



**BOURKE  
SHIRE  
COUNCIL**

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

**Date: Monday, 24 June 2024**  
**Time: 9.15am**  
**Location: Bourke Shire Council**  
**29 Mitchell Street Bourke NSW**

# **BUSINESS PAPER**

**Ordinary Council Meeting**

**24 June 2024**

**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	Detective Inspector Andrew Barnes	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>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>

<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 4.1of 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:** 1707  
**Author:** Barry Hollman, Mayor  
**Authoriser:** Ross Earl, Acting General Manager  
**Attachments:** Nil

The Activities of the Mayor from 18 May 2024 to 14 June 2024 were as follows:

<b>Date</b>	<b>Meeting</b>	<b>Location</b>
23/05/2024	BOBEC B5 Business Case Team Meeting	Council Chambers
27/05/2024	Bourke Shire Council Meeting	Council Chambers
27/05/2024	Pre School Consultation with representatives from the NSW Department of Education and Bourke and District Children Services	Council Chambers
30/05/2024	Meeting with Justine Campbell from RDA Orana	Old Darling Store
01/06/2024	Opening of the 150 <sup>TH</sup> Bourke Pastoral and Agricultural Show	Renshaw Sporting Complex
04/06/2024	Meeting with Ross Earl A/GM	Conference Room
12/06/2024	Meeting with representatives from Minister Moriarty’s Office regarding funding for regional and remote airports.	Bourke Airport
13-14/06/2024	Western Division of Councils Conference	The Pavilion, Ward Park, Cobar

**Recommendation**

**That the information in the Mayoral Minute – Mayoral Activities Report as presented to Council on Monday, 24 June 2024, be noted.**

**8 STARRING OF ITEMS**

**9 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

Ordinary Council Meeting - 27 May 2024

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**BOURKE  
SHIRE  
COUNCIL**

# **MINUTES**

**Ordinary Council Meeting**

**27 May 2024**



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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, 27 MAY 2024 AT 9.15AM**

**PRESENT:** Cr Barry Hollman (Mayor), Cr Victor Bartley, Cr Sarah Barton (via AV Link), 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:** Ross Earl (Acting General Manager – via AV Link), Peter Brown (Manager Works), Chris Morrall (Acting Manager Roads), Melanie Milgate (Manager Economic Development), Ang Pasang Rai (Manager Corporate Services), Dwayne Willoughby (Manager Environmental Services), Margo Anderson (Executive Assistant - Minutes)

The Mayor extended a welcome to Acting General Manager, Mr Ross Earl who, due to COVID, joined the meeting via Audio Visual Link as per Councils Code of Meeting Practice.

**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 memory of the following recently deceased:

Harriett Buster	Allan 'Moose' Collis	Walter John Dwyer	Aileen Hayburn
John Holmes	Jane Johnson	Terence O'Sullivan	Mathew Regan
David Rose	Dot Stevenson	Robyn Wade "nee Holmes"	Doug Waters
Charlie Young			

**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 Cr Sarah Barton who was unable to attend the meeting due to personal reasons.

### **Resolution 2024/85**

**Moved: Cr Robert Stutsel**

**Seconded: Cr Grace Ridge**

**That Cr Sarah Barton be permitted to attend the meeting via Audio-Visual link given her inability to attend in person due to personal reasons.**

**Carried**

## ATTENDANCE BY AUDIO VISUAL LINK BY THE GENERAL MANAGER

The meeting noted the attendance via Audio Visual Link of Council's Acting General Manager, Mr Ross Earl.

### **Resolution 2024/86**

**Moved: Cr Sally Davis**

**Seconded: Cr Cec Dorrington**

**That it be noted that attendance by Acting General Manager, Mr Ross Earl, at the May 2024 meeting of Council is via Audio Visual Link as per Council's Code of Meeting Practice.**

**Carried**

## 6 DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

Cr Sarah Barton declared a pecuniary conflict of interest in Item 12.3 of the Ordinary Council Meeting Agenda: Business Arising Report - Notice of Motion – Proposed Motel. The reason for such interest is that Cr Barton and her husband own and operate an accommodation facility in Bourke, which the subject report relates to. In making this declaration, Cr Barton advised that she would turn off the AV Link and be out of sight should Council separately consider this matter as part of Item 12.3 of the Ordinary Council Agenda.

Cr Sarah Barton declared a pecuniary conflict of interest in Item 12.3 of the Ordinary Council Meeting Agenda: Business Arising Report – Tender for the Provision of Building Trades and Services. The reason for such interest is that Cr Barton's husband owns and operates a business that has submitted a tender in this matter. In making this declaration, Cr Barton advised that she would turn off the AV Link and be out of sight should Council separately consider this matter as part of Item 12.3 of the Ordinary Council Agenda.

Cr Sally Davis declared a pecuniary conflict of interest in Item 12.3 of the Ordinary Council Meeting 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 this declaration, Cr Davis advised she would leave the Chamber and be out of sight should Council separately consider this matter as part of Item 12.3 of the Ordinary Council Agenda.

Cr Grace Ridge declared a pecuniary conflict of interest in Item 12.3 of the Ordinary Council Meeting 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 in the report. In making this declaration, Cr Ridge advised she would leave the Chamber and be out of sight should Council separately consider this matter as part of Item 12.3 of the Ordinary Council Agenda.

Cr Nathan Ryan declared a non-pecuniary and less than significant interest in Item 12.3 of the Ordinary Council Meeting Agenda – Business Arising, Proposed Sale of Land to Bourke Aboriginal Corporation Health Service. The reason for such interest is that Cr Ryan is a contractor to the Bourke Aboriginal Corporation Health Service (BACHS), providing yard and property maintenance to Doctor's houses. In making this declaration Cr Ryan advised that should Council separately consider this matter as part of Item 12.3 of the Ordinary Council Agenda he would remain in the Chamber but would not contribute during Council's consideration of the matter.

At this juncture, Cr Sarah Barton left the meeting, as her camera was not working and she could not be seen by meeting attendees, the time being 9.20am.

At this juncture, Cr Sarah Barton returned to the meeting, with her camera now on, the time being 9.22am.

## **7 MAYORAL MINUTE**

### **7.1 MAYORAL MINUTE - MAYORAL ACTIVITIES**

**File Number: 1707**

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

**Resolution 2024/87**

**Moved: Cr Barry Hollman**

**That the information in the Mayoral Minute – Mayoral Activities Report as presented to Council on Monday, 27 May 2024, 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.

<b>Item No</b>	<b>Name of Report</b>	<b>Officer</b>
14.1	Davidson Oval Draft Master Plan	Manager Planning, Regulatory and Environmental Services
21.1	Engineering Services – Road Works and Workshop Activity Report	Manager Roads
21.3	Planning, Regulatory and Environmental Services Activity Report	Manager Planning, Regulatory and Environmental Services
21.6	Tourism and Events Activity Report	Manager Economic Development

**Resolution 2024/88**

**Moved: Cr Sally Davis**

**Seconded: Cr Robert Stutsel**

That the the recommendations as detailed in the un-starred items as contained in the agenda for the Ordinary Meeting of Council, held on Monday, 27 May 2024 be adopted save and except for items 14.1, 21.1, 21.3 and 21.6 of the Agenda, with such items to be considered seperately.

**Carried**

**9 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

**Resolution 2024/89**

**Moved: Cr Cec Dorrington**

**Seconded: Cr Victor Bartley**

That the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 22 April 2024 be 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**

Nil

## 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 2024/90**

**Moved: Cr Sally Davis**

**Seconded: Cr Robert Stutsel**

**That the report of the General Manager regarding the Calendar of Events, as presented to Council on Monday, 27 May 2024, 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 2024/91**

**Moved: Cr Sally Davis**

**Seconded: Cr Robert Stutsel**

**That the report of the General Manager regarding Information to Councillors, as presented to Council on Monday, 27 May 2024, be noted.**

**Carried**

At this juncture, Cr Sarah Barton left the meeting, the time being 9.32am.

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

**File Number: C12.1**

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

**Resolution 2024/92**

**Moved: Cr Victor Bartley**

**Seconded: Cr Robert Stutsel**

**That the report of the General Manager regarding Business Arising, as presented to Council on Monday, 27 May 2024, be noted.**

**Carried**

At this juncture, Cr Sarah Barton returned to the meeting, the time being 9.34am.

**13 ENGINEERING SERVICES DEPARTMENT**

Nil

**14 ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES & DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT**

**14.1 DAVIDSON OVAL DRAFT MASTER PLAN**

**File Number: 2976**

The Council had before it the report of the Manager Planning, Regulatory and Environmental Services regarding the Davidson Oval Draft Master Plan.

**Resolution 2024/93**

**Moved: Cr Robert Stutsel**

**Seconded: Cr Victor Bartley**

- 1. That the Davidson Oval Draft Master Plan be adopted for the purposes of public consultation.**
- 2. That the Davidson Oval Draft Master Plan be placed on public exhibition for a period of 28 days during June 2024.**
- 3. That the public exhibition of the Draft Master Plan be notified to the community via social media and the Western Herald, as a minimum.**
- 4. That a report on the outcome of such public exhibition and comment be provided to Council in July 2024 with a view to finalisation of the Master Plan.**

**Carried**

**15 GENERAL MANAGER**

**15.1 \*\*\* PROPOSED NAMING OF NORTH BOURKE OVAL**

**File Number: 1355**

The Council had before it the report of the General Manager regarding the Proposed Naming of North Bourke Oval.

**Resolution 2024/94**

**Moved: Cr Sally Davis**

**Seconded: Cr Robert Stutsel**

**That Council proceed to submit the proposal to rename the cricket ground at North Bourke "The Neville Simpson Memorial Sports Ground" to the Geographical Names Board.**

**Carried**



## 15.2 \*\*\* COUNCILLOR REMUNERATION FOR 2024/2025

**File Number: C11.2**

The Council had before it the report of the Acting General Manager regarding the Councillor Remuneration for 2024/2025.

### Resolution 2024/95

**Moved: Cr Victor Bartley**  
**Seconded: Cr Robert Stutsel**

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 \$13,520 and \$29,500 to the Councillors and Mayor, respectively.

**Carried**

## 15.3 \*\*\* AUDIT RISK AND IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE - MEETING MINUTES

**File Number: 20383**

The Council had before it the report of the Acting General Manager regarding the Audit Risk and Improvement Committee - Meeting Minutes.

### Resolution 2024/96

**Moved: Cr Cec Dorrington**  
**Seconded: Cr Robert Stutsel**

1. That the minutes of the meeting of the Audit Risk and Improvement Committee held on 16 May 2024, be adopted.
2. That Council adopt the amended Terms of Reference for the Audit Risk and Improvement Committee.

**Carried**

**16 CORPORATE SERVICES DEPARTMENT**

**16.1 \*\*\* BANK RECONCILIATION AND STATEMENT OF BANK BALANCES - 30 APRIL 2024**

**File Number: 2108**

The Council had before it the report of the Manager Corporate Services regarding the Bank Reconciliation and Statement of Bank Balances - 30 April 2024.

**Resolution 2024/97**

**Moved: Cr Cec Dorrington**

**Seconded: Cr Sally Davis**

**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 2024 be noted.**

**Carried**

**16.2 \*\*\* INVESTMENT PORTFOLIO REPORT AS AT 30 APRIL 2024**

**File Number: 2101**

The Council had before it the report of the Manager Corporate Services regarding the Investment Portfolio Report as at 30 April 2024.

**Resolution 2024/98**

**Moved: Cr Cec Dorrington**

**Seconded: Cr Sally Davis**

- 1. That the report of the Manager Corporate Services regarding Council's Investment Portfolio as at 30 April 2024, as presented to Council on Monday, 27 May 2024, be received and noted.**
- 2. That the Certificate of the Responsible Accounting Officer be noted, and the report adopted.**

**Carried**

**16.3 \*\*\* OPERATIONAL PLAN 2024/2025**

**File Number: P4.2.1**

The Council had before it the report of the Manager Corporate Services regarding the Operational Plan 2024/2025.

**Resolution 2024/99**

**Moved: Cr Robert Stutsel**

**Seconded: Cr Victor Bartley**

1. That Councils 2024/2025 Operational Plan, inclusive of Councils 2024/2025 Budget and 2024/2025 Statement of Revenue Policy, as exhibited, be adopted by Council for implementation commencing 1 July 2024.
2. That Council's 2024/2025 Fees and Charges document be amended, to reflect:
  - a) the expanded Interment Services Levy in accordance with the Statutory Review of the Cemeteries and Crematoria Act as follows:

Cemetery Fee Description	2024/2025 Fee
Excavation of plot without monument	\$1,056.00
Excavation of plot with monument	\$1,336.00
Weekend Excavation charge without monument	\$1,506.00
Weekend Excavation charge with monument	\$1,656.00
Interment of Ashes into pre purchased plot	\$118.00

- b) the correct Water Availability/Access Charges as follows:

Water Availability/Access Charge	2024/2025 Charge
20 mm Availability/Service - Raw	\$585.00
20 mm Availability/Service - Filtered	\$231.00
25 mm Availability/Service - Raw	\$600.00
25 mm Availability/Service - Filtered	\$284.00
32 mm Availability/Service - Raw	\$1,228.00
32 mm Availability/Service - Filtered	\$583.00
40 mm Availability/Service - Raw	\$1,902.00
40 mm Availability/Service - Filtered	\$798.00
50 mm Availability/Service - Raw	\$3,580.00
50 mm Availability/Service - Filtered	\$1,093.00

3. That Council's 2024/2025 Fees and Charges, as exhibited and as subsequently amended, be adopted by Council for implementation commencing 1 July 2024.
4. That Council's 2024/2025 Plant Replacement Schedule, 2024/2025 Sale of Plant Schedule and Councils 2024/2025 Loan Borrowing Schedule to borrow up to \$708,500, all as included in Councils 2024/2025 Operational Plan, as exhibited, be adopted.

5. That Authority be given to affix the Common Seal of Council to all relevant documents in relation to the 2024/2025 Loan Schedule.
6. That a copy of Councils adopted 2024/2025 Operational Plan be uploaded to Councils website.

Carried

**16.4 \*\*\* THE MAKING OF RATES AND CHARGES 2024/2025**

**File Number: F1.2-P4.2**

The Council had before it the report of the Manager Corporate Services regarding the Making of Rates and Charges 2024/2025.

**Resolution 2024/100**

**Moved: Cr Robert Stutsel**

**Seconded: Cr Sam Rice**

**(a) Ordinary Rates 2024/2025.**

That WHEREAS the draft Operational Plan and Revenue Policy for the year 01/07/2024 to 30/06/2025 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 2024 to 30 June 2025:

Type of Rate	Cents in \$ Ad Valorem	\$ Base Amount	% Base Amt Payable – 2024/2025
Ordinary Rates – Bourke – Residential	0.018716	\$150.00	30.54%
Ordinary Rates – North Bourke & High Street – Residential	0.011564	\$122.00	13.17%
Ordinary Rates – Village – Residential	0.03462	\$43.00	34.57%
Ordinary Rates – Business	0.015682	\$208.00	25.28%
Ordinary Rates -Farmland	0.002147	\$606.00	17.45%
Ordinary Rates – Mining	0.016707	\$546.00	0%

**(b) User Charges /Annual Charges – Water, Sewerage and Urban Drainage 2024/2025.**

That WHEREAS the draft Operational Plan and Revenue Policy for the year 1/7/2024 to 30/6/2025 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 2024 to 30 June 2025 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		\$2.50
<b>Water Access Charges</b>		
Filtered Water Access 20mm	\$231.00	
Filtered Water Access 25mm	\$284.00	
Filtered Water Access 32mm	\$583.00	
Filtered Water Access 40mm	\$798.00	
Filtered Water Access 50mm	\$1,095.00	
Filtered Water Access 100mm	\$2,193.00	
Filtered Water Access 150mm	\$4,274.00	
Raw Water Access 20mm	\$585.00	
Raw Water Access 25mm	\$600.00	
Raw Water Access 32mm	\$1,228.00	
Raw Water Access 40mm	\$1,902.00	
Raw Water Access 50mm	\$3,580.00	
Raw Water Access 100mm	\$5,963.00	
Raw Water Access 150mm	\$11,928.00	
Village – Occupied	\$865.00	
Village - Unoccupied	\$99.00	

ii) Sewerage Services:

Sewerage Access Charges	Annual Access Charge \$
Sewerage Access - Single	\$850.00
Sewerage Access - Multi	\$850.00

iii) Drainage Services:

Annual Drainage Service Charge	Annual Charge \$
Drainage Charge Levy	\$193.00

(c) Annual Domestic Waste Management Service and Trade Waste (Garbage) Charges 2024/2025.

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	\$307.00
Trade Waste (Garbage) Charge	\$307.00
Village Tip Maintenance	\$104.00

(d) Fees and Charges 2024/2025.

That WHEREAS the draft Operational Plan and Revenue Policy for the year 01/07/2024 to 30/06/2025 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 2024/2025 Fees and Charges Document and in accordance with S501 of the *Local Government Act 1993*.

Carried

At this juncture, Cr Victor Bartley departed the meeting for personal reasons, the time being 9.54am.

## 17 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

### 17.1 WORK IN BOURKE RECRUITMENT VIDEO

File Number: 20594

The Council had before it the report of the Manager Economic Development regarding the Work In Bourke Recruitment Video.

Resolution 2024/101

Moved: Cr Sally Davis

Seconded: Cr Robert Stutsel

That the information in the Manager of Economic Development report regarding the Work In Bourke recruitment video as presented to Council on Monday, 27 May 2024, be noted.

Carried

**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 ACTIVITY REPORT**

**File Number: 1945**

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

**Resolution 2024/102**

**Moved: Cr Lachlan Ford**

**Seconded: Cr Sally Davis**

- 1. That the report of the Manager Roads regarding Engineering Services – Road Works and Workshop Activity, as presented to Council on Monday, 27 May 2024, be noted.**
- 2. That the General Manager be requested to provide a report to Council which outlines the licensing and operational requirements, including estimated costings, in respect of Council potentially operating a sand and gravel quarry that would supply products to the local community.**

**Carried**

**21.2 ENGINEERING SERVICES - PARKS AND GARDENS, TOWN SERVICES, WATER AND WASTE WATER ACTIVITY REPORT**

**File Number: E7.1**

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

**Resolution 2024/103**

**Moved: Cr Sally Davis**

**Seconded: Cr Robert Stutsel**

**That the report of the Manager Works regarding Engineering Services - Parks and Gardens, Town Services and Water and Wastewater Activity, as presented to Council on Monday, 27 May 2024, be noted.**

**Carried**

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

**File Number: 1102, 1322, 1059, 1165**

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

**Resolution 2024/104**

**Moved: Cr Sally Davis**

**Seconded: Cr Robert Stutsel**

**That the report of the Manager Environmental Services regarding Planning, Regulatory and Environmental Services Activity, as presented to Council on Monday, 27 May 2024, be noted.**

**Carried**

**21.4 GENERAL MANAGER'S ACTIVITY REPORT**

**File Number: 4170**

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

**Resolution 2024/105**

**Moved: Cr Sally Davis**

**Seconded: Cr Robert Stutsel**

**That the report of the General Manager regarding General Manager Activity for April 2024, as presented to Council on Monday, 27 May 2024, be noted.**

**Carried**



## 21.5 LIBRARY ACTIVITY REPORT

**File Number:** 2780

The Council had before it the report of the Library Manager regarding the Library Activity Report.

**Resolution 2024/106**

**Moved:** Cr Sally Davis

**Seconded:** Cr Robert Stutsel

**That the report of the Library Manager regarding Library Activity for the month of April 2024, as presented to Council on Monday, 27 May 2024, be noted.**

**Carried**

## 21.6 TOURISM AND EVENTS ACTIVITY REPORT

**File Number:** T4.3

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

**Resolution 2024/107**

**Moved:** Cr Cec Dorrington

**Seconded:** Cr Sally Davis

**That the report of the Coordinator Tourism regarding Tourism and Events Activity for April 2024, as presented to Council on Monday, 27 May 2024, be noted.**

**Carried**

## 22 CLOSED SESSION

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

**Resolution 2024/108**

**Moved:** Cr Cec Dorrington

**Seconded:** Cr Sam Rice

**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 22/24 Provision of Pavement Reconstruction - Bourke Urban Areas**

**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 23/24 Supply and Delivery of Aggregates and Raw Materials**

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 10.08am.

**22.1 \*\*\* TENDER 22/24 PROVISION OF PAVEMENT RECONSTRUCTION - BOURKE URBAN AREAS**

**File Number: 20573**

The Council had before it the report of the Manager Roads regarding the Tender 22/24 Provision of Pavement Reconstruction - Bourke Urban Areas.

**Resolution 2024/109**

**Moved: Cr Cec Dorrington**

**Seconded: Cr Lachlan Ford**

- 1. That Stabilised Pavements of Australia Pty Ltd be awarded the contract as the Single Source supplier to Bourke Shire Council for the Urban Streets Pavement Reconstruction Project in the amount of \$316,110.88 (inc. GST)**
- 2. That the documents and considerations in respect of this matter remain confidential to Council.**

Carried

**22.2 \*\*\* TENDER 23/24 SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF AGGREGATES AND RAW MATERIALS**

**File Number: 20574**

The Council had before it the report of the Manager Roads regarding the \*\*\* Tender 23/24 Supply and Delivery of Aggregates and Raw Materials.

**Resolution 2024/110**

**Moved: Cr Sally Davis**

**Seconded: Cr Sam Rice**

1. That the tenders received for the Supply and Delivery of Aggregates and Raw Materials to Bourke Shire Council from Boral Resources (NSW) Pty Ltd and Holcim Australia Pty Ltd be accepted on a best fit for purpose basis as the Panel Source suppliers to Bourke Shire Council for the period 1 July 2024 to 30 June 2026.
2. That a provision be allowed for a 12-month extension based on satisfactory supplier performance, which may take this contract through to 30 June 2027.
3. That the documents and considerations in respect of this matter remain confidential to Council.

**Carried**

**Resolution 2024/111**

**Moved: Cr Sally Davis**

**Seconded: Cr Grace Ridge**

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

**Carried**

Open Council resumed at 10.14am.

**RESOLUTIONS FROM CLOSED SESSION OF COUNCIL**

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

**The meeting closed at 10.20am.**

**The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 24 June 2024.**

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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>2024</b>				
June	24	9.15am	Council Meeting	Council Chamber
July	2 - 4		Australian Local Government Association Conference	Canberra
July	8 - 11		Murray Darling Basin Association Conference	Tamworth
July	22	9.15am	Council Meeting	Council Chamber
July	23 - 25		Water Management Conference	Goulburn
July	26		Border Regional Organisation of Councils	Walgett
August	9		Country Mayors Association	Sydney
August	15	8.30am	ARIC Meeting	Conference Room
August	26	9.15am	Council Meeting	Council Chamber
September	14		Council Elections	Bourke

**Recommendation**

**That the report of the General Manager regarding the Calendar of Events, as presented to Council on Monday, 24 June 2024, 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 17 May 2024 to 14 June 2024 follows:

Date	Information Sent	Author	Email
20/05/2024	Coulton's Catch Up – Monday, 20 May 2024	Mark Coulton, MP	✓
20/05/2024	First LGE24 candidate webinar is tomorrow	NSW Electoral Commission	✓
20/05/2024	Various items of interest to Local Government	RDA Orana	✓
21/05/2024	The Weekly Newsletter, 21 May 2024	Local Government NSW	✓
22/05/2024	Acting GMs Column for publication – 23 May 2024	Ross Earl	✓
22/05/2024	Business Papers for the May Ordinary and Closed Session Council Meeting on Monday, 27 May 2024	Ross Earl	✓
23/05/2024	Country Mayors submission - "Community safety in regional and rural communities"	Country Mayors Association	✓
28/05/2024	Coulton's Catch Up - Monday 27 May 2024	Mark Coulton, MP	✓
28/05/2024	News from the Barwon Electorate	Roy Butler, MP	✓
28/05/2024	Various items of interest to Local Government	RDA Orana	✓
28/05/2024	Minutes of the May 2024 Council Meeting	Ross Earl	✓
30/05/2024	Acting GMs Column for publication – 30 May 2024	Ross Earl	✓
30/05/2024	Circular to Councils 24-06 Privacy and the Mandatory Notification of Data Breach Scheme	Office of Local Government	✓
31/05/2024	Professional Development Opportunities for Councillors	Local Government NSW	✓
03/06/2024	Various items of interest to Local Government	RDA Orana	✓
04/06/2024	Help us find those amazing Aussies in your community	National Australia Day Council	✓
04/06/2024	The Weekly Newsletter, 04 June 2024	Local Government NSW	✓
05/06/2024	Acting GMs Column for publication – 6 June 2024	Ross Earl	✓
11/06/2024	Coulton's Catch Up – Monday, 10 June 2024	Mark Coulton, MP	✓
11/06/2024	Various items of interest to Local Government	RDA Orana	✓
11/06/2024	News from the Barwon Electorate	Roy Butler, MP	✓
12/06/2024	Acting GMs Column for publication – 13 June 2024	Ross Earl	✓

13/06/2024	NSW Recorded Crime Statistics Quarterly Update March 2024	NSW Bureau of Crime Statistics and Research	✓
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**Recommendation**

**That the report of the Acting General Manager regarding Information to Councillors, as presented to Council on Monday, 24 June 2024, be noted.**

**12.3 \*\*\* BUSINESS ARISING REPORT**

**File Number:** C12.1  
**Author:** Ross Earl, Acting General Manager  
**Authoriser:** Ross Earl, Acting 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	MED MANAGER ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

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

**RESOLUTION**

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.
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).
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:
  - RLR 5 – Caronga Peak to Wilga Downs (23km / no bridge);
  - RLR50 - Moleyarrah Road – Wanaaring to Hungerford (86.82km / no bridge);
  - RLR44 – Janina Road – Louth to Wanaaring (85.7km / no bridge);
  - RLR49 – West Culgoa Road – Bourke to Weilmoringle (82.82km / single lane bridge).

**ACTION TAKEN**

1. Submission to Review Panel prepared and submitted.
2. Additional information and financial data requested for consideration 23 August 2022. Information provided.
3. No Further information to date.
4. Representation made through the Country Mayors Association to accelerate the Regional Roads Reclassification and Transfer Programs.



5. The General Manager made contact with Minister Aitchison’s office and arranged a meeting with the Minister 23 November 2023 in Sydney.
6. Meeting held with Minister in Sydney 23 November 2023.
7. Meeting held with Minister Aitchison in Bourke Monday 8 January 2024 who requested previous reclassification report be forwarded to the Ministers office for information. Report forwarded.

2022/96 and 2023/60 April and March Meetings 2024/62 March Meeting 2024/83 April Meeting	NORTH BOURKE STORMWATER DRAINAGE
RESPONSIBLE OFFICER	LEONIE BROWN - GENERAL MANAGER
FILE NO	D6.1, D6.2, V 1.6

**RESOLUTION**

1. That the information in the report of the General Manager from March 2022 be noted.
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.
3. That the Mayor and General Manager be requested to brief Mr G Seiler on the progress of this matter.
4. That the documents and considerations in respect of this matter remain confidential to Council.

**March 2024**

1. That a workshop of Councillors be convened for the purpose of considering options to progress and ultimately address the stormwater drainage issue in North Bourke, with a view to a report being submitted to Council at its April 2024 meeting.
2. That the documents and consideration in this matter remain confidential to Council.

**April 2024**

1. That Council confirm its previously resolved position to pursue the construction of a stormwater detention basin and required infrastructure on 2.21ha of land fronting Warrego St, North Bourke owned by Mr Robert and Mrs Sally Davis 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.
2. That Council continues to seek the formal agreement of Mr Robert and Mrs Sally Davis for the purchase by Council of a 2.21 ha portion of Lot 212 Deposited Plan 787811, as owned by them.
3. That it be noted that a new valuation in respect of the value of the 2.21ha of land has been sought.
4. That the Mayor, Deputy Mayor, and General Manager be requested to further meet with Mr and Mrs Davis in respect of the proposed land acquisition, following the receipt of the updated valuation for the proposed land.
5. That where agreement is reached for the acquisition of this 2.21ha of land, a further report be provided to Council which details the agreement between the parties for Councils resolution.
6. That in the event of no formal response being received or a response not agreeing to the sale of the land by 30 June 2024 from Mr and Mrs Davis, Council further consider its position in respect of the land matter at its July 2024 meeting.
7. That the documents and considerations in respect of this matter remain confidential to Council.

**ACTION TAKEN**

1. Investigations into land proceeding.
2. Mayor and GM have briefed Mr Seiler.
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.
4. Further update meeting held in June 2022 with Mr Seiler involving Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Messrs Riley and Brown.
5. Monthly progress reports to be provided to Mr Seiler by Council.
6. Structural Engineer engaged by Insurers inspected property on 8 September 2022.
7. Meeting held with landowners to the north of Warrego Street with a view to a portion of this land being acquired and utilised for the construction of a detention pond. Further information being sought for a future meeting.
8. Further information received and provided to the landowners to the north of Warrego Street with subsequent discussions held.
9. Structural Engineers Report received. Comprehensive report being developed for Workshop of Councillors in March 2023.
10. Workshop held 20 March 2023. Workshop report including recommendation included in March 2023 Business Paper.
11. Council in March 2023 (2023/60) resolved:
  - 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.
  - 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.
  - 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.
  - not pursue the purchase of the Seiler property located in Namoi St, North Bourke.
12. Meeting with Mr and Mrs Davis requested and pursued. Council's Solicitor, Insurer and Mr G Seiler advised of Council's resolution accordingly.
13. Meeting with Mr and Mrs Davis, as per March 2023 resolution, held on 26 July 2023.
14. Further technical advice to be sourced by Council from consulting engineer, prior to further discussions being held with Mr and Mrs Davis, noting that consulting engineer has been on extended leave returning mid-October 2023.
15. Meeting to be held with Mr and Mrs Davis 29 November 2023 to further discuss technical advice received.
16. Meeting held and advice discussed. Awaiting advice from landowners as to intention to sell 2.21ha of their land to Council for the purpose of Council constructing a retarding basin.
17. See report included in February 2024 Business Paper.
18. Due to lack of quorum at the February 2024 Ordinary Meeting of Council for this report, the matter was referred to the March Ordinary Meeting of Council. Report included in March 2024 Closed Council Business Paper.
19. Workshop held Thursday, 4 April 2024 and, report submitted to April 2024 Council meeting. Letter provided to Mr and Mrs Davis.
20. Revised valuation received. Further letter provided to Mr and Mrs Davis 17 May 2024.

2022/161 and 2023/42 July and March Meetings	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 Crown Reserve for the purposes of caravanning and camping be noted.</li> <li>2. That Council not pursue the development of a primitive campground to allow camping at the North Bourke Boat Ramp Crown Reserve and having regard to this position, camping in this reserve not be permissible and appropriate signage be maintained.</li> <li>3. That Council enter into discussions with TfNSW with a view to the sealed section of road reserve leading to the old North Bourke Bridge being designated for use by light and recreational travellers as a Rest Area, for a trial period ending 12 months after the opening of such road reserve as a rest area, should it be approved.</li> <li>4. At the end of this period it would be proposed that a report on the trial be provided to Council to review usage and issues, including any impact on accommodation providers in Bourke.</li> <li>5. That Council investigate further opportunities to promote Bourke as an RV friendly town.</li> </ol>	
<b>ACTION TAKEN</b>	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Contact made with Transport for NSW (TfNSW).</li> <li>2. Awaiting response from TfNSW.</li> <li>3. Further follow up with TfNSW. Cobar Shire have advised they are having similar issues.</li> <li>4. Further contact made with Transport for NSW.</li> <li>5. Follow up report included in March 2023 Business Paper.</li> <li>6. At the March 2023 Ordinary Meeting of Council the following resolution (2023/42) was carried. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• That the information in respect of the potential usage of the Polygonum Swamp Road be noted.</li> <li>• That Council not pursue the development of a Rest Area to allow camping on the side of the Polygonum Swamp Road.</li> <li>• 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.</li> </ul> </li> <li>7. Meeting held with representatives from Crown Lands Monday, 26 June 2023. Identified land at North Bourke behind Darling Street that might be a Public Recreation Reserve. Free camping may be allowable with infrastructure upgrades - to be determined with a further report to be presented to Council when all details are available.</li> <li>8. Funding application submitted for LRCI funding to provide infrastructure once a suitable site is agreed upon.</li> <li>9. Funding application approved by LRCI – staff are reviewing suitable sites with a further report to be prepared and submitted to Council for consideration.</li> <li>10. Discussions held with planner 16 May 2024; concept plan being developed.</li> </ol>	

2022/176 August Meeting	MAYORAL MINUTE – WESTERN WEIRS STRATEGY
RESPONSIBLE OFFICER	LEONIE BROWN – GENERAL MANAGER
FILE NO	W3.1
<b>RESOLUTION</b>	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. That the status upgrade in respect of the Western Weirs Strategy as presented to Council by Ms Ingrid Emery, Water Infrastructure NSW on Monday, 22 August 2022 be noted.</li> <li>2. That Council write to the Hon. Tanya Plibersek, MP, Federal Minister for the Environment and Water, and the Hon. Kevin Anderson, MP, State Minister for Land and Water seeking support and funding to progress the next stage of the Western Weir Strategy being the Final Business Case for the proposed upgrading of the Bourke Weir to improve town water supply security.</li> </ol>	
<b>ACTION TAKEN</b>	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Letter written by the Mayor to Hon. Tanya Plibersek, MP, seeking support and funding to progress to the next stage of the Western Weir Strategy being the Final Business Case for the proposed upgrading of the Bourke Weir to improve town water supply security.</li> <li>2. Letter also written to the Hon. Kevin Anderson, State Minister for Land and Water seeking support and seeking a meeting to discuss same. Minister’s office advised that “the Minister will be unable to accept your request to meet.”</li> <li>3. Response dated 5 October 2022 received from Minister Anderson. The Minister advised that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• 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.”</li> </ul> </li> <li>4. Response dated 12 December 2022 received from Minister Plibersek advised that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The NSW Government is responsible for water management in our region and is developing regional water strategies across the State.</li> <li>• The Western Weirs Strategy sits alongside these strategies.</li> <li>• 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.</li> </ul> </li> <li>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.</li> <li>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</li> </ol>	

- 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.
  9. Meeting of the Mayor and GM with Minister Jackson being pursued.
  10. Mayor discussed issues with the Hon Rose Jackson, NSW Minister for Water, Housing, Homelessness, Mental Health, Youth and North Coast on Wednesday, 5 July 2023. Minister Jackson advised the Mayor she would come to Bourke in August 2023 to see the issues for herself. The Mayor and GM met with Roy Butler MP, Member for Barwon on Monday, 17 July 2023 regarding water security for Bourke, including the issue of the weir. On Tuesday, 18 July 2023 the GM spoke to Steph Cooke MP, NSW Shadow Minister for Water and Crown Lands who advised of a planned visit to Bourke in August 2023 to hear the concerns of the community.
  11. Details provided to the Mayor of Narromine, Craig Davies as Chair of the Alliance of Western Councils Board who will present to 200 water professionals regarding water issues in the area.
  12. Mayor and General Manager attended Murray Darling Association Annual Conference in Murray Bridge 27 and 28 September 2023. Representation were made both at and post the conference to the Hon. Tanya Plibersek, MP Federal Minister for the Environment and Water for water security at Bourke.
  13. On 30 October 2023 the General Manager made contact with Minister Jackson’s office and arranged for a meeting with the Minister 23 November 2023 in Sydney.
  14. Meeting held with Ministers Chief of Staff in Sydney on 23 November 2023.
  15. Further report submitted to Councils December 2023 meeting.
  16. No further update on application made by DPIE in regard to application for funding to complete the final business case.
  17. Advice received from DPIE on 26 February 2024 that the submission was sitting with the Commonwealth for consideration as part of the National Water Grid funding program.
  18. Mayor and General Manager met with NSW Water Minister, the Hon Rose Jackson in Sydney on 9 May 2024. Raising of the Bourke Weir discussed.

2023/73 April Meeting	BOURKE FLOODPLAIN RISK MANAGEMENT STUDY AND PLAN
RESPONSIBLE OFFICER	PETER BROWN – MANAGER WORKS
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> </ol>	

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.

**ACTION TAKEN**

1. Representation made to the Department of Planning and Environment (DPE).
2. Legal advice received regarding impact of Flood study on developments in Bourke. Advice under consideration.
3. Meeting held with Lyall and Associates 6 March 2024 to identify the impact of the Flood Study on development in Bourke. Further report to be prepared and presented to Council to determine the required planning controls.
4. Further discussions held with Lyall and Associates regarding the impact of the Flood Study on a proposed development in Meadows Road, Bourke. NSW Public Works engaged to review Flood Study and provide advice in respect of Meadows Road DA and future development in Bourke in general.

2023/94 May Meeting	RECOMMENCEMENT OF THE FLUORIDATION OF THE BOURKE WATER SUPPLY
RESPONSIBLE OFFICER	PETER BROWN - MANAGER WORKS
FILE NO	W2.1

**RESOLUTION**

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.

**ACTION TAKEN**

1. PWA being pursued re completion of required outstanding works and also DPE / Health for required approvals. Once approvals are forthcoming, advertising / Facebook advice to community of the restarting of fluoridation will be undertake.
2. Manager Works has contacted NSW Health, matter is progressing.
3. Following a directive in April 2024 from NSW Health to various rural and remote NSW Councils, Bourke Shire Council notifying residents that its water supply hasn't been fluoridated since 2016 when the fluoridator at the old plant broke down.

2023/167 July meeting	PROPOSED SALE OF LAND TO BOURKE ABORIGINAL CORPORATION HEALTH SERVICE
RESPONSIBLE OFFICER	LEONIE BROWN – GENERAL MANAGER
FILE NO	A11.1, H1.1, H1.15

**RESOLUTION**

1. That Council proceed to sell to the Bourke Aboriginal Corporation Health Service (BACHS), Lot 6 DP 35797, Lot 7 DP 35797, Lot 8 DP 35797, Lot 9 DP 35797 and Lot 10 DP 35797 all located in Mitchell Street, Bourke at a combined price of \$45,000 (Ex GST) for the purpose of the construction of a

- primary care clinic by the BACHS for the Bourke region.
2. That the sale of such land be subject to development consent being forthcoming for the proposed primary care clinic.
  3. That in the event that no DA approved construction has begun on the site within a period of two (2) years of Councils resolution herewith, the land offer will be reassessed by Council.
  4. That the documents and considerations in respect of this matter remain confidential to Council.

**ACTION TAKEN**

1. Letter forwarded to BACHS re Council resolution. Formal acceptance of offer from BACHS.
2. Contract documentation prepared and submitted to Solicitor for BACHS. Still awaiting exchange of contracts.
3. Meeting held with BACHS representatives re preparation of development application. Legal advice being sought as to the status of Council’s adopted Flood Study (April 2023) in respect of this proposed development for advice to planning consultants for BACHS.
4. Correspondence received from BACHS regarding clean-up of block and sealing laneway. See report in November 2023 Business Paper.
5. Council resolved to assist with tipping fees and sealing of rear lane. Instructions issued to Councils Solicitor re amending of contract. Awaiting exchange of contracts.
6. Due to the higher than anticipated level of construction costs, BACS has applied for additional funding from the Commonwealth. Sale of land on hold pending outcome of funding application.
7. Further letter of support provided to BACHS on 3 April 2024 for funding application.
8. As at 16 May 2024, Council still awaits further advice from BACHS re the proposed sale of land.

2023/218 September meeting	NORTH BOURKE BRIDGE RESTORATION
RESPONSIBLE OFFICER	LEONIE BROWN – GENERAL MANAGER
FILE NO	4373

**RESOLUTION**

1. That Council endorse the series of desired outcomes to lead the restoration project, as follows:
  - a) To make the bridge an attraction of choice to visitors, tourists, the local and surrounding communities, in conjunction with the historic Jandra Paddle Steamer tourist attraction.
  - b) To restore the bridge to allow pedestrian and cyclist access and to provide for weddings and other similar community functions.
  - c) To restore the wrought iron lift bridge span to a safe and accessible condition, with the lift span to remain fixed in position.
  - d) To restore the iron structure where deemed necessary.
  - e) To make safe the bridge decking, by removing the existing timber decking and replacing with new alternative decking material, that allows visibility to the iron trusses below and reduces future deck maintenance costs.
  - f) To demolish and replace the timber approach structures with other suitable access such as concrete or steel approaches (approx. 3-4m wide), and possibly accommodating a maximum loaded truck of 15 tonnes.
  - g) Wherever possible, seek leverage with the current similar upgrade works being undertaken on the nearby Brewarrina Bridge, via FBE and TfNSW.
2. That Council acknowledge that an estimated \$1.2m in funding is required to undertake Stage 1 and Stage 2 design and documentation works (\$800,000) and the deconstruction of the timber approaches to the Bridge (\$400,000).

3. That Council note the advice of NSW Public Works regarding the deteriorated condition of the timber approaches to the North Bourke Bridge and the advice “that the approach spans should be demolished as early as practicable.”
4. That Council endorse the engagement of NSW Public Works and Focus Bridge Design (as a sub-contractor), with a view to:
  - a) the development of documentation, and a recommendation regarding the engagement of a contractor to undertake the deconstruction of the timber approaches to the bridge; and
  - b) the development of the necessary designs and documentation that would result in indicative restoration costs being identified that allow Council to seek grant funding to engage a contractor(s) to restore the North Bourke Bridge and further, ensure the project is “shovel ready” to proceed once a tender for the required restoration works is awarded, once grant funding is attained;
    - at a combined estimated cost of \$1.2m.
5. That NSW Public Works be requested to prepare a revised project brief, in conjunction with Focus Bridge Engineering, such that demolition of the timber approaches to the bridge are included in what were Stages 1 and 2 of their proposal dated 18 June 2023.
6. That Council note the actions taken by Staff to secure funding for the required design and deconstruction works.
7. That Council authorise the Mayor and General Manager to take the necessary action in respect of the use of available Council funds, having regard to the success or otherwise of Councils various applications for funding for the design and deconstruction works.
8. That the General Manager be requested to report to Council, in due course, the outcome of its applications to Government for the required design and deconstruction works.
9. That the General Manager be requested to update the community on the status of the bridge project.
10. That the documents and considerations in respect of this matter remain confidential to the Council.

#### **ACTION TAKEN**

1. Matter progressing.
2. Meeting held with Transport for NSW for additional funding through the Active Transport Fund. Application made to PWA for flood damage funding for damage sustained to the approaches of the bridge . Awaiting outcome of applications.
3. NSW Public Works requested to prepare revised project brief, in conjunction with Focus Bridge Engineering, such that demolition of the timber approaches to the bridge are included in what were Stages 1 and 2 of their proposal dated 18 June 2024. Awaiting revised brief.
4. Additional funding of \$200,000 received from Transport for NSW to complete Business Case. PWA continue to seek funding for additional deconstruction work.
5. Public Works and sub consultant engaged with necessary work underway and progressing.
6. General Manager has updated the community on the status of the bridge project. In this regard, an extensive piece on the bridge was included in a GM’s Column which was followed by an article in the Western Herald.
7. Community updated at Community meetings in Byrock, Bourke, Louth, Wanaaring, Enngonia and Fords Bridge.
8. Work by consultants/sub consultants on project continuing.
9. Council has received confirmation from the NSW Office of Local Government that its application for disaster funding (AGRN 1030/1034) in the amount of \$400,000 for the deconstruction of the timber approaches to the bridge has been successful. Total grant funding for this planning, design and deconstruction project totals \$800,000, being \$400,000 from TfNSW and \$400,000 from disaster funds.



10. Draft Review of Environmental Factors (REF) completed in respect of deconstruction of timber approaches/PWD preparing documentation for the inviting of tenders in July 2024 for the deconstruction of the timber approaches to the bridge. Other design works proceeding.

2023/222 October Meeting	MAYORAL MINUTE – CROSS BORDER MOU – BULLOO SHIRE
RESPONSIBLE OFFICER	BARRY HOLLMAN - MAYOR
FILE NO	C6.7, T4.1, A3.32
<b>RESOLUTION</b>	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. That Council advise the Border Region Organisation of Councils (BROC), Bulloo Shire Council and Paroo Shire Council that it supports the Cross Border initiatives.</li> <li>2. That Council agree to entering into separate Memorandums of Understanding with Bulloo Shire Council and Paroo Shire Council, generally based on the draft MoU as provided by BROC.</li> <li>3. That the Mayor and General Manager be authorised to take the necessary action to negotiate, finalise and enter into separate Memorandums of Understanding with Bulloo Shire Council and Paroo Shire Council.</li> </ol>	
<b>ACTION TAKEN</b>	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. MOU signed with Paroo Shire Council 10 November 2023. Meeting yet to be held with Bulloo Shire Council.</li> <li>2. MOU with Bulloo to be signed following the Queensland Local Government Elections which were held on 16 March 2024. No further action to date.</li> </ol>	

2023/257 November Meeting 2024/13 February Meeting	NAMING OF NORTH BOURKE OVAL
RESPONSIBLE OFFICER	LEONIE BROWN - GENERAL MANAGER
FILE NO	1355
<b>RESOLUTION</b>	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. That it be noted that responsibility for the naming of places in NSW, including reserves, rests with the NSW Geographical Names Board.</li> <li>2. That consideration of the proposal to name the North Bourke Oval, “The Neville Simpson Memorial Sports Ground” be deferred until the February 2024 Council meeting, noting the requirement of the Geographical Names Board’s Naming Policy requires that any commemorative naming is to be done posthumously, at least one year after the decease of the person.</li> <li>3. That in the intervening period, the General Manager be requested to ascertain further details of Mr Simpsons community involvement and importantly, seek the thoughts of Mr Simpson’s family to the naming proposal, for a full report to Council on the matter.</li> <li>4. That Mr Les Bunyan be advised of Councils resolution.</li> </ol>	
<b>February 2024</b>	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. That Council proceed to seek community feedback on the proposal to renaming the cricket ground at North Bourke to “The Neville Simpson Memorial Sports Ground” as per the Guidelines of the geographical Names Board.</li> <li>2. That a further report be submitted to Council in respect of the outcome of such consultation, for</li> </ol>	

a Council resolution in respect of submitting the naming proposal to the Geographical Names Board or otherwise.

**May 2024**

That Council proceed to submit the proposal to rename the cricket ground at North Bourke “The Neville Simpson Memorial Sports Ground” to the Geographical Names Board.

**ACTION TAKEN**

1. Letter written to Mr Les Bunyan outlining timeframes and actions according to the requirements of the Geographical Names Board.
2. Further enquiries to be undertaken in the New Year.
3. Report included in February 2024 Business Paper. Council resolves to undertake community consultation on naming proposal prior to final decision being made to lodge application to the Geographical Names Board.
4. Letter written to Mr Les Bunyan providing an update of progress.
5. An advertisement is to be placed in the Western Herald edition of 21 March 2024 and 4 April 2024, on Councils Facebook Page, at the North Bourke Hotel and North Bourke Store. Letter being written to local cricket clubs and Bourke Cricket association re proposal.
6. Advertising undertaken in the Western Herald, Facebook, Public notices placed in the North Bourke Hotel and North Bourke Store, with letter provided to the Cricket Association for distribution to Cricket Clubs. Submissions close midday Wednesday, 17 April 2024.
7. Report to be submitted to May 2024 meeting re matter.
8. Naming proposal submitted to the Geographical Named Committee. Matter to go to Board meeting in June or July 2024, for further advice to Council thereafter.

2023/289 December Meeting	MURRAY DARLING BASIN PLAN
RESPONSIBLE OFFICER	LEONIE BROWN - GENERAL MANAGER
FILE NO	R6.1

**RESOLUTION**

1. That the report of the General Managers regarding the ‘Restore Our Rivers” Legislation, be noted.
2. That the General Manager be requested to undertake the necessary action that will result in the commissioning of, and preparation by, an appropriately qualified consultant, of documentation that articulates with data the socio-economic impacts on Bourke from previous water recovery actions emanating from the Murray Darling Basin Plan.
3. That funding for such a report be sourced from Council Reserve Funds.

**ACTION TAKEN**

1. Discussions held with consultant from the Stable Group in regard to commissioning a report, referred to RDA.
2. Discussions held with RDA, Executive Officer with a view to progressing the report and the seeking of funding from Government to support the project.
3. Meeting held with RDA, Executive Officer to review submissions received to undertake project on behalf of Bourke Shire Council and Warren Shire Council.
4. The community led water knowledge project has been brought to the attention of the Commonwealth to seek funding to complete the project.

5. RDA held further meeting with Liam O’Callaghan, Office of Minister Tara Moriarty to discuss pilot project and seek funding to complete.

2023/289 December Meeting	WESTERN WEIRS PROGRAM UPDATE
RESPONSIBLE OFFICER	LEONIE BROWN - GENERAL MANAGER
FILE NO	3504
<b>RESOLUTION</b>	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. That Council continue to monitor the development of the Western Weirs final business case as it relates to the Bourke Shire Council area.</li> <li>2. That Council continue to support the NSW Department of Planning and Environment with any further information required to progress the funding application if the EOI is successful.</li> </ol>	
<b>ACTION TAKEN</b>	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Waiting advice regarding outcome of funding application EOI.</li> <li>2. Advice received from DPIE on 26 February 2024 that the submission was sitting with the Commonwealth for consideration of National Water Grid funding.</li> </ol>	

2023/301 December Meeting	TENDER FOR THE PROVISION OF BUILDING TRADES AND SERVICES
RESPONSIBLE OFFICER	DWAYNE WILLOUGHBY – MANAGER PLANNING, REGULATORY AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES
FILE NO	20261
<b>RESOLUTION</b>	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. That the Acret Group Pty Ltd and K T Lyons Pty Ltd be included on Councils Building Trades Panel in respect of the potential provision of Painting and Project Management Services, respectively.</li> <li>2. That the Building Trades Panel generally operate for an initial period of two (2) years commencing 1 January 2024 with a further 2-year option term available, solely at Councils discretion.</li> <li>3. That the Building Trades Panel Arrangement allow for accepted Suppliers to adjust their service offering (including price) on an annual basis, or at Council’s discretion and that the Building Trades Panel Arrangement be refreshed on an annual basis, or at the Council’s discretion, to allow for existing Suppliers to withdraw and new Suppliers to be added.</li> <li>4. That having regard to the number of tender submissions received in the recent call for tenders, a further round of tenders be invited in March 2024, noting that any inclusions on the Panel resulting from this additional round will operate until 31 December 2026, with a further 2-year option term available, solely at Councils discretion.</li> <li>5. That at the appropriate time, such further round of tenders be promoted both as required and in the Bourke community, with an information session on the Tender being conducted by Council which also addresses the various steps in the Tenderlink tendering process in anticipation of receiving submissions from local trades suppliers.</li> </ol>	
<b>ACTION TAKEN</b>	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Contracts provided to successful tenderers for execution. Further tenders/information session to be called/held in March 2024.</li> <li>2. To be completed in April 2024.</li> <li>3. Meeting with trades people arranged by MES and held on Tuesday, 23 April 2024 at 5.00pm.</li> <li>4. Further round of tenders in the marketplace during May 2024.</li> </ol>	

5. Report on tenders received and is included in June 2024 Council Agenda.

2023/302 December Meeting	WANAARING ROAD – ROAD RESERVE
RESPONSIBLE OFFICER	PAUL FLANAGAN – ROADS MANAGER
FILE NO	3187, 3217
<b>RESOLUTION</b>	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. That the General Manager be requested to take the necessary action regarding the proposed compulsory acquisition of some 16.9ha (subject to final survey) of the Western Land Lease over Lot 1895 DP763763 for road purposes.</li> <li>2. That a Deed of Agreement be executed between Council and B &amp; L Gillard such that the arrangements and obligations of both parties regarding the provision of 3.38km of fencing materials and grading of the table drain by Council and the agreement to the land excising issue, the erection of the stock proof fencing and the clearing of land, all by B &amp; L Gillard, are articulated.</li> <li>3. That any necessary documents be executed under the Common Seal of Council.</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. Marsden’s Lawyers requested to draft agreement. Provision of fencing material and commencement of compulsory acquisition process to commence once agreement signed by both parties.</li> <li>2. Agreement finalised and provided to landowners.</li> <li>3. Further consultation with landowners to be held.</li> <li>4. Landowners are reconsidering the conditions of the Agreement.</li> <li>5. Landowners have advised that they concur with the Agreement. Awaiting formal signing of document.</li> </ol>	

2023/303 December Meeting	TENDER FOR DISPOSAL AND SUPPLY OF NEW PRIME MOVER (10/24)
RESPONSIBLE OFFICER	PAUL FLANAGAN – ROADS MANAGER
FILE NO	20392
<b>RESOLUTION</b>	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. That the tender of Paccar Australia Pty Ltd be declined.</li> <li>2. That as per Clause 178 (3)(e) of the Local Government (General) Regulation, the General Manager be requested to enter negotiations with Paccar Australia Pty Ltd, a Kenworth Dealer, and a Western Star Dealer with a view to sourcing a price/changeover price for the acquisition of an appropriate Prime Mover on the basis of delivery occurring in July 2025.</li> <li>3. That as per Clause 178 (4)(b) of the Local Government (General) Regulation, the reasons for Council determining to enter negotiations with Paccar Australia Pty Ltd, a Kenworth Dealer, or a Western Star Dealer is that Council has been to the market via Local Government Procurement with only one (1) tender submission received and it is considered that nothing will be achieved by calling further tenders in what is a specialised market sector.</li> <li>4. That Councils Plant Replacement Plan be reviewed having regard to such potential purchase.</li> <li>5. That a further report on this potential acquisition be submitted to Council in due course.</li> <li>6. That funds totalling \$250,000 as included in Councils 2023/2024 Plant Replacement Budget for the acquisition of a replacement prime mover be reallocated for the purchase by Council of a</li> </ol>	

<p>replacement backhoe (net \$48,676.24) and 12M Grader (net \$182,000).</p> <p>7. That the documents and considerations in respect of this matter remain confidential to Council.</p>
<p><b>ACTION TAKEN</b></p>
<p>1. Further report on matter submitted to March 2024 meeting of Council.</p> <p>2. Council resolved to award the contract for the supply of a Kenworth T659 Prime Mover at the tendered price of \$388,600 (ex GST) on the basis of delivery occurring during 2024/2025 to Paccar Australia. Council also authorised the General Manager to take the necessary action to dispose of Plant Number 92, being Council’s existing Western Star 4800FS Prime Mover by way of sale by public auction following the delivery to Council of the replacement Prime Mover.</p> <p>3. Matters are proceeding.</p> <p>4. Order has been placed for the new Prime Mover with an expected delivery date of December 2024.</p>

2024/37 March Meeting	MAYORAL MINUTE - FISH PASSAGE - RECONNECTING THE NORTHERN BASIN
RESPONSIBLE OFFICER	LEONIE BROWN – GENERAL MANAGER
FILE NO	A3.8, W2.1, W3.1, W3.3
<b>RESOLUTION</b>	
<p>1. That Council correspond with the Hon Rose Jackson MLC, NSW Minister for Water, expressing its significant opposition to the proposed Louth Weir Fishway and Weir Project that has progressed to a point where construction is imminent, albeit with a level of consultation that is viewed as being most inadequate.</p> <p>5. That copies of such correspondence be provided to the Hon. Tanya Plibersek, Federal Minister for the Environment and Water and the State Member for Barwon, Mr Roy Butler MP.</p> <p>6. That Council take the necessary action to assist the NSW Water Group promote a consultation meeting in respect of the Louth Weir with Louth District residents during either April or May 2024 with a view to maximising representation at the meeting by those who are impacted by the project.</p>	
<b>ACTION TAKEN</b>	
<p>1. Letter sent to Minister Rose Jackson MLC on 28 March 2024.</p> <p>2. Copies sent to Minister Tanya Plibersek and Member for Barwon, Roy Butler, MP.</p> <p>3. Discussions with Minister Jackson being pursued.</p> <p>4. Meeting at Louth of residents and NSW Water held on 7 May 2024.</p> <p>5. Mayor and General Manager met with NSW Water Minister, the Hon Rose Jackson in Sydney on 9 May 2024. Council's concerns regarding proposed changes to the Louth Weir, as a result of proposed fishway, along with proposed removal of weirs 19A and 20A, were discussed.</p>	

2024/68 April Meeting	NOTICE OF MOTION – PROPOSED MOTEL
RESPONSIBLE OFFICER	LEONIE BROWN – GENERAL MANAGER
FILE NO	1718
<b>RESOLUTION</b>	
<p>1. That Council proceed to take the necessary action to develop a scope of works leading to the inviting of quotations from suitably qualified consultants to prepare a Business Case report and accompanying required report(s) in respect of the proposed building of a Motel at the Back O’ Bourke Exhibition Centre site.</p> <p>2. That following the receipt of quotations, a report on the matter be provided to Council, inclusive of the availability of funding to progress the required studies</p>	

3. That Council investigate grant funding opportunities to meet the cost of the required studies.
<b>ACTION TAKEN</b>
1. Preparation of scope of works document and investigations into potential sources for grant funding for Business Case underway. Draft document to be discussed with General Manager on her return from leave.

