



**Bland Shire Council**  
**Business Paper**  
**Ordinary Council Meeting**  
**20 February 2018**



# OUR VISION, MISSION AND VALUES



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 closely 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	<a href="mailto:council@blandshire.nsw.gov.au">council@blandshire.nsw.gov.au</a>	<a href="http://www.blandshire.nsw.gov.au">www.blandshire.nsw.gov.au</a>
ICAC	8281 5999 Toll Free: 1800 463 909	<a href="mailto:icac@icac.nsw.gov.au">icac@icac.nsw.gov.au</a>	<a href="http://www.icac.nsw.gov.au">www.icac.nsw.gov.au</a>
Office of Local Government	4428 4100	<a href="mailto:dlq@dlq.nsw.gov.au">dlq@dlq.nsw.gov.au</a>	<a href="http://www.dlg.nsw.gov.au">www.dlg.nsw.gov.au</a>
NSW Ombudsman	9286 1000 Toll Free: 1800 451 524	<a href="mailto:nswombo@ombo.nsw.gov.au">nswombo@ombo.nsw.gov.au</a>	<a href="http://www.ombo.nsw.gov.au">www.ombo.nsw.gov.au</a>

## Common Acronyms Used in Bland Shire Council Reports and Documents

ABS	Australian Bureau of Statistics
ACAT	Aged Care Assessment Team
AFZ	Alcohol Free Zone
AGM	Annual General Meeting
ALIA	Australian Library and Information Association
AMP	Asset Management Plan
AMRC	NSW Association of Mining Related Councils
BCA	Building Code of Australia
BDCP	Bland Development Control Plan
BEC	Business Enterprise Centre
BFMC	Bush Fire Management Committee
BFMP	Bush Fire Management Plan
BSC	Bland Shire Council
BWW	Business West Wyalong
CASA	Civil Aviation Safety Authority
CBD	Central Business District
CDAT	Community Drug Action Team
CDO	Community Development Officer
CENTROC	Central West Regional Group of Councils
CEO	Chief Executive Officer
CIV	Capital Improved Value
CLRS	Councillors
CPD	Continuing Professional Development
CPI	Consumer Price Index
CPP	Cowal Partnering Program
Cr	Councillor
CRO	Community Relations Officer
CSP	Community Strategic Plan
CSU	Childrens Services Unit
CT	Community Technology
CWA	Country Women's Association
DA	Development Application
DAES	Director Asset & Engineering Services
DCCDS	Director Corporate, Community & Development Services
DCP	Development Control Plan
DEMO	District Emergency Management Officer
DEOCON	District Emergency Controller
DisPlan	Disaster Plan (Local DisPlan, District DisPlan, State DisPlan)
DP	Delivery Program

DPI	Department of Primary Industries
EA	Executive Assistant
EAP	Employee Assistance Program
ED	Economic Development
EEO	Equal Employment Opportunity
EFO	Electoral Funding Authority
EOI	Expression of Interest
EPAA	Environmental Planning & Assessment Act
ERA	Eastern Riverina Arts
EWSA	Educator Workplace Safety Audit
EWV	Events West Wyalong
EYLF	Early Years Learning Framework
FAG	Financial Assistance Grant
FDC	Family Day Care
FFTF	Fit for the Future
FRRR	Foundation for Rural and Regional Renewal
FYI	For your information
GHMS	Grain Harvest Management Scheme
GIPA	Government Information (Public Access) Act
GM	General Manager
GTAN	Government Training & Assistance Network
GWCC	Goldenfields Water County Council
HACC	Home and Community Care
HR	Human Resources
ICAC	Independent Commission Against Corruption
IPART	Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal
IPR or IP&R	Integrated Planning and Reporting
ITAV	It Takes A Village Program
JO	Joint Organisation
K&G	Kerb and gutter
KPI	Key Performance Indicator
LALC	Local Aboriginal Lands Council
LBDC	Little Bangs Discovery Club
LCGMCAC	Lake Cowal Gold Mine Closure Advisory Committee
LEMC	Local Emergency Management Committee
LEMO	Local Emergency Management Officer
LEOC	Local Emergency Operations Centre
LEOCON	Local Emergency Operations Controller
LEP	Local Environmental Plan
LG	Local Government

LGA	Local Government Act or Local Government Area
LGNSW	Local Government New South Wales
LIAC	Legal Information Access Centre
LTFP	Long Term Financial Plan
M	Million
Manex	Management Executive
MHDA	Mental Health Drug & Alcohol
MLC	Member of the Legislative Council
MML	Murrumbidgee Medicare Local
MOW	Meals on Wheels
MoU	Memorandum of Understanding
MP	Member of Parliament
MPHN	Murrumbidgee Primary Health Network
MPR	Multi Purpose Room
MR	Main Road
MRU	Mobile Resource Unit
NAIDOC	National Aboriginal & Islander Observance Committee
NFAR	No further action required
NGO	Non-Government Organisation
NOF	National Quality Framework
NSRF	National Stronger Regions Fund
NSWEC	New South Wales Electoral Commission
NSWPLA	New South Wales Public Libraries Association
NSWRFS	NSW Rural Fire Service
OGM	Office of the General Manager
OLG	Office of Local Government
OP	Operational Plan
P&G	Parks & Gardens
PA	Per Annum
PC	Personal Computer
PCBU	Person Conducting a Business or Undertaking
PHAMs	Personal Helpers and Mentors
PLA	Public Library Association
POEO	Protection of the Environment Operations Act & Regulations
PSITAB	NSW Public Sector Industry Advisory Board
PSSA	NSW Primary Schools Sports Association
QBRS	Quarterly Budget Review Statement
R2R	Roads to Recovery
Rd	Road
RDA	Regional Development Australia

RDO	Rostered Day Off
Rec	Recreation
REROC	Riverina Eastern Regional Organisation of Councils
RFBI	Royal Freemasons' Benevolent Institution
RFS	Rural Fire Service
RMAP	Risk Management Action Plan
RMS	Roads & Maritime Services
RRL	Riverina Regional Library
RTO	Registered Training Organisation
RV	Recreational Vehicle
SEDTA	Senior Economic Development & Tourism Advisor
SEPP	State Environmental Planning Policy

SES	State Emergency Service
SH	State Highway
SLA	Service-level agreement
SLNSW	State Library New South Wales
SRC	Summer Reading Club
SRV	Special Rate Variation
St	Street
STW	Sewerage Treatment Works
TASAC	Tourist Attraction Signposting Assessment Committee
TCORP	Treasury Corporation
TSR	Travelling stock route
TVET	TAFE Delivered Vocational Education & Training

USU	United Services Union
UV	Unimproved Value
VC	Victoria Cross
VIC	Visitor Information Centre
VPA	Voluntary Planning Agreement
WAPS	Workforce Assessment Plan & Strategy
WHS	Work Health & Safety
WWBC	West Wyalong Bowling Club
WWFHG	West Wyalong Family History Group
WWRL	West Wyalong Rugby League



## **Council Meeting Agenda**

**20 February 2018**

**commencing at 6:30PM**

### **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").*

### **1.1 Prayer**

Representatives from the Ministers Association will lead Council in the annual Prayer session.

### **2.0 ATTENDANCE**

#### **2.1 Councillors**

Cr Bruce Baker

Cr Rodney Crowe

Cr Penny English

Cr Kerry Keatley

Cr Tony Lord

Cr Liz McGlynn

Cr Brian Monaghan

Cr Murray Thomas

Cr Jan Wyse

#### **2.2 Staff**

General Manager – Ray Smith

Director Asset & Engineering Services – Will Marsh

Executive Assistant – Julie Sharpe

#### **2.3 Apologies**

Director Corporate, Community, Development & Regulatory Services – Adele Casey

**3.0 CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES**

**3.1 Ordinary Meeting held on 12 December 2017**

▪ **Confirmation**

That the minutes of the Ordinary Council meeting held on 12 December 2017 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.

<b>Councillor/Officer</b>	<b>Item</b>	<b>Nature of Interest</b>

**5.0 PUBLIC FORUM**

## 6.0 MAYORAL MINUTE

### 6.1 Request for Contract Renewal from the General Manager - Mr. Ray Smith

I have received a written request from the incumbent general manager, Mr. Ray Smith, seeking renewal of his contract for a further period of three years with a termination date of 30<sup>th</sup> June 2021.

Mr. Smith's current employment arrangements with Bland Shire Council are as follows:  
*Commenced on 17<sup>th</sup> May 2010 for a period of five (5) years, however, his contract was renewed on 1<sup>st</sup> July 2013 for a further five (5) years and will terminate on 30<sup>th</sup> June 2018.*

Mr. Smith is now seeking a new contract commencing on 1.7.18 and terminating on 30.6.21.

A package including Mr. Smith's written request, supporting documentation, a number of community references has been provided under separate cover to all councillors.

The matter is to be dealt with in open council unless there is a specific reason from any councillor that the matter should be dealt with in closed committee which would require a council resolution and which if carried would require the general manager and the Directors to leave the Chambers during such discussion.

There can be discussion in open council about the 'position' but not the person.

Council has the following two (2) options available:

#### **Option One**

**Agree to the renewal of the general manager, Mr. Ray Smith's contract for the period 1.7.18 to 30.6.21 under the same terms and conditions as the current contract; or**

#### **Option Two**

**Decline the general manager's request for a contract renewal and appoint an employment agency to advertise and recruit a new general manager noting that the incumbent general manager is eligible to reapply for his position.**

**The estimated cost of the recruitment process is \$30,000.00.**

Clr. Tony Lord  
Mayor



## 7.0 NOTICES OF MOTION

### 7.1 School Bus Routes (Councillor Baker)

**Recommendation:**

**That all school bus routes be graded at the start of every calendar year.**

**Comment from Councillor Baker**

To help with the safe delivery of one of our most important commodities within our Shire – Our children and their education.

Plus it could help in repairing any damage after harvest.

**Comment from Director Assets and Engineering**

Past practises of the outdoor staff where to respond to complaints and works that need the done on a first come first serve basis. This meant that the outdoor staff spent a lot of their working days travelling between jobs which was inefficient and poor use of labour' The current system is to work in areas and incorporate maintenance and the roads program being done and then move to the next area. This is a far more efficient way of using staff and leads to more works being done in a year.

If we comply with CI Baker's request that would mean that the maintenance graders would be working under the old system for around 3 – 4 months in the year, which is not efficient use of plant and labour.

Other problems that will occur will be;

The graders will be doing dry grading and some of these roads would really need wet grading or the road sub-base will be compromised and the roads turn to "bull dust" quicker.

There could be roads worse in the area that will not be done when the grader is in the area, which may draw criticism from the local community.

When inspected nearly all bus routes are deemed safe provided the drivers are driving to the conditions.

In addition, as alluded to by the Dept of Transport, they believe there is an element of fixing roads to suit the vehicle rather than the vehicle being purchased to suit the road.

If Council still wants to pursue this matter the most efficient way of doing the works is to hire an outside contractor and operator to work on these matters for 3 – 4 months in the year.

This will cost approximately \$32,000 per month for a total between \$96,000 and \$128,000. There is no money in the budget to cover these works, so the monies would have to be found by Council from another source and added to the Engineering Services budget. However, it may be hard to find another source of re-current expenditure when council is trying to reduce the overall budget.

8.0	<b>DELEGATES &amp; COMMITTEE REPORTS</b>	
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**10.0 URGENT BUSINESS WITHOUT NOTICE**

**11.0 QUESTIONS AND STATEMENTS**

- Matters to be dealt with arising out of the proceedings of former meetings of the Council
- Other Matters

**12.0 CLOSURE OF THE MEETING TO DISCUSS CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 10A(2) OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT**

**12.1 Sale of Land for Unpaid Rates**

*Local Government Act 1993 (section 10A (2) (c)*

*The matters and information are information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business.*

**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 & COMMITTEE REPORTS



Our Leadership - A well run Council acting as the voice of the community

*DP10.6 Regular consultation with key industry, business and stakeholders*

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

Committee	Date/s	Minutes attached
<b>Australia Day Awards Committee of the Whole</b> <i>(Whole Council)</i>	12 <sup>th</sup> December 2017	✓
<b>Australian Rural Roads Group Inc</b> <i>(Mayor Lord, Cr McGlynn - alternate, Cr Thomas - alternate)</i>		
<b>Bland Rural Fire District Zone Liaison Committee</b> <i>(Cr Keatley)</i>		
<b>Bland – Temora RFS Zone Bushfire Management Committee</b> <i>(Cr Baker)</i>		
<b>Community Reference Group</b> <i>(Whole Council)</i>	13 <sup>th</sup> March 2018	
<b>Country Mayors Association of NSW</b> <i>(Mayor Lord)</i>	2 <sup>nd</sup> March 2018	
<b>Cowal Gold Project Community Environmental Monitoring &amp; Consultative Committee (CEMCC)</b> <i>(Mayor Lord)</i>	6 <sup>th</sup> December 2017	
<b>Goldenfields Water County Council Board</b> <i>(Cr McGlynn)</i>	22 <sup>nd</sup> December 2017 22 <sup>nd</sup> February 2018	✓
<b>Internal Audit Committee</b>		
<b>Lachlan Valley Noxious Plants Advisory Committee</b> <i>(Cr Crowe)</i>		
<b>Local Traffic Advisory Committee</b>		
<b>Murrumbidgee Primary Health Network Board</b> <i>(Cr Monaghan)</i>		

<b>Newell Highway Taskforce</b> <i>(Mayor Lord)</i>	7 <sup>th</sup> February 2018	
<b>NSW Association of Mining Related Councils</b> <i>(Cr McGlynn, Cr Thomas - alternate)</i>	16-17 <sup>th</sup> November 2017 23 <sup>rd</sup> February 2018	
<b>NSW Public Libraries Association</b> <i>(Cr Wyse)</i>		
<b>Riverina Eastern Regional Organisation of Councils (REROC)</b> <i>(Mayor Lord)</i>	1 <sup>st</sup> February 2018 12 <sup>th</sup> April 2018	
<b>Riverina Regional Library Advisory Committee</b> <i>(Cr Wyse)</i>	8 <sup>th</sup> November 2017	✓
<b>Riverina Regional Tourism</b> <i>(Cr English)</i>		

**Recommendation:**

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

**MINUTES OF THE BLAND SHIRE COUNCIL AUSTRALIA DAY AWARDS COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS COMMITTEE ROOM ON TUESDAY 12 DECEMBER 2017 COMMENCING AT 6.30PM**

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**Present:**

Cr Jan Wyse (Deputy Mayor), Cr Liz McGlynn, Cr Kerry Keatley, Cr Murray Thomas, Cr Rodney Crowe, Cr Brian Monaghan, Cr Bruce Baker, Ray Smith (General Manager), Craig Sutton (Community Relations Officer)

**ITEM 1 WELCOME**

Deputy Mayor Wyse welcomed everyone to the meeting and explained the process of selecting the winners in each category. Committee members were invited to nominate their top three candidates before a second vote was taken to determine the winners.

**ITEM 2 APOLOGIES**

An apology was received from Mayor Tony Lord.

**ITEM 3 CITIZEN OF THE YEAR**

The committee endorsed Patricia Wells as 2017 Citizen of the Year. Discussions were also held about recognition for local resident Malcolm Carnegie with the General Manager to investigate.

**ITEM 4 COMMUNITY GROUP OF THE YEAR**

The committee endorsed the nomination of the West Wyalong Community Choir as Community Group of the Year.

**ITEM 5 ACHIEVEMENT IN SPORT AWARD**

The committee endorsed Samantha Rutledge and Sharnah Stevens as Junior and Senior Sportspersons of the Year respectively.

**ITEM 6 CONTRIBUTION TO SPORT**

The committee endorsed Ron Pilon as the recipient of the Contribution to Sport Award.

**ITEM 7 VILLAGE REPRESENTATION**

The committee discussed potential location/s for the Australia Day Ambassador to formally visit on Australia Day. The General Manager advised that Council is not yet aware of the identity of the Australia Day Ambassador or their travel itinerary and a decision cannot be made until this information is available. As a result, the committee delegated the decision on what location/s the Ambassador visits to the Mayor and General Manager.

**ITEM 11 CLOSE**

Deputy Mayor Jan Wyse closed the meeting at 7.07pm.

The meeting commenced at 9.57am.

**PRESENT**

Cr D Palmer, Cr G Armstrong, Cr B Callow, Cr D McCann, Cr L McGlynn, Cr K Morris, Cr M Stadtmiller, Cr G Sinclair.

**ALSO IN ATTENDANCE**

Mr P Rudd (General Manager), Mr G Veneris (Acting Engineering Manager), Mr T Goodyer (Operations Manager), Mr S Baldry (Acting Production and Services Manager), Mrs A Coleman (Executive Assistant).

**1. LEAVE OF ABSENCE/APOLOGIES**

Nil

**2. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY**

I would like to acknowledge the Wiradjuri people who are the Traditional Custodians of the Land. I would also like to pay respect to their people both past and present and extend that respect to other Aboriginal Australians who are present.

**3. PRESENTATIONS**

Graham Dooley, Chief Executive Officer & Director from Water Utilities Australia is providing a presentation to the Board.

**17/087 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs McCann and Sinclair that Council move into CONFIDENTIAL SESSION.

*This item is classified CONFIDENTIAL under section 10A(2)(d)(i) of the Local Government Act 1993, which permits the meeting to be closed to the public for business relating to the following:*

- (d) commercial information of a confidential nature that would if disclosed:*
- (i) prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it.*

**17/088 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs McCann and Armstrong that Council revert back to Open Session.

**4. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTERESTS**

The General Manager declared a pecuniary interest in matter 11.2.1 Purchase of 155 Kitchener Road Temora. Mr Rudd will leave the meeting for this item.

**5. DECLARATION OF NON PECUNIARY INTERESTS**

Nil

**6. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF MEETINGS HELD ON 16 NOVEMBER 2017**

**17/089 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Sinclair and Morris that the minutes of the meetings held on the 16 November 2017 having been circulated and read by members be confirmed.

**7. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES**

Nil

**8. ADMISSION OF LATE REPORTS**

Nil

**9. NOTICES OF MOTION / RESCISSION MOTIONS**

Nil

**10. CHAIRPERSON'S MINUTE**

The Chairperson provided the following minute:

*Goldenfields Water undoubtedly recorded some of its most significant achievements during 2017.*

*From new technology and fresh solutions through to innovative planning and improved customer service, the past year has seen Goldenfields Water embark on a new era of providing quality and reliable drinking water for the community.*

*The year commenced with the adoption of the organisation's first set of core values. Then in March, Goldenfields Water became the first NSW water utility to provide its customers with access to the free, online MyH2O service. Shortly after in May, the organisation's first major makeover in two decades was completed, with a new logo, brand and website.*

*As part of Goldenfields Water's 20-year anniversary celebrations, in June the modern, purpose-built Peter 'Scruff' McNuff workshop building and John B McGregor Memorial Garden were officially opened at its Temora works depot.*

*During the final six months of 2017, Goldenfields Water has:*

- *Adopted a new four-year delivery program and 12-month operational plan*
- *Implemented its first formal community engagement strategy*
- *Donated an additional eight free drinking water refill stations to its constituent councils*
- *Secured \$100,000 in Australian Government funding towards developing a new MyH2O smart phone app*
- *Formed a brand new Engineering Business Unit*

*Finally, in November construction started on the long-awaited, \$10.9 million Mandamah Rural Water Supply Scheme.*

*The Board, Leadership Team and, most importantly, the hard-working and dedicated staff of Goldenfields Water are to be congratulated for these and many other extraordinary accomplishments over the course of 2017.*

*Unfortunately, the year ended on a bittersweet note with the decision of the General Manager, Mr Phillip Rudd, to leave Goldenfields Water after almost two years leading the organisation. Mr Rudd has accepted a new leadership role in local government based on the NSW Far North Coast.*

*In leading the organisation out of a challenging period, Mr Rudd has provided the clear and strong direction needed to deliver the region's vital drinking water supply services. Under his guidance, Goldenfields Water has established itself as a water industry leader, focused on ensuring the many communities that depend on it receive the level of service they deserve.*



*Mr Rudd's know-how, vision and passion will be sorely missed, and Goldenfields Water wishes him all the best for the future.*

*A suitable locum General Manager will now be engaged as an interim measure until a new General Manager can be permanently recruited.*

*Despite this major change to its leadership, Goldenfields Water remains focused to successfully complete the many projects, programs and other initiatives planned over the next four years, as well as improve the water services customers depend on today.*

*In 2018, the Board look forward to working with the interim General Manager, other Leadership Team members and staff to further enhance the legacy Goldenfields Water has built over the last 12 months.*

## **11. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION CONFIDENTIAL SESSION**

*In accordance with the Local Government Act 1993 and the Local Government (General) Regulations 2005, in the opinion of the General Manager the following business is of a kind as referred to in section 10A(2) of the Act and should be dealt with in part of the meeting closed to the media and public.*

**17/090 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Sinclair and Morris that Council move into CONFIDENTIAL SESSION.

### **11.1 MATTERS SUBMITTED BY ACTING ENGINEERING MANAGER**

#### **11.1.1 MANDAMAH WATER SUPPLY SCHEME (G95259511)**

##### **Report prepared by Acting Engineering Manager**

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*(c) information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business*

**17/091 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs McCann and Callow that Council:

1. Note the information provided within this report
2. Accept commencement date of constructions as of 27<sup>th</sup> November 2017
3. Approve detailed designs for stages 2, 3 & 4
4. Approve staff to issue all remaining customers for stages 2, 3 & 4, land access and connection agreements with a requirement of 10% deposit as discussed within the body of the report.

**11.2 MATTERS SUBMITTED BY CORPORATE SERVICES MANAGER**

**11.2.1 PURCHASE OF 155 KITCHENER ROAD TEMORA (G35507005)**

*10.43am The General Manager having declared a pecuniary interest in this matter left the meeting*

**Report prepared by Administration Coordinator**

This item is classified CONFIDENTIAL under section 10A(2)(a) of the Local Government Act 1993, which permits the meeting to be closed to the public for business relating to the following:

- (a) *Personnel matters concerning particular individuals.*

**17/092 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs McGlynn and McCann

1. That Council proceed with the purchase of 155 Kitchener Road, Temora being Lot 1 DP 505449.
2. Delegate the Acting Manager Engineering to offer and negotiate as per the confidential report.
3. If accepted, the Acting Manager Engineering be delegated to take the necessary steps to complete the purchase.

*10.51am The General Manager returned to the meeting.*

**11.3 MATTERS SUBMITTED BY GENERAL MANAGER**

**11.3.1 WATER UTILITIES AUSTRALIA (L65055010)**

**Report prepared by General Manager**

*This item is classified CONFIDENTIAL under section 10A(2)(d) of the Local Government Act 1993, which permits the meeting to be closed to the public for business relating to the following:*

- (d) *Commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed:*

- (i) *Prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it.*

**17/093 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs McCann and McGlynn that Council:

1. Note the presentation by Water Utilities Australia and information within this report.
2. Does not want to proceed with the proposal in its current and any possible future forms from Water Utilities Australia, as it is not in the benefit of the Goldenfields Water community and customers.
3. Instructs the General Manager to write to Water Utilities Australia advising that Council will not be proceeding any further with the proposal in its current and any possible future forms.
4. Instructs the General Manager to write to constituent councils advising of the proposal and councils decision of not proceeding.

**17/094 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Sinclair and Callow that Council revert back to Open Session and that the resolutions made in Confidential Session be made public.

**12. MATTERS TO BE SUBMITTED TO OPEN COUNCIL**

**12.1 MATTERS TO BE SUBMITTED BY CORPORATE SERVICES MANAGER**

**12.1.1 COUNCIL INVESTMENTS (G35507005)**

**17/095 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Callow and McGlynn that the report detailing Council Investments at 30 November 2017 be received and noted.

**Report prepared by Accountant**

**BACKGROUND**

A report on Council's Investments is required to be presented for Council's consideration In accordance with clause 212 of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2005.

**REPORT**

Council's investment portfolio decreased by \$200,000 to \$47.9 million during October and November. The profile of Council's investments held at 30 November 2017 is detailed below:

	Rating	Market Value (\$)	Term (days)	Rate	Purchase Date	Maturity Date
Long Term Deposits		41,000,000.00				
B&A Bank	A1-	1,000,000.00	548	3.00%	1/06/16	1/12/17
National Australia Bank	A1+	3,000,000.00	1,097	3.70%	3/12/14	4/12/17
Bank of Queensland	A2	3,000,000.00	1,098	3.60%	3/12/14	5/12/17
AMP	A1/A	3,000,000.00	1,097	3.40%	18/12/14	19/12/17
National Australia Bank	A1+	3,000,000.00	1,096	3.57%	8/01/15	8/01/18
National Australia Bank	A1+	3,000,000.00	1,096	3.36%	12/02/15	12/02/18
CBA	A1+	3,000,000.00	1,096	3.11%	17/03/15	17/03/18
CBA	A1+	3,000,000.00	1,096	3.06%	20/04/15	20/04/18
Westpac Banking Corporation	A1+	3,000,000.00	1,097	3.04%	24/06/15	25/06/18
Bank of Queensland	A2	3,000,000.00	1,096	3.00%	29/10/15	29/10/18

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General Manager.....Chairperson.....

**GOLDENFIELDS WATER COUNTY COUNCIL – DECEMBER 2017**

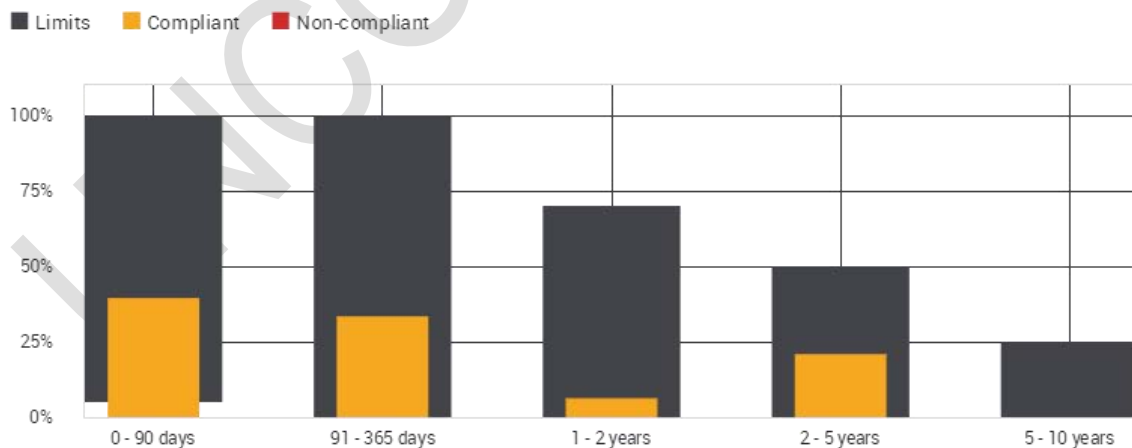
ING Direct	A-	3,000,000.00	1,097	3.18%	18/03/16	20/03/19
Newcastle Permanent	BBB	2,000,000.00	1,096	3.08%	8/06/17	8/06/20
Westpac Banking Corporation	A1+	2,000,000.00	1,097	3.01%	12/07/17	13/07/20
Bank of Queensland	A2	3,000,000.00	1,096	3.00%	07/11/17	19/11/20
Bank of Queensland	A2	2,000,000.00	1,462	3.45%	12/07/17	13/07/21
Westpac Banking Corporation	AA-	1,000,000.00	1,099	3.06%	25/09/17	28/09/20
Short Term Deposits	A1+	4,000,000.00				
B & A Bank	A1-	1,000,000.00	365	2.57%	10/08/17	10/08/18
Australian Military Bank	NR	1,000,000.00	365	2.85%	28/03/17	28/03/18
Auswide Bank	BBB-	1,000,000.00	365	2.82%	20/06/17	20/06/18
Bank of Queensland	A2	1,000,000.00	365	2.70%	12/07/17	12/07/18
At Call Deposits		2,900,180.00				
Commonwealth Bank At Call A/c	N/A	1,900,000.00	At Call	1.45%	N/A	N/A
AMP Bank At Call A/c	N/A	1,000,180.00	At Call	2.55%	N/A	N/A
Total Value of Investment Funds		47,900,180.00				

For the month of November, the deposit portfolio provided a solid return of +0.27% (actual), outperforming the benchmark AusBond Bank Bill Index return of +0.13% (actual). The strong performance continues to be driven by those deposits still yielding above 3½% p.a.

**Over the year to November, the deposit portfolio returned +3.25% p.a., outperforming bank bills by 1.50% p.a.** This has been very strong given deposit rates reached their all-time lows and margins have generally contracted over the past 18 months.

**TERM TO MATURITY**

The percentage of investments maturing over the next ten years is detailed in the graph below.



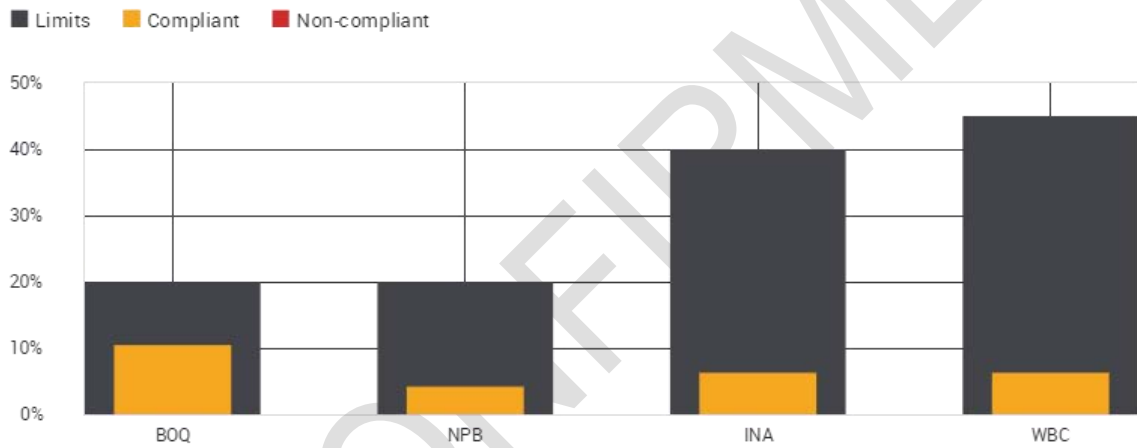
**COUNTER PARTY COMPLIANCE**

The below graphs compare investments with each financial institution to the limits included in Council’s Investment Policy.

