

# Bland Shire Council Business Paper 19 August 2014



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## **OUR VISION, MISSION AND VALUES**





### AGENDA

### COUNCIL MEETING

### 19 AUGUST 2014

#### 1.0 INTRODUCTION

Let us acknowledge the Wiradjuri people, their elders past and present, traditional custodians of the land we now share. Let us be inspired by the resilience, innovation and perseverance of past generations. Let us honour those who protect this great land, may you draw strength from your God or Faith so that we may, here today, on behalf of our community, - build a vibrant future together. ("Pause for Reflection").

#### 2.0 ATTENDANCE

#### 2.1 Councillors

- Cr P Grellman
- Cr L Hampton
- Cr K Keatley
- Cr T Lord
- Cr L McGlynn
- Cr B Monaghan
- Cr L Pike
- Cr N Pokoney
- Cr P Templeton

#### 2.2 Staff

Acting General Manager – Will Marsh

Director Corporate, Community & Development Services – Adele Casey Executive Assistant – Julie Sharpe

#### 2.3 Apologies

General Manager – Ray Smith

#### 3.0 CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES

#### 3.1 Ordinary Meeting held on 15 July 2014

#### Confirmation

That the minutes of the Ordinary Council meeting held on 15 July 2014 be confirmed as a correct record of proceedings.

- Corrections
- Business Arising

#### 4.0 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

A pecuniary interest is an interest that a person has in a matter because of a reasonable likelihood or expectation of appreciable financial gain or loss the person or another person with whom the person is associated.

A person does not have a pecuniary interest in a matter if the interest is so remote or insignificant that it could not reasonably be regarded as likely to influence any decision a person might make in relation to a matter.

Councillor/Officer	Item	Nature of Interest

#### 5.0 PUBLIC FORUM

#### 5.1 Goldenfields Water County Council Mr Andrew Grant – General Manager of Goldenfields Water – will make a presentation on the data network and the offer of Traineeships

#### 6.0 MAYORAL MINUTE

#### 7.0 NOTICES OF MOTION

#### 7.1 NSW Country Mayors Association

The following Notice of Motion has been submitted by the Mayor Neil Pokoney:

#### **Recommendation:**

That Council apply for membership of the NSW Country Mayors Association.

#### Introduction

Council accepted an invitation to attend a meeting of the NSW Country Mayors Association in Sydney on 8 August 2014. This meeting coincided with a meeting of the Association of Mining Related Councils and both forums were attended by the Mayor and Deputy Mayor. The agenda for the NSW Country Mayors Association meeting is attached for information.

The Association meets on a quarterly basis and at each meeting the agenda usually includes at least two guest speakers who are preferably Ministers or senior state government bureaucrats.

#### Conclusion

The NSW Country Mayors Association offers a higher role and profile given the ongoing changes within the Local Government industry.

#### **Financial Implications**

The Secretariat has advised ... "the current membership fees are \$750 pa which will be fixed at the AGM on 14 November for the 2015 year. At that meeting it is expected that the fee will not change except for the introduction of a fee for Councils with a population of less than 10,000 which will be recommended to be 75% of that fee."

The cost of travel and accommodation on at least four occasions throughout the year is estimated at \$3,000. Council has made no provision in its budget for such expenditure.



## Country Mayors Association of NEW SOUTH WALES

Chairman: Cr Rod Kendall PO Box 20, Wagga Wagga NSW 2650 02 69269111 ABN 92 803 490 533

## NOTICE OF GENERAL MEETING

A General Meeting of the Country Mayors Association of NSW Inc will be held on **8 August 2014**, Jumbanna Room (Country Embassy, Trade & Investment Centre), Level 47. MLC Centre, 19 Martin Place, (Corner King and Castlereagh Streets) SYDNEY commencing at 9.30am.

### Agenda

- 1. Attendance
- 2. Adoption of Minutes of Previous Meeting 13 June 2014 (Copy Attached)
- 3. Matters Arising from Minutes
- 4. 9.45am Presentation Hon Paul Toole MP, Minister for Local Government

#### 5. Membership

Applications have been received from Jerilderie Shire Council and Walcha Council to join the Association

Recommendation That Jerilderie Shire Council and Walcha Council be admitted as members of the Association

#### 6. Correspondence

Outward

- (a) IPWEA NSW supporting the NSW Local Roads Congress seeking greater financial and other opportunities for Local Government
- (b) Ms Fiona Simson thanking her for her presentation to the June meeting
- (c) Mr John Robertson MP, Leader of the Opposition thanking him for his presentation to the June Meeting
- (d) Glen Innes Severn Council extending an invitation to join the Association
- (e) Tumut Shire Council extending an invitation to join the Association

Inward

- (a) Jerilderie Shire Council advising that Council has resolved to join the Association
- (b) Walca Council advising that council has resolved to join the Association

- (c) Hon Paul Toole MP, Minister for Local Government, Re Financial Assistance Grants (Copy Attached)
- 7. Financial Report (Copy Attached)
- 8. 10.45am Presentation Hon Brad Hazzard MP, Attorney General and Minister for Justice
- 9. 11.30am Presentation Mr Iain McGregor, Project Developer and Energy Data Analyst, Smart Commercial Solar

#### **10. General Business**

- (a) Financial Assistance Grants Position Paper (Copy Attached)
- (b) Drought in North Western NSW (Coonamble)

#### **11. Next Meeting**

The date of the next meeting is scheduled for Friday, 14 November 2014



## Country Mayors Association of NEW SOUTH WALES

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### MINUTES

#### **GENERAL MEETING**

FRIDAY, 13 JUNE 2014, COUNTRY EMBASSY, SYDNEY

The meeting opened at 9.32 a.m.

#### 1. ATTENDANCE:

Albury City Council, Cr Kevin Mack, Mayor Albury City Council, Mr Frank Zaknich, General Manager Armidale Dumaresg Council, Cr Laurie Bishop, Mayor Bathurst Regional Council, Mr David Sherley, General Manager Berrigan Shire Council, Cr Bernard Curtin, Mayor Coffs Harbour City Council, Cr Denise Knight, Mayor Coffs Harbour City Council, Mr Stephen McGrath, General Manager Coonamble Shire Council, Cr Ahmad Karanouh, Mayor Deniliquin Shire Council, Cr Lindsay Renwick, Mayor Deniliquin Shire Council, Mr Des Bilske, General Manager Dubbo City Council, Mr Mark Riley, General Manager Eurobodalla Shire Council, Cr Lindsay Brown, Mayor Griffith City Council, Cr John Dal Broi, Mayor Griffith City Council, Mr Brett Stonestreet, General Manager Gunnedah Shire Council, Cr Gae Swain, Deputy Mayor Harden Shire Council, Cr Chris Manchester, Mayor Jerilderie Shire Council, Mr Craig Moffitt, General Manager Moree Plains Shire Council, Cr Katrina Humphries, Mayor Moree Plains Shire Council, Mr David Aber, General Manager Narrabri Shire Council, Cr Conrad Bolton, Mayor Shoalhaven City Council, Cr Allan Baptist, Assistant Deputy Mayor Tamworth Regional Council, Cr Col Murray, Mayor Temora Shire Council, Cr Rick Firman, Mayor Temora Shire Council, Mr Gary Lavelle, General Manager Tumbarumba Shire Council, Cr Ian Chaffey, Mayor Urana Shire Council, Cr Patrick Bourke, Mayor Urana Shire Council, Mr Adrian Butler, General Manager Wagga Wagga City Council, Cr Rod Kendall, Mayor

Wagga Wagga City Council, Mr Phil Pinyon, General Manager Wakool Shire Council, Mr Bruce Graham, General Manager Walcha Shire Council, Cr Janelle Archdale, Mayor Walcha Shire Council, Mr Jack O'Hara, General Manager Warrumbungle Shire Council, Cr Peter Shinton, Mayor Warrumbungle Shire Council, Mr Steve Loane, General Manager

#### **APOLOGIES:**

As submitted

#### SPECIAL GUESTS:

John Robertson MP, Leader of the Opposition and Shadow Minister for Western Sydney Fiona Simson, President, NSW Farmers

#### 2. Adoption of Minutes of Previous Meeting:

RESOLVED that the minutes of the General Meeting held on 14 March 2014 be accepted as a true and accurate record (Moree Plains Shire Council / Tamworth Regional Council).

## 3. Matters Arising from the Minutes NIL

#### 4. Membership

RESOLVED That Urana Shire Council and Wakool Shire Council be admitted as members of the Association

#### 5. **C**ORRESPONDENCE

#### Outward

- (a) Mr Geoff Frost, Director of Regional Research, Bureau of Infrastructure, Transport and Regional Economics thanking him for his presentation
- (b) Hon Don Page MP, Minister for Local Government and Minister for North Coast thanking him for his presentation
- (c) Br Bill Gillooly AM, chief Executive Officer, Local Government NSW, forwarding position paper on Planning Reform and Population and Housing Projections and asking for their comments
- (d) Letters to new Ministers and Ministers with changed portfolios congratulating them on their appointments and extending invitations to them to attend a future meeting

#### Inward

(a) Hon Paul Toole MP, Minister for Local Government, thanking the Association for its congratulations and advising that he will attend the August meeting of the Association

- (b) Hon Jai Rowell MP, Minister for Mental Health, and Assistant Minister for Health thanking the Association for its congratulations and advising his office will be in touch regarding his attendance at a future meeting
- (c) Daryl Maguire MP, Parliamentary Secretary for Rural and Regional Affairs, thanking the Association for its congratulations and advising he would be happy to be a presenter at a future meeting NOTED

#### 6. FINANCIAL REPORT

RESOLVED That the financial reports for the last quarter were tabled and accepted (Moree Plains Shire Council / Tamworth Regional Council)

#### 7. Country Mayors Association Constitution

RESOLVED That clauses 5, 6 and 19 remain unaltered (Moree Plains Shire Council / Gunnedah Shire Council)

#### 8. **PRESENTATIONS**

## 8.1 John Robertson MP, Leader of the Opposition and Shadow Minister for Western Sydney

Many challenges are facing rural NSW to keep up the delivery of services and blockages are caused by the bureaucracy. Coalition Governments in both and State and Commonwealth have introduced or are introducing changes that have deferred Constitutional Recognition of Local Government and are affecting grant funding to councils or promises have been slow to be implemented. Labor is digesting the affects of these changes.

Labor will

- Put people at the heart and centre of what they do
- Take note of ideas put forward to grow our regions
- Create 800 Mathematics and Science scholarships
- Create a dedicated fund to support employment programs
- Create NSW Jobs Commission
- Have a moratorium on Coal Seam Gas
- Keep regional rail corridors in public hands
- Maximise agricultural exports and opportunities to Asia
- Keep engaging with local government

## 8.2 Fiona Simson, President, NSW Farmers and Matt Brand CEO, NSW Farmers

NSW Farmers has 31 staff and a policy team of 10. NSDW Farmers is not against extractive industries but is opposed to affecting aquifers. NSW Farmers is looking

at continuing engagement with Local Government and is working on the following policy areas

- Planning Laws
- Protection of Land and Water
- Reform Native vegetation Laws
- Triple Bottom line planning for water
- Strategically and adequately resourced approach to weeds and pest animals

Key issues are being investigated in the following areas

- Economics and Rural Affairs
- Grain Harvest Management Scheme
- Livestock Loading
- Extensive Livestock
- Cropping and Horticulture

#### 9. General Business

(a) The Impact of the Commonwealth Budget on local Government

Councils were urged to write to their local MP's both State and Commonwealth to outline the financial affect on their council

(b) NSW Local Roads Congress Calls for Action on infrastructure Funding

RESOLVED That The Country Mayors Association endorse the Congress Communique (Eurobodalla Shire Council / Albury City Council)

(c) Installation of Solar Systems

A representative from Smart Commercial Solar is to be invited to give a presentation to the August meeting

(d) Radio Frequency Identification Devices

Warrumbungle shire to forward a report to the Secretariat for consideration at the August meeting

(e) Financial Assistance Grants

RESOLVED That a Position Paper be prepared on Financial Assistance Grants (Gunnedah Shire Council / Griffith City Council)

There being no further business the meeting closed at 12.00pm.

Cr Rod Kendall Chair – Country Mayor's Association of NSW



## The Hon Paul Toole MP









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Dear Cir Kendall

Chairman

PO Box 20

Thank you for your letter of 27 May 2014 on behalf of the Country Mayors Association about the Federal Government's decision to pause indexation on local government Financial Assistance Grants (FAGs). Your letter to the Treasurer, the Hon Andrew Constance MP, on this matter has also been referred to me for direct reply.

The NSW Government shares the Association's concern regarding the Federal Government's decision to suspend indexation of these grants and to also withdraw funding for pensioner concessions under the National Partnership Agreement. I also appreciate that the timing of these decisions has made councils' 2014/15 budget preparation more difficult.

I am pleased to advise however, that the NSW Government has moved to shield councils from the impact of the cessation of the National Partnership Agreement by including additional funding in the 2014-15 NSW Budget for the continued reimbursement to councils of 55% of the cost of pensioner concessions. The Government has committed to this additional funding for 2014/15 while representations are made to the Federal Government to reinstate its contributions to local government.

Looking beyond 2014/15, and if the Federal Government does not reverse its decision to pause the FAGs indexation, any council that believes it cannot manage within the rate peg determined by IPART may need to consider applying for a special rate variation.

Thank you again for bringing the Association's concerns to my attention and I trust this clarifies the situation for you.

Yours sincerely

and Toole

Paul Toole MP Minister

#### Financial Assistance Grants [FAGS] to Local Government

The Country Mayors Association of NSW calls on the Federal Government to:

- 1. Reinstate indexation of the Financial Assistance Grants to Local Government
- 2. Seek a systemic review of these Grants.

#### **FAGs History**

Local government revenue comes from three main sources - taxation (rates), user charges and grants from Federal and State/Territory governments. Overall, councils raise about 91 per cent of their own revenue, with grants and subsidies only making up about 9 per cent. Individual councils, particularly those in rural and regional areas have very differing abilities to raise revenue, which may not be apparent when considering national or even state averages.

Rates account for about 38 percent of total revenue. Rates comprise just 3 percent of tax raised by all levels of government and is the only tax levied by local government, of the [approximately] 260 taxes in Australia.

About one third of total local government revenue comes from user charges.

As at 2009–10, local government in Australia had a net worth of \$312.4 billion, with assets worth \$327.9 billion and liabilities worth \$15.5 billion.

The Financial Assistance Grant is currently provided under the *Local Government (Financial Assistance) Act 1995* (the Act), and consists of two components:

- **1.** a general purpose component which is distributed between the States and Territories according to population (i.e. on a per capita basis), and
- **2.** an identified local road component which is distributed between the States and Territories according to fixed historical shares.

In 1994/95 the FAGs grants totalled 1.036% of Commonwealth Tax Revenue. By 2013/14 this had fallen to 0.664%. This allocation will continue to fall to .0545% by 2017/18 under the current budget announcements.

#### **National Principles for Grant Allocation**

Local government grants commissions have been established in each state and the Northern Territory to recommend the distribution of the Financial Assistance Grants to local governing bodies in accordance with the *Local Government (Financial Assistance) Act 1995* and the National Principles for allocating grants.

Subsection 3(2) of the Act explains the objects of the Parliament in enacting the *Local Government (Financial Assistance) Act 1995* are to provide financial assistance to the States for the purposes of improving:

- the financial capacity of local governing bodies; and
- the capacity of local governing bodies to provide their residents with an equitable level of services; and

- the certainty of funding for local governing bodies; and
- the efficiency and effectiveness of local governing bodies; and
- the provision by local governing bodies of services to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities.

#### "Pause" of FAGS Indexation

In May 2014, the Federal Treasurer on behalf of the Commonwealth Government decided as part of the 2014-15 Federal Budget to 'pause' Financial Assistance Grants to local government for three years from 2014-15.

The decision announced by the Federal Treasurer in the Commonwealth Budget on 13 May 2014 to 'pause' indexation of Financial Assistance Grants to local government will cost communities an estimated \$925 million by 2017/18. With the base level of FAGS permanently reduced by almost 13%, the total impact is \$3.511 billion by 2024/25.

Financial Assistance Grants are critically important sources of untied funding to allow communities across Australia access to services and a reasonable standard of infrastructure. These grants help maintain and replace local roads, bridges, swimming pools, parks, libraries and community facilities.

By way of example, Local Government is responsible for almost 85% of the total road network of 900,083 kms across Australia. The States and Commonwealth raise approximately \$18.4 billion in road related taxes each year, and the Commonwealth provides approximately \$1.2 billion annually in road funding to local councils.

It is estimated that local roads are underfunded by around 3 billion dollars each year.

Local government has long called upon the Commonwealth to provide FAGS at 1.0% of taxation revenue to allow local governments to address the ever increasing backlog of infrastructure maintenance and renewal required which is estimated to be increasing by over \$2 billion each year.

If Local Government had been provided with just 1.0% of Commonwealth Tax Revenue Local Government would receive an additional \$1.146B annually, going a long way to meeting the backlog.

#### Conclusion

It is well recognised that the Commonwealth Government has decided it needed to reduce spending and Local Government respects that right. We contend however that spending should be cut in areas where there have been significant and real increases in programmed expenditure and in areas where the national benefit is questioned.

As Dr Ken Henry, when Secretary of the Department of Treasury said in his report to the Commonwealth Treasurer on *Australia's Future Tax System* [the Henry Report] in May 2010 ...."... it would be unwise to plan for nothing more than minimal change... the drivers for reform, the vital role local government plays in our society, and the breadth of possible changes, all present opportunities for local government to raise longstanding issues about the adequacy and certainty of its revenue in a new light, and to seek systemic rather than ad hoc improvements."

[As quoted by the Australian Centre of Excellence for Local Government.]

### COUNTRY MAYORS ASSOCIATION OF NSW INC

#### **BALANCE SHEET**

#### 30-Jun-14

2012/2013		2013/2014
\$	ASSETS	\$
100,856.85	Cash on Hand - Commonwealth Cheque Account Cash on Hand - Commonwealth Savings Account Debtors - Membership Fees	69.87 91,682.64
100,856.85	TOTAL ASSETS	91,752.51
	EQUITY	
70,152.20	Members Equity	70,152.20
26,187.61	Retained Earnings	2,941.80
(23,245.81)	Current Year Surplus/Deficit	(9,104.34)
27,762.85	Historical Balancing	27,762.85
100,856.85	TOTAL EQUITY	91,752.51
0.00		0.00

### COUNTRY MAYORS ASSOCIATION OF NSW INC

#### PROFIT & LOSS STATEMENT FOR PERIOD 1/7/2013 TO 30/6/2014

2012/2013 \$		2013/2014 \$
Ŧ	INCOME	Ť
31,500.00	Membership Fees Interest on Savings Account	27,000.00 1,682.64
31,500.00	TOTAL INCOME	28,682.64
	EXPENSES	
120.00	Bank Fees	120.00
23,455.00	Donations	1,000.00
0.00	Dues & Subscriptions	0.00
3,706.49	Meeting Costs	4,583.00
0.00	Bookkeeping Services	0.00
0.00	Travel Expenses Chairman	257.00
	Lodgement Fees	220.00
27,464.32	Secretariat Expenses	31,606.98
54,745.81	TOTAL EXPENSES	37,786.98
(23,245.81)	NET SUPLUS/ (DEFICIT)	(9,104.34)

#### COUNTRY MAYORS ASSOCIATION OF NSW Inc INCOME CASH BOOK

	Mei	nbership	Misc			1	1
Date From Whom	Receipt	Fees	Income	Paid		Invoice	
31/07/2013 Mid-Western Shire Council	\$	750.00		\$ 750		000273	
31/07/2013 Tamworth Regional Council	\$	750.00		\$ 750		000281	
1/08/2013 Albury City Council	\$	750.00		\$ 750		000246	
1/08/2013 Armidale Dumaresq Council	\$	750.00		\$ 750		000247	
1/08/2013 Bellingen Shire Council	\$	750.00		\$ 750		000250	
1/08/2013 Inverell Shire Council	\$	750.00		\$ 750		000269	
1/08/2013 Tumbarumba Shire Council	\$	750.00		\$ 750		000283	
2/08/2013 Wagga Wagga City Council	\$	750.00		\$ 750		000285	
6/08/2013 Forbes Shire Council	\$	750.00		\$ 750		000262	
6/08/2013 Gloucester Shire Council	\$	750.00		\$ 750		000263	
7/08/2013 Orange City Council	\$	750.00		\$ 750		000276	
8/08/2013 Ballina Council	\$	750.00		\$ 750		000248	
8/08/2013 Moree Plains Council	\$	750.00		\$ 750		000274	
8/08/2013 Shoalhaven City Council	\$	750.00		\$ 750		000280	
8/08/2013 Yass Valley Council	\$	750.00		\$ 750		000287	
9/08/2013 Eurobodalla Shire Council	\$	750.00		\$ 750		000261	
9/08/2013 Lithgow City Council	\$	750.00		\$ 750		000271	
9/08/2013 Queanbeyan City Council	\$	750.00		\$ 750		000278	
12/08/2013 Boorawa Shire Council	\$	750.00		\$ 750		000252	
13/08/2013 Coffs Harbour City Council	\$	750.00		\$ 750		000256	
14/08/2013 Greater Taree Council	\$	750.00		\$ 750		000265	
15/08/2013 Narrabri Shire Council	\$	750.00		\$ 750		000275	
15/08/2013 Temora Shire Council	\$	750.00		\$ 750		000282	
15/08/2013 Warrumbungle Shire Council	\$	750.00		\$ 750		000286	
16/08/2013 Deniliquin Council	\$	750.00		\$ 750		000259	
16/08/2013 Liverpools Plains Shire Council	\$	750.00		\$ 750		000272	
21/08/2013 Dubbo City Council	\$	750.00		\$ 750		000260	
22/08/2013 Parks Shire Council	\$	750.00		\$ 750 \$ 750		000277	
23/08/2013 Upper Lachlan Council	\$ \$	750.00 750.00		\$ 750 \$ 750		000284	
23/08/2013 Clarence Valley Council	\$ \$					000255	
29/08/2013 Berrigan Shire Council	\$ \$	750.00 750.00		\$ 750 \$ 750		000251 000268	
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Cancelled Richmond Valley Council						000264	Cancelled Membership
4/09/2013 Bathurst Regional Council	s	750.00		\$ 750	00	000279	Cancelled Membership
4/09/2013 Bathurst Regional Council Cancelled Broken Hill City Council	Þ	100.00			- 00	000249	Cancelled Membership
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4/09/2013 Cowra Shire Council	\$ \$	750.00 750.00		\$ \$750		000254	Nang Jan 2014 No response Gancer membership
30/08/2013 Cowra Shire Council	\$ \$	750.00 750.00		\$ 750		000258	
30/08/2013 Griffith City Council 30/08/2013 Gunnedah Shire Council	\$ \$	750.00 750.00		\$ 750		000266	
Cancelled Lismore City Council	Þ	100.00		\$ 750	.00	000267	Cancelled Membership
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Interest on Business Savings Account	Paid	Ì	
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September			
October	143.84		
November	212.63		
December	206.21		
January	207.19		
February	192.91		
March	167.47		
April	185.76		
May	180.13		
June	186.5		
	\$ 1,682.64		

#### COUNTRY MAYORS ASSOCIATION OF NSW Inc EXPENDITURE CASH BOOK

			E	Bank		Dues &	Meeting	Bookkeeping	Lodgement	Licence	Secretariat	Travel Exp		1
Date	To Whom	Cheque	F	Fees	Donations	Subscriptions	Costs	Services	Fees	Fees	Services	Accommo	BANK	
1/07/2012	Account Service Fee	Bank Statement	\$	10.00									\$ 10.00	-
1/08/2013	Account Service Fee	Bank Statement	\$	10.00									\$ 10.00	
31/07/2013	Royal Far West - Catering and Donation	154			\$ 1,000.00		\$ 300.00						\$ 1,300.00	Ρ
	Alkanat Consulting - Secretariat Services 27/06/13 to 21/08/13	155									\$ 5,617.89		\$ 5,617.89	Р
	Account Service Fee	Bank Statement	\$	10.00									\$ 10.00	
24/09/2013	NSW Trade & Investment - Meeting 16/08/2013	156					\$ 1,447.02						\$ 1,447.02	Р
	NSW Fair Trading - Lodgement Financial Affairs Summary 2011, 2012	157							\$ 168.00				\$ 168.00	Ρ
	Account Service Fee	Bank Statement	\$	10.00									\$ 10.00	
	Account Service Fee	Bank Statement	\$	10.00									\$ 10.00	
	NSW Fair Trading - Lodgement Financial Affairs Summary 2013	158							\$ 52.00				\$ 52.00	
	Alkanat Consulting - Secretariat Services 22/08/13 to 18/11/13	159									\$ 7,406.11		\$ 7,406.11	Р
	Account Service Fee	Bank Statement	\$	10.00									\$ 10.00	
	Alkanat Consulting - Secretariat Services 19/11/13 to 11/12/2013	160									\$ 4,438.25		\$ 4,438.25	
	NSW Trade & Investment - Meeting 15/11/2013	161					\$ 1,213.99						\$ 1,213.99	Р
	Account Service Fee	Bank Statement	\$	10.00									\$ 10.00	
	Account Service Fee	Bank Statement	\$	10.00									\$ 10.00	
	Account Service Fee	Bank Statement	\$	10.00									\$ 10.00	
	Councillor Brown Accommodation	162										\$ 257.00	\$ 257.00	
	Alkanat Consulting - Secretariat Services 12/12/2013 to 18/3/2014	163									\$ 7,001.71		\$ 7,001.71	
	Account Service Fee		\$	10.00									\$ 10.00	
	Account Service Fee		\$	10.00									\$ 10.00	
	Account Service Fee	Bank Statement	\$	10.00									\$ 10.00	
	NSW Trade & Investment - Meeting 14/03/2014	164					\$ 1,621.99						\$ 1,621.99	
24/06/2014	Alkanat Consulting - Secretariat Services 18/03/2014 - 18/06/2014	165									\$ 7,143.02		\$ 7,143.02	
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#### COUNTRY MAYORS ASSOCIATION OF NSW Inc BANK RECONCILIATION TO: 30/06/2014

Cash Book Balance 1/7/2013		Che \$	que Account 100,856.85	Savi	ngs Account
Deposits YTD		\$	27,000.00	\$	1,682.64
Expendtiure YTD Funds Transfers YTD		\$ -\$	37,786.98 90,000.00	\$	90,000.00
Cash Book Balance	30/06/2014	\$	69.87	\$	91,682.64
Balance as per Bank Statement		\$	69.87	\$	91,682.64
Plus O/S Deposits		\$	-		
Less Unpresented Cheques					
Cash Book Balance	30/06/2014	\$	69.87	\$	91,682.64

Total Councils as members	36
Price	750
Total Income	\$ 27,000.00
Paid	\$ 27,000.00
Variance	0

#### 7.2 Community Water Resources

The following Notice of Motion has been submitted by Cr McGlynn:

#### **Recommendation:**

That Bland Shire Council develop a program, within its current funding structure, to enhance its ability to supply water to its "green spaces", including parks and playing fields, in order to be able to best withstand an 8 year drought.

#### 7.3 Donation – The Long Ride

The following Notice of Motion has been submitted by Cr McGlynn:

#### **Recommendation:**

That Council make a donation of \$1,000 to The Long Ride 2014 in support of the Prostate Cancer Foundation Australia.

Council has been working with the organisers of The Lone Ride 2014 which may see up to 300 motorcycle riders (civilian and defence) staying in West Wyalong on Monday 29 September 2014.

The Long Ride 2014 is a charity event to raise money for The Prostate Cancer Foundation, Australia (PCFA) and to promote men's health matters. The target is to get as many motorcycle riders from across Australia to ride from all areas across Australia, in support of the PCFA. The aim of the Long Ride is to promote awareness of Prostate Cancer and to make men take direct positive carriage of their own health issues. Promoting safe motorcycling throughout Australia.

The Long Ride will travel from Sydney to Uluru via Port Augusta and will be staying at the following locations:

- West Wyalong Monday 29 September 2014
- Swan Hill Tuesday 30 September 2014
- Tanunda Wednesday 1 October 2014
- Port Augusta Thursday 2 October 2014
- Coober Pedy Friday 3 October 2014
- Uluru Saturday 4 October 2014

#### 8.0 DELEGATES & ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORTS

Section 1 – Delegates & Advisory Committee Reports & Minutes (for information)

#### 9.0 STAFF REPORTS

That the Council receive the staff reports.

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**12.1** Sale Of Lot 6 Calleen Street In The Industrial Estate Local Government Act (Section 10A(2)(d)(i) The matters and information are commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it.

#### 13.0 RESUMPTION OF THE MEETING AND CONSIDERATION OF RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE CLOSED SECTION OF THE MEETING

#### 14.0 CLOSE OF THE MEETING

### SECTION 1 – DELEGATES & ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORTS

Our leadership Setting a benchmark for community standards

Vision: A well run council acting as the voice of the community

*DP15.2 Working in partnership with community groups, advisory committees, Government Departments, businesses and Council staff* 

**Officer's Recommendation:** 

That the Council receive and note the delegate and advisory committee reports from Councillors and Advisory Committee meeting minutes as presented.