2024/72 April Meeting	PROPOSED RENAMING OF ROAD – NORTH BOURKE
2024/94 May Meeting	
RESPONSIBLE OFFICER	LEONIE BROWN – GENERAL MANAGER
FILE NO	R7.1
<b>RESOLUTION</b>	
<b>April 2024</b>	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>That the proposed road name, Buster Lane, be approved by Council for the un-named road off Sid Coleman Drive, North Bourke as per the locality plan.</li> <li>That the proposed name be notified in the Western Herald newspaper for a period of 28 days and Relevant Parties notified in accordance with Section 162 of the Roads Act 1993 and Section 7 of the Roads Regulation 2018.</li> <li>That a further report be submitted to Council following the notification period.</li> </ol>	
<b>ACTION TAKEN</b>	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Proposed name advertised in the Western Herald edition of 2 May 2024 and on BSC website from 1 May 2024 till 12 noon on 31 May 2024, when submissions close.</li> <li>GNB and relevant parties notified of proposal.</li> <li>Report on road naming proposal included in June 2024 Council Agenda.</li> </ol>	

2024/93 May Meeting	DAVIDSON OVAL DRAFT MASTER PLAN
RESPONSIBLE OFFICER	DWAYNE WILLOUGHBY – MANAGER PLANNING, REGULATORY AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES
FILE NO	2976
<b>RESOLUTION</b>	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>That the Davidson Oval Draft Master Plan be adopted for the purposes of public consultation.</li> <li>That the Davidson Oval Draft Master Plan be placed on public exhibition for a period of 28 days during June 2024.</li> <li>That the public exhibition of the Draft Master Plan be notified to the community via social media and the Western Herald, as a minimum.</li> <li>That a report on the outcome of such public exhibition and comment be provided to Council in July 2024 with a view to finalisation of the Master Plan.</li> </ol>	
<b>ACTION TAKEN</b>	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Masterplan placed on Public Exhibition.</li> </ol>	

**Recommendation**

**That the report of the General Manager regarding Business Arising, as presented to Council on Monday, 24 June 2024, be noted.**

**13 ENGINEERING SERVICES DEPARTMENT****13.1 \*\*\* REMOVAL OF QUEENSLAND FIG TREE - TARCOON STREET, BOURKE**

**File Number:** 3299  
**Author:** Peter Brown, Manager Works  
**Authoriser:** Ross Earl, Acting General Manager  
**Attachments:** Nil

**Background**

Bourke High School have recently engaged arborists, Douglas Arbor of Orange NSW, to undertake a tree risk assessment of the trees on the school grounds, including recommendations “on any actions required to reduce the risk of the trees to an acceptable level or to reduce the risk of branch or tree failure in the future.”

In undertaking the tree risk assessment, Douglas Arbor identified a council owned fig tree located within the road reserve in Tarcoon Street, Bourke, near the front entrance to the school, which has “a high risk rating and should be removed.” Bourke High School have now bought this report to Councils attention.

Given that the identified tree is planted within the road reserve, it is therefore within the definition of a street tree in Council’s Street Tree Policy.

Council’s current policy in relation to the removal of Queensland Fig Trees is that a report be bought before Council for approval with a two (2) week advertising period after that Council Meeting before any Queensland Fig tree is removed.

**Current Situation**

The subject fig tree is located in Tarcoon St Bourke and is identified as Tree No 3 in Figure 1, Tree Location Plan, as below.

In respect of this tree, Douglas Abor, have written in the report prepared for Bourke High School as follows:

*Tree 3 is a council owned street tree located on the road reserve near the front entrance to the school. The tree has a large wound covering 40% of its diameter on its lower trunk. The cambium within this area is almost entirely dead, including the death of 3 buttress roots on this side. The dead buttress roots of approximately 40% of the diameter are likely to have reduced the tree's structural stability.*

*The wound extends up on the western side of 3 of the 4 stems to 2m in height, with cambium death to approximately 30% of the diameter of each stem. In the wound, several fungal fruiting bodies and extensive decay to a minimum of 25cm depth (end of probe) in the buttress and the southern stem. The extensive decay has reduced the structural integrity of 3 of the 4 stems and increased the likelihood of failure.*

*The area within the trees fall zone is a high use area with targets including school students accessing the main entrance to the school via the footpath, a main arterial road and potentially powerlines.*

*The tree has a high risk rating and should be removed. The tree owners (council) should be notified of the findings and given a copy of the Risk Report.*

Pictures in respect of the fig tree from the arborist’s report follow.



Figure 1 – Tree Location Plan





Figure 2 – Tree 3



Figure 3 – Tree 3 with lower trunk wound, dead buttress roots(orange) and probe to 25cm depth showing extensive decay (red).



Figure 4 – Large lower trunk wound covering approx. 40% of trunk diameter (orange), with extensive decay to a minimum of 25 cm depth (red).

Given the report and the extensive decay in the lower trunk which increases the risk of failure in a high use area, it will be recommended that Council take the necessary action to remove the tree, as a matter of priority, and as per Councils Tree Removal Policy.

**Financial Implications**

Removal and replacement of the tree will be undertaken within current budget allocations.

**Recommendation**

- 1. That as per Council's Street Tree Policy in respect of Queensland Fig Trees, Council proceed to advertise for a two (2) week period regarding its intention to undertake the removal of the Queensland Fig Tree, identified as Tree 3 in the report of Douglas Abor as commissioned by the Bourke High School, and as located on the eastern side of Tarcoon Street, Bourke, adjacent to the entry to the Bourke High School.**
- 2. That following such advertising period, Council proceed to remove such tree, as a matter of priority, to address the extensive decay in the lower trunk which increases the risk of failure in a high use area, as reported.**
- 3. That Council staff replace the Queensland Fig Tree with a suitable tree species.**
- 4. That the Bourke High School be advised accordingly.**

**13.2 BOURKE LOCAL TRAFFIC COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

**File Number:** C6.6  
**Author:** Paul Flanagan, Manager Roads  
**Authoriser:** Ross Earl, Acting General Manager  
**Attachments:** 1. Traffic Committee Meeting Minutes 11 June 2024

**Background**

The Local Traffic Committee (LTC) is primarily a technical review committee, which is required to advise Council on matters referred to it by Council. These matters must be related to prescribed traffic control devices and traffic control facilities for which Council has delegated authority by Transport for NSW (TfNSW).

The Local Traffic Committee has no decision-making powers. The Council must refer all traffic related matters to the Local Traffic Committee prior to exercising its delegated functions. Matters related to State Roads or functions that have not been delegated to Council must be referred directly to TfNSW or relevant organisation.

The Committee provides recommendations to Council. Should Council wish to act contrary to the advice of the Committee or if that advice is not supported unanimously by the Committee members, then the Police or TfNSW have an opportunity to appeal to the Regional Traffic Committee.

Formal voting membership on the Committee comprises the following:

- one representative of Council as nominated by Council;
- one representative of the NSW Police from the Bourke Local Area Command (LAC)
- one representative from Transport for NSW; and
- one representative from the State Members of Parliament (MP) for the electorates of Barwon

The Bourke Local Traffic Committee generally meets four (4) times per year.

**Current Situation**

The Local Traffic Committee met on Tuesday, 11 June 2024. The Minutes of this meeting are attached for Council's adoption.

**Financial Implications**

There are no financial implications.

**Recommendation**

**That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Bourke Shire Council Traffic Committee held on 11 June 2024 as presented to Council on Monday, 24 June 2024 be adopted.**



**MINUTES OF BOURKE SHIRE COUNCIL  
TRAFFIC COMMITTEE MEETING  
HELD AT THE BOURKE SHIRE COUNCIL, 29 MITCHELL STREET, BOURKE NSW  
ON TUESDAY, 11 JUNE 2024 AT 2.00PM**

**PRESENT**

Councillor Lachlan Ford (Deputy Mayor), Barwon Electorate Nominee  
Paul Flanagan, Manager of Roads (MR) – Chair  
Kayla Cohen, Transport for NSW (TfNSW)  
Snr Con Daniel Vituseck, NSW Police (Wanaaring)

**IN ATTENDANCE**

Chris Morrall, Engineering Technical Officer (ETO)  
Margo Anderson, Executive Assistant (Record)

**APOLOGIES**

Letitia Tiffen, WHS Officer  
Abhi Kumar, Assistant Engineering Asset Manager

**1. ADOPTION OF THE PREVIOUS MINUTES**

Recommendation:

That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Bourke Shire Council Traffic Committee held on Tuesday, 12 March 2024, be confirmed as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

**Moved:** Kayla Cohen

**Seconded:** Snr Con Daniel Vituseck

**CARRIED**

**2. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

<b>Item</b>	<b>Responsible Officer</b>	<b>Status Update</b>
40 Zone in CBD	MR	Some readings have been completed in Mitchell Street with more in Mitchell, Sturt and Richard Streets to be collected.
Speed of Road Trains through Enngonia	TfNSW	TfNSW to follow up. Anticipate that VAS signs still to be installed by end of June.
60km/h speed signs on Wanaaring Road	TfNSW	Advised by TfNSW that it is progressing through TfNSW processes.
St Ignatius Kiss and Drop Off	TfNSW Council	To be placed on hold pending outcomes of developments within the St Ignatius precinct.
40 km/h speed limit Sid Coleman Drive	MR	Advised by TfNSW that it is progressing through TfNSW processes.
Get Active NSW Grant	MR	Awaiting outcome of grant application.

<p><b>Pedestrian traffic on the Gateway Bridge at North Bourke</b></p>	<p><b>MR TfNSW</b></p>	<p>Police have reported seeing pedestrians on the bridge and suggest signage “No Pedestrians” to enable Police to enforce the ruling. Until the old North Bourke bridge is accessible to the public there is no other option for pedestrians other than to walk on the bridge. The issue will be raised internally to TfNSW. May require a pedestrian count. Identified as a potential risk.</p>
<p><b>Country Passenger Transport Infrastructure Grant Scheme (CPTIGS) funding</b></p>	<p><b>TfNSW</b></p>	<p>Applications open 1 July 2024 for 2 months. Lighting at the bus stop under consideration. TfNSW advised the opportunity will be flagged with the Local Aboriginal Lands Council – thinking of a bus shelter at AEV or IGA. Guidelines will be sent out.</p>

**3. AGENDA ITEMS**

1. Enngonia Pedestrian Crossing  
 TfNSW advise it is rare to place a pedestrian crossing on a highway. If VAS does not work, there may be a need to consider other options. Expect an outcome in approximately 3 weeks. Greg Oates from Enngonia Progress Association has called to inquire of the outcome.
  
2. Bourke Pedestrian Crossings  
 TfNSW advised the area will be included in the 40km/h zoning, may be possible to have refuge islands or curb extensions, important to have gardens trimmed to enable adequate vision. HPAA funding may assist with costs.
  
3. Mitchell Highway and Polygonum Swamp Road Intersection  
 Complaints from people needing to make the turn onto Polygonum Swamp Road that they are being tailgated when they slow down before turning. Police suggested extending the 50km/h zone to the intersection. Ideally the line marking could be changed. The road is wide enough to accommodate a right turn lane. However this would be contrary to the original approval. TfNSW will investigate if any accidents have been reported at the intersection.
  
4. Intersection Tarcoon and Mitchell Streets  
 Road trains turning left from Tarcoon into Mitchell Street are having difficulty making the turn without hitting the power pole or traffic island. The traffic refuge was installed in 2013 by TfNSW and is frequently hit and signage flattened. The power pole has been hit 3 times, snapped in half on one occasion and cannot be moved further back. Suggested that the Traffic Island could be removed. TfNSW will look into it.
  
5. Oxley and Glen Street Upgrade Plans  
 BSC is not proposing any changes to parking. The changes are new islands against the kerb and some in the middle of the road. TfNSW advised they have no objection.
  
6. Street Closure – 2024 Variety Bash  
 BSC advised the Variety Bash will be in Bourke in August. Will require partial closures of Mitchell and Sturt Streets on Monday, 12 August 2024. Requesting a road block to be manned by the Variety Bash support crew. TfNSW asked if they carried their own insurances and whether businesses have / would be notified.

7. Fiesta

BSC has received funding to conduct a Fiesta. TfNSW requested information be emailed to Kayla Cohen.

**4. GENERAL BUSINESS**

1. Police advised parking signs need to be upgraded, many illegible due to fading.
2. Police advised the Road Closure signs at Wanaaring to the west of town are faded, on the Bourke side, sign is in need of maintenance.
3. Police advised there are pot holes appearing near the bridges south of Wanaaring.

**5. NEXT MEETING**

The next Traffic Committee Meeting will be conducted on Tuesday, 10 September 2024 at 2.00pm in the Council Chamber.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 2:40pm.



## 14 ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES & DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

### 14.1 CROWN LAND DRAFT PLANS OF MANAGEMENT

**File Number:** 2621, 4260

**Author:** Dwayne Willoughby, Manager Planning, Regulatory and Environmental Services

**Authoriser:** Ross Earl, Acting General Manager

**Attachments:**

1. Area of Cultural Significance - Bourke
2. Bourke Generic Plan of Management

#### Background

This report presents, for final approval, two (2) draft Plans of Management (PoMs) to cover the Crown Reserves which Bourke Council now manages on behalf of the Crown. The two (2) Plans relate to a Generic Plan of Management to be utilised for the management of Crown Land in the Bourke Shire Council area along with a specific Plan of Management for the Yantabulla Cemetery.

Council previously endorsed these Plans of Management and referred them to Crown Lands for final approval. Following endorsement by Crown Lands, the Plans of Management were exhibited and are now presented to Council for adoption.

The following flowchart shows the Plan of Management process:



**Current Situation**

Following receipt of approval from Crown Lands, the draft Plans of Management were placed on public exhibition between 21 September 2023 and 20 October 2023 with submissions being accepted until 3 November 2023. No submissions were received by Council as a result of the exhibition process.

**Legal and Regulatory Compliance**

Local Government Act 1993

Crown Land Management Act 2016

Native Title Act 1993

Associated guideline documents under these Acts.

**Risk Management Issues**

Any potential risks are lessened with the Department of Industry (Crown Lands) playing an overseeing role.

**Internal/ external Consultation**

External consultation with Shire community and sporting groups

Crown Lands.

**Financial Implications**

Council received financial assistance from NSW Crown Lands to complete the Plans of Management.

**Recommendation**

**That Council adopt the draft Generic Plan of Management – Bourke Shire Council, and the draft Plan of Management – Yantabulla Cemetery.**



# BOURKE SHIRE COUNCIL PLAN OF MANAGEMENT



2023

YANTABULLA CEMETERY

WARD >  
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**B** BOURKE  
SHIRE  
COUNCIL

This Plan of Management was prepared by Ward Planning and Consulting in consultation with Bourke Shire Council in accordance with the requirements of the Crown Land Management Act 2016 and the Local Government Act 1993.

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This Plan of Management details the only Council-managed Crown Reserve in the Shire whose categorisation is Area of Cultural Significance.

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Cover image: unmarked grave at Yantabulla Cemetery  
 (<https://www.australiangeographic.com.au/topics/history-culture/2014/01/gallery-rewalking-the-footsteps-of-henry-lawson/>)

Table of Amendments

No	Adopted by Council	Exhibition period	Adopted by Minister for Lands	Author	Review
1					
2					

### Acknowledgements

Ward Planning and Consulting acknowledges and pays respect to the past, present and future Traditional Custodians and Elders of the Ngemba (Ngiyampaa or Ngiyambaa), Barkindji, Bardaji, Murrawari, Nyemba and Nyirra people as resident in various parts of the Bourke Shire and the continuation of cultural, spiritual and educational practices of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

Ward Planning and Consulting also acknowledges the contribution of Bourke Shire Council staff in the preparation of this Plan of Management.



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## Bourke Shire Council Plan of Management

### Executive Summary

This Plan of Management for Yantabulla Cemetery has been prepared for Bourke Shire Council following the introduction of the *Crown Land Management Act 2016*.

Yantabulla Cemetery is a remote Crown Reserve located south-west of the Yantabulla locality in the Bourke Local Government Area. This reserve is one of a number of reserves now managed by Council on behalf of NSW Crown Lands. Part of the management of this reserve involves drafting a Plan of Management for its current and future use.

Of the forty-four (44) Crown reserves now managed by Council, only one has been categorised as an **Area of Cultural Significance** – being Yantabulla Cemetery, the subject of this Plan.

This plan of management identifies the reserve, explains how it is to be managed and how Council will ensure that its performance as land manager will be kept to the intended standard.

Council welcomes feedback on this Plan's content and intentions. Consultation for this and the other plan of management will be carried out in accordance with the LG Act and Regulations.



## Bourke Shire Council Plan of Management

### 1. Introduction

Plans of Management are strategic land use management tools which guide current and future uses on certain land parcels. Council is currently in the process of updating all of its Plans of Management for Community land in the Shire. Some Plans cover a number of reserves with similar characteristics and others, such as this Plan, are for individual reserves.

This Plan covers the one community land reserve categorised as an Area of Cultural Significance.

#### 1.1 What is Community Land?

Community land is land owned and/or controlled by Council and is retained for community use. It can include parks, playing fields, playgrounds, bushland and other areas of open space accessible to the public.

*Community land* is a type of land classification. All community land must have a plan of management prepared. The only other land classification is *operational land*. Operational land includes privately owned land. Operational land does not need a plan of management prepared for its use or management. Operational land serves a commercial or operational function. It includes land:

- held as a temporary asset;
- held as an investment,
- which facilitates the carrying out of functions by a council, or
- which may not be open to the general public (such as a waste depot).

Development and use of this land is set out in the Local Government Act 1993 (LG Act) and Council's Planning documents.

There are five (5) categories of community land comprising:

- Park
- Sportsground
- Cultural Significance
- Natural Area (including sub-categories of Bushland, Watercourse, Foreshore, Escarpment, Wetland)
- General Community Use

Some larger and multi-use sites can contain a number of the above categories on the one reserve, depending on their size, scale and user group catchment area. This Plan however, deals with one reserve categorised as an Area of Cultural Significance. Under current guidelines and the LG Act, reserves categorised as Area of Cultural Significance are required to be drafted in their own Plan of Management.



## Bourke Shire Council Plan of Management

### 1.2 Plans of Management for Community Land

The *Local Government Act 1993* (LG Act) requires a plan of management (PoM) to be prepared for all public land that is classified as 'community land' under that Act. The *Crown Land Management Act 2016* (the CLM Act) authorises local councils (council managers) appointed to manage dedicated or reserved Crown land to manage that land as if it were public land under the *Local Government Act 1993* (LG Act). A PoM is required for all council-managed Crown reserves on community land.

Plans of Management outline the use and management of community land whether the land is owned by Council or the Crown. In 2018, the Crown Land Management Act was introduced which outlines the process to be followed in the management of crown lands by councils and non-council managers for the enjoyment of all reserve user groups. It also introduces the process involved when crown reserves have been vested in Councils and expands on Native Title requirements for plans of management.

Section 36 of the LG Act outlines the requirements for a Plan of Management.

A Plan of Management must identify the following:

- a) The category of the land
- b) The objectives and performance targets of the plan with respect to the land,
- c) The means by which the Council proposes to achieve the plan's objectives and performance targets,
- d) The manner in which the Council proposes to assess its performance with respect to the plan's objectives and performance targets.

#### 1.2 Scope of this Plan of Management

This Plan covers one reserve which has been categorised as an Area of Cultural Significance – Yantabulla Cemetery.

This plan of management provides simple, clear directions for the Yantabulla Cemetery.

Any works at the sites identified must be in accordance with the plan of management and overall in accordance with the reserve purpose. The reserve purpose for Yantabulla Cemetery is *Preservation of Graves*.



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### 1.3 Process of Preparing this POM

The following steps outline the process of preparing this POM:

1. Prepare draft POM
2. Council resolution to refer to Department of Industry (Crown Land) prior to publicly exhibiting the PoM
3. Public exhibition (\*Note, the requirement for a public hearing has been removed from the initial plan for NSW Councils)
4. Report to Council outlining submissions & preparation of final POM
5. Adoption by Council

### 1.4 Council Plans and Policies relevant to Plans of Management

All Councils develop hierarchies of plans and policies which start at the visionary 'umbrella' type plans, covering the entire LGA, and drill down into more specific plans covering smaller topics and areas of land.

NSW Councils develop a Community Strategic Plan which outlines the community vision and aspirations for the future of the area across a broad range of service areas.

Under the Strategic Plan, Councils then develop specific plans and policies relevant to various areas of responsibility including managing open spaces. It is under the sphere of open space management that Plans of Management are developed. This Plan will cross-reference the Community Strategic Plan and any other relevant strategic documents.

### 1.5 Change and Review of Plan of Management

Changes to this and other Plans of Management are to be carried out every five years, where changes are deemed necessary. The CLM Act and the LG Act include provisions for the amendment of Plans of Management as well as the required community engagement.





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2.0 The Context and the Land

2.1 Location

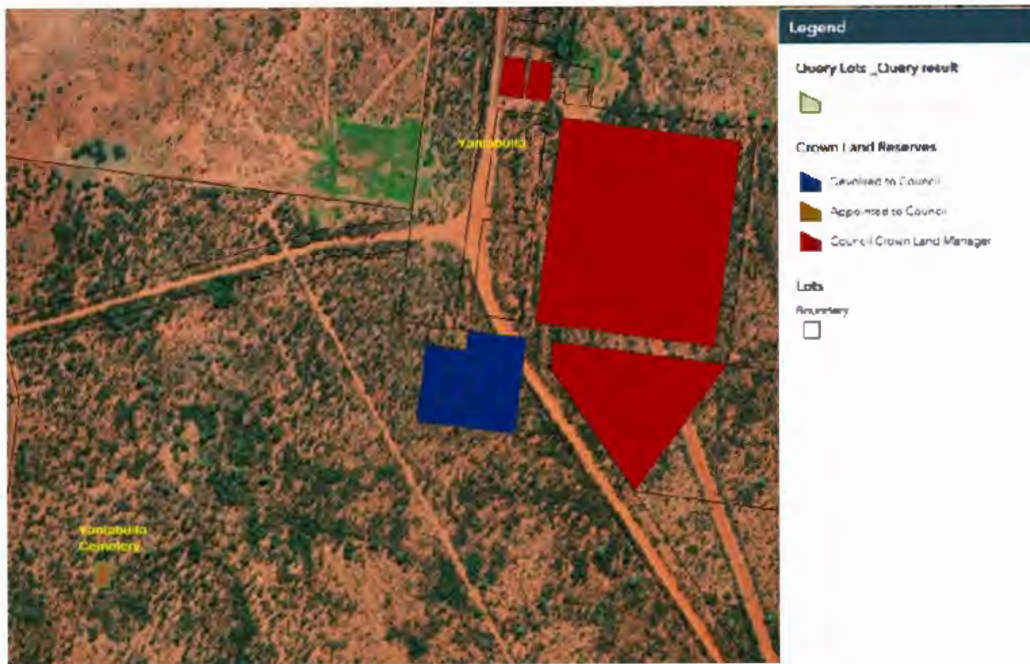
Yantabulla Cemetery is located approximately 130km north-west of Bourke on the Hungerford Road. The Cemetery is south-west of Yantabulla off the Willara Road.



Plate 1 : Regional Location map



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2.2 Reserve Purpose

The original reserve purpose for the Yantabulla Cemetery is Preservation of Graves. This was published in the Government Gazette dated 23 November 1898. See below extract.

[4897] Department of Lands,  
 Sydney, 23rd November, 1898.

**RESERVE FROM LEASE GENERALLY FOR  
 SUBURBAN SETTLEMENT.**

**H**IS Excellency the Governor, with the advice of the Executive Council, directs it to be notified that, in pursuance of the provisions of the 39th section of the Crown Lands Act of 1889, the land hereunder described shall be and is hereby temporarily reserved and exempted from lease generally for suburban settlement.

J. H. CARRUTHERS.

**WESTERN DIVISION.**  
**LAND DISTRICT OF BOURKE.**

No. 28,542. County of Irrara, parish of Muerua, containing an area of 28 acres 8 roods 20 perches. The Crown Lands within the boundaries of the old cemetery at Yantabulla, —as shown on plan catalogued Ms. 358 Be; but exclusive of reserve No. 28,541 from sale for preservation of graves, notified this day.  
 [Ms. 98-3,088 Ind.]

Source: <https://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/article/220971499>



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### 2.3 Category of Area of Cultural Significance

In accordance with section 36H of the above Act, the following core objectives apply to community land categorised as an Area of Cultural Significance:

*(1) The core objectives for management of community land categorised as an area of cultural significance are to retain and enhance the cultural significance of the area (namely its Aboriginal, aesthetic, archaeological, historical, technical or research or social significance) for past, present or future generations by the active use of conservation methods.*

*(2) Those conservation methods may include any or all of the following methods—*

*(a) the continuous protective care and maintenance of the physical material of the land or of the context and setting of the area of cultural significance,*

*(b) the restoration of the land, that is, the returning of the existing physical material of the land to a known earlier state by removing accretions or by reassembling existing components without the introduction of new material,*

*(c) the reconstruction of the land, that is, the returning of the land as nearly as possible to a known earlier state,*

*(d) the adaptive reuse of the land, that is, the enhancement or reinforcement of the cultural significance of the land by the introduction of sympathetic alterations or additions to allow compatible uses (that is, uses that involve no changes to the cultural significance of the physical material of the area, or uses that involve changes that are substantially reversible or changes that require a minimum impact),*

*(e) the preservation of the land, that is, the maintenance of the physical material of the land in its existing state and the retardation of deterioration of the land.*

*(3) A reference in subsection (2) to land includes a reference to any buildings erected on the land.*

The use and management of the reserve is therefore focused on retaining as much of the original state and significance of the reserve as possible and returning the reserve to a condition commensurate with its original condition and purpose.



**Bourke Shire Council Plan of Management****2.4 Land ownership**

The Yantabulla Cemetery is a reserve owned by the Crown, or NSW Government. Council's role with the Cemetery is Crown Land Manager.



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### 3.0 The Plan of Management

#### 3.1 Intended Use and Development of the Land

Use of the Yantabulla Cemetery will be limited to its protection and preservation of the remaining graves. Development of the site will also be restricted to its use as a passive, remote cemetery.

Further information is outlined in Table 1 – Action Plan.

#### 3.2 Native Title Advice

The Crown Land Management Act introduced a nexus between the management of Crown Land under the Local Government Act and Native Title advice. Section 8.7 of the CLM Act outlines the following actions where Native Title advice is required:

- a) grant leases, licences, permits, forestry rights, easements or rights of way,
- b) mortgage the land or allow it to be mortgaged,
- c) impose, require or agree to (or remove or release, or agree to remove or release) covenants, conditions or other restrictions on use in connection with dealings involving the land, or
- d) approve (or submit for approval) a plan of management for the land that authorises or permits any of the kinds of dealings referred to in paragraph (a), (b) or (c)*

Point (d) above captures the need for advice with the drafting of a Plan of Management.

As this Plan does not include authorisations or permits allowing the granting leases or licences, forestry rights, easements, rights of way or changes to covenants outside of what is permissible in the Act and Regulations, Native Title advice is not strictly required for this Plan of Management. If any changes are proposed to the cemetery, Native Title advice will be obtained prior to any works taking place.

In addition to the above, if a Native Title claim or Aboriginal Land Claim is successful over this reserve, this Plan will need to be updated to reflect the intentions and/or resolution of the Court regarding future use of the reserve.

#### 3.3 Implementation and Review

This Plan of Management commences operation from the date of final adoption by Council and Crown Lands. The actions and management strategies identified in this Plan will immediately take effect and Council will be required to review these strategies in line with its annual reporting regime and as part of its community strategic plan.





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This Plan is to be reviewed in accordance with the requirements of the LG Act, CLM Act and Regulations. The plan is proposed to be reviewed within 5 years and a comprehensive review after 10 years unless major unexpected changes warrant review.

#### 3.6 Community Consultation

Open consultation with the community regarding this PoM process is integral to its success and ownership by the local community. It is also specified in the following legislation that Councils conduct community consultation through public exhibition, where required.

Section 38 of the LG Act sets out that:

- a council must give public notice of a draft POM for a period of not less than 28 days
- the public notice must also specify a period of not less than 42 days after the date on which the draft plan is placed on public exhibition during which submissions may be made to the council;
- the council must, in accordance with its notice, publicly exhibit the draft plan together with any other matter that it considers appropriate or necessary to better enable the draft plan and its implications to be understood. All documents referred to in a POM should be displayed at the same time as the draft POM.

#### Action Plan

In accordance with section 36(3) of the LG Act, the following table outlines the objectives, performance targets or actions to be carried out on the land and an explanation of how Council is to evaluate its performance in carrying out the intended actions in accordance with the included timelines.

#### Threatened Species /Critical Habitat

An important step in the Plan of Management process is to assess whether threatened, endangered or vulnerable species of flora and/or fauna are present on the Reserves in this Plan. Due to the changes in Threatened species legislation, checks of listings on reserves in the (now repealed) Threatened Species Conservation Act and the current Biodiversity Conservation Act were carried out to determine if any of the reserves covered in this Plan were:

- the habitat of endangered species; or
- critical habitat; or
- the habitat of threatened species; or
- land directly affected by a threat abatement plan or recovery plan.

The reserve in this plan is not covered by any specific listings nor directly affected by one of the above species or threat abatement plans.




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This does not mean that significant habitat may not be present on the reserves – it just may not be discovered or recorded yet. Therefore, the action Plan will be incorporating measures to provide for the protection of species and habitat and regeneration of natural vegetation, particularly if any significant species are found.

Despite this, as the main theme of this Plan of Management is centred around preservation with a focus on graves, the action plan will include vegetation preservation and enhancement, particularly where native species are thriving and would benefit local fauna as well.



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Reserve 28541: Lot 1 DP 34999	
	
Source: <a href="http://www.planningportal.nsw.gov.au">www.planningportal.nsw.gov.au</a>	
Commentary	Remote reserve located south-west of Yantabulla locality. Condition of graves poor; some unmarked.
Reserve Purpose	Preservation of Graves
Size	1,419m <sup>2</sup>
Vegetation Type	Sandplain Mulga tall shrubland - open shrubland of the semi-arid and arid climate zones
Topography	Relatively flat
Indicative indigenous plant species	Acacia aneura, Casuarina pauper / Senna form taxon artemisioides, Acacia ligulata, Eremophila sturtii / Aristida jerichoensis var. subspinulifera, Aristida contorta, Eragrostis eriopoda
Critical habitat/Threatened Species/Threat or Recovery Abatement Plan which apply	No critical habitat on this Reserve. No listed threatened species, endangered species or threat recovery or abatement plans directly apply to the site.
Current leases/licences and types of leases/licences permitted	This reserve is not currently leased and is not permitted to be leased in accordance with the objectives of the reserve's categorisation.
Prioritised specific management actions for the site	1. Preservation of graves (a) leave in situ; (b) remove any vegetation which may be damaging headstones/plaques; (c) Photograph and record GPS coordinates of grave sites; (d) Fence or otherwise protect the graves from stock or damage by wildlife; (e) Record names and as much information from site/newspaper extracts/gazettes;





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	<p>(f) Pass information above to Local History Room/Historical Society for cataloguing.                  Note: Council to refer to the Burra Charter and National Trust Guidelines for detailed information regarding Gravesite and Cemetery Conservation.</p> <p><b>2. Retention of Native Vegetation</b></p> <p>(a) Allow natural regeneration of native vegetation;                  (b) Permit access by Scientific and research groups for seed bank analysis and plantings;                  (c) Refer to species list above for natural vegetation species to be planted.</p> <p><b>3. Access</b>                  As the reserve is located wholly within the bounds of Lot 7300 DP 1177021, access to the cemetery is to be available through this lot with information readily available from Bourke Shire Council's Tourism branch. It should also be noted that the Cemetery is closed and does not accept any new burials at present.</p> <p><b>4. Timeline</b>                  Due to the remote nature of this reserve, the above works are to be completed when staff have other responsibilities in the Yantabulla locality and when budget permits, checks on the reserve are to be completed biennially or on a as needs basis.</p>
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# GENERIC PLAN OF MANAGEMENT CROWN RESERVES



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RESERVES COVERED IN THIS PLAN

RESERVE NUMBER	RESERVE NAME	LOCATION	Reserve Purpose & gazetted date	Category
<a href="#">77500</a>	MA Davidson Memorial Oval	Lot 87 DP 1128287 Wilson St Bourke	Cricket Ground Public Recreation 25 March 1955	Sportsground
<a href="#">91239</a>	Bourke Flood Mitigation Line	Lots 7318, 7319 DP 1182581, Flood levee south of Bourke	Flood Mitigation 1 September 1978	General Community Use
<a href="#">87926</a>	Bourke Recreation and Parking	Lot 7019 DP 1126645, Mitchell Street, Bourke	Parking/Public Recreation 4 September 1970	Park
<a href="#">1010089</a>	Wharf Area Park Reserve	Lot 11 Section 85 DP 758144	Public Recreation 19 March 2004	Park
<a href="#">72379</a>	Jones Park	Lot 7021 DP 1126316	Public Recreation 8 August 1947	Park
<a href="#">78045</a>	North Bourke Boat Ramp	Lot 113 DP 751867 Tancred Drive North Bourke	Public Recreation 28 October 1955	Park
<a href="#">80924</a>	Swimming Pool and Coolican Oval	Lot 7300 DP 1125511, Lot 7301 DP 1129135 Mertin St Bourke	Public Recreation 8 August 1958	Park, Sportsground
<a href="#">83073</a>	Davidsons Loch and Weir	Lot 23 DP 751848 Weir Road Bourke	Public Recreation 10 March 1961	Park
<a href="#">85027</a>	Bourke Pump Station	Lot 633 DP 761664 Glen St Bourke	Public Recreation 2 October 1964	Park
<a href="#">9307</a>	Central Park	Lot 83 DP 822050 Mitchell St Bourke	Public Recreation 6 July 1889	Park, Sportsground
<a href="#">96928</a>	Banks of Darling	Lots 42, 45 DP 722925, Lot 40 DP 753574 River Road Bourke	Public Recreation 26 August 1983	Natural Area (Bushland)
<a href="#">89062</a>	Bourke Showground & Racecourse	Lot 1 DP 766822, Lot 732 DP 851508, Lots 7030-7031 DP 110368, south-west of Bourke township	Public Recreation/Showground 2 November 1973	General Community Use, Natural Area (Bushland)
<a href="#">83075</a>	Eastern Reserve	Lots 18, 62 DP 751848, Lots 7314-7316 DP 1182581 Lot 7317 DP 1182581, Kdman Way Bourke	Regeneration Area 10 March 1961	Natural Area (Bushland)
<a href="#">86273</a>	Bourke Fishing Reserve	Lots 52, 71 DP 751848 Long Meadows Road Bourke	Public Recreation 19 May 1967	Natural Area (Bushland)



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<a href="#">95619</a>	Enngonia Community Centre	Lot 6867 DP 48668 Shearer St Enngonia	Community Centre 16 October 1981	General Community Use
<a href="#">82817</a>	Yantabulla War Memorial Hall	Lots 4-5 Section 4 DP 759132, located south of Yantabulla locality	Hall & War Memorial- 23 Sept 1960, and Urban Services- 26 June 2009	General Community Use
<a href="#">81825</a>	Byrock Community Hall	Lots 4, 6-11 Section 10 DP 758205, north of Byrock Hotel within Byrock locality	Public Hall/Public Recreation – 31 July 1959 Rural Services – 3 Sept 2021	General Community Use, Park
<a href="#">82807</a>	Louth Tennis Club	Lot 7016 DP 757374; Part: Lots 1, 10 Section 2 DP 1275, within locality of Louth	Public Recreation – 23 September 1960 Community Purposes – 24 February 2023	General Community Use, Park
<a href="#">230080</a>	Wanaaring Playground	Lot 18 Section 25 DP 759042	Public Recreation 4 September 1992	Park
<a href="#">86815</a>	Yantabulla Recreation Reserve A	Lots 9-10 Section 4 DP 759132	Public Recreation 2 August 1968	Park
<a href="#">87524</a>	Fords Bridge Recreation Reserve	Lot 3499 DP 765791	Public Recreation 28 November 1969	Natural Area (Bushland)
<a href="#">97369</a>	Enngonia Hall	Lot 9 Section 11 DP 758389	Public Recreation 3 August 1984	Park
<a href="#">82814</a>	Louth Tennis Courts	Lots 2, 9 Section 2 DP 1275, Lot 7015 DP 757374; Part Lots 1, 10 Section 2 DP 1275	Tennis Courts- 23 September 1960; Community Purposes- 10 Dec 2021.	Sportsground
<a href="#">230039</a>	Wanaaring Recreation Reserve	Lot 18 DP 722955	Public Recreation 6 May 1988	Park
<a href="#">1002192</a>	Enngonia RFS	Lot 6866 DP 48668, Shearer Street Enngonia	Urban Services 16 October 1998	General Community Use
<a href="#">230090</a>	Wanaaring Emergency Airstrip	Lot 6711 DP 822039, Wanaaring	Urban Services 6 May 1994	General Community Use
<a href="#">81309</a>	Enngonia War Memorial	Lot 10 Section 11 DP 758389, Belalie Street Enngonia	War Memorial: 19 December 1958 Community purposes: 21 October 2022	General Community Use
<a href="#">1000551</a>	Fort Bourke Stockade Site	Lot 1 DP 947313	Recreation 23 December 1914	Natural Area (Bushland)



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<a href="#">1014628</a>	Enngonia Recreation Reserve	Lots 100-101 DP 1145731	Public Recreation 27 June 2008	Park, Sportsground
<a href="#">11743</a>	Unknown (Wanaaring)	Lot 7325 DP 1200907	Public Recreation 21 June 1890	Natural Area (Bushland)
<a href="#">230036</a>	May's Bend	Lot 7322 DP 1182264	Public Recreation 22 January 1988	Natural Area (Bushland)
<a href="#">230037</a>	Yantabulla Recreation Reserve	Lot 1 DP 34989	Public Recreation 22 January 1988	Natural Area (Bushland)
<a href="#">86104</a>	Yantabulla Recreation Reserve B	Lot 7001 DP 753881 (artificial road) & Lot 7303 DP 1180086	Public Recreation 9 December 1966	Natural Area (Bushland)
<a href="#">87481</a>	Louth Cricket Ground	Lots 3-10 Section 9 DP 1275, Lots 7-10 Section 10 DP 1275, Lots 7017-7019 DP 757374	Public Recreation 31 October 1969	Sportsground
<a href="#">87545</a>	Enngonia Tennis Club	Lot 7307 DP 1182875	Public Recreation 5 December 1969	Sportsground
<a href="#">96634</a>	Wanaaring Recreation Reserve	Lots 7-8, 10 DP 45005, Lots 7-10, 17-20 Section 17 DP 759042, Lots 1-20 Section 18 DP 759042.	Public Recreation 4 March 1983	Natural Area (Bushland), Sportsground

\* It should be noted Reserve 28541 (Yantabulla Cemetery) is included in a separate Plan of Management.





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Reserve 96928: Banks of Darling Reserve





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### Executive Summary

With the introduction of the Crown Lands Management Act, all NSW Councils have been handed over the care and control of not only physical management and maintenance of Crown Reserves, but also the responsibility to categorise and prepare Plans of Management for their current and future uses.

This Plan contains three distinct sections:

Section 1: Details WHY Council is conducting this work and writing the Plan of Management;

Section 2: Sets the scene to outline WHAT the Bourke Shire is like – WHERE it is, its people and major trends;

Section 3 Outlines HOW Council and community intend to see their Crown Reserves managed now and into the future (THE PLAN).

This generic plan of management identifies the reserves, explains how they intend to be managed in the future and how Council will ensure that its performance as land manager is kept to the standard outlined in this document and in accordance with the Local Government Act and Crown Land Management Act.

This plan has been linked to Council's other strategic documents where common intentions and linkages can be identified. A snapshot of the Shire's residents and economy also provides input into the users of these lands.

This generic plan of management welcomes feedback on its content and intentions, particularly the end users being the Bourke Shire communities and visitors. Consultation for this and other individual plans of management will be carried out in accordance with the LG Act and Regulations.



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Byrock Community Hall, 2019



## GENERIC PLAN OF MANAGEMENT CROWN RESERVES

### 1. Introduction

This Plan of Management (PoM) identifies crown reserves where Bourke Council is the Crown Land Manager and outlines how Council intends to manage these reserves.

The development of this plan was prompted by the commencement of the Crown Lands Management Act (CLM Act) in July 2018. This new Act introduced the need for Councils who manage Crown reserves to do so under the provisions of the Local Government Act. Under this legislation they must:

- Assign a community land 'category' to the reserve that best aligns with the reserve purpose and use of the land, and
- Prepare a new compliant PoM for the land in accordance with the LG Act and CLM Act;
- Incorporate Native Title advice into any new Plan of Management prepared and
- Refer the Draft PoM/s to Crown Lands for landowner consent prior to proceeding to public exhibition and final adoption.

Under the previous legislation Councils had responsibilities as reserve trust managers to manage Crown land they had been appointed to. Under the CLM Act Councils are authorised to manage Crown land as if it was public land under the LG Act. Under the CLM and LG Act land classified as community land requires a PoM.

#### **1.1 Community Land and Plans of Management**

Community land is land owned and/or controlled by Council and is retained primarily for community use. It can include parks, playing fields, playgrounds, bushland and other areas of open space accessible to the public.

*Community land* is a type of land classification. All community land must have a plan of management prepared. The only other land classification in NSW is operational land. Operational land includes all other freehold land including land owned privately and by Government. Operational land does not need a plan of management prepared for its use or management. Operational land serves a commercial or operational function. In terms of Council-owned operational land, it includes land:

- held as a temporary asset;
- held as an investment,
- which facilitates the carrying out of functions by a council, or
- which may not be open to the general public (such as a waste depot).

Development and use of community land is set out in the Local Government Act 1993 (LG Act) and Council and the State Government's Planning documents.

Under the classification of Community land, there are five (5) CATEGORIES as set out in the LG Act:



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- Park
- Sportsground
- Area of Cultural Significance
- Natural Area (further subcategories under this category)
- General Community Use

Some larger and multi-use sites can contain a number of the above categories which apply in different areas. A number of the reserves in this Plan have more than one category assigned for their use.

### 1.2 Scope of this Plan of Management

The LG Act allows for the preparation of generic plans of management for community land which cover a number of sites. This pools resources and provides clear guidance for the planning, resource management and maintenance of public open space. [Appendix 1](#) outlines the Crown Reserves under this Plan.

This generic plan of management establishes clear direction for the sites and responsibilities for the users of the community land. It provides a basis for assigning priorities in works programming and budgeting within Council's financial capacity.

Any works at the sites identified must be in accordance with the plan of management and overall in accordance with the reserve purpose. New works including tenures must also consider impact on Native Title (*Native Title Act 1993*) and Aboriginal interests under the *Aboriginal Land Rights Act 1983*.

### 1.3 Process of Preparing this POM

The following steps outline the process of preparing this POM:

1. Prepare draft POM
2. Council resolution to refer to Crown Lands for landowner consent prior to publicly exhibiting the PoM
3. Public exhibition of the PoM
4. Consider submissions, make any necessary changes and determine whether to re-exhibit or adopt plan without public exhibition.
5. Where changes have been made, Council must refer to the amended Plan to Crown Lands for Minister's consent prior to adoption.
6. Following any consents required from Crown Lands, Council adopts the Plan and sends copy of adopted Plan to Crown Lands.

The above process is to be followed in accordance with section 40 of the LG Act 1993, clause 70B of the CLM Regulation 2018 and clause 114 of the LG (General) Regulation 2021.



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Consultation within the Plan began early with user groups consulted at the outset to allow ample time to be involved in the Plan's direction and content.

### 1.4 Council Plans and Policies relevant to Plans of Management

All Councils develop hierarchies of plans and policies which start at the visionary 'umbrella' type plans, covering the entire LGA, and drill down into more specific plans covering smaller topics and areas of land.

All NSW Councils develop a Community Strategic Plan which outlines the community vision and future aspirations of the area across a broad range of service areas.

Under the Strategic Plan, specific plans and policies relevant to various areas of responsibility including managing open spaces are prepared. It is under the sphere of open space management that Plans of Management are developed and plans in this genre interrelate.

The following plans and policies are relevant to this PoM:

- Bourke Community Strategic Plan 2027
- Bourke Shire Delivery Program and Operational Plan
- Draft Parks and Gardens Management and Operational Plan 2013
- Bourke Tourism Strategy
- Bourke Shire Asset Management Strategy
- (Individual) Asset Management Plans and Register
- Community Strategic Plan 2017
- Disability Inclusion Action Plan 2017

At a higher strategic level, the Draft State Strategic Plan for Crown Lands includes priorities for the management of Crown Lands, including Crown Reserves the subject of this Plan. This Plan will also be cross-referenced for the intended actions in this Plan of Management.





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**1.5 Legislation relevant to Plans of Management**

A range of state and local legislation applies to the use and development of Crown Reserves. The following legislation applies to the development of the reserves in this Plan.

**1.5.1 Local Government Act 1993**

The Local Government Act and Regulations outline the processes for classifying and categorising community land and the objectives of the categories for community land. This and the following Act are the main pieces of relevant legislation when it comes to the management of Crown Reserves. Execution of leases and licences over Crown Reserves are also outlined in the LG Act.

**1.5.2 Crown Land Management Act 2016**

The introduction of the above Act in 2018 provides a framework for Councils and other Crown Land Managers to manage Crown Reserves. In the case of Councils, they now manage the Crown Reserves as they would any other community land under their care and control.

This Act has also introduced a requirement for the NSW Government to produce a State Strategic Plan for Crown Land by July 2021. This was completed and the Crown Land 2031 State Strategic Plan was published in June 2021. Although this Plan was drafted at a broad level, it sets common management intentions for the State's community land. Councils have a responsibility to ensure compliance with this State Plan.

Under the CLM Act, certain types of minor developments which require development consent are taken to have been given consent on behalf of the Crown as owner of the reserved Crown land. This means that Council, when submitting a development application for the following works on Crown reserves, is not required to obtain the Minister's written consent to lodge the application (see section 2.23 of CLM Act):

- repair, maintenance, restoration or renovation of an existing building on the land if it will not do any of the following:
  - alter the footprint of the building by adding or removing more than one square metre (or any other area that may be prescribed by the regulations)
  - alter the existing building height by adding or removing one or more storeys;
  - involve excavation of the land
- erection, repair, maintenance or replacement of any of the following on the land:
  - a building or other structure on the land permitted under the lease
  - a toilet block
  - a structure for the protection of the environment
- erection of a fence approved by the manager or the repair, maintenance or replacement of a fence erected with the manager's approval
- use of the land for any of the following purposes:
  - a purpose for which the land may be used under the CLM Act





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- a purpose for which a lease or licence has been granted under the CLM Act
- erection of signage approved by the manager or the repair, maintenance or replacement of signage erected with the manager’s approval
- erection, repair, maintenance or replacement of a temporary structure on the land
- installation, repair, maintenance or replacement of services on the land
- carrying out on the land of any other development of a kind prescribed by the regulations or permitted under a plan of management for the land.

The deemed consent does not extend to any development that involves:

- the subdivision of land, and/or
- carrying out development of a kind excluded by the regulations.

**It should be noted here that the above deemed consent does not override the requirement to complete a Native Title report for any proposed works. See section 3.4 for further detail.**

**1.5.3 Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979**

The *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* (EP&A Act) provides the framework for planning and development across NSW and guides environmental planning instruments which provide a basis for development control. The EP&A Act ensures that effects on the natural environment, along with social and economic factors, are considered by the council when granting approval for or undertaking works, developments or activities. This Act is also the enabling legislation for planning policies which may have a direct influence on open space management. On a state-wide level there are State Environmental Planning Policies (SEPPs). On a regional level there are Regional Plans. On a local level there are Local Environmental Plans (LEPs) as well as Development Control Plans (DCPs).

**1.5.4 Aboriginal Land Rights Act 1983**

The *Aboriginal Land Rights Act 1983* (ALR Act) is important legislation that recognises the rights of Aboriginal people in NSW. It recognises the needs of Aboriginal people for land and acknowledges that land for Aboriginal people in the past was progressively reduced without compensation. Crown land meeting certain criteria may be granted to an Aboriginal Land Council. This Act may affect dealings with Crown land that is potentially claimable. In relation to this Plan, where a reserve has a known Aboriginal Land claim, any changes or tenancies on the reserve must be made with the ability to revert back to its original state and hand the land over to the Land Council in the event that the claim is successful.



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### 1.5.5 National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974

Statutory responsibilities on the council arising from this Act specifically relate to the protection of sites of pre- and post-European contact archaeological significance. This Act may affect community land categorised as cultural significance, natural area or park.

### 1.5.6 Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016

**Note:** This Act repealed several pieces of legislation including the *Native Vegetation Act 2003*, *Threatened Species Conservation Act 1995*, the *Nature Conservation Trust Act 2001*, and the animal and plant provisions of the *National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974*.

This Act covers conservation of threatened species, populations and ecological communities, the protection of native flora and fauna. This Act primarily relates to community land categorised as natural area. However, other categories may also be affected.

The *Threatened Species Conservation Act 1995* has been repealed and superseded by the [Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016](#). However, references to the former legislation remain in the LG Act and are therefore retained for the purpose of this Plan.

The Department of Planning, Industry and Environment's Energy, Environment and Science division has advised that recovery plans and threat abatement plans made under the *Threatened Species Conservation Act 1995* were repealed on the commencement of the *Biodiversity Conservation Act* in 2017. These plans have not been preserved by any savings and transitional arrangement under the Biodiversity Conservation Act or LG Act, meaning pre-existing plans have no legal effect.

For this reason, requirements relating to recovery plans and threat abatement plans for local councils preparing plans of management under section 36B of the LG Act are now redundant. If future amendments are made to the LG Act to enable these mechanisms future changes can be made to this Plan.

Save our Species (SOS) Strategies are now devised under the Biodiversity Conservation Act. At present no specific Strategies under this Act apply to the Reserves in this Plan of Management. Any future strategies which cover the Crown Reserves under this Plan will be considered in subsequent reviews for inclusion in their own Plan, considering this requirement under the CLM Act.

Certain weeds are also declared noxious under this Act, which prescribes categories to which the weeds are assigned, and these control categories identify the course of action which needs to be carried out on the weeds. A weed may be declared noxious in part or all of the state.



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### 1.5.7 Fisheries Management Act 1994

The *Fisheries Management Act 1994* (FM Act) includes provisions for the management of state fisheries, including the conservation of fish habitats, threatened species, populations and ecological communities of fish and marine vegetation and management of the riparian zone, waterways and threatened marine/freshwater aquatic species. This relates to community land categorised as natural area (foreshore, watercourse or wetland). Where an area of community land is declared to be critical habitat, or if that area is affected by a recovery plan or threat abatement plan under Part 7A of the FM Act, a site-specific plan of management will need to be undertaken.

### 1.5.8 Rural Fires Act 1997

This Act contains provisions for bushfire risk management and the establishment of a Bushfire Management Committee. It also includes direction on development in bushfire prone lands. Many of the more remote reserves in this Plan will be captured as bushfire prone land which may trigger additional consultation with the RFS if a development is proposed on such land.

### 1.5.9 Water Management Act 2000

This Act is based on the concept of ecologically sustainable development, and its objective is to provide for the sustainable and integrated management of the water sources of the state for the benefit of both present and future generations. The Act recognises:

- the fundamental health of our rivers and groundwater systems and associated wetlands, floodplains, estuaries has to be protected
- the management of water must be integrated with other natural resources such as vegetation, native fauna, soils and land
- to be properly effective, water management must be a shared responsibility between the government and the community
- water management decisions must involve consideration of environmental, social, economic, cultural and heritage aspects
- social and economic benefits to the state will result from the sustainable and efficient use of water.

### 1.5.10 Heritage Act 1977

This Act contains provisions for the conservation of items of heritage and may relate to community land categorised as cultural significance or natural area.



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### 1.5.11 Related Commonwealth legislation

#### 1.5.11A Environmental Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Management Act 1999

This Act enables the Australian Government to join with the states and territories in providing a national scheme of environment and heritage protection and biodiversity conservation. It incorporates threatened species on a national level and with relevance to Matters of National Environmental Significance.

#### 1.5.11B Telecommunications Act 1997

This Act provides for telecommunication facilities being permitted on community land without authorisation in a PoM. This is expanded upon in section 3.6 below.

### 1.5.12 State Environmental Planning Policies

#### 1.5.12A State Environmental Planning Policy (Transport and Infrastructure) 2021

This policy applies to NSW and sets out a range of criteria which apply to various types of infrastructure developments. Many of these could occur on public land and provisions exist for these instances. Of particular relevance is Division 12 which contains exempt criteria for works within parks and public reserves as reproduced below (current version).

