



**Bland Shire Council**  
**Business Paper**  
**Ordinary Council Meeting**  
**19 October 2021**



# OUR VISION, MISSION AND VALUES



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

**Ethical Decision Making**

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

**Conflict of Interest**

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

**The test for conflict of interest**

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

**Identifying Problems**

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

2<sup>nd</sup> - Is my official role one of influence or perceived influence over the matter?

3<sup>rd</sup> - Do my private interests conflict with my official role?

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

**Agency Advice**

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

Contact	Phone	Email	Website
Bland Shire Council	6972 2266	<a href="mailto:council@blandshire.nsw.gov.au">council@blandshire.nsw.gov.au</a>	<a href="http://www.blandshire.nsw.gov.au">www.blandshire.nsw.gov.au</a>
ICAC	8281 5999 Toll Free: 1800 463 909	<a href="mailto:icac@icac.nsw.gov.au">icac@icac.nsw.gov.au</a>	<a href="http://www.icac.nsw.gov.au">www.icac.nsw.gov.au</a>
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NSW Ombudsman	9286 1000 Toll Free: 1800 451 524	<a href="mailto:nswombo@ombo.nsw.gov.au">nswombo@ombo.nsw.gov.au</a>	<a href="http://www.ombo.nsw.gov.au">www.ombo.nsw.gov.au</a>

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

ABS	Australian Bureau of Statistics
ACAT	Aged Care Assessment Team
AFZ	Alcohol Free Zone
AGM	Annual General Meeting
ALIA	Australian Library and Information Association
AMP	Asset Management Plan
AMRC	NSW Association of Mining Related Councils
BCA	Building Code of Australia
BDCP	Bland Development Control Plan
BEC	Business Enterprise Centre
BFMC	Bush Fire Management Committee
BFMP	Bush Fire Management Plan
BSC	Bland Shire Council
BWW	Business West Wyalong
CASA	Civil Aviation Safety Authority
CBD	Central Business District
CDAT	Community Drug Action Team
CDO	Community Development Officer
CENTROC	Central West Regional Group of Councils
CEO	Chief Executive Officer
CIV	Capital Improved Value
CLRS	Councillors
CPD	Continuing Professional Development
CPI	Consumer Price Index
CPP	Cowal Partnering Program
Cr	Councillor
CRO	Community Relations Officer
CSP	Community Strategic Plan
CSU	Childrens Services Unit
CT	Community Technology
CWA	Country Women's Association
DA	Development Application
DAES	Director Asset & Engineering Services
DCCDS	Director Corporate, Community & Development Services
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
EWV	Events West Wyalong
EYLF	Early Years Learning Framework
FAG	Financial Assistance Grant
FDC	Family Day Care
FFTF	Fit for the Future
FRRR	Foundation for Rural and Regional Renewal
FYI	For your information
GHMS	Grain Harvest Management Scheme
GIPA	Government Information (Public Access) Act
GM	General Manager
GTAN	Government Training & Assistance Network
GWCC	Goldenfields Water County Council
HACC	Home and Community Care
HR	Human Resources
ICAC	Independent Commission Against Corruption
IPART	Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal
IPR or IP&R	Integrated Planning and Reporting
ITAV	It Takes A Village Program
JO	Joint Organisation
K&G	Kerb and gutter
KPI	Key Performance Indicator
LALC	Local Aboriginal Lands Council
LBDC	Little Bangs Discovery Club
LCCMCAC	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
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

19 October 2021

commencing at 6:30PM

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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 21 September 2021

- Corrections
- Business Arising
- Confirmation

#### 4.0 DISCLOSURES OF INTERESTS

Councillor/ Officer	Item	Nature of Interest	How Managed
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#### 5.0 PRESENTATION(S) AND PUBLIC FORUM

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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*

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

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

## **11.0 CONCLUSION OF THE MEETING**

# REPORTS OF COMMITTEES



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

Committee	Date/s	Minutes attached
<b>Audit, Risk &amp; Improvement Committee</b>		
<b>Australia Day Awards Committee of the Whole</b> <i>(Whole Council)</i>		
<b>Australian Rural Roads Group Inc</b> <i>(Mayor Monaghan, Cr McGlynn - alternate, Cr Thomas - alternate)</i>		
<b>Bland Rural Fire District Zone Liaison Committee</b> <i>(Cr Keatley)</i>	15 <sup>th</sup> September 2021	
<b>Bland – Temora RFS Zone Bushfire Management Committee</b> <i>(Cr Baker)</i>	15 <sup>th</sup> September 2021	
<b>Community Reference Group</b> <i>(Whole Council)</i>	9 <sup>th</sup> November 2021	
<b>Country Mayors Association of NSW</b> <i>(Mayor Monaghan)</i>		
<b>Cowal Gold Project Community Environmental Monitoring &amp; Consultative Committee (CEMCC)</b> <i>(Mayor Monaghan, Cr Thomas - alternate)</i>	29 <sup>th</sup> September 2021 1 <sup>st</sup> December 2021	✓
<b>Goldenfields Water County Council Board</b> <i>(Cr McGlynn)</i>	25 <sup>th</sup> October 2021	
<b>Lachlan Valley Noxious Plants Advisory Committee</b> <i>(Cr Crowe)</i>		
<b>Local Traffic Advisory Committee</b>		
<b>Murrumbidgee Primary Health Network Board</b> <i>(Cr Monaghan)</i>		

<b>Newell Highway Taskforce</b> <i>(Cr Lord)</i>	9 <sup>th</sup> November 2021	
<b>NSW Association of Mining &amp; Energy Related Councils (MERC)</b> <i>(Cr McGlynn, Cr Thomas - alternate)</i>	15 <sup>th</sup> October 2021	
<b>NSW Public Libraries Association</b> <i>(Cr Wyse)</i>	29 <sup>th</sup> September 2021	✓
<b>Riverina Eastern Regional Organisation of Councils (REROC)</b> <i>(Mayor Monaghan)</i>	29 <sup>th</sup> October 2021	
<b>Riverina Joint Organisation</b> <i>(Mayor Monaghan)</i>	29 <sup>th</sup> October 2021	
<b>Riverina Regional Library Advisory Committee</b> <i>(Cr Wyse)</i>		

<b>355 Committee</b>	<b>Date/s</b>	<b>Minutes attached</b>
<b>Barmedman Community Centre</b>		
<b>Barmedman Tidy Towns</b>	26 <sup>th</sup> April 2021	✓
<b>Mirrool Silo Kick Challenge Committee</b>		
<b>Ungarie Advancement Group</b>	16 <sup>th</sup> June 2021	✓
<b>Ungarie Retirement Village Association</b>		
<b>Ungarie Showground Racecourse &amp; Recreation Reserve Committee</b>		
<b>Weethalle Community Committee</b>	10 <sup>th</sup> March 2021	✓
	31 <sup>st</sup> March 2021	✓
	21 <sup>st</sup> July 2021	✓
<b>Wyalong School of Arts &amp; Hall Committee</b>	26 <sup>th</sup> May 2021	✓

**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 29 September 2021  
**Time:** 9.04am – 10.07 am, Via Microsoft Teams  
**Minutes taken by:** Renee Pettit

**Attendees:**

Independent Chairperson: Lisa Andrews (LA)  
Evolution: Simon Coates (SC), Renee Pettit (RP), Steff Wills (SW)  
Community Members: Lucy Buttenshaw (LB), Angus Stitt (AS)  
Wiradjuri Condobolin Corporation: Ally Coe (AC)  
Forbes Shire Council: Cr Phyllis Miller (PM)  
Cr Chris Roylance (CR)  
Lachlan Shire Council: Cr Dennis Brady (DB)  
Independent Scientist: Max Finlayson (MF)

Apologies: Bruce Dent (BD), Laurie Hutchinson (LH) & Kate Dean.

ITEM	ACTION									
<p><b>1. Welcome</b></p> <p>Independent Chair, LA, opened the meeting at 9.04 am and welcomed all in attendance. Acknowledgment of Country.</p>										
<p><b>2. Declaration of Interest</b></p> <p>LA advised there were no changes to previous declarations by CEMCC members, nor to hers; Independent Chair of the CEMCC, appointed by the Secretary of the NSW Department of Planning, Industry and Environment, and she receives payment via a Trust established by the Bland Shire Council for her work as Independent Chair of the CEMCC.</p>										
<p><b>3. Confirmation of Previous Minutes</b></p> <p>Moved by: MF                      Seconded by: AS</p>										
<p><b>4. Business Arising from Previous Minutes</b></p> <p><b>Actions 2, 3, 4, and 5 to carry over</b></p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="text-align: left;">ITEM</th> <th style="text-align: left;">ISSUE</th> <th style="text-align: left;">RESPONSIBILITY</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">1</td> <td>Correct March 2021 meeting minutes due to typing error for the date of meeting.</td> <td style="text-align: center;">RP</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">2</td> <td>Contact FSC to request signage to address unauthorised access around Lake Cowal.</td> <td style="text-align: center;">BD</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	ITEM	ISSUE	RESPONSIBILITY	1	Correct March 2021 meeting minutes due to typing error for the date of meeting.	RP	2	Contact FSC to request signage to address unauthorised access around Lake Cowal.	BD	<p><b>Action 1:</b> Complete</p> <p><b>Action 2:</b> Heldover - BD to contact FSC to request signage to address unauthorised access around Lake Cowal.</p> <p><b>Action 3:</b> MF to make presentation of bird</p>
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<p>3</p>	<p>Bird survey presentation to take place when MF can attend next face to face meeting.</p>	<p>MF</p>	<p>survey next face to face CEMCC meeting.</p> <p><b>Action 4:</b> EVN to provide annual update on rehabilitation landform design after Q3/Q4 audit.</p> <p><b>Action 5:</b> MF to Provide CEMCC meeting attendees information about the developments at the Lake Cowal Conservation Centre when these are formally available.</p>
<p>4</p>	<p>EVN to provide annual update on rehabilitation landform design after Q3/Q4 audit.</p>	<p>SC</p>	
<p>5</p>	<p>Provide CEMCC meeting attendees information about the developments at the Lake Cowal conservation centre when these are formally available.</p>	<p>MF</p>	
<p><b>5. Correspondence (as emailed with the meeting notice on 14/9/21) with 2 additional items:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 13/8/21– Email to members with the draft minutes for review/comment.</li> <li>• 21/8/21 – Email to members advising that there were no changes to the draft minutes.</li> <li>• 14/9/21 – Email to members with the Meeting Notice, Agenda, and Correspondence Report for this meeting. Advising that the CEMCC will be held via video-conferencing.</li> <li>• 27/9/21 – Email to members with a reminder for this meeting.</li> <li>• 27/9/21 – Email from BD with his apology.</li> </ul> <p><b>6. Reports</b></p> <p>SC provided a detailed account of Cowal Gold Operations (CGO's) Environment Department's activities over the last quarter and status of the underground project.</p> <p>SC noted that licenses will push out to 2040 after underground approval to align with LOM, which also take into account rehabilitation stages.</p> <p>SC noted Construction Workforce Management Plan &amp; Subsidence Management Plan will be added to the Environmental Management Plan for Evolution following Underground approval.</p> <p>SC noted that EVN was expecting ministerial conformation on application of UG CGO expansion once the public exhibition is completed by the department.</p> <p>SC included links to DPIE Assessment Report in EVN presentation. See below links:</p> <p>CGO UG - <a href="https://www.planningportal.nsw.gov.au/major-projects/project/21361">https://www.planningportal.nsw.gov.au/major-projects/project/21361</a></p> <p>DA 14/98 Mod 16 -<a href="https://www.planningportal.nsw.gov.au/major-projects/projects/25011">https://www.planningportal.nsw.gov.au/major-projects/projects/25011</a></p>			