Section 1 – Delegates & Advisory Committee Reports & Minutes (for information)

Committee	Date/s	Minutes attached
Access Advisory Committee	1 <sup>st</sup> August 2014	
(Cr Grellman)	7 <sup>th</sup> November 2014	
Australian Rural Roads Group Inc	17 <sup>th</sup> June 2014	✓
(Cr Grellman)		
Bland Rural Fire District Zone Liaison Committee		
(Cr Grellman, Cr Keatley - alternate)		
Bland – Temora RFS Zone Bushfire Management Committee		
(Cr Grellman, Cr Keatley - alternate)	the	
Cowal Gold Project Community Environmental	4 <sup>th</sup> June 2014	~
Monitoring & Consultative Committee (CEMCC)	3 <sup>rd</sup> September 2014	
(Mayor Pokoney, Cr McGlynn - alternate/observer, Cr Hampton - observer)		
Cultural Advisory Committee	25 <sup>th</sup> August 2014	
(Cr McGlynn, Cr Keatley)	24 <sup>th</sup> November 2014	
Economic Development Committee		
Goldenfields Water County Council Board	28 <sup>th</sup> August 2014	
(Cr Templeton)		
Health & Wellbeing Advisory Committee		
(Cr Lord, Cr Monaghan, Cr Grellman, Cr McGlynn)		
Heritage Advisory Committee	9 <sup>th</sup> July 2014	✓
(Cr McGlynn, Cr Grellman)	6 <sup>th</sup> August 2014	✓
	3 <sup>rd</sup> September 2014	
Indigenous Advisory Committee	22 <sup>nd</sup> July 2014	✓
(Cr McGlynn, Cr Grellman)	28 <sup>th</sup> October 2014	

MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF BLAND HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS WEST WYALONG ON TUESDAY 19 AUGUST 2014

MAYOR

Local Traffic Advisory Committee (Mayor Pokoney, Cr Grellman - alternate)	2 <sup>nd</sup> December 2014	
Murrumbidgee Medicare Local Board (Cr Monaghan)	20 <sup>th</sup> March 2014	
Museums Advisory Committee (Cr Lord, Cr Keatley)	24 <sup>th</sup> September 2014	
Newell Highway Taskforce (Cr Lord)	13 <sup>th</sup> May 2014 12 <sup>th</sup> August 2014	✓
NSW Association of Mining Related Councils (Cr McGlynn, Cr Hampton)	9 <sup>th</sup> May 2014 7 <sup>th</sup> August 2014	✓
Plant Committee (Cr Grellman, Cr Templeton, Cr Lord) Public Libraries NSW South-West Zone		
Riverina Eastern Regional Organisation of Councils (REROC)	26 <sup>th</sup> August 2014	
(Mayor Pokoney) Riverina Regional Tourism (Cr Lord)	29 <sup>th</sup> April 2014 10 <sup>th</sup> June 2014	✓
Visitor Economy & Tourism Advisory Committee of the Whole (Whole of Council)		



#### Minutes Annual General Meeting Australian Rural Road Group (Incorporated)

Date: Location: Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup>June 2014 The Swan Room National Convention Centre 31 Constitution Avenue CANBERRA ACT 2601

Commenced: 12.39 pm

#### PRESENT

Speakers:

Mr Luke Fraser Juturna Consulting Pty Ltd Mr Ron Collins NRMA Regional Policy Specialist Government Relations and Public Policy

Representatives from:

Baw Baw Shire Council, VIC Cabonne Shire Council, NSW Cassowary Coast Regional Council, QLD Circular Head Council, TAS City of Greater Bendigo, VIC Colac Ottway Shire Council, VIC Corangamite Shire Council, VIC Glen Innes Shire Council, NSW Glenelg Shire Council, VIC Shire of Dandaragan, WA Greater Taree City Council, NSW Gunnedah Shire Council, NSW Gwydir Shire Council, NSW Inverell Shire Council, NSW Isaac Regional Council, QLD Junee Shire Council, NSW Lockyer Valley Regional Council, QLD Mackay Regional Council, QLD Mildura Rural City Council, VIC Narrabri Shire Council, NSW North Burnett Regional Council, QLD Renmark Paringa Shire Council, SA

Southern Downs Regional Council, QLD Tamworth Regional Council, NSW Tatiara District Council, SA Toowoomba Regional Council, QLD Tenterfield Shire Council, NSW (Note attendance list misplaced so it is possible that other Councils were represented)

#### APOLOGIES

Cr. Donna Stewart, Balonne Shire Council, QLD	Mr. David Aber, Moree Plains Shire Council NSW
Mr. Peter O'May, Banana Shire Council, QLD	Cr. Katrina Humphries, Moree Plains Shire Council NSW
Cr. Peter Grellman, Bland Shire Council, NSW	Cr. Sue Price, Moree Plains Shire Council, NSW
Cr. Lyn Russell, Colac Ottway Shire Council, VIC	Cr. Doukas, Moyne Shire Council, VIC
Cr. Alan Suiter, District Council of Ceduna, SA	Cr. Rhonda Hoban, Nambucca Council, NSW
Cr. Laurie Collins, District Council of Tumby Bay SA	Mr. Greg Lamont, Narromine Shire Council, NSW
Cr. Ash Walker, Gilgandra Shire Council, NSW	Cr. Peter Shinton, Warrumbungle Shire Council, NSW
Mr. Rolly Lawford, Gilgandra Shire Council, NSW	Mr. Steve Loane, Warrumbungle Shire Council, NSW
Mr. James Davis, Junee Shire Council, NSW	Mr. Kevin Tighe, Warrumbungle Shire Council, NSW
Cr. Geoff Curnow, Loddon Shire Council, VIC	

#### **RESOLVED:**

THAT the apologies, as listed, are accepted.

#### **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

#### **RESOLVED:**

THAT the minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> June 2013 are confirmed as a true and accurate record.

#### **GUEST SPEAKER**

#### Juturna Consulting Pty Ltd

Mr Luke Fraser, Principal Juturna Consulting Pty Ltd, gave a presentation to the meeting outlining the work already undertaken on behalf of the ARRG by his consultancy.

Luke outlined the inroads being made and the current project being undertaken relating to the productivity improvements that can be gained by targeted expenditure that addresses the commercial interests of the transport operators.

#### NRMA

The meeting was also addressed briefly by Mr Ron Collins Regional policy specialist government relations and public policy from the NRMA. Mr Collins outlined the current work being undertaken by the NRMA regarding fuel security into the future. The meeting was advised that by 2030 100% of Australia's liquid fuel will be imported – what happens if the boats stop coming?

The estimated days of fuel stock in 2000 was greater than 30 days, by 2015 the reserves will be 22 days and this will reduce to less than 20 by 2030.

More information on this issue can be found at <u>http://www.mynrma.com.au/about/australias-liquid-fuel-security.htm</u>

#### **FINANCIAL REPORT**

#### Australian Rural Roads Group

#### Operating Statement to 31st May 2014

#### INCOME

Membership Renewals	\$ 30,863.95
	\$ 30,863.95
EXPENDITURE	
Fair Trading Fees	\$ 261.47
Accommodation	\$ 548.13
Advertising	\$ 10,593.00
Airfares	\$ 2,116.71
Artwork	\$ 321.00
Unpaid Memberships	\$ 24,000.00
	\$ 37,840.31
Surplus/(Deficit) for Project	(\$ - 6,976.36)

#### **RESOLVED:**

THAT the Financial Report as at 31 May 2014 is accepted.

#### CHAIR'S ANNUAL REPORT

#### The Year in Review 2013/2014

The past year has seen great progress for the Australian Rural Road Group Inc. (ARRG) with the launch of the nationally significant accord between Infrastructure Australia and the Australian Rural Road Group (ARRG) known as *The Bingara Accord.* This endorsement provides a major breakthrough in support of the ARRG approach of asset management in road funding.

#### National Road Asset Reporting Pilot

Throughout the year, the ARRG has worked closely with Infrastructure Australia and seven local councils in New South Wales and Queensland to prove that accurate and international standard condition reports of every road could be easily generated – so that funding over time could go towards addressing the real problems of the road network.

The results of this research were recently launched by Infrastructure in their report the <u>National Road Asset Reporting Pilot</u>. This significant pilot report has demonstrated that once again, the ARRG, in partnership with Infrastructure Australia, is at the leading edge of road reform nationally. The report has validated that it is possible to monitor and report the true condition of all roads in Australia, thereby allowing the nation's collective road budget of \$19 billion to be distributed towards areas of greatest concern for productivity and safety. As Infrastructure Australia agrees, this would certainly see an improvement in the nation's roads over successive budget cycles.

The National Road Asset Reporting Pilot report achieved two very important things:

It proved beyond doubt that governments could monitor and report accurately on the condition of the nation's roads and start to allocate funds based on need and opportunity, not on blind formulas and pork barrelling.

It suggested that the private sector could be encouraged to invest in key rural and regional freight roads for productive returns – or at the very least that the asset reports gave local governments a much better basis for engaging with freight operators and producers to identify the most efficient investments.

This report has not only assisted in highlighting the problem; it has also offered a practical solution.

As the next step the ARRG is developing a submission to Infrastructure Australia for consideration by the Federal Government for a pilot funded project. The submission will involve the same seven councils involved in the collation of local road data for the standard condition reports.

This submission should aim to produce a business case for high-priority, highefficiency road upgrades and improved freight access across the road network of the participating LGAs, with a view to bundling individual or linked road projects into a \$100 million-plus overall project for consideration by Infrastructure Australia as a project of national significance. The submission aims to be recognised by Infrastructure Australia as nationally significant due to its innovative approach; it will be the first road plan anywhere in Australia to bring together:

- Acknowledged best practice in road asset condition reporting with clear and consistent asset condition reports across the network informing the submission
- 2. Present priorities and service level trade-offs across the asset as a counterbalance to proposed upgrades, built on contemporary asset condition assessments
- 3. Show how market-led road infrastructure planning and investments which work with rail and ports and investors can deliver better, less-cost freight paths to market
- 4. The first local government road plan to work directly with rail and port and capital investors on road solutions that complement the entire freight task to and from port
- 5. Consideration of private sector user-pays investments in commerciallyattractive parts of the road network to augment limited public funds

If successful, the project guidelines will act as a template for other groupings of councils to consider working together to develop a business case for a substantial upgrade to the local road network, supported by a business case detailing the potential productivity improvements that may be gained, supported by the relevant data.

#### **Roads to Recovery**

Over the months of June and July 2013, the ARRG requested member councils to participate in an online survey. Amongst other rural road related issues, the questions in the survey asked for input specifically related to the Roads to Recover Program.

It appears from the online survey results that the Roads to Recovery Program funding is, on the whole, being directed to local rural roads by the rural councils surveyed. Although this is an objective of the Roads to Recovery Program, the anecdotal evidence is that councils have become reliant on this funding to remain sustainable from both an infrastructure renewal perspective and to enable the council to maintain their present staffing levels.

Improving accessibility to the Roads to Recovery Program, particularly to increased funding of local roads, has been a platform of the ARRG since its

inception. Provision of all-weather access roads has become a critical part of providing support to the Australian agricultural economy.

#### National Local Roads and Transport Congress held at the Alice Springs Convention Centre in Alice Springs, Northern Territory from 12 - 14 November 2013

Executive members of the ARRG were present at the National Local Roads and Transport Congress held at the Alice Springs Convention Centre in Alice Springs, Northern Territory from 12 - 14 November 2013. The theme and focus for the Congress was 'Sustaining our Roads – Good business, Good governance, Good bottom line'. The ARRG Treasurer Cr Sue Price (Moree Plains SC) gave an engaging presentation to strengthen the ARRG's case for an asset management approach to road funding with much support shown from the various councils attending from around the country.

#### **ARRG Recognition**

The following article was published in the Australian on 21 May 2014. It was an opinion piece written by The Hon. Anthony Albanese MP, the opposition spokesman for Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism. Members of the ARRG Executive met with Mr Albanese during his period as the relevant Minister and it was due to his encouragement that the ARRG undertook further research. The article was headed 'Data a key driver of road infrastructure strategy' and read:

#### 'BEFORE making important decisions about spending money, most Australians are smart enough to do their research.

When you decide, for example, that you want to buy a new house, you check out the market to make sure you get the best value for money.

Evidence is everything. The same rigor should apply to governments as they assess their spending priorities.

However, many Australians would be surprised to know that when it comes to literally billions of dollars spent a year on local roads, evidence to guide decision-making is scarce.

Australians have no way of knowing whether the road outside their home is being resealed to deliver productivity gains or whether it just happens to run past the house of the local mayor. We can do better. And the good news is that we have a template for reform that could significantly improve the quality of decision-making and the productivity of local communities, particularly those in rural and regional areas.

In 2008, the former Labor government created Infrastructure Australia (IA) to work with states to audit and rank major infrastructure projects according to their ability to contribute to productivity gains and jobs growth.

Based on its recommendations, Labor funded 15 out of 15 of the IA's most highly rated projects as part of an investment program that is boosting national productivity.

This nation-building program propelled Australia from 20th to first among OECD nations when it comes to infrastructure spending as a proportion of gross domestic product.

But while the big-ticket investments gained most of the public attention, IA was also fulfilling its task of driving policy reform.

Last year IA conducted a trial project that has proven that the same evidencebased decision making was possible with regard to local roads.

IA worked with eight local councils clustered around the Queensland-NSW border and assessed their importance to economic activity, amenity and safety.

These councils, including Balonne, Goondiwindi, Moree Plains and Narrabri, produce more than \$2 billion in agricultural production.

Despite warnings from bureaucrats that such an approach was impossible, it took council inspectors and workers only three months to assemble reliable comparative data on the condition of more than 2,200 local roads covering more than 13,000km.

Under the Bingara Accord, the member councils agreed to use this information to focus their road-funding decisions on driving economic prosperity, adopting the same evidence-based approach to roads as to every other class of infrastructure investment.

This makes sense. It is an approach that could be further developed across the nation.

Achieving value for the expenditure of public money must continue to be a core policy objective, especially when you consider that collectively the governments in this country spend \$20bn a year on building and maintaining roads.

The Bingara approach, championed by more than 100 rural and regional councils that are part of the Australian Rural Road Group, equips councils to invest in projects that will have the greatest potential to boost economic prosperity in their region.

The ARRG believes the data can open the door to harnessing private capital to help fund road works, just as IA developed innovative new private funding models for big national infrastructure projects.

For example, if several dozen grain producers living along a pothole-ridden country road all contributed to upgrading the roads, it is possible the productivity gains delivered by upgrading the road would boost their profits by an amount greater than they contributed to its repair.

But to make such judgments, you need data, data that should always be made public to give citizens the ability to assess the quality of decision-making.

Regrettably, legislative changes before the Senate would allow the commonwealth government the discretion to ban the publication of IA research.

That's a backward step and hopefully not an indication that the government does not believe in evidence-based decision-making.

In any event, there's a genuine appetite for reform within Australia's local government community. The ARRG remains an enthusiastic supporter of the Bingara approach.

Its chairman, Gwydir Shire mayor John Coulton, said earlier this year that better decision-making would allow councils to lift the productivity of the agricultural sector.

"A greater efficiency return of 5 per cent to 10 per cent on the national road expenditure of \$19bn annually will give a performance improvement of around \$1.9bn," Coulton told the *Moree Champion* earlier this year.

He went on to urge decision makers to ignore "nay-sayers" and commit to an evidence-based policy approach. Under the IA approach, Australians can have greater confidence than ever that investment is being directed to projects that add to amenity but also boost economic productivity.

Applying the same model to local road funding should be seen as unfinished business that will secure real productivity gains for the entire nation.'

#### **RESOLVED:**

THAT the Chair's report is accepted.

#### ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS

#### **RESOLVED**:

THAT in accordance with Clause 14 (1) and (2) it is noted that the following members continue in their roles:

Cr. John Coulton – NSW Gwydir Shire Council – Chairperson;

Cr. Sue Price - NSW Moree Plains Shire Council – Treasurer; and

Mr Max Eastcott – NSW Gwydir Shire Council – Secretary/Public Officer

#### **ELECTION OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

#### **RESOLVED**:

Cr. Lyn Russell – VIC Colac Otway Shire Council;

Cr Erika Vickery – SA Naracoorte Lucindale Council; and

Cr Peter Blundell – Queensland Southern Downs Regional Council

#### **APPLICATION TO CHANGE REPORTING PERIOD**

The Australian Rural Road Group Inc. is required to submit an Annual Summary of Financial Affairs form each year. The group's Annual General Meeting (AGM) is normally held in Canberra in mid June of each year to coincide with the National General Assembly. Currently, the AGM is being held before the end of financial year nominated in the constitution. To correct this, the Chair requests that the Secretary applies to Fair Trading NSW to change the financial reporting period to end on the 31<sup>st</sup> day of May each year.

#### **RESOLVED**:

THAT the Australian Rural Road Group Inc. apply to Fair Trading NSW to amend the financial year reporting period to end on the 31<sup>st</sup> day of May each year.

#### GENERAL BUSINESS

No matters of general business were raised.

#### **CLOSING COMMENTS**

The Chair thanked all present for their attendance and closed the meeting at 1.46 pm.



#### MINUTES

#### Annual General Meeting Australian Rural Road Group (Incorporated)

Date: Location: Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup>June 2013 The Swan Room National Convention Centre 31 Constitution Avenue CANBERRA ACT 2601

Commenced: 1.35pm

#### PRESENT

Mr. Mike Mrdak

Secretary, Department of Infrastructure and Transport

**Cobar Shire Council** 

Cr. Lilliane Brady OAM Mayor Mr. Gary Woodman General Manager

Colac Otway Shire Council

Cr. Lyn Russell Mayor

**Corrigin Shire Council** 

Cr. Lynette Baker Mr. Julian Murphy President Chief Executive Officer

**District Council of Grant** 

Cr. Richard Sage

**Griffith City Council** 

Mr. Brett Stonestreet General Manager

Mayor
### Gwydir Shire Council

Cr. John Coulton Cr. Angela Doering Mr. Max Eastcott Mr. Richard Jane Ms. Kellie Gill	Mayor (Chair) Councillor General Manager (Secretary) Director Engineering Services Administrative Support
Junee Shire Council	
Mr. Col Macaulay	Director of Engineering
Moree Plains Shire Council	
Cr. Sue Price Mr. David Aber	Deputy Mayor (Treasurer) General Manager
Naracoorte Lucindale Council	
Cr. Erica Vickery	Mayor
Narrabri Shire Council	
Cr. Conrad Bolton	Mayor
Shire of Kulin	
Cr. Jim Sullivan Mrs. Margaret Sullivan	President
Shire of Morawa	
Cr. Karen Chappel	Shire President
Temora Shire Council	
Mr. Fabio Giacomin	Director Engineering Services
Toowoomba Regional Council	
Cr. Carol Taylor	Councillor
Tamworth Shire Council	
Mr. Russell Webb	Deputy Mayor
Yarriambiak Shire Council	
Cr. Kylie Zanker	Mayor

#### APOLOGIES

Apologies received:

Cr. Rhonda Hoban, Mr. Michael Coulter, Mr. Paul Gallagher, Nambucca Shire Council NSW;

Cr. Bill Shannon, Cassowary Coast Regional Council QLD;

Cr. Robert Armstrong, Huon Valley Council TAS;

Cr. Peter Petty, Tenterfield Shire Council NSW;

Mr. Garry Harris, Shire of Shire of Esperance WA;

Cr. Kevin Casey, Mackay Regional Council QLD;

Mr. Barry Omundson, Mackay Regional Council QLD;

Cr. Robert Nixon, Shire of Dalwallinu WA;

Cr. Peter Shinton, Warrumbungle Shire Council NSW;

Mr. Steve Loan, Warrumbungle Shire Council NSW;

Mr. Kevin Tighe, Warrumbungle Shire Council NSW;

Mr. Steve Jones, Lockyer Valey Regional Council QLD;

Mr. Danny Green, Gloucester Shire Council NSW;

Cr. John Dal Broi, Griffith City Council NSW;

Cr. Walter Barrett, Shire of Murray WA

#### **RESOLVED**:

That the apologies, as listed, are accepted.

(Moved Mr. Aber, seconded Cr. Doering)

#### **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

**RESOLVED**:

That the minutes of the Inaugural Meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> June 2012 are confirmed as a true and accurate record.

(Moved Mr. Aber, seconded Cr. Doering)

#### CHAIR'S ANNUAL REPORT

#### Australian Rural Road Group

#### The Year in Review 2012/2013

Firstly I would like to thank all member Councils for their continued support of the Australian Rural Roads Group. I would like to, again, thank the executive team of the ARRG for their efforts and energy in sustaining the momentum that has resulted in ARRG developing into what is now considered a "Peak Consultative Body".

It appears from the feedback we have received that ARRG has established itself as an acknowledged leader in real road funding reform with industry credibility and political presence that is driving a paradigm shift away from the mendicant mentally of road funding toward a 'targeted investment' road funding model.

The ARRG ethos is that the majority of Australian Councils have the asset data and ability to demonstrate an accurate assessment of the road asset and the ability to apply robust economic principles to ensure that public funds are spent in a 'targeted investment' fashion that best supports Australia's rural economy.

To demonstrate the ability of Councils to compile road asset data, the ARRG conducted a pilot program, collecting the attribute data and condition assessment data for six Councils, three in southern Queensland and the balance in northern New South Wales. Those Councils contributing were Southern Downs Regional Council, Goondiwindi Regional Council, Balonne Shire Council, Gwydir Shire Council, Moree Plains Shire Council and Narrabri Shire Council. The basis of this grouping was to enable cross-Council route assessments that provided targeted investment of interconnections between those Councils.

A summary of the results of this pilot program are attached. The pilot survey across the six Councils was the compilation of asset data for 13,111km of rural roads representing 2263 individual rural roads.

A massive undertaking performed with a nil budget that was designed to demonstrate that a National Road Portfolio Manager would require a small team of dedicated staff within an existing federal department and not another multi-personnel bureaucracy as has been suggested. Another major focus of the funding reform recommended by the ARRG is that road funding reform be within the bounds of existing federal budgets.

This will require a smarter and targeted way of distributing the available funds to better support the rural economy. Road maintenance, renewals and upgrades have not kept up with the changing nature of Australian agriculture which has seen a massive increase in on-farm storage and just-in-time contracts which places a much greater strain on rural roads, particularly during wet periods.

As we all know, due to international markets and the relative high Australian dollar, Australian agriculture has become a more marginal business than ever before.

There is not a lot we can do about markets or the Australian dollar, but we can help with transport overheads by providing good quality roads that are accessible in all but the worst weather conditions.

The ARRG advocates this principle, in particular the principle of providing widespread access of rural roads after minor rain events and the "betterment" of roads that have sustained repeated flood damage to enable these roads to be immediately serviceable once the flood waters have subsided.

While in Canberra in April 2013, delegates of the ARRG took the opportunity to visit the Federal Department of Infrastructure and Transport. Discussions were held with senior staff with the result being that the ARRG has been invited to be a 'peak' consultative body to assist with the formulation of the upcoming Roads to Recovery Program (R2R).

The proposed legislation for the new program has not yet been drafted so there will be the opportunity to recommend adjustments to the program. In response to this invitation an on-line survey has been posted to allow all ARRG members and eligible Councils to submit data to allow the ARRG to obtain a broad understanding as to the effectiveness of the current R2R program and where recommendations can be made to modify the rules associated with the program.

The ARRG recognises that the R2R program is a band-aid solution and that serious rural road funding reform is the ultimate goal and we will use whatever means is available to us to change the way rural road funding occurs.

If you have not had the opportunity to contribute, the link to the survey is:

## http://gwydir.checkboxonline.com/Survey.aspx?s=840278210d0941ff88a238311d1 3e33b

In closing I would like to re-emphasise that much of the work being done is happening behind the scenes but has been very effective and will hopefully, shortly, bear significant fruit. I hope to be able to provide further details about this in a newsletter in the near future.

For this reason is it imperative that our current membership keep faith and that that all the rural Councils that will benefit from the work of the ARRG either renew their membership or join.

I invite your opinions and contributions to the work of the ARRG and thank you again for your continued support.

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Mayor John Coulton Gwydir Shire Council

Chair ARRG.

Attachment - Pilot Review Results

### **RESOLVED:**

That the Chair's Report is accepted

(Moved Cr Price, seconded Cr. Bolton)

### Annual General Meeting Minutes – 17 June 2014 Attachment 1 Minutes – 19 June 2013

% OF GRAVEL

	No. Local Roads	Sealed Length (km)	Gravelled Length (km)	Total Length (km)	RESEAL AREA (sq.m)	RESEAL LENGTH (km)	RESEAL AS % OF SEALED LENGTH	HEAVY PATCH AREA (sq.m)	REHAB LENGTH (km)	0mm	25mm	50mm	75mm	100m m	125mm	150mm	PAVEMENT PREDICTED TO BE IMPASSABLE AFTER 20mm RAIN (as a % of the length of gravel road)
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Gwydir	218	312.3	1453.8	1766.1	319091	49.9	16.0%	45460	43.7	49.6	342.4	353.1	260.6	86.4	232.9	0.0	22.0%
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		Rate	Estimated Cost to Rectify
TOTAL LENGTH OF ROADS ASSESSED	13111 km		
TOTAL NUMBER OF ROADS ASSESSED	2263		
%AGE OF NETWORK SEALED	24.3%		
%AGE OF SEALED SURFACE PAST USEFUL LIFE	20.3%	\$25500/km	\$16,509,000
%AGE OF SEALED PAVEMENT PAST USEFUL LIFE	10.4%	\$285000/km	\$39,788,000
% OF GRAVEL PAVEMENT PREDICTED TO BE IMPASSABLE AFTER 20mm RAIN (as a % of the length of gravel road)	34.4%	\$22,000/km	\$74,987,000
% OF GRAVEL PAVEMENT PREDICTED TO BE IMPASSABLE AFTER 20mm RAIN (as a % of the length of both sealed and gravel roads)	26.0%		

\$131,284,000

Assuming 80% of gravelled roads are required to be passable after 20mm rain, and a gravel resheet lasts an average 8 years, the total gravel resheeting budget required per year across all 6 councils	\$21,826,000
Narrabri	\$3,308,000
Southern Downs	\$3,471,000
Goondiwindi	\$3,803,000
Balonne	\$3,888,000
Gwydir	\$3,198,000
Moree	\$4,157,000
	The above amounts are required to maintain the gravel road asset for each council area.

### FINANCIAL REPORT

### **Australian Rural Roads Group**

### **Operating Statement to 31st May 2013**

<b>INCOME</b> Reimbursed - Faircount Media Advertising Membership Renewals	\$   8,745.00 \$ 37,500.00
EXPENDITURE	\$ 46,245.00
Write - Memberships not collected	\$ 19,846.00
Accommodation	\$ 486.37
Advertising	\$ 33,097.05
Airfares	\$ 3,472.79

	\$ 57,375.11
Surplus/(Deficit) for Project	-11,130.11

#### **RESOLVED:**

THAT the Financial Report as at 31st May 2013 is accepted.

(Moved Cr. Price, seconded Cr. Doering)

A motion was put to the meeting to amend the annual membership fee to \$1000; this motion was lost after a show of hands.

A second motion was put to the meeting to reduce the annual membership fee to \$300.00; this motion was lost after a show of hands.

THAT the annual membership fee remains at \$500.00.

FURTHER, that all Financial Member Councils actively promote the Australian Rural Road Group to all eligible non-member Councils.

(Moved Cr. Taylor, seconded Cr. Bolton)

### **ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS**

#### **RESOLVED**:

That in accordance with Clause 14 (1) and (2) it is noted that the following members continue in their roles:

Cr. John Coulton – NSW Gwydir Shire Council – Chairperson;

Cr. Sue Price - NSW Moree Plains Shire Council – Treasurer; and

Mr Max Eastcott – NSW Gwydir Shire Council – Secretary/Public Officer

(Moved Cr. Taylor, seconded Cr. Vickery)

#### **ELECTION OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

**RESOLVED:** 

Cr. Lyn Russell – VIC Colac Otway Shire Council;

Cr Erika Vickery – SA Naracoorte Lucindale Council; and

FURTHER, that Cr. Lynette Baker of the Shire of Corrigin Council be elected as an executive committee member for WA.

FURTHER, that Cr. Carol Taylor of the Toowoomba Regional Council be elected as an executive committee member for QLD.

(Moved Cr. Price, seconded Cr. Doering)

#### **GENERAL BUSINESS**

Promotion and Marketing

Cr. Lyn Baker suggested that letters of support accompany the Chairman's report for the next Annual General Meeting.

Mr Russel Webb raised the need for a more proactive marketing campaign to better promote the group.

Australian Local Government Association (ALGA)

Cr Angela Doering suggested that the ARRG approach the Australian Local Government Association to seek their support to be placed on the agenda as well as hold a stand at the National Local Roads and Transport Congress at the Congress for the dates 12 - 14 November 2013 in Alice Springs NT.