**Counterparty compliance: short-term holdings**

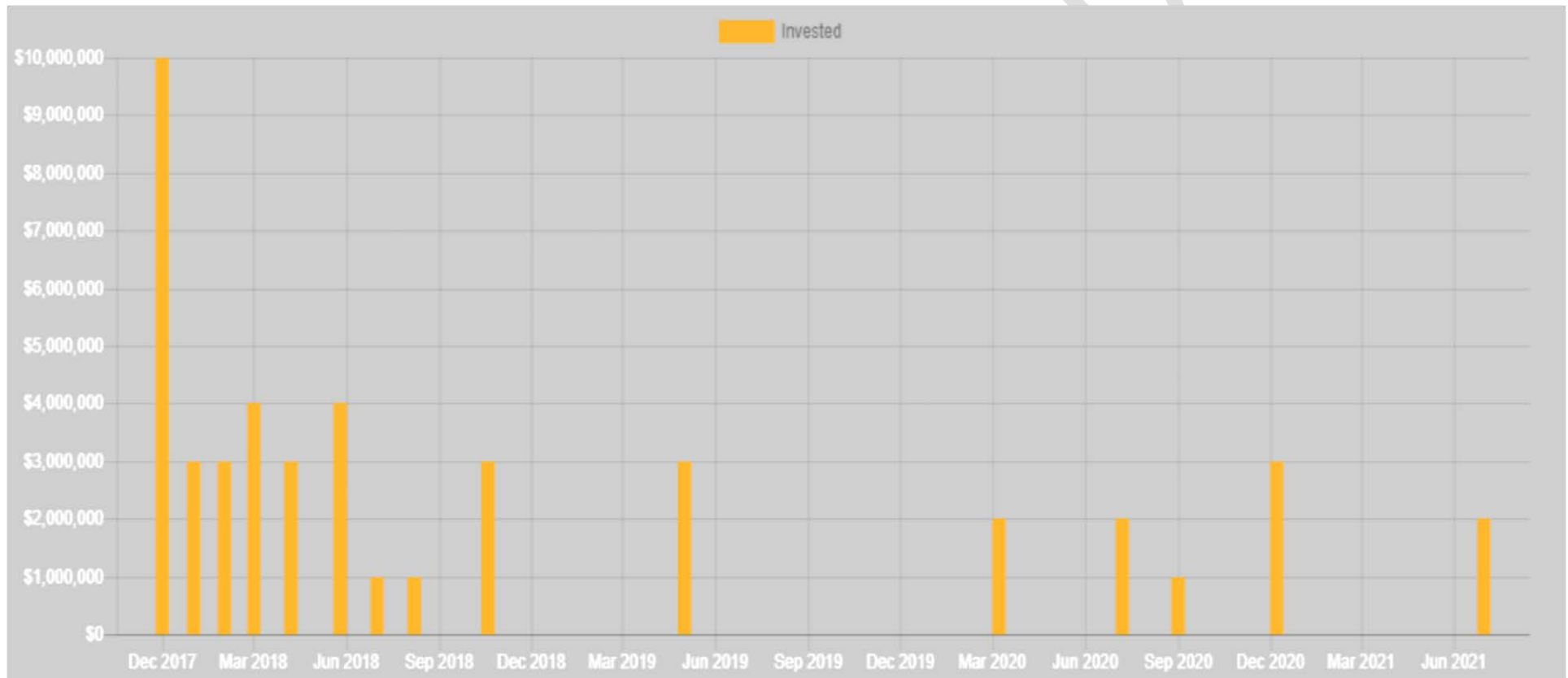


**Counterparty compliance: long-term holdings**



**CASHFLOW ANALYSIS - MATURITIES**

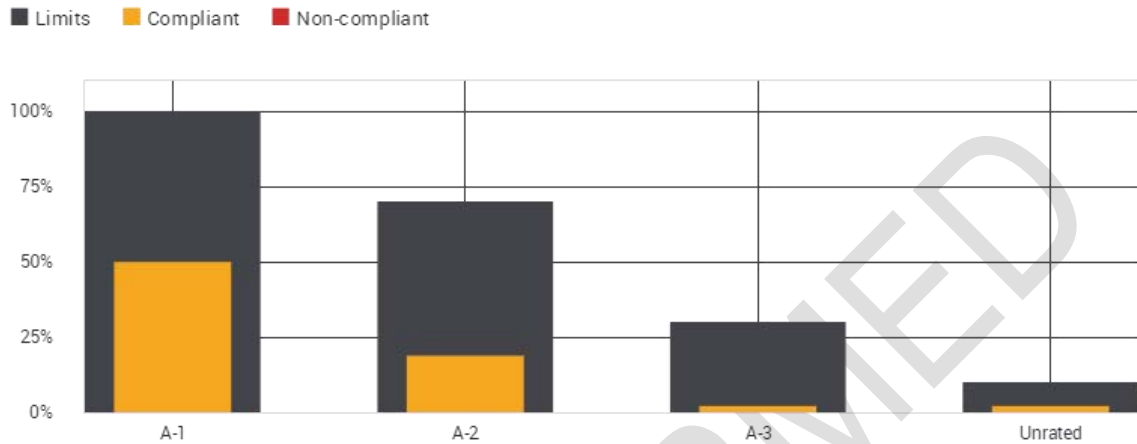
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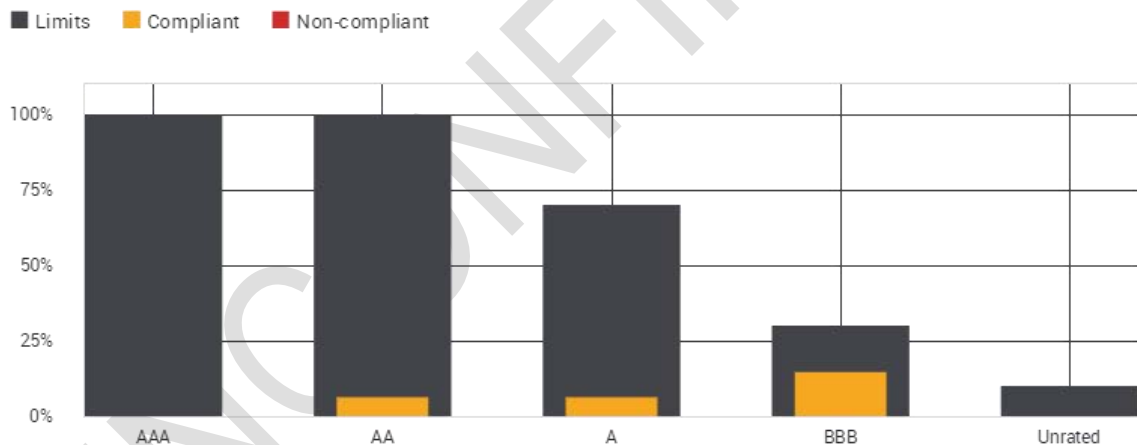
**CREDIT QUALITY COMPLIANCE**

The below graphs compare investments with each investment rating category to the limits included in Council's Investment Policy.

**Credit quality compliance: short-term holdings**



**Credit quality compliance: long-term holdings**



**Attachments:** Nil

**Tabled Items:** Nil

**FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

The recommendation does not impact on Council's financial position.

**RECOMMENDATION**

Recommendation made was adopted.

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TEMORA OFFICE on 22 December 2017**

**12.1.2 CAPITAL WORKS PROGRESS (G35201005)**

**17/096 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs McCann and Sinclair that the report detailing Council's capital works program as at 30 November 2017 be received and noted.

**Report prepared by Accountant**

**BACKGROUND**

Capital Works represents an important part of Council's activities and expenditure. This report details progress year to date on programmed and emergent capital works. Water mains are a significant part of the annual program and are also reported in more detail.

**REPORT**

This report is presented for information on the progress of Council's Capital Works Program as at 30 November 2017.

<b>Goldenfields Water County Council CAPITAL WORKS PROGRESS</b>			
	<b>2017/18 ESTIMATE</b>	<b>COSTING AT 30/11/2017</b>	<b>COMMITTED</b>
<b>CAPITAL INCOME</b>			
<b>Proceeds Funding</b>			
Sale of Plant	630,000	428,545	-
<b>Total Proceeds Funding</b>	630,000	428,545	-
<b>Total Income</b>	630,000	428,545	-
<b>CAPITAL EXPENDITURE</b>			
<b>New System Assets</b>			
Plant & Equipment	755,000	774,773	-
Future Capital Project Investigations	100,000	-	-
Developer Paid Mains	40,000	66,649	-
Mains	220,000	21,009	-
Mandamah	3,590,000	53,391	165,000
Reservoirs	-	-	-
Pumping Stations	-	-	-
Treatment	62,000	28,895	-
Bores	170,000	27,992	-
Service Meters	200,000	273,665	-
Backflow Devices	750,000	249,650	122,800
Intangibles	944,500	362,079	-
Land & Buildings	280,000	186,302	-
<b>Total New System Assets</b>	<b>7,111,500</b>	<b>2,044,405</b>	<b>287,800</b>
<b>Renewals</b>			
Mains	810,500	89,950	231,511
Reservoirs	360,000	21,725	263,845
Pumping Stations	2,336,600	658,697	-
Treatment	40,000	107,824	-
Bores	-	133,697	-
Service Meters	145,000	35,440	-
Land & Buildings	85,000	27,431	-
<b>Total New System Assets</b>	<b>3,777,100</b>	<b>1,074,764</b>	<b>495,356</b>
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>10,888,600</b>	<b>3,119,169</b>	<b>783,156</b>



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<b>Goldenfields Water County Council</b>			
<b>CAPITAL WORKS PROGRESS</b>			
		<b>2017/18 ESTIMATE</b>	<b>COSTING AT 30/11/2017</b>
<b>NEW MAINS &amp; RENEWALS</b>			
<b>Developer Paid</b>			
Annual Budget		40,000	
<i>Developer Paid Design</i>			1,143
<i>Barellan Bendee Street</i>			7,040
<i>Temora Spitfire</i>			33,397
<i>Wyalong Wooten Street</i>			3,362
<i>Plemmings Subdivision</i>			22,756
<i>Junee Abatoirs</i>			527
			68,225
<b>New System Asset Mains</b>			
Annual Budget		220,000	
<i>Uley Lane Stage 2</i>			18,248
<i>Orr to Booth Street Coolamon</i>			2,762
			21,010
<b>Mandamah</b>			
Annual Budget		3,590,000	53,391
			53,391
<b>Renewal Mains</b>			
Annual Budget		810,500	
<i>Fishers Land</i>			7,254
<i>Rosehill</i>			49,858
<i>Cootamundra Temora Road</i>			-
<i>Valve Replacement</i>			32,838
			89,950
<b>Total Expenditure</b>		<b>4,660,500</b>	<b>232,576</b>

**Attachments:** Nil.

**Tabled Items:** Nil.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

The recommendation does not impact on Council's financial position.

**RECOMMENDATION**

Recommendation made was adopted.

### 12.1.3 DEBT RECOVERY UPDATE (G40350505)

**17/097 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Callow and Sinclair that the update on Council's debt recovery process be noted.

#### Report prepared by Corporate Services Manager

#### BACKGROUND

Council has been using the services of an external debt collection company, Outstanding Collections, since June 2017 to assist in the recovery of monies that are overdue for water related fees, charges and other debts in line with Council's Debt Recovery & Financial Hardship Policy.

#### REPORT

Since engaged, 320 accounts with a total debt of \$433,022 have been referred to Outstanding Collections for further recovery action. These customers exceeded the allowable Final Notice timeframe to make payment or put a payment arrangement in place.

At the 30 November 2017 Council has recovered \$194,796. Furthermore, 45 customers with a total debt of \$108,111 have current payment arrangements in place with Council.

The overall result for Council is a debt recovery performance (debt either paid in full or under a payment plan) of 70% up to 30<sup>th</sup> November 2017.

**Attachments:** Nil

**Tabled Items:** Nil

#### FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT

The recommendation does not impact on Council's financial position.

#### RECOMMENDATION

Recommendation made was adopted.

### 12.1.4 BAD DEBT POLICY (G403050505)

**17/098 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs McGlynn and Callow that it is recommended that Council:

1. Adopt the Draft PP025 Bad Debt Policy
2. Delegate the General Manager and their delegates to;
  - a) Vary the provision for doubtful debts to such an amount as is required; and
  - b) Write off bad debts against the provision for doubtful debts up to a value of \$1,000 in an individual case, and \$5,000 in aggregate per financial year

**Report prepared by Corporate Services Manager**

**BACKGROUND**

Council undertakes legal recovery actions for outstanding debtor accounts. Once all legal avenues have been exhausted and payment of the outstanding debt has not been achieved, Council has little recourse other than to write the debt off.

**REPORT**

The purpose of this policy is to ensure that the principles and procedures for writing off irrecoverable debts are formalised in accordance with the *Local Government (General) Regulation 2005*.

**Attachments:** PP025 Bad Debt Policy

**Tabled Items:** Nil

**FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

The recommendation does not impact on Council's financial position.

**RECOMMENDATION**

Recommendation made was adopted.

**12.1.5 INTERNAL AUDIT FUNCTION (G35051005)**

**17/099 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Armstrong and Sinclair that Council approve an increase in the 2017/18 operational budget of \$25,000 for internal audit services.

**Report prepared by Corporate Services Manager**

**BACKGROUND**

In 2008 pursuant to section 23A of the Local Government Act 1993, the Department released Internal Audit Guidelines for local government in NSW via Circular number 08-64. The guidelines were revised in September 2010 via Circular number 10-22. Proposed amendments to the Local Government Act include a mandatory requirement for councils to have an internal audit function.

**REPORT**

Management recognises the relevance of strengthening governance and control systems through the establishment of an efficient and effective internal audit function. The role of the internal audit function is to provide independent audit services in the review of Council's risks, internal controls, governance, performance and compliance.

Management wishes to engage an internal auditor and is currently requesting quotations for the supply and delivery of Internal Audit Services for Council. In order to facilitate the engagement in early 2018, the Board is requested to approve an `operational budget increase of \$25,000 for internal audit services the current 2017/18 year.

**Attachments:** Nil

**Tabled Items:** Nil

**FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

The recommendation will increase Council's 2017/18 budgeted operational expenditure by \$25,000.

**RECOMMENDATION**

Recommendation made was adopted.

**12.2 MATTERS TO BE SUBMITTED BY THE GENERAL MANAGER**

**12.2.1 PECUNIARY INTEREST RETURNS (G40203005)**

**17/100 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Sinclair and Callow that Council note the tabling of the Pecuniary Interest Returns.

**Report prepared by General Manager**

**BACKGROUND**

Under section 450A of the Local Government Act 1993 and the Local Government (General) Regulation 2005, councillors and designated persons (staff) must provide a declaration of pecuniary interest as contained in the prescribed form.

**REPORT**

Declaration of Pecuniary interest returns must be completed and lodged with the General Manager within three (3) months after becoming a councillor or designated person, or alternatively a councillor or designated person holding that position at 30 June is required to lodge their pecuniary interest return with the General Manager by 30 September each year.

Returns must be tabled at the first meeting held after the required lodgement date.

**Attachments:** Nil

**Tabled Items:** Pecuniary Interest Returns – Cr Armstrong and Cr Stadtmiller.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

The recommendation does not impact on Council's financial position.

**RECOMMENDATION**

Recommendation made was adopted.

**13. NEXT MEETING**

The next ordinary meeting of Council is scheduled to be held on Thursday 22 February 2018 at 1.00pm.

**14. QUESTIONS & STATEMENTS**

Cr Armstrong supported the statements made in the Chairpersons Minute regarding the performance of the General Manager. Cr Armstrong noted that the General Manager has been approachable and certainly up to the job. He wished the General Manager well.

Cr Stadtmiller echoed the statements made by Cr Armstrong and that his departure is a great loss.

Cr McGlynn congratulated the General Manager on his new role and thanked him for his efforts. Cr McGlynn also thanked the staff for everything they do for all Goldenfields Water customers. Cr McGlynn wished everyone a happy Christmas and prosperous new year.

Cr Sinclair wished the General Manager all the best, noting how he has turned the business around in the last two years.

Cr McCann noted that a major break in Marrar was circulated through social media and asked when the Community Education and Engagement Officer will be starting in order for these items to be responded to. The General Manager replied that the Community Education and Engagement Officer will be commencing on 22 January 2018.

Cr McCann thanked the General Manager for his dedication.

**15. CLOSE OF BUSINESS**

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There being no further business requiring the attention of Council the meeting was closed at 11.20am.

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## RIVERINA REGIONAL LIBRARY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

### MINUTES

8 NOVEMBER 2017

#### **PRESENT**

Cr Leigh Bowden	Cootamundra-Gundagai Regional Council
Cr Yvonne Braid	Wagga Wagga City Council
Cr Cate Cross	Snowy Valleys Council
Cr Pam Halliburton	Junee Shire Council
Cr Dan Hayes	Wagga Wagga City Council
Cr Rod Kendall	Wagga Wagga City Council
Cr Denise Osborne	Greater Hume Shire Council
Cr Dennis Sleigh	Temora Shire Council
Cr Dallas Tout	Wagga Wagga City Council
Cr Greg Verdon	Lockhart Shire Council
Ms Adele Casey	Bland Shire Council
Mr Steve Firth	Temora Shire Council
Mr Grant Johnson	Junee Shire Council
Ms Kristy Kay	Federation Council
Ms Kristin Twomey	Snowy Valleys Council
Mr Peter Veneris	Lockhart Shire Council

#### **IN ATTENDANCE**

Ms Penny Howse	Cootamundra-Gundagai Regional Council
Ms Susan Kane	Greater Hume Shire Council
Ms Carolyn Rodney	Wagga Wagga City Council

#### **RIVERINA REGIONAL LIBRARY STAFF**

Mr Robert Knight	Executive Director
Ms Wendy Callis	Business Support Officer
Ms Amy Heap	Outreach & Promotions Coordinator
Mr Brian Plummer	Support & eServices Coordinator

The meeting of the Riverina Regional Library Advisory Committee commenced at 9.40 am.

## **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY**

I would like to Acknowledge the Wiradjuri people who are the Traditional Custodians of the Land that we are meeting on today. I would also like to pay my respect to the Elders both past and present of the Wiradjuri Nation and extend that respect to other Aboriginal people who are present today.

## **APOLOGIES**

Cr Vanessa Keenan	Wagga Wagga City Council
Cr Kerrilee Logan	Coolamon Shire Council
Cr Ian Marston	Lockhart Shire Council
Cr Max Oliver	Temora Shire Council
Cr Jan Wyse	Bland Shire Council
Ms Courtney Armstrong	Coolamon Shire Council
Mr James Bolton	Wagga Wagga City Council
Ms Judy Charlton	Greater Hume Shire Council
Mr James Davis	Junee Shire Council
Mr Tony Donoghue	Coolamon Shire Council
Mr Allen Dwyer	Cootamundra-Gundagai Regional Council
Mr David Koren	Junee Shire Council
Ms Louise Parr	Federation Council
Mr David Smith	Greater Hume Shire Council
Ms Karen Wendt	Riverina Regional Library

## **Recommendation**

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On the motion of Ms Twomey and Cr Kendall

**That the Apologies of the Riverina Regional Library Advisory Committee meeting held on 8 November 2017 be received and accepted.**

**CARRIED**

## **REPORTS FROM STAFF**

### **RP-1 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 29 MARCH 2017**

#### **Recommendation**

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On the motion of Cr Halliburton and Ms Casey

**That the minutes of the Riverina Regional Library Advisory Committee meeting held on 29 March 2017 be confirmed as a true and accurate record.**

**CARRIED**

THE CHAIRPERSON INVITED MR KNIGHT TO TAKE THE CHAIR AND ADMINISTER THE ELECTIONS. THE MEETING DETERMINED THAT THE ELECTION WOULD BE CONDUCTED BY OPEN BALLOT.

**RP-2 ELECTION OF CHAIR, DEPUTY CHAIR AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE TO THE RRL ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR 2017-2018**

**Recommendation**

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On the motion of Cr Verdon and Cr Kendall

**That the Committee:**

- a elect a Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson to the RRL Advisory Committee for 2017-2018**
- b elect four (4) delegates to the RRL Executive Committee for 2017-2018**

**Chairperson**

Cr Tout nominated by Cr Halliburton and Ms Casey.  
Cr Tout accepted the nomination.

There being no further nominations, **Cr Tout** was duly elected Chairperson of the Riverina Regional Library Advisory Committee for the ensuing year.

**Deputy Chairperson**

Cr Halliburton nominated by Cr Kendall and Cr Braid  
Cr Halliburton accepted the nomination.

There being no further nominations, **Cr Halliburton** was duly elected Deputy Chairperson of the Riverina Regional Library Advisory Committee for the ensuing year.

**Executive Committee**

Cr Wyse nominated by Ms Casey and Cr Halliburton  
Cr Wyse accepted the nomination by prior consent to Ms Casey.

Cr Braid nominated by Cr Verdon and Ms Twomey  
Cr Braid accepted the nomination.

Ms Casey nominated by Cr Halliburton and Cr Tout  
Ms Casey accepted the nomination.

Ms Kay nominated by Ms Casey and Cr Halliburton  
Ms Kay accepted the nomination.

There being no further nominations, **Cr Wyse, Cr Braid and Ms Casey and Ms Kay** were duly elected, joining the Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson on the Executive Committee of the Riverina Regional Library Advisory Committee for the ensuing year.

**CARRIED**



MR KNIGHT INVITED THE CHAIRPERSON TO TAKE THE CHAIR FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE MEETING.

**RP-3      MANAGER FINANCIAL SERVICES REPORT**

**Recommendation**

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On the motion of Cr Braid and Ms Twomey

**That the Committee:**

- a      note the final result for the year ended 30 June 2017**
- b      note the budget review for the quarter ended September 2017**
- c      endorse the Riverina Regional Library Asset Register as at 30 June 2017**
- d      endorse the signing of the 2016/17 Riverina Regional Library Financial Statements pursuant to s413(2)(c) of the Local Government Act 1993.**

**CARRIED**

**RP-4      RRL EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT**

**Recommendation**

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On the motion of Cr Verdon and Cr Hayes

**That the Committee receive and note the report.**

**CARRIED**

**RP-5      RRL LIBRARY ACTIVITY STATISTICS REPORT**

**Recommendation**

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On the motion of Cr Halliburton and Ms Twomey

**That the Committee receive and note the report.**

**CARRIED**

**RP-6 RRL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETINGS - 2018**

**Recommendation**

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On the motion of Ms Casey and Cr Kendall

**That the Committee endorse the following meeting dates in Wagga Wagga during 2018:**

- **Wednesday 28 March 2018**
- **Wednesday 31 October 2018**

**CARRIED**

**RP-7 FOOD FOR FINES - 2017**

**Recommendation**

On the motion of Ms Twomey and Ms Casey

**That the Committee:**

- a endorse the Food for Fines initiative for consideration by member Councils for application at their libraries for a four (4) week period concluding on Christmas Eve**
- b endorse the restriction of fine exemptions to a maximum of four (4) weeks per year, during the specified Christmas period, in each RRL branch library.**

**CARRIED**

**RP-8 STANDARDISATION OF LOAN LIMITS ACROSS RRL BRANCH LIBRARIES**

**Recommendation**

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On the motion of Ms Twomey and Cr Kendall

**That the Committee endorse the standardisation of loan limits across all Riverina Regional Library branches as follows:**

- a Default loan periods for all standard items - books, DVD's, sound recordings, periodicals etc: 28 days with two 14 day renewal periods allowed (default Mobile Library renewal periods will remain at 28 days)**
- b An overall maximum of 30 items per member in total consisting of any type of item(s) (including books, DVD's, CD's, periodicals etc)**

- c Existing exceptions for special collections and non-regular member categories remain unchanged eg, Nursing Homes, Housebound, Reciprocal Members, Non-Resident Members etc.

CARRIED

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

Nil

### **GENERAL BUSINESS**

Ms Twomey advised the meeting that she has been awarded the 2017 Jean Arnot Memorial Fellowship by State Library of NSW. The paper, *Libraries Building Communities – The need for Local Government to acknowledge the role of public libraries in community building and engagement*, was delivered in a speech as part of the Fellowship Luncheon held at State Parliament. Following on from the Luncheon, Ms Twomey was engaged by the Independent Scholars Association of Australia to deliver a lecture series around the fundamental importance of public libraries to local government. The paper is available at: <http://www.sl.nsw.gov.au/stories/libraries-building-communities>.

### **PRESENTATION**

Mr Knight presented a Library Video to the Committee.

### **CLOSE OF MEETING**

The Riverina Regional Library Advisory Committee rose at 11.15am.

## SECTION 2 – OFFICE OF THE GENERAL MANAGER

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### 9.1 Joint Standing Committee on Electoral Matters



Our Leadership - A well run Council acting as the voice of the community

*DP10.2 Ensure councillors take ownership and a strong leadership role.*

**Author:** General Manager

#### **Introduction**

Council at its September 2017 meeting resolved to make a submission to the Parliamentary Inquiry into 'preference counting' in NSW local government elections based on council's wish to see the introduction of 'first past the post' voting particularly for NSW rural councils.

This particularly motion was also debated at the recent Local Government Association Conference where it received a mixed reception given the fact that many councils present were the larger metropolitan councils.

#### **Financial Implications**

I would not expect there to be any financial implications to council regardless of the outcome of this Inquiry.

#### **Summary**

The Parliamentary Inquiry has now been completed and while the Committee did not recommend 'first past the post' voting they did acknowledge the submission from Bland Shire Council. There were nine (9) recommendations arising from the Inquiry and a copy of those recommendations is included as an attachment to this report.

It is interesting to note Recommendation 1 which is *to remove the random sampling of ballots when transferring preferences when a candidate receives more than a required quota to be elected* and this is a positive step forward.

Recommendation 2 refers to the 'gregory' method and below is a summary of what this means, and I am unaware of its origin.

*The single transferable vote is a voting system based on proportional representation and ranked voting. Under STV, an elector's vote is initially allocated to his or her most-preferred candidate. After candidates have been either elected by reaching quota or eliminated, surplus votes are transferred from winners to remaining candidates according to the surplus ballots' ordered preferences. The system minimizes "wasted" votes and allows for approximately proportional representation without the use of party lists.*

These recommendations have been submitted to the NSW Government for adoption.

**Recommendation:**

**That the outcome and recommendations arising from the Joint Standing Committee Inquiry into Preference Counting in local government elections is received and noted.**

## Recommendations

### Recommendation 1

That the Government removes the random sampling of ballots when transferring preferences when a candidate receives more than a required quota to be elected.

### Recommendation 2

That the Government introduce the weighted inclusive **Gregory method** to conduct future local government elections.

### Recommendation 3

That the NSW Electoral Commission works with relevant stakeholders to develop a policy that makes it easier for scrutineers to examine paper ballots, electronic records and data entry records.

### Recommendation 4

That the Office of Local Government ensures that councils which administer their own elections be required to adhere to any scrutineering policy developed by the NSW Electoral Commission.

### Recommendation 5

That an audit process be introduced to ensure that data entry of ballots is accurate in every local government election count that uses electronic counting. The Committee also recommends that scrutineers be allowed to observe this audit process and the results.

### Recommendation 6

That the Government outlines minimum levels of data, including full preference data, which is to be released following a local government election regardless of whether the election is run by the NSW Electoral Commission, a private provider, or a council themselves.

### Recommendation 7

That the source code of counting software used in local government elections, whether those elections are conducted by the NSW Electoral Commission or a private provider, be subject to an external audit at least once every five years, subject to reasonable restrictions which protect the Intellectual Property of the organisations involved.

### Recommendation 8

That the Government remove the provision whereby a candidate can pay for a recount in an election in which they were involved.

**Recommendation 9**

**That the NSW Electoral Commissioner maintain the authority to conduct a recount at the request of any candidates in the election or on their own initiative.**

**Recommendation 10**

**That the cap of four digits for a decimal fraction when calculating transfer values involved in preference counting in local government elections be removed.**

## 9.2 Goldenfields Water County Council – Privatisation of Assets



Our Places - Maintain & improve the Shire's assets & infrastructure

*DP7.1 Ensure adequate water storage and management for future use within Council's community facilities*

**Author:** General Manager

### **Introduction**

Council is in receipt of correspondence from Goldenfields Water County Council (GWCC) regarding a proposal put forward by Water Utilities Australia in relation to the water supply infrastructure assets owned and operated by GWCC.

A copy of the correspondence is included as an attachment to this report.

### **Financial Implications**

There is no direct financial implication to council arising from this report.

### **Summary**

The response from GWCC was to reject the proposal outright.

### **Recommendation:**

**That the information regarding the water supply infrastructure assets owned and operated by Goldenfields Water County Council is received and noted.**



Reference: G40102010

11 January 2018

**Mr Ray Smith  
General Manager  
Bland Shire Council  
PO Box 21  
WEST WYALONG NSW 2671**

Dear Ray

**Re: Goldenfields Water County Council Resolution Regarding Water Utilities Australia Proposal**

I write to you on behalf of the Goldenfields Water County Council ('the Council').

Mr Graham Dooley, Chief Executive Officer and Director of Water Utilities Australia, recently provided a presentation to the Council on a proposal in relation to the water supply infrastructure assets owned and operated by Goldenfields Water County Council.

Water Utilities Australia is a privately owned company whose business involves the operation of water supply infrastructure assets.

Generally speaking, Water Utilities Australia's proposal presented a range of options in relation to the part or full privatisation of Goldenfields Water County Council's assets.

At its Ordinary Meeting on 22 December 2017 the Council considered an official report on the proposal by Water Utilities Australia.