<p>RP provided details of community complaints received and the activities and support undertaken by the Cawal Community &amp; External Relations team in the previous quarter.</p> <p>SW addressed CEMCC meeting in regard to their thoughts and opinions on community perception should the EVN Christmas Party go ahead this year, COVID compliant.</p> <p>All members agreed that although the shires are eager to hold large community gatherings and events, planning for these are on hold until they could better understand the new restrictions that will be enforced once the state hits the 70-80% double vaccination rate.</p>	
<p><b>7. General Business</b></p> <p>CEMCC members requested copy of presentation.</p> <p>PM &amp; CR communicated that Forbes Shire is eagerly awaiting to welcome city counterparts back into the community to support the economy, once restrictions have been lifted, with the hope that everyone does the right thing.</p> <p>PM enquired whether EVN employee vaccination rates are known. EVN communicated that they are currently circulating a COVID vaccination register with employees and contractors, this will then provide the business with this data.</p> <p>MF requested a copy of the Lachlan River coming into Lake Cawal photograph that was included in the EVN slide pack in the hope he could use in his future presentations.</p> <p>SC acknowledges that drilling on the lake will commence within next quarter. It is general exploration with a number of significant risk assessments completed. It is set to take a number of months depending on conditions.</p>	<p><b>Action 5:</b> RP to provide CEMCC slide pack when meeting minutes are sent out.</p> <p><b>Action 6:</b> SC to send through photo as requested to MF.</p>
<p><b>8. Next Meeting</b> Wednesday 1 December 2021– Forbes Shire Council (should COVID restriction allow). <b>Post Script:</b> <i>As FSC was unavailable due to the Local Government Elections, the meeting will be held at the Vandenberg Hotel, 7 Court St, Forbes.</i></p>	
<p><b>9. Meeting Closed</b> – 10.07 am with LA thanking all for their participation in the meeting.</p>	

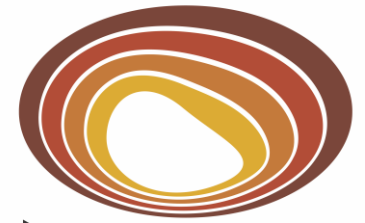
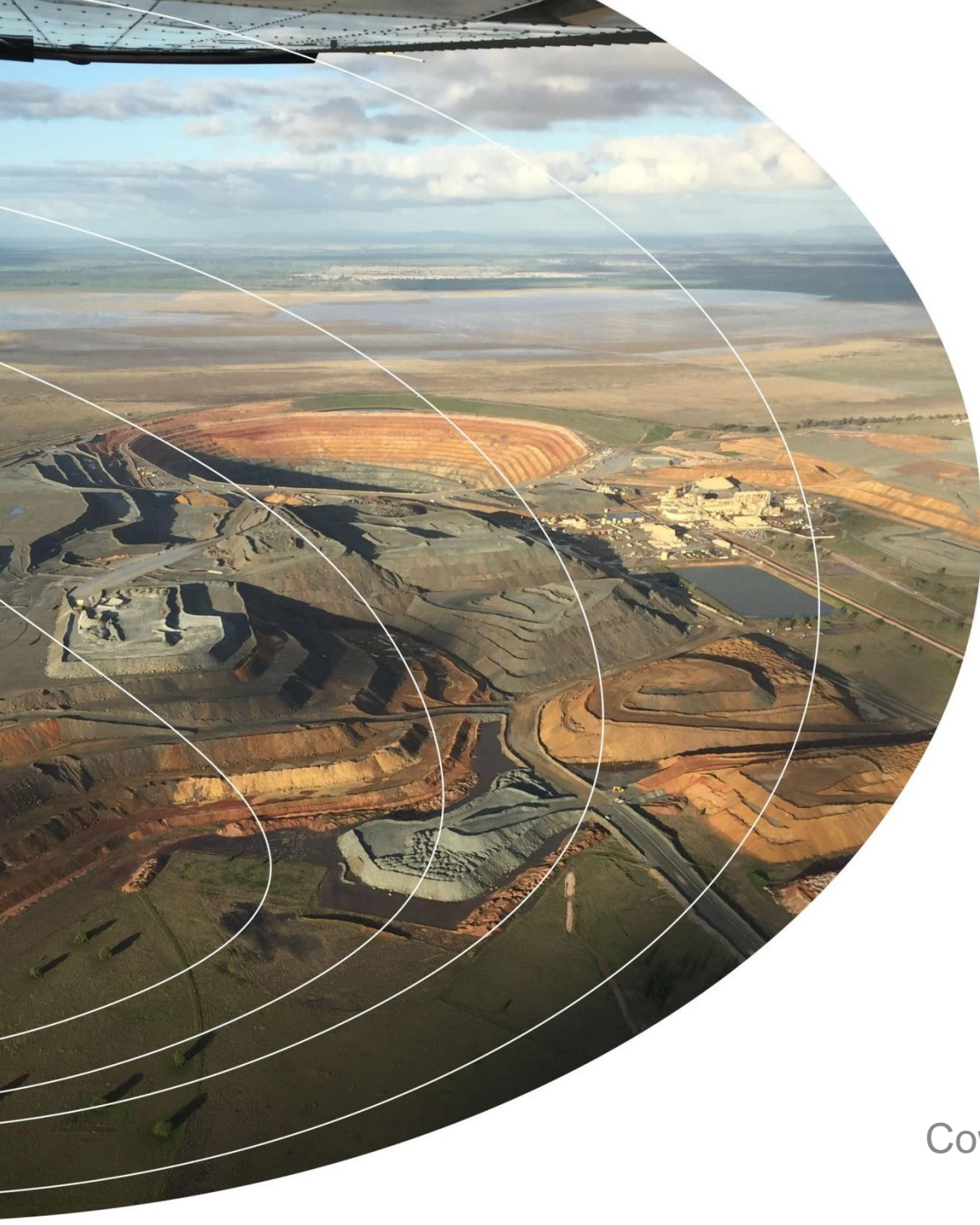
## ACTION ITEMS

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2	Bird survey presentation to take place when MF can attend next face to face meeting.	MF



3	EVN to provide annual update on rehabilitation landform design after Q3/Q4 audit.	SC
4	Provide CEMCC meeting attendees information about the developments at the Lake Cowal Conservation Centre when these are formally available.	MF
5	Provide CEMCC members with EVN slide pack alongside meeting minutes	RP
6	Provide MF with a copy of the photo requested	SC

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# **Community Environmental Monitoring & Consultative Committee**

Cowal Gold Operations – 29/09/2021

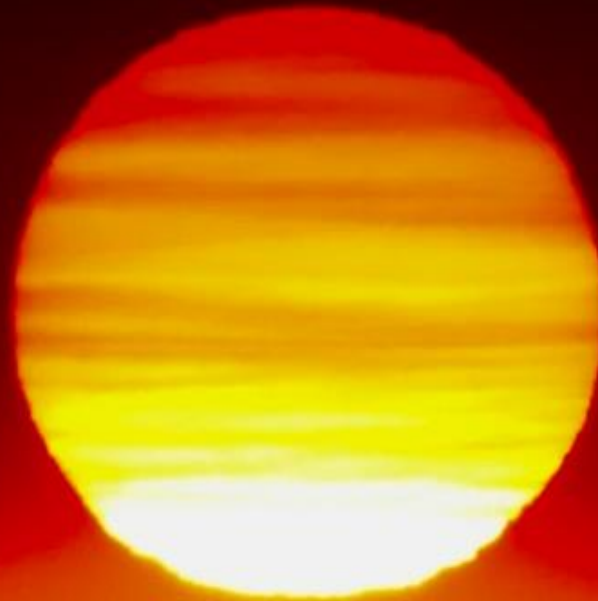


# Acknowledgement of country

We would like to begin by acknowledging the Traditional Custodians of the land where we meet, The Wiradjuri people.

From the Great Dividing Range in the east and bordered by the Macquarie, Lachlan and Murrumbidgee rivers, we are honoured to operate on these lands.

We pay our respects to the Elders past, present and emerging.





# Legal Obligations

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## Development Consent (DA 14/98) – granted February 1999

- MOD12 granted May 2016
- MOD13 granted February 2017
- MOD14 granted 4 October 2018, federal approval granted 25 January 2019
- MOD15 granted 26 August 2019

## Mining Lease Tenements

- MOP (July 2020 – June 2022)
- Mining Lease 1535, issued June 2003
- Mining Lease 1791 issued June 2019

## Environmental Protection Licence 11912 – granted Dec 2003

- EPL variation approved April 2018
- EPL variation approved 26 June 2019
- EPL variation approved 16 April 2020
- EPL variation approved 6 May 2021

## Aboriginal Heritage Impact Permits

- Permit 1468 and Consent 1467 (associated with ML 1535 area, water pipeline area and borefield area)
- Permit 1681 and Consent 1680 (associated with travelling stock reserve)
- AHIP C0004570 (associated with ML 1791, relocated TSR area and immediate surrounds)
- Care Agreement C0004976 for the transfer and keeping of Aboriginal objects

## Water Access Licences

- WAL 31864
- WAL 36569
- WAL 36615 E42 Pit
- WAL 36617 E42 Pit lower MDB
- Lachlan River WALs

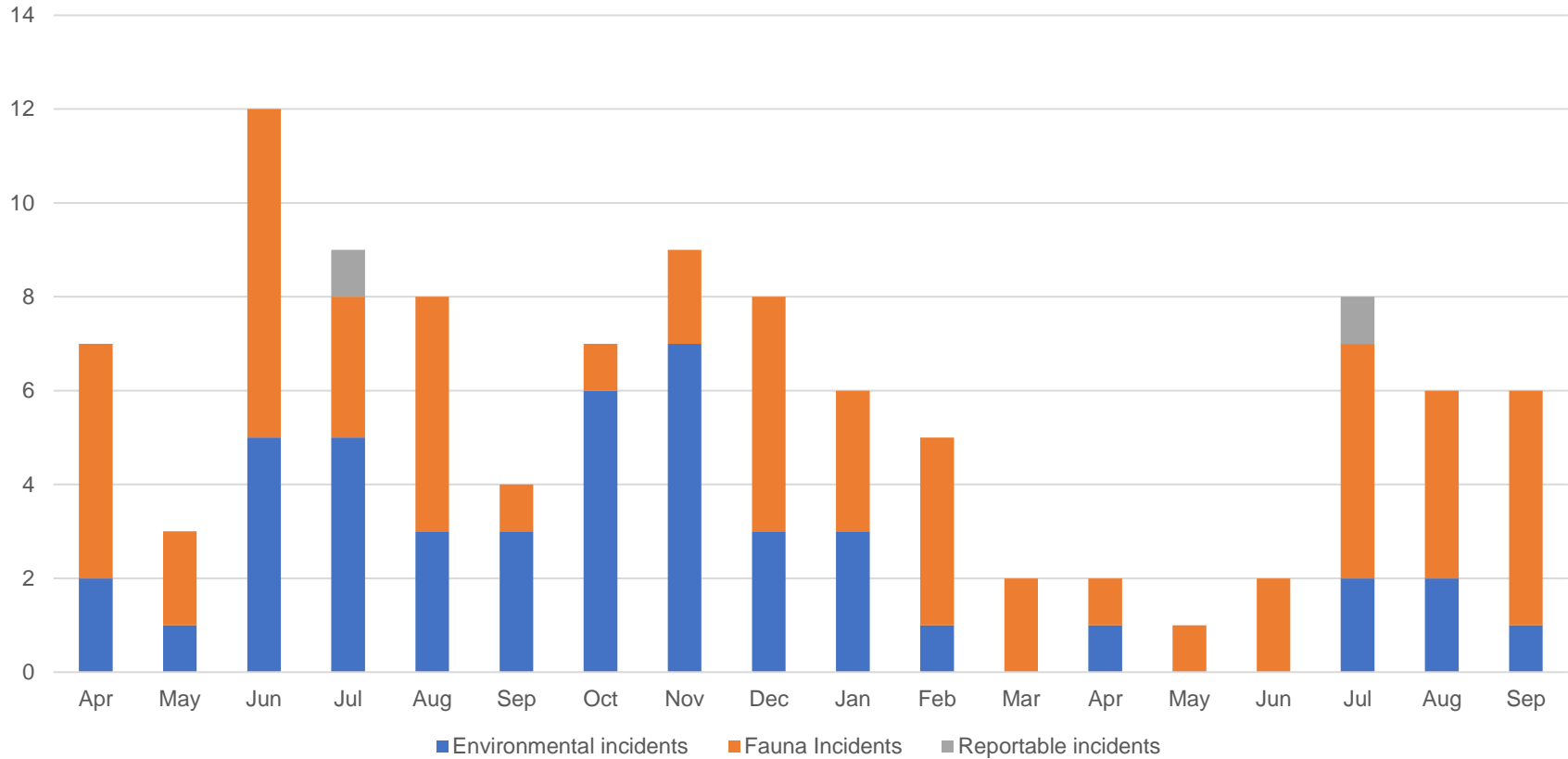
# Compliance Audits

- ✓ Resources Regulator TAP– LANDFORM ESTABLISHMENT March 2021
- ✓ Evolution Group Enviro Assurance Audit March 2021
- ✓ Cyanide Code Audit May 2021
- ✓ Evolution Group Sustainability Assurance Audit June 2021
- ✓ ISO14001 Recertification Audit Sept 2021
- Evolution Group Enviro Assurance Audit Oct 2021
- Evolution Group Enviro Assurance Audit Dec 2021
- Independent Environmental Audit Early 2022