#### **CURRENT MEMBER COUNCILS**

June 2014

#### NSW

Berrigan Shire Council Bland Shire Council **Cabonne Shire Council** Carrathool Shire Council Cobar Shire Council **Coonamble Shire Council** Forbes Shire Council Gilgandra Shire Council **Glen Innes Severn Council** Greater Taree City Council **Griffith City Council Gunnedah Shire Council** Gwydir Shire Council **Inverell Shire Council** Junee Shire Council Liverpool Plains Shire Council Moree Plains Shire Council Nambucca Shire Council Narrabri Shire Council Narromine Shire Council Temora Shire Council **Tenterfield Shire Council** Wagga Wagga Shire Council Walgett Shire Council Warrumbungle Shire Council Wentworth Shire Council

#### QLD

Balonne Shire Council Banana Shire Council Cassowary Coast Regional Council Hinchbrook Shire Council Isaac Regional Council Lockyer Valley Regional Council Mackay Regional Council North Burnett Regional Council Quilpie Shire Council Southern Downs Regional Council Toowoomba Regional Council Western Downs Regional Council District Council of Ceduna District Council of Grant District Council of Kimba District Council of Loxton Waikerie District Council of Mount Remarkable District Council of Tumby Bay Naracoote Lucindale Council Tatiara District Council

#### VIC

Colac Otway Shire Council Corangmite Shire Council Greater Bendigo City Council Horsham Rural City Council Loddon Shire Council Mildura Rural City Council Moyne Shire Council Pyrenees Shire Council South Gippsland Shire Council Yarriambiak Shire Council

#### WA

Gingin Shire Council Dalwallinu Shire Council Lake Grace Shire Council Shire of Carnarvon Shire of Cranbrook Shire of Broomhill - Tambellup Shire of Coorow Shire of Quairading Shire of Quairading Shire of Corrigin Shire of Wiluna Dandaragin Shire Council Esperance Shire Council

#### TAS

Meander Valley Council Dorset Council

#### NRMA

#### **MINUTES OF MEETING**



#### COWAL GOLD MINE COMMUNITY ENVIRONMENTAL MONITORING AND CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE (CEMCC)

#### Wednesday 4 June 2014 9.00 am – West Wyalong High School Minutes taken by: Amy Weber

Attendees:	
Independent Chair:	Margaret MacDonald-Hill (MMH)
Barrick:	Alan Fearon (AF), Garry Pearson (GP) and
	Shane Goodwin (SG)
Community Members:	Angus Stitt (AS) Jenene McGrath (JM) and
	Lucy Buttenshaw (LB)
Lake Cowal Landholders Association:	Bruce Dent (BD)
Bland Shire Council:	Neil Pokoney (NP)
Lachlan Shire Council:	Graham Scott (GS)
Forbes Shire Council:	Brian Mattiske (BM), Graeme Miller (GM),
	Ron Penny (RP)
Lake Cowal Foundation:	Daryl Neilson (DN)
Wiradjuri Condobolin Corporation:	Terry Williams (TW)
Observers:	West Wyalong High School Students
	Scott Woodward (SW) and Ken Jeffers (KJ)
	from Many Rivers Microfinance
	Liz McGlynn, Bland Shire Council
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### Apologies: Ally Coe, David Carter

ITEM	ACTION
1.0 Welcome	
Independent Chair, Margaret MacDonald-Hill opened the meeting at 9.24 am, acknowledging and welcoming new attendees Terry Williams on behalf of the Wiradjuri Condobolin Corporation, Scott Woodward and Ken Jeffers from Many Rivers, Ron Penny, Mayor of Forbes Shire Council, and West Wyalong High School Years 11 & 12 Geography students.	
2.0 Declaration of Interest	
Margaret MacDonald-Hill declared her interest as Independent Chair of the CEMCC, appointed by the Director General of the Department of Planning and Infrastructure. For record purposes, Margaret advised the committee she is a member of the Mine Subsidence Board and the Minister's Arbitration Panel. Margaret also declared that she receives payment via a Trust established by the Bland Shire Council for her work as Chair of the CEMCC.	
Members discussed the need for a standard one-page document to be published with minutes outlining any standing relationships or declarations of interests.	SG



Action: SG will before the next meeting work with members on wording of such a document.	
3.0 Confirmation of Minutes	
NP advised of correction: March meeting minutes page 2 stated that Council had requested that Barrick hold off releasing the Social Impact Assessment (SIA) report which was incorrect. Council agreed with Barrick approach for releasing the report. <b>Moved:</b> Angus Stitt <b>Seconded</b> : Brian Mattiske <b>Accepted.</b>	
4.0 Business Arising from previous Minutes	
Nil.	
Correspondence	
In Email 4/4//14 from Barrick NF & O I report Email 16/5/14 resignation from Garry Shaw Email 30/5/14 from Barrick NF & O I report Email 2/6/14 from Barrick with 9th IMP report <b>Out</b> Email 16/5/14 response and thank you to Garry Shaw Email 2/6/14 to CEMCC with 9th IMP Report	MMH to write to Garry Shaw
5.0 Reports	
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### ATTACHMENT A – COMMUNITY RELATIONS PRESENTATION





### **Community Relations**

- Community Relations Team activities
- Wiradjuri update
- Complaints/Grievances
- Modification Proposal Update
- Upcoming activities
- Cowal Partnering Program





### **Community Relations**



### Activities since the last CEMCC Meeting:

- Delivered Annual Report on the implementation of the Native Title Deed to the Wiradjuri Condobolin Corporation (WCC)
- Participated in quarterly Employment, Training, and Business Development Committee (ETBC) and Cowal Project Coordinating Committee (CPCC) meetings with the WCC
- Attended Endeavour Scholarship Presentations in Forbes and Condobolin
- Hosted guests from Barrick Corporate for the annual Global Excellence Awards presentation at Cowal

### Barrick Global Excellence Awards

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### Endeavour Scholarship Presentations



### Wiradjuri Update



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- Conducted Quarterly ETBC and CPCC Meetings
- Delivered Annual Deed Implementation Report to WCC
- Commenced process for improving employee records to better identify the number of Indigenous employees onsite – will report back to CEMCC and WCC when complete



### Complaints/Grievances

- CGM received four (5) complaints since the last meeting of the CEMCC which was held on 5 March 2014.
- Three (3) further calls were made to the Cowal Community Complaints Hotline for matters that were not complaints general enquiry (2) and test calls (1).
- The four complaints received relate to:
  - Driver behaviour: 2
  - Employee/Contractor Behaviour: 2
  - Blasting: 1
- The complaints were from a selection of stakeholders:
  - Complainant A: 20% (1)
  - Complainant B: 20% (1)
  - Complainant C: 20% (1)
  - Complainant D: 20% (1)
  - Complainant E: 20% (1)

### Complaints/Grievances

#### Driver Behaviour:

- Barrick received one complaint from Complainant A (anonymous) regarding the driving behaviour of a Barrick contractor on 13/04/2014
- Barrick was unable to contact the complainant because they did not leave their name or contact details when lodging their complaint
- The complainant did however specifically identify the vehicle which had caused them concern and the location of the incident
- In response to the complaint, Barrick personnel arranged to meet with the contractor and the contractor's employee who was involved in the driving complaint
- The Contractor was warned about their driving behaviour and Barrick's expectations of employees and contractors when driving in the community.
- Contractor personnel received briefings at their next pre-start meeting about the expected driving behaviour of employees and contractors when driving in the community.

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### Complaints/Grievances



### **Driver Behaviour:**

- Barrick received one complaint from Complainant B (Bland Shire Council) regarding the driving behaviour of Barrick employees in the community on 22 May 2014.
- Council's representative advised that Council had received some complaints from the community that some mine-related vehicles were failing to obey traffic laws, particularly failing to obey Give Way and Stop signs when travelling to and from site
- Barrick contacted Council's representative and advised that a site-wide communique would be distributed to remind employees of their responsibility to comply with all road rules when travelling to and from site
- Council's representative acknowledged this approach, combined with a Council review of signage/marking would be a sufficient response to the concerns raised
- A site-wide communique was distributed to all personnel on 26 May 2015 and a copy was provided to the Bland Shire Council's representative.

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### Complaints/Grievances



#### Blasting:

- Barrick received one complaint from Complainant C regarding the effects of blasting on 23 May 2014
- Barrick contacted the Complainant and advised that Barrick's thirdparty blast monitoring advisors would be contacted and asked to provide a summary of blast monitoring data for the period identified by the Complainant
- Blast Monitoring data was provided to the Complainant on 26 May 2014 – this data indicated that the blasting activity had complied with the relevant Development Consent Conditions (98.8dB – 0.10mm/sec)
- Barrick's email also advised the Complainant that they could elect to seek mediation of their concern via the CEMCC or, seek an independent assessment of blasting impacts via the Department of Planning, if they remained concerned about the Cowal Gold Mine's impact on their property
- A Barrick representative called the Complainant on 28 May 2014 to ensure they had received Barrick's email which included the blast monitoring data. The complainant confirmed that they had received the email.

### Complaints/Grievances

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### Employee/Contractor Behaviour:

- Barrick received one complaint from Complainant D regarding Barrick employee behaviour in the community specifically, an employee who is resident in a Barrick-owned house in West Wyalong failing to undertake sufficient garden maintenance that would prevent plants from becoming overgrown and affecting neighbours
- Barrick contacted the employee and formally requested that they undertake garden maintenance particularly on any overgrown plants interfering with neighbouring properties
- The employee undertook to complete the required garden maintenance by Monday, 2 June 2014
- Barrick contacted the Complainant to advise of the action taken and that Barrick would be in contact again to ensure that Complainant's satisfaction with the work undertaken.

### Complaints/Grievances

#### Employee/Contractor Behaviour:

- Barrick received one complaint from Complainant E on 2 June 2014 regarding roadside rubbish near Humbug Creek in the Lachlan Shire.
- The Complainant suggested that the rubbish had been largely left behind by Cowal Gold Mine contractors who had been seen stopping at the location from time to time.
- Barrick contacted the Contractors to advise them of the complaint and to seek advice as to how they intended to respond.
- The Contractors acknowledged that, while it was impossible to establish whether their employees were responsible for the rubbish, they immediately arranged to visit the location and undertake a cleanup.
- Barrick's representative contacted the Complainant on 3 June 2014 to advise of the action taken and that Barrick would include a message in its upcoming internal newsletter reminding all personnel that rubbish should be disposed of appropriately, and not left on roadsides.
- The Complainant thanked Barrick's representative for the actions taken and indicated their satisfaction with the response.

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### **Modification** Proposal

- The Department of Planning and Infrastructure is currently assessing Barrick's proposal, submissions, and responses.
- Barrick is hoping for Determination of their proposal soon, there are no outstanding requests for information for Barrick to respond to
- Since the CEMCC's last meeting, The Department of Planning has provided no additional guidance as to when the proposal might be determined.

### Upcoming activities

- Distribution of the July 2014 edition of The Cowal Update to homes in West Wyalong, Forbes and Condobolin
- Determination of Barrick's Modification Proposal
- Launch of new Cowal Partnering Program guidelines and supporting material.







## **Cowal Partnering Program**





### Changes to the CPP



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- In 2013, a number of changes to the CPP were discussed with the CEMCC, including consistent application forms an the introduction of structured funding rounds.
- There will be two funding rounds per year, closing at the end of February and the end of August
- The first official funding round will close on Friday 29 August



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### Changes to the CPP

- In the coming months, the Community Relations Team will be conducting an extensive awareness program about the changes to the CPP process.
- This will include:
  - Development of a factsheet, outlining the program and processes in detail;
  - Letters sent to all previous recipients of CPP funding, advising of changes;
  - Information sessions held in each Shire;
  - Advertising and media articles in local newspapers; and
  - An article about changes in the July edition of the Cowal Update

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### Current Status of CPP

- Committed over \$100,000 to date in 2014
- Division of funds:
  - Bland Shire \$19,000
  - Lachlan Shire \$16,200
  - Forbes Shire \$21,702
  - Regional \$38,372









Three new applications for discussion:

- Condobolin Drum and Pipe Band
- George Institute "Driving Change" Program
- Many Rivers Microfinancing Organisation

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### Condobolin Drum and Pipe Band Tattoo 2014 BARRICK

### Overview:

The 2014 "Condo the Heart Tattoo" will be the third one held in Condobolin. In previous years (2008 and 2011), each event attracted approximately 1000 spectators and involved over 120 performers.

The requested funds will be used for:

- Marketing the event across the State
- Providing accommodation, transport etc. for visiting bands and performers
- Logistics, including preparation/dismantling of infrastructure required for event

Barrick has previously supported the Pipe and Drum Band Tattoo in 2011

### Funding requested: \$4,500





### Overview:

The program aims to improve access to licencing services for Indigenous people aged 16-24 years old. Gaining a P1 licence will provide young people with access to employment, education and health services and will afford them independence often perceived as out of reach.

The program involves providing driving lessons to those without access to vehicles or suitable supervision, assistance with navigating learner driver and testing system and other support services.

The requested funds will primarily be used for:

- Payment of licence testing fees
- Cost of learner lessons with a qualified driving instructor

Funding requested: \$7,500



Many Rivers Microfinance Organisation

Scott Woodward Head of Eastern Region Operations



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### ATTACHMENT B – MANY RIVERS PRESENTATION





### **Many Rivers Microfinance**

Scott Woodward Head of Eastern Region Operations

### About Us

Many Rivers is a not for profit microenterprise development organisation established in 2007.

Our Field Officers provide support to Indigenous and other Australians to establish and develop micro and small businesses.

Our clients are people who have the ideas and skills to pursue entrepreneurship but are limited by personal capacity or financial disadvantage.





### **Our Approach**

<u>Local</u> Enterprise Development - We live and work in the communities that we operate

<u>Practical</u> Business Support - We focus on what needs to get done to get the business started

<u>Access</u> to Finance - We provide business loans based on mutual trust, no security is required







### **Our Clients**

	National	NSW
Businesses	541	291
Owners: . Total . Indigenous	628 350	338 178
Sustainability	71%	64%
Meetings/Business Planning	318	167
Loans	571/\$3.1m	380/\$2.2m

### **NSW Offices:**

- Grafton (April 2008) Hunter(April 2010)
- Blacktown (June 2011)
- Condobolin (July 2012)
- Moree (June 2011)
- Program Model "We work with various stakeholders to address our clients' needs and help them overcome barriers to success" Current services/products: CAPITAL **BUSINESS SUPPORT** Unsecured microfinance Practical, locally loans (through Westpac), provided, long term support for grants journey/relationship MANYRIVERS LEGAL ADVICE FINANCIAL EDUCATION Business in Schools Competition; Pro bono through Squire Intro to Business Workshop; Patton Boggs - Access to Davidson Institute SOUIRE Davidson

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### Strategic Projects & Priorities

- Deloitte Access Economics Evaluation Framework
- Remote Product Distribution June
- Business In Schools Competition
- Basic Book-keeping Service
- Simple Savings Strategies and Tools
- Access to Counselling Services









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### **APPENDIX C – ENVIRONMENT PRESENTATION**




## Environmental Management Overview

- Environmental Policy (August 2013)
- Environmental Incidents
- Environmental Summary
- Government Interactions
- Cyanide Management
- 2014 Look Ahead







#### **Barrick Environmental Policy**

Barrick Gold Corporation believes that wise environmental stewardship is based on careful work planning, diligent implementation, thoughthal assessment of performance and a desire to improve over time.

Successful inviewedation of our plans results in some disturbance to our natural revisonment. However, Bancick belows that we can contribute to the sustainable development of our host communities. We are consulted to meeting the needs of current members of that community without properticing the shifty of fource generation to meet their needs.

Therefore, I believe Barrick must:

Regularly communicate this pulicy to those who work at Barrick, their families, and our hord communities.

Establish, decument and maintain an environmental management system and clearly defined environmental requirements.

Educate our employees, their families, and our neighboring communities about our systems and precises.

must that those who provide services or products achieve to our environmental policy and practices.

Ensure that our leadership and employees

understand, support and maintain our environmental management system.

Provide our managers and oppervisors the authority and resources necessary to implement our environmental management cystem and esoicitated environmental standards and practices. Apply proven stanapement practices to prevent pollution or other environmental impacts, when practical, or to mitigate our impacts.

Set and review environmental objectives and targets aimed at continual improvement.

Conduct periodic reviews of our operations to monitor environmental performance and to puble its environmental management program.

Fully comply with all applicable environmental laws, regulations and other environmental obligations.

Work with governmental and civic leaders, emissionential groups, and other concerned parties to develop a mutual understanding of environmental losses.

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- 1 Australian Magpie wet STSF middle south active toe drowned.
- I Brown Snake 2.0 metre bitumen access road.
- 10 Spotted Marsh Frogs Main Diesel bund sump.
- = 1 Welcome Swallow Mining Maintenance Workshop concrete floor.
- I Grey Kangaroo bitumen access road.
- Ten (10) native animals rescued x1 Brown Snake; x1 Silver Gull ; x2 Grey Kangaroos; x2 Long-necked Turtles; x3 Spotted Marsh Frogs; x1 Welcome Swallow. WIRES.
- Rest Control:
  - Addressing feral cats numbers.
- Mouse baiting continuing. No mice since 2012 mini-plague.
   1080 Fox baiting from 27 June 2011 to end-2012. Resumed May 2012.
- Mutual Aid: Three (3) Possum in auger Bellarwi; x2 pinkie Grey joeys WIRES.
- All incidents were reported to Government agencies in accordance with regulatory
  approvals. Deceased fauna were forwarded to Veterinary Clinic to confirm cause of death. No
  death was associated with chemical toxicity & no further action necessary.





## Sat Image February 2014 Lake level (2010 – 2014)



## **Environmental Summary**

- New MOP to be prepared and submitted upon receipt DC
  - received written extension until end-January 2015 (accommodation of mid-2014 EA MOD11 (s75W) request process) ... MOD11.





## **Regulatory Inspections**

- s75W Closure Security Bond Review (20 April 2010)
  - Bonded amount at AUD 63.5 million from July 2009.
  - Model re-run July 2010, July 2011 adequate security; and
  - AUD 63.3 million (May 2012) adequate Security.
  - AUD 61.8 million (August 2013) adequate Security.
  - Adding extra 200 ha Offset in MOD11.

## Varied EPL11912 in effect from 21 May 2014

- Lodged AER on 20 February 2014 with cheque;
- Monthly EPL required PIRMP data; &
- Lake Cowal below 204.50 m RL monitoring trigger.

## South SWE rehab works





## SWE south (Jan - May 2014)



## **Regulatory Inspections**

- April 2014 Independent Environmental Audit
- April 2014 annual independent bunding Audit
- 9<sup>th</sup> Independent Monitoring Panel (Oct 2013):
  - Awaiting release from DP&I of 2013 SoE report by IMP.
- All relevant govt depts 2014 visit
  - After lodge 2013 AEMR with stakeholders.





## **Environmental Summary**

Cowal Mine EMPs approvals status:

- All revisable EMPs have been revised and sent to DP&I for approval to use (5-yearly review).
- Awaiting outcome of MOD11 (s75W) before can revise last six EMPs to meet approval requirements.

Advised to use revised CGM EMPs as though they are approved (DP&I verbal September 26, 2013).

 Probably not until the request for the end-2014 as current CGP Development Consent already states that EMPs can be modified after an outcome of a MOD request is known and that is unlikely to change (Ref: COW.400.05.3004GP; 21 May 2013).



## **Environmental Summary**

- · Lake Blast loggers working well. SAROS mtce 2014 soon.
- Blast activities 100% compliance with 120 dB(L).
  - Ongoing communications with neighbours.



# Water Supply



- Pond D9 low (capacity of 690ML).
- Taken 2,000 ML High Security Lachlan Reg Rv water. Saline water is off line (ESB). New RO Plant running.

















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# **Cyanide Monitoring Results**

February 2014 - TSF - Decant





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# **Cyanide Monitoring Results**

March 2014 - TSF - Decant



# **Cyanide Monitoring Results**

April 2014 - TSF - Decant





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# **Cyanide Monitoring Results**

May 2014 - TSF - Decant







<u>Team Cowal – Enviros</u> 2014 targets underway

101	Measure	Stature
Standards Implementation	Biodiversity	
	Climate Change	•
	Environmental Incident Reporting	•
	Water Conservation	•
	Mine Closure	
Closure	Reclamation Cost Estimate	0
	Closure Ptan	۲
ems	Major Non-conformances	
Cyanide (	Code (Audit 19-21 Nov 2013)	٠
Certif	ied to ISO 14001:2004	•

Environmental Management RESPONSIBLE MINING Cowal Gold Mine 2014

Continual improvement





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## **Thumb drives - Members**

End-Septmber 2014 meeting:
CGM 2013 AEMR; and
IEA 2014 report (April 2014).

Received 9<sup>th</sup> IMP SoE Report by e-mail 02 June.

## Look Ahead Key Environmental Issues



- Approval pathway closure (Q2, 2014).
- July 2014 ambient noise survey.
- Ongoing rehabilitation trial & maintenance works
- Next CEMCC Meeting (30<sup>th</sup> September 2014).





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#### MINUTES OF THE BLAND SHIRE HERITAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE HELD IN THE COMMITTEE ROOM ON WEDNESDAY 9 JULY 2014 COMMENCING AT 5.100PM

### Present: Pam Butcher (Chair), Cr Liz McGlynn, Cr Peter Grellman, David Scobie (Heritage Advisor), Lesley Duncan

**Apologies**: Guy Marchant

## **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

Moved by Cr McGlynn and seconded by Cr Grellman that the minutes of the meeting held on 4 June 2014 be taken as read and confirmed.

### CARRIED

### ITEM 1 MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

• Nil

## ITEM 2 CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence In

• Nil

Correspondence Out

• Nil

## ITEM 3 REPORTS

 Heritage Strategy 2014-2017 – a revised document was tabled at the meeting that includes the development of a heritage trail and cemetery program as discussed at the last meeting. It was moved by Cr McGlynn and seconded by Cr Grellman that the Heritage Strategy 2014-2017 be tabled at the August Council meeting:

## MOTION

That Council adopt the Heritage Strategy to provide the future direction for heritage initiatives in the Bland Shire over the next three years. **CARRIED.** 

## ITEM 4 HERITAGE ADVISORY REPORTS

David provided the committee with a verbal update on his activities during his visits in June.

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General Manager

Mayor

## ITEM 5 HERITAGE ASSISTANCE FUND

• An application was received from Mrs Sandy Jewell for repainting, signage and installation of lacework at 23 Church Street, West Wyalong. The application requested funding of \$3404 (50 per cent of the total project cost. As the lacework is not traditional it was decided to exclude the costs of this work from the grant funding, with a final amount of \$2204 being recommended by the Committee for approval. It was moved by Cr Grellman and seconded by Cr McGlynn that the Heritage Advisory Committee recommend Heritage Assistance funding of \$2204 for the repainting and new signage of 23 Church Street, West Wyalong.

## MOTION

That Council approve Heritage Assistance Funding of \$2204 for the repainting and new signage at 23 Church Street, West Wyalong. **CARRIED** 

## ITEM 6 PROJECTS

 Reg Rattey Memorial – Cr McGlynn wishes to let Council know that the Heritage Committee would like to participate in all decision making in relation to the Reg Rattey Memorial, as the memorial falls within the scope of the Heritage Advisory Committee.

### Directors Note:

The Reg Rattey Memorial project remains as a Heritage Project with the Director being the liaison between Council and the Rattey Family.

## ITEM 7 GENERAL BUSINESS

• Nil

## ITEM 8 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Heritage Advisory Committee is 6 August 2014 commencing at 5.00 pm in the Council Committee Room.

## ITEM 9 CLOSE

There being no further business the meeting closed at 6.00 pm.

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Mayor

### Present: Pam Butcher (Chair), Guy Marchant, Cr Peter Grellman, David Scobie (Heritage Advisor), Lesley Duncan, Martin Lane

Apologies: Cr Liz McGlynn

### **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

Moved by Cr Grellman and seconded by Pam Butcher that the minutes of the meeting held on 9 July 2014 are taken as read and confirmed.

### CARRIED

### ITEM 1 MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

- Heritage Strategy G Marchant advised the Committee that a report has been prepared for the August Council meeting seeking Council's endorsement of the strategy.
- Funding (Jewell) G Marchant advised the Committee that a report has been prepared for the August Council meeting.

### ITEM 2 CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence In

• Nil

Correspondence Out

• Nil

#### ITEM 3 REPORTS

Nil

## ITEM 4 HERITAGE ADVISORY REPORTS

D Scobie provided the committee with a verbal update on his activities during his visits in July and August.

## ITEM 5 HERITAGE ASSISTANCE FUND

 An application was received from T & K Amarant for painting of the facade at 176 Main Street, West Wyalong. The application requested funding of \$1625.00 (50% of the total project cost). The application was considered by the Committee and the following motion was moved by Cr Grellman and seconded by M Lane.

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## ΜΟΤΙΟΝ

That Council approve Heritage Assistance Funding of \$1625.00 for the painting of the façade at 176 Main Street, West Wyalong. **CARRIED** 

## ITEM 6 PROJECTS

- Reg Rattey Memorial
  - Proposed Dates
    - After consideration of the dates provided by the family, the Committee agreed that Tuesday 22 March 2016 would be the most suitable and appropriate date.
  - o Timeline

G Marchant provided the Committee with further information in regard to the timeline developed for this project and advised the Committee that the project is on track.

• Progress report

G Marchant advised the Committee that in consultation with Eastern Riverina Arts an expression of interest (EOI) is being prepared in regard to the proposed memorial. The EOI will detail Council's expectations, family's comments & wishes as well as the formal military story behind the awarding of the VC medal. Once responses to the EOI have been received, a small group will be formed from members of the Committee, Council staff, ERA and family to consider the EOI.

## ITEM 7 GENERAL BUSINESS

- M Lane commented on the positive impact the new verandah has on Church Street, however it would be good see if "boof" could be removed from the sidewall. G Marchant advised that he would speak to the owner about the issue.
- D Scobie also commented on the works that had occurred in Church Street and felt that in consideration of such works and the undertakings the owner has already done, that a plaque, similar to the ones within Main Street, should be provided. The committee discussed the options and it was agreed that a plaque was to be provided.

## ITEM 8 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Heritage Advisory Committee was schedule for 3 September however this is West Wyalong Show Day and as such the meeting has been scheduled for 15 October 2014 subject to no urgent matter or further funding applications. Meeting is to commence at 5.00 pm in the Council Committee Room.

## ITEM 9 CLOSE

There being no further business the meeting closed at 5.45 pm.

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General Manager

#### MINUTES OF THE BLAND SHIRE COUNCIL INDIGENOUS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT BLAND SHIRE COUNCIL, ON TUESDAY, JULY 22, 2014 COMMENCING AT 4.00PM

## Present:

Andrew Carter (chairperson), Aimee Davis, Louise Davis, Leeanne Hampton, Adele Casey (Director of Corporate, Community and Development Services), Craig Sutton (Community Relations Officer), Councillor Peter Grellman, Councillor Liz McGlynn.

#### ITEM 1 WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

Andrew Carter opened the meeting at 4.05pm. An apology was received from Council General Manager, Ray Smith.

#### ITEM 2 MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

2.1 Draft program for Modern Mining Trails in West Wyalong: Adele Casey advised she had received an update from General Manager, Ray Smith who advised that a proposal to include a Welcome to Country and Cultural Awareness session was under development and will be progressed as a matter of priority upon his return from leave.

2.2 Review of Existing Land Claims: Adele Casey advised that it is an ongoing project and Council's GIS department is currently working through each claim to identify exactly what purpose the land is being used for and what infrastructure may be on the land.

2.3 Proposal for a part-time Cultural Advisor: Adele Casey conveyed correspondence from Ray Smith advising that he will further investigate the feasibility of the proposal as a priority upon his return from leave.

2.4 Indigenous Information Panels: Adele Casey tabled a proof of the proposed "Wiradjuri Country" information panel to be installed on the Tourist Information shelters and sought the feedback and endorsement of the committee. The committee was pleased with the design and wording but requested that the Land Council logo and contact details be removed.

### Motion:

That the Indigenous Advisory Committee endorse the layout and information contained in the Wiradjuri information panel with the removal of the West Wyalong Local Aboriginal Land Council logo and contact details.

A Davis Seconded: P Grellman Moved:

> 2.5 Development of a MOU between Bland Shire Council and the West Wyalong Local Aboriginal Land Council: Adele Casey asked Louise Davis and the Land Council representatives to provide some examples of other MOU's. Once relevant examples are received, Adele Casey offered to assist in developing a draft document. It was also suggested that the terms of reference for the Indigenous Advisory Committee could also be incorporated.

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..... Mayor Copies of the terms of reference were distributed to Land Council representatives.

## ITEM 3 CORRESPONDENCE

#### 3.1 NSW Fellowship for Aboriginal Artists

The Community Relations Officer tabled details about the Fellowship for Aboriginal artists program.

#### 3.2 Artwork proposal

Leeanne Hampton enquired as to whether Darren Cooper had received a response from Council regarding an artwork proposal. Adele Casey agreed to follow up.

### 3.3 AFL NSW/ACT Indigenous Female Kickstart program

Adele Casey reported details regarding the AFL NSW/ACT Indigenous Female Kickstart program (nomination form attached)

### ITEM 4 GENERAL BUSINESS

**4.1 NAIDOC celebration 2014:** The meeting was advised that Council has received a grant of \$2000 and the West Wyalong Local Aboriginal Land Council a grant of \$1500 to conduct a community NAIDOC celebration. Following the success of the 2013 event, it was agreed to once again hold the event in McCann Park with entertainment, interactive workshops and indigenous education sessions. Joe Williams is to be approached about attending the event as a special guest. Leeanne Hampton will liase with the Wiradjuri Echoes about performing, possibly the day before or after the Local Government Aboriginal Network Conference in Narrandera from September 10-12.

