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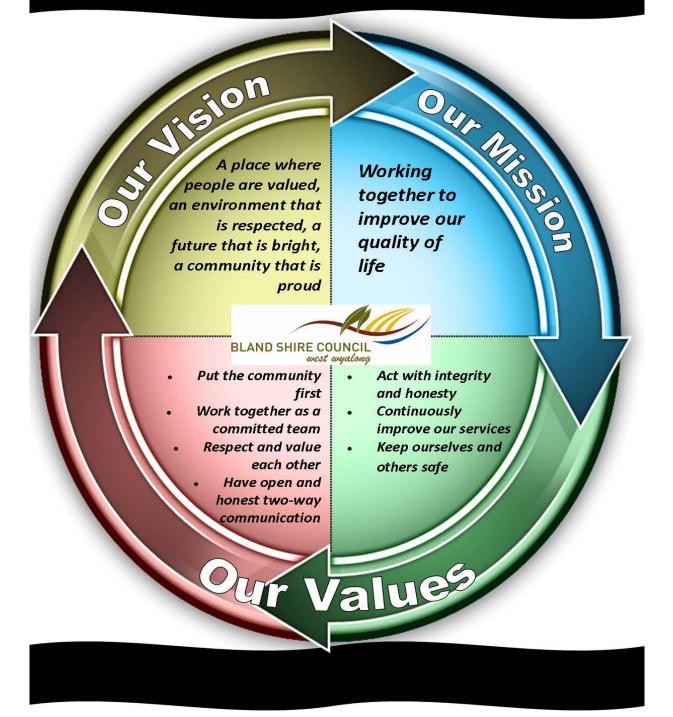
Ordinary Council Meeting

17 August 2021



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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, Nonpecuniary – 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

1st - Do I have private interest affected by a matter I am officially involved in?

- 2nd Is my official role one of influence or perceived influence over the matter?
- 3rd 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.

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	Toll Free:		
	1800 463 909		
Office of Local	4428 4100	<u>olg@olg.nsw.gov.au</u>	www.olg.nsw.gov.au
Government			
NSW Ombudsman	9286 1000	nswombo@ombo.nsw.gov.au	www.ombo.nsw.gov.au
	Toll Free:		
	1800 451 524		

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
DCCS	Director Corporate & Community Services
DCP	Development Control Plan
DTS	Director Technical Services
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
DWMC	Domestic Waste Management Charges
DWMS	Domestic Waste Management Services
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
EWW	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
NQF	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
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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

17 August 2021

commencing at 6:30PM

Council advises that an audio recording of the proceedings of this meeting will be taken and made publicly available on the website.

1.0 OPENING MEETING AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

Let us acknowledge the Wiradjuri people, their elders past and present, traditional custodians of the land we now share.

Let us be inspired by the resilience, innovation and perseverance of past generations. Let us honour those who protect this great land,

may you draw strength from your God or Faith

so that we may, here today, on behalf of our community, - build a vibrant future together. ("Pause for Reflection").

2.0 APOLOGIES AND APPLICATIONS FOR A LEAVE OF ABSENCE BY COUNCILLORS

2.1 Attendance

Councillors

Cr Bruce Baker Cr Rodney Crowe Cr Penny English Cr Kerry Keatley Cr Tony Lord Cr Liz McGlynn Mayor Brian Monaghan Cr Murray Thomas Cr Jan Wyse **Staff** General Manager – Ray Smith Director Technical Services – Will Marsh Director Corporate & Community Services – Alison Balind Executive Assistant – Julie Sharpe

2.2 Apologies

2.3 Applications for a leave of absence by Councillors

3.0 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

3.1 Ordinary Meeting held on 20 July 2021

- Corrections
- Business Arising
- Confirmation

4.0 DISCLOSURES OF INTERESTS

Councillor/ Officer	Item	Nature of Interest	How Managed
		O Non-PecuniaryO Pecuniary	 O Verbal Disclosure O Written Disclosure O Left meeting

5.0 PRESENTATION(S) AND PUBLIC FORUM

6.0 MAYORAL MINUTE(S)

7.0 REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

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10.0 CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS

Closure of the meeting to discuss confidential business under the provisions of Section 10A(2) of the Local Government Act

10.1 Proposed Sale - 186 Main Street West Wyalong

Local Government Act 1993 (section 10A (2))
The matters and information are the following:
(c) information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business

10.2 Voluntary Planning Agreement – Evolution Mining

Local Government Act 1993 (Section 10A (2))
The matters and information are the following:
(c) information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business.

Resumption of the meeting and consideration of recommendations of the Closed section of the meeting

11.0 CONCLUSION OF THE MEETING

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES



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

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

Committee	Date/s	Minutes attached
Audit, Risk & Improvement Committee		
Australia Day Awards Committee of the Whole		
(Whole Council)		
Australian Rural Roads Group Inc (Mayor Monaghan, Cr McGlynn - alternate, Cr Thomas - alternate)		
Bland Rural Fire District Zone Liaison Committee (Cr Keatley)		
Bland – Temora RFS Zone Bushfire Management Committee (Cr Baker)		
Community Reference Group (Whole Council)	9 th November 2021	
Country Mayors Association of NSW (Mayor Monaghan)		
Cowal Gold Project Community Environmental Monitoring & Consultative Committee (CEMCC) (Mayor Monaghan, Cr Thomas - alternate)	4 th March 2021 2 nd June 2021 25 th August 2021 1 st December 2021	√
Goldenfields Water County Council Board (Cr McGlynn)	3 rd August 2021	
Lachlan Valley Noxious Plants Advisory Committee		
(Cr Crowe)		
Local Traffic Advisory Committee		
Murrumbidgee Primary Health Network Board		
(Cr Monaghan)		

Newell Highway Taskforce (Cr Lord)		
NSW Association of Mining & Energy Related Councils (MERC)	27 th July 2021 30 th July 2021	\checkmark
(Cr McGlynn, Cr Thomas - alternate)	15 th October 2021	
NSW Public Libraries Association (Cr Wyse)		
Riverina Eastern Regional Organisation of Councils (REROC)		
(Mayor Monaghan)		
Riverina Joint Organisation (Mayor Monaghan)		
Riverina Regional Library Advisory Committee (Cr Wyse)		

355 Committee	Date/s	Minutes attached	
Barmedman Community Centre			
Barmedman Tidy Towns			
Mirrool Silo Kick Challenge Committee	20th June 2021 16th July 2021	\checkmark	
Ungarie Advancement Group			
Ungarie Retirement Village Association			
Ungarie Showground Racecourse & Recreation Reserve Committee	8 th July 2021 15 th July 2021	√ √	
Weethalle Community Committee			
Wyalong School of Arts & Hall Committee			

Recommendation:

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



MINUTES OF MEETING Cowal Gold Operations Community Environmental Monitoring and Consultative Committee (CEMCC)

Date:Wednesday 4 March 2021Time:9.28 am - 10.20 am, Wiradjuri Condobolin CorporationMinutes taken by:Renee Pettit

Attendees:

Independent Chairperson:	Lisa Andrews (LA)
Evolution:	Simon Coates (SC)
	Renee Pettit (RP)
Community Members:	*Lucy Buttenshaw (LB), *Angus Stitt (AS), *Kate Dean (KD)
Lake Cowal Landowners:	Bruce Dent (BD)
Bland Shire Council:	*Cr Brian Monaghan (BM)
Wiradjuri Condobolin Corporation:	Ally Coe (AC), Laurie Hutchison (LH)
Independent Scientist:	*Max Finlayson (MF)
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Apologies:	Cr Dennis Brady, Vicki Swadling
	Cr Phyllis Miller & Cr Chris Roylance
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*Attended remotely – either by phone dial in or via teams.

ITEM		ACTION
in attendance to the first meeting	log in delayed the commencement of	Action 1: RP to email CEMCC presentation out to those who did not have access to the presentation.
2. Declaration of Interest LA advised there were no change CEMCC members, nor to hers; Ir appointed by the Secretary of the Industry and Environment, and sh established by the Bland Shire Co CEMCC.	dependent Chair of the CEMCC, NSW Department of Planning,	No changes to members' previous declarations.
3. Confirmation of Previous M	inutes	
Moved by: BM S	Seconded by LH	



			Cowai			
<u>4. Bu</u>	siness Arising from Previous Minutes					
ITEM	ISSUE	RESPONSBILITY	4 Environmental Data			
1	Confirm definition of EBAN and add to the acronyms list	SC	1. Environmental Beta- Attentuation Mass			
2	Notify BM of CGO's current water usage	Monitor.				
3	Provide meeting attendees with a more	SC	2. Spreadsheet provided to BM.			
	details on the reportable incidents		3. Included in			
	included in the slide pack.	presentation.				
4	Provide LH with IAMP to review.	SC	4. IAMP sent to LH.			
5	Distribute Cowal Update to the members	RP	Complete.			
_	of the CEMCC.					
All acti	ons completed.					
No oth	er business arising.					
• • •	8/12/20– Email to members with the draft minutes fo 15/2/21 – Email to members advising that the Q1 CE 3/3/21 17/2/20 – Email to members with the Meeting Notice Correspondence Report for this meeting. 1/3/21 - Email to members with the login details for M	EMCC will be held on , Agenda, and				
Environ the under BM que Under been re respon EVN to respon Accom accom	wided a detailed account of Cowal Gold Operation ment Department's activities over the last quarter derground project, including time line of the process estioned the number of bores EVN access. SC re- ground project update, SC acknowledged that 1 s eccived following SIA. EVN are working with the li- se to submission was lodged last Friday 26/2/21. The provide CEMCC committee members with link to se to submission report.	Action 2 : EVN to provide link to response to submission report.				
Comm what w	ovided details of the activities and support undertaunity & External Relations Team in the previous of as coming up.	quarter and				
1, 202 ² SC is r founda	aising funds to support the World's Greatest Sha tion by shaving off his iconic beard. LC requested	ve, leukemia d the QR code	Action 3: RP to send QR code to LA to distribute to CEMCC committee members.			
to be s	hared with meeting attendees to support SC on h	nis campaign.				



	Cowal
RP advised that one complaint was received from the community complaints line. A business owner called to advise of EVN employees parking in front of their business obstructing customer access.	
Communications went out to all EVN employees notifying them of the parking issue. Parking notices were placed on the vehicles involved. Further communications on this matter have been included in employee's inductions. EVN continuing close relations with involved stakeholder to ensure the issue is rectified.	
 7. General Business MF commended Evolution on their community support and efforts. BD raised the issue of unauthorised mine traffic accessing his property and around mine site. BD believed the issue could be resolved with better signage. LH requested bird survey presentation from MF. SC noted that PG was on site today. MF to contact SC to obtain a copy of the report. MF thanked LH for the reminder and agreed to present bird survey when a face to face meeting was an option for him 	Action 4: BD to contact Forbes Shire Council to request additional signage to address unauthorised traffic. Action 5: MF to provide CEMCC attendees with the bird survey presentation when able to attend next face to face meeting.
 8. Next Meeting Wednesday 2nd June – FSC Wednesday 25th August – Onsite CGO Wednesday 1st December – ECCC (town Evolution office) 	
9. Meeting Closed – 10.20am with LA thanking all for their attendance and thanking everyone for their patience while technical difficulties were being resolved.	

ACTION ITEMS

ITEM	ISSUE	RESPONSBILITY
1	Email CEMCC presentation out to attendees who did not have access.	RP
2	Send SC's QR code to LA for distribution to CEMCC committee members.	RP
3	Provide CEMCC members with link to submission report.	SC
4	Contact FSC to request signage to address unauthorised access around Lake Cowal.	BD
5	Bird survey presentation to take place when MF can attend next face to face meeting.	MF

MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE NSW ASSOCIATION OF MINING & ENERGY RELATED COUNCIL'S (NSW) INCORPORATED, CONDUCTED BY VIDEO CONFERENCE FACILITY (ZOOM) on 27th July 2021.

Present

Cr Peter Shinton (Chair) Cr Owen Hasler (Deputy Chair) Cr Michael Banasik (Deputy Chair) Cr Phyllis Miller OAM Steve Loane Greg Lamont (as the minute taker)

Apologies

Cr Katheryn Smith

Warrumbungle Shire Council Gunnedah Shire Council Wollondilly Shire Council Forbes Shire Council Forbes Shire Council (alternate for Cr Miller) MERC - Executive Officer

Mid Coast Council

1. Welcome

The Chair, Councillor Peter Shinton welcomed Executive Committee members and opened the meeting at 10.10am.

2. Acknowledgement of Country

The Chair, Councillor Peter Shinton, acknowledged the traditional owners of the land that the meeting was held on today in Coonabarabran and paid his respects to the Elders past, present & emerging.

3. Apologies

ECM 24/2021 Resolved (Cr Hasler/Cr Banasik) that the apologies of Cr Smith be received and noted.

- 4. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest Nil
- 5. Speakers Nil
- 6. Executive Officer's Report

(a) Correspondence

ECM 25/2021 Resolved (Cr Banasik/Hasler) that the correspondence be received & noted.

(b) Finance Report

ECM 26/2021 Resolved (Cr Hasler/Loane) that the Finance Report for 1st April 2021 to 30th June 2021 be received and noted.

(c) Meetings with Ministers & Senior Government Staff

ECM 27/2021 Resolved (Cr Banasik/Cr Hasler) that the information be noted.

(d) Membership of MERC

ECM 28/2021 Resolved (Cr Hasler/Banasik) that the information be noted.

(e) Submissions – Nil

Cr Miller attended the meeting at 10.20am

(f) Progress Report on Outstanding Decisions of Association

ECM 29/2021 Resolved (Cr Miller/Cr Hasler) that:

- (1) The information be noted;
- (2) Expressions of interest be sought from delegates at the meeting on 30th July 2021 to be co-opted to fill the casual vacancy on the Executive Committee for the balance of the term for that position as per the Constitution Clause 7.3.

(g) Progress Report on Strategic Plan 2020 – 2023 Actions

ECM 30/2021 Resolved (Cr Hasler/Cr Banasik) that the information be noted.

(h) PhD Research Project

ECM 31/2021 Resolved (Cr Hasler/Cr Miller) that the information be noted.

(i) Renewable Energy Zones (REZ)

ECM 32/2021 Resolved (Cr Miller/Cr Banasik) that the information be noted.

(j) Rating Review – Towards a Fairer Rating System

ECM 33/2021 Resolved (Cr Hasler/Cr Banasik) that:

- (1) the information be noted;
- (2)MERC seek clarification on the status of the development of Guidelines by OLG on mining rates being reduced to match or be less than business rates and the involvement of MERC in the process noting concerns there will be a negative cash result for the LGA's affected and the degree of difficulty expressed by IPART in doing it.

7. General Business

- (a) **DPIE Rapid Assessment Framework (RAF) –** Preliminary comments on the RAF reforms:-
 - Reforms appear to be introduced based on a desire to fast track new developments for the jobs they generate to save the economy post Covid potentially these could be to the detriment of rural communities;
 - The existing development approval process already facilitates approval and the timeframes in the reforms may render the process less rigorous, less open and far less transparent potentially advantaging the proponent;
 - Appears on the surface to be an attempt to endorse development approvals as soon as possible in a "box ticking exercise" without the serious engagement and assessment process required to minimise the impacts on affected communities;
 - It has a short-term focus on economic expediency potentially detrimental to the environment and social needs when what is needed is a holistic appraisal of the environmental, social and economic costs and benefits of the development;
 - MERC has seen a myriad of ineffective Social Impact Assessment (SIA) Guidelines before and what is needed now is not a RAF but the government & DPIE being more demanding, requiring better SIA performance by developers.

(b) Membership Orana Opportunity Network (ON2) and Participation in UNSW Research Project on the Economic Impacts of Mine Automation at NSW Orana Region.

ECM 34/2021 Resolved (Cr Hasler/Cr Banasik) that:

- (1) the information be noted;
- (2)MERC invite the CEO/Director Regional Development RDA Orana to present their proposal to a future meeting of MERC.
- (c) Replacement for Cr Moore on Executive Committee Refer Clause 7.3 MERC Constitution [Dealt with in Item 6(f)]

Cr Miller and Steve Loane left the meeting at 10.58am

(d) Next Meeting of MERC

ECM 35/2021 Resolved (Cr Hasler/Cr Banasik) that the MERC Annual General Meeting be held in Orange on 29th October 2021.

(e) Resources for Regions (R4R)

ECM 36/2021 Resolved (Cr Banasik/Cr Hasler) that MERC write to the Minister for Regional Development and Deputy Premier, Hon John Barilaro, thanking the government for the increased allocations in the Resources for Regions program and recommending that the program be continued.

8. Close - the meeting closed at 11.15am.

The minutes (pages 1-3) were confirmed at the Ordinary General Meeting held on the 30th July 2021 and are a full and accurate record of proceedings of the meeting held on 27th July 2021.

.....Cr Peter Shinton, Chairperson



MERC NEWSLETTER – JUNE 2021

Introduction

Delegates, here is the June MERC Newsletter, held up whilst waiting to see what is happening with Covid and still not certain what restrictions may be enforced regionally and whether they will affect the staging of the next meeting in Orange. However, a decision has been made that our meeting is proceeding albeit as a face to face who can attaend given the closeness of members to Ornage and zoom meeting for those unable to attend for various reasons!!!

Please circulate the Newsletter to your fellow Councillors and senior staff, so they can appreciate and understand the excellent work the Association and you are doing on behalf of your Council and community, with regard to mining and energy related matters.

COVID-19 Virus Impact on MERC

The NSW Government continues to work very closely with Councils to support communities across the state in response to COVID19 and the changing hotspots. At this stage, given the regional areas are fairly well under control with the use of contact tracing masks, sanitiser, social distancing & QR codes in place, the Orange meeting on 30th July 2021 will be a normal face to face meeting with zoom option.

The Executive Officer has set up a teleconference facility for meeting on 30th July for Wollongong City Council and Wollondilly Shire Council delegates who are in the COVID hotspot defined areas and others who can't travel to the meeting on 30th July 2021. There will not be a tour and/or a formally organised network dinner on 29th July 2021 as originally planned. Those that travel the evening before are to contact the Executive Officer asap if interested in catching up for dinner and networking under Covid conditions so arrangements can be made.

Unless there is a more drastic Covid interruption, the meeting will proceed to encourage attendance in person, for networking and to farewell some long standing delegates.

Next Meetings for the Association in 2021

The Ordinary meeting on 30th July 2021 will be the last meeting for the year until November 2021 when the AGM will be held at a location to be determined, after the elections on 4th September 2021 and delegates are appointed.

The meeting on 30th July 2021 will be held in Orange Ex Services Club Auditorium under Covid controls with social distancing QR code, sanitising, etc You may recall we were going to Orange last year, but Covid caused a change of plans then where we cancelled the meeting location.

The Executive Committee will have a teleconference meeting on 27th July 2021 at 10am and minutes distributed before the meeting on 30th July 2021.

Regarding accommodation if not already booked, mention the MERC meeting is being held in the Orange Ex Services Club's on 30th July 2021 and the Mercure Motel is part of the club and is located next door to the club (ph 02 63625611 situated at 94 Byng St, Orange), across the road is the Town & Country Motel and de Russie Boutique Hotel around the corner in Hill St.



Speakers for next MERC meeting in Orange

The Minister for Planning & Public Spaces, Hon Rob Stokes has been tentatively booked for 11.45am on 30th July as well as Mike Young DPIE, Executive Director, Planning & Communities (who is now working with the Energy Infrastructure Roadmap Taskforce to implement the Renewable Energy Zones pilots at Central West Orana and New England), to outline where they are up to for delegates from 10am, to be via teleconference. Other speakers to be in person.