# Environmental Incidents

Environmental Incidents By Month



Note: Environmental Incidents include spills, environmental health, non-conformances with operating conditions

- **Environmental management plans:**
  - Soil Stripping Management Plan
  - Air Quality Management Plan
  - Rehabilitation Management Plan including Rehabilitation Strategy
  - Indigenous Archaeology Management Plan
  - Land Management Plan
  - Biodiversity Offset Management Plan
  - Flora and Fauna Management Plan
  - Heritage Management Plan
  - Water Management Plan
  - Environmental Management Strategy
  - SGWMB Monitoring Programme
  - Noise Management Plan
  - Cyanide Management Plan
  - Erosion and Sediment Control Management Plan
  - Monitoring Programme for Detection of any Movement of Lake Protection Bund, Water Storage and Tailings Structures and Pit Void Walls
  - Hazardous Materials Management Plan

# CGO Environmental Management

# Air Quality

- No complaints were received relating to dust at the CGO during the reporting period
- Monthly depositional dust and weekly Hi-Vol dust sampling
- Continued EBAM monitoring at several locations to provide real-time monitoring for PM10





# Blasting

- Yearly service and calibration of monitors undertaken.
- One blast related event exceed the maximum compliance level of 95 dB(L) at BM01, BM08.1 on 27th September 2020. Level recorded at 101.0 dB(L)
- One blast related event exceed the maximum compliance level of 95 dB(L) at BM01, BM02, BM08.1 on 04th October 2020. Level recorded at 108.0 dB(L)
- One blast related event exceed the maximum compliance level of 115 dB(L) at BM01 on 24th October 2020. Level recorded at 115.2 dB(L)
- Two blast related event exceed the maximum compliance level of 95 dB(L) at BM01 on 18th April 2020. Levels recorded at 97.5 and 100.0 dB(L)
- One blast related event exceed the maximum compliance level of 95 dB(L) at BM02 on 8th August 2021. Level recorded at 95.9 dB(L)
- No other blast related events exceeded the maximum compliance level of 120 dB(L)
- Compliance remains within the allowable exceedance of 5% of the total number of blasts over a 12-month period
- CGO proactively engaging with neighboring landholders in relation to safety related blasts



# Operational Noise

- Attended quarterly noise monitoring for Q3 completed during 25-28<sup>th</sup> August 2021
- No non-compliances of the noise impact assessment criteria were reported during the reporting period





# Surface Water and Lake Water

- No environmental incidents or complaints were received relating to surface water or lake water at the CGO during the reporting period
- pH and Ec values in on-site water quality monitoring data has remained stable, consistent with previous years results
- Lake water quality testing commenced in September



# Lachlan River flood water migrating to Lake Cowal









# Groundwater

- No environmental incidents or complaints were received relating to groundwater at the CGO during the reporting period
- Groundwater quality results and trends illustrate that the water management control measures appear to have successfully prevented groundwater contamination
- Evolution continue to explore for saline water sources





# Fauna and Flora

- No deaths of animals by cyanide in the CGO Tailings Storage Facilities area since operations began in April 2006
- No environmental incidents or complaints were reported or received at the CGO relating to threatened flora or fauna during the reporting period
- Fauna deaths on ML 1535 and ML 1791 reported and investigated as required under Development Consent (DA 14/98)
  - Autopsies completed by veterinarian as required



# Cyanide

- 1 incident relating to cyanide at the CGO during the reporting period
  - Cyanide exceeded limits in processing plant
  - Proactively shut processing plant down preventing release of cyanide
- No cyanide related fauna deaths
- Daily measurements of WAD cyanide discharged to IWL remained under EPL Limits during reporting period





# Rehabilitation



**Current MOP period 1 July 2020 to 30 June 2022.**

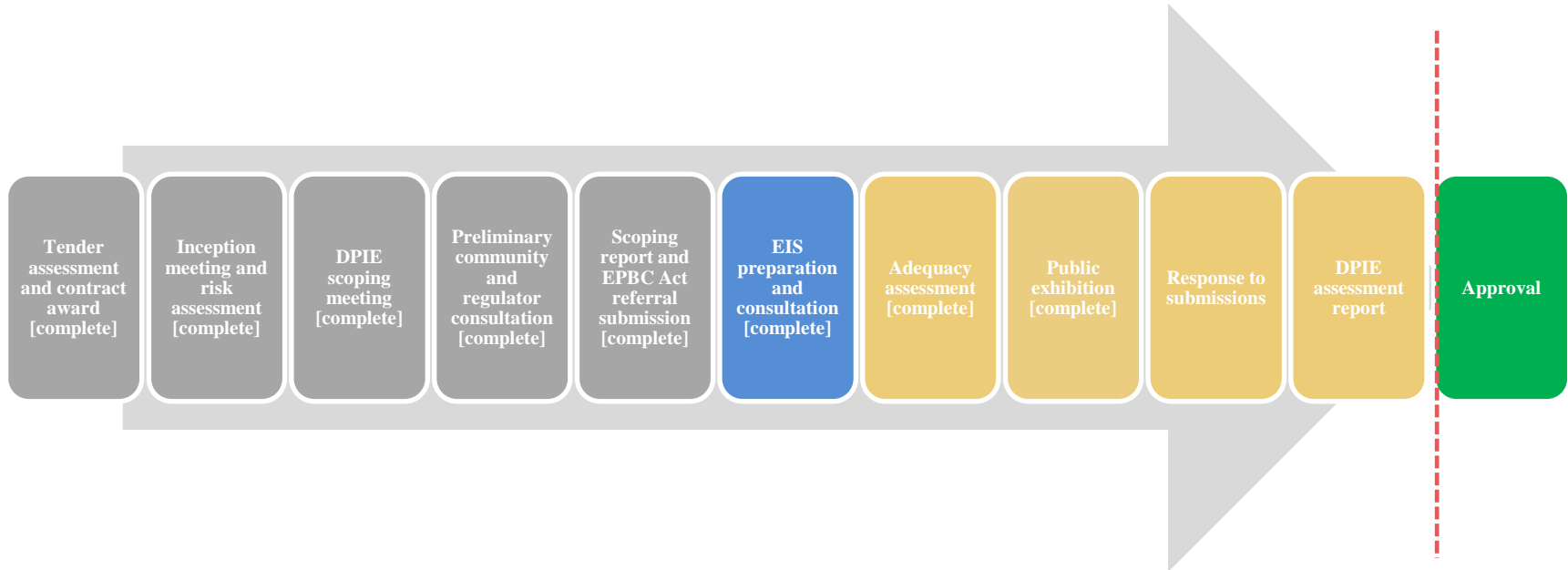


**Rehabilitation is up to date for the 2021 MOP period.**



**Rainfall assisting with existing rehabilitation and areas seeded in May 2020.**

# Underground Development Project



## DPIE Assessment Report:

CGO UG - <https://www.planningportal.nsw.gov.au/major-projects/project/21361>

DA14/98 Mod 16 - <https://www.planningportal.nsw.gov.au/major-projects/project/25011>

# CGO Community Relations

# Complaints Report

*Schedule 2 of the Development Consent (DA 14/98) includes Condition 9.4(a)(v), which requires that a complaint register, updated on a monthly basis, be made publicly available on the Cowal Gold Project's website.*

## 1<sup>st</sup> of July – 31<sup>st</sup> of July 2021

DETAILS	
	<p>15/7/2021</p> <p>Notification via email from BSC that a 30-ton crane was seen on Bodell's lane which if engaged by EVN, it would be a breach to the current DA consent.</p> <p>Immediate investigation through site access and planning logs determined crane contractor was not engaged by EVN.</p> <p>Contact with a crane operator determined that the one seen on Bodell's lane was engaged by a property on Clear Ridge Road for the construction of a commercial shed.</p> <p>This information was reported back to BSC.</p> <p>Comms also to go out to site to re-enforce the importance of using the approved access routes to site to all of our employees and contract partners.</p>

## 1<sup>st</sup> of August - 31<sup>st</sup> of August 2021

DETAILS	
	<p>No complaints received</p>



# Sponsorships and donations



## Cowal Partnering Program (CPP) Round 2 2021

21 Applications received:

- 4 Forbes Shire
- 7 Lachlan Shire
- 10 Bland Shire

\$70,000 worth of CPP funding has been approved for this round, with outcomes to applications to be communicated this week.



CPP Round 1, 2021 program funding recipient  
Central West Family Support Group – Roller door installation



Evolution Mining – Cowal Gold Operations (CGO)



Barnedman Tractor Pull

West Wyalong Colour-Run

Forbes Golf Classic

Through the development of successful partnerships Evolution Mining works with the communities of the Bland, Forbes and Lachlan Shires to make them better places to work, live and grow through the Cowal Partnering Program.

In February and August, Evolution Mining invite clubs, organisations and not for profit organisations in the local region to apply for funding, for in kind support or material donations that deliver outcomes in the areas of:

- Safety ■ Economic development ■ Health ■ Education ■ Environment ■ Indigenous opportunity

#### Initiatives and events should:

- Incorporate community participation,
- Engage and strengthening the community,
- Deliver a demonstrable benefit to the community; and/or
- Benefit the community in the long term.



General enquiries may be addressed to:

Cowal Gold Mine, PO Box 210, West Wyalong, NSW, 2671

02 6975 4661

✉ [cgo.community@evolutionmining.com.au](mailto:cgo.community@evolutionmining.com.au)

# Sponsorships and donations

## Cowal Cares (CC)

- West Wyalong Junior Rugby League Club \$4250
- West Wyalong Horse Sports & Rodeo Association Inc \$1250



## Community Covid Support

- Joint Initiative with BSC
- 21 nominations received to date

## THE GRATITUDE PROJECT



Bland Shire Council and Evolution Mining have joined forces to help recognise the wonderful work being done in our community throughout the pandemic



**GIVE A SHOUT OUT TO SOMEONE WHO HAS HELPED KEEP  
OUR COMMUNITY GOING DURING LOCKDOWN**

Thank you for making a difference



Selected nominees will be entered in a weekly draw for the chance to win one of several \$100 Why Leave Town cards, supporting local business across the month of September

\*Terms & Conditions Apply



# Sponsorships, donations and Initiatives

## Community Projects

### ➤ National Tree Planting Day

1000 trees distributed across Bland Shire's schools and community groups



## On-site & Community Initiatives

- Evolution Red Cross give blood drive
- September – Raising funds for Cerebral Palsy
- Pfizer Vaccination Clinics



# Acronyms List

AHD	Australian Height Datum	DPI	NSW Department of Primary Industries
ANZECC	Australian and New Zealand Environment and Conservation Council	DPI-Water	NSW Department of Primary Industries – Water
AQMP	Air Quality Management Plan	DRE	NSW Division of Resources and Energy (now DRG)
ARI	average recurrence interval	DRG	NSW Division of Resources and Geoscience
ARMCANZ	Agriculture and Resource Management Council of Australia and New Zealand	DUAP	NSW Department of Urban Affairs and Planning
Barrick	Barrick (Cowal) Limited	EA	Environmental Assessment
Bland LEP	<i>Bland Local Environmental Plan 2011</i>	EC	electrical conductivity
BLMP	Blast Management Plan	e.g.	example
BoM	Bureau of Meteorology	EIS	Environmental Impact Statement
BOMP	Biodiversity Offset Management Plan	EL	Exploration Licence
CEMCC	Community Environmental Monitoring and Consultative Committee	EMS	Environmental Management Strategy
CGM	Cowal Gold Mine	EP&A Act	<i>NSW Environmental Planning and Assessment Act, 1979</i>
CGO	Cowal Gold Operations	EP&A Reg	<i>NSW Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation, 2000</i>
CMP	Cyanide Management Plan	EPA	NSW Environment Protection Authority
CN <sub>WAD</sub>	weak acid dissociable cyanide	EPBC Act	<i>Commonwealth Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act, 1999</i>
Coffey	Coffey Services Australia Pty Ltd	EPL	Environment Protection Licence
CWMP	Compensatory Wetland Management Plan	ERP	Emergency Response Plan
dB	decibel	ESCMP	Erosion and Sediment Control Management Plan
dBA	A-weighted decibel	ESD	ecologically sustainable development
DECCW	NSW Department of Environment, Climate Change and Water DISRD	ETL	electricity transmission line
Regional	Development	et al.	and others
DP&E	NSW Department of Planning & Environment	Evolution	Evolution Mining (Cowal) Pty Limited
DPIE	NSW Department of Planning, Industry & Environment	FFMP	Flora and Fauna Management Plan
		FHA	Final Hazard Analysis
		Forbes LEP	<i>Forbes Local Environmental Plan 2013</i>