The Council resolved that it does not want to proceed with the proposal in its current and any possible future forms with Water Utilities Australia, as it is not in the benefit of the Goldenfields Water community and customers.

This letter is to advise Bland Shire Council of the proposal and the Council's decision of not proceeding.

Water Utilities Australia has also been advised that Council will not be proceeding any further with the proposal in its current and any possible future forms.

The Minutes of the Council's meeting on 22 December 2017, including the full resolution regarding agenda item '11.3.1 Water Utilities Australia', are available at [www.gwcc.nsw.gov.au](http://www.gwcc.nsw.gov.au).

Should you wish to discuss the Council's resolution further, please do not hesitate to contact me directly.



Goldenfields  
Water

Yours sincerely,

Phillip Rudd

**General Manager**

## 9.3 Goldenfields Water County Council – Voluntary Planning Agreements



Our Places - Maintain & improve the Shire's assets & infrastructure

*DP7.1 Ensure adequate water storage and management for future use within Council's community facilities*

**Author:** General Manager

### Introduction

Council is in receipt of correspondence from Goldenfields Water County Council (GWCC) regarding the flexibility in the provision of developer servicing charges for developments that would be deemed to provide a significant regional benefit.

A copy of the correspondence is included as an attachment to this report.

The advice from GWCC is correct when stating that they are not a consent authority for Development under Part 4 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979.

GWCC is now proposing to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Bland Shire Council whereby Council will impose a condition requiring developers to obtain certificates of compliance from GWCC in relation to development that is deemed by council to be of a major benefit to the Shire.

A copy of the draft MOU is included as an attachment to this report.

### Financial Implications

There is no direct financial implication to council arising from this report. However, the imposition of developer servicing charges will provide GWCC with additional income that would be used for infrastructure maintenance and upgrades that would, in the long term, benefit the GWCC constituent councils.

### Summary

I believe that the proposal has merit and will not impose any undue burden on Bland Shire council either financially or administratively.

### Recommendation:

**That Bland Shire Council agrees to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with Goldenfields Water County Council for the imposition of a condition of development consent requiring developers to obtain certificates of compliance from GWCC in relation to development that is deemed by council to be of a major benefit to the Shire.**



Reference: G40102010

8 December 2017

Mr Ray Smith  
General Manager  
Bland Shire Council  
PO Box 21  
WEST WYALONG NSW 2671

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copy to:	GM, EA	
Bland Shire Council		

Dear Ray

### Goldenfields Water– Voluntary Planning Agreements

As you would be aware, Goldenfields Water has historically received requests from constituent Council's seeking to obtain greater flexibility in the provision of developer servicing charges for developments that would be deemed to provide a significant regional benefit.

Whilst Goldenfields Water is obliged to meet industry best practice and good governance for the management of its operations, we believe greater flexibility may be obtained in the application of developer charges for significant development via the implementation of Voluntary Planning Agreements. It is expected that this could be achieved without any negative impact on Goldenfields Water's income for infrastructure growth and improvement.

Goldenfields Water is a 'water supply authority' for the purposes of Chapter 6 of the Water Management Act 2000 (NSW) and is responsible for the carrying out of water management works in its area of responsibility.

A key component of Goldenfields Water's ability to properly exercise its statutory functions is to be able to require developers to pay developer charges or carry out works towards the provision of water management works to serve development. These can be required by Goldenfields Water as a precondition to granting certificates of compliance for development under Division 5 of Part 2 of Chapter 6 of the Water Management Act.

A developer has no legally enforceable obligation to apply for a certificate of compliance for a development from Goldenfields Water unless the obligation is imposed by the conditions of a development consent. As Goldenfields Water is not a consent authority for development under Part 4 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979, it relies on Bland Shire Council to impose such a condition when granting consent to development.

Bland Shire Council is therefore instrumental in enabling Goldenfields Water to obtain appropriate developer contributions to support the provision of water management works by Goldenfields Water in its area of responsibility.



**Goldenfields  
Water**

The proposed MOU is an agreement between Goldenfields Water and Bland Shire Council under which Bland Shire Council agrees to impose a condition of development consent in relation to specified development requiring developers to obtain certificates of compliance from Goldenfields Water in relation to development. This will enable Goldenfields Water to determine whether developers are required to pay standard developer charges in accordance with its existing policies or carry out works towards the provision of water management works to serve the development and, if so, to impose such requirements as a precondition to granting such certificates.

To confirm, the provision of this option is for any development proposals that Bland Shire Council may be deemed to provide significant regional benefit, is of a commercial and industrial nature and does not impose negatively on Goldenfields Water's ability to expand and improve its levels of service to its existing customer base.

I hope this letter and the attached MOU is received positively and that it may provide Bland Shire Council with the confidence that Goldenfields Water is proactively seeking opportunities to assist the Shires where possible.

If you have any concerns or questions regarding the contents of this letter please do not hesitate to contact myself on (02) 6977 3200 or 0429308061 at anytime to discuss.

Yours faithfully

Phillip Rudd  
**General Manager**

## Memorandum of Understanding

### Parties

**Goldenfields Water County Council** ABN: 54 357 453 921 of 84 Parkes Street  
TEMORA, NSW, 2666 ('County Council')

&

**The Constituent Council named in Item 1 of the Schedule ('Constituent Council')**.

### Background

- A The County Council is a '*water supply authority*' for the purposes of Chapter 6 of the WM Act.
- B The County Council is responsible for the carrying out of Water Supply Works in its area of responsibility.
- C The County Council wishes to be able to impose requirements on Development in the LGA of the Constituent Council to make a monetary contribution to the County Council towards the costs to the County Council of carrying out Water Supply Works to serve the Development.
- D The Constituent Council is the Consent Authority for Development Consent in its LGA.
- E The County Council wishes the Constituent Council to impose the Certificate of Compliance Condition on any Development Consent granted by the Constituent Council for Development that generates a demand for Water Supply Works to serve the Development.
- F The Constituent Council is willing to impose the Certificate of Compliance Condition on any Development Consent for that purpose.
- G The Parties wish to enter into this MOU to facilitate their agreement relating to these matters.

### Operative provisions

#### 1 Definitions & Interpretation

- 1.1 In this MOU the following definitions apply:

**Certificate of Compliance** has the same meaning as in Division 5 of Part 2 of Chapter 6 of the WM Act.

**Certificate of Compliance Condition** means a condition of Development Consent requiring a Certificate of Compliance to be obtained from the County Council in connection with Development in or to the effect of Item 3 of the Schedule.

**Consent Authority** has the same meaning as in s4(1) of the EPA Act.

**Constituent Council** has the same meaning as in s387(2)(b1) of the *Local Government Act 1993* (NSW) as in force from time to time.

**Development** means development within the meaning as in s4(1) of the EPA Act for any of the following purposes as defined in the Standard Instrument:

- (a) agriculture,
- (b) camping grounds,

- (c) caravan parks,
- (d) commercial premises,
- (e) eco-tourist facilities
- (f) extractive industry
- (g) general industry,
- (h) heavy industry,
- (i) light industry,
- (j) mining,
- (k) recreation facility (indoor),
- (l) recreation facility (major),
- (m) recreation facility (outdoor),
- (n) registered club,
- (o) research station,
- (p) rural industry,
- (q) tourist and visitor accommodation.

**Development Application** has the same meaning as in s4(1) of the EPA Act.

**Development Consent** means consent under Part 4 of the EPA Act to carry out Development but excludes a complying development certificate referred to in s85 of that Act.

**EPA Act** means the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* (NSW) as in force from time to time.

**Item** means an item listed in the Schedule.

**LGA** means local government area.

**MOU** means this Memorandum of Understanding.

**Notify** means notify in writing.

**Schedule** means the Schedule to this MOU.

**Standard Instrument** means *Standard Instrument—Principal Local Environmental Plan* within the meaning of the *Standard Instrument (Local Environmental Plans) Order 2006*, as amended from time to time in accordance with that Order.

**Water Supply Work** has the same meaning as in the Dictionary to, and s283 of, the WM Act.

**WM Act** means the *Water Management Act 2000* (NSW) as in force from time to time.

1.2 In the interpretation of this MOU, the following provisions apply unless the context otherwise requires:

- 1.2.1 A business day is a day other than a Saturday, Sunday or a public holiday in New South Wales.
- 1.2.2 If the day on which something is to be done under this MOU is not a business day, it must be done on the next business day.
- 1.2.3 A reference in this MOU to a Party is a reference to a party to this MOU and includes a reference to the servants, agents and contractors of the Party and the Party's successors.

## **2 Commencement & Term of this MOU**

- 2.1 This MOU commences when it has been executed by both Parties.
- 2.2 The term of this MOU is for the period specified in Item 2 of the Schedule from the commencement of this MOU.
- 2.3 If before the term of this MOU expires the Parties agree in writing to extend the term of this MOU by a specified period, the term is extended accordingly.

## **3 Status of this MOU**

- 3.1 This MOU is legally binding on the Parties.

## **4 Referral of Development Application by Constituent Council to County Council**

- 4.1 The Constituent Council is to refer a Development Application for Development to the County Council not later than 7 days after the application is made to the Constituent Council.

## **5 Notice by County Council to Constituent Council**

- 5.1 The County Council is to notify the Constituent Council, not later than 14 days after a Development Application for Development is referred to the County Council by the Constituent Council, whether the County Council requests a Certificate of Compliance Condition to be imposed by the Constituent Council when granting Development Consent to the Development the subject of that application.

## **6 Imposition of Certificate of Compliance Condition by Constituent Council**

- 6.1 The Constituent Council is to give proper consideration according to law to any request notified by the County Council to it under clause 4.1.

## **7 Copy of Development Consent to be given to County Council**

- 7.1 A copy of any Development Consent for Development granted by the Constituent Council containing a Certificate of Compliance Condition is to be given by the Constituent Council to the County Council not later than 7 days after the Development Consent is granted.

## **8 Dispute Resolution**

- 8.1 A Party may notify the other Party in writing that it disputes a matter relating to the interpretation or performance of this MOU.
- 8.2 The notice is to be signed and dated, and is to specify details of the matter in dispute.
- 8.3 The Parties are to meet not later than 10 business days after the date of the notice to attempt to resolve the dispute.
- 8.4 If the dispute is not resolved within 20 business days after the date of the notice, the Parties are to mediate the dispute in accordance with the Mediation Rules of the Law Society of New South Wales published from time to time and are to request the President of the Law Society, or the President's nominee, to appoint a suitably qualified mediator.
- 8.5 If the dispute is not resolved by mediation within 40 business days after the date of the notice, or such longer period as the Parties agree, the Parties may exercise their legal rights in relation to the dispute.

## **9 Notices**



- 9.1 Any notice, consent, request given or made by a Party under this MOU is only valid if it is in writing and sent in one of the following ways:
  - 9.1.1 delivered or posted to that Party at its address set out in Item 4 of the Schedule, or
  - 9.1.2 faxed to that Party at its fax number set out in Item 4 of the Schedule, or
  - 9.1.3 emailed to that Party at its email address set out in Item 4 of the Schedule.
- 9.2 Any notice, consent, information, application or request is to be treated as given or made if it is:
  - 9.2.1 delivered, when it is left at the relevant address,
  - 9.2.2 sent by post, 5 business days after it is posted, or
  - 9.2.3 sent by fax, as soon as the sender receives from the sender's fax machine a report of an error free transmission to the correct fax number, or
  - 9.2.4 sent by email and the sender does not receive a delivery failure message from the sender's internet service provider within a period of 24 hours of the email being sent.
- 9.3 If any notice, consent, information, application or request is delivered, or an error free transmission report in relation to it is received, on a day that is not a business day, or if on a business day, after 5pm on that day in the place of the Party to whom it is sent, it is to be treated as having been given or made at the beginning of the next business day.

## **10 Entire Agreement**

- 10.1 This MOU contains everything to which the Parties have agreed in relation to the matters it deals with.
- 10.2 No Party can rely on an earlier document, or anything said or done by another Party, or by a director, officer, agent or employee of that Party, before this MOU was executed, except as permitted by law.

## **11 Severability**

- 11.1 If a clause or part of a clause of this MOU can be read in a way that makes it illegal, unenforceable or invalid, but can also be read in a way that makes it legal, enforceable and valid, it must be read in the latter way.
- 11.2 If any clause or part of a clause is illegal, unenforceable or invalid, that clause or part is to be treated as removed from this MOU, but the rest of this MOU is not affected.

## **12 Waiver**

- 12.1 The fact that a Party fails to do, or delays in doing, something the Party is entitled to do under this Deed, does not amount to a waiver of any obligation of, or breach of obligation by, another Party.
- 12.2 A waiver by a Party is only effective if it:
  - 12.2.1 is in writing,
  - 12.2.2 is addressed to the Party whose obligation or breach of obligation is the subject of the waiver,
  - 12.2.3 specifies the obligation or breach of obligation the subject of the waiver and the conditions, if any, of the waiver,
  - 12.2.4 is signed and dated by the Party giving the waiver.

- 12.3 Without limitation, a waiver may be expressed to be conditional on the happening of an event, including the doing of a thing by the Party to whom the waiver is given.
- 12.4 A waiver by a Party is only effective in relation to the particular obligation or breach in respect of which it is given, and is not to be taken as an implied waiver of any other obligation or breach or as an implied waiver of that obligation or breach in relation to any other occasion.
- 12.5 For the purposes of this MOU, an obligation or breach of obligation the subject of a waiver that has been given by one Party to the other under this MOU is taken not to have been imposed on, or required to be complied with by, the other Party.
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## Schedule

### Item 1 – Constituent Council

Bland Shire Council

### Item 2 – Term

Term of Bland Shire Council Board

### Item 3 – Certificate of Compliance Condition

'The applicant is to make an application to Goldenfields Water County Council for a certificate of compliance (within the meaning of Division 5 of Part 2 of Chapter 6 of the *Water Management Act 2000*) with respect to the development the subject of this consent prior to the issuing of any certificate under Part 4A of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* for the development.'

### Item 4 – Notices

**County Council:** 84 Parkes Street, TEMORA, NSW, 2666

Telephone: 02 6977 3200

Fax: 02 6977 3299

Email: [office@gwcc.nsw.gov.au](mailto:office@gwcc.nsw.gov.au)

**Constituent Council:** PO Box 21 WEST WYALONG NSW 2671

Telephone: 02 6972 2266

Fax: 02 6972 2145

Email: [council@blandshire.nsw.gov.au](mailto:council@blandshire.nsw.gov.au)

# Execution

## Executed as a Deed

**Dated:**

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### Executed on behalf of the County Council (Goldenfields Water)

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General Manager

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Chairperson

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### Executed on behalf of the Constituent Council (Bland Shire Council)

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General Manager

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Chairperson

## 9.4 Southern Lights Project – In Principle Support



Our Places - Maintain & improve the Shire's assets & infrastructure

*DP5.1 Facilitate the delivery of accessible services and facilities*

**Author:** General Manager

### **Introduction**

Councillors will recall the information submitted at the February 2018 workshop regarding the above project.

The Southern Lights Project is an initiative of REROC, CENTROC, RAMROC and the Canberra Region Joint Organisation representing all of the councils in the southern region of NSW.

Just under half of the street lights currently managed by Essential Energy are found in this region with many of these lights being old and poorly performing compared to modern LED street lights.

The above organisations have engaged Next Energy to prepare preliminary Business Case encompassing issues such as financial, service, environmental and other benefits of a large regional street lighting initiative involving the replacement of up to 70,000 street lights across southern NSW.

A brief summary of the project has been included as an attachment to this report.

### **Financial Implications**

There is no direct financial implication to council arising from this report. However, there will be financial implications that will need to be considered by council if and when this project is formally approved by all of the relevant stakeholders.

### **Summary**

In order for the project to progress to the next stage REROC and Essential Energy are requesting 'in principle' support, noting that such support has no legal binding on council.

### **Recommendation:**

**That Bland Shire Council agrees to provide in principle support for the Southern Lights Project on the understanding that such support has no legal binding on Council.**

# 3.

## BENEFITS OF LED LIGHTING AND SMART CONTROLS

The benefits of LED street lighting are now well known:

- Low energy consumption
- Lower maintenance costs
- Improved lighting outcomes because there is more accurate colour rendering and there is less loss of light upwards.
- Quick turn on and off, the lights don't need to "heat up", they come to full brightness immediately
- They don't contain mercury or lead and don't release poisonous gases if damaged.



ABOVE: PHOTOS OF SUBURBAN STREETS IN SYDNEY BEFORE AND AFTER THE AFTER THE TRANSITION TO LED LIGHTING. THE LED LIGHTING IS FAR MORE EFFECTIVE WITH FAR LESS UPWARD LOSS OF LIGHT.

# 4.

## EXPECTED PROJECT OUTCOMES

**50%+**

energy and maintenance savings

**25%+**

lower total costs

### Safer roads and safer communities

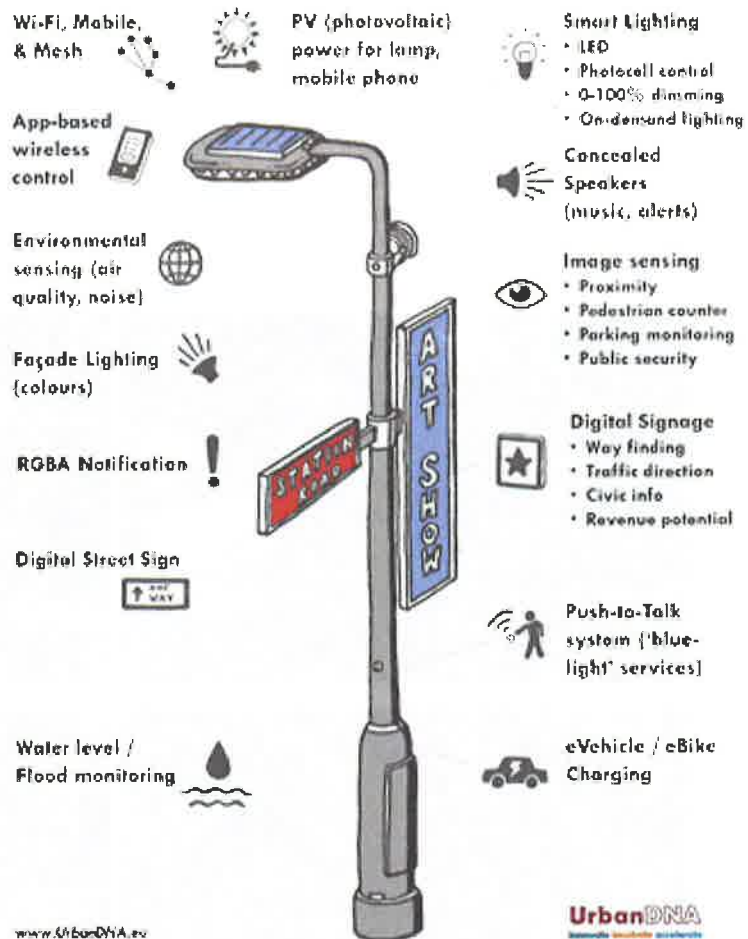
as a result of widespread deployment of white light

### Substantially improved service levels

as a result of more reliable lighting and smart controls reporting faults

### Backbone for future Smart Communities

SEE OPPOSITE ILLUSTRATION FOR POTENTIAL USES)



# 5.

## PROJECT DELIVERY

The Project Partners agree that the project could be delivered in one of two ways:

### 1. NEW PARTNERSHIP WITH ESSENTIAL ENERGY

A partnership with the existing Distribution Network Service Provider, Essential Energy, could deliver this project. While acknowledging some recent positive efforts by Essential Energy, the Project Partners have concluded that deploying a project of this nature would require fundamental renegotiation on technology, service levels and the commercial relationships governing street lighting.

This approach could be implemented in one of two ways. The street lights and smart controls might be owned and maintained by Essential Energy under a new and comprehensive long-term service level agreement that included not just provisions establishing a comprehensive basis for the street lighting service but also provisions ensuring open access to all smart controls data and the ability to install future associated smart cities devices on the poles or that use the smart controls communications network. Alternatively, Essential Energy might own and maintain the street lighting while the councils (or a collective body on their behalf) would own and maintain the smart controls and all the data as well as any associated smart city devices connected to the poles or the smart controls communications network.

### 2. SPECIAL PURPOSE COUNCIL-CONTROLLED VEHICLE

A second alternative that is more consistent with trends internationally, would be for the councils to resume control of the service that they are responsible for. To avoid losing economies of scale, this would likely be delivered by establishing a special purpose vehicle controlled by the Partner Organisations and their Member Councils. This special purpose vehicle would tender for a specialist street lighting service provider to manage the street lighting across southern NSW. The Project Partners have satisfied themselves that there are now suitably qualified domestic and international players with a presence in Australia to deliver such a project successfully.



# 6.

## THE COST OF THE PROJECT

The preliminary estimates of overall project cost to deploy 70,000 LED luminaires and smart controls based on information from recent tenders and input from suppliers is in the order of \$50m.

When looking at the costs, only costs associated with the dedicated street lighting assets (eg the light, the

bracket and any dedicated street lighting columns) but not Essential Energy's wooden distribution poles and other shared distribution infrastructure have been considered (See picture below).

It is assumed that if it is a distribution pole it would continue to be an Essential Energy asset however, if it was

a dedicated street lighting column then it would revert to council. Ensuring clear and permanent regulatory rights of access to any Essential Energy poles on equitable terms would be an essential step in delivering this project under the council-controlled approach.



# 7.

## PROJECT TIMELINE

Based on benchmarking against comparable other large deployments in New Zealand, the UK, the US and Canada, the total deployment schedule is likely to be 2-3 years with key steps being:

### **PREPARATION (3-5 MONTHS)**

Preparing a detailed business case, securing the formal support of councils for the chosen direction and initiating preliminary discussions with government & Essential Energy

### **PROCUREMENT (5-9 MONTHS)**

Completing negotiations with Essential Energy or staging public tender(s) for the supply of O&M services, luminaires and smart controls

### **DEPLOYMENT (18-36 MONTHS)**

Progressive deployment of new luminaires and smart controls



# NEXT STEPS

## 1. BUSINESS CASE INPUTS

Secure necessary inputs for detailed business case including:

- Current street lighting inventories for all councils from Essential Energy
- Claimed residual values of old lights from Essential Energy
- Essential Energy costs of installation of new lights (if utility funded and if externally funded) from Essential Energy and specialist street lighting service providers
- Indicative large-volume costs of new luminaires and smart controls from suppliers
- Forecast retail electricity costs from electricity retailers
- Forecast network distribution costs from Essential Energy

## 2. BUSINESS CASE

Prepare a detailed business case based on the above inputs

## 3. DISCUSSIONS WITH GOVERNMENT & ESSENTIAL ENERGY

Initiate discussions with the NSW Government on deployment approaches and potential regulatory or other policy changes that may be needed and with Essential Energy on technology, service levels and deployment options.

## 9.5 Change of Name of the NSW Association of Mining Related Councils



Our Leadership - A well run Council acting as the voice of the community

*DP12.1 Review Council's customer service charter and monitor Council services to ensure they are provided in a professional, timely and friendly manner and are responsive to community needs*

**Author:** General Manager

### **Introduction**

Council is in receipt of advice relating to the change of name of the former NSW Association of Mining Related Councils to – Association of Mining and Energy Related Councils (NSW) Incorporated which will be abbreviated to **MERC**.

The name change application was lodged with the Department of Fair Trading in December 2017 and has subsequently been approved.

There will be a Special General Meeting of MERC on 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2018 at which an amended constitution will be considered incorporating the name change and a number of minor changes.

### **Financial Implications**

There are no financial implications to council associated with this report.

### **Summary**

There are two new members to the Association being Forbes Council and Dubbo Regional Council and it is expected that with the change of name and a new focus on renewable energy there may be more potential new members.

### **Recommendation:**

**That the information regarding the change of name of the former NSW Association of Mining Related Councils to – Association of Mining and Energy Related Councils (NSW) Incorporated is received and noted.**

## 9.6 Model Code of Meeting Practice for Local Councils in NSW



Our Leadership - A well run Council acting as the voice of the community

*DP10.1 Ensure councillors are provided with appropriate support and resources to carry out their civic duty.*

**Author:** General Manager

### Introduction

Councillors will recall the discussion at the February workshop regarding the release of guidelines for a new Model Code of Meeting Practice for local councils in NSW.

Other than discussion at the workshop and input from the Mayor and Deputy Mayor I have not received any further feedback from councillors so I am assuming that apart from the matters listed below, councillors are happy with the proposed new Code.

Matters raised for inclusion in a submission to the NSW Minister for Local Government:

- Mandatory webcasting of council meetings (Estimated cost to BSC = \$10,000.00)
- Audio recording of council meetings for the purpose of accurate minutes (See below)

Under S. 375 (1) of the LG Act the general manager must ensure that the following matters are recorded in the council's minutes:

- (a) Details of each motion moved at a council meeting and of any amendments moved to it
- (b) The names of the mover and seconder of the motion or amendment
- (c) Whether the motion or amendment was passed or lost; and
- (d) Such other matters specifically required under the code

Council minutes do not reflect the actual debate at meetings unlike Hansard.

### Financial Implications

At this stage there are no financial implications unless the mandatory webcasting becomes legislation.

### Summary

It is worth noting that the majority of the proposed 'mandatory' provisions are already in place at Bland Shire Council as is many of the 'non mandatory' provisions. Upon release of the final Code of Meeting Practice the opportunity will be taken to review council's own Code to ensure compliance with the legislation and to ensure transparency between council and the community.

### Recommendation:

**That council lodges a submission to the NSW Government in relation to the proposed Model Code of Meeting Practice for local councils in NSW objecting strongly to the mandatory webcasting of council meetings and to the audio recording of council meetings.**

## 9.7 Councillor Induction and Professional Development Guidelines



Our Leadership - A well run Council acting as the voice of the community

*DP10.1 Ensure councillors are provided with appropriate support and resources to carry out their civic duty.*

**Author:** General Manager

### Introduction

Councillors will recall the discussion at the February workshop regarding the release of guidelines relating to Councillor Induction and Professional Development.

Other than discussion at the workshop and input from the Mayor and Deputy Mayor I have not received any further feedback from councillors so I am assuming that apart from the matters listed below, councillors are happy with the proposed new Guidelines.

Matters raised for inclusion in a possible submission to the NSW Minister for Local Government:

- Mandatory reporting to a council meeting as well as publication on the council website of the professional development offered to councillors and details of the participation of individual councillors

### Financial Implications

Council may need to consider increasing the specific budget allocation for councillor training and development and this can be undertaken during the preparation of the draft budget for 2019/20.

### Summary

The NSW Local Government Act places a responsibility on each mayor and councillor to make all reasonable efforts to acquire and maintain the knowledge and skills necessary to perform their roles.

LGNSW is developing an online tool that will allow individual councillors to identify their strengths and weaknesses and based on this analysis it will be the responsibility of the general manager to establish individual councillor training programs.

### Recommendation:

**That Council determine if it wishes to lodge a submission to the NSW Government objecting to the mandatory report of individual councillor training details.**

## 9.8 Service NSW – Easy To Do Business Initiative



Our Prosperity - Growing our population and jobs

*DP15.1 Encourage and actively seek out business and industry to relocate within the Shire*

**Author:** General Manager

### **Introduction**

The Easy To Do Business program proposes to make it easier and faster for cafés, restaurants and small bars to commence operations. This is a joint initiative between Service NSW, the Offices of the NSW Small Business Commissioner, NSW Customer Service Commissioner and Local Government.

Service NSW has indicated it can take up to eighteen months to set up a café in NSW; people need to complete up to 48 forms (across three levels of Government) and comply with up to 75 different regulations across different jurisdictions. The initiative aims to reduce the time it takes to set up a café to three months.

Service NSW has conducted a six-month pilot with Parramatta and Dubbo Councils which is now complete and Service NSW are moving into the business as usual phase. Service NSW contacted Bland Shire Council to see if Council would like to participate in this initiative by signing up to the service for an initial period of 12 months.

The initiative will provide a customer, who wishes to set up cafés, restaurants or a small bar, with a single point of contact within Service NSW who will help them navigate all the required approvals to operate the business, for example registering the business, obtaining an ABN, and required Council approvals.

Service NSW will provide monthly reports to Council on the number of requests they have received under the Easy To Do Business initiative. This will include the number of initial enquiries through to new businesses commencing.

### **Financial Implications**

Participating in this project will have limited financial implication but requires staff time and resources will be required which will come from within the existing adopted budget.

### **Summary**

It is unlikely that Bland Shire Council will be inundated with applications for small bars, restaurants or cafes but being a part of the Easy to do Business initiative will place council in a good position if any such applications are received.

### **Recommendation:**

**That Bland Shire Council agrees to participate in the Service NSW Easy To Do Business initiative and that the Mayor and General Manager be delegated authority to execute any of the necessary documents under the Common Seal.**

## 9.9 Country Link Services between West Wyalong and Wagga



Our Places - Maintain & improve the Shire's assets & infrastructure

*DP8.3 Collaborate with transport providers to facilitate access within the Shire and regional centres*

**Author:** General Manager

### **Introduction**

Council at its September 2017 meeting resolved to make representations to the NSW Government to initiate a review of the Country Link bus services that would enable a service between West Wyalong and Wagga.

However, after receiving representations from the Wyalong and District Community Transport Group Inc. the matter was deferred pending the outcome of a meeting with representatives of this Group.

### **Financial Implications**

There would be no direct financial implications to council. The only costs may be incurred in travelling to Sydney to lobby the relevant State Government Ministers.

### **Summary**

The meeting with the Wyalong and District Community Transport Group Inc took place on 15<sup>th</sup> January 2018 with the Mayor, Deputy Mayor and the General Manager along with Mrs. Dianne Redman and Mrs. Kerrie Scott.

The Group explained the reasons for their initial concerns however after the Mayor explaining that council's intention was to improve the public transport links and not to undermine Community Transport there was agreement that council should continue to pursue its objective.

Consequently, it would now be in order to resume representations to the relevant government ministers and this can commence immediately following council's endorsement.