##### **Division 12 Parks and other Public Reserves (SEPP Transport & Infrastructure)**

*Clause 2.73(3) Any of the following development may be carried out by or on behalf of a council without consent on a public reserve under the control of or vested in the council.*

*(a) development for any of the following purposes:*

- (i) roads, pedestrian pathways, cycleways, single storey car parks, ticketing facilities, viewing platforms and pedestrian bridges,*
- (ii) recreation areas and recreation facilities (outdoor), but not including grandstands,*
- (iii) visitor information centres, information boards and other information facilities,*
- (iv) lighting, if light spill and artificial sky glow is minimised in accordance with the Lighting for Roads and Public Spaces Standard,*
- (v) landscaping, including landscape structures or features (such as art work) and irrigation systems,*
- (vi) amenities for people using the reserve, including toilets and change rooms,*
- (vii) food preparation and related facilities for people using the reserve,*
- (viii) maintenance depots,*
- (ix) portable lifeguard towers,*
- (b) environmental management works,*
- (c) demolition of buildings (other than any building that is, or is part of, a State or local heritage item or is within a heritage conservation area).*

*Note.*

*The term building is defined in the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 as including any structure.*



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*66 Exempt development*

*(1) Development for any of the following purposes that is carried out in the prescribed circumstances is exempt development:*

- (a) construction or maintenance of:*
  - (i) walking tracks, raised walking paths (including boardwalks), ramps, stairways or gates, or*
  - (ii) bicycle-related storage facilities, including bicycle racks and other bicycle parking facilities (except for bicycle paths), or*
  - (iii) handrail barriers or vehicle barriers, or*
  - (iv) ticketing machines or park entry booths, or*
  - (v) viewing platforms with an area not exceeding 100m<sup>2</sup>, or*
  - (vi) sporting facilities, including goal posts, sight screens and fences, if the visual impact of the development on surrounding land uses is minimal, or*
  - (vii) play equipment if adequate safety measures (including soft landing surfaces) are provided and, in the case of the construction of such equipment, so long as the equipment is situated at least 1.2m away from any fence, or*
  - (viii) seats, picnic tables, barbecues, bins (including frames and screening), shelters or shade structures, or*
  - (ix) portable lifeguard towers if the footprint of the tower covers an area no greater than 20 square metres,*
- (b) routine maintenance of playing fields and other infrastructure, including landscaping,*
- (c) routine maintenance of roads that provide access to or within those playing fields, including landscaping.*

The NSW Government, in applying this State Policy, is allowing minor public infrastructure works to progress quickly through to construction without the need for planning approval (subject to satisfying set criteria).

**1.5.12B State Environmental Planning Policy (Biodiversity & Conservation) 2021**

This SEPP has aims of protecting core koala habitat and ensuring populations of this iconic Australian marsupial are stabilised and increased. This SEPP outlines the information required to be included in a Koala Plan of Management as well as the assessment criteria which apply for Councils who don't have a Koala Plan of Management.

For the Bourke Shire and related to this Plan of Management, the SEPP is triggered only when a development application is required to be submitted on Crown Reserves that:

- a) have an area of at least 1 hectare, including adjoining land (meaning land the next cadastre over) within the same ownership, and
- b) is within an LGA to which the SEPP applies.

The Guideline to this Policy provides greater detail on the assessment parameters where a development application is submitted on land which applies to the SEPP.

Whilst this SEPP does not prohibit development on Crown Reserves where core koala habitat may exist, it does include a number of parameters which need to be considered prior to approving the development.



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1.5.13 Bourke Local Environmental Plan and Zoning

The Local Environmental Plan for the Bourke Shire outlines the planning controls over each of the zones within the LGA. Zoning is the practice of segregating land uses according to preferred use, depending on a range of topographical, environmental, economic and social considerations. Zoning on each of the reserves included in this plan is varied. Zones range from RE1 (Public Recreation), which is expected for the sporting and recreational fields in the towns to RU1 (Primary Production) for remote, passive reserves in rural areas. Lots zoned for Primary Production have objectives for development related primarily to an agricultural use. When these lots are classified community yet are bordering farmland, this zoning is appropriate and leases may be affected to appropriately manage the land in certain circumstances. In most cases the land continues to be used as it has been prior to a Plan of Management being drafted, providing it complies with the reserve purpose and the new plan of management. Any new developments on the land will need to consider the land use zoning from the Bourke Local Environmental Plan.

The most utilised zoning for urban land reserved for community use or park is RE1: Public Recreation. The objectives for this zone are standard across NSW and are shown below:

- To enable land to be used for public open space or recreational purposes.
- To provide a range of recreational settings and activities and compatible land uses.
- To protect and enhance the natural environment for recreational purposes.

If reserves are not zoned for recreation purposes, this does not preclude their use, enjoyment or further development as a Park. Any development proposed which requires development consent not only has to be in accordance with the original reserve purpose and terms of this Plan of Management but also must comply with state and local planning policies.

The land use zones under the LEP that cover the reserves under this plan include:

- RU1: Primary Production
- RE1: Public Recreation
- R1: General Residential
- RU5: Village
- B2: Local Centre

Recreation facilities in the above zones are permitted with consent (where other exempt provisions do not apply), which is appropriate.



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### 1.5.14 Bourke Shire Development Control Plan 2012

This document provides greater detail on the permissible uses within the zones and the performance and design criteria for such developments. This document must also be referred to when proposing development which requires consent from Council.

### 1.6 Change and Review of Plan of Management

This PoM will require regular review to ensure the community's intended directions for community land is kept in line with expectations as well as Council and the user groups' agreed level of service. If an Aboriginal Land Claim or claim under Native Title is determined on a Reserve under this Plan, this will also result in an amendment to this Plan of Management.

Major changes to this and other PoMs are to be carried out every five years. Council's Annual Reporting process may also require checking of the requirements in this Plan. The CLM Act and the LG Act include provisions for the amendment of PoMs as well as the required community engagement.

### 1.7 Community Consultation

During initial drafting of this Plan, consultation began with user groups who either hold a lease or licence over Crown Reserves or otherwise have an interest in the Reserves in this Plan. This provided early insights into how the reserves are used and how they are intended to be used in the future. Results of this early consultation are included in Appendix 2 and Table 3.

Public exhibition, as required under the LG Act, was carried out for this Plan from ... to ... A total of x submissions were received. \*\*Note: to be completed following public exhibition\*\*. These submissions were considered and included where relevant prior to Council adoption of the Plan. Crown Lands were also involved in endorsing the Plan for public exhibition as owner of the lands (required under s.39 of the LG Act).

Note, as this Plan is in draft form, the above sections will be completed in full following community consultation.





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Reserve 78045: North Bourke Boat Ramp. Recent repairs & upgrades to ramp





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2.0 The Context

2.1 The Residents of Bourke Shire

2.1.1 Community Profile major facts and trends

The number of people usually resident in Bourke in 2021 was 2,340. This represents a decrease of 294 people (-11% over 5 years) from the 2016 total of 2,634 people. This population decrease follows a similar trend across western NSW towns where the impacts of mechanisation, technology and the cyclical nature of weather impacts on populations, as well as a gradual population shift to the coast/larger population centres.

<p><b>Main Points:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Like most NSW regional towns, Bourke's population is in slight decline</li> <li>Bourke's population is ageing</li> <li>Nearly one in three residents identify as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander</li> </ul>
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Bourke Shire's population is expected to continue to decline slowly with influxes of transient workers for major projects in the region providing some fluctuations (such as value-added agricultural initiatives and Government projects). The other expected change, as will be the case across the country, is an increase in the proportion of Bourke's residents aged 60+ years. The community profile for Bourke shows a reduction in numbers over most younger age cohorts with the exception of age groups above 45 years which are mostly increasing in proportion.

The proportion of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander residents in the LGA is 30.3%. A total of 14.6% of the population did not state indigenous status, meaning the above proportion could be higher. This proportion has generally grown steadily since, and prior to 2006.

Unemployment in the Shire is 10.3% (as at Sept 2022) which is higher than the Orana region (3.9%) and the NSW average of 3.3% in 2022 (Bourke Remplan data).

2.1.2 Implications for open space

With a population in slight decline and an increasing proportion of elderly residents, this has implications for the provision of open space and the connectivity of such open space to the community and to and between aged care facilities. Different uses of spaces for the elderly including leases of buildings for men's and women's sheds, Aboriginal groups including art groups and community gardens will also need to be considered long term. In smaller towns if not provided and driven by Council, community groups may suggest these initiatives and look to Council for support.

Level footpaths providing access to active and passive recreation areas will benefit all age groups and in particular, those walking and using prams, bikes and mobility scooters.

Lighting and security in open space areas is also of importance, particularly where the elderly or younger/more vulnerable age groups may use the space at times when sunlight is poor or restricted.



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Another wider implication for open space is climate change and the need to plan for shade during summer, and sunlight in winter. Also, as many open space areas are located in floodprone areas, the need to ensure playground/exercise equipment and sheds are built to withstand inundation and floodwaters is part of the site-specific planning.

The ability of various user groups, including Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander persons and those from ethnically diverse backgrounds, to move between and enjoy the benefits of the Reserves outlined in this plan is also of importance. Where this can be enhanced, priority needs to be given.

### 2.1.3 Links to Community Strategic Plan

The Bourke Shire CSP cites the following actions under 'Liveable and vibrant community':

- *Encourage sport and recreation activities*
- *Enhance our Parks and Ovals*
- *Improve local main street amenity*
- *Improve Boat Ramp at North Bourke*
- *Improve lighting throughout township*
- *Increase the level of shade in our parks and gardens*

Under 'Infrastructure', the CSP notes the following actions:

- *Ensure Community halls and other Village infrastructure is maintained to a suitable standard;*
- *Further develop pool, Davidson Oval and Central Park precinct plans*

The above actions directly link with the management of open spaces and in particular, the direction provided by this and Council's other Plans of Management. This Plan will therefore link with these to provide strategic direction for actions identified in Council's Community Strategic Plan.

### 2.1.4 Links to 2031 – State Strategic Plan for Crown Lands

As mentioned above, this Plan was released in June 2021 and has been developed by Crown Lands in accordance with the CLM Act 2016. This Plan applies to all Crown Land in the state of NSW, regardless of whether it is a Dedication, Reserve or other Crown Land.

The main priorities for the State Strategic Plan are:

*Priority 1 – Strengthen community connections with Crown land;*

*Priority 2 – Accelerate economic progress in regional and rural NSW*

*Priority 3 – Accelerate the realisation of Aboriginal land rights and native title in partnership with Aboriginal people*

*Priority 4 – Protect cultural heritage on Crown land, and*

*Priority 5 – Protect environmental assets, improve and expand green space and build climate change resilience.*



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Where the above priorities intersect with actions and outcomes for the reserves, they will be referenced in the Action Plan (see Appendix 1).

2.2 Community Land in the Bourke Shire

This generic plan of management only includes land owned by the NSW Government (the Crown). In addition to the reserves identified in this plan, Council is also responsible for the management of its own community land and Council reserves and parks.

2.2.1 Land covered under this Plan of Management

The table on page 4 of this Plan shows the reserves included in this Plan of Management. These are all of the Crown Reserves managed by Council which require a Plan of Management under the *Local Government Act 1993*. See **Appendix 1** for detailed location of these sites.



Bourke Picnic Races, 2019 being held on Reserve 89062. Image courtesy of The Land newspaper.



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3.0 The Plan of Management

This section of the Plan outlines each of the Reserves and **HOW** they are to be managed in accordance with the relevant legislation in section 2.

**3.1 Crown Reserves in the Bourke Shire**

Bourke Shire was initially appointed Crown Land Manager of forty-three (43) Crown Reserves from Crown Lands. Of these Crown Reserves, five (5) were put forward to be classified as operational land which was approved. Note that once classified as operational land, reserves are not required to have a Plan of Management prepared for their use.

The remaining 38 reserves form the basis of this Plan of Management. In addition to this, Council owns and manages its own community land reserves, also under section 36 the Local Government Act.

Following endorsement from Crown Lands, Bourke’s Crown Reserves have been assigned the following categories:

Category	Number of Crown Reserves
Park	10
Natural Area – Bushland	9
General Community Use	5
Sportsground	4
Area of Cultural Significance	1
Multiple categories (eg. Park and Sportsground)	7
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>36</b>

Following categorization of the Reserves, they have been grouped by their category and listed below.



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### 3.2 Timeframes in action plans

The following timeframes for actions align with *Crown Land 2031: State Strategic plan for Crown land* and provide scope for Council to work within common, agreed milestones.

- ST: Short Term (Complete over 1-2 years)
- MT Medium Term (Complete within 5 years)
- LT Long Term (Complete within 10 years).



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3.3 Action Plans for Reserves by Category

Table 3.3.1 Park

Management Objectives (Local Govt Act, s 36)	Links to adopted Council Strategic Plans	Management Strategies & links to State Plan	Actions	Performance Evaluation and Timeframe (ST/MT/LT)
<b>PARK</b>				
(a) to encourage, promote and facilitate recreational, cultural, social and educational pastimes and activities,	Community Strategic Plan (CSP): <i>Liveable and Vibrant Community</i> - Ensure high level of youth services, amenities and activities - Enhance our parks and ovals	Improved awareness  Better utilisation  State Strategic Plan (SSP) Priority 1 (strengthen community connections with Crown Land)	Maps of open space areas to be developed as part of recommendations in <b>Bourke Tourism Strategy</b> , which can then be given to target visitors as well as locals.	Maps/promotional material produced <b>Short Term</b>
(b) to provide for passive recreational activities or pastimes and for the casual playing of games,	CSP: <i>Environmental Sustainability</i> -Manage Council trusts and reserves to a high standard.	Provision of spaces  SSP Priority 5 (protect assets)	Investigate which user groups require a lease or licence for their operations on Crown Reserves	Upon adoption of this Plan <b>Short term</b>
(c) to improve the land in such a way as to promote and facilitate its use to achieve the other	CSP: <i>Infrastructure</i> - Enhance shaded areas to parks - Improve the boat ramp at North Bourke	Improved condition  Promote usage  Safe and clean spaces	- Assess current physical condition of key facilities at reserves to determine forward plans for maintenance	Physical condition reports for facilities, fences, parking to marry in with Asset Management reports <b>Short Term</b>





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Management Objectives (Local Govt Act, s 36)	Links to adopted Council Strategic Plans	Management Strategies & links to State Plan	Actions	Performance Evaluation and Timeframe (ST/MT/LT)
core objectives for its management.	<p>- Ensure community halls are maintained to a suitable standard (where co-located on parks)</p> <p><b>Bourke Tourism Strategy:</b> [well maintained] public toilet infrastructure</p>	SSP Priority 2 (economic progress)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Assess condition of boundary fences to ensure adequate security (where necessary).</li> <li>- As site infrastructure improves and risk of theft increases, consider best methods of security at the site for all user groups including lighting</li> <li>- Conduct annual safety audits of the site in conjunction with interested user groups and Council's Internal Audit Committee</li> <li>- Improved site management techniques</li> <li>- Electricity/solar power for future site upgrades</li> <li>- Access and parking assessments</li> <li>- Public amenities checks</li> </ul>	<p>Safety/security audit at prioritised sites <b>Medium Term</b></p> <p>Toolbox meetings for outdoor staff to gauge feedback on site management techniques <b>regular intervals</b></p> <p>Public toilet and amenity audits – <b>regular basis</b></p>



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The following developments are encouraged/permissible on Reserves containing the category Park:

<p><b>Purpose/Use such as...</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Active and passive recreation including children’s play and cycling</li> <li>• Group recreational use, such as picnics and private celebrations</li> <li>• Eating and drinking in a relaxed setting</li> <li>• Publicly accessible ancillary areas, such as toilets</li> <li>• Festivals, parades, markets, fairs, exhibitions and similar events and gatherings</li> <li>• Low intensity commercial activities (e.g. recreational equipment hire)</li> <li>• Filming and photographic projects</li> <li>• Busking</li> <li>• Public address (speeches)</li> <li>• Community gardening</li> </ul> <p>NB: Some of the uses listed above require approval from Council.</p>	<p><b>Development to facilitate uses, such as...</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Development for the purposes of improving access, amenity and the visual character of the park, e.g paths, public art, pergolas</li> <li>• Development for the purposes of active recreation such as play equipment, exercise equipment, bike racks, basketball courts.</li> <li>• Amenities to facilitate the safe use and enjoyment of the park e.g. picnic tables, BBQs, sheltered seating areas</li> <li>• Café or refreshment areas (kiosks/restaurants) including external seating</li> <li>• Lighting, seating, toilet facilities, courts, paved areas</li> <li>• Hard and soft landscaped areas</li> <li>• Storage sheds</li> <li>• Car parking and loading areas</li> <li>• Commercial development which is sympathetic to and supports use in the area, e.g. hire of recreation equipment</li> <li>• Community gardens</li> <li>• Heritage and cultural interpretation, e.g. signs</li> <li>• Advertising structures and signage (such as A-frames and banners) that:                         <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- relate to approved uses/activities</li> <li>- are discreet and temporary</li> <li>- are approved by the council</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Bio-banking and carbon sequestration initiatives</li> <li>• Water saving initiatives such as stormwater harvesting, rain gardens and swales</li> <li>• Energy saving initiatives such as solar lights and solar panels</li> <li>• Locational, directional and regulatory signage</li> </ul>
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Reserve 9305: Central Park shade sails over exercise equipment



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Table 3.3.2 Sportsground

Management Objectives (Local Govt Act, s 36)	Links to adopted Council Strategic Plans	Management Strategies & links to State Strategic Plan (SSP)	Actions	Performance Evaluation and Timeframe (ST/MT/LT)
<b>Sportsground</b>				
(a) to encourage, promote and facilitate recreational pursuits in the community involving organised and informal sporting activities and games,	<b>Community Strategic Plan (CSP): Liveable and Vibrant Community</b> - Ensure high level of youth services, amenities and activities - Enhance our parks and ovals - Encourage sport and recreation activities	<b>Promotion</b>  <b>SSP Priority 1 &amp; 2</b>	- Encourage multi-use of sites - Facilitate hosting wider events to encourage greater usage - Improved boundary fencing Improved access to and between reserves	- Council survey to include use of open space <b>Medium Term</b> - Increased usage of Reserves <b>Medium Term</b> - Increased number of wider events hosted <b>Medium Term</b>
	<b>Disability Inclusion Action Plan 2017 (DIAP)</b> - Secure funding for all-abilities play equipment - Improve access to the pool for persons with a disability	<b>Accessibility</b>  <b>SSP Priority 1</b>	- Widened footpaths (subject to grant funding) for limited mobility user groups - Play and pool equipment for limited mobility groups	Completion of footpath upgrades <b>Long Term</b>  Completion of play & pool equipment: <b>Medium Term</b>
	<b>Bourke Tourism Strategy:</b> Encourage locals and family members to be actively	<b>Involvement</b>  <b>Utilisation</b>	- Ensure lease/licence fees are affordable	- Council to look at online linkages <b>Short Term</b>



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Management Objectives (Local Govt Act, s 36)	Links to adopted Council Strategic Plans	Management Strategies & links to State Strategic Plan (SSP)	Actions	Performance Evaluation and Timeframe (ST/MT/LT)
	involved in sporting organisations	SSP Priority 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Assess directional signage (both physically and online)</li> <li>- Apply for funding to upgrade facilities through the Crown Reserves Improvement Program, when available</li> <li>- Improved information on how to book fields and their regular use</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Funding applications applied for when funding streams open <b>ongoing</b></li> <li>- Improved pool access for persons with a disability <b>Short Term – grant funding</b></li> <li>- Survey with next CSP <b>Medium Term</b></li> </ul>
(b) to ensure that such activities are managed having regard to any adverse impact on nearby residences.	<p>CSP: Liveable and Vibrant Community</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Improve local main street amenity</li> </ul>	Amenity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Complaint register checks for amenity impacts of Sportsgrounds</li> <li>- Social media suggestions for improvement from community</li> </ul>	<p>Complaint register evaluation: <b>annually &amp; Medium Term</b></p> <p>Social media proactive feedback posts: <b>short term</b></p>



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The following developments are encouraged/permissible on Reserves containing the category Sportsground:

Sportsground	
<p><b>Purpose/Use</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Active and passive recreational and sporting activities compatible with the nature of the particular land and any relevant facilities</li> <li>• Organised and unstructured recreation activities</li> <li>• Community events and gatherings</li> <li>• Commercial uses associated with sports facilities</li> </ul>	<p><b>Development to facilitate uses</b></p> <p>Development for the purpose of conducting and facilitating organised sport (both amateur and professional), for example:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sports field (cricket, football, track and field athletics, baseball, softball)</li> <li>• Marked court (basketball, volleyball, badminton, tennis, hockey, netball etc.)</li> <li>• Aquatic facility (learn to swim classes, squad training, fitness and health classes including aqua aerobics, recreational and competitive swimming and diving, organised water sports including water polo, diving, hydrotherapy facilities)</li> <li>• Professional rooms for hire</li> <li>• Change room/locker areas</li> <li>• Shower/toilet facilities</li> <li>• Kiosk/café uses</li> <li>• Car parking and loading areas</li> <li>• Ancillary areas (staff rooms, meeting rooms, recording rooms, equipment storage areas)</li> <li>• Shade structures</li> <li>• Storage ancillary to recreational uses, community events or gatherings, and public meetings</li> <li>• Facilities for sports training, e.g. batting cages, tennis walls</li> <li>• Provision of amenities to facilitate use and enjoyment of the community land including seating, change rooms, toilets, storage, first aid areas</li> <li>• Café/kiosk facilities</li> <li>• Heritage and cultural interpretation, e.g. signs</li> <li>• Equipment sales/hire areas</li> <li>• Meeting rooms/staff areas</li> <li>• Compatible, small scale commercial uses, e.g. sports tuition</li> <li>• Advertising structures and signage (such as A-frames and banners) that:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- relate to approved uses/activities</li> </ul> </li> </ul>





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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- are discreet and temporary</li><li>- are approved by the council</li><li>• Water saving initiatives such as stormwater harvesting, rain gardens and swales</li><li>• Energy saving initiatives such as solar lights and solar panels</li><li>• Locational, directional and regulatory signage</li></ul>
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Bourke Racecourse Parkrun. Image courtesy of Bourke Racecourse Parkrun facebook page



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Table 3.3.3 General Community Use

Management Objectives (Local Govt Act)	Links to adopted Council Strategic Plans	Management Strategies & links to State Strategic Plan (SSP)	Actions	Performance Evaluation and Timeframe (ST/MT/LT)
<b>General Community Use</b>				
To promote, encourage and provide for the use of the land, and to provide facilities on the land, to meet the current and future needs of the local community and the wider public:	CSP: <i>Environmental Sustainability</i> - Manage Council trusts and reserves to a high standard	Promote  Encourage  SSP Priority 1 & 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Facilitate hosting wider events to encourage greater usage</li> <li>- Community surveys with CSP review to determine future needs and wants of community</li> <li>- Assess asset condition regularly in line with agreed service levels and Asset Management Plans</li> </ul>	Number and increased number of events & attendance: <b>Medium/Long Term</b>  CSP feedback to align questions with GCU reserves: <b>Medium term</b>  Asset conditions checked with AMP reviews and risk assessments: <b>Medium Term</b>



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Management Objectives (Local Govt Act)	Links to adopted Council Strategic Plans	Management Strategies & links to State Strategic Plan (SSP)	Actions	Performance Evaluation and Timeframe (ST/MT/LT)
	CSP: Social justice principles allowing and promoting access to facilities	Accessibility	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Engage with persons needing accessible facilities and seek feedback on reserves success or otherwise in this area. Is it cost-prohibitive? Seek funding if so.</li> <li>- Social media promotions of inclusive access</li> </ul>	Assessment of accessibility of reserves <b>Short Term</b> Council social media engagement of inclusive posts <b>Short Term</b>
	CSP: <i>Economic Prosperity</i> - Promote and develop business opportunities	Promote  Prosper  SSP Priority 2 & 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Determine if suitable community buildings on reserves for meetings/business start-up spaces/pop up retail are available</li> <li>- Engage with community re take up of such meeting rooms</li> </ul>	Chamber of Commerce engagement on this matter: <b>Medium Term</b>
In relation to public recreation and the physical, cultural, social and intellectual welfare or development of individual members of the public	CSP: <i>Liveable and Vibrant Community</i> - Improve disability access - Develop and enhance the arts	Liveability  SSP Priority 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ensure all sites have adequate accessibility for all members of the public</li> <li>- Asset condition determined in consultation with user groups and Council's adopted Asset Management Plan (AMP).</li> <li>- Priority boundary fences checked</li> <li>- Security and safety at sites considered at relevant Committee meetings</li> </ul>	Asset assessments conducted at relevant sites: <b>Medium Term</b>



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Management Objectives (Local Govt Act)	Links to adopted Council Strategic Plans	Management Strategies & links to State Strategic Plan (SSP)	Actions	Performance Evaluation and Timeframe (ST/MT/LT)
In relation to purposes for which a lease, licence or other estate may be granted in respect of the land (other than the provision of public utilities and works associated with or ancillary to public utilities)	CSP: <i>Governance</i> - Sustainable well-financed Council	Compliance  SSP Priority 5	- Tenure and hire fees included in Council's Fees and Charges – to be reviewed if limited interest/income - Promote successful hire/licences issued for crown reserves through Council social media and website - Determine appropriate tenure and hire fees for new and existing leases/licences - Prepare guideline for casual hire/lease/licencing of community buildings/sites, particularly where demand justifies preparation.	Check Fees and Charges for appropriate levies: <b>Short Term</b>  Social media promotion completed: <b>Medium Term</b>  Guidelines for leasing: <b>Short Term</b>

The following developments are encouraged/permissible on Reserves containing the category General Community Use

General community use	
<p><b>Purpose/Use</b></p> <p>Providing a location for, and supporting, the gathering of groups for a range of social, cultural or recreational purposes. Providing multi-purpose buildings (e.g. community halls and centres) with specialised community uses such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>casual or informal recreation</li> </ul>	<p><b>Development to facilitate uses</b></p> <p>Development for the purposes of social, community, cultural and recreational activities – such as libraries, childcare centres, youth services, aged services, men's sheds, health services, sports.</p> <p>Development includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>provision of buildings or other amenity areas to facilitate use and enjoyment by the community</li> <li>development (particularly within buildings) for the purposes of addressing the needs of a particular group (e.g. a stage)</li> </ul>





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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• meetings (including for social, recreational, educational or cultural purposes)</li> <li>• functions</li> <li>• concerts, including all musical genres</li> <li>• performances (including film and stage)</li> <li>• exhibitions</li> <li>• fairs and parades</li> <li>• workshops</li> <li>• leisure or training classes</li> <li>• childcare (e.g. before and after school care, vacation care)</li> <li>• designated group use (e.g. scout and girl guide use)</li> <li>• educational centres, including libraries, information and resource centres</li> <li>• entertainment facilities.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• landscaping and finishes, improving access, amenity and the visual character of the general community area</li> <li>• water saving initiatives such as rain gardens</li> <li>• energy saving initiatives such as solar lights and solar panels</li> <li>• carparking and loading areas</li> <li>• advertising structures and signage (such as A-frames and banners) that:                         <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- relate to approved uses/activities</li> <li>- are discreet and temporary</li> <li>- are approved by the council</li> </ul> </li> <li>• locational, directional and regulatory signage.</li> </ul>
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Table 3.3.4 Natural Area – Bushland

Management Objectives (Local Govt Act)	Links to adopted Council Strategic Plans	Management Strategies & links to State Strategic Plan	Actions	Performance Evaluation and Timeframe (ST/MT/LT)
<b>Natural Area</b>				
To conserve biodiversity and maintain ecosystem function in respect of the land, or the feature or habitat in respect of which the land is categorised as a natural area,	NSW State Strategic Plan – A vision for Crown Land Support and restore environmental values on Crown land	Conserve SSP Priority 5	1(a) Assess prioritised areas for improvement of the reserve 1(b) Ensure appropriate site management techniques are planned and utilised including bushfire and flood mitigation	1(a) Prioritise works <b>Short term</b> 1(b) Discuss techniques with appropriate authorities' <b>Short term</b>
To maintain the land, or that feature or habitat, in its natural state and setting,	Bourke LSPS Protect and manage environmental assets	Maintain SSP Priority 5	1(c) Discuss weed and pest control on the reserve in partnership with neighbouring land managers and owners 1(d) Identify if fencing requires improvement in discussion with adjoining landholders	1(c) Evidence of agreements with adjoining neighbours: <b>Long term</b> 1(d) Evidence of agreements with adjoining neighbours: <b>Medium term</b>
To provide for the restoration and regeneration of the land,	Bourke CSP. <i>Environmental Sustainability</i> – Manage Council trusts and reserves to a high standard.	Restore SSP Priority 5	1(e) Obtain advice regarding appropriate species to be planted to	1(e) Verify appropriateness of species list in reserve tables, with view to planting or offering site for



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Management Objectives (Local Govt Act)	Links to adopted Council Strategic Plans	Management Strategies & links to State Strategic Plan	Actions	Performance Evaluation and Timeframe (ST/MT/LT)
			assist in sustainable regeneration on the lands	biodiversity credits. <b>Short term</b>
To provide for community use of and access to the land in such a manner as will minimise and mitigate any disturbance caused by human intrusion, and	<b>NSW State Strategic Plan – A vision for Crown Land</b> Reduce red tape for government entities managing Crown land.	<b>Community Use</b> <b>Accessibility</b> <b>SSP Priority 4</b>	1(f) Assess suitability of access to site based on RMS recommended sight lines 1(g) Assess access within the site based on rationalising tracks and allowing for combined access and fire trails 1(h) Consider controlled access to the land where open public access may conflict with conservation intentions.	1(f) Prioritise Natural Area reserves with regular access for sight distance assessment & report back to Managerial level: <b>Short term</b>  1(g) Access improvement assessment based on Council expenditure: <b>Medium term</b>  1(h) Evaluate physical works undertaken within reserves and measure improved conservation outcomes: <b>Medium term</b>
To assist in and facilitate the implementation of any provisions restricting the use and management	<b>Western Enabling Regional Adaptation – Far West Region</b> <i>Saving our Species</i> program looking to prioritise funding for threatened species projects in western NSW	<b>Facilitate co-management with others</b>	1(i) Where threat abatement plans, save our species strategies or recovery plans are devised and notified to Council, actions relating to Council	1(h) Determine management tools when plans are submitted to Council: <b>Short Term</b>



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Management Objectives (Local Govt Act)	Links to adopted Council Strategic Plans	Management Strategies & links to State Strategic Plan	Actions	Performance Evaluation and Timeframe (ST/MT/LT)
of the land that are set out in a recovery plan or threat abatement plan prepared under the <i>Threatened Species Conservation Act 1995</i> or the <i>Fisheries Management Act 1994</i> .			management then devised to further manage the use of the land and assist in the recommendations of the species plan.	
<b>Bushland</b>				
To ensure the ongoing ecological viability of the land by protecting the ecological biodiversity and habitat values of the land, the flora and fauna (including invertebrates, fungi and micro-organisms) of the land and other	<b>Western Enabling Regional Adaptation – Far West Region</b> Better integrate land conservation through connectivity, buffer zones and combining management with the public reserve system. *Note, this Plan is silent on Crown Land in this respect but the above can still be utilised.	Protect biodiversity  Funding  SSP Priority 5	1(j) Consider partnership approach to public land management for these remote reserves with adjoining land managers  1(k) Prior to any organised plantings, species lists are to match with intended regeneration targets  1(i) Explore opportunities for funding reserve	Regular checks of endangered and threatened species plans which are relevant in the Bourke LGA (and only where specific sites are captured) are carried out regularly (ongoing)



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Management Objectives (Local Govt Act)	Links to adopted Council Strategic Plans	Management Strategies & links to State Strategic Plan	Actions	Performance Evaluation and Timeframe (ST/MT/LT)
ecological values of the land, and			management from wide ranging sources	
To protect the aesthetic, heritage, recreational, educational and scientific values of the land, and	<b>NSW State Strategic Plan – A vision for Crown Land</b> Manage Crown Land to build resilience in a changing climate	<b>Balanced protection</b>  <b>SSP Priority 4</b>	1(m) Prioritise where this Reserve is able to contribute best to the inherent values of Crown land’s assets (eg. scientific research on this Reserve may take precedence over aesthetics due to limited site exposure).	1(m) Number of reserves offered for this type of use: <b>Long term</b>
To promote the management of the land in a manner that protects and enhances the values and quality of the land and facilitates public enjoyment of the land, and to implement measures directed to minimising or mitigating any	<b>NSW State Strategic Plan – A vision for Crown Land</b> Support and restore environmental values on Crown land	<b>Promote enhanced management</b>  <b>Research sites</b>  <b>SSP Priority 1, 2, 5</b>	1(n) Bushland regeneration provided via research companies  1(o) Explore and apply for prioritised funding under the Crown Reserves Improvement Fund for:  – Reducing seed bank of weeds on site – Spraying and manual removal of weeds	1(n) Number of reserves utilised in this manner: <b>Long term</b>  1(o) Amount of funding applications submitted/approved. Success rate: <b>Medium Term</b>



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Management Objectives (Local Govt Act)	Links to adopted Council Strategic Plans	Management Strategies & links to State Strategic Plan	Actions	Performance Evaluation and Timeframe (ST/MT/LT)
disturbance caused by human intrusion, and			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Pest control whilst retaining natural hollows for native fauna</li> <li>- Adjacent road reserve maintenance</li> </ul>	
to restore degraded bushland, and to protect existing landforms such as natural drainage lines, watercourses and foreshores, and	<b>NSW State Strategic Plan – A vision for Crown Land</b> Support and restore environmental values on Crown land	<b>Restore and protect</b>  <b>SSP Priority 5</b>	1(p) Encourage use of Reserves and community land by Research entities where maintenance and regeneration of the land is part of the external management, including wider community benefit of educational and scientific research results	1(p) Evaluate how many funding streams offered in this space: <b>Long term</b>
to retain bushland in parcels of a size and configuration that will enable the existing plant and animal communities to	<b>Bourke LSPS</b> Protect and manage environmental assets	<b>Retain and protect</b>  <b>SSP Priority 5</b>	1(q) Consider internal fencing or fire trails to ensure paddock sizes are appropriate for regeneration efforts to succeed.	1(q) Funding spent on fencing or other management techniques: <b>Medium term</b>



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Management Objectives (Local Govt Act)	Links to adopted Council Strategic Plans	Management Strategies & links to State Strategic Plan	Actions	Performance Evaluation and Timeframe (ST/MT/LT)
survive in the long term, and to protect bushland as a natural stabiliser of the soil surface.			1(r) include educational information via Council media platforms regarding the protection of habitat at management sites which can include natural drainage lines and watercourses as well as vegetation as a passive stabiliser of soil	1(r) Number of public positive social media posts and engagement: <b>Short term</b>





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Reserve 86273: Bourke Fishing Reserve





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The following developments are encouraged/permissible on Reserves containing the category Natural Areas

Purpose/Use	Development to facilitate uses
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Preservation of the council's natural heritage including the identified endangered ecological communities</li> <li>• Preservation of biological diversity and habitat</li> <li>• Providing a location for relaxation and passive informal recreation</li> <li>• Walking and cycling</li> <li>• Guided bushwalks</li> <li>• Environmental and scientific study</li> <li>• Bush regeneration works</li> <li>• Carbon sequestration</li> <li>• Bio-banking</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Toilets</li> <li>• Picnic tables</li> <li>• BBQs</li> <li>• Sheltered seating areas</li> <li>• Lighting</li> <li>• Low impact carparks</li> <li>• Low impact walking trails</li> <li>• Interpretive signage</li> <li>• Water saving initiatives such as rain gardens, swales and sediment traps</li> <li>• Energy saving initiatives such as solar lights and solar panels</li> <li>• Bridges</li> <li>• Observation platforms, signs</li> <li>• Information kiosks</li> <li>• Refreshment kiosks (but not restaurants)</li> <li>• Work sheds or storage sheds required in connection with the maintenance of the land</li> <li>• Bicycle/boat hire or similar</li> <li>• Temporary erection or use of any building or structure necessary to enable a filming project to be carried out</li> <li>• Locational, directional and regulatory signage</li> </ul>



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### 3.4 Use and Development of the Land

Every Council has guiding principles regarding use and development of land. The following broader strategic documents have been considered in the drafting of this generic plan:

Crown Lands 2031 State Strategic Plan for Crown land, Central West and Orana Regional Plan 2036, Western Enabling Regional Adaptation – Far West Region, Bourke Community Strategic Plan, Bourke Local Strategic Planning Statement, Bourke Local Environmental Plan, Bourke Development Control Plan.

The use and development of Crown Reserves is subject to the guiding principles outlined in this Plan of Management and the exempt and permissibility provisions in relevant legislation. This is explained in further detail below.

### 3.5 Leases and Licences

This plan of management **expressly authorises** the issue of leases, licences and other estates over the land covered by the plan of management, in accordance with section 46(1)(b) of the LG Act, provided that:

- the purpose is consistent with the purpose for which it was dedicated or reserved
- the purpose is consistent with the core objectives for the category of the land
- the lease, licence or other estate is for a permitted purpose listed in the *Local Government Act 1993* or the Local Government (General) Regulation 2021
- the issue of the lease, licence or other estate and the provisions of the lease, licence or other estate can be validated by the provisions of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth)
- where the land is subject to a claim under the *Aboriginal Land Rights Act 1983* the issue of any lease, licence or other estate will not prevent the land from being transferred in the event the claim is granted
- the lease, licence or other estate is granted and notified in accordance with the provisions of the *Local Government Act 1993* or the Local Government (General) Regulation 2021
- the issue of the lease, licence or other estate will not materially harm the use of the land for any of the purposes for which it was dedicated or reserved.

#### Maximum term and public notice

The maximum term of a lease, licence or other estate is 30 years (Section 46(3) of Local Government Act). The consent of the Minister for Local Government is required if the lease or licence exceeds 21 years (Section 47 (5b)). The Minister's consent is also required if the term of the lease or licence will be greater than five years and objections have been lodged against the proposal. Subject to some exceptions, (as outlined below) for all



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proposed leases and licences, regardless of length of term, Council must give public notice of the proposal and exhibit notice of the proposal on the land to which the proposal relates. Council must consider all submissions made in response.



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**Instances where public notification for a lease or licence is not required (cl. 117 LG (General) Regulation)**

(a) residential purposes, where the relevant community land has been developed for the purposes of housing owned by the council,

(b) the provision of pipes, conduits or other connections under the surface of the ground for the connection of premises adjoining the community land to a facility of the council or other public utility provider that is situated on the community land,

(c) use and occupation of the community land for events such as—

(i) a public performance (that is, a theatrical, musical or other entertainment for the amusement of the public),

(ii) the playing of a musical instrument, or singing, for fee or reward,

(iii) engaging in a trade or business,

(iv) playing of any lawful game or sport,

(v) delivering a public address,

(vi) conducting a commercial photographic session,

(vii) picnics and private celebrations such as weddings and family gatherings,

(viii) filming,

(d) a purpose referred to in clause 116(3) or (4).

(2) However, the use or occupation of community land for events listed in subclause (1)(c) is exempt only if—

(a) the use or occupation does not involve the erection of any building or structure of a permanent nature, and

(b) in the case of any use or occupation that occurs only once, it does not continue for more than 3 consecutive days, and

(c) in the case of any use or occupation that occurs more than once, each occurrence is for no more than 3 consecutive days, not including Saturday and Sunday, and the period from the first occurrence until the last occurrence is not more than 12 months.

**Granting a Lease or Licence**

The grant of a lease or licence is an important step in using community land, but there may be other requirements relevant to any proposed use. For example, substantial additions to a kiosk may also require development consent under the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979. Additionally, Native Title reporting requirements are still to be met prior to any works being carried out on crown reserves. Any interested person should check carefully to make sure they are aware of all relevant requirements.

A lease, licence or other estate must **not** be granted if it involves:

- An activity if it is not in accordance with a reserve purpose;
- An activity that is not consistent with the objectives of the Plan of Management; and



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- Any activity prohibited by the Bourke Local Environmental Plan (taking into account hierarchy of legislation and concessions for existing and continuance of use rights under the EP&A Act).

Where in doubt, contact is to be made with Council and Crown Lands.

### Short term casual Licences

Short-term licences and bookings may be used to allow the council to program different uses of community land at different times, allowing the best overall use.

Fees for short-term casual bookings will be charged in accordance with the council's adopted fees and charges at the time.

Short-term licences issued under Clause 116 of the *Local Government (General) Regulation 2021* are authorised for the purpose of:

- (a) the playing of a musical instrument, or singing, for fee or reward
- (b) engaging in a trade or business
- (c) the playing of a lawful game or sport
- (d) the delivery of a public address
- (e) commercial photographic sessions
- (f) picnics and private celebrations such as weddings and family gatherings
- (g) filming sessions
- (h) the agistment of stock.

Additionally, this PoM expressly authorises Council to issue short-term licences (for up to 12 months) under s2.20 of the *Crown Land Management Act 2016* for the prescribed purposes listed in Clause 31 of the *Crown Land Management Regulation 2018*. Short-term licences granted under s2.20 of the CLM Act are authorised for the following prescribed purposes:

- (a) access through a reserve,
- (b) advertising,
- (c) camping using a tent, caravan or otherwise,
- (d) catering,
- (e) community, training or education,
- (f) emergency occupation,
- (g) entertainment,
- (h) environmental protection, conservation or restoration or environmental studies,
- (i) equestrian events,
- (j) exhibitions,
- (k) filming (as defined in the Local Government Act 1993),
- (l) functions,
- (m) grazing,
- (n) hiring of equipment,
- (o) holiday accommodation,



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- (p) markets,
- (q) meetings,
- (r) military exercises,
- (s) mooring of boats to wharves or other structures,
- (t) sales,
- (u) shows,
- (v) site investigations,
- (w) sporting and organised recreational activities,
- (x) stabling of horses,
- (y) storage.

#### Leases licences and other estates for public utilities

To avoid any doubt, leases, licences and other estates granted for the provision of public utilities and ancillary works do not need to be expressly authorised by a PoM, or consistent with the core objectives, or be for a purpose listed above. Council is authorised to grant such estates (eg easements as well as providing pipes, conduits and other underground connections) without complying with the provisions applying to other purposes (section 46(1)(a) and (b) of the LG Act). This, however, does not nullify the need for a Native Title Report, as explained in section 3.9 of this Plan.



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3.6 Telecommunications towers

Occasionally telecommunication companies seek to install towers and infrastructure on community land. Licences for telecommunication infrastructure on Crown Reserves are issued directly from Crown Lands and are subject to a rule made under section 3.15 of the Crown Lands Management Act 2016. This rule states that:

Crown land managers cannot, under any act (including the Local Government Act 1993), grant any lease or licence authorising:

- the installation or construction of communication infrastructure on Crown land
- the placement of communication infrastructure on Crown land
- the use of communication infrastructure that is located on Crown land
- access to communication infrastructure that is located on Crown land.

However, the rule does not prevent the holder of a holding granted by the Minister for Lands & Forestry subletting of communication infrastructure located on Crown land in accordance with the conditions of a holding granted by the minister.

Further information on the processes involved in this type of infrastructure on Crown Land are to be referred to Crown Lands in the first instance.



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3.7 Biodiversity Offset Scheme

With the introduction of the Biodiversity Conservation Act, sites for conservation are now able to be offered as offset locations. This happens where native vegetation is proposed to be cleared on other development sites and “compensatory” land is offered as an offset site and vegetation protected usually in perpetuity and registered on the title of the land.



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Where appropriate, community land is able to be offered as an offset site with the express authorisation of Council, in consultation with Crown Lands NSW. This will mostly apply to lands categorised natural areas where the objectives for this land are essentially the same as for offset sites in regenerating and protecting native vegetation. This PoM is not recommending any specific reserves as offset sites however is opening the conversation for this to happen on reserves through existing legislation. Council, as Crown Land Manager, has a key role here to encourage the use of sites for biodiversity credits whilst ensuring there is also limited opportunity for lost economic activity as a result of the above biodiversity offset scheme. A cost-benefit analysis should always accompany such proposals to ensure broader implications are assessed.

### 3.8 Existing leases and licences

All existing leases and licences remain valid upon the adoption of this PoM. Following adoption of this PoM and endorsement by Crown Lands, any leases which do not comply with the new terms of the CLM Act will require updating (such as references to older legislation and any reserve trust entities receiving payments for leasing/licencing of the land). This latter situation most likely does not apply to Bourke but is given here as an example.

### 3.9 Native Title Advice

The CLM Act includes links to existing legislation regarding Aboriginal interests over Crown Land. The Commonwealth *Native Title Act 1993* (NT Act) recognises and protects native title rights and interests. The objects of the NT Act are to:

- provide for the recognition and protection of native title
- establish ways in which future dealings affecting native title may proceed and to set standards for those dealings
- establish a mechanism for determining claims to native title
- provide for, or permit, the validation of past acts invalidated because of the existence of native title.
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The NT Act may affect use of Crown land, particularly development and granting of tenure. Specifically, the CLM Act makes it mandatory for council to engage or employ a native title manager. This role provides advice to council as to how the council's dealings and activities on Crown land can be valid or not valid in accordance with the NT Act. Council must obtain the written advice from an accredited native title manager that Council complies with any applicable provisions of the native title legislation when:

- a) granting leases, licences, permits, forestry rights, easements or rights of way over the land
- b) mortgaging the land or allowing it to be mortgaged





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- c) imposing, requiring or agreeing to covenants, conditions or other restrictions on use (or removing or releasing, or agreeing to remove or release, covenants, conditions or other restrictions on use) in connection with dealings involving the land
- d) approving (or submitting for approval) a plan of management for the land that authorises or permits any of the kinds of dealings referred to in (a), (b) or (c).

The Native Title (NSW) Act 1994 sets out criteria to be considered when future acts are to occur on Crown land and specifies the level of consultation that must be carried out before the act can occur.

### Key Terms

**Native title** is the bundle of rights held by Indigenous people in relation to land and water in accordance with their traditional laws and customs (Mabo No. 2). They are enforceable at common law.

A **“future act”** is an act which is to occur or has occurred after the commencement of the associated Commonwealth Act, (the Native Title Act 1993), being 1 January 1994. Any acts which occurred prior to this date are considered **‘past acts’** and invalid because of Native Title.

Depending on the nature of the acts, some can occur without any reference to native title claimants, potential Native Title claimants or their legal representatives. These acts usually have either a very low impact or no impact at all on native title rights and interests.

Other acts can occur after sufficient notice is given to native title claimants or their legal representatives and after they have had an opportunity to comment. Still other acts can occur only after a more involved negotiation process is undertaken.

Extinguishment will occur as a result of future activities where the non-extinguishment principle does not apply such as:

- Under a registered Indigenous Land Use Agreement;
- The granting of freehold estate or a right of exclusive possession;
- The construction of a public work; and
- Compulsory acquisition or surrender of Native Title rights and interests.

The Dept of Industry’s Native Title Manager Workbook provides a thorough guide for Council CLMs where various land uses are proposed on Crown Reserves. **Appendix 2** outlines routine actions which may be likely to occur on Crown Reserves in the Bourke Shire and the process Council should follow.

### Where a future act is not provided for in the Native Title Act

Some future acts are not specifically provided for in the legislation. These acts will have an effect on native title rights and interests. If the future act being proposed is not identified in



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the legislation, it means that it can only proceed after an Indigenous Land Use Agreement has been negotiated and registered with the National Native Title Tribunal.

It should be noted here that most future acts will come under Subdivisions J and K of the *Native Title Act 1993*. These subdivisions do not extinguish Native Title interests; rather they entail the most common improvements or changes made to Crown Reserves, including play equipment, footpaths, roads, water and sewer pipes and other community-related infrastructure. Under these Subdivisions, these acts may be 'validated', meaning that they are allowed to occur under this section of the NT Act.

### 3.10 Implementation and Review

This Plan of Management commences operation from the date of final adoption by Council following endorsement by the Department of Lands. The actions and management strategies identified in this Plan will immediately take effect and Council will be required to review these strategies in line with its annual reporting regime and as part of its community strategic plan.

This Plan is to be reviewed in accordance with the requirements of the LG Act, CLM Act and Regulations. The plan will be reviewed, as most strategic documents are, within a time period of 5 years and a comprehensive review after 10 years unless major unexpected changes warrant review.

### 3.11 Community Consultation

Open consultation with the community regarding this PoM process is integral to its success and ownership by the local community.

Section 38 of the LG Act sets out that:

- a council must give public notice of a draft POM for a period of not less than 28 days
- the public notice must also specify a period of not less than 42 days after the date on which the draft plan is placed on public exhibition during which submissions may be made to the council
- the council must, in accordance with its notice, publicly exhibit the draft plan together with any other matter that it considers appropriate or necessary to better enable the draft plan and its implications to be understood. All documents referred to in a POM should be displayed at the same time as the draft POM.

Additionally, in the case of community land comprising the habitat of endangered species, or which is affected by a threatened species recovery plan or threat abatement plan, the following requirements also apply:

- when public notice is given of the draft plan under section 38, the draft POM must be sent (or a copy must be sent) by the council to the relevant director



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- the POM must incorporate any matter specified by the relevant director in relation to the land, or the relevant part.

At the time of writing, no specific sites contained within this plan contain habitat of endangered species or land affected by a threatened species recovery plan.

It should be noted here that although the term ‘threatened [or endangered] species recovery plan’ still applies to species of plants and animals listed as threatened or endangered under the Threatened Species Conservation Act 1995, this Act has since been repealed and Save our Species (SOS) Reports and initiatives now apply under the Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016.

3.12 Threatened Species, Threatened Ecological Communities, Key Threatening Processes Checks

In accordance with the Guidelines for developing Plans of Management, checks were carried out to determine if any of the Reserves under this Plan are captured as a Priority Site for the preservation of Threatened Species under various repealed and current legislation. The reason why repealed legislation is included here is that plans made under the (now repealed) Threatened Species Conservation Act are still current if their works are still being carried out.

**Table 1** taken from the Office of Environment and Heritage website shows relevant threatened species, populations, ecological communities and key threatening processes in the Bourke LGA. **Table 2** shows the key management sites in the Bourke Shire where SOS Strategies and other threatened species works are being carried out. Cross-checks were completed to determine if any of these management sites are covering specific sites/Reserves in this Plan. This is the strict interpretation of the Local Government Act in this regard: that only where a recovery plan or threat abatement plan requires measures specified [in the plan] *to be taken by a specified Council on or in respect of the land* (s. 36(B)).

None of the Priority Management sites in the Bourke Shire overlap with the Crown Reserves outlined in this plan. **Map 1 and Map 2** below show spatially the Key Management Sites in the Bourke Shire.

This Plan recognises that some Crown Reserves, due to their inherent natural characteristics and infrequent use, may play host to protected and sometimes threatened species. If these Reserves fall under this Plan, they may also have a category not aligned with Natural Area and as such, leasing and licencing will be permissible as well as a number of community-uses.

To ensure these often-competing uses are balanced, the following techniques will be included and encouraged (where relevant) in the Action Plan to ensure the protection of unknown significant species.



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- retention of existing natural vegetation;
- encouraged plantings of endemic vegetation which correlates with approved landscaping plans (if in towns) and species which can contribute to the habitat of such species;
- Leaving snags or fallen logs in the waterways in situ for fish habitat. \*This action needs to be considered with thought given to the River's boating and tourism uses including the Jandra paddle-vessel;
- Leaving parks in remote locations in their current state (unless a safety or key maintenance issue exists) in the interest of natural vegetation regeneration whilst being a good neighbour for weed & pest management;
- Allowing for unmaintained zones within parks which have the benefit of limiting unimpeded public entry whilst allowing for movement of fauna;
- Riverbank revegetation programs.