**4.2 Aboriginal Heritage Grant:** Adele Casey advised that Council has been successful in obtaining a \$10,000 Aboriginal Heritage grant. With a matching \$10,000 from Council, the grant will allow for the erection of Indigenous Interpretive Panels in Cooinda Park with a sensor operated audio explanation. Once the necessary paperwork for the grant has been finalised she advised that Council will consult with the Local Aboriginal Land Council about the design content of the panels.

### ITEM 5 NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 28 at 4pm at the West Wyalong Local Aboriginal Land Council.

#### ITEM 5 CLOSE

Andrew Carter closed the meeting at 4.35pm.

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# AFL NSW/ACT INDIGENOUS FEMALE KICKSTART

AFL NSW/ACT are holding trials for Indigenous female athletes to participate in the NSW/ACT Kickstart team.

A team of 12 will represent the state in the National Championships in Queensland from September 14-19 2014.

AGE REQUIREMENTS: Players must be between the ages of 13 and 17 years old. (13yo as at January 1, 2014 or 17yo as at December 31, 2014)

NOMINATIONS: Please complete the attached document. Regional nominees are encouraged and trials will be based on interest

TRIAL DATES: Sydney - Tuesday, July 29 at 4pm, location TBC Western Sydney - Thursday, July 31 at 4pm, location TBC

FURTHER INFORMATION: Please contact Katriina Heikkanen (Indigenous Program Manager) katriina.heikkanen@afInswact.com.au



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..... Mayor

## **NEWELL HIGHWAY TASK FORCE**

Minutes of the meeting held in Narrabri at the RFS Office on Tuesday 13 May 2014

Meeting Commenced at 10:05am

## 1. Welcome, Attendees, Apologies

Cr Robin Faber welcomed the Newell Highway Task Force Committee members to Narrabri.

## Attendees:

The Chair welcomed the following attendees:

Cr Ken Keith	Parkes Shire Council
Cr Tony Lord	Bland Shire Council
Jeff Stien	Bland Shire Council
Cr Robyn Faber	Narrabri Shire Council
Bill Pigram	Narrabri Shire Council
Cr Denis Todd	Warrumbungle Shire Council
Kevin Tighe	Warrumbungle Shire Council
Jock Smith	Dubbo City Council
Melanie Suitor	RSO – Parkes, Forbes & Lachlan
Renee McMillan	RSO – Moree Plains & Gwydir
Andrea Hamilton-Vaughan	RSO - Orange & Cabonne
Susie Mackay	RMS Western Region
John Morris	NATRoads
Ian Dinham	Moree Plains Shire Council
Cr Katrina Humphries	Moree Plains Shire Council
Cr Sue Price	Moree Plains Shire Council

## **Apologies:**

Cr Conrad Bolton	Narrabri Shire Council
Paul Wearne	Narrabri Shire Council
Katrina Dwyer	Parkes Shire Council
Cr Jenny Clarke	Narrandera Shire Council
Frank Dyson	Narrandera Shire Council
Cr Ruth McCrae	Jerilderie Shire Council
Cr David Tamlyn	Jerilderie Shire Council
Craig Moffitt	Jerilderie Shire Council
Cr Kevin Morris	Narrandera Shire Council
Cr Lyn Griffiths	Dubbo City Council
Lindsay Tanner	RMS South West
Peter Dearden	RMS Western Region
Bruce Bates	RMS Western Region
Graham Blight	NRMA
Ron Collins	NRMA

**Resolution** That the Apologies be accepted

Moved: Jock SmithSeconded: Cr Denis ToddAll in favourCarried

2. Confirmation of the minutes of the previous meeting held at Parliament House Sydney on Tuesday 5 March 2014

## Resolution

That the Minutes of the Newell Highway Task Force meeting held Parliament House Sydney on Tuesday 5 March 2014 which were distributed to members of the Task Force be confirmed.

Moved: Cr Tony Lord Seconded: Cr Denis Todd All in favour Carried

3. Matters Arising from Minutes

Nil

## 4. Business Arising

No business arising but the following comments were made:

- The NSW Government's Council Road Safety Officers (RSOs) Program has received funding for an additional three years;
- The Draft Newell Highway Corridor Strategy had been discussed on the ABC radio;
- The Smart Rest Area Trail had also been discussed in the media following the release of a press release.

## 5. Correspondence

## Inwards:

• The Draft Newell Highway Corridor Strategy

## **Outwards:**

• Emails from the Secretary to the Newell Highway Task Force committee members including a copy of the GATR System's Melbourne to Brisbane Inland Rail and the Melbourne Inland Rail Alliance (MBIRA) presentations.

## 6. **RMS Update**

Susie Mackay provided the following Roads & Maritime Services update and also presented the NSW Freight Flows for 2011 and 2031. The Newell Highway is the NSW's third most significant freight corridor.



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#### Works and Behavioural Projects

Maintenance program		Approved funding (\$)	Comments
Girrawheen rehabilitation			Under construction
Bellata foam bitumen			Completed
	king lanes construction		Completed*
Pilliga Widening	ang lanes construction		Under construction
Forbes Rail Crossing r	ehabilitation		Completed
Tichborne Curve heav	enablination		
Daroobalgie rehabilitat			Completed
			Completed
Castlereagh Highway	unction renabilitation		Under construction
Dubbo, East St traffic s rehabilitation			Completed
Mirrool rail crossing sig			Under construction in conjunction
pavement improvement	nts		with John Holland Rail
Total		20,667,000	
		Approved	
Overtak	ing lanes	funding (\$)	Comments
Weddin/Forbes bound	ary overtaking lanes - 2		Under construction
Girrawheen overtaking	lanes - 2		Under construction
Andys Creek overtakin			Under construction*
	Corobimilla (North of Jerilderie) overtaking		Under construction
Total		10,600,000	and the second second second
		Approved	
Electoral co	ommitments	funding (\$)	Comments
	Troy Junction/Boothenba Road, Dubbo		\$3M capped contribution to Dubbo City Council
State Government	Burroway Road intersection upgrade		Completed October 2013
	Stage 2 Moree Bypass		Tenders invited and closed December 2013
Federal Government	Stage 2 Moree Bypass		Tenders invited and closed December 2013
Total		33,950,000	
Safety works		Approved funding	Comments
Coonabarabran, 4-5km N of Oxley Highway. Chevron Alignment Markers (CAMs), audio tactile centre line and edgelines, widen shoulders to 2.5 metres. Bellata. Rail Crossing. Sealed shoulder to 2.5		(\$)	Completed*
metres, install CAMs and wire rope on the outside of the curves on both sides of bridge.			Completed
Pilliga. 4-5km north of Burma Rd intersection. Install profile edgeline, full width traversable clearzone, and widen shoulder to one metre sealed.			Under construction*
Pilliga. 4km N of No. 1 Break Rd intersection. Install profile edgeline, full width traversable clearzone, and widen shoulder to one metre sealed.			Under construction

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Pilliga. 7.5 - 8.5km N of No. 1 Break Rd		
intersection. Install profile edgeline, full width		Completed*
traversable clearzone, and widen		Completed
shoulder to one metre sealed.		
Rest stop signage upgrade		Full length in Western Region
Gillenbah rest area and pavement		Under construction, near
rehabilitation		comlpetion
Parkes road safety improvements Sale yards		Under construction
Rd to Clarke Street.		Onder construction
Total	9,668,000	
Cycleways	Approved funding (\$)	Comments
Forbes. Extend existing 2.5 m wide off-road		
shared path at Lake Forbes around the Aquatic Area.		Completed March 2014.
Gilgandra. Shared path from Jack Renshaw Bridge underpass to junction with footpath to		Stage 1 of 2. To be completed April 2014.
the CBD.		Stage 2 of 2. To be completed June 2014.
Moree. 2.5m wide shared path along Edward Street between Anne and Adelaide Street, 260m.		To be completed May 2014
Moree. 2.5m wide shared path along Edward Street between Heber and Albert Street, 280m.		To be completed May 2014
Coonabarabran. 2.5 m wide shared path between 'Getaway Tourist Park' and Kirban Street, 500m.		To be completed June 2014
Total	344,000	
Development	Approved	0
Development works	funding (\$)	Comments
Investigate improvements to Whylandra St / Victoria St, Dubbo		Concept stage
Parkes, Woodward St intersection		Under development
		Under development
Parkes, Medlyn St intersection		
Parkes, Bushman St intersection		
		Under investigation
Parkes, Cecile St intersection		Under investigation
Grong Grong, realignment planning		
	300,000	Under investigation
Grong Grong, realignment planning	Approved	Under investigation
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Grong Grong, realignment planning Total Behavioural Projects Enhanced Enforcement Programme, Operation National Route 39 Fatigue Programme, School Holidays Variable Message Signs	Approved	Under investigation Concept stage Comments Highway Patrol enforcement taskings funded by Roads and Maritime. Digital roadside signage displaying road safety messages. Digital roadside signage displaying
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Land Use	Planning an	d Development	Assessment

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Local Government Area	Development	Comment	
Forbes	Bunnings	Highway frontage. Access to highway via existing access treatment.	
Parkes	Masters	Highway frontage. No highway access driveway.	
Parkes	Hospital	Highway frontage. Access via Southern Ring Road intersection, to be constructed by Parkes Shire Council.	
Parkes	Southern Ring Road intersection	New intersection. Council to commence construction April 2014.	
Narromine	Tomingley Gold Mine	Grade separated private haul road, underpass. Practical completion.	
Dubbo	Dubbo Zirconia Project	Assessment stage.	
Narrabri	Santos Coal Seam Gas Pilot Programmes	Intersection improvements.	
Narrabri	Extensions to Auscott Cotton Gin and industrial subdivision	Intersection improvements.	
Moree	Ski Lakes	Intersection improvement constructed by Moree Plains Shire Council.	
Moree	Moree Gateway Business Park	Minor realignment and intersection improvements to be constructed by Moree Plains Shire Council.	

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## **Open discussion and comments:**

- Distribute and share the Draft Newell Highway Corridor Strategy with stakeholders and the community for comments and to identify what has not been included in the Draft Newell Highway Corridor Strategy including bridges, intersections, roundabouts, flood damage, 100km sections, access for HPV's priorities and time frames, heavy vehicle routes at Coonabarabran, Parkes and Dubbo.
- Cr Faber mentioned that in the Australian Government Infrastructure Communicating the Imperative for Action A report to the Council of Australian Governments, the Bruce Highway is more significant than the Newell Highway. The secretary will distribute a copy of the report the Newell Highway Task Force Committee Members.
- Heavy vehicles drivers do not want to stop in the Pilliga.
- Segregation of vehicles in the rest stops, refrigerated, livestock, general carriers and the grey nomads, and the grey nomads resting for days at a time.
- It may be good to include the passing lanes and rest stops on Newell Highway maps i.e. Hema electronic maps.

## 7. Newell Highway Promotions Committee Update

The Newell Highway Promotions Committee is working on a new brochure. The Newell Highway Touring Guide is the only official touring guide for the Newell Highway, designed to provide essential visitor information to existing travellers, and those considering travel, on the Newell Highway. The Touring Guide is an essential reference tool for visitors when planning a stay and includes dedicated sections for each community on the Newell Highway providing information on local accommodation, attractions, dining, events, shopping, services, travel planning advice and visitor information centre contact details. The brochure has been enhanced with the addition of an iPad tablet App.

The Newell Highway brochure reaches those travellers through its effective distribution in South Australia, Tasmania, Victoria, Queensland and New South Wales. 150,000 copies are printed and distributed to the visitors and travellers through motoring organisations such as the RACV, RACQ, RACT and RAAA. The brochure is also distributed throughout the accredited Visitor Information Centre network (in excess of 160 throughout New South Wales alone) and other outlets throughout South Australia, Victoria, Tasmania, Queensland and New South Wales. The Newell Highway brochure is also promoted at the major caravan and camping shows on the eastern seaboard. Rates will be \$3,700 per page (inc gst), for up to 2 pages and \$3,500.00 per page (inc gst) if you subscribe to 3 or more pages.

## **Caravaners Forum**

The following 'Concern over using Newell Highway' Caravaners Forum post was distributed to all Newell Highway Promotions and Task Force Committee Members.

*From:* Newell Highway Promotions Committee Sent: Friday, 2 May 2014 7:42 AM To: Newell Highway Promotions and Task Force Committee Members Subject: Caravaners Forum - Concern over using Newell Highway Dear Newell Highway Promotions and Newell Highway Task Force Committee Members

The following is a post from the Caravaners Forum <u>http://caravanersforum.com/viewtopic.php?f=9&t=48239</u> :

Concern over using Newell Highway

∎by <u>redjcw</u> » Mon Apr 28, 2014 8:33 am

*Hi, we are about to head for Cairns and are trying to decide what route to use....we have heard the Newell is the way to go but have had quite a few comments that it is full of trucks and b Doubles and is not a comfortable route. Any advice from those more experienced please.. Richard & Linda NE Melbourne* 

## Re: Concern over using Newell Highway

∎ by <u>kymnlyn</u> » Mon Apr 28, 2014 8:55 am

Having traveled the Newell a few times, I do prefer this route. The Pacific Hwy is nice but no different in so far as the heavy transport concentration. In fact, I would go so far to say the there is less heavy transport traffic on the Newell. Comfort factor is due to the dual lane on parts of the Pacific Hwy as opposed to one each way on the Newell the majority. Much more to see and do on the Newell as there re very few "by passes" and this can make the trip more interesting, depending on your interests.

*If in doubt, do the trip up on one route and return on the other.* 

Life's journey is not to arrive at the grave safely in a well preserved body, but to skid in sideways, worn out, shouting 'holy shite what a ride'!

Re: Concern over using Newell Highway

*■ by <u>A10</u>* » Mon Apr 28, 2014 9:06 am

We travelled down the Newell a few months ago and I was surprised by the small number of trucks we encountered.

Re: Concern over using Newell Highway

by <u>Henry Crun</u> » Mon Apr 28, 2014 9:09 am

Personally we try to avoid the Newell, however, it depends what <u>your</u> priorities are. Are you booked in at Cairns at a certain time? Obviously you have not used the Newell before so there are plenty of things to see along that way. Maybe you could use it only in parts, for example, Dubbo has the Western Plains Zoo and then to go to Coonabarabran there is a great alternative road through Mendooran, where there is a great camp spot.

Plenty of other suggestions will be forthcoming depending on your answer to the above.

Henry All roads lead to where I am

Re: Concern over using Newell Highway

∎by <u>jayem</u> » Mon Apr 28, 2014 9:21 am

We have travelled the NSW section of the Newell Highway a few times now and enjoy what the towns have on offer.

Regarding the trucks, most travelling the Sydney/Brisbane route are now travelling The Pacific Highway as the road is divided as far as Port Macquarie and there are many other sections of dual road. Apparently there have been significant fuel savings to trucking companies with the upgrade of roads in the northern areas of NSW, hence the Pacific now being preferred.

There are some very pretty areas along The Newell and the amenity has been vastly improved without significant numbers of trucks rumbling through day and night. Travel at your pace and pull over as required.

Jan

Retirement is like a mirage, it disappears the closer we get.

## Re: Concern over using Newell Highway

by <u>oma</u> » Mon Apr 28, 2014 9:27 am

We would not go Newell except our daughter's property spans the Newell at Bellata & believe me the semis do not stop, day or night! Their home is 2k east of the Newell & even at night you can hear the trucks! I have often sat at the school bus to collect the children & have counted up to 13 trucks in 10 mins between 4- 4.10pm.!

Yes there are nice spots to see but also plenty of other quieter routes to travel. Kidman Way, Fossicer's Way to name a couple. New England has no where near the semis, also with many old interesting spots to see, each to his own.

Kay & Bruce.

*Live for each other because you never know when it will be your last day together. On the road .* <u>http://bkmcl.wordpress.com</u>

## Re: Concern over using Newell Highway

by <u>redjcw</u> » Mon Apr 28, 2014 9:31 am

*Our concern with the Kidman is that it may be a more remote route and we are not yet very experienced.* 

Re: Concern over using Newell Highway

*∎ by <u>oma</u>* » Mon Apr 28, 2014 9:41 am

Fair enough Richard & Linda Kay & Bruce. Live for each other because you never know when it will be your last day together. On the road . <u>http://bkmcl.wordpress.com</u>

Re: Concern over using Newell Highway

by <u>Motherhen</u> » Mon Apr 28, 2014 9:44 am

Although the times we have been on parts of the Newell it has been fairly quiet, Kay is on the spot. The Kidman Way is not what I call remote. Easier to gain experience of a quieter road, and you will not be alone on the Kidman.

Motherhen

http://www.australiasomuchtosee.com

Tips on starting out and setting up, how to find free and low cost camps, trip planning, travelogues and more

Re: Concern over using Newell Highway

by <u>Ubuntu</u> » Mon Apr 28, 2014 9:50 am

*I traveled the NSW section recently and it was a breeze.Some trucks but not big heaps and a fairly easy drive.* 

Bunty

**Re:** Concern over using Newell Highway

by <u>wingnut</u> » Mon Apr 28, 2014 10:07 am

If your going from Melbourne to Cairns, from an ex truckies point of view, why not go via Tocumal, Jerrilderri, Griffith, Hilston, Cobar, Bourke to Cunamulla, Charleville, Roma,(you can go across through Emerald to Clermont)and on to Charters Towers then either chose the inland to Atherton via Mt Garnet(road trains but very well behaved ones, did it myself) or the coast, Townsville to Cairns.(very slow stretch, single lane, plenty of traffic).

I travelled that way for years from south to north and back good roads plus plenty of stops. If from Sydney go the coast much better now from Newcastle to Brisbane, but from Brisbane I would go inland from Sunshine coast to miss the Bruce Hwy, in my opinion it would be the worst hwy in Australia between Gympie and Cairns. BUT don't be affraid of the Newell as it can be a good drive, during the daylight hrs and if not in a big rush, and travelling between about 8.30am and 3.30 pm the traffic is mainly light vechiles, the truck traffic is still there but doesn't seam real bad. If you turn off at Gilgandra and go via Walgett, Lightning Ridge to Hebel (Qld boarder) to St George then Roma and then up to Charters Towers you can also miss the Bruce.

You have plenty of options, chose your comfort zone and stay safe.

wingnut Don & Denise ex RAN (cook) member Ozpark 23544 & TTP

Re: Concern over using Newell Highway

□ by <u>Sobriquet</u> » Mon Apr 28, 2014 10:19 am

I have travelled the Newell many times and it can be a nightmare - think pouring rain with eight b doubles behind you, all in a hurry and bad visibility. If you pull into a rest area to let them pass then in a few minutes you have another lot behind you. My guess is that the vanners in caravan season don't see it at its worst as many of the Melbourne Brisbane trucks will have given up because of all the vans, and gone via the Pacific and Hume. Most times it is reasonable but expect plenty of trucks. Sometimes it seems there are more trucks than cars. At least on the Hume and Pacific, most truck activity is at night.

Nick

**Re:** Concern over using Newell Highway

∎by *Dove* » Mon Apr 28, 2014 10:35 am

The Kidman is fine. We did it last year to Bourke. Just make sure you have a full tank of fuel for the stretch between Griffith and Cobar.

Re: Concern over using Newell Highway

by <u>Derek Camp Oven Cook</u> » Mon Apr 28, 2014 10:59 am

Stick to the speed limit and trucks are not a concern  ${\textcircled{}}$ 

<u>Re: Concern over using Newell Highway</u>

*■ by <u>oma</u> » Mon Apr 28, 2014 12:01 pm* 

Stick to 110 pulling a van- I do not think so <sup>SO</sup>As I said before the Newell is not a good way. The abuse SOME truckies hand out is unbelievable. Wingnut suggestions are also good but do not come further east than Roma on the Warrego highway unless you want to get seasick!

Kay & Bruce. Live for each other because you never know when it will be your last day together. On the road . <u>http://bkmcl.wordpress.com</u>

## Re: Concern over using Newell Highway

∎ by <u>Meredith</u> » Mon Apr 28, 2014 12:27 pm

We have done most of the routes up north from Melbourne and our favourite is the Kidman Way. It really isn't remote, while the traffic is definitely less, which is a big part of the attraction, you certainly won't go long without seeing other vehicles. There are a lot of things worth seeing on the route too.

Check out <u>http://www.kidmanway.org.au/</u> Last edited by <u>Meredith</u> on Mon Apr 28, 2014 12:48 pm, edited 1 time in total.

Re: Concern over using Newell Highway

by <u>Motherhen</u> » Mon Apr 28, 2014 12:33 pm

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Motherhen

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**Re:** Concern over using Newell Highway

■ by <u>Meredith</u> » Mon Apr 28, 2014 12:47 pm

Motherhen wrote: What about Hillston for fuel Dove?

You can get fuel at Hillston, we have filled up there on our last few trips that way, including mid last year. The longest stretches without fuel are Hillston to Cobar 255k and Bourke to Cunnamulla 257k.

Re: Concern over using Newell Highway

*∎ by <u>Nico</u>* » Mon Apr 28, 2014 1:12 pm

Where are all the trucks that supposedly inhabit the Newell *We have travelled it numerous* times, the last a week ago, and there have not been many trucks at all. There were quite a few parked at roadhouses. Maybe it depends on the time of day. We travel at about 90km/hr.

The main thing that irks me about the Newell is the rough condition of the road surface. I have been on smoother dirt roads. Rod Nico

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Rod Nico

<u>Nico</u>

Re: Concern over using Newell Highway

by <u>mudguts</u> » Mon Apr 28, 2014 1:37 pm

If you are concerned about trucks then may I suggest a few things you might consider before you leave:-

1. Remember If you stargaze you become a hazard. Most others on the road have a set purpose to reach a destination in a certain time. They are not on holidays

2. Make sure you fit a good set of mirrors (not those toy clip on things) that allow you clear vision behind your van. Better still fit a rear camera and become familiar with its use. Most importantly maintain constant visual through either medium. You should never be surprised by a truck overtaking you.

3.Fit a UF radio and use it to converse with truck drivers. Try to maintain a decent speed level say at least 90kph will not hold them up very long if you- Let them know you are aware of them and most times they will work with you. DO NOT SLOW DOWN particularly in hills unless it is unsafe to continue at that speed. DO NOT INCREASE your speed - Maintain your speed until the rear trailer clears your front.

4. If you feel you are too inexperienced to deal with heavy vehicle traffic then I suggest you consider some defensive driver training and gain some experience locally before you hit the road on an extended trip.

5. Make sure your rig is safe, well balanced, tyres and brakes in top condition and you know what to do in an emergency situation.

No matter where you travel sharing the road is critical to safe travel. There are probably more idiots driving cars than trucks. Sure there are a few cowboys but I am sure there are many more who have just started towing that can learn a lot. If travelling with other leave at least 200 metres between you and them A pair of hand held radios are also a great asset over short distances - great for instructions with the driver when parking too.
1. Have a look at this site and note Rod Hannifey's comments re sharing the road with trucks <u>http://www.sdt.com.au/safedrive-directo ... TRUCKS.htm</u>

Here's his top ten tips (I'm sure he wont mind me sharing them with you

1. Planning of your equipment purchase, unit compatibility and suitability is essential. Do your skills need upgrading for a new or bigger unit? Next is a plan of trip "must do's" and "maybe's" as part of route, destination and timeframe requirements. Only you know how flexible your time is and what is most important to the trip. This is better done early, rather than afterwards realising you have missed something worthwhile.

2. Seek knowledge from magazines, tourist brochures, clubs and other vanners.

3. Confirm this with others and by your own experience. By joining a caravan or four wheel drive club, you may find others who have been there and done that and most are happy to tell of their experiences.

4. Equipment and extras. Do you need to purchase and or upgrade tow bar, hitches, mirrors and other ancillary equipment? Consider fitting a CB or UHF.

5. Trip Preparation. Make a checklist. The bigger the trip, the bigger the checklist needs to be. Use it when you do your check weigh below.

6. Ensure secure loading and correct weight distribution. Check weigh your unit fully loaded, well before you plan to leave, to allow you to make adjustments if necessary and ensure everything fits and stays put, till you get it right. Keep heavy items lower down and secure any loose items. Confirm compliance with all operating requirements, van and vehicle maximum weights and towball weight, 10% recommended. Last thing before you plan to leave, is a service for tow vehicle and van.

7. On road skills. Practise with a few short trips, at least one with a friend or more experienced vanner. Consider a caravan course. Plan regular breaks and walk around your vehicle at each stop to check tyres and towing equipment. If you are holding up following traffic, move off where safe, to allow them to pass.

8. Trucks. Respect the size and weight of trucks. Share the road. You are holidaying, they are working, and each is done at a different pace.

9. Caravan CB Join in. Fit a CB and or UHF if you haven't already. Put stickers on your van, front and rear, for Channel 18. Talk with other vanners and truckies and improve on road safety and communication. Promote the concept if you agree. Your names on the back, further promote on road contact and information.

10. Enjoy your self. If you find a problem, seek others help to solve or lessen it and then, share your knowledge and experience with others, to help them overcome pitfalls you have found. Travel safely at your own pace, but consider all other road users. Not everyone shares your lack of time pressures.

Safe Travelling, Rod Hannifey. Road Transport and Road Safety Advocate 0428 120 560

Finally unless it is necessary consider travelling between 9am and 4pm and you will find it less busy and generally fewer trucks. and the Kidman Way route suggested will prove far more interesting than the Newell

Travel safe cheers Mudguts

#### 8. Road Safety Officer (RSO) Presentation

• The Chair welcomed and introduced Melanie Suitor, Road Safety & Injury Prevention Officer Parkes, Forbes & Lachlan Shire Councils; Renee McMillan, Road Safety Officer - Moree Plains and Gwydir Shire Councils and Andrea Hamilton-Vaughan, Road Safety Officer - Orange City and Cabonne Shire Councils to present an overview of the successful 'Free Cuppa for the Driver' project.

The Road Safety Officer (RSO) in NSW local councils has a wide role encompassing not only behavioural road safety education, but also influencing the construction of infrastructure to improve the safety of road users. Within councils, the RSOs work across engineering, community services, planning, communications, and customer service areas, and provide links to community stakeholders, community groups, local health and Police officers, all of whom contribute to road safety over the long term.

Examples of RSO responsibilities include:

- ° Conducting road safety behavioural programs through the development and implementation of a council road safety strategic plan.
- ° Working with community groups to address road and transport issues.
- ° Working closely with local liquor accords and community safety initiatives.
- ° Implementing bicycle plan networks and walking paths.
- <sup>°</sup> Conducting special events including NSW Bike Week, Seniors Week, Youth Week, Ride to Work Day and providing road safety advice on traffic management plans.
- Providing input into forward works footpath program and developing the Pedestrian Access and Mobility Plan (PAMP).
- Writing funding submissions for Blackspot programs (both AusLink and State), Albury Bicycle Plan forward works program, PAMP, Attorney General's Department, NRMA and Ministry of Transport.
- ° Developing the council's Fleet Safe policy .
- Providing advice on development applications in relation to traffic, pedestrian and bicycle matters.
- ° Providing advice in relation to applications for liquor licences.
- <sup>°</sup> Working with engineers to determine safe rural bus stops and improve safety around schools.



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## Introduction

- The 'Free Cuppa for the Driver' scheme was developed to raise awareness of the benefits of stopping and reviving on long journeys, even if the break was only to get a quick cuppa.
- Organisers felt that a tourist targeted road safety campaign encouraging drivers to stop and take a break, would most likely have a positive effect on the road toll.



## **Driver fatigue crashes**

- 609 fatigue related crashes.
- 31 fatalities and 475 injuries.
- Over 65% of the drivers involved in these crashes were <u>not</u> from the local area.
- Most LGAs have a major highway (Newell, Gwydir, Oxley, Mitchell).
- Fatigue plays a higher role in night-time crashes and in crashes in rural areas.
- It is a unique and complex problem.



## **Scheme overview**

- Partnership with local businesses.
- Businesses provide the 'free cuppa'.
- Councils provide the promotional material and marketing.
- Motorists who travelled at least 100km are entitled to free cuppa upon presentation of their drivers licence to a participating business.
- Prize draw drivers.
- Compliments the Driver Reviver Program.



## How it all began

- Based on a scheme developed by a community group at Coonabarabran in 2007.
- 'Free Cuppa' was piloted by Parkes, Forbes and Lachlan Shire Councils in 2010.



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## How it all began

 Phase two (2011/2012) - incorporated six Local Government Areas (LGA's).



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## How it all began

 Phase three (2012/2013) - incorporated 13 Local Government Areas (LGA's).



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## How it all began

- Cabonne Council
- Dubbo City Council
- Forbes Shire Council
- Gilgandra Shire Council
- Gwydir Shire Council
- Lachlan Shire Council
- Lithgow City Council
- Moree Plains Council
- Narrabri Shire Council
- Orange City Council
- Parkes Shire Council
- Warrumbungle Shire Council
- Wellington Council



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- Phase four operational from 3 March to 31 May 2014.
- 51 participating businesses.
- 27 towns/villages.







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 'Free Cuppa' brochures are available from Visitors Information Centres throughout the region, including Melbourne, Brisbane and Sydney CBD Visitor Centres.



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- Welcome and feedback letters.
- Staff training policy.
- Tally sheet.
- Stakeholder engagement.
- Outdoor signage agreement.
- Dovetail 'Don't trust your tired self'.
- Pull up banners.



### Successes



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## Successes

- The previous schemes have met the objectives of the program.
- Gives local businesses a 'hands-on' opportunity to participate in a road safety project.
- Over 250 entries in the driver's prize draw last year.
- Over 400 'free cuppas' given away last year.
- Great team work and dedication among stakeholders.