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GEM	Geo-Environmental Management Pty Ltd	Mining SEPP	<i>State Environmental Planning Policy (Mining, Petroleum Production and Extractive Industries) 2007</i>
GL	gigalitres	ML	Mining Lease
H	horizontal	ML/annum	megalitre per annum
ha	hectare	ML/day	megalitre per day
HAZOP	Hazard and Operability Study	MOP	Mining Operations Plan
HEC	Hydro Engineering & Consulting Pty Ltd	MOP Guidelines	NSW Division of Resources and Energy's ESG3: Mining Operations Plan Guidelines September 2013
HIPAP	Hazard Industry Planning Advisory Page		
HWCMP	Hazardous Waste and Chemical Management Plan		
IACHMP	Indigenous Archaeology and Cultural Heritage Management Plan		
ICDS	Internal Catchment Drainage System	Moz	million ounces
INP	NSW Industrial Noise Policy	Mt	million tonnes
i.e.	that is	Mtpa	million tonnes per annum
kg	kilogram	NAF	non-acid forming
kL/t	kilolitres per tonne	NGER Act	<i>Commonwealth National Greenhouse and Energy Reporting Act, 2007</i>
km	kilometre	NOW	NSW Office of Water
km <sup>2</sup>	square kilometre	NMP	Noise Management Plan
kV	kilovolt	NPW Act	<i>NSW National Parks and Wildlife Act, 1974</i>
LAeq	equivalent continuous noise level	NPWS	NSW National Parks and Wildlife Service
LMP	Land Management Plan	NSW	New South Wales
LCF	Lake Cowal Foundation	OEH	NSW Office of Environment and Heritage
LGA	Local Government Area	PEL	Pacific Environment Limited
LPBMP	Monitoring Programme for Detection of any Movement of Lake Protection Bund, Water Storage and Tailings Structures and Pit-Void Walls	PHA	Preliminary Hazard Analysis
		PIRMP	Pollution Incident Response Management Plan
m	metre	PM <sub>2.5</sub>	particulate matter less than 2.5 micrometres in size
m/s	metres per second	PM <sub>10</sub>	particulate matter less than 10 micrometres in size
m/day	metres per day	PSNL	project-specific noise limit
mg/L	milligram per litre	RL	relative level
		RMP	Rehabilitation Management Plan

# Acronyms List

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RMS	NSW Roads and Maritime Services
RO	Reverse Osmosis
ROM	run-of-mine
RVEP	Remnant Vegetation Enhancement Programme
SEPP 33	<i>State Environmental Planning Policy No. 33 (Hazardous and Offensive Development)</i>
SEPP 55	<i>State Environmental Planning Policy No. 55 (Remediation of Land)</i>
SMBS	sodium metabisulfite
SSMP	Soil Stripping Management Plan
SWGBMP	Surface Water, Groundwater, Meteorological and Biological Monitoring Programme
t/ha	tonnes per hectare
tph	tonnes per hour
THMS	Transport of Hazardous Materials Study
TSF	tailings storage facility
TSP	total suspended particulate
TSMP	Threatened Species Management Protocol
UCDS	Up-catchment Diversion System
V	vertical
VCP	Vegetation Clearance Protocol
WAL	Water Access License
WCC	Wiradjuri Condobolin Corporation
WMP	Water Management Plan
XQ	extra quiet
μS/cm	microSiemens per centimetre
%	percent
o	degrees

**MINUTES OF THE SOUTH-WEST ZONE LIBRARIANS MEETING  
RIVERINA REGIONAL LIBRARY, 2 GALING PLACE, WAGGA WAGGA  
WEDNESDAY 29 SEPTEMBER 2021 AT 10:00AM**

<b>Delegates Attending</b>	
Zac Armistead Claire Campbell Rina Canon Adele Casey Camille Cullinan Andrea Curr	Penny Howse Sue Killham Robert Knight Helen McLoughlin Anne Nevins Rochelle Nicholls
Janice Ottey Peter Pap Chris Robson Fiona Stevens Karen Tagliapietra Karen Wendt	
<b>1&amp;2 Welcome and Apologies</b>	
<p>Following an Acknowledgment of Country, Robert Knight welcomed attendees and opened the meeting.</p> <p>Apologies were received from: Michelle Head Robyn Howard</p> <p>A motion to accept the above apologies was received by Penny Howse and seconded by Sue Killham</p>	
<b>Guest Speakers, Workshops and Presentations</b>	
<b>3</b>	<p><b>Rochelle Nicholls, Library Assistant, Cootamundra Library delivered her presentation: <i>Ride Like a Girl</i></b></p> <p>Women hold an under-rated place in Australia's national history. However, their courage and fortitude has underpinned Australian exploration, innovation, and achievement in the arts, science, and literature. Rochelle Nicholls is an adventurer, author and librarian with a passion for women's history. In 2021-22, she is combining her personal and professional interests to showcase the resilience of Australian pioneer women by re-enacting horseback journeys undertaken by these women in their course of life and work. From Caroline Chisholm to Miles Franklin, Rochelle's journeys will criss-cross New South Wales and uphold our colonial women as positive and inspiring role models for Australians today. The presentation was recorded in Zoom and is distributed with the minutes. Follow Rochelle on Facebook at Run Row Ride Like A Girl. <a href="https://www.facebook.com/RunRowRideLikeAGirl/">https://www.facebook.com/RunRowRideLikeAGirl/</a></p>
<b>Reports and General Business</b>	
<b>4</b>	<p><b>Confirmation of minutes of previous meeting – 10 March 2021</b></p> <p>The minutes of the previous meeting held on 10 March 2021 were endorsed. A motion to endorse the minutes of the previous meeting was received by Anne Nevins and seconded by Carina Clement. There were not outstanding actions from the previous meeting.</p>
<b>5</b>	<p><b>State Library of NSW Report</b></p> <p>Andrea Curr presented highlights from the September 2021 State Library of NSW report. See report attached.</p>
<b>6</b>	<p><b>South West Zone Strategic Plan 2022-2027</b></p> <p>Robert Knight provided an update on feedback received on the draft SWZ Strategic plan for consideration at the next full SWZ meeting.</p>

7	<p><b>NSW Public Libraries Association (NSWPLA)</b> Adele Casey provided an update on the activities of the NSWPLA Executive. See report attached.</p> <p><b>NSWPLA Awards and Scholarships 2021</b> In 2021 the Colin Mills Scholarship, Innovation in Outreach Services and Multicultural Excellence Awards are available for application. Winners will be announced at the AGM on 2 December 2021. See website for details: <a href="https://nswpla.org.au/">https://nswpla.org.au/</a>.</p> <p><b>SWITCH 2021 Online – 18 November 2021</b> The 2021 SWITCH conference has moved to an online forum and registrations are now open. Register here: <a href="https://switch.delegateconnect.co/">https://switch.delegateconnect.co/</a>. For those who have previously registered for SWITCH 2021 a refund or transfer to SWITCH 2021 Online or SWITCH 2022 can be arranged. Please contact the Executive Officer <a href="mailto:a.casey@nswpla.org.au">a.casey@nswpla.org.au</a>.</p> <p><b>NSWPLA AGM – 2 December 2021</b> The NSWPLA AGM will be held at 6:30pm on 2 December 2021 via Zoom. Notices of Motion shall be received by the Executive Officer no later than 15 October 2021.</p>
8	<p><b>South West Zone Digital Library (SWZDL) Report</b> Zac Armistead provided an update on the SWZDL. See reports attached.</p>
9	<p><b>South West Zone Training and Events</b> Karen Wendt provided an update on zone-wide training and events. See report attached.</p>
10	<p><b>General Business</b></p> <p><b>10.1 Library Innovations during Lockdown 2021</b> The following delegates provided updates on activities held during the COVID19 lockdown period: Penny Howse, Cootamundra Library - delivery of community lockdown packs Rochelle Nicholls, Cootamundra Library - library renovations made possible via Stronger Regional Communities Grant Funding Helen McLoughlin, Coolamon Library - home deliveries in the LGA as well as fun/school packs Susan Kane, Henty Library - home deliveries that also served as care calls</p>
11	<p><b>Next SWZ Meeting – 11 November 2021</b></p>
12	<p><b>Next SWZ Librarians Meeting – March 2022</b></p>
<p><b>The meeting closed at 11:45am</b></p>	



## State Library of NSW report September 2021

### Subsidies and grants

#### **Public Library Infrastructure Grants 2021/22**

The 2021/22 Public Library Infrastructure Grant round is now open. Guidelines, application form and further information can be found at [www.sl.nsw.gov.au/public-library-services/subsidies-and-grants/public-library-grants](http://www.sl.nsw.gov.au/public-library-services/subsidies-and-grants/public-library-grants)

Please contact your Consultant if you have any questions.

#### **Applications close at 5pm on Friday 29 October 2021.**

Contact: Kate O'Grady

#### **2021/22 Public Library Funding**

This year's funding increases by \$1,060,000 to \$38,618,000.

The allocations were considered by the PLCC and Library Council on 29 June, and were approved by the Minister for the Arts in July. All councils will shortly be invited to apply for 2021/22 subsidies. The per capita amount increases by 10c to \$2.65 per head. 2021/22 figures per council will be published on the State Library website.

Contact: Cameron Morley

### Advice and best practice

#### **Public Libraries Consultative Committee (PLCC)**

The PLCC met on 29 June. Two of the main items considered were the 2021/22 funding allocation, and discussion of the NSW Public Library Standards.

The standards are updated annually with reference to the Public Library Statistics. The latest statistics are for the 2019/20 year, which included 3 months of library closures. This has significantly affected the statistics, and therefore the PLCC recommended that the standards are not updated to reflect these COVID-19 influenced medians. It is likely that the figures will continue to be affected by the pandemic, so the PLCC will reconsider options once the next set of numbers are in. In the meantime the State Library will make the data available for libraries for comparison purposes.

The 2019/20 Public Library Statistics are available on the State Library website here: [www.sl.nsw.gov.au/public-library-services/advice-and-best-practice/public-library-statistics](http://www.sl.nsw.gov.au/public-library-services/advice-and-best-practice/public-library-statistics)

The standards as part of Living Learning Libraries are available on the State Library website: [www.sl.nsw.gov.au/public-library-services/content/living-learning-libraries](http://www.sl.nsw.gov.au/public-library-services/content/living-learning-libraries)

## **Public Library Services**

The team had been actively visiting libraries from March to June 2021, but from July the team is subject to the Sydney lockdown and is largely working from home. Please continue to contact us via email, phone, zoom or teams – we are all on duty.

Mylee Joseph has moved to a new job and a new state after a very successful 15 years at the State Library, and of course a long career prior to this in a range of NSW public libraries including Wagga Wagga, Liverpool, Willoughby and Hurstville.

Mylee's work with the standards, children's services, service to older people and home library services has been very much appreciated, and we will miss her as a colleague.

I am sure you will join us in wishing Mylee all the best in her new role at Moreton Bay Regional Council as the Library Customer Experience Coordinator. Andrea Curr will be acting in Mylee's role.

Abby Dawson has returned to her role as the Service Delivery Coordinator for the Bulk Loans service. Joanna Goh has returned to Information & Access having done a fantastic job in Abby's absence. We thank Joanna for her time with us, and welcome Abby back.

## **Strategic Network Committee**

The Strategic Network Committee met online on Friday 21 May 2021. The committee was shown planning for updating the PLS part of the State Library of NSW website, as well as being provided with updates on research projects.

Minutes are published on the website at:

[www.sl.nsw.gov.au/public-library-services/strategic-network-committee-minutes](http://www.sl.nsw.gov.au/public-library-services/strategic-network-committee-minutes)

## **People Places**

A PDF version of People Places has been made available for those who would like to access the publication offline. The PDF will be updated approximately twice a year. Latest information will always be available via the web version. The PDF can be found at the bottom of the People Places homepage at [www.sl.nsw.gov.au/public-library-services/people-places](http://www.sl.nsw.gov.au/public-library-services/people-places)

Contact: Kate O'Grady

Promotion

## **Social media campaigns**

To assist with promoting your library services, the State Library has put together tips on creating engaging social media content aligned to key campaigns. Campaigns include Drug Info's video *Alcohol – get the facts*, legal information and indyreads. More information, content and images at [www.sl.nsw.gov.au/public-library-services/advice-and-best-practice/community-and-engagement/social-media-campaigns](http://www.sl.nsw.gov.au/public-library-services/advice-and-best-practice/community-and-engagement/social-media-campaigns)

## **Diary files**

With easing restrictions in the coming weeks, the State Library has teamed up with ABC Sydney to relaunch The Diary Files<<https://diaryfiles.sl.nsw.gov.au/>> on Friday 24 September.