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Table 1

### Threatened species, populations, ecological communities or key threatening processes in Bourke

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Common name	Scientific name	Type	Management stream	SoS strategy	Species profile
Greenhood Orchid	<i>Pterostylis cobarensis</i>	Orchids	Site-managed species	<a href="#">Pterostylis cobarensis SoS strategy</a>	<a href="#">Pterostylis cobarensis species profile</a>
Curly-bark Wattle	<i>Acacia curranii</i>	Shrubs	Site-managed species	<a href="#">Acacia curranii SoS strategy</a>	<a href="#">Acacia curranii species profile</a>
Artesian Springs Ecological Community in the Great Artesian Basin		Threatened Ecological Communities	Ecological community (range-restricted)	<a href="#">Artesian Springs Ecological Community in the Great Artesian Basin SoS strategy</a>	<a href="#">Artesian Springs Ecological Community in the Great Artesian Basin species profile</a>
Coolibah-Black Box Woodland in the Darling Riverine Plains, Brigalow Belt South, Cobar Penepain and Mulga Lands Bioregions		Threatened Ecological Communities	Ecological community (widespread)	<a href="#">Coolibah-Black Box Woodland in the Darling Riverine Plains, Brigalow Belt South, Cobar Penepain and Mulga Lands Bioregions SoS strategy</a>	<a href="#">Coolibah-Black Box Woodland in the Darling Riverine Plains, Brigalow Belt South, Cobar Penepain and Mulga Lands Bioregions species profile</a>
Oidenlandia galioides	<i>Oidenlandia galioides</i>	Herbs and Forbs	Partnership (range-restricted)	<a href="#">Oidenlandia galioides SoS strategy</a>	<a href="#">Oidenlandia galioides species profile</a>
Invasion of native plant communities by <i>Chrysanthemoides monilifera</i>		Weed	Key threatening processes	<a href="#">Invasion of native plant communities by Chrysanthemoides monilifera SoS strategy</a>	<a href="#">Invasion of native plant communities by Chrysanthemoides monilifera species profile</a>
Anthropogenic Climate Change		Habitat Loss/Change	Key threatening processes	<a href="#">Anthropogenic Climate Change SoS strategy</a>	<a href="#">Anthropogenic Climate Change species profile</a>

Source:

<https://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/savingourspeciesapp/SearchResults.aspx>

[Accessed on 20 Oct 2020]



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Table 2

**Key management sites in Bourke**

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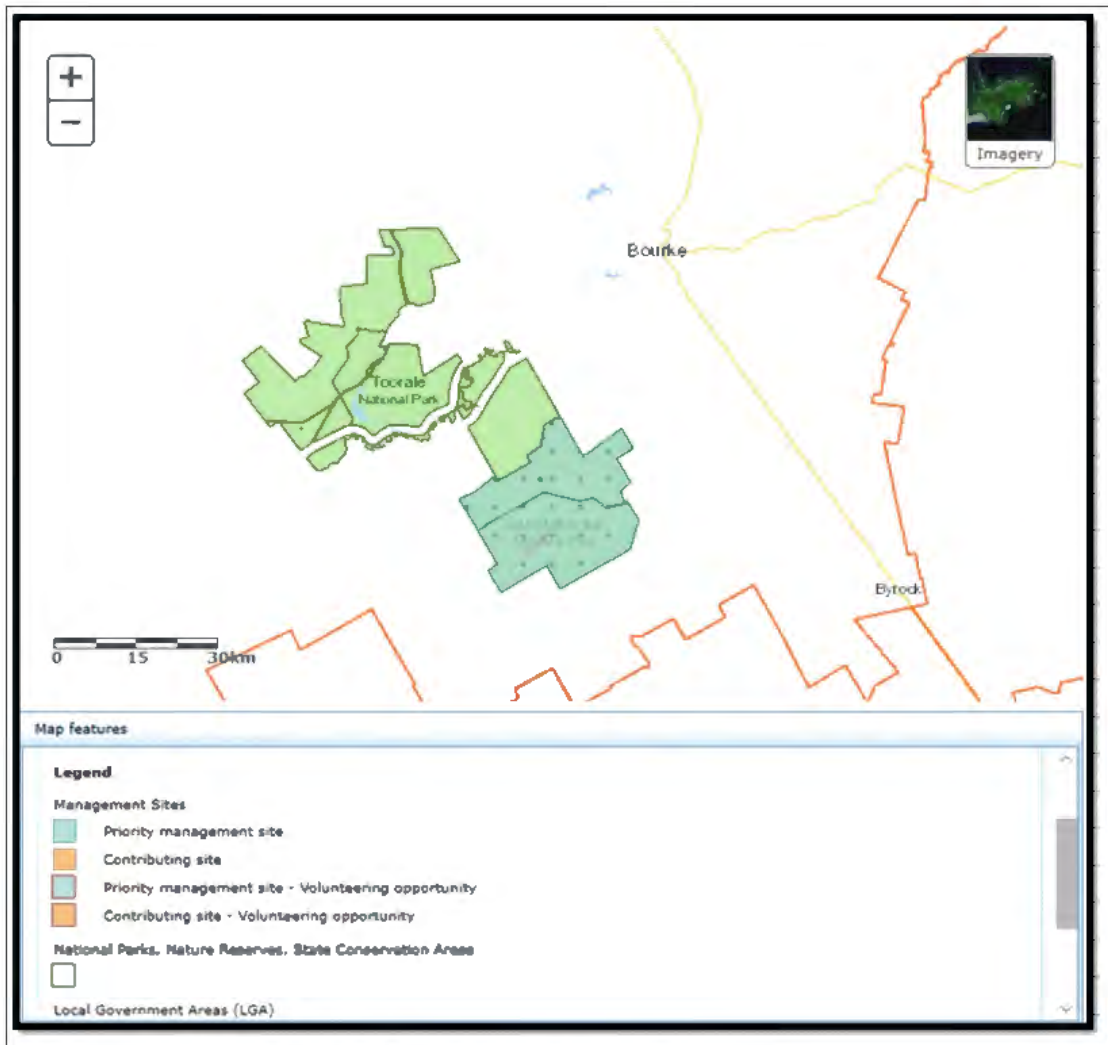
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Site name	Threatened species	Local government area (LGA)	Status	Site type
<a href="#">Gundahooka National Park</a>	Curly-bark Wattle ( <i>Acacia currenti</i> )	Bourke	Active	Priority management site
<a href="#">Scribber</a>	Artesian Springs Ecological Community in the Great Artesian Basin ( <i>Artesian Springs Ecological Community in the Great Artesian Basin</i> )	Bourke	Proposed	Priority management site
<a href="#">Artesian SS</a>	Artesian Springs Ecological Community in the Great Artesian Basin ( <i>Artesian Springs Ecological Community in the Great Artesian Basin</i> )	Bourke	Proposed	Priority management site
<a href="#">Thorroo</a>	Artesian Springs Ecological Community in the Great Artesian Basin ( <i>Artesian Springs Ecological Community in the Great Artesian Basin</i> )	Bourke	Proposed	Priority management site
<a href="#">Old Gazara</a>	Artesian Springs Ecological Community in the Great Artesian Basin ( <i>Artesian Springs Ecological Community in the Great Artesian Basin</i> )	Bourke	Proposed	Priority management site
<a href="#">Gundahooka National Park</a>	Greenhood Orchid ( <i>Pterostylis colarensis</i> )	Bourke	Proposed	Contributing site (regional priority)
<a href="#">Gundahooka National Park</a>	Odonanda galaxias ( <i>Odonanda galaxias</i> )	Bourke	Proposed	Priority management site
<a href="#">Nares and Yantabulle Reserves</a>	Coolbah-Black Bar Woodland in the Darling Riverine Plains, Brigalow Belt South, Cobarr Penesian and Mulga Lands Bioregions ( <i>Coolbah-Black Bar Woodland in the Darling Riverine Plains, Brigalow Belt South, Cobarr Penesian and Mulga Lands Bioregions</i> )	Bourke	Active	Priority management site



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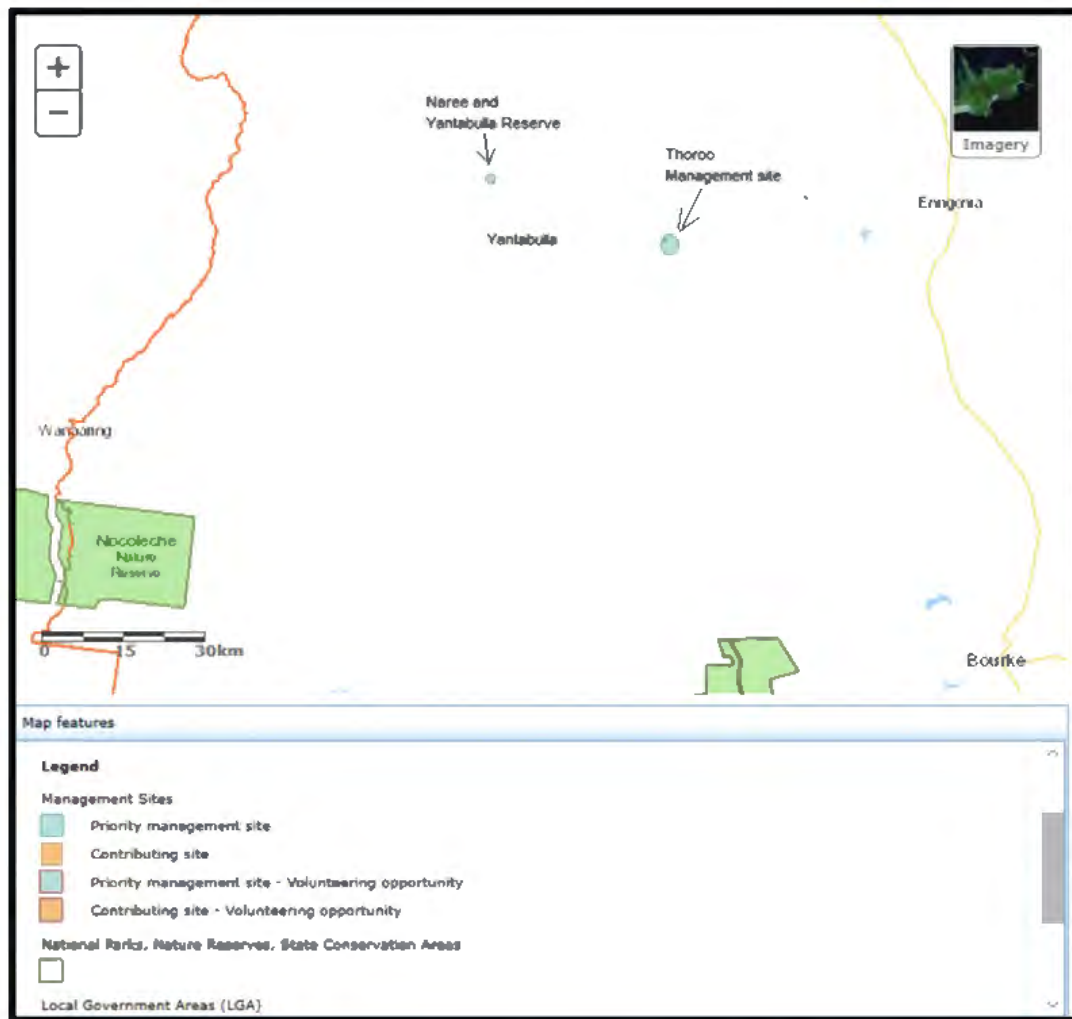


Map 1: Priority Management site (Gundabooka National Park)





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Map 2: Naree and Yantabulla and Thoroo Management Sites north of Yantabulla. \*Note, Yantabulla War Memorial is located within Yantabulla and remote from these Management Sites.



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### 3.13 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Heritage

The Bourke Shire has strong links to its Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and heritage. Aboriginal sites on Crown Reserves recorded in the AHIMS (Aboriginal Heritage Inventory Management System) register for the Bourke LGA have shown three (3) recorded sites within the Banks of Darling Reserve and seven (7) within or near the Bourke Fishing Reserve. It should be noted that these are the only reserves with recorded items in this state register. There may be and most likely are, more Aboriginal items on other reserves, they are simply not recorded as yet.

Due to the above reasons, both the Banks of Darling and Bourke Fishing Reserves were categorised as Natural Area – Bushland. This allows for protection and retention of the inherent natural features of the sites whilst still permitting public access and protection of the items within the reserves.

Prior to issuing a tenure over a Crown Reserve, Council is required to consider any claims made under the NSW Aboriginal Land Rights Act 1983 and ensure that if any tenure is granted or works carried out, that the land will be easily transferable if the claim is successful.

#### 3.13.1 Process of recording when items are found

There will be times where items or places within Crown Reserves are discovered as having the potential for Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander heritage significance. When this occurs, a process follows to ensure the protection of the place or item, in accordance with recognised and documented measures.

The Office of Environment and Heritage manages the Aboriginal Heritage Information Management System (AHIMS) and also advises on methods of recording place and items of significance to Aboriginal people.

If an item is found and intended to be recorded on the AHIMS register, the Heritage NSW prefers the information to be uploaded via mobile app or through the desktop platform. The following link details the process involved.

<https://www.heritage.nsw.gov.au/protecting-our-heritage/record-aboriginal-sites/>

With all sites of potential significance, the best course of action is to stop, consult and record.

**Stop:** cease any physical work in/near the item;


**Consult:** contact Council or the Office of Environment and Heritage for the process of recording the item;

**Record:** take scaled images, videos and address/GPS coordinates of the item for inclusion in the recording process.




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Appendix 1 Location Maps and Specific Actions for sites

Reserve Number	Reserve Purpose & Gazetted Date	Categorisation
95619: Lot 6867 DP 48668	Community Centre Gazetted 16 Oct 1981	General Community Use
		
Commentary	The Enngonia Community Centre has been used for CWA meetings and is now used for community meetings and gatherings.	
Size	1.43ha	
Current applicable plans	No specific Council plans identify this site for future works at present.	
Current & permissible leases/licences	The buildings on this reserve not leased or licenced. <b>Express authorisation</b> given for future leases/licences for uses consistent with community centre.	
Threatened Species/ Aboriginal/European Heritage	No significant Plant Community Types on site to indicate habitat of threatened/endangered. A check of the Aboriginal Heritage Information Management System (AHIMS) has not revealed any items of significance on this allotment.	
Management for this Site	General maintenance of the site and repairs to the Centre. Any future planned upgrades to be referred to Council's Native Title Manager for validation.	




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Reserve Number	Reserve Purpose & Gazettal date	Categorisation
Reserve 91239 Bourke Flood Mitigation Line Lot 7319 DP 1182581 Lot 7318 DP 1182581	Flood Mitigation Gazetted 1 Sept 1978	General Community Use
		
Commentary	This site is substantially cleared and serves the purpose of flood mitigation. Guidance categorisation appropriate. If upgrading works are proposed in future for levee bank, this can be done as it is in accordance with the original dedicated purpose.	
Size	2.58ha	
Current applicable plans	No specific Council plans identify this site for future works.	
Current & permissible leases/licences	No existing leases/licences and none envisaged. Any tenures to consider ability to return land to claimants if ALC successful.	
Threatened Species/ Aboriginal/European Heritage	No significant Plant Community Types on site to indicate habitat of threatened/endangered species. A check of the Aboriginal Heritage Information Management System (AHIMS) has not revealed any items of significance on this allotment. Current (incomplete) Aboriginal Land Claim lodged for this reserve in 2010.	
Management for this Site	Continued use as a flood levee. Could be utilised as a walking track, subject to necessary levee integrity assessments and subsequent maintenance.	





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Reserve Number	Reserve Purpose & Gazettal date	Categorisation
Reserve 82817 Yantabulla War Memorial Hall Lots 4-5 Section 4 DP 759132	Hall; War Memorial - Gazetted 23 Sept 1960 Additional purpose: Urban Services - gazetted 26 June 2009.	General Community Use
		
Commentary	Current use is for community gatherings and meetings.	
Size	4056m <sup>2</sup>	
Current applicable plans	None applicable.	
Current & permissible leases/licences	No current leases or licences in place. <b>Express authorisation</b> to issue leases/licences consistent with use of the buildings as a community hall.	
Threatened Species/ Aboriginal/European Heritage	No significant Plant Community Types on site to indicate habitat of threatened/endangered species. No AHIMS items listed on the lots.	
Management for this Site	Maintenance of the Hall and associated structures on site. Any friable asbestos to be secured and removed only where damaged.	



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Reserve & Name	Reserve Purpose & Gazettal date	Categorisation
Reserve 87926: Bourke Recreation and Parking Lot 7019 DP 1126645	Parking Public Recreation Gazetted 4 Sept 1970	Park




Commentary	Current use of this reserve is open space and pedestrian access. Located on the Kamilaroi Highway entrance to town.
Size	4,147m <sup>2</sup>
Current applicable plans	No specific Council plans identify this site for future works.
Current/permissible leases/licences	No current leases or licenses over this land. Any tenures issued to consider ability to return land to claimants if ALC successful.
Threatened Species/ Aboriginal/European Heritage	Site cleared – no PCT listed on site. No AHIMS listings on site. Current (incomplete) Aboriginal Land Claim lodged for this reserve in 2017.
Management for this Site	Maintain and consider options for community facilities on site which comply with the categorisation and make use of site being on a major entrance to the town. Consultation to be conducted with next Community Strategic Plan to determine if the land could be better utilised as a park, noting proximity to caravan park, high school and dwellings.





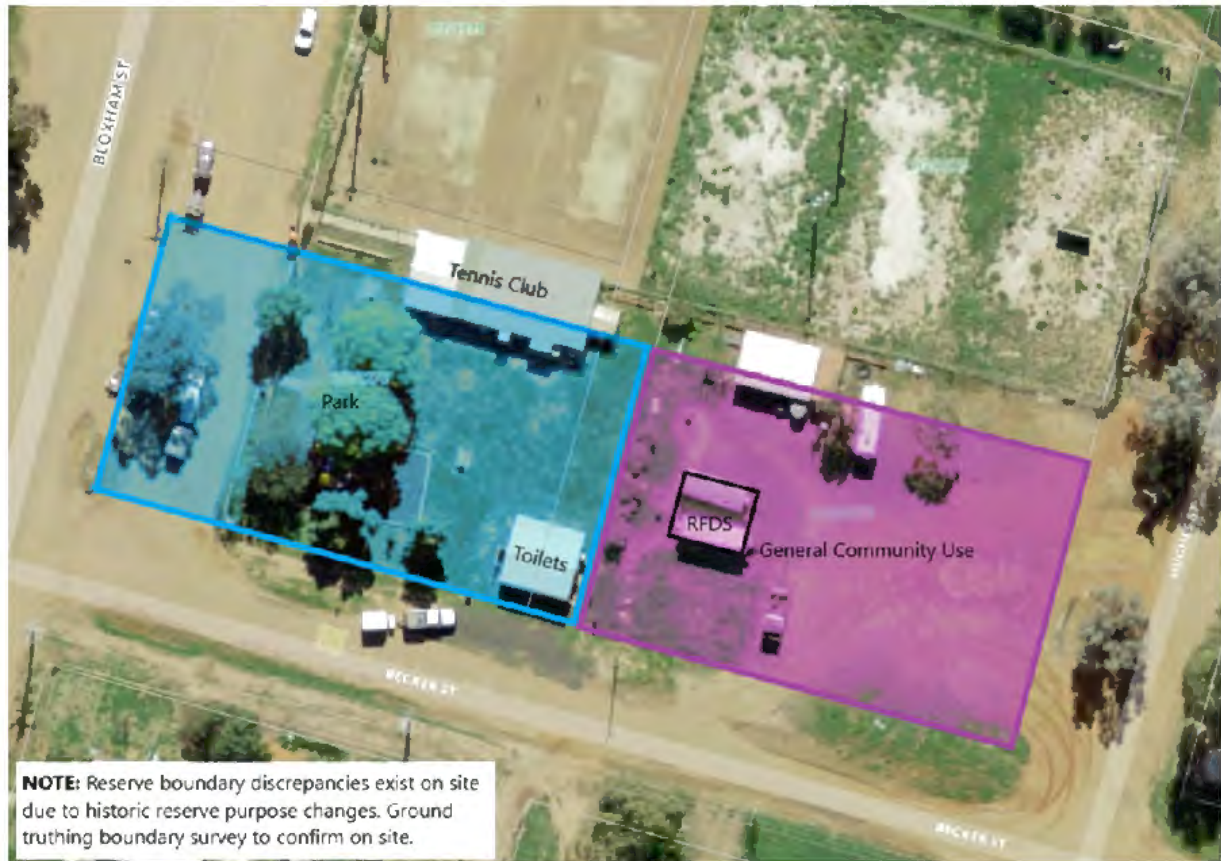
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Reserve & Name	Reserve Purpose & Gazettal date	Categorisation
Reserve 81825: Byrock Community Hall Lots 4, 6-11 Section 10 DP 758205	Public Hall & Public Recreation Gazetted 31 July 1959 Additional purpose: Rural Services gazetted 3 Sept 2021	General Community Use, Park
		
<b>Commentary</b>	This reserve is currently used as a community hall for gatherings and meetings. The reserve also contains a number of other vacant lots.	
<b>Size</b>	1.31ha	
<b>Current applicable plans</b>	No current plans in place. Native Title application lodged over this reserve (see Tribunal No NC2012/001). Application includes vast area spanning a number of LGA's.	
<b>Current &amp; permissible leases/licences</b>	This reserve is currently not leased or licenced. Council may consider leasing the Hall and/or surrounds to formalise access arrangements and allow greater usage of the reserve.	
<b>Threatened Species/ Aboriginal/European Heritage</b>	No PCT listed on site. No AHIMS listings on site.	
<b>Management for this Site</b>	Continued maintenance of the Hall and surrounds. Apply for grant funding through the Crown Reserves Improvements Fund for upgrades/maintenance at the site. Prior to any future acts, works, leases or licences taking place over this reserve, full Native Title Report to consider above application contents. Encroachment of RFS building on this reserve dealt with by adding reserve purpose of rural services.	



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Reserve & Name	Reserve Purpose & Gazettal date	Categorisation
Reserve 82807: Louth Tennis Club Lot 7016 DP 757374; Part: Lots 1, 10 Section 2 DP 1275	Public Recreation - 23 Sept 1960 Community Purposes - 24 Feb 2023	General Community Use, Park (see plan below)



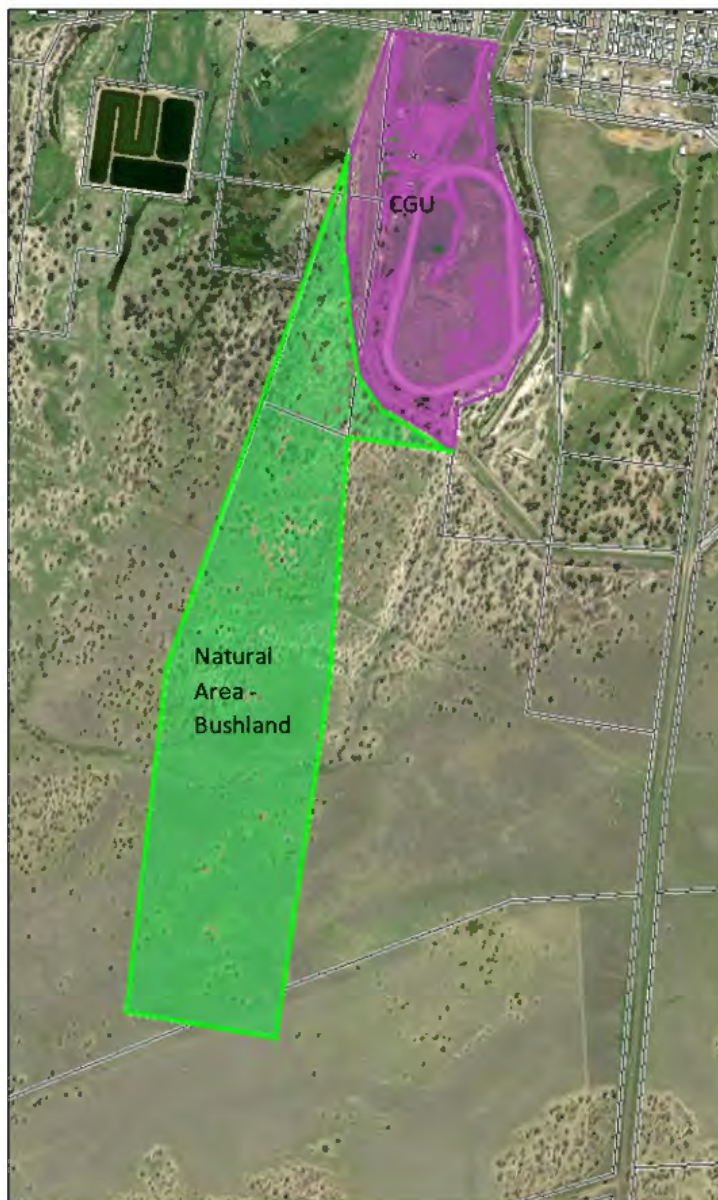
Commentary	This site is in the township of Louth and substantially cleared - PCTs showing across the site are inaccurate. This Reserve is used for the RFDS, playground, health services and tennis.
Size	3,474m <sup>2</sup>
Current applicable plans	Royal Flying Doctor Service (RFDS) building constructed on Lot 10 (2020).
Current & permissible leases/licences	No current leases. <b>Express authorisation</b> given for a lease/licence for the use of the new Royal Flying Doctor Service building (Lot 10) by this and related medical/health/community agencies in accordance with reserve purpose.
Threatened Species/ Aboriginal/European Heritage	No significant Plant Community Types on site to indicate habitat of threatened/endangered species. No AHIMS listings on the reserve.
Management for this Site	Future management to include maintenance of the existing buildings and facilities. RFDS building given landowners consent by Crown Lands - to be maintained by owner and facilitated by Council. Lot boundaries to be confirmed on site by a Surveyor when next in Louth to ensure any potential encroachments are identified and solution obtained through liaison with Council and Crown Lands.





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Reserve & Name	Reserve Purpose & Gazetted date	Categorisation
Reserve 89062: Bourke Showground Lot 1 DP 766822, Lot 732 DP 851508, Lots 7030-7031 DP 1110368	Public Recreation Showground Gazetted 2 Nov 1973	General Community Use (GCU), Natural Area – Bushland *See map below



<b>Commentary</b>	This Reserve is used for the Bourke Show, Race Days (Racetrack), Pony Club, ParkRun, and the Shooting Club. A dirt bike track and lockable shelters for stray companion animals are also located on the reserve.
<b>Size</b>	149.5ha
<b>Current applicable plans</b>	There are plans to upgrade existing facilities on site in line with Council’s adopted Asset Management Plans.





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<p>Current &amp; permissible leases/licences</p>	<p>These lots are not currently leased or licenced. Despite this, this Plan of Management <b>expressly authorises</b> the issue of tenures for running track, race meets, agistment for stock/horses, shooting range, show meets and general hire. Any tenures issued to consider ability to return land to claimants if ALC successful and NT.</p>
<p>Threatened Species/ Aboriginal/European Heritage</p>	<p>No recorded AHIMS items on site. Current (incomplete) Aboriginal Land Claim lodged for this reserve in 2010.</p>
<p>Management for this Site</p>	<p>Management at the Showground will include continued maintenance of the various Showground structures and facilities. Due to the varied uses on this reserve, masterplanning at the Showground, incorporating a landscape concept plan, access and parking and future expansions should be carried out within the next five years. Renshaw Oval and the Showground is specifically mentioned in Council's <i>Draft Parks and Gardens Management and Operational Plan</i>. An extract of this Plan is shown below with relevant management considerations drawn into this Plan of Management. Annual checks to be carried out and the table below to be updated with new Parks and Gardens plan.</p> <p><b>Species list for new plantings:</b>                  Tree/shrub species: Eucalyptus coolabah subsp. coolabah / Acacia stenophylla, Muehlenbeckia florulenta, Rhagodia spinescens / Paspalidium jubiflorum, Leptochloa digitata, Einadia nutans subsp. Nutans.                  Native grasses: Dissocarpus biflorus var. biflorus, Sclerolaena calcarata, Sclerdaena bicornis var. horrida, Chenopodium auricomum / Astrebla lappacea, Chloris truncata, Leiocarpa brevicompta.</p>



Irrigation system at Bourke Showground, installed October 2020



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New Toilets at Showground, October 2020




New Showground shower block, October 2020





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Reserve & Name	Reserve Purpose & Gazetted date	Categorisation
86273: Bourke Fishing Reserve Lots 52, 71 DP 751848 Long Meadows Road Bourke	Public Recreation Gazetted 19 May 1967	Natural Area - Bushland
		
Commentary	Located 6km west of Bourke, this reserve is bordered to the north by the Darling River and retains its natural bush setting. Recent new seating installed.	
Size	161.5ha	
Current applicable plans	Bourke Fishing Reserve Plan of Management (2018) – relevant intentions included in this Plan.	
Current & permissible leases/licences	This reserve is currently not leased or licenced. No plans for future leasing or licencing. Any leases/licences to consider ability to return land to claimants if ALC successful.	
Threatened Species/ Aboriginal/European Heritage	No known threatened species on site. AHIMS register shows potential for up to 7 Aboriginal sites within or near the Reserve. Location & nature of items kept in confidence class. Current (incomplete) Aboriginal Land Claim lodged for this reserve in 2010.	
Management for this Site	Controlled access to site; signage noting potential for cultural relics to be present; explain benefits of relics being left “in-situ” & process of reporting any damage. Access to site always readily available, especially for Aboriginal and Torres Strait people. <b>Species list for new plantings:</b> Casuarina cristata , Alectryon oleifolius subsp. canescens / Einadia nutans subsp. eremaea , Paspalidium jubiflorum , Sclerolaena muricata var. muricata , Salsola tragus subsp. Tragus. Closer to river, use Eucalypt subspecies.	





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Bourke Fishing Reserve 2021



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Reserve & Name	Reserve Purpose & Gazetted date	Categorisation
1002192: Enngonia RFS Lot 6866 DP 48668	Urban Services Gazetted 16 Oct 1998	General Community Use




Note: boundary inaccuracies exist with portal mapping.

Commentary	Originally dedicated for urban services, this reserve houses the town's Rural Fire Services Shed. This reserve couples with Reserve number 95619, which contains the Enngonia Community Centre.
Size	401m2
Reserve Purpose	Urban Services
Current applicable plans	No current plans in place.
Current & permissible leases/licences	This reserve is currently not leased or licenced. <b>Express authorisation</b> given for tenures in line with reserve purpose, including for the NSW RFS.
Threatened Species/ Aboriginal/European Heritage	No significant Plant Community Types on site to indicate habitat of threatened/endangered species. A check of the Aboriginal Heritage Information Management System (AHIMS) has not revealed any items of significance on this allotment.
Management for this Site	Maintenance of the shed and surrounds. Council to assist RFS with any site management issues & check for lease/licence for reserve, in accordance with Native Title requirements.





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Reserve & Name	Reserve Purpose & Gazettal date	Categorisation
Reserve 1000551: Fort Bourke Stockade Site; Lot 1 DP 947313	Recreation Gazetted 23 Dec 1914	Natural Area - Bushland
		
Commentary	<p>The Fort Bourke Stockade site is located on the south-western side of Bourke and contains a replica of the stockade built by Major Mitchell in 1835, named Fort Bourke after the Governor of the colony, Governor Bourke. (<a href="http://www.bourkelibrary.com.au">www.bourkelibrary.com.au</a>) It is accessed via deposit key from Bourke Shire Council. Fort Bourke was referenced in the Bourke Community Heritage Study in 1999.</p>	
Size	1.43ha	
Current applicable plans	Council has no plans to upgrade this site at present.	
Leases/licences	No tenures exist over this reserve. Any tenures issued to consider Native Title and ability to return land to claimants if ALC successful.	
Plant Community Type/Threatened Species/Aboriginal/European Heritage	<p>Plant Community Type: Coolabah – Lignum woodland wetland; frequently flooded floodplain. No specified Council works have been identified on this site with respect to recovery and threat abatement plans for threatened species. A check of the Aboriginal Heritage Information Management System (AHIMS) has not revealed any items of significance on this allotment. Evidence of European historic links as noted in Commentary above. Current (incomplete) Aboriginal Land Claim lodged for this reserve in 2010.</p>	
Management for this Site	<p>This Park is retained for recreation whilst maintaining its historic links to the past. With Access provided via deposit/key from Council, future management includes retention of native vegetation, weed management and monument protection. <b>Species list for new plantings:</b> Eucalyptus coolabah subsp. codabah / Acacia stenophylla, Muehlenbeckia florulenta, Rhagodia spinescens / Paspalidium jubiflorum, Leptochloa digitata, Einadia nutans subsp. nutans</p>	



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Excerpt from Bourke Community Heritage Study: Fort Bourke:

Mitchell, who had been displeased at the attention paid to Sturt, was finally able in 1835 to mount his own expedition to test the relationship between the Darling and the Murray. As he approached the Darling along the Bogan River and then turning west on the Little Bogan, Mitchell camped near the later Mooloola station and on 25 May 1835 came onto the bank of the Darling some six kilometres above Bourke, where, luckier than Sturt, he found the water potable. Moving his bullock-drays and boats across country, close to the site of the later town, Mitchell rejoined the Darling at Eight Mile Lagoon and between 27 and 29 May 1835 built a stockade.

This stockade, tactfully named Fort Bourke, after the governor, created a depot which was defensible against possible attack from Aboriginal people, who were numerous, though not apparently hostile. It was built of horizontal logs and measured 5 metres by 9 metres, according to Surveyor Arthur who inspected it in 1860, while choosing the site for the proposed town of Bourke.

The stockade and the wooden stockyard nearby were not the first structures built by Europeans on the Darling, however: on 10 June Mitchell found a large hut made with marks of iron tools further downstream not far from a tree bearing the initials of Hamilton Hume. But Fort Bourke was the first official European building on the Darling, named after the governor and thought of by Mitchell as possibly the nucleus of a future township.

Mitchell's exploration of the Darling noted one of the impediments to river passage which would continue to be a constraint on Bourke's access to the Murray. In taking boats downstream from Fort Bourke, the party was threatened by the rock scatter in the river at Jandra, one of the numerous hazards to later paddle-steamers on the last stage from Louth to Bourke. The rest of Mitchell's exploration, done without the boats, went as far as Menindee, where he turned to avoid potentially serious conflict with Aboriginal people: even in a fairly dry period, there were warnings of how vulnerable to hogging wheeled vehicles would be after rain.

During Mitchell's absence, Fort Bourke and the stock brought as food supplies were guarded by seven men, who were not troubled by Aboriginal curiosity, let alone aggression. Mitchell's party returned from Menindee after ten weeks on 10 August 1835 and Fort Bourke was abandoned two days later.<sup>14</sup>



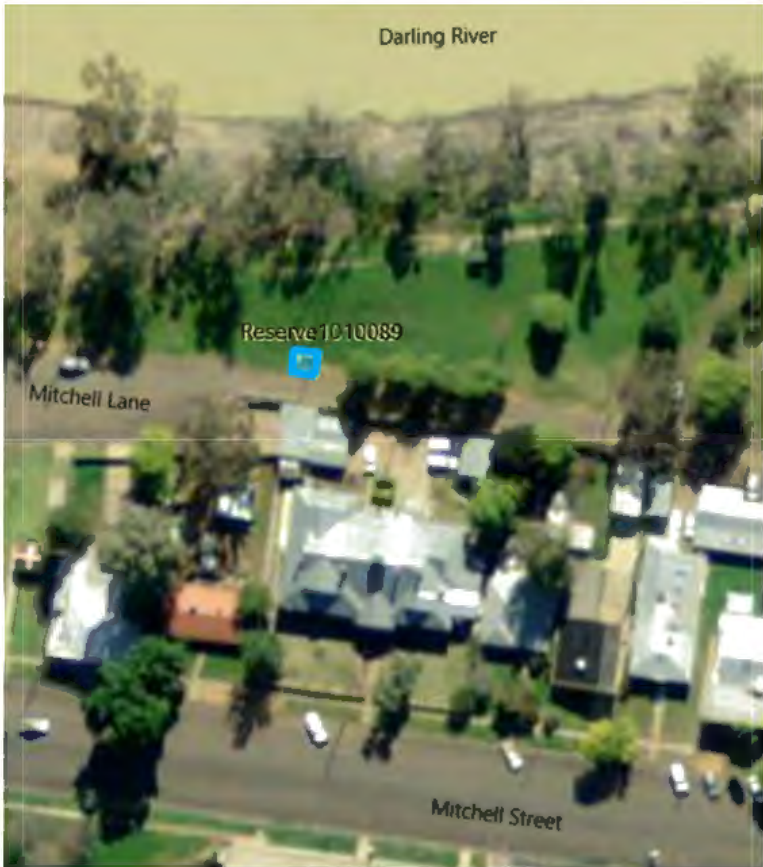


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Reserve & Name	Reserve Purpose & Gazettal date	Categorisation
Reserve 77500: MA Davidson Memorial Oval: Lot 87 DP 1128287	Cricket Ground/Public Recreation Gazetted 25 March 1955	Sportsground
		
Commentary	This Reserve is located off Wilson Street and contains the Bourke PCYC complex, cricket oval, grandstand, toilet and canteens facilities.	
Size	2.55ha	
Current applicable plans	Plans for new change rooms, amenities and a meeting room, subject to funding.	
Current & permissible leases/licences	None at present. Express authorisation for leases/licences to be issued on this reserve for regular users of the oval, with a focus on sporting groups.	
Threatened Species/Aboriginal/European Heritage	No significant Plant Community Types on site to indicate habitat of threatened/endangered species. No specified Council works have been identified on this site with respect to recovery and threat abatement plans for threatened species. A check of the Aboriginal Heritage Information Management System (AHIMS) has not revealed any items of significance on this allotment.	
Management for this Site	This Park is retained for recreation and active sporting uses. Consider structural assessment of grandstand and any required works, consider masterplan for Davidson and Coolican Ovals which can then attract further grant funding. Continue to liaise with PCYC regarding their intentions for management of the complex.	



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Reserve & Name	Reserve Purpose & Gazettal date	Categorisation
Reserve 1010089: Wharf Area Park Reserve; Lot 11 Section 85 DP 758144	Public Recreation Gazetted 19 March 2004	Park
		
Commentary	This small reserve located on Mitchell Lane near the River is hardly noticed within a larger park managed by Council. Despite this, with a category of Park, it forms part of the Reserves managed by Council on behalf of the Crown. See plan below.	
Size	13.59m <sup>2</sup>	
Current applicable plans	None – forms part of larger riverside park.	
Current leases/licences	None applicable.	
Threatened Species/Aboriginal/European Heritage	No significant Plant Community Types on site to indicate habitat of threatened/endangered species. No specified Council works have been identified on this site with respect to recovery and threat abatement plans for threatened species. A check of the Aboriginal Heritage Information Management System (AHIMS) has not revealed any items of significance on this allotment.	
Management for this Site	This Park is retained for recreation as part of larger riverside park. To be managed as part of larger park maintenance.	





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Reserve & Name	Reserve Purpose & Gazettal date	Categorisation
Reserve 1014628 Enngonia Recreation Reserve; Lots 100-101 DP 1145731	Public Recreation Gazetted 27 June 2008	Park & Sportsground



Commentary	This reserve contains a football ground, small amenities buildings and shelters and tracks and native vegetation. It is located on the southern edge of Enngonia and provides recreational facilities for the town.
Size	7.62ha
Current applicable plans	None apply
Current & permissible leases/licences	None at present. <b>Express authorisation</b> given for tenures in line with reserve purpose.
Threatened Species/Aboriginal/European Heritage	No significant Plant Community Types on site to indicate habitat of threatened/endangered species. No specified Council works have been identified on this site with respect to recovery and threat abatement plans for threatened species. A check of the Aboriginal Heritage Information Management System (AHIMS) has not revealed any items of significance on this allotment.
Management for this Site	This Park is retained for recreation purposes including sporting uses. New amenities buildings on site to be maintained for local use. Weed control.



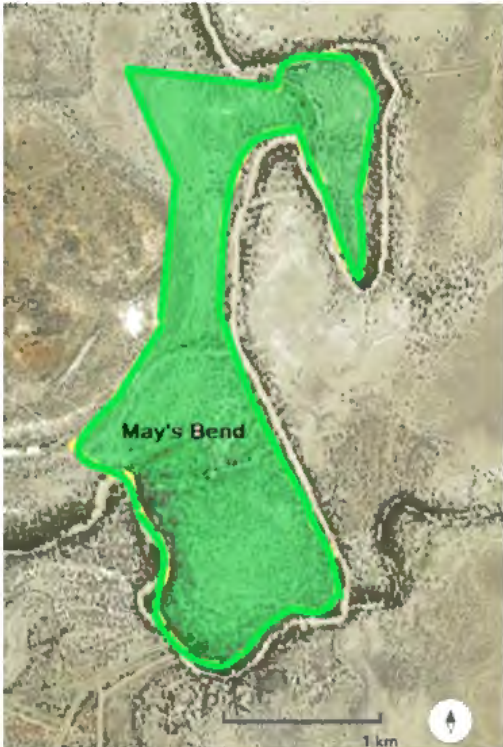
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Reserve & Name	Reserve Purpose & Gazettal date	Categorisation
Reserve 11743 Wanaaring; Lot 7325 DP1200907	Public Recreation Gazetted 21 June 1890	Natural Area - Bushland
		
Commentary	<p>This reserve borders the Paroo River in Wanaaring and contains vegetation including <i>Eucalyptus largiflorens</i> / <i>Acacia stenophylla</i>, <i>Muehlenbeckia florulenta</i>, <i>Rhagodia spinescens</i> / <i>Enteropogon acicularis</i>, <i>Oxalis chnoodes</i>, <i>Marsilea drummondii</i>. These species are grouped into a vegetation type called 'Black Box woodland wetland on NSW central and northern floodplains' (NSW Government, BioNet Vegetation Classification).</p>	
Size	26.4ha	
Current applicable plans	Native Title Determination issued over this Reserve. Refer to Tribunal No NCD2015/001 (Barkandji Traditional Owners #8)	
Current & permissible leases/licences	None at present. Any tenancies issued to consider ability to return land to claimants if ALC successful.	
Threatened Species/Aboriginal/European Heritage	No significant Plant Community Types on site. No specified Council works have been identified on this site with respect to recovery and threat abatement plans for threatened species. No AHIMS items on this lot. Current (incomplete) Aboriginal Land Claim lodged for this reserve in 2010.	
Management for this Site	<p>Retain as passive park, weed control. NOTE: Because a Native Title determination exists on this reserve, any future acts will require consultation with Native Title holders through the National Native Title Tribunal.</p> <p><b>Species list for new plantings:</b>  <i>Eucalyptus largiflorens</i> / <i>Acacia stenophylla</i> , <i>Muehlenbeckia florulenta</i> , <i>Rhagodia spinescens</i> / <i>Enteropogon acicularis</i> , <i>Oxalis chnoodes</i>, <i>Marsilea drummondii</i>.</p>	






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Reserve & Name	Reserve Purpose & Gazettal date	Categorisation
Reserve 230036 May's Bend, Lot 7322 DP 1182264	Public Recreation Gazetted 22 Jan 1988	Natural Area - Bushland
		
Commentary	Located north of Bourke on the Darling River, this reserve contains primitive camping areas amongst floodplains.	
Size	301.45ha	
Current applicable plans	None apply	
Current & permissible leases/licences	None at present. Could be grazed for understorey vegetation management and weed control if deemed appropriate through temporary licence. Any tenancies issued to consider ability to return land to claimants if ALC successful.	
Threatened Species/Aboriginal/European Heritage	No significant Plant Community Types on site to indicate habitat of threatened/endangered species. No specified Council works have been identified on this site with respect to recovery and threat abatement plans for threatened species. A check of the Aboriginal Heritage Information Management System (AHIMS) has not revealed any items of significance on this allotment. Current (incomplete) Aboriginal Land Claim lodged for this reserve in 2010.	
Management for this Site	Retain as passive park with native vegetation regeneration promoted, biodiversity offsets to be considered, fencing to allow free movement of fauna, particularly along the River. Leave fallen logs and snags in riverbank in situ for fish habitat and protection. <b>Species list for new plantings:</b> Casuarina cristata , Alectryon oleifolius subsp. canescens / Einadia nutans subsp. eremaea , Paspalidium jubiflorum , Sclerolaena muricata var. muricata , Salsola tragus subsp. Tragus.	




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Reserve & Name	Reserve Purpose & Gazettal date	Categorisation
Reserve 230037: Yantabulla Recreation Reserve; Lot 1 DP 34989	Public Recreation Gazetted 22 Jan 1988	Natural Area - Bushland
		
Commentary	Remote reserve located south of Yantabulla and partly traversing the airstrip. This reserve borders Crown Reserve 816104, also included in this Plan of Management. These two reserves to be read in tandem.	
Size	5.89ha	
Current applicable plans	None apply	
Current & permissible leases/licences	None at present. Could be fenced and grazed if deemed an appropriate management tool via short term licence only as grazing usually inconsistent with public recreation reserve purpose.	
Threatened Species/Aboriginal/European Heritage	No significant Plant Community Types on site to indicate habitat of threatened/endangered species. A check of the Aboriginal Heritage Information Management System (AHIMS) has not revealed any items of significance on this allotment.	
Management for this Site	Airstrip to be kept clear of vegetation and movement of fauna (if actively used). Remaining reserve to be left for natural vegetation regeneration. As for Yantabulla Recreation Reserve B, consider Federal funding application streams for fencing under safety and accessibility of remote airstrips. <b>Species list for new plantings:</b> Corymbia tumescens, Eucalyptus populnea subsp. bimbil / Acacia aneura, Senna form taxon filifolia / Aristida contorta, Aristida jerichoensis var. subspinulifera, Thyridolepis mitchelliana.	




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Reserve & Name	Reserve Purpose & Gazetted date	Categorisation
Reserve 230039: Wanaaring Recreation Reserve; Lot 18 DP 722955	Public Recreation Gazetted 6 May 1988	Park
		
Commentary	Small reserve located on the Paroo River adjacent to the Highway in Wanaaring.	
Size	1608m <sup>2</sup>	
Current applicable plans	Nil.	
Current & permissible leases/licences	None at present.	
Threatened Species/Aboriginal/European Heritage	No significant Plant Community Types on site to indicate habitat of threatened/endangered species. A check of the Aboriginal Heritage Information Management System (AHIMS) has not revealed any items of significance on this allotment.	
Management for this Site	Retain as passive open space, riverbank stabilisation works. Due to potential for Native Title to be determined on this reserve, any future proposed works or leases/licences to be issued must have full Native Title Report completed.	






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Reserve & Name	Reserve Purpose & Gazetta date	Categorisation
Reserve 230080: Wanaaring Playground; Lot 18 Section 25 DP 759042	Public Recreation Gazetted 4 Sept 1992	Park
		
Commentary	This reserve is currently underutilised and provides road access to nearby dwellings.	
Size	1275m <sup>2</sup>	
Current applicable plans	None apply	
Leases/licences	None at present. None envisaged.	
Threatened Species/Aboriginal/European Heritage	Site is cleared so no significant Plant Community Types on site to indicate habitat of threatened/endangered species. A check of the Aboriginal Heritage Information Management System (AHIMS) has not revealed any items of significance on this allotment.	
Management for this Site	Council to discuss all open space areas within Wanaaring to determine future developments and priorities. Funding works currently being expended on Wanaaring Hall (June 2020). Retain as passive open space. Council to investigate & encourage access to nearby residences via alternate means and make good current vehicular access through the reserve. This is due to access not being in accordance with the reserve purpose of public recreation.	



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Reserve & Name	Reserve Purpose & Gazetted date	Categorisation
Reserve 72379: Jones Park; Lot 7021 DP 1126316	Public Recreation Gazetted 8 Aug 1947	Park
		
Commentary	Located on the corner of Moculta and Short Streets, this reserve is a passive open park with tree plantings and playground equipment.	
Size	2410m <sup>2</sup>	
Current applicable plans	Draft Parks and Gardens Management & Operational Plan 2013	
Current & permissible leases/licences	None at present. <b>Express authorisation</b> for lease/licences on this reserve for uses in accordance with reserve purpose.	
Threatened Species/Aboriginal/European Heritage	Site is cleared so no significant Plant Community Types on site to indicate habitat of threatened/endorsed species. A check of the Aboriginal Heritage Information Management System (AHIMS) has not revealed any items of significance on this allotment.	
Management for this Site	Assess strategic location of play equipment in smaller town parks, lighting and provision also of passive park lands such as this reserve.	



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New playground works completed at Jones Park (2020)





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Reserve & Name	Reserve Purpose & Gazettal date	Categorisation
Reserve 78045: North Bourke Boat Ramp; Lot 113 DP 751867	Public Recreation Gazetted 28 Oct 1955	Park
		
Commentary	Located just north of the Bourke township, this public park provides boat access to the River as well as a number of picnic seating areas and BBQ shelters. The boat ramp was reconstructed in 2018 with funding from Road and Maritime Services.	
Size	12.23ha	
Current applicable plans	None at present	
Leases/licences	None at present. Express authorisation for licences over this reserve for regular users such as a ski club or the like to utilise the boat ramp reserve.	
Threatened Species/Aboriginal/European Heritage	No significant Plant Community Types on site to indicate habitat of threatened/endangered species. A check of the Aboriginal Heritage Information Management System (AHIMS) has not revealed any items of significance on this allotment.	
Management for this Site	Council to seek further funding and work with user groups and the community to determine site priorities including bank stabilisation works, primitive camping ground regulation requirements and access. Additional scope for this Reserve to be masterplanned with additional facilities/plantings of endemic species to complement existing and identified needs. Riverbank stabilisation measures to follow advice from Water NSW where vegetation species will survive.	



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North Bourke Boat Ramp Reserve Oct 2019





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Reserve & Name	Reserve Purpose & Gazetta date	Categorisation
Reserve 80924: Swimming Pool and Coolican Oval; Lot 7300 DP 1125511, Lot 7301 DP 1129135	Public Recreation Gazetted 8 Aug 1958	Park, Sportsground
		
Commentary	This Reserve borders the MA Davidson Memorial Oval and provides key sporting a recreational facilities for the town/region. Pool complex refurbishment works recently completed include new barbeques and shade as well as refurbishment of the pool. Imminent works include refurbishment of the infants pool, canteen and kiosk. See images over, courtesy Bourke Shire, taken April 2020.	
Size	2.94ha	
Reserve Purpose	Public Recreation	
Current applicable plans	Bourke Swimming Pool Masterplan	
Current & permissible leases/licences	None at present. Express authorisation permitted for leasing/licensing of the pool to contractor for management and to sporting associations/clubs for regular usage. Adjacent oval also authorised to permit licensing to sporting assoc & clubs	
Threatened Species/Aboriginal/European Heritage	Site cleared so no significant Plant Community Types on site to indicate habitat of threatened/endangered species. No AHIMS items on site.	
Management for this Site	Complete proposed refurbishment works at the pool complex and seek further funding while working with local user groups on planned works.	





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Pool improvements at Davidson Oval



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Bourke Pool improvements






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Reserve & Name	Reserve Purpose & Gazetted date	Categorisation
Reserve 83073: Davidsons Loch and Weir; Lot 23 DP 751848	Public Recreation Gazetted 10 March 1961	Park
		
Commentary	This large passive open space area contains access tracks and native vegetation. Proposed to retain park in natural state, allowing floodplain vegetation to regenerate and flourish.	
Size	18.05ha	
Current applicable plans	None applicable	
Current leases/licences	None at present. Possibility to issue a lease/licence for grazing for weed control – this must be temporary in nature in acc with LG (General) Regulation as grazing not usually consistent with reserve purpose of public recreation.	
Threatened Species/Aboriginal/European Heritage	No significant Plant Community Types on site to indicate habitat of threatened/endangered species. A check of the Aboriginal Heritage Information Management System (AHIMS) has not revealed any items of significance on this allotment.	
Management for this Site	Retain passive park and floodplain vegetation. Consider utilising biodiversity credits scheme. Due to this reserve's floodprone location, any filling of this land requires prior consent from Council.	




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Reserve & Name	Reserve Purpose & Gazetted date	Categorisation
Reserve 85027: Bourke Pump Station; Lot 633 DP 761664	Public Recreation Gazetted 2 Oct 1964	Park
		
Commentary	Although this reserve is named the Pump Station, the river pump is located on another allotment, also managed by Council. This passive park provides river access and includes part of the town's levee.	
Size	2085m <sup>2</sup>	
Current applicable plans	None applicable	
Current & permissible leases/licences	None at present. Any tenancies issued to consider ability to return land to claimants if ALC successful.	
Threatened Species/Aboriginal/European Heritage	Site mostly cleared so no significant Plant Community Types on site to indicate habitat of threatened/endangered species. A check of the Aboriginal Heritage Information Management System (AHIMS) has not revealed any items of significance on this allotment. Current (incomplete) Aboriginal Land Claim lodged for this reserve in 2010.	
Management for this Site	Council to include this reserve in Delivery and Maintenance program works budget, including bank stabilisation works which could be offered up as a demonstration site.	



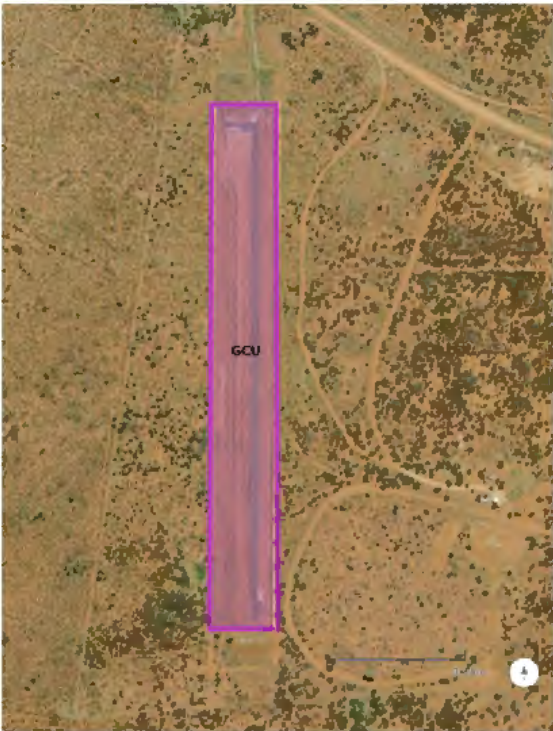


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Reserve & Name	Reserve Purpose & Gazetta date	Categorisation
Reserve 86104: Yantabulla Recreation Reserve B; Lot 7001 DP 753881 (CL artificial road descriptor); Lot 7303 DP 1180086	Public Recreation Gazetted 9 Dec 1966	Natural Area - Bushland
		
Commentary	Remote park, intended to be retained for natural vegetation regeneration, with the exception of the Yantabulla airstrip which dissects this reserve which is to be kept cleared for safety reasons. This reserve is bordered on the north and east by the Yantabulla Private Nature Reserve.	
Size	16.5ha	
Current applicable plans	None applicable	
Leases/licences	None at present. Possibility to issue a lease/licence for grazing for weed control, providing licence is temporary in acc with LG (General) Regulation.	
Threatened Species/Aboriginal/European Heritage	No significant Plant Community Types on site to indicate habitat of threatened/endangered species. This reserve is located adjacent to the Yantabulla Private Nature Reserve so significant species could be frequent in the area. A check of the Aboriginal Heritage Information Management System (AHIMS) has not revealed any items of significance on this allotment.	
Management for this Site	Retention of native vegetation on remaining parcels. <b>Species list for new plantings:</b> <i>Corymbia tumescens</i> , <i>Eucalyptus populnea</i> subsp. <i>bimbil</i> / <i>Acacia aneura</i> , <i>Senna form taxon filifolia</i> / <i>Aristida contorta</i> , <i>Aristida jerichoensis</i> var. <i>subspinulifera</i> , <i>Thyridolepis mitchelliana</i>	




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Reserve & Name	Reserve Purpose & Gazettal date	Categorisation
Reserve 230090: Wanaaring Emergency Airstrip Lat 6711 DP 822039	Urban Services Gazetted 6 May 1994	General Community Use
		
Commentary	Originally dedicated for urban services, this emergency airstrip serves its purpose in a remote location.	
Size	18.1ha	
Current applicable plans	Council has no plans to upgrade this site at present. Current Native Title Determinations on this reserve (see Tribunal Na's NP2020/001, NCD2015/001, NI2018/007).	
Current & permissible leases/licences	This reserve is currently not leased or licenced through Council. This PaM <b>expressly permits</b> issuing a licence on this reserve to an aerial spray or other agribusiness. Total leasing of the site is not permissible to ensure emergency aircraft retain access to the airstrip.	
Threatened Species/ Aboriginal/European Heritage	No significant Plant Community Types on site to indicate habitat of threatened/endangered species. A check of the Aboriginal Heritage Information Management System (AHIMS) has not revealed any items of significance on this allotment.	
Management for this Site	Following rains and when the airstrip could be in use, clearing of the site to ensure limited access by wildlife. Boundary fencing to limit straying of fauna onto airstrip. Prior to conducting any future acts, works, issuing any licences or leases over this land, a Native Title report is to be prepared by Council's NT Manager or delegate. This report is to take into consideration the above NT determinations as they list the Native Title rights that have been recognised. Any liaison with the traditional owners as part of this process is to go through NTSCorp (Native Title Services Corporation).	





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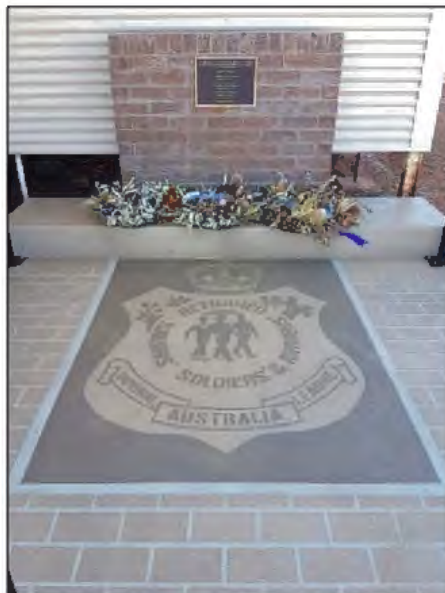
Reserve & Name	Reserve Purpose & Gazetted date	Categorisation
Reserve 81309: Enngonia War Memorial Lot 10 Section 11 DP 758389	War Memorial: Gazetted 19 Dec 1958 Community purposes: gazetted 21 October 2022	General Community Use
		
Commentary	Although originally set aside for a war memorial, at the time a Public Hall was constructed instead on the reserve to meet the needs of the local community. The Hall is still used for a community meeting space, being utilised by Council for meetings and the community for funerals. The Hall was constructed in 1957 and was recently upgraded by Council with kitchen facilities, relined and an accessible ramp installed.	
Size	22017m <sup>2</sup>	
Current applicable plans	Council has no current plans to upgrade this building.	
Current & permissible leases/licences	This reserve is currently not leased or licenced through Council. <b>Express authorisation</b> for tenures to be issued for use of the hall for temporary events, community meetings and gatherings.	
Threatened Species/ Aboriginal/European Heritage	No Plant Community Types listed on site. No AHIMS listings.	
Management for this Site	Continued maintenance and improvement of the memorial building. Consider applying through the Crown Reserves Improvement Fund for upgrades.	