## Successes

- Promotional brochures are easy-to-read booklets that are easily accessible.
- Cups, onsite signage and roadside banners helped with branding.
- Abundant TV, radio and print media exposure that promoted the scheme.
- Narrabri Shire Council participated again this year despite not having a Road Safety Officer of their own.
- Useful evaluation results.



## Teamwork

- Open discussion and brain-storming.
- Not precious or parochial.
- Allocation of tasks with deadlines.
- Joint resources.
- Sharing each other's talents and abilities.
- Sharing a sense of pride in the project.
- Regular teleconferences.
- Face to face meetings.





## Where to from here?

- Planning for 2015 underway.
- Development of an app.
- More rest areas along strategic routes.
- Maintain excellent media coverage.
- Change launch city or town.
- Partner with the Newell Highway Promotions Committee.
- Attend local Driver Reviver meetings in order to share information.



The Chair thanked Melanie, Renee and Andrea for the presentation and on the success of the project and that it would be good of more Councils would be involved.

#### 9. Freight Strategy and the Draft Newell Highway Corridor Strategy

As mentioned earlier the Draft Newell Highway Corridor Strategy will be distributed to stakeholders and the community for comments and to identify what has not been included in the Draft Newell Highway Corridor Strategy including bridges, intersections, roundabouts, flood damage, 100km sections, access for HPV's priorities and time frames, heavy vehicle routes at Coonabarabran, Parkes and Dubbo. Councils should be encouraged to submit a response and a copy sent to the Newell Highway Task Force, and the comments will be included in the Newell Highway Task Forces response. The Chair and Secretary should also meet with the Minister and Staff to discuss the strategy.

The present version of the Taskforce's Newell Highway Freight Strategy was distributed to all members. The strategy was developed in Parkes in 2011 and John Morris to distribute power point presentation.

The Newell Highway Task Force's next meeting should mainly be a planning day facilitated by Bruce Bates at the Parkes regional RMS office on Tuesday 12 August 2014.

#### **10. General Business**

- Kevin Tighe mentioned that the current over dimensional route through Coonabarabran is through residential streets and over the weir which is not really acceptable.
- The Inland Rail Symposium was held in Moree on Friday 7 March 2014 and some organisations were not aware of the symposium. Ken Keith is the Chair of the Melbourne to Brisbane Inland Rail Alliance (MBIRA). The Australian Government has committed \$300 million to enable Inland Rail to commence in 2014 starting with pre-construction activities such as detailed corridor planning, environmental assessments, community consultation as well as commencing land acquisition and there may be more funding in the Federal Budget and they aim to complete the project in ten years. The inland route need sections to be upgraded to allow double stacking and corners improved so that constant speeds can be maintained. Former Deputy Prime Minister John Anderson will Chair a high-level Implementation Group and they are meeting in Sydney on Friday 16 May. Competing road and rail funds.
- The task force should consider driver fatigue and safety on the Newell Highway.

#### 11. Next meeting, date and venue

Parkes RMS Regional Office Tuesday 12 August 2014.

Meeting Closed 12:13pm



Minutes of NSW Association of Mining Related Councils Inc. Ordinary Meeting Friday 9 May 2014 Bland Shire Council Chambers Shire Street West Wyalong

#### The meeting commenced at 9.35 am

#### Attendance

Cr Col Mitchell Cr Chris Connor **Cr Peter Shinton** Mr Steve Loane Cr Sharon Wilcox M/S Heather Nicholls Cr Liz McGlynn **Cr Leeanne Hampton** Cr Tony Ellis Mr Greg Lamont Cr Catherine Collyer M/S Dianne Hood Cr Robyn Faber Cr Jeff Maybury Mr David Henry Mr Glen Wilcox Cr Owen Hasler Cr Paul Hawker Cr Michael Greenwood Cr Michael Banasik Cr Dennis Brady

#### Staff

Mr Don Tydd Ms Julie Goodwin

#### **Apologies**

Cr H Allgayer Cr Jim Nolan Cr Lilliane Brady (OAM) Mr Garry Woodman Cr Frank Hooke Cr John Davies Wollondilly Shire Council (Chair) Wollongong City Council (Deputy Chair) Warrumbungle Shire Council Warrumbungle Shire Council Cabonne Shire Council Cabonne Shire Council **Bland Shire Council** Bland Shire Council Narromine Shire Council Narromine Shire Council Narrabri Shire Council Narrabri Shire Council Narrabri Shire Council Cessnock City Council Campbelltown City Council Blayney Shire Council Gunnedah Shire Council Campbelltown City Council Parkes Shire Council Wollondilly Shire Council Lachlan Shire Council

Executive Officer Accounts Administrator

Gunnedah Shire Council Broken Hill City Council Cobar Shire Council (Deputy Chair) Cobar Shire Council Gloucester Shire Council Orange City Council



Cr Gordon Bradbery Cr Jeff Whitton Mr Warwick Bennett Cr Des Kennedy Cr Peter Bishop Mr Ron Zwicker Cr John Martin OAM Cr Don McKinnon Mr Peter Kozlowski Wollongong City Council Orange City Council Mid Western Regional Council Mid Western Regional Council Upper Hunter Shire Council Wollongong City Council Singleton Council Wentworth Shire Council Wentworth Shire Council

#### 1. Welcome

The Chair, Councillor Col Mitchell welcomed delegates to the meeting and invited the Bland Shire Council Mayor, Councillor Neil Pokoney to provide a welcome to West Wyalong and also address the meeting. Councillor Pokoney welcomed delegates to the Bland Shire and in doing so also advised that mining had placed pressure on the local infrastructure. The Bland Shire area had a history of gold mining. Councillor Pokoney also advised while there had been pressure on infrastructure from mining it had diversified the local economy. In the last ten years, traditional agricultural industries had lost a third of their population, He also advised the Barrack Mining Company was a great corporate citizen.

#### 2. Apologies

#### 21 /2014 Resolved that the apologies be received and noted.

(Cr S Wilcox/ Cr J Maybury)

#### 3. Disclosures of Pecuniary Interests

### 22/2014 Delegates now disclose any pecuniary interests and reasons for declaring such interests in the matters under consideration at the meeting.

(Cr Hawker/Cr Maybury)

Cr Jeff Maybury declared an interest as a member of the Mines Subsidence Board.

#### 4. Minute Silence for Miners Lost in Recent Mining Accident at Cessnock

Councillor Maybury raised the matter of the recent tragic death of two miners near Cessnock and asked that a minute's silent be observed in respect to this loss of life.

A minute's silence was duly observed.



### 5. Presentation by Mr Steve Galilee – Chief Executive Officer NSW Minerals Council.

Cr Mitchell welcomed Mr Galilee to the meeting. Mr Galilee provided an overhead presentation.

It was noted that a copy of Mr Galilee's presentation would be made available to delegates in due course.

#### Major issues raised by Mr Galilee in his presentation

- It had been a year since he had made a presentation to the Association and there had been a lot of changes in that time in relation to the NSW mining industry.
- The NSW Government's Resources for Regions program had made allocations of funds for infrastructure in council areas that are listed under the eligible criteria. He was hopeful that the program would be extended to other council areas under new criteria being considered by the government. Along with the Association's Executive Officer, Don Tydd, he had attempted at the Advisory Panel's meetings to highlight the infrastructure needs of the councils.
- The NSW Minerals Council had continued its survey showing the expenditure of the mining industry in both the metropolitan and regional areas. This publication was sought after by government departments.

NB. A limited number of copies of the survey would be made available by the NSW Minerals Council to member councils on application to Mr Galilee's office.

- Some key local projects may be missing from the survey and member councils are encouraged to advise Mr Galilee's office of the relevant details.
- Currently 70 mines are operating in NSW down from 75 last year. Mining companies were facing tough times. Coal mine numbers had moved from 52 to 62 at the height of the recent expansion but were now back to 53.
- Mr Galilee spoke to his presentation in relation to the direct spending by mining companies in NSW regions.
- Coal prices had moved from \$141 per tonne in 2011 to \$82 in 2013.
- There had been a reduction in related employment with 25,000 in June 2012 to 22,500 in March 2014.
- Policy issues before the NSW Minerals Council included the Resources for Regions Program, Voluntary Planning Agreements [VPAS] (especially road infrastructure) and recognition of cumulative impacts from mining developments.
- In relation to VPAS, the NSW Minerals Council would be interested in a set formula to give both the industry and councils certainty in their negotiations.



#### Comments

- Greg Lamont, Narromine Shire Council Council currently had no problems.
- Councillor Robyn Faber, Narrabri Shire Council--Narrabri Shire Council's current problem was a mining company had refused to negotiate on a VPA where road funding was involved.
- Steve Loane, Warrumbungle Shire Council--The Department of Planning and Infrastructure had problems in its interpretation of VPAS and different views to council. He asked that the NSW Minerals Council take a leadership role in this matter and try and resolve the issues with member companies. It appeared the Department does not wish to be the referee in relation to these matters. He was concerned with the cumulative effects from 5 mines developing around Warrumbungle Shire.
- Councillor Owen Hasler, Gunnedah Shire Council—There was inconsistency in the various companies' approach to discussing this matter. There needed to be a state wide approach.

A question was put to Mr Galilee regarding mining and air quality in the Namoi Valley (Vickery Mine). He advised the NSW Minerals Council had negotiated with the Environment Protection Authority in relation to air monitoring in the Hunter Valley. He advised the NSW Minerals Council was open to discussions on this matter.

In relation to cumulative effects, Mr Galilee advised that the Minerals Council would prefer that the matter was settled at the Development Application and Voluntary Planning Agreement stage. At that time, the NSW Minerals Council would be happy to assist. He reiterated that the NSW Minerals Council had no authority to direct mining companies to negotiate with councils.

Steve Loane expressed his concern on the size of loads related to the mining industry travelling on local roads.

Mr Galilee made the following further comments:

 VPAS were a complex and difficult subject – the NSW Minerals Council had moved on to support other formulas to those previously considered. There were many opinions including consideration of the employee numbers option. It was impossible to get all member companies to agree but the Council was working on the issue. The member companies had agreed generally to the concept and this was giving more certainty around the issue. The Department of Planning and Infrastructure needed to "give a little" on its current approach.



#### **Further Comments**

Narrabri delegates—There was a need for certainty with VPAS on both physical infrastructure (roads) and social infrastructure where new employees were coming to the area. There was considerable debate over what issues are "in" and "out". VPAS must also consider social issues.

In reply, Mr Galilee advised all issues should be considered in VPAS.

Steve Loane, Warrumbungle Shire Council suggested a task force should be set up with the NSW Minerals Council represented on it.

Following the conclusion of the presentation, Mr Galilee was thanked by the Chair, Councillor Mitchell, for making the time available to address delegates at this meeting.

6. Adoption of Minutes, Ordinary Meeting held in the Jumbunna and Eora Rooms, Level 47, MLC Centre, Sydney 27 February 2014.

23/2014 Resolved that minutes of the Association's ordinary meeting held in the Jumbunna and Eora Rooms, Level 47, MLC Centre, Sydney 27 February 2014 be adopted.

(Cr Maybury/Cr Shinton)

#### Matters Arising from the Minutes

#### Item 1. Minute 8/2014 Association's Nomination- NSW Mine Rehabilitation Committee

The Chair asked if there had been any reply to the Association's nomination of Councillor John Martin to be a member of the Committee. The Executive Officer advised no reply had been received.

#### Item 2. Minute 61/2013 Dust Monitoring Gunnedah Coal Basin

Narrabri Shire Council delegates advised that in their opinion, negotiations on this matter had stalled.

The Executive Officer advised he would contact Environmental Protection Authority Staff on this matter.

#### 5. Adoption of Minutes, Executive Committee Meeting held in the Snowy Room, Level 47, MLC Centre, Sydney 14 February 2014.



24/2014 Resolved that minutes of the Association's Executive Committee meeting held in the Snowy Room, Level 47, MLC Centre, Sydney 14 February 2014 be adopted.

(Cr Maybury/Cr Shinton)

7. Executive Officer's Report

Reports and Recommendations - Executive Committee meeting Held in the Snowy Room, Level 47, MLC Centre Martin Place Sydney 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2014.

Item 1.1 Part A. Executive officer's Report to the Executive Committee meeting 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2014

25/2014 Resolved Part A of the Executive Officer's Report to the Executive Committee meeting 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2014 be received and noted.

(Cr Maybury / Cr Wilcox)

. Executive Officer's Report Part B – For Decision

Item 1.2 Coal Seam Gas (CSG) Policy

#### Recommendation

### 1. Endorsement of the policy (Items 1-6) following detailed consideration of submissions made by member councils in relation to this matter:

1. That the AMRC takes the position that there are genuine concerns in the community surrounding the short term and long term environmental impacts of Coal Seam Gas as they are not well understood at either a statewide or regional level. Further, AMRC will advocate on behalf of member councils that are affected by CSG exploration and production.

2. The AMRC would like to acknowledge the progress that has been made by this government in establishing both planning and environmental safeguards around exploration and mining activities however, advocates for the inclusion of R5 Large Lot Residential Zone as identified in the Standard Instrument LEP. The Association further acknowledges recent extensions to CSG exclusion zones, the signing of "Agreed Principles of Land Access" agreements between companies and rural industries affected by CSG exploration and production and, the extension of the planning gateway process.



3. The AMRC calls upon the state government to release as soon as possible the findings of the Chief Scientist and to commission with the key industry groups, Sydney Catchment Authority and Environmental and Hydro-Geological Scientists peer reviewed research demonstrating the possible impacts and effects of CSG mining on ground water and surface water systems, effects related to the use of chemicals, effects related to hydraulic fracturing, effects on greenhouse gas and other emissions and the nature and effect of remediation under the Petroleum (Onshore) Act 1991 and under clause 14 of SEPP (Mining, Petroleum Production and Extractive Industries) 2007.

4. The AMRC also requests that the state government supports and clarifies the role and position of local government in the pre-gateway determinations concerning CSG operations and their impacts on local communities, environment and infrastructure.

5. The AMRC monitor the future development of NSW government and commonwealth government energy policies to ensure there is a security of gas supplies for member councils' local communities and industries.

6. The AMRC supports the actions of those member councils that have adopted local coal seam gas (CSG) policies.

- 2. Member councils that have not yet adopted a local coal seam gas policy be encouraged to do so to ensure that local circumstances and community opinions/values are considered in any CSG exploration and possible industry development,
- 3. The Association acknowledges current State government actions which influence and inform in relation to the ongoing development and makeup of the redrafted policy.

#### **Further Comment**

Councillor Connor on behalf of the Executive Committee spoke in support of the recommendation. Delegates however expressed different views and concerns in relation to the draft policy before the meeting. On this basis, Councillor Connor presented further proposed amendments to the draft policy which should address the concerns raised by delegates.

In view of the importance of this matter it was agreed that the amendments (as set out below) should be considered by the Executive Committee at its meeting to be held on the 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2014 for a final recommendation to the Association's meeting to be held on 7 August 2014.



26/2014 Resolved that the following draft Coal Seam Gas Policy (as amended) be considered by the Executive Committee meeting to be held 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2014 with a final recommendation to the next Association's meeting to be held on 7<sup>th</sup> August 2014.

(Cr Dennis Brady/Cr Hawker)

# Association of Mining Related Councils

### Coal Seam Gas - Exploration and Production

#### Policy



- 1. The Association supports member councils in the development of Coal Seam Gas Policies that reflect the needs and directions of their local communities.
- 2. The Association will advocate on behalf of member councils that are affected by CSG exploration and production.
- 3. The Association shall lobby the NSW Government concerning the role of Local Government as a key stakeholder in all negotiations related to land use, consent agreements and VPAs, when CSG exploration and production is proposed.

### **Position Statement**

1. That the Association takes the position that there are genuine concerns in the community surrounding the short term and long term environmental impacts of Coal Seam Gas as they are not well understood at either a state-wide or regional level. Further, the Association will advocate on behalf of member councils that are affected by CSG exploration and production.

2. The Association would like to acknowledge the progress that has been made by this government in establishing both planning and environmental safeguards around exploration and mining activities however, advocates for the inclusion of R5 Large Lot Residential Zone as identified in the Standard Instrument LEP. The Association further acknowledges recent extensions to CSG exclusion zones, the signing of "Agreed Principles of Land Access" agreements between companies and rural industries affected by CSG exploration and production and, the extension of the planning gateway process.



3. The Association calls upon the state government to release as soon as possible the findings of the Chief Scientist and to commission with the key industry groups, Sydney Catchment Authority and Environmental and Hydro- Geological Scientists peer reviewed research demonstrating the possible impacts and effects of CSG mining on ground water and surface water systems, effects related to the use of chemicals, effects related to hydraulic fracturing, effects on greenhouse gas and other emissions and the nature and effect of remediation under the Petroleum (Onshore) Act 1991 and under clause 14 of SEPP (Mining, Petroleum Production and Extractive Industries) 2007.

4. The Association also requests that the state government supports and clarifies the role and position of local government in the pre-gateway determinations concerning CSG operations and their impacts on local communities, environment and infrastructure.

5. The Association monitor the future development of NSW government and commonwealth government energy policies to ensure there is a security of gas supplies for member councils' local communities and industries.

6. The Association supports the actions of those member councils that have adopted local coal seam gas (CSG) policies.

7. That an independent Ombudsman be appointed for complaints and ongoing oversight of the industry;

## Additional information to assist councils in forming their CSG policy

- 1. The Association is the peak body representing NSW local governments areas and therefore, has an important role to effectively lobby state and federal government to financially support the infrastructure needed to adequately deal with additional local mining and extractive industries;
- 2. That impacts on Local Government Council Infrastructure are adequately compensated for in the immediate and future life of those assets;
- 3. In regard to the communities environmental assets, that the appropriate oversight body, whether government or private, is engaging effectively and is communicating with Council and the processes are put in place to independently obtain baseline data on air and water quality;
- 4. Councils should as far as practicable adopt a "nil" effect position in regard to the quality of surface water, domestic, stock and irrigation aquifers used by our community and a "nil" net effect on above ground environmental assets in relation to coal seam gas activities;



- 5. That health and environmental impact assessments are conducted for all significant mining and extractive industries during the approval process;
- 6. That individual property rights in regard to unwelcome drilling, exploration and/or extraction activities are supported;
- 7. That the ten (10) International Council of Mining and Metals (ICMM) principles are supported by Association;
- 8. That the Association and member councils recommend to the State government that the pre-gateway determination process be modified to enable a refusal where appropriate and;
- 9. Promote the dissemination of information to landholders that is independent and informs them of their rights and obligations prior to entering into any agreements relating to coal seam gas exploration or production".

#### Item 1.3 Membership of the Association- Wentworth Shire Council

27/2014 Resolved Wentworth Shire Council be admitted as a member of the Association.

(Cr Hasler/Cr Maybury)

Item1.4 .Policy: Delegates travelling Expenses for Attending Events and Meetings on Behalf of the Association Outside Their Local Government Council Area

#### **Purpose of Policy**

The purpose of this policy is to ensure there is accountability and transparency to member councils for the reimbursement of expenses incurred by delegates who are appointed by the Association to designated Committees, Boards where meetings are outside their immediate local government area.

#### **Reimbursement and Reconciliation of Expenses**

- Reimbursement of costs and expenses to delegates and /or member councils will only be made upon the production of appropriate receipts and tax invoices and the completion of the required claim forms.
- 2. Expenses and costs must be in accordance with the requirements of this policy.


**3.** The maximum time limit for delegates and/or member councils to seek reimbursement for their expenses is within 60 days from the date of the receipt, invoice or voucher.

# 4. Spouse and Partner Expenses

Given the operations of the Association and the likely involvement of delegates attending meetings with expenses under this policy, Spouse or Partner expenses will not be recognised.

# Travel Outside the Local Government Area including Interstate Travel

- 1. Where appropriate, travel will be provided by air (economy class). Depending upon the circumstances, it may be more appropriate for the travel to be by car.
- 2. Where a private motor vehicle is used, kilometre payments are not to exceed the economy air fare and should apply to the most direct route. The driver will be responsible for traffic or parking fines. Kilometre payments will be in accordance with the current rate set by the appropriate Local Government (State) Award from time to time, but subject to the most direct route taken.
- 3. Travel by motor vehicle may be undertaken in a council vehicle or by private vehicle.
- 4. Costs of motor vehicle hire, taxi fares, public transport, road tolls or parking costs which are reasonably incurred while attending Association business will be reimbursed by the Association.
- 5. Interstate travel must be approved by the Chairperson or in his/her absence by at least one of the Deputy Chairpersons and the Executive Officer.

28/ 2014 Resolved the above policy be adopted for the payment of delegates and/or their member council's expenses when they represent the Association on designated committees or boards where all associated meetings are outside the delegate's local government area.

(Cr Connor/Cr Wilcox)



Item 1.5 . Policy: Voting Rights at a Meeting While a Life Member is a Voting Delegate of Council

29 /2014 resolved the Association grant Mr Glen Wilcox, General Manager, Blayney Shire Council, full participation rights as a delegate while he is in that position but recognising his efforts as a life member.

(Cr Wilcox/Cr Collyer)

Item 1.6. Procurement of Booth at 2014 Local Government NSW Conference.

30/2014 Resolved:

1. The Executive Officer's actions in securing a booth at this year's Local Government NSW's conference to be held in Coffs Harbour in October 2014 be endorsed and,

2. Delegates provide ideas and suggestions for increasing the profile of the Association at the conference.

(Cr Hasler/Cr Maybury)

Item 1.7. Consideration of Membership- MIDROC Group of Councils.

31/2014 Resolved the MIDROC Group of Councils be advised the Association would encourage its member councils to join the organisation.

(Cr Connor/Steve Loane)

# Item 1.8 . Preparation of Voluntary Planning Agreements (VPAS) By Department of Planning and Infrastructure.

The Deputy Chairperson, Councillor Chris Connor advised the meeting that due to unforeseen circumstances Ron Zwicker would not be attending today's to make his presentation on VPAS.

Councillor Connor spoke on Mr Zwicker's report which was to have been presented. He advised data had been collected for VPAS dating back to 2006. The next step would be to check the variations in member's and nonmember's VPAS looking at the positive and negative conditions negotiated. It was now up to delegates as to how this matter should be progressed.

Narrabri Shire Council delegates commented that this was a very important issue and the Association needs to adopt a position.



The presentation and report is to be distributed to member councils and delegates. Comments would be required from councils by 30 June 2014. This would allow the Executive Committee to consider the matter at its meeting on the 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2014 with resulting recommendations to the next ordinary meeting to be held on 7<sup>th</sup> August 2014.

# Item 1.9. Financial Statements 1 July 2013 – 31 March 2014

32/2014 Resolved Financial Statements for the period 1 July 2013 to 31 March 2014 be received and noted.

(Cr Maybury/ Greg Lamont)

Item 1.10. Association's MYOB System

33/2014 Resolved the Association purchase a lap top computer suitable to house the Association's MYOB system at a cost of \$1,736. Further, this purchase be left to the Executive Officer to organise in association with the Accounting Administrator and Gunnedah Shire Council be approached by the Association to allow its system to be periodically backed up through council's computer system.

(Cr Hasler/ Cr Hampton)

Item 1.11. Guest Speaker Meeting Friday 9 May 2014

34/2014 Resolved, endorsement of the Executive Officer's action in inviting Mr Steven Galilee , Chief Executive Officer, NSW Minerals Council to make a presentation at the Association's meeting to be held on Friday 9 May 2014.

(Greg Lamont/Cr Hasler)

Item 1.12. Items of General Business to be Considered at Ordinary Meetings

35/2014 Resolved as from August 2014, all general business matters to be considered at the ordinary quarterly meetings are to be submitted in writing to the Executive Officer no later than two (2) weeks prior to the meeting to allow the issue to be notified to delegates in the business paper.

(Glen Wilcox/Cr Sharon Wilcox)



Item 1.13 Association Meetings- Raised by Gloucester Shire Council in Telephone call to Executive Officer- Centralising of Meetings

36/2014 Resolved this matter be received.

# **General Business**

# Item 1. Letter Tabled by Councillor Collyer from a resident (Victoria Hamilton) of Narrabri Shire in relation to coal seam gas.

In accordance with the Association's policy on late correspondence this matter to be referred to and considered by, the Executive Committee at its next meeting to be held on the 22 July 2014.

There being no further business the meeting concluded at 12.07pm

The Minutes (Pages 1 to 14) were confirmed at a meeting held on the 7 August 2014 and are a full and accurate record of proceedings of the meeting held on the 9 May 2014.

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Cr Colin Mitchell Chairperson

# MINUTES OF A MEETING OF DIRECTORS OF RIVERINA REGIONAL TOURISM INC.

Held at Wagga Wagga City Council, 243 Baylis St, Wagga Wagga On Tuesday, 29 April 2014 at 10.30am



- PRESENT: Greg Lawrence (Chair) Neil Druce Ross McDonnell Kate O'Callaghan Jeff Stien Frank White (by teleconference)
- IN ATTENDANCE: Sonia Casanova (Project Officer) Jacqui Herrmann (Marketing Project Officer)
- APOLOGY: Ben Foley John Harvie Ruth McRae

# ITEM 1 – Opening and welcome

The Chair of the meeting noted that a quorum was present, and opened the meeting at 10.25am.

IT WAS RESOLVED that the apologies, as shown above, be accepted. Moved: Director McDonnell Seconded: Director Stien

# ITEM 2 – Minutes of Board Meeting held on 11 February 2014

The Minutes of the Board Meeting held on 11 February 2014 were previously circulated to Directors.

Director Stien requested that the Minutes reflect that he left the meeting at the conclusion of item 5 on the agenda.

IT WAS RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Board Meeting held on 11 February 2014 be accepted with the adjustment requested by Director Stien. Moved: Director Stien Seconded: Director McDonnell

The Board then discussed the distribution of board meeting minutes to the three Destination Management Organisations (DMOs) so that DMOs can table the minutes at their meetings.

IT WAS RESOLVED that the RRT Board meeting minutes will be distributed to all DMOs once approved. This has been duly authorised by the Board, as required by the Director's Code of Conduct, and confidentiality of the minutes' contents should be observed at all times. Moved: Director Stien Seconded: Director Druce

The Board agreed that draft minutes would be emailed to the Board within one week of the board meeting (approximately). Directors are to review and provide additions and/or corrections within 2-3 days. Final approval is to be provided by Directors within an additional 2-3 days.

# ITEM 3 – Update on Riverina Agritourism Development Program

#### ITEM 3.1 – Review of KPIs

The Project Officer presented an update on progress against KPIs to the board using a traffic light approach, asking the board for feedback on this format. The Board agreed that the traffic light approach provides a snapshot of progress and is a good format to use for future board meetings.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:39am. **The Board welcomed a visit from the Premier of NSW, The Hon. Mike Baird.** The meeting re-convened at 10:45am.

The Board agreed that the traffic light KPI report should also be sent to DMOs at the end of each month, noting confidentiality of its contents and that it is an internal document only and not for distribution.

#### **ITEM 3.2 – Photographer appointment**

The Marketing Project Officer provided an update to the Board about the appointment of a photographer to update and expand RRT's image library. Sixteen applications were received and five of these were included on a shortlist. A selection panel was convened, which included Director O'Callaghan, Naomi Stuart from Wagga Wagga City Council and RRT's Marketing Project Officer.

The successful photographer is Jesse McNair, who is a travelling photographer and will spend about one week in the Riverina each season to capture images. The selection panel appointed Jesse based on the quality of his portfolio, his experience working in regional tourism and excellent references from past clients. Jesse will be bundling zones within the region to ensure full coverage of the Riverina throughout the year and will liaise with Visitor Information Centres and other relevant contacts to plan his visits.

Director Stien requested that he be the contact person for Jesse with relation to photography in the Bland Shire.

A contract between Jesse and RRT is currently being worked on. The Board discussed copyright matters as they relate to the contract and it was agreed that the contract would need to include an exclusive and unlimited licence to use the images by RRT, its members and stakeholders.

Director McDonnell advised the Marketing Project Officer that the National Parks and Wildlife Service has quality images of nature based tourism on the Murrumbidgee River and that RRT can use these images for promotional purposes.

#### ITEM 3.3 – Industry buy-in / sponsorship update

The Project Officer provided an update to the Board on progress to date with industry buy-in to RRT's marketing campaigns.

- The Wine Grapes Marketing Board is the first industry supporter to buy-in to the marketing program.
- A meeting was also held with the Rice Growers Association and, as an outcome of the positive discussions, the proposal will be taken to RGA's executive committee meeting in the coming weeks.
- A teleconference was held with NPWS, as they are keen to promote the Red Gum forests in the southern part of the Riverina. They will advise if they budget to spend on the marketing buy-in.
- A meeting is scheduled with Murrumbidgee Irrigation in the coming week.
- Other industry groups are to be contacted in coming weeks to encourage further buy-in.

The Board discussed other industry groups and businesses to be targeted including ROBE Oils, Regional Express, Angus Park, NSW Farmers Association, John Deere in Temora and Leeton, Gundagai Meat Processors and Junee Abattoir.

It was agreed that directors would forward any further ideas and/or contact details to the Project Officer. In addition, all DMOs would be asked to submit any further suggestions to the Project Officer.

#### ITEM 3.4 – Marketing plan activity

#### **Insiders Guide**

The Marketing Project Officer confirmed that preparations were on track for the winter edition of the Insiders Guide to be released in June. This edition and future editions will feature a range of articles on topics such as farmers markets, cafes and restaurants, meet the makers, beverages and other topics.