### **Recommendation:**

**That representations are made to the NSW State Government to initiate a Country Link Bus Service to operate between West Wyalong and Wagga Wagga and that council seek the support of the member for Cootamundra, the Hon Stephanie Cooke MP in this matter.**



## 9.10 Tribute to the Daniher Brothers – 10 March 2018 Progress Report – February 2018



Our People - A Strong, healthy, connected and inclusive community

*DP3.1 Develop and support a strong sense of community, providing advice and support to community groups.*

**Author:** General Manager

### **Introduction**

The date for this event has been set for Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2018.

I have attached to this report a summary of the actions to date together with the proposed plans for the unveiling of the Tribute and the Legends Game to be played that afternoon.

The critical dates for completion and installation of the structure have been determined and are listed in the attached summary.

### **Financial Implications**

There will be a full report to the April council meeting detailing all of the costs and sponsorship income associated with this project.

### **Summary**

Triple M is preparing and will distribute invitations in the coming days and all councillors will be included. There are still many minor tasks to be finalised but I am being ably supported by council staff and I am confident of a very special and historic event in the history of Bland Shire.

### **Recommendation:**

**That the progress report as at 12.2.18 in regard to the Tribute to the Daniher Brothers is received and noted and that a detailed financial report on this project be submitted to the April meeting of Council.**

**DANIHER TRIBUTE**  
**PROGRESS REPORT AS AT 12.2.18**

**CRITICAL DATES**

**Pedestal**

Completion by 23.2.18  
Transport from Albury to West Wyalong – 26.2.18  
Transport from West Wyalong to Ungarie - 27.2.18  
Installation – 27.2.18

**The Big Football**

Completion by 2.3.18  
Transport from Albury to West Wyalong – 5.3.18  
Transport from West Wyalong to Ungarie – 6.3.18  
Installation – 6.3.18

**SATURDAY 10 MARCH**

**PROGRAM OF EVENTS**

**11am-11:30 Official ceremony**

Speeches / Unveiling

**11:30-11:45 – Community engagement – after unveiling**

Opportunity for photos, meet public etc.

**11:45am –Crowd to the ground**

We want to start moving people from the Park to the Ground.  
Distance approx 1KM – people will either walk or drive to oval

**12:15 Legends Game Starts**

4 x 12 minute quarters with 5 minute breaks and a 10 minute break at half time

12:15 Start game

12:27 End First Quarter

12:32 Start Second quarter

12:44 HALF TIME

12:54 Start third quarter

1:06 Three Quarter time

1:11 Start Final quarter

1:23 FINAL SIREN

## **SUPPORTERS**

Bland Shire Council  
Triple M (Rocks Footy)  
Whippet Engineering  
Formula Targets  
Sherrin Footballs  
Essendon FC  
Melbourne FC  
Total Creations  
Xeros Piccolo Engineering  
Funnell's Cranes  
Anderson's Transport  
Ungarie Bowling Club  
Ungarie AFL Club

## **MISCELLANEOUS**

Neale and Terry Daniher will be on a charter flight from Essendon to West Wyalong and return to Essendon on 10.3.18. (The Daniher Express)

Anthony Daniher will be driving to Ungarie.

Chris Daniher will already be in Ungarie.

Billy Brownless, representing Triple M, will also be on the charter flight.

We are waiting to see if Kevin Sheedy can attend and if so he will be on the charter flight.

We are also hoping for a number of former Essendon players to attend and if need be a second charter flight will be organised.

## **SUNDAY 11 MARCH**

### **PEDALCURE 4 MND**

A bike ride from Ungarie to Melbourne to raise funds for Fight MND.

Departing from The Big Football at around 9.00am.

## 9.11 Stronger Country Communities Program – Outcome of Applications for Round 1



### Our Places - Maintain & improve the Shire's assets & infrastructure

*DP 9.1 Responsibly manage asset renewal and maintenance for current and future generations*

**Author:** General Manager

#### **Introduction**

This report deals with the outcome of the applications under the Stronger Country Communities Program Round 1.

I have received advice from the Department of Premier and Cabinet that the results of the funding applications in Tranche B will be announced in the second week of February 2018. However, at the time of preparation of this report no such announcement had been made. Hopefully we will know the outcome by the evening of the meeting.

This particular funding program provides a specific allocation for each local government area and if that allocation is not fully expended in this first round the balance will carry forward to round 2 and will be cumulative.

Based on the decision taken at the August 2017 Council meeting the following projects were submitted.

1. Re-asphalt of the West Wyalong aerodrome landing strip;
2. Installation of re-fuelling facilities at the West Wyalong aerodrome;
3. Development of a Historic Nature reserve (incorporating Cooina Park);
4. Upgrade of equipment at all Bland Shire playgrounds;
5. New waterslide for the Holland park pool complex;
6. Heating of the Holland park pool;
7. Upgrade of the Campdraft facilities at the West Wyalong showground;
8. Upgrade facilities at the West Wyalong rodeo grounds;
9. Extensions to the existing skate park;
10. Upgrade of facilities at the Weethalle showground;
11. Further improvements to the West Wyalong Stadium.

#### **Financial Implications**

There is no co-contribution required under this specific program unless a project exceeds \$1m. The allocation to Bland Shire Council is approximately \$800,000.00 for each round.

#### **Summary**

Council has also received advice that Round 2 will open in mid March 2018 and will remain open for a period of eight (8) weeks with the successful projects announced in August 2018.

A further report will need to be submitted to council to determine the second round of priorities as these cannot be determined until council is aware of which projects have been successful in Round 1.

**Recommendation:**

**That a further report on the list of potential projects for submission under the Stronger Country Communities Program Round 2 be submitted when the results of Round 1 have been announced.**

## 9.12 Request to Place a Container on a Crown Reserve



Our Leadership - A well run Council acting as the voice of the community

*DP10.1 Ensure councillors are provided with appropriate support and resources to carry out their civic duties*

**Author:** General Manager

### **Introduction**

Councillors will recall the preliminary discussion at the February Workshop regarding a request from a West Wyalong resident to place a container on a Crown Reserve at the rear of his property in Victory Street.

The request has been considered by the NSW Department of Industry – Crown Lands and Water and their response has been as follows:

*Crown Lands & Water, Griffith have no objection to the proposal of 'storage' within R79108, providing the legislative requirements are met to lawfully consent under a Trust tenure (issued by Council to the resident) for the activity. As such, the following should be considered:*

*As per the advice provided to Council regarding this situation, depending on what items the resident would like to store on the site the activity may or may not be consistent with the Reserve purpose of Public Recreation. If the items are ancillary to sporting or public recreation activities, that would be appropriate, however if the items are not concurrent with public recreation, a Formal Trust Tenure (utilising the Departments' template and with the Departments' consent) will be required and Council will need to request an additional purpose of 'Urban Services' for example, which would accommodate the purpose of 'storage'. Statutory minimum rent would be applicable to the tenure and conditions appropriate to manage the site.*

*I would suggest that in considering this request, Council also assess the long term and holistic aspects of the proposal; will Trust tenure for storage to the resident result in additional requests to utilise the site from other residents? Will the storage site be maintained and controlled? (I.e. will items be confined to the container or accumulate excessively and constitute a hazard and a burden on Council to be removed in future?) Are there other storage facilities within West Wyalong that would be more suited to the resident's proposal albeit that a 'commercial' rent would be payable?*

### **Financial Implications**

There would be no direct financial implications to council; however, staff time and resources would be required to prepare any lease documents and to continually monitor the situation.

There would be a financial burden on the applicant in the form of an appropriate lease fee which is yet to be determined based on the purpose and duration of the lease.

**Summary**

If council was to approve this request the council would need to comply with the statutory requirements of the NSW Government. Council would also need to consider if this is an appropriate use of the crown reserve and would approval set a precedent for similar requests.

The purpose of the container is for the storage of historic machinery.

**Recommendation:**

**That based on the advice from the NSW Department of Industry – Crown Lands and Water that the proposed use is not compatible with the current crown reserve purpose of ‘public recreation’ that council declines the request.**

## 9.13 Caltex Australia Petroleum – Renegotiated Lease



Our Leadership - A well run Council acting as the voice of the community

*DP10.4 Ensure the long term financial sustainability of council through effective and prudent financial management.*

**Author:** General Manager

### **Introduction**

Councillors will be well aware of the recent lease negotiations between Caltex Australia Petroleum and Bland Shire Council.

Council is now in receipt of the new lease documents for execution under the common seal of council. It is in the same terms as the lease Council previously approved and consistent with the settlement agreement

### **Financial Implications**

The new lease incorporates the renegotiated lease fees as well as a further five (5) year option taking the total lease period out to 2030.

I can also confirm that the first payment of arrears and the new lease fee has been received.

### **Summary**

This has been a positive outcome for council and the additional income will be the subject of further consideration during the draft 2019/20 budget process.

### **Recommendation:**

**That the new lease between Caltex Australia Petroleum Pty Ltd and Bland Shire Council for the period commencing 1.12.15 and terminating on 30.11.25 with a further five (5) year option is executed under the common seal of Council.**



## 9.14 Strengthening Communities Grants Program



Our People - A Strong, healthy, connected and inclusive community

*DP3.1.7 Facilitate and support groups that build skills and social inclusion including workshops/presentations*

**Author:** Community Relations Officer

### **Introduction**

Bland Shire Council has received three applications for Strengthening Communities grants funding this month.

The total value of the funding requests is \$19,000 and Council has \$7218.50 remaining in its Strengthening Communities budget.

A summary of each of the requests is provided below to assist Council in making a determination of how to allocate available funding.

### **Riding for Disabled West Wyalong**

Riding for Disabled (RDA) West Wyalong has applied for a Strengthening Communities grant towards the cost of purchasing a suitable second hand three angle horse float for a proposed new community outreach program.

The program will outreach to village schools and communities and provide fully accredited equine facilitated mental health and learning and riding therapy programs to community members living with a physical, intellectual, emotional or social disability and those who are isolated and otherwise unable to access disability and mental health services provided in the major centres.

The program will initially roll out in two local schools and service 16-20 clients.

RDA West Wyalong also advise they have been tentatively approached by Waratah Village about the possibility of conducting regular visits and therapeutic programs for elderly clients.

The applicant advises that \$20,000 is needed to cover the cost of the float (\$18,000), plus equipment and the first year of registration and insurance. RDA recently received a grant of \$10,000 from Evolution Mining towards the project and is seeking the remaining funds from Council.

The program meets Council's guidelines and aligns closely with Council's Community Strategic Plan and Disability Inclusion Action Plan.

Council previously provided a \$3000 Access Incentive Grant to RDA West Wyalong for the purchase of a disabled toilet unit. The project has been completed and fully acquitted.

### **Barmedman Mineral Pool**

The shade sails at the Barmedman Mineral Pool were recently vandalised for a third time and are now beyond repair.

A vital source of shade and sun relief for visitors and locals alike, both sets of shade sails need replacing and the Barmedman Mineral Pool Committee has applied to Council for grant funding towards the cost.

The Mineral Pool is a volunteer run, not for profit community organisation which relies solely on fundraising to cover the maintenance and operation of the pool. It is also one of the Bland Shire's most frequented and recognised tourist attractions.

The Mineral Pool Committee launched an online fundraising campaign in December last year to fund the replacement of the two shade sails. At the time of writing this report the campaign has raised \$2340 from 34 individual donations.

The Barmedman Mineral Pool is seeking grant funding from Council to fund the replacement of the shade sails. A quote has been obtained from Riverina Shade Solutions for \$14,000 to supply and install two replacement shade sails with a high UV block out and shade rating. The structure will also be equipped with ant-vandal rings.

The application meets Council's guidelines and aligns with Council's Community Strategic Plan.

### **Community Rose Garden Group**

At its monthly meeting on 17 February 2017, Council resolved to "make a payment of \$2,000 to the Rose Garden volunteers towards their running costs in the 2016/17 financial year" and that an "annual budget allocation of \$2,000 be made from the 2017/18 year onwards" subject to the submission of a full acquittal.

Council recently received an acquittal outlining \$2024.93 in expenses and the Garden Group are now requesting payment of \$2000 to assist with their ongoing operations for 2017-2018.

### **Comments from the General Manager**

In respect to the applications from the Riding for the Disabled and the Barmedman Mineral Pool they could be referred for consideration during the preparation of the draft 2019/20 budget as neither appear to be urgent.

In respect to the Rose Garden Group, unfortunately a specific allocation of \$2,000.00 was not included in the current budget and this will be rectified for the 2019/20 budget.

A further application has also been received from Council's HACC Coordinator for funding in the amount of \$2,817.00 for this year's Senior Citizens Week activities. Such activities include a lunch at the Naradhan Woolshed, transport costs and a movie. The total cost of the program is \$5,634.00.

As indicated earlier in this report there is only an amount of \$7218.50 remaining in the current Strengthening Communities budget. Consequently, I would be recommending as follows:

**Recommendation:**

- 1. That Council approve the applications for the Rose Garden Group (\$2,000.00) and the Senior Citizens Week Program (\$2,817.00) from within the available Strengthening Communities budget of \$7218.50; and**
- 2. That the applications from the Riding for the Disabled (\$10,000.00) and the Barmedman Pool (\$7,000.00) be referred for consideration in conjunction with the preparation of the 2019/20 draft budget.**

## 9.15 Free Tip Day Program 2018



### Our Places - Maintain & improve the Shire's assets & infrastructure

*DP 6.2 Reduce reliance on landfill by increasing resource recovery, waste minimisation and community education*

**Author:** Community Relations Officer

#### **Introduction**

For the last five years Council has opened all of its tips to the public for free during one Sunday in autumn.

With a limit of one sorted cubic metre per load, the community response has been overwhelming with more than 200 vehicles passing through the West Wyalong landfill last year while other village sites, in particular at Ungarie and Barmedman, also reported large numbers and positive feedback.

The program has been a positive promotion for Council and also delivered a number of environmental benefits across the Shire with the one day only offer inspiring many to tidy up around their houses, yards and neighbourhoods. Landfill staff report that the most popular items dumped last year were old furniture and green waste.

It is proposed to run the same "Free Tip Day" program for 2018 on Sunday 8 April during normal opening hours.

#### **Financial Implications**

The cost of conducting the program can be accommodated in Council's Community Relations budget.

#### **Summary**

The program has been a great success since its inception in 2013 by engaging the community and delivering environmental benefits.

Since first offered by Bland Shire Council in 2013, a number of other Councils in the region have also begun to offer a regular free tip day to local communities.

#### **Recommendation:**

**That Council open its landfill sites to Bland Shire residents for free on Sunday 8 April with a limit of one sorted cubic metre per load.**

# SECTION 3 – CORPORATE, COMMUNITY, DEVELOPMENT & REGULATORY SERVICES

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## 9.16 Financial Statements – December 2017



Our Leadership - A well run Council acting as the voice of the community

*DP10.4 Ensure the long term financial sustainability of Council through effective and prudent financial management.*

**Author:** Director Corporate, Community & Development Services

### Introduction

The financial report is provided in accordance with the Local Government (General) Regulation 2005.

### Financial Implications

#### STATEMENT OF BANK BALANCES, RATES COLLECTIONS AND INVESTMENTS FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER, 2017.

##### BANK BALANCES AS AT 31<sup>st</sup> DECEMBER, 2017

ACCOUNT	BALANCE
General Fund	\$ 664,525.64
BCard	\$15,990.00
	<b>\$ 680,515.64</b>
Invested Funds	
Fixed Deposits	\$ 22,735,770.00
Deposits at Call	\$ 3,658,079.92
	<b>\$ 26,393,849.92</b>
Net Balance	<b>\$ 27,074,365.56</b>
Percentage of investment to Net Balance	97.49%

**STATEMENT OF BANK BALANCES AS AT 31.12.17**  
**SUBMITTED TO THE ORDINARY MEETING FEBRUARY 20TH, 2018**

<b>BALANCE as at 01.12.17</b>		<b>\$ 1,309,565.99</b>
<b>Add Receipts</b>		
<u>Receipts over \$150,000</u>		
12/12/17	Transfer from Cash at Call	\$ 1,000,000.00
<u>Receipts under \$150,000</u>		\$1,251,045.67
<i>Total Receipts for December 2017</i>		<b>\$ 2,251,045.67</b>
<b>Less Payments</b>		
<u>Payments over \$150,000</u>		
12/12/17	Credit Union Australia Term Deposit	-\$ 1,000,000.00
<u>Payments under \$150,000</u>		-\$1,896,086.02
<i>Total Payments for December 2017</i>		<b>-\$ 2,896,086.02</b>
<b>CASH BALANCE</b>		<b><u>\$ 664,525.64</u></b>
Limit of Overdraft Arranged with Bank		\$ 350,000.00

## ACCOUNTS SUMMARY

The following is a summary of accounts paid for the period December 01, 2017 to December 31, 2017.

I CERTIFY,

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

<b>Fund</b>		<b>Voucher No.s</b>	<b>Total</b>
Cheques		025322 - 025335	\$ 20,205.12
Auto-pay	Creditors	E012896 – E013120	\$ 2,049,816.58
Auto-pay	Payroll	3/12-31/12	\$ 524,872.31
December Bank Charges & Commission etc			\$ 1,837.69
Direct Debits		Repayments & Vehicle Lease	\$ 299,354.32
			<b>\$ 2,896,086.02</b>

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

## CERTIFICATE OF GENERAL MANAGER

This accounts summary, a copy of which was submitted to each member of Council on the 20<sup>th</sup> February 2018, 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 \$2,896,086.02 was submitted to the Ordinary Meeting on the 20<sup>th</sup> February 2018 and that the amounts are presented to Council for confirmation of payment.

.....  
Chairman of Ordinary Meeting

## RATES REPORT

### Below is a summary of outstanding rates

Total rates income levied (2017/18)	\$ 9,569,904.55
Rates received as at 31/12/2017	\$ 5,281,033.67
% of rates received to date	55.18%

The total rates income includes rates in arrears and accumulated interest.

### Summary

The information provided is in accordance with the Local Government (General) regulation 2005 and that the financial position of Council is satisfactory and the external investments are held in accordance with section 625 of the Local Government act 1993.

### Recommendation:

- 1. That Council receive and note the statement of Bank Balances, Rates Collections and Investments for the month of December, 2017**
- 2. That Council confirms the payment of accounts, for the period 01 December to 31 December 2017, summarised in the accounts summary totalling \$2,896,086.02**



## 9.17 Financial Statements – January 2018



Our Leadership - A well run Council acting as the voice of the community

*DP10.4 Ensure the long term financial sustainability of Council through effective and prudent financial management.*

**Author:** Director Corporate, Community & Development Services

### Introduction

The financial report is provided in accordance with the Local Government (General) Regulation 2005.

### Financial Implications

#### STATEMENT OF BANK BALANCES, RATES COLLECTIONS AND INVESTMENTS FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY, 2018.

##### BANK BALANCES AS AT 31<sup>st</sup> January, 2018

ACCOUNT	BALANCE
General Fund	\$ 663,087.41
BCard	\$12,387.71
	<b>\$ 675,475.12</b>
Invested Funds	
Fixed Deposits	\$ 22,735,770.00
Deposits at Call	\$ 3,162,118.02
	<b>\$ 25,897,888.02</b>
Net Balance	<b>\$ 26,573,363.14</b>
Percentage of investment to Net Balance	97.46%

**STATEMENT OF BANK BALANCES AS AT 31.01.18**  
**SUBMITTED TO THE ORDINARY MEETING FEBRUARY 20TH, 2018**

<b>BALANCE as at 01.01.18</b>	<b>\$ 664,525.64</b>	
<b>Add Receipts</b>		
<u>Receipts over \$150,000</u>		
25/01/18	Transfer from Cash at Call	\$ 500,000.00
<u>Receipts under \$150,000</u>		\$715,675.57
<i>Total Receipts for January 2018</i>		<b>\$ 1,215,675.57</b>
<b>Less Payments</b>		
<u>Payments over \$150,000</u>		Nil
<u>Payments under \$150,000</u>		-\$1,217,113.80
<i>Total Payments for January 2018</i>		<b>-\$ 1,217,113.80</b>
<b>CASH BALANCE</b>		<b><u>663,087.41</u></b>
Limit of Overdraft Arranged with Bank		\$ 350,000.00

## ACCOUNTS SUMMARY

The following is a summary of accounts paid for the period January 01, 2018 to January 31, 2018.

I CERTIFY,

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

<b>Fund</b>		<b>Voucher No.s</b>	<b>Total</b>
Cheques		025336 - 025349	\$ 21,026.14
Auto-pay	Creditors	E013121 – E013324	\$ 740,406.18
Auto-pay	Payroll	7/1-28/1	\$ 417,747.47
January Bank Charges & Commission etc			\$ 1,252.21
Direct Debits		Repayments & Vehicle Lease	\$ 36,681.80
			<b>\$ 1,217,113.80</b>

7. Are fully supported by vouchers and invoices and have been fully registered.
8. 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.
9. 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.
10. The prices and computations of every account are correct.
11. 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.
12. 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

## CERTIFICATE OF GENERAL MANAGER

This accounts summary, a copy of which was submitted to each member of Council on the 20<sup>th</sup> February 2018, 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 \$1,217,113.80 was submitted to the Ordinary Meeting on the 20<sup>th</sup> February 2018 and that the amounts are presented to Council for confirmation of payment.

.....  
Chairman of Ordinary Meeting

## RATES REPORT

### Below is a summary of outstanding rates

Total rates income levied (2017/18)	\$ 9,578,891.30
Rates received as at 31/01/2018	\$ 5,432,309.17
% of rates received to date	56.71%

The total rates income includes rates in arrears and accumulated interest.

### Summary

The information provided is in accordance with the Local Government (General) regulation 2005 and that the financial position of Council is satisfactory and the external investments are held in accordance with section 625 of the Local Government act 1993.

### Recommendation:

- 1. That Council receive and note the statement of Bank Balances, Rates Collections and Investments for the month of January, 2018**
- 2. That Council confirms the payment of accounts, for the period 01 January to 31 January 2018, summarised in the accounts summary totalling \$1,217,113.80**

### INVESTMENTS

The following table gives details of Council's Funds invested at 31st December 2017. The funds consist of monies from the Bank Accounts of the Trust Funds, Reserve Accounts, Sewerage Fund and Combined General Account.

DATE	INVESTED WITH WHOM	INVESTED AMOUNT	TERM	YIELD	DATE DUE
17-January-2018	Bank of QLD (Term Deposit)	1,000,000.00	273 days	2.55%	17-October-2018
31-August-2017	NAB (Term Deposit)	1,000,000.00	242 days	2.57%	30-April-2018
21-June-2017	NAB (Term Deposit)	1,000,000.00	334 days	2.53%	21-May-2018
14-September-2017	NAB (Term Deposit)	1,500,000.00	271 days	2.57%	12-June-2018
08-November-2017	Rural Bank (Term Deposit)	1,000,000.00	365 days	2.50%	08-November-2018
19-June-2017	Bankwest (Term Deposit)	2,000,000.00	270 days	2.50%	16-March-2018
08-September-2017	Bendigo Bank (Term Deposit)	400,000.00	365 days	2.60%	08-September-2018
08-September-2017	Bendigo Bank (Term Deposit)	400,000.00	365 days	2.60%	08-September-2018
08-September-2017	Bendigo Bank (Term Deposit)	400,000.00	365 days	2.60%	08-September-2018
18-December-2017	AMP (Term Deposit)	1,000,000.00	270 days	2.40%	14-September-2018
17-October-2017	Bank of QLD	1,000,000.00	273 days	2.55%	17-July-2018
15-June-2017	AMP (Term Deposit)	2,000,000.00	365 days	2.60%	15-June-2018
29-November-2016	Westpac (FRN)	2,000,000.00	1826 days	3MBBSW+1.2%	29-November-2021
01-August-2017	AMP (Term Deposit)	1,000,000.00	184 days	2.55%	01-February-2018
17-March-2017	Credit Suisse (FRN)	1,035,770.00	1453 days	3MBBSW+1.95%	19-March-2021
11-January-2018	AMP (Term Deposit)	1,000,000.00	273 days	2.45%	11-October-2018
31-May-2017	ME Bank (Term Deposit)	2,000,000.00	273 days	2.55%	31-May-2018
10-October-2017	NAB (Term Deposit)	2,000,000.00	365 days	2.57%	10-October-2018
12-December-2017	CUA (Term Deposit)	1,000,000.00	336 days	2.60%	13-November-2018
	ANZ Deposit at Call	50,801.39	Cash at Call		
	CBA Deposit at Call	3,111,316.63	Cash at Call		
	<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>25,897,888.02</b>			

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.

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

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Director Corporate Community & Development Services

## 9.18 Budget Review – December 2017



Our Leadership - A well run Council acting as the voice of the community

*DP 10.4 Ensure the long term financial sustainability of Council through effective and prudent financial management*

**Author:** Manager Financial Services

### **Introduction**

The Local Government (General) Regulation 2005 requires the Council to prepare and consider a Budget Review Statement each quarter, which shows:

- Estimates of income and expenditure
- Appropriate revision of those estimates

The Statement must also include a report indicating changes in estimates for income and expenditure. This is done in consultation with the responsible director or manager of the relevant department. The Statement must comply with the Local Government Code of Accounting Practice and be considered by the Council no later than two months past the conclusion of the quarter.

The attached financial reports comply with the Council's statutory responsibilities and are presented using the organisational structure approved by the Council.

The Quarterly Budget Review Statement has been prepared on an accrual basis as required.

The Statement includes:

- Budget Review Summary including actuals to date, original budget and revised estimates if applicable and remaining balance.
- Reserves Position

### **Overall Position**

In general terms, the Council has achieved 80% of projected revenue (calculated on an accrual basis) to adjusted budget and 71% of projected expenditure to adjusted budget by the end of December 2017.

Capital Expenditure at the end of December 2017 is currently at \$2,158,244 representing 52% of the revised budget.

The Actual Result at the end of the quarter currently stands at \$759K deficit against an adjusted budget deficit of \$2.5M

The balance of Councils cash and investments held is around \$27M.

### **Operational Budget and Variations**

The following are the results in the Departmental cost centres together with some commentary. An adjustment summary is attached to the review documentation.

**A Point to Note:**

For the purposes of making it easier for Directors and Managers to effectively monitor and manage their budgets, internal costs and Depreciation have been expensed for the year. The effect is that it shows expenditure higher than would normally be the case in the quarterly review.

The advantage is that each Director or Manager will not have to take into account these amounts when determining what is left available in their budgets.

**OFFICE OF THE GENERAL MANAGER**

The OGM has produced a result at the end of the 2nd quarter that is within the budget for the directorate. All areas appear to be performing within budget expectations and provided for a favourable result.

**CORPORATE, COMMUNITY & DEVELOPMENT SERVICES**

Corporate, Community and Development Services have produced a result at the end of the 2nd quarter that is within the budget for the directorate. All areas appear to be performing within budget expectations and provided for a favourable result.

**ASSETS AND ENGINEERING SERVICES**

Assets and Engineering have produced a result at the end of the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter that is within the budget for the directorate. 12 months of depreciation and overhead costs have been applied, making some areas appear to be heading for an over budget result at the end of the year. However, if you take into consideration the annual expenses already applied, most areas appear to be performing within budget expectations.

**Conclusion**

The following statement is made in accordance with Clause 203(2) of the Local Government (General) Regulations 2005.