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Enngonia War Memorial Hall: image supplied by Council. Small courtyard in right of image pays respect to fallen soldiers from Enngonia district.





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Reserve & Name	Reserve Purpose & Gazettal date	Categorisation
87481: Louth Cricket Ground Lots 3-10 Sec 9 DP 1275 Lots 7-10 Sec 9 DP 1275 Lot 7017-7019 DP 757374 (artificial road)	Public Recreation Gazetted 31 Oct 1969	Sportsground
		
<b>Commentary</b>	Open cricket ground at the entrance to Louth. This reserve contains shelter, new boundary fence and amenities blocks.	
<b>Size</b>	3.56ha	
<b>Current applicable plans</b>	None applicable	
<b>Current &amp; permissible leases/licences</b>	None at present. Express authorisation given for tenures for sporting clubs and groups.	
<b>Threatened Species/Aboriginal/European Heritage</b>	No significant Plant Community Types on site to indicate habitat of threatened/endangered species. A check of the Aboriginal Heritage Information Management System (AHIMS) has not revealed any items of significance on this allotment.	
<b>Management for this Site</b>	Assess buildings for asbestos and whether it should be replaced, maintain grounds, weed control.	



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Reserve Name & Number	Reserve Purpose & Gazettal date	Categorisation
87545: Enngonia Tennis Club Lot 7307 DP 1182875	Public Recreation Gazetted 5 Dec 1969	Sportsground



Note: discrepancies in boundaries present for online portals.

Commentary	Bordering the Enngonia Recreation Reserve, the tennis club houses two tennis courts and a small shelter.
Size	1503m2
Current applicable plans	None applicable
Current & permissible leases/licences	None at present. Express authorisation given for tenures for sporting clubs and groups.
Threatened Species/Aboriginal/European Heritage	No significant Plant Community Types on site to indicate habitat of threatened/endangered species. A check of the Aboriginal Heritage Information Management System (AHIMS) has not revealed any items of significance on this allotment.
Management for this Site	Discuss maintenance of courts with local user groups, weed control.





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Reserve Name & Number	Reserve Purpose & Gazettal date	Categorisation
9307: Central Park Lot 83 DP 822050	Public Recreation Gazetted 6 July 1889	Park, Sportsground
		
Commentary	Central Park is located within the same block as the Bourke Bowling Club and houses tennis courts, the Cenotaph, a skate park, fitness equipment, a rotunda and seating/BBQ facilities with tree plantings. It is a formal and multifunctional park.	
Size	1.56ha	
Current applicable plans	Draft Parks and Gardens Management Operational Plan 2013	
Current & permissible leases/licences	None at present. Express authorisation for this Reserve to be leased/licenced to sporting clubs/associations and personal trainers for regular use of the courts and park for sport and fitness group classes. Express authorisation for licences also permitted here for market days in the Park.	
Threatened Species/Aboriginal/European Heritage	No significant Plant Community Types on site to indicate habitat of threatened/endangered species. A check of the Aboriginal Heritage Information Management System (AHIMS) has not revealed any items of significance on this allotment.	
Management for this Site	Masterplan has been developed separate to this PoM for Central Park which considers pedestrian/open space connectivity, shade and utilisation by locals. Has been through consultation process. Masterplan shown over page. General maintenance and weed control, lighting and use of gravel pathways for natural drainage/infiltration. Rotunda assessed as having Local Significance in the Bourke Heritage Study 1999. Rotunda, built around 1890, to be maintained in accordance with this Study.	




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Reserve Name & Number	Reserve Purpose & Gazettal date	Categorisation
96634: Wanaaring Recreation Reserve Land Parcels: 1-20/18/759042 7-10,17-20/17/759042 7-8,10/45005, plus other official lots as created for reserve boundary delineation.	Public Recreation Gozatted 4 March 1983	Natural Area – Bushland, Sportsground
		
<b>Commentary</b>	One of the larger reserves in the Shire, this reserve borders Reserve 11743 on the Poroo River. This Recreation Reserve contains the Wanaaring Cricket ground and sparsely vegetated open space. The reserve's vegetation type is dominated by Whitewood - Western Rosewood, which is a low woodland of the NSW north western plains (NSW Government, State Vegetation Type Map).	
<b>Size</b>	16.5ha	
<b>Current applicable plans</b>	No Council plans to develop the reserve. Current Native Title determinations over this Reserve (see Tribunal No NCD2015/001 and NP2020/001).	
<b>Current &amp; permissible leases/licences</b>	None at present. <b>Express authorisation</b> given for tenures for sporting clubs and groups to use sportsground component.	
<b>Threatened Species/Aboriginal/European Heritage</b>	No significant Plant Community Types on site to indicate habitat of threatened/endangered species. A check of the Aboriginal Heritage Information Management System (AHIMS) has not revealed any items of significance on this allotment.	
<b>Management for this Site</b>	Retain natural features of the site and investigate feasibility of cricket ground improvements. Due to Native Title implications, any works proposed in this reserve or leases/licences to be issued require a full Native Title Report to be prepared. <b>Species list for new plantings:</b> Atalaya hemiglauca, Alectryon oleifolius subsp. canescens / Acacia aneura, Acacia aneura s. lat., Eremophila duttonii, Eremophila deserti / Enneapogon avenaceus, Aristida contorta, Sclerolaena birchii	



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Reserve Name & Number	Reserve Purpose & Gazettal date	Categorisation
96928: Banks of Darling Lots 42, 45 DP 722925, Lot 40 DP 753574	Public Recreation Gazetted 26 Aug 1983	Natural Area - Bushland
		
Commentary	This reserve has links to indigenous and European settlement history, including links to historic maritime services. Large parcel of riverfront reserve. Lot 45 recorded/included in Bourke Community Heritage Study with Maritime links assessed as having local significance.	
Size	112.28ha	
Current applicable plans	Interpretive signs provide maritime walking/driving trail. No formal/future plans set for this reserve.	
Current & permissible leases/licences	None at present. Relics (from Indigenous occupation and European heritage) are to be protected. Any tenancies issued to consider ability to return land to claimants if ALC successful.	
Threatened Species/Aboriginal/European Heritage	No significant Plant Community Types on site to indicate habitat of threatened/endangered species. This reserve contains items listed on the Aboriginal Heritage Information Management System (AHIMS) – the only Crown reserve under Council’s management noted to contain Aboriginal items in the Bourke Shire. This does not mean that other reserves may not contain items – just that they may not be recorded. The location and type of items listed is kept in confidence by the Office of Environment and Heritage for reasons of protection and future retention. Following discussions with Council and Crown Lands, it is proposed the items on site be kept in confidence class. This ensures the long-term	

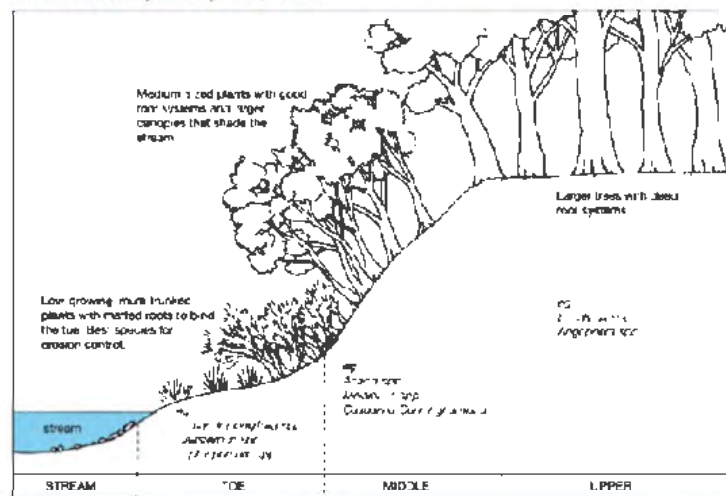




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	<p>protection of the Aboriginal Items recorded on site and maintains the original dedicated purpose of public recreation. Current (incomplete) Aboriginal Land Claim lodged for this reserve in 1996.</p>
<p>Management for this Site</p>	<p>Liaise with Bourke Local Aboriginal Lands Council to ensure plan of action is appropriate, noting AHIMS items recorded on site. Work with Maritime Services to develop plan of maintenance, including budgeted items. Determine if additional protections are required for items of Indigenous and European heritage, considering the site is open to the public. Providing snags are not hindering the movement of boating vessels (Including the historic replica Jandra paddlesteamer), leave these in-situ for fish habitat and breeding. Review content and condition of interpretive signage for update. Promote the walk and signage of the maritime walk and seek funding to expand on telling the story of the river boats. Discuss security of the site with Council and the LALC (if deemed to be an ongoing issue). Opportunity with this site for demonstration of riverbank stabilisation works – see image below from NSW Water.</p> <p><b>Species list for new plantings:</b> Riverbank – Eucalyptus camaldulensis subsp. camaldulensis / Acacia stenophylla, Acacia salicina, Muehlenbeckia florulenta / Paspalidium jubiflorum, Eleocharis plana, Rumex brownii, Einadia nutans subsp. Nutans.</p> <p>Inner reserve distanced from river – / Casuarina cristata, Alectryon oleifolius subsp. canescens / Einadia nutans subsp. eremaea, Paspalidium jubiflorum, Sclerolaena muricata var. muricata, Salsola tragus subsp. tragus</p>

Figure 1. Typical riparian cross section - Adapted from Rivercare: Guidelines for Ecological Sustainable Management of Rivers and Riparian Vegetation: Raine, A.W & Gardiner, J.N, (1995), Land and Water Resources Research and Development Corporation, Canberra.



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Both of these images, supplied by Bourke Council, show the diversity of vegetation within the one reserve, with varying distance from the river.



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Extract from Bourke Community Heritage Study 1999:

<b>Item Name:</b>	<b>Maritime Park</b>		
<b>Location:</b>	<b>Banks of the Darling River, Bourke</b>		
<b>Address:</b>	Banks of the Darling River	<b>Corner:</b>	
<b>Suburb / Nearest Town:</b>	Bourke 2840	<b>State:</b>	NSW
<b>Other/Former Names:</b>	Bourke Golf course		
<b>Area/Group/Complex:</b>		<b>Group ID:</b>	
<b>Local Govt Area:</b>	<b>Local Government Area:</b> Bourke	<b>DUAP Region:</b> Southern & Western	<b>Historic region:</b> Western Plains
<b>Property Identifier:</b>	Lot 45 DP753574		
<b>Boundary:</b>			
<b>Item Type:</b>	Built	<b>Group:</b> Maritime Industry	<b>Category:</b> Other - Maritime Indus
<b>Owner:</b>	Local Government		
<b>Owner Codes:</b>	<b>Code 2:</b>	<b>Code 3:</b>	
<b>Current Use:</b>	Maritime Park		
<b>Former Uses:</b>	Golf course and Pastoral		
<b>Assessed Significance:</b>	Local	<b>Endorsed Significance:</b>	
<b>Statement of Significance:</b>	Maritime Relics, Golf, River. The Maritime relics of the river boat days, including stands of large river gums that once were used as moorings to paddle boats.		
<b>Historical Notes or Provenance:</b>	For sometime in from the 1940's till 1951 this area (now known as the 'Maritime Park') was used as a golf course. The Maritime Park was established in 1997/1998 with assistance from the government. A number of interpretive signs highlight features of the area such as the remains of the paddle steamer P.S. Wave. The attraction of green grass (occasionally) and the menace of the hazard in the form of the River for golfers who hook balls, prompted a number of the then members of the Bourke Golf club to form a break-away club, known as 'The Riverview Golf Club' over the river. This club prospered, but access, in days when motor cars were few and the road via North Bourke no novelty, took the form of a flat bottom punt into which players loaded their gear and hauled themselves across. However, repeated flooding of the course interrupted the programmes to such an extent, that in 1951 the course was established on its present site.		



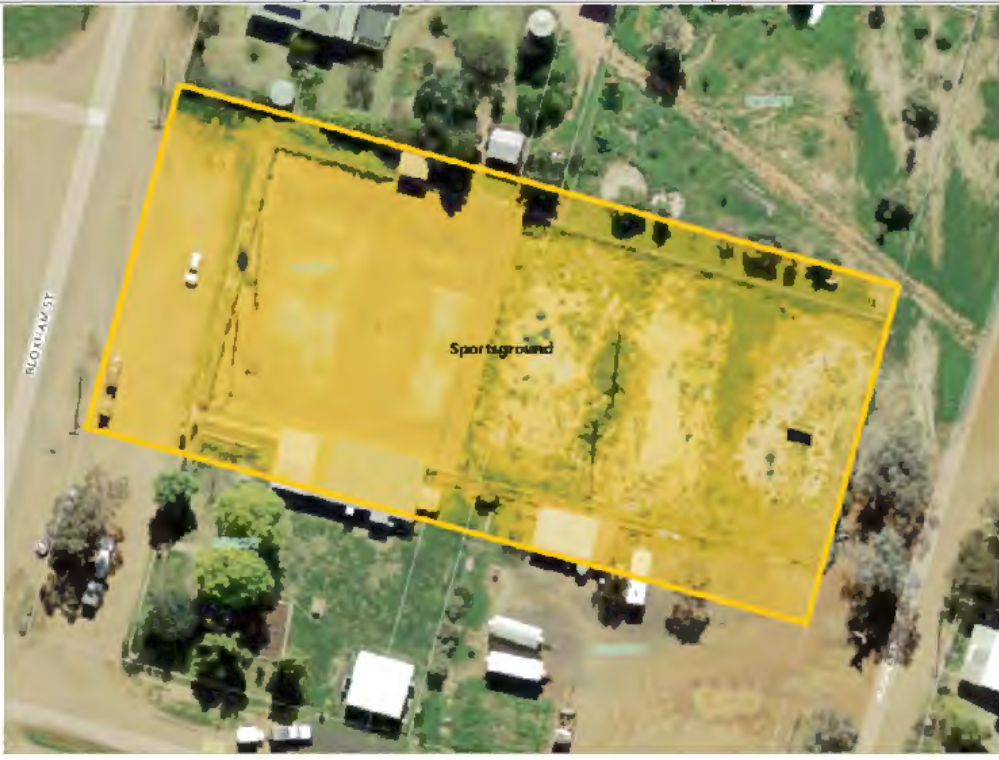


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Reserve Name & Number	Reserve Purpose & Gazettal date	Categorisation
97369: Enngonia Hall Lot 9 Section 11 DP 758389	Public Recreation Gazetted 3 Aug 1984	Park
		
Commentary	Showing here as a site for the Hall, this reserve is vacant and sparsely vegetated. Due to other works planned on Crown Reserves in Enngonia, this site has no current plans.	
Size	2016m2	
Current applicable plans	None applicable	
Current & permissible leases/licences	None at present.	
Threatened Species/Aboriginal/European Heritage	Substantially cleared so no significant Plant Community Types on site to indicate habitat of threatened/endangered species. A check of the Aboriginal Heritage Information Management System (AHIMS) has not revealed any items of significance on this allotment.	
Management for this Site	In consultation with local Enngonia community, discuss options for future of this site.	



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Reserve Name & Number	Reserve Purpose & Gazettal date	Categorisation
82814: Louth Tennis Courts Lots 2 & 9 Sec 2 DP 1275; Lot 7015 DP 757374. Part Lots 1, 10 Sec 2 DP 1275.	Tennis Courts: Gazetted 23 Sept 1960 Additional purpose: Community Purposes gazetted 10 Dec 2021	Sportsground
		
Commentary	The Louth Tennis Courts have received state government funding for upgrades and beautification works. To date works completed include synthetic tennis court surfacing, footpath upgrades (2022). Works to be completed include new park entrance and finalising surfacing works (2023).	
Size	5164m <sup>2</sup>	
Current applicable plans	Suggestions include community hall, multipurpose court (lawn bowls/basketball and the like). Suggestions to be workshopped, NT report completed and be in acc with reserve purpose of sportsground.	
Current & permissible leases/licences	None at present. It should be noted that this reserve currently has an additional purpose of community purposes for an RFDS building however this building is on R82807 – this additional purpose anomaly to be rectified by Crown Lands.	
Threatened Species/Aboriginal/European Heritage	Substantially cleared so no significant Plant Community Types on site to indicate habitat of threatened/endangered species. A check of the Aboriginal Heritage Information Management System (AHIMS) has not revealed any items of significance on this allotment.	
Management for this Site	Ensure funding is spent in allocated time and on budget. Works proposed are in accordance with reserve purpose and this Plan of Management. Ensure future works have Native Title report completed. Lot boundaries to be confirmed on site by a Surveyor when next in Louth to ensure any potential encroachments are identified and solution obtained through liaison with Council and Crown Lands.	





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Reserve Name & Number	Reserve Purpose & Gazettal date	Categorisation
Reserve 83075: Eastern Reserve Lots 18, 62 DP 751848, Lots 7314-7316 DP 1182581 Lot 7317 DP 1182581	Regeneration Area Gazetted 10 March 1961	Natural Area - Bushland



<b>Commentary</b>	This reserve contains a number of large parcels on the southern side of Bourke. Located outside of the town's levee, this reserve is subject to inundation from flood events from the Darling River.
<b>Size</b>	1,061ha
<b>Vegetation Types</b>	Lignum shrubland wetland on floodplains and depressions of the Mulga Lands Bioregion, Channel Country Bioregion in the arid and semi-arid (hot) climate zones Coolabah - River Coolabah - Lignum woodland wetland of frequently flooded floodplains mainly in the Darling Riverine Plains Bioregion Mitchell Grass grassland - chenopod low open shrubland on floodplains in the semi-arid (hot) and arid zones River Red Gum tall to very tall open forest / woodland wetland on rivers on floodplains mainly in the Darling Riverine Plains Bioregion (small amounts)
<b>Topography</b>	Relatively flat, gently undulating towards flood runners
<b>Hydrology</b>	Undulating outer floodplain of the Darling River.
<b>Geology and Soils</b>	This reserve contains Vertosols from the Australian Soil Classification which means high in clay and cracking.
<b>Indicative indigenous plant species</b>	Muehlenbeckia florulenta / Enchylaena tomentosa / Eragrostis setifolia , Alternanthera nodiflora , Centipeda cunninghamii , Marsilea drummondii Dissocarpus biflorus var. biflorus , Sclerolaena calcarata , Sclerolaena bicornis var. horrida , Chenopodium auricomum / Astrebla lappacea , Chloris truncata , Leiocarpa brevicompta / Eucalyptus coolabah subsp. coolabah / Acacia stenophylla , Muehlenbeckia florulenta , Rhagodia spinescens / Paspalidium jubiflorum , Leptochloa digitata , Einadia nutans subsp. nutans



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	Eucalyptus camaldulensis subsp. camaldulensis / Acacia stenophylla , Acacia salicina , Muehlenbeckia florulenta / Paspalidium jubiflorum , Eleocharis plana , Rumex brownii , Einadia nutans subsp. nutans
Indicative invasive plant species/weeds	Windmill grass ( <i>Chloris truncata</i> R.Br.), Cathead (Tribulus terrestris), Farmers Friend (Bidens pilosa), Marshmallow (Malva parviflora). Competition from weed species is a constant threat which requires regular monitoring for not only the health of the reserve but also in reducing the spread of weeds onto neighbouring farms and wider afield.
Indicative fauna of the locality	Kangaroo, wallaby, wombat, native reptiles, avifauna
Critical habitat/Threatened Species/Threat or Recovery Abatement Plan which apply/Aboriginal Heritage	No critical habitat on this Reserve. No listed threatened species, endangered species or threat recovery or abatement plans directly apply to the site. Despite this, Council has cross-referenced the Plant Community Types (PCTs) listed by the BioNet database as occurring on the site with the potential to host threatened/endangered species. Current (incomplete) Aboriginal Land Claim lodged for this reserve in 2010.
Current leases/licences and types of leases/licences permitted	This reserve is not currently leased. This Plan of Management does not permit leasing or licencing of this reserve due to it's recognition as a Natural Area. Any leases/licences if issued to consider ability to return land to claimants if ALC successful.
Prioritised specific management actions for the site	See table 3.3.4 above for Natural Area: Bushland which links to LG Act objectives.

Note: Indicative plant species to be used for new plantings in line with NSW GeoSEED database.



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Reserve Name & Number	Reserve Purpose & Gazettal date	Categorisation
Reserve 87524: Fords Bridge Recreation Reserve Lot 3499 DP 765791	Public recreation Gazetted 28 Nov 1969	Natural Area - Bushland



<b>Commentary</b>	This Reserve contains vacant, sparsely vegetated land and is located on the eastern side of Fords Bridge. It contains PCTs 43, 39, 24 which are associated with TECs. Bushland is the most appropriate sub-category for this natural area. Remnants of a prior racetrack and cricket ground with associated amenities building can be seen on aerials of the reserve.
<b>Size</b>	35.74ha
<b>Vegetation Type</b>	Located just east of the Warrego River, this reserve contains the following plant communities: Canegrass swamp tall grassland wetland of drainage depressions, lakes and pans of the inland plains Coolabah - River Coolabah - Lignum woodland wetland of frequently flooded floodplains mainly in the Darling Riverine Plains Bioregion Mitchell Grass grassland - chenopod low open shrubland on floodplains in the semi-arid (hot) and arid zones
<b>Topography</b>	Relatively flat, gentle westerly and northerly depression towards the Warrego
<b>Hydrology</b>	Undulating outer floodplain of the Warrego River. Overland flows head to the west. This reserve is low-lying and forms part of the detention area for the Warrego flood runners.






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<b>Geology and Soils</b>	This reserve contains Hydrosols from the Australian Soil Classification which means they are seasonally or permanently saturated. In this location, this would be seasonally after rains.
<b>Indicative indigenous plant species</b>	Eragrostis australasica , Muehlenbeckia florulenta , Sclerostegia tenuis / Chloris truncata , Disphyma crassifolium subsp. clavellatum , Eragrostis setifolia , Marsilea drummondii, Eucalyptus coolabah subsp. coolabah / Acacia stenophylla , Muehlenbeckia florulenta , Rhagodia spinescens / Paspalidium jubiflorum , Leptochloa digitata , Einadia nutans subsp. nutans Dissocarpus biflorus var. biflorus , Sclerolaena calcarata , Sclerolaena bicornis var. horrida , Chenopodium auricomum / Astrebla lappacea , Chloris truncata , Leiocarpa brevicompta
<b>Indicative invasive plant species/weeds</b>	Windmill grass ( <i>Chloris truncata</i> R.Br.), Cathead ( <i>Tribulus terrestris</i> ), Farmers Friend ( <i>Bidens pilosa</i> ), Marshmallow ( <i>Malva parviflora</i> ). Competition from weed species is a constant threat which requires regular monitoring for not only the health of the reserve but also in reducing the spread of weeds onto neighbouring farms and wider afield.
<b>Indicative fauna of the locality</b>	Kangaroo, wallaby, wombat, native reptiles, avifauna
<b>Critical habitat/Threatened Species/Threat or Recovery Abatement Plan which apply</b>	No listed critical habitat on this Reserve. No listed threatened species, endangered species or threat recovery or abatement plans directly apply to the site. Despite this, Council has cross-referenced the Plant Community Types (PCTs) listed by the BioNet database as occurring on the site with the potential to host threatened/endangered species. Action Plan below outlines conservation measures from this knowledge.
<b>Current leases/licences and types of leases/licences permitted</b>	This reserve is not currently leased. This Plan of Management expressly permits leasing and licensing of this reserve in accordance with the LG Regulations and in accordance with the reserve purpose (public recreation).
<b>Prioritised specific management actions for the site</b>	See table 3.3.4 above for Natural Area: Bushland which links to LG Act objectives.

*Note: Indicative plant species to be used for new plantings in line with NSW GeoSEED database.*



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Reserve Name & Number	Reserve Purpose & Gazetted date	Categorisation
Reserve 86815: Yantabulla Recreation Reserve A; Lots 9-10 Section 4 DP 759132	Public Recreation Gazetted 2 Aug 1968	Park
		
Commentary	This reserve in Yantabulla contains a tennis clubhouse and smaller amenities buildings.	
Size	4055m <sup>2</sup>	
Current applicable plans	None applicable	
Current & permissible leases/licences	None at present.	
Threatened Species/Aboriginal/European Heritage	No significant Plant Community Types on site to indicate habitat of threatened/endangered species. A check of the Aboriginal Heritage Information Management System (AHIMS) has not revealed any items of significance on this allotment.	
Management for this Site	Assess buildings for asbestos and whether it should be replaced, assess buildings for structural adequacy if deemed a pressing issue. If works not deemed to be urgent at this point in time, buildings to be "mothballed" and secured for future refurbishment.	



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### Appendix 2: Community and User Groups Engagement

Bourke Council used a number of methods to engage with the community and sporting groups to obtain inclusions in the Draft document as well as feedback on the Draft Plan. These methods are outlined below.

- Direct emails to sporting and user groups who use or hold a licence over all or part of a Crown reserve.
- Public consultation in accordance with the LG Act including exhibition of the plan for 28 days
- Utilisation of Council's website and social media for feedback
- Displays in public areas of Council offices to obtain feedback on Draft Plan.



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Table 3: Feedback from Targeted Consultation

Sporting/User Group	Issues raised	Inclusion in Plan or Referral/Comment
Bourke Picnic Race Club	<p>Future ideas/intentions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• New bar and covered spectator area including new purpose-built food stalls.</li> <li>• New toilet and shower facilities for the public</li> <li>• Improvements to secretary's office including: lining of the entire office, fit out of office area and new and improved security cage for treasurer, fit out of small kitchen and bench space, additional change room for both female and male jockeys, installation of heating and cooling options in key rooms, increase the amount of lockable storage options, fit out of steward's room with seating and desk space.</li> <li>• Re-sheeting of all existing buildings to improve appearance of the buildings, improve security and weatherproofing.</li> <li>• Increase in seating</li> <li>• New callers' box and tower</li> <li>• New finishing post</li> <li>• Improved fencing for spectator side of race track</li> <li>• New stage/structure for entertainment/fashions on the field</li> <li>• Improved security including CCTV and lighting</li> <li>• Irrigation system</li> <li>• improved shade with plantings of trees and shrubs</li> <li>• Secure fence for race track perimeter</li> </ul>	<p>All worthy inclusions. Depending on funding, these improvements are to be prioritised with the Committee and other benefitting user groups.</p> <p>Possibly look to funding for a masterplan for the Showground/Racecourse which will cover these improvements. As many improvements are listed, these to be prioritised into action plan noting short, medium and long term.</p> <p>Masterplan can then be used for any future directions and funding applications.</p> <p>Native Title report to be completed prior to any future acts occurring on the reserve.</p>
Bourke Clay Target Club	<p>"upgrade the shooting grounds to incorporate a self-contained club room and a toilet and shower block, as there is nothing at all except a small container which holds our equipment"</p>	<p>This also to be included in masterplan for the Showground, noting sight lines for race meets and consultation with other Showground user groups.</p>

**Note:** This table may be updated following formal community consultation.



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### Appendix 2: Common uses for Reserves and Process to be followed

**Example 1: Your organisation intends to hold regular market days (once a month with stalls of produce/craft/clothing) at a Park listed in this Plan of Management.**

1. In principle, this is a community use for community land and in principle, would be encouraged by Council. A market day is an activity under the Local Government Act and as such, may require approval under section 68 (Part D) of this Act.
2. Check the Reserve's category and reserve purpose to determine if a market is permissible/encouraged. In principle, this type of temporary community use is encouraged.
3. Council has a downloadable application form on the website which details the information required for this activity. Search 'application to conduct activity on public place Bourke', download and complete the form.
4. Council to complete a Native Title report for the proposed activity.
5. Provide necessary proof of public liability insurance with your application to Council.
6. Once approval is given, you may conduct the market days. Any changes are to be discussed with Council.

**Example 2: Your sporting association wants to hold a summer sporting competition on a Crown Reserve under this Plan.**

1. Firstly check the Reserve has a purpose related to sport or public recreation. If not, check with Council to ensure the reserve purpose complies with the proposed use. The Reserve Purpose is shown at the top of the reserve tables in Appendix 1.
2. Check the category of the Reserve matches with the intent for sporting fixtures. For example, if the reserve has a category of Sportsground, this is appropriate for the activity. If the category is something not aligned with sporting uses, check with Council.
3. To formalise the use of the Reserve, a temporary licence is to be issued on the Reserve for the competition. This links the proposed competition with a permissible activity on the Reserve and ties in insurances for both Council and the participants. Speak to Council about organising a licence for the activity well in advance of the competition taking place.
4. Have the main organiser sign the licence with Council as Crown Land Manager.
5. A Native Title report is to be completed by Council prior to a lease or licence being issued over the Reserve. Fees and Charges can be determined by Council at an appropriate rate to cover the event whilst encouraging participation.





**14.2 \*\*\* ADVENTURE PARK TENDERS**

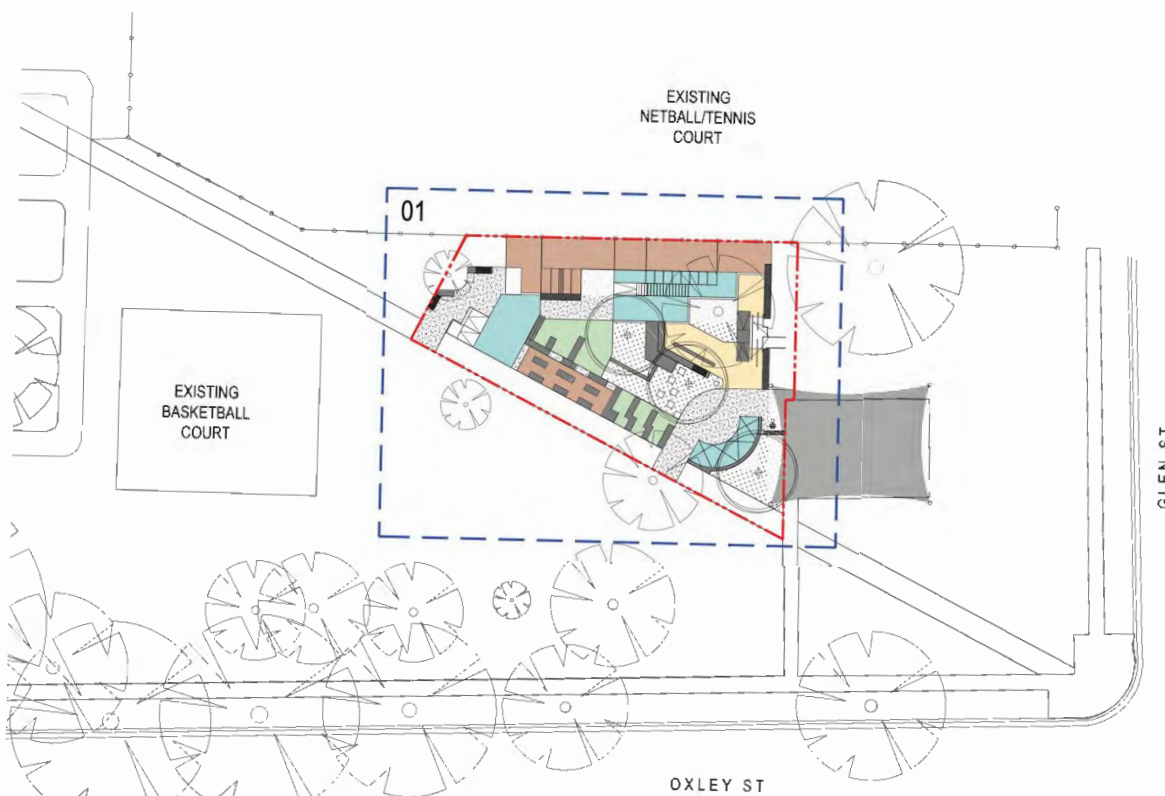
**File Number:** 20569  
**Author:** Dwayne Willoughby, Manager Planning, Regulatory and Environmental Services  
**Authoriser:** Ross Earl, Acting General Manager  
**Attachments:** Nil

**Background**

In May 2024 Council invited tenders via the Tenderlink portal, closing on Friday, 14 June 2024, from suitably qualified and experienced tenderers for the construction of the Adventure Park Project in Central Park, Bourke.

The proposed project is located to the east of the existing basketball court and south of the existing netball/tennis courts in Central Park, Bourke with the Park being bounded by Mitchell, Richard, Oxley and Glen streets, Bourke.

The extent of the proposed project in the Park, as bounded by red markings, is shown below:



Bourke Shire Council was successful in receiving project funding of \$184,433 under the NSW Department of Planning and Environment’s, “NSW Open Spaces Program - Places to Play Grant Program” for 2022/2023.

In response to such funding Council staff have worked closely with NSW Planning Industry and Environment resulting in the preparation by the 'place design group' of the following documents in respect of Central Park, Bourke:

- Site Analysis and Masterplan Package, and
- Concept Package.

Further work to then document the proposal for the purposes of tendering and ultimately construction, was undertaken such that the following comprehensive suite of documents was available to tenderers as follows:

- 100% Tender Package Documentation - as prepared by the 'place design group'.
- Landscape Technical Specification - as prepared by the 'place design group'.
- For Construction Slab and Footings Layouts and Details - as prepared by Edge Consulting Engineers.

The project brief comprised all necessary components for the construction of the proposed Adventure Park in Central Park, Bourke including, but not necessarily limited to, the following works:

- demolition of existing infrastructure (including removal of existing concrete pads and turf);
- the construction of paving works;
- the painting of various surfaces;
- the construction of walling and edging (including steel edging, concrete blockwork walls and rammed earth walls);
- the acquisition, construction and installation of furniture and fixtures;
- the acquisition, construction and installation of play elements;
- the acquisition and installation of irrigation infrastructure;
- the installation of instructional signage;
- the acquisition and planting of trees, shrubs, grasses and groundcovers; and,
- all other works as identified in the plans and specification documentation,
- to deliver the Adventure Park Project in Central Park, Bourke.

### **Current Situation**

As a result of the tender process, it is advised that no tenders were received.

Following the closing of tenders, discussions were held with officers from the NSW Dept of Planning as to the future of the project. All involved in the meeting were still keen to progress the project, as opposed to returning the funding to the Government.

In discussing the matter with these officers, they advised that they were happy to progress the project by way of Council seeking direct pricing from prospective contractors with known success in bringing like adventure park projects to fruition, as opposed to inviting a further round of tenders. It was also considered appropriate to negotiate with relevant contractors on Councils Building Trades and Services Panel who have an interest/capability to undertake this project.

To achieve such an outcome, and in recommending a course of action, it is advised that Clause 178(3) of the *Local Government (General) Regulation 2021* provides that where a council receives no tender submissions, it must do one of the following:

- (a) postpone or cancel the proposal for the contract,*
- (b) invite, in accordance with section 167, 168 or 169, fresh tender submissions based on the same or different details,*
- (c) invite, in accordance with section 168, fresh applications from persons interested in making a tender submission for the proposed contract,*
- (d) invite, in accordance with section 169, fresh applications from persons interested in making a tender submission for contracts of the same kind as the proposed contract,*
- (e) by resolution of the council, enter into negotiations with any person (whether or not the person was a tenderer) with a view to entering into a contract in relation to the subject matter of the tender,*
- (f) carry out the requirements of the proposed contract itself.*

In addition, Clause 178 (4) of the Regulation provides that if a “council resolves to enter into negotiations as referred to in subsection (3)(e), the resolution must state the following —

- (a) the council’s reasons for declining to invite fresh tender submissions or applications as referred to in subsection (3)(b)–(d),*
- (b) the council’s reasons for determining to enter into negotiations with the person or persons referred to in subsection (3)(e).*

Having regard to the discussions with the officers from the NSW Department of Planning, and given that no tenders were received, it will be recommended that Council resolve to proceed to enter into negotiations with yet to be identified persons who have a known success in bringing like adventure park projects to fruition and/or relevant contractors on Councils Building Trades and Services Panel with a view to Council entering into a contract in relation to the subject matter of the tender. It will also be recommended that the General Manager be requested to report to Council the outcome of negotiations prior to any contract being entered into.

As per *Clause 178(4)(a) of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2021*, the reason for Council declining to invite fresh tender submissions or applications for the works is that Council has previously invited tenders for the works which resulted in the receipt of no tenders being received, leading Council to consider that a satisfactory result would not be achieved by again inviting tenders.

In addition to this, as per *Clause 178(4)(b) of the Regulation*, the reason for Council determining to enter into negotiations with persons who have a known success in bringing like adventure park projects to fruition and/or relevant contractors on Councils Building Trades and Services Panel is that Council previously invited tenders for the project which resulted in no tenders being received

and it is anticipated that negotiations with such persons provides the best prospect for the project being bought to fruition.

### **Financial Implications**

Grant funding of \$184,433 to undertake the proposed Adventure Park has been allocated and included in Councils 2023/2024 Operational Plan. Such funding has been carried over to the 2024/2025 Plan.

### **Recommendation**

- 1. That as per Clause 178(3)(e) of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2021, Council proceed to enter into negotiations with yet to be identified persons who have a known success in bringing like adventure park projects to fruition and/or relevant contractors on Councils Building Trades and Services Panel with a view to Council entering into a contract in relation to the subject matter of the tender.**
- 2. That as per Clause 178(4)(a) of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2021, the reason for Council declining to invite fresh tender submissions or applications for the works is that Council has previously invited tenders for the works which resulted in the receipt of no tenders being received, leading Council to consider that a satisfactory result would not be achieved by again inviting tenders.**
- 3. That as per Clause 178(4)(b) of the Regulation, the reason for Council determining to enter into negotiations with persons who have a known success in bringing like adventure park projects to fruition and/or relevant contractors on Councils Building Trades and Services Panel is that Council previously invited tenders for the project which resulted in no tenders being received and it is anticipated that negotiations with such persons provides the best prospect for the project being bought to fruition.**
- 4. That the General Manager be requested to report to Council the outcome of negotiations prior to any contract being entered into.**

## 15 GENERAL MANAGER

### 15.1 PROPOSED NAMING OF ROAD - BUSTER LANE

**File Number:** 3221  
**Author:** Ross Earl, Acting General Manager  
**Authoriser:** Ross Earl, Acting General Manager  
**Attachments:** Nil

#### Background

Council at its meeting held on 22 April 2024 gave consideration to the proposed naming of a road at North Bourke, being Buster Lane. In this regard, Council resolved:

1. *That the proposed road name, Buster Lane, be approved by Council for the un-named road off Sid Coleman Drive, North Bourke as per the locality plan.*
2. *That the proposed name be notified in the Western Herald newspaper for a period of 28 days and Relevant Parties notified in accordance with Section 162 of the Roads Act 1993 and Section 7 of the Roads Regulation 2018.*
3. *That a further report be submitted to Council following the notification period.*

#### Current Situation

In response to Council's resolution, the Buster Lane naming proposal was advertised in the Western Herald edition of 2 May 2024 and included as a Public Notice on Council's website from 1 May 2024 till 31 May 2024. In promoting the proposal, submissions on the matter were invited, closing at 12 noon on Friday 31 May 2024.

It is advised that no submissions were received.

It is also advised that the road naming proposal was submitted to the Geographical Names Board through its NSW Place and Road Naming Proposal Platform. As part of the utilisation of such platform, a notification was also sent to relevant government parties (as per the NSW Road Regulation 2018). Such relevant parties had 14 days to send an objection to Council. No objections were received.

It is advised that the Buster Lane Road naming proposal has been approved by the Geographical Names Board.

The final phase of the road naming process is for Council to prepare and submit a Road Name Gazettal Notice. Again, this will be completed via the NSW Place and Road Naming Proposal Platform.

#### Financial Implications

Funds are available in Council's 2023/2024 Operational Plan to undertake this naming proposal.



**Recommendation**

- 1. That it be noted that the Buster Lane Road naming Proposal has been approved by the Geographical Names Board.**
  
- 2. That the General Manager be requested to take the necessary action to prepare and submit a Road Name Gazettal Notice to formalise the Buster Lane proposal.**

**15.2 \*\*\* PECUNIARY INTEREST RETURNS**

**File Number:** S6.29-LD-S3.8.31  
**Author:** Ross Earl, Acting General Manager  
**Authoriser:** Ross Earl, Acting General Manager  
**Attachments:** Nil

**Background**

The purpose of this report is to remind Councillors and designated persons of the necessity to lodge Pecuniary Interest Returns.

A Councillor or designated person holding that position on 30 June in any year must complete and lodge a Pecuniary Interest Return by 30 September in that year.

The returns can be inspected by members of the public and assist in ensuring transparency and accountability in Local Government decision-making. The obligation upon Councillors and others to lodge returns is as much a protection for them as it is to the community.

**Current Situation**

Information and blank returns will be provided at the June 2024 Council meeting and will be forwarded to Councillors email addresses. It is required that the returns be completed and returned to the Executive Assistant at your earliest convenience.

**Financial Implications**

There is no additional financial consideration required for this work.

**Recommendation**

**That Council notes the information received in relation to Pecuniary Interest Returns as presented to Council on Monday, 24 June 2024.**

**16 CORPORATE SERVICES DEPARTMENT**

**16.1 \*\*\* BANK RECONCILIATION AND STATEMENT OF BANK BALANCES - 31 MARCH 2024**

**File Number:** 2108  
**Author:** Ang Pasang Rai, Manager Corporate Services  
**Authoriser:** Ross Earl, Acting General Manager  
**Attachments:** Nil

**Bank Reconciliation for the period ending 31 May 2024**

Balances as per Bank Statement	\$886,973.75
Plus: Deposit not shown	\$12,319.94
Less: Unpresented Cheques	-\$5,676.62
<b>Balance as per Cash Book</b>	<b>\$893,617.07</b>

**Reconciled Ledger Accounts as at 31 May 2024**

Fund or Account	Current Balance	Overdraft Statutory Limit
General	\$32,470,108.79	\$200,000.00
Water	\$4,272,489.68	
Sewer	\$2,535,611.85	
Trust	\$122,353.46	
	<b>\$39,400,563.78</b>	

**Reconciliation as at 31 May 2024**

Balance as per cash book	\$893,617.07
Investments	\$38,506,946.71
<b>Total, equalling Reconciled Ledger</b>	<b>\$39,400,563.78</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 31 May 2024**

	Balance	Transaction	Balance
	30 April, 2024		31 May, 2024
General Fund	\$33,117,199.26	-\$647,090.47	\$32,470,108.79
Water Fund	\$4,120,580.99	\$151,908.69	\$4,272,489.68
Sewer Fund	\$2,609,527.25	-\$73,915.40	\$2,535,611.85
Trust Fund	\$121,919.46	\$434.00	\$122,353.46
Investments	-\$39,014,014.64	\$507,067.93	-\$38,506,946.71
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$955,212.32</b>	<b>-\$61,595.25</b>	<b>\$893,617.07</b>

**Balance of all Funds as at 31 May 2024**

<b>Balance as at 30 April, 2024</b>	<b>\$955,212.32</b>
<b>Add Receipts for</b>	
(a) Rates	\$526,364.17
(b) Other Cash	\$4,599,649.90
<b>Deduct payments for</b>	
(a) Payments	\$2,694,677.25
(b) New Investment	\$2,492,932.07
<b>Balance as at 31 May, 2024</b>	<b>\$893,617.07</b>

**Recommendation**

**That the Certificate of Reconciliation of the Cash Book for all funds of the Council and the Statement of Bank Balances as at 31 May 2024 be noted.**

**16.2 \*\*\* INVESTMENT PORTFOLIO REPORT AS AT 31 MAY 2024**

**File Number:** 2101  
**Author:** Ang Pasang Rai, Manager Corporate Services  
**Authoriser:** Ross Earl, Acting General Manager  
**Attachments:** Nil

**Background**

The Investment Portfolio 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.

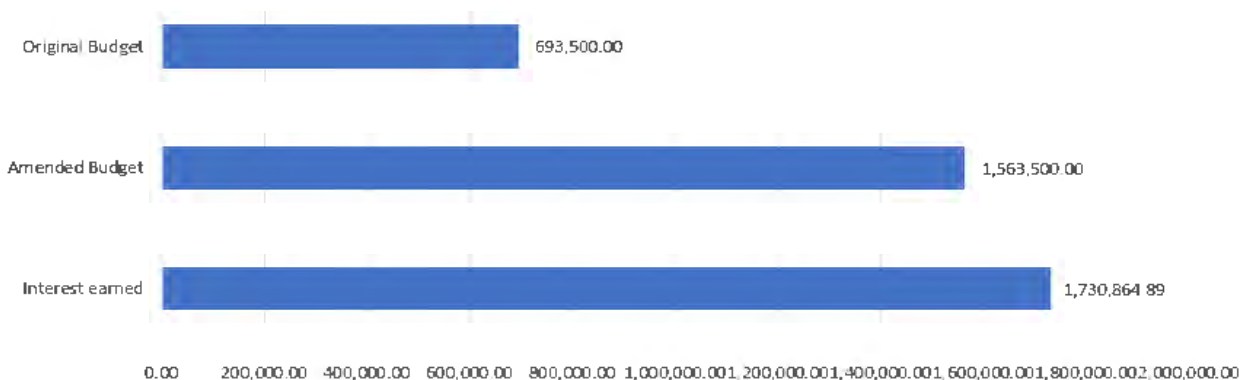
**Financial Implications/Consideration**

The 2023/2024 Budget estimated the total investment revenue as \$693,500. 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 of 31 May 2024 was \$38,506,946.71.

Investment income earned as of 31 May 2024 was \$1,730,864.89.

Interest on Investments [Budget v Actual]





It is obvious that interest earned on investments has surpassed the original budget due to a considerable increase in interest rates by the Reserve Bank of Australia and grants paid upfront, which were unanticipated at the time the budget was prepared. The change was approved by the Council at its February 2024 meeting (held 4 March 2024) after being reported in the December 2023 Quarterly Budget Review.

**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 31 May 2024**

Institution	Invst#	MaturityDate	Amount	Rate	Days	S&P Rating
National Australia Bank	100	6/08/2024	1,000,000.00	5.15%	182	A-1+
National Australia Bank	103	3/06/2024	2,000,000.00	5.05%	91	A-1+
National Australia Bank	106	17/06/2024	1,000,000.00	5.05%	90	A-1+
National Australia Bank	107	24/06/2024	3,000,000.00	5.05%	90	A-1+
National Australia Bank	108	27/06/2024	2,000,000.00	5.05%	92	A-1+
National Australia Bank	109	26/06/2024	2,000,000.00	5.00%	90	A-1+
Commonwealth Bank	110	6/06/2024	2,000,000.00	4.56%	63	A-1+
National Australia Bank	112	23/07/2024	2,000,000.00	5.00%	90	A-1+
National Australia Bank	113	29/07/2024	2,000,000.00	5.00%	91	A-1+
National Australia Bank	114	30/07/2024	2,000,000.00	5.00%	91	A-1+
National Australia Bank	115	29/08/2024	3,000,000.00	5.05%	120	A-1+
National Australia Bank	116	30/08/2024	2,500,000.00	5.05%	120	A-1+
National Australia Bank	117	1/08/2024	3,000,000.00	5.05%	90	A-1+
National Australia Bank	118	6/08/2024	2,000,000.00	5.05%	92	A-1+
National Australia Bank	119	9/07/2024	2,000,000.00	4.65%	61	A-1+
National Australia Bank	120	15/07/2024	1,000,000.00	4.65%	61	A-1+
National Australia Bank	121	19/08/2024	2,000,000.00	4.95%	91	A-1+
National Australia Bank	122	26/09/2024	1,000,000.00	5.00%	120	A-1+
National Australia Bank		At Call	3,006,946.71	Flex		A-1+
<b>Total Investments</b>			<b>38,506,946.71</b>			

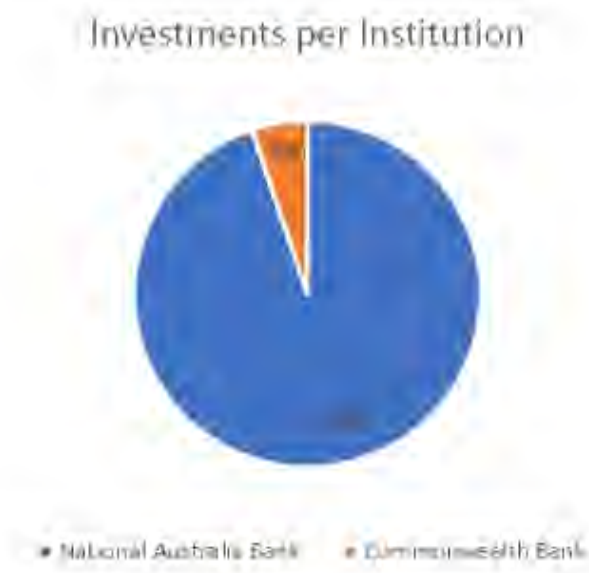
**Term Deposits**

**Discussions/Comments**

Compared to April 2024, there has been decrease of \$507,067.93 in Council’s Investment portfolio as at 31 May 2024.



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 2021* and Council’s Investment Policy.

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 Ang Pasang Rai  
 Responsible Accounting Officer

**Recommendation**

- 1. That the report of the Manager Corporate Services regarding Council's Investment Portfolio as at 31 May 2024, as presented to Council on Monday, 24 June 2024, be received and noted.**
- 2. That the Certificate of the Responsible Accounting Officer be noted, and the report adopted.**

## 17 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

### 17.1 MAIN STREET DEVELOPMENT

**File Number:** 3196, 3222  
**Author:** Melanie Milgate, Manager Economic Development  
**Authoriser:** Ross Earl, Acting General Manager  
**Attachments:** 1. Final Concept Plans

#### Background

The purpose of this report is to provide an update to Council on activities towards the further development of the Bourke main streets project. The report specifically details the proposed development of Oxley St (East) and Glen Streets.

A successful funding application was made to the NSW State Government in late 2022 for funding made available to communities severely impacted by the effects of COVID 19. In November 2022 a funding deed was signed (IPCIC9) for a total of \$800,000.

Projects were developed consistent with Councils Community Strategic Plan as well as community and economic development goals.

Projects were also developed to enable the continuation of the employment of the REDIE workforce which have worked in conjunction with Bourke Shire staff and contractors on the first rounds of main street development, undertaken works at Percy Hobson Park, undertaken various works at the Exhibition Centre, undertaken works to the cenotaph area of Central Park and have also been responsible for the erection of much of the new signage developed over the past 4 years.

The specific projects for this COVID development funding have seen the completion of Percy Hobson Park (final stage to opening), Improvements to the Back O' Bourke Exhibition Centre which are ongoing, and a continuation of main street works to the local streets surrounding Central Park.

The body of work is linked to the Community Strategic Plan:

- 3.0 Economic Prosperity
- 3.1 Promote population growth and ensure active community precincts.
- 3.2 Our community values its history and heritage and seeks to develop the tourism industry.

#### Current Situation

The final draft of plans for main street improvements to Oxley Street (east between Richard Street and Glen Street and Glen Street on the eastern side of Central Park are now available for Councillor and community information.

The plans are consistent with the approach taken to the street improvements in Mitchell Street over the past 18 months with careful consideration given to the impacts on local business, driveways and any improvements that can be made to ramps and footpaths.

The following works are planned as detailed:

- Garden beds in Oxley Street will be limited to enhancements to be made to the beds in the middle of the street. This will maintain the ability of caravans to park adjacent to the park.
- Pedestrian access across Oxley St at each end of the park will be improved. Pram ramps will be improved if works are required.
- A total of seven (7 ) garden beds are to be added to Glen Street on both sides of the street. These are planned to avoid entrances the lane way and Essential Energy. The garden beds are of a similar size to the Mitchell Street beds.
- A loss of approximately seven (7) car parks is expected although formalising parking with line marking will improve the ad hoc style of parking that occurs now.

The final concept plans are attached.

