abattoir line was carried. The following Motion (2023/36) was then carried:  
 That Mr Warren and Mrs Susanne Hand be advised that Council concurs with the connection of a 20mm water supply service to their property , Virginia Farm, 985 Mitchell Highway, North Bourke, on the basis of such supply being sourced from Councils filtered water main that runs on the eastern side of the Mitchell Highway, North Bourke and on the basis of them making an application and accepting a quotation from Council to undertake the works to connect to such supply via a pipe under the Highway to a nominated point at their front boundary, as per Councils Rural Water Supply Policy (Policy No 3.7.10), which requires in part:
  - 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.
6. Landholders advised of Councils resolution.

2023/41	LOCAL PROVISION DRAFT PLANNING PROPOSAL
RESPONSIBLE OFFICER	DWAYNE WILLOUGHBY
FILE NO	T5.1
<b>RESOLUTION</b>	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. That Council support the Planning Proposal attached as Appendix A to undertake an Amendment to the Bourke Local Environmental Plan 2012 as follows:                     <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Permit with consent, development for the purposes of business premises and office premises in the R1 General Residential zone.</li> <li>b. Restrict proposed development to the confines of an existing dwelling house or for new development, to a gross floor area of 250m2.</li> <li>c. Rezone land at Lot 62 DP 1027306, No. 68B Sid Coleman Drive, North Bourke from SP2 (Air Transport Facility) to IN1 General Industrial.</li> </ol> </li> <li>2. That Council exercise their delegation under Section 3.36 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act, 1979 and request that NSW Parliamentary Counsel’s Office draft the new Plan.</li> <li>3. That Council request that the NSW Department of Planning and Environment to prepare the mapping associated with the proposed Amendment to the Bourke Local Environmental Plan</li> </ol>	

2012.
4. That Council request the final Amendment be notified on the NSW Legislation website.
<b>ACTION TAKEN</b>
Letter sent to Department of Planning.

2023/44	PURCHASE AND CLASSIFICATION OF 54 MERTIN STREET, BOURKE
RESPONSIBLE OFFICER	LEONIE BROWN
FILE NO	R2.10
<b>RESOLUTION</b>	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. That Council endorse the acquisition of Lot 1 DP 910329, 54 Mertin St, Bourke at a purchase price of \$5,000.00.</li> <li>2. That in accordance with the provisions of the <i>Local Government Act 1993</i>, Council proceed to give 28 days' public notice of its proposed resolution to classify Lot 1 DP 910329, 54 Mertin St, Bourke as Operational Land.</li> <li>3. That following such public notice, a further report be submitted to Council on the proposed land classification.</li> <li>4. That any necessary documents be executed under the Common Seal of Council.</li> </ol>	
<b>ACTION TAKEN</b>	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Contract signed. Advertisement re classification placed in the Western Herald.</li> <li>2. Report included in Agenda for May Council meeting.</li> </ol>	

2023/47	2023/2024 DRAFT OPERATIONAL PLAN
RESPONSIBLE OFFICER	ANG PASANG RAI
FILE NO	P4.1
<b>RESOLUTION</b>	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. That the report of the Manager of Corporate Services detailing an overview of the 2023/2024 Draft Operational Plan be noted.</li> <li>2. That Councils 2023/2024 Draft Operational Plan be adopted for the purpose of public exhibition from Monday, 3 April 2023 until 5.00pm Monday, 1 May 2023 in accordance with <i>Section 405 (3) of the Local Government Act</i>.</li> <li>3. That all submissions received be tabled at the 22 May Ordinary Meeting of Council, for consideration prior to Councils Operational Plan for 2023/2024 being determined.</li> </ol>	
<b>ACTION TAKEN</b>	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Operational Plan exhibited from 3 April 2023.</li> <li>2. No submissions received. Report included in Agenda for May Council meeting.</li> </ol>	

2023/61	TENDER 04/23 - BOURKE MEMORIAL SWIMMING POOL FRONT OF HOUSE ENTRY BUILDING
RESPONSIBLE OFFICER	DWAYNE WILLOUGHBY
FILE NO	S10.1
<b>RESOLUTION</b>	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. That the tender of Lukas Building and Construction for the upgrade of the kiosk at the Bourke Swimming in the amount of \$1,118,423.00 (Ex GST) be accepted.</li> <li>2. That any necessary documents be executed under the Common Seal of Council.</li> <li>3. That the documents and considerations in respect of this matter remain confidential to Council.</li> </ol>	
<b>ACTION TAKEN</b>	
Awaiting for contract with builder to be finalised.	

2023/68	NOTICE OF MOTION – AGE OF CRIMINAL RESPONSIBILITY
RESPONSIBLE OFFICER	LEONIE BROWN
FILE NO	C8.9.3, C8.9.13
<b>RESOLUTION</b>	
<p>That Council write to the Prime Minister, the Hon Anthony Albanese MP, Federal Minister for Indigenous Australians, the Hon Linda Burney MP, the NSW Premier, the Hon Chris Minns MP, the NSW Attorney General – the Hon Michael Daley MP, the NSW Leader of the Opposition, the NSW Shadow Attorney-General, the Member for Barwon – Mr Roy Butler MP, and the Alliance of Western Councils, expressing Councils absolute opposition to an increase in the age of criminal responsibility from ten years to fourteen years.</p>	
<b>ACTION TAKEN</b>	
Correspondence sent to all parties advising of Council’s resolution. Media Release on matter prepared and distributed.	

2023/73	BOURKE FLOODPLAIN RISK MANAGEMENT STUDY AND PLAN
RESPONSIBLE OFFICER	PETER BROWN
FILE NO	W2.1
<b>RESOLUTION</b>	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. That the Bourke Floodplain Risk Management Study and Plan (Volumes 1 and 2) dated December 2022, be adopted.</li> <li>2. That the General Manager be requested to take the necessary action in respect of implementing Measures 1-4 as identified in the Plan, being the measures “that could be implemented by Council with the assistance, where required, of the NSW SES”.</li> <li>3. That in implementing Measures 1-2, being proposed revised planning controls, a further report on such measures be forthcoming to Council.</li> <li>4. That the General Manager be requested to take the necessary action in respect of implementing Measures 5-10, as identified in the Plan, being the measures “that require the sourcing of Government funding” to progress such measures.</li> </ol>	

<b>ACTION TAKEN</b>	
Representation made to the Department of Planning and Environment (DPE).	

2023/77	VISITOR ENHANCEMENTS AT BACK O' BOURKE EXHIBITION CENTRE
RESPONSIBLE OFFICER	MELANIE MILGATE
FILE NO	T1.1

<b>RESOLUTION</b>	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. That Council note the report regarding the visitor enhancements at the Back O' Bourke Exhibition Centre.</li> <li>2. That Council make a co-contribution of \$80,000 towards the business case and development application phase for the construction of a building that will house an Aboriginal Cultural Centre at the Back O' Bourke Exhibition Centre from Councils Infrastructure Renewal Reserve fund.</li> </ol>	

<b>ACTION TAKEN</b>	
\$250,00 received for Business Case. Steering Committee has been established and will be meeting 15 June 2023.	

2023/78	REQUEST FOR SUPPORT - NSW RURAL DOCTORS NETWORK BUSH BURSARY AND COUNTRY WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION OF NSW SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM
RESPONSIBLE OFFICER	MELANIE MILGATE
FILE NO	D5.2

<b>RESOLUTION</b>	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. That Council accede to the request from the Rural Doctors Network regarding financial support in the amount of \$3,000 to assist the Bush Bursary Scheme.</li> <li>2. That Council advise the NSW RDN it is unable to fulfil the expected role of Council regarding the logistics of the student placement.</li> <li>3. That Council suggest liaison with the NWAC regarding the student placement.</li> </ol>	

<b>ACTION TAKEN</b>	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Correspondence sent to the NSW RDN advising of Council's resolution.</li> <li>2. Awaiting advice regarding payment of funds.</li> </ol>	

2023/86	TENDER (05/23) - MANAGEMENT OF THE BOURKE WAR MEMORIAL OLYMPIC SWIMMING POOL
RESPONSIBLE OFFICER	DWAYNE WILLOUGHBY
FILE NO	S10.2.1

<b>RESOLUTION</b>	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. That the tender of Mr Scott Parnaby for the Contract Management of the Bourke Memorial Olympic Swimming Pool be accepted in the amount of \$154,000 (Inc GST) per annum for an initial three (3) year term, noting that a further two (2) x 1-year contract terms are available to Mr Parnaby at Councils discretion, to be negotiated singularly.</li> </ol>	

2. That any necessary documents be executed under the Common Seal of Council.
3. That the documents and considerations in respect of this matter remain confidential to Council.

**ACTION TAKEN**

Awaiting for contract with contractor to be finalised.

**Recommendation**

**That the information in the Business Arising Report as presented to Council on Monday, 22 May 2023 be noted.**



## 13 ENGINEERING SERVICES DEPARTMENT

### 13.1 \*\*\* RECOMMENCEMENT OF THE FLUORIDATION OF THE BOURKE WATER SUPPLY

**File Number:** W2.1  
**Author:** Peter Brown, Manager Works  
**Authoriser:** Ross Earl, Acting General Manager  
**Attachments:** Nil

#### Background

In July 2016, staff formally advised the Water Unit of NSW Health, by way of the lodgement of a Fluoride Dosing Incident Notification Form, that the fluoride saturator tank at the old Bourke Water Treatment Plant was inoperative and that Council would advise the Water Unit when the issue was fixed. Subsequent to this, the firm who developed and provided the fluoride machine at the old treatment plant were having difficulties repairing such machines at various treatment plants across the state. It wasn't until 2018 that the company developed a new fluoridation process. By that time, Council was well advanced in planning the construction of its new water treatment plant, which included the installation of new fluoridation equipment in a dedicated bunded room in the new plant.

#### Current Situation

The construction of the new Bourke Water Treatment Plant has now been completed and the plant commissioned and generally working well. Council has lodged the necessary documentation with the Water Group of the NSW Department of Planning and Environment (DPE) seeking approval for the commissioning and operation of the new fluoridation system which will again provide fluoride to the Bourke public water supply system, which hasn't occurred since the breakdown of equipment in 2016. This required approval is sought under Section 60 of the Local Government Act 1993, where local water utilities are required to obtain Ministerial approval for the construction or modification of water or sewage treatment works. It is further advised that fluoridation of public water supply is a NSW Health program. NSW Health provides approval after satisfactory installation, commissioning, and inspection of the fluoridation plant. DPE conducts inspection of the fluoridation plant during the commissioning process and recommends to NSW Health for approval.

In respect of the application process, an officer from the DPE Water Group has reviewed, by way of an on-site visit to the Bourke Water Treatment Plant, the infrastructure and components installed at the Bourke Fluoridation Plant, the calibration of the dosing system, processes in respect of the fluoride dosing, the availability of protective equipment and adherence to the requirements of the storage of chemicals.

The outcome of the inspection resulted in some minor non-conformances which the Treatment Plant Contractor will now attend to with a view to a Section 60 approval being forthcoming. As part of this approval process, once forthcoming, DPE will recommend approval to NSW Health in respect of the fluoridation of the public water supply system. Once these approvals are formally in

place, it is proposed that Council proceed to again dose the local water with fluoride. It is further proposed that following the receipt of the approvals, the community be advised of the recommencement of fluoride dosing in the Bourke public water supply system.

The fluoridation of public water supplies can be a topical issue in some communities. From a report prepared for the Australian Government by the National Health and Medical Research Council on "Water Fluoridation and Human Health in Australia," it is identified that in 2017, 93% of people in NSW had access to fluoridated drinking water supplies. The report further found "that water fluoridation reduces tooth decay by 26 to 44% in children and adolescents, and by about 27% in adults." The report further states that, "In Australia, community water fluoridation programs are considered a safe, ethical and effective way of reducing tooth decay across the population. Fluoridated water helps reduce tooth decay in all members of society, at all stages of life. This includes those who have less access to dental care and other measures that protect the teeth from decay."

### **Financial Implications**

Funding for the construction of the new Bourke Water Treatment Plant, which includes a new fluoridation plant, has been forthcoming from NSW Government and Council Funding. Funding for the operation of the fluoridation plant, is included in Councils Operational Plan.

### **Recommendation**

- 1. That pending the receipt of approval under Section 60 of the Local Government Act 1993, and approval from NSW Health, Council proceed to again include fluoride in the Bourke public water supply system.**
- 2. That the Bourke community be advised by way of advertisement in the Western Herald and on Councils Facebook site, when the fluoride dosing of the Bourke public water supply system actually recommences following the receipt of the required approvals.**

## 14 ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES & DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

### 14.1 \*\*\* FUNDING FOR REPLACEMENT OF BOURKE SWIMMING POOL SPLASHPAD FLOORING

**File Number:** S10.1  
**Author:** Dwayne Willoughby, Manager Environmental Services  
**Authoriser:** Ross Earl, Acting General Manager  
**Attachments:** Nil

#### Background

The Bourke War Memorial Olympic Swimming Pool, located in Mertin St, Bourke is an important Council owned community asset. In the last 3-4 years the pool asset has undergone significant improvement and upgrade following the receipt of government funding in various tranches. Improvements completed include:

- Installation of new barbeque facilities.
- Major refurbishment of the 50 metre Olympic Swimming Pool and surrounds (including new pumping and filtration systems and new shade structures).
- Refurbishment of toilets.
- Construction of a new program (children's) pool.

In addition to these completed projects, tenders were awarded by Council at its March 2023 meeting for the upgrading of the Front of House Entry Building at the pool, which includes the upgrading of the pool's kiosk.

Prior to these works, Council at its July 2016 Ordinary Meeting awarded a tender to Hydro Care Pools for the construction of the "Splashpad Addition and Associated Works."

Opened to the public in early 2017, the splashpad has proven to be a very popular and well used facility at the pool complex.

#### Current Situation

The last 12 months has seen a significant deterioration in the presentation and useability of the rubber flooring of the splashpad, with such flooring being an integral part of the overall componentry of the splashpad user experience. The particle rubber crumb flooring that was installed in late 2016 has deteriorated to a point where slip resistance, impact absorption, chemical resistance, UV resistance, cleanability and impermeability are all now essentially compromised.

In addition, as the product has deteriorated, small holes opened in the surface. Some users of the pad proceeded to pick at these holes, such that the holes were significantly enlarged contributing to the rubber ultimately lifting at numerous locations. Exposure to chlorine and the harsh UV light in Bourke exacerbated the damaged to the surface.

A photo of the damaged surface is provided below.



The flooring is now at a point where it needs to be replaced.

Investigations of other like splashpads has revealed that other Council Pool Operators had also experienced a diminished life span from the once favoured flooring product as installed at many splashpads last decade. Some pools experienced a flooring life span of only some 3-4 years in their splashpads.

Like all industry sectors, technology has progressed and evolved such that a product known as “Life Floor” is now the preferred industry product for splashpad and aquatic surfaces. “Life Floor” is the first product to be certified by the American National Standards Institute (ANSI) in terms of its Slip Resistance, Impact Attenuation, Impermeability, Cleanability, Chemical Resistance and UV Resistance. Life Floor has a diverse portfolio of successful installations in Australia ranging from the Charters Towers Waterpark; the Kununurra Leisure Centre Splashpad; the Goondiwindi Memorial Swimming Pool through to use at Australia Zoo on the Sunshine Coast and Wet N Wild on the Gold Coast.

It is proposed that during the “off season”, the flooring of the splashpad at the Bourke Pool be replaced with the “Life Floor” product. With Council undertaking the removal of the existing material, a quotation, was sourced from Hydro Care Pools.

This quote was in the amount of \$107,369.00 (Plus GST), with this price being pending final design and includes the grinding and preparation of the existing concrete around the perimeter of the pad and around the water jets and the supply and installation of the required “Life Floor” product. “Life Floor” has a 7-year installation warranty and a product warranty for 5 years. It will be proposed that this quote be finalised with the General Manager to take the necessary action.

### **Financial Implications**

There is no identified funding in Councils adopted 2022/2023 Operational Plan or the draft 2023/2024 Operational Plan. Notwithstanding, replacement of the splashpad surface is most necessary. During early May 2023, the Federal Government announced Phase 4 of the Local Roads and Community Infrastructure (LR&CI) Program which allocates total funding of \$1,892,034 to Bourke Shire Council. As the name suggests, the LR&CI Program supports councils “to deliver priority local road and community infrastructure projects in their region, creating jobs and long-lasting benefits for communities.” Advice from Government is that Councils will be able to access their Phase 4 funding allocations from July 2023, with projects to be delivered by June 2025 with guidelines and grant agreements being finalised by the Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications, and the Arts over the coming months.

A report proposing the balance of the funds will be bought forward once the guidelines are available.

With the existing quotation being “subject to final design”, it will be necessary for the General Manager to source a final quotation for the required works. It would be proposed that LR&CI funds be allocated to the splashpad surface replacement project, subject to the final amount required pending final design and subject to the timing of the receipt of the guidelines and grant agreements for the funding. Obviously, it is important that the works be completed prior to the commencement of the 2023/2024 pool season. In proposing this source of funding, it is noted that in respect of Phase 3 funding under the LR&CI Program, Council at its May 2021 meeting identified the Bourke Program Pool upgrade and Swimming Pool Entry and Kiosk upgrade projects as the preferred projects for the utilisation of the near \$2.4m in this earlier phase.

Should for some reason LR&CI funding not being available, following discussions with the General Manager, it will be proposed that required funds be sourced from Councils Infrastructure Renewal Reserve.