The General Manager, Orange City Council, David Waddell, has arranged for Director Technical Services, Ian Greenham to address MERC delegates on water management initiatives they have implemented for mining, residential, commercial and industrial developments and growing communities like Orange City Council and the pipeline they have installed for the purpose.

Karin Stark, Central West Community Engagement Manager from Re-Alliance (formerly Australian Wind Alliance) will talk to MERC delegates about ways to secure funds from VPA'S and rates from developments in the REZ for investment into the community and the work they are doing in the renewable energy sphere since they expanded from wind to solar, battery, green hydrogen, etc as Re-Alliance.

CRC for Transformations in Mining Economies (CRC TiME)

MERC is a partner with CRC TiME on a no cost but consultative basis. They have webinars and workshops on their progress with the CRC establishment and their collaboration efforts. The most recent activity is a survey on post mining impacts on communities, networking gatherings on east and west coast and set up an in kind register portal for MERC to join. As relevant activities present, delegates will be kept informed on them for participation.

Strategic Plan 2020 - 2023

The Strategic Plan 2020-23 Strategic Directions, Deliverables and Actions were adopted by delegates at the Ordinary meeting on 27th November 2020 and is full of new strategies to be implemented over the next three years which will hopefully help with membership growth and involvement of members. It is on our web page for reference.

Renewable Energy Zones

The last meeting was held on 2nd June 2021 at Dubbo Zoo, whereby the minutes were distributed as per process. Matters on the agenda were the REZ Access Scheme; Energy Corporation of NSW establishment and progress with recruitment for it; the Engagement of CWO REZ community; CWO Transmission Project; Regional Energy Strategy Objectives and CWOREZ Boundaries. Next meeting is on 2nd September 2021 in Dubbo.

The NSW Government is also coordinating delivery of an 8 gigawatt Renewable Energy Zone (REZ) in the New England region as part of the Electricity Infrastructure Roadmap as a mirror of the Central West Orana REZ.

To understand the scale, location and types of projects interested in connecting to the New England REZ, they are asking generation, storage and network developers to provide information through a Registration of Interest (ROI). This will complement work already



underway on detailed technical assessment and community engagement, including through the New England REZ Regional Reference Group.

Workshop:

A Central - West Orana REZ workshop is being held on 27th July 2021, 10am -12pm by zoom and conducted by the research team from the Institute of Sustainable Futures at UTS and SGS Economics & Planning to discuss their research project *Baseline Opportunities Study on Renewable Sector Supply Chains, Employment & Skills.* This was set up to satisfy requests from members of the reference group expressing an interest in discussing employment, skills and supply chain opportunities for the Central West Orana REZ.

The research team are holding the workshop which provides an important opportunity for you to provide input about regional capabilities, opportunities and barriers to increased activity and to future decisions about the development of NSW renewable energy supply chains.

Any delegate who would like to participate or nominate other attendees who may be interested are to contact the Executive Officer and a workshop participant information sheet and consent form required to be completed beforehand will be forwarded.

Attendees could be major local businesses and representatives that have experience or are participating in renewable energy supply chains, major developers, regional development staff and other key government stakeholders.

<u>Survey:</u>

The researchers will also be conducting a survey of local businesses in the REZs to help develop a detailed understanding of current regional capacity relating to renewable energy supply chains, as well as barriers to building local capacity and employment.

lf any interest in participating survey, in the contact can be made to:jamie.fermio@planning.nsw.gov.au Daphne Siu (RESB and team) at daphne.siu@environment.nsw.gov.au.

For more information about NSW REZs please visit <u>www.energy.nsw.gov.au/renewable-energy-zones</u> or email us at <u>rez@planning.nsw.gov.au</u>.

Related Matters of Interest – Mining and Energy Issues

<u>"All Hunter Region Councils commit to climate"</u> Hunter Business Review Magazine, July 2021 edition article. Refer to HBR Magazine jason@hbrmag.com.au.

"The Hunter region of NSW has committed to collaboratively tackling shared challenges of changing global energy markets and climate change impacts, joining Australia's largest local government climate network the Cities Power Partnership.

The Hunter Joint Organisation (Hunter JO) and each of its member councils have signed an agreement to accelerate clean energy initiatives and jobs in an effort to move towards a cleaner tomorrow for their communities and set the region up for a prosperous future.



Hunter JO Board Chair and Cessnock City Council Mayor, Bob Pynsent said the collective agreement, coordinated by the Hunter JO, strengthens the Hunter's reputation as a region that supports meaningful regional responses on to forces beyond its control.

"In order to deal with the simultaneous challenges of changing global energy markets and climate change impacts, our councils need to be able to support one another and coordinate our efforts to benefit our communities across the region. By partnering with Cities Power Partnership our councils and the Hunter JO are ensuring that we take joint action for our region and our communities," said Mayor Pynsent. "Working collaboratively, we aim to attract more funding, expertise and resources to support region wide and council specific projects."

Cities Power Partnership Director Dr Portia Odell welcomed the program's newest members Maitland City Council, Dungog Shire Council, Singleton Council and the Hunter JO and commended the region for committing to work collaboratively on clean energy and climate related initiatives. "Right now, local governments have an opportunity to get on the front foot of Australia's energy transition and accelerate projects that will deliver local jobs quickly, drive new investment and tackle long term challenges like climate change." said Dr Odell.

Councils taking part in the Cities Power Partnership pledge five actions to tackle climate change locally, from ramping up renewable energy through to planning sustainable transport systems.

The Hunter JO is the first Joint Organisation nationally to join the Cities Power Partnership, creating a new regional partnership model that can be replicated across the country. The sustainability and future of the Hunter region has been a key strategic priority of the Hunter JO since its establishment in 2018, with a range of different projects driving this agenda within the organisation and across its member councils, including their Circular Economy and Hunter 2050 Foundation programs.

Through partnering with the Cities Power Partnership, the Hunter JO and its councils are further building the Hunter into one of the most liveable, inclusive, resilient, sustainable and connected regions in Australia. With thriving people, natural environments and progressive primary industries there continues to be untapped potential for development and growth".

"<u>New Gas Plant Slammed</u>" Industrial Careers article 3/5/21: "Locals have rejected the Federal Government's plan to build a new gas-fired power station. Hunter Valley clean energy businesses say the proposed new gas plant at Kurri Kurri is not needed. It comes after <u>the</u> <u>Federal Government repeated its threat</u> to build a gas plant of up to 1,000MW if the private sector does not.

The government is responding to a perceived shortfall that will occur when the Liddell coal plant closes in 2023. Energy minister Angus Taylor has changed his wording, now arguing that it would be an "economic" shortfall of close to 1,000MW, not a physical one.

The Government's own Australian Energy Market Operator (AEMO) puts the shortfall at just 154MW. But the threat to build a power station may have the opposite of its intended effect, with several companies that were planning new facilities being scared off by the government's pledge. Both Energy Australia and AGL Energy are reportedly reviewing their plans for power stations in NSW.



SwitchDin, a Newcastle-based developer of virtual power plant platforms, says; "Putting in a new gas plant when we have got better alternatives to manage reliability and cost challenges is just illogical".

Another Newcastle firm, Energy Renaissance, is looking to establish itself as a local lithiumion battery producer. "Low-cost electricity is the key to sustaining and reviving our manufacturing sector," Energy Renaissance managing director Mark Chilcote has told <u>RenewEconomy</u>. "Renewables offers the lowest-cost option for new electricity generation and it is clear this will soon be cheaper than relying on fossil fuel alternatives.

"By increasing the adoption of renewable energy, this will support manufacturers in a Renewable Energy Industry Precinct to be powered by 100 per cent renewable energy. "As a battery manufacturer that is based in Tomago, Energy Renaissance's goal is to be energy independent by powering 100 per cent of our operations with a 500kW rooftop solar system when our manufacturing facility is built."

"<u>Energy Australia gets Government funds for first 'Green Hydrogen" Gas Generator</u>", Renew Economy article by Giles Parkinson, 4th May 2021:

"Energy Australia has committed to building a 300MW fast-start gas generator in NSW that will combine "green hydrogen" with gas and help fill the market opportunities created by the retirement of the Liddell coal generator. The \$400 million Tallawarra B project has landed funding support from both the NSW state government (up to \$78 million) and the federal government (up to \$5 million), which are said to be conditional on the hydrogen component being delivered.

The new gas generator will be on line by the summer of 2023/24, after the closure earlier that year of the last of the Liddell coal units, and raises questions about whether the federal government's Snowy Hydro utility will continue with its own plans for a gas generator at Kurri Kurri, or whether it will opt for a smaller facility.

But the proposal has been swiftly criticised by the Clean Energy Council, which said taxpayer dollars would be better spent on large-scale battery storage, pumped hydro and accelerating transmission upgrades to provide cost-effective, reliable, flexible and low-emissions power. "The costs of energy storage have declined rapidly in recent years, and it's now clear that it provides a lower-cost solution for firming low-cost solar and wind energy resources," said CEO Kane Thornton. "If private investors are willing to bet on gas over energy storage, that's a decision for them. But the general public is becoming increasingly uncomfortable seeing their taxes used to prop up more expensive fossil fuel generator."

The Tallawarra B power station, like most so-called open cycle "peaking plants", will be located next to the existing Tallawarra A combined cycle gas generator. It will be deployed to meet periods of high demand, or low renewables output. Such plants are usually rarely used, often running for only 160 hours a year, and usually only operate at very high prices.

Energy Australia has committed to using green hydrogen – which it insists will be sourced from wind and solar – at the facility from 2025, two years after it is first opened. It says it will "offer to buy" at least 200,000 kilos of green hydrogen a year, which will account for around 5 per cent of its output. It could raise this green hydrogen percentage to 60 per cent in later years but that will require further investment in the turbine technology, and a bigger supply



chain of green hydrogen. It says it will also look at using green hydrogen in the existing Tallawarra A generator.

Energy Australia managing director Catherine Tanna said Tallawarra B will be Australia's first "net zero emissions hydrogen and gas capable power plant." She said direct carbon emissions from the project will be offset over its operational life. "It will help to kick start the green hydrogen industry," Tanna said. "What's particularly exciting is that further engineering studies will see if the amount of green hydrogen can increase, which will further support the Port Kembla Hydrogen Hub."

NSW deputy premier John Barilaro said NSW has an enormous opportunity to lead the world in the production of green hydrogen. "Fast-tracking new projects like these will ensure we continue to remain at the forefront of developing new technology while supporting our existing industries," he said.

State energy minister Matt Kean said that the Tallawarra B project would help keep the lights on following the closure of the Liddell Power Station in 2023. "This project sets a new benchmark for how gas generators can be consistent with NSW's plan to be net zero by 2050 by using green hydrogen and offsetting residual emissions."

GE is providing the gas turbine – it is a single 300MW unit – and says it will be the first in the world to feature its new gas turbine technology, with has improved efficiency. It says these units can operate on a blend of up to five per cent hydrogen, but can burn a higher share with further investment. But the biggest constraint for the moment is the supply of hydrogen.

NEW REPORT: Net zero emissions impossible unless AGL ditches coal - Imagine if I told you that one company was the key to Australia's efforts to tackle the climate crisis. That's right - all those decades of tortured political wrangling, of dissembling, false starts and false solutions while our world rapidly heats - and all that time one company could have set us well along the path to net-zero emissions by now. That company is AGL, Australia's largest energy generator, and, as new research reveals, Australia's greatest climate liability.

AGL's advertising, full of electric vehicles and wind turbines, gives the impression to its millions of customers that their energy is coming from a company working at the forefront of Australia's energy transition [1]. But this couldn't be further from the truth. In fact, AGL is Australia's single biggest source of the greenhouse gas emissions that are driving climate change, with its coal fleet belching out 42 million tonnes of greenhouse gas pollution a year, equivalent to over 9 million cars [2].

<u>Greenpeace Australia Pacific's latest report</u> reveals that AGL is Australia's biggest and dirtiest coal company, with 85% of its energy generated by its fleet of ageing, unreliable coal-burning power stations. These include the notorious Hunter region Liddell and Bayswater power stations, and Loy Yang A in the Latrobe Valley, which holds the dubious distinction of being Australia's single most polluting energy generator.



AGL produces more than twice the emissions of the next biggest polluter, Energy Australia, and more than BHP, Rio Tinto, Glencore, and Qantas combined. Just 10 per cent of AGL's energy is generated by renewables. But, despite their bluster, AGL is a coal company trying to operate in an increasingly renewable world. Australia's biggest companies are committing to 100% renewable energy. As global carbon border taxes threaten the profits of Australian businesses, many more will be looking to reduce their emissions over the next few years. But AGL is failing to meet market demand for renewable power.

As pressure grows on our Federal Government to commit to net-zero emissions, and businesses and industries at home and abroad take steps to rapidly decarbonise, AGL is still on the back foot. The company, which saw the abrupt departure of former CEO Brett Redman in recent weeks, has doubled down on its coal assets in the face of internal turbulence, proposing a convoluted demerger that would see its coal-burning power stations shunted to a separate business.

This isn't just a bad decision for the climate, but a bad business decision. Renewable energy is driving down power prices on a stunning scale, which, combined with growing maintenance costs of its elderly coal assets, is eating into AGL's profits, and the returns for its investors. Its lumbering coal assets simply can't compete with the pressures of a modern, renewable powered grid. And this is where we have a problem - a big, dirty AGL problem.

AGL is the biggest energy provider in the country. It dominates the National Electricity Market, supplying energy to millions of households and businesses. We can't shift to net-zero emissions, at any time, without a renewable-powered electricity grid. This is the lynchpin upon which decarbonisation of other high-polluting sectors, like transport, must rely in order to reduce emissions. There's no point ramping up our fleet of electric cars if they're plugging in to a grid fuelled by coal to power up.

We can't get to net-zero emissions without AGL coming to the party. The company is the foundation stone to tackling the climate crisis. One company holds the responsibility for our shared future. It's time to demand AGL puts the future and wellbeing of Australians over the pursuit of rapidly diminishing coal profits. For more information please contact Glenn Walker on 0422 2247 029 or email glenn.walker@greenpeace.org.

NOTES



[1] ABC (2021). "Greenpeace accuses AGL of 'greenwashing' its image" with 2050 carbon neutrality pledge".<u>https://www.abc.net.au/news/2021-05-05/greenpeace-accuses-agl-of-greenwashing/100116606</u>

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MINUTES OF THE ASSOCIATION OF MINING & ENERGY RELATED COUNCILS (NSW) ORDINARY MEETING HELD ON 30th JULY 2021 AT CIVIC CENTRE, CONADILLY ST, GUNNEDAH, NSW BY TELECONFERENCE.

Present

Cr Peter Shinton Cr Owen Hasler Cr Michael Banasik Cr Phyllis Miller OAM Steve Loane Cr Scott Ferguson Rebecca Ryan Cr Mark Hall Cr Dom Figliomeni Ron Zwicker Cr Marion Browne Cr Rob Hooke Cr Alan Ward Cr Liz McGlynn Cr Kaylene Irving David Henry Cr Ian Davison Heather Nicholls Adrian Panuccio

Warrumbungle Shire Council (Chair) Gunnedah Shire Council (Deputy Chair) Wollondilly Shire Council (Deputy Chair) Forbes Shire Council (Ex Comm) **Forbes Shire Council Blayney Shire Council** Blayney Shire Council Lachlan Shire Council Wollongong City Council Wollongong City Council Broken Hill City Council **Gunnedah Shire Council** Parkes Shire Council **Bland Shire Council** Warren Shire Council Wollondilly Shire Council Cabonne Shire Council Cabonne Shire Council Mid Coast Council

In attendance

Greg Lamont, Executive Officer. (Minute Taker)

Speakers

1. Meeting Opened by the Chair at 9.10am

2. Acknowledgment of Country by Chair

"I acknowledge the traditional custodians of the land that we meet on today and pay our respects to the Elders past, present & emerging".

3. Apologies

OM 22/2021 Resolved (Cr Figliomeni/Hall) that the apologies of the following delegates be received and noted:-Greg Tory, Lachlan Shire Council; Andrew Johns, Gunnedah Shire Council; Cr's Joanne McRae, Reg Kidd & Kevin Duffy, Orange City Council; Gary Woodman, Warren Shire Council; Cr Ian Woodcock OAM & Michael Urquhart, Walgett Shire Council; Jarrod Marsden & Peter Vlatko, Cobar Shire Council; Cr Des Kennedy & Brad Cam, Mid-Western Regional Council; Cr Cath Blakey, Wollongong City Council; Cr's Noel Lowry & Robert Khan, Wollondilly Shire Council; Cr John Stafford & Colleen Worthy, Upper Lachlan Shire Council and Cr Katheryn Smith, Mid Coast Council.

4. Disclosures of Interest.

Ron Zwicker declared an interest in AGL Shares as a minor shareholder

OM 23/2021 Resolved (Cr McGlynn/Cr Banasik) that the declaration of interest be received and noted.

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5. Adoption of Minutes of Ordinary Meeting – 21st May 2021

OM 24/2021 Resolved (Cr Hall/Cr Ward) that the minutes of the Ordinary meeting held on 21st May 2021 be received and noted.

6. Business Arising – Nil

7. Adoption of the Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting – 27th July 2021

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS

OM 25/2021 Resolved (Cr Hasler/Cr Miller) that consideration of the minutes of the Executive Committee meeting held on 27th July 2021 be deferred until after the Executive Officer provides a background verbal report on the items and recommendations.

The Executive Officer went through the items in his report plus the decisions and recommendations from the Executive Committee meeting.

RESUMPTION OF STANDING ORDERS

OM 26/2021 Resolved (Cr McGlynn/Cr Hall) that standing orders be resumed at 10.03am to continue the meeting.

OM 27/2021 Resolved (Cr Hasler/Cr Figliomeni) that the minutes of the Executive Committee meeting held on 27th July 2021 be received and noted.

8. Business Arising – Discussion held over until after the speakers

9. Delegates Reports - Nil.

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS

OM 28/2021 Resolved (Cr McGlynn/Cr Hall) meeting be suspended to receive the presentations from the three speakers.

10. Speakers

- (a) Felicity Greenway, DPIE Executive Director, State Policies & Strategic Advice (with Ben Lusher, Director), on the DPIE Rapid Assessment Framework (RAF);
- (b) Ian Greenham, Director Technical Services, Orange City Council on how they are addressing the water demands of Mining, Industry, Residential and Rural sectors in a growth corridor. Very interesting points were made on:-
 - Stormwater harvesting;
 - Bore management and water licences;

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- Water & heavy user management in drought when on Level 5 restrictions;
- Regional pipelines & infrastructure;
- Involvement in Australian Water Services Assoc & Recycled Purified Water Forum;
- Supplying water to neighbouring Councils
- (c) Karin Stark, Community Engagement Manager, Re-Alliance, on their new structure and discussion with delegates securing funds from VPA'S and rates in the REZ for investment into the community and the work they are doing in the renewable energy sphere since they expanded from wind to solar, battery, green hydrogen, etc as Re-Alliance.

(Slides used by speakers (a) & (c) will be forwarded to delegates on receipt)

Cr Miller left the meeting at 11am

Cr Scott Ferguson & Rebecca Ryan left the meeting at 11.25am

RESUMPTION OF STANDING ORDERS

OM 29/2021 Resolved (Cr Hall/Cr Figliomeni) that standing orders be resumed at 12.00pm to continue the meeting.

11. General Business

(a) Next Meeting Date Change.

OM 30/2021 Resolved (Cr Banasik/Cr Hasler) that the next meeting of MERC be now held on 15th October 2021 in Orange.

(b) Executive Committee Member Appointment (was not determined at the meeting)

OM 31/2021 Resolved (Cr Banasik/Cr Hasler) that the Executive Officer seek an Expression of Interest from delegates to fill the current vacancy for the balance of the term of the Executive Committee for consideration (in accordance with Clause 7.3 of the MERC constitution)

Close – the meeting closed at 12.23pm

The minutes (pages 1-4) were confirmed at a meeting of the Ordinary General Meeting held on the 15th October 2021 and are a concise and accurate record of proceedings of the Ordinary General meeting held on 30th July 2021.