As Council's Responsible Accounting officer, it is my opinion that the Quarterly Budget Review Statement for Bland Shire Council for the quarter ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2017 indicates that Council's financial position at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2017 is considered satisfactory, having regard to the projected estimates of income and expenditure and the original budgeted income and expenditure.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Responsible Accounting Officer, Bland Shire Council

**Recommendation:**

**That Council receive, note and endorse the Statement acknowledging the financial position is considered satisfactory.**

**INCOME EXPENDITURE  
AS AT 31st Dec 2017**

PRINCIPAL ACTIVITY	BUDGET 2017/18	C/FWD PROJECTS 2016/17	Approved Adjustments	ADJUSTED BUDGET 2017/18	Requested Adjustments	Projected Year End Result	2nd Quarter Actuals	Balance Remaining
<b>EXECUTIVE</b>								
Governance	0	0	0	0	0	0	-1,007	1,007
Democracy	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Land Development	-100,000	0	0	-100,000	0	-100,000	-38,901	-61,099
Economic Development	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Tourism	-5,000	0	0	-5,000	0	-5,000	-551	-4,449
Human Resources	-33,000	0	0	-33,000	0	-33,000	-5,978	-27,022
Community Services	-62,500	0	0	-62,500	0	-62,500	-46,778	-15,722
Community Relations	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Executive Total Outcome</b>	<b>-200,500</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-200,500</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-200,500</b>	<b>-93,216</b>	<b>-107,284</b>
<b>CORPORATE DEVELOPMENT</b>								
General Revenue	-6,433,286	0	0	-6,433,286	0	-6,433,286	-6,432,339	-948
Financial Assistance & investments	-4,330,157	0	0	-4,330,157	0	-4,330,157	-3,406,348	-798,809
Corporate Support	-288,470	0	0	-288,470	0	-288,470	-288,070	-400
<b>Corporate Development Total</b>	<b>-11,051,913</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-11,051,913</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-11,051,913</b>	<b>-10,126,757</b>	<b>-800,157</b>
<b>COMMUNITY &amp; DEVELOPMENT SERVICES</b>								
Aged Care	-426,058	0	0	-426,058	0	-426,058	-317,204	-108,854
Library & Children's Services	-1,449,868	0	0	-1,449,868	0	-1,449,868	-865,311	-584,557
Regulatory Services	-13,000	0	0	-13,000	0	-13,000	-6,906	-6,094
Support	-25,000	0	0	-25,000	0	-25,000	0	-25,000
Development Control	-62,650	0	0	-62,650	0	-62,650	-50,524	-12,126
Environmental Planning	-2,700	0	0	-2,700	0	-2,700	-4,496	1,796
Health & Environment	0	0	0	0	0	0	-9	9
Property Maintenance	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Community &amp; Development Services Total</b>	<b>-1,979,276</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-1,979,276</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-1,979,276</b>	<b>-1,244,450</b>	<b>-734,826</b>
<b>ASSETS &amp; ENGINEERING</b>								
Works Administration	-2,169,824	0	0	-2,169,824	0	-2,169,824	-1,309,709	-860,115
Plant Running	-3,520,712	0	0	-3,520,712	0	-3,520,712	-2,525,452	-995,260
Roads, Works & Transport	-3,693,017	0	0	-3,693,017	0	-3,693,017	-2,855,784	-837,233
Public Services	-481,810	0	0	-481,810	0	-481,810	-159,739	-322,071
Pools	-20,000	0	0	-20,000	0	-20,000	-9,091	-10,909
Council Property Maintenance	-350,152	0	0	-350,152	0	-350,152	-85,041	-265,111
Waste management	-1,110,688	0	0	-1,110,688	0	-1,110,688	-1,081,122	-29,566
Sewerage Disposal Services	-1,592,916	0	0	-1,592,916	0	-1,592,916	-1,430,672	-162,244
<b>Assets &amp; Engineering Total</b>	<b>-12,939,119</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-12,939,119</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-12,939,119</b>	<b>-9,456,611</b>	<b>-3,482,508</b>
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>-26,170,808</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-26,170,808</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-26,170,808</b>	<b>-20,921,033</b>	<b>-5,124,776</b>

PRINCIPAL ACTIVITY	BUDGET 2017/18	C/FWD PROJECTS 2016/17	Approved Adjustments	ADJUSTED BUDGET 2017/18	Requested Adjustments	Projected Year End Result	2nd Quarter Actuals	Balance Remaining
<b>EXECUTIVE</b>								
Governance	453,951	0	0	453,951	0	453,951	259,371	194,580
Democracy	194,398	0	0	194,398	0	194,398	83,242	111,156
Land Development	100,000	0	0	100,000	0	100,000	0	100,000
Economic Development	190,902	0	0	190,902	0	190,902	82,744	108,158
Tourism	223,529	0	0	223,529	0	223,529	84,746	138,783
Human Resources	356,218	0	0	356,218	0	356,218	169,487	186,731
Community Services	206,467	0	0	206,467	0	206,467	107,855	98,613
Community Relations	158,962	0	0	158,962	0	158,962	58,700	100,262
<b>Executive Total Outcome</b>	<b>1,518,998</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1,518,998</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1,518,998</b>	<b>679,591</b>	<b>839,408</b>
<b>CORPORATE DEVELOPMENT</b>								
General Revenue	987,189	0	0	987,189	0	987,189	977,039	10,151
Financial Assistance & investments	160,229	0	0	160,229	0	160,229	65,630	94,599
Corporate Support	1,754,256	0	0	1,754,256	0	1,754,256	853,331	900,925
<b>Corporate Development Total</b>	<b>2,901,674</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2,901,674</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2,901,674</b>	<b>1,896,000</b>	<b>1,005,674</b>
<b>COMMUNITY &amp; DEVELOPMENT SERVICES</b>								
Aged Care	417,813	0	35,699	453,512	0	453,512	340,331	113,181
Library & Children's Services	1,729,451	0	0	1,729,451	0	1,729,451	1,057,693	671,758
Regulatory Services	153,622	0	0	153,622	0	153,622	67,606	86,016
Support	527,432	0	0	527,432	0	527,432	265,843	261,589
Development Control	3,550	0	0	3,550	0	3,550	2,728	822
Environmental Planning	74,260	101,500	0	175,760	0	175,760	58,366	117,394
Health & Environment	510	0	0	510	0	510	405	105
Council Property Maintenance	103,500	0	0	103,500	0	103,500	32,516	70,984
<b>Community &amp; Development Services Total</b>	<b>2,906,638</b>	<b>101,500</b>	<b>35,699</b>	<b>3,043,837</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3,043,837</b>	<b>1,792,972</b>	<b>1,250,865</b>
<b>ASSETS &amp; ENGINEERING</b>								
Works Administration	3,596,214	0	0	3,596,214	0	3,596,214	2,215,399	1,380,815
Plant Running	2,457,708	0	0	2,457,708	0	2,457,708	1,544,686	913,022
Roads, Works & Transport	6,486,392	600,000	0	7,086,392	0	7,086,392	5,804,226	1,282,166
Public Services	2,654,709	0	0	2,654,709	0	2,654,709	1,809,697	845,012
Pools	352,692	0	0	352,692	0	352,692	238,418	114,274
Council Property Maintenance	342,327	0	0	342,327	0	342,327	279,599	62,728
Waste management	1,110,688	0	0	1,110,688	0	1,110,688	1,081,123	29,565
Sewerage Disposal Services	1,442,916	0	0	1,442,916	0	1,442,916	1,430,672	12,244
<b>Assets &amp; Engineering Total</b>	<b>18,443,646</b>	<b>600,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>19,043,646</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>19,043,646</b>	<b>14,403,819</b>	<b>4,639,827</b>
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>25,770,957</b>	<b>701,500</b>	<b>35,699</b>	<b>26,508,156</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>26,508,156</b>	<b>18,772,381</b>	<b>7,735,774</b>



**Bland Shire Council  
DEC 2017 Budget Review  
Cash Investment Statement**

	OPENING 2017/18	Approved adjustments	ADJUSTED BUDGET 2017/18	Requested Adjustments	Projected Year End Result	Movements	2nd Quarter Actuals
<b>Externally Restricted</b>							
Multi Service Outlet	77,955	3,488	81,443		81,443		81,443
Community Care - Building Reserve	104,716	7,885	112,601		112,601		112,601
Bland Shire Day Care	432,361	-24,014	408,347		408,347		408,347
HACC Dementia Day Care	47,029		47,029		47,029		47,029
Healthy Grants Program	10,868		10,868		10,868		10,868
MRU Reserve	333,734	13,005	346,739		346,739		346,739
Family Day Care	148,627	-31,637	116,990		116,990		116,990
Preschool Reserve	601,849	-30,494	571,355		571,355		571,355
CSU Building Reserve	22,330		22,330		22,330		22,330
Community Heritage Grant	3,675		3,675		3,675	-3,675	0
Transition Fund Reserve	40,000		40,000		40,000		40,000
Library Revitalising Grant	14,051		14,051		14,051		14,051
Access Grant	2,727		2,727		2,727	-2,727	0
State & National Roads Reserve	9,152		9,152		9,152		9,152
Roads to Recovery Reserve	764,611		764,611		764,611		764,611
Flood Damage Reserve	210,024	-31,993	178,031		178,031	-178,031	0
RLCIP Funding Community Rose Garden	3,364		3,364		3,364	-3,364	0
RLCIP West Wyalong Tennis Court Resurface	8,545		8,545		8,545		8,545
DECC Funding	16,150		16,150		16,150		16,150
Trust Deposits	11,413		11,413		11,413		11,413
Sec 94 Contributions - Open Space	995		995		995		995
Sec 94 Contributions - General Development	85,011	2,834	87,845		87,845		87,845
Sec 94 Contributions - Stormwater	636		636		636		636
Sec 94 Contributions - Bushfire	802		802		802		802
Sec 94 Contributions - Car Parking	6,720		6,720		6,720		6,720
Sec 94 Contributions - Studies	755		755		755		755
Sec 94 Contributions - Roads	2,817		2,817		2,817		2,817
Sec 64 Contributions (Sewer)	27,615	3,600	31,215		31,215	5,400	36,615
Reticulation Reserve	30,000	15,000	45,000		45,000		45,000
Sewer Fund - Externally Restricted Reserve	512,303	584,472	1,096,775		1,096,775	321,199	1,417,974
			0		0		0
<b>Total Externally Restricted</b>	<b>3,530,835</b>	<b>512,146</b>	<b>4,042,981</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4,042,981</b>	<b>138,802</b>	<b>4,181,783</b>
<b>Internally Restricted</b>							
Employees Leave Entitlements	730,144	97,081	827,225		827,225		827,225
Plant Purchases	836,300		836,300		836,300	97,081	933,381
Cemetery Reserve	58,853	5,000	63,853		63,853		63,853
Business Development Assistance	5,000		5,000		5,000	5,000	10,000
Tourism	24,335		24,335		24,335		24,335
FAG Grant Reserve - General	2,165,704	-2,165,704	0		0		0
FAG Grant Reserve - Road Component	1,409,695	-1,409,695	0		0		0
Economic Development Reserve	872,152		872,152		872,152		872,152
Grant Match Reserve	163,670		163,670		163,670		163,670
Office Equipment Reserve	0	200,000	200,000		200,000		200,000
Insurance Provision	25,607		25,607		25,607		25,607
Future Land Purchases	3,636		3,636		3,636		3,636
Internal Audit Committee Reserve	12,000		12,000		12,000		12,000
S355 Committee Reserve	5,000		5,000		5,000		5,000
Waste Depot Reserve	201,330		201,330		201,330	237,549	438,879
Bland Community Child Care	4,975		4,975		4,975	-4,975	0
Gravel Pit Restoration	322,792		322,792		322,792		322,792
Community Facilities	2,046,807	746,636	2,793,443		2,793,443		2,793,443
Loan Repayment Reserve	351,895	160,229	512,124		512,124		512,124
Council Works	1,654		1,654		1,654	-1,654	0
Planning Exhibition Space	100,000		100,000		100,000		100,000
Election Reserve	8,066	15,000	23,066		23,066		23,066
Public Building	79,030		79,030		79,030	9,356	88,386
Corporate Legal Expenses	62,040		62,040		62,040		62,040
Library Reserve	15,000		15,000		15,000		15,000
West Wyalong Community Care Centre	32,956		32,956		32,956		32,956
Employee Assist & Attraction Reserve	44,173		44,173		44,173		44,173
Recruitment & Selection Reserve	17,052	-802	16,250		16,250		16,250
Infrastructure Renewal Reserve	400,000		400,000		400,000	500,000	900,000
Heritage Panel	2,500		2,500		2,500		2,500
Holland Park Pool Reserve	30,000		30,000		30,000		30,000
Ungarie Pool Reserve	16,000		16,000		16,000		16,000
Land Development Reserve	384,678		384,678		384,678		384,678
Verandah/ Façade Restoration Reserve	40,000		40,000		40,000	3,675	43,675
Ungarie Health Service	22,560		22,560		22,560		22,560
<b>Total Internally Restricted</b>	<b>10,495,604</b>	<b>-2,352,255</b>	<b>8,143,349</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>8,143,349</b>	<b>846,032</b>	<b>8,989,381</b>
<b>Total Restricted</b>	<b>14,026,439</b>	<b>-1,840,109</b>	<b>12,186,330</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>12,186,330</b>		<b>13,171,164</b>
<b>Total Cash &amp; Investments</b>	<b>26,805,318</b>						<b>28,356,233</b>
<b>Available Cash</b>	<b>12,778,879</b>						<b>15,185,069</b>

**Bland Shire Council  
31st December 2017  
Capital Budget Review**

PRINCIPAL ACTIVITY	BUDGET 2017/18	C/FWD PROJECTS 2016/17	Approved Adjustments	ADJUSTED BUDGET 2017/18	Requested Adjustments	Projected Year End Result	2nd Quarter Actuals	Balance Remaining
<b>Capital Funding</b>								
<b>EXECUTIVE</b>								
<b>Governance</b>								
Internal Restrictions	-200,000		0	-200,000		-200,000		-200,000
Rates & Other Untied Funding								
<b>Land Development</b>								
Internal Restrictions	-50,000		0	-50,000	0	-50,000	0	-50,000
<b>Human Resources</b>								
Rates & Other Untied Funding	-2,000		0	-2,000	0	-2,000	0	-2,000
<b>Community Development</b>								
Internal Restrictions	-10,000			-10,000	0	-10,000	0	-10,000
<b>Executive Total Capital Funding</b>	<b>-262,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-262,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-262,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-262,000</b>
<b>CORPORATE DEVELOPMENT</b>								
<b>Corporate Support</b>								
Internal Restrictions	-100,000	0	0	-100,000	0	-100,000	0	-100,000
Rates & Other Untied Funding	0			0		0		0
<b>Corporate Support Total Capital Funding</b>	<b>-100,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-100,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-100,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-100,000</b>
<b>COMMUNITY &amp; AGED CARE</b>								
<b>Library &amp; Children's Services</b>								
External Restrictions	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Rates & Other Untied Funding	0			0		0		0
<b>Community &amp; Aged Care Total Capital Funding</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Regulatory Activities</b>								
Rates & Other Untied Funding	-10,000			-10,000		-10,000	0	-10,000
<b>DEVELOPMENT SERVICES</b>	<b>-10,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-10,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-10,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-10,000</b>
<b>Environmental Planning</b>								
Internal Restrictions	-7,500	-10,000	0	-17,500	0	-17,500	0	-17,500
Rates & Other Untied Funding	-7,500	0		-7,500		-7,500	0	-7,500
<b>Development Services Total Capital Funding</b>	<b>-7,500</b>	<b>-10,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-17,500</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-17,500</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-17,500</b>
<b>WORKS &amp; SERVICES</b>								
<b>Works Administration</b>								
Rates & Other Untied Funding	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Plant Running</b>								
Income from Sale of Assets	-1,315,000	0	0	-1,315,000	0	-1,315,000	-1,057,839	-257,161
Rates & Other Untied Funding	-274,300	0	0	-274,300	0	-274,300	-465,578	191,278
<b>Roads, Works &amp; Transport</b>								
Rates & Other Untied Funding	-1,040,700			-1,040,700		-1,040,700	-592,261	-448,439
<b>Roads, Works &amp; Transport</b>								
Capital Grants & Contributions	-1,602,108	-370,000	0	-1,972,108	0	-1,972,108	-345,583	-1,626,525
Rates & Other Untied Funding	-1,602,108			-1,602,108		-1,602,108	-345,528	-1,256,580
<b>Public Services</b>								
Rates & Other Untied Funding	-255,000	-370,000	0	-354,893	0	-354,893	-15,000	-369,945
Capital Grants & Contributions	-99,893			-99,893		-99,893	-15,000	-339,893
Rates & Other Untied Funding	-11,999			-11,999		-11,999	-15,000	3,001
Internal Restrictions	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Council Property Maintenance</b>								
Rates & Other Untied Funding	-255,000	-87,894	0	-342,894	0	-342,894	0	-342,894
Internal Restrictions	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Waste management</b>								
Rates & Other Untied Funding	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Sewerage Disposal Services</b>								
External Restrictions	-150,000	0	0	-150,000	0	-150,000	0	-150,000
<b>Works &amp; Services Total Capital Funding</b>	<b>-3,322,108</b>	<b>-469,893</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-3,792,001</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-3,792,001</b>	<b>-1,418,422</b>	<b>-2,373,579</b>
<b>Total Capital Funding</b>	<b>-3,701,608</b>	<b>-479,893</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-4,181,501</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-4,181,501</b>	<b>-1,418,422</b>	<b>-2,763,079</b>

**Bland Shire Council  
31st December 2017  
Capital Budget Review**

PRINCIPAL ACTIVITY	BUDGET 2017/18	C/FWD PROJECTS 2016/17	Approved Adjustments	ADJUSTED BUDGET 2017/18	Requested Adjustments	Projected Year End Result	2nd Quarter Actuals	Balance Remaining
<b>Capital Expenditure</b>								
<b>EXECUTIVE</b>								
<b>Governance</b>								
Shovel Ready Project	200,000	0	0	200,000	0	200,000	0	200,000
<b>Land Development</b>								
Geotech Study Boundary Street	50,000	0	0	50,000	0	50,000	0	50,000
<b>Human Resources</b>								
IT Costs (Org Plus)	2,000	0	0	2,000	0	2,000	0	2,000
<b>Community Development</b>								
Microphone & Speakers	10,000	0	0	10,000	0	10,000	9,035	965
<b>Executive Total Capital Expenditure</b>	<b>262,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>262,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>262,000</b>	<b>9,035</b>	<b>252,965</b>
<b>CORPORATE DEVELOPMENT</b>								
<b>Corporate Support</b>	<b>100,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>100,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>100,000</b>	<b>50,000</b>	<b>50,000</b>
Loan - Principal Community Infrastructure Development	100,000	0	0	100,000	0	100,000	50,000	50,000
<b>Corporate Development Total Capital Expenditure</b>	<b>100,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>100,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>100,000</b>	<b>50,000</b>	<b>50,000</b>
<b>COMMUNITY &amp; AGED CARE</b>								
<b>Aged Care</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Library &amp; Children's Services</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
Library Books	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
AV Materials	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Community &amp; Aged Care Total Capital Expenditure</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Regulatory Activities</b>								
Pound Upgrade	10,000	0	0	10,000	0	10,000	0	10,000
<b>Regulatory Activities Capital Expenditure</b>	<b>10,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>10,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>10,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>10,000</b>
<b>DEVELOPMENT SERVICES</b>								
<b>Support</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
Council Buildings Project	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Environmental Planning</b>	<b>7,500</b>	<b>10,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>17,500</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>17,500</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>17,500</b>
Heritage Panels MS	7,500	10,000	0	17,500	0	17,500	0	17,500
<b>Development Services Total Capital Expenditure</b>	<b>7,500</b>	<b>10,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>17,500</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>17,500</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>17,500</b>
<b>WORKS &amp; SERVICES</b>								
<b>Works Administration</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
Samsung Galaxy tablet (M Thompson)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Plant Running</b>	<b>1,315,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1,315,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1,315,000</b>	<b>1,259,431</b>	<b>55,569</b>
Plant & Equipment Purchases - Cap	1,300,000	0	0	1,300,000	0	1,300,000	1,254,519	45,481
Plant Minor - Cap	15,000	0	0	15,000	0	15,000	4,912	10,088
<b>Roads, Works &amp; Transport</b>	<b>1,602,108</b>	<b>370,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1,972,108</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1,972,108</b>	<b>793,161</b>	<b>1,178,947</b>
MR398 West Wide Construction	300,000	0	0	300,000	0	300,000	0	300,000
R2R Capital Program	1,302,108	0	0	1,302,108	0	1,302,108	793,105	509,003
Urban Sealed Construction	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Reseals - Rural Roads (FAG)	0	0	0	0	0	0	55	-55
Main Street Illumination	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Main Street - Concrete Strips replacing NIBS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Main Street Works	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Quandialla Road (Pipers Hill)	0	370,000	0	370,000	0	370,000	0	370,000
Alleena Road Causeway (capital renewal)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Quilrys Corner Road Causeway (capital renewal)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Storms Lane Causeway (capital renewal)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Public Services</b>	<b>255,000</b>	<b>99,093</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>354,093</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>354,093</b>	<b>46,617</b>	<b>307,476</b>
<b>Aerodrome</b>								
Replace Ground lights with domed	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Saleyards</b>								
Saleyard Reticulation	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Stormwater WIP	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Public Conveniences</b>								
Screen for Aberline Toilets	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Centeries</b>								
New Beams at Lawn Cemetery (10 year plan)	50,000	0	0	50,000	0	50,000	0	50,000
Repair Old Unattended Grave Sites	0	11,199	0	11,199	0	11,199	0	11,199
<b>Parks &amp; Gardens</b>								
Cooinda Park	60,000	0	0	60,000	0	60,000	0	60,000
Village Playground	100,000	0	0	100,000	0	100,000	0	100,000
Bing Walder Prk Football	0	0	0	0	0	0	15,000	-15,000
Skate Park	25,000	0	0	25,000	0	25,000	0	25,000
<b>Bushfire Services</b>								
Naradhan & Yiddah Fire Sheds	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Sporting Ovals</b>								
Perseverance St Rec Ground Development	20,000	0	0	20,000	0	20,000	0	20,000
Perseverance St Rec Ground Development	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Indoor Sports Facilities	0	87,894	0	87,894	0	87,894	31,617	56,277
<b>Sewerage Disposal Services</b>	<b>150,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>150,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>150,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>150,000</b>
Sewer Extension	150,000	0	0	150,000	0	150,000	0	150,000
Increase Capacity of Airport Dam - Reticulation	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Works &amp; Services Total Capital Expenditure</b>	<b>3,322,108</b>	<b>469,093</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3,791,201</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3,791,201</b>	<b>2,099,209</b>	<b>1,691,992</b>
<b>Total Capital Expenditure</b>	<b>3,701,608</b>	<b>479,093</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4,180,701</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4,180,701</b>	<b>2,158,244</b>	<b>2,022,458</b>

## Contracts > \$50,000 @ 31 December 2017

Contractor	Contract Detail & Purpose	Contract Value	Commencement Date	Duration of Contract	Budgeted (Y/N)
Nil in December 2017 Quarter					

**Key Performance Indicators**  
**31 Dec 2017**

**Rates & Annual Charges Coverage Ratio**

	Rates	Waste	Sewer	Total	Ratio
Rates & Annual Charges	- 6,432,339	- 1,081,122	- 1,430,672	- 8,944,132	31.36%
Revenue from Continuing Operations				- 28,520,476	
<b>% Revenue achieved</b>					
Actual Revenue Achieved				- 21,829,523	76.54%
Budget Revenue from Continuing Operations				- 28,520,476	
<b>% Actual Expenditure</b>					
Actual Expense YTD				18,943,343	70.22%
Budget Expenditure from Continuing Operations				26,977,085	

**Consultancy & Legal Expenses > \$50,000 @ 31 December 2017**

Expenses	Expenditure YTD	Budgeted (Y/N)
Nil in December 2017 Quarter		

## 9.19 West Wyalong Tidy Towns Committee



Our Leadership - A well run Council acting as the voice of the community

*DP13.2 Develop, implement and promote best practice governance policies and procedures*

**Author:** Director Corporate, Community, Development and Regulatory Services and Accounting and Financial Assets Officer

### **Introduction**

Recently the Accounting and Financial Assets Officer met with the West Wyalong Tidy Towns Committee representatives. At the meeting the representatives advised Council they have not been active for some time and requested the committee be dissolved.

The Accounting and Financial Assets Officer thanked the committee for their years of service and took receipt of the books as presented.

### **Financial Implications**

There will not be any financial implications to council

### **Summary**

West Wyalong Tidy Towns Committee have requested Council dissolve the committee performing functions under section 355 of the Local Government Act 1993

### **Recommendation:**

- 1. That the West Wyalong Tidy Towns Committee formed under Section 355 of the Local Government Act 1993 be dissolved and all funds held by the committee be returned to Bland Shire Council.**
- 2. A letter of thanks be written to the committee for their many years of service and dedication to the community.**

## 9.20 Local Heritage Assistance Funding – 59-61 Gilbert Street, Wyalong



Our Prosperity - Growing our population and jobs

DP14.2 Attract a diverse range of visitors to the Shire

**Author:** Manager Development and Regulatory Services

### Introduction

An application for Local Heritage Assistance Funding has been received from Clare Harrison, the owner of 59-61 Gilbert Street, Wyalong. The proposal is for the internal and external painting, gutter replacement and floor sanding.

These works form Stage 1 of a two stage project. Future works include: external grounds conservation and preservation, heritage lighting (internal), front picket fence (to match 1918 fence), church bell reinstatement, church window protection, internal plaster crack repair, interpretive signage, front foyer cabinetry, front church door conservation and repairs to access ramp. It is estimated that stage 2 works will cost between \$10,000 and \$15,000.

The aim of the Heritage Assistance funding is to provide incentive funding to assist property owners in the restoration and conservation of their heritage house or business premises.

The premises is not listed as a heritage item under the Bland Local Environmental Plan 2011, however the building has been identified as a significant building:

The following is an extract from the NSW State Heritage Inventory:

#### **Statement of Significance:**

*The All Saints site and building have historic and social significance for the community as the first Anglican Church in the Shire, and the brick building in the Gothic style retains the integrity of the original design while the fenestration includes a single stained glass window as memorial to Lance Corporal William Henry Wheeler 1892-1915 killed in action at Lone Pine and created by William Montgomery in 1924.*

#### **Historical Notes**

*Prior to the Church being built services had been held in Victoria Hall at West Wyalong, in the Stephen's building and in Perry's circus tent.*

*The first church was a tent at the corner of Gilbert and Slee streets, the present site of All Saints. The first Church at Wyalong was built in 1898. Mr. Fred Neeld Snr. gave the land on which the first church was built, and he was credited with donating the cost of the first church building. Rev Evans was the first Rector.*

*A stained glass window was erected in All Saints Church in 1924 as a memorial to Lance Corporal William Henry (Henty) Wheeler, 26/11/1892-17/08/1915 who was killed in action aged 22 at Lone Pine during the Gallipoli campaign that had begun on 25th April 1915.*



*It had been given to the Church by his widowed mother, Ellen Kate Wheeler nee Symons, 6/04/1865 - 13/12/1923. Her husband William Wheeler 01/12/1864 - 10/10/1911 had died previously following an accident in Melbourne. The window was dedicated 31/08/1924. The window depicts the legendary George standing aggressively in triumph upon the head of the vanquished dragon with shield ready, belted sword and Lance with pennon. The window was created by William Montgomery of Melbourne.*

The applicant has met with the Heritage Advisor on a number of occasions to discuss the scope of works and the applicant has provided quotations for the proposed works totalling \$16,598. The proposed costs for the works are:

Painting – External	\$2266
Painting – Internal	\$2322
Gutter Replacement	\$6860
Floor Sanding	\$5150
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$16,598</b>

The applicant is seeking a grant of \$8299.00 which is 50 per cent of the total cost.

The owner has lodged a development application for the change of use of the building from a place of public worship to a function centre. It is proposed that the building will be available as a venue for small functions. The owner is also investigating the hosting of 'pop up' events that will highlight food and wine production in the wider region as well as the Bland Shire area.

### **Financial Implications**

There is currently \$17320 of unallocated funds in the Local Heritage Grants budget. Should this application be approved there will be \$9021.00 remaining in the budget for Local Heritage Grants.

### **Summary**

The project is consistent with the Local Heritage Fund Guidelines. The maximum funding under the guidelines is fifty per cent of the project cost to a maximum of \$30,000 and it is recommended that Council allocate an amount of \$8299 for the project which is fifty per cent of the total cost of project.

### **Recommendation:**

**That Council approve Local Heritage Assistance funding of \$8299 to Clare Harrison towards the internal and external painting, gutter replacement and floor sanding of the All Saints Church, 59-61 Gilbert Street, Wyalong.**

## **SECTION 4 – REPORTS FOR INFORMATION**

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**Recommendation:**

**That the following reports, provided for information only, be received and noted:**

- **9.21 - Economic Development & Tourism Report – January 2018**
- **9.22 - Community Services Report**
- **9.23 - Bland Shire Library Monthly Update**
- **9.24 - Children’s Services Monthly Update**
- **9.25 - Bland HACCC Services Update**
- **9.26 - Development Services Activity Report – December 2017**
- **9.27 - Development Services Activity Report – January 2018**
- **9.28 - Asset & Engineering Services Report**

## 9.21 Economic Development & Tourism Report – January 2018



Our Prosperity - Growing our population and jobs

*DP14.2 Attract a diverse range of Visitors to the Shire*

*DP15.2 Continue ongoing engagement and communication with the Shire's existing industry and business including support for diversification and alternate industry or business*

*DP15.3 Lobby for and work with industry, government and education providers to ensure Bland Shire residents and businesses have access to competitive telecommunication services*

*DP16.2 through partnerships with stakeholders foster our education, learning and training industry and increase employment opportunities within the Shire*

**Author:** Senior Economic Development & Tourism Advisor

**Introduction** Bland Shire Council January 2018 Economic Development & Tourism Report

### **Valuer General Report**

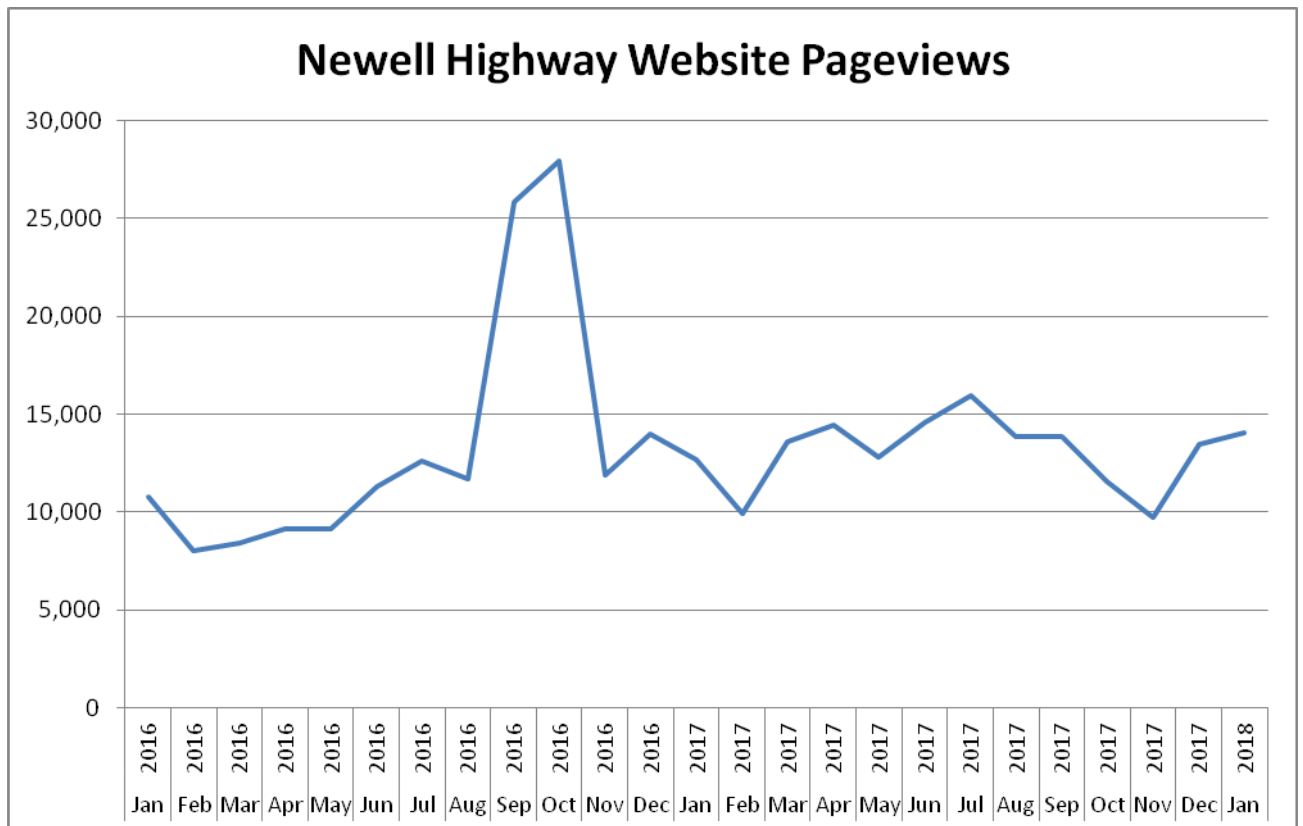
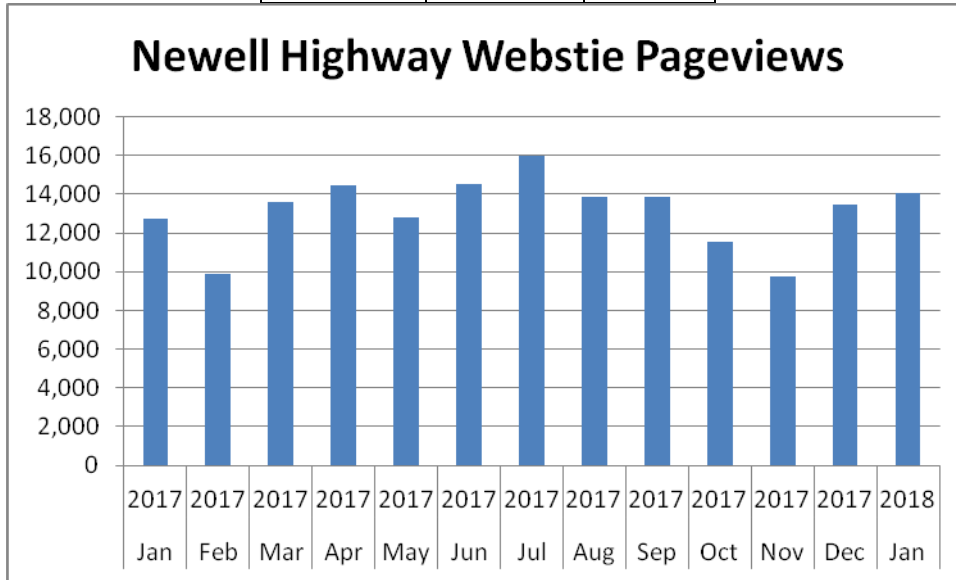
On page 18 of the attached Valuer Generals Report it mentions that the total land value for the Riverina region increased strongly over the 12 month period to 1 July 2017 by 16.6% from \$14.6 billion to \$17.0 billion. This increase was mainly driven by a strong rural sector, with good weather and strong commodity prices for livestock and crops leading to high demand for land from farmers looking to expand, and leading to very strong increases in overall land values in the Hay (41.8%), Carrathool (37.4%) and Bland (28.5%) local government areas.