### **Recommendation**

- 1. That Council concur with the need for the timely replacement of the rubber surface of the Splashpad at the Bourke Memorial Olympic Pool during the 2023 Pool close down period.**
- 2. That the “subject to final design” quotation from Hydro Care Pools to undertake the replacement of the splash pad surface with the “life Floor” product, in the amount of \$107,369 (plus GST), be noted.**
- 3. That the General Manager be requested to take the necessary action to finalise the quotation from Hydro Care Pools and engage them accordingly.**
- 4. That the replacement of the rubber surface of the Splashpad at the Bourke Memorial Olympic**

**Pool be a priority project in respect of utilising funding provided under Phase 4 of the Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program.**

- 5. That in the event that funding for this replacement project is not available via the Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program, Council source funding from its Infrastructure Renewal Fund for the replacement works.**
- 6. That the General Manager be requested to report to Council proposing preferred projects for the utilisation of the balance of Phase 4 funds under the Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program, once the guidelines are available.**



## 15 GENERAL MANAGER

### 15.1 \*\*\* CLASSIFICATION OF 54 MERTIN STREET, BOURKE

**File Number:** R2.10  
**Author:** Ross Earl, Acting General Manager  
**Authoriser:** Ross Earl, Acting General Manager  
**Attachments:** Nil

#### Background

Section 31(2) of the Local Government Act provides, in part, that before a council acquires land, or within 3 months after it acquires land, a council may resolve (in accordance with this Part) that the land be classified as community land or operational land. In addition to this, Section 34 of the Act requires that a council must give public notice of a proposed resolution to classify or reclassify public land; the public notice must include the terms of the proposed resolution and a description of the public land concerned and the public notice must specify a period of not less than 28 days during which submissions may be made to the council.

Having regard to such requirements, Council at its meeting held on 27 March 2023 resolved as follows:

1. *That Council endorse the acquisition of Lot 1 DP 910329, 54 Mertin St, Bourke at a purchase price of \$5,000.00.*
2. *That in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government Act 1993, Council proceed to give 28 days' public notice of its proposed resolution to classify Lot 1 DP 910329, 54 Mertin St, Bourke as Operational Land.*
3. *That following such public notice, a further report be submitted to Council on the proposed land classification.*
4. *That any necessary documents be executed under the Common Seal of Council.*

#### Current Situation

Following Council's resolution as above, Council provided public notification by advertising the proposal in the Western Herald edition of 6 April 2023 with advice that submissions would be received up until 12.00 pm on Friday 5 May 2023.

At the conclusion of the public notification period, it is advised that no submissions were received. It will be recommended that Council proceed to classify 54 Mertin St, Bourke as Operational Land.

#### Financial Implications

There are no direct financial implications arising from this report.

**Recommendation**

**That in accordance with the provisions of section 31 of the *Local Government Act 1993* and following notification of the proposed resolution in accordance with section 34 of the Act, Council classify Lot 1 DP 910329, 54 Mertin St, Bourke as Operational Land.**



**15.2 \*\*\* COUNCILLOR REMUNERATION FOR 2023 / 2024**

**File Number:** C11.2  
**Author:** Ross Earl, Acting General Manager  
**Authoriser:** Ross Earl, Acting General Manager  
**Attachments:** Nil

**Background**

The Local Government Remuneration Tribunal has handed down its determination for Mayoral and Councillor fees for 2023/2024. In doing so, a 3 % increase in the fees for the 12-month period effective 1st July 2023 has been determined.

Council has traditionally resolved, in determining the fees paid to the Mayor and Councillors, that they be paid at the maximum amount as determined by the Tribunal. This recognises the workload placed on the Mayor and Councillors of the Bourke Shire in undertaking their duties.

The *Local Government Act 1993* provides, as follows:

***248 Fixing and payment of annual fees for Councillors***

- (1) A Council must pay each Councillor an annual fee.*
- (2) A Council may fix the annual fee and, if it does so, it must fix the annual fee in accordance with the appropriate determination of the Remuneration Tribunal.*
- (3) The annual fee so fixed must be the same for each Councillor.*
- (4) A Council that does not fix the annual fee must pay the appropriate minimum fee determined by the Remuneration Tribunal.*

***249 Fixing and payment of annual fees for the Mayor***

- (1) A Council must pay the Mayor an annual fee.*
- (2) The annual fee must be paid in addition to the fee paid to the Mayor as a Councillor.*
- (3) A Council may fix the annual fee and, if it does so, it must fix the annual fee in accordance with the appropriate determination of the Remuneration Tribunal.*
- (4) A Council that does not fix the annual fee must pay the appropriate minimum fee determined by the Remuneration Tribunal.*
- (5) A Council may pay the deputy Mayor (if there is one) a fee determined by the Council for such time as the deputy Mayor acts in the office of the Mayor. The amount of the fee so paid must be deducted from the Mayor's annual fee.*

**Current Situation**

Pursuant to s.241 of the *Local Government Act 1993*, the annual fees to be paid in each of the categories to Councillors, Mayors, Members and Chairpersons of County Councils effective on and from 1 July 2023 are determined as follows by the Local Government Remuneration Tribunal.

Bourke Shire Council is categorised as a Rural Council by the Tribunal, as highlighted below.

Category		Councillor/Member Annual Fee		Mayor/Chairperson Additional Fee*	
		Minimum	Maximum	Minimum	Maximum
General Purpose Councils - Metropolitan	Principal CBD	29,610	43,440	181,210	238,450
	Major CBD	19,760	36,590	41,960	118,210
	Metropolitan Major	19,760	34,590	41,960	106,960
	Metropolitan Large	19,760	32,590	41,960	94,950
	Metropolitan Medium	14,810	27,650	31,470	73,440
	Metropolitan Small	9,850	21,730	20,980	47,390
General Purpose Councils - Non-metropolitan <b>Bourke ►</b>	Major Regional City	19,760	34,330	41,960	106,960
	Major Strategic Area	19,760	34,330	41,960	106,960
	Regional Strategic Area	19,760	32,590	41,960	94,950
	Regional Centre	14,810	26,070	30,820	64,390
	Regional Rural	9,850	21,730	20,980	47,420
	Rural Large	9,850	17,680	15,735	37,925
	<b>Rural</b>	<b>9,850</b>	<b>13,030</b>	<b>10,490</b>	<b>28,430</b>
County Councils	Water	1,960	10,870	4,200	17,850
	Other	1,960	6,490	4,200	11,860

*\*This fee must be paid in addition to the fee paid to the Mayor/Chairperson as a Councillor/Member (s.249(2)).*

**Financial Implications**

Provision has been made in the 2023/2024 Operational Plan for the payment of fees to the Mayor and Councillors.

**Recommendation**

**That as per Section 248 and 249 of the Local Government Act 1993, Council pay the maximum fee prescribed for a Rural Group Councillor and the maximum fee applicable to a Mayor within the Rural Group, as applicable to Bourke Shire, with those fees being \$13,030 and \$28,430 to the Councillors and Mayor, respectively.**

## 16 CORPORATE SERVICES DEPARTMENT

### 16.1 \*\*\* BANK RECONCILIATION AND STATEMENT OF BANK BALANCES - APRIL 2023

**File Number:** F1.1  
**Author:** Ang Pasang Rai, Manager Corporate Services  
**Authoriser:** Ross Earl, Acting General Manager  
**Attachments:** Nil

#### Bank Reconciliation for the period ending 30 April 2023

Balances as per Bank Statement	\$644,930.50
Plus: Deposit not shown	\$1,377.50
Less: Unpresented Cheques	\$4,835.12
<b>Balance as per Cash Book</b>	<b>\$641,472.88</b>

#### Reconciled Ledger Accounts as at 30 April 2023

Fund or Account	Current Balance	Overdraft Statutory Limit
General	\$30,058,475.39	\$200,000.00
Water	\$2,628,546.99	
Sewer	\$2,762,228.64	
Trust	\$99,046.38	
	<b>\$35,548,297.40</b>	

#### Reconciliation as at 30 April 2023

Balance as per cash book	\$644,930.50
Investments	\$34,903,366.90
<b>Total, equalling Reconciled Ledger</b>	<b>\$35,548,297.40</b>

\* 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 April 2023

	Balance 31 March 2023	Transaction	Balance 30 April 2023
General Fund	\$26,970,034.34	\$3,088,441.05	\$30,058,475.39
Water Fund	\$2,846,652.27	-\$218,105.28	\$2,628,546.99
Sewer Fund	\$7,770,921.45	-\$5,008,692.81	\$2,762,228.64
Trust Fund	\$99,019.38	\$27.00	\$99,046.38
Investments	-\$37,575,915.07	\$2,672,548.17	-\$34,903,366.90
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$110,712.37</b>	<b>\$534,218.13</b>	<b>\$644,930.50</b>

**Balance of all Funds as at 30 April 2023**

<b>Balance as at 31 March 2023</b>	<b>\$110,712.37</b>
<b>Add Receipts for</b>	
(a) Rates	\$229,979.16
(b) Other Cash	\$1,477,842.78
<b>Deduct payments for</b>	
(a) Payments	\$3,774,016.58
(b) New Investment	-\$2,600,412.77
<b>Balance as at 30 April 2023</b>	<b>\$644,930.50</b>

**Recommendation**

**That the Certificate of Reconciliation of the Cash Book for all funds of the Council and the Statement of Bank Balances as at 30 April 2023 be noted.**

**16.2 \*\*\* INVESTMENT REPORT AS AT 30 APRIL 2023**

**File Number:** F1.1  
**Author:** Ang Pasang Rai, Manager Corporate Services  
**Authoriser:** Ross Earl, Acting 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 2021

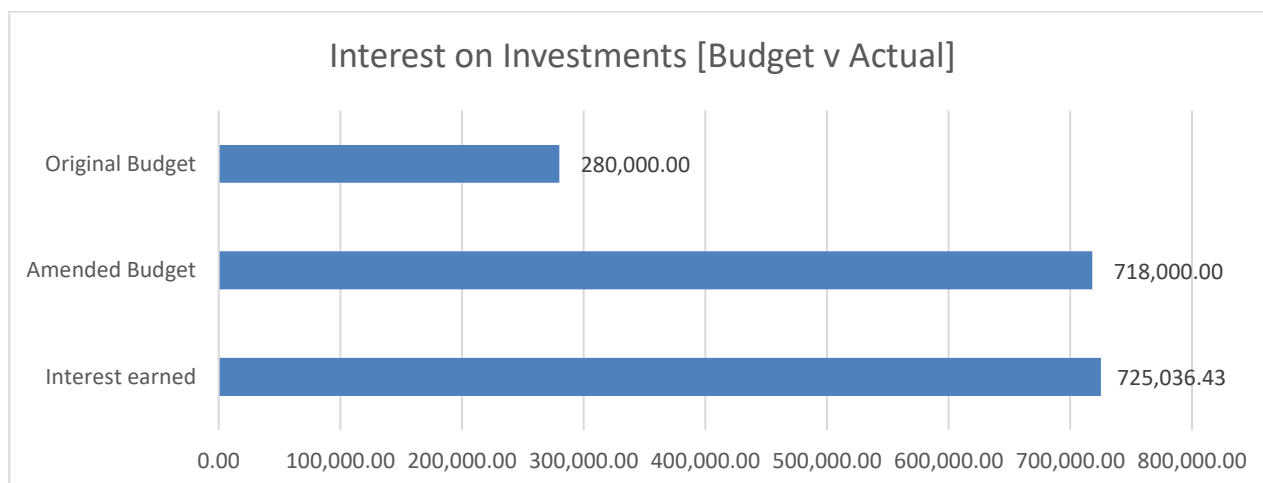
The management, of Council’s investments is delegated by the General Manager to the Manager Corporate Services.

**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<sup>th</sup> April 2023 is \$ 34,903,366.90

Investment income earned as at 30<sup>th</sup> April 2023 is \$725,036.43



Due to a considerable increase in interest rates by the Reserve Bank of Australia and increased grants, which were unanticipated at the time the budget was prepared, interest earned on investments has surpassed the original and amended December quarter budget. Therefore, a

favourable variation for Interest earned on Investment has been reported in the budget review for the March 2023 quarter.

### Policy Provisions – Council Policy and Procedure

Policy 1.8.10(v7) – Investment Policy adopted 19 December 2022.

Ministerial Investment Order – 12 January 2011

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

Funds are invested in accordance with identified cash flow requirements.

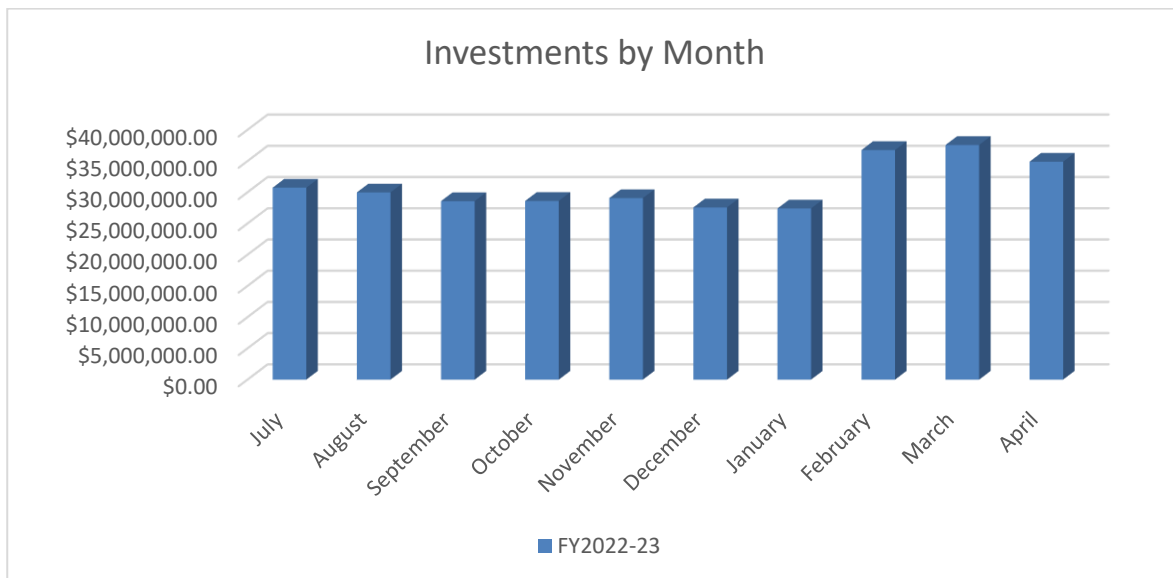
### Investment Portfolio as at 30 April 2023

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+
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	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+
National Australia Bank	14	8/05/2023	1,519,411.37	4.10%	180	A-1+
Commonwealth Bank	15	17/05/2023	2,043,265.78	4.17%	90	A-1+
Commonwealth Bank	18	01/05/2023	2,000,000.00	3.65%	60	A-1+
National Australia Bank	19	31/05/2023	3,000,000.00	4.25%	90	A-1+
National Australia Bank	20	31/05/2023	3,000,000.00	4.25%	90	A-1+
Commonwealth Bank	21	08/05/2023	3,079,426.10	3.95%	62	A-1+
Commonwealth Bank	22	16/05/2023	2,000,000.00	4.00%	60	A-1+
National Australia Bank	23	27/07/2023	2,000,000.00	4.40%	120	A-1+
Commonwealth Bank	24	02/06/2023	2,000,000.00	4.04%	60	A-1+
Commonwealth Bank	25	02/06/2023	2,000,000.00	4.04%	60	A-1+
Commonwealth Bank	26	06/06/2023	3,000,000.00	3.99%	61	A-1+
National Australia Bank			304,797.57			
<b>Total Investments</b>			<b>34,903,366.90</b>			

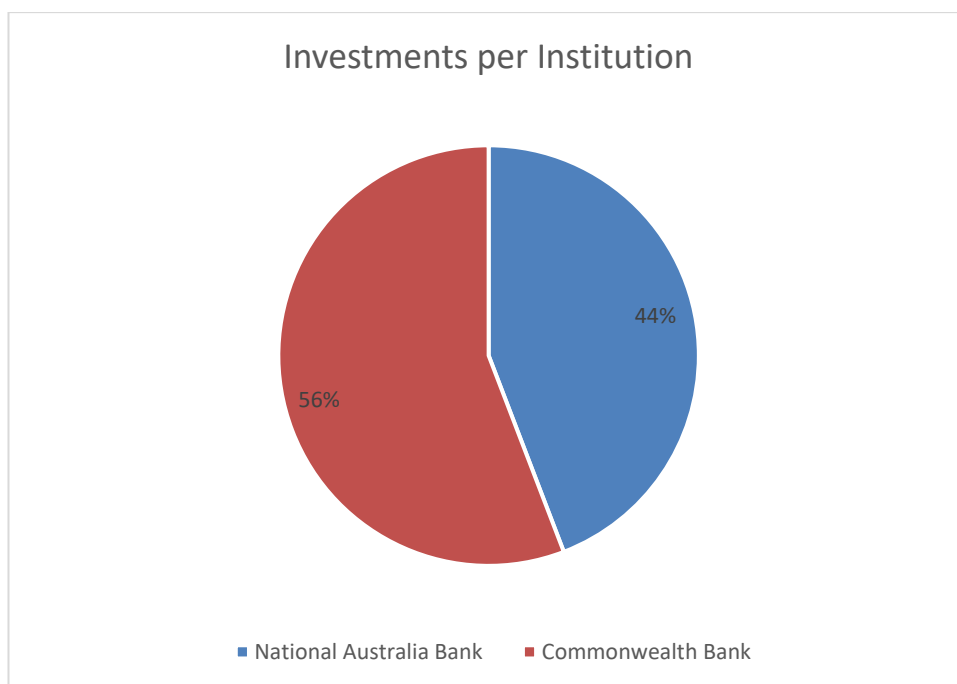
### Term Deposits

### Discussions/Comments

The Investment portfolio decreased by \$2,672,548.17 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.

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Ang Pasang Rai  
Responsible Accounting Officer

**Recommendation**

- 1. That the report regarding Council's Investment Portfolio 30 April 2023 be received and noted.**
- 2. That the Certificate of the Responsible Accounting Officer be noted, and the report adopted.**



**16.3 \*\*\* OPERATIONAL PLAN 2023/2024**

**File Number:** P4.2.1  
**Author:** Ang Pasang Rai, Manager Corporate Services  
**Authoriser:** Ross Earl, Acting General Manager  
**Attachments:** Nil

**Background**

Council at its meeting held on 27 June 2022, adopted a suite of documents as part of its Integrated Planning and Reporting requirements under the *NSW Local Government Act 1993*.