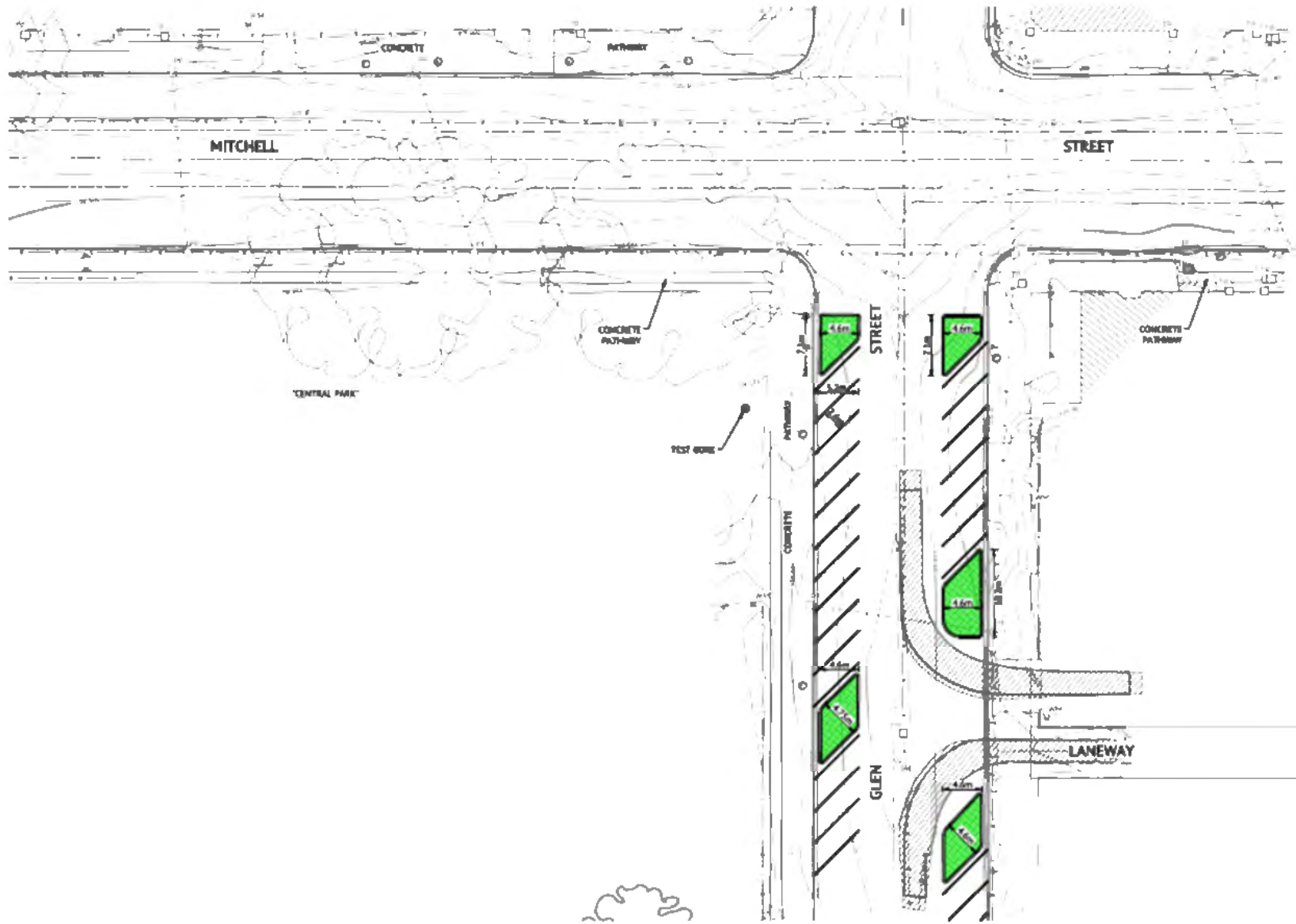
### **Financial Implications**

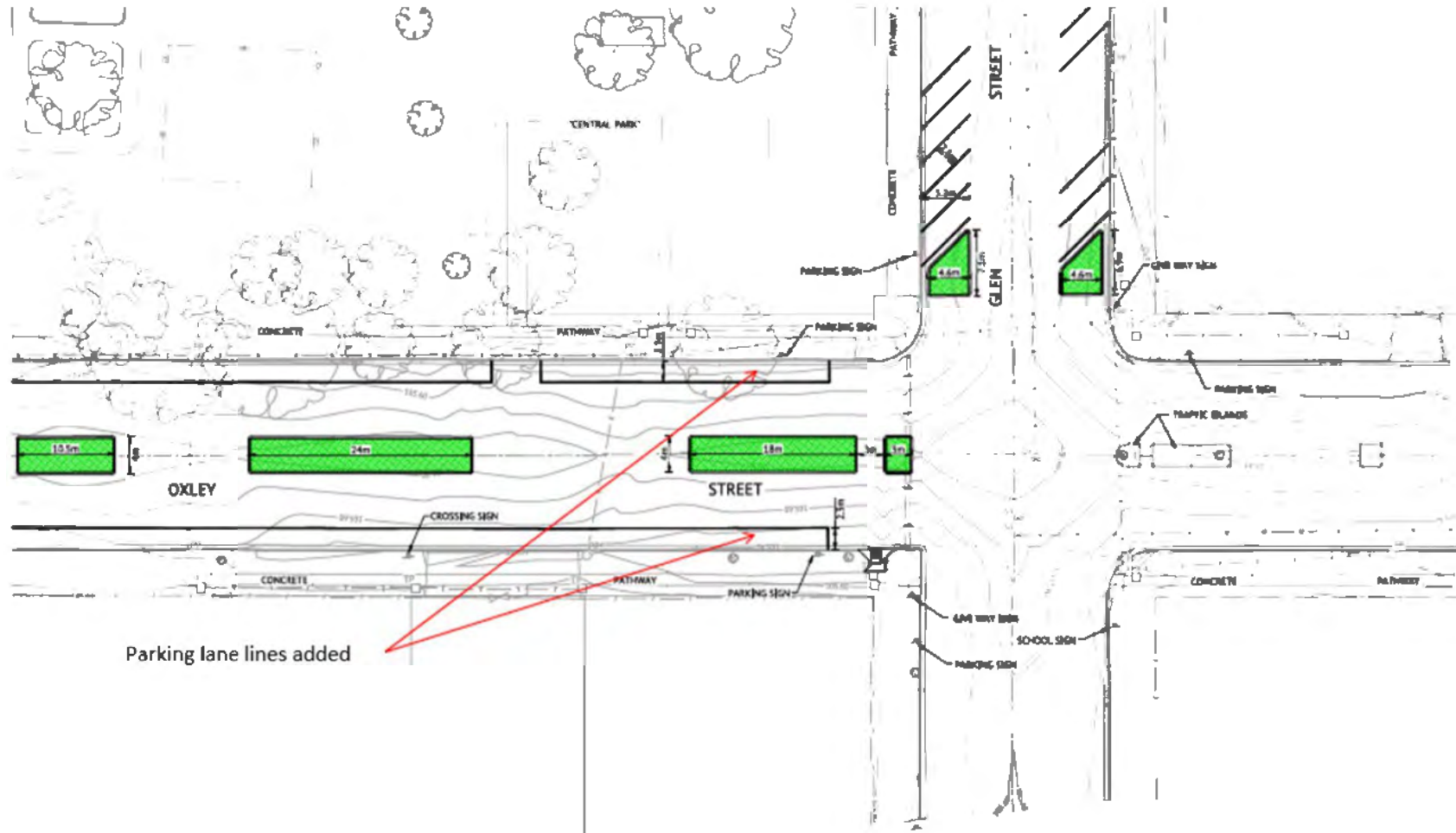
Works are budgeted within the IPCIC9 funding with no impact on the Bourke Shire Council budget expected.

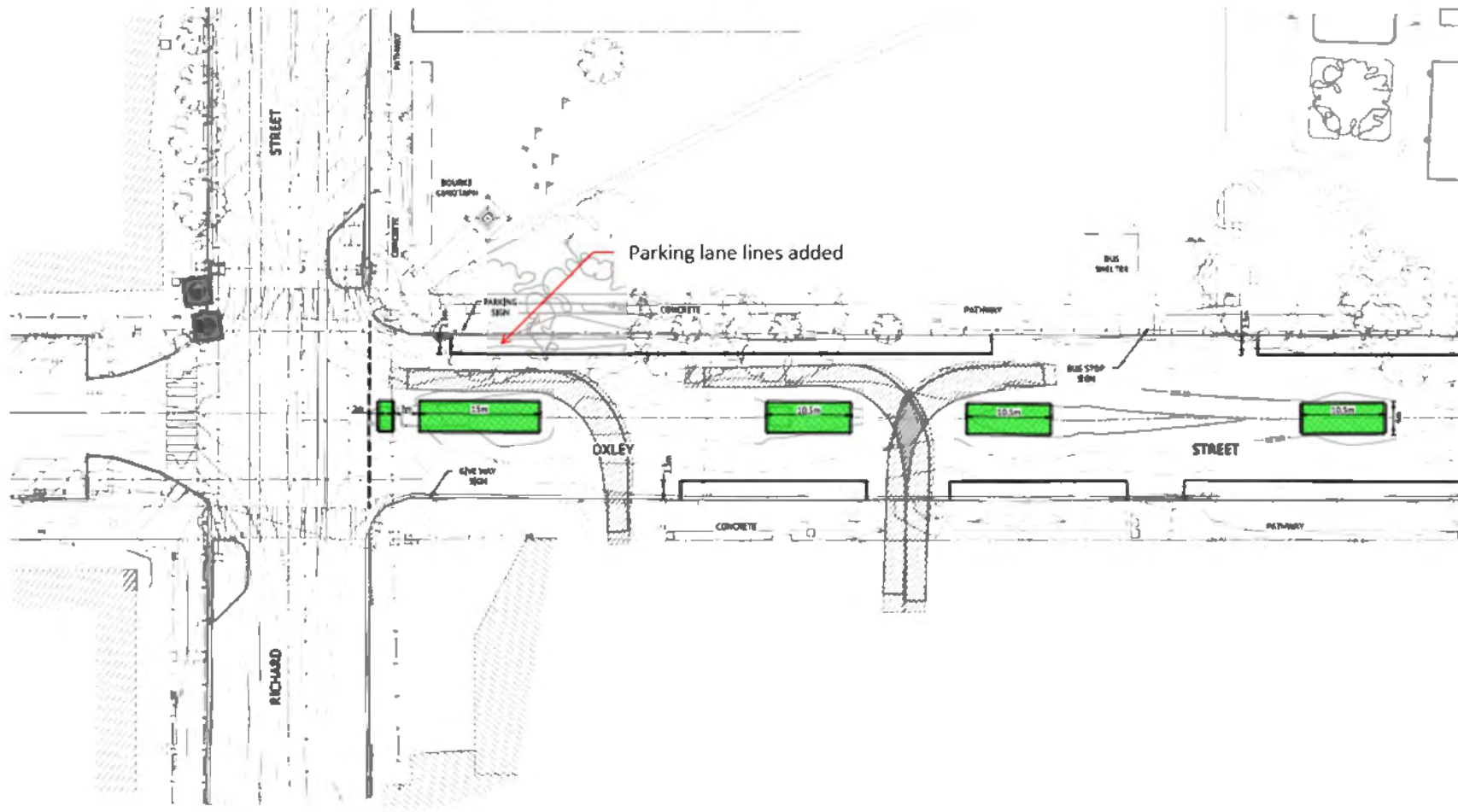
### **Recommendation**

**That the information contained in the report regarding the next phase of main street development be noted.**









**18 DELEGATES AND COUNCILLORS REPORTS**

Nil

**19 POLICIES**

Nil

## 20 PRÉCIS OF CORRESPONDENCE

### 20.1 \*\*\* REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE - 'A' DAY BOWLS TOURNAMENT

**File Number:** 1232  
**Author:** Ross Earl, Acting General Manager  
**Authoriser:** Ross Earl, Acting General Manager  
**Attachments:** 1. Request for Assistance - 'A' Day Bowls

#### Background

Council annually supports the 'A' Day Bowls Tournament Committee.

#### Current Situation

Council has received an application from Victor Bartley, Secretary of the 'A' Day Bowls Tournament Committee requesting financial support to supply prizes and catering on the day of the Tournament.

#### Financial Implications

Councils 2023/2024 Operational Plan provided an amount of \$60,000 for Donations to Community Organisations. The cost to Council in acceding to this request would be \$500. As at 1 June 2024, funding of \$24,000 remained available in Councils 2023/2024 Community Donation vote.

Council contributed \$400 to this Community Organisation in 2023/2024.

#### Recommendation

**That Council accede to the request of the 'A' Day Bowls Tournament Committee, in the amount of \$500.**





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

<b>Name of applicant organisation:</b>	'A' Day Bowls Tournament Committee
<b>Postal Address:</b>	PO Box 700 Bourke NSW 2840
<b>Contact person:</b>	Victor Bartley
<b>Position:</b>	Secretary
<b>Phone number:</b>	
<b>Mobile number:</b>	0429306633
<b>Fax number:</b>	
<b>Email address:</b>	Victorrrar7@bigpond.com

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

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

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

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

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

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VERIFIED BY:

**INFORMATION REGARDING YOUR REQUEST FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE**

Please provide a brief overview of your group /organisation:-

The 'A' Day Bowls Committee consists of Indigenous and non-Indigenous members. It is a not for profit organisation that helps raise funds for local charities. Since its inception our Committee has been able to raise and donate thousands of dollars to local charities such as the "Blue Robinson" Foundation and in the past the "Sisters of Charity" prior to the Order leaving Bourke.

Is the Group/organisation based in Bourke Shire?:- Yes

If no, where is it located?

What is the number of current members of your group/organisation? 5

Purpose for which the donation will be used:-

To pay for catering purposes and prizes. The amount of \$500.00 that is requested is because two (2) of our major sponsors are no longer able to do so.

If not stated above, briefly describe the way in which this donation will benefit Bourke Shire:-

This is the 20<sup>th</sup> year of our annual 'A' Day Bowls tournament which has brought players from near and far to play in a friendly atmosphere and help raise funds for worthy causes. Also it brings Aboriginal and non- Aboriginal people together which can and does help reconciliation within our community.  
It is now more than ever that we must continue to do so.

Has your group/organisation received financial or in kind support from Bourke Shire in the last 12 months? <span style="float: right;">Yes</span>
If yes, please provide amount and details of purpose:  \$400.00 for 'A' Day Bowls 2023.
Has your group/organisation received any grants from the State or Federal Government in relation to the project for which this donation is sought? <span style="float: right;">No</span>
If yes, briefly list details and amount of grant
Rates Donations – if you are only applying for a donation of rates (general or water) please provide the following details:-
Property for which rates donation is sought:
Council's Rates Assessment Number:
Owner of land on which property is located:
Purpose for which the property is used:
Approximate number of days per year that the property is used for these purposes:

**APPLICATION FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE**

What is the total amount of your request (exclusive of GST)?	\$500.00	
Is your group / organisation registered for GST		No
Does your group / organisation have an ABN (Australian Business Number)?		No
Is your group / organisation incorporated?		No
If yes, please quote your ABN		
If yes, please quote your Incorporation No		
Does your group / organisation have Public Liability Insurance?	Yes	
If yes, please attach a Certificate of Currency (Covered by BBC Ltd)		

**To be completed for “in kind” support:-**

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

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

**ORGANISATION'S BANK ACCOUNT DETAILS**

Name of bank:	Commonwealth
Name of bank account:	Bourke Bowling Club
Bank BSB Number:	062510
Bank Account Number:	10114139

**APPLICATION CHECKLIST**

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

**CERTIFICATION**

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

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

Signed: .....  
 Victor E Bartley

Name: .....  
 Secretary

Position: .....

Date: ...31.../...05...../2024



**20.2 \*\*\* REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE - BOURKE AND DISTRICT GARDEN CLUB**

**File Number:** D5.2, 1456  
**Author:** Ross Earl, Acting General Manager  
**Authoriser:** Ross Earl, Acting General Manager  
**Attachments:** 1. Request for Assistance - Bourke and District Garden Club

**Background**

Council has received a request from the Bourke and District Garden Club for Councils support of the Club's committee and competitions in 2024/2025. Council has previously supported the Bourke and District Garden Club with similar annual requests.

**Current Situation**

The request includes both cash and in kind support comprising;

- A monetary donation of \$1,500 allocated to advertising in the Western Herald for the competition including advertising categories and results of judging, and cash prizes for the winners, this is increased by \$500 from the request received for the 2023/2024 period;
- Free storage of a shipping container, containing club items at the Bourke Shire Council Depot;
- Tagging and testing of club electrical equipment, including 2 urns and extension cord used in flower shows;
- Assistance creating and printing entry flyers and winners certificates;
- Use of a Council vehicle for judges to be driven around to complete judging;
- Use of the Renshaw Oval Pavilion for flower show displays;
- Council staff to gather, set up and return equipment and supplies for flower shows; and
- Provision of the Bourke Community Centre for Garden Club monthly meetings.

**Financial Implications**

Councils 2023/2024 Operational Plan provided an amount of \$60,000 for Donations to Community Organisations. The financial cost to Council in acceding to this request would be a monetary contribution of \$1,500. The estimated 'in kind' cost to Council is a further \$1,000. As at 1 June 2024, funding of \$24,000 remained available in Councils 2023/2024 Community Donation vote.

Council contributed \$2,000 to this Community Organisation in 2022/2023.

**Recommendation**

**That Council support the application from the Bourke and District Garden Club for assistance comprising both in-kind and monetary (\$1,500) for the 2024/2025 Competition up to a total amount of \$2,500.00.**

To be eligible, organisations must:-

- submit an application on the prescribed form
- meet the criteria and the guidelines set out in this policy, and
- explain why their request was not submitted through the annual process



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

<b>Name of applicant organisation:</b>	Bourke & District Garden Club
<b>Postal Address:</b>	PO Box 546 Bourke NSW 2840
<b>Contact person:</b>	Elizabeth Kerr
<b>Position:</b>	Secretary
<b>Phone number:</b>	
<b>Mobile number:</b>	0428725768
<b>Fax number:</b>	
<b>Email address:</b>	bourkegardenclub@gmail.com

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

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

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

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

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

**INFORMATION REGARDING YOUR REQUEST FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE**

Please provide a brief overview of your group /organisation:-

Bourke Garden Club is a not-for-profit community group that supports and encourages gardening in the Bourke and surrounding district. We have previously held two separate flower shows per year and hold an annual Bourke & District Garden Competition in conjunction with the Bourke Shire Council over the past 25 years. Previously we also support the Seniors Week activities and coordinate the trivia morning, and have been involved in daffodil day. We support and encourage all ages to garden with a focus on the elderly, and encouraging gardening as a form of exercise and wellbeing.

Is the Group/organisation based in Bourke Shire?:- **Yes/No**

Yes

What is the number of current members of your group/organisation?  
 We run on a yearly calendar, 2023 we had 23 members

Purpose for which the donation will be used:-  
 Free storage of shipping Container containing club items at Bourke Shire Council Depot  
 Tagging and testing of club electrical equipment including 2 urns and extension cord used in flower shows  
 Garden Competition: entries close 19/08/2022  
 Judging: 24/25/26 august 2022  
 Bourke Shire has previously assisted with costs for advertising in Western Herald for the competition including advertising competition categories and then for results of Competition  
 Shire assists with developing entry flyer for Garden Competition  
 Shire donates cash prizes for winning entries and develops winners certificates

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In Kind: vehicle and fuel for judges to be driven around to judge gardens  
 Garden Club: pays cost for motel room and food  
 Garden Club: develops judges plan for garden entries and escorts judges around  
 'Spring Flower and Geranium Show' and 'Spring Flower and Rose Show'  
 Bourke Shire: Donates use of Renshaw Oval pavilion for use for flower shows free of charge. Bourke Shire Council also Donates workers to assist with the collection of tables, bottles and items from the container stored at the Bourke Shire Depot, items transported to event and they help set up area for the events. Shire workers then help to transport and put away tables into shipping container at Bourke Shire Council Depot  
 Garden Club: supplies prizes, trophies, judges and coordinate the events

Meetings  
 Bourke Shire: Provides the monthly meeting place at the Bourke Community Centre free of charge to the Garden Club.

<p>Has your group/organisation received financial or in kind support from Bourke Shire in the last 12 months?                      Yes      YES                      No</p>
<p>If yes, please provide amount and details of purpose:</p> <p>Use of Bourke Community Centre free of charge                  Storage of shipping container free of charge at shire depot                  Bourke Garden Competition- financial assistance with prize money and advertising                  Use of Renshaw Oval pavilion for events                  printing of flyers</p>
<p>Has your group/organisation received any grants from the State or Federal Government in relation to the project for which this donation is sought?                  Yes                      No      NO</p>
<p>If yes, briefly list details and amount of grant</p>
<p>Rates Donations – if you are only applying for a donation of rates (general or water) please provide the following details:-</p>
<p>Property for which rates donation is sought:</p>
<p>Council's Rates Assessment Number:</p>
<p>Owner of land on which property is located:</p>
<p>Purpose for which the property is used:</p>
<p>Approximate number of days per year that the property is used for these purposes:</p>

**APPLICATION FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE**

What is the total amount of your request (exclusive of GST)?	\$ 5000	
Is your group / organisation registered for GST	Yes	No NO
Does your group / organisation have an ABN (Australian Business Number)?	Yes YES	No
Is your group / organisation incorporated?	Yes YES	No
If yes, please quote your ABN	85889109354	
If yes, please quote your Incorporation No	Y18241-28	
Does your group / organisation have Public Liability Insurance?	Yes	No
If yes, please attach a Certificate of Currency		

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

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

ITEM	Applicant's Contribution	Support sought from Council
A. Monetary	400	1500
		advertising & prizes
Total (A)		
B. Equipment costs	provide escort	vehicle use
		Community Centre
		Use Renshaw Oval
		Pavilion
Total (B)		
C. Labour costs	assist with setup	coordinating and run
	event	equipment from
	provide prizes	depot to pavilion
	provide judges	and back
Total (C)		
D. Other project costs	printing	printing flyers
Total (D)		
TOTAL COSTS (A+B+C+D)		



**ORGANISATION'S BANK ACCOUNT DETAILS**

Name of bank:	Commonwealth Bank
Name of bank account:	Bourke & District Garden Club
Bank BSB Number:	062510
Bank Account Number:	10002516

**APPLICATION CHECKLIST**

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

**CERTIFICATION**

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

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

Signed:  .....

Name: .....Elizabeth Kerr  
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Position: .....Secretary .....

Date: 19...../...05...../...2024.....

**20.3 \*\*\* REQUEST FOR SUPPORT - NSW RURAL DOCTORS NETWORK BUSH BURSARY AND COUNTRY WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION OF NSW SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM 2024/2025**

**File Number:** 1232  
**Author:** Ross Earl, Acting General Manager  
**Authoriser:** Ross Earl, Acting General Manager  
**Attachments:** 1. NSW RDN Bush Bursary Formal Invitation  
2. Bush Bursary Placement Profiles  
3. 2024 Bush Bursary Program Guidelines

**Background**

The NSW Rural Doctors Network (RDN) Bush Bursaries and Country Women's Association (CWA) of NSW Scholarship program is designed to provide student health practitioners (medical, nursing and midwifery students) the opportunity to experience life and clinical practice in rural and remote areas. The aim is to encourage new graduates from the various disciplines to consider employment in the bush based on their experiences during their clinical placements.

Council has received correspondence from the NSW RDN inviting sponsorship for the 2024/2025 Bush Bursaries and Country Women's Association (CWA) of NSW Scholarship program. Previously, Council at its April 2023 meeting resolved to contribute \$3,000 towards the 2023/2024 Bush Bursary Scheme.

**Current Situation**

The \$3,000 in scholarship funds donated by the Council goes directly to two (2) selected students. The scholarship is to be used to support their clinical studies and any expenses incurred during the placement (such as accommodation and travel).

Should Council choose to participate, the role of Council is summarised below;

- Investment of \$3,000 (plus GST) to sponsor two students to undertake a placement within your LGA;
- Nomination of a contact person, often from within council, to develop a 12 day placement itinerary for the students and to be the main point of contact for students while they are on placement;
- Source accommodation for students for the duration of their placement;
- Liaise with RDN, students, and local media (where appropriate) to promote the placements in your community.

Previous experience has demonstrated Council does not have the capacity to fully meet the expectations of the role of Council as outlined above. Whilst the Manager of Economic Development has previously coordinated the placement by engaging health service providers and supporting them to fulfil the role, particularly in development of the placement itinerary, located within the grounds of the Bourke Multi-Purpose Centre (hospital) is the North West Academic Centre (NWAC) which is affiliated with the Broken Hill University Department of Rural Health. The NWAC have for several years been instrumental in supporting student placements. With a designated Project Officer, the NWAC are far better placed to fulfil the role assigned to Council, as student placements are their core business.

It is advised that during the 2023/2024 period. Two (2) student doctors attended Bourke for the period of 27 November 2023 to 8 December 2023 as part of their placement program.

**Financial Implications**

Councils 2023/2024 Operational Plan provided an amount of \$60,000 for Donations to Community Organisations. The cost to Council in acceding to this request would be \$3,000. As at 1 June 2024, funding of \$24,000 remained available in Councils 2023/2024 Community Donation vote.

Council contributed \$3,000 to this Community Organisation in 2023/2024.

**Recommendation**

- 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 in 2024/2025.**
- 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.**



26 April 2024

Mrs Leonie Brown  
General Manager  
Bourke Shire Council  
PO Box 21  
BOURKE NSW 2840

Subject: Invitation to Participate in the 2024-25 Bush Bursary Program

Dear Mrs Brown:

I hope this letter finds you well. I am writing to extend an invitation to Bourke Shire Council to participate in the 2024-25 Bush Bursary Program, an initiative aimed at fostering rural health exposure and experience amongst medical, nursing, and midwifery students.

The Bush Bursary Program, funded by rural councils and across NSW and administered by the Rural Doctors Network (RDN), offers selected students an invaluable opportunity to undertake a two-week rural immersion experience in country NSW during their university holidays.

Since its inception in 1996, the Bush Bursary Program has been instrumental in providing students with firsthand exposure to rural health practice. Over the years, it has grown to be a well-respected initiative, with over 500 students now having participated over the past 27 years.

Last year alone, we received a total of 116 applications from students all over the state. Even with a record 43 placements available, excellent applicants did miss out on the opportunity to explore rural living. It's clear from these numbers that the demand for the experiences this program offers outpaces the availability of placements.

It is worth noting that the Bush Bursary Program remains the only initiative of its kind, offering students an immersive experience of rural life outside the walls of healthcare facilities. By spending two weeks both working and living in country NSW, students gain a more holistic understanding of rural communities and lifestyles. This unique aspect of the program provides valuable insights into the incredible rewards and challenges of rural living - an integral piece of the puzzle when considering their future career options.

Indeed, research has shown the program to be an effective strategy in inspiring students to pursue careers in rural health. A longitudinal study tracking the career choices and practice locations of program participants from 1996 to 2006 was completed in 2012. Some key findings from that research highlight the efficacy of this program: 25% of previous scholarship holders were still working in a rural or regional area at the time of the survey, with even more participants having spent their first three postgraduate years in a non-metropolitan hospital. These figures equate to a combined total of 140 years spent in the non-metropolitan health workforce, demonstrating a high prevalence of program participants spending an important and formative part of their careers as junior doctors in rural or regional settings.

Furthermore, we are in the final stages of completing a new longitudinal evaluation, which will provide updated insights into the program's impact and effectiveness. This evaluation is expected to be released in the coming months, further strengthening the evidence base for the Bush Bursary Program's contribution to rural healthcare workforce sustainability.

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**Tel** +61 2 4924 8000 **Fax** +61 2 4924 8010 **Web** [www.nswrdn.com.au](http://www.nswrdn.com.au) **Email** [info@nswrdn.com.au](mailto:info@nswrdn.com.au) **ABN** 52 081 388 810  
NSW Rural Doctors Network activities are financially supported by the Australian and NSW governments



Key Details of the 2024-25 Program:

- 1. Program Overview:**

Selected students receive up to \$1,500 each to assist with placement-related expenses, including travel, meals, and discretionary spending. The two-week placements typically occur between November and January and are coordinated by participating councils in collaboration with RDN.
- 2. Application and Selection Process:**

Eligible students enrolled at NSW or ACT universities are invited to apply online. The selection process is highly competitive, with applicants assessed based on their interest in rural health and their commitment to the program's objectives.
- 3. Placement Details:**

Placements are two weeks in duration, including travel to and from the placement location, usually arriving on a Sunday and leaving on a Saturday with 12 days of activities in between. Students are paired up by RDN and allocated to specific locations, where they engage with a diverse range of both health care and community/social settings.
- 4. Role of Councils:**

Participating councils play a vital role in the program by organising accommodation, ensuring the safety and success of the placements within their respective LGAs, and, ideally, using their firsthand experience of the area to develop an engaging and immersive placement itinerary for the students.
- 5. Role of Health Care Professionals:**

Health care facilities involved in the program host students on placement in a shadowing/observership capacity, offering mentorship and exposure to rural health practice. Please note that there are no clinical outcomes required for this program and therefore no additional paperwork required from hosting facilities/dinicians.
- 6. Role of Rural Doctors Network (RDN):**

RDN facilitates and oversees the program, liaising with various stakeholders and supporting councils, students, and health care professionals throughout the program's duration. Dependent on capacity, RDN may be able to provide support for developing placement itineraries.

Bourke Shire Council's sponsorship of the Bush Bursary Program in 2024-25 will help bridge the gap in demand for placements while contributing to the development of a skilled and sustainable rural health workforce, crucial for addressing health disparities in rural areas. By supporting this initiative, you help inspire the next generation of rural health professionals and showcase the amazing opportunities available in country NSW.

To participate, please complete our new digital sponsorship form by Monday, 29 July 2024. Should you require further information or assistance, please do not hesitate to contact Stevie Adomski, Program Lead - Future Workforce, at (02) 4924 8054 or [sadomski@nswrdn.com.au](mailto:sadomski@nswrdn.com.au).

Thank you for considering your support for a program that benefits both students and rural communities. We look forward to your involvement in the 2024-25 Bush Bursary Program.

Yours sincerely,

Chris Russell  
Future Workforce Manager  
[students@nswrdn.com.au](mailto:students@nswrdn.com.au)  
(02) 4924 8000





*Cynthia Stewart (left) and Bernadette Phillips (right) joined in celebrating the festive season in Nyngan*

### 2023-24 Bush Bursary Placement Profile: Nyngan, NSW

Bernadette “Berni” Phillips, a first-year medical student at Western Sydney University, and Cynthia “Cindy” Stewart, a first-year nursing student at the University of Wollongong, had never met when they embarked upon the stunning six-hour road trip from where Berni picked up Cindy in the Blue Mountains to Nyngan: Gateway to the NSW Outback. Moments of laughter and getting to know each other, punctuated by fuel and grocery stops at regional hubs along the way, set a positive tone for an experience that would reshape their perspectives on medicine and ignite a shared passion for rural living and healthcare.

Once they arrived and settled into the accommodation generously provided by Bogan Shire Council, Berni and Cindy immersed themselves in the daily rhythms of rural life, finding themselves welcomed into a community that embraced them with warmth and hospitality. One of Cindy’s first reflections during her placement was how much she relished the opportunity to connect with town residents and hear their stories of growing up in Nyngan, and Berni shared a similar thought: “The slower paced lifestyle and community feel in a small town was really nice, and a refreshing change from the bustle and anonymity of living in the city.”

At Nyngan Medical Centre, their home base for the clinical parts of their placement, they found not just a perfect spot for their professional growth and learning for the next fortnight, but also an amazing team that made them feel like part of a family. Each day was spent with one clinician in the morning and one in the afternoon, seeing the students spend time with a wide range of health care professionals including a locum GP, a podiatrist, a sonographer, and more. Under their expert guidance, Berni and Cindy got a glimpse into unique challenges and approaches inherent to rural health care - things they simply wouldn’t encounter in their usual metropolitan-based university placements. Berni recounted a morning in their first week of placement spent chatting with a gentleman at a local coffee shop, and learning when they arrived back to the clinic that they’d observed his first appointment with the mental health nurse.

In addition to immersing themselves in rural living and health care in the bush, the students also had a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for adventure. A weekend excursion to neighbouring Brewarrina provided opportunities for deep cultural enrichment, and getting a little lost on their journey to see Australia’s Largest Solar Plant fostered an appreciation for the vast outback landscape.

As their placement drew to a close, Berni and Cindy departed Nyngan with hearts full of gratitude and minds teeming with inspiration. Their journey had not only deepened a commitment to rural healthcare, but had also forged a lasting friendship. Although both students had already reported an interest in going into rural healthcare once they graduate, their Bush Bursary placements left them with “a huge sense of achievement, and confidence that going rural for our future careers is the right path for us.”



**2022-23 Bush Bursary Placement Profile: Condobolin, NSW**

Abby Connor has a rural background and is a 1<sup>st</sup> year medical student at the Australian National University. Angelina Reed has a metropolitan background and is a 1<sup>st</sup> year nursing student at the Australian Catholic University. These two bright, eager young women spent two weeks in Lachlan Shire, NSW in December 2022.

**In Their Words**

"I am so grateful to have been given the opportunity to undertake this placement. Despite everything that the community has been through in recent times, everyone was so welcoming and accommodating, which really highlighted the strength of the community and the people of Condobolin." Abby said, reflecting on her time in Lachlan Shire. "This placement was not only super fun, but also reinforced my desire to practice rurally after graduating. I was able to see the reality of what healthcare is like in such a small town, and, despite the challenges, how much every single person that works in the space adores what they do. Their commitment to their community does not go unnoticed."

"I'd definitely recommend this opportunity to other students. It really helped showcase the realities of rural medicine; not only the strengths, but also the challenges that communities face in terms of healthcare and the importance of consistent and accessible healthcare to communities." Angelina noted. "It was also great to have the opportunity to participate in different activities with locals from the town and get the chance to really get to know them. This really helped me to see the sense of community in small towns, where everyone gets to know everyone else, and they all look out for each other. That's something you just can't quite get in the city."

Both young women had wonderful experiences in clinical settings as well, each encountering clinicians that had an impact in their placements and their perspectives.

While shadowing Katie, the EN at Condobolin Hospital, I got to see her role as a community nurse, where I was able to go along to a home visit and see her do a dressing. It was great to be able to see how valuable community nursing is in rural health, to help people access healthcare services especially if they have difficulties getting to the hospital in the first place." Angelina explained.

"I was lucky enough to spend a day sitting in with Dr May El-Khoury at the Aboriginal Medical Service (AMS), which was one of the highlights of my time in Condobolin. Dr El-Khoury has become someone that I admire greatly, and watching her practice was very enlightening. We encountered some challenging and emotionally complex cases and I feel very grateful to have been able to observe how she managed those." Abby remarked.

Abby also reflected on some highlights of the social and community aspects of her placement. "Starting the day doing some painting with the community at the Social and Emotional Wellbeing Centre was a lot of fun, and gave us a really great opportunity to just chat with the locals. After that, we were invited to the council chambers for lunch with some of the council members, including the mayor and the GM. It was really lovely to have this opportunity, and



"I was very thankful to have been able to meet and personally thank the council staff, as we would not have been able to do this placement without their help. Another night, the AMS staff invited us to the sports club for Christmas Bingo. We didn't win any prizes, but it was such a fun night and gave us the opportunity to support the local junior cricket club."

"Despite the challenges, including the recent flooding and the busy end of year period, I appreciate how welcoming everyone was in allowing me to take part in this program, from all the patients who were willing to let me observe to all the healthcare practitioners going out of their way to create learning opportunities for me. This experience has further validated my desire to practice rurally following my training and studies." Angelina said.

"I will definitely be coming back in the near future to see everything that we couldn't see due to closed roads and flooding. I will forever appreciate my time in Condobolin and I am so thankful to have been given the chance to be a part of the community, even if it was only for two weeks." Abby concluded.



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# 1. Background

Rural Doctors Network (RDN) [Bush Bursaries and Country Women's Association \(CWA\) Scholarships](#) provide selected medical, midwifery, and nursing students in NSW/ACT with up to \$1,500 each to assist with the costs associated with participating in the program, including travel to and from the placement, meals, and other discretionary spending during the placement.

Recipients are partnered by RDN and spend two weeks on a placement in country NSW during their university holidays. The placement aims to provide a rural immersion experience by combining the enjoyable aspects of country life and rural medicine.

The program is funded by individual rural councils and community groups across NSW and scholarships are funded by the Country Women's Association of NSW. They are administered by RDN. As such, available placement locations may differ each year due to the involvement of different councils.

Placements are typically undertaken between November and January, but can be at different times of the year as circumstances require. Itineraries and accommodation are coordinated by the rural councils hosting the placement.

Students not honouring their commitment to undertake a rural placement and subsequently provide the necessary documentation from their experiences are required to pay back all money granted to them.

## Abbreviations Used Throughout This Document

Full Term	Shortened Term(s)
Rural Doctors Network	RDN
Country Women's Association	CWA
Bush Bursaries and Country Women's Association Scholarships	Bush Bursary, the program, or the placement
Council Designated Contact	Contact

## 2. Application and Selection Process

Applications for the 2024 Bush Bursaries and Country Women's Association Scholarships will close on Monday, 1 July, 2024 at 9:00am.

To be eligible to apply for the program, students must meet the following requirements:

- Australian or New Zealand citizen or permanent resident of Australia
- Enrolled in a NSW or ACT university in
  - First or second year (postgrad) medical degree
  - Any year nursing degree
  - Any year midwifery degree
- Completed all university study requirements at the time of application
- Read and understood the information set out in these program guidelines
- Both rural and urban based students are eligible to apply for the program

The application process is done online through MyRDN, where students will answer questions and provide documentation, including but not limited to the following:

- Personal details and contact information
- Degree/study information
- Various short essay questions exploring the student's motivation to apply for the program and demonstrating how they would make the most of their time on placement

Each year, the program receives a high volume of applications which outnumber the placement spots available. Because of this, the selection process is highly competitive and successful applicants must demonstrate an active interest in a rural lifestyle, an understanding of the realities of health care provision in rural medical practice, and a genuine motivation to undertake a full rural immersion experience as part of the program.

Once applications close, RDN staff will review all submissions and develop a shortlist of students to be offered the opportunity to attend a virtual interview via Microsoft Teams in the second half of 2024. Students who are not offered an interview will also be notified of the outcome by email.

Interviews are typically around 20 minutes in duration, and spend time exploring students' motivation and interest in a rural lifestyle and rural medicine in order to ensure that the rural immersion experience offered by this program will be a good fit.

All applicants will be notified regardless of the outcome of their application.

Students being granted a placement will be required to provide further documentation to facilitate their placement. Documents requested at that stage will include (but is not limited to) the following:

- Working with Children Check
- National Police Check, completed in the past 3 years
- Evidence of up-to-date vaccinations
- Evidence of professional indemnity insurance (applicable for medical students only)

Successful applicants will also be required to complete and provide certificates for e-learning modules around cultural responsiveness and basic infection control before commencing their placement.



## 3. Placement Details

### 3.1 Overview

Successful students are paired up with a fellow Bush Bursary recipient and allocated by RDN to a specific location to undertake their placement. The total duration of a placement is two weeks, which is comprised of one day each for travel time to and then from the placement location with twelve days of activities in between. Typically, the program sees students arriving on a Sunday and leaving 13 days later on Saturday.

During this time, students are to keep a daily diary of activities undertaken. A template for this will be provided by RDN. After the placement is complete, students are required to submit their diaries along with a placement report summarising their experience to RDN. These documents will then be included in the annual report RDN sends to councils participating in the program.

After the placement is finished, students will also be required to fill out a program evaluation form. This document will not be shared with councils.

### 3.2 Student Preferences

RDN will attempt to allocate students to placements based on their preferred rural location; however, not all students will be placed in their location of preference due to a number of factors including student and/or council availability and changes in council participation for a given year.

Students will engage with a diverse and varying range of social and health care settings within the broader rural setting. To the best of our ability, RDN and councils developing itineraries will take into account student preferences regarding social and clinical interests; however, as rural health services and providers are often limited and unique to the needs of their respective communities, we cannot guarantee that preferences will be catered for.

Please note that the Program is *not* clinical in nature and hands-on clinical activities are not a guaranteed part of undertaking a placement. As such, Bush Bursary placements do not contribute toward placement hours for your degree.

### 3.3 Payment Schedule

Students will receive up to \$1,500 to assist with the costs associated with participating in the program, including travel to and from the placement, meals, and other discretionary spending during the placement. A contribution of up to \$500 may be deducted from the final bursary amount to help cover accommodation.

Bush Bursary payments are released in two instalments. The first will be made after relevant onboarding documents are received but before the placement commences. The second instalment will be released after the placement has finished and students have submitted their diaries, placement reports, and feedback surveys to RDN.

Please note that students not honouring their commitment to undertake a rural placement and subsequently provide the necessary documentation from their experiences are required to pay back all money granted to them.

### 3.4 Travel to and From Placements

Because public transport services in many rural and remote settings are few and far between, students are expected to drive a personal vehicle to their placement locations. Having access to a personal vehicle during the placement will allow students to access a wide range of social, community, recreational, and clinical experiences during their stay.

Paired students may wish to drive together in a single vehicle if practical.

Costs incurred to travel to, from, and around the placement location are to be covered using Bush Bursary funds.



### 3.5 Accommodation During the Placement

Accommodation will be organised by the sponsoring council or by RDN as a component of the placement itinerary. Accommodation types may vary depending upon location, including staying with a host family, hospital staff accommodation, or other types of accommodation.

If accommodation is not appropriate or conditions are inadequate, students are to contact RDN as soon as possible for other arrangements to be made.

If there is a cost associated with the accommodation, a maximum of \$500 will be deducted from the student's final bursary payment, with any remaining balance to be paid by RDN.

### 3.6 Dress Code

As a general guideline, the dress code for time spent in clinical settings is similar to other placements students may undertake throughout the course of their studies: smart casual professional attire and footwear with closed in toes. In some cases, students may be advised that unbranded scrubs are acceptable attire within certain health care facilities.

### 3.7 Designated Council/Community Contact

Participating councils assign a contact who will liaise with RDN to organise the placement(s) in their LGA. Additionally, the contact will be students' main touchpoint during their placement, particularly in the case of circumstances arising which need to be resolved urgently (i.e. students locking themselves out of accommodation).

### 3.8 Insurance

No medical student will be permitted to undertake their placement unless they have arranged medical indemnity insurance for the period of their placement. Students must provide a copy of the cover note of their medical indemnity policy specifically noting the dates of their coverage. Failure to provide this document will result in the student being unable to attend their placement.

RDN will provide insurance cover for nursing and midwifery students.

All students should ensure they take a hard copy of their insurance paperwork with them on placement as local health facilities may request it prior to entering the facility.

### 3.9 Social and Community Engagement

The social and lifestyle aspects of living rurally are a hugely important factor in a health professional's decision of whether or not to pursue a career in rural health care. It is for this reason that a focus of the program is to showcase what rural life is really like outside of a clinical setting if a health care professional chooses to go rural. The program aims to realise that goal through both formal and informal social and community engagement.

Placement itineraries may include formal engagement with community such as interviews with local newspapers or radio stations or events with community groups like the local CWA or Rotary Club. Informal social and community engagement can take many forms, and students are expected to be proactive in seeking out and taking advantage of opportunities presented to them while on placement.

### 3.10 Clinical Experiences

The program aims to enable students to engage with a diverse range of clinical services across a variety of clinical settings and within a multidisciplinary team. Students must note that they are very likely to be undertaking placements in areas other than their own area of study/interest in order to see and experience the full realm of services available within a rural health setting.

Placements within facilities are undertaken on an observership basis. Any potential hands-on clinical experiences are negotiated between the student and the provider and are outside the scope of RDN's involvement.

### 3.11 Student Expectations

All students are expected to represent RDN in a proud, mature, and engaging manner.

To maintain professionalism in both personal and professional conduct while on placement, students are expected to be punctual, listen actively, communicate clearly and appropriately, maintain confidentiality, and always show respect for all individuals and community groups they encounter.

Specifically, RDN encourages students to:

- Engage with and ask questions of the health professionals encountered during placement regarding their knowledge and experience, the rural community, and their scope of practise working as a rural clinician
- Proactively seek out social, community, and clinical experiences and embrace those opportunities with grace and enthusiasm
- Be open and receptive to information, guidance, and constructive comments
- Engage in responsible decision making

Students are to keep a daily journal/diary of their activities and experiences during the placement. That document along with a report summarising the placement experience is to be submitted to RDN, at which time, students will receive their final Bush Bursary payment.

## 4. Role of Councils

Rural councils are contacted by RDN to engage with and financially support the program. Councils willing to engage will assign their own council/community contact who will liaise with RDN throughout the process of organising the placement.

The designated contact is to work in collaboration with RDN as well as health services and social/community groups within their LGA to develop a 12 day schedule for the placement.

With the goal in mind of creating an enjoyable immersion experience of living and working in rural NSW, and specifically within the placement LGA, a contact collaborating with community members on the ground is usually best placed to develop an itinerary showcasing their LGA. In the event that assistance is required for the development of an itinerary, RDN will oversee and support the work of the contact where required, providing support and advice in organising an immersive, diverse, engaging, and safe placement program.

In practice, the main responsibilities of councils participating in the program are as follows:

- Provide accommodation for students for the duration of their stay in the LGA
  - In the event that non-council and non-health service accommodation, and therefore payment, is required, a maximum of \$500 will be deducted from the student's funding amount, with RDN to pay the balance
- Work with health care facilities and other key stakeholders to be involved in the placement to determine an appropriate time to undertake the placement, specifically ensuring that health care facilities will have the capacity to host the students during their stay
- Link with health care providers and services within the community to engage in the program and collaborate with them to arrange time(s) for students to undertake placements within the facilities
- Link with social and community groups (i.e. CWA, Rotary Club, etc.) to engage in the program and arrange time(s) for students to meet the respective groups and individuals, ensuring rich social and community engagement over the course of their stay
- Ensure all services, accommodation, and social/community groups are safe for student engagement
- Provide students with a placement itinerary at minimum two weeks before the start of their placement
- Be the main point of call to provide on the ground support within the community in the case of unforeseen circumstances (i.e. becoming locked out of accommodation)

## 5. Role of Health Care Professionals

Health care facilities are contacted by the council appointed contact or by RDN to organise a suitable time(s) for students on placement to shadow a health care professional(s) working at the facility.

Clinicians willing to participate are to share their knowledge, skills, and experiences with the students, acting in the capacity of a mentor and positive role model for the time the student spends in the facility. Where appropriate, professionals are encouraged to provide guidance and constructive feedback around both clinical and career topics.

Placements within facilities are undertaken on an observership basis. Any potential hands-on clinical experiences are negotiated between the student and the provider and are outside the scope of RDN's involvement.

As such, there are no clinical outcomes to be met and no additional paperwork required of clinicians or facilities who host students.

## 6. Role of Rural Doctor's Network

Rural Doctors Network facilitates and oversees the program.

Ensuring that the program runs effectively requires RDN to liaise with various stakeholders throughout the course of the program each year. The main stakeholders RDN work with each year are councils and students, though communication and collaboration can and does happen with other parties as required.

### Engagement with Councils

Each year, RDN will make contact with rural councils of NSW to invite them to engage with the program.

RDN will then liaise with participating councils to determine the level of support required by the council and their designated contact to develop an enriching and immersive placement program. Ideally, the designated contact will undertake the majority of placement development due to their expertise on their LGA, but RDN will provide support and assistance as needed and as capacity allows.

As the placement draws closer, RDN will be in touch with councils and their designated contacts to connect them with the students undertaking a placement within their LGA. RDN is to ensure all parties are aware of the specifics of the placement.

Throughout the placement period, RDN will be available to assist with any concerns that arise.

Finally, after the placement is complete, RDN will collate students' diaries and placement reports to include in a report to the council, which will be sent via email. The timeline for councils and contacts to receive their report varies depending on when the placement takes place, but will typically be between January and March.

### Engagement with Students

RDN holds the responsibility of promoting the program to students. This is achieved through various means, including presentations at universities throughout the state, electronic direct mail marketing, social media, and other methods.

Applications for the program will be facilitated by RDN. After the application period concludes, RDN will review all submitted applications and select applicants to proceed to the interview stage. RDN will then conduct virtual interviews and make the final decision on which students are granted a spot on the program. All students will be informed of the outcome of their application whether successful or not.

Once selections are finalised, RDN will engage with students to understand their placement preferences, and will endeavour to include those in the development of the placement program where possible. RDN will pair students and allocate them to a participating council. Prior to placements commencing, RDN will provide e-learning modules to students and collate documentation needed to undertake placement. RDN will also be available to provide advice and guidance in the lead up to and then during the placement.

As the placement draws closer, RDN will link students and council contacts and ensure all parties are aware of placement specifics.

RDN will be available to assist with any concerns that arise during the placement period.

After the placement is complete, RDN will receive and process students' diaries, placement reports, and program evaluations.



**20.4 \*\*\* REQUEST FOR SPONSORSHIP - OUTBACK RADIO 2WEB**

**File Number:** 20617  
**Author:** Ross Earl, Acting General Manager  
**Authoriser:** Ross Earl, Acting General Manager  
**Attachments:** 1. Request for Sponsorship - Outback Radio

**Background**

Council has for a number of years provided sponsorship of Outback Radio 2WEB.

In 2020/2021, the sponsorship amount provided by Council to the Station was \$6,330 + GST (\$6,963.00). For the 2021/2022 period, the amount was \$ 6,500 + GST (\$7,150), for 2022/2023 the sponsorship was \$6,825 + GST (\$7,507.50), and for the 2023/2024 period, the sponsorship provided was again \$6,825.00 + GST (\$7,507.50).

In addition to the annual sponsorship provided to 2WEB, Council also expends funds on acquiring additional packages for the promotion of tourism.

**Current Situation**

Council has received a request from Outback Radio 2WEB to consider increasing the level of sponsorship to be provided in the 2024/2025 period to \$9,000.00 + GST (\$9,900.00). This request equates to a 31.87% increase.

Outback Radio 2WEB is a community-based facility, reliant on sponsorship. In providing its sponsorship of the Station, Council is provided in return with “unlimited access for the broadcast of all Council announcements on 2WEB, plus regular interviews with the Mayor and/or General Manager. This includes road closures, general Council business, emergency announcements, changes in services during holiday periods etc.”

It is also acknowledged that the Station provides a vital link for those people in north-west NSW and in south-west Queensland and is a very effective means of communication.

In the attached request for sponsorship, the Station cites increased electricity costs (\$30,000 + annually) to keep the Radio 585 AM transmitter on air, as one example as to why the Station is requesting an increase in sponsorship.

While understanding the plight of the station, it is considered that the request for such an increase should be considered in light of the maximum rate increase for Councils as allowed for by IPART in their annual determination, which for Bourke in 2024/2025 is 4.5%. Given this permissible level of increase, it is considered that the requested increase in sponsorship of some 31% is beyond the resources of Council. In this regard it would be proposed that Council’s Sponsorship of the Station in 2024/2025 be increased by 4.5% to \$7,135.00 + GST (\$7,848.50).

**Financial Implications**

Councils 2023/2024 Operational Plan provided an amount of \$60,000 for Donations to Community Organisations. The cost to Council in adopting the recommendation would be \$7,135 + GST. As at 1 June 2024, funding of \$24,000 remained available in Councils 2023/2024 Community Donation vote.

**Recommendation**

**That Council increase its sponsorship to Outback Radio 2WEB to \$7,135.00 + GST (\$7,848.50).**



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Leonie Brown  
 Bourke Shire General Manager

Dear Leonie,

We are asking your council to sponsor us for the 2024-25 financial year. As a non-profit community radio station, your support is imperative in offsetting our cost of doing business.

As just one example, our annual electricity cost to keep the main 585 AM transmitter on the air is more than \$30,000.

Your sponsorship allows unlimited access for the broadcast of all council announcements on 2WEB, plus regular interviews with the mayor and/or general manager. This includes road closures, general council business, emergency announcements, changes in services during holiday periods, etc.

Your support will help 2WEB's efforts in providing a meaningful service for listeners in far western NSW and southwest QLD. We are asking for \$9,000+GST (the equivalent of \$750+GST per month) for the period July 1, 2024, through until 30 June 2025. *This is the same amount we asked for last financial year.*

Your sponsorship can be invoiced as a lump sum, monthly, or whatever arrangement is most convenient. If you have further questions, feel free to give me a call on (02) 6872 2333.

Sincerely,

David Sharp  
 2WEB Operations Manager

**20.5 \*\*\* REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE - BOURKE WARRIORS ABORIGINAL RUGBY LEAGUE CLUB**

**File Number:** 20617  
**Author:** Ross Earl, Acting General Manager  
**Authoriser:** Ross Earl, Acting General Manager  
**Attachments:** 1. Request for Assistance - Bourke Warriors ARLC

**Background**

Bourke Warriors Aboriginal Rugby League Club (ARLC) provides a platform for young men and women to play at the annual NSW Koori Knockout. The Knockout “provides an opportunity for people to come together, celebrate their heritage, and strengthen bonds through sport. “

In 2024, the host team for the Knockout is the Walgett Aboriginal Connection (WAC), the 2023 competition winners. WAC has determined that the 2024 Knockout will be played in Bathurst over the 2024 October long weekend.

The Bourke Warriors Aboriginal Rugby League Club team for the Knockout will comprise 25 players and 10 officials. The estimated cost of fielding a team in the Knockout is \$50,000. This figures covers the purchase of food, accommodation, apparel, first aid kits and nomination fees.

**Current Situation**

An application for financial assistance has been received from the Bourke Warriors ARLC requesting major sponsorship funding at a figure of \$20,000. Other options include sponsorships ranging from \$4,000 through to \$15,000. A copy of the request and a breakdown of what each level of sponsorship comprises is attached.

**Financial Implications**

Councils 2023/2024 Operational Plan provided an amount of \$60,000 for Donations to Community Organisations. The cost to Council in acceding in full to this request would be \$20,000. Alternative sponsorship options ranging from \$4,000 to \$15,000 are available.

Whilst funding remains available in Council’s 2024/2025 Operational Plan for community contributions (\$24,000 as at 1 June 2024) it will not be recommended that the request be acceded to. In this regard it is considered that the financial assistance requested is beyond the scope and resources of Council.

Council has not previously contributed to a request for financial assistance from the Bourke Warriors ARLC, with the last such request, again to attend the NSW Koori Knockout, having been considered in June 2021.

**Recommendation**

**That Council not accede to the request of the Bourke Warriors ARLC to fund sponsorship for the clubs participation in the NSW Koori Knockout.**



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

<b>Name of applicant organisation:</b>	Bourke Warriors Aboriginal Rugby League Club
<b>Postal Address:</b>	5 Denman Street, Bourke. NSW, 2840.
<b>Contact person:</b>	Shane Knight
<b>Position:</b>	Assistant Manager
<b>Phone number:</b>	0401 266 908
<b>Mobile number:</b>	0401 266 908
<b>Fax number:</b>	
<b>Email address:</b>	<a href="mailto:bourkewarriorsarlc@gmail.com">bourkewarriorsarlc@gmail.com</a>

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

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

**14 June 2024**

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

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

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**INFORMATION REGARDING YOUR REQUEST FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE**

Please provide a brief overview of your group /organisation:-

Bourke Warriors Aboriginal Rugby League Club. We have been representing Bourke in the Koori Knockout since 1983. Bourke Warriors ARLC represent Bourke both on and off the fields through football and the supports that we give back to the community in respects for the support that we gain in sponsorship. Bourke Warriors have a nucleus of players and officials from Bourke who not only participate on the footy weekend, but throughout the whole year to get this massive organised. These are all voluntary roles and are done so that we can represent Bourke.

Is the Group/organisation based in Bourke Shire?:- **Yes/No**

If no, where is it located?

Bourke Warriors ARCL are a team and set of officials that are from Bourke and represent Bourke, however, many of are based in other locations around NSW. Bourke Warriors ARLC come together once a year to participate in the Annual Koori Knockout.

What is the number of current members of your group/organisation?

25 Players and 10 Officials.

Purpose for which the donation will be used:-

Bourke Warriors will be participating in the Annual Koori Knockout held over the October long weekend in Bathurst in 2024. The money will be used to help cover a list of resources needed to make the even happen. Resources needed for the weekend are but not limited to Motels, Players Apparel including Jerseys, shorts & socks, First aid kits, nomination fee, & food. Total cost of the event is in excess of \$50K, however, we know that it is not possible to obtain this off a single sponsor. Please refer to the sponsorship packaging guides to see how our sponsorship works and what we provide in return.

If not stated above, briefly describe the way in which this donation will benefit Bourke Shire:-

Bourke Warriors ARLC represent Bourke both on and off the fields through football and the supports that we give back to the community in respects for the support that we gain in sponsorship. In return for sponsorships, we do offer footy clinics to juniors from our players. Our team will have representation from men and women from within the community of Bourke. Across the whole weekend with games being televised, this in itself a promotion of our beautiful town and if Bourke were to win the event, we could discuss the possibility of hosting the event as done in 1996. The Koori Knockout generates approximately \$4 Million in revenue to the hosting community.

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

Approximate number of days per year that the property is used for these purposes: N/A

**APPLICATION FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE**

What is the total amount of your request (exclusive of GST)?	\$ \$20,000	
Is your group / organisation registered for GST	Yes	No
Does your group / organisation have an ABN (Australian Business Number)?	Yes	No
Is your group / organisation incorporated?	Yes	No
If yes, please quote your ABN	ABN: 29 924 461 320	
If yes, please quote your Incorporation No		
Does your group / organisation have Public Liability Insurance?	Yes	No
If yes, please attach a Certificate of Currency: Koori Knockout always provide liability for the whole event.		

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

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

ITEM	Applicant's Contribution	Support sought from Council
A. Monetary	\$35,300	\$20,000
	Motels \$22,000	
	Nomination Fee \$1,500	
Total (A)		
B. Equipment costs	Player kits \$8,500	
	First Aid Kits \$3,000	
	Footballs	
Total (B)		
C. Labour costs	Nil	
Total ©		
D. Other project costs		

Total (D)		
TOTAL COSTS (A+B+C+D)	\$35,300	\$20,000

**ORGANISATION'S BANK ACCOUNT DETAILS**

Name of bank:	Commonwealth bank
Name of bank account:	BWARLC
Bank BSB Number:	062510
Bank Account Number:	1011 0795

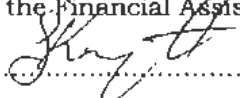
**APPLICATION CHECKLIST**

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

**CERTIFICATION**

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

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

Signed:  .....