..... Cr Peter Shinton, Chairperson

Meeting Minutes Mirrool Silo Kick Committee Sunday 20/06/21

Meeting Commenced: 16.00

Present: As per attendance sheet attached

Apologies: Jason Bryce, Marie Beams, Liz Walsh, Beverly Baker, Mark and Hannah Maguire

Previous Meeting Minutes:

Moved as excepted by: Bruce Baker Seconded by: Val Robinson

Treasurers Report

Bruce Baker tabled the report as per attached

General Business from previous meeting:

<u>Tennis Courts</u> – Asking when the line marking will take place as some are keen to play tennis. Bruce Baker advised that the lines will not be done until the dump point for the caravan park is completed. Liz Baker asked if we could complete the line marking ourselves and be reimbursed by council when the dump point is completed?

Bruce Baker is to contact Jenny Fisher and ask who did the court markings at Ariah Park courts with a view to doing it ourselves and there should be funds available once the dump point is installed

<u>**Dump Point</u>** – Jonathan Scott asked how much longer it will be as there are a lot of caravans coming through and a dump point is a real drawcard for the grey nomads? Bruce Baker and Liz McGlyn to find out from council.</u>

Bruce Baker advised he has spoken to the Bland Shire engineer who assured Bruce it will be done shortly.

Sponsor's – The committee had a brainstorm of old and new sponors that we could contact. Jonathan Scott and Tania Bryce to get the letter ready to send out to all old sponsor's and Jonathan to ensure the they are all sent out in a timely fashion when the final list is complied.

Sponsor letter distributed to committee members who all approved it. Jonathan Scott to collate the letters for each sponsor for distribution.

<u>Silo Kick Trophy</u> – Jason Bryce to follow up about the trophy being engraved and the signs of the winners to get the display board up to date.

> Jason still to complete

<u>Silo Kick Raffle</u> – Discussion about what to raffle in the main raffle. Suggestions included:

- BBQ
- Camping Fridge for first prize
- Holiday
- Swag
- Camping pack

Delegation of Tasks

Rosie Klohs – Contact 4 X 4 Centre for pricing

- Rosie Klohs advised that to get sponsorship from 4 X 4 Centre they must have a letter no later than February each year so allocation of sponsorships can be made
- Jason Bryce Fritz Bros *Not completed*

Jonathan Scott – Contact West Wyalong Signs for Silo Kick signage for the main entrance.

Spoke to West Wyalong signs. Signs are readily available and all they need is a electronic file of what we want on the signs. Allow 1 month for delivery

New Business

Sponsors

Sponsor Letter approved – Moved - Bruce Baker, Seconded – Val Robinson. Val also advised that DC Trucking will supply the pork again. Val to organise pickup. Jonathan Scott to collate list and get individual letters done by next meeting

Shower Refurbishment

Bruce Baker moved that the silo committee go ahead with council approval to refurbish the shower room in the amenities block. Need to get the materials and appropriate tradesman to complete.

Lawnmower

The current lawnmower at Mirrool is out of warranty and the committee would like to upgrade. Discussion around the 355 committee means that the mower is owned by the shire so we can't just trade it in. The mower could be made available to another town in the shire. Decided that Eric Robinson and Jason Bryce to get quotes for a new one and then discuss with council.

Ariah Park MND Day

Val spoke about the MND day.

Bruce advised that Chris Daniher may have a jersey for auction or raffle signed by all the Daniher players otherwise will try to get a Brisbane Lions one.

Terms of Reference and MOU

Alison Balind tabled the revised terms of reference for the MSK 355 committee.

Bruce Baker moved to accept Tania Bryce seconded

Discussion around the money of the committee – Any money held technically belongs to council but \$5000 per year belongs to council and cannot be spent outside of the Bland Shire.

Any money the committee raises from any activity; the committee is free to donate to who we want.

Alison discussed the revised MOU that needs to be finalised before the council elections in September. When it is ready Alison will supply copies to the committee for discussion and approval at the next meeting

NEXT MEETING – SUNDAY 18/07/2021 At Mirrool Hotel

No more business – Meeting closed 17.20

Meeting Minutes Mirrool Silo Kick Committee Sunday 16/07/21

Meeting Commenced: 18.00

Present: As per attendance sheet attached

Apologies: Mark and Hannah Maguire, Joe Catlin, Brett Prentice, Liz McGlynn

Previous Meeting Minutes:

Moved as excepted by: Tania Bryce Seconded by: Bruce Baker

Treasurers Report

Bruce Baker tabled the report as per attached

General Business from previous meeting:

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- 20.6.21 Bruce Baker is to contact Jenny Fisher and ask who did the court markings at Ariah Park courts with a view to doing it ourselves and there should be funds available once the dump point is installed
- 16.7.21 No action as yet

<u>**Dump Point</u></u> – Jonathan Scott asked how much longer it will be as there are a lot of caravans coming through and a dump point is a real drawcard for the grey nomads? Bruce Baker and Liz McGlyn to find out from council.</u>**

- 20.6.21 Bruce Baker advised he has spoken to the Bland Shire engineer who assured Bruce it will be done shortly.
- > 16.7.21 Work has started by council who will complete it in a timely manner

Sponsor's – The committee had a brainstorm of old and new sponors that we could contact. Jonathan Scott and Tania Bryce to get the letter ready to send out to all old sponsor's and Jonathan to ensure the they are all sent out in a timely fashion when the final list is complied.

- 20.6.21 Sponsor letter distributed to committee members who all approved it. Jonathan Scott to collate the letters for each sponsor for distribution.
- 16/7/21 All letters signed, enveloped and addressed for the ones that I know. All collated into a spreadsheet

<u>Silo Kick Trophy</u> – Jason Bryce to follow up about the trophy being engraved and the signs of the winners to get the display board up to date.

- > 20.6.21 Jason still to complete
- > 16/7/2. Still to do

<u>Silo Kick Raffle</u> – Discussion about what to raffle in the main raffle. Suggestions included:

- BBQ
- Camping Fridge for first prize
- Holiday
- Swag
- Camping pack
- 16.7.21 Ongoing

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Rosie Klohs – Contact 4 X 4 Centre for pricing

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- Not completed
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- Spoke to West Wyalong signs. Signs are readily available and all they need is a electronic file of what we want on the signs. Allow 1 month for delivery
- > 16.7.21 Jonathan Still to get electronic version of what we want on the signs to her

Sponsors

Sponsor Letter approved – Moved - Bruce Baker, Seconded – Val Robinson. Val also advised that DC Trucking will supply the pork again. Val to organise pickup.

Jonathan Scott to collate list and get individual letters done by next meeting

> 16.7.21 All Letters completed and will be mailed this week

Shower Refurbishment

Bruce Baker moved that the silo committee go ahead with council approval to refurbish the shower room in the amenities block. Need to get the materials and appropriate tradesman to complete.

16.7.21 Val advised that they are finding it difficult to get a tradesman with a ticket to do it. Bruce Baker advised that council are happy for us to complete the work but they have to be licensed.

Lawnmower

The current lawnmower at Mirrool is out of warranty and the committee would like to upgrade. Discussion around the 355 committee means that the mower is owned by the shire so we can't just trade it in. The mower could be made available to another town in the shire. Decided that Eric Robinson and Jason Bryce to get quotes for a new one and then discuss with council.

16.7.21 Jason advised that the mower has been ordered. Bruce advised that the council want the current mower back and they will value it and we will have to pay the difference for the new one

Terms of Reference and MOU

20.6.21

Alison discussed the revised MOU that needs to be finalised before the council elections in September. When it is ready Alison will supply copies to the committee for discussion and approval at the next meeting.

16/7/21 Jonathan advised due to printer issues that he had been unable to print it off but had emailed a copy to each member to read. Committee members have read and agree to the changed content. Moved by Bruce Baker to accept. Seconded by Tania Bryce.

New Business

Signs for the toilets

Rosie raised the issue of mask wearing by the public while in the toilets during these current Covid times. It was agreed that they should be there.

Tania Bryce to do them up and laminate them and put on each toilet door

Rosie also raised the issue that she is not getting paid in a timely manner for the cleaning of the amenities block. Discussion around why this is so and agreement reached that she will be paid on time in the future.

Minutes to be emailed to Members

Marie asked for this and was advised that as of last meeting this is happening. Marie has been added to the group.

MSKC Printer

Val asked if the committee could buy a printer to be used for committee work. Highlighted the fact that Jonathan's printer had broken down and couldn't provided printed copies to members.

> Discussion had and agreed to. Jonathan Scott to follow up

Roundup Purchase

Jason advised that he has been told that roundup will be doubling in price I the next few months and suggested that we purchase enough now to last a year. This was agreed to.

Potable water in Caravan Park

Jonathan asked when the dump point is installed whether the tap at that location could be signposted as nonpotable and the outlets at the back of the fire shed and in the park be signposted as potable

> This was agreed to by the committee

NEXT MEETING - AGM Sunday 22/8/21 at 4pm at Mirrool Hotel

No more business – Meeting closed 19.55

1:00 PM

20/06/21

Mirrool Silo Kick Challenge Reconciliation Summary Mirrool Silo Kick Challenge, Period Ending 20/06/2021

	Jun 20, 21		
Beginning Balance Cleared Transactions	26,986.21		
Cheques and Payments - 1 item Deposits and Credits - 2 items	-450.00 4,662.65		
Total Cleared Transactions	4,212.65		
Cleared Balance	31,198.86		
Uncleared Transactions Cheques and Payments - 1 item	-2,000.00		
Total Uncleared Transactions	-2,000.00		
Register Balance as of 20/06/2021	29,198.86		
Ending Balance	29,198.86		

Total Funds Mirrool Silo Kick Challenge \$29,198.86 Mirrool Silo Kick Challenge Inv \$15,680.98 Total \$44.879.84

1:00 PM

20/06/21

Mirrool Silo Kick Challenge Reconciliation Detail

Mirrool Silo Kick Challenge, Period Ending 20/06/2021

Туре	Date	Num	Name	Cir	Amount	Balance
	ransactions					26,986.21
Cheque	s and Payments -	1 item				
Cheque	10/06/2021	200887	Toliet & Park Mainta	x	-450.00	-450.00
Total Ch	neques and Payment	s			-450.00	-450.00
Deposit	s and Credits - 2 it	ems				
Deposit	9/06/2021	EFT	Jack Maguire	х	3,200.00	3,200.00
Deposit	10/06/2021	DEP	Banking	х	1,462.65	4,662.65
Total De	eposits and Credits				4,662.65	4,662.65
Total Cleare	ed Transactions			-	4,212.65	4,212.65
Cleared Balance					4,212.65	31,198.86
Cheque	Transactions and Payments -	1 item				- ,,
Cheque	19/06/2021	200888	APMFC/MND		-2,000.00	-2,000.00
Total Ch	eques and Payment	S		-	-2,000.00	-2,000.00
Total Uncle	ared Transactions			_	-2,000.00	-2,000.00
Register Balance	as of 20/06/2021			_	2,212.65	29,198.86
Ending Balance				_	2,212.65	29,198.86

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Mirrool Silo Kick Challenge Reconciliation Summary Mirrool Silo Kick Challenge, Period Ending 31/05/2021

	May 31, 21
Beginning Balance	27,240.81
Cleared Transactions Cheques and Payments - 3 items	-254.60
Total Cleared Transactions	-254.60
Total Greater Transactions	-234.00
Cleared Balance	26,986.21
Register Balance as of 31/05/2021	26,986.21
Ending Balance	26,986.21

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Mirrool Silo Kick Challenge Reconciliation Detail Mirrool Silo Kick Challenge, Period Ending 31/05/2021

Туре	Date	Num	Name	Clr	Amount	Balance
Beginning Balance			*			27,240.81
Cleared Tran	sactions					• *****
Cheques	and Payments - 3	3 items				
Cheque	18/05/2021	200884	Elgas Limited	х	-83.60	-83.60
Cheque	19/05/2021	200885	Harveys Mower & C	X	-135.00	-218.60
Cheque	20/05/2021	200886	Goldenfields Water	х	-36.00	-254.60
Total Cheo	ues and Payment	S			-254.60	-254.60
Total Cleared	Transactions			-	-254.60	-254.60
Cleared Balance					-254.60	26,986.21
Register Balance as	of 31/05/2021				-254.60	26,986.21
Ending Balance					-254.60	26,986.21

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Mirrool Silo Kick Challenge Reconciliation Summary

Mirrool Silo Kick Challenge Inv, Period Ending 20/06/2021

	Jun 20, 21
Beginning Balance	15,676.06
Cleared Transactions Deposits and Credits - 11 items	4.92
Total Cleared Transactions	4.92
Cleared Balance	15,680.98
Register Balance as of 20/06/2021	15,680.98
Ending Balance	15,680.98

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Mirrool Silo Kick Challenge Reconciliation Detail

Mirrool Silo Kick Challenge Inv, Period Ending 20/06/2021

	Date	Name	Cir	Amount	Balance
Type ginning Balance					15,676.06
Cleared Trans	sactions				
Deposits a	nd Credits - 11 items			0.66	0.66
posit	31/07/2020 EFT	Westpac	x	0.66	1.32
posit	31/08/2020 EFT	Westpac	x	0.64	1.96
posit	30/09/2020 EFT	Westpac	х	0.64	2.60
	30/10/2020 EFT	Westpac	x		3.26
posit	30/11/2020 EFT	Westpac	x	0.66	3.92
posit	31/12/2020 EFT	Westpac	х	0.66	4.42
posit	29/01/2021 EFT	Westpac	x	0.50	
posit	26/02/2021 EFT		X	0.11	4.53
posit	31/03/2021 EFT		x	0.14	4.67
posit	Olivonine		х	0.12	4.79
posit	0010 12021		X	0.13	4.92
posit	0110012021	Trestput		4.92	4.92
Total Depo	osits and Credits	*	_		
T to t Olyand	Transactions			4.92	4.92
1 otal Cleared	Indisactions	*	_	4.92	15,680.98
eared Balance			-		
aister Balance as	s of 20/06/2021		_	4.92	15,680.98
-				4.92	15,680.98
egister Balance as nding Balance	s of 20/06/2021		-		

MIRROOL SILO KICK COMMITTEE – TERMS OF REFERENCE

- Organise events within the Mirrool Community such as, but not limited to, the Mirrool Silo Kick Challenge.
- To make recommendations to Council in relation to works and programs to maintain, improve and develop the amenity of Mirrool.
- To raise funds for the purpose and objectives of the Committee and to expend those funds to undertake work and activities FOR THE BENEFIT OF within the Mirrool community.
- To use such funds as the Council may from time to time vote to the Committee to undertake works to beautify Mirrool by voluntary labour and otherwise subject to the Council's prior approval of each project.
- Promotion of Mirrool and District generally
- Monitor and advise BLAND SHIRE COUNCIL of effectiveness of services provided to THE Mirrool and District.
- To encourage and assist in developing a strong sense of pride within the town
- To retain and promote community involvement within the community's services and amenities

COMMITTEE	CURRENT COMMITTEE	PROPOSED
MIRROOL SILO KICK	 To make recommendations to council in relation to works 	 Organise events within the Mirrool Community such as,
CHALLENGE	and programs to improve and enhance the amenity of	but not limited to, the Mirrool Silo Kick Challenge.
COMMITTEE	Mirrool.	 To make recommendations to Council in relation to
	 To raise funds for the purpose and objectives of the 	works and programs to maintain, improve and develop
	Committee and to expend those funds together with such	the amenity of Mirrool.
	funds as the Council may from time to time vote to the	 To raise funds for the purpose and objectives of the
	Committee	Committee and to expend those funds to undertake
	 To carry out works to beautify Mirrool by voluntary labour 	work and activities within the Mirrool community.
	and otherwise subject to the Council's prior approval of	 To use such funds as the Council may from time to time
5	each project.	vote to the Committee to undertake works to beautify
	 Facilitate and co-ordinate the various sections of our 	Mirrool by voluntary labour and otherwise subject to the
	community	Council's prior approval of each project.
	 Promotion of Mirrool and District generally 	 Promotion of Mirrool and District generally
	 Liaise and lobby within local and state bodies and 	 Monitor and advise of effectiveness of services
	organisations.	provided to Mirrool and District.
,	 Monitor and advise of effectiveness of services provided 	 To encourage and assist in developing a strong sense
	to Mirrool and District.	of pride within the town
	 To retain, promote and where possible upgrade business 	 To retain and promote community involvement within
	in Mirrool and District.	the community's services and amenities
	 To encourage and assist in developing a strong sense of 	
	pride within the town	
	 To retain and promote community involvement within the communities services and amenities 	

Ungarie Showground Racecourse Recreation Reserve Committee

President	Vice President	Secretary	Treasurer
Scott Robb	Chris Daly	Nicole Lewis	Karen Rossiter
Ph: 0429 029938	Ph: 0428 505287	Ph: 0409 604063	Ph: 0427 415 426

Minutes of meeting 8th July 2021 Ungarie bowling club 6.00pm

Meeting opened 6.15pm

Present:

Josh Ward, Michelle Carr, Bryce Koop, Ryan McClintock, Karen Rossiter, Scott Robb, Mark and Fiona Bryant, Alison Wason, Chris and Kahlia Daly, Justine and Steve Henley, Vanessa Williams, Tony Bryant, Nicole Lewis.

Apologies:

Kristie Dunlop, Michelle Potter, Mal Williams, Jed Keatley, James Rossiter.

Minutes from previous meeting were Read and moved by Karen. Seconded by Justine that they were true and correct.

Treasurers Report: Bank Balance as at 30/6/2021 \$3926.12

Positions:

Secretary – Nicole Lewis Nominated by Steve Henley Seconded By Fiona Bryant Accepted Vice President – Chris Daly Nominated by Steve Henley Seconded by Scott Robb Accepted.

Business arising from previous meeting.

Michelle Potter is now the cleaner of the facilities. Karen has submitted the financials to council for this year.

General Business.

Scott spoke about being approached by council regarding the construction of a Pump Track at the show ground.

It was decided that the showground was not advisable due to safety reasons etc.

Motion moved By Scott Robb that Pump Track is not put at showground however the park adjacent to the pool suggested as a possible location as it is more central and is council land. Seconded by Mark Bryant. Carried.

Scott tabled the Section 355 Committee Manual.

Discussion on new amenities for ground

Firstly, Scott has spoken to council as to starting point. Which is there needs to be some sort of plan decided on to take to their structural engineer to get plans drawn up and see if it will fit with in the budget.

Discussion around what goes and what stays.

Discussion around structural integrity of announcer's box and does it stay or go.

Discussion around what is need and what is wanted in new build.

Ryan McClintock added that it is doable to disconnect power across from main board and go underground.

Discussion around demolition and costs.

It was noted that there is a 12-month timeline from time of announcement to completion.

Scott brought along some plans to pass around to get some ideas.

Josh recommended that we speak to Lea Philips regarding what we want to see if we are dreaming or are in the ballpark.

Structure will be a steel structure because it is much cheaper than brick or concrete.

A list was made of what is needed.

Change rooms x 2

both home and Away with Home being the larger. 3 showers and 1 toilet in home 2 showers and 1 toilet in away. Netball change rooms no need for separate home and away rooms. Happy to share. 3 showers and 1 toilet. Canteen A little bit bigger than the current one with plenty of storage and a dry store / freezer storeroom. Female Toilets 4-5 toilets 2 Basins Male toilets Urinal 2-3 toilets ? Basins **Umpire room / Camping amenities** 1 Shower 1 Toilet Secretaries / scorers / timekeepers office Presidents / Meeting Room.