Expressions of interest will soon be called from experienced professional copywriters to contribute to the Insiders Guide. The process will be very similar as the one used to appoint the photographer. It was agreed that it was worthwhile engaging a professional copywriter to tell the stories for this publication.

#### Local Host program

The Board was advised that progress to date has been slow given that the project team has been focused on other priorities.

The Project Officer acknowledged issues with the Ambassador program implemented by RRT several years ago including a cumbersome and inconvenient sign-up process, insufficient and short-lived promotion of the program to locals, and inadequate training of staff by operators about the program. These issues will be overcome with the new Local Host program with a digital sign-up process, ongoing communications with Local Hosts via email and ongoing promotion of the program through the quarterly postcard campaign for each household. It was acknowledged that support from Visitor Information Centres will be critical to the success of the program and that some VICs are more proactive than others, so RRT will work with them to increase support for the program. It was acknowledged that success would come through continual education and promotion to both consumers and operators.

Steve Rosa from Tourism Southern Highlands is visiting Junee in the near future to share the success of their program. RRT will seek to obtain further advice from Steve on how to make the program a success. Director Druce stressed that pride by local hosts will be an important factor in the programs' success, and emphasised that locals need to see participation in the program as a badge of honour. Having a symbol of the program on their mobile phone for ease of redemption was also discussed. Another important factor is point of sale materials for the operators, so that all staff can easily understand the program.

Measurement of the program is an important feature to encourage operators to sign-up and stay involved.

It was agreed that Directors Druce and White would meet offline with the project team to discuss further details.

#### Seasonal Postcard campaign

The Marketing Project Officer confirmed that the first seasonal postcard is on track for distribution in July. Ten member Councils have responded with mailing details for their ratepayers, with seven responses still outstanding. It was agreed that the Marketing Project Officer would advise Directors which member Council responses were still outstanding via the Board meeting minutes.

Member Councils with responses still outstanding are:

Gundagai	Junee
Murrumbidgee	TBC
TBC	TBC
TBC	

#### Wotif campaign

The campaign with Wotif is not scheduled until spring so little progress has been made to date. The Marketing Project Officer has contacted Wotif and is awaiting a response.

Director White advised to make the process for signing-up to the Wotif campaign as simple as possible to encourage participation from operators. The Marketing Project Officer will discuss in more detail with Director White offline.

#### **Digital assets**

The Marketing Project Officer advised that progress is being made with RRT's website and our social media sites continue to be updated. We have already achieved the KPI of reaching 500 Likes on RRT's Facebook page, which is good news.

Director Druce offered to donate pizza-sized freckles to encourage 'share and like' activity for RRT's and Taste Riverina's Facebook pages. The Marketing Project Officer will action this in due course.

#### **Taste Riverina**

Preparations for the Taste Riverina festival will soon be underway with the first meeting of the Taste Riverina Committee to be held in Narrandera in early May. This is a good start and earlier than previous years.

#### ITEM 3.5 – Product Development Expressions of Interest

Expressions of interest for the Product Development role close on Wednesday 30 April. One application has been received to date, with at least one more expected.

A selection panel will be convened to appoint the Product Development specialist, and this panel will include Director Lawrence, Director McDonnell and one independent person from outside the tourism industry. The project team will assist with coordination of the selection panel's work. It was agreed that, if required, a teleconference of the selection panel would be held at the NPWS office in Griffith.

# ITEM 4 – Casual Board Vacancy

#### ITEM 4.1 – Discussion with Eastern DMO about replacement director

Director Stien provided an update from the Eastern DMO about a replacement director from that subregion. It was resolved at the last meeting of the Eastern DMO that an email would be circulated inviting expressions of interest for the role of RRT director. The Eastern DMO Chair has been away until recently so that email has not yet been distributed.

The RRT Chair requested that the issue be resolved as soon as possible as the RRT board is functioning with one less director, which can create difficulties with meeting quorums, and he was also mindful that RRT must deliver on the KPIs with Destination NSW.

Director Stien confirmed that a new director would be elected at the Eastern DMO meeting in Cootamundra on Friday 9 May.

On a related matter, Director White suggested that processes for governance-related issues need to be more organised. By way of example, Director White suggested that the RRT Chair should have written to the Eastern DMO requesting a replacement director by a certain date. He suggested that more official processes would be a good idea, but cautioned against getting bogged down by them.

It was agreed that the position of Deputy Chair would be addressed once the new Director was on board. It will be dealt with by circular resolution as soon as possible after the new Director from the Eastern DMO is elected.

# ITEM 4.2 – Update of constitution at AGM to include process for filling a casual vacancy

The Board discussed updating RRT's constitution at the next AGM to include a process for filling a casual vacancy, which is currently not outlined clearly in the existing constitution.

The Chair agreed to consult the solicitor who drafted the existing Constitution and discuss amendments in advance of the AGM.

#### ITEM 5 – Insurance

#### ITEM 5.1 – Discussion on Association Liability insurance

The Board considered information supplied by Daniel Robey of GSA Insurance Brokers comparing the coverage provided by Association Liability insurance and Voluntary Workers insurance.

The Project Officer confirmed that the annual cost of the Association Liability insurance is approximately \$2400 and the annual cost of the Voluntary Workers insurance is approximately \$725. Both policies are scheduled for renewal on 30 September 2014.

IT WAS RESOLVED that the Voluntary Workers insurance policy be cancelled, based on the information received from the insurance broker. Moved: Director Druce Seconded: Director Stien

#### ITEM 6 – Finance Report

#### ITEM 6.1 – Cash flow January – March 2014

The Board considered and discussed the cash flow document presented in the board papers.

It was agreed that the cash flow document should be updated to reflect the current situation, as we know the situation to be now, rather than as it was at the time the budget was prepared. Additional line items would be added to the cash flow so that it is more detailed and reflects individual marketing items. It was also agreed that columns for January and February 2015 would be added as the current project will carry over in to the new calendar year and these months should be monitored.

The Board discussed preparations for ongoing funding in to 2015 and it was agreed that this should be an agenda item for the June board meeting. It was also agreed that the Board would invite Andrew Sargant from Destination NSW to the June board to assist in those discussions.

IT WAS RESOLVED that the Finance Report be accepted. Moved: Director O'Callaghan Seconded: Director Stien

# ITEM 7 – Updates from DMOs

#### ITEM 7.1 – Southern DMO

In Director Harvie's absence, Director White provided an update from the southern DMO. There has been no meeting in the past 6-7 weeks. However, at the previous meeting, a group from Jerilderie presented their plans for a dinner in a creek. This group has now been in touch with the Marketing Project Officer and it is hoped that this event will form part of the Taste Riverina festival. There is an ongoing focus by the Southern DMO to keep things going in their sub-region, including the Tuppal festival and the Taste Riverina festival.

The project team expressed an interest in attending the next meeting of the Southern DMO.

#### ITEM 7.2 – Eastern DMO

Director Stien provided an update from the Eastern DMO. As previously advised, the RRT director vacancy was discussed at their last meeting, which was held in Junee. In addition, it was agreed that the Eastern DMO would prepare an updated audit of the all agri-tourism product in their sub-region.

Andrew Robbins from Temora Shire Council will develop a template to facilitate this audit. Following the meeting, the group toured Junee and this was excellent.

## ITEM 7.3 – Western DMO

The Chair provided an update from the Western DMO. The Western DMO had considered and discussed in detail the level of formality required for their DMO group and it was agreed that the DMO would remain an informal group. However, a Memorandum of Understanding would be developed and signed by all Councils in the DMO and they would use this as a framework for their operations. The Western DMO aims to start bringing in operators to their meetings to facilitate engagement with and involvement by industry.

# ITEM 8 – Correspondence

#### ITEM 8.1 – Audited accounts to 31 December 2013

The Project Officer confirmed that a copy of the audited accounts to 31 December 2013 were available for any Director to view at the meeting. These accounts will be filed away with other finance documents at the conclusion of the meeting.

# ITEM 8.2 – Letter from Coolamon Shire Council

The Board considered the letter received from Coolamon Shire Council regarding their membership of RRT. The Chair confirmed that he is meeting with the General Manager of Coolamon Shire on 15 May to discuss their membership in detail. The Chair also advised that a similar meeting would be held with Junee Shire Council at a date yet to be determined.

Director White requested that formal correspondence from member Councils be circulated to the full Board as soon as they are received.

#### ITEM 8.3 – Resignation from Michael Brady

The Board noted the written resignation of Director Michael Brady.

IT WAS RESOLVED that the formal resignation of Director Michael Brady be accepted. Moved: Director O'Callaghan Seconded: Director McDonnell

Director Stien left the meeting.

# ITEM 9 – General Business

#### ITEM 9.1 – Headshots of all directors

Headshots of all directors are required to update the RRT website. Some photos were taken at the meeting, and photos from missing Directors will be sought in due course.

# ITEM 10 – Meeting close

#### ITEM 10.1 – Next meeting

The next Board meeting will be held on Tuesday 10 June 2014 at the offices of Southern Cotton in Whitton.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 1.15pm.

Signed as a correct record.

Chair Gregory Lawrence Date

# 9.1 Monthly Status Report

Our leadership Setting a benchmark for community standards

Vision: A well run council acting as the voice of the community

DP14.3 Ensure the General Manager takes on a high level role in implementing the Community Strategic Plan and associated documents

Author: Executive Assistant

# Officer's Recommendation:

That the information contained in the August 2014 monthly status report be received and noted.

#### Introduction

At its June 2011 meeting Council approved for the submission of a "Monthly Status Report" to each ordinary Council meeting for effective monitoring and recording of Council's decisions and actions taken.

This course of action creates greater transparency for staff responsible for implementing Council decisions and provides Councillors with a more accurate outcome of their decision making process.

When the action required from each decision is completed the item will be deleted from the report.

# Conclusion

The actions taken by staff in implementing Council decisions and detailed in the Monthly Status Report be received and noted.

#### **Financial Implications**

Nil to this report

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# **MONTHLY STATUS REPORT - COUNCIL MEETING RESOLUTIONS FOR ACTION**

Blue shading indicates action completed

COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS 18 FEBRUARY 2014			
Item Number	Action By	Council Resolution/Action Required	Outcome
Main Street Toilet- Upgrade - 25022014	DAES	That Council proceed with the refurbishment of the Main Street toilets including two unisex toilets fitted the same and having baby change tables as shown and the additional funding of \$20,000 be sourced from the current under expenditure in the WHS-Risk area.	26/3: Commenced 6/5: to be progressed 10/6: works underway
Boardwalk Wetlands - 26022014	DAES	That Council approve for an increase in the Wetlands Capital Budget by \$50,000 to enable the completion of the boardwalk construction at the Wetlands, as per Proposal 1 - Addition of \$50,000 to the budget result in 2013-14 with a reduction of Capital expenditure of \$50,000 in 2014-15.	26/3: Ongoing. 5/8: finishing touches to be carried out to surrounds

# **COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS 18 MARCH 2014**

Item Number	Action By	Council Resolution/Action Required	Outcome

Compulsory Acquisition Of Crown Land For The Sewage Treatment Works And Landfill At Barmedman - 28032014		<ol> <li>That pursuant to Section 186 of the Local Government Act 1993, Bland Shire Council make application to the Minister for Local Government and Her Excellency, The Governor, for the compulsory acquisition of Lots 117 &amp; 228 DP750607 and Lot 7015 DP94598 for the purposes of a Sewage Treatment Works and Landfill.</li> <li>That all mines and minerals be excluded from the compulsory acquisition.</li> <li>That on acquisition, and pursuant to Section 34 of the Local Government Act 1993, Council advertise the draft resolution: "It is intended to classify Lots 117 &amp; 228 DP750607 and Lot 7015 DP94598 (land situated at Barmedman) as operational land."</li> <li>That pursuant to Section 377 of the Local Government Act 1993, Council delegate authority to the General Manager to sign:</li> <li>Land and Property Information Resumption Application Form b) Land and Property Information Request Form.</li> </ol>	26/3: works being progressed 6/5: in hand
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COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS 20 MAY 2014			
Item Number	Action By	Council Resolution/Action Required	Outcome
Commission Of Audit Report - Funding For Local Government - 19052014	GM	That council make immediate representations to the local federal member Mr. Michael McCormick MP expressing council's grave concerns in relation to any diminution of commonwealth funding to local government as is being recommended in the current Commission of Audit Report and as announced in the recent budget.	17/6: advised verbally, letter to be sent
Strategic Property Purchases - 37052014	GM	That the General Manager be delegated authority to make offers, to the amounts specified, on each of the properties identified within this report and that the General Manager report back to the June meeting of Council with the outcome of each offer.	10/6: Opportunities discussed at the June Council Workshop. Reports to July Council

# COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS 17 JUNE 2014

Item Number	Action By	Council Resolution/Action Required	Outcome
LGNSW Annual Conference - 2014 - 04062014	GM	That Council list for discussion at the July workshop their preferred format and possible representation at the LGNSW Annual Conference being held in Coffs Harbour from 19-21 October 2014.	8/7: Reports to July Council 30/7: arrangements in hand
Review Of Council's Advisory Committees - 07062014		That the Visitor Economy and Tourism Advisory Committee become a 'committee of the whole' for a 12 month trial period and that a community reference group be established to advise and guide the committee on tourism related matters with the structure and format of such a group to be determined at the July Council workshop.	8/7: Recission Motion to July Council 30/7: meeting held on 29/7

# COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS 15 JULY 2014

Item Number	Action By	Council Resolution/Action Required	Outcome
Annual Performance Review of the General Manager - 02072014	AGM	That the General Manager, Mr Ray Smith is congratulated on his successful and positive annual performance review and that a 2.5% increase in his Total Remuneration Package is approved, effective from the 17 May 2014, being the anniversary of his commencement date with Council.	30/7: complete

Funding for Economic Development - 03072014	DCCDS	That from the 2014-2015 rating period 50% of the mining rate after deducting the current pool loan repayments collected by Council is allocated to a reserve for the purpose of economic development initiatives.	Changes made to Budget documentation. Complete
Delegates & Advisory Committee Reports & Minutes - 04072014		That the Council receive and note the delegate and advisory committee reports from Councillors and Advisory Committee meeting minutes as presented with the exception that the minutes of the Bland Shire Access Advisory Committee meeting be amended as following: ITEM 3.1.1 Shading/seating in the Main Street: last sentence of the first paragraph; These seats will be erected in positions as directed by the Deputy Mayor, be changed to; These seats will be erected in positions as suggested by the Deputy Mayor.	Changes made to minutes. Complete
Proposed Sale of Vacant Land in Barmedman - 07072014	AGM	That Council agrees to the sale, by Public Tender, of Lot 14 DP 758055 Queen Street Barmedman, as the property has been determined to be superfluous to Council's needs.	30/7: progressing, information drafted for advertising in mid August
LGNSW Annual Conference - 2014 - 08072014	AGM	That Council consider the following three recommendations in relation to the LGNSW 2014 Annual Conference.	30/7: motions lodged, matter complete
LGNSW Annual Conference - 2014 - 09072014	AGM	That Council supports the concept of the LGNSW Conference dealing with motions on day one of the Conference.	30/7: progressing, conference program being finalised
LGNSW Annual Conference - 2014 - 10072014	AGM	That Council submit two (2) motions, as detailed in this report, to the LGNSW 2014 Conference in respect to the proposed increase by Essential Energy for public street lighting and current poor relationship between local and state government.	30/7: progressing, motions lodged

LGNSW Annual Conference - 2014 - 11072014	AGM		30/7: progressing, information to be provided to eligible councillors at the August Council Workshop for response ASAP to finalise arranagements
Banner Policy Review - 13072014	DCCDS	That the current Banner Policy be amended by replacing the existing Clause 3.1 with the following: 3.1 (a) The Main Street Banner may be utilised by Bland Shire Council to promote Community events the Shire has identified through its Community Strategic Plan or events of regional or state significance. (b) For such events covered in 3.1(a) the costs will be taken from the Tourism Budget - Event Promotion (c) For all other "local" events not covered in 3.1(a) application can be made to Council through the Strengthening Communities Grant funding. (d) The General Manager will have sole discretion if an event is Regional / State or Local.	Banner policy updated and included in policy register. Staff advised. Complete
Strengthening Communities Grant - Barmedman Show Society Inc - 15072014	DCCDS	That Council approve a Strengthening Communities grant of \$3000 for the Barmedman Show Society to assist with the cost of entertainment for the annual Barmedman Show.	Show Society advised. Complete
Strengthening Communities Grant - West Wyalong Show Society - 16072014	DCCDS	That Council approve a Strengthening Communities grant of \$3840 for the West Wyalong Show Society to assist with the cost of supply and delivery of sand for the new show jumping arena.	Show Society advised. Complete
Community Access Policy Adoption - 17072014	DCCDS	That Council adopt the revised version of the Bland Shire Community Access Policy.	Policy included in Policy register. Complete
Domed Lights - West Wyalong Aerodrome - 18072014	DAES	That, due to advice by CASA, Bland Shire Council NOT pursue the replacement of the existing elevated lights at West Wyalong Aerodrome with in-ground domed lights be carried over until further information is obtained.	30/7: progressing

Sprayed Bituminous Surfacing Contract - 19072014	DAES	That the current Sprayed Bituminous Surfacing Contract be extended by one year to the 1st October, 2015.	30/7: letter sent, complete
Strategic Property Purchase - 1 - 22072014	AGM	That Council accept the offer for the purchase of the subject property for the amount detailed in this report and the Mayor and General Manager be delegated authority to prepare and execute the necessary contract documents.	23/7: Property owner and solicitor advised
Strategic Property Purchase - 1 - 23072014	AGM	That a further report be submitted to the September Council meeting in respect to the development of a strategic plan of the future use of this site, including all known financial implications.	30/7: ongoing
Strategic Property Purchase - 2 - 24072014	DCCDS	Tthat the report be placed in abeyance until the property is inspected onsite by Councillors.	Onsite inspection scheduled for 5/8/14

# 9.2 Disclosure Of Interest Returns

# Our leadership Setting a benchmark for community standards

#### Vision: A well run council acting as the voice of the community

DP14.3 Ensure the General Manager takes on a high level role in implementing the Community Strategic Plan and associated documents

#### Author: Executive Assistant

#### Officer's Recommendation:

That Councillors note the Disclosure of Interest return requirements and accept the Disclosure of Interest Register as tabled.

#### Background

Pecuniary Interest Returns for the period 1 July 2013 to 30 June 2014 are due for submission to Council by 30 September 2014 for Councillors and designated persons who held office at 30 June 2013. All returns have now been completed and the Disclosure of Interest Register is tabled for Council's information.

#### Legal Statutory Implications

Under Section 451 (3) of the Local Government Act 1993 a councillor or designated person holding that position at 30 June in any year must complete and lodge with the General Manager within 3 months after that date a return in the form prescribed by the regulations.

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# 9.3 Ethical Decision Making and Conflicts of Interest

Our leadership	Setting a benchmark for community standards
Vision: A well run	council acting as the voice of the community

DP18.1 Develop, implement and promote best practice governance policies and procedures

Author: Executive Assistant

#### **Officer's Recommendation:**

That the Council adopt the "Ethical Decision Making and Conflicts of Interest guiding checklist" as attached.

#### Introduction

Council's management team, Manex, recently considered the attached Ethical Decision Making and Conflicts of Interest guiding checklist. It was agreed that the inclusion of this information in each Council business paper and committee agenda would reinforce the requirements for Councillors, staff and committee members.

#### **Financial Implications**

Nil to this report

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#### ETHICAL DECISION MAKING AND CONFLICTS OF INTEREST A guiding checklist for Councillors, Officers and Advisory Committees

#### **Ethical Decision Making**

- Is the decision or conduct legal?
- Is it consistent with Government policy, Council's objectives and Code of Conduct?
- What will the outcome be for you, your colleagues, the Council, anyone else?
- Does it raise a conflict of interest?
- Could your possible conflict of interest lead to private gain or loss at public expense?
- Can the decision be justified in terms of public interest?
- Would it withstand public scrutiny?

#### **Conflict of Interest**

A conflict of interest is a clash between private interest and public duty. There are two types
of conflict: Pecuniary – regulated by the Local Government Act and Office of Local
Government and, Non-pecuniary – regulated by Codes of Conduct and policy. ICAC,
Ombudsman, Office of Local Government (advice only).

#### The test for conflict of interest

- Is it likely I could be influenced by personal interest in carrying out my public duty?
- Would a fair and reasonable person believe I could be so influenced?
- Conflict of interest is closed tied to the layperson's definition of "corruption" using public office for private gain.
- Important to consider public perceptions of whether you have a conflict of interest

#### **Identifying Problems**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Do I have private interest affected by a matter I am officially involved in?
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Is my official role one of influence or perceived influence over the matter?
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Do my private interests conflict with my official role?

Whilst seeking advice is generally useful, the ultimate decision rests with the person concerned.

#### **Agency Advice**

Officers of the following agencies are available during office hours to discuss the obligations placed on Councillors, Officers and Advisory Committee members by various pieces of legislation, regulation and Codes.

Contact	Phone	Email	Website
Bland Shire Council	6972 2266	council@blandshire.nsw.gov.au	www.blandshire.nsw.gov.au
ICAC	8281 5999 Toll Free: 1800 463 909	icac@icac.nsw.gov.au	www.icac.nsw.gov.au
Office of Local Government	4428 4100	dlg@dlg.nsw.gov.au	www.dlg.nsw.gov.au
NSW Ombudsman	9286 1000 Toll Free: 1800 451 524	<u>nswombo@ombo.nsw.gov.au</u>	www.ombo.nsw.gov.au

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# 9.4 Visitor Economy & Tourism Advisory Committee of the Whole (VETACW) – Meeting Minutes - 29 July 2014

Our leadership	Setting a benchmark for community standards
Vision: A well rur	n council acting as the voice of the community

*DP15.2 Working in partnership with community groups, advisory committees, Government Departments, businesses and Council staff* 

Author: Executive Assistant

Officer's Recommendation:

That the Council adopt the attached Visitor Economy & Tourism Advisory Committee of the Whole (VETACW) minutes for the meeting held on 29 July 2014 and consider the recommendation/s contained therein as separate report items.

# Introduction

Council at its meeting held on 17 June 2014 resolved "that the Visitor Economy and Tourism Advisory Committee become a 'committee of the whole' for a 12 month trial period and that a community reference group be established to advise and guide the committee on tourism related matters with the structure and format of such a group to be determined at the July Council workshop."

The first meeting of the VETACW was held on 29 July 2014. There were in excess of 22 community members in the public gallery for the meeting and the minutes are attached for consideration by Council.

# Conclusion

The attached VETACW minutes are presented to Council for adoption in accordance with the Local Government (General) Regulation 2005 – Reg 259 Committee of the Whole.

**Financial Implications** 

Nil to this report

#### MINUTES OF THE BLAND SHIRE VISITOR ECONOMY & TOURISM ADVISORY COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON TUESDAY 29 JULY 2014

The meeting was opened by the Mayor at 6.02pm.

# Present:

Apologies: Nil

Cr P Grellman Cr L Hampton Cr K Keatley Cr T Lord Cr L McGlynn Cr B Monaghan (arrived 6.16pm) Cr N Pokoney, Chairperson Cr P Templeton Mr W Marsh, Acting General Manager Mr J Stien, Senior Economic Development & Tourism Advisor Mrs J Sharpe, Executive Assistant

# 1. Public Forum

The Mayor advised that the Public Forum session will be conducted in a similar format to the session of a full Council meeting and that 5 speakers will address the Committee.

He further stated that the establishment of the Committee of the Whole is a new start, a positive step towards developing tourism in the Bland Shire and an important plank in the overall strategic plan. The development of strategies for tourism and economic development will add depth and breadth to employment.

It was noted that the restructure of the tourism committee is in line with other changes to Council's committees that did not receive the attention that this review has.

The Mayor supported the sharing of information between Council and the community in a positive way forward to address potential and take advantage of opportunities available. Feedback and comments are welcomed and the General Manager, staff and Councillors have an open door policy.

An overview of the agenda items was provided by the Mayor.

The Acting General Manager then invited speakers to address the Committee in the Public Forum:

# 1.1 Mr Charles Kingston

Mr Kingston addressed the Committee as an individual on behalf of his wife and self. He stated that he is a member of the VIC Group and currently has a resource available at the Advocate for anyone interested, a copy of this resource has been provided to Council and some individual councillors directly. Mr Kingston provided an overview of the resource content stating that Cooinda was their preferred location for a VIC and 6 key questions are addressed within the document. In addition he advised that a late inclusion is an address against the Elders site.

Mayor Pokoney advised that the resource documents are tabled for Councillors information.

# 1.2 Ms Amanda Marshall

Ms Marshall addressed the Committee as a younger member of the community stating that she has a vested interested and that financial support for other industries will create opportunities in tourism. In relation to the Elders site she feels that the decision was premature and ill considered. Factors to be considered for a VIC include parking, accessibility, attractiveness and high visibility. Ms Marshall provided statistics on traffic movements and their potential. She expressed concern with the failure of the VIC located at the CTC, the conduct of certain councillors and recent newspaper articles. Ms Marshall stated that the community should be given choices as the VIC is of huge importance to the community and it is a shame to rush. In closing she stated that Cooinda offers a greenfield site with greater opportunities.

# 1.3 Mr Malcolm Carnegie

Mr Carnegie addressed the Committee and endorsed the comments of previous speakers. He stated that the VIC is at the forefront of everyones thinking and this is a great opportunity to establish a standout centre. Mr Carnegie suggested that investigations into other centres along the Newell Highway be carried out.

At this stage, 6.16pm, Cr Monaghan arrived.

Mr Carnegie stated that the previous VIC experiences may have been a blessing in disguise. He stated that the VIC should be accredited to meet criteria and standards, be locally relevant, professional and inviting. He stated that it is good to see steps in a positive direction and how the process will take place as the Shire has a lot to offer.

# 1.4 Mr Martin Lane

Mr Lane addressed the Committee in relation to the Newell Highway Corridor Strategy and its affect on businesses in the Main Street. A media release in May from the RMS provided highway fatality statistics and it was noted that priority works to upgrade the By Pass, junction improvements and the need to allow larger/heavier vehicles along the By Pass may result in a reduction in Main Street traffic, this reduction could be considered a positive attraction for businesses however should be taken into consideration for the location of a VIC. Mr Lane suggested consideration for the location of a VIC or 24hr touch screen along the Newell at Wyalong or the busiest point.

# 1.5 Ms Jan Wyse

Ms Wyse addressed the Committee as a ratepayer, voter and member of the community. It was noted that a letter had also been sent to Council on the issue and a VIC is a top priority. Ms Wyse stated that all that has been seen is the committee sacked and strongly urged Council to listen to the community. She suggested an open committee meeting to discuss the issues and the need for a committee and VIC. Ms Wyse stated that considerations for a VIC include; open daily, attractions, prime location and parking for big rigs, unlike what we have now. It was noted that the potential sites being toted are Cooinda, Elders and old Harts Woolstore. Ms Wyse urged Council to listen to the community and then act, to involve them in the process and decision.

# 2. Committee of the Whole

The Committee noted that extract from the Local Government Regulation in relation to Committee of the Whole.

It was noted that Councillors were provided with committee information for the August Council Workshop.

# 3. Matters for consideration of Committee of the Whole

The AGM advised that many pieces of relevant information are available from a range of sources and avenues. It was suggested that this information be allocated into separate spheres and strategies developed for visitor information and tourism with the assistance of the community to take it forward.

Visitor Economy & Tourism Advisory Committee of the Whole Recommendation:

Moved Cr Grellman seconded Cr McGlynn that Council develop short, medium and long term plans for tourism to align with the Community Strategic Plan.

The Committee discussed the following issues and considerations in relation to the development of a plan:

- Clear strategies, priority areas and resourcing
- Existing approved projects, resourcing and budget
- Focus on who and how
- Competition, budget and resourcing against other Council projects/activities
- Inclusion of timelines
- Activities outside the local government boundaries
- · Memberships and involvement with external organisations

# 4. Community Reference Group/s – Structure, Format & Establishment

The Committee discussed the opportunities for involvement in the Committee, noting that it is open to everybody and agenda items are welcome from the community.

Visitor Economy & Tourism Advisory Committee of the Whole Recommendation:

Moved Cr McGlynn seconded Cr Keatley that members of the community be invited to express their interest in the Committee for the dissemination of information.

# 5. Visitor Information Group – Representative Mr Andrew Buttenshaw

The Mayor invited Mr Buttenshaw to address the Committee.

# Visitor Economy & Tourism Advisory Committee of the Whole Recommendation:

Moved Cr Hampton seconded Cr Keatley that standing orders be put aside to allow open discussion.