Name: Shane Knight

Position: Assistant manager

Date: 03/06/2024





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**\$20.000**

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- POLO SHIRTS FOR YOUR STAFF

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### MINOR SPONSOR

**\$10.000**

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- POLO SHIRTS FOR YOUR STAFF MAX 5
- JERSEY SIGNED BY STAFF & PLAYERS

### **MAX SPONSOR**

**\$6,000**

- SMALL BACK LOGO PRINT
- VIDEO PROMOTING BUSINESS
- JERSEY SIGNED BY TEAM & STAFF
- SHARE BUSINESS TO OUR SOCIAL MEDIA OUTLETS

### **MINOR SPONSOR**

**\$4,000**

- JERSEY SIGNED BY TEAM & STAFF
- SHARE BUSINESS TO OUR SOCIAL MEDIA OUTLETS
- POLO SHIRT FOR YOUR STAFF MAX 3

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## 21 ACTIVITY REPORTS

**21.1 ENGINEERING SERVICES - ROAD WORKS AND WORKSHOP ACTIVITY REPORT**

**File Number:** 1945  
**Author:** Paul Flanagan, Manager Roads  
**Authoriser:** Ross Earl, Acting General Manager  
**Attachments:** Nil

### Background

The following information outlines works undertaken during May 2024.

<b>ENGINEERING SERVICES - Road Works – Works Undertaken</b>		
<b>Michael Willoughby – Roads Supervisor</b>		
<b>NORTH SECTOR – Denis Tiffen, Team Leader</b>		
<b>Location</b>	<b>Work Carried Out</b>	<b>Completed</b>
Milparinka Road MR-405	Maintenance Grade	Y
Milparinka Road MR-405	Construct and Seal	N
Mitchell Highway SH-7	Heavy Patching	Y
Kamilaroi Highway SH-29	Heavy Patching	Y
<b>SOUTH SECTOR - John Reed, Team Leader</b>		
<b>Location</b>	<b>Work Carried Out</b>	<b>Completed</b>
Toorale Road RLR-10	Construct and Seal	N
Wilcannia Road MR-68S	Construct and Seal	N
<b>TRANSPORT SECTOR - Simon Wielinga, Team Leader</b>		
<b>Location</b>	<b>Work Carried Out</b>	<b>Completed</b>
Toorale Road RLR-10	Gravel Carting	N
Wilcannia Road MR-68S	Gravel Carting	N
<b>BITUMEN SECTOR – Phillip Harvey, Team Leader</b>		
<b>Location</b>	<b>Work Carried Out</b>	<b>Completed</b>
SH 7 South of Bourke	Control vegetation (ongoing)	N
MR 421 Kidman Way	Control vegetation (ongoing)	N
<b>CONTRACTORS</b>		
<b>Location</b>	<b>Work Carried Out</b>	<b>Completed</b>
Bourke Township	Pothole Patching (Ausroad)	N
Regional Roads	Pothole Patching (Ausroad)	N
State Highways	Pothole Patching (Ausroad)	N
State Highways	Heavy Patch (Stabilising-Ausroad)	N
State Highways	Pothole Patching (Ausroad)	N
Avondale Road RLR-14	Flood Damage Repairs (Sandford)	N
Wilcannia Road MR-68 South of Louth	Maintenance Grade ( Sandford )	Y
Dowling Track MR-404	Maintenance Grade (NAK)	N
Willara Road RLR-23	Maintenance Grade (NAK)	Y

Mitchell Highway SH-7 (Ausroad)	Heavy Patching/Sealing	Y
Staff Training	Bourke Shire Council Health and Wellbeing Day	

<b>WORKSHOP – Works Undertaken</b>		
<b>Colin Kiley, Team Leader, Tradesman Plant Mechanic</b>		
<b>Plant no</b>	<b>Plant Type</b>	<b>Work Completed</b>
50	1116 Kenworth T409SAR	Completed 460,000 km service.
68	2011 Moores Road Train B/double	Removed and replaced six (6) sets of brake shoe kits, bearing, s-cam kits, rocker box brushes and torque rod brushes. Adjusted six (6) wheel bearings and brakes.
92	2014 Western Star 4800fs	Completed 440,000 km service. Removed broken frame holding tank and pump, manufactured a new frame and reassembled.
108	Toro 74904	Removed and replaced deck belts, spindle and pulleys. Replaced flashing light.
124	2924 Ford Ranger	Completed 10,000 km service.
132	John Deere 770g	Completed 7,250 hr service. Removed and replaced faulty park brake solenoid.
134	2019 John Deere 770g	Completed 6,000 hr service.
141	John Deere Grader	Completed 6,250 hr service. Removed and replaced leaking hydraulic hose and fittings.
146	2022 Ford Pk Ranger	Completed 90,000 km service.
148	Dolly	Completed welding repair.
155	2021 Isuzu 155	Completed 90,000 km service. Removed wheels and hubs, replaced brake cylinders. Reassembled and adjusted bearings and brakes. Removed and replaced faulty fittings in air bags. Drained water from fuel system, bled system and reset fuel light.
175	2023 Ford Ranger	Completed 15,000 km service. Repaired flashing light.
198	Spray Tank quick spray	Repaired leaking chemical hoses. Diagnosed issue causing the engine to smoke, removed, cleaned and replaced carburettor.
205	2002 Sykes 6" Pump	Repaired water leak.
214	Remko Pump	Removed and replaced pump and drive shaft.
247	2021 John Deere	Completed 500 hr service. Repaired and adjusted hand brake.
257	2021 Hino FE 1426	Removed leaking brake cylinders, removed brakes, fitted new brake shoes. Removed and replaced water hoses for sprays.
271	2022 Ford Ranger	Completed 100,000 km service.
278	2022 Isuzu 75 155	Completed 60,000 km service.
297	2016 Mahindra	Completed maintenance check and serviced slasher. Repaired oil leaks. Removed, cleaned and replaced fuel tank. Repaired flashing light.
335	Ford Ranger	Completed 10,000km service.
370	Wing Slasher	Removed wheels, repaired axles and adjusted bearing.
371	2021 Woods Slasher	Maintenance check completed. Greased and replaced

		blades.
400	Seca Sewer Machine	Completed 30,000 km service.
413	2023 Ford Ranger	Completed 10,000 km service. Found engine leak. Vehicle returned to Ford under warranty.
505	2018 Kenworth Primemover T659	Tightened shock absorbers. Removed and replaced track rods and bonnet mounts.
506	Kenworth Primemover	Replaced wiper blades. Removed and replaced torque arms and brushes.
520	2018 Moores Roadtrain B/double	Removed and replaced damaged wiring on the front of the trailer.
521	2018 Moores Roadtrain B/double	Repaired wiring on lights.
522	2018 Moores Dolly	Repaired hydraulic leaks.
556	2023 Toyota Prado	Completed 10,000 km service.
631	Ford Ranger	Checked the new vehicle and fitted driving light kit.
701	2023 Ford Ranger	Completed 5,000 km service.

Small Plant	Completed services replacing blades, cleaning fuel tanks, carburettors and repairing pull starts.
Miscellaneous and Hire	Organised and cleaned up yard at the depot.
Registration Checks	Completed registration checks on external vehicles.
<b>Staff Training</b>	
Colin Kiley and Denzel Jackson are participating in an auto electrical course. Bourke Shire Council Health and Wellbeing Day.	

**Recommendation**

**That the report of the Manager Roads regarding Engineering Services - Road Works and Workshop Activity, as presented to Council on Monday, 24 June 2024, be noted.**

**21.2 ENGINEERING SERVICES - PARKS AND GARDENS, TOWN SERVICES, WATER AND WASTE WATER 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 for the month of May 2024.

**Current Situation**

<b>PARKS &amp; GARDENS – Frank Hollman, Team Leader</b>	
<b>Location</b>	<b>Work Carried Out</b>
General	All parks, 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.
Louth	Mowing and maintenance completed.
	Public toilets cleaned and maintained.
	Facilities cleaned.
Small Plant	Maintenance and service carried out on all ground plant.
Works Requests	Actioned and ongoing.
Town Streets	General maintenance carried out.
	Mowed and cleaned footpaths.
Wharf	General maintenance carried out.
	Public toilets cleaned and maintained.
	Facilities cleaned.
Council Office	General maintenance carried out.
Renshaw Complex	General maintenance carried out.
	Toilets and facilities cleaned.
	Mowed and cleaned facilities before the Show.
Coolican Oval	Grounds and facilities cleaned and maintained.
	Line marking of soccer oval.
Davidson Oval	General maintenance carried out.
	Toilets and facilities cleaned in preparation for the football competition.
Central Park	Regular mowing and maintenance completed at the skate park.
	Removed graffiti.
Villages	Mowed grounds, facilities cleaned and maintained.
Airport	General maintenance carried out.
Darling Park	General maintenance carried out.

Boat Ramp	General maintenance carried out.
Fishing Reserve	Inspection and general maintenance carried out.
North Bourke Truck Stop	General maintenance carried out.
	Removed graffiti from Council facilities.
Staff Training	Nil.

<b>TOWN SERVICES – Troy Hayman, Team Leader</b>	
Location	Work Carried Out
Work Requests	Actioned and ongoing on a daily basis as requested.
Cemetery	Prepared two (2) graves.
Rest Areas	Weekly cleaning and water pressure clean of new toilets - 65km Cobar Road.
	Monthly service and roadside rubbish removal.
	Slashed 5km and 20km rest areas on the Cobar Road.
	New bin placed at the rest area on the Enngonia Road.
	Mowed the rest area on the Brewarrina Road (Wayne O'Malley's Bridge).
General Works	Commenced erecting solar lights on Tancred Drive.
	Applied sand to footpaths weekly.
	Watered trees twice weekly.
	Filled in holes in the lane behind Hope Street and Wilson Street.
	Sprayed wasps underneath the wharf.
	Cleared and stored rubbish on footpath across from the Police Station in Richard Street.
	Changed flags in Oxley Street.
	Filled in graves.
	Used sweeper for sundry debtor.
	Removed vehicle from Short Street to the waste depot.
	Used crane for sundry debtor.
	Gravel applied to hole in laneway behind BP.
	Pruned trees in the footpath in Darling Street.
	Used crane to place sandstone blocks behind the café at BOBEC.
	Mowed the fence line and levee at St Ignatius School.
	Applied sand and crusher dust at BOBEC.
	Took pits to the levee repair at Yambacoona Street.
	Crusher dust to Enngonia village.
	Mowed North Bourke sub division.
	Slashed the sale yards and golf club.
	Placed barrier mesh around leaking water tank at Renshaw Sporting Complex.
	Took boards from the Library to the pavilion at Renshaw for the show.
	Cleaned wash bay at the depot.
	Maintained town trees, footpaths and lanes.
	Replaced "Keep Left" sign Mitchell Street blister.
	Fixed levee bollard near St Ignatius School to stop motor bikes.
	Removed dirt from the pool, delivered and spread sand.
	Removed trees from BOBEC.
Placed new flood gate in levee bank at Yambacoona Street.	
Staff Training	Michael Dorrington has obtained a Certificate for handling chemicals.

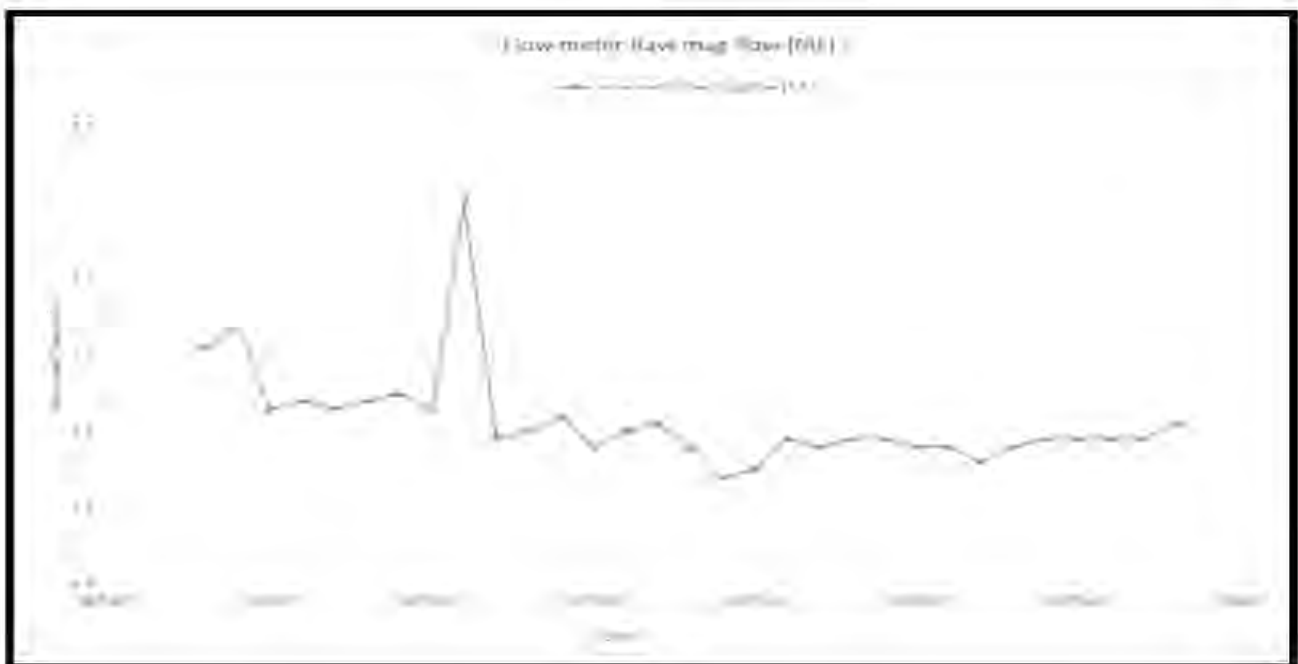


<b>WATER &amp; WASTEWATER – Shane Hopley, Team Leader</b>	
<b>Water Supply Planned Maintenance</b>	
WTP	Routine maintenance, monitoring and reporting.
SPS	Routine maintenance, monitoring and reporting.
Alice Edwards Village	Routine maintenance and monitoring as per ACP Management Plan.
	Repaired leaking 20mm filtered water service.
	Flushed fire hydrants.
Clara Hart Village	Inspections conducted for water leaks and sewer network.
	Routine maintenance and monitoring as per ACP Management Plan
	Read water meters.
Emergency Bore Water Supply	Flushed fire hydrants.
	Inspections conducted for water leaks, sewer network, pump station and storage tanks.
	Additional bore capacity and powerline works ongoing.
Bulk Meter Reads	Tested pump.
Meter Reads	Monthly water meter reads from all Councils water sources.
Reservoir Inspections	Read water meters at vacant houses.
Back O’ Bourke Exhibition Centre (BOBEC) Extension	Weekly reservoir inspections carried out on WTP, Charles Street and North Bourke reservoirs.
	Checked BOBEC drainage and down pipes.
	Repaired damaged filtered and raw water and established temporary water lines around the work site.
	Connected water and drainage to the new kitchen.
	Removed old raw water pump.
Parks and Gardens	Repaired leaking sprinkler line.
	Upgraded irrigation controllers from 3G to 4G.
	Reconnected water and sewer to the canteen at Colligan Oval.
	Located water and power services at the wharf.
Renshaw Sporting Complex	Checked irrigation controllers at the Mitchell Street gardens.
	Repaired raw water leak near the running wall.
	Replaced taps at cattle yards.
	Repaired pump filter seals in the irrigation system.
	Replaced leaking TPR valves in the hot water system.
Depot	Repaired leaking toilet.
North Bourke Oval	Connected new shower in the caretaker’s cottage.
Wanaaring	Repaired leaking 25mm raw water service.
	Inspected pump station and storage tanks.
	Inspected for water leaks.
Enngonia	Read water meter.
	Chlorine added to reservoir.
	Flushed fire hydrants.
	Inspected pump site and reservoirs.

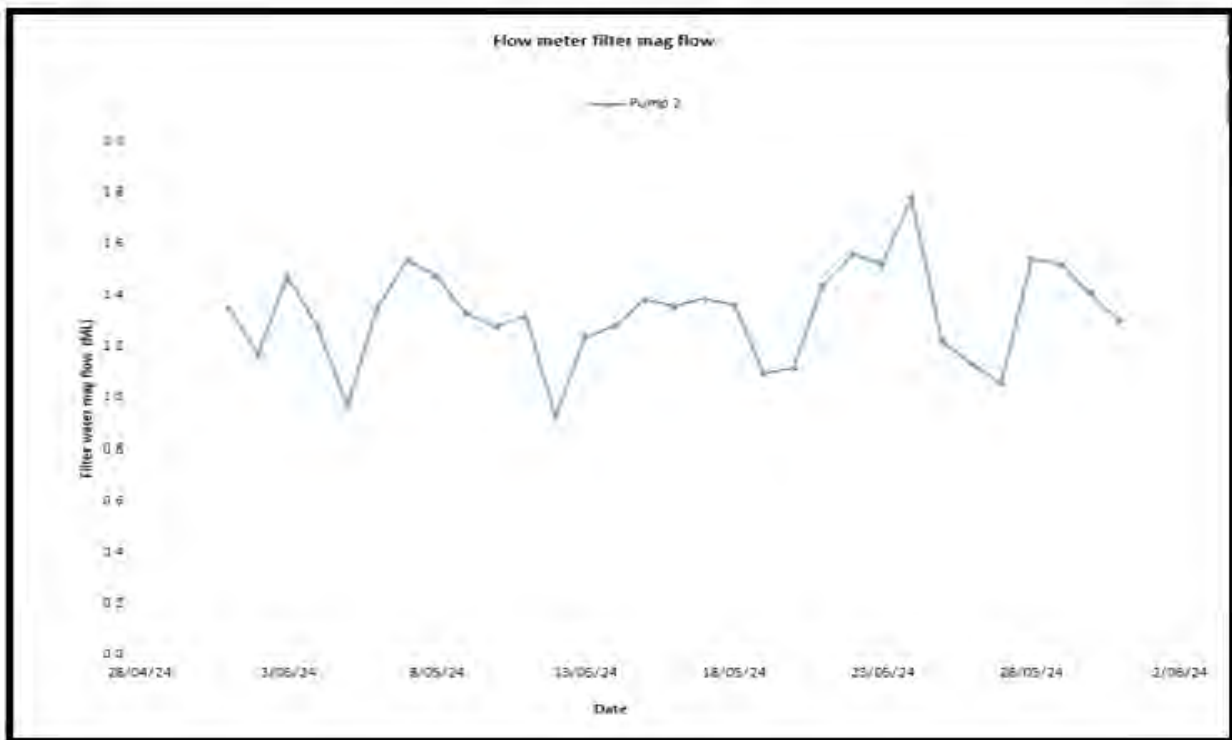
<b>WATER &amp; WASTEWATER – Shane Hopley, Team Leader</b>	
<b>Water Supply Planned Maintenance</b>	
	Read water meter.
	Repaired leaking 25mm water service in McCabe Street.
Fords Bridge	Reset pump after report of no water.
	Inspection of pump station and storage tanks.
	Read water meter.
Louth	Inspection of pump station and storage tanks.
	Inspected for water leaks.
	Read water meter.
	Repaired hot water system at Bush Camp - van 81.
Byrock	Inspection of pump station and storage tanks.
	Read water meter.
Rainbar	Replaced pressure pump.
120 Hope Street	Repaired leaking 20mm filtered water service.
56 Hope Street	Repaired leaking 20mm filtered water service.
14 Glen Street	Repaired leaking 20mm filtered water service.
17 Hope Street	Repaired leaking 20mm filtered water service.
19 Macquarie Street	Repaired leaking 20mm filtered water service.
67 Tudor Street	Repaired leaking 20mm filtered water service.
54 Oxley Street	Repaired leaking 20mm filtered water service.
4 Tudor Street	Repaired leaking 20mm filtered water service.
59 Tudor Street	Repaired leaking 20mm filtered water service.
16 Darling Street	Repaired leaking 20mm filtered water service.
12 Darling Street	Repaired leaking 20mm filtered water service.
14 Glen Street	Repaired leaking 20mm filtered water service.
94 Oxley Street	Repaired leaking 20mm filtered water service.
11 Coomah Street	Dug 50mm filtered water main and repaired main.
10 High Street	Dug 50mm filtered water main and repaired main.
44 Tudor Street	Dug 50mm filtered water main and repaired main.
1 Warrego Street	Filtered water leak (Internal).
168-170 Anson Street	Filtered water leak (Internal).
46 Mitchell Street	Filtered water leak (Internal).
52 Short Street	Repaired leaking 25mm raw water service.
Short Street	Repaired leaking 25mm raw water service.
Cathy Crains	Repaired leaking 25mm raw water service.
54 Oxley Street	Repaired leaking 25mm raw water service.
Crossroads	Repaired leaking 25mm raw water service.
2 Becker Street	Raw water service turned off.
92 Hope Street	Dug 100mm raw water main and repaired main.
35 Moculta Street	Dug 100mm raw water main and repaired main.
86 Darling Street	Dug 100mm raw water main and repaired main.
Macquarie Street North Bourke	Dug 100mm raw water main and repaired main.
75 Mitchell Street	Dug 100mm raw water main and repaired main.
Renshaw Road	Dug 100mm raw water main repaired main.
19 Moculta Street	Dug 100mm raw water main repaired main.
33 Richard Street	Sewer choke.

<b>WATER &amp; WASTEWATER – Shane Hopley, Team Leader</b>	
<b>Water Supply Planned Maintenance</b>	
3 Coomah Street	Sewer choke.
5 Church Street	Sewer choke.
Rotary Park	Sewer choke.
2/107 Mitchell Street	Sewer choke.
Meek Street	Sewer choke.
65 Oxley Street	Sewer choke.
76 Short Street	Sewer choke.
6 Coomah Street	Sewer choke.
75 Hope Street	Sewer choke.
25 Oxley Street	Sewer choke.
8 Hope Street	Sewer choke.
69 Anson Street	Sewer choke.
85 Mertin Street	Sewer choke.
Bourke Steel and Hire	Sewer choke.
45 Anson Street	Sewer choke.
8 Harries Street	Sewer choke.
80 Darling Street	Sewer choke.
14 Becker Street	Sewer choke.
22 Tarcoon Street	Sewer choke.
31 Oxley Street	Sewer choke.
66 Short Street	Sewer choke.
9 Wortumertie Street	Installed new sewer boundary.
Staff Training	Nil.

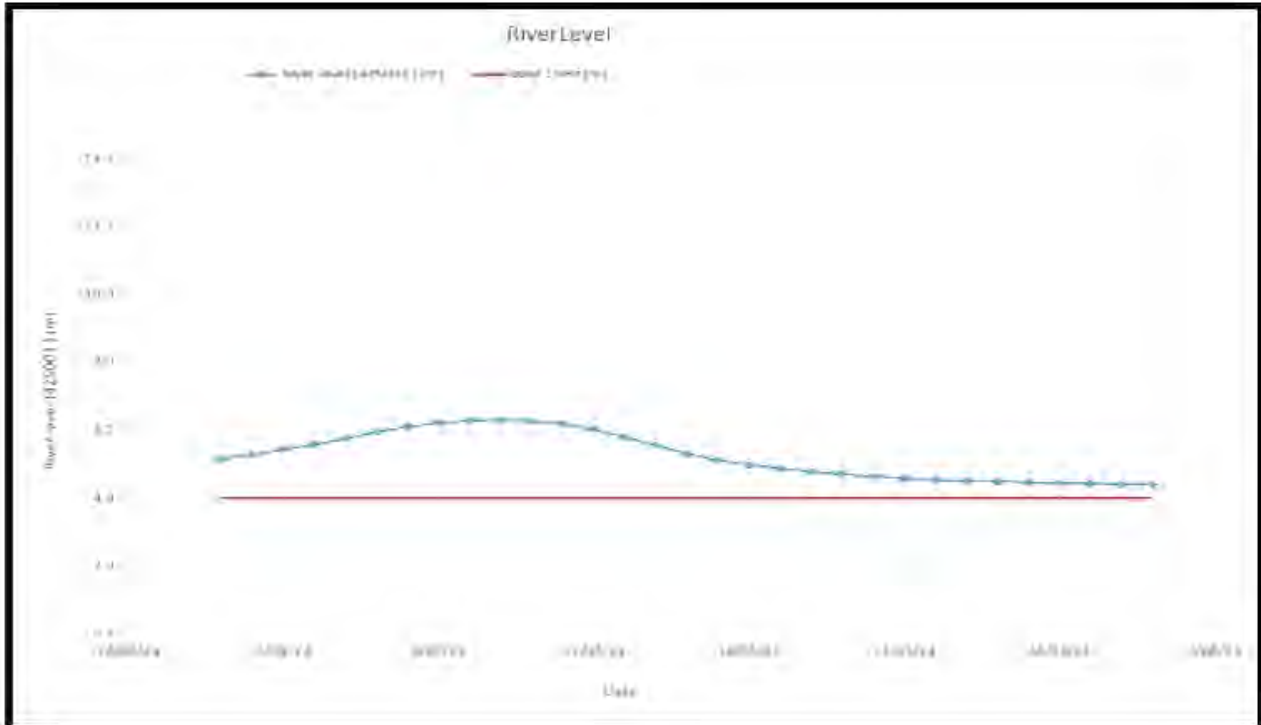
**Raw Flow Meter**



**Water Treatment Plant Flow Meter**



**Current River Levels**



**Bourke / North Bourke Monthly Readings**

Month	Bourke Raw water ML	Filter water magflow pump 2 ML	Raw Water North Bourke ML	Filter Water North Bourke ML
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	29.421	1.526
May 2023	87	41	11.944	2.130
June 2023	75	41	10.125	2.135
July 2023	71	40	8.850	1.832
August 2023	99	38	11.568	1.996
September 2023	137	42	27.685	1.865
October 2023	165	48	37.524	1.542
November 2023	151	48	27.809	2.564
December 2023	155	48	33.663	3.640
January 2024	141	48	20.363	2.761
February 2024	112	45	26.963	2.751
March 2024	126	49	23.252	2.565
April 2024	106	41	14.281	2.456
May 2024	67	41	8.765	2.645

**Abattoirs Monthly Readings**

Month	Abattoir Raw Water consumption			Abattoir Filtered Water consumption		
	Total ML	Daily Average ML	Peak Day ML	Total ML	Daily Average ML	Peak Day ML
May-23	2.014	0.060	0.172	6.132	0.190	0.570
Jun-23	1.025	0.034	0.146	9.320	0.320	0.670
Jul-23	1.030	0.033	0.101	10.016	0.320	0.600
Aug-23	1.033	0.034	0.136	7.900	0.250	0.420
Sep-23	2.153	0.071	0.169	13.100	0.430	0.800
Oct-23	2.025	0.065	0.242	11.100	0.350	0.700
Nov-23	3.910	0.130	0.150	10.800	0.360	0.500
Dec-23	5.270	0.176	0.230	10.000	0.333	0.800
Jan-24	2.700	0.090	0.150	10.600	0.353	0.700
Feb-24	2.750	0.092	0.150	13.600	0.453	0.900
Mar-24	0.820	0.027	0.150	10.600	0.353	0.560
Apr-24	0.540	0.018	0.051	9.174	0.306	0.560
May-24	0.312	0.010	0.048	11.236	0.375	0.780



Council’s Water Access Licences – WAL’s

Work Approval	Extraction Site	Site Name	Start meter read 01/07/2023	Meter read Feb-24	usage Year to Date		Water Access Licence	Comment
ISCA753414	ESID121027	Water Plant TW5	16041.5	17371.4	1327.9	ML	300ML	
ISCA753410	ESID121610	North Bourke TW5	1930.965	1179.879	248.914	ML	300M	Water meter replaced 18/4/24
ISCA753411	ESID121610	North Bourke Abs	0	0.64	6.51	ML		
ISCA753399		Wanaaring Station	23.298	56.889	38.591	ML	25ML	
ISCA751207	24634	Engonia Village TW5	47.653	103.215	55.562	ML	150ML	
ISCA753412	ESID121626	[LWV Louth]	34.09	82.49	48.4	ML	25ML	
ISCA751215	24639	Fords Bridge TW5	3.701	8.52	4.819	ML	2ML	
ISCA751210	32585	Walker Bore No1	19.005	19.005	0	ML	100M	Road Works Nc Meter Not Active
	148936	Walker Bore No2	128.567	128.567	0	ML		
	148937	Belvedere Bore	29.439	31.089	1.62	ML		
	209518	Stoney Rise Bore	26.844	41.236	14.392	ML		
	22419	Toll Bore			0	ML		
85WA753906		Gumbaké			0	ML		No Meter Required Road works Bore
90WA836011	208200	Rairbar er Tichaluka			0	ML		No Meter Required Road works Bore
90WA836179	211161	Rairbar er Tichaluka			0	ML		No Meter Required Road works Bore
ISCA753011	ESID12092	Golf Course			0	ML	320ML	Nc Meter Not Active
ISCA752917	ESID119950	Exhibition Centre			0	ML	29ML	Nc Meter Not Active
NA	NA	Byrock	0	6.023	6.023	ML		Meter installed October 2023

Water Quality Data Summary

Process	Parameter	Minimum	Average	Maximum	Lower critical lim	Upper critical lim	No. of samples
Raw Water	pH	7.10	7.49	7.76			31
Raw Water	turbidity	463.00	665.48	931.00			31
Bourke High School	Free chlorine	1.50	1.55	1.60	0.2	4.0	2
Bourke High School	pH	7.45	7.51	7.56	6.5	8.5	2
Bourke High School	Turbidity	0.16	0.17	0.18	0.0	0.5	2
WTP	Free chlorine	3.20	3.35	3.50	0.2	4.0	2
WTP	pH	7.56	7.59	7.61	6.5	8.5	2
WTP	Turbidity	0.12	0.13	0.13	0.0	0.5	2
Bourke Primary School	Free chlorine	1.35	1.45	1.55	0.2	4.0	2
Bourke Primary School	pH	7.58	7.61	7.64	6.5	8.5	2
Bourke Primary School	Turbidity	0.14	0.16	0.17	0.0	0.5	2
Meadows Rd	Free chlorine	1.80	1.85	1.90	0.2	4.0	2
Meadows Rd	pH	7.45	7.51	7.56	6.5	8.5	2
Meadows Rd	Turbidity	0.19	0.20	0.20	0.0	0.5	2
Mitchell St	Free chlorine	2.10	2.15	2.20	0.2	4.0	2
Mitchell St	pH	7.58	7.58	7.58	6.5	8.5	2
Mitchell St	Turbidity	0.17	0.18	0.18	0.0	0.5	2
Alice Edwards Village	Free chlorine	1.20	1.25	1.30	0.2	4.0	2
Alice Edwards Village	pH	7.51	7.55	7.58	6.5	8.5	2
Alice Edwards Village	Turbidity	0.18	0.19	0.20	0.0	0.5	2
Kidman Camp	Free chlorine	1.80	1.80	1.80	0.2	4.0	2
Kidman Camp	pH	7.54	7.61	7.68	6.5	8.5	2
Kidman Camp	Turbidity	0.16	0.17	0.17	0.0	0.5	2



**Health Guidelines**

Bourke drinking water supply scheme CCPs - summary				
Parameter	Frequency	Target Limit	Alert Limit	Critical Limits
<b>CCP 1 Filtration</b>				
Turbidity (NTU)	Continuous	<0.2	>0.45	>1.5
<b>CCP 2 Chlorine Disinfection</b>				
Free chlorine (mg/L)	Continuous	1.5 – 2.5	<1.0	<0.6mg/L winter <1.2mg/L summer
<b>CCP 3 Fluoridation (future)</b>				
Fluoride (mg/L)	Continuous	0.95 - 1.05	<0.95 or >1.2	>1.5
<b>CCP 4 Integrity of Reservoirs</b>				
System integrity (sealed and secure)	Weekly	No evidence of integrity breach	Integrity breach	Visual evidence of contamination
Bourke drinking water supply scheme OCPs - summary				
Parameter	Frequency	Target Limit	Alert Limit	Critical Limits
<b>OCP 1 Oxidation</b>				
Iron (mg/L)	Weekly	<0.05	>0.05	>0.1
Manganese (mg/L)	Weekly	<0.05	>0.05	>0.1
<b>OCP 2 Coagulation, Flocculation, Clarification</b>				
Turbidity (NTU)	Continuous	<1	>2.5	>5
UV Transmittance (%)	Continuous	>80	70 - 80	<70
<b>OCP 3 UV Disinfection</b>				
Status	Continuous	Operational	Operational but alarming	Offline

**Treatment Plant EPA Licence Compliance**

**Record of Effluent Analysis**

Pollutant	Unit Of Measure	Licence 100 Percentile Concentration Limit	May 2024 Test	April 2024 Test
Oil & Grease	mg/L	10	2	2
pH		6.5-8.5	9.01	8.49
Nitrogen (total)	mg/L	15	26	12.5
Phosphorus (total)	mg/L	10	4.19	1.94
Total suspended solids	mg/L	20	276	156
Biochemical oxygen demand	mg/L	15	33	23

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 May 2024 was 49.4mm.

- Hottest day in Bourke for May 2024 was 26.3 degrees.
- Coldest day in Bourke for May 2024 was 2.3 degrees.

**Recommendation**

**That the report of the Manager Works regarding Engineering Services - Parks and Gardens, Town Services and Water and Wastewater Activity, as presented to Council on Monday, 24 June 2024, be noted.**

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

**File Number:** 1102,1322,1059,1165  
**Author:** Dwayne Willoughby, Manager Planning, Regulatory and Environmental Services  
**Authoriser:** Leonie Brown, General Manager  
**Attachments:** Nil

Development Approvals			
Delegated Authority or Council	Consent Type & Consent No.	Subject Land	Nature of Development
Delegated Authority	DA 2024/0006	Lot 1, DP 1258676 12-14 Namoi Street, North Bourke	Construction of Skillion Roof
Delegated Authority	DA 2024/0007	Lot 101, DP 771055 2-4 Becker Street, Bourke	Installation of Inground Swimming Pool and Spa Pool
Delegated Authority	DA 2024/0008	Lot 10, Section 1, DP758781 62-64 Darling Street, Bourke	Use of Building as Detached Studio
Total value of Approved works for May 2024			\$192,000
No. of Development Application & Complying Development Approvals for May 2024			3

Building Services Report	
Location	Work Carried Out
Work Requests	Actioned and ongoing
Contractors	Maintenance works completed as required Upgrade works completed as per Operational Plan

Animal Control		
Bourke Shire Council Holding Facility	Dogs	Cats
Animals in Pound beginning of Month	9	0
Seized Animals	0	0
Surrendered Animals	5	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>0</b>
Euthanised	6	0
Released from Pound	0	0
Rehomed/Adopted	5	0
Escaped from Pound	0	0
Died in Pound	0	0
Animals Remaining at End of Month	3	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>0</b>
Stock Rested in Stock Yards	0	

- Attended complaints in regard to 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 report of the Manager Environmental Services regarding Planning, Regulatory and Environmental Services Activity, as presented to Council on Monday, 24<sup>th</sup> June 2024, be noted.**

**21.4 GENERAL MANAGER'S ACTIVITY REPORT**

**File Number:** 4170  
**Author:** Ross Earl, Acting General Manager  
**Authoriser:** Ross Earl, Acting General Manager  
**Attachments:** Nil

**Current Situation**

Relevant activity by the General Manager for the month of May 2024, including meetings and discussions with external organisations, were as follows:

Day	Date	Meeting	Location
Wednesday	01/05/2024	Attended Terry Rankmore's funeral	Anglican Church
Thursday	02/05/2024	Attended meeting with Destination Country and Outback – Lucy White	Various locations around Bourke
Friday	03/05/2024	Attended Staff training day	Back O' Bourke Conference facility
Monday	06/05/2024	Spoke with Inspector Peter Walton, Bourke Police	Phone discussion
Tuesday	07/05/2024	Attended Louth Community Session – Fish Passage meeting	Louth Community Centre
Wednesday	08/05/2024	Attended Meeting with Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water	Council Chamber
Thursday	09/05/2024	Along with the Mayor attended Rural and Regional Summit	NSW State Library Sydney
Thursday	09/05/2024	Along with the Mayor attended meeting with the Hon. Rose Jackson, NSW Minister for Water	Parliament House
Friday	10/05/2024	Along with the Mayor attended Country Mayors meeting	The York Club Sydney
Monday	13/05/2024	Attended NSW Visitor Economy Strategy review: Country and Outback	Via Audio Visual Link (AVL)
Tuesday	14/05/2024	Attended Dusseldorf Community Meeting	Gospel Family Fellowship
Thursday	16/05/2024	Attended ARIC Meeting	Via AVL
Friday	17/05/2024	Attended John Holmes funeral	Catholic Church
Wednesday	22/05/2024	Attended Business Continuity Trial – Mock Scenario	Council Chamber
Thursday	23/05/2024	Attended meeting with Bourke Tribal Council	Maranguka Hub
Thursday	23/05/2024	Attended Meeting with Architects for B5 BOBEC	Council Chamber
Friday	24/05/2024	Attended Alliance of Western Councils - GMAC	Narromine
Monday	27/05/2024	Council Meeting	Council Chamber
Tuesday	28/05/2024	Attended meeting regarding the North Bourke Bridge Study	Via AVL

“From the General Manager’s Desk” columns, which appear in the Western Herald Newspaper during May 2024, are provided below.

## 2 May 2024

### Remembrance

As part of Councils monthly meeting agenda, Councillors stand for a minute of silence to recognise and remember those residents of Bourke Shire, or former residents, who have passed away in the previous month. At last week's April Council meeting, Mayor Barry added to the remembrance by asking Councillors and staff in attendance that they keep in their thoughts those people who died at Westfield Shopping Centre, Bondi Junction recently. It's a long way from Bourke to Bondi Junction. However, as a person who has attended Westfield Bondi Junction on many occasions, I was greatly saddened by the incident in terms of the six (6) lives lost, the people who were injured (both physically and mentally), and that the atrocity occurred in a place that, up until last week, was full of good memories for me, and no doubt so many others. Unfortunately, Bondi Junction won't ever be the same. With the recent knife crime in NSW, Premier Chris Minns has advised that it “would be irresponsible not to look at” tougher knife laws. In Queensland, laws have been passed which prohibit the sale of knives to people under the age of 18, but more importantly, the laws allow police officers to use metal detectors without a warrant.

### Internet Service Option

In late March 2024, Telstra announced the launch of its Satellite Home Internet product, which is powered by Starlink. A world first on the Starlink network, this product will offer Telstra customers the option of a broadband service and home phone using Low Earth Orbit (LEO) Satellites. If you're interested to find out how these satellites work, information is available at:

<https://www.telstra.com.au/exchange/what-are-leo-satellites-and-how-do-they-work-->

With the introduction of this product into Telstra's fixed mix service, residents of regional and rural Australia will have available to them a different connectivity option, given that the diverse Australian terrain isn't always suited to more traditional technology types. The service will be available for \$125/month with an upfront hardware cost of \$599 for the latest Starlink kit. You can read more about the product on Telstra Exchange <https://tel.st/starlink> or on [Telstra.com/internet/Starlink](https://www.telstra.com.au/internet/Starlink)

### Naming of Road

Located off Sid Coleman Drive in North Bourke, approximately halfway up the Drive as you head to the airport, is a currently un-named road. At its April 2024, Council resolved to approve the naming of the road, Buster Lane, and take the necessary action to invite submissions on the proposal and further notify various government agencies on the proposal, prior to a further report to Council to finalise the matter.

In proposing the name Buster Lane, Council did so in commemoration of the Bourke district cotton pioneer, Jack Buster, who died in 2014. History shows that Jack Buster was regarded as the father of cotton in the Bourke Shire. He and his wife, Harriett, moved from their home in the United States to pursue their dream to develop cotton in Australia. They came by sea to Australia with their five (5) children and various farming and cotton-picker machines. Landing in Sydney in 1964,



the family initially went to Wee Waa, to work in the cotton industry with his brother-in-law and father-in-law. Jack was inspired to move to Bourke where there seemed to be “unlimited water and very little irrigation development.” He was a pioneer in the development of cotton in the Bourke valley from the early days and developed thousands of hectares of land into cotton farms along with the development of major water storages. Jack and his family maintained a strong presence in the industry all the way from the early days through to the construction of a new cotton gin at North Bourke in the 1990’s. In addition to his farming interests, Jack Buster was an active member of the Bourke community, helping to establish the Bourke Christian Church, the Pera Bore Christian Community School and the Cornerstone Community in Bourke.

Jack Buster was always a keen pilot and owned several planes while in Bourke. Chief amongst these was his blue Tiger Moth that Jack used for work and travel, but mainly for recreational purposes, taking friends and visitors for flights around Bourke and performing all sorts of aerobatics. ABC News reported at the time of Jacks passing that “Jack loved flying and one of his chief pleasures was taking people for a spin in his Tiger Moth. He'd take them into the skies, loop the loop, do barrel rolls, and generally give them the full aerial treat. And then, sometimes, when he was looping the loop, he'd turn off the engine, for that added thrill. And then he'd laugh, and say "That's fun, isn't it?" And calmly restart the engine.” Jack also built and flew his own Short Take-off and Land (STOL) aircraft in his home shed which was signed by Nancy Bird Walton before its first flight. Jack was also a returned serviceman having served with the US Marines in the Korean War from 1950-1953.

### **Tour de OROC Auction**

Whilst the 6<sup>th</sup> biennial Tour de OROC riders and support crew were previously in Bourke on 22 March 2024, due to conflicting events in Bourke on the day, the decision was taken to postpone the charity auction in support of the Macquarie Homestay facility in Dubbo, until a later date. With previous Tours having raised almost \$660,000 for the Homestay facility, the Bourke Charity auction went ahead on 19 April 2024 at the Bourke Bowling Club, with an enthusiastic group of bidders on hand. At the close of the auction, close to \$15,000 had been raised by the Bourke Community for the Homestay facility. I am confident that most Bourke residents are aware of the importance of Macquarie Homestay, as it provides affordable accommodation for people across the region who need to travel to Dubbo for medical treatment. Following the opening of the Western Cancer Centre in Dubbo, demand for accommodation is significant with Bourke Shire residents being high on the list of patrons.

It was great to welcome back to Bourke for the auction, Tour de OROC instigator and rider, Mathew Dickerson, fellow riders Andrew Graham and David Hayes, along with former Bourke Public School Principal and Tour support crew chief, Paul Loxley and his wife Julie along with Pam Dickerson. They all certainly enjoyed the evening and were most thankful for the generosity of those in attendance, as am I.

Congratulations to Councils Manager Economic Development, Mel Milgate, who, along with the evenings auctioneer, Greg Seiler, successfully navigated the evenings activities, with spirited and generous bidding on the 30 auction items being the outcome. A big thank you must also go to the Bourke Rotary Club for their assistance and to those individuals and businesses who supplied auction items for the evening. In this regard I extend my thanks to Neil Driscoll, Ronny Gibbs, Andrew Hull, Jordan May, Ros Milgate, Paul Quigg, Liam Rice, Bronwyn Whitbread, Back O’ Bourke Collective, Back O’ Bourke Exhibition Centre, Bourke Betta Electrical, Bourke Furniture One,

Bourke Home Hardware, Bourke's Butchery, Morrall's Bakery, Rice's Cordials, Dubbo Regional Theatre and Convention Centre, and Taronga Western Plains Zoo.

### **Northern Basin Connectivity improvements**

NSW Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water is seeking to take action to improve water flowing across the connected catchments of the northern NSW Murray Basin. This work is building on the analyses and consultation that occurred as part of developing the Western Regional Water Strategy. In September 2023, the Minister for Water convened the independent Connectivity Expert Panel to review the department's analyses and to independently assess their adequacy. The panel has recently released its interim findings and recommendations report, ahead of providing its final report to the Minister in June 2024. A copy of this report is available by going to <https://water.dpie.nsw.gov.au> and then searching 'northern basin and then scrolling down to and accessing the heading 'Northern Basin Connectivity Program'.

Two webinars will be held by the NSW Government to enable the panel to present their findings and recommendations and take questions from stakeholders. The webinars will include a presentation and Q&A session. One webinar was held yesterday; however, this webinar will be repeated tomorrow, Friday, 3 May 2024 commencing at 12 noon for an expected 1-hour period. Speaking on the webinar will be Peter Hyde, Director Inland Planning, Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water and Chair of the Connectivity Expert Panel, Amy Dula. Registration for the webinar is through the abovementioned links.

**Quote: "My beautiful wife has dementia, please say HELLO to her."** Wording on a t-shirt worn by the husband of a dementia sufferer in the seaside suburb of Manly. When people talk to his wife, she starts talking.

### **9 May 2024**

#### **Domestic Violence**

April was a terrible time in NSW in terms of most disturbing incidents dominated by knife crime and domestic violence (DV). The Bondi Junction tragedy: the stabbing of Bishop Mar Mari Emmanuel at the Assyrian Christ the Good Shepherd church in Wakeley Sydney, which was subsequently deemed terrorist related; the DV related murder in Forbes of Childcare worker, Molly Ticehurst, allegedly by her ex-boyfriend; and then the stabbing death of a 10-year-old in a suburb of Lake Macquarie with the alleged murderer being her sister. What is going on with our society?

After so many terrible incidents, the focus is now squarely on our political leaders as to how these matters can be addressed in a macro sense. Reviews of knife laws, bail laws, a Royal Commission into DV, are all being spoken about as options. The question that has to be asked however in respect of the issue of DV, is why has it taken the death of another women in Molly Ticehurst for DV to finally be declared as a "national crisis?" Perhaps it's the fact that her murder was so senseless and that Ms Ticehurst was, from what I have read, so let down by our legal system. She is unfortunately not the first. As a Council we have written to Government seeking the toughening of bail laws. Our focus was to protect elderly people from re-offending perpetrators. Council was effectively told, everything was fine, and it is suspected that others have written to Government seeking to strengthen bail laws to protect vulnerable women, also did so to no avail.

Up until the end of 2023, an average of one woman was killed per week in Australia. This year, that number has increased to be closer to one woman being killed nearly every four (4) days. At the time of writing that was 26 Australian women who had been murdered this year. In NSW, Police were called to more than 500 DV related incidents each and every day last year with the NSW Bureau of Crime Statistics and Research (BOCSAR) reporting that in respect of nearly half of these incidents, there was a child at risk of harm. Compounding these figures is that it took an average of 26 incidents for a victim to make a report. In the past two (2) year's BOCSAR reports that DV assaults reported by NSW Police have increased by 6.7%, with intimidation, stalking and harassment reports having increased by 6.1%. I don't have the statistics for DV related injuries, but one could only imagine. I have to agree, it is a National Crisis that is going to take strong leadership to address. As a society, and as parents, we have an obligation to raise our children, showing respect to our partners and others. Kids replicate what they see and learn at home. In addition, in today's society, children also replicate what they see on the web, with many authors writing of the negative influence of social media in this space.

### **2024 Local Government Elections**

Don't forget that the 2024 Local Government Elections, also known as the Council elections, will be held on Saturday, 14 September 2024. If you're a potential candidate, the NSW Electoral Commission is conducting a series of information webinars for candidates and political participants in the lead up to the 2024 elections. For information go to: <https://elections.nsw.gov.au> and scroll down the home page to "2024 NSW Local Government elections".

### **Draft Operational Plan**

Councils draft Operational Plan came off exhibition on 26 April 2024. The draft Plan includes Council's annual budget and associated documentation including its Revenue Policy and Schedule of Fees and Charges. The Revenue Policy sets out Councils annual rating structure and its approach to setting fees as listed in the Schedule of Fees and Charges. Whilst submissions have closed, the draft documentation continues to be available for viewing at Councils Website. In accordance with the requirements of the NSW Local Government Act, Council will proceed to consider any submissions received prior to adopting its annual Operational Plan. Such considerations will take place when a report on the draft Plan is presented to Councils 27 May 2024 Ordinary Meeting.

### **Northern Basin Connectivity**

I wrote in last week's GM's Column that in September 2023, the NSW Minister for Water, the Hon. Rose Jackson, had convened the Connectivity Expert Panel to review the work undertaken by her Water Department through the Northern Basin Connectivity Program and to provide an independent assessment of its adequacy. For information, the department's Northern Basin Connectivity Program is taking action to improve water flowing across the connected catchments of the northern NSW Murray Basin at important times. This work is building on work undertaken by the NSW Government as part of developing the Western Regional Water Strategy.

Council has previously resolved to correspond with Minister Jackson regarding its opposition to the proposed Louth Weir Fishway and Weir Project and the proposed removal, or the lowering of weir heights, along the Barwon Darling water system, all proposed as part of the Northern Basin Connectivity Program. I am pleased to advise that I am in discussions with the Ministers office

regarding the arranging of a mutually convenient meeting time to allow the Mayor and I to meet with the Minister to discuss this most important of matters.

### **James Barnet**

I recently received an invitation to attend a function to be held in the “Jimmy Barnet Room” in what is now known as “The Exchange” in the main street of Dubbo. It is the big white building opposite Riverdale Shopping Centre and as the name suggests, was once home to the Dubbo Post Office and telephone exchange. Anyway, apart from a fleeting thought as to whom Jimmy Barnet might be, I didn’t give the name any further consideration. Fast forward a few weeks and I am in the Sydney CBD at the former General Post Office (GPO) in Martin Place, Sydney. I looked to my left and there were some architectural drawings of the Post Office from when it was built in two (2) stages between 1866-1889 and details of the architect, one James (Jimmy) Barnet. Turns out that James Johnstone Barnet (1827 – 1904) was the Colonial Architect for NSW from 1865 until his retirement in 1890. Some quick research revealed that as Colonial Architect he oversaw the design of the Bourke Post Office in Oxley Street along with defence works at Port Jackson, Botany Bay and Newcastle, several lighthouses, courthouses, lockups, police stations and numerous other post offices throughout New South Wales.

In Sydney he designed and supervised the construction of several important public buildings: a new wing to the Australian Museum, the General Post Office (as previously mentioned), the Colonial Secretary's Office, Public Works and Lands Buildings, Customs House, Public Library, the Medical School at the University of Sydney and the Callan Park Asylum. All up, 1490 public works projects were carried under his direction.

Whilst Mr Barnet has long departed this world, I think he might now be following me! Last weekend, I was perusing a Magazine from one of the Sunday Papers and there was an article regarding the traditions that went into farewelling departed loved ones in Sydney in the late 1800’s. The article included a picture of the Redfern Mortuary Station, near Central Station, “designed by James Barnet.” With 1490 public works projects across the state, James (Jimmy) Barnet certainly left his mark on Bourke, Dubbo and much of the balance of NSW.

### **Bourke Show**

The Annual Bourke Show to be held on Saturday 1 June 2024, is now but only some 3 weeks’ away with all the necessary information for this major annual event being available at:

[www.bourkeshow.com](http://www.bourkeshow.com). Contact details, exhibit entry forms, the pavilion exhibit schedule, the timetable for the numerous activities on the day, along with various booking forms, are all available on the web site. The Annual Show is an important component of Bourke’s social calendar. I take the opportunity to thank the hard-working Committee and all volunteers on the day for what you do for the community in presenting the Show. Hopefully the weather on the day is fine and mild.

**Quote: “As long as autumn lasts, I shall not have hands, canvas, and colours enough to paint the beautiful things I see.”** – Artist Vincent Van Gogh reflecting on the beauty of autumn.

**16 May 2024****Isaac Ford**

Described as one of the hardest, yet most prestigious, oratory competitions in the state, if not in Australia, the Lawrence Campbell Oratory Competition is held annually with speakers representing either their respective Greater Public School (GPS) or Combined Associated School (CAS) organisation. Established in 1935, in honour of Lawrence Campbell, a renowned teacher of elocution in various schools in Sydney in the early 1900's, speakers are required to present an 8-minute speech, after 15-minutes preparation, on one of three (3) unseen topics. No pressure here! Previous winners of this competition read like a "who's who" of Sydney's oratorical elite: winners such as former politicians Malcolm Turnbull and Nick Greiner; legal luminaries like former Chief Justice Murray Gleeson (twice) and Lloyd Waddy; writers like Nick Enright, Gerard Windsor, and Mungo McCallum; and media personalities like Adam Spencer, Andrew O'Keefe, and Charles Firth (of Chaser fame).

Moving onto the 2024 competition recently held at Scots College at Bellevue Hill in the Eastern Suburbs of Sydney and it is the Boy from Bourke, Isaac Ford representing his Sydney boarding school, Saint Ignatius' College Riverview against the best of the rest. Having chosen the topic, "The minority is always right-or so they think", Isaac faced tough competition from the finest orators of the GPS and CAS schools in NSW. With his proud Mum (Krystal), Dad (Lachlan) and his Sister (Taylor) on hand to witness his delivery of a speech that Riverview described as both eloquent and humorous, Isaac powered to victory on the night. I was delighted to learn of his success and congratulate him and the Ford family on this success. I always knew that Isaac could talk, but wow!

Interestingly, Saint Ignatius' College Riverview has the most distinguished history in the competition, with twenty-four winning candidates over the competition's history. This number of wins is well in advance of Sydney Grammar School with 16 wins, Sydney Boys High with 8 wins and St Joseph's College and Sydney Church of England Grammar School with 7 wins apiece over the 89 year history of the event.

**Chris Hammer**

Staff at the Bourke Shire Library are rather excited as they prepare to host the very popular Australian author, Chris Hammer, at the library tomorrow evening, Friday 17 May 2023, commencing at 7.30pm. All members of the community are most welcomed to attend. Chris is a leading Australian crime fiction novelist, with a 30-year career as a journalist having once worked for The Bulletin, Fairfax and on the SBS program, Dateline.

He is the author of the internationally bestselling Martin Scarsden series, and his current series featuring homicide detectives Nell Buchanan and Ivan Lucic. His novel 'Scrublands' was named the UK's Sunday Times Crime Novel of the Year for 2019 and won the prestigious UK Crime Writers' Association 'John Creasey New Blood Dagger Award.' With all his novels set in Australia 'Scrublands' was adapted for TV, winning high acclaim.

Having authored some eight (8) books since his initial book in 2010, titled 'The River', Chris is in Bourke as part of a tour across regional NSW where he is talking about his latest book 'The Seven'. From Chris's website, the synopsis of this book is that *"Seven founding families come together a*

*century ago to build an irrigation district – they turn the arid plains of Australia into a food bowl, a garden delivering peace and prosperity for all. But when one of the Seven is murdered in dramatic circumstances, homicide detectives Ivan Lucic and Nell Buchanan suspect that not everything is as idyllic as the community’s leaders would like the world to believe. Could the murder be connected with the execution of another member of the inner circle thirty years ago? Or to the long-forgotten story of a servant girl on the brink of the great war? How are these events connected? What are the secrets The Seven are so desperate to keep hidden? With the killer still on the loose and matters spiralling out of control, can Ivan and Nell crack the case before more people die?”*

Sounds compelling, so don’t miss this fantastic opportunity to see one of Australia’s top authors in our town.