Mentioned by Nicole about secretaires stuff eg: past minutes records etc. suggested that she ask Helen Colbert if she has anything to pass on.

Mentioned about voting and ground committee rules as to voting not sure how it now works.

General Consensus was for Scott to take plans home and re asses for next meeting.

Next Meeting was set for one week time to get ball rolling.

Next meeting to be at the Ungarie Bowling Club on the 15^{th of} July at 6.30pm.

Meeting closed 7.40pm

Ungarie Showground Racecourse

Recreation Reserve Committee

PO Box 107, Ungarie NSW 2669

President	Vice President	Secretary	Treasurer
Scott Robb	Chris Daly	Nicole Lewis	Karen Rossiter
Ph: 0429 029938	Ph: 0428 505287	Ph: 0409 604063	Ph: 0427 415 426

Minutes of Meeting 15th July 2021 Ungarie Bowling Club

Meeting opened 6.44pm

Present: Murray Whiley, Michelle Whiley, Charlotte Whiley, Josh Ward, Justine Henley, Steve Henley, Alison Wason, Fiona Bryant, Mark Bryant, Kerry Keatley, Karen Rossiter, Peter Ward, Scott Robb, Chris Daly, Bryce Koop, Nicole Lewis, Colin McKay.

Apologies: Nill

Minutes from the previous meeting held in the 8^{th of} July 2021 at the Ungarie Bowling Club were Read and moved by Nicole that they are true and correct. Seconded by Scott Robb.

Business arising from previous meeting.

Helen was contacted and Nicole received her records. Still no older records pre-2009. Peter ward may be able to help.

Pump track.

Kerry Keatley spoke and agreed that showground is not suitable and agreed that the park that was Henderson Park near pool is suitable. Kerry is going to forward this information to council and follow it up.

General Business

Discussion started on the new amenities block. Josh and Scott spoke on cost per square meter of building. They spoke to Philips' and conclude that \$1900/square meter is a good starting point. Internal build only. No Veranda, foot paths etc.

Need to keep it under 300 square meters to come in under grant amount.

Build will go to tender through council.

Scott spoke to a structural engineer from wagga.

Demolition may cost upwards of \$50k.

Dan ford is coming to have a look.

Demolition will also be tendered through council.

Discussion as to what happens if project goes over budget. Bryce said it will come back to council.

Clarification was given that the old kiosk / bar area is STAYING.

Discussion on Grounds committee delegates present at meeting.

Football – Mark Bryant and Steve Henley P&C – Karen Rossiter Basketball – Justine Henley and Fiona Bryant Cricket – Josh Ward Show Society – Murray Whiley and Colin McKay Tennis - Scott Robb

Motion:

The old timekeepers' announcers tower stays, and the new build is to go on top of the old basketball court subject to engineers approval.

Moved by Josh Ward Seconded by Steven Henley Carried All in favour 9-0

Motion

That all the community members present at tonight meeting be able to view proposed plans and vote on 2 Preferences to take to council for approval. This motion is for tonight's meeting only.

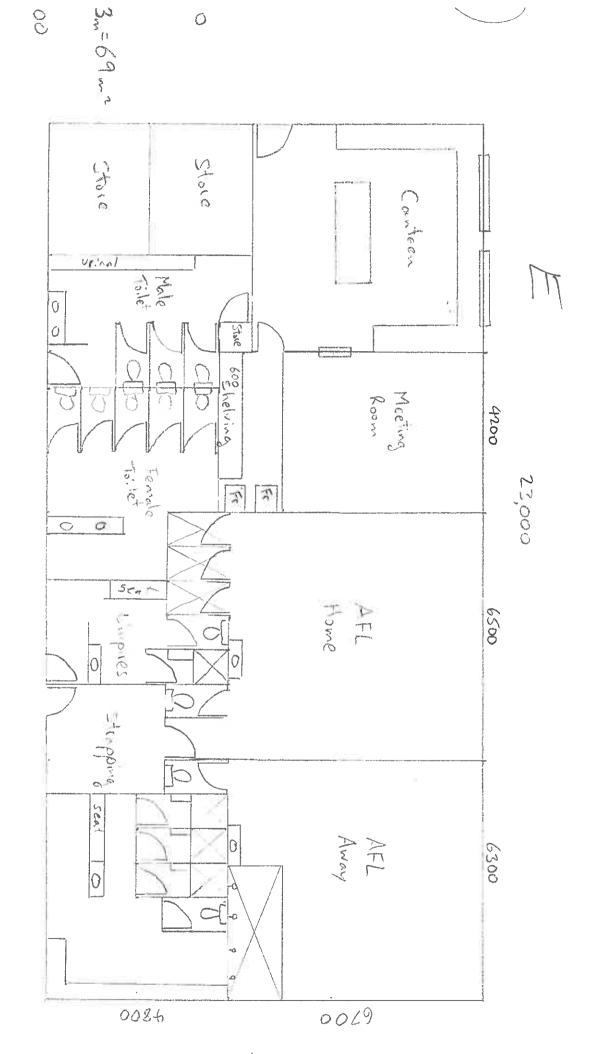
Moved Chris Daly Seconded Mark Bryant Carried all in favour. 9-0

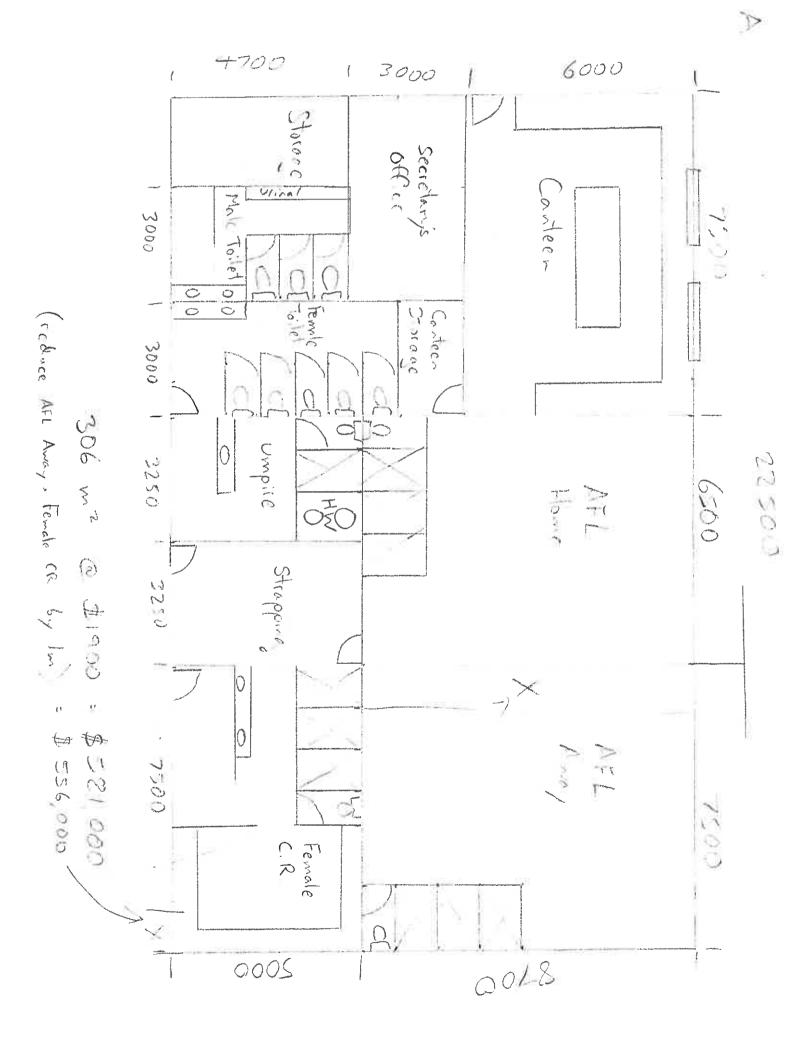
The 2 plans as voted by the meeting were A & E Copies are attached.

It was asked of the meeting for all the user groups to have a look at what funding is available through their respective organisations that may be able to add to the build.

Next meeting will be held when we get some more information from council.

Meeting closed 8.39pm





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Section 1 - Office of the General Manager

8.1 Strengthening Communities Grant – West Wyalong Campdraft Association



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

DP 3.1.5 Administer Council's Strengthening Communities Grant

Author: Community Development Officer

Introduction

The West Wyalong Camp Draft Association is seeking a Strengthening Communities Grant from council to the value of \$4000 to assist with the cost of transporting stock for their upcoming two-day Campdraft event, which will be held in West Wyalong in mid-September.

The total cost to transport the required 800 - 1000 stock from Condobolin and Lake Cargelligo to West Wyalong is approx. \$16,000. The Camp Draft Association has noted the remaining costs will be covered through sponsorship, their own reserves, entry fees and profits generated from the canteen.

The event usually attracts around 200 competitors and their families from across NSW and Victoria who stay in West Wyalong for 2 nights, resulting in substantial tourism and economic benefits for the community. The Campdraft event caters for all ages with seniors, juniors and women's events all scheduled across the weekend.

The committee notes that they are mindful of the current Covid-19 situation and will have protocols in place to manage this issue.

The group is very keen to utilise their new arena, which was built as a result of recent grant funding received.

Financial Implications

There is currently \$40,000 remaining in the Strengthening Communities Program budget.

Summary

The West Wyalong Campdraft event will contribute to increased tourism and provide a welcome financial boost to the West Wyalong and wider Bland Shire community, with the event providing a source of social interaction and entertainment for the local and extended community. Furthermore, local businesses and the economy will greatly benefit from the influx of visitors expected to attend the event. This request meets the objectives set out in Councils Community Strategic Plan.

Recommendation:

That Council approve a Strengthening Communities Grant of \$4000 for the West Wyalong Camp Draft Association to assist with the cost of transporting stock for their upcoming two-day Campdraft event, which will be held in West Wyalong mid-September.

Section 2 – Corporate & Community Services

8.2 Finance and Investment Report for July 2021



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 Manager Customer & Financial Services

Introduction

The Finance and Investment Report is provided to Council for information and prepared in accordance with the Local Government (General) Regulation 2005.

Financial Implications STATEMENT OF BANK BALANCES, RATES COLLECTIONS AND INVESTMENTS FOR THE MONTH OF JULY 2021.

BANK BALANCES AS AT 31ST JULY 2021

ACCOUNT	BALANCE
General Fund	\$2,444,593.98
Business Card	\$30,000.00
	\$2,474,593.98
Invested Funds	
Fixed Deposits	\$45,700,000.00
Deposits at Call	\$2,250,836.03
	\$47,950,836.03
Net Balance	\$50,425,430.01
Percentage of Invested Funds to Net Balance	95.09%

STATEMENT OF BANK BALANCES AS AT 31.07.2021

SUBMITTED TO THE ORDINARY MEETING AUGUST 17, 2021

BALANCE as at 01.07.21 Add Receipts Receipts over \$150,000	\$3,273,609.75
25/07/2021 GST Received June BAS 28/07/2021 Safer Roads Program <u>Receipts under \$150,000</u>	\$351,586.00 \$630,144.00 \$774,226.21
Total Receipts for July 2021	\$1,755,956.21
Less Payments	
Payments over \$150,000 08/07/2021 Adaptive Trading	-\$240,142.71
15/07/2021 CRS – hotmix 22/07/2021 Statewide Mutual - insurance	-\$259,578.00 -\$555,182.70
Payments under \$150,000	-\$1,530,068.57
Aged Care	\$3,140.96
Bank Fees	\$1,602.54
Cemeteries	\$1,054.35
Children's Services	\$22,321.40
Community	\$11,567.30
Construction	\$313,575.13
Corporate	\$244,244.96
Development Services	\$26,761.48
Donations/Contributions	\$1,144.28
Employee	\$465.384.16

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Community	\$11,567.30
Construction	\$313,575.13
Corporate	\$244,244.96
Development Services	\$26,761.48
Donations/Contributions	\$1,144.28
Employee	\$465,384.16
Fuel/Plant	\$272,843.72
Governance	\$3,586.05
Insurance	\$3,730.98
Lease payments	\$3,918.12
Library	\$71.20
Maintenance	\$45,348.86
Roads	\$75,725.03
Sewer	\$149.60
Utilities	\$20,997.85
VIC	\$12,657.33
Waste	\$243.27

Total Payments for July 2021 CASH BALANCE Limit of Overdraft Arranged with Bank - \$2,584,971.98 \$2,444,593.98 \$350,000.00

ACCOUNTS SUMMARY AND CERTIFICATION

The following is a summary of accounts paid for the period 01 July 2021, to 31 July 2021. I CERTIFY,

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

Payment Type		Voucher No's	Total
Cheques		026060-026059	\$61,301.65
Auto-pay	Creditors	E024972 – E125355	\$1,892,388.69
Auto-pay	Payroll	01/06/21 – 30/06/21	\$608,054.53
Bank Charges &		July 2021	\$1,602.54
Commissions			
Direct Debits	Repayments & Vehicle		\$21,624.57
	Lease		

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.

\$2,584,971.98

- 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 preceding monthly period.

Manager Customer and Financial Services

Responsible Accounting Officer

CERTIFICATE OF GENERAL MANAGER

This accounts summary, a copy of which was submitted to each member of Council on the 17th August 2021, 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 **\$2,584,971.98** was submitted to the Ordinary Meeting on the 17th August 2021 and that the amounts are presented to Council for confirmation of payment.

Chairman of Ordinary Meeting

INVESTMENTS

The following table gives details of Council's Funds invested at 31st July 2021. 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 (\$s)	TERM	YIELD	DATE DUE
14-September-2020	Bank of QLD (Term Deposit)	1,000,000.00	365 days	0.70%	14-September-2021
21-September-2020	NAB (Term Deposit)	1,000,000.00	365 days	0.75%	21-September-2021
16-February-2021	NAB (Term Deposit)	1,000,000.00	365 days	0.35%	16-February-2022
01-October-2020	NAB (Term Deposit)	1,500,000.00	365 days	0.60%	01-October-2021
08-September-2020	Bendigo Bank (Term Deposit)	400,000.00	365 days	0.95%	08-September-2021
08-September-2020	Bendigo Bank (Term Deposit)	400,000.00	365 days	0.95%	08-September-2021
08-September-2020	Bendigo Bank (Term Deposit)	400,000.00	365 days	0.95%	08-September-2021
17-December-2020	AMP (Term Deposit)	1,000,000.00	399 days	0.75%	20-January-2022
16-August-2020	Bank of QLD	1,000,000.00	364 days	0.75%	16-August-2021
11-December-2020	AMP (Term Deposit)	2,000,000.00	516 days	0.75%	11-May-2022
29-November-2016	Westpac (FRN)	2,000,000.00	1826 days	3MBBSW+1.2%	29-November-2021
08-January-2021	AMP (Term Deposit)	1,000,000.00	546 days	0.75%	08-July-2022
29-September-2020	ME Bank (Term Deposit)	2,000,000.00	365 days	0.55%	29-September-2021
06-April-2021	NAB (Term Deposit)	2,000,000.00	182 days	0.30%	05-October-2021
28-April-2021	AMP (Term Deposit)	2,500,000.00	365 days	0.70%	28-April-2022
18-December-2020	Bank of QLD	2,000,000.00	361 days	0.45%	14-December-2021
30-November-2020	MyState Bank (Term Deposit)	2,000,000.00	365 days	0.50%	30-November-2021
23-November-2020	AMP (Term Deposit)	2,500,000.00	455 days	0.75%	21-February-2022
22-October-2020	MyState Bank (Term Deposit)	2,000,000.00	365 days	0.70%	22-October-2021
28-May-2020	Bank of QLD	2,000,000.00	1097 days	1.35%	30-May-2023
28-May-2020	Bank of QLD	2,000,000.00	1460 days	1.50%	27-May-2024
6-August-2020	Bank of QLD	2,000,000.00	1093 days	1.05%	4-August-2023
30-September-2020	Northern Territory Treasury	2,000,000.00	1902 days	1.20%	15-December-2025
07-October-2020	MyState Bank (Term Deposit)	2,000,000.00	365 days	0.70%	07-October-2021
30-October-2020	Northern Territory Treasury	1,000,000.00	1141 days	0.80%	15-December-2023
22-January-2021	Macquarie Bank	1,000,000.00	368 days	0.65%	25-January-2022
11-February-2021	Macquarie Bank	2,000,000.00	392 days	0.30%	10-March-2022
08-March-2021	ME Bank (Term Deposit)	1,000,000.00	360 days	0.45%	03-March-2022
11-May-2021	MyState Bank	1,000,000.00	730 days	0.55%	11-May-2023
24-June-2021	Defence Bank	2.000,000.00	728 days	0.58%	22-June-2023
	ANZ Deposit at Call	50,942.21	Cash at Call		
	CBA Deposit at Call	2,199,893.82	Cash at Call		
	TOTAL:	\$47,950,836.03			

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.

GENERAL MANAGER

RATES REPORT

Below is a summary of outstanding rates

Total rates income levied (2021/22)	\$ 1	0,719,430.09
Rates received as at 31/07/2021	\$	444,414.42
% of rates received to date		4.15%

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

Summary

The information provided within this Finance and Investment Report has been prepared in accordance with the Local Government (General) Regulation 2005 as well as Council's financial management policies and procedures. Further, 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 information contained within the Finance and Investment Report for the month of July 2021
- 2. That Council confirms the payment of accounts, for the period 01 July to 31 July 2021, summarised in the accounts summary totalling \$2,584,971.98

8.3 Appointment of Designated Persons



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

DP13.1 - Promote and advocate improved management of, and access to, information across Council

Introduction

This report recommends that Council determine, by resolution, the roles within Council's organisational structure listed in clause (2) of the Officer's Recommendation as designated persons for the purposes of clause 4.8(c) of Council's Code of Conduct.

Financial Implications

Nil

Summary

Historically, ethical standards for Local Government were prescribed from three sources: the pecuniary interest provisions in the Local Government Act 1993 ("the Act") and Local Government (General) Regulation 2005 ("the Regulation"), and the *Model Code of Conduct for Local Councils in NSW* ("the Model Code"). Previously, the Act, Regulations and Model Code all placed specific obligations on Councillors, Council delegates, Council staff and other people involved in making decisions or providing advice on Council matters to act honestly and responsibly in carrying out their functions.

On 18 December 2018, the Model Code was prescribed under the Regulation and published in the NSW Government Gazette. The Model Code incorporates the pecuniary interest provisions previously contained in the Act and Regulation and requires those staff and Committee members identified by Council as "designated persons" to complete an annual written return of pecuniary interests and disclose certain pecuniary interests to the General Manager.

As with returns completed and submitted by Councillors, designated persons' returns are considered "open access information" under the *Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009* and *Government Information (Public Access) Regulation 2018*.

Bland Shire Council adopted its new Code of Conduct on 20 October 2020 and incorporated the requirements for declaring of pecuniary interests for Councillors, Staff and committee members where identified.

According to Part Four of Council's Code (4.8) Designated persons include:

- (a) the general manager
- (b) other senior staff of the council for the purposes of section 332 of the LGA
- (c) a person (other than a member of the senior staff of the council) who is a member of staff of the council or a delegate of the council and who holds a position identified by the council as the position of a designated person because it involves the exercise of functions (such as regulatory functions or contractual functions) that, in their exercise, could give rise to a conflict between the person's duty as a member of staff or delegate and the person's private interest.

(d) a person (other than a member of the senior staff of the council) who is a member of a committee of the council identified by the council as a committee whose members are designated persons because the functions of the committee involve the exercise of the council's functions (such as regulatory functions or contractual functions) that, in their exercise, could give rise to a conflict between the member's duty as a member of the committee and the member's private interest.