Rural land values in the Riverina region increased strongly in most local government areas, and overall by 25.0%. There were very strong increases in the Hay (48.7%), Carrathool (38.4%), Bland (30.1%), Griffith (29.8%), Temora (28.8%) and Cootamundra-Gundagai Regional (25.6%) local government areas.

The region saw a moderate increase in residential land values of 6.7%. The largest increase was in the Bland local government area which experienced a strong increase of 23.2%, due to the strong rural sector and expansion of the Lake Cowal gold mine having a flow-on effect to the residential market. In the Hay (0.7%), Murrumbidgee (0.7%), Coolamon (0.6%) and Narrandera (0.3%) local government areas, residential land values remained steady.

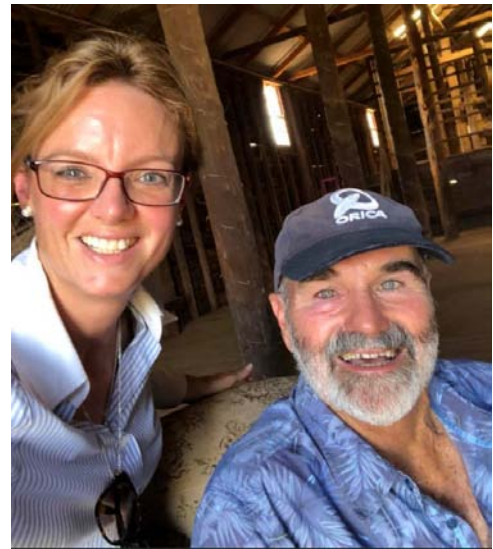
## Newell Highway Website Analytics

	December	January
	2017	2018
<b>Pageviews</b>	13,446	14,066
<b>Visits</b>	5,176	5,935
<b>Visitors</b>	4,106	4,628
<b>Desktop</b>	31.5%	30.4%
<b>Mobile</b>	50.4%	52.3%
<b>Tablet</b>	18.2%	17.2%



**Steph Cooke MP – Member for Cootamundra**

It was good to see Steph Cooke MP visiting the Bland Shire on two occasions towards the end of 2017:



## Exploration Activities in the Bland Shire

There are a number of companies that are undertaking or are planning to undertake mineral exploration activities in the Bland Shire this year including Thomson Resources, Sandfire Resources, St Barbara and Argent Minerals and in the following photo are Eoin Rothery from Thomson Resources and Cr Tony Lord:



## 70<sup>th</sup> MAAA National Model Aircraft Championships 23 – 30 April 2018

At the recent MAAA Council Conference held in Tasmania, the proposal submitted by NSWFFS, to hold the 70<sup>th</sup> Nationals in West Wyalong, was unanimously approved. The dates that the 70<sup>th</sup> MAAA National Model Aircraft Championships will be held in West Wyalong are 23 – 30 April 2018. Bland Shire Council staff and Mayor met with some of the organisers in West Wyalong recently.



As at the end of January 2018, the MAAA Nationals have received 246 confirmed competitor entries including:

- from Japan
- 7 from China
- from New Zealand
- 1 from America
- And enquiries from Mongolia

Bland Shire Council has also been successful in attracting four Jet Flyer events to West Wyalong with the first event to be held from Friday 9<sup>th</sup>, Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> of March 2018.

## 2018 Bland Shire Events

<b>JANUARY</b>		<b>LOCATION</b>
20	Dean Wood Jam Night	West Wyalong
21	Weethalle Swap Meet	Weethalle
26	Barmedman Community Barbecue	Barmedman
26	Mirrool Community Twilight Barbecue	Mirrool
26	Ungarie Community Brunch	Ungarie
26	Australia Day West Wyalong – Barnado Park	West Wyalong
26	Australia Day Yabbie Races – Top Town Tavern	Wyalong
27	Clay Target Shooting Competition	West Wyalong

<b>FEBRUARY</b>		<b>LOCATION</b>
10	West Wyalong Markets	West Wyalong
10	West Wyalong Barefoot Bowls	West Wyalong
17	Country Halls Tour – Fanny Lumsden	Ungarie
23-24	Rugby League Knockout	West Wyalong
24	Western Junior League Basketball	West Wyalong

<b>MARCH</b>		<b>LOCATION</b>
4-9	Senior Week Festival	West Wyalong
10	Weethalle Rodeo & Gymkhana	Weethalle
10	West Wyalong Markets	West Wyalong
10	Peter Collins Cup – Yabbie Raced Day	West Wyalong
11	West Wyalong Gold Triathlon	West Wyalong
30-31	Easter Bowls Carnival	West Wyalong
TBA	Candy Stripe Fair	West Wyalong

<b>APRIL</b>		<b>LOCATION</b>
1	Easter Bowls Carnival	West Wyalong
7	West Wyalong Team Yarding	West Wyalong
14	Browsers Charity Walk	West Wyalong
14	West Wyalong Markets	West Wyalong
16-20	Bland Shire Library School Holiday Program	West Wyalong
23-30	National Model Aircraft Championships	West Wyalong
25	Anzac Day Ceremonies	Bland Shire
TBA	West Wyalong Harness Racing	West Wyalong

<b>MAY</b>		<b>LOCATION</b>
12	West Wyalong Markets	West Wyalong
TBA	National Simultaneous Storytime – Bland Shire Library	West Wyalong
TBA	Bland Shire Library Smallest and Biggest Morning Tea	West Wyalong
TBA	Phillip Judd Jumping Day and Gymkhana	West Wyalong

<b>JUNE</b>		<b>LOCATION</b>
9	West Wyalong Markets	West Wyalong

<b>JULY</b>		<b>LOCATION</b>
14	West Wyalong Markets	West Wyalong
28	Smallbore Club Annual Prize Shoot West Wyalong	West Wyalong

	<b>SEPTEMBER</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>
4-5	West Wyalong Show	West Wyalong
8	West Wyalong Markets	West Wyalong
TBA	Landmark Gold Nugget & West Wyalong Campdraft	West Wyalong
TBA	Ungarie Bogeye Cup	Ungarie
TBA	Barmedman Show	Barmedman

	<b>OCTOBER</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>
13	West Wyalong Markets	West Wyalong
13	Mirrool Silo Kick	Mirrool
TBA	Barmedman Tractor Pull	Barmedman
TBA	In the West Festival	West Wyalong
TBA	West Wyalong Rodeo	West Wyalong

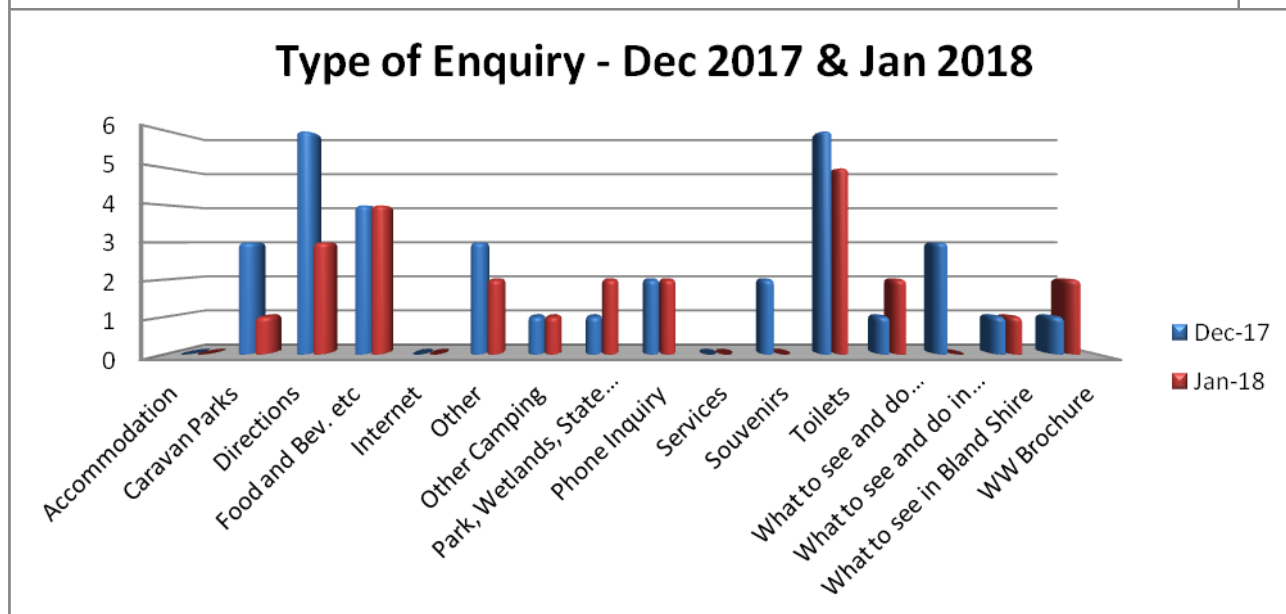
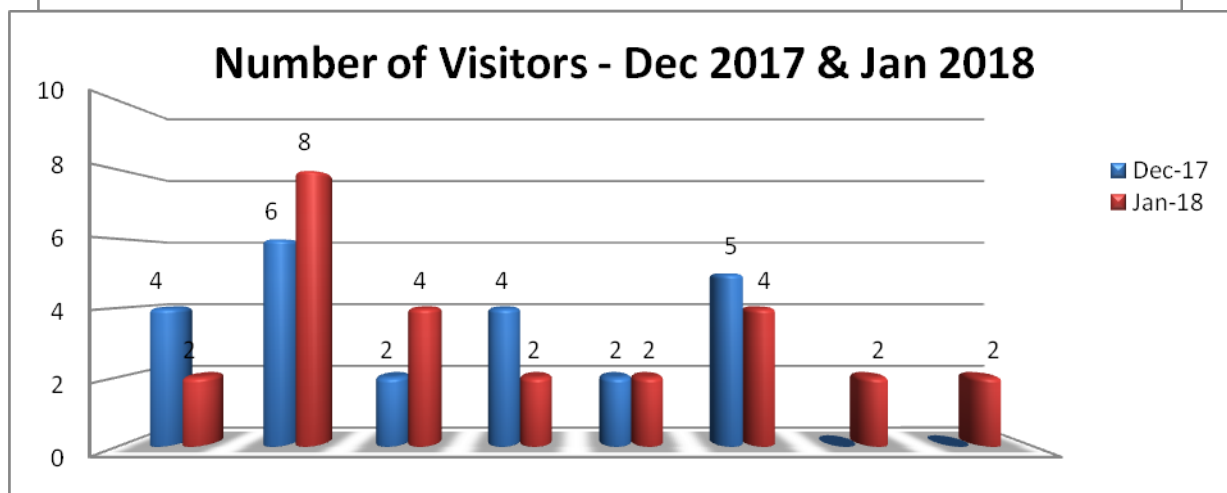
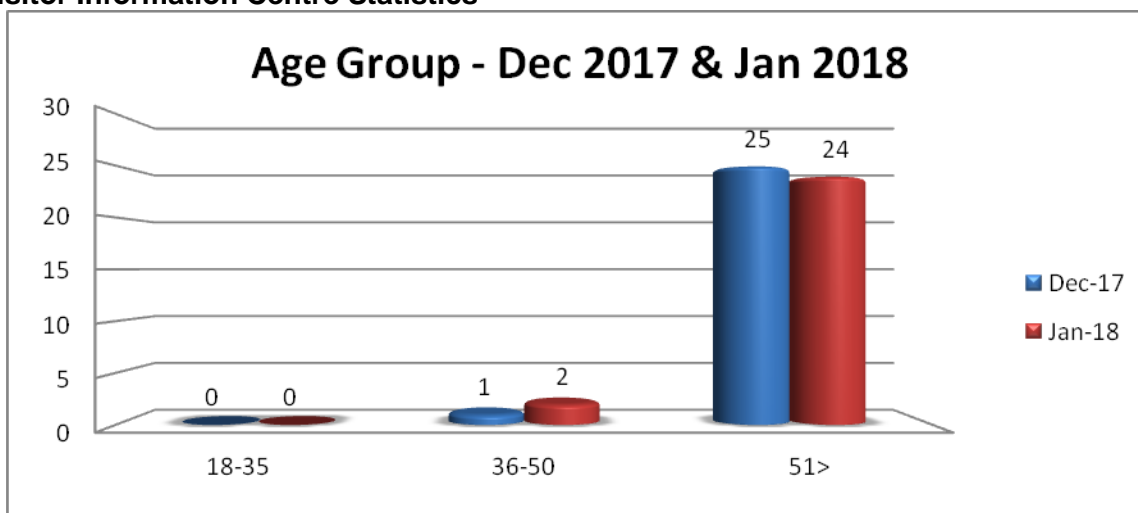
	<b>NOVEMBER</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>
10	West Wyalong Markets	West Wyalong
TBA	Wyalong Museum Open Day	Wyalong
TBA	Crooked Mile Show & Shine	West Wyalong

	<b>DECEMBER</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>
7	Business West Wyalong Christmas Carnival	West Wyalong
25	Community Christmas Lunch	Wyalong
TBA	Carols by Candlelight	West Wyalong
TBA	International Day of People with a Disability	West Wyalong
TBA	Annual Summer Pool Party West Wyalong	West Wyalong

Please note: Dates can change, please see the Bland Shire Events website for updates



## Visitor Information Centre Statistics



Other: Include questions about caravan repairs, Silo Art, shopping hours and free camping.

### Statistics for VIC during weekdays (Monday to Saturday morning 12pm) October 2017

December 2017 112 Visitor Inquiries including phone calls.  
 January 2018 137 Visitor Inquiries including phone calls.

# Valuer General's Report on NSW Land Values at 1 July 2017

12 January 2018

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## Introduction

The Valuer General is responsible for providing independent and impartial land values for use by the State Government and councils for taxing and rating.

Land values are determined annually by independent valuers on behalf of the Valuer General. The valuations are quality assured through a range of system checks and audits before being entered on the Register of Land Values. The quality of land values for residential, rural, industrial and commercial property has been tested against industry recognised valuation standards for quality and accuracy.

Valuers have determined the 1 July 2017 land values for over 2.56 million properties across NSW.

The new land values reflect the real estate market at 1 July 2017 and were based on the analysis of over 52,000 property sales.

NSW has experienced another strong year for land values, with the total land value of NSW increasing by 14.6% to \$1.7 trillion in the 12 months to 1 July 2017.

All sectors of the property market experienced increases in land values with significant increases seen in rural land across western NSW due to strong commodity prices and good seasonal conditions. In addition, the trend of recent years which has seen strong land value growth in the Sydney metropolitan and major coastal centres, continued in the year to July 2017.

This report provides an overview of the 2017 land values across NSW and how they were made.

The 1 July 2017 land values will not be used for the calculation of rates. Councils receive new land values for rating every three years. Councils are currently using 1 July 2016 land values for rating, and are scheduled to receive new values as at 1 July 2019.

The 1 July 2017 land values have been provided to Revenue NSW to use to calculate land tax. Revenue NSW sends registered land tax clients a land tax assessment each year.

Land values are publically available on the Valuer General's website [www.valuergeneral.nsw.gov.au](http://www.valuergeneral.nsw.gov.au) along with a wide range of information about land values and the valuation system. Information includes interactive summaries for 2017 land values, property sales, fact sheets and policies explaining how values are made.

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## Valuation totals and trends

### Number of properties per year

Year	Total property count
2013	2,484,421
2014	2,510,506
2015	2,535,178
2016	2,538,414
2017*	2,562,619

### Total land value trends

Year	Total land value	% change from previous year
2013	\$990,916,649,172	3.90%
2014	\$1,116,528,444,215	12.68%
2015	\$1,347,352,649,849	20.67%
2016	\$1,499,347,225,550	11.28%
2017*	\$1,720,068,808,860	14.64%

### Number of sales analysed

Year	Total sales analysed
2013	42,527
2014	43,667
2015	45,698
2016	48,287
2017*	52,119

\*Data for 2017 extracted 19 December 2017. Data for previous years extracted in November or December of the valuing year, following completion of the annual valuation program.

## State-wide land use summaries

### Total number of properties and land values by land use

Land use	Total property count	2016	2017	% change in land value
Residential	2,130,084	\$1,212,596,646,830	\$1,383,566,787,505	14.10%
Commercial	59,602	\$83,498,344,709	\$93,534,322,988	12.02%
Industrial	38,002	\$41,520,762,952	\$46,463,793,258	11.90%
Rural	238,851	\$111,877,781,176	\$130,364,035,838	16.52%
Other *	96,080	\$57,677,099,911	\$65,139,869,271	14.67%

\*Includes community uses, forestry, national parks, nature reserves, open space, recreation, reserved roads, special uses and waterways zones. Mines are included in this category for the first time.

Data extracted from Register of Land Values on 19 December 2017.

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### Residential

Residential land values in NSW increased by 14.1% to a total of \$1.4 trillion in the 12 months to 1 July 2017.

The land values were based on the analysis of approximately 42,000 residential property sales across NSW.

The Sydney metropolitan area experienced strong growth in land values in the year to 1 July 2017 with average increases approaching 15%. Urban development areas on the western fringe of the metropolitan area such as Camden, Campbelltown, Liverpool and Penrith experienced the greatest increases of around 20%. Similar increases in land values were seen in more central areas with potential for higher density development supported by good access to public transport, main roads and significant business and employment hubs.

Other major urban areas within commuting distance of Sydney also saw significant increases in residential land values at 1 July 2017 with increases of 15% to 20% recorded in Newcastle, the Central Coast and parts of the Illawarra.

Coastal centres further from the major cities generally experienced increases in residential land values of around 10%. However, Byron Bay was a significant outlier with an overall increase of 25.8% due to strong demand from both investors and owner occupiers.

Inland regional centres also experienced a general increase in residential land values of up to 10%. This growth is an improvement from the trend of recent years in which residential land values in inland centres have generally remained stable or declined slightly.

There are now 18 local government areas where the median residential land value is over one million dollars. These areas are all in the Sydney Central and Sydney East regions. Two local government areas recorded a median residential land value greater than two million dollars; Mosman at \$2,155,000, up 17.1% in the year to 1 July 2017, followed by Woollahra at \$2,030,000, up 11.9%. The lowest median residential land value was in the Central Darling local government area, \$2,400, which was unchanged from 2016.

## Commercial

Commercial land values increased strongly over the 12 months to 1 July 2017, with the total value of all commercial land going up by 12% to \$93.5 billion.

The land values were based on the analysis of almost 2,000 commercial property sales across NSW.

Commercial land values in the Sydney CBD increased strongly in the year to 1 July 2017, up 13% to \$21.6 billion. The trend of recent years of conversion of office blocks to residential use has continued but the market for commercial uses has also strengthened. The confidence in the Sydney market is highlighted by the extensive development underway including Darling Square at Darling Harbour, Goldfields House and the Quays Precinct as well as the success of completed projects such as South Barangaroo.

The remainder of the Sydney metropolitan area also saw a general increase in commercial land values with the majority of local government areas experiencing increases between 5% and 15%. The largest increases were experienced in Camden local government area (24%), driven by increasing urban growth and improved transport infrastructure. Burwood, Ku-Ring-Gai, Liverpool and Woollahra also recorded increases of around 20%. Commercial land values in Hornsby, Hunters Hill, Lane Cove, North Sydney, Northern Beaches and Waverley local government areas remained steady or increased by less than 5%.

Land values in the commercial core of Newcastle increased by 50% reflecting the strong interest generated by the reinvigoration of the city centre including significant infrastructure spending commitments either underway, completed or in the pipeline. Commercial land values in Wollongong also saw significant increases in excess of 15%, particularly in the commercial core and in areas permitting higher density mixed use development.

Commercial land values in other coastal local government areas generally showed increases ranging from 5% to 10%. Byron was the most significant exception with increases in land values of more than 20%. Conversely, commercial land values remained steady in Kempsey, Lismore and Port Macquarie - Hastings.

In other regional areas commercial land values mostly remained steady or increased slightly over the 12 months to 1 July 2017. Significant exceptions to this trend were seen in parts of Bathurst, Blayney, Dubbo, Orange and Tamworth where commercial land values increased by around 10%. Commercial land values in Broken Hill experienced significant falls of more than 15%.

## Industrial

Industrial land values over the 12 months to 1 July 2017, with the total value of all industrial land increasing by 11.9% to \$ 46.5 billion.

The land values were based on the analysis of almost 1,500 industrial property sales across NSW.

Significant increases in land values were mostly in metropolitan areas where industrial values increased by almost 13% overall. The highest increases in significant industrial areas were in the local government areas of Campbelltown (44.6%) and Camden (37.8%) where purchasers sought more affordable sites with access to good transport links. Canada Bay (28.8%) and the Inner West (19.65%) local government areas also reported very strong growth in land values with high demand for a low supply of industrial land close to Sydney following the rezoning of industrial land, mostly for residential purposes.

The Lower Hunter and Illawarra areas also performed strongly with most significant industrial areas recording increases in land values of greater than 10% in the year to 1 July 2017. The most notable variation to this trend was in Wollongong (3.5%) where the on-going transition from its traditional manufacturing base saw demand for heavy industrial sites weakening. However, demand for light industrial properties by owner occupiers remained steady.

Industrial land values across the remainder of the state were generally stable with around half of the local government areas recording changes in total industrial land values of less than 2%. Significant variations to this trend were seen in the western local government areas of Bogan, Broken Hill and Central Darling which

experienced very strong growth, although from lower value bases. Blayney, Murrumbidgee, Narrandera, Orange and Walcha all recorded falls in industrial land values of more than 5%.

## **Rural**

Rural land values increased across NSW over the 12 months to 1 July 2017, with the total value of all rural land growing by 16.5% to \$130 billion.

The land values were based on the analysis of around 6,500 rural property sales across NSW.

The increases in rural land values were widespread with all regions recording greater than 8% growth. This was a notable change from the trend of recent years where land value increases have been less consistent with land values in many local government areas remaining generally stable.

In the tablelands and western parts of the state strong stock and commodity prices combined with good seasonal conditions have seen confidence return to rural markets with strong demand from both farmers and investors. This resulted in around 70% of local government areas recording increases of greater than 10%, with most of those being greater than 15%.

Rural land values along the coast were generally more subdued with most areas recording increases of less than 10%. Coastal local government areas within easy travelling distance of the major population centres around Sydney and South-East Queensland such as Byron, Tweed, the Central Coast and Lake Macquarie recorded stronger increases of around 15%.

Closer to Sydney, continuing urban growth along the western fringe of the metropolitan area has driven strong demand for the remaining rural land close to the growth areas. This saw rural land values increase by more than 30% across the Sydney West region.

## **Other**

The "Other" category comprises a range of land uses, generally comprising small numbers of properties, which tend to follow the trends of other surrounding land value trends.

However the classification now also includes mines for the first time. Many coal mines have recorded substantial changes in land values for 1 July 2017. These changes are predominantly due to the introduction of a new method of valuing coal mines rather than market factors. The new method aligns the valuation of coal mines with other types of mines and recent court precedent.

The new method determines the present value of a mine's royalty income stream for the expected life of the mine. Previously land values for coal mines were based on the sale of coal mines that occurred prior to the buy back of all coal rights by the NSW Government in 1981. Over time this has resulted in a lack of market evidence to maintain the previous valuation methodology.

The implementation of the new methodology will improve the transparency and reliability of coal mine valuations.



## Zones in each land use

Land Use	Zones included in each land use	
<b>Residential</b>	Environmental Living	Mixed Residential/Business
	General Residential	Mixed Use
	High Density Residential	Mixed Use Development
	Large Lot Residential	Residential
	Low Density Residential	Undetermined, or Village
	Medium Density Residential	Village
<b>Commercial</b>	Business	Local Centre
	Business Development	Metropolitan Centre
	Business Park	Neighbourhood Centre
	Commercial Core	Sydney Commercial / Business
	Enterprise Corridor	North Sydney Commercial / Business
<b>Industrial</b>	General Industrial	Light Industrial
	Heavy Industrial	Working Waterfront
	Industrial	
<b>Rural</b>	Non Urban	Rural Landscape
	Primary Production	Rural Small Holdings
<b>Other</b>	Community Uses	Protection
	Comprehensive Centre	Public Recreation
	Employment	Recreational Waterways
	Environmental Conservation	Reserve Open Space
	Environmental Management	Reserved Roads
	Forestry	Reserved Special Uses
	Infrastructure	Special Activities
	Mines *	Special Uses
	National Parks & Nature Reserves	Tourist
	Natural Waterways	Transition
	Open Space	Working Waterways
	Private Recreation	

Note: Mines are not generally separately zoned. However they have been individually identified and included in the "Other" category.

## Regional summaries

NSW has been divided into 14 regional areas for the purpose of providing summaries to describe land value movements for the main property types in the region.

Sydney regions are Sydney East, Sydney Central and Sydney West.

The regions outside Sydney generally follow Local Land Services regional boundaries.

### Total land values for NSW by region

Region	Total number of properties	Total land value at 1 July 2017	% change from total 1 July 2016 land value
Central Tablelands	84,841	\$17,106,438,214	12.2
Central West	72,140	\$15,926,736,003	14.8
Hunter	434,048	\$148,746,665,880	14.6
Illawarra	202,836	\$90,986,220,024	19.2
Murray	55,090	\$10,379,827,668	5.6
North Coast	208,770	\$66,532,450,528	12.1
North West	60,673	\$18,829,647,231	14.0
Northern Tablelands	36,673	\$8,727,703,625	6.0
Riverina	76,799	\$17,000,151,102	16.6
South East	117,445	\$29,000,636,773	7.8
Sydney Central	364,024	\$427,983,299,185	13.5
Sydney East	325,421	\$559,869,640,864	13.4
Sydney West	497,141	\$306,218,616,083	16.3
Western	26,718	\$2,760,775,680	13.0

All data for regional summaries was extracted from the Register of Land Values on 19 December 2017.

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## Central Tablelands

### Total land values for the Central Tablelands region

Property type	1 July 2016	1 July 2017	% change	Total properties in zone
Residential	\$7,134,654,641	\$7,435,986,159	4.2%	59,014
Commercial	\$728,403,620	\$779,570,760	7.0%	2,558
Industrial	\$377,536,914	\$375,091,641	-0.6%	1,539
Rural	\$6,271,186,564	\$7,188,183,874	14.6%	18,975
Other	\$739,572,827	\$1,327,605,780	79.5%	2,755
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$15,251,354,566</b>	<b>\$17,106,438,214</b>	<b>12.2%</b>	<b>84,841</b>

### Central Tablelands region local government area

Bathurst Regional, Blayney, Cabonne, Cowra, Lithgow, Mid Western Regional, Oberon, Orange.

#### General overview

The total land value for the Central Tablelands region increased over the 12 month period to 1 July 2017 by 12.2% from \$15.3 billion to \$17.1 billion.

Residential land values across the region increased by approximately 4.2%. The greatest increases were in the local government areas of Blayney and Oberon, which both showed moderate increases of 9.2%.

The overall increase in land values for commercial properties was a moderate 7.0%. The major centres of Orange (8.5%) and Bathurst (8.1%) both recorded greater increases than the overall trend.