The Library is asking people across NSW to share their thoughts, feelings and experiences by writing in The Diary Files. These entries will provide future researchers with a record of how people lived during this unprecedented time in our history.



Public libraries are encouraged to support this campaign once again by sharing content on your social media channels. The Library's Media & Comms team has prepared some copy and assets which your teams can download here: <https://www.sl.nsw.gov.au/public-library-services/promoting-diary-files>

### **Tweeting a public library 2021**

Throughout 2021 the State Library is running a public library campaign on twitter. We are posting a short tweet each day featuring a different library branch. By the end of the year we will have covered all branches across the state in alphabetical order. To include a photo and an interesting piece of information please use this form:

<https://plsns.wufoo.com/forms/nsw-public-library-tweet-information>

### Research Projects

#### **Making Public Spaces Everyone's Business**

This project was jointly scoped with the Strategic Network Committee, the NSW Department of Planning and other partners. The research is focused on behavioural aspects of increased library visitation and membership, with the participation of six diverse library services.

See: [www.sl.nsw.gov.au/public-library-services/advice-and-best-practice/research-projects/making-public-spaces-everyones](http://www.sl.nsw.gov.au/public-library-services/advice-and-best-practice/research-projects/making-public-spaces-everyones)

Contact: Andrea Curr

#### **Diverse Picture Books**

We are currently working with academics from Sydney University and UNSW on a project to improve the diversity of children's picture books in public library collections. The team surveyed public library staff for suggested titles with characters in five diversity categories: Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander; culturally and linguistically diverse; gender, sex and sexually diverse; those with a disability; and those from regional or rural areas. The books are being assessed by our academic partners. Further information and suggested books are at [www.sl.nsw.gov.au/public-library-services/diverse-picture-books](http://www.sl.nsw.gov.au/public-library-services/diverse-picture-books)

Contact: Kate O'Grady, Ellen Forsyth

#### **Projects with Charles Sturt University**

*Understanding the needs of public library users, post-pandemic*

This project is building on the surveys that the State Library has undertaken with NSW public library staff looking at the response to the COVID-19 pandemic. The project team will conduct qualitative research to look at how users' needs and expectations have changed and how public libraries can best meet those needs.

Contact: Kate O'Grady, Ellen Forsyth

#### **First language reading and public libraries**

Exploring how reading in a person's first language improves their sense of wellbeing, this project aims to help inform library collections in LOTE. The project team will conduct qualitative research to assess the impact of reading in first language with people from a number of different backgrounds. A preliminary report is available on this <https://librariesresearchgroup.csu.domains/blog/2021/09/27/first-language-reading-and-the-role-of-the-public-library/>

Contact: Oriana Acevedo, Kate O'Grady

*Embracing the cultural identity of burgeoning ethnic groups in public libraries – a pilot project with the Punjabi Indian Community*

This project will explore the collection and services offered to the Punjabi Indian community in the Wagga Wagga area through an online survey.

Contact: Ellen Forsyth, Oriana Acevedo

## Statewide Projects

### **indyreads®**

The indyreads platform enables public libraries to provide free access to eBooks and eAudio.

The collection continues to grow with over 18,000 eBook and Audio titles currently available. The LOTE collection includes 450 Chinese titles, 231 Italian, 353 Spanish titles, 224 French Titles and 197 Romanian titles. Italian titles will be added to the platform in the coming months.

New social media collateral is available for download from the PLS Flickr account and from the indyreads social media campaign page:

[www.flickr.com/photos/publiclibrariesnsw/collections/72157715798465132/](http://www.flickr.com/photos/publiclibrariesnsw/collections/72157715798465132/)  
[www.sl.nsw.gov.au/public-library-services/services/indyreads/indyreads-social-media](http://www.sl.nsw.gov.au/public-library-services/services/indyreads/indyreads-social-media)

Order free indyreads bookmarks and postcards <https://plsns.wufoo.com/forms/indyreads-promotional-material>

### **indyreads® summer bookclub**

A Summer Bookclub has been scheduled for 1<sup>st</sup> December 2021 to the 31<sup>st</sup> January 2022.

The book selected is the award-winning novel, *The Grandest Bookshop in the World* by the Australian Author, Amelia Mellor. The title should appeal to a wide range of ages.

Better Reading Review: <https://www.betterreading.com.au/kids-ya/coles-book-arcade-comes-to-life-read-our-review-for-the-grandest-bookshop-in-the-world-by-amelia-mellor/>

An unlimited simultaneous user license has been negotiated for the book and the title will be accessible on the indyreads platform.

A social media campaign, print marketing collateral, and an online event are being developed for the book club.

A drop-in information webinar session has been scheduled for 2pm October 25<sup>th</sup> <https://sl-nsw-gov-au.zoom.us/j/88143462879?pwd=K1BCeHFiOTYvUHQ5WW41bkFJUnI4dz09>

More information at [www.sl.nsw.gov.au/public-library-services/services/indyreads](http://www.sl.nsw.gov.au/public-library-services/services/indyreads)

Contact: Ross Balharrie

Professional development

### **Online courses**

Two webinars and one online training module are available:

#### **Webinar: What's new on indyreads**

On Wednesday 21 April Michael Adams held a webinar for NSW public library staff which highlighted some of the recent improvements to the indyreads interface, provided an update on collection development and promotional activities, and previewed upcoming initiatives.

View the recording at:

<https://youtu.be/ImpnEx8wkk>

#### **Webinar: A beginner's guide to family history**

On Wednesday 19 May 2021 Michael held a webinar on family history. The webinar introduced participants to key concepts and strategies for answering common family history questions. It outlined some of the fundamentals of genealogical research, using birth, death and marriage records as a framework, and introduced participants to Ancestry.com, one of the world's leading online family history resources.

View the recording at:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=osvpz87m4o0>

#### **New online Drug Info training**

Drug Info's new online training module is now available. The training takes about one hour to complete and covers topics including why Drug Info is in public libraries, the Drug Info collections and website, where to find information relating to alcohol and other drugs, and promotion. It also has short videos and a virtual showbag you can fill with checklists, a calendar and much more.

Find more information and sign on details at:

[www.sl.nsw.gov.au/public-library-services/drug-info-online-training](http://www.sl.nsw.gov.au/public-library-services/drug-info-online-training)

Contact: Michael Adams

#### **Collect Connect Community and A beginner's guide to family history**

The face-to-face training courses 'Collect Connect Community: an introduction to the State Library for public library staff' and 'A beginner's guide to family history' are currently on hold due to the COVID-19 public health orders.

Contact: Catherine Bryant

#### **Drop-in sessions**

During lockdown PLS has been hosting a series of drop in sessions for topic-specific online chats. The sessions will provide an opportunity to talk with other NSW public library staff, as well as highlighting some useful State Library of NSW resources. Session topics are released weekly.

Each session has the same URL, so be sure to put any sessions you would like to attend in your calendar. Use the following link to access each session:

<https://sl-nsw-gov-au.zoom.us/j/88462467058?pwd=RTFBRTBxYzNLWFFLRkpwL3puL3YrUT09>

Enewsletters

### **Public Library Services eNews**

The *Public Library Services eNews* provides a snapshot of the work of Public Library Services including Find Legal Answers, Drug Info, Multicultural Services and NSW.net.

You can view past issues and subscribe at:

[www.sl.nsw.gov.au/public-library-services/services/public-library-services-eneews](http://www.sl.nsw.gov.au/public-library-services/services/public-library-services-eneews)

### **In the Libraries eNews**

The *In the Libraries* eNewsletter features short news stories, photos and links. It provides a snapshot of what is happening in NSW public libraries.

To subscribe, view issues and submit an article visit:

[www.sl.nsw.gov.au/public-library-services/services/libraries-eneewsletter](http://www.sl.nsw.gov.au/public-library-services/services/libraries-eneewsletter)

Contact: Michael Adams

Specialist Services

### **Find Legal Answers and Drug Info**

#### **Scams Awareness Week**

This year's Scams Awareness Week will take place on 8 to 12 November. The theme for the week is Let's talk scams. Both the State Library and Legal Aid NSW are partner agencies with the ACCC in Scams Awareness Week this year.

One of the planned activities is a Legal Aid webinar. The webinar will be held on Tuesday 9 November 2021 from 1-2pm. It will focus on different types of scams and where people can go for help if they have been the victim of a scam. The webinar will last approximately 30 minutes, with 30 minutes to answer questions.

In order to help Legal Aid with their planning, we are gauging the interest of libraries in hosting and/or promoting the webinar. If you are interested in providing the webinar to your community, please fill out the survey form by Friday 8 October:

<https://plsns.wufoo.com/forms/eoi-lets-talk-scams-webinar>

#### **New online Drug Info training**

Drug Info's new online training module is now available - see above under Professional Development for more information.

#### **Alcohol video from Drug Info**

Drug Info released a new video at the end of 2020: *Alcohol – Get the Facts*.

The aim of the video is to educate the community about the long-term effects of alcohol. Although the short-term effects are well known, the long-term effects are less commonly understood. The video highlights some of the long-term effects, including an increased risk of some cancers, damage to body organs, heart and blood disorders, and work and relationship problems. It also provides sources of more information and where to get help.

See the video and find a social media campaign so you can promote the video to your community at:

[www.sl.nsw.gov.au/public-library-services/alcohol-get-facts-social-media](http://www.sl.nsw.gov.au/public-library-services/alcohol-get-facts-social-media)

Contact: Michael Adams

### **New resource page – vaping**

A new page on vaping and e-cigarettes has been added to the Drug Info website. This is a popular topic, especially with parents and young people, and addresses an information gap. See the page at <https://druginfo.sl.nsw.gov.au/drugs/z-drugs/vaping>

Contact: Michael Adams

### **NSW.net**

#### **Statewide Licensed Databases:**

After a thorough comparative review of available options the State Library's NSW.net service and the NSW Public Library Content Working Group (CWG) recommended a new suite of statewide licensed databases for 2021-2022. These are the databases that are available to the public free of charge from all NSW public libraries.

In making the final decision on the composition of the statewide suite of databases the CWG considered the reference service information requirements of the NSW public library network, subject coverage, content quality, user interface, as well as financial considerations.

The new suite covers a diverse range of subjects including, Australian news sources, business skills, contemporary issues, environment, geography, literature, science, and history.

The 2021-22 statewide suite of licensed databases is comprised of the following databases:

- **Gale General OneFile**, the largest general-interest periodical resource offered by Gale, which contains over 9,000 full-text titles including, award-winning reference sets such as the Gale Encyclopedia of Science and the Full-text of the New York Times from 1985 to the present (updated daily), and The Economist from 1988 to the present, with no embargo.
- **Gale General: OneFile News** - full-text newspaper resource allows users to search articles instantly by title, headline, date, author, and many other fields. Gale OneFile: News provides access to more than 2,300 major world newspapers (493 Australian Newspapers), and includes thousands of images, radio and TV broadcasts and transcripts.
- **Gale Health and Wellness Resource** - Authoritative source for health information, updated daily.
- **Gale Interactive Science** - Authoritative, high-quality digital content paired with interactive 3D models with functionality including zooming in, rotating, and pulling them apart.
- **Gale Business Plan Builder** - A step-by-step online planning tool for starting, managing and optimising a business or nonprofit, equipped with popular, proven business planning tools and templates.
- **Gale Business Entrepreneurship** - A comprehensive database that covers all aspects of starting and operating a business, including accounting, finance, human resources, management, marketing, tax, and more
- **Gale Literature Resource Centre** - offers the broadest and most representative range of authors and their works, including a large collection of full-text critical and literary analysis.
- **Gale Literature: Books and Authors** - A readers' advisory database for discovery of books by author, genre and topic.
- **Gale in Context: Environmental Studies** - Interdisciplinary study of sustainability and the environment, Gale in Context Environmental Studies provides authoritative reference content in the areas of the environment, energy and natural resources.
- **Gale in Context: Biography** - Contextual information on the world's most influential people. Over 650,000 biographical entries cover a range of historically significant figures and present-day newsmakers.



- **Gale in Context: Global Issues** - A database designed to support global awareness. Authoritative content empowers learners to critically analyze and understand the most important issues of the modern world.
- **Gale in Context: Opposing View Points** - Database designed to support science, social studies, current events, and language arts presents each side of important issues and empowers learners to develop information literacy and critical thinking skills.
- **Gale in Context: Science** - Database designed to support science, social studies, current events, and language arts presents each side of important issues and empowers learners to develop information literacy and critical thinking skills.
- **Gale in Context: World History** - Database designed to provide an overview of world history covering the most-studied events, cultures, civilizations, religions, people, and more.
- **National Geographic Virtual Library** - offers access to the complete archive of National Geographic magazine — every page of every issue — along with a cross-searchable collection of books, maps, images, and videos.