Although Clause 4.8 allows for members of committees to be declared "designated persons" at this stage, Council is not advocating for members of Council committees to be included on the Designated Person list. Part 4 provides further guidance to other staff as to what steps are required to be taken in relation to Pecuniary Interest.

It is the recommendation that those positions which fall within 4.8c of the Code be identified as the following:

- Manager Customer and Financial Services
- Manager Engineer Services
- Manager Development & Regulatory Services
- Building & Environmental Health Surveyor

Recommendation:

That Bland Shire Council:

- 1. Note that pursuant to clauses 4.8(a) and (b) of the Code of Conduct, the General Manager, Director Corporate and Community Services and Director Technical Services are designated persons.
- 2. Pursuant to clause 4.8(c) of the Code of Conduct, identify the following positions in Council's organisational structure as designated persons:
- Manager Customer and Financial Services
- Manager Engineer Services
- Manager Development & Regulatory Services
- Building & Environmental Health Surveyor

Section 3 – Technical Services

8.4 Local Heritage Assistance Funding – 112-114 Main Street, West Wyalong



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

Author: Planning and Compliance Officer

Introduction

An application for Local Heritage Assistance Funding has been received from Wayne and Narelle Brooks, the owners of 112-114 Main Street, West Wyalong. The proposal includes painting of the external façade to restore the building for its ongoing use within the town centres historical streetscape.

The proposed works include external painting to the recessed areas above the awning, under awning, decorative brackets, gutters, hamper, window frames and purlins.

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 building has contributory aesthetic significance due to the traditional parapet above the awning. The awning has the potential for a future sympathetic modification.

The applicant is seeking funds for the proposed external painting totalling \$7788.00, quotations provided.

Funding Allocation under section 3.0 Local Heritage Assistance Funding of Council's Heritage Assistance Grant Guidelines states:

The amount provided by Council needs to be matched on a dollar for dollar basis by the Applicant (for example. if the cost of the proposed work is \$2000, then Council can provide a grant of up to \$1000).

Further to the above, major projects with a project value of less than \$15,000.00 may only be allocated up to \$3500.00

Keeping with the above guidelines, Council may provide a grant of up to \$3500.00. Whilst this value is less than 50 percent of the total cost of the proposed works, it is the maximum allocation.

Financial Implications

There is currently \$17,265.00 of unallocated funds in the Local Heritage Grants budget. Should this application be approved there will be \$13,765.00 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 \$3,500.00. It is recommended that Council allocate an amount of \$3,500.00 for the project which is the maximum allocation for funding under the guidelines.

Recommendation:

That Council approve funding of \$3,500.00 to Wayne and Narelle Brooks towards the external painting of their business premises at 112 – 114 Main Street, West Wyalong.

8.5 DA2021/0114 – Workers Accommodation Village



Our Prosperity - Growing our population and jobs

DP16.1 Ensure a sustainable environment for current and future generations through effective management and planning for the long term future by ensuring appropriate land is zoned and available to support business and industry growth.

Author: Manager Development and Regulatory Services

Introduction

A development application was received from Evolution Mining (Cowal) Pty Limited for the construction of a workers accommodation village. This application is for the accommodation for up to 176 people, upgrade of existing and onsite roads, administration buildings, communal facilities, undercover bus shelter and bus parking, light vehicle parking spaces, security fencing, gates, cameras and night lighting, reticulated services and landscaping.

An approval under the Local Government Act 1993 is required for the installation of the modules.

Financial Implications

The development application fees for this proposal are \$32,214.89 which have been paid in full. A monetary contribution of \$237,300.42 and is payable prior to the issue of a construction certificate.

Summary

The accommodation of the mine workforce has placed increased pressure on housing availability in West Wyalong and Wyalong. The construction and operation of the Cowal Gold Operations Underground Development Project will require an additional workforce that cannot currently be accommodated in West Wyalong or Wyalong. The proposed development will provide accommodation for an additional 176 members of the Cowal Gold Operations workforce.

The proposal has the potential to provide additional employment opportunities and economic benefits to the community as a whole.

Recommendation:

That application DA2021/00114 for the worker's accommodation village on Lot 7044/DP1115128 and Lot 2 DP1239669 be approved subject to the conditions in Attachment 1.

MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF BLAND HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS WEST WYALONG ON TUESDAY 17 AUGUST 2021



Development Assessment Report Pursuant to Section 79C of the Environmental Planning Assessment Act 1979

APPLICATION DETAILS

Application No:	DA2020/0114
Lodgement Date:	17 May 2021
Applicant:	Evolution Mining (Cowal) Pty Limited
Proposal:	Workers Accommodation Village
Estimated Cost:	\$23,730,042.00
Assessment Officer:	Manager Development and Regulatory Services
Concurrence Required:	Yes
Referrals:	NSW Rural Fire Service
Adjoining Owner Notification:	Yes
Advertising:	Yes
Determination Body:	Council
Reason:	Number of Objections
Meeting Date:	17 August
Owner's Consent Provided:	Subject to resolution of Native Title

SITE DETAILS

Subject Land:	Boundary Street, West Wyalong
	Lot 7044/DP1115128 and Lot 2 DP1239669
Owner:	West Wyalong Aboriginal Land Council

PLANNING CONTROLS

Environmental Planning Instrument:	Bland Local Environmental Plan 2011
Zoning:	R1 General Residential
Current Land Use:	Vacant
Permissibility:	Permissible with Consent

Description of Development

- Accommodation for up to 176 people, including:
 - Temporary construction workforce accommodation modules to house 96 people
 - Semi-permanent operational workforce accommodation module to house 72 people
 - Semi-permanent accessible accommodation modules to house 8 people
- Upgrade existing access and onsite roads
- Administration buildings
- Communal facilities including
 - Laundry units
 - Communal dining and kitchen building
 - Outdoor eating areas
 - First aid and nursing room
 - o Prayer room
 - Quiet room
 - o Gymnasium
 - Multipurpose outdoor court
 - o Running track
- Undercover bus shelter and bus parking
- Light vehicle parking spaces
- Security fencing, gates, cameras and night lighting
- Reticulated services
- Landscaping.

It is proposed that the development will be constructed in the four stages:

- 1. Operational workforce accommodation modules to house 50 construction personnel, installation of infrastructure and amenities sufficient for stage 1. Including 8 accessible modules.
- 2. Remaining operational workforce accommodation modules and construction workforce modules to house 46 people
- 3. Construction workforce modules to house 80 people
- 4. Gymnasium and multipurpose court.

Site and Locality

The site is located on Boundary Street

Previous Development Consents

DA/2004/030 – Temporary Residential Village





TOWN PLANNING ASSESSMENT

Assessment of the development application has been undertaken in respect to relevant considerations arising from Section 4.15 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment as follows:

3.1 Section 4.15 Evaluation

In determining a development application, a consent authority is to take into consideration such of the following matters as are of relevance to the development the subject of the development application:

- (a) the provisions of:
 - (i) any environmental planning instrument, and

any proposed instrument that is or has been the subject of public consultation under this Act and that has been notified to the consent authority (unless the Secretary has notified the consent authority that the making of the proposed instrument has been

- (ii) notified the consent authority that the making of the proposed instrument has been deferred indefinitely or has not been approved), and
- (iii) any development control plan, and
- (iiia) any planning agreement that has been entered into under section 7.4, or any draft planning agreement that a developer has offered to enter into under section 7.4, and
- (iv) the regulations (to the extent that they prescribe matters for the purposes of this paragraph), and
- (v) any coastal zone management plan (within the meaning of the Coastal Protection Act 1979,

- (b) the likely impacts of that development, including environmental impacts on both the natural and built environments, and social and economic impacts in the locality,
- (c) the suitability of the site for the development
- (d) any submissions made in accordance with this Act or the regulations
- (e) the public interest.

MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION PURSUANT TO SECTION 4.15 (1)

Section 4.15(a)(i) – The provisions of any environmental planning instrument

State Environmental Dianning Delicios			
State Environmental Planning Policies			
	Applicab	le	
SEPP (Affordable Rental Housing) 2009 The SEPP provides for an increase in the supply and diversity of affordable rental	Yes □	No 🖂	
and social housing in NSW.			
SEPP (Building Sustainability Index: BASIX) 2004			
The SEPP provides for the implementation of BASIX throughout the State.	Yes 🗆	No 🖂	
SEPP (Concurrences and Consents) 2018		<u> </u>	
This SEPP allows the Planning Secretary to act as a concurrence authority.	Yes 🗆	No 🖂	
SEPP (Educational Establishments and Childcare Facilities) 2017			
This SEPP facilitates the effective delivery of educational establishments and	Yes □	No 🖂	
early education and care facilities.			
SEPP (Exempt and Complying Development Codes) 2008			
The SEPP provides exempt and complying development codes that have State-	Yes □	No 🖂	
wide application.			
SEPP (Housing for Seniors or People with a Disability) 2004			
The SEPP aims to encourage provision of housing for seniors, including	Yes 🗆	No 🖂	
residential care facilities. The SEPP provides development standards.			
SEPP (Infrastructure) 2007			
The SEPP provides a consistent approach for infrastructure and the provision of	Yes □	No 🖂	
services across INSW, and to support greater efficiency in the location of			
infrastructure and service facilities.			
SEPP (Mining, Petroleum Production and Extractive Industries) 2007		No M	
The SEPP aims to provide proper management of mineral, petroleum and	Yes 🗆	No 🖂	
extractive material resources and ESD SEPP No 21 (Caravan Parks)			
This SEPP aims to encourage the orderly and economic use and development of	Yes □	No 🖂	
land for land intended to be used as a caravan park.			
SEPP No 33 (Hazardous and Offensive Development)			
The SEPP provides a systematic approach to the assessment of development	Yes □	No 🖂	
proposals for potentially hazardous and offensive industry or storage.			
SEPP No 36 (Manufactured Home Estates)			
This SEPP allows development for MHE permissible with development consent			
on any land on which a caravan park may be carried out except land dedicated or	Yes 🗆	No 🖂	
reserved under the National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974, Crown reserves or			
specified categories of excluded land.			
SEPP No 55 (Remediation of Land)			
The SEPP provides a state-wide planning framework for the remediation of land;			
requires consent authorities to consider the potential for land to be contaminated			
when determining development applications; lists the remediation works that	Yes 🖂	No 🗆	
require development consent; and provides certification and operational			
requirements for remediation works that can be undertaken without development			
consent.			
SEPP No 64 (Advertising and Signage)		Ne 🔽	
The SEPP provides planning controls for advertising and signage in NSW. The	Yes 🗆	No 🖂	
SEPP requires signage to be compatible with the future character of an area,			

provide effective communication in suitable locations and be of high quality design and finish.		
SEPP No 65 (Design Quality of Residential Apartment Development)		
The SEPP provides consistent planning and design standards for residential apartment buildings across NSW.	Yes 🗆	No 🖂
SEPP (Primary Production and Rural Development) 2019		
This SEPP facilitates the orderly economic use and development of lands for	Yes 🗆	No 🖂
primary production; reduce land use conflict and sterilisation of rural land.		
SEPP (State and Regional Development) 2011 This SEPP identifies development that is State significant development or State significant infrastructure and to confer functions on joint regional planning panels to determine development applications.	Yes 🗆	No 🖂
SEPP (Vegetation in Non-Rural Areas) 2017 This SEPP protects the biodiversity values of trees and other vegetation in non- rural areas of the State, and to preserve the amenity of non-rural areas of the State through preservation of trees and other vegetation.	Yes ⊠	No 🗆

State Environmental Planning Policy No 55 – Remediation of Land

Clause 7 of SEPP 55 states that:

- 1) A consent authority must not consent to the carrying out of any development on land unless:
 - a) It has considered whether the land is contaminated, and
 - b) If the land is contaminated, it is satisfied that the land is suitable in its contaminated state (or will be suitable, after remediation) for the purpose for which the development is proposed to be carried out, and
 - c) If the land requires remediation to be made suitable for the purpose for which the development is proposed to be carried out, it is satisfied that the land will be remediated before the land is used for that purpose.

Comment

The planning policy is required to be considered in the processing and determination of development applications.

The purpose of this policy is to provide a statewide planning approach to the remediation of land. In particular, this policy aims to promote the remediation of contaminated land for the purposes of reducing the risk of harm to human health or other aspects of the environment.

In accordance with Clause 7 of SEPP 55 it has been considered that the land is not likely be contaminated and that is suitable for the intended use. The requirements of the SEPP are therefore satisfied.

Bland Local Environmental Plan 2011

Part 1 Preliminary

Clause 1.2 Aims of the Plan

The aims of the Bland Local Environmental Plan 2011 are:

- (a) To protect, enhance and conserve agricultural land through the proper management, development and conservation of natural and man-made resources,
- (b) To encourage a range of housing, employment, recreation and facilities to meet the needs of existing and future residents of Bland,
- (c) To promote the efficient and equitable provision of public services, infrastructure and amenities,
- (d) To conserve, protect and enhance the environmental and cultural heritage of Bland,
- (e) To promote the twin townships of West Wyalong and Wyalong as the major commercial and community service centres for Bland,
- (f) To encourage the sustainable growth of the villages of Bland.

Part 2 Permitted or prohibited development

The proposal is not specifically defined in the LEP. However, it is considered to a type of residential accommodation.

In accordance with Clause 2.3 and the Land Use Table Residential Accommodation is permitted with consent in the R1 General Residential zone.

Land Use Table

Zoning Table

R1 General Residential

Objectives of the Zone:

- To provide for the housing needs of the community
- To provide for a variety of housing types and desnsities
- To enable other land uses that provide facilities or services to meet the day to day needs of residents.
- To promote seniors housing on land in the vicinity of the West Wyalong District Hospital.

The proposal will provide accommodation to meet the housing needs of the additional workforce required to complete the construction works at the Cowal Gold Project.

Part 3 Exempt and complying development

The proposed development is not Exempt or Complying Development. The application is seeking consent.

Part 4 Principal development standards

There are no principal development standards applicable to the development. The application does not propose subdivision, the erection or rural workers accommodation or an exception to a development standard.

Part 5 Miscellaneous provisions

5.11 Bushfire Hazard Reduction

Bushfire hazard reduction, (if required) can be carried out without development consent.

Part 6 Additional local provisions

6.1 Essential Services

Arrangements are in place for the provision of essential services.

6.2 Earthworks

Associated earthworks are not considered significant and biodiversity assessment has been undertaken by the applicant to assess impacts on terrestrial biodiversity.

6.3 Terrestrial Biodiversity

A biodiversity offset is required.

Section 4.15(a)(ii) – Any proposed instrument that is or has been the subject of public consultation under this Act and that has been notified to the consent authority.

No relevant planning instrument under this clause is currently the subject of public exhibition.

Section 4.15(a)(iii) – Any Development Control Plan

DEVELOPMENT CONTROL PLAN PART 1.3 DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION NEIGHBOUR NOTIFICATION POLICY Is the proposal Advertised Development? Yes □ No ⊠ Comment The proposal is not listed as Advertised Development in the Bland DCP 2012. Did the application require Neighbour Notification? Yes ⊠ No □ Comment The proposal was advertised to adjoining property owners for a period of three (3) weeks. The proposal was also exhibited on Council's website and the NSW Planning Portal.

PART 4 DUAL OCCUPANCY AND MULTI-DWELLING RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT

All Residential Zones

Development respects the character of the neighbourhood by:

PMD1.1	Being respectful of, without necessarily imitating the styleID1.1and character of adjoining houses and gardens including thescale, materials, roof forms and types of trees.			
	Providing attractive streetscapes, comprising trees, gardens, building facades, fences and walls.	Meets Acceptable Solution		

PMD1.3	Preserving established trees and gardens.	Meets Acceptable Solution	
Commen	t		
developm native pla	osal is consistent with the residential character of the surround nent is single storey. A landscaping plan has been submitted for antings and trees have been retained where possible. It is cons d with the surrounding land uses.	or the proposal that includes	
Developr	nent takes advantage of the attributes of the site, by:		
PDM2.1	Using its slope, its orientation to the sun, and its established landscape quality to create useable outdoor spaces and views.		
PDM2.2	Combining neighbourhood gardens to maintain the landscape character of the area.	Meets Acceptable Solution	
PDM2.3	Minimising paved areas.	Meets Acceptable Solution	
PDM2.4	Keeping the floor area of the new building to a minimum through efficient planning so as to retain as much of the existing backyard and garden as possible and to minimise site coverage and maximise setbacks from the boundaries.	Meets Acceptable Solution	
PDM2.5	Ensuring setbacks from the street alignment do not vary dramatically from those in the rest of the street.	Meets Acceptable Solution	
range of r the devel (Boundar	ty provides communal recreation areas for residents both indoc recreational activities. The proposal includes integrated landsc opment. The proposal will be setback more than 5 metres from y Street), 3 metres from on western boundary (Cedar Street) and There will be a setback of 11 metres along the southern boundar	aping and gardens throughout the primary street frontage nd northern boundary (Hyde	
	nent is of appropriate building height, bulk and form by:		
PDM3.1	Being respectful of the predominant surrounding building forms, roof forms and building heights.	Meets Acceptable Solution	
PDM3.2	Minimising building bulk and height on or near boundaries to avoid overshadowing and overlooking of neighbours.	Meets Acceptable Solution	
Commen		110 - Andreas The Association	
	osal is for the installation of accommodation and communal fac storey with pitched roofs that reflect the character of the surro	U	
Developr	nent protects the heritage qualities of the area by:		
PDM4.1	Respecting existing heritage buildings, streetscapes or gardens close to the development.	Not Relevant	
Commen There are	nt e no heritage items in the vicinity of the proposed development.		
Develop	ment provides good environmental performance access by	/:	
PDM5.1	Providing good sunlight to living areas and avoiding overshadowing of neighbours and established garden areas.	Meets Acceptable Solution	
PDM5.2	Planning the internal layout of a dwelling to ensure good daylight to living areas.	Meets Acceptable Solution	
PDM5.3	Locating parking in the shadow of the buildings.	Meets Acceptable Solution	
	It odation modules are fitted with 1 x 1.2 metre windows to allow f al buildings have sufficient window area to allow for adequate n	J	
	ment creates clear address and access by:		
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PDM6.1	Ensuring dwellings adjoining the street frontage address the street. Not Relevant				
PDM6.2	Providing each dwelling with clear and distinct access, preferably visible from a public street.				
	nature of the development and the exclusive use of the site by lered necessary for dwelling units to address the street. Pathw				
Developn	nent provides access and parking by:				
PDM7.1	Providing adequate parking for the number and type of dwellings.	Meets Acceptable Solution			
PDM7.2	Ensuring that access driveways and garage frontages do not visually dominate development.	Meets Acceptable Solution			
PDM7.3	Ensuring vehicle access to and from the site is safe.	Meets Acceptable Solution			
PDM7.4	Minimising the number and width of access driveways consistent with the traffic function of those driveways.	Meets Acceptable Solution			
	t the site will be from a formed road (Boundary Street). Car par e with AS2890 Part 1 and 2. Car parking is discussed further	U .			
Developn	nent provides facilities consistent with the residential use	of the land including:			
PDM8.1	Letterboxes.	Not Relevant			
PDM8.2	Clothes drying facilities.	Meets Acceptable Solution			
PDM8.3	18.3 Garbage bin storage. Meets Acceptable Sol				
PDM8.4	18.4 Outdoor service areas. Meets Acceptable Solut				
facility for be visible communa developm	letterboxes are not required for this development, mail will be all residents. Clothes lines will be provided in the vicinity of ear from public streets. Waste receptacles will be located in a scrul dining/kitchen/admin building. Storage areas are provided in	ach laundry facility and will not eened area at the rear of the various locations across the			
PDM9.1		Meets Acceptable Solution			
PDM9.1	Telephone/data, water, sewer, power and gas.	•			
FDIVI9.2	Onsite water storage. Drainage	Meets Acceptable Solution			
PDM9.3 Note: Headwork's and/or development servicing plan charges may be applicable to the development. Applicants are advised to contact Council's Engineering Services Department to determine these charges, which are payable prior to the release of any Construction Certificate.					
water and storage ta		menity buildings. Water			

B2 Local Centre Zone			
PDM10.1	M10.1 Using its slope, its orientation to the sun, and its established landscape quality to create useable outdoor spaces and views. Not Relevant		
PDM10.2	Minimising paved areas	Not Relevant	
PDM10.3Keeping the floor area of the new building to a minimum through efficient planning so as to retain as much of the existing backyard and garden as possible and to minimise site coverage and maximise setbacks from the boundaries.Not Relevant			
Comment The proposal is not located in the B2 Local Centre zone.			