Industrial land values across the region remained steady at -0.6%. However, industrial land in the Lithgow local government area showed a very strong increase of 31.5%, driven by a high demand for light industrial properties. Conversely, industrial land in the Blayney local government area showed a moderate decrease of -8.0% due to limited demand for, and an oversupply of, industrial land.

Strong stock and commodity prices, good seasonal conditions and increased investor interest drove demand in the rural market, with land values increasing strongly overall by 14.6%.

Other land values include the land values of coal mines. The increase in coal mine land values in the Central Tablelands region has been predominantly driven by a change in the method of valuation for coal mines rather than market factors. The Valuer General has changed the way in which the land value for coal mines is determined, in line with the valuation of other types of mines and recent court precedent.

## Central West

### Total land values for the Central West region

Property type	1 July 2016	1 July 2017	% change	Total properties in zone
Residential	\$3,568,724,234	\$3,827,501,511	7.3%	46,364
Commercial	\$327,900,075	\$350,782,890	7.0%	2,266
Industrial	\$220,853,760	\$224,025,000	1.4%	1,352
Rural	\$9,550,811,865	\$11,310,490,040	18.4%	20,666
Other	\$199,813,440	\$213,936,562	7.1%	1,492
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$13,868,103,374</b>	<b>\$15,926,736,003</b>	<b>14.8%</b>	<b>72,140</b>

### Central West region local government areas

Coonamble, Dubbo Regional, Forbes, Gilgandra, Hilltops, Lachlan, Narromine, Parkes, Warren, Warrumbungle, Weddin.

#### General overview

The total land value for the Central West region increased over the 12 month period to 1 July 2017 by 14.8% from \$13.9 billion to \$15.9 billion.

The greatest increase was in rural land values, which increased strongly by 18.4% due to good seasonal conditions and high prices for livestock and wool. Exceptions to this trend were in the local government areas of Parkes where rural land values increased moderately by 7.9% and Forbes which only showed a slight increase of 3.4%.

Overall, residential land values increased moderately by 7.3%, although they increased strongly in the Weddin local government area by 16.9% due to high demand for a limited supply in the town of Grenfell. Land values remained steady in the Gilgandra (1.9%), Warrumbungle (1.0%) and Coonamble (0.1%) local government areas due to limited properties being offered for sale and low demand.

Commercial land values in the Central West region showed a moderate increase of 7.0%, although in the local government areas of Warrumbungle (0.3%), Coonamble (0.0%), Gilgandra (0.0%), Narromine (0.0%), Parkes (0.0%) and Warren (0.0%), they remained steady. Conversely, Weddin commercial land values decreased moderately (-8.4%) because limited demand led to properties being on the market for an extended period.

Industrial land values generally remained steady across the region. However, the Weddin local government area experienced a strong increase of 16.0% due to the growth in the rural sector while the local government areas of Forbes and Warren saw slight to moderate increases of 3.7% and 9.4% respectively.

## Hunter

### Total land values for the Hunter region

Property type	1 July 2016	1 July 2017	% change	Total properties in zone
Residential	\$104,388,022,721	\$119,601,244,049	14.6%	364,362
Commercial	\$4,457,996,270	\$4,927,761,250	10.5%	8,249
Industrial	\$2,562,076,048	\$2,802,665,798	9.4%	5,566
Rural	\$11,927,845,922	\$12,877,311,220	8.0%	36,778
Other	\$6,478,421,203	\$8,537,683,563	31.8%	19,093
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$129,814,362,164</b>	<b>\$148,746,665,880</b>	<b>14.6%</b>	<b>434,048</b>

### Hunter region local government areas

Central Coast, Cessnock, Dungog, Lake Macquarie, Maitland, Mid-Coast, Muswellbrook, Newcastle, Port Stephens, Singleton, Upper Hunter.

### General overview

The total land value for the Hunter region increased over the 12 month period to 1 July 2017 by 14.6% from \$129.8 billion to \$148.7 billion.

Residential land values overall increased strongly by 14.6%. There was a general increase in demand for residential properties across the region, except in the Upper Hunter (1.2%) and Muswellbrook (-0.5%) local government areas where land values remained steady. High demand for residential properties in the Central Coast and Newcastle local government areas saw the strongest land value increases of 18.1% and 16.1% respectively.

Commercial land values increased strongly by 10.5% due to growing demand from residential and rural residential development in the region, investment in infrastructure and the construction boom in the city of Newcastle.

Industrial land values increased moderately by 9.4%, with the largest increase being in Maitland (16.1%) following an increase in demand and improvement in the mining sector.

The rural sector had a moderate growth in land values, increasing by 8.0% due to demand for hobby farms and rural home sites with good access to Sydney and Newcastle, as well as a good season and high rural commodity prices leading to high demand from farmers for larger rural properties.

Other land values include the land values of coal mines. The increase in coal mine land values in the Hunter region has been predominantly driven by a change in the method of valuation for coal mines rather than market factors. The Valuer General has changed the way in which the land value for coal mines is determined, in line with the valuation of other types of mines and recent court precedent.

## Illawarra

### Total land values for the Illawarra region

Property type	1 July 2016	1 July 2017	% change	Total properties in zone
Residential	\$57,472,027,669	\$69,559,717,391	21.0%	170,885
Commercial	\$3,078,871,220	\$3,479,223,860	13.0%	4,358
Industrial	\$1,803,299,260	\$1,967,501,010	9.1%	2,582
Rural	\$8,351,215,328	\$9,656,052,756	15.6%	13,148
Other	\$5,611,839,501	\$6,323,725,007	12.7%	11,863
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$76,317,252,978</b>	<b>\$90,986,220,024</b>	<b>19.2%</b>	<b>202,836</b>

### Illawarra region local government areas

Kiama, Shellharbour, Shoalhaven, Wingecarribee, Wollondilly, Wollongong.

#### General overview

The total land value for the Illawarra region increased strongly over the 12 month period to 1 July 2017 by 19.2% from \$76.3 billion to \$91.0 billion, due to high demand for affordable residential land within commuting distance of Wollongong and Sydney. Hobby farms, rural lifestyle blocks and commercial properties also increased strongly with values supported by the growing population and upgrades to the Princes Highway which improved travel times to major centres.

Overall, residential land values increased strongly by 21.0%, with this trend reflected in all local government areas. Residential land value increases in local government areas in the region ranged from 11.3% in Kiama to 24.4% in Wingecarribee and Shoalhaven.

Commercial land values in the Illawarra region increased by 13.0%, although in Wollongong Business Park they decreased strongly by -21.0% due to demand moving to mixed-use sites zoned for both business and residential development. Commercial land values remained steady in Mittagong Business Park (0.0%) in the Wingecarribee local government area for the same reason.

Industrial land values showed an overall moderate increase of 9.1%. Trends varied across the region, with the largest increase in the Wingecarribee local government area (23.9%), while the Wollongong local government area experienced a slight increase (3.5%) due to weakening demand for heavy industrial sites.

Rural land values increased strongly overall, up by 15.6%. Wollondilly (20.9%), Wingecarribee (18.4%) and Shoalhaven (11.6%) local government areas experienced the strongest increases due to demand for rural residential development sites and small rural holdings.

Other land values include the land values of coal mines. The increase in coal mine land values in the Illawarra region has been predominantly driven by a change in the method of valuation for coal mines rather than market factors. The Valuer General has changed the way in which the land value for coal mines is determined in line with the valuation of other types of mines and recent court precedent.

## Murray

### Total land values for the Murray region

Property type	1 July 2016	1 July 2017	% change	Total properties in zone
Residential	\$4,741,418,559	\$4,842,999,335	2.1%	40,901
Commercial	\$367,466,946	\$371,265,210	1.0%	1,048
Industrial	\$233,201,961	\$237,391,370	1.8%	1,344
Rural	\$4,192,624,208	\$4,629,134,327	10.4%	10,467
Other	\$295,855,567	\$299,037,426	1.1%	1,330
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$9,830,567,241</b>	<b>\$10,379,827,668</b>	<b>5.6%</b>	<b>55,090</b>

### Murray region local government areas

Albury, Berrigan, Edward River, Federation, Greater Hume, Murray River.

#### General overview

The total land value for the Murray region increased over the 12 month period to 1 July 2017 by 5.6% from \$9.8 billion to \$10.4 billion.

Overall, land values in local government areas of the Murray region showed slight to moderate increases. Exceptions were in Greater Hume, where land values increased strongly by 12.0% due to high demand for broadacre rural properties and in Edward River, where land values increased strongly by 10.0%, partly due to demand for rural land near the town of Deniliquin.

The rural sector showed the highest regional growth in land values which increased strongly by 10.4% due to continued good seasonal conditions and strong commodity prices for crops and livestock.

Residential land values in the region increased slightly by 2.1%. In the Berrigan local government area, residential land values increased moderately by 6.0% due to demand for land in villages along the Murray River.

Overall, commercial land values remained steady, although land values in the Murray River and Edward River local government areas increased slightly by 4.8% and 2.6% respectively.

Industrial land values were generally steady at 1.8%. The local government areas of Berrigan (4.1%) and Edward River (2.8%) showed slight increases while Federation saw a moderate increase (6.2%).

## North Coast

### Total land values for the North Coast region

Property type	1 July 2016	1 July 2017	% change	Total properties in zone
Residential	\$39,600,006,580	\$44,867,400,705	13.3%	152,031
Commercial	\$2,911,505,940	\$3,163,814,439	8.7%	5,315
Industrial	\$1,140,413,010	\$1,278,076,440	12.1%	3,329
Rural	\$13,188,486,886	\$14,428,348,134	9.4%	41,729
Other	\$2,521,253,454	\$2,794,810,810	10.9%	6,366
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$59,361,665,870</b>	<b>\$66,532,450,528</b>	<b>12.1%</b>	<b>208,770</b>

### North Coast region local government areas

Ballina, Bellingen, Byron, Clarence Valley, Coffs Harbour, Kempsey, Kyogle, Lismore, Nambucca, Port Macquarie-Hastings, Richmond Valley, Tweed.

#### General overview

The total land value for the North Coast region increased strongly over the 12 month period to 1 July 2017 by 12.1% from \$59.4 billion to \$66.5 billion.

The strongest increase to land values was in the Byron local government area (23.5%) which had the highest growth in land values across all sectors. There were very strong increases in residential (25.8%) and industrial (43.2%) land values in Byron, due to high demand from investors and owner occupiers for a limited supply of residential and industrial properties, and the strong tourism industry.

North Coast residential land values increased strongly by 13.3%. In the Kyogle local government area, land values were steady (0.8%) due to balanced supply and demand.

Commercial land values overall increased moderately by 8.7%, although they were steady in the Kempsey (0.9%), Port Macquarie-Hastings (0.6%), Kyogle (0.0%) and Lismore (-0.2%) local government areas.

Industrial land values increased strongly by 12.1%. Rural land values in the North Coast region increased moderately by 9.4%.



## North West

### Total land values for the North West region

Property type	1 July 2016	1 July 2017	% change	Total properties in zone
Residential	\$3,750,176,166	\$4,019,841,510	7.2%	40,905
Commercial	\$386,067,060	\$406,325,170	5.2%	1,939
Industrial	\$242,949,075	\$269,659,610	11.0%	1,086
Rural	\$11,944,684,206	\$13,544,424,221	13.4%	14,090
Other	\$192,163,270	\$589,396,720	206.7%	2,653
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$16,516,039,777</b>	<b>\$18,829,647,231</b>	<b>14.0%</b>	<b>60,673</b>

### North West region local government areas

Gunnedah, Gwydir, Liverpool Plains, Moree Plains, Narrabri, Tamworth Regional, Walgett.

#### General overview

The total land value for the North West region increased strongly over the 12 month period to 1 July 2017 by 14.0% from \$16.5 billion to \$18.8 billion.

The largest increase in overall land values was in the Narrabri local government area (31.5%) due to a strong increase in rural land values driven by improved seasonal conditions and increased commodity prices, a strong increase in industrial land values due to high demand for a limited supply of land and increased land values for coal mines.

Residential land values overall increased moderately by 7.2%, mainly driven by a strong increase in the Tamworth Regional local government area (10.3%) following increased demand for residential properties in East Tamworth.

Tamworth Regional was the only local government area with an increase in commercial land values (10.0%) following increased demand. Land values in other local government areas in the North West region remained steady.

Industrial land values overall increased strongly by 11.0%, with the strongest increase in the Gunnedah local government area (20.7%), driven by high demand for newly released industrial land.

Rural land values in the North West region increased strongly by 13.4% due to improved seasonal conditions and increased commodity prices driving high demand.

Other land values include the land values of coal mines. The increase in coal mine land values in the North West region has been predominantly driven by a change in the method of valuation for coal mines rather than market factors. The Valuer General has changed the way in which the land value for coal mines is determined in line with the valuation of other types of mines and recent court precedent.

## Northern Tablelands

### Total land values for the Northern Tablelands region

Property type	1 July 2016	1 July 2017	% change	Total properties in zone
Residential	\$2,215,575,477	\$2,239,572,237	1.1%	23,056
Commercial	\$144,279,560	\$146,332,980	1.4%	944
Industrial	\$90,856,170	\$90,907,470	0.1%	518
Rural	\$5,663,347,735	\$6,132,603,384	8.3%	11,653
Other	\$117,937,554	\$118,287,554	0.3%	502
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$8,231,996,496</b>	<b>\$8,727,703,625</b>	<b>6.0%</b>	<b>36,673</b>

### Northern Tablelands region local government areas

Armidale Regional, Glen Innes Severn, Inverell, Tenterfield, Uralla, Walcha.

#### General overview

The total land value for the Northern Tablelands region increased moderately over the 12 month period to 1 July 2017 by 6.0% from \$8.2 billion to \$8.7 billion.

There was a strong increase in land values overall in the Glen Innes Severn local government area (10.6%) where rural land values also increased strongly due to high demand for grazing and farming land after a good season and increasing rural commodity prices.

Residential land values in the region overall were steady (1.1%) with a slight increase in the Glen Innes Severn (4.9%) local government area due to increased demand for accommodation from workers on wind farm construction projects.

Commercial land values in the region were steady (1.4%). Construction on expanding the abattoir and wind farms led to a slight increase in land values in the Inverell local government area (4.2%).

Industrial land values were steady overall (0.1%) and in most local government areas in the region. However, industrial land values decreased strongly in the Walcha local government area (-10.7%), mainly due to reduced demand for properties in the Beaver Place industrial estate on the outskirts of the town of Walcha, with more centrally located industrial land experiencing stable land values.

Rural land values overall increased moderately (8.3%), with this trend reflected in most local government areas in the region. The increases in rural land values in Glen Innes Severn (12.3%) were the strongest in the region.

## Riverina

### Total land values for the Riverina region

Property type	1 July 2016	1 July 2017	% change	Total properties in zone
Residential	\$5,219,581,358	\$5,567,950,490	6.7%	53,177
Commercial	\$694,414,898	\$734,327,610	5.7%	2,427
Industrial	\$325,935,150	\$330,177,020	1.3%	1,550
Rural	\$8,035,591,870	\$10,043,116,139	25.0%	18,002
Other	\$304,503,544	\$324,579,843	6.6%	1,643
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$14,580,026,820</b>	<b>\$17,000,151,102</b>	<b>16.6%</b>	<b>76,799</b>

### Riverina region local government areas

Bland, Carrathool, Coolamon, Cootamundra-Gundagai Regional, Griffith, Hay, Junee, Leeton, Lockhart, Murrumbidgee, Narrandera, Temora, Wagga Wagga.

### General overview

The total land value for the Riverina region increased strongly over the 12 month period to 1 July 2017 by 16.6% from \$14.6 billion to \$17.0 billion. This increase was mainly driven by a strong rural sector, with good weather and strong commodity prices for livestock and crops leading to high demand for land from farmers looking to expand, and leading to very strong increases in overall land values in the Hay (41.8%), Carrathool (37.4%) and Bland (28.5%) local government areas.

Rural land values in the Riverina region increased strongly in most local government areas, and overall by 25.0%. There were very strong increases in the Hay (48.7%), Carrathool (38.4%), Bland (30.1%), Griffith (29.8%), Temora (28.8%) and Cootamundra-Gundagai Regional (25.6%) local government areas.

The region saw a moderate increase in residential land values of 6.7%. The largest increase was in the Bland local government area which experienced a strong increase of 23.2%, due to the strong rural sector and expansion of the Lake Cowal gold mine having a flow-on effect to the residential market. In the Hay (0.7%), Murrumbidgee (0.7%), Coolamon (0.6%) and Narrandera (0.3%) local government areas, residential land values remained steady.

Commercial land values in the region increased moderately by 5.7%, with the strongest increase in the Leeton local government area (15.0%) due to demand for land for service provision to the agricultural sector.

Industrial land values remained steady at 1.3%.

## South East

### Total land values for the South East region

Property type	1 July 2016	1 July 2017	% change	Total properties in zone
Residential	\$15,762,201,586	\$16,865,721,281	7.0%	80,381
Commercial	\$849,903,810	\$879,029,580	3.4%	2,735
Industrial	\$579,645,900	\$593,232,080	2.3%	1,839
Rural	\$7,965,453,995	\$8,781,856,548	10.2%	25,731
Other	\$1,748,882,619	\$1,880,797,284	7.5%	6,759
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$26,906,087,910</b>	<b>\$29,000,636,773</b>	<b>7.8%</b>	<b>117,445</b>

### South East region local government areas

Bega Valley, Eurobodalla, Goulburn Mulwaree, Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional, Snowy Monaro Regional, Snowy Valleys, Upper Lachlan, Yass Valley.

#### General overview

The total land value for the South East region increased moderately over the 12 month period to 1 July 2017 by 7.8% from \$26.9 billion to \$29.0 billion.

The Goulburn Mulwaree local government area had the strongest overall increase in land values (20.0%), driven by affordability of land compared with the surrounding Southern Highlands, the area's proximity to Canberra and southern Sydney, and demand for hobby farms from metropolitan and coastal buyers.

There was an overall moderate increase in residential land values of 7.0%. The largest increase was in the Goulburn Mulwaree local government area where land values increased very strongly by 26.3%, reflecting the area's overall strong land value increase.

Overall, commercial land values increased slightly by 3.4%. However, commercial land values in the Upper Lachlan local government area showed strong increases of 15.0%, with a growing residential population creating increased demand for services, especially in the town of Crookwell.

Industrial land values also increased slightly across the region by 2.3%, ranging from steady in the Upper Lachlan local government area (0.0%) to a slight increase of 4.6% in Goulburn Mulwaree.

Rural land values showed a strong increase of 10.2%, influenced by strong stock and commodity prices and good seasonal conditions, as well as increased demand for rural lifestyle blocks from buyers in Sydney, Canberra and Wollongong.

## Sydney Central

### Total land values for the Sydney Central region

Property type	1 July 2016	1 July 2017	% change	Total properties in zone
Residential	\$338,310,312,626	\$384,432,734,036	13.6%	336,896
Commercial	\$16,291,320,980	\$18,318,972,965	12.4%	10,327
Industrial	\$12,631,177,506	\$14,023,216,661	11.0%	6,683
Rural	\$3,110,534,580	\$3,900,823,620	25.4%	2,304
Other	\$6,731,773,656	\$7,307,551,903	8.6%	7,814
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$377,075,119,348</b>	<b>\$427,983,299,185</b>	<b>13.5%</b>	<b>364,024</b>

### Sydney Central region local government areas

Burwood, Canada Bay, Canterbury-Bankstown, Cumberland, Hornsby, Inner West, Ku-Ring-Gai, Parramatta, Ryde, Strathfield.

#### General overview

The total land value for the Sydney Central region increased strongly over the 12 month period to 1 July 2017 by 13.5% from \$377.1 billion to \$428.0 billion, with this trend reflected in most local government areas. The greatest overall increase in land values was in Ku-Ring-Gai (22.3%), while land values increased moderately in Burwood (9.9%), Hornsby (8.7%) and Canterbury-Bankstown (7.1%).

The strongest increase was in the rural sector where land values increased very strongly overall by 25.4%. The Hornsby local government area, where most of the rural land in the region is located, recorded the largest increase, also of 25.4%. This increase was due to high demand for rural lifestyle properties in the greater Sydney metropolitan area.

Residential land values across the region increased strongly by 13.6% overall. The greatest increase was in Ku-Ring-Gai local government area where residential land values increased by 22.5% with very strong increases in land values for mixed use properties along the Pacific Highway (45.8%).

Commercial land values across the region increased by 12.4% overall, with a strong increase in the Burwood local government area (20.2%) and a slight increase in the Hornsby local government area (3.0%).

Industrial land values across the region increased strongly by 11.0% overall. There was a very strong increase in the Canada Bay local government area (28.8%) and a strong increase in the Inner West local government area (19.7%). These increases were driven by high demand for, and a lack of supply of, industrial land nearer Sydney due to the rezoning of industrial areas in South Sydney and Botany, and proposed rezonings along Parramatta Road and in Marrickville.

Industrial land values increased slightly in the Canterbury-Bankstown local government area (2.0%).

## Sydney East

### Total land values for the Sydney East region

Property type	1 July 2016	1 July 2017	% change	Total properties in zone
Residential	\$417,572,190,404	\$475,370,448,355	13.8%	292,865
Commercial	\$44,786,475,160	\$50,334,318,226	12.4%	11,517
Industrial	\$7,920,965,260	\$8,665,637,060	9.4%	3,284
Rural	\$2,160,498,430	\$2,512,290,860	16.3%	1,214
Other	\$21,173,863,628	\$22,986,946,363	8.6%	16,541
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$493,613,992,882</b>	<b>\$559,869,640,864</b>	<b>13.4%</b>	<b>325,421</b>

### Sydney East region local government areas

Bayside, Georges River, Hunters Hill, Lane Cove, Mosman, Northern Beaches, North Sydney, Randwick, Sutherland, Sydney, Waverley, Willoughby, Woollahra.

#### General overview

The land value of the Sydney East region increased strongly over the 12 month period to 1 July 2017 by 13.4% from \$493.6 billion to \$559.9 billion. This trend was reflected in all local government areas in the region except for Waverley and Sutherland, where land values increased moderately in both cases by 9.6%. The Lane Cove local government area saw the greatest increase in overall land values of 16.6%.

Residential land values increased overall by 13.8%, with the largest increase being in the Lane Cove local government area (17.4%), due to demand for housing near public transport, main roads and the business centres of North Sydney, Chatswood and Macquarie Park.

Commercial land values increased strongly by 12.4%, with the strongest increase being 19.1% in the Woollahra local government area, due to demand for mixed use development sites in Double Bay and Paddington. Commercial land values remained steady in the Hunters Hill local government area (-2.0%).

Industrial land values increased moderately by 9.4%. The largest increases were in the Northern Beaches local government area, where demand from investors saw land values increase strongly by 15.5%. There were also strong increases in the Georges River and Sutherland local government areas of 12.6% and 10.9% respectively, due to their location near Sydney Airport and transport infrastructure.

Rural land values increased strongly overall by 16.3%. The Northern Beaches local government area, where the vast majority of rural land is located in the region, recorded the largest increase, also of 16.3%.

## Sydney West

### Total land values for the Sydney West region

Property type	1 July 2016	1 July 2017	% change	Total properties in zone
Residential	\$212,290,218,143	\$244,386,446,400	15.1%	449,970
Commercial	\$8,433,010,732	\$9,606,296,290	13.9%	5,124
Industrial	\$13,360,709,681	\$15,570,532,811	16.5%	6,812
Rural	\$17,805,809,412	\$23,325,205,286	31.0%	18,277
Other	\$11,471,719,258	\$13,330,135,296	16.2%	16,958
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$263,361,467,226</b>	<b>\$306,218,616,083</b>	<b>16.3%</b>	<b>497,141</b>

### Sydney West region local government areas

Blacktown, Blue Mountains, Camden, Campbelltown, Fairfield, Hawkesbury, Liverpool, Penrith, The Hills Shire.

#### General overview

The total land value for the Sydney West region increased strongly over the 12 month period to 1 July 2017 by 16.3% from \$263.4 billion to \$306.2 billion. This trend was reflected in all local government areas in the region, with the greatest overall increase in land values in the Camden (20.9%) local government area. This increase was driven by land releases and the development of new housing estates, the redevelopment of Narellan town centre, the proximity of the South West Rail Link, and the widening of Camden Valley Way and Bringelly Road which reduced traffic congestion.

The strongest increase was in the rural sector where land values increased very strongly by 31.0%. This increase was due to a significant number of rural properties being in growth centres on land to be rezoned for urban purposes, driving high demand for remaining rural land.

Residential land values increased strongly overall by 15.1%. Residential land values increased most in the Penrith (19.8%), Campbelltown (18.8%), Liverpool (17.3%) and Camden (16.8%) local government areas which were experiencing major urban expansion.

Commercial land values increased strongly by 13.9% with the strongest increases in the Camden (24.5%) and Liverpool (19.0%) local government areas.

Higher prices for industrial land near Sydney pushed purchasers to outer ring suburbs which resulted in very strong increases in industrial land values in Campbelltown (44.6%) and Camden (37.8%), where properties were more affordable yet close to good transport and infrastructure.

## Western region

### Total land values for the Western region

Property type	1 July 2016	1 July 2017	% change	Total properties in zone
Residential	\$571,536,516	\$549,224,046	-3.9%	19,277
Commercial	\$40,728,438	\$36,301,758	-10.9%	795
Industrial	\$31,143,257	\$35,679,287	14.6%	518
Rural	\$1,709,690,175	\$2,034,195,429	19.0%	5,817
Other	\$89,500,390	\$105,375,160	17.7%	311
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,442,598,776</b>	<b>\$2,760,775,680</b>	<b>13.0%</b>	<b>26,718</b>

### Western region local government areas

Balranald, Bogan, Bourke, Brewarrina, Broken Hill, Central Darling, Cobar, Wentworth.

#### General overview

The total land value for the Western region increased strongly over the 12 month period to 1 July 2017 by 13.0% from \$2.4 billion to \$2.8 billion.

Overall local government area land values fluctuated between a very strong increase in Central Darling (28.7%) and a strong decrease in Broken Hill (-10.9%).

Rural land had the highest growth in land values of 19.0% due to improved seasonal conditions and high prices for livestock, wool and crops. Most local government areas experienced strong to very strong increases in rural values, except for Broken Hill which remained steady (0.0%) and Wentworth which experienced a moderate increase (9.8%).

Conversely, commercial land values decreased strongly by -10.9%, driven by the strong decrease in commercial land values in the Broken Hill (-16.6%) local government area as a result of a downturn in mining operations in this area.

Residential land values decreased slightly across the region by -3.9%. Exceptions were the local government areas of Cobar which saw a moderate increase of 9.6%, Wentworth which showed a slight increase of 2.5% and Broken Hill which showed a strong decrease of -15.9%.

Industrial land values increased strongly by 14.6% across the region, driven by strong increases in industrial land values in the local government areas of Broken Hill (24.7%) and Wentworth (18.9%) due to high demand and limited supply.



## Land valuations in NSW

The Valuer General is responsible for providing accurate and consistent land values for NSW. All land is valued each year.

### What is land value?

Land value is the market value of the land only, as if it had sold on 1 July in the valuing year. It does not include the value of buildings or other structures.

### Why is land valued?

Land values are used by councils to set rates and by Revenue NSW to calculate land tax.

Councils receive new land values for rating every three years. Councils are currently using 1 July 2016 land values for rating and will not use the 1 July 2017 land values. All councils are scheduled to receive new values as at 1 July 2019.

The 1 July 2017 land values have been provided to Revenue NSW to use to calculate land tax. Revenue NSW sends registered land tax clients a land tax assessment each year.

### Where are land values published?

Land values are published on the Valuer General's website. Visit [www.valuergeneral.nsw.gov.au](http://www.valuergeneral.nsw.gov.au) to find land values from across NSW.

Land tax assessments from Revenue NSW show the land values used to calculate land tax. Revenue NSW sends registered land tax clients an assessment notice each year.

Registered land tax clients can view the land values Revenue NSW used to calculate their land tax at [www.revenue.nsw.gov.au](http://www.revenue.nsw.gov.au).

When land values are used by councils to set rates, the Valuer General sends landholders a Notice of Valuation to advise the new land value to be used for rating.

### More information

To help the community better understand land values and how valuations are made, the Valuer General provides a wide range of free information. Visit [www.valuergeneral.nsw.gov.au](http://www.valuergeneral.nsw.gov.au) for:

- Interactive online land value summaries for all local government areas and 14 regions covering the state. These summaries include land value trends, median land values and sale prices, typical land values for all council areas and land value commentary.
- Final valuation reports for each local government areas prepared by the contract valuer undertaking the valuations. The reports address the valuation process, the local real estate market and the new land values.
- Property sales and land values from across NSW are available on the NSW Globe at property, street and suburb level.
- Valuation sales reports, showing sales analysed in the valuation process.
- Policies and fact sheets explaining how valuations are made.

You can also call us on 1800 110 038 to ask questions or discuss concerns.

## How is land valued?

### Step 1

Properties that are similar or are likely to experience a similar change in value are grouped together. This may include properties of comparable size, shape, features, location and zoning with similar nearby developments and infrastructure



### Step 2

Valuers analyse the market and individually value a small number of representative properties within each group to determine how their land value has changed from the previous year. Land value does not include the value of buildings or other structures.