Such documents included its Community Strategic Plan, Delivery Program, annual Operational Plan for 2022/2023, Fees and Charges, Long Term Financial Plan, Workforce Plan, Asset Management Strategy, Plan and Policy and the EEO Management Plan.

Given the adoption of these various strategic documents last year, the focus in respect of this year's Integrated Planning Documents is Councils 2023/2024 Annual Operational Plan.

In respect of Councils 2023/2024 Operational Plan, section 405 of the *Local Government Act 1993* provides as follows: -

*(1) A Council must have a plan (its "Operational Plan") that is adopted before the beginning of each year and details the activities to be engaged in by the Council during the year as part of the delivery program covering that year.*

*(2) An operational plan must include a statement of the Council's revenue policy for the year covered by the operational plan. The statement of revenue policy must include the statements and particulars required by the regulations.*

*(3) A Council must prepare a draft operational plan and give public notice of the draft indicating that submissions may be made to the Council at any time during the period (not less than 28 days) that the draft is to be on public exhibition. The Council must publicly exhibit the draft operational plan in accordance with the notice.*

*(4) During the period of public exhibition, the Council must have for inspection at its office (and at such other places as it may determine) a map that shows those parts of its area to which each category and sub-category of the ordinary rate and each special rate included in the draft operational plan applies.*

*(5) In deciding on the final operational plan to be adopted, a Council must consider any submissions that have been made concerning the draft plan.*

*(6) The Council must post a copy of its operational plan on the Council's website within 28 days after the plan is adopted.*

Having regard to these requirements, Council at its meeting held on 27 March 2023 gave consideration to various reports. These reports and Councils determinations follow:

### **2023/2024 Operational Plan**

1. That the report of the Manager of Corporate Services detailing an overview of the 2023/2024 Draft Operational Plan be noted.
2. That Councils 2023/2024 Draft Operational Plan be adopted for the purpose of public exhibition from Monday, 3 April 2023 until 5.00pm Monday, 1 May 2023 in accordance with Section 405 (3) of the *Local Government Act 1993*.
3. That all submissions received be tabled at the 22 May Ordinary Meeting of Council, for consideration prior to Councils Operational Plan for 2023/2024 being determined.

### **2023/2024 Plant Replacement Schedule**

That the Plant Replacement Schedule as detailed be included in the 2023/2024 Draft Operational Plan.

### **2023/2024 Fees and Charges**

That Council adopt the 2023/2024 Fees and Charges Report, as attached, for inclusion in the 2023/2024 Draft Operational Plan.

### **2023/2024 Loan Schedule**

1. That Council borrow up to \$993,000.00 in the 2023/2024 financial year to fund the projects as listed.
2. That as per Section 230 of the *Local Government (General) Regulation 2021*, the General Manager take the necessary action, in due course, to notify the Executive Director of the Office of Local Government, Department of Planning and Environment of a borrowing under a loan contract within 7 days of the borrowing.

### **Sale of Assets to be conducted by Council**

That the sale of listed plant for inclusion in the 2023/2024 Draft Operational Plan be approved.

### **Statement of Revenue Policy**

1. That Council note the Draft Revenue Policy for 2023/2024.
2. That Council adopts a filtered water price of \$2.40/KL for the 2023/2024 rating period while maintaining the set increase of 4% in all water access charges.
3. That Council adopts an increase of 4% in Sewerage Rates & Charges for the 2023/2024 rating period.
4. That Council adopt the maximum interest rate as provided by the Office of Local Government under section 566 (3) of the Local Government Act, once received.

(Note: The Office of Local Government has recently advised that the maximum interest rate for 2023/2024 is 9%.)

5. That Council adopts the Domestic Waste Management Charges as detailed and include in the Draft Operational Plan 2023/2024.
6. That Council adopt the Schedule of Rates and Charges for inclusion in the Draft Operational Plan 2023/2024.

### **Current Situation**

As per Councils various resolutions, as above, the draft 2023/2024 Operational Plan was collated and placed on public exhibition effective Monday, 3 April 2023. A copy of the Plan has previously been distributed to Councillors.

The availability of the draft Plan, and the inviting of written submissions, was advertised in the Western Herald with copies of the documents placed on Council's website, where they remain available at <https://bourke.nsw.gov.au> Hard copies of the draft Plan were available to members of the public on request if they did not have access to the internet.

As resolved, the exhibition period closed at 5.00pm on Monday, 1 May 2023. No submissions were received from the public during the period. Accordingly, it will be proposed that the 2023/2024 Operational Plan be adopted.

Notwithstanding, management is aware of the following matters that have recently come to its attention that may impact on the Operational Plan over its 12-month duration:

Council has received correspondence from the New South Wales Treasury indicating that the subsidy amount for NSW Rural Fire Service for 2023/2024 will not be paid. The estimated amount included in the draft budget for subsidy income was \$147,000. This may require additional funds to be sourced by Council. LGNSW is making strong representations on behalf of all affected councils for the continuation of the subsidy.

The Industry Award parties for the 2023-2026 NSW Local Government State Award have commenced their negotiations. There is a possibility that the Award will increase more than management has anticipated (4%) whilst preparing the draft budget. Additional funding may therefore be required.

Accordingly, adjustments for a revision of these expenditure items may be required to be made throughout the year. This will be undertaken as part of Councils Quarterly Budget Review, which looks at all aspects of Councils budget at that particular point time in time.

A separate report is provided to Council as part of its May 2023 Ordinary Meeting Agenda in respect of the formal making of Councils Rates and Charges for 2023/2024 as required by section 534 of the Local Government Act, 1993 which provides that each rate or charge is to be made for a specific year, being the year in which the rate or charge is made or the next year and Section 535 provides that a rate or charge is made by resolution of Council.

**Financial Implications**

The adoption of the 2023/2024 Operational Plan provides details of the income and expenditure involved in Council perusing the strategic direction as articulated in Councils Community Strategic Plan.

**Recommendation**

- 1. That Councils 2023/2024 Operational Plan, inclusive of Councils 2023/2024 Budget and 2023/2024 Statement of Revenue Policy, as exhibited, be adopted by Council for implementation commencing 1 July 2023.**
- 2. That Council's 2023/2024 Fees and Charges, as exhibited, be adopted by Council for implementation commencing 1 July 2023.**
- 3. That Council's 2023/2024 Plant Replacement Schedule, 2023/2024 Sale of Plant Schedule and Councils 2023/2024 Loan Borrowing Schedule to borrow up to \$993,000, all as included in Councils 2023/2024 Operational Plan, as exhibited, be adopted.**
- 4. That Authority be given to affix the Common Seal of Council to all relevant documents in relation to the 2023/2024 Loan Schedule.**
- 5. That a copy of Councils adopted 2023/2024 Operational Plan be uploaded to Councils website.**

**16.4 \*\*\* THE MAKING OF RATES AND CHARGES 2023/2024**

**File Number:** F1.2-P4.2  
**Author:** Ang Pasang Rai, Manager Corporate Services  
**Authoriser:** Ross Earl, Acting General Manager  
**Attachments:** Nil

**Background**

In accordance with the requirements of Section 405 of the *Local Government Act 1993*, Council's 2023/2024 draft Operational Plan was placed on public exhibition from Monday, 3 April 2023 until Monday, 1 May 2023 with the public invited to make submissions thereon. The draft 2023/2024 Operational Plan and Budget included statements with respect to Council's revenue policy for the next year and in particular:

- *a statement with respect to each ordinary rate proposed to be levied*
- *a statement with respect to each charge proposed to be levied*

The above processes have enabled Council to comply with the provisions of Section 532 of the *Local Government Act 1993* which provides that a Council must not make a rate or charge until it has given public notice of its draft Operational Plan for the year for which the rate or charge is to be made and has considered any matters concerning the draft Operational Plan (in accordance with Section 405).

**Current Situation**

Section 534 of the *Local Government Act 1993* provides that each rate or charge is to be made for a specific year, being the year in which the rate or charge is made or the next year and Section 535 provides that a rate or charge is made by resolution of Council.

Given that it is necessary for Council to specifically resolve to make a rate and charge, this report provides the necessary draft resolutions to be adopted in order to comply with the requirements of the *Local Government Act 1993*. In this regard the recommended resolutions follow:

**Recommendation**

**The making of Rates and Charges must be made by resolution of Council, pursuant to Sections 533, 534, 535, 537 and 543 of the *Local Government Act 1993*.**

**(a) Ordinary Rates 2023/2024.**

**That WHEREAS the draft Operational Plan and Revenue Policy for the year 01/07/2023 to 30/06/2024 were prepared by Council in accordance with the *Local Government Act 1993*, S402, S403, S404 and S405 and advertised in the Western Herald AND WHEREAS a period of 28**

days since the publication of that notice was placed, in which consideration has been given to any submissions received, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that in accordance with, and pursuant to, S492, S493, S494 and S529 of the *Local Government Act 1993*, that Council make the following Ordinary rates to be levied on all rateable land within the Shire, for the period 1 July 2023 to 30 June 2024:

Type of Rate	Cents in \$ Ad Valorem	\$ Base Amount	% Base Amt Payable – 2023/2024
Ordinary Rates – Bourke – Residential	0.01791	\$144.00	30.43%
Ordinary Rates – North Bourke & High Street – Residential	0.011066	\$117.00	13.19%
Ordinary Rates – Village – Residential	0.033129	\$41.00	34.82%
Ordinary Rates – Business	0.015007	\$199.00	25.39%
Ordinary Rates -Farmland	0.002055	\$580.00	17.46%
Ordinary Rates – Mining	0.016707	\$546.00	0%

**(b) User Charges /Annual Charges – Water, Sewerage and Urban Drainage 2023/2024.**

That WHEREAS the draft Operational Plan and Revenue Policy for the year 1/7/2023 to 30/6/2024 were prepared by Council in accordance with the *Local Government Act 1993*, S402, S403, S404 and S405 and advertised in the Western Herald AND WHEREAS a period of 28 days since the publication of that notice was placed, in which consideration has been given to any submissions received, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that in accordance with S501, S502 and S551 and 552, of the *Local Government Act 1993*, Council make the following User and Annual Charges for the period 1 July 2023 to 30 June 2024 and levy on such land:-

- for services provided or proposed to be provided; or
- for the availability or access to services; or
- for the actual use of a service.

**i) Water Supply Services:**

Town/Village	Annual Access Charge \$	Usage Charge (c/kl) (tariff)
<b>User Charge</b>		
Bourke and North Bourke		\$2.40
<b>Water Access Charges</b>		
Filtered Water Access 20mm	\$222.00	
Filtered Water Access 25mm	\$272.00	
Filtered Water Access 32mm	\$558.00	
Filtered Water Access 40mm	\$764.00	
Filtered Water Access 50mm	\$1,048.00	
Filtered Water Access 100mm	\$2,099.00	
Filtered Water Access 150mm	\$4,090.00	
Raw Water Access 20mm	\$559.00	
Raw Water Access 25mm	\$575.00	

Raw Water Access 32mm	\$1,176.00	
Raw Water Access 40mm	\$1,821.00	
Raw Water Access 50mm	\$3,426.00	
Raw Water Access 100mm	\$5,707.00	
Raw Water Access 150mm	\$11,377.00	
Village – Occupied	\$828.00	
Village - Unoccupied	\$95.00	

ii) Sewerage Services:

Sewerage Access Charges	Annual Access Charge \$
Sewerage Access - Single	\$814.00
Sewerage Access - Multi	\$814.00

iii) Drainage Services:

Annual Drainage Service Charge	Annual Charge \$
Drainage Charge Levy	\$185.00

(c) Annual Domestic Waste Management Service and Trade Waste (Garbage) Charges 2023/2024.

That WHEREAS the draft Operational Plan and Revenue Policy for the year 01/07/2023 to 30/06/2024 were prepared by Council in accordance with the *Local Government Act 1993*, S402, S403, S404 and S405 and advertised in the Western Herald AND WHEREAS a period of 28 days since the publication of that notice was placed, in which consideration has been given to any submissions received, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that Council make the following Domestic Waste Management Service Charge and the Trade Waste (Garbage) Charge and that in accordance with S496 and S501 of the *Local Government Act 1993*, Council levy such charges for the year 1/07/2023 to 30/06/2024:

Waste Management and Trade Waste (Garbage) Services:

Annual Waste / Garbage Charges	Annual Charge \$
Domestic Waste Charge	\$295.00
Trade Waste (Garbage) Charge	\$295.00
Village Tip Maintenance	\$103.00

(d) Fees and Charges 2023/2024.

That WHEREAS the draft Operational Plan and Revenue Policy for the year 01/07/2023 to 30/06/2024 were prepared by Council in accordance with the *Local Government Act 1993*, S402, S403, S404 and S405 and advertised in the Western Herald AND WHEREAS a period of 28 days since the publication of that notice was placed, which consideration has been given to any submissions received, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that Council make the Fees and Charges as

**contained in Councils 2023/2024 Fees and Charges Document and in accordance with S501 of the *Local Government Act 1993*.**



**17 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT**

Nil

**18 DELEGATES AND COUNCILLORS REPORTS**

Nil

**19 POLICIES**

Nil

**20 PRÉCIS OF CORRESPONDENCE**

Nil

## 21 ACTIVITY REPORTS

**21.1 ENGINEERING SERVICES - ROAD WORKS AND WORKSHOP - WORKS UNDERTAKEN**

**File Number:** E7.1  
**Author:** Paul Flanagan, Manager Roads  
**Authoriser:** Ross Earl, Acting General Manager  
**Attachments:** Nil

### Background

The following information outlines works undertaken from 12 April 2023 to 12 May 2023 inclusive.

ENGINEERING SERVICES – Road Works – Works Undertaken		
Michael Willoughby, Roads Supervisor		
NORTH TEAM – Denis Tiffen, Team Leader		
Location	Work Type	Completed
MR 404 Hungerford Road	Construct and seal 28.7-38.5km	N
MR 405 Wanaaring Road	Construct and seal 132-136km	N
SOUTH TEAM – John Reed, Team Leader		
Location	Work Type	Completed
State Highway SH 7 North	Heavy Patching	N
State Highway SH 29	Heavy Patching	N
State Highway SH 7 South	Heavy Patching	N
State Highway SH 7 North	Widening Segments 3703,3705 and 3715	N
TRANSPORT TEAM – Simon Wielinga, Team Leader		
Location	Work Type	Completed
MR 404 Hungerford Road	Construct and Seal	N
MR 405 Wanaaring Road	Construct and Seal 136-144km	N
BITUMEN TEAM – Phillip Harvey, Team Leader		
Location	Work Type	Completed
Bourke Township	Pothole Patching	N
Council Depot	Yard cleaning	Y
SH 7 South of Bourke	Vegetation Control (ongoing)	N
MR 421 Kidman Way	Vegetation Control (ongoing)	N
CONTRACTORS		
Location	Work Type	Completed
MR 68 South	Maintenance Grade (Sandford)	N
RLR 42 Dry Bogan	Maintenance Grade (Sandford)	Y
RLR 10 Toorale	Maintenance Grade (Sandford)	N
RLR 45 Tarcoon	Maintenance Grade (NAK)	Y

WORKSHOP – Colin Kiley, Team Leader			
Plant No.	Rego	Description	Work Carried Out
46	BX92HR	2013 Hino FC 500	Removed and replaced window

<b>WORKSHOP – Colin Kiley, Team Leader</b>			
<b>Plant No.</b>	<b>Rego</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Work Carried Out</b>
			winder.
50	CL16AC	Kenworth Primemover	Carried out service, repaired head light wiring, repaired red dot wiring and replaced relay, removed turntable, replaced mounting pads and reassemble, repaired coolant leak.
56	TD54EC	Snorkle	Checked over and carried out repairs, removed and replaced trailer plug.
59	Z-37484	2014 Transtech Quad axle	Repaired air leaks, removed and replaced hydraulic hoses, removed and replaced worn torque rod rubbers, replaced tyres, weld and repaired cracks in frame.
64	UNREGD	2011 Gason HD S/Shift	Removed wire from around shaft, removed and replaced blades.
68	X50802	2011 Moore Trailer	Removed, repaired and replaced guards on tipper.
69	X50803	2011 Moore Trailer	Removed, replaced and refitted guard to tipper.
108	63723-D	Toro Mowertede	Engine running rough, found dirty fuel and replaced fuel filter.
111	TB60BR	Dolly	Carried out welding repairs.
132	XO71KD	John Deere	Carried out service, diagnosed electrical fault, found damaged wiring.
134	94196-D	2019 John Deere 770	Carried out service.
136	91045-D	Toro Grandmaster	Diagnosed noise in deck, found damaged bearings in spindle, removed and replaced spindles.
141	XN84BW	John Deere Grader	Carried out service, checked over and cleaned out radiator and coolers.
145	DD36KX	Ford Ranger	Carried out service.
146	DD28LL	Ford Ranger	Carried out service.
147	XO72KD	Hino-500 Series	Carried out service, manufactured mounts and fitted new air compressor to back of vehicle.
155	XN95ZI	2021 Isuzu	Carried out service, diagnosed oil leak in diff, faulty pinion seal-drain, removed and replaced diff seal.
157	UNREGD	Road Broom	Removed assemble and replaced hydraulic hose.
172	XO67KD	Isuzu 1500 FXY	Carried out service, manufactured new brackets and repaired cross arm, repaired oil leak and hydraulic hose. Repaired wiring on lights.