From the 1st of July, the 20 new Gale products can be listed on your website. The database URLs, descriptive text, and logos have been forwarded to the libraries which have provided Gale with the network IP details, library barcode ranges via the online form: <https://plsns.wufoo.com/forms/nswnet-statewide-databases-setup-202122>. If your service has not completed the configuration form, please do so asap. If you require assistance please contact Ross Balharrie, [ross.balharrie@sl.nsw.gov.au](mailto:ross.balharrie@sl.nsw.gov.au) or 9273 1498.

In June Gale provided several webinars on the new suite of resources. These webinars were recorded and can be viewed here:

Collections Module	Recorded Webinar Link
National Geographic Virtual Library NSW.net	<a href="https://tinyurl.com/4akp42w2">https://tinyurl.com/4akp42w2</a>
Gale Literature Resource Centre & Gale Literature Books & Authors NSW.net	<a href="https://tinyurl.com/4je2eczy">https://tinyurl.com/4je2eczy</a>
Gale in Context Resources & Gale OneFile News NSW.net	<a href="https://tinyurl.com/yuuv98va">https://tinyurl.com/yuuv98va</a>
technical setups and additional supporting resources from Gale	<a href="https://tinyurl.com/tpc688he">https://tinyurl.com/tpc688he</a>
Gale Health and Wellness Resource & Gale Interactive Science NSW.net	<a href="https://tinyurl.com/3p64tym8">https://tinyurl.com/3p64tym8</a>
Gale Business: Plan Builder & Gale Business Entrepreneurship NSW.net	<a href="https://tinyurl.com/8v6ytydz">https://tinyurl.com/8v6ytydz</a>
Gale General OneFile for NSW.net	<a href="https://tinyurl.com/3kj3xvts">https://tinyurl.com/3kj3xvts</a>
Gale Subject Specific Collections	<a href="https://tinyurl.com/4ymckwfx">https://tinyurl.com/4ymckwfx</a>

**Consortia Opt-in Offers:** The 2021/22 online database discount offers are accessible on the NSW.net website: <https://www.nswnet.net/blog/2020-2021-nswnet-consortia-opt-offers>

A late addition to the consortia opt-in offers is the ComicsPlus database. This product was formerly offered by Wavesound and is now distributed by Bibliotheca.

Pro-rata subscriptions are available for subscription after 1<sup>st</sup> July.

For information on the consortia opt-in databases and trials, contact Ross Balharrie.

### **Internet Connectivity:**

#### *NBN upgrades:*

NBN service upgrades for councils and public libraries are continuing with the availability of NBN services. Thirteen basic grade NBN services were installed and six high grade NBN EE services were installed in Lake Macquarie x 5, Goonellabah and Murwillumbah. Service upgrades are in progress for Wollongong x 5, Miranda and Fairfield, Kings Cross and Pyrmont. Four basic NBN services are being upgraded in Goonellabah and Lismore to high grade NBN EE.

#### *Fibre internet service upgrades:*

Installations of 1Gigabit fibre services are in progress for Lane Cove and Kogarah Councils. The installation of a 50M fibre service is in progress for Wilcannia (Ideas Box). NSW.net is assisting Liverpool Plains with the installation of a fibre run into the premises in their new Quirindi Library to connect to their new NBN service.

There has been an ongoing requirement by both metropolitan and regional libraries for faster internet services to meet user needs. Some libraries are requesting the higher grade NBN EE services which offer excellent performance. The cost of these services is substantially more than the basic NBN services.

Working with Richmond Tweed Libraries to install fibre to the premises infrastructure to enhance internet performance in their 9 branch libraries.

Provided proposals for internet services and equipment to Gilgandra Library in preparation for the construction of their new library in May 2022.

#### *Firewall upgrades:*

Firewall upgrades were completed for 13 libraries. Upgrades were due to the upgrade of internet services. Provided quotes to Armidale, Walgett and Gunnedah.

*WMS Hotspot Controllers:* Many wireless hotspot controllers are at least 10 years old and require replacement. The replacement of metropolitan and regional WMS controllers is currently underway. Equipment has been purchased and despatched to all libraries for swap out. Many have already swapped out the units.

Full replacement of controllers should be completed by the end of July.

As the WMS server is approximately five years old, a new server has been purchased to replace it.

### **Wireless Access Point (WAP) EOL Replacement Program**

Since 2011, NSW.net has installed a vast number of Wi-Fi hotspots in metropolitan and regional public libraries. At the time, a Wi-Fi hotspot solution known as the Wireless Management System (WMS) was developed by NSW.net's partner, Hitech Support, to specifically meet user needs. WMS was initially deployed in roughly half of metropolitan and regional public libraries. In 2011/12, the NSW Government's Revitalising Regional Libraries initiative provided the State Library with \$2M over a four-year time frame to support internet connectivity for NSW libraries including new technologies like Wi-Fi. During this rollout, NSW.net installed WMS Wi-Fi hotspots in all remaining regional public libraries (126 sites over the 4 years).

The WMS solution is unique in that it offers control and comprehensive reporting. Features can be turned off or on to suit library needs and the system is also compatible with NBN services. WMS deployment includes the provision and installation of a firewall, wireless access points (WAPs) and a hotspot controller. As many of the WAPs have been in operation for many years now, they have reached their 'end of life'. To address this issue NSW.net has commenced the gradual upgrade of these WAPs.

Stage one of the rollout was completed in 84 libraries. Public libraries targeted for these upgrades were those with NBN services already installed as the new WAPs enhance the performance of high bandwidth services.

Stage two of the rollout commenced in 2019 and is still in progress. In the 2019/20 year, 239 WAPs were replaced in 38 metropolitan and 133 regional libraries. So far in the 2020/21 year, 32 WAPs have been replaced in nine metropolitan and 14 regional libraries. The following libraries were targeted for WAP replacements: Bega Valley x 3, Bourke, Blue Mountains x 2, Camden x 2, Campbelltown x 4, Cowra, Batemans Bay x 3, Fairfield, Forbes, Hurstville x 3, Hay, Boorowa, Hornsby, Gordon x 4, Barradine, Mendooran, Wellington, Narrandera, Oberon, Orange, Kurri Kurri and Burwood.

The remaining WAP replacements have now been completed. These included a number of metropolitan and regional libraries some of which included City of Sydney x 7, Hornsby x 2, The Hills x 2, Coffs Harbour x 2, Glen Innes, Gunnedah, Gunning, Goulburn, Eurobodalla x 4, and Lane Cove.

Wi-Fi hotspots have vastly increased internet access for the public in public libraries. Since 2011, there have been 45,932,628 total logins and 13,542,895 total devices using WMS.

Contact: Joyce Azzopardi

### **Indyreads™ (also see above under Statewide Projects)**

**The American Library Association (ALA)** eBook publications are available via the indyreads™ platform.

Contact: Ross Balharrie

### **Multicultural Services**

#### **Multicultural Bulk Loans Service**

The bulk loan service is now operating in a limited capacity. The team are working within the requirements of the current Covid-19 restrictions, so turnaround times will be slower than usual. Please contact us on [mc.bulk.loans@sl.nsw.gov.au](mailto:mc.bulk.loans@sl.nsw.gov.au) if you have any questions.

#### **Multicultural Collection Statistics for EFY 2020/21**

- The State Library of NSW has loaned out 65,577 items from 42 different languages and ESL material in the last financial year.
- In May 2021, we fulfilled the highest number of loans since 2018 with 7,881 items loaned.
- Top 10 most requested languages are French, Spanish, Italian, Russian, Japanese, German, Chinese, Polish, Greek and Tamil.

## **New State Library Catalogue**

The State Library of NSW has launched our new catalogue. You will now be directed to the new catalogue when you do a search on our State Library's homepage. This is still work in progress. You will find more information about the new catalogue here:

<https://www.sl.nsw.gov.au/new-catalogue>

### **IMPORTANT NOTE ABOUT SEARCHING FOR MULTICULTURAL COLLECTION**

- More improvements still need to be made to the new catalogue if you would like to search for our Multicultural Collection.
- The old catalogue is still available and is still the preferred catalogue for Multicultural titles search.
- Links to the old catalogue are available in the new catalogue.

## **Tech Savvy Seniors Multilingual Online training videos**

Visit the [Tech Savvy Seniors YouTube channel](#) for a range of online training videos in selected community languages. Videos cover topics such as smartphones, smartphone apps and zoom. Videos are available in English, Arabic, Cantonese, Korean, Mandarin, Hindi, Spanish and Vietnamese.

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## **NSWPLA – September 2021 Update**

### **NSWPLA Awards and Scholarships**

Each year NSWPLA sponsor a number of awards and scholarships. This year The Colins Mills Scholarship, Innovation in Outreach Services (Sponsored by Library AV and Large Print) and Multicultural Excellence Awards (Sponsored by CAVAL) are available for application and will be announced at the AGM.

### **Online Storytime**

At its recent Executive meeting, the NSWPLA board again decided to support NSW libraries to participate in the extended Online Storytime Pilot Project.

### **Renew Our Libraries**

As the NSW State election is due in 2023, NSWPLA is reenergising the Renew Our Libraries Campaign in an effort to cement funding in NSW.

The first event, held online, occurred on the 17 June and was very successful with 254 registrations. It highlighted how libraries have worked within the COVID restrictions and how the additional funding received in the first phase of Renew Our Libraries has been utilised to improve facilities in NSW.

The next event is due to be held shortly after the Local Government election, however with the delay in the LG election a date is yet to be determined.

### **National Backyard Cricket**

Representatives from National Backyard Cricket will doing a short presentation at SWITCH 2021 Online in preparation for the next cricket season and National Backyard Cricket games.

## **SWITCH 2021 ONLINE**



SWITCH 2021 Online website went live this week. Credit Card and Invoice options available for payment.

For those that registered to SWITCH 2021, if you haven't already done so, please email the executive officer to advise how you would like to proceed.

Receive a refund for payment made

1. Carry over to SWITCH 2022 to be held in Albury 8-11 November 2022
2. Utilise part of payment made for SWITCH 2021 Online and either refund the balance or hold over for 2022.

If you have advised your registration is to carry over to SWITCH Online, you will receive an email in the next few days.



## **NSWPLA Annual General Meeting**

The Executive at its July meeting determined to hold the AGM on **Thursday 2 December at 6.30 PM** utilising Zoom.

As required by the Constitution (24 (6)), Notices of motion shall be in the hands of the Secretary/Treasurer or Executive Officer at least 45 days clear before the announced meeting day so that they may be circulated to all members at least 30 clear days prior to that meeting. Taking this into account, Notices of Motion should be with the Executive Officer not later than **COB October Friday 15 October 2021**.