Mr Buttenshaw addressed the Committee to raise issues and assist Council and the community to make a decision in relation to a VIC for the community, Wyalong/West Wyalong and the Bland Shire. Mr Butteshaw's address posed questions and associated issues as follows:

- Do we need a VIC? Yes
- Why? Information centre, not a shop to sell attractions, welcome mat and doorway to the Shire, travellers and visitors, benefits to businesses, not based profit or loss, benefit for all, point of contact and taste of what we have to offer, interface between visitor and Bland Shire, encourage to stay longer, spend and return, research shows an increase in spending where VICs are located, VIC accreditation statistics, first stop to get best out of stay, information, services, products, use of technology and changing needs of VIC, services and facilities within community, think about and create, don't believe we don't have anything to offer – range of examples provided
- Where to locate? This is the biggest question, not prepared to answer, individual committee members own opinions, travellers looking for food, rest, shops, dog walking, parking extremely important, looked at 20 sites along Main St, 2 options renovate or greenfield, need financial considerations in developing options, big decision where to go, many sites, huge diverse feelings on site options, everyone has a personal opinion, Council to look to community to get decision, survey, ask community opinion, get information behind Council to support their decision
- How to staff it? 3 levels of accreditation, currently not accredited, levels 1 and 2 based on opening hours (\$880PA), currently closed on holidays and missing out, spend \$16,000 currently on staffing, surrounding VICs staffed with Council and volunteers, will need volunteers to work properly, relocate staff to VIC SEDTA and Assistant, promote image of a modern technology savvy community, progressive, going somewhere, educated, volunteers should be involved in tourism and community
- What to put in a VIC? Aim to get tourists in and out, central source for visitor information – digital and non, information tailored to needs, attraction in its own right, free wi-fi, keep up with others, toilets, showers, arts, artefacts, personal guide to the tourist, staff offices. A lot of thoughts and ideas –about to survey amongst Group to gather information

In closing Mr Buttenshaw stated his willingness to assist in any way and encouraged the ongoing support for the SEDTA.

The Committee discussed the address and associated issues:

- Elders site carpark issue could be resolved
- Seek community opinion
- Decision of Council, other factors to be considered, information to justify decision and community support
- Identify key elements of a VIC and location
- Costing and analysis process
- Clear understanding of communities elements for VIC
- Approval for Council to use information and resource

At this stage, 7.13pm, Cr Monaghan left the meeting.

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- Consideration of VIC inclusions and competition with existing businesses
- No Council resolution or budget allocation for a new VIC in 2014/15
- More research on inclusions, cost considerations, don't want to develop a white elephant
- First steps in collection of information, differences of priority, need to see all available research
- Find out community wants, visitor needs and wants
- Talk to people, best source of information straight from visitors
- Not all towing vans/trailers
- Look at other avenues and support motels, fuel, shops
- Attitudes, smile, how treated and information can influence also
- Build knowledge, confidence and information for other key stakeholders
- Other considerations for VIC accreditation and process

The Mayor invited questions from the public gallery and the Committee discussed the following issues:

- Any approaches that may have been made to the business community to gather information, welcomes a visit
- Reasons why tourism plan has not yet been developed support from Council hasn't been there in the past, importance of developing case and being part of overall plan. Budget considerations in February/March. Increased focus over recent years at Regional and State levels.
- Council cannot be the sole driver of tourism
- Businesses need to push
- Partner with business sector, clear plan for all parties
- Interstate information and resources also

# Visitor Economy & Tourism Advisory Committee of the Whole Recommendation:

# Moved Cr McGlynn seconded Cr Hampton that standing orders resume.

The Mayor thanked Mr Buttenshaw for his address and the information provided.

The relevant sections of Council's Code of Meeting Practice were read in relation to the proceedings as a Committee of the Whole.

In closing the Mayor invited interested community members to share their ideas and speak to officers. He thanked everyone for their involvement in this important first step.

There being no further business the meeting then closed at 7.35pm.

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Chairperson

# 9.5 Plans for Tourism



*DP* 19.2 Work with the tourism industry to identify and develop products and services that appeal to visitors of the Shire

Author: Executive Assistant

Bland Shire Visitor Economy & Tourism Advisory Committee of the Whole's Recommendation to Council:

"That Council develop short, medium and long term plans for tourism to align with the Community Strategic Plan."

#### Background

The VETACW noted and discussed the range of information sources available for visitor information and tourism resources, the associated issues and considerations for the development of a plan. The Committee supported the concept of allocating various pieces of information into separate spheres and developing strategies with the assistance of the community to take it forward.

#### Conclusion

That the Committee recommendation be adopted.

#### **Financial Implications**

Nil to this report

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# 9.6 Community Interest in the Visitor Economy & Tourism Advisory Committee of the Whole (VETACW)

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*DP15.2 Working in partnership with community groups, advisory committees, Government Departments, businesses and Council staff* 

Author: Executive Assistant

Bland Shire Visitor Economy & Tourism Advisory Committee of the Whole's Recommendation to Council:

"That members of the community be invited to express their interest in the Committee for the dissemination of information."

#### Background

The VETACW discussed the opportunities for involvement in the Committee, noting that it is open to everybody and agenda items are welcome from the community.

The Committee is to further consider at its future meetings the structure, format and establishment of community reference group/s.

In the event of this recommendation being adopted a clear process for the dissemination of information to interested members of the community will be established and implemented.

#### Conclusion

That the Committee recommendation be adopted.

#### **Financial Implications**

Nil to this report

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# 9.7 October 2014 Meeting Dates

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Vision: A well run council acting as the voice of the community

DP14.3 Ensure the General Manager takes on a high level role in implementing the Community Strategic Plan and associated documents

Author: Executive Assistant

# Officer's Recommendation:

That the Council confirm the following meeting arrangements for October 2014:

- Council Workshop, Tuesday 14 October
- Village Community Forums, Thursday 16 October
- Council Meeting, Tuesday 28 October

#### Introduction

The third Tuesday will fall on October 21 and this date coincides with the final day of proceedings at the LGNSW annual conference. Therefore it is proposed to reschedule the Ordinary Council meeting to Tuesday October 28. As a result of this change and the annual village community forums scheduled for Thursday October 16, it is further proposed to hold the Council Workshop on Tuesday October 14.

#### Conclusion

The revised dates for these meetings during October will provide appropriate time between these commitments for preparation of reports, agendas, minutes and advertising.

#### **Financial Implications**

Nil to this report

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# 9.8 Planning For Impacts That May Occur If The Barrick Cowal Gold Mine Closed

Our leadership Setting a benchmark for community standards Vision: A well run council acting as the voice of the community

17. Lead the community by example with sustainable, effective, efficient and customer focused practises.

Author: Acting General Manager

**Officer's Recommendation:** 

- 1. That a select committee be created comprising of the Bland Shire Council's Mayor; Deputy Mayor; General Manager; Director Assets and Engineering; Director Corporate and Community Services and Barrick Cowal Gold's representative Shane Goodwin.
- 2. That a Memorandum of Understanding be signed between Bland Shire Council and Barrick Cowal Gold on the commitment of both parties to the committee and its outcomes.

# Background

Bland Shire Council is in receipt of a lengthy study completed by Barrick Cowal Gold which outlines many aspects of where the Bland Shire community may be affected when the Gold Mine closes in the future. The report needs to be analysed and compared to various scenarios to ascertain the probability of events and the likelihood of the consequences occurring prior to developing strategies and reporting to the Council and the community.

# Conclusion

It is believed that these analyses should be accomplished by a select committee comprising of the Bland Shire Council's Mayor; Deputy Mayor; General Manager; Director Assets and Engineering; Director Corporate and Community Services and Barrick Cowal Gold's representative Shane Goodwin. Other parties will be invited to explain issues as the need arises. It is also believed that a Memorandum of Understanding should be signed between Bland Shire Council and Barrick Cowal Gold on the commitment of both parties to the committee and its outcomes.

# **Financial Implications**

Nil

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# 9.9 Financial Statements – July 2014

Our leadership	Setting a benchmark for community standards
Vision: A well ru	n council acting as the voice of the community

*DP14.4 Ensure the long term financial sustainability of Council through effective and prudent financial management.* 

# Author Director Corporate, Community & Development Services

Officer's Recommendation:

- 1. That Council receive and note the statement of Bank Balances, Rates Collections and Investments for the month of July, 2014.
- 2. That Council confirms the payment of accounts, for the period 01 July 2014 to 31 July 2014, summarised in the accounts summary totalling \$2,581,331.49

STATEMENT OF BANK BALANCES, RATES COLLECTIONS AND INVESTMENTS FOR THE MONTH OF JULY, 2014.

# BANK BALANCES AS AT 31 JULY, 2014

ACCOUNT	BALANCE
General Fund BCard	\$ 84,859.09 \$ 15,990.00
	\$100,849.09
Invested Funds	
Fixed Deposits Deposits at Call	\$ 8,500,000.00 \$ 1,340,841.35
9,840,841.35	\$
Net Balance	\$9,941,690.44
Percentage of investment to Net Balance	98.99%

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# STATEMENT OF BANK BALANCES AS AT 31.07.14

# SUBMITTED TO THE ORDINARY MEETING AUGUST, 2014

Balance as at	1.07.14		\$ 205,773.16			
Add Receipt	S					
For month of <u>Includes</u>	July 2014		\$ 2,460,417.42			
Receipt Date.	Receipt No.	Receipt Name	Received Total			
10/07/2014	NO.	AMP Bank Ltd Investment Redemption July 14	\$1,000,000.00			
10/07/2014		Transfer from Cash at Call	\$300,000.00			
Less Paymer	nts					
For month of Includes	July 2014		\$2,581,331.49			
Payment Date.	EFT No.	Payee Name	Payment Total			
17/07/2014	1625	Statewide Mutual Liability	\$326,298.05			
Cash Balance \$84,859.09						
Limit of Overdraft Arranged with Bank \$350,000.00						

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# ACCOUNTS SUMMARY

The following is a summary of accounts paid for the period July 01, 2014 to July 31, 2014.

I CERTIFY,

That the accounts included in the accounts summary and totalling as detailed under:-

Fund		Voucher No.s	Total	
Cheques		24112 – 24176	<b>Total</b> \$ 200,089.42	
Auto-pay	Creditors	E001410 – E001757	\$ 1,769,630.35	
Auto-pay	Payroll	06/07 – 27/07	\$ 580,362.77	
July Bank Char	ges & Commission etc		\$1,480.02	
Direct Debits		Repayments & Vehicle Lease	\$29,768.93	

# \$ 2,581,331.49

- 1. Are fully supported by vouchers and invoices and have been fully registered.
- 2. The responsible officer concerned has certified that the goods for which respective accounts are submitted have been rendered to order and/or that the services for which respective accounts are submitted have been rendered according to order.
- 3. Official orders have been issued for the supply of such goods and services. The goods for which respective accounts are submitted have been checked with the entries in the goods order book.
- 4. The prices and computations of every account are correct.
- 5. The prices for the goods supplied or services rendered under the contract or quotation in accordance therewith and in all cases the prices charged are according to order and as far as I am able to ascertain fair and reasonable.
- 6. The provisions of the Local Government Act, 1993 and Regulations in connection therewith have been complied with.

Further I also certify that the Ledger has been reconciled with the bank statements for the last preceding monthly period.

Director of Corporate, Community & Development Services

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# CERTIFICATE OF GENERAL MANAGER

This accounts summary, a copy of which was submitted to each member of Council on the 19 August 2014, has been checked and is fully supported by vouchers and invoices. These vouchers have been duly certified as to receipt of goods, the rendition of services, to prices and computations, and to costings.

General Manager

# CERTIFICATE OF CHAIRMAN OF ORDINARY MEETING

I certify that this accounts summary, covering amounts totalling \$ 2,581,331.49 was submitted to the Ordinary Meeting on the 19 August 2014 and that the amounts are presented to Council for confirmation of payment.

Chairman of Ordinary Meeting

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RATE	Levy	Arrears	Adjustments	Interest	Total	Pension Rebate	Collections	Balance	2014-15	2013-14
General	\$6,004,291.81	\$353,068.17	-\$1,351.07	\$2,270.06	\$6,358,278.97	-\$75,050.45	-\$139,294.16	\$6,143,934.36	97.78%	97.11%
Sewerage	\$1,245,540.00	\$145,938.73	-\$27,197.89	\$931.20	\$1,365,212.04	-\$9,012.50	-\$65,467.11	\$1,290,732.43	95.17%	93.91%
Garbage/Services/Legal	\$846,662.00	\$157,784.54	-\$550.87	-\$2,509.45	\$1,001,386.22	-\$45,890.34	-\$33,742.70	\$921,753.18	96.47%	94.60%
Overpayments	\$0.00	\$0.00					-\$9,340.77	-\$9,340.77		
TOTALS:	\$8,096,493.81	\$656,791.44	-\$29,099.83	\$691.81	\$8,724,877.23	-\$129,953.29	-\$247,844.74	\$8,347,079.20	97.12%	96.22%



% of Rates



Debt Analysis	Properties	Balance
Sale of Land	0	\$0.00
Future Sale of Land	43	\$71,654.01
Arrangements	69	\$119,559.11
Debt Collection	94	\$420,088.30
Centrepay	42	\$68,700.44
Total	248	\$680,001.86

APR 5/8/14 COD 5/2/14

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DATE	INVESTED WITH WHOM	INVESTED AMOUNT	TERM	YIELD	DATE DUE
04-February-2014	ING Bank (Term Deposit)	1,000,000.00	182 days	3.64%	05-August-2014
04-March-2014	ING Bank (Term Deposit)	1,000,000.00	181 days	3.80%	01-September-2014
04-June-2014	NAB (Term Deposit)	1,000,000.00	183 Days	3.65%	04-December-2014
02-May-2014	NAB (Term Deposit)	1,000,000.00	184 days	3.67%	02-November-2014
05-May-2014	IMB (Term Deposit)	500,000.00	150 Days	3.50%	02-October-2014
22-July-2014	NAB (Term Deposit)	1,000,000.00	184 Days	3.65%	22-January-2015
01-January-2014	Westpac (Term Deposit)	1,000,000.00	212 Days	3.60%	01-August-2014
13-June-2014	ME Bank (Term Deposit)	1,000,000.00	123 days	3.55%	14-October-2014
31-March-2014	Bank of QLD (Term Deposit)	1,000,000.00	183 days	3.68%	30-September-2014

INVESTMENTS The following table gives details of Council's Funds invested at 31st July 2014. The funds consist of monies from the Bank Accounts of the Trust Funds, Reserve Accounts, Sewerage Fund and Combined General Account.

ANZ Deposit at Call	50,673.67	Cash at Call
CBA Deposit at Call	1,290,167.68	Cash at Call

TOTAL:

9,840,841.35

I certify that the above investments have been made in accordance with Section 625 of the Local Government Act 1993, the Regulation and Council's Investment Policies.

Lehman Brothers Managed Funds

130,500.00 Managed Funds

I certify that the above investment has been reconciled with Council's General Ledger Accounts.

Director Corporate Community & Development Services

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### 9.10 Strengthening Communities Grant – West Wyalong Men's Shed

Our places	Where our sense of community shines
	Vision: Providing great community facilities for everyone to enjoy

DP8.5 Assist community groups to provide activities to the wider community.

Author: Community Relations Officer

Officer's Recommendation:

That Council approve a Strengthening Communities grant of \$2600 for the West Wyalong Men's Shed to assist with the cost of increasing the available work area at its Railway Road headquarters.

### Introduction

The West Wyalong Men's Shed has applied to Bland Shire Council for a grant to help increase the available workspace at its Railway Road headquarters.

Increased membership and an accumulation of timber and metal supplies have caused a lack of workspace in the shed to accommodate member demand. A lack of storage space has also been flagged as a potential future safety concern.

A concrete slab has been installed and it is proposed to use grant funding received through this application to purchase materials to construct a roof over the slab.

It is envisaged that this course of action will alleviate the overcrowding issues, allow additional members to access the wood/metal work shed safely and relocate dusty/noisy wood machinery to a safer and more suitable area.

The increased storage space will also allow the Men's Shed to take on additional community projects. The Men's Shed has previously assisted local organisations such as the Wyalong and District Hospital, West Wyalong Pony Club, Events West Wyalong, the Wyalong Museum and West Wyalong Lions Club.

The Men's Shed has met the cost of laying the slab and will undertake the labour component of the project in-kind. The cost of materials needed to construct the roof has been quoted at \$2600.

### Conclusion

The expansion of the shed will allow for additional members to join and participate in wood and metal work activities. It will also create a safer and more practical work environment.

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It will further allow members to take on additional community projects to benefit a range of organisations. As well as helping the wider community, Men's Sheds also deliver significant social and mental health benefits to its members.

Development consent for the project was granted by Council in June, 2013.

### **Financial Implications**

Council has a balance of \$43,160 available in its 2013-2014 Strengthening Communities budget.

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### 9.11 Lighting Upgrade Assistance – West Wyalong Tennis Club

Our places	Where our sense of community shines

Vision: Providing great community facilities for everyone to enjoy

DP7.4 Assist community groups to provide activities to the wider community

Author: Community Relations Officer

Officer's Recommendation:

1. That Council provide financial assistance to the West Wyalong Tennis Club for the purpose of upgrading the lighting system at the West Wyalong tennis courts

Officer's Recommendation:

2. That Council determine the amount of funding to be provided and from which fund within the current balanced budget or reserve to draw the funds.

### Introduction

The West Wyalong Tennis Club has applied to Council for funding towards upgrading its lighting system.

With court usage increasing and night time play proving more popular than ever, the club has encountered numerous problems with the aging lighting system. There have been many occasions when some of the lights failed to turn on or turned themselves off during play. The club advises it has replaced the globes on numerous occasions and this is not the problem.

The Tennis Club committee recently sought a quote from a supplier who recently upgraded the lighting system for the Cowra Tennis Club. A quote was received for \$33,950 (inclusive of GST) with the intention of using the existing poles. Even though the quotation doesn't include wiring costs, the supplier has indicated to the Tennis Club that he does not expect a complication with the upgrade.

The proposed new sports lighting system will provide an average of 350 lux over all courts. The Tennis Club has funding of \$10,000 available from its building maintenance fund and has applied to Council for funding to cover the balance of \$23,950 (including GST).

The committee reports a surge in demand for night tennis. An inaugural six week Thursday night competition was held in late 2013 which attracted a number of new players to the sport. The competition proved so popular that a second competition was held in February.

Social games under lights are also becoming increasingly popular with players utilising the courts after work, during the week and for coaching sessions during the winter months extending into the evening on most week nights.

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### Conclusion

The Tennis Club have acknowledged and expressed gratitude for the support provided by Bland Shire Council over a number of years. The support has helped player numbers grow and expanded the social, health and wellbeing benefits to a new group of residents within the community of different ages and fitness levels. However, the club fear the aging lighting system threatens the future success of the evening events which have been so successful in attracting new players.

The club has raised funding of \$10,000 towards the project and has applied to Council to fund the balance of \$23,950.

As the request was received on July 21, 2014, Council does not have any capital funding allocated to this project in its balanced 2014-2015 budget. Therefore, to fund the project, the allocation will need to be found within the existing budget, meaning an existing project will not be completed or future grant applications will not be funded or from reserves.

### **Financial Implications**

Council allocated \$50,000 to the Strengthening Communities fund in the 2014/15 financial year. To date, \$6,840 has been allocated, leaving a balance of \$43,160. If the funds were taken from this source, it would leave \$19,210 for the remaining nine months of the 2014/15 financial year.

Alternatively, Council could allocate the funds from the Community Facilitates Reserve. At present, the reserve has an uncommitted balance of \$1,493,099. This is taking into the account the committed funds as below:

Stadium Upgrade\$2,000,000Grant - Matching Funds\$200,000Strategic Property Purchase\$75,000Economic Development -\$100,000Projects and promotional activities

### 9.12 Community Groups Assistance Grant – West Wyalong Bowling Club

Our places	Where our sense of community shines
	Vision: Providing great community facilities for everyone to enjoy

7.4 Assist community groups to provide activities to the wider community

Author: Community Development Officer

### **Officer's Recommendation:**

That Council approve a Community Groups Assistance Grant of \$977 for the West Wyalong Bowling Club to assist with the cost of upcoming tournaments.

#### Introduction

The West Wyalong Bowling Club (WWBC) has applied for a Community Groups Assistance Grant to assist with the cost of hosting upcoming tournaments at the West Wyalong Bowling Club on September 20-21 and October 25-26.

The West Wyalong Women's Bowling Club will hold its annual triples carnival on September 20-21 while the Bowling Club is proposing to host an inaugural men's tournament on October 25-26 to replace the once hugely successful Easter carnival.

It is expected that visiting teams will travel from as far as Sydney and the South Coast for both events with a minimum of 168 competitors expected to take part in each event. These events will inject money into the local economy, providing financial benefits to motels, restaurants and other local business within the community.

The events will provide affordable recreational activities for local players, who struggle to travel to major tournaments outside the area, promote social interaction opportunities and support the health and well-being of the participants. The events will strongly benefit local bowlers with successful events assisting to generate interest and activity within the Bowling Club, which is currently experiencing severe financial difficulties. It is further expected that the events will encourage visitors to return to our community in the future.

Funds requested from Council will be utilised for postage and printing costs, advertising, the purchase of required chemicals for green preparations, umpires travel and accommodation, scorers and green keepers fees. These events will be managed by the WWBC board and the West Wyalong Women's Bowling Club tournament committee.

### Conclusion

The Bowling tournaments will promote tourism within the community, and provide a source of social interaction and recreational activity for local and travellers alike. Local businesses will benefit from the influx of visitors, including local fuel stations, food outlets, hospitality outlets and motels. This request meets the objectives set out in Councils Community Strategic Plan.

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**Financial Implications** Council has \$5000 available in its Community Groups Assistance grant fund.

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## 9.13 Strengthening Communities – West Wyalong Men's Golf

Our places	Where our sense of community shines

Vision: Providing great community facilities for everyone to enjoy

DP7.4 Assist community groups to provide activities to the wider community

Author: Community Relations Officer

### Officer's Recommendation:

That Council approve an in-kind contribution of up to \$1600 to assist the West Wyalong Men's Golf Committee with the reconstruction of tee areas at the West Wyalong golf course.

#### Introduction

The West Wyalong Men's Golf Committee has applied to Council for "in kind" assistance with a golf course improvement project.

The committee plan to reconstruct eight of the tee areas around the course which have deteriorated over the years and as a result become too labour intensive to maintain to a suitable standard.

The committee propose to level the tee areas and dig trenches to accommodate pipes/sprinklers that will be linked into a new electronic irrigation system. The tee areas will then be top dressed and prepared for turf to be laid.

The committee is seeking an "in kind" contribution from Council through the use of a ditch witch and small truck. Council would also be required to supply an operator for the ditch witch.

Golf course greenkeeping staff and volunteers will carry out the bulk of the labour.

### Conclusion

The West Wyalong golf course is a popular attraction amongst locals and visitors to the Bland Shire and the project will significantly improve the aesthetics of the course, the conditions for players and reduce ongoing maintenance costs.

The improvements will also include installation of an electronic irrigation system, which is being funded separately, while users have also demonstrated a strong commitment to the project by volunteering their labour.

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### **Financial Implications**

In consultation with Council's engineering staff, the committee anticipate Council equipment (and an operator) will be required for approximately eight hours.

As a result, the total in kind contribution necessary to cover the scope of the work, including use of the ditch witch, an operator and small truck, is \$1600.

Council currently has a balance of \$43,160 in its Strengthening Communities budget.

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### 9.14 Local Heritage Funding - 23 Church Street West Wyalong



DP19.1 Work with business and property owners to rejuvenate their businesses and shop fronts and encourage the maintenance of buildings with character

Author: Manager Development Services on behalf of Heritage Advisory Committee

Officer's Recommendation:

That Council endorse the recommendation of the Bland Heritage Advisory Committee and approve \$2,204.00 funding to S Jewell for repainting and signage of existing verandah awning at 23 Church Street, West Wyalong as detailed in the application.

### Background

Application for heritage funding has been received from S Jewell for proposed works to be undertaken to the existing verandah awning of the premise at 23 Church Street, West Wyalong

The aim of the Heritage Assistance funding is to encourage as much positive work on heritage items in the area as possible and to engender a greater interest and concern for conservation of all other heritage items within the Bland Shire.

The applicant provided quotation for the work involved in the project, totalling \$6,808.00 and requested funding of \$3404.00 towards the project. In consideration that the proposed lacework is not traditional for this style of verandah the costs of this was excluded from the final funding amount.

In consideration of the above the Heritage Advisory Committee reviewed the application and subsequently moved a motion requesting that an allocation of \$2,204.00 towards the project

The Heritage advisory Committee believes that the proposed works will increase the appeal of the premises and the overall appeal of this section of Church Street.

### Conclusion

To date for this funding year this is first applications that have been received. It is hoped that by accepting the recommendation of the committee and approving funds above the funding guidelines it will encourage other building owners to follow suit.

### **Financial Implications**

Allocation of funds from the 2014/15 budget

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### 9.15 Local Heritage Funding - 176 Main Street West Wyalong

Our prosperity	Ensuring a vibrant and sustainable future
Vision:	Growing our population and jobs

DP19.1 Work with business and property owners to rejuvenate their businesses and shop fronts and encourage the maintenance of buildings with character

Author: Manager Development Services on behalf of Heritage Advisory Committee

Officer's Recommendation:

That Council endorse the recommendation of the Bland Heritage Advisory Committee and approve \$1625.00 funding to T & K Amarant for painting of the façade at 176 Main Street, West Wyalong as detailed in the application.

### Background

Application for heritage funding has been received from T & K Amarant in relation to the painting of the façade at 176 Main Street, West Wyalong

The aim of the Heritage Assistance funding is to encourage as much positive work on heritage items in the area as possible and to engender a greater interest and concern for conservation of all other heritage items within the Bland Shire.

The applicant provided quotation for the work involved in the project, totalling \$3,250.00 and has requested funding of \$1625.00 towards the project.

The Heritage advisory Committee believes that the proposed works will increase the appeal of the premises and the overall appeal of this section of Main Street.

In consideration of the above the Heritage Advisory Committee reviewed the application and subsequently moved a motion requesting that an allocation of \$1,625.00 towards the project

### Conclusion

To date, for this funding year this is second applications that have been received.

It is hoped that by accepting the recommendation of the committee and approving funds above the funding guidelines it will encourage other building owners to follow suit.

### **Financial Implications**

Allocation of funds from the 2014/15 budget

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### 9.16 Bland Heritage Strategy 2014 - 2017



DP19.1 Work with business and property owners to rejuvenate their businesses and shop fronts and encourage the maintenance of buildings with character

Author: Manager Development Services on behalf of Heritage Advisory Committee

Officer's Recommendation:

That Council endorse the recommendation of the Bland Heritage Advisory Committee and adopt the Heritage Strategy 2014 – 2017, which provides the future direction for heritage initiatives in the Bland Shire and meets Council's obligation under the NSW Heritage Office funding requirements.

### Background

Council is required provide a three year summary of the strategies it will employ to guide heritage management for the financial years 2014/15, 2015/16 and 2016/17 as part of Council obligations to the NSW Heritage Office.

The Heritage Committee adopted the Bland Heritage Strategy 2014 – 2017 at the meeting held on 9 July 2014 and subsequently moved a motion that Council adopts the Heritage Strategy 2014-2017 therefore providing support to the future direction for heritage initiatives in the Bland Shire over the next three years.

### Conclusion

That Council supports the Heritage Committee motion for Council to adopt the Heritage Strategy 2014 – 2017.

### **Financial Implications**

Allocation of funds from the 2014/15 budget

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# 2014

## BLAND HERITAGE STRATEGY 2014-2017





### Introduction

This document has been prepared to set the future direction for heritage initiatives in the Bland Shire. It is also prepared to meet the requirements of the NSW Heritage Office in association with the Three Year funding agreement to support local government heritage management in NSW.

Bland Shire Council includes the villages of Wyalong, Tallimba, Ungarie, Weethalle, Mirool, Barmedman as well as a substantial rural area focussed on those villages and West Wyalong.

The purpose of this document is to provide a summary of the strategies Bland Shire Council will employ to guide heritage management for the financial years 2014/15, 2015/16 and 2016/17. The NSW Heritage Office publications *Recommendations for Local Government Heritage Management and Eight suggestions on how local councils can promote heritage conservation* have been reviewed and utilised in the preparation of this summary heritage strategy.

### **1.0 The Bland Shire Council Heritage Committee**

### Aim:

To promote the conservation and maintenance of Bland's heritage.

### Actions:

- The Heritage Committee to provide advice to full Council, with the Committee including members of the local community as well as Councillors and Council staff
- The Heritage Committee to recommend the listing of places with heritage significance on the LEP
- The Heritage Committee to initiate and assist with the Annual Heritage Festival
- The heritage Committee to direct and assist in delivering heritage projects

### 2.0 List Heritage items in the LEP

### Aim:

To identify and protect all buildings and places within the Bland local government area that are considered to be of heritage significance.

- Progressively update the Heritage Inventory with assessment of further site nominations from the general community
- Provide assistance to the NSW Department of Planning, Heritage Branch in the identification and listing of state significant buildings/places on the State Heritage Register.

- Provide ongoing support to and liaison with community based heritage groups.
- Develop a strategy to deal with lower priority local listings that furthers their protection in a cooperative positive process involving the owners.
- Conserve the character and integrity of the Conservation Area.

### 3.0 The Heritage Advisory Service

### Aim:

To provide policies and plans appropriate to the assessment of applications within the Main Street Conservation Area and listed heritage places and other places with potential heritage significance.