### Step 3

Once the change has been confirmed it is then applied to the remaining properties in the group to determine their new land values



### Step 4

New land values are checked for accuracy and consistency and made available to landowners

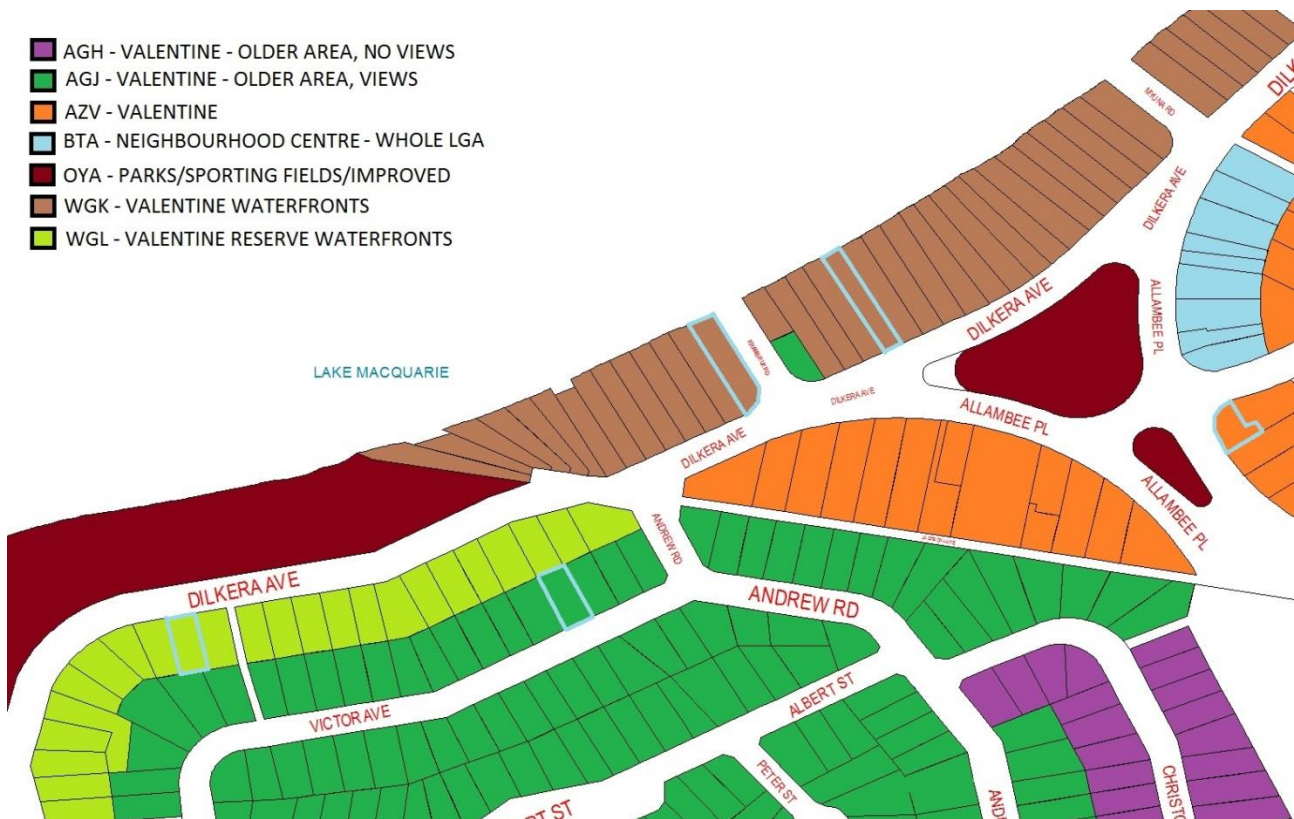


Most land is valued using the mass valuation process. This is where properties with similar features are valued together in groups called components. Properties in the component are expected to experience similar changes in value. All properties within a component must have the same zoning.

Representative properties (known as benchmarks) are selected from each component and valued as at 1 July each year. This shows how much the land value has changed in the past year. This change is applied to all properties in the component to work out their new values.

The new values are quality assured for accuracy and consistency before they are issued.

The example below shows a range of components in a locality. Waterfront properties are grouped separately to non-waterfront properties. Benchmark properties are outlined in blue.



## Quality assurance of land values

The 1 July 2017 land values in each local government area were quality assured by both the contract valuer making the valuations and Valuation Services, a division of Property NSW before they were accepted and entered onto the Register of Land Values. Valuation Services manage the valuation system on behalf of the Valuer General.

While valuations are made through a mass valuation process, each land value must stand up to individual testing and must be able to be supported by available market evidence.

Each contract valuer provided a valuation analysis report and quality statement certifying the quality assurance they undertook in the preparation of the land values. This included meeting annual requirements

for the land value verification program. This program requires land values and property information to be individually reviewed through a systematic, risk based program (see table below).

Valuation Services checked the overall accuracy and consistency of the land values through a risk based quality assurance program and system based data integrity checks.

Checks included:

- Compliance with valuation statistical standards
- Compliance with component and benchmarking standards
- Review of the quantity and quality of sales analysis undertaken to support land values
- Review of land value exception reports including significant valuation changes
- Review of valuation accuracy through a risk based parallel valuation process under the supervision of the Land Valuation Advisory Group.

### State-wide statistical quality measures

Valuation uniformity and accuracy is tested against a range of checks, audits and comparison against international standards developed with the assistance of Adjunct Professor John MacFarlane of the Western Sydney University.

Statistical compliance for 1 July 2017 land values is above targets for all major property types.

	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	Target
<b>% council areas meeting all standards – residential</b>	97.0	98.5	98.6	98.6	97.9	90
<b>% councils areas meeting all standards –commercial</b>	84.9	87.6	90.4	87.5	90.7	85
<b>% councils areas meeting all standards –industrial</b>	92.0	87.7	90.1	92.8	96	85
<b>% council areas meeting all standards - rural</b>	78.5	85.2	84.0	86.7	78.5	75

## Land value verification

Valuation	Verified High	%	Verified	%	Verified low	%	Total	%
Year	risk properties		moderate risk properties		risk properties		Verified	
	<i>Target p.a: 100%</i> <i>Cycle: every year</i>		<i>Target p.a: 33.3%</i> <i>Cycle: every 3 years</i>		<i>Target p.a: 16.6%</i> <i>Cycle: every 6 years</i>			
2013	67,549	93%	102,051	39%	427,902	22%	646,787	26%
2014	78,450	91%	130,837	40%	436,463	21%	647,802	26%
2015	82,182	92%	115,673	35%	430,500	21%	628,556	26%
2016	100,414	99.9%	153,556	46%	534,348	26%	788,318	31%
2017	108,369	99.99%	165,037	45.1%	612,933	29.3%	886,339	34.6%

\*Data for 2017 extracted 19/12/2017, 2016 extracted January 2017 and for all earlier years extracted June 2016.

## Land tax thresholds

In September each year the Valuer General determines new land tax and premium rate thresholds for the coming year. The requirements for the determination of new thresholds are set out in Division 4A of the Land Tax Management Act, 1956.

The adjustments to the thresholds are based on the annual movement in the average land values of land within residential, commercial, business and industrial zones in NSW. The rate of change of land values in these zones from 1 July 2016 to 1 July 2017 was determined to be 14.085%.

The land tax threshold for the 2018 land tax year was determined to be \$629,000 and the premium rate threshold was determined to be \$3,846,000.

The new thresholds were published in NSW Government Gazette No. 116 of 13 October 2017.

## Consider your land value

If you have concerns about your land value or the property information, visit [www.valuergeneral.nsw.gov.au](http://www.valuergeneral.nsw.gov.au) to:

- find out more about your land value and explore interactive land value summaries
- find land values and property sales from across NSW and compare your land value to property sale prices
- read valuation policies and factsheets that explain how valuations are made.

You can also call us on 1800 110 038 to discuss your concerns.

## Opportunity for review

If you think your land value or property information on your land tax assessment or Notice of Valuation is incorrect, you can lodge an objection to have it reviewed. You should tell us why you think your land value or property information is wrong. The information you provide will help us do a thorough review.

Our review kit explains how to have your land value reviewed by lodging an objection. You can get a review kit online at [www.valuergeneral.nsw.gov.au](http://www.valuergeneral.nsw.gov.au), or by calling us on 1800 110 038.

## Reviewing your land value

A valuer who did not make the original valuation will review your land value.

## Reviewing your property information

We will review the property information. If we make any changes we will check to see if the change will affect your land value.

## Finalising your objection

We will provide the valuer's report to you to consider before we finalise your objection.

You will have 21 days to let us know if you have any questions or concerns, or want to give us more information. We will address your questions or concerns before finalising your objection.

If we do not hear from you we will determine your objection based on the valuer's recommendation.

We will try to resolve your objection within 90 days.

## Conferences

When we receive your objection, we will assign you a review coordinator. Your coordinator will be your contact person during the review process. If you have any concerns about the review process or the outcome of your objection you can contact your coordinator who can arrange a conference for you to discuss any concerns in detail.

## Appeals

If you are not satisfied with the outcome of your objection you can lodge an appeal in the Land and Environment Court of NSW.

## Call us at any time to discuss concerns

Call us on 1800 110 038 to discuss concerns with our valuation staff.

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## 9.22 Community Services Report



Our People - A Strong, healthy, connected and inclusive community

*DP3. Nurture a strong sense of community and enrich the cultural life for the residents of the Bland Shire*

**Author:** Community Development Officer

### **Grandparents Day Film Project**

The preview of the Grandparents Day film that was captured in November 2017 as part of a Grandparents Day initiative has recently been released on social media and is receiving rave reviews. Over 1700 people had viewed the clip within 24 hours of it being posted with lots of positive feedback received from community members.

The premiere event for the full film is expected to be held in March and will also include professional family portraits for each of the families who took part in the film. The project was made possible as a result of Council being the successful recipient of a \$5000 grant from Family and Community Services (FaCS) for the delivery of a Grandparents Day initiative. Council was pleased to partner with two local schools and utilise the skills of talented local videographer Tracey Robertson in the development of the film.

### **Queens Baton Relay**

Council was proud to host a leg of the Queen's Baton Relay in West Wyalong on Monday 29 January. After months of planning and meticulous preparation, the relay was a huge success with large crowds lining all parts of the route to cheer on the local heroes selected to carry the baton from McCann Park in West Wyalong to Oak Street in Wyalong. The event also attracted significant media attention for West Wyalong.

Following the passing of the baton, a special batonbearer luncheon and community celebration was held at Holland Park Pool including free entry, waterslide and inflatable use and children's entertainment by the highly energetic and engaging 'Games Boy'.





## **Australia Day**

Council was delighted with the attendance at the annual Australia Day Breakfast and Awards Ceremony held at Barnado Park on Australia Day with 500 people turning out to support the event and enjoy the ever popular delicious breakfast that is served by the Lions Club.

It was a fantastic community event with numerous very worthy recipients taking out awards on the day including:

Citizen of the Year – Pat Wells

Contribution to Sport – Ron Pilon

Senior Sports Person of the Year – Sharnah Stevens

Junior Sports Person of the Year – Sam Rutledge

Community Group of the Year – The West Wyalong Choir

A special presentation was also made to induct the newest ambassador of the Bland Shire – Mal Carnegie

In addition to the official proceedings, the community was thoroughly entertained by the extensive talents of the West Wyalong Town Band and Choir.

Community events were also held in the villages of Ungarie, Barmedman and Mirrool throughout the day.



## **West Wyalong Show part day public holiday approval**

Council's application requesting a part day public holiday for the town improvement districts of West Wyalong, Wyalong and Tallimba on Wednesday 5 September from 12noon – 6pm for the 2018 West Wyalong Show has been approved by the State Government.

### **Regional Cultural Fund application**

Council was recently advised that the application submitted under the Regional Cultural Fund seeking assistance in the establishment of a community cinema was unsuccessful.

Council staff recently attended a Regional Cultural Fund feedback session in relation to Council's application with the panel noting the following -

**“That the project has merit and would make a positive impact on arts and culture in the community”**

However, while the application presented a compelling case in terms of merit and community impact, the panel expressed concern about the ongoing viability of the facility after construction was completed

**“The panel recommends a feasibility study to determine whether ticket sales will cover film rights, a part-time manager and other general operating costs”.**

Council is still currently awaiting feedback from the Stronger Country Communities Fund under which an application for a community cinema was also submitted. The outcome of this application is expected by the end of March 2018.

## 9.23 Bland Shire Library Monthly Update



Our People - A Strong, healthy, connected and inclusive community

*DP3.4 Foster a community learning culture optimising our physical and virtual spaces*

Author: Senior Library Assistant

### **Summer Reading Club**

The library held a presentation and finale party Friday 9 February 2018. The free program which ran from December 1, 2017 to January 31, 2018 attracted 70 registered members. Designed to encourage children aged 5 – 16 years to read over the long summer break, promoting reading and literacy skills development, only 14 children successfully completed the program ... reading a collective total of 604 books (an average of 43 books each). However, overall a total of 975 books were read. Bland Shire Library would like to thank L & R Group (Angus and Melissa Westaway) and NewsXpress West Wyalong for their generous donation of prizes.

### **Volunteer Work Placement Program**

Bland Shire Library is again supporting the West Wyalong High School's Volunteer Work Placement program by hosting a special needs work placement student in 2018. The Year 12 student will attend the library one day per week during school term for 1.5 hours and participate in a variety of library activities promoting workplace learning.

It is anticipated that the library will continue to host a number of volunteer Year 10 and Year 11 students from West Wyalong High School to assist with Storytime.

### **Author Talks**

The library will host a number of author talks this year. In addition to hosting authors Kim Hodges (July) and Bernard Caleo (September), Bland Shire Library will host a talk by author Noel Braun on Wednesday 13 June 2018 at 10.30 am. Noel, the author of several books – his most recent being 'I Guess I'll Just Keep on Walking' – will present his talk as part of Men's Health Week.

### **Storytime**

- Storytime will resume Thursday 8 February 2018 at 10am.
- The library will continue to hold a special monthly storytime session for Family Day Care.
- The library will host a number of preschool visits during February and March with a storytime session to be held for each respective group.

### **Pals of the Pen**

The library's resident writers' group Pals of the Pen took a break over January. The group which meets fortnightly will reconvene on Friday 9 February 2018 at 10.30 am.

### **Knit and Knatter / Needles and Thread**

By unanimous consent, the two groups have combined creating one large communal/social group. The combined group will continue to meet every second Tuesday at 2 pm.

### **Baby Bounce**

Baby Bounce will resume Friday 16 February 2018 at 10.30 am. The program which caters for babies 12 months and younger aims to introduce children at a very young age to reading and literacy through rhyme, song and books.

### **Library Bingo**

Library Bingo – an initiative of Riverina Regional Library – is a regional reading / watching / all formats challenge. Each quarter, patrons can receive a Library Bingo board with boxes to tick off once they have read a certain type of book, downloaded something (eg. eAudio, eBook or eMagazine) or done something library related (eg. attend a library event). There will be minor prizes at the end of each quarter and a bigger prize at the end of the year. Prizes will be in the form of best-selling and new release books as well as audiobooks provided by Bolinda. RRL will launch Library Bingo on February 14, Library Lovers' Day.

### **Reading Culture Award**

This is a biennial award run by Riverina Regional Library across its branch network to recognise the contribution of individuals and groups enriching the lives of people in their community through literacy. Each branch can have a local winner. A regional winner is then announced at a morning tea to be held in Wagga (at the RRL Administration Centre) on 22 May 2018, during Library and Information Week. Nomination forms can be collected from Bland Shire Library.

### **Library Statistics for January 2018**

- 204 Information Requests
- 163 Customer Service Requests – this figure includes 41 technology assists
- 422 Computer Usage (*calculated based on a one hour usage rate*)
- 21 adults attended regular programs in the library during January
- 137 Visitor Information Requests – this figure relates to normal library opening hours only and includes 8 phone requests
- 2 Programs were held in January

*Please note that while the above stats were significantly lower than previous months, possibly due to the school / public holidays, the library issued 2750 items, reserved 124 items and registered 20 new members in January.*

### **Meetings / Training**

- NoveList is a database provided to all Riverina Regional Library members by the State Library. Founder and General Manager of NoveList, Duncan Smith, will conduct a workshop on Thursday 15 March 2018 in Wagga Wagga. The workshop will provide an opportunity for library staff to learn about NoveList and how to make the most of it – gaining valuable readers' advisory skills to help our users read more great books and experience great customer service.
- Riverina Regional Library (RRL) Advisory Committee Meeting to be held Wednesday 28 March 2018, Wagga Wagga.
- RRL Branch Library Meeting to be held Tuesday 10 April 2018, Wagga Wagga.

## 9.24 Children's Services Monthly Update



Our People - A Strong, healthy, connected and inclusive community

*DP4.2 Provide quality, accredited and affordable Education and Care Services within Bland Shire and surrounds (Bland Preschool, Family Day Care, Mobile Resources Unit Vacation Care and Toy Library services)*

**Author:** Children's Services Coordinator

Both Bland Preschool and the It takes a Village (ITAV) services non-operational due to the holiday break.

All preschool enrolments were finalised and staffing arranged for the 2018 year. Preschool enrolments for 2018 are 34 four years olds and 35 three year olds.

Preschool sessions are as follows:

- Monday/Tuesday – 4 year old session (9.00-4.30pm)
- Wednesday/Thursday – 4 year old session (9.00-4.30pm)
- Friday – 2 x 3 year old sessions (9.00-3.00pm)

Service Quality Improvement Plan (QIP) templates were updated to meet the changes to the Early Childhood Education and Care National Quality Standards coming into effect on February 1 2018, ready for staff to conduct their QIP reviews after the school holiday break.

All staff attended and successfully completed the mandatory first aid training to complete the HLTAID004 - Provide an emergency first aid response in an education and care setting.

### **Mobile Resource Unit Playgroup & Ungarie Preschool**

The Mobile Resource Unit and Ungarie playgroups have been in hiatus over the holiday break with all staff busy assisting with the Vacation Care Program and completing the CSU resource clean and toy library clean and stock take.

### **Toy Library Stock take statistics 2018**

Current items available	Total items borrowed (2017)	Total members
404	152	33*

- *Does not include ITAV members*

### **Vacation Care**

The Christmas and January Vacation Care programs were poorly attended with the December program conducted two days and the January programs unable to meet minimum booking numbers.

### **Bland/Temora Family Day Care**

During December and January educator visits continued where possible with many Family Day Care educators opting to take a well earned break over the holiday period.

Staff and educators celebrated the retirement of Janice Spaul, an educator for over 30 years with the service. Janice enjoyed dinner with a small gathering of educators and was presented with a farewell gift and a plaque from the Family Day Care Association for her 30 years of service.



Playgroups will recommence in February with both West Wyalong and Temora holding fortnightly sessions.

## 9.25 Bland HACCC Services Update



Our People - A Strong, healthy, connected and inclusive community

*DP1- Ensure health and support services address the needs of the community*

**Author:** Community Care Coordinator

Bland Home and Community Care Service had an increase in enquiries over the month of January with people seeking information on services available in the Shire. It is a busy time after Christmas with families coming home and seeking to find what services maybe available in the community for their loved ones.

A big push currently in the community is for personal alarms with many people making enquiries about the various options, the NBN has left some people with alarms that no longer work and so they are looking for alternatives. Anyone in the Community who has an alarm and has moved to the NBN needs to test the alarm to ensure it is still working. We have a variety of alarms and information available for people to view at the centre.

We are finding an increase in requests for Social activities and support to connect people with the community. Social activities could be taking someone for a coffee or taking (and assisting) them shopping. Most people who need a shopping service are unable to do the shopping by themselves but enjoy the social part of meeting friends and other community members at the supermarket, they also enjoy being able to pick the items they want.

Our groups continue to have a steady amount of people attending but we are always open to new members at all the groups. People can come and try the day and see if they like it before they need to commit to the group, some people attending come to the afternoon sessions only as they enjoy Bingo. Some may want to come to the morning sessions as they enjoy the mind challenges, the day is for the clients and we provide a variety of things to challenge the mind, challenge their physical abilities and just have a bit of fun.

Enquiries have also started for NDIS clients and with more and more people moving to the NDIS it is hoped that more services will come to town or services currently in town will be able to provide the services needed.

Anyone wishing to access services provided by Bland Home and Community Care Service will need to be assessed by either My Aged Care 1800 200 422 or NDIS 1800 800 110, staff are happy to assist people to access these services if needed.

## 9.26 Development Services Activity Report – December 2017



Our Leadership - A well run Council acting as the voice of the community

*DP17 Lead the community by example with sustainable, effective, efficient and customer focused practices*

**Author:** Manager Development and Regulatory Services

### Planning and Building Activities Update

#### Development Applications

The Council has received the following Development Applications during December 2017:

Application No	Address	Development
DA2018/0046	106 Main Street, West Wyalong	Use of footpath – Display of goods
DA2018/0047	3 Old Hospital Road, West Wyalong	Addition of a garage to an existing dwelling
DA2018/0048	103 Main Street, West Wyalong	Use of footpath – Outdoor dining & “A” frame advertising sign
DA2018/0049	64 Lone Pine Road, West Wyalong	New dwelling
DA2018/0050	165 Main Street, West Wyalong	Use of footpath – Outdoor dining
DA2018/0052	34 Showground Road, West Wyalong	Fuel depot – Unmanned truck refuelling facility
DA2018/0053	20 Queen Street, Barmedman	New garage
DA2018/0054	3 Evans Street, West Wyalong	New dwelling
DA2018/0055	61-63 Blyth Street, Wyalong	Warehouse

The following DA applications were approved during December 2017:

Application No	Address	Development	Approval Date
DA2018/0035	18-24 Showground Road, West Wyalong	Additions to an industrial premises	7/12/2017
DA2018/0041	76 Main Street, West Wyalong	Alterations & additions to a commercial premises	7/12/2017
DA2018/0043	62 Main Street, West Wyalong	Use of footpath – “A” frame advertising sign	29/11/2017
DA2018/0044	79 Neeld Street, Wyalong	Demolition of an existing verandah & construct new verandah & carport	14/12/2017
DA2018/0045	41 De Boos Street, Barmedman	Storage shed	5/12/2017



The following DA applications were approved during December 2017 (Cont.):

DA2018/0046	106 Main Street, West Wyalong	Use of footpath – Display of goods	20/12/2017
DA2018/0047	3 Old Hospital Road, West Wyalong	Addition of a garage to an existing dwelling	14/12/2017
DA2018/0048	103 Main Street, West Wyalong	Use of footpath – Outdoor dining & “A” frame advertising sign	20/12/2017
DA2018/0049	64 Lone Pine Road, West Wyalong	New dwelling	14/12/2017
DA2018/0050	165 Main Street, West Wyalong	Use of footpath – Outdoor dining	20/12/2017

### Heritage Conservation Activities

The Heritage Advisor undertook an inspection of the verandah at Thom’s Corner. A number of minor defects were identified which are currently being addressed by the builder.

### Regulatory Activities Update

#### Dog Attacks

There were **no** dog attacks reported during December 2017.

#### Companion Animal Seizure and Impound Activities December 2017

<b>Seizure Activities:</b>	<b>Dogs</b>	<b>Cats</b>
Seized	3	1
Returned to Owner	1	0

<b>Impounding Activities:</b>	<b>Dogs</b>	<b>Cats</b>
Animals in pound at start of month	0	4
<b>Incoming Animals</b>		
Transferred from Seizure Activities	2	1
Dumped at Pound	12	15
Surrendered	3	0
<b>Total Animals in Pound</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>20</b>

<b>Outgoing Animals</b>		
Released to Owner	3	0
Euthanased	0	7
Rehoused	11	9
Sold	1	0
Died at Pound	0	0
Stolen	0	0
Escaped	0	0
<b>Total Animals Leaving Pound</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>
Animals in Pound at end of Month	2	4

## 9.27 Development Services Activity Report – January 2018



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*DP17 Lead the community by example with sustainable, effective, efficient and customer focused practices*

**Author:** Manager Development and Regulatory Services

### Planning and Building Activities Update

#### Development Applications

The Council has received the following Development Applications during January 2018:

Application No	Address	Development
DA2018/0057	12-20 Barnado Street, West Wyalong	Use of existing solar panels
DA2018/0058	3-7 Robertson Street, Barmedan	New single storey dwelling
DA2018/0059	Removal of one (1) tree	

The following DA applications were approved during January 2018:

Application No	Address	Development	Approval Date
DA2018/0053	20 Queen Street, Barmedan	Garage	11/1/2018
DA2018/0056	50 Tallimba Street, Tallimba	Removal of one (1) tree	22/1/2018
DA2018/0057	12-20 Barnado Street, West Wyalong	Use of existing solar panels	11/1/2018

#### Complying Development Certificates

The Council has received the following Complying Development Certificate Applications during January 2018:

Application No	Address	Development
CDC2018/0002	60 Park Street, West Wyalong	Inground swimming pool
CDC2018/0003	39 Dumaresq Street, West Wyalong	Inground swimming pool

### Regulatory Activities Update

#### Dog Attacks

There was **no** dog attacks reported during January 2018.

## Companion Animal Seizure and Impound Activities January 2018

<b>Seizure Activities:</b>	<b>Dogs</b>	<b>Cats</b>
Seized	2	0
Returned to Owner	0	0

<b>Impounding Activities:</b>	<b>Dogs</b>	<b>Cats</b>
Animals in pound at start of month	2	4
<b>Incoming Animals</b>		
Transferred from Seizure Activities	2	0
Dumped at Pound	8	4
Surrendered	6	0
<b>Total Animals in Pound</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>8</b>

<b>Outgoing Animals</b>		
Released to Owner	2	1
Euthanased	0	0
Rehoused	14	7
Sold	0	0
Died at Pound	0	0
Stolen	0	0
Escaped	0	0
<b>Total Animals Leaving Pound</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>8</b>
Animals in Pound at end of Month	2	0

## 9.28 Asset & Engineering Services Report



Our Places - Maintain & improve the Shire's assets & infrastructure

*DP9.1 Responsibly manage asset renewal and maintenance for current and future generations*

*DP9.4 Maintain parks, ovals and recreational facilities to approved standards*

**Author:** Director Asset & Engineering Services

### 1. 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
- Ungarie ovals irrigation pump repaired

### 2. Park maintenance

- McCann park, Barnado park and small parks and areas mown, trimmed and maintained
- Council chambers lawns and gardens maintained
- Maintenance to Herridge park, Coinda park, Wyalong court house
- Lawn and monument cemetery maintenance carried out
- McCann park prepared for Saturday markets
- Barnado park garden beds cleaned up, 3 x broken water pipes repaired and prepared for Australia day

### 3. Ovals maintenance

- maintenance to sporting ovals and surrounds
- Irrigation checks carried out
- Line marking for touch football and cricket
- Perseverance oval water leak repaired
- Ron Crowe oval and park st rec surrounds broad leaf sprayed, top dressed and sprinklers replaced
- All grounds have been aerated

### 4. Town maintenance

- Star lane cleaned and tidied
- Town areas mown and trimmed
- Town trees trimmed and watered when needed
- Main street gardens weeded and watered
- Small pot holes repaired in roads
- Clean out town drains
- West Wyalong and Wyalong spraying on nature strips carried out
- Aerodrome slashing inspections and maintenance work carried out
- Back filled low areas on nature strips

- Street sweeping in main street when time permits
- Main street closure for Queens baton relay
- Air port gravel run way maintenance carried out

## 5. Noxious Weeds/Environmental

- The following noxious weeds and other controls were undertaken:
  - Silver Leaf Nightshade – 57 N, 231, Ungarie, Kikoira, Henleys Lane , Goldfields Way, Hollands Lane and Wargin Road.
  - Wild Radish – Gunns Road
  - Spiny Burr Grass - Bygoo Road, McDermotts Lane, Gunns Road, Kikoira Road, Ungarie Town, Buralyang Road, Wargin Road, Wombyne Road, Blowclear Road, Lonergans Lane, Clear Ridge Road, Youngs Road, Wilsons Lane, Dundas Road, Kolkilbertoo Road, Barmedman Town , Quandialla Road, Cottingley Lane, Hatelys Lane, Naradhan, 371, Dundas Road, Calleen, Mid Western Highway, West Wyalong Showground, Motor Cycle Track, Yiddah, Ungarie, Beckom Road, Yalgogrin, Goldfields Way, Barmedman, McCartens Lane.
  - Bathurst Burr – Back Creek Road, Kellys Lane, Blow Clear Road, Uncle Bills, Lake Cowal Road, Bonehams Lane, Wests Lane, Corringale Lane, Buttenshaws Lane, Williams Crossing Road, Grahams Lane, Morangorell Road, Mary Gilmore Way, Mandamah Road, Tallimba Road, McDermotts Lane, Gunns Lane, Berendebba Road, Quandialla Road, Burrangong Lane, East Bland Lane, Quambatook Lane, Troys Lane, Kiers Lane, Newell, Kalms Lane,
  - Galvanised Burr - Kalms Lane
  - Prairie Ground Cherry - Newell Highway.
  - Devils Claw - McDermotts Lane, Gunns Road, Troys Lane, Kiers Lane, Quambatook Lane, East Bland Lane, Berendebba Road, Williams crossing Road, Mandamah Road, Quandialla Road, Grahams Lane, Mary Gilmore Way.
  - Perennial Ground Cherry - Berendebba Road, Troys Lane.
  - Scotch Thistle - Goldfields Way.
- General Weed Control –
  - Spray West Wyalong Cemetery
  - Spray Sale Yards, Truck Wash
  - Ant Control – West Wyalong , Wyalong.
  - Hazard Reduction Spraying - West Wyalong, Mirrool Tip, Mirrool Township, Yalgogrin.
  - Shoulder Spraying - Hatleys Lane, Ridleys Lane, Collins Lane, Bygoo Road, 368, 371, Bellarwi Road.
  - Town Spraying – Ungarie, Ungarie Showground, West Wyalong, Weethalle, Tallimba, Barmedman – Lanes, Paths for Cat Heads and Khaki Weed, Drains
  - Tree Clearing – West Wyalong Airport

## 6. Contractors

- Work has been undertaken as part of the RMS funded flood damage repairs to causeway's and floodway's on the following roads in January:-
  - Dalgleishes Lane
  - Bygoo Road
  - Aria Park Road
  - Reillys Lane
  - Bartels Lane
  - Tallimba Road

- Beckom Road, and
- Wilesmiths Lane.
- While a heavy/wet grade was carried out by P & L Cleary Landscaping on the following since Mid December:
  - Barons Lane East
  - Lonergans Lane
  - Campbells Lane
  - Blands Lane

## **7. Saleyards**

- Sheep Sale – 7.2.2018
- Yard Fees \$5772.80