Notices of Motion can be emailed to the Executive Officer no later than COB Friday 15 October 2021 and must include the:

- Motion
- Mover and seconder
- Background information

# South West Zone Digital Library 2020-2021



**\$38,048**

eBook  
expenditure



**\$54,050**

eAudio  
expenditure



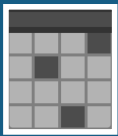
**\$24,484**

eMagazines  
expenditure

**60,056** eBook  
loans

**79,208** eAudio  
loans

**54,136** eMagazine  
loans



**5,005** loans  
average per month



**6,601** loans  
average per month



**4,511** loans  
average per month



**8,224**

eBook titles



**5,250**

eAudio titles



**3,446**

eMagazine titles

eBook turnover

**7.3**

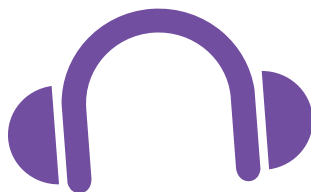
eAudio turnover

**15.1**

eMagazine turnover

**15.7**

**4,595** eBook and **5,334** eAudio  
active users



**678** eMagazine  
unique users



## South-West Zone Digital Library July 2020 – June 2021

### Administration

- Methodology for statistical reporting will change moving forward; Bolinda now has a means of showing the usage on individual and shared collection items. Reporting to focus on shared collections. Full collection performance will be included as an attachment noting that the “New Titles” column displays incorrect figures. Due to change in methodology, comparative statistics will not be possible for this period.
- Proposals from Bolinda and Overdrive have been received for the 2022-27 agreement.
  - Bolinda
    - No changes to platform cost, allocation remaining at \$19,000 exGST for the consortium regardless of spend.
    - Now have eMagazine offering to be fully announced shortly. Confirmed top 50 most borrowed titles on Overdrive will all be available on Bolinda offering. Top 50 titles account for over half the total borrows.
  - Overdrive
    - Platform fee varies depending on total content spend; the standard offering is 50% of content spend; i.e. where content spend = \$50,000, the platform fee would equate to an additional \$25,000. In practice, this is not static.
    - Initial proposal in December 2020 was a flat \$15,000 with an \$80,000 spend.
- The SWZDL financial reserve currently contains \$10,979, resulting from RB Digital waiving their platform fees in 2019-20 then being acquired by Overdrive in 2020-21 who do not charge platform fees for eMagazines. Due to a financial processing error, it is our understanding there will be an additional funds transferred in 2021-22 to the SWZDL reserve following the inclusion of GST on the 2019-20 Bolinda order. Expected additional funds total \$7,925.
- eMagazine statistics were difficult to ascertain accurately due to RB Digital not responding to the request. Overdrive’s inception in mid-March and the proportion of loans of each of the library services was used to extrapolate the RB Digital statistics from July to December 2020 to cover the January to March 2021 period.
- In 2021-22, spend has been allocated as follows:
  - eBooks: \$36,075
  - eAudio: \$54,112
  - Reserves/Expiries: \$13,722
  - eMagazines: \$23,277

## Shared Collection Statistics July 2020 – June 2021

	eBook	eAudio	eMagazine
<b>Loans</b>	60,056	79,208	54,136
<b>Reservations</b>	12,797	20,160	N/A
<b>Renewals</b>	7,273	10,218	N/A
<b>Active Users</b>	4,595	5,334	655
<b>Titles</b>	8,224	5,350	3,446

### Top 3 titles by loan:

- Bolinda eBook
  - Adult: Survivors, Dry, and Lost Man - all by Jane Harper.
  - Youth: Throne of Glass, Court of Thorns and Roses, Chain of Gold.
  - Children: Harry Potter and the Philosophers Stone, 117–Storey Treehouse, Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets.
- Bolinda eAudio
  - Adult: Becoming, Wolfe Island, Nine Perfect Strangers.
  - Youth: Book Thief, Secret Runners of New York, Midnight Sun.
  - Children: Harry Potter and the Philosophers Stone, 26–Storey Treehouse, 39-Storey Treehouse
- Overdrive eMagazine: New Idea (401), Woman’s Day (307), Better Homes and Gardens Australia (286)

Please email Helen with any feedback or suggestions that you have regarding eResource content: [helen.graetz@rrl.nsw.gov.au](mailto:helen.graetz@rrl.nsw.gov.au).

## **SW Zone Training and Events Report – September 2021**

Due to constantly changing public health order restrictions across the state, we have had to hold all our training plans very lightly, and are not planning any in-person training or events for the South-West Zone in the short term.

### **NSW Library Events**

The NSW Library Events team began to wind back the Zoom webinar program of author talks, and then Sydney went into lock down and organisation began again. There are now events planned now for October and November. These include:

**Judy Nunn** presents Showtime. Wednesday, 6<sup>th</sup> of October at 6.30pm.

**Claire G. Coleman** presents Lies, Damned Lies: A personal exploration of the impact of colonisation. Thursday, 14<sup>th</sup> of October at 6.30pm.

**Costa Georgiadis** presents Costa's Big Book of Gardening. Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> of October at 6.30pm

**David Hunt** presents Girt Nation: The Unauthorised History of Australia Volume 3, in conversation with Wendy Harmer. Friday 5<sup>th</sup> of November at 1pm.

**Fiona Macintosh** presents The Spy's Wife. Wednesday, 24<sup>th</sup> of November at 1pm.

Information for these events are available on Google Drive.

[https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1rFmTYGeb4Lg4gg2\\_GJsUEkBxg-eHSDzZ](https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1rFmTYGeb4Lg4gg2_GJsUEkBxg-eHSDzZ)

You can see many of the past author events on YouTube -

<https://www.youtube.com/c/NSWLibraryEvents>.

The above links will be distributed with the minutes of today's meeting.

**Please advise if there is training you would to see in the South-West Zone.**



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING BARMEDMAN TIDY TOWNS  
HELD 26<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2021 AT BARMEDMAN CRAFT SHOP.

PRESENT; J Lynch, Pat Wells, Shirley Clay, Steve Reine, L. Meurhead, K. Carne, Marilyn Moore.

APOLOGIES; B. Wells.

John Lynch took chair for election of Office Bearers;

PRESIDENT; S. Reine nominated Patricia Wells Carried

SECRETARY/TREASURER; Linda Meurhead nominated Marilyn Moore Carried

COMMITTEE; Patricia Wells, Shirley Clay, Marilyn Moore, Kevin Carne.

GENERAL BUSINESS; P. Wells advised Meeting that a credit balance of \$4645.24 was held in Community Solutions One Account with Westpac Bank Temora at 31/03/21.

New Executive were advised to contact Westpac Bank to organise change of signatures by Committee.

P.Wells advised that an amount of \$529.94 had been paid to R. Leiper for town tractor parts and fuel which he had paid over a period of mowing in Barmedman, but approved this time by Bland Shire Council.

Members discussed the matter of getting a working bee together to paint also repair gates on Old Court House Fence, hopefully in September, to be advertised in town diary.  
The painting of old Gun in Anzac Park was also discussed.

Meeting closed at 5.10p.m.

# FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

## Bland Shire Council Section 355 Committee Financial Statements

Committee Name: BARMEDMAN TIDY TOWNS Period Ended 30/06/21

### 1 BALANCE SHEET

1/07/2020 - 30/06/2021

#### ASSETS

Bank (Actual)

5,145.24

Investments

\_\_\_\_\_

Accounts Receivable

\_\_\_\_\_

Furniture & Fittings

\_\_\_\_\_

Plant & Equipment

- TFR to Council

Buildings

\_\_\_\_\_

Other

\_\_\_\_\_

Sub-total 5145.24

Less: Outstanding Cheques

Total Assets 5145.24

#### LIABILITIES

Accounts Payable

\_\_\_\_\_

Loans

\_\_\_\_\_

Income Received in Advance

\_\_\_\_\_

NIL

Total Liabilities NIL

OUTSTANDING CHEQUES NIL

Cheque Number & Amounts

\_\_\_\_\_

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2 INCOME STATEMENT

INCOME

Sales of \_\_\_\_\_

Sales of \_\_\_\_\_

Fees/Rentals \_\_\_\_\_

Admissions \_\_\_\_\_

Donations BSC 1000.00

Membership/Subscriptions \_\_\_\_\_

Grant from Aus Post 500.00

Grant from \_\_\_\_\_

Interest 1.32

Interest on Term Deposits/Investments \_\_\_\_\_

Raffles \_\_\_\_\_

Street Stalls \_\_\_\_\_

Refund of Rates \_\_\_\_\_

Other e.g. Shows/Bingo/Catering etc \_\_\_\_\_

Reimbursement 529.94

BSC - tractor  
expenses

2031.26

Total Income

2031.26

**EXPENDITURE**

Rent

Advertising

Interest

Telephone

Electricity

Rates (land)

Rates (water)

Postages & Stationery

Bank & Government Charges

Repairs & Maintenance

Purchases of

Purchases of

Insurance

Prizes

Depreciation

Other

Mower expenses  
(reimbursed)

518.77

**Total Expenditure**

518.77

**Surplus/(Deficit)**

1512.49

Date

26-7-21

Treasurer

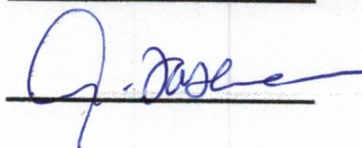
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**UNGARIE ADVANCEMENT GROUP MEETING**  
**WEDNESDAY 16TH JUNE 2021 @ C.W.A. ROOMS**

File: GDV-355-UNG Action  
Action Officer: IPR+G   
REC'D 15 JUL 2021  
Bland Shire Council

**Meeting Opened:** 7.05pm

**Present:** Carol Barrett, Kerry Keatley, Jeffery de Rozario, Les Williams, Wendy Keatley, Lindsey Henley, Sheila Henley, Vanessa Williams, & Alison Balind.

**Apologies:** Claire Delaney, Brony Mason.

**Minutes of the previous Meeting were read.**

**Moved that the Minutes be Accepted as read:** Les Williams

**2<sup>nd</sup>:** Jefferey de Rozario.

**New Section 355 Committee Manual**

Alison Balind from the Bland Shire Council spoke about the new Section 355 Committee Manual just released by the Council. Ms Balind also had a **Terms of Reference** document for the Advancement Group and Ungarie Retirement Village. She stated that "we would need to come to agreement as to our responsibilities" as a 355 Committee.

**Business Arising from our previous meeting:**

\* **Lawns at the Ungarie Museum-** Les Williams undertook to mow the lawn at the back of the museum. The yard had not been mowed by Council for quite a while, and the grass was very long. Council workers observed Les mowing the lawn, and did come back and complete what he was unable to finish mowing on the first day.

\* **Community Noticeboard-** A community Noticeboard is set up at the Post Office, and is being used to notify people of upcoming events. Jefferey de Rozario has compiled a local Business House directory to give to new residents, and this is also displayed on the Noticeboard.

\* **Special Meeting to form 150 Year Celebration Committee-** A meeting was held on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2021 to try and form a Committee to organise Ungarie's 150 Year Celebrations in 2022. Unfortunately only 5 members of the Advancement Group attended the meeting, therefore the regular Advancement Group Committee will be organising the Celebrations. Minutes of the Special Meeting were supplied to those present. After discussion with the Ungarie Show Society, it has been decided to hold the Celebrations on Ungarie Show weekend in 2022- Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> & Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> September 2022.

\* **Wall of Museum prepared for Mural Painting-** The Bland Shire Council were unable to find trades people that could repair the wall of the Museum in readiness for artist Simon White. The Council said that the Ungarie Advancement Group could make the repairs, and that Council would reimburse them for the work. On the weekend of 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> June 2021, Kerry Keatley, Lindsey Henley and Graeme



Culbert completed the necessary repairs to the wall. While Simon White was hoping to be in Ungarie by mid June, due to flooding in the Gippsland region of Victoria, he has been unable to travel to Ungarie.

\* **Lindsey Henley's Book of Memories-** Still requires a few photos, and Lindsey needs to source a printer to produce the book. He is hoping to find a printer in the Riverina region to undertake this work. Bland Shire Council has agreed to cover printing costs up to \$20,000 and would also cover costs for photographer Lorraine Williams. These costs would then be repaid to Council upon the sale of the books. Lindsey Henley has offered that all profits from the book would be donated to the Ungarie Advancement Group. It was suggested that Lindsey could ask for "expressions of interest" on social media to help gauge numbers to be printed in the first run.

\* **Lawn Cemetery-** Letters have been written to members of the Ungarie Cemetery Committee with the request for the establishment of a lawn Cemetery. Ms Alison Belind said that she was unsure about what are the requirements for establishing a lawn cemetery. The Cemetery Committee is not a 355 Committee of Council, and tends to operate outside Council controls. Kerry Keatley said that Council would be concerned for who would be responsible for the upkeep of a Lawn Cemetery. Jefferey de Rozario suggested that using artificial turf could reduce maintenance concerns.

\* **West Wyalong Advocate-** The Advocate is once again operational, so the local area again has a local newspaper.

\* **Mate Helping Mate-** The mental health motivational evening was well received, with approximately 30 people attending.

\* **Bridge Widening-** Widening of the bridge at the School has commenced. Some of the local services have been relocated however the contractors are waiting for Golden fields Waters to move a pipeline before major works can start.

### **Treasurers Report**

As per the attached Report.

Moved that the Report be accepted as read: Carol Barrett

2<sup>nd</sup>: Sheila Henley.

Passed

Discussion was held regarding the Historical Society Museum funds. Unfortunately the previous Treasurer has not supplied recent bank statements, cheque books, receipt books or cash book as requested at the Advancement Group Meeting on 21<sup>st</sup> April 2021. The Advancement Group must get the bank accounts transferred into the Ungarie Advancement Group's name. Carol Barrett to approach the SWSCU to ask what their requirements are to change signatories.

**Motion:** As the Museum Committee is now defunct, and the Ungarie Advancement Group is responsible for preserving and promoting the history of Ungarie under its

Terms of Reference, the management of the Ungarie Historical Society finances must come under the control of the Ungarie Advancement Group. Therefore signatures to the Historical Society should be changed to be the same as the Ungarie Advancement Group.