<b>WORKSHOP – Colin Kiley, Team Leader</b>			
<b>Plant No.</b>	<b>Rego</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Work Carried Out</b>
184	DF50KV	Ford Ranger	Checked over, fit acc power to back of tube, fit air vents to canopy.
185	XO55KJ	2022 Isuzu	Carried out service.
213	UNREGD	Pump	Removed and replaced packing seal in pump
219	XO52KJ	Isuzu	Carried out service, repaired wiring on bin lift arm.
220	W-87367	Bogie Trailer	Repaired leg stands and manufactured pins.
243	64068-D	2020 Case Loader	Diagnosed fault, code found, faulty sensor, removed and replaced sensor. Removed, made and replaced damaged hydraulic hoses on bucket.
247	23013-E	2021 John Deere	Removed and repaired PTO shaft.
257	XO89ED	2021 Hino FE	Carried out service, diagnosed engine code, found faulty sensor on gearbox, removed sensor-cleaned and refit, clear code.
261	DC66LK	Ford Ranger	Carried out service.
265	XN36KU	Isuzu NQR	Carried out service.
271	DC65LK	Ford Ranger	Carried out service.
370	UNREGD	Wing Slasher	Removed and replaced wheel and hub, adjusted wheel bearings and greased.
400	J-49593	SECA Machine	Carried out service.
407	UNREGD	Yanmar	Dismantled pump and ordered parts
408	UNREGD	Yanmar	Replaced damaged trailer plug
505	XN17EH	Kenworth Primemover	Carried out service, adjusted play in turn table, removed and replaced crack in windscreen.
506	XN65HG	Kenworth Primemover	Diagnosed clutch problem, found broken leakage, removed, replaced and adjust leakage, removed and replaced radio aerial, adjusted air bags, repaired wiring for front lights and removed and replaced bolts in cross member.
510	73228-D	Smooth Drum Roller	Repaired wiring and replaced lights as needed.
512	73235-D	Multi Tyre Roller	Checked transmission.
		Crossley Engine	Helped rebuild both engines.
		Jandra Paddleboat	Replaced lift pump, diagnosed RPM fault with paddle, found faulty RPM counter, ordered parts.
		Renshaw Complex (Showgrounds)	Removed old sign frame, made new sign, rewired light, replaced damaged

<b>WORKSHOP – Colin Kiley, Team Leader</b>			
<b>Plant No.</b>	<b>Rego</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Work Carried Out</b>
			caps and clean gates.
		Small Plant	Maintained and serviced.
		Yard Work	Started to clean yard for Auction, cleaned pit and repaired drain.
		Miscellaneous and Hire	Removed and replaced PTO shaft on hired slasher, carried out registration's checks.
		Welding	Repaired cracks in deck of hired slasher.

**Recommendation**

**That Council note the information in the Roads Department Road Works and Workshop Activity Report as presented to Council on Monday, 22 May 2023.**

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

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

**Background**

The following information outlines works completed during the period 12 April 2023 to 12 May 2023 inclusive.

**Current Situation**

<b>PARKS &amp; GARDENS – Frank Hollman, Team Leader (12/4/2023 to 12/5/2023 inclusive)</b>	
<b>Location</b>	<b>Work Carried Out</b>
General	All parks and sporting grounds and gardens - regular mowing and maintenance completed. Sporting grounds facilities cleaned and maintained. Public toilets cleaned and maintained. Facilities cleaned. 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	General maintenance carried out. Prepared grounds for Show Weekend.
Coolican Oval	Grounds, facilities cleaned and maintained.
Davidson Oval	General maintenance carried out. Prepared grounds for NSW RL mid-week Competition. Prepared grounds for Rugby Union and League Training. Prepared grounds for BDRL 2023 Season.
Central Park	Skate Park - regular mowing and maintenance carried out, including, graffiti removal. Prepared grounds for Anzac Day.
Villages	Mowed grounds, facilities cleaned and maintained.
Airport	Mowed airstrip.
Darling Park	General maintenance carried out.
Staff Training	Nil

<b>TOWN SERVICES – Troy Hayman, Team Leader (12/4/2023 to 12/5/2023 inclusive)</b>	
<b>Location</b>	<b>Work Carried Out</b>
Work Requests	Actioned and ongoing.
	Weekly - sand applied to footpaths.

<b>TOWN SERVICES – Troy Hayman, Team Leader (12/4/2023 to 12/5/2023 inclusive)</b>	
<b>Location</b>	<b>Work Carried Out</b>
	Weekly - town mowing.
	Daily - Main Street Program.
	Airport slashing and mowing.
	Mowed around Airport lights.
	Watered trees.
	Sand applied to footpaths.
	Town slashing and laneways.
Cemetery	Graves Prepared: 1/5/2023
Rest Areas	Weekly cleaning and watering. Pressure cleaned toilets at Cobar Rd rest area. Monthly service and roadside rubbish removal. Mowed 5km rest area on Cobar Rd.
Staff Training	First Aid - 19 May 2023.
Works Request	Cut and pruned trees along footpath at Cenotaph for new structure.
	Cleaned gutter at Men’s shed.
	Filled in grave.
	Erected Anzac flags in Main Street.
	Started to erect street finger boards on corners.
	Placed new bin on Spar Supermarket footpath.
	Erected new sign in front of Fire Station.
	Removed trees from Gun Club at Renshaw Complex.
	Removed pin boards from Renshaw Complex back to Library.
	Began erecting signs around Town Streets.
	Airport Inspections- Bitumen contractor onto airside.
	Flood gates replacement ongoing.
	Moved tables from Wharf.
	Cold mixed footpath in front of Spar Supermarket kerb and guttering.
	Moved Garden Clubs bottles back to depot container from Renshaw Complex.
	Patched holes along road edge in Tudor Street.
	Poisoned along road edge around Town Streets.
	Removed timber boards back to Renshaw Complex.
	Delivered crusher dust to contractor at Spar Supermarket.
	Began to cut and prune trees along footpaths around town.

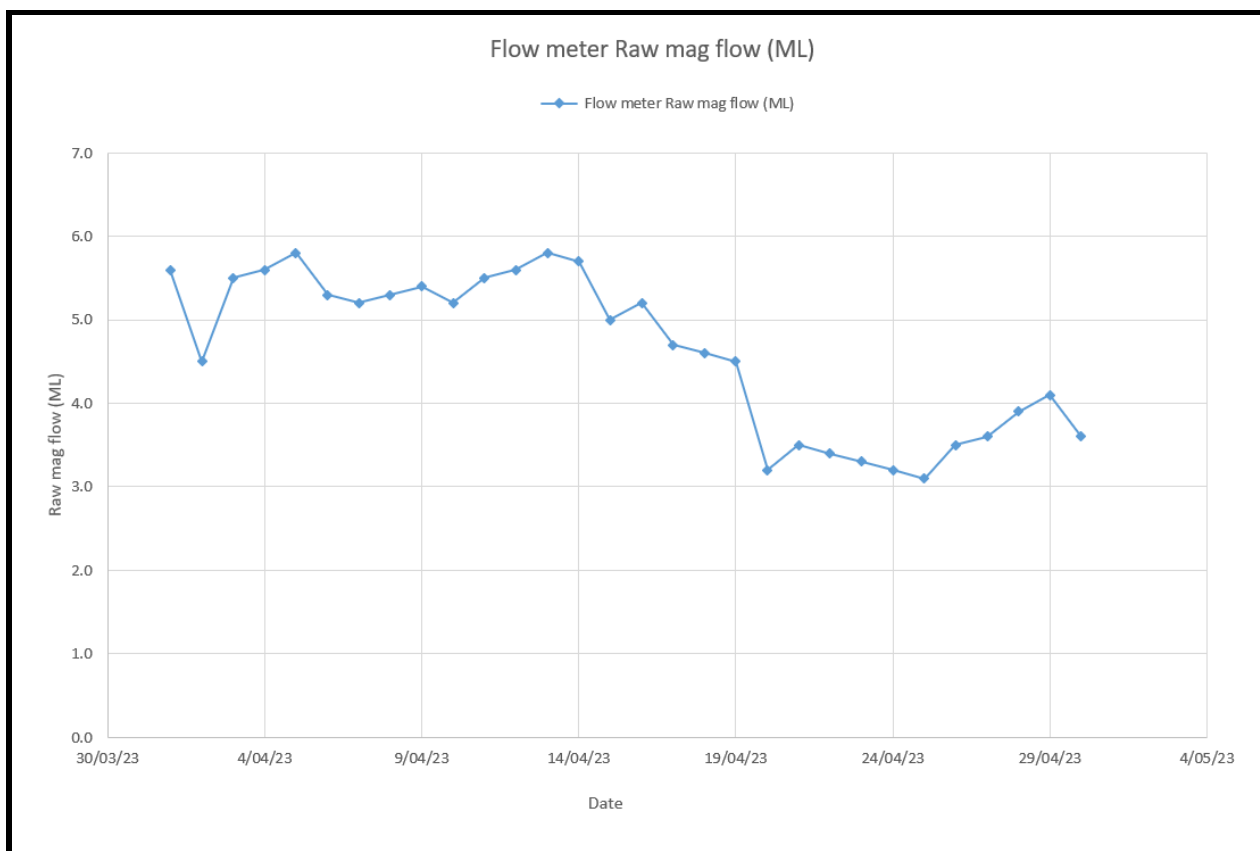
<b>WATER &amp; WASTEWATER – Shane Hopley, Team Leader (12/4/2023 to 12/5/2023 inclusive)</b>	
Water Supply Planned Maintenance	
Works Request	Daily
18 Short Street	Sewer Choke
62 Mitchell Street	Sewer Choke
62 Oxley Street	Sewer Choke
5 Glen Street	Sewer Choke
32 Tarcoon Street	Sewer Choke
37 Tudor Street	Repaired leaking 20mm filtered water service
62 Mitchell Street	Repaired leaking 20mm filtered water service

<b>WATER &amp; WASTEWATER – Shane Hopley, Team Leader (12/4/2023 to 12/5/2023 inclusive)</b>	
Water Supply Planned Maintenance	
34-36 Darling Street	Repaired leaking 20mm filtered water service
42 Tudor Street	Repaired leaking 20mm filtered water service
56 Darling Street, North Bourke	Repaired leaking 20mm filtered water service
Polygonum Swamp Road	Repaired leaking 20mm filtered water service
111 Oxley Street	Repaired leaking 20mm filtered water service
3 Darling Street	Repaired leaking 20mm filtered water service
6 Warraweena Street	Repaired leaking 20mm filtered water service
Cottage 11, Alice Edwards Village	Repaired leaking 20mm filtered water service
25 Sturt Street	Dug 50mm filtered water main and repaired main
57 Oxley Street	Dug 50mm filtered water main and repaired main
4 Sturt Street	Dug 50mm filtered water main and repaired main
96 Hope Street	Dug 50mm filtered water main and repaired main
57 Mertin Street	Dug 200mm filtered water main and repaired main
16 Wilson Street	Dug 200mm filtered water main and repaired main
23 Anson Street	Filtered water leak (internal)
48 Hope Street	Filtered water leak (internal)
8 Sturt Street	Repaired leaking 25mm raw water service
7 Darling Street	Repaired leaking 25mm raw water service
58 Oxley Street	Repaired leaking 25mm raw water service
89 Anson Street	Repaired leaking 25mm raw water service
Fords Bridge	Dug 100mm raw water main and repaired main
Central Park	Dug 100mm raw water main and repaired main
Renshaw Complex	Dug 100mm raw water main and repaired main
160 Anson Street	Dug 100mm raw water main and repaired main
33 Green Street	Dug 100mm raw water main and repaired main
5 Oxley Street	Dug 100mm raw water main and repaired main
61 Mitchell Street	Dug 100mm raw water main and repaired main
23 Anson Street	Dug 100mm raw water main and repaired main
Tarcoon Street	Dug 225mm raw water main and repaired main
17 Sturt Street	Replaced sewer boundary
Wharf	Repaired leaking toilet
Renshaw Complex	Checked all toilets and flush sewer mains Supplied fire blankets and fire extinguishers at showgrounds
Rural Fire Service	Replaced shower heads and hot water tap
Pool	Located power setup, power bypass, disconnected water to Pool Kiosk / Chlorine tripped out
Louth	Replaced bore pump
North Bourke	Installed filtered water pump
Anson Street	Raw Water standpipe, replaced 150, lay flat
Alice Edwards Village	Repaired leaking bubbler
Stoney Rise Bore	Set up for road works
61 Oxley Street	Called in to inform residents of leak

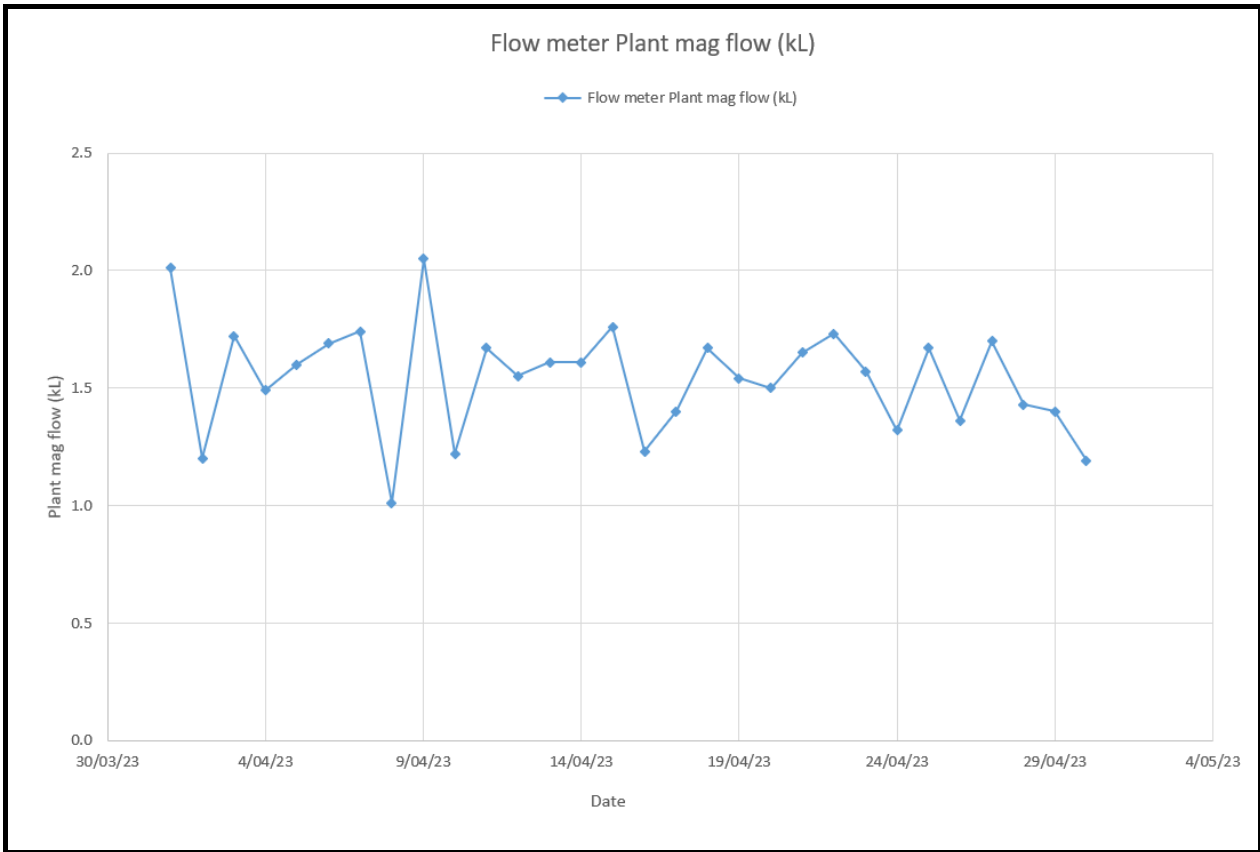


<b>WATER &amp; WASTEWATER – Shane Hopley, Team Leader (12/4/2023 to 12/5/2023 inclusive)</b>	
Water Supply Planned Maintenance	
Water Treatment Plant (WTP)	Water Meter Readings Repaired 250mm filtered water pipe
Water Treatment Plant (WTP)	Routine maintenance, monitoring and reporting
Sewer Treatment Plant (STP)	Routine maintenance, monitoring and reporting
Alice Edwards Village	Routine maintenance and monitoring as per ACP management plan
Clara Hart Village	Routine maintenance and monitoring as per ACP management plan
Training	Nil

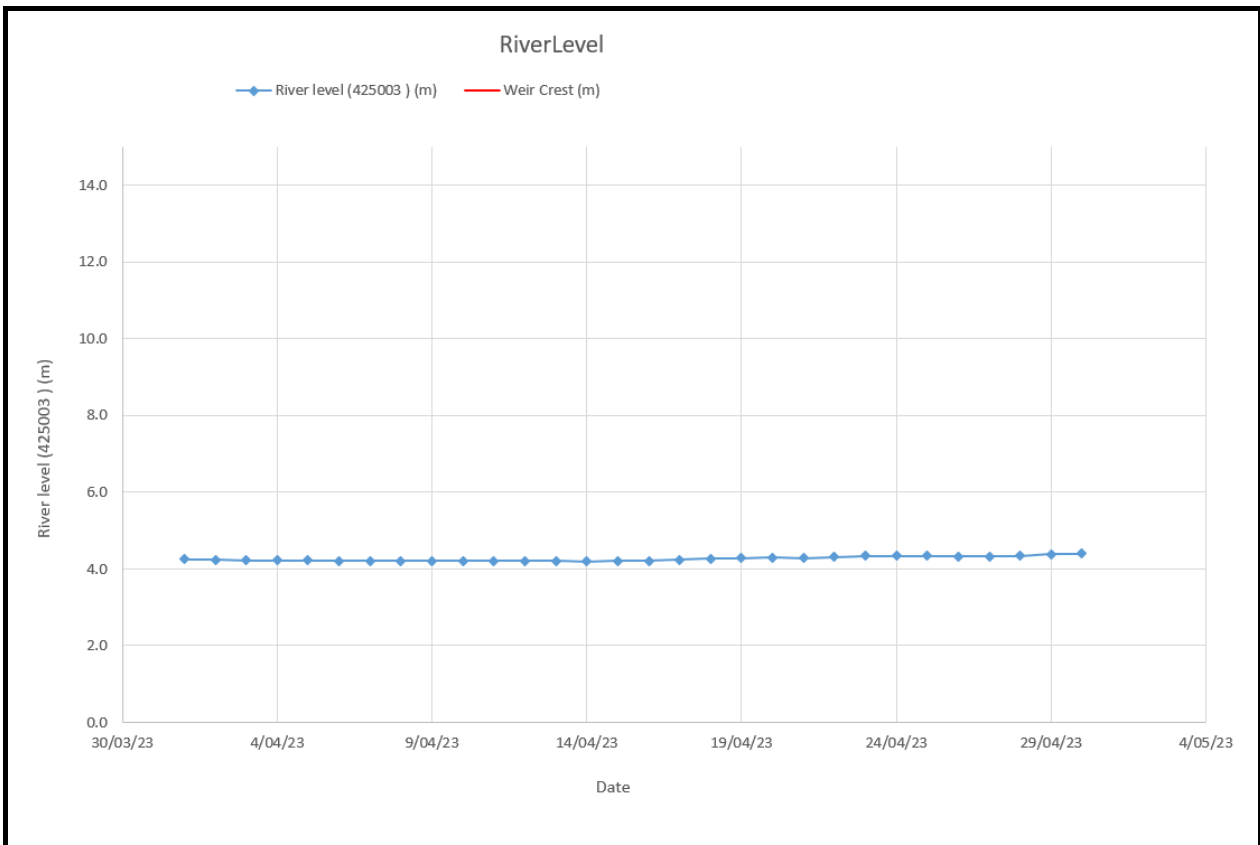
**Raw Flow Meter**



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
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
December 2022	138	41	23,264	1,325
January 2023	178	45	22,546	1,254
February 2023	170	43	32,365	1,534
March 2023	179	54	30,210	1,325
April 2023	138	44	25,361	1,526