### Actions:

- Continue to seek the input of Council's Heritage Adviser in the assessment of applications likely to impact on the heritage significance of buildings/places.
- Promote the external advertising and sign policy for the Conservation Area.
- Provide advice within the Main Street for the implementation of the Main Street study

### 4.0 Manage local Heritage in a positive manner

### Aim:

To be proactive in managing heritage and urban design matters

- Flag all items of heritage consideration on the Council property data base, so that heritage issues are noted when development applications are first lodged, or during pre-lodgement meetings
- Investigate the most appropriate manner of protecting heritage streetscapes within Bland Shire and the Main Street Conservation area
- Encourage Council and community participation with the Central West Heritage Network.
- Provide ongoing support to and liaison with community based heritage groups. In particular the Aboriginal Elders in identifying and protecting heritage places.

### 5.0 Run a local Heritage Fund

### Aim:

*Increase community participation in the management and conservation of heritage places and Conservation Areas* 

### Actions:

- Continue to offer small Incentive Heritage Grants to encourage owners to undertake conservation and maintenance works.
- Support Council in assisting heritage projects with the funds for heritage interpretation plaques, panels and history publications.

### 6.0 Run a Main Street Programme

### Aim:

To review and implement the recommendations of the Main Street study for the Conservation Area

### Actions:

- Encourage property owners and tenants to seek local and associated funds for projects which are consistent with Main Street study recommendations.
- Encourage and support the verandah reinstatement programme for major projects in the Conservation Area

### 7.0 Present educational and promotional programmes

### Aim:

To increase awareness of heritage issues by Council, community and owners, in liaison with the relevant Bland Shire Council department

- Participate in the annual Heritage Week celebrations
- Continue to promote and identify new opportunities for cultural heritage tourism through the ongoing promotion and identification of sites and tours.
- Develop Heritage Trail Brochures for key locations in particular the Main Street and Conservation Area
- Maintain heritage walking trails and identify opportunities to expand these trails.
- Develop a Shire wide Cemetery Brochure.

- Develop a Cemetery Identification Program, which includes consistent signage, clear row identification, maps and useful interpretation.
- Maintain network links with the area's schools through improved liaison.
- Utilise the services of a Museum Advisor and other specialist Advisors as required
- Liaise with and involve community groups, such as the Business community, National Trust, Bland Museum, Family History Group and Aboriginal Elder Groups in issues affecting heritage conservation in Bland.
- Promote the Heritage inventory throughout the community
- Facilitate related heritage training courses and seminars for relevant Bland Council staff and community representatives.
- Assist in developing strategies through community consultation for the conservation and protection of specialist places such as Lake Cowal.
- Support the production of heritage publications and web based heritage information including the Conservation Area walking trails in Wyalong and West Wyalong and where relevant across the Shire.
- Continue to provide support to community and tourism groups in the development of cultural heritage tourism projects and programs, in particular the Vanishing Villages Project with the Bland District Historical Society.
- Assist local village groups in recording and publishing their history.

### 8.0 Management of Council's Assets

### Aim:

To ensure that Council's Asset Register identifies all heritage issues and that there are appropriate plans to conserve those properties into the future.

### Actions:

- Prepare an inventory and mapping of historic structures and items within the Local Government Area, including minor elements such as street trees, parks, street furniture and bridges.
- Identify sites where interpretive signage should be prepared to convey the historic significance of the Council owned site or place.

### 9.0 Promote sustainable development

### Aim:

To promote heritage and sustainable development opportunities.

- Promote energy efficiency and water saving measures within Conservation areas and heritage places;
- Encourage the adaptive re-use of existing redundant heritage sites and buildings and places within Conservation Areas;
- Promote appropriate endemic and other landscape planting within heritage places and the Conservation area;
- Encourage regeneration of places within Conservation Areas and to discourage development which may detract from the viability of Conservation areas and listed heritage places.

### **SECTION 4 – ASSET & ENGINEERING SERVICES**

### 9.17 Drop Off And Pick Up Zone West Wyalong Primary School

Our infrastructure Reviewing, renewing & improving our core community assets

Vision: Maintaining and improving the Shire's assets and infrastructure in a changing climate

11. Ensure that public places and facilities are well maintained and easily accessible to foster community pride in their infrastructure

Author: Acting General Manager

Traffic Committee's Recommendation:

That a "No Parking 8.00am – 9.30am 2.30pm – 4.00pm School Drop Off Pick Up Zone" be installed in Dumersq Street adjacent to the West Wyalong Primary school in the 25m section just north of Park Street.

### Officer's Recommendation:

Same as Traffic Committee's Recommendation

### Background

Bland Council has received representations from the West Wyalong Primary School to create a No Parking drop off and pick up zone (school hours) in Dumaresq Street just north of Park Street.

Bland Shire's Road Safety Officer inspected the site and recommended that: A "No Parking 8.00am – 9.30am 2.30pm – 4.00pm School Drop Off Pick Up Zone" be placed at his location.

### Conclusion

The Traffic Committee recommended that a "No Parking 8.00am – 9.30am 2.30pm – 4.00pm School Drop Off Pick Up Zone" be installed in Dumersq Street adjacent to the West Wyalong Primary school in the 25m section just north of Park Street.

### **Financial Implications**

Nil.

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### 9.18 New Proposed Rural Fire Service Shed – Deed of Agreement with Property Owners

Our infrastructure Reviewing, renewing & improving our core community assets Vision: Maintaining and improving the Shire's assets and infrastructure in a changing climate

11.1 "Ensure users of Council facilities enter into agreements"

Author: Senior Asset Management Officer

Officer's Recommendation:

That Council authorise the General Manager to sign and seal the following Deeds made in relation to the erection of a Rural Fire Service Sheds on private lands:

1. Ungarie Station – Lot 55 DP 753074 Portion 1 and 2 (Owner RJ and MJ Lamb)

2. Alleena Station – Lot 3 DP 750826 Portion 1 and 2 (Owner Glenn Adler)

3. Winnunga Station – Lot 116 DP 753134 Portion 1 and 2 (Owner Craig Coleman)

#### Introduction

The Rural Fire Service (RFS) have negotiated agreements with individual property owners to erect purpose built sheds to house RFS fire tankers. The Rural Fires Act 1997 and subsequent regulations laden the responsibility of RFS buildings onto Council, therefore Council is required to enter any Deed of agreement on behalf of the RFS.

Deeds have been prepared and the portion for each leased area is clearly defined in these individual documents. Right of carriageways have been created to gain legal access to the leased area. Details of the proposed Deeds are shown in Table 1 below:

Table 1			
Station Name	Property Owner	Lot and DP	Portion
Ungarie	RJ and MJ Lamb	Lot 55 DP 753074	1&2
Alleena	Glenn Adler	Lot 3 DP 750826	1 & 2
Winnunga	Craig Coleman	Lot 116 DP 753134	1 & 2

The RFS have indicated that this will be an ongoing program to be implemented when funding becomes available. All costs associated with the construction of the sheds will be borne by the RFS.

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### Conclusion

At this stage Council is still responsible for RFS buildings although a review of this responsibility is ongoing in State Government. The General Manager needs to have authorisation to sign and seal the prepared deeds on behalf of Council.

### Financial Implications

The agreed lease terms are \$1.00 per annum for a period of 25 years. There is also a requirement for Council to 'make good' the site if either party rescinds this Deed, which may borne additional funds onto Council.

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### **SECTION 5 – REPORTS FOR INFORMATION**

Officer's Recommendation:

That the following reports, provided for information only, be received and noted:

- 9.19 Asset & Engineering Services Report
- 9.20 Community Services Report
- 9.21 Bland Shire Library Monthly Update
- 9.22 Children Services Monthly Update
- 9.23 Development Services Activities/Statistics for July 2014
- 9.24 Economic Development & Tourism Report August

## 9.19 Asset & Engineering Services Report

Our infrastructure Reviewing, renewing & improving our core community assets Vision: Maintaining and improving the Shire's assets and infrastructure in a changing climate

13. Ensure that public places and facilities are well maintained and easily accessible.

### Author: Director – Engineering Services

The following work was carried out:-

### 1. NATIONAL AND STATE ROAD MAINTENANCE

Routine maintenance as per single invitation contract carried out on MR57 South and SH 17.

### 2. **REGIONAL ROADS MAINTENANCE**

- Bitumen patching and guide posting carried out on MR57 north MR231, MR371 and MR398.
- Heavy Patching has been completed on MR398.
- Heavy patching and Polycom works in progress on MR371.

### 3. REGIONAL ROAD REPAIR PROGRAMME

5.2 km of shoulder widening is in progress on Mary Gilmore Way, West (MR398 west).

### 4. SHIRE ROADS MAINTENANCE

- Bitumen patching carried out on the following;
  - Kolkilbertoo Road
  - Tallimba Road
  - Burcher Road
- Gravel Resheeting FAG
  - Morangorell Road 3.2 km
  - Alleena Road 2.1 km
- 2012 Flood Damage Programme has been completed.
- Guide posting has been done on a number of rural sealed roads, minor gravel patching has been done on a number of unsealed roads within the Shire.

### 5. VILLAGE MAINTENANCE

- All parks mown and tidied
- Village main streets swept and rubbish removed
- Trees trimmed and fallen branches picked up
- Village entrances and streets mown and trimmed
- All village park play grounds inspected for safety
- Irrigation checks carried out at Barmedman, Tallimba, Ungarie and Mirrool

### 6. PARK MAINTENANCE

- McCann park, Barnado park and small parks and areas mown, trimmed and maintained
- Barnado, McCann parks spread gypsum on grass areas
- Barnado park roses pruned and sprayed
- McCann park dam grasses trimmed back for spring growth
- Irrigation maintenance carried out in all parks
- Airport irrigation system repairs carried out
- Preschool, council chambers and H.A.C.C spraying and maintenance carried out
- H.A.C.C plants removed for car port and re-planted at Council Chambers

### 7. OVALS MAINTENANCE

- Maintenance to sporting ovals and surrounds
- Maintenance to lawn and monument cemetery
- Maintenance to Herridge park, Cooinda park, Rotary park and Wyalong court house
- Line marking carried out for soccer, Australian rules, and rugby league and rugby union
- Ovals have had gypsum spread over grass areas
- Water leak repair carried out at cemetery
- Park street recreation ground magnesium and nitro iron spread on playing surface
- Ron Crowe oval sprayed with nitro iron
- Ron Crowe oval re-seeding on worn patches and aerated
- Pump shed checks carried out at ovals

### 8. TOWN MAINTENANCE

- Main street gardens tidied, watered
- Town areas mown and trimmed
- Town trees trimmed and watered when needed
- Town foot paths edges back filled
- Small pot holes repaired in roads
- Clean up Parks and Gardens yard
- I.G.A car park seats installed
- Clean out town drains
- Cooinda park tree planting for schools tree day
- West Wyalong and Wyalong spraying on nature strips carried out
- Blocked water pipe repaired for Redman oval
- Short street kerb and gutter repairs

### 9. SEWERAGE TREATMENT WORKS Month July 2014

No:	Date	Time		Address	Reason
		Start	Finish		
1	2/7/14	10.00am	12.00pm	9 Wootten St WW	Blockage Boundary To Main
2	4/7/14	1.00pm	2.00pm	McCann Park Toilets	Sewer Choke Toilet
3	4/7/14	9.00pm	12.00am	1 Robert St Ungarie	Blockage Boundary To Main
4	5/7/14	9.00am	12.00pm	8 Condamine St Ungarie	Sewer Choke in Main
5	5/7/14	1.00pm	2.30pm	Weethalle Toilets	Sewer Choke Toilet
6	6/7/14	4.00pm	6.00pm	3 North St WW	Blockage Boundary To Main
7	7/7/14	3.30pm	4.30pm	114 Neeld St WW	Blockage Boundary To Main
8	9/7/14	1.00pm	2.30pm	6 Brown St WW	Blockage Boundary To Main
9	9/7/14	3.00pm	5.30pm	Weethalle Toilets	Sewer Choke Toilet
10	10/7/14	2.00pm	4.00pm	10 Woodland St Ungarie	Blockage Boundary To Main
11	10/7/14	4.30pm	8.30pm	5 Grenfell St WW	Blockage Boundary To Main
12	19/7/14	3.25pm	4.25pm	Ron Crowe Toilets	Sewer Choke Toilet
13	21/7/14	11.15am	12.45pm	32 Welcome St WW	Blockage Boundary To Main
14	21/7/14	1.00pm	1.30pm	7 Grenfell St WW	Blockage Boundary To Main
15	23/7/14	3.00pm	4.30pm	Neeld St WW	Sewer Choke in Main

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### 9.20 Community Services Report



3. Nurture a strong sense of community and enrich the cultural life for the residents of the Bland Shire

Author: Community Development Officer

### Tree Day

On Monday July 28, Bland Shire Council and West Wyalong High School celebrated National Tree Day by planting 100 trees in Cooinda Park. This was a special day for all students who helped out by planting and caring for native trees to improve the environment of West Wyalong.

Tree day is a wonderful opportunity for children to make a contribution to the natural environment of the community and have lots of fun at the same time. With help from the experienced and knowledgeable parks and gardens staff, year nine Geography students enjoyed a great morning learning about the importance of maintaining and supporting local bio-diversity.

As part of national tree day celebrations, Bland Shire staff also attended both Ungarie Central School and Naradhan Public school. 100 trees were planted by students in the Ungarie community and 13 at the Naradhan School, allowing each of the students to plant their own tree. This exercise fostered a sense of environmental awareness in the students and provided a good opportunity to chat with the children and highlight the importance of conservation and environmental sustainability.



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### Worm farm deliveries

Community services staff along with Council's environmental officer recently attended all of the Primary Schools within the Shire to donate worm farms for use at each of the schools. The students were highly captivated by the worm farms and took the opportunity to chat with Council staff and ask many questions about the worm farms and recycling. It was a great way of engaging the students and teaching them about recycling and environmental sustainability at the same time.



**Careers in Council** 



As part of Local Government week, Bland Shire Council held a "Careers in Council" session on Tuesday August 5 for students from West Wyalong High School and Ungarie Central School. Approximately 40 students attended the workshops with a number of Council staff on hand to answer questions about their career's and the processes of Local government.

All students in attendance appeared to be highly engaged by the presentations from Council staff and took a lot from the information provided to them about careers, with positive feedback received

from a number of the students and staff in attendance.

Following the session, students from Ungarie Central then had the opportunity to tour the West Wyalong Treatment works and learn about the processes involved in maintaining the facility.

In addition to the Careers in Council sessions and Treatment Works tour, a BBQ lunch was also provided to the students and staff on the day.

### **Community BBQ**

On Thursday August 7 Bland Shire Council Staff also held a free community BBQ at Bernardi's IGA as part of Local Government Week celebrations. Plenty of Council information and giveaways were available for community members on the day, with a number of Councillors and Council's Community Services staff on hand to discuss all things Local Government. The BBQ was very successful with staff receiving positive feedback from a number of community members.

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### Learning Local Government



A Local Government education session was held for year 5-6 St Mary's students on August 7 entailing information about the responsibilities of Local Government and a mock Council meeting in which the students took part. This provided a chance for the students to get up close and personal with Local Government procedures and become more familiar with the processes and actions involved in Local Government. The visit was a huge

hit with the students and a great way of engaging their interest in Local Government.

### Heart Foundation Heartmoves to be rolled out to the Ungarie community

Following the success of the Heartmoves sessions in West Wyalong, and due to demand from local residents, the Heartmoves program will now be rolled out in the Ungarie community commencing on Friday August 8. The sessions will be held on a weekly basis in the CWA rooms. A number of Ungarie residents have been making the trip to West Wyalong especially to attend the classes so providing this service in Ungarie will certainly bring strong benefits to the community.

### Show me the money grant writing workshop

Bland Shire Council partnered with Eastern Riverina Arts (ERA) to bring the "Show me the money" grant writing workshop to the Bland Shire community on Tuesday July 29. Scott Howie from ERA delivered a highly informative workshop providing insights into grant funding and its processes. It was a very "hands on" workshop with participants reporting that they got a lot out of the session.

### Hearing van

Australian Hearing in partnership with Bland Shire Council is bringing hearing services to the doorstep of the Bland Shire, when its Hearing Bus stops by to offer free hearing checks in West Wyalong on Monday 11 August. It is hoped that the local community will benefit strongly from this initiative in being able to access this free service without the commonly associated travel expenses.

### **Branded driver education**

Bland Shire Council has partnered with Aussie-Driver.com to deliver branded Practice Driver Knowledge Tests to local youth within the community. These practice testes can be accessed from the Bland Shire Council webpage. The page contains several DKT (driver knowledge test) practice tests to assist local youth in preparing for the real thing. All the practice tests are free and were designed to imitate the real DKT in every detail possible. A team of experts developed these tests to mimic the 2014 version of the original New South Wales driver's knowledge test.

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### 9.21 Bland Shire Library Monthly Update

Our people	Our greatest and most important asset
	Vision: A strong, healthy, connected and cohesive community

*DP 4.3 Monitor and provide up to date and relevant resources and programs within the library DP 4.4 Provide and monitor quality library services to the aged, people with disability, young people and families* 

Author: Manager Library and Children Services

### Book Week

The Bland Shire Library will be celebrating Book Week from Monday 18 – 23 August. Book Week is an opportunity for children to learn about quality Australian children's literature and with this in mind a range of competitions are available for children to participate in. Schools have been invited to visit the Bland Shire Library to learn more about Book Week and during the week visits from West Wyalong Public School, Wyalong Public School and St Mary's War Memorial School are planned.

### Story time for preschoolers

The regular library Storytime continues to grow and numbers average at 25 children who attend weekly with their parents.

On Thursday the 21 August the library will be suspending its normal day time story time session and replacing it with a night time story time. This session is aimed at working parents and their children. It is for children aged 18 months to 7 years.

The library has also been hosting term visits from the Bland Preschool and this has proved to be very popular with the children. The children have stories read to them and are able to participate in a range of activities. The children also have the opportunity to borrow library books and take them back to preschool to read.

The library has monthly visits from Family Day Care educators and their children. These children also have the opportunity to participate in a Storytime session and have the opportunity to borrow library material.

### **Book Launch**

Local author, Di Moore, will be launching her book, "Out of the mists: the hidden history of Elizabeth Jessie Hickman" on Saturday 30 August at the library. Jesse Hickman is known as the last lady bushranger. Di Moore is the granddaughter of Jessie and has spent 11 years researching the history.

### Conclusion

The Library team continue to provide quality services meeting both the requirements under the NSW Library Act, Council's policies and procedures and Integrated Planning and Reporting outcomes.

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### 9.22 Children Services Monthly Update



DP 4.5 To Provide quality and affordable Family Day Care, Mobile Resource Unit and Preschool services.

### Author: Manager Library and Children Services

### Preschool

Bland Preschool has dress up days this term. A different theme for each day spread across the weeks. The dress up day themes include; 'Rainbow, Pyjamas, Footy colours, Crazy hair, and Stripes and Spots'.

This term, children and educators have many community partnership events scheduled. We are:

- visiting the library,
- presenting an award at Wyalong School Education Week assembly,
- attending a West Wyalong School performance at the High School,
- having the choir from Wyalong School perform at the Preschool,
- attending a music inservice training at Little Wattle,

All class groups remain full and expressions of interest for 2015 enrolments will be sent to new and existing families later this term. The Bland Preschool Quality Improvement Plan for 2014-2015 is complete and available for families and the community to read.

The children have been busy all term with their special artistic creations for the Art Show which was held on the week of 16<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> June. The Bland Preschool Art Show was organised by the Parent Committee. The Art show was well attended by families with a small concert and an afternoon tea held for each class group.

Bland Preschool families received a Family survey to complete last month. There was a great response to the survey with many positive comments regarding the Preschool, educators, and the program. We appreciate the honesty in answering these questions and will use this information to provide an even better service for the families of the Bland Shire. The comments and suggestions are being collated and a summary will available to families and the community next term.

The Parent Committee have purchased a new cubby house and it is located in the Bilby yard. The children, their siblings, and the educators have enjoyed playing in our new spacious cubby.

### MRU Playgroup & Ungarie Preschool

The July playgroup sessions have been improving in numbers week by week. West Wyalong is our most popular session with 25-30 children per week. Promoting the service in the term newsletter has been helping with some new families joining playgroup this term.

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Ungarie preschool numbers have been constant with 19 enrolled children. They have been very busy concentrating on number and name recognition, preparing those who will be attending school in 2015. Educators have been in contact with the Ungarie school principal regarding a visit to observe those children.

### **Vacation Care**

The July Vacation Care program was very successful with all excursions completely booked and every other day experiencing high numbers. The children showed their various talents on the first day with our 'West Wyalong's Got Talent' event and an awesome music video was made to the sounds of Pharrell Williams' 'Happy' song. It was great to see the imaginations of the children throughout Vacation Care with the Dress Up, Spectacular Sculpture, Make It and our visit to Splatter Gallery days all being great fun. Although we had a smaller group on the Who Dunnit day it was one of our favourites with the children having to identify which staff member stole the chocolate gold bars. Foodie day turned out to be a great opportunity for the children to share their knowledge of healthy eating as well as experiencing a visit from Amy from the Aboriginal Land Council who spoke about Bush Tucker. Amazingly the eatable dirt wasn't as popular as all the beautiful healthy fruit creations the children made. The excursion days were popular and we all had an amazing time at Jump n Putt in Wagga and the Temora Movies. The next holiday program is being organised for the October holidays and will run from 22-26 October.

### It takes a village (ITAV- Community Capacity Building program):

The ITAV programs have been popular as always with cake decorating and art classes being run this month. All annual reporting requirements were met with survey results submitted and data entered into the reporting portal. A new agreement has been signed with the service gaining approval to run for two more years. Staff are currently reviewing numbers at venues to ensure that the service is being provided to as many families as possible with the view to changing some venues for 2015.

### Family Day Care (FDC)

Monitoring visits and Toy Library delivery were on schedule this month with all visits held as required. Three educator home safety audits were also completed this month. Two new educators have been interviewed this month with commencement dates to be advised shortly. This will bring our total educators to 18.

### Conclusion

The Children Services team continue to provide quality services meeting both the requirements under the NSW Regulation and Council's policies, procedures and Integrated Planning and Reporting outcomes.

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## 9.23 Development Services Activities/Statistics for July 2014



DP17. Lead the community by example with sustainable, effective, efficient and customer focused practices

Author: Manager Development Services

### **Development Applications**

The value of development applications received by Council during July is detailed in the following table.

	Current Year			
Development Type	July		Year to Date 1.01.14 – 31.07.14	
	Number	Value \$	Number	Value \$
Residential	3	32,170	20	1,211,644
Industrial	0	Nil	1	30,000
Commercial	2	160,000	13	342,880
Rural Residential	0	Nil	5	449,250
Subdivisions	2	Nil	4	Nil
Other	2	Nil	20	347,830
TOTAL	9	192,170	63	2,381,604

### **Number of Development Applications**



This graph details the cumulative number of development applications received by month comparing 2012 to 2014.

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### **Value of Development Applications**



This graph details the cumulative value of development applications received by month comparing 2012 to 2014.

The following Development Applications were determined all by approval during July:

App No.	Property	Development
DA/2014/071	12 Calleen Street, West Wyalong	Addition of two (2) Offices and a Meal Room to an Industrial Premises
DA/2015/001	5-7 England Street, West Wyalong	Use of a Carport
DA/2015/002	16 Lady Mary Drive, West Wyalong	Addition of a patio to a Dwelling
DA/2015/003	98-106 Main Street, West Wyalong	Alterations to the internal structure of a Commercial Building
DA/2015/004	44 Creswell Street, West Wyalong	Removal of two (2) Trees

### Certificates issued during July:

Certificate Type	Number Issued
Construction Certificates	3
Complying Development	
Certificates	0
Activity Applications	4
Building Certificates	0
Subdivision Certificates	0
Occupation Certificates	3
Completion Certificates	0
Section 149 Certificates	13

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## Commercial Development Applications under consideration – July

### DA/2015/003 – Alterations to a Commercial Building

Description Alterations to the internal structure of a Commercial Building

Value \$40,000.00

Received 10/07/2014

Application was approved on 29 July 2014.

### DA/2015/005 – Fitout of a Commercial Building

Description Tenancy refurbishment and fitout for the Reject Shop

Value \$120,000.00

Received 15/07/2014

Application has not been determined yet.

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### DA/2014/083 – Hotel Extension & Beer Garden

Description	Proposed extension to gaming & smoking area as well as provision of a Beer Garden area.
Value	\$38,700.00
Received	16/6//2014
Notification	<ul> <li>Application was notified in accordance with Council's DCP</li> <li>Objection has been received in regard to noise issues. Objection under consideration</li> </ul>
Referral	<ul> <li>Application was referred to NSW Police Licensing Section – 15 July 2014. Comments received 24 July 2014.</li> <li>Comments under consideration</li> </ul>
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Application has not been determined yet.

### **Public Health Activities Update**

Food Shop Inspections Undertaken in July – 6

- Number Compliant 2
- Number Non-compliant 4

No. of "I'm Alert Online Interactive Food Safety Program Users for [month] - 0 Total – 490

Swimming Pool Inspections Undertaken in July - 0

- Number Compliant 0
- Number Non-compliant 0

### Heritage Grant Information – 1/01/2014 – 31/7/2014

Grant No.	Address	Description	Grant Value	Date Completed
HER/2014/006	93-95 Main Street West Wyalong	Repair and alter awning and restore leadlighting	\$10,582.00	
HER/2014/007	93-95 Main Street West Wyalong	Painting of building facade above the awning and verandah	\$7,397.00	
HER/2014/008	169 Main Street West Wyalong	Painting of building facade above the awning and the verandah	\$6,418.50	17/06/2014

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### **Companion Animal Activities**

The following table summarises the management of companion animals during July 2014:

	Dega	Cata
	Dogs	Cats
Seizure Activities:		
Seized	2	0
Returned to Owner	1	0
Transferred to Pound from Seizure Activities Animals in Pound at start of	1	0
Month	3	0
Dumped	7	0
Surrendered	1	0
Total Animals in Pound	12	0
Released to Owner	0	0
Euthanased	0	0
Sold	0	0
Stolen from Pound	0	0
Escaped	0	0
Died at Pound	0	0
Rehoused	7	0
Total Animals Leaving Pound	7	0
Animals in Pound at end of Month	5	0

Animals into Pound -Monthly Cumulative Totals

Month	Dogs	Cats
July	9	0
August		
September		
October		
November		
December		
January		
February		
March		
April		
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June		

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This chart summarises the methods in which companion animals (dogs) exited the pound for the period 1/7/2014 to 31/07/2014.



This chart summarises the annual rehousing statistics from 2010/11 to 31 July 2014:

Break In Figures at Pound

• July - 0

No. of "I'm Alert Online Responsible Dog Ownership Users for July – 0 Total - 60

### 9.24 Economic Development & Tourism Report - August

Our prosperity	Ensuring a vibrant and sustainable future				
Vision: Growing our population and jobs					
DP 16.0 Community satisfaction with the quantity and quality of to 19.0 Visitors and tourists are welcomed and make a positive contr DP19.1 Work with business and property owners to rejuvenate character DP19.2 Work with the tourism industry to identify and develop pro DP19.3 Visitor information is kept relevant and up to date DP20.0 Plan for a range of industries that build on the strengths o DP20.1 Encourage and actively seek out business and industry to	ribution to the community economy e their businesses and shop fronts and encourage the maintenance of buildings with ducts and services that appeal to visitors of the Shire f the Bland Shire to stimulate investment and employment o relocate within the shire he shire's existing and prospective industry and business including diversification into				

Author: Senior Economic Development & Tourism Advisor

### **Business Survey**

132 Business Surveys have been distributed to the end of July.

### **Business Health Checks**

Bland Shire Council in conjunction with the Business Enterprise Centre is planning to run a number of Business Health Checks in August.

#### **Newell Highway Brochure**

Vink Publishing was the successful organisation who tendered for the printing of the Newell Highway Brochure.

#### Hear The Bush Beat

The 'Hear The Bush Beat' will be held at Burcher on 20 September 2014. Mental as Anything are confirmed at the main act and the organisers are hoping that more acts will be signed up. Buses will run from West Wyalong, Forbes and Condobolin and the organisers will be seeking funds from local organisations.

### The Standard and Triumph Car Club

The Standard and Triumph Car Club of NSW Inc <u>www.stcc.com.au/</u> visited the Bland Shire on 9-10 August 2014.

### The Long Ride

Bland Shire Council has been working with the organisers of The Long Ride. The Long Ride may see up to 300 ADF and civilian motor cycles travel through and stay in West Wyalong for one night on their way to Uluru raising funds for prostate cancer.

### **National Free Flight Centre**

Bland Shire Council has been working with the NSW Free Flight Society (NSWFFS) <u>www.nswffs.com.au/</u> to establish a National Free Flight Centre in the Bland Shire. The NSWFFS plan to visit the Bland Shire in September for the official opening.

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### Aussie Muscle Car Run

The Aussie Muscle Car Run is raising money and awareness for the Leukaemia Foundation of Australia. Approximately 50 muscle Cars – (1963 to 1977 inclusive), 5 support vehicles and 2 semi-trailers will be stoping in West Wyalong on Saturday 1 November.

### The Bathurst Soaring Club

The Bathurst Soaring Club have confirmed that they will be returning to West Wyalong from 31 January to 14 February 2015.

### SpeedWeek

The dates for this years speedweek have been confirmed for November 9 to 15 inclusive.

### **Riverina Regional Tourism**

Riverina Regional Tourism (RRT) main marketing focus is on agri-tourism. RRT first postcard has been launched and distributed. RRT has engaged photographer Jesse McNair to update RRT photo's library and Jessie will be visiting the Bland Shire in August.

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