Moved: Vanessa Williams

2<sup>nd</sup>: Carol Barrett

Passed.

### **General Business**

\* **Steph Cooke announces Grant to Show Society-** On Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> June 2021, local member Steph Cooke announced that the Ungarie Show Society had been successful in its application of a grant. The Show Society will receive \$660,000 for the construction of a new amenities block.

\* **150 Years Celebrations-** Planning for the celebration are moving along ok, with the selection of a date, Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> September 2022, and the agreement from the Show Society to combine our two events. The next step will be to advertise the "Claiming the Date".

\* **Councils Community Forums-** Alison was asked when Council was likely to hold its Community Forum in Ungarie. The Meeting was informed that it is unlikely to happen before the upcoming Council Elections on the 4<sup>th</sup> September 2021.

\* **Kerry thanked Alison** for attending. Alison supplied the new Terms for Reference for the Advancement Group, and for the Ungarie Retirement Village.

**Next Meeting-** 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday in August- 18<sup>th</sup> August 2021.

**Meeting Closed-** 8.35pm.

UNGARIE ADVANCEMENT GROUP  
GENERAL MEETING ~ WEDNESDAY 16TH JUNE 2021

TREASURERS REPORT

Ungarie Advancement Group General Account	Balance	\$ 5770.58
Ungarie Garden Group Account	Balance	\$ 1272.40

ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

- \* Secretary Ms Carol Barrett  
Reimbursement for Printer Cartridge purchased \$ 39.95  
Sale Dkt # 50002131276

APPENDIX 13 VOLUNTEER ATTENDANCE REGISTER ~ UNGARIE ADVANCEMENT GROUP MEETING  
 HELD WEDNESDAY 16TH JUNE 2021 @ C.W.A. ROOMS

VOLUNTEER ATTENDANCE REGISTER					
Volunteers Name	Volunteers Signature	Contact Details	Location and Activity	Date/Time On	Date/Time Off
Carol Barrett	C. Barrett	0429 473 069			
JEFFREY ROZARIO	[Signature]	0487 434130			
LRS WILLIAMS	[Signature]	0413676464			
Wendy Keatley	[Signature]	0439338933			
Kerry Keatley	[Signature]	0428759009			
Lindsay Keatley	[Signature]	0428676563			
Sharla Keatley	[Signature]	0428759300			
V. Williams	V.K. Williams	0429174 765			

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF WEETHALLE RECREATION GROUND SECTION 355 COMMITTEE  
HELD AT WEETHALLE COUNTRY CLUB ON THURSDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> MARCH, 2021

MEETING OPENED: 6.45 pm

PRESENT: Lynette Potter, Tanya Jolly, Stephanie Healy, Eliza Spaul, Heather Ward, Vicki Jolly, Michelle Jolly, Allan Clark, Malcolm Pope, Gwen Pope, Betty Fenning.

APOLOGIES: Mark Booker, Sarah Anderson, Claire Payne, Graham Reid, Gayle Clark.

There was some confusion as to the role and responsibilities of the Section 355 Committee within the Weethalle Community especially in regard to the Main Street Toilets, the Main Street, where the RSL Cenotaph Gardens fitted in, where the Memorial Hall fitted in, the parks in the village and the Recreation Ground Facility. It was therefore, Moved S Healy, seconded T Jolly, that this AGM be abandoned and another one set down, inviting Alison Balind (BSC Staff) and Councillors to attend a pre AGM discussion clarifying and explaining the roles and responsibilities of the Section 355 Committee. This meeting is to take place within the month. Carried.

MEETING CLOSED: 7:30 pm.



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF WEETHALLE RECREATION GROUND SECTION 355 COMMITTEE  
HELD AT WEETHALLE COUNTRY CLUB ON THURSDAY 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH, 2021

MEETING OPENED: 6:45 pm

PRESENT: Mark Booker, Lynette Potter, Michelle Jolly, Betty Fenning, Vicki Jolly, Tanya Jolly, Heather Ward, Eliza Spaul, Stephanie Healy, Leanne Prince, Andrew Hanlon.

APOLOGIES: Allan Clark, Gayle Clark, Graham Reid.

Moved M Jolly, seconded B Fenning, that the Minutes of the previous AGM dated 20<sup>th</sup> February 2020, be accepted as read. Carried.

PRESIDENTS' REPORT: See attached.

TREASURERS REPORT: See attached. Moved L Potter, seconded B Fenning, that the Treasurers Report be accepted. Carried.

TIDY TOWNS SUB-COMMITTEE REPORT: Moved V Jolly, seconded S Healy, that the Tidy Towns Report be accepted. Bank Balance as at 31-12-2020: \$2618.84 cr. Carried.

ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS':

Mark Booker declared all positions vacant. Andrew Hanlon took the chair.

PRESIDENT: **Heather Ward** was nominated by L Potter, seconded L Prince. Accepted.

SECRETARY/TREASURER: **Lynette Potter** nominated by L Prince, seconded B Fenning. Accepted.

LIAISON WITH BLAND SHIRE COUNCIL: **Lynette Potter, Heather Ward** nominated by M Booker, seconded L Prince. Accepted.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Formation of Section 355 Committee: After discussion, Moved S Healy, seconded E Spaul, that the Weethalle Section 355 Committee be formed for the ensuing year. In favour 10, Against 1, Carried.

New Name: Moved S Healy, seconded E Spaul, that the Weethalle Recreation Ground Committee (Section 355 Committee) be named **Weethalle Community Committee**. Carried.

Update Signatories: Moved B Fenning, seconded L Prince, that the Bank Account held with NAB – Trustees Weethalle Recreation Ground, be updated with the signatories to be President: Heather Ward and Secretary/Treasurer: Lynette Potter. The signatory Mark Booker (Past President) is to be removed from the account. Carried.

Delegates for 2021: Show – Michelle Jolly and Betty Fenning; Gymkhana – Leanne Prince; Sports Oval – Mark Booker; WCC – Mark Booker; Ladies Golf – Leanne Prince and Lynette Potter, Tidy Towns – Vicki Jolly

MEETING CLOSED: 7:55 pm

I declare that this is a true and correct account of this meeting

  
Mark Booker  
President/Chairperson  
Weethalle Recreation Ground Section 355 Committee

TRUSTEES WEETHALLE RECREATION GROUND COMMUNITY GROUP MANAGEMENT ACCOUNT

TREASURERS' REPORT FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 2020

OPENING BALANCE NAB ACCOUNT as at 01-01-2020:	\$ 2,889.42 cr
CLOSING BALANCE NAB ACCOUNT as at 31-12-2020:	\$15,504.80 cr
INCOME FOR 2020:	
Bland Shire Council – Section 355 Committee Allocation	\$ 3,500.00
Aurecon Australasia – Electricity Pole Upgrade	\$ 4,887.00
Bland Shire Council – Evolution Mining Donation	\$ 9,090.91
TOTAL	<u>\$17,477.91</u>

EXPENDITURE FOR 2020:

Sports Oval Upgrade - Ag'N'Vet, fittings for tank – chq 076	\$ 184.47
Sports Oval Upgrade - chq 077 - Ag'N'Vet, fittings for tank (\$116.30)	
Bryan Studholme, Transport for Turf etc (\$3038.97)	\$ 3,155.27
Watertek, pump repairs – chq 078	\$ 604.55
L Potter, Catering for Sports Oval Opening – chq 079	\$ 200.00
Ag'N'Vet, fuel – chq no 080	\$ 16.92
Fishers Motors, mower repairs - chq 081	\$ 35.00
Ag'N'Vet, fuel – chq no 082	\$ 37.16
L Potter, Mower blades & Spray for Rec Ground - chq 083	\$ 629.16
TOTAL	<u>\$ 4,862.53</u>

Therefore a gain of \$12,615.38

There are however two outstanding invoices, to be paid – Reimburse the Sports Oval Committee for half payment of the Zinc Tank \$9,090.91 and an Invoice yet to be received for the Electricity Pole Upgrade.

GENERAL MEETING OF BSC SECTION 355 - WEETHALLE COMMUNITY COMMITTEE  
HELD AT WEETHALLE COUNTRY CLUB ON WEDNESDAY 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 2021

MEETING OPENED: 7:55 pm

PRESENT: Mark Booker, Lynette Potter, Michelle Jolly, Betty Fenning, Vicki Jolly, Tanya Jolly, Heather Ward, Eliza Spaul, Stephanie Healy, Leanne Prince, Alison Balind (BSC Staff)

APOLOGIES: Allan Clark, Gayle Clark, Graham Reid.

Moved M Jolly, seconded B Fenning, that the Minutes of the previous General Meeting, dated 20<sup>th</sup> February 2020, be accepted as read. Carried.

BUSINESS ARISING/CORRESPONDENCE IN/OUT:

- Invoices for Shire Allocation of funds;
- Dump Point at Showground, various emails, completed;
- Electricity to Sports Oval, various emails, completed;
- Showground Road – making all weather, various emails, ongoing, to be completed by end of April;
- Garden Tool Shed at Cemetery, completed;
- Water Tank at Dam, various emails, BSC, Evolution Mining donation received, completed;
- Toilet upgrade at Rec Ground Playground, various emails, ongoing, to be completed by end of June;
- Service Request – Spraying of weeds on Rec Ground and Town by BSC Staff, completed;
- Invitation sent to Deputy Prime Minister for Sports Oval Upgrade Opening, various emails, completed;
- Various Grant Applications;
- Aurecon (Crown Lands) Vendor Registration and Insurance compliances, various emails;
- Tax Invoices – Ag’N’Vet, Watertek, Fishers Motors, JW & LF Potter, BM Studholme;
- Covid 19 – Venue Closures, updates etc, various emails;
- Dressing Shed at Sports Oval – Reported as Dilapidated Structure by Aurecon and is earmarked for removal by BSC Staff, various emails;
- RV Friendly and Motorcycle Friendly town signage, various emails, completed;
- BSC Tourism & Admin Officer, promoting the village, various emails;
- Stephanie Cooke Electorate Office, grant pathways, visit, various emails;
- Electricity Pole upgrade, completed in conjunction with underground electricity upgrade, completed;
- Weethalle Show Society Kitchen Upgrade, Seating, Roof renewal on Luncheon Pavilion various emails, completed;
- Weethalle Show Society, funding, grants, various emails;
- Weethalle Show Society, B Fenning liaising with Craig Sutton to access a Defibrillator;
- Resignation of V Jolly re: Tidy Towns Co-ordinator and Cleaner of Town Toilets, various emails;
- Service Request – Under Eave Main Street Lighting – under discussion, various emails;
- Service Request – Tree Removal & Pergola repairs at Whistle Stop, various emails, John Holland land not BSC, therefore BSC has no jurisdiction in these matters: V Jolly to organise to repair to Pergola, ongoing; Whistle Stop to seek approval from John Holland to remove tree;
- Service Request – Water leak at RSL Cenotaph Garden, various emails, L Potter to check with Will Marsh, if there is financial hardship grant to reimburse the Memorial Hall;
- Annual Financial Reporting to BSC;
- Skate Pump Track initial setup, location change and movement, various emails, completed;
- Review of BSC Section 355 Committee Manual and Memo of Understanding, various emails, Alison Balind;
- Natural Resources Access Regulator, assessed pump at dam;
- Credit Application at Codemo Machinery, for mower spare parts;
- Service Request – Shearing Shed Roof, various emails, ongoing;
- Zero turn Mower with Cabin and Air-conditioning request, various emails, ongoing;
- Notice of Meetings, AGM & General Meetings, posted on Weethalle Community Newsletter Facebook page;

## TREASURERS' REPORT

Moved L Potter, seconded B Fenning that the Treasurers' Report be accepted as read. Carried.

National Australia Bank cheque account as at 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2020: \$ 15,504.80 cr

There are two outstanding Invoices, Reimburse the Sports Oval Committee for half payment of the Zinc Tank \$9,090.91 and an Invoice yet to be received for the Electricity Pole upgrade.

## GENERAL BUSINESS:

John Henning Memorial Bench: L Potter apologised for not having it replaced, will get onto replacing it this year.

Volunteers Grant: L Potter to liaise with B Fenning to see what we may be able to be eligible for.

Air Conditioned Zero Turn Mower: We had been offered a Toro Mower with shade cover, from BSC, but L Potter was late in accepting it, therefore it went elsewhere. Keeping asking for a Zero-turn A/C mower up to 12 feet.

Show Society Ground Maintenance: B Fenning reported, Darren, was living at the Showground Caravan Site and was available for mowing, odd jobs and maintenance work at the Showground etc.

Annual Mowing Fee: A reminder that all users of the Rec Ground need to pay the Weethalle Country Club an annual \$