**Council’s Water Access Licences – WAL’s**

Process	Parameter	Minimum	Average	Maximum	Lower critical lim	Upper critical lim	No. of samples
River level	River level (425003 )	4.19	4.26	4.39	3.9		30
Raw Water	pH	7.20	7.56	8.00			30
Raw Water	turbidity	59.00	107.97	286.00			30
Filtered water	pH	7.00	7.23	7.54	6.5	8.7	30
Tower	Free Cl2	2.81	3.58	4.30	0.2	5.0	30
Bourke High Schoo	Free chlorine	1.60	1.65	1.70	0.2	4.0	2
Bourke High Schoo	pH	7.50	7.50	7.50	6.5	8.5	2
Bourke High Schoo	Turbidity	0.18	0.20	0.22	0.0	0.5	2
WTP	Free chlorine	2.00	2.00	2.00	0.2	4.0	1
WTP	pH	7.46	7.46	7.46	6.5	8.5	1
WTP	Turbidity	0.22	0.22	0.22	0.0	0.5	1
Bourke Primary Sch	Free chlorine	1.25	1.25	1.25	0.2	4.0	1
Bourke Primary Sch	pH	7.53	7.53	7.53	6.5	8.5	1
Bourke Primary Sch	Turbidity	0.19	0.19	0.19	0.0	0.5	1
Meadows Rd	Free chlorine	1.60	1.75	1.90	0.2	4.0	2
Meadows Rd	pH	7.50	7.53	7.56	6.5	8.5	2
Meadows Rd	Turbidity	0.18	0.21	0.23	0.0	0.5	2
Mitchell St	Free chlorine	1.80	1.80	1.80	0.2	4.0	1
Mitchell St	pH	7.46	7.46	7.46	6.5	8.5	1
Mitchell St	Turbidity	0.18	0.18	0.18	0.0	0.5	1
Alice Edwards Villa	Free chlorine	1.00	1.05	1.10	0.2	4.0	2
Alice Edwards Villa	pH	7.55	7.58	7.60	6.5	8.5	2
Alice Edwards Villa	Turbidity	0.20	0.23	0.25	0.0	0.5	2

**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

**Water Monitoring Stations**

Work Approval	Extraction Site	Site Name	Start meter read 01/07/2022	Old Meter read Mar-23	New meter Sep-22	Meter read Dec-22	usage Year to Date			Comment
85CA753414	ESID 121627	Water Plant TWS	14804.9	15880.9			1076	ML	3200ML	
85CA753420	ESID 121630	North Bourke TWS	1732.447	1909.021			176.574	ML	300ML	
85CA753421	ESID 121630	North Bourke Abs	30.006	30.984			0.978	ML		
85CA751207	24634	Engonia Village TWS	181.64	184.017	0	36.904	39.281	ML	150ML	New meter installed Sep-22
85CA753599		Wanaaring Station	0	0	0	21.249	21.249	ML	25ML	New meter installed Oct-23
85CA753412	ESID 121626	(LWU Louth)	491.101	493	0	29.632	31.531	ML	25ML	New meter installed Sep-22
85CA751215	24639	Fords Bridge TWS	0	0	0	3.221	3.221	ML	2ML	New meter installed Sep-23
85CA751240	32585	Walken Bore No1	19.005	19.005			0	ML		
	148936	Walken Bore No2	128.567	128.567			0	ML		
	148937	Belvedere Bore	24.603	27.143			2.54	ML		Road Works
	209518	Stoney Rise Bore	13.996	19.435			5.439	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

**Treatment Plant EPA Licence Compliance**

**Record of Effluent Analysis**

Pollutant	Unit Of Measure	Licence 100 Percentile Concentration Limit	Mar 2023 Test	Apr 2023 Test	May 2023 Test
Oil & Grease	mg/L		n/a-no flow	n/a-no flow	
pH			n/a-no flow	n/a-no flow	
Nitrogen (total)	mg/L		n/a-no flow	n/a-no flow	

Phosphorus (total)	<i>mg/L</i>		n/a-no flow	n/a-no flow	
Total suspended solids	<i>mg/L</i>		n/a-no flow	n/a-no flow	
Biochemical oxygen demand	<i>mg/L</i>		n/a-no flow	n/a-no flow	

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 April 2023 was 22.4mm
- Hottest day for April 2023 was 27.7 degrees
- Coldest day for April 2023 was 12.8 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, 22 May 2023.**

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

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

Development Approvals			
Delegated Authority or Council	Consent Type & Consent No.	Subject Land	Nature of Development
Delegated	DA 2023/0022	Lot 4, Section 31, DP758144 10 Mooculta Street, Bourke	Construction of Residential Shed

Total value of Approved works for April 2023	= \$19,000
No. of Development Application Approvals for April 2023	= 1
No. of Complying Development Application Approvals for April 2023	= 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 – April 2023		
Bourke Shire Council Holding Facility	Dogs	Cats
Animals in Pound beginning of Month	9	0
Seized	1	0
Surrendered	0	0
Handed in by members of the public	0	0
Dumped at pound	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>0</b>
Euthanised	9	0
Released to Owner	0	0
Adopted	0	0
Re-housed	0	0

Died in Pound	0	0
Escaped from Pound	0	0
Animals Remaining at End of Month	1	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>0</b>
Stock Rested in Stock Yards	264	

- 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

**Recommendation**

**That the information in the Planning, Regulatory and Environmental Services Activity Report as presented to Council on Monday, 22 May 2023 be received and noted.**

**21.4 GENERAL MANAGER'S ACTIVITY REPORT**

**File Number:** G2.1  
**Author:** Ross Earl, Acting General Manager  
**Authoriser:** Ross Earl, Acting General Manager  
**Attachments:** Nil

**27 April 2023 (Column authorised by Leonie Brown, General Manager)**

**Waste Management Facility**

There has been some major excavation works being undertaken at the Bourke Waste Facility (aka the Bourke Tip) of late. Users of this important facility would have noticed a new waste cell being dug over the past few months. The cell is Cell Number 5 at the facility and forms part of the Environmental Impact Statement for the whole of the waste facility. Some may think that Council simply digs a big hole in the ground when the last cell is full, however that is not the case. There is a considerable amount of work that is required behind the scenes to get to a point where a new cell can actually be utilised by the public. These works include construction of the internal liner which forms an integral part of the new cell. The liner is constructed out of the clay rich soil which comes from the 3-4 metre horizon of the new cell. This is then placed inside the newly dug cell and watered and compacted to achieve the maximum density to meet EPA guidelines. Over the liner another layer of soil is placed to protect the liner from desiccation. The cells are programmed to last 2.5 years but with good management and compaction techniques being used, Council is currently exceeding this timeframe with the current cell (Number 4) still being in operation some 5 years after being initially commissioned.

**Acting General Manager**

Regular readers of this column over many year's will recall the name of Ross Earl who was Councils General Manager for a period of some 8 years until his "retirement" in October 2020. Since leaving Bourke, Ross has undertaken various locum General Manager roles including roles at Blaney, Bogan, Coonamble and Moree Plains Shire Council's and undertaken the role of Executive Officer with the Far North West Joint Organisation of Councils, comprising Bourke, Cobar and Walgett Councils. So much for retirement!

Anyway, I am taking some annual leave with Council engaging Ross as Acting General Manager during my period of absence. Ross achieved a lot during his time at Bourke which coincided with the worst drought in living memory. His achievement of gaining funding to "drought proof" Bourke's water supply, such that the NSW Government funded the installation of a series of water bores and relating infrastructure and the construction of a new Water Treatment Plant for the town, would undoubtedly be high on a list of his numerous achievements during his term as GM. Ross will no doubt be out and about during his time as Acting General Manager. If you see him, please don't hesitate to say hello and reacquaint yourself with him.



## Caravan Parks

As part of my leave, I will be hooking up the campervan and heading north with Charlie and friends on a touring holiday. Whilst we will be staying at Caravan Parks, I was interested to recently read that many caravan parks are now facing a major hurdle as to their continuing viability as a result of soaring insurance premiums.

After a tough time stemming from the travelling constraints of COVID and unprecedented weather events, the increase in premiums is such that some parks are now facing the prospect of operating uninsured. The article I read quoted the Caravan Industry Association of Australia (CIAA) CEO, Stuart Lamont, who said that "It has not been uncommon to see insurance prices increase five-fold, should insurance even be offered at all, with a well-known award-winning caravan park in North Queensland having annual premium increases from \$105,000 to \$945,000 across two years, with his long-term insurer bowing out of the sector, leaving the property subject to a thin insurance market."

Whilst the CIAA has been working with brokers, insurers, and the Insurance Council of Australia to present a better understanding of individual sites, so that insurers offer affordable policies, the concern now is that solutions may not be quick enough with some operators having to make the decision to either self-insure, close their doors, or remove important pieces of infrastructure which are attractive to guests.

Off the back of cyclones, floods and fires, the Insurance Council of Australia has advised that some insurers are simply excluding cyclone. If the Park is in a flood zone, you can't get flood cover, if you are in a bushfire zone you have a 40% increase and a high excess minimum of \$50,000. With caravan and camping sales having been at an all-time high given the COVID led increase in domestic tourism, it's an interesting time for the industry.

## ANZAC Day

I was given the honour of presenting the Occasional Address at Tuesdays ANZAC Day Ceremony in Bourke. When Victor Bartley invited me to do so, apart from saying yes, my thoughts quickly turned to my family's connection to the First World War, that being my Great Uncle John James Bates, known as Jim to his family and "Unc" to his nieces and nephews. Unc grew up in the Louth District, the son of John and Alice Bates. He, like so many youngsters of the time, joined the Australian Imperial Expeditionary Force in 1915 at the age of 21. He was one of the "lucky" soldiers in that he physically survived and returned to Australia, being discharged in January 1920, having served in Egypt and France. Unc was wounded three times and was awarded The Military Medal For Courage In The Field. One can only imagine what Unc witnessed during his time on the battlefield. To Unc and to all those who have served since, I say a very big thank you. Lest We Forget.

My thoughts also moved to a new sculpture that was to be installed in Central Park in time for Tuesdays Ceremony. By way of background, part of the original plan of improvements at the Cenotaph in Central Park included works on the eastern edge of the Park, towards the Rotunda. The intention of the works was to give the cenotaph a suggestion of separation from the greater park area, and to balance the column arch entry and the granite Cenotaph obelisk. Titled the 'Mateship Icon' a large granite work by Richard Stutchbury was ultimately installed prior to last Tuesday's ceremony. The work comprises 2 granite 'sentry' posts placed alongside the pathway to

mark the Cenotaph space and a three-piece granite form as installed in the eastern grass. The story of the 'Mateship Icon' is of a horse looking down at a lone slouch diggers hat. The horse reference is of the stock horses supplied from country NSW for World War One and of the Outback fellowship of horse and human. The reflection of the horse's gaze is that of the feeling of losing a mate. The intended sentiment is of service to country, mateship both abroad and at home. Mateship as a proud Bourke way, commonplace and treasured in daily outback life.

If you were unable to attend Tuesday's ceremony, I would encourage you to drop down to Central Park and view the new sculpture and in doing so, take time to reflect on the significant contribution made by all our soldiers to our quality of life in Australia today.

### **Bourke Show**

With the Bourke Show having to be cancelled in 2019 due to the drought, cancelled again in 2020 due to COVID, back on in 2021 only to be cancelled again in 2022 due to wet weather, the 2023 Bourke Show goes ahead on Saturday 6 May. The appetite for Agricultural Shows appears to be as strong as ever with the recently finished 2023 Sydney Royal Easter Show being a great success with over 860,000 attendees over the 12 days of the Show. Dating back to 1822, the Sydney Royal Easter Show is the largest, annual ticketed event in Australia, and is the main fundraising event hosted by the Royal Agricultural Society of NSW (RAS). The RAS is purposed to forge the future of Australian agriculture by engaging, educating and entertaining the community on the value of sustainable agriculture and quality produce, accomplished through events that support agricultural excellence and innovation.

Revenue generated by the Sydney Show allows the RAS to invest in agriculture, education scholarships, youth programs, competitions, and in rural development in NSW. In total, the RAS invests almost \$9 million annually in these initiatives, which are designed to promote agricultural excellence and to keep rural communities strong.

**Quote: "I need you to back me in a bid to advocate for stronger laws to protect these people who serve the community with such passion and dedication."** Jeff Tougher, Father of murdered NSW Paramedic, Steven Tougher.

### **4 May 2023 (Column authorised by Ross Earl, Acting General Manager)**

#### **Happy to be back**

I had no hesitation in saying 'yes' when Council made contact with me to ask if I would be interested in undertaking the role of its Acting General Managers during May 2023 whilst incumbent General Manager was on leave. After previously having held the position of Councils GM from 2012 to 2020, I must say that I developed a 'soft spot' for Bourke as result of my time in the Shire. I certainly experienced many challenges, and many good times, during my time at the helm, including the many complexities that arose from the terrible drought that was so debilitating to the community and the wider region during many of my year's in Bourke. One issue that was high on Councils radar during my time was the strategic desire of Council for the Bourke Weir to be raised to increase the capacity of the weir pool at Bourke and in doing so, improve the water security of the Bourke township. For all the many hundreds of thousands of megalitres that flowed past Bourke in the Darling River last year, once the river ceases to flow, the Bourke Weir Pool has but six (6) month's supply remaining. Water restrictions come into effect at that point.

The economic and social impacts on the Bourke community when restrictions come into force are very impactful.

Despite all the efforts of Council in writing letters and attending meetings and discussions over many years, to date, an increase in the height of the weir has yet to be achieved. I tuned into Councils recently livestreamed April Council meeting. From the audio I heard the Councillors talking about the weir issue with Mayor Barry advising that he was keen to meet with the recently appointed NSW Minister for Water, the Hon Rose Jackson MLC, with a view to hopefully progressing the issue. From subsequent discussions with Mayor Barry and Leonie, my understanding is that an initial Business Case for the raising of the Weir has been completed by the NSW Government and the outcome of the report is understood to be favourable to the project. To progress the matter, the next step is for the NSW Government to submit an application for Federal Government funding for the preparation of a comprehensive Business Case. Councils frustration with the whole matter, understandably, stems from the time taken to progress the matter. The Bourke community obviously remembers when the Darling River essentially dried up in 2019 and there is a concern that a similar occurrence will occur into the future. Recently, climate scientists have predicted the return of a further “el nino” weather cycle for Australia in late 2023.

Correspondence has been forwarded to the Ministers office and I would certainly enjoy being part of discussions if they were able to be arranged during my time as Acting General Manager.

### **Murray Darling Basin Authority**

Talking of matters relating to water, yesterday and today has seen representatives of the Murray Darling Basin Authority, the Commonwealth Environmental Water Holder and the Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water. On behalf of Council and the community, I welcome our Commonwealth visitors to Bourke. Councillors and Managers met socially with the visitors last evening for a dinner meeting. A community dinner is being held today, 4 May, catered for by the Bourke Fishing Club. In meeting with the various visitors, we certainly spoke about the prolific impact the removal of water allocations from the Darling River around Bourke over many years has had on the Bourke Community. With water buy backs again on the Agenda of the Federal Government, those impacts have unfortunately yet to come to their full fruition.

### **Bourke Show**

This Saturday, 6 May 2023, the annual Bourke Agricultural Show will be held at the Renshaw Grounds. It's been a rather tough time for the Bourke Show Committee with the Show cancelled in 2019 due to the drought, again in 2020 due to COVID and who would have thought, the show was then cancelled last year as a result of wet weather. In between those years of cancellations, a successful show was held in 2021. With a full programme of events, side show rides, show bags, entertainment and plenty on offer to eat, I encourage the community to support the Show, its Committee and the numerous sponsors of the Show.

I noted an earlier comment from Councils GM, Leonie in respect of sponsors that “in a small community, it is invariably the same people or businesses that support these various events.” I would certainly have to agree.

## **Abandoned Property**

The Public Spaces (Unattended Property) Act 2021 and the Public Spaces (Unattended Property) Regulation 2022 (PSUP laws), commenced on 1 November 2022. The new PSUP laws aim to protect valuable public spaces across the State from abandoned and unattended items and animals. The new laws provide Council, other public land managers and Police with stronger powers and penalties to rid footpaths, streets, parks, bushland and waterways of abandoned and unattended property. Under the new law's, owners and others responsible for private property left in public, such as shopping trolleys, unregistered and abandoned cars, unattended trailers and stray stock, face stronger regulatory action if they do not remove their property within risk-based timeframes. This regulatory action includes on-the-spot fines, increased court penalties, rapid seizure action and enforcement orders. The new laws make it easier for Council to store and dispose of unattended or abandoned items and animals that they take into possession, significantly reducing red tape and cost for local communities. The changes also improve the ability of Council Officers to track down owners of shopping trolleys and vehicles, reducing the need for impounding action.