### **3G Network Closing**

Telstra has recently announced that it will be extending the closure of its 3G network by two (2) months until 31 August 2024 following customer feedback that they need more time to make the relevant changes. Closure of the nation’s 3G networks and moving people to what is described as better connectivity, is an industry wide change and for those who still use a 3G device for either data, voice or emergency calls, you need to prepare to stay connected when 3G switches off and is no longer available. This could include replacing phone devices which are 3G only, devices that do not support Voice over 4G (VoLTE), or devices that are 4G enabled but hardwired to use 3G for emergency calls. Telstra have also advised that the shutdown will also affect medical devices and other hardware connected to its 3G network, from EFTPOS terminals to farm machinery. If you are still unsure if your device is impacted, it is suggested that you SMS ‘3’ to 3498 (3G XT) and the Telstra checker will respond confirming what action you need to take. For other connected devices, please reach out to the supplier or manufacturer for more information.

This change has been in the offing for nearly 5 years and despite this, Telstra are reporting a range of reasons why some people haven’t acted yet. One reason expressed by Telstra is that customers haven’t seen the Telstra communications regarding the network closure. To this end, Telstra will soon be adding a voice recording to the start of calls made using 3G dependent devices as an ongoing reminder to act. The recording will be removed once the device has been upgraded.

### **Health and Wellbeing Day**

Council previously notified residents on its Facebook site that the Council Offices, Depot, Service NSW Agency, Library and the Back O’ Bourke Exhibition Centre would all be closed on Friday, 3 May 2024, to allow all staff to attend Councils annual Staff Health and Well-Being Day. With this year’s theme of Safe, Supported, Respected, and with a diverse and widely spread team across the Shire, the day is an important one in bringing all Council staff together as part of endeavours to ensure that all staff: are safe at work and to keep others safe when they are in our workplaces; supported to do their best work by ensuring they all have the skills and the confidence to do their job and that they are treated respectfully when interacting with each other and with Council’s customers.

As one of the largest employers in the Bourke Shire, Council seeks to create a workplace that is welcoming, where we invest in the future through continuous learning, have access to resources and support so staff can do their best. Throughout the day working cohesively as a team, communicating, using available resources, work health and safety responsibilities, sound financial



management and respect for one another were to the fore. With these matters in mind, presentations in respect of High Performing Teams; Dignity and Respect at Work; Workplace Well-Being; Alcohol and Other Drugs Awareness and Councils Code of Conduct, were made.

The keynote speaker on the day was Mr James Wood, on the topic of workplace safety, titled "Choices." James Wood is not a safety professional, he has no qualifications in safety, nor does he work in a safety role. Unfortunately for James though, he suffered a workplace injury over 25 years ago that resulted in a broken back and damage to his spinal cord. At the time of his accident James was getting to a great stage in his life, living independently, great job and career options, nice car and a couple of motorbikes, with good friends and a steady relationship. All of that changed because, as James said on the day, he made some wrong CHOICES while doing a simple job at work! I found the impact of hearing James Wood speak both gripping and enthralling and something that will stay with both me and many members of staff for a long time.

**QUOTE: "Workplace accidents, we always think they happen to the other bloke. How wrong can we be? So, think about the choices you make, then consider the consequences."** Workplace Safety Speaker – James Wood

## 23 May 2024

### Acting General Manager

With Councils General Manager, Leonie Brown, being on leave for a few weeks, I have been invited by Council to return for a short period as Acting General Manager. Whilst I have been in Bourke on various occasions since I handed in the General Managers role back in July 2021, what has struck me on each occasion I have returned to Bourke is how the landscape has improved after the debilitating droughts of last decade.

I was interested to learn from Leonie that Council is still seeking Government to approve and fund an increase in the height of the Bourke Weir, despite Councils best endeavours. In briefing me on recent activities, Leonie advised that Mayor Barry and she had recently met with NSW Minister for Water, the Hon Rose Jackson, at Parliament House in Sydney, to discuss both the Bourke Weir and proposals in respect of the Louth Weir. Increasing the height of the Bourke Wier has certainly been a strategic pursuit of Council for many years and it is pleasing to see that Council continues to seek improved water security for Bourke. It's easy to forget with strong flows in the river, when the Sydney Morning Herald reported in October 2019 that "Bourke, with a population of about 2100, is at the highest risk (of running out of water) among large towns because of the shrinking weir pool on the Barwon-Darling River." Leonie advised that the Minister noted that an application for funding for a comprehensive Business Case for raising the Bourke Weir had been submitted by the State Government to the Federal Government as part of Round 1 of the National Water Grid Program. It's a slow process and with further droughts inevitable, Bourke is at least better placed for the next drought with three (3) new bores having been sunk and a new water treatment plant in place to source and treat the water, respectively.

### Reconnecting the Northern Basin Project

I further noted from the Minutes of Councils March 2024 meeting, Councils concerns in respect of proposals for the Louth Wier and that this issue was also discussed at the recent meeting with Minister Jackson. The Water Group in the NSW Department of Climate Change, Energy, the

Environment and Water have advised that the Louth fish passage project “seeks to improve connectivity across the Northern Basin to support native fish migrating along river systems to complete key life stages and to avoid drying habitats during droughts. This phase of the project involves addressing barriers to fish passage by installing fishways at three weir sites, including Banarway Weir, Calmundi Weir and Louth Downstream Weir. This would reinstate 370 km of fish passage along the Barwon-Darling River system.”

Leonie filled me in as to the recent Community Consultation meeting in Louth, convened by the water Group, where those members of the community in attendance had no issue with proposals to construct a fishway at Louth to allow the passage of fish both up and down the river system, however all in attendance were against any reduction in the height of the existing weir at Louth or the removal of weirs 19A and 20A along the river system. As I understand it, during the discussions with the Minister, Mayor Barry and Leonie were assured that no work at Louth was imminent and at this stage the Government was very much listening to the people with the current proposals being the start of the conversation.

Following the recent community information session in Louth, the Water Group will be holding another community information session in Louth next Wednesday 29 May 2024. The session will be held from 10am to 12pm at the Louth Tennis Club (30 Bloxham Street, Louth).

The Water Group is advising that the “session is an opportunity for the community to receive an update, to provide additional insights on wider community considerations as the project progresses, to ask questions and provide further feedback. The discussions will allow us (the Water Group) to better understand: local conditions (e.g., harvest or livestock transport peak periods, accommodation, available services); construction delivery options (e.g., heavy vehicle movements); potential water impacts during delivery of the infrastructure and community input to supporting outcomes (e.g., cultural signage).”

The Water Group has advised that it is still considering the community’s feedback from the 7 May meeting on design, so there won’t be any updates on design at this upcoming 29 May 2024 meeting.

Registration to attend the meeting is not required and I encourage the community to again come together and attend this meeting.

### **Car Parking**

One of the first matters that came across my desk when I arrived as Acting General Manager, bought back a significant number of memories from my time as General Manager when Council made various decisions in respect of improving the layout and design of Oxley Street in the Bourke CBD. At the time, it was a contentious matter.

Notwithstanding, the correspondence that was recently received was a request from a Bourke main street trader to fellow main street traders requesting that staff of businesses or Government Departments who operate in the main street not park in Oxley St, between Richard and Sturt streets. The trader who raised the issue, advised that when they attended their premises at 8.00am recently, they found very limited parks in front of their respective workplace. The trader advised that the number of parking spots further decreased within 10mins and by 8:30am there was only disabled parking on the eastern side of the centrally located pedestrian crossing in Oxley

Street. As the trader quite rightly pointed out, the use of the car parks by office workers and the staff of retailers, basically all day, means that essentially both shoppers and tourists don't have access to main street parking. With so many people expecting a car spot in close proximity to the premises that they wish to attend, lack of parking spaces is a significant inconvenience to both those who have limited mobility and to visitors to Bourke, who, if they can't park, move onto to their next location.

With the start of the tourist season imminent, from what I have seen, Oxley Street, being Bourke's main street, is busier than ever. Obviously for all traders in the main street, it is very hard to earn tourist dollars if their potential customers can't park! It is requested that all businesses, offices, and Government Departments located in the main street area request their staff to find alternative parking in surrounding streets such that parking is available for shoppers and visitors. As the trader advised in their correspondence, "if the public don't have easy access to parking in the main street, there will be no shops in the main street."

### **Domestic Violence**

I noticed from a recent Column of Leonie's where she commented that April 2024 had been a terrible month in NSW in terms of knife crime and domestic violence (DV). I wouldn't imagine anyone would disagree. On the issue of DV, I was pleased to read of proposals from the NSW Government last week that, once legislated, would see those accused of serious domestic violence offences being either refused bail or required to wear an electronic monitoring bracelet.

I recently came across a publication issued by ANROWS, being Australia's National Research Organisation for Women's Safety that undertook a review of 73 publications and plans from across Australia to review the link between alcohol consumption and domestic violence against women. The review found evidence of three relationship aspects: 1) the relationship between alcohol and perpetration of violence against women; 2) the relationship between alcohol and women's victimisation by violence; and 3) the relationship of alcohol with women's attempts to manage the impacts of violence. The review also found that whilst there was evidence of a relationship between alcohol use and an increased severity of violence against women, "alcohol alone cannot be claimed as a satisfactory casual explanation of violence against women." My reading of this is that it's not possible to point to one particular cause of domestic violence. There is a raft of like research, the issue is of course that the perpetration of DV continues.

**Quote: "General practice (by Doctors) has been defunded and devalued by successive governments-it hasn't been seen as a career of choice."** - Royal Australian College of General Practitioners President, Dr Nicole Higgins on where only 1 in 10 graduates want to become GP's.

### **30 May 2024**

#### **Tancred Drive Walkway**

On my recent return to Bourke, I was pleased to see Council crews erecting movement activated solar lighting on the Tancred Drive Walkway which heads towards, but at this point doesn't quite get to, North Bourke. In all 30 light poles will be erected further enhancing the community's usage of this walkway. Regular walks, and activity in general are such an important component in terms of a person's quality of life. In this regard, the benefits of a daily 30-minute walk are well documented and include improved circulation, better bones, a longer life span, an improved

mood, strengthened muscles, improved sleep, improved breathing rates, reduced mental decline, and of course, weight loss. I look forward to seeing plenty of people out on the walkway undertaking their daily walk during my time in Bourke.

### **Seat Belt Laws**

For more than 50 years it has been a requirement to wear a seatbelt in a car in NSW. Between 2018 and 2022, more than 140 lives were lost on NSW roads in fatal crashes where people were not wearing a seatbelt. Studies show that seatbelts double the chance of surviving a crash and reduce the risk of injury. Unfortunately, lives continue to be lost and people seriously injured from not wearing a seatbelt or not wearing it properly. With a view to addressing the non-wearing of seatbelts, the NSW Government are reminding all drivers and passengers, that effective 1 July 2024, that mobile phone detection cameras will begin identifying seatbelt offences.

Whilst I understand that most motorists buckle up every time, and despite 50 years of enforcement and a litany of public awareness campaigns, the NSW Police issue fines to more than 10,000 people a year for not wearing a seatbelt. I don't know the locality of mobile phone detection cameras in NSW, however, with more than 84 per cent of fatalities and two-thirds of serious injuries where people are not wearing seatbelts occurring on country roads, it would be a fair bet to assume that these fixed cameras will be rolled out to country localities, if they're not already in place. It should also be noted that some of these mobile detection cameras are themselves mobile, meaning that they can be shifted around quite readily and can often be seen on country roads.

### **Back O' Bourke Show 'N' Shine**

Don't forget that the Bourke Historic Vehicle Club is holding its Show 'N' Shine for 2024 this Saturday, 1 June 2024. With entries opening at 9.00am, judging starting at 10.00am and presentations commencing after 1.00pm, the Bourke Showground at the Renshaw will undoubtedly be a hive of activity on the day.

Categories up for competition include the Best Historic Vehicle, Best Overall Vehicle of the Day, Best Motorcycle and Best Vehicle under 30 years, the Roughest Vehicle and a People's Choice Award.

The Bourke Historic Vehicle Club is a most active club in our community and are to be congratulated for what they do in supporting Bourke. I trust the Club has a successful day.

### **Regional Crime Inquiry**

Don't forget that submissions to the NSW Parliament's Regional Crime Inquiry close tomorrow, 31 May 2024. Unfortunately, over the years, various Bourke residents have been victims of all levels and types of crime. Given this, the inquiry into Community Safety in Regional and Rural Communities provides a perfect opportunity for community members to have their say.

Regardless of whether you have been impacted by crime at home, at work or in the general community, know someone who has, whether you work or have previously worked in related services, or come from another state or country that has implemented great working strategies, I

would encourage you to make your voice heard by making a submission. It doesn't have to be a novel, just a summary of your experiences. By providing your experiences, the elected Members of Parliament will obtain a better understanding of society such that when they are making decisions, our confidence in our own safety is enhanced.

Recent data released by the NSW Bureau of Crime Statistics and Research, via its Regional NSW Crime, Law and Order Report, shows that regional NSW has far worse reported crime figures than Sydney. Whilst the policy makers and Government departments see the numbers, a submission is the best way for these people to really understand what crime has done to people in the regions and what consequences or potential solutions are, when we do not feel safe in our own homes. Further details on the Inquiries Terms of Reference and how to make a submission can be found at: <https://www.parliament.nsw.gov.au/committees/inquiries/Pages/inquiry-details.aspx?pk=3042>

### **Planning Changes**

On the topic of making a submission, the NSW Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure (DPHI) has recently issued an invite for people to 'have a say' in respect of proposed changes to complying development standards for farm buildings, sheds and earthworks on rural land. The changes are aimed at making it easier for landowners and councils to understand the development standards and environmental requirements that apply for farm buildings, sheds and excavation on rural land.

The proposed changes to the standards include the introduction of complying development standards for the maximum footprint of each farm building and the total footprint of all farm buildings permitted under the Rural Housing Code, as currently only limited locations have specific controls; increasing the maximum farm building sizes allowed on rural properties as complying development under the Inland Code – these are the same size requirements that would be introduced to the Rural Housing Code; reducing the size of sheds permitted in Zone R5 Large Lot Residential under the Rural Housing Code and changing the shed sizes permitted under the Inland Code to align with these controls; aligning excavation requirements for complying development in the Rural Housing Code with those in the Inland Code; and allowing complying development on Class 2 acid sulfate soil areas under most of the complying codes, where development is supported by a Preliminary Soil Assessment. The Department is also seeking feedback on the current provisions for connecting a water supply to farm buildings and detached studios, to ensure they are still fit-for-purpose.

The proposed changes are outlined in detail in an explanation of intended effect document available at <https://www.planningportal.nsw.gov.au/draftplans/exhibition/proposed-changes-complying-development-farm-buildings-rural-sheds-and-earthworks> with submissions open until Friday 14 June 2024 at 5pm.

### **The Dragons**

Councils General Manager, Leonie, is a West Tigers supporter and I notice from her Columns she has steered away from any comments relating to the National Rugby League. As a most interested observer, and a solid St George Dragons fan, I am pleased at the progress of the Dragons under the direction of new coach, Shane Flanagan. Already this season, the Dragons have won more games than they did throughout the whole 2023 season and as I write this column, sit in 9<sup>th</sup>

position due to for and against, on the same points as the Rooster and the Knight. I can't see the Dragons winning the competition, but they're generally having a go and are much more competitive than in 2023.

I think that at this point of the competition, the 2024 season will go down as the "Year of the Injury." The number of injuries to players this year has been substantial, and we haven't even got to State of Origin yet. Hamstring injuries appear to abound. For instance, on a recent edition of Big Sports Breakfast aired prior to Magic Round in Brisbane, the radio team worked out that between 2018-2023, there was an average of 23 hamstring injuries per year and that for this year, there had already been 20 hamstring injuries (on-field), with another dozen players sidelined because of training hamstring injuries. That's a big increase. For whoever wins the competition, I consider that it will be a case of the last person standing!

I was listening to Phil Gould being interviewed some 3-4 weeks ago on the issue of State of Origin. He was reluctant to engage on the matter. "State of Origin is still 6 weeks away. Between now and then there will be injuries, withdrawals and the like," he said. "Talk to me when we know who is available." He was 100% correct with the player stocks for both State of Origin teams subsequently decimated because of injuries to numerous players including hamstring injuries to Nathan Cleary and Tom Trbojevic and the groin injury impacting Cameron Muster, to name but a few of the injured players.

**Quote: "The Parramatta Eels have this afternoon informed Brad Arthur that his tenure as Head Coach has ended, effective immediately,"** Another coach is terminated making two (2) this year already and the NRL season is still only about halfway through. Coaches in both the AFL and NRL are in high pressure roles and with the focus on results coaches seemed to be subject to intense and ongoing scrutiny with their future periodically subject to speculation.

#### **Recommendation**

**That the report of the General Manager regarding General Manager Activity for May 2024, as presented to Council on Monday, 24 June 2024, be noted.**



**21.5 LIBRARY ACTIVITY REPORT**

**File Number:** 2780  
**Author:** Jodi Hatch, Library Manager  
**Authoriser:** Melanie Milgate, Manager Economic Development  
**Attachments:** Nil

**Current Situation**

The following items for the May 2023 and May 2024 period are presented for information.

Item	May 2023	May 2024
Loans	532	667
New Members	6	4
Internet/Word Processing	41	46
Wireless Tickets	3	22
Number of Visitors	583	612
Scans	32	23
Information Requests	75	80
Technical Assistance / Printing	54	65
Faxes/ Laminating	2	0

- During May the children enjoyed LEGO, craft and story time sessions.



- The highlight of the month was a visit from the internationally renowned bestselling Australian author Chris Hammer. There was a small but enthusiastic group of 11 come along to enjoy the very informative and interesting talk, with many questions asked afterwards.



**Recommendation**

**That the report of the Library Manager regarding Library Activity for the month of May 2024, as presented to Council on Monday, 24 June 2024, be noted.**

**21.6 TOURISM AND EVENTS ACTIVITY REPORT**

**File Number:** T4.3  
**Author:** Ben Nott, Coordinator Tourism Operations  
**Authoriser:** Melanie Milgate, Manager Economic Development  
**Attachments:** 1. BOBEC Statistics May 2024  
 2. BOBEC Website Statistics May 2024

**Background**

The Tourism and Events Report provides Council with a status report relating to the activities of the Tourism Team through visual data including graphs and statistics to allow for the measurement of the team’s progress and performance.

**Current Situation**

During May 2024, the Tourism and Events Team participated in the following activities:

Back O’ Bourke Information and Exhibition Centre

Performance Indicator	April 2024	May 2024	Trend	% Change
Visitor Numbers	2117	2379	+262	12.38%
Email Enquiries	769	882	+133	14.69%
Incoming Calls	599	401	-198	(33.06%)
Website Enquiries	2,493	2889	+396	15.88%
Exhibition Tickets	409	529	+120	29.34%
PV Jandra Tickets	910	405	-505	(55.49%)
PV Jandra Cruises	55	32	-23	41.82%
Café Turnover (ex GST)	Closed for extensions			
Café Event Catering	2	3	+1	50%
Functions	3	3	No Change	0%
Mt Oxley Tickets	95	76	-19	(20%)
Tour Groups	4	5	+1	25%

Back O’ Bourke Exhibition Centre (BOBEC)

BOBEC operated 7 days per week in May 2024 with hours from 9.00am to 5.00pm.

The Back O’ Bourke Exhibition Centre Garden staff were busy during May with mowing and spraying different areas. Maintenance continued around BOBEC, the Crossley engine and the Jandra.

The information Centre was steady in May with increased numbers of visitors compared to previous months.

Café and Functions

Café renovations are progressing with staff preparing the menu in readiness for the Café opening.

Catering continues to be provided utilising the Function Centre kitchen. Staff catered for two (2) of the three (3) functions booked at the centre and one (1) breakfast for tour groups, during May. BOBEC have booked multiple breakfast catering jobs for tour groups in 2025.

There were three (3) x 3 day long functions booked in May.

PV Jandra

The PV Jandra operated daily up until Sunday, 19 May 2024.

Coach Bookings

There were five (5) tour groups booked during May.

Crossley Engine

The Crossley engine was open to the public 5 days per week in May. Attempts were made to start the engine on each occasion with varying results. With the support of Bourke Shire Council depot staff and Mr Don Burns, the second engine is under repair and maintenance.

Staff Training

Staff attended the Bourke Shire Council Health and Wellbeing Day on Friday, 3 May 2024.

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

	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Jan	325	326	302	348	386	782	1109	816	603	609	699
Feb	271	373	391	220	282	1043	386	630	725	557	764
Mar	1051	1342	1612	1245	1274	1021	412	1389	1100	1006	1185
Apr	3146	3849	3118	3114	4024	3166	0	2387	2323	1709	2117
May	3988	4602	4073	3983	4770	3693	0	2564	2016	1713	2379
Jun	4275	5437	5199	4754	5634	4490	993	2366	2227	1971	
Jul	6241	6002	5941	5982	7614	6834	2570	1068	2998	2520	
Aug	4793	5078	4951	5051	5548	4052	1898	255	2557	2559	
Sep	4764	4489	4532	4246	4676	3601	3325	0	2203	2234	
Oct	2486	2370	2475	2463	3574	2222	5246	409	1094	1661	
Nov	671	610	1031	876	1014	1220	1989	866	710	1047	
Dec	242	272	281	255	630	860	1194	897	586	1099	
Total	32,253	34,750	33,906	32,537	39,454	32,984	19,122	13,647	19,142	18,685	

**Financial Implications**

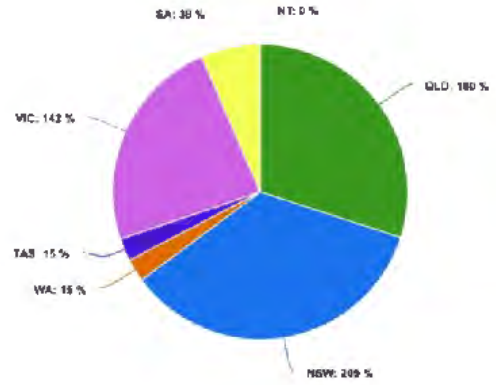
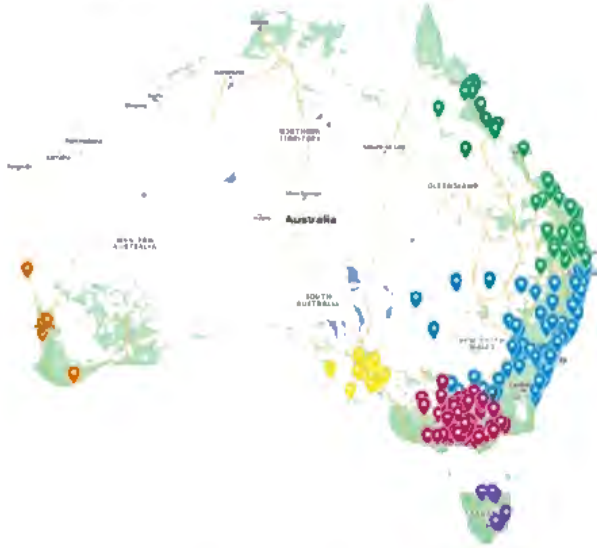
There are no financial implications arising from this report.

**Recommendation**

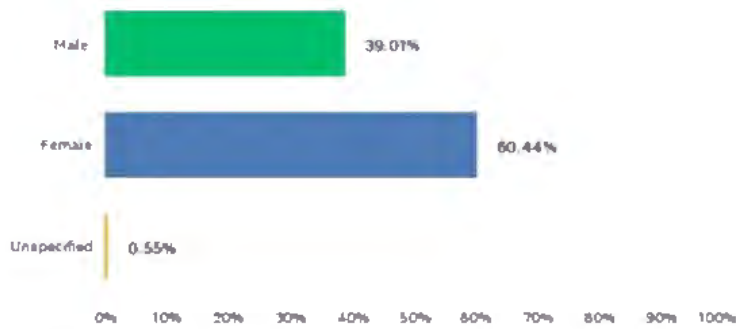
**That the report of the Coordinator Tourism regarding Tourism and Events Activity for May 2024, as presented to Council on Monday, 24 June 2024, be noted.**

## BOBEC Statistics May 2024

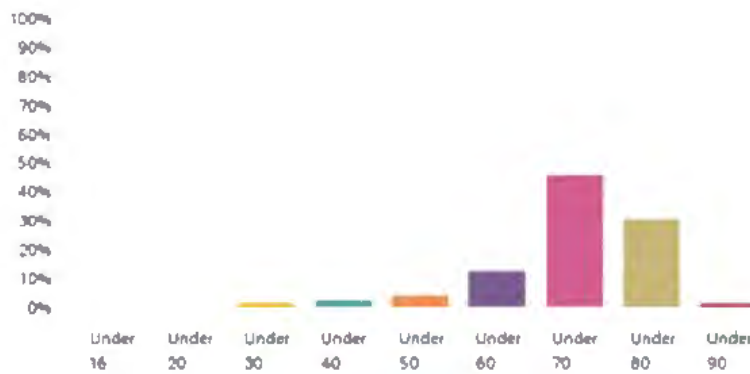
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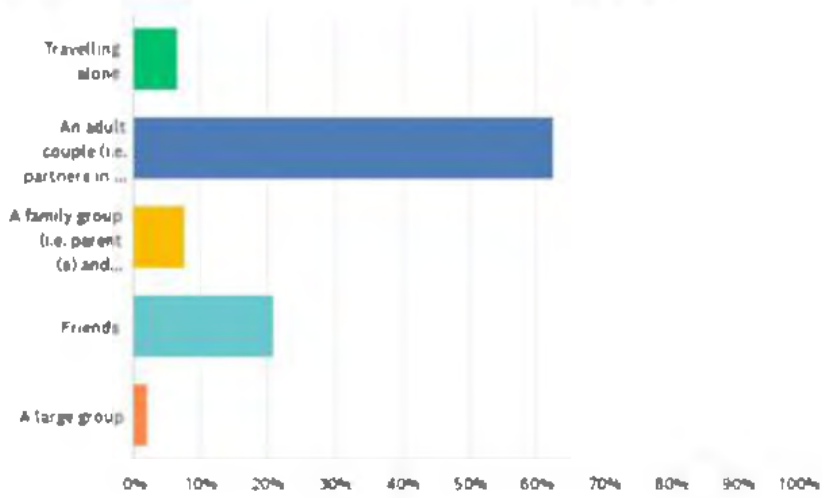
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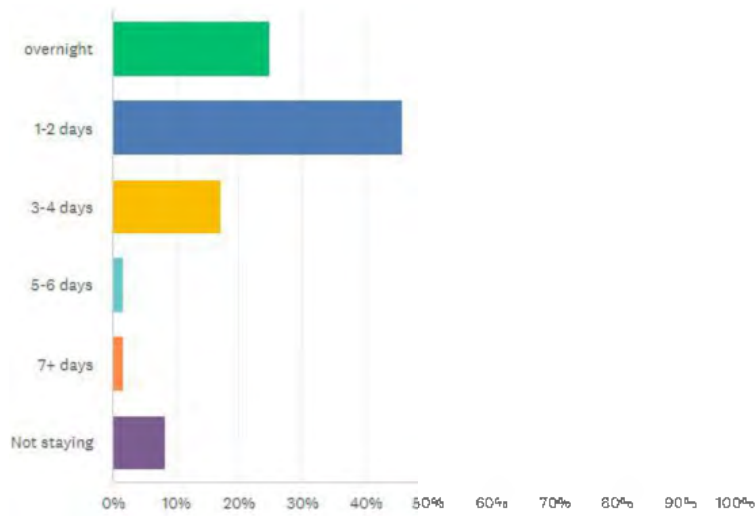
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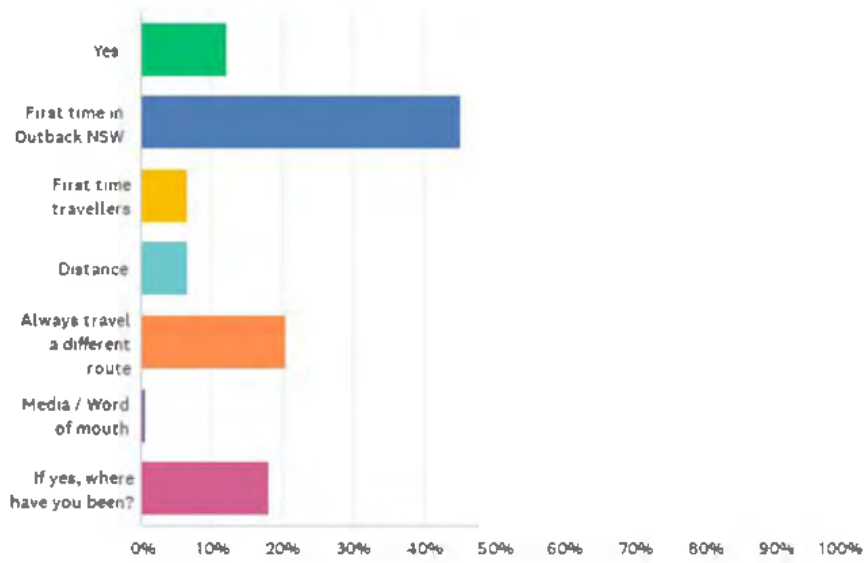


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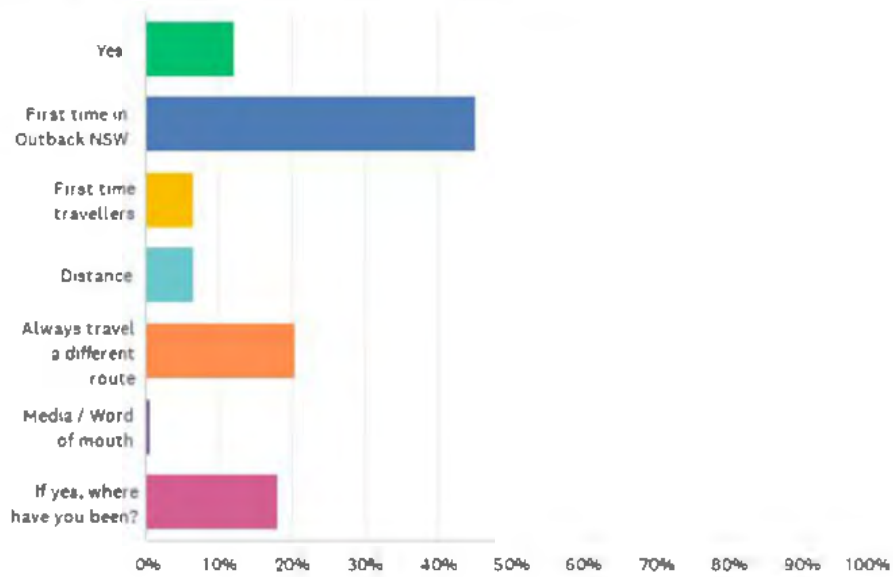




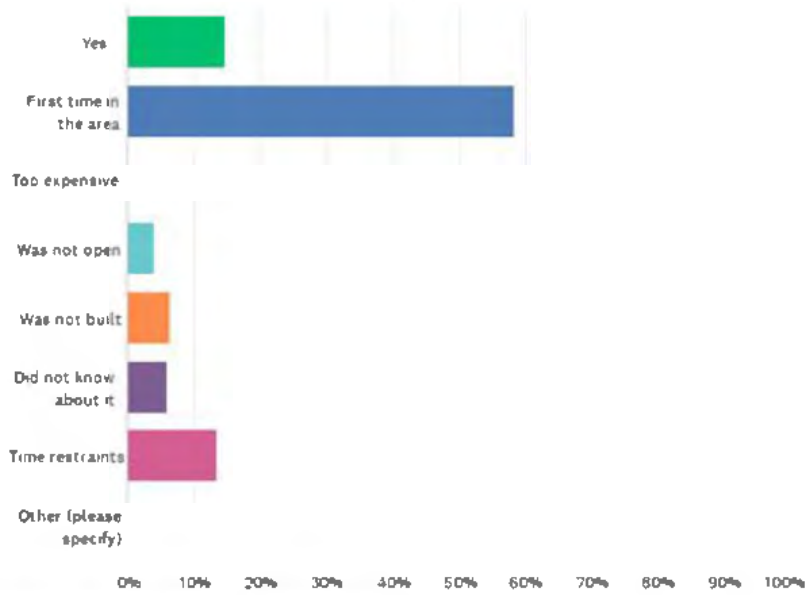
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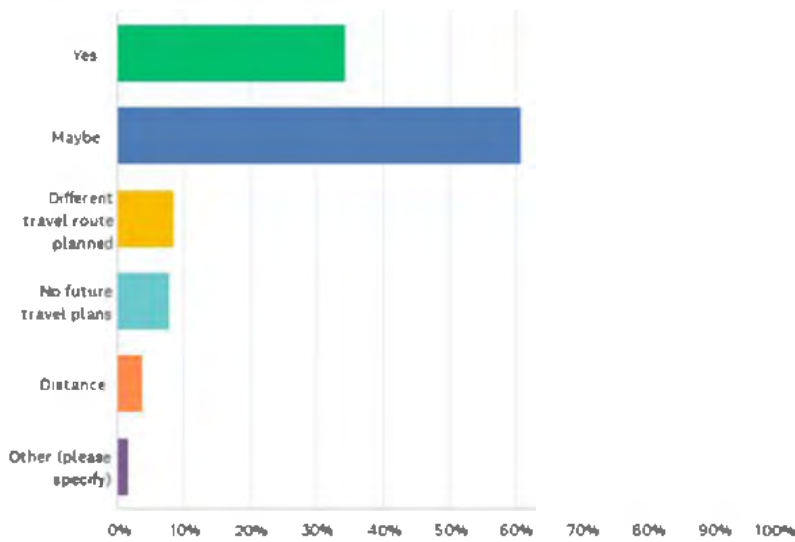
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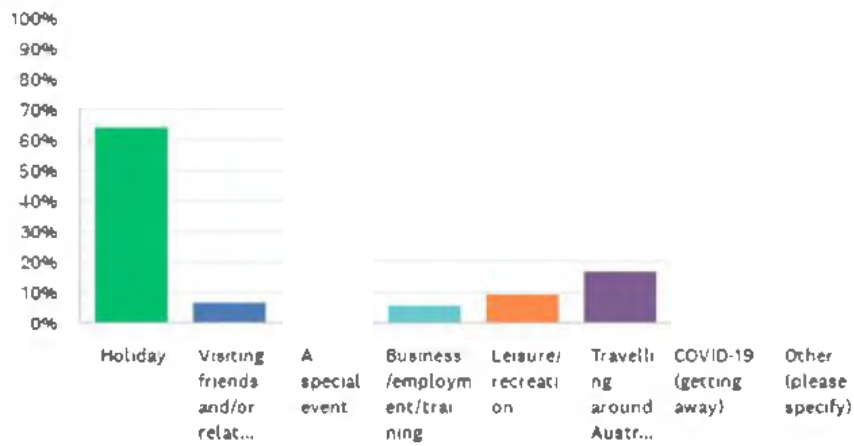
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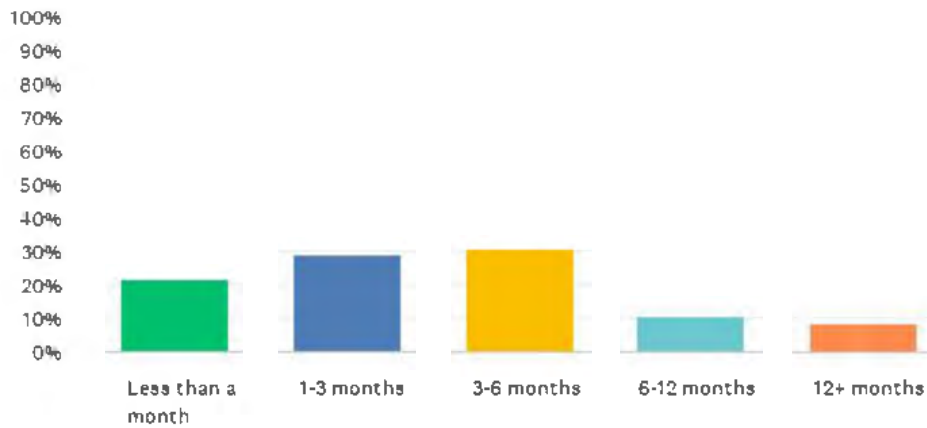
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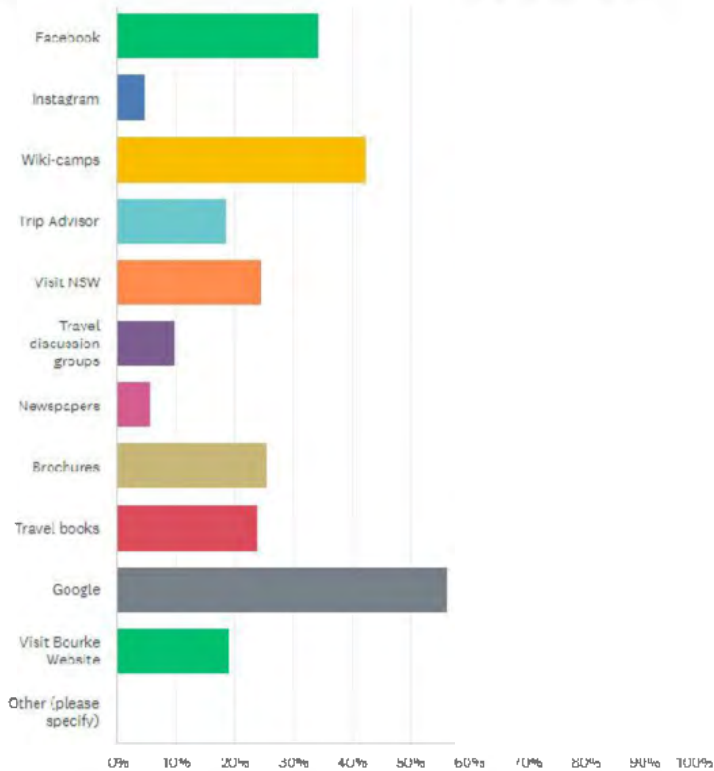
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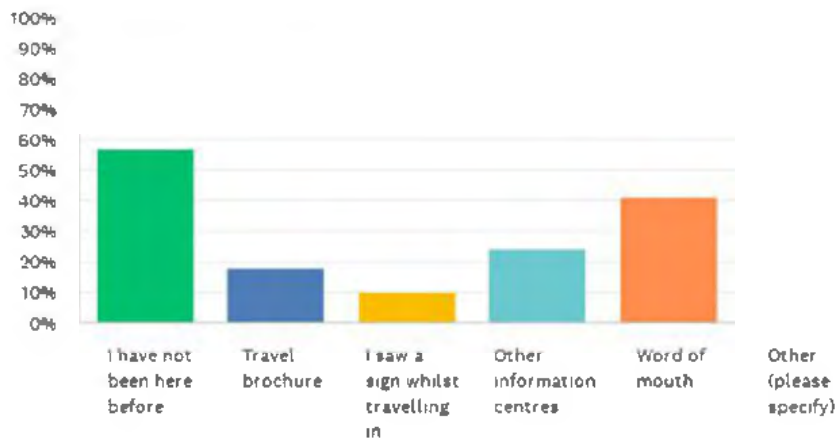
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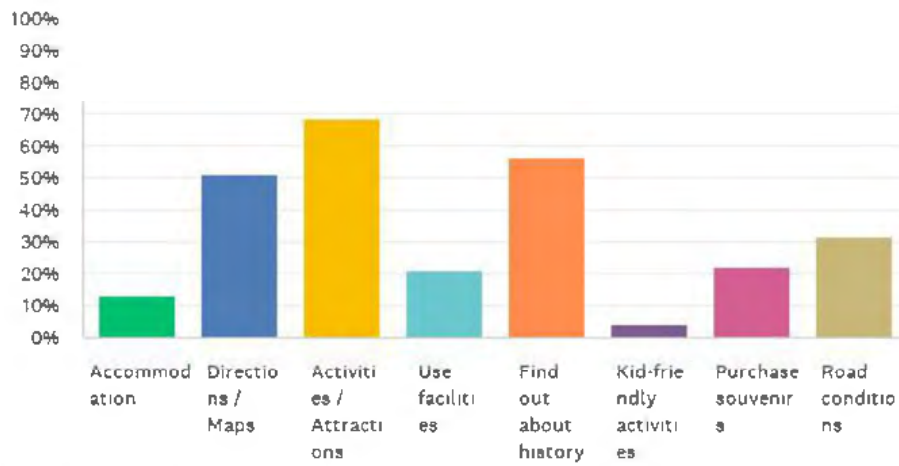
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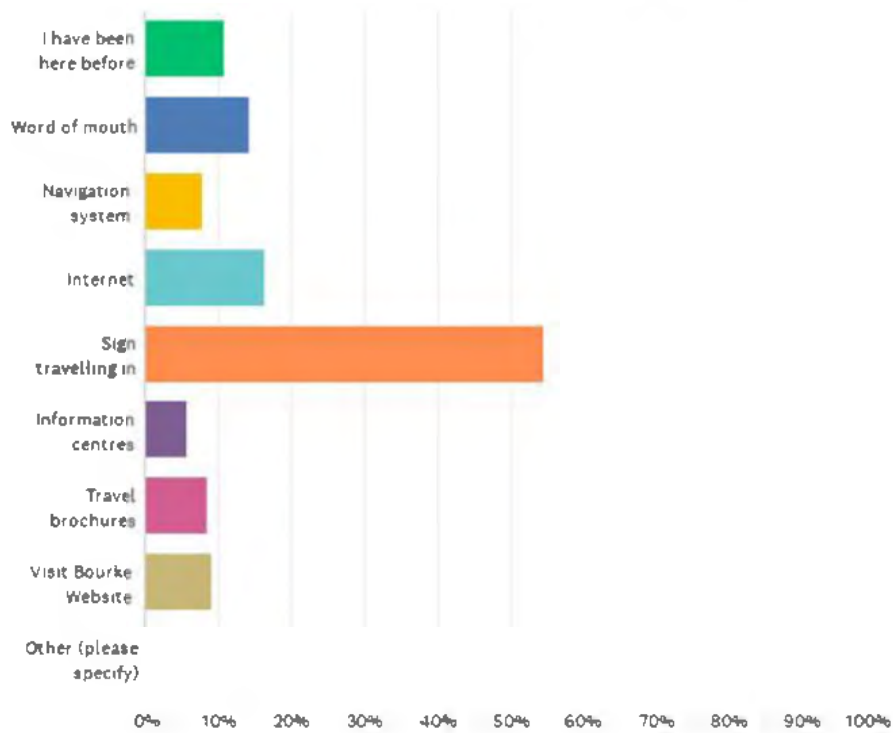
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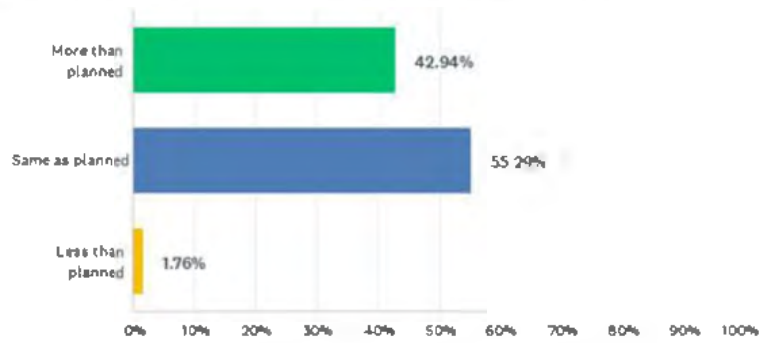
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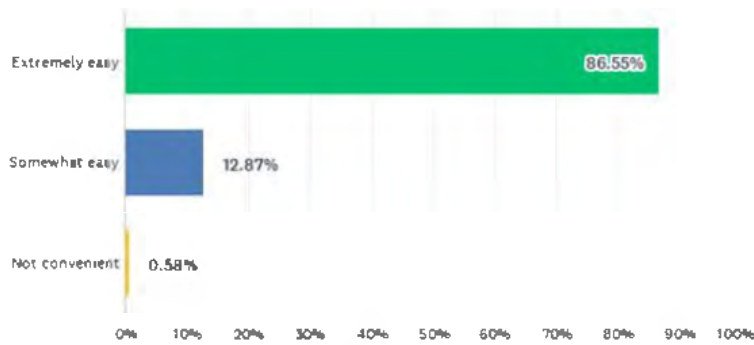
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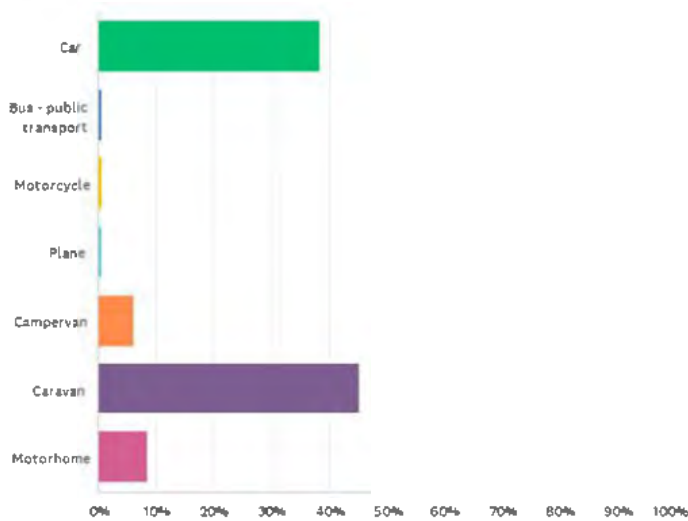
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**IN YOUR OPINION, HOW EASY WAS IT TO FIND OUR LOCATION?**

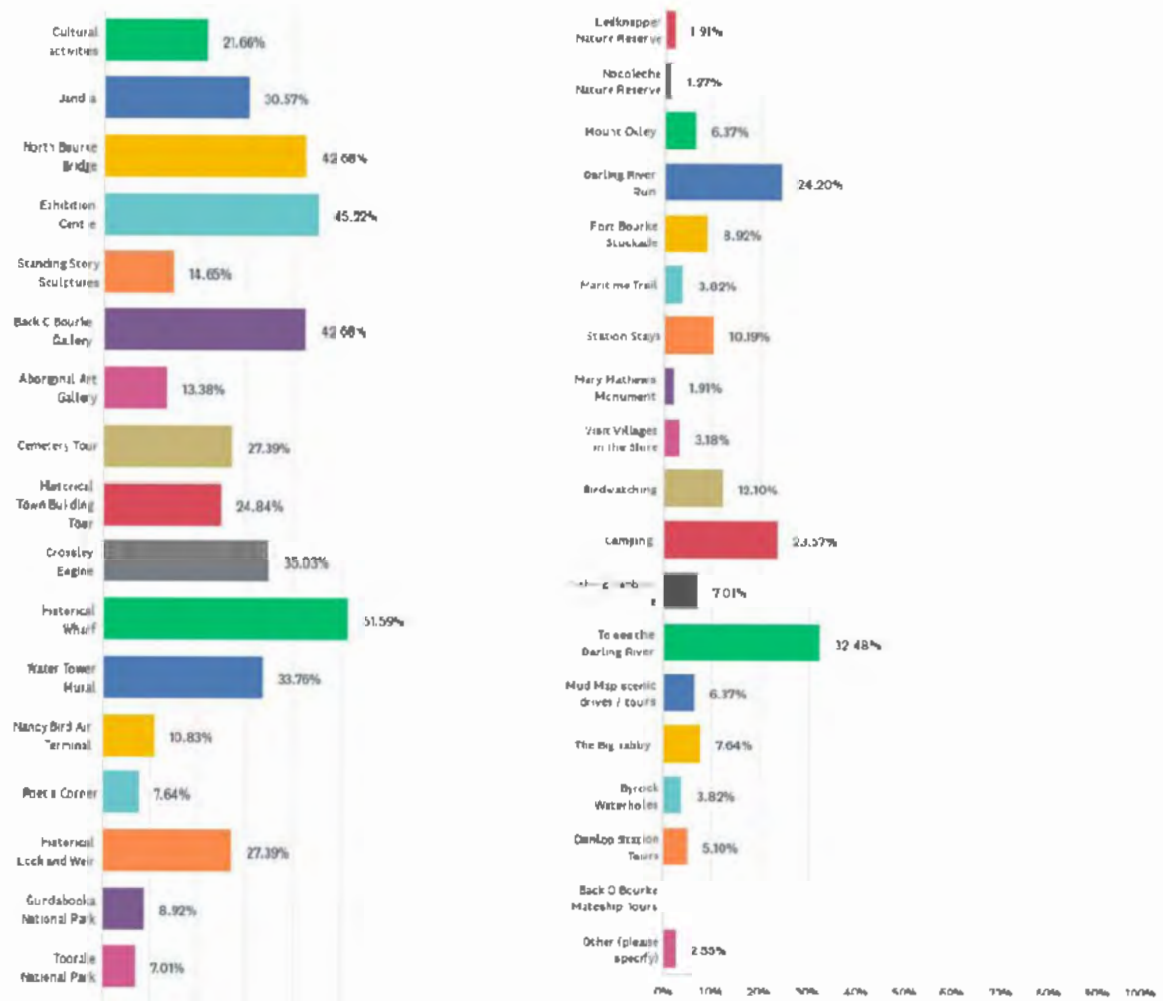


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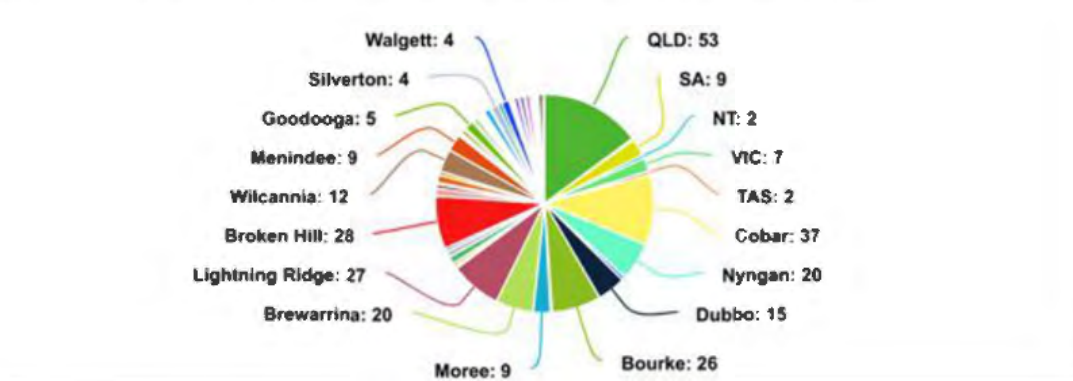
**WHAT ACTIVITIES HAVE YOU DONE OR PLANE TO DO DURING YOUR STAY?**



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



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



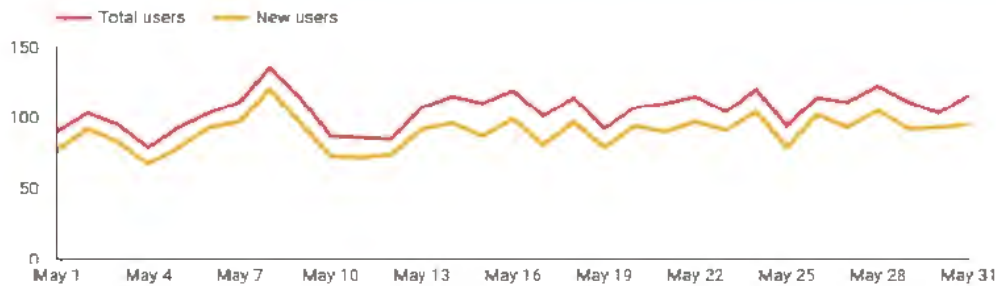
**PLEASE LET US KNOW ABOUT ANY FEEDBACK YOU MAY HAVE REGARDING YOU STAY.**

- Nothing I remember is the same. Such a lovely place. So much history,! Very informative and friendly staff at info service. Thank you for sharing. Anne davis
- Needed info re road conditions after rain. Very helpful
- Lovely night at Kidman’s camp Just arrived looking forward to exploring Bourke today Great service at info too
- Kidman park- lovely park Sunday no bakery or coffee.
- Kidman’s camp - very good Going Chinese tonight , they have a pick up bus – fabulous
- Many shops and attractions were closed
- The back o Bourke museum is amazing
- Kidman’s camp was great ( though paddleboat not working - no captain? )
- Very interesting story We have concerns if our safety due to reputation of Bourke & Brewarrina and word of mouth
- You need better lightening in the display. Panel hard to read and. Have good eyesight.
- It was disconcerting to have to read from right to left for most of exhibition. Please slow down speech when giving info. Grounds of exhibition are all wonderful and informative.
- I’m staying at Kidman camping ground which is a good accommodation. I was looking for poet on a plate but it’s not running anymore unfortunately. I would have liked to join the aboriginal heritage walk but it’s not running anymore. The back o Bourke exhibition is outstanding and probably I’ll come back for a 3rd time. I love the first animation movie. It communicates a lot and it’s technically a very high quality art work.
- Mitchell Cavan park was great,good site,good price.booked transport to paddle boat at suggestion of visitor centre,organized pick up without problems, walked from Apwx Park to Wharf and looked at Historic buildings, felt very comfortable, sad so many places closed.
- The back of Bourke exhibition centre is wonderful and needs to be seen by many more people - unfortunately I think the price may deter some people.... It would be great if you could reduce it somewhat. Better signage coming out of the last exhibit would be good too. Some of the outdoor story boards are in small print and difficult to read in the sunlight. There is a great deed of information in the exhibition - difficult to determine how much to read ..... some simpler and easier to digest exhibits may be better. But a great centre - congratulations to the council for supporting it!!

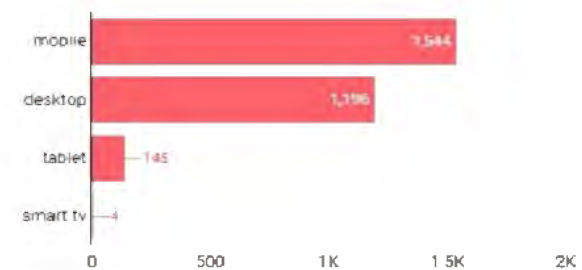
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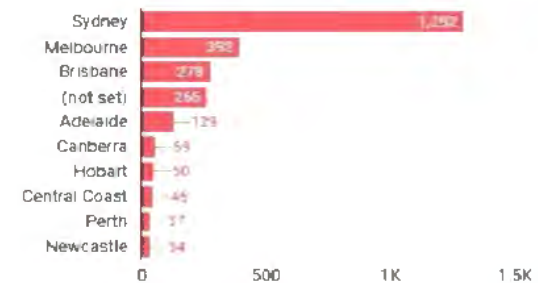
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## 22 CLOSED SESSION

### **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 01/25 for Plant Hire 2024/2025**

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 \*\*\* Water Bore Tenders - Wanaaring**

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.

#### **22.3 \*\*\* Evaluation of Submissions Tender: "Netwaste Tender for Collection and Recycling of Used Tyres F4207"**

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.

#### **22.4 \*\*\* Tender for Building Trades and Services**

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.