PART 1	1 CAR PARKING AND VEHICLE ACCESS			
PCP1	Parking operations are logical and the circulation pattern clearly defined through the use of appropriate traffic management measures.Meets Acceptable Solution			
PCP2	Parking areas are designed to operate in a safe manner for drivers and pedestrians.	Meets Acceptable Solution		
PCP3	Finished surface of the car park, driveway, turning circle and loading areas is of a suitable material for the proposed Meets Acceptable Solution activity.			
PCP4	Pedestrians are separated from vehicular traffic as much as physically possible.	Meets Acceptable Solution		
PCP5	For one way traffic, circulation is in the clockwise direction.	Meets Acceptable Solution		
PCP6	Solid walls or other obstructions to visibility are avoided on the inside of tight turns.	Meets Acceptable Solution		
PCP7	Entry/Exit points are clearly marked to avoid any confusion. Within the car park, signs are provided where necessary so that drivers wishing to leave the car park may do so by the most efficient route. Signposting is easily seen and understood.	Meets Acceptable Solution		
PCP8	Directional markings are clearly set out on the pavement in such a manner as to be easily readable and understandable to the users of the car park.	Meets Acceptable Solution		
PCP9	All parking bay delineations, arrows and other information for drivers painted on the pavement are marked using white (or high contrast) paint or approved markers. Delineations are not less than 75 mm or greater than 100 mm wide. Note: In certain situations, the installation of signs to Council's satisfaction may be required over and above the normal requirements. Signposting and marking for parking areas are to be submitted with the development application for Council's consideration.			
PCP10	Where the development generates a reasonable volume of traffic, separate entry and exit locations are provided with suitable separation between the access points.	Meets Acceptable Solution		
PCP11	Good sight distance is provided onto footpath areas from vehicles leaving car parking areas.	Not Relevant		
PCP12	Garages in residential development are capable of easy entry and exit.	Not Relevant		

PCP13	Grades of parking areas are minimised, consistent with achieving adequate drainage	Meets Acceptable Solution
PCP14	Turning circles are to cater for the range of vehicle sizes anticipated to utilise the site. Meets Acceptable Solution	
PCP15	Delivery areas are separated (either physically or through timed deliveries) from customer parking areas.	Meets Acceptable Solution
PCP16	PCP16Provisions are made in the design of loading docks so that delivery vehicles do not conflict with customer traffic.Not Relevant	
Comment		

Car parking will be constructed in accordance with AS 2890 Part 1 and Part 2. The proposal is consistent with the car parking requirements set out in the Bland DCP 2012.

11.3 Number of Car parking Spaces Required

PNC1	New car parks are sufficient in number and design to provide appropriately for the needs of new development.	Meets Acceptable Solution
Comm	ent	

The proposal will provide sufficient car parking spaces (a total of 95 spaces).

PART 12 TREE REMOVAL OR LOPPING		
PT1	Trees are protected, unless they are an environmental weed species;	Meets Acceptable Solution
PT2	Management of existing trees minimises the threat to the long term survival of the tree.	Meets Acceptable Solution
Comment		
There are some trees that are required to be removed as a result of the development. Trees that are to be retained will be required to be protected during construction.		

Section 4.15 (1)(a)(iiia) – Planning Agreements

No planning agreements have been proposed in relation to this development.

Section 4.15 (1)(a)iv) – Any matter prescribed by the regulations

NSW Coastal Policy 1997	Not applicable to the Bland LGA
Fire Protection and Structural Capacity	Not applicable
Upgrade of Buildings	Not applicable
Temporary Structures	Fire protection and structural capacity has been considered and it is considered that the structures are appropriate for the proposed use.

Section 4.15(1)(b) – EP & A Act

	ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS			
	Im	pact	Comment	
Social	Yes ⊠	No 🗆	The proposal will provide housing for the construction workforce and a significant number of operational staff. The current housing market in West Wyalong is not able to meet this demand.	
Economic	Yes ⊠	No 🗆	The operation of the site will generate the need for goods and services in West Wyalong and there will employment opportunities in the operation of the facility.	
Siting & Configuration	Yes ⊠	No 🗆	The development is designed to utilise the existing road network and utility services.	
Setbacks	Yes ⊠	No 🗆	The setbacks of the development are consistent with the requires set out in the Bland DCP 2012.	
Privacy	Yes ⊠	No 🗆	The proposal includes the construction of a 1.8m 'good neighbour' colorbond fence along the shared boundary with 14 Hyde Street. Chainwire fencing is proposed for other boundarys. Further consideration is required.	
Overshadowing	Yes □	No 🖂	The proposal is for one-storey units with adequate spacing between other units and existing residential dwellings in the vicinity. It is not considered that overshadowing will be an issue.	
Solar Access	Yes	No 🖂	As above.	
Visual	Yes ⊠	No 🗆	Neutral colours are proposed. Exist mature vegetation and proposed landscaping will reduce the visual impact in the locality.	
Amenity	Yes ⊠	No 🗆	As above	
Water	Yes ⊠	No 🗆	The proposed development will increase water demand. The application was referred to Goldenfields Water County Council who have provided conditions of development consent.	
Air	Yes ⊠	No 🗆	The proposal will not have a significant impact on air and microclimate. Conditions will be applied to minimise dust during construction.	
Noise	Yes ⊠	No 🗆	It is considered that any noise generated at the site will be of low impact and will not significantly impact on adjoining land owners.	
Land Degradation	Yes	No 🖂	Conditions will be applied to address soil erosion and sedimentation during construction	
Vegetation Loss	Yes ⊠	No 🗆	A number of trees	
Flora	Yes ⊠	No 🗆	The site has not been identified as an area of critical habitat.	
Fauna	Yes ⊠	No 🗆	No threatened species have been identified on the site.	

Heritage	Impact		Comment			
European	Yes	No 🖂	There have been no items of European heritage identified on the site.			
Aboriginal	Yes	No 🖂	There have been no item identified on the site. A c relation to excavation.	0	•	
Is the land classified as containing and item of environmental heritage?				Yes □	No 🖂	
Is there an impact on a heritage item in the vicinity of the proposal?				Yes □	No 🖂	
Comment There have been no heritage items identified on the site or within the vicinity of the site.						
Is this proposal in a heritage conservation area?				Yes 🗆	No 🖂	
Is this proposal in an adjoining or in close vicinity to a conservation area?				Yes 🗆	No 🖂	
Has a Heritage Impact State	Yes □	No 🗵				
Has an Archaeological Surv	Yes 🗆	No 🖂				

Principles of Ecologically Sustainable Development

The following are principles of ecological sustainability:

1 The Precautionary Principle

Where there are threats of serious or irreversible environmental damage, lack of full scientific certainty should not be use as a reason for postponing measures to prevent environmental degradation.

In application of the precautionary principle, public and private decisions should be guided by:

- (a) Careful evaluation to avoid, wherever practicable, serious or irreversible damage to the environment, and
- (b) An assessment of the risk weighted consequences of various options.
- 2 Intergenerational Equity

The present generation should ensure that the health, diversity and productivity of the environment are maintained or enhanced for the benefit of future generations (that is, a partnership among all of the generations that may use or expect to benefit from the nation's resources).

3 Conservation of Biological Diversity and Ecological Integrity

Conservation of biological diversity and ecological integrity should be a fundamental consideration.

4 Improved Valuation, Pricing and Incentive Mechanisms

Environmental factors should be included in the valuation of assets and services:

(a) Polluter pays (that is, those who generate pollution and waste should bear the cost of containment, avoidance or abatement), and

- (b) The user of goods and services should pay prices based on the full cycle costs of providing goods and services, including the use of natural resources and assets and the ultimate disposal of any waste, and
- (c) Environmental goals having been established should be pursued in the most cost-effective way by establishing incentive structures, including market mechanisms which enable those best placed to maximise benefits or minimise costs to develop their own solutions and responses to environmental problems.

The submitted Statement of Environmental Effects considers the environmental impacts and environmental management principles applied to the proposal.

Section 4.15 (c) - The suitability of the site for the development

The proposed development site is for a workers accommodation village, a similar development has previously been located in the same location. The site has access to the road network and utility services and is considered suitable for the development.

Section 4.15 (d) – Any submissions made in accordance with the Act or the regulation

There were ten (10) submissions received in relation to the development. Of these five (5) submissions provided comments in relation to the proposal and five (5) submissions were in support of the proposal.

The main issues raised in the submissions are:

Issue	Comment
Future use of the site	The future use of the site is not a matter for consideration during assessment this application. However, any future use of the site would require the lodgement of a new development application.
Operational life of development	There is no operation timeframe identified for the development. However a condition can be applied that requires decommissioning within 5 years of operations ceasing at the Cowal Gold Project.
Impact of construction on neighbouring properties	Impacts on adjoining properties can be managed by the application of conditions limiting hours of construction, dust mitigation measures and the like.
Use of Cedar Street during construction	Construction access is limited to Boundary Street only.
Historic mine workings	A geotechnical assessment for the development site has been carried out. It was determined that the with the application of appropriate mitigation measures the site is geotechnically suitable for the development.
Access to 20 Cedar Street	This matter is not directly related to the development application and can be resolved outside of the development application process.

A copy of the applicant's detailed response to the matters raised is attached.

Section 4.15 (e) – The public interest

The public interest is a broad consideration relating to many issues and is not limited to the issues discussed in this report. Taking into account the full range of matters for consideration under Section 4.15 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 (as discussed in this report) it is considered approval of the application is in the public interest.

Other Legislative Requirements

Section 1.7 of the EPA Act 1979 and Part 7 of the Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016

(Test for determining whether proposed development or activity likely to significantly affect threatened species or ecological communities, or their habitats)

A Biodiversity Development Assessment Report has been submitted with the application. A biodiversity offset credit is applicable to this development.

Development Contribution Plans

Section 7.11 & 7.12 Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979

Section 94 Development Contribution Plan 2011 – Traffic Generating Development

Not applicable to this development

Section 94A Development Contribution Plan 2011

A contribution of \$237,300.42 is applicable to this development

Other Approvals

The development if approved will require the lodgement and approval of a Construction Certificate application and Section 68 Local Government Act Approval.

Conclusion

This assessment has given consideration to the matters listed where relevant. This assessment was undertaken in accordance with Section 79C of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979.

Recommendation

It is recommended that DA2021/0114 for a Workers Accommodation Village be approved subject to conditions

ATTACHMENT 1

CONDITIONS OF CONSENT

PART A - DEFERRED COMMENCEMENT CONDITIONS

1. The development consent shall not operate until such time as Native Title has been extinguished on the land described as Lot 7044 DP1115128 and Lot 2 DP1239669.

PART B – ADMINSTRATIVE CONDITIONS General

2. The development application must be carried out in accordance with the following plans and documentation listed below and as endorsed by Council, except where amended by other conditions of this development consent:

Plan No	Issue	Prepared by	Date
11985-DA-0111 Site Plan – Ground Level	A	Nettleton Tribe Pty Ltd	14/04/2021
11985-DA-0112 Site Plan – Roof Level	A	Nettleton Tribe Pty Ltd	14/04/2021
11985-DA-0113 Site Staging Plan	А	Nettleton Tribe Pty Ltd	14/04/2021
11985-DA-0114 Site Plan – Existing & Demolition Plan	А	Nettleton Tribe Pty Ltd	26/03/2021
11985-DA-0201 Site Elevations – Street Elevations	A	Nettleton Tribe Pty Ltd	16/04/2021
11985-DA-1101 Common Buildings – General Arrangement Plan – Ground	А	Nettleton Tribe Pty Ltd	26/03/2021
11985-DA-1102 Common Buildings – General Arrangement Plan - Roof	А	Nettleton Tribe Pty Ltd	26/03/2021
11985-DA-1201 Common Buildings – Elevations – Sheet 1	А	Nettleton Tribe Pty Ltd	14/04/2021
11985-DA-1202 Common Buildings – Elevations – Sheet 2	А	Nettleton Tribe Pty Ltd	14/04/2021
11985-DA-2101 Operations Module – Standard – Configuration Type 1 – Plans & Elevations	А	Nettleton Tribe Pty Ltd	16/04/2021
11985-DA-2111 Operations Module – Standard – Configuration Type 2 – Plans & Elevations	А	Nettleton Tribe Pty Ltd	16/04/2021
11985-DA-3101 Operations Module – Accessible – Configuration Type 1 – Plans & Elevations	A	Nettleton Tribe Pty Ltd	16/04/2021
11985-DA-4101 Construction Module – Standard – Configuration Type 1 – Plans & Elevations	A	Nettleton Tribe Pty Ltd	16/04/2021
11985-DA-5101 – Laundry Module – Configuration Type 1 – Plans & Elevations	A	Nettleton Tribe Pty Ltd	14/04/2021
Cowal Gold Operations (CGO) Accommodation Village Project (Landscape Drawings)		Arcadia	13/5/2021
Servicing Strategy Report		Calibre Professional Services Pty Ltd	7/4/2021
11985-AR-0111 Site Plan – Ground Level	7	Nettleton Tribe Pty Ltd	1/3/2021

BR-H5501 Legend, Linetypes and Abbreviations	А	Calibre Professional Services Pty Ltd	30/03/2021
BR-H5502 Drawing Notes	А	Calibre Professional Services Pty Ltd	30/03/2021
BR-H5510 Hydraulics Site Plan North	А	Calibre Professional Services Pty Ltd	30/03/2021
BR-H5511 Hydraulics Site Plan South	A	Calibre Professional Services Pty Ltd	30/03/2021
21-000050.02-H-SK02 Concept Sketch – Central Building Plant Spatial Requirements Hydraulic Services	В	Calibre Professional Services Pty Ltd	29/03/2021
Construction Management Plan	2	Currajong	26/3/2021
Biodiversity Development Assessment Report	2	EMM Consulting	13/4/2021
Bushfire Hazard Report	1.3	BlackAsh Bushfire Consulting	28/4/2021
Aboriginal Heritage Due Diligence Assessment	2	EMM Consulting	03/03/2021
Visual Impact Assessment	2	EMM Consulting	13/04/2021
Soil & Water Management Plan	D	Calibre Professional Services	15/04/2021
C0-00 Cover Sheet, Sheet List and Locality Plan	С	Calibre Professional Services	06/04/2021
C0-01 General Notes and Legend	D	Calibre Professional Services	15/04/2021
C1-00 Services Coordination Plan	С	Calibre Professional Services	15/04/2021
C1-10 Erosion and Sediment Control Plan	D	Calibre Professional Services	15/04/2021
C1-15 Erosion and Sediment Control Details and Notes	С	Calibre Professional Services	06/04/2021
C2-01 General Arrangement Plan (Sheet 1 of 2)	D	Calibre Professional Services	15/04/2021
C2-02 General Arrangement Plan (Sheet 2 of 2)	D	Calibre Professional Services	15/04/2021
C2-50 Vehicle Turning Path Analysis Plan (Sheet 1 of 2)	А	Calibre Professional Services	31/03/2021
C2-51 Vehicle Turning Path Analysis Plan (Sheet 2 of 2)	А	Calibre Professional Services	31/03/2021

C3-01 Pavement Plan	С	Calibre Professional Services	06/04/2021
C3-10 Typical Road Sections	А	Calibre Professional Services	31/03/2021
C3-80 Civil Works Details (Sheet 1 of 2)	D	Calibre Professional Services	15/4/2021
C3-81 Civil Works Details (Sheet 2 of 2)	D	Calibre Professional Services	15/4/2021
C4-30 OSD Basin Details and Stormwater Drainage Details	С	Calibre Professional Services	06/04/2021
C4-60 Stormwater Catchment Plan	С	Calibre Professional Services	06/04/2021
Noise Impact Assessment	2	EMM Consulting	16/04/2021
Construction Air Quality Impact Assessment	1	EMM Consulting	25/03/2021
Traffic Impact Assessment	1	EMM Consulting	24/03/2021
Preliminary Site Investigation	2	EMM Consulting	15/03/2021
Geotechnical Report	D	Xstract Mining Consultants Pty Ltd	8/04/2021

Notes:

- Any material alteration to the plans and/or documentation shall be submitted for the approval of Council. Such alterations may require the lodgement of an application to amend the consent under s4.55 of the Act, or a fresh development application. No works, other than those approved under this consent, shall be carried out without the prior approval of Council.
- Where there is an inconsistency between the documents lodged with this application and the following conditions, the conditions shall prevail to the extent of that inconsistency.
- 3. The **workers accommodation and associated buildings** shall not be occupied or the use shall not commence until all relevant conditions of development consent have been met or unless other satisfactory arrangements have been made with council.

Building Code of Australia

4. All building work must be carried out in accordance with the requirements of the Building Code of Australia.

Note: This condition is prescribed under the Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2000.

Erection of signs

- 5. A sign must be erected in a prominent position on any site on which building work, is being carried out:
 - (a) showing the name, address and telephone number of the principal certifying authority for the work, and
 - (b) showing the name of the principal contractor (if any) for any building work and a telephone number on which that person may be contacted outside working hours, and
 - (c) stating that unauthorised entry to the work site is prohibited.

Any such sign is to be maintained while the building work, subdivision work or demolition work is being carried out, but must be removed when the work has been completed.

PART C - REQUIREMENTS PRIOR TO ISSUE OF CONSTRUCTION CERTIFICATE Construction Certificate Application

6. A Construction Certificate for foundations, footings and stormwater connections is required to be applied for, and issued by Council/Accredited Certifier prior to any excavation or building works being carried out on site.

Engineering Plans

7. Engineering plans, showing details of all proposed work and adhering to any conditions of development consent, are to be submitted to, and approved by, Bland Shire Council or an Accredited Certifier prior to issuing of the Construction Certificate.

Section 68 Application

8. Prior to the issue of a Construction Certificate, an application under Section 68 of the *Local Government Act 1993* is to be made to, and issued by, Bland Shire Council, for the installation of the modular buildings and all sewer and stormwater connections.

PART D - REQUIREMENTS PRIOR TO COMMENCEMENT OF WORK Payment of Developer Contribution

9. Pursuant to section 4.17(1) of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979, and the Bland Section 94A Development Contributions Plan 2011, a contribution of \$237,300.42 shall be paid to Council. The amount to be paid is to be adjusted at the time of actual payment, in accordance with the provisions of the Bland Section 94A Development Contributions Plan. The contribution is to be paid before a Construction Certificate is issued.

Notice of Commencement

10. Notice of commencement (at least 48 hours prior) is to be given to Council in writing.

Erosion and Sediment Control

11. Erosion and sediment control measures shall be installed and maintained until all disturbed areas have revegetated in accordance with the Soil & Water Management Plan.

Note: On the spot fines may be imposed for non-compliance with this condition.

Temporary Onsite Toilet

12. A temporary on-site toilet is to be provided and must remain throughout construction of the project or until an alternative facility meeting Council's requirements is available on-site.

Damage to Public Assets

13. The developer or his agent must undertake a site inspection of the adjacent kerbs, gutters, footpaths, walkways, carriageway, reserves and the like, prior to commencement of work and document evidence of any damage to existing assets. Failure to identify existing damage will result in all damage detected after completion of the building work being repaired at the applicant's expense.