A six-month grace period has been in place for some penalties to allow the public and businesses to become familiar and comply with the new PSUP laws. During this period, only warnings, rather than fines, could be issued for certain items to which new rules apply if they were left unattended in public places. This grace period has now come to an end. From 1 May 2023, authorised officers will be able to issue fines for all applicable offences under the PSUP laws.

A suite of resources has been developed by the Office of Local government to assist the public and authorities to understand the PSUP laws, including council circulars, FAQ, fact sheets and infographics. These resources can be downloaded from the following link:  
[www.dpie.nsw.gov.au/unattendedproperty](http://www.dpie.nsw.gov.au/unattendedproperty)

The new legislation is clearer than the former act that it replaced, the Impounding Act of 1993. One of the big changes with the new Act, and whilst it won't affect Bourke Shire at this point, is in respect of regulating the numerous hire push bikes that are seen strewn about, certainly in Sydney and the Gold Coast for instance. Councils are provided powers to regulate the abandoned bikes. Prior to the new Act the hire bike industry didn't fit into any legislation.

## **Rugby League**

In preparing for my interim role at Council, I took the opportunity to read several months' worth of General Managers Columns, as prepared by Leonie, to get a feel as to what's been happening in the community. What I noticed, and it is not a criticism in any form, is the lack of any commentary about sport, and in particular, commentary regarding the National Rugby League (NRL). As an avid supporter of the St George Illawarra Dragons, I was very proud of their recent performance against the Sydney Roosters at the ANZAC Day match held in front of some 40,000 supporters at Allianz Stadium, Moore Park, Sydney. A couple of mates of mine, one an avid Rooster Supporter, the other an avid Dragons supporter, had a lottery ticket on the outcome of the game. The Roosters supporter, so impressed with the game and the performance of the Dragons, wouldn't accept the lottery ticket that was to come his way as a result of their win, but rather advised that he would also buy a ticket for them to share. It was a cracker of a game.

The NRL games this year have been outstanding with so many close games and comebacks being a regular occurrence, just ask a Bunbunies or Dolphins fan. TV audiences are up something like 27%.

**Quote: “We cannot fall back on old assumptions. We must build the strength in our security by seeking to shape the future rather than waiting for the future to shape us.”** Prime Minister, Anthony Albanese on the release of a declassified version of the Nation’s Defence Strategic Review.

### **11 May 2023 (Column authorised by Ross Earl, Acting General Manager)**

#### **Kings Coronation**

I read with interest a recent article in the Sydney Morning Herald that the State Coach that carried King Charles III and Queen Consort Camilla to the coronation last Saturday, was built in Manly, Sydney, by a gent by the name of Jim Frecklington. On reading the first two paragraphs of the article I was thinking to myself, “I know that name.” When the article stated that he had built two carriages for the monarchy I was certain that I had previously read about this man having built one of his coaches in Dubbo many years ago. This was confirmed when the article made reference to him having built “the Australian State Coach presented to Queen Elizabeth II as an official gift from the Australian people to mark the Australian bicentenary in 1988” and then making reference to his “former wife Joan Frecklington in Dubbo.”

The coach that the King and the Queen Consort travelled to the coronation in is what’s known as the Diamond Jubilee State Coach. It was made for the late Queen Elizabeth II in recognition of the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Her Majesty’s accession on 6 February 1952. Construction of this coach was completed in 2010 however it did not arrive in London until March 2014. Mr Frecklington’s coach has modern suspension, lighting, heating, electric windows and air-conditioning. This is in stark contrast to the King and Queen’s return journey following Saturday’s coronation which was in what’s called the Gold State Coach which was built in 1762. The suspension in this coach is by way of two leather straps upon which the coach sits which results in the coach swaying from side to side. The SMH reported that Mr Frecklington said that the Gold State Coach “is referred to as being like a ship in rough seas. Queen Victoria refused to ride in it,” with the late Queen Elizabeth having once said that she experienced “a ‘horrible’ and uncomfortable journey” in the Gold State Coach when she travelled in it both to and from her 1953 coronation.

These coaches are absolute works of art and I would imagine that a variety of people in Australia contributed their skills to the construction of the coaches headed up by Mr Frecklington. No doubt these people watched as their work was on display to the world, as part of the making of modern history, such was the coronation of King Charles III.

#### **Ronny Gibbs Sevens**

Back again for 2023 is the very successful and long running Ronny Gibbs Sevens. Played in Ronny’s hometown of Bourke, the date for this year’s event is Wednesday 23 August 2023 with both Rugby League and Netball to be played. With last year’s competition being the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Sevens being played in Bourke; schools will once again compete for the highly regarded trophies across Under 14’s and Open Age divisions. Last year it was Nyngan High, which has a history of collecting trophies in the Ronny Gibbs Sevens, winning another in the Open Rugby League

Competition as they beat Cobar in the Grand Final to claim the top spot. In the Open Netball competition, Warren took first place.

I enjoyed a quote attributed to Ronny back when the Sevens were celebrating their 20 year Anniversary, where he stated that whilst the day is about rugby league and netball it not about that in the long-term. "Seeing the kids at school and rewarding the kids who are doing the right thing and staying at school and getting an education, that's what it's all about." Moving towards their 26<sup>th</sup> event, Ronny and his band of helpers are certainly doing something right!

### **Poker Machines**

The NSW Office of Liquor and Gaming has recently released its Gaming Machine Bi-Annual Report for NSW Local Government Areas (LGA) for the period 1 June 2022 to 30 November 2022 for Clubs and a similar report for Hotels for the period 1 June 2022 to 31 December 2022. The reports certainly don't make for pleasant reading with the amount of money being fed into these gaming/poker machines and the resulting loses being a genuine concern. The profits by clubs and hotels, or rather the loses by the machine users, and the resulting taxes paid to government are simply staggering. Whilst I don't necessarily want to live in a nanny state where the government is overprotective or seen to be interfering unduly with the personal choices of the community, something surely needs to be done as a matter of urgency to wind back the use of these machines. Media stories of people losing everything as a result of poker machine addiction are readily available on the internet.

The reports show that across NSW, for the stated 5-month period for clubs and the 6-month period for hotels, profits were \$2.393 billion and \$1.864 billion respectively. This is a total profit of \$4.258 billion with the tax paid to the NSW Government being \$1.178 billion. The total poker machine gambling profits for 2022 in NSW were \$8.1 billion, with these profits being 22% higher than profits pre the Covid Pandemic back in 2019. Amazing.

Locally, the Office of Liquor and Gaming combine the LGA's of Bogan, Bourke and Brewarrina to report gaming machine use at clubs in our region. The figures show that for the five months ending 30 November 2022, the 85 machines at the five clubs across these LGA's generated profits of \$2.947 million with the tax paid to the NSW Government being some \$288,000. For hotels, the report groups Bogan, Brewarrina, Cobar and Lachlan Shires with Bourke to identify profits of \$1.481m across six hotels that have poker machines across the LGA's. I understand that no hotel has poker machines in Bourke. Not a bad thing in my view.

With various LGA's grouped into one sector, it's hard to get a per capita figure for Bourke. I did note however from the website of the Dubbo Daily Liberal Newspaper that they were reporting that "Dubbo lost over \$51.7m to pokies last year" with a headline, "Highest loss on record: \$1,000 per resident was lost to the pokies in Dubbo last year." I spoke to mates of mine who live in Dubbo. They said they hadn't put any money through the pokies last year, so it is not hard to imagine that quite a number of people are losing a whole lot more than \$1,000. With both political parties having Poker Machine Reform on their agenda as part of their electoral platforms, it will be interesting to see where matters progress to. If you're interested, check out the data sets at:

<https://www.liquorandgaming.nsw.gov.au/resources/gaming-machine-data>

## Golden Highway

If you have ever travelled from Bourke to Newcastle, you would have travelled on the Mitchell Highway from Bourke to Dubbo and then on the Golden Highway from Dubbo to Singleton. Travelling through Dunedoo, Merriwa, Jerrys Plains and then onto the New England Highway, the 380 km picturesque route is an important link for tourists and freight operators alike from the far west and central west to the Hunter Valley.

Regional Development Australia (RDA) Orana recently received a grant of some \$663,000 from the NSW Government to undertake the preparation of a Transport Study of the Golden Highway for Orana/Hunter Connections and Beyond. With the increasing demand for freight transportation, and changing industry needs, the highway corridor faces challenges in respect of congestion, safety concerns, and inadequate capacity. To that end, the study will seek to provide valuable insights and recommendations that will inform the region's transportation planning and help to address the challenges facing all users of this important highway. Whilst these types of studies are most important, the 'proof in the pudding' is when construction and improvements to the road begin and then ultimately come to fruition. It is by no means an overnight process however if improvements are to be achieved, it is necessary to start somewhere. As the Chinese proverb says, "A journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step" and this is certainly the case with this study for the Golden Highway.

**Quote: "My husband adores soccer, he's so passionate about soccer, he loves soccer everything. Just ago he's all bruised up, swelling, hooked up to all these machines, he's bleeding non-stop."**  
Fay Yaghi, wife of soccer referee Khodr Yaghi who was punched repeatedly at a suburban Sydney competition recently with the alleged offender facing charges of wounding with intent to cause grievous bodily harm and affray.

**18 May 2023 (Column authorised by Ross Earl, Acting General Manager)**

## COVID

It was 30 January 2020 when COVID-19 was first declared a global health emergency by the World Health Organisation (WHO). Since that initial declaration, some 6.9 million people have died around the world as a result of the disease. In Australia there have been more than 11 million confirmed COVID cases. Life as we know it changed. Economies were disrupted, face masks became the norm, as did working from home with teleconferences and livestreaming of a variety of events becoming common place. I was pleased to hear that the WHO recently declared the COVID-19 pandemic over as a global health emergency. In saying that, the WHO was also quick to say that "COVID is here to stay." With a peak in January 2021 of more than 100,000 people dying per week around the world, the death rate in April 2023 has slowed to just over 3,500, according to WHO data. Whilst a massive reduction in numbers, it is still sad to hear of these number of fatalities.

Here to stay it is and in NSW for the 7 days till 4pm, 4 May 2023, 12,323 new Covid cases were recorded, with 53 deaths, 1290 hospitalisations and 29 people in intensive care. I am aware of numerous cases of COVID here in Bourke, Dubbo and Mudgee.

I noted from the news that a couple of schools in Sydney had reverted to wearing masks as a safeguard due to a spike in cases. I also understand that some of the schools in Bourke have adopted the same measure on a temporary basis.

NSW Health has issued a series of resources regarding COVID at <https://www.nsw.gov.au/covid-19> Health are encouraging people to stay up to date with their recommended vaccinations advising that it is “safe and convenient to get your COVID-19 and flu vaccines at the same time.” In Bourke these are available at the Bourke Aboriginal Corporation Health Service at 61 Oxley St in Bourke. You should contact the Bourke Aboriginal Corporation Health service to make an appointment. Immunisations are available on a Wednesday and Friday.

Source a rapid antigen test and if you feel unwell, test yourself. If positive and to reduce the risk to others, NSW Health recommends that you stay at home until your acute symptoms have gone.

In addition, don't visit people who are at high risk of severe illness, anyone in hospital or an aged or disability care facility, for at least 7 days; wear a mask when indoors and on public transport, if you must leave your home; avoid large gatherings and indoor crowded places, especially where you will be in contact with groups of people you don't live with; talk to your employer about when you should return to the workplace; tell people that you live with, or spend a lot of time with, that you have COVID-19; and register your positive rapid antigen test result with Service NSW on 13 77 88.

Registering your result helps you access medical support from NSW Health, including antiviral medicines if you are eligible, and also assists NSW Health respond to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. This keeps you, your loved ones and the community safe. If you tested positive on a PCR test, you do not need to register your result as it will be done on your behalf.

Given the onset of winter and the flu and cold season it is good practice to maintain good hygiene practices such as washing your hands, using sanitiser and coughing into your elbow. All of these will hopefully assist in reducing the spread of the various virus and the resultant impact on the community.

### **Federal Funding**

In May 2020, the Federal Government announced the Local Roads and Community Infrastructure (LRCI) Program which was introduced to support councils across Australia deliver priority local road and community infrastructure projects, supporting jobs and the resilience of local economies following the impacts of COVID-19. Under Phases 1-3 of the program, Bourke Shire Council fared very well with a total of near \$4.5 million in funding received. The latest projects under this Program in Bourke are the redevelopment of the Bourke Program (Learners) Pool and the redevelopment Bourke Swimming Pool Entry and Kiosk, which is currently underway.

Council recently received correspondence co-signed by the Hon Catherine King MP, who is the Federal Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government, and the Hon Kristy McBain MP, Minister for Regional Development, Local Government and Territories, to advise that the Federal Government had committed, across the Nation, a further \$750 million of funding under Phase 4 of the LRCI Program. Phase 4 includes two (2) components of funding with Bourke Council to receive near \$1.2 million to spend on priority local road and community



infrastructure projects, and then a further \$692,000 to spend on road projects. In total, Phase 4 of the Program will see \$1.892 million in funding delivered to the Bourke Shire. With Program Guidelines and Grant Agreements to be finalised by the Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts over coming months, it will be a case of Council determining its project and road priorities, once the Guidelines become available. Bourke Shire Council is in a solid position in respect of determining funding projects having strategically developed, and regularly updated, an extensive list of potential projects, which I must say, are gradually being “ticked off” as projects are undertaken.

Council, and certainly the Bourke community, are most appreciative of the continuation of this funding by the current Anthony Albanese led Federal Government and the Scott Morrison led former Government who initiated the Program back in 2020. Council has undertaken numerous excellent projects to improve the amenity and liveability of Bourke, with the improvements at the Bourke War Memorial Olympic Pool being a great example. Without this funding, the Pool would be nowhere near as impressive a facility that it now is and will further be further enhanced once the kiosk and entry area works are completed.

### **Emergency Services Levy**

Another piece of correspondence Council recently received, which wasn't as positive as the advice relating to the Federal Governments Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program, was Councils invoice from Revenue NSW relating to payments due in respect of the Emergency Services Levy. This levy has been implemented to fund the operation of the NSW Rural Fire Service, NSW Fire and Rescue and the State Emergency Service, with funding being sourced from three (3) avenues, with insurance companies collecting 73.7 per cent of the amount from property insurance, the state government contributing 14.6 per cent and local councils funding 11.7 per cent of the costs. In 2019/2020 the NSW Government introduced an increase in the emergency services levy to fund reforms to workers' compensation for firefighters suffering from work-related cancers. Whilst firefighters should be protected, the compensation added significantly to the levy across the State and following a willing campaign by local government in NSW, the NSW Government picked up the additional costs on Councils by refunding payments made up until 2022/2023. In 2023-2024 year, councils across the State will have to pay the full contribution which will rise from \$143 million last financial year to \$219 million next financial year.

For the 2023/2024 period, Councils invoice for the levy amounts to \$253,115 which is an increase of \$73,470 on the previous year's invoice. Council is obviously most concerned about these rising and additional costs. With Council permitted to increase its rates in 2023/2024 by 3.7%, noting that inflation is running at 7.0%, Council will raise some \$64,000 as a result of this “rate cap” funding. The issue is that 115% of these additional funds will be soaked up by the increased emergency services levy. It obviously is not just Bourke Shire that is affected by the increases. As examples, Hay Shire Council will immediately lose 88.6 per cent of its approved rate rise to the levy, Yass Valley Council will lose 96%, Tenterfield will lose 119% whilst larger urban councils like Hornsby and Shellharbour will lose around 75% of their approved rate rises. It's a tough pill to swallow and Council is working with its peak industry body, Local Government NSW, as it pursues the State Government on the ever-increasing funding impost.

It is becoming increasingly difficult for Councils across the state to be able to fund the current levels of services and facilities provided to their communities.

During their visit to Bourke last week the President of Local Government New South Wales Darria Turley and Chief Executive Scott Phillips indicated that they will be meeting with the NSW Treasurer in an effort to see the subsidy restored for 2023 and the development of a fairer, more transparent and financially sustainable method of funding the critically important emergency services that benefit the whole community.

### **May Council Meeting**

The May Council Meeting will be held on Monday 22 May 2023 commencing at 9.15am in the Council Chambers, Mitchell St, Bourke. Whilst the meetings are livestreamed via a link on Councils website ([www.bourke.nsw.gov.au](http://www.bourke.nsw.gov.au)), members of the public are more than welcome to attend.

**Quote: “The government had encouraged the public service to come to the government with frank and fearless advice.”** Prime Minister, Anthony Albanese responding in Parliament to a question from Independent MP for Goldstein, Zoe Daniel, who warned that her view was that consulting firms were tailoring advice.

### **Recommendation**

**That the information in the General Manager’s Activity Report as presented to Council on Monday, 22 May 2023 be noted.**

**21.5 LIBRARY MANAGER'S ACTIVITY REPORT FOR APRIL 2023**

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

**Current Situation**

The following items for the April 2022 – April 2023 period are presented for information.

Item	April 2022	April 2023
Loans	527	604
New Members	21	10
Internet/Word Processing	38	56
Wireless Tickets	15	10
Number of Visitors	463	530
Scans	18	22
Information Requests	84	64
Technical Assistance / Printing	56	49
Faxes/ Laminating	4	4

- This month, library staff attended the Easter Markets where they staffed a stall selling books and tables set up with children’s Easter craft. The craft tables were very popular all morning, and the children were very happy with their Easter baskets and eggs.
- Throughout the school holidays craft and LEGO were available for children to make entries for the Bourke Show. Library staff entered the LEGO at the show and were very excited to receive a second placed prize on Show Day!







**Recommendation**

**That the information in the Library Manager’s Report for April 2023 as presented to Council on Monday, 22 May 2023 be noted.**

**21.6 TOURISM AND EVENTS REPORT**

<b>File Number:</b>	<b>T4.3</b>
<b>Author:</b>	<b>Ben Nott, Coordinator Tourism Operations</b>
<b>Authoriser:</b>	<b>Melanie Milgate, Manager Economic Development</b>
<b>Attachments:</b>	<b>1. BOBEC Statistics April 2023</b> <a href="#">↓</a> 
	<b>2. BOBEC Website Statistics April 2023</b> <a href="#">↓</a> 

**Background**

The Bourke Shire Councils Tourism and Events report provides Council with an updated status report for April 2023, 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**Back O Bourke Easter Festival 7-10 April 2023

The Back O' Bourke Easter Festival has been running for nine years now, initially developed to provide an opportunity for the local community to come together to celebrate Bourke's people and places. While the festival has never been formally evaluated, the staff have been able to provide some anecdotal information based on observations and surveys completed over the festival weekend.

Attendance at previous festival weekends since 2015, saw over 4000 people at its inaugural event and since has fluctuated anywhere from 4000 to 6000 people pending seasonal conditions. The festival audience has always broadly reflected the local community and the visiting friends and relatives (VFR) market, with a growing interest by intrastate visitors attending in recent years.

This year the festival was held from Friday, 7 April to Monday, 10 April 2023. The festival offered over 6000 free and ticketed attendances across more than 60 events in music, sporting, art and cultural events.

The Colour Run, having established itself as a festival favourite saw over 400 participants run, walk or jog 5kms around the town to be dosed in an array of colourful chalk and water.

Back O' Bourke Billabong Sessions attracted a crowd of more than 200 and echoed through the Back O' Bourke Information and Exhibition Centre Café gardens on the first day of the festival. Live performances featured special guest Kevin Sullivan – "The Sulli- Vans" and supporting act by Kora Naughton.

Council staff made the decision to change the Easter Saturday location. The Bourke Wharf and Darling Park precinct was a popular choice with the crowd. The free events included the Easter Markets with free entertainment, market stalls offering local art and craft, produce, plants, food and refreshments, along with the display of vintage cars and a surprise visit by Easter bunny and his friends.





The Bourke Rotary Club hosted the Wool Bale Rolling Competition this year with prize money for teams and men’s individual event. Entry in each event saw many heats and a great treat for the crowd.

The Old Boys Rugby Union game saw a crowd of over 500 and the Back O’ Bourke Picnic races with over 1800 patrons.

The Giant Easter Egg Hunt had over 250 children, 12 years and under scampering through the Back O’ Bourke gardens looking for the elusive Golden Eggs and collecting over 5000 Easter Eggs.

Guided tours to the Cemetery and the Back O’ Bourke Exhibition Centre with historian Paul Rowe again were very popular.

Over the weekend we were also very fortunate to have the Jandra Paddleboat back in operation. Paul Roe (local historian) was also aboard the lunch time tours to commentate on the history of the boat.

The growth and support again by Council is the contributing factor to the success of the Festival not only hitting all targets for this year but ensuring as many people as possible were able to access the best the Back O’ Bourke has to offer.



Regional Promotion

Kidman Way – Back Track to the Outback Caravan and Camping Super Show 18 – 23 April

Councils Manager Economic Development attended the Annual Caravan and Camping Industry Association NSW - Caravan Camping Holiday Super Show Sydney at Rosehill Gardens Racecourse during April.

The Kidman Way Committee comprises representatives of Councils along the Kidman Way, all supported the Tradeshow sent staff. Bourke Shire worked alongside Griffith Council on Friday and Cobar Staff members on Saturday and Sunday which provided the added benefit of building relations with colleagues.

Attendance for the 6 days of the Caravan and Camping Super Show was 47,757.

Breakdown by Day of Attendance

	2023
Tuesday	5,554
Wednesday	6,193
Thursday	5,132
Friday	7,378
Saturday	12,443
Sunday	11,057
<b>Total</b>	<b>47,757</b>

Breakdown by Attendees of Ticket Type

	2023	
Adult	31,638	66.3%
Concession	11,226	23.5%
Child	4,893	10.2%
<b>Total</b>	<b>47,757</b>	<b>100%</b>

Back O' Bourke Little Black Book

Bourke's first edition of its Visitor Guide continues to receive rave reviews from locals, visitors and friends from neighbouring Councils. The Little Black Book gives a flavour of the fantastic facilities and attractions that we have in this region, and it brings to life a strong visual image of Bourke and beyond for the potential visitor. It sets out an array of activities, places of interest and services that are available to potential visitors.

The Visitor Guide is over 120 pages making it one of the biggest guides in NSW, with an estimated circulation of 20,000 copies. Due to demand for this publication it is anticipated that the Guide will grow to be an annual circulation distributed around Australia every year.

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

Copies of the Guide are available from the Back O' Bourke Exhibition and Information Centre.

Back O' Bourke Information and Exhibition Centre

Performance Indicator	March 2023	April 2023	% Difference
Vend Turnover	\$40,186.95	\$90,864.67	+ 126.0%
Visitor Numbers	1006	1709	+ 69.9%
Email Enquiries	385	375	- 2.6%
Incoming Calls	487	592	+ 21.6%
Website Enquiries	961	1,400	+ 45.7%
Exhibition Tickets	226	639	+ 182.7%
PV Jandra Tickets		953	
Café Turnover	\$24,864.50	\$36,441.72	+ 46.6%
Functions	5	3	- 40.0%
My Oxley Tickets		128	
Tour Groups	3	5	+ 40.0%
Financial YTD Turnover (ex GST)	\$415,137.54	\$497,795.23	+ 19.9%

- BOBEC continued operations 7 days per week in April 2023. The Café opening hours are Monday to Sunday from 9.00am to 3.00pm and the Exhibition Centre opening hours are Monday to Sunday from 9.00am to 5.00pm;
- Vend turnover in April 2023 was \$90,864.67 compared to \$40,186.95 in March 2023, which is an increase of 126%.
- Visitor numbers for April 2023 were 1709 compared to 1006 in March 2023 which is an increase of 69.9%;
- Email enquiries for April 2023 were compared to 385 in March 2023 which is a decrease of 2.6%;
- Incoming calls for April 2023 were 592 compared to 487 in March 2023 which is an increase of 21.6%;
- Statistics are attached for Website enquiries in April 2023;
- The PV Jandra has been operational for the first full month in over a year with 953 tickets sold. The Jandra will provide 13 scheduled cruises per week;

- Exhibition Centre tickets sold in April 2023 were 639 compared to 226 tickets sold in March 2023, an increase of 182.7%;
- There were 128 tickets sold to Mt Oxley in April 2023 with the attraction reopening in early April;
- Café turn over in April 2023 was \$36,441.72 compared to \$24,864.50 in March 2023, an increase of 46.6%.

Maintenance on the Crossley Engine is almost complete with one (1) engine pulled down, serviced and reassembled. The Crossley Engine was operational at Easter.

The Back O’ Bourke Information Centre garden staff were kept busy in April 2023 maintaining the sprinkler system and mulching gardens. The grounds looked great for the Easter weekend. The path from B2 to B3 is still under construction, as is the deck area next to lagoon.

The Café and Information Centre had another good month thanks to the school holidays and support of local people, with Sundays continuing to be the busiest day of the week. Staff have enjoyed the additional catering for events and community groups.

The Centre had three (3) function bookings and five (5) tour group bookings during April 2023.

Financial Year to date turnover to end of April 2023 was \$497,795.23 (ex GST) compared to \$415,137.54 in March 2023, an increase of 19.9%. This is an increase of 90% when compared to April 2022. The café contributed \$242,480.31 of the total amount.

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

	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Jan	448	560	325	326	302	348	386	782	1109	816	603	609
Feb	157	397	271	373	391	220	282	1043	386	630	725	557
Mar	570	1500	1051	1342	1612	1245	1274	1021	412	1389	1100	1006
April	2144	3103	3146	3849	3118	3114	4024	3166	0	2387	2323	1709
May	2891	3758	3988	4602	4073	3983	4770	3693	0	2564	2016	
June	3216	4492	4275	5437	5199	4754	5634	4490	993	2366	2227	
July	4643	5173	6241	6002	5941	5982	7614	6834	2570	1068	2998	
Aug	4162	4410	4793	5078	4951	5051	5548	4052	1898	255	2557	
Sep	5074	4275	4764	4489	4532	4246	4676	3601	3325	0	2203	
Oct	3967	2383	2486	2370	2475	2463	3574	2222	5246	409	1094	
Nov	930	789	671	610	1031	876	1014	1220	1989	866	710	
Dec	347	207	242	272	281	255	630	860	1194	897	586	
Total	27649	31044	32253	34750	33906	32537	39454	32984	19122	13647	19142	

**Financial Implications**

There are no financial implications.

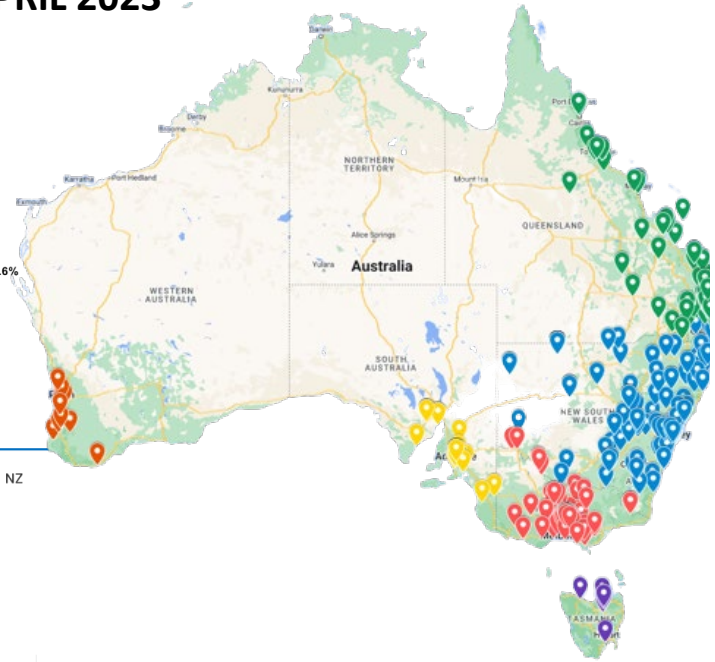
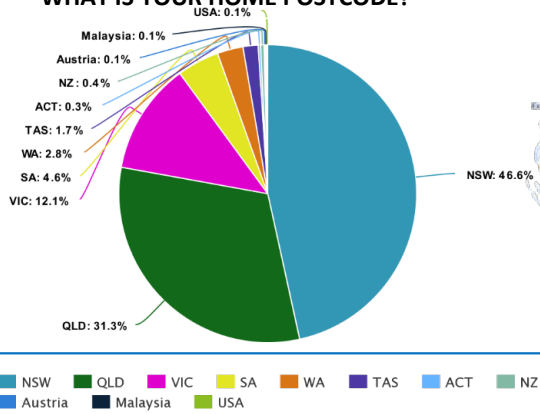


**Recommendation**

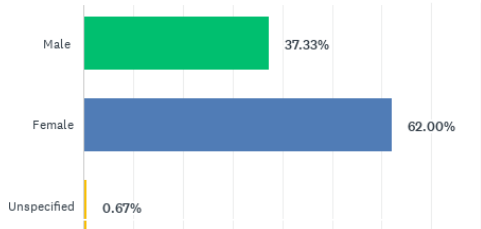
**That the information in the Tourism and Events Managers Report for March 2023 as presented to Council on Monday, 22 May 2023 be noted.**

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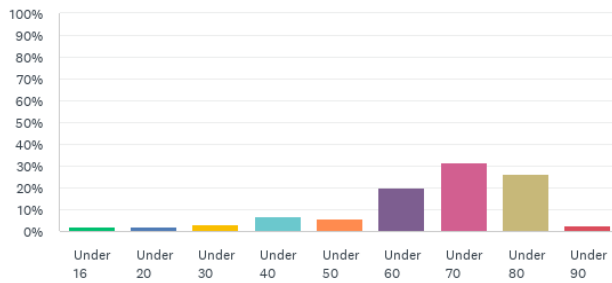
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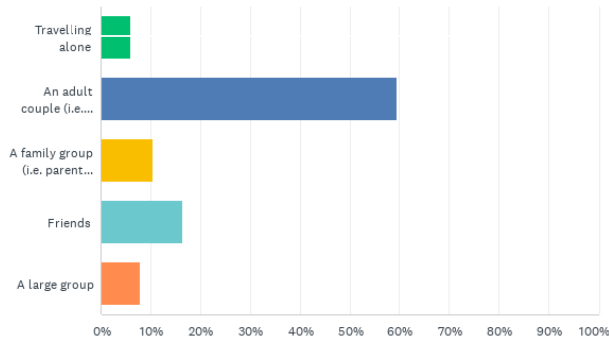
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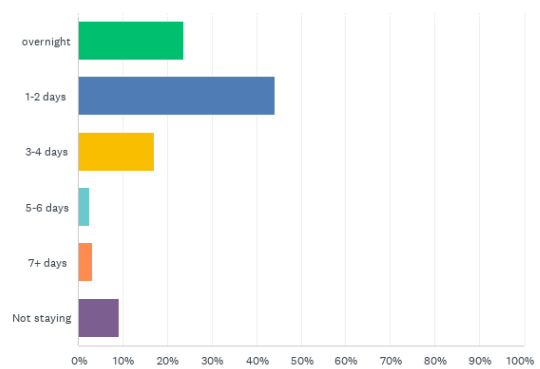
#### WHAT IS YOUR AGE?



#### HOW WOULD YOU DESCRIBE YOUR IMMEDIATE TRAVEL PARTY?

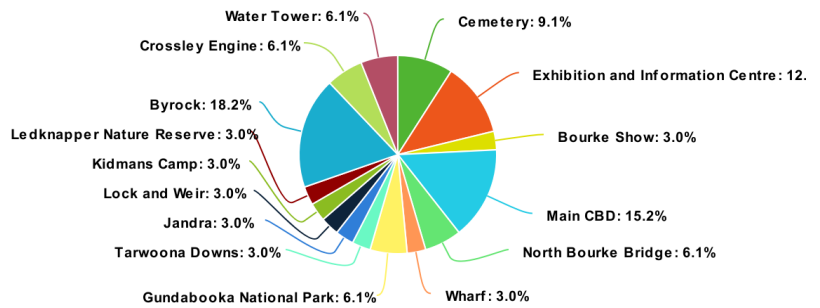
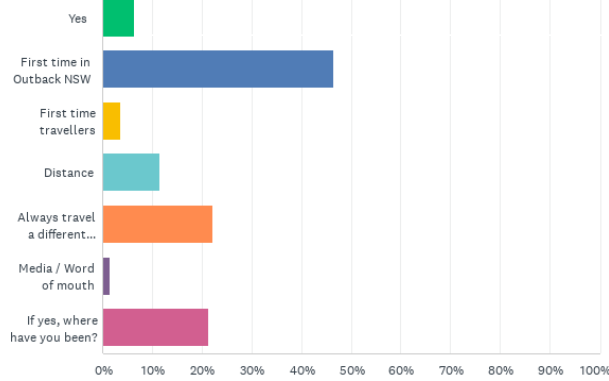


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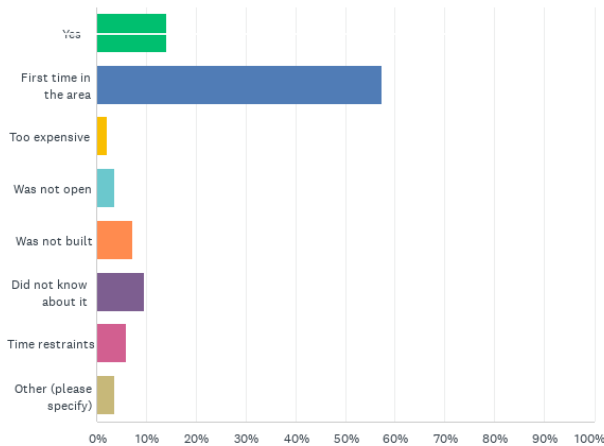


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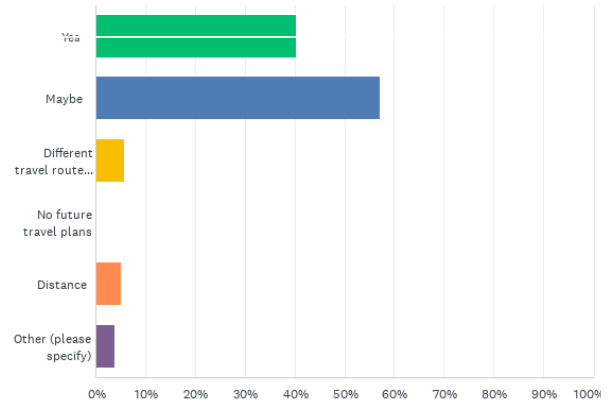
### HAVE YOU BEEN TO BOURKE BEFORE?



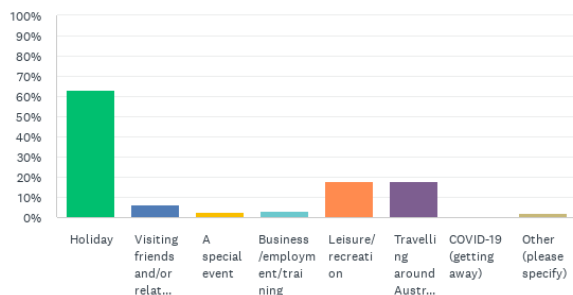
### HAVE YOU BEEN THROUGH BACK O BOURKE CENTRE?



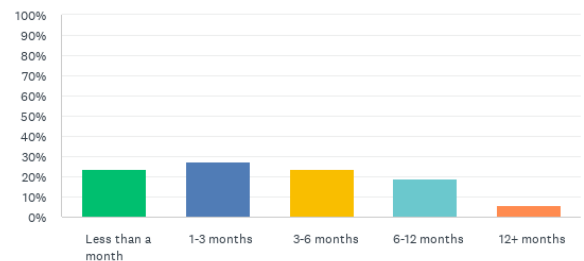
### WILL YOU BE RETURNING TO BOURKE?



### WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF YOUR TRIP?

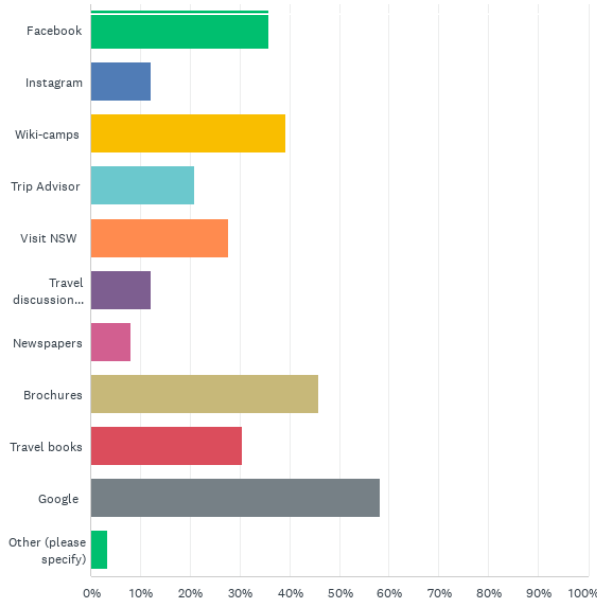


### HOW LONG AGO DID YOU PLAN FOR THIS TRIP?

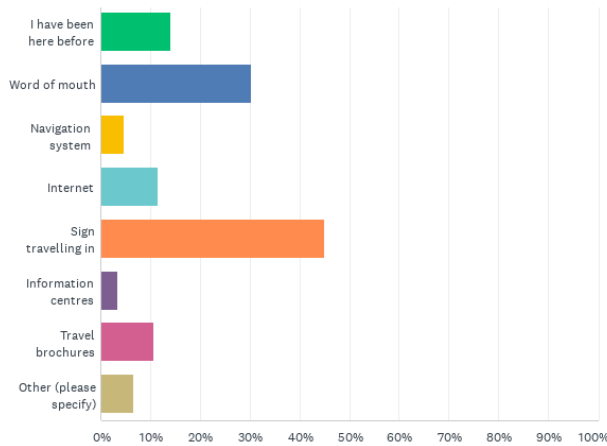


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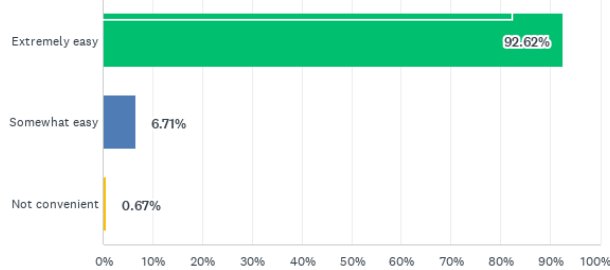
## WHAT FORMS OF MEDIA DO YOU USE TO FIND INFORMATION?



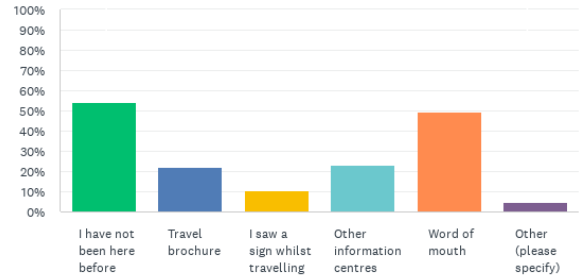
## HOW DID YOU FIND OUT ABOUT THIS INFORMATION CENTRE?



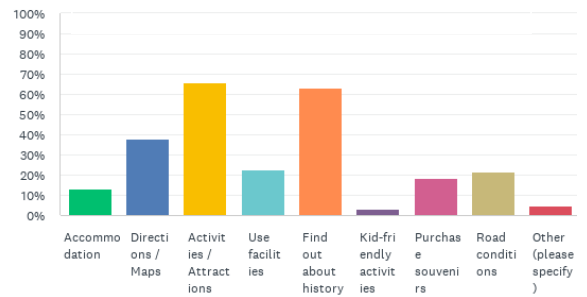
## IN YOUR OPINION, HOW EASY WAS IT TO FIND OUR LOCATION?



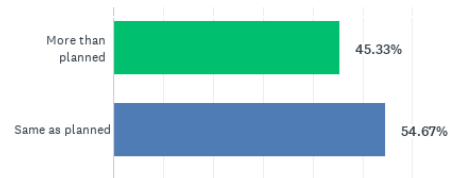
## WHAT DETERMINES YOUR DECISION AS TO WHERE TO GO?



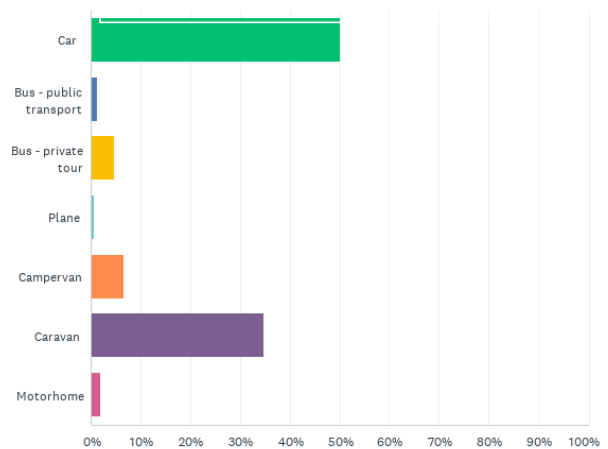
## WHAT INFORMATION ARE YOU LOOKING FOR AT THE INFORMATION CENTRE?



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

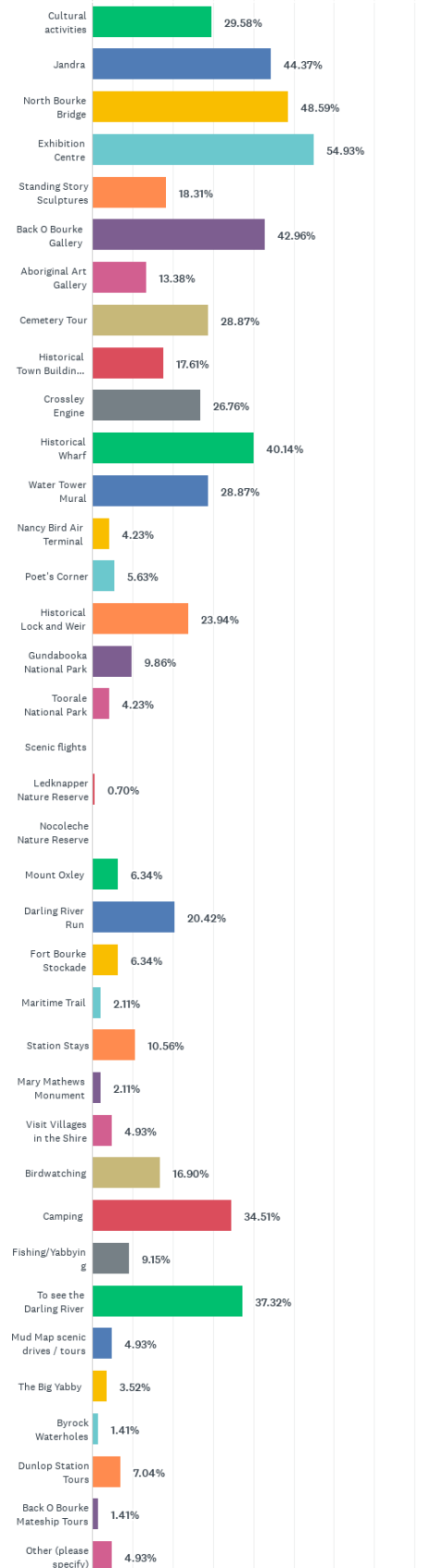


## HOW DID YOU TRAVEL TO BOURKE?



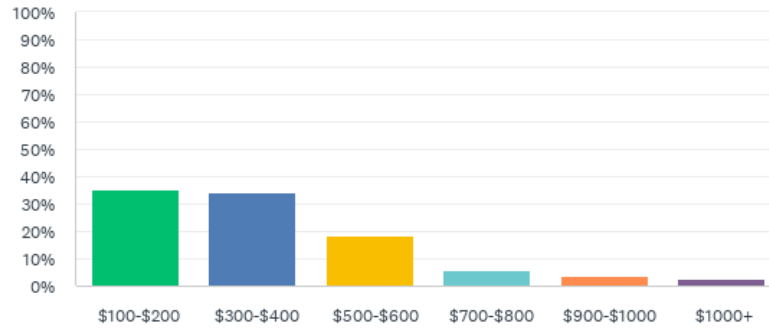
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### WHAT ACTIVITIES HAVE YOU DONE OR PLAN TO DO DURING YOUR STAY?

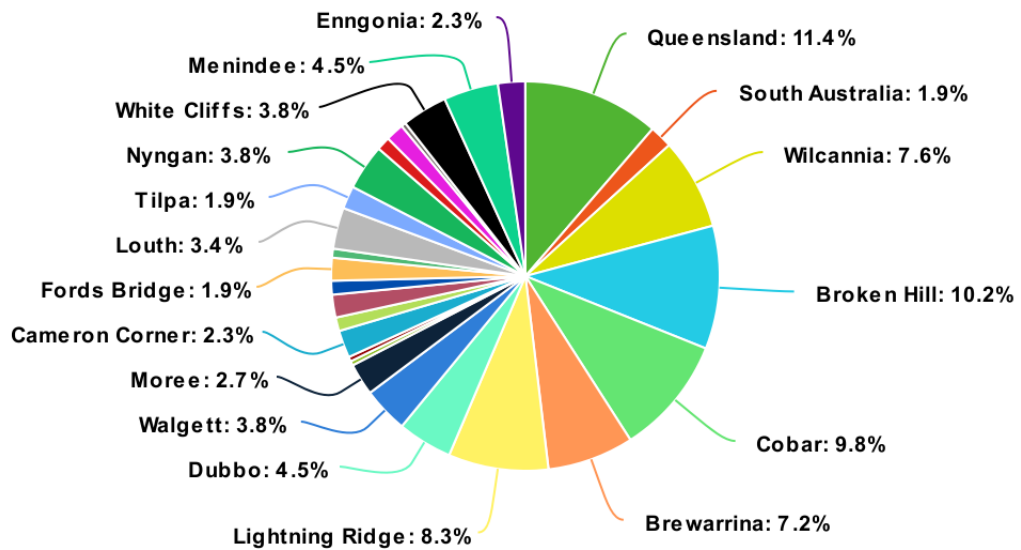


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**OVER THE ENTIRE STAY IN BOURKE, HOW MUCH IN TOTAL, INCLUDING ACCOMMODATION, DO YOU ESTIMATE YOU HAVE/WILL SPEND IN AUSTRALIAN DOLLARS?**



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



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

- “the young girl at the Back O Bourke Information Centre was extremely helpful and very pleasant”
- “Kidmans camp is excellent. Town seems very clean”
- “lovely staff + people are very friendly ☺”
- “lovely centre. Thanks for holding my phone ☺”
- “love Bourke ☺”
- “last 1km of track into stockade is impassable by vehicle, easy walk through”
- We only just arrived in Bourke but if we do we will let you know!”
- “very helpful staff @info centre, thank you!”
- “all good so far! Kidmans camp great”
- “really friendly and welcoming staff. Beautiful facility. Francis is wonderful – she wasn’t wrong about the coffee”
- “after running our own caravan park for more than 20 years and considering involvement with tourism Victoria, your “black book” is the best one we have seen anywhere. Very informative, good information and maps and provides good incentive to stay longer”
- “great place; lots to see + do. Staff at info centre very helpful + knowledgeable”
- “very friendly staff”
- “very friendly”
- “been great”
- “friendly staff. Great café – just what I needed ☺ nice gardens”
- “great location – excellent info centre”
- “info centre was helpful & friendly”
- “been good”
- “loved it”
- “exhibition /museum film is at least 2x to long, needs more content/information that all links directly to the rest of the exhibits (eg women and kids sent to Bourke). Consider increasing the number of exhibits related to women, kids and first nation people – some but mostly white men + no critical modern eye and add labels to all the artefacts. Great staff! Yay a café!”
- “absolutely charming and informative – wonderful time”
- “pleasant”
- “loved back o burke centre. Staff friendly + helpful. Good coffee!”
- “great weather. Lovely caravan park. Friendly & helpful staff at visitor centre (frances!). Thank you”
- ‘all good”
- “beautiful town, very modern and friendly centre”
- “everyone is friendly @ the Chinese managed to cook our T-bone steaks”
- “nice visitor centre, friendly and informative”
- “the cultural centre is excellent. Motel is comfortable. This is the beginning of our tour so only have today for experience so far”
- “back o Bourke gallery magnificent, well done! Thanks for the beautiful weather and amazing night stay”

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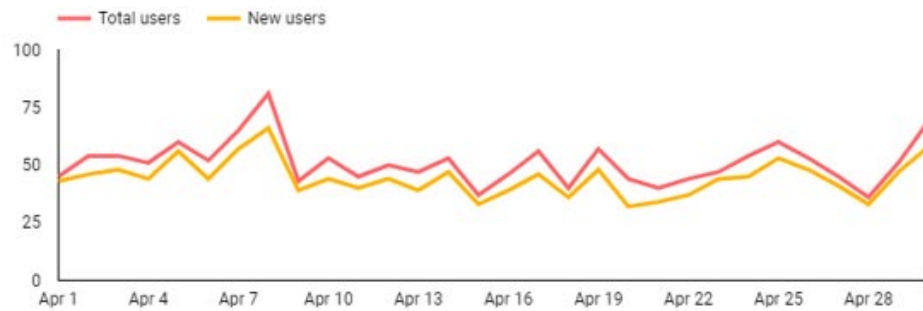
- “welcoming people, appreciated tour guide most helpful”
- “great stop, friendly people, thanks”
- “don’t change anything!”
- “pretty disappointed in Toorale, didn’t actually do river run after homestead and flood out trip”
- “the staff were lovely”
- “the exhibition was great. The movie was absolutely fantastic! Well done”
- “cool place”
- “with the road closures, would be nice if there was able to be an estimate of when road would be open (due to small rain event) and not flooding as happened earlier this year”
- “IGA supermarket – great service. Bakery – always good. Still to do paddle steamer cruise. Kidmans camp – really nice”
- “ very friendly greeting”
- “Great experience from centre. Friendly helpful staff 😊”
- “we loved Bourke. Very surprised to find such a big bustling community. The streets are beautiful”
- “great town”
- “improve aboriginal content in brochure”
- “Kidman caravan park – excellent. Jandra cruise – excellent. Exhibition centre – very good”
- “kidman camp – beautiful grounds but facilities needs a lot of maintenance and repairs”
- “enjoyable couple of days. Very interesting”
- “caravan park was awesome”
- “fantastic and interesting place to visit. Especially interested in the history of the area/outback and the people we have met during our stay and travels”
- “the exhibition centre (as goods it is) has a huge problem with the audio that runs outside room 1. We both had to move to room 2 as we could not concentrate on reading the stories inside due to this loud audio. We have no idea what it is about on the displays in room 1. Room 2 is better but still has some intruding audio.”
- “much to see helpful staff”
- “fantastic museum – very informative”
- “a great centre for exploring the region. Thank goodness there is good coffee in town 😊”
- “very nice town. Beautiful park, lovely people”
- “only passed through previously – now will stop”
- “it has been an incredible journey into your past”
- “good café food! Impressed with state of roads after floods and repairs, thank you”



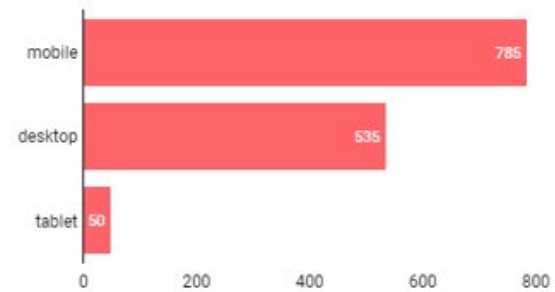
**BOBEC Website Statistics April 2023**

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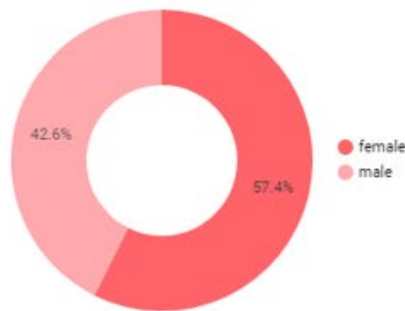
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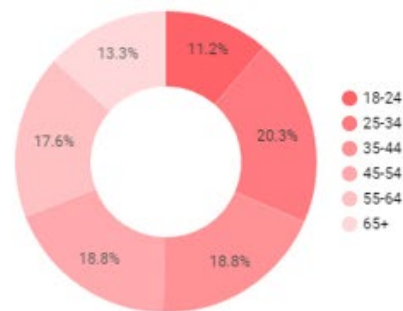
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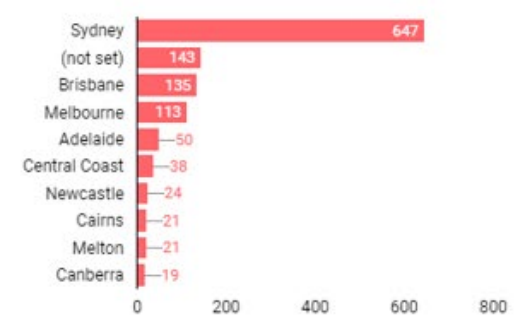
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## 22 CLOSED SESSION

### **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 Tender for Supply and Delivery of Bulk Fuel**

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

#### **22.2 Tender For The Provision Of Bitumen Sealing**

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