PART E - REQUIREMENTS DURING WORKS

Approved hours of Construction

14. Construction work may only be undertaken in accordance with the provisions of the Environmental Protection Authority – Interim Construction Noise Guidelines as identified below:

DAY	HOURS
Monday to Friday	7:00am to 6:00pm
Saturday	8:00am to 3:00pm
Sunday & Public Holidays	Nil

Building Waste

15. The provision of a metal waste skip with self-closing lid or secure covering on-site for the duration of the construction to ensure that all wastes are contained on the site. The receptacle is to be emptied periodically to reduce the potential for rubbish to leave the site.

Note: On the spot fines may be imposed by Council for Pollution incidents.

Building Materials, Plant and Equipment

16. All building materials, plant and equipment are to be placed on the site of the development so as to ensure that pedestrian and vehicular access in public places is not restricted and also so that the road reserve is not damaged.

Note: On the spot fines may be imposed for non-compliance with this condition.

Stormwater Disposal

17. The guttering, downpipes and stormwater system is to be installed and connected to the approved disposal point in consultation with Council, as soon as the roof tiles or roof sheeting is positioned to prevent erosion of the site from roof water.

Soil and Water Management

18. All practical measures must be taken to ensure erosion and subsequent sediment movement off-site does not occur.

In particular, a silt fence or equivalent must be provided downhill from the cut and fill area (or any other disturbed area). The fence must be regularly inspected and cleaned out and/or repaired as necessary and all collected silt must be disposed of to the satisfaction of the Principal Certifying Authority (PCA).

Unnecessary disturbance of the site (eg excessive vehicular access) must not occur.

All cuts and fills must be stabilised or revegetated as soon as possible after the completion of site earthworks.

Uncovering Relics or Aboriginal Objects

19. While building work is being carried out, all works must cease immediately if a relic or Aboriginal object is unexpectedly discovered. The applicant must notify the Heritage Council of NSW in respect of a relic and notify the Secretary of the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment and the Heritage Council of NSW in respect of an Aboriginal object. Building work may recommence at a time confirmed by either the Heritage Council of NSW or the Secretary of the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment.

In this condition:

- "relic" means any deposit, artefact, object or material evidence that:
 - (a) relates to the settlement of the area that comprises New South Wales, not being Aboriginal settlement, and
 - (b) is of State or local heritage significance; and
- "Aboriginal object" means any deposit, object or material evidence (not being a handicraft made for sale) relating to the Aboriginal habitation of the area that comprises New South Wales, being habitation before or concurrent with (or both) the occupation of that area by persons of non-Aboriginal extraction and includes Aboriginal remains.

PART F - REQUIREMENTS PRIOR TO OCCUPATION CERTIFICATE Occupation Requirements

20. No person is to use or occupy the buildings that are the subject of this approval without the prior issuing of an Occupation Certificate.

Public Infrastructure

21. The applicant shall rectify any damage to public infrastructure (including roads, gutters, footpaths, street trees, etc) that is a result of construction of the development, prior to the issue of the Occupation Certificate at no cost to Council.

Smoke Alarms

22. A Compliance Certificate certifying the installation of smoke alarms is to be provided to Council.

Ground Levels

23. Finished ground levels are to be graded away from the buildings and adjoining properties must achieve natural drainage. The concentrated flows are to be dispersed down slope or collected and discharged to the stormwater drainage system.

Completion Requirements

24. All of the foregoing conditions are to be at the full cost of the developer and to be completed prior to the issuing of an Occupation Certificate, unless stated otherwise.

PART G - OPERATIONAL REQUIREMENTS Annual Fire Safety Certificate

25. During occupation and ongoing use of the building, the applicant must provide an annual fire safety statement to Council and the Commissioner of Fire and Rescue NSW in accordance with clause 177 of the EP&A Regulation 2000.

Decommissioning of Site

26. The development site is to be decommissioned within five (5) years of operations ceasing at the Cowal Gold Project site. Prior to any decommissioning works taking place on the site a Decommissioning Plan is to be submitted to Council demonstrating how the site will be rehabilitated. The Decommissioning Plan is to be submitted to Council 12 months prior to operations ceasing at the Cowal Gold Project site.

PART H – NSW RURAL FIRE SERVICE CONDITIONS Emergency and Evacuation Arrangements

- 27. The NSW RFS will require the proponent to develop a Fire Management Plan in consultation with the NSW RFS District Fire Control Centre. The following shall be addressed within the Fire Management Plan:
 - a. Potential bush fire threats to the facility
 - b. Potential hazards to fire fighters
 - c. Fire fighting water supplies
 - d. Vehicle access and defendable space around the accommodation village
 - e. Location of dangerous goods and hazardous substances
 - f. Land and vegetation management opportunities/arrangements
 - g. The Fire Management Plan shall include a Bush Fire Emergency Management and Evacuation Plan consistent with the following:
 - i. The NSW RFS document: A Guide to Developing a Bushfire Emergency Management and Evacuation Plan
 - ii. Include planning for the relocation of occupants on days with an 'extreme' or 'catastrophic' fire danger rating or days declared as a total fire ban
 - iii. Identify a method for transportation of occupants in the event of an emergency should individual vehicles be unavailable at the site
 - iv. Contact details for the local NSW RFS office
 - *v.* Detailed plans of all emergency assembly areas including on site and off-site arrangements as stated in AS 3745 *'Planning for emergencies in facilities'*

Note: A copy of the Bush Fire Emergency Management and Evacuation Plan should be provided to the Local Emergency Management Committee for its information prior to occupation of the development.

Asset Protection Zones

28. From the commencement of building works, an in perpetuity, the entire development site (as depicted in Figure 2 Concept Layout of the Bushfire Assessment prepared by Lew Short (BPAD Level 3 BPD-PA 16373) of Black Ash Bushfire Consulting Version 1.3 dated 28 April 2021) must be managed as in inner protection area (IPA).

An IPA must be managed in accordance with the following requirements of Appendix 4 of Planning for Bush Fire Protection 2019:

- Tree canopy cover should be less than 15% at maturity
- Trees at maturity should not touch or overhand the building
- Lower limbs should be removed up to a height of 2 metres above the ground
- Tree canopies should be separated by 2 to 5 metres
- Preference should be given to smooth-barked and evergreen trees
- Large discontinuities or gaps in vegetation should be provided to slow down or break the progress of fire towards buildings

- Shrubs should not be located under trees
- Shrubs should be separated from exposed windows and doors by a distance of at least twice the height of vegetation
- Grass should be kept mown (as a guide grass should be kept to no more than 100mm in height) and
- Leaves and vegetation debris should be removed.
- 29. The construction of any habitable structures within 11 metres of the southern boundary of the site is prohibited (as depicted in Figure 2 Concept Layout of the Bushfire Assessment prepared by Lew Short (BPAD Level 3 BPD-PA 16373) of Black Ash Bushfire Consulting Version 1.3 dated 28 April 2021).
- 30. From the commencement of building works, a Memorandum of Understanding to Council's satisfaction shall be in place to ensure that the area between the eastern boundary of the site and Boundary Street is managed as an inner protection area (IPA) in accordance with the requirements outlined in condition 28 (above).

Construction Standards

31. New construction must comply with Australian Standard AS3959-2018 'Construction buildings in bushfire-prone areas' or NASH Standard (1.7.14 updated) National Standard Steel Framed Construction in Bushfire Areas – 2014 as appropriate and Section 7.5 of Planning for Bush Fire Protection 2019. The level of construction shall be relevant to the available separation distance of the structures from unmanaged bushfire prone vegetation in accordance with Appendix 1 of Planning for Bush Fire Protection 2019 and must not exceed BAL 29.

In this regard, should the applicant wish to achieve the Bushfire Attack Levels shown in Figure 7 BAL Assessment and Construction Requirements of the Bushfire Assessment prepared by Lew Short (BPAD Level 3 BPD-PA 16373) of Black Ash Bushfire Consulting Version 1.3 dated 28 April 2021, the following will also be required (though the minimum requirements have already been achieved by conditions 28, 29 and 30 above):

A restriction to the land use pursuant to section 88B of the Conveyancing Act 1919 established for the 11 metres on the northern boundary of Lot 1107 on DP753135 and Lot 1085 on DP753135 which requires this area to be managed as an inner protection area (IPA) in accordance with the following requirements of Appendix 4 of Planning for Bush Fire Protection 2019:

- Tree canopy cover should be less than 15% at maturity
- Trees at maturity should not touch or overhand the building
- Lower limbs should be removed up to a height of 2 metres above the ground
- Tree canopies should be separated by 2 to 5 metres
- Preference should be given to smooth-barked and evergreen trees
- Large discontinuities or gaps in vegetation should be provided to slow down or break the progress of fire towards buildings
- Shrubs should not be located under trees
- Shrubs should be separated from exposed windows and doors by a distance of at least twice the height of vegetation
- Grass should be kept mown (as a guide grass should be kept to no more than 100mm in height) and
- Leaves and vegetation debris should be removed.

Property Access

- 32. Vehicular access roads (the loop road and 'fire trail') within the site must comply with the following requirements of PBP 2019:
 - a. Minimum 5.5 metre carriageway width kerb to kerb
 - b. Parking is provided outside of the carriageway width
 - c. Hydrants are located clear of parking areas
 - d. Roads are through roads, and these are linked to the internal road system at an interval of no greater than 500m
 - e. Curves of roads have a minimum inner radius of 6 metres
 - f. The road crossfall does not exceed 3 degrees
 - g. A minimum vertical clearance of 4 metres to any overhanging obstructions, including tree branches, is provided, and
 - h. Gates for fire trails are provided and locked with a key/lock system authorised by the local RFS.

Water and Utility Services

- 33. The provision of water services must comply with the following in accordance with Table 6.8c of Planning for Bush Fire Protection 2019:
 - a. Reticulated water with a hydrant system is to be provided to the development
 - b. Fire hydrant spacing, design and sizing comply with the relevant clauses of AS 2419.1:2005
 - c. Hydrants are not located within any road carriageway
 - d. Reticulated water supply uses a ring main system for areas with perimeter roads
 - e. Fire hydrant flows and pressures comply with the relevant clauses of AS 2419.1:2005, and
 - f. All above-ground water service pipes external to the building are metal, including and up to any taps.

Where the reticulated water supply is unable to achieve the pressure required under AS 2419.1:2005, a 20,000 litre Static Water Supply shall be provided as follows:

- a. A connection for firefighting purposes is located within the IPA or non hazard side and away from the structure
- b. A connection of a 65mm Storz fitting with a ball valve fitted to the outlet of the tank
- c. The ball valve and pipes have the same bore size as the Storz fitting, to ensure flow volume, and are metal
- d. Underground tanks have an access hole of 200mm to allow tankers to refill direct from the tank
- e. A hardened ground surface for truck access is supplied within 4 metres of the access hole
- f. Above-ground tanks are manufactured from concrete or metal
- g. Raised tanks have their stands constructed from non-combustible material or bush fire-resisting timber (see Appendix F AS3959)
- h. Unobstructed access is provided at all times
- i. Tanks on the hazard side of a building are provided with adequate shielding for the protection of firefighters
- j. Underground tanks are clearly marked
- k. All exposed water pipes external to the building are metal, including any fittings

- I. Where pumps are provided, they are a minimum of 5hp or 3kW petrol or dieselpowered, and are shielded against bush fire attack
- m. Any hose and reel for firefighting connected to the pump shall be 19mm internal diameter, and
- n. Fire hose reels are constructed in accordance with AS/NZS 1221:1997 Fire hose reels, and installed in accordance with the relevant clauses of As 2441:2005 Installation of fire hose reels.
- 34. The provision of electrical services must comply with the following in accordance with Table 6.8c of Planning for Bush Fire Protection 2019:
 - a. Where practicable, electrical transmission lines are underground
 - b. Where overhead, electrical transmission lines are proposed as follows:
 - i. Lines are installed with short pole spacing (30 metres), unless crossing gullies, gorges or riparian areas, and
 - ii. No part of a tree is closer to power lines than the distance set out in accordance with the specifications in ISSC3 Guidelines for Managing Vegetation Near Power Lines.
- 35. The provision of gas services must comply with the following in accordance with Table 6.8c of Planning for Bush Fire Protection 2019:
 - a. Reticulated or bottled gas is installed and maintained in accordance with AS/NZS 1596:2014 and the requirements of relevant authorities, and metal piping is used
 - b. All fixed gas cylinders are kept clear of all flammable materials to a distance of 10 metres and shielded on the hazard side.
 - c. Connections to and from gas cylinders are metal
 - d. If gas cylinders need to be kept close to the building, safety valves are directed way from the building and at least 2 metres away from any combustible material, so they do not act as a catalyst to combustion
 - e. Polymer-sheathed flexible gas supply lines to gas meters adjacent to buildings are not be used, and
 - f. Above-ground gas service pipes external to the building are metal, including and up to any outlets.

Landscaping

36. Where a fence or gate is within 6 metres of a building or in areas with a construction level of BAL-29 or higher, they shall be made of non-combustible material only.

PART H – GOLDENFIELDS WATER COUNTY COUNCIL CONDITIONS Compliance Certificate

37. A Certificate of Compliance from Goldenfields Water County Council is required prior to Occupation Certificates being issue for each stage of the development.

PART I – BIODIVERSITY CONDITIONS

Ecosystem Credit Retirement

- Prior to the commencement of works the class and number of ecosystem credits in Table C.1 must be retired to offset the residual biodiversity impacts of the development.
- 39. The requirement to retire credits in condition 41 may be satisfied by payment to the Biodiversity Conservation Fund of an amount equivalent to the class and number of ecosystem credits, as calculated by the BAM Credit Calculator.

40. Evidence of the retirement of credits or payments to the Biodiversity Conservation Fund in satisfaction of condition 41 must be provided to Council prior to commencement of works.

Table C.1 Ecosystem credits required to be retired – like for like	
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Impacted plant community type	No. of Ecosystem Credits	IBRA Subregion	Plant community type(s) that can be used to offset the impacts from development
Mugga Ironbark – Western Grey Box – cypress pine tall woodland on footslopes of low hills in the NSW South Western Slopes Bioregion	16	Lower Slopes	PCT 217

Section 4 – Reports for Information

Recommendation:

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

- 8.6 Economic Development & Tourism Report
- 8.7 Community Services Report
- 8.8 Bland Shire Library Monthly Update
- 8.9 Children Services June Update
- 8.10 Technical Services Report
- 8.11 Development Services Activity Report

8.6 Economic Development & Tourism Report



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's existing industry and increase employment opportunities within the Shire's existing industry and increase employment opportunities within the Shire's existing industry and increase employment opportunities within the Shire's existing industry and increase employment opportunities within the Shire's existing industry and increase employment opportunities within the Shire's existing industry and increase employment opportunities within the Shire's existing industry and increase employment opportunities within the Shire's existing industry and increase employment opportunities within the Shire's existing industry and increase employment opportunities within the Shire's existing industry and increase employment opportunities within the Shire's existing industry existing industry and increase employment opportunities within the Shire's existing industry existing industry existing industry and increase employment opportunities within the Shire's existing industry existing

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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

NBN Proposal

Council has been approached by NBN to bring fibre to the home throughout West Wyalong. The success of this project will depend on the outcome of a grant application under the Regional Connectivity Program which the NBN team will prepare in consultation with council staff.

The General Manager will be liaising with the proponents over the coming weeks and a more detailed report will be submitted to Council in due course.

In addition to the approach from NBN Council has also received correspondence from a company known as Lumea Telecommunications with a similar proposal as outlined below:

The Lumea Telecommunications business consists of two lines of business, Data Services and Wireless Colo Services. Our Data Services utilises one of the largest fibre networks in Australia predominantly in NSW/ACT. The network sits atop the High Voltage transmission network and we refer to this as "Fibre in the Sky". The network reach and coverage is extensive and we provide route diversity and redundancy. We have built fibre to key NBN POI's in NSW/ACT/Vic and provide Ethernet and Backhaul services.

With the recent selection by the **Department of Customer Services** to the Telecommunications Purchasing Arrangement (TPA) panel, Lumea is providing services to NSW Govt. We are currently providing services to various sectors like Wholesale, Government Enterprise, renewables and Mining customers.

We can offer Carrier Ethernet, Internet, Cloud connectivity, SDWAN and high-speed DWDM services. Kindly refer to the attached brochure for more details.

Our partner Essential Energy is building fibre to West Wyalong Solar farm, via West Wyalong. Upon completion of the fibre build, we should be able to offer high-speed services to the business and Government agencies within the town.

Mobile Black Spot Program

The General Manager has been liaising with Mr. Chris Taylor, Telstra Regional General Manager for the ACT and Southern NSW with a view of identifying priority areas within Bland Shire for mobile coverage improvement.

Based on the information available Telstra will use this as a starting point to do some desktop analysis on potential options for a solution. This will assist in preparing for any Mobile Blackspot Program or other funding program rounds which come up in the future.

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Number of Redemptions	297	212	274	198	178	198	190	3,469
Value of Redemptions	\$9,347	\$6,619	\$8,539	\$6,535	\$6,505	\$6,882	\$6,201	\$118,909

Bland Shire Council Why Leave Town Statistics

Grant Register Progress Report

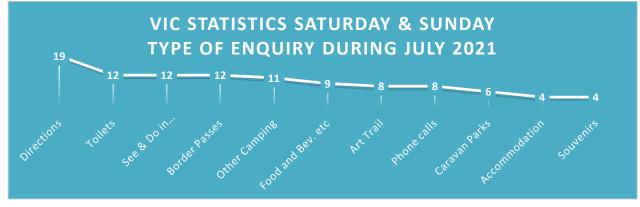
Grants Register Progress Report – included on the following pages is an extract from the Grants Register indicating financial progress on the current projects. It should be noted that the report is financial and not necessarily reflective of project completion/progression.

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Tourism

Visitor Information Centre Statistics:







Bland Shire Entry Sign:

The first of the new Bland Shire entry signs is up on the Newell Highway near Mirrool. Thank you to Leon and his crew digging in the mud to get it in. Soon the rest of the entry signs will be up as well.



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8.7 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

Batyr

As part of activities funded under the Youth Wellbeing and Resilience Program, the Batyr Foundation Full Day Program was scheduled to be delivered to all students at West Wyalong High School on Tuesday 20 July 2021. As a result of the escalating Covid-19 situation across the state, the event has now being postponed until Wednesday 15 September. The Batyr full day program aims to engage, educate and empower young people to speak out about mental health issues by fostering an environment where talking about these issues and getting help is not only accepted, but is encouraged and supported. Batyr programs educate students about the support networks and systems available to them and empower students to reach out for help when they need it. The program was delivered at West Wyalong High School in 2016 with the feedback received from both students and teachers being overwhelmingly positive with requests to hold the program on a regular basis received.

Ungarie Pump Track

Following on from the installation of two pump tracks in Barmedman and Weethalle, Council has a third track scheduled to go in at Henderson Park in Ungarie in the coming weeks, when weather permits. The two existing tracks have been a huge hit with locals in the village communities and it is expected the addition of the pump track in Ungarie will provide a great space for youth in the community and provide additional opportunities for outdoor recreation.

Murray Darling Basin Grant

Bland Shire Council has been the successful recipient of a \$500,000 grant for the West Wyalong and Wyalong Connected Walking Trails project under Round 3 of the Murray–Darling Basin Economic Development Program.

This project will construct new all-weather accessible trails connected to existing walking trails, tourist attractions and landmarks to boost tourism and the health and wellbeing of the local community. The project will connect and enhance existing pathways across the twin towns to create a continuous all weather and fully accessible walking trail encompassing heritage, cultural and tourist attractions. It is anticipated that this project will play a strong role in encouraging visitors to the region, with a strengthened visitor economy providing long-term employment benefits.

Website Analytics

Bland Shire Council's new look website continues to perform well with thousands of hits received on the page during the past three months. Most popular pages on the website continue to be Careers, Contact Council, Your Council and Things to see and Do, as noted in the statistics below.

Most popular pages				© 🌶
Page	Views	Desktop	🛑 Tablet	Mobile
Careers	1,341	629	18	694
Contact Council	530	270	10	250
Your Council	313	309	4	0
Things to See and Do	270	161	21	88
Visitor Information	253	157	12	84
Minutes and Agendas	232	232	0	0
Tips and Landfills	220	0	5	215
Application Forms	161	156	5	0
Councillors	159	159	0	0
Council Rates	131	119	12	0

LAST 3 MONTHS Data taken from Google Analytics

8.8 Bland Shire Library Monthly Update



Author: Library Services Coordinator

Riverina Regional Library

With the current RRL Deed of Agreement due to expire June 30, 2022, Wagga Wagga City Council has made their intent known that they may withdraw from Riverina Regional Library pending a cost analysis of services. At this stage, the implications of Wagga Wagga City Council's withdrawal from RRL are only speculation and perhaps premature, but as the current administrators and a major financial contributor to RRL, their non-commitment to renewing the RRL Deed of Agreement is causing some angst.

You've Got Mail – Penpal Program for Teens

You've Got Mail is an initiative by Riverina Regional Library. Teens (12+ years) are invited to register for free – the only requirement is that they must be a member of Riverina Regional Library. Once registered, the teen will be matched with a penpal ie. another teen residing within the RRL region (eg. Cootamundra, Corowa), provided a writing kit at a cost of \$5 – which Bland Shire Library will subsidise for its members – and start writing.

While the program aims to connect teens, having a penpal hones reading and writing skills, supports development and social skills, encourages perspective taking (the ability to look beyond your own point of view, so that you can consider how someone else may think or feel about something), encourages deeper connections and builds patience (having to wait for letters to arrive), and can help one another learn about different languages and cultures.

Children's Book Week, 21 – 27 August

Due to COVID restrictions, Bland Shire Library will not be hosting any face-to-face school group activities during Book Week. Instead, the library has circulated a CBCA Book Week BINGO Challenge to all schools within the Bland LGA. The challenge, which promotes books and reading, is also available on the library's webpage. The challenge is free and suitable for all students Kinder to year 12. Students have until the 27 August to complete the entire sheet, or part of, to be in the running to win prizes including books from the CBCA Shortlist.

Science in VR, Saturday 21 August 2021, 11am – 12pm

As part of Science Week, Bland Shire Library will host a livestream from Melbourne presented by Prof Alan Duffy and Dr Rebecca Allen (Swinburne University). People can watch and listen to the livestream (subject to social distancing), as well as explore a virtual reality (VR) app on their smartphone with guidance from Alan and Rebecca, who will be answering people's space and astronomy questions.

This event is free – booking is essential – and suitable for school aged children, young people and adults. Participants are advised to download / install the free SciVR app on their Apple or Android phone before the event with library staff more than happy to assist. Free mini VR headsets to clip onto the participant's smartphone will be provided at the event. Participants keep the headset after the event so they can keep exploring the app at home.

While Bland Shire Library hosted a Science in VR event back in 2019, since then the mobile app which gives a 3D view of the universe has been updated to include a rover and helicopter on Mars.

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Program Update

The library has suspended its Baby Bounce and Storytime programs until the end of August. Despite the good intention of library staff to continue these programs, under the current COVID restrictions it proved too difficult. In the interim, the library is providing take-home craft kits each week for the children and online Storytimes.

LEGO Legends remains online with a face-to-face session held the first Wednesday of each month – booking is essential with participant numbers capped.

All adult programs continue to be held as normal with strict guidelines in place and all measures taken to ensure a safe COVID free venue. However, it is up to individuals whether they attend or not. At this stage, the only group not meeting regularly is Pals of the Pen writers' group.

Online Storytimes

The online Storytimes entail library staff being videoed reading a children's picture book. The video is then presented in a PowerPoint presentation, saved as a media file and uploaded to YouTube and the library's Facebook page with links to be added to the library's webpage. It should be noted that the selection of books for reading is limited due to copyright and the entire process from start to finish is quite time consuming.

September School Holiday Program

The library has another fun creative program planned for the upcoming school holidays (Monday 20 September – Friday 1 October). The program will include cupcake decorating with Dagmar, bath bombs, mosaics, bird feeders, pulled string art and minute-to-win-it games. Numbers will be capped and multiple sessions offered (subject to social distancing).

New Addition to Children's Area

The library has received its new Storytime Kids PC and PAD. The Kids PC, which operates a Windows system and uses Wi-Fi, is attached to a customised table and is suitable for older children 8+. The PAD, which operates exactly the same as the Kids PC, sits flat (like an iPad) on its customised table and is unattached to give flexibility during high traffic periods e.g. school holidays. The library already has a StorytimePOD (*pictured below right*), which is well utilised by younger children.





The StorytimePOD / PC / PAD technology provides educational programs; forms a bridge between the library's junior paper collection and digital books; minimises the divide between those children who have access to digital technology and those who don't; and enhances the library's children's area.

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New Monthly Prize Draw

Based on the success of its Kids Monthly Prize Draw for school aged children, the library has created a monthly prize draw for "before age school" or preschool children. The same rules apply – to be eligible to win a prize, participants must be a registered member of the library. The more times they visit the library, the more chances they have to win. Prizes for the new draw include activity books, milkshake vouchers from What's Cookin and lucky dips. Names are drawn the last Friday of each month.

Book Deposit Stations

The library continues to maintain a book deposit station at Weethalle's Whistle Stop Arts and Crafts Museum and Barmedman's Arts, Craft & Coffee Shop. Despite a changeover of books every ten weeks, both venues have had minimal usage over the past few months due to extended periods of closure as a result of COVID.

Home Library Service

The library continues to provide a fortnightly home delivery service for patrons housebound due to age related frailty, illness and or disability. The library currently has 12 clients within the township of West Wyalong including 2 clients located at the RFBI. The library recently had an enquiry from a resident living in Weethalle and is currently looking to extend its home delivery service into the villages with the cooperation of home care and other age care services.

Upcoming Author Visit

At this stage the annual author visit, 11 - 15 October, will still go ahead. However, in the event that the current COVID lockdown is extended and in light of the fact that our author in residence this year (Oliver Phommavanh) lives in Western Sydney, the library has a contingency plan – to hold the event virtually.

Statistics – July 2021

There is little doubt that COVID restrictions have had an impact on the library's activities. However, information and customer service requests remain consistently high.

- 108 Information Requests
- 214 Customer Service Requests this figure includes 72 technology assists
- 97 Computer Usage
- 25 requests for Wi-Fi (ie. mobile device users)
- 78 Visitor Information Requests this figure relates to normal library opening hours and only those enquiries handled by library staff. Includes 12 telephone enquiries.
- 19 children utilised the StorytimePOD
- 73 people (adults and children) attended regular programs designed for children
- 12 people attended regular programs designed for adults including 4 seniors attended Tech Savvy Seniors in July (NB. no sessions were held in the school holidays)

NB. The above statistics are collected manually and may not be exact. However, the above figures are deemed a fair and reasonable indicator.

- 2249 people through the door
- 1537 library items issued 1066 normal print books (adult and junior), 222 large print books, 29 magazines, 39 audiobooks, 171 DVDs, 10 kits
- 98 library items reserved (An item is reserved when it is not immediately available to the patron due to that item being on loan, in processing or only available from another RRL branch library.)
- 7 new members

NB. The above statistics are collected electronically via Libero (LMS) and RFID Technology and are deemed accurate.

8.9 Children Services July 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 Resource Unit, Vacation Care and Toy Library services)

Author: Children Services Coordinator

General

Educators introduced NAIDOC shirts as part of their uniform.



Through Evolution Mining's 'Cowal Partnering Program' our Parent Committee were able to purchase and install a defibrillator. This has been a long standing item on CSU's wish list and we are very appreciative of both our Parent Committee and Evolution Mining.

After the installation of the defibrillator several CSU staff were able to attend a presentation on how to use the unit as well as recognise the signs of a heart attack and sudden cardiac arrest.



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Staff Recruitment

- The successful applicant for the role of Children Services Coordinator commenced on Monday 9 August and will spend until 26 August working alongside the outgoing Coordinator.
- No successful applicant was recruited for the externally advertised Early Childhood Teacher Friday position. A waiver for this position has been lodged with the Department of Education and Communities.

Staff Development

On Monday 12 July, CSU held the Staff Development Day for Term 3. Throughout the day a whole of service staff meeting was held, individual service/class based meetings were held, classroom setup took place and staff participated in online webinars for professional development. CSU Staff Development Days are held to facilitate communication within the building and to provide a training opportunity.

Renovations

The Bilby room bathroom renovation is completed. The bathroom is now modern, fresh and clean with toilet cubicles and sensor taps.



It Takes A Village

- Reporting was finalised for the January to June 2021 period on the Data Exchange (DEX) portal for Department of Communities and Justice.
- New toys arrived this month and have all been catalogued and put into the toy library system .
- The temporary ITAV Assistant has made a smooth transition into the position, alongside the temporary ITAV Playsession Leader.
- ITAV visited local venues: Local Aboriginal and Land Council, Barmedman, Weethalle and Tallimba. Attendance was as per usual at each venue except Barmedman with nil attendance. The service is looking into further advertising through local venues to increase participation numbers at Barmedman.



Local Aboriginal Land Council ITAV session 13th July - Sand art activity

Mobile Resource Unit

The Business Budget Planning Tool was submitted to the funding body, Department of Education Skills and Employment as part of the funding agreement.

Ungarie Preschool and Friday 3 year old Preschool classes took part in NAIDOC week participating in Indigenous artwork and activities. Unfortunately, the Friday class excursion to West Wyalong Public School to participate in NAIDOC celebrations was postponed due to COVID -19.

Ungarie Preschool has also welcomed a new enrolment in term 3, increasing number to 16 children. Ungarie educators are assisting the children transitioning to 'big school' by collaborating with the Kindergarten teachers and Ungarie Central School.

Bland Shire Council endorsed the change of hours requested for both venues, Ungarie Preschool and Friday 3 year olds (West Wyalong). As of 2022 Ungarie Preschool hours are 9:00am-3:00pm instead of a 9:30am start and Friday 3 year olds (West Wyalong) hours are 8:30am-3:00pm instead of a 9:00am start. These changes have been requested as a response to parent feedback (surveys) and conversations with educators, as well as providing service for the community.

Vacation Care

Vacation Care wrapped up a successful program with children attendance increasing during the second week. Attendance numbers were as high as 27 children per day. The children enjoyed incursions hosted by people in our local community, Marina Uys Pottery, Hair 761 and our local police officers.

Vacation Care educators met during the Staff Development Day and together developed next holiday program pending COVID-19 restrictions and event bookings.

Bland Preschool

Preschool Enrolments:

- Monday/ Tuesday Bilby: 20 children
- Wednesday/ Thursday Bilby: 16 children
- Wednesday/ Thursday Gecko: 19 children

Smooth Move to Kindergarten

On the evening of Monday 27 July, Bland Preschool Senior Early Childhood Teacher and Teacher/Educational Leader presented 'A Smooth Move to Kindergarten' at West Wyalong TAFE. This had been a collaboration with Little Wattle Preschool & LDC and Evolution to present the parent information session to assist parents in their child beginning school.

In addition to Bland Preschool and Little Wattle speakers, guest speakers included Wyalong Public School, West Wyalong Public School, St Mary's War Memorial School, West Wyalong High School and Royal Far West. Over 70 parents were in attendance. The success of the evening is a tribute to the weeks of effort by our Senior Early Childhood Teacher, Teacher/Educational Leader, and all involved.

Bland / Temora Family Day Care

- Two PowerPoints were created to advertise for prospective FDC Educators and families needing care which will be displayed in the Temora Shire Council foyer.
- Extensive ongoing support has been given to newly commencing Educator in Weethalle including visits, paperwork and phone calls.
- Children Services Coordinator participated in the FDC NSW State Meeting via Zoom on 23 July.

8.10 Technical Services Report



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

DP9.1Responsibly manage asset renewal and maintenance for current and future generations DP9.4 Maintain parks, ovals and recreational facilities to approved standards

Author: Director Technical Services

Author: Director – Technical Services

1. Council Road Crew Locations Week Commencing 5.7.2021

- Graders
 - Paynes Road
 - Kneales Lane
 - Clowery Tank
 - Mud Hut Road
 - Rifle Rage Road
- Gravel Carting
 - Studholmes Pit
- Maintenance Crews (Bobcat/Backhoe)
 - MR231

2. Council Road Crew Locations Week Commencing 12.7.2021

- Graders
 - Paynes Road
 - Clowery Tank Road
 - Kneales Lane
 - Lake Cowal
- Gravel Carting
 - Studholmes Pit
- Maintenance Crews (Bobcat/Backhoe)
 - MR368
- 3. Council Road Crew Locations Week Commencing 19.7.2021
 - Graders
 - Tallimba/Ariah Park Road
 - Kneales Lane
 - Bodels Lane
 - Lake Cowal
 - Gravel Carting
 - Studholmes Pit
 - Maintenance Crews (Bobcat/Backhoe)
 - MR2368

4. Council Road Crew Locations Week Commencing 26.7.2021

- Graders
 - Tallimba/Ariah Park Road
 - Kneales Lane
 - Bodels Lane
 - Lake Cowal
 - Gravel Carting
 - Studholmes Pit
- Maintenance Crews (Bobcat/Backhoe)
 - MR57 North

5. Biosecurity Weeds/Environmental

- High Risk Pathway Inspection MR371, Mid Western Highway, Newell Highway, MR57
- North, MR231, Goldfields Way, Mary Gilmore Road, East/West, Quandialla Road, MR368.
- Council Land Inspections Sale yards, Wet Lands, KikoiraTip, Tallimba Tip, Weethalle Tip, Naradhan Tip.
- Town Spraying Wyalong and West Wyalong lanes, Ungarie lanes.
- Shoulder spraying 57 North, Wombyne Road.
- Tree Sucker Spraying Mud Hut West Road.
- The following Biosecurity weeds and other controls were undertaken:-
 - Galvanised Burr Morangarell Road, East Bland Lane, Grahams Lane, Bodels Lane, Dundas Road, Back Creek Road, Wests Lane, Corringle Lane, Nobbys Lane, Wilga Plains Road, Fiegerts Lane, Sutcliffes Lane, Watts Lane, Sandy Creek Road, Buralyang Road, Hieldebrands Lane, Merrengreen Road, Calleen Road, Hatelys Lane.
 - African Boxthorn Wilga Plains Road, Hieldebrands Lane, Merrengreen Road, Mid Wester Highway.
 - Wild Radish Wargin Road, McCartens Lane, Wilga Plains Road, Fiegerts Lane, Charcoal Tank Road, Quilties Corner Road, Ariah Park Road, Brennans Tank Road, Lemons Lane, Watts Lane, Sandy Creek Road, Buralyang Road, Nielsons Lane.
 - Spiny Burr Grass new patch found Yiddah Road (burnt).
 - Coolatai Mid Western Highway.
 - Scotch Thistle (true) Mid Western Highway, Wilga Plains Road.

6. 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 checked
- Weed spraying carried out

7. 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, Cooinda park, Wyalong court house

- Lawn and monument cemetery maintenance works carried out
- Public amenities cleaned and maintained
- Playground inspections completed
- Graves back filled at cemetery and tanks pumped out
- Aerodrome inspections carried out

8. Ovals Maintenance

- Maintenance to sporting ovals and surrounds
- Irrigation checks carried out on all ovals and surrounds
- Broad leaf weeds sprayed at all sports grounds
- Pump filters cleaned inspected and maintained
- Line marking football and athletics

9. Town Maintenance

- Star lane cleaned and tidied
- Town areas mown and trimmed
- Town trees trimmed and watered as needed
- Main street gardens weeded and watered
- Small pot holes repaired in roads cold mix and jet patcher
- Clean out town drains
- Aerodrome slashing inspections and maintenance work carried out
- Back filled low areas on nature strips
- Street sweeper not operating due to mechanical failure
- Pre-school maintenance carried out
- Spraying aerodrome and town drains/nature strips
- Tree planting in town streets
- Large potholes filled in streets and lanes due to ongoing wet weather

8.11 Development Services Activity Report – July 2021



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 & Regulatory Services

PLANNING AND BUILDING ACTIVITIES UPDATE

Development Applications

The Council has received the following Development Applications during July 2021:

Application	Address	Development
No.		
DA2022/0001	49 Grenfell Street, West Wyalong	Demolition of existing house, inground swimming pool and shed
DA2022/0002	560 Bellarwi Road, West Wyalong	Single Dwelling
DA2022/0003	29 Old Hospital Road, West Wyalong	Garage and Carport
DA2022/0004	151 Wargin Road, Wyalong	Electricity Generation (4MW PV Solar)
DA2022/0005	6 Gelling Street, West Wyalong	Storage Shed
DA2022/0006	8 Charles Place, West Wyalong	Storage Shed
DA2022/0007	86 Hateleys Lane, West Wyalong	Commercial alterations / additions (two grain storage bunkers)
DA2022/0008	501 Humby Road, Kamara	Single dwelling
DA2022/0009	163 Ungarie Road, West Wyalong	New garage
DA2022/0010	50 Kurrajong Street, West Wyalong	Demolition
DA2022/0011	68 Main Street, West Wyalong	Commercial alterations and additions
DA2022/0012	Newell Highway, Wyalong	Service Station

The following DA applications were approved during July 2021:

Application	Address	Development	Approval
No.			Date
DA2021/0113	9 Charles Place, West Wyalong	Single Dwelling	21/7/2021
DA2021/0123	79 Main Street, West Wyalong	Commercial Alterations	13/7/2021
DA2021/0125	50 Mid Western Highway, West Wyalong	Subdivision	21/7/2021
DA2021/0126	4 Ungarie Road, West Wyalong	Tree removal / lopping	20/7/2021
DA2021/0127	Showground Road, West Wyalong	Public Recreation Facility	29/7/2021
DA2021/0128	106 Clear Ridge Road, West Wyalong	Secondary Dwelling	27/7/2021
DA2021/0129	35 Maitland Street, West Wyalong	Home Business – Food prep station	8/7/2021
DA2021/0132	79 Bellarwi Road, West Wyalong	Storage Shed	8/7/2021

Building Inspections

The following inspections were carried out by Council during July 2021:

Inspection Type	Number
Pre-Lodgement	2
Site	22
Slab/Coping	3
Frame	2
Wet Areas	3
Drainage/Plumbing	5
Stormwater	2
Final	5

REGULATORY ACTIVITIES UPDATE

Dog Attacks

There were dog no attacks reported during July 2021. Resulting in no Penalty notices being issued.

Companion Animal Seizure and Impound Activities July 2021

Seizure Activities:	Dogs	Cats
Seized	0	0
Returned to Owner	0	0
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Impounding Activities:	Dogs	Cats
Animals in pound at start of month	3	6
Incoming Animals		
Transferred from Seizure Activities	0	0
Dumped at Pound	2	10
Surrendered	2	0
Total Animals in Pound	7	16
Outgoing Animals		
Released to Owner	0	0
Euthanased	0	2
Rehoused	5	9
Sold	0	1
Died at Pound	0	0
Stolen	0	0
Escaped	0	0
Total Animals Leaving Pound	5	12
Animals in Pound at end of Month	2	4

NOTICES OF MOTIONS / QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE

Notices of Motion

MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF BLAND HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS WEST WYALONG ON TUESDAY 17 AUGUST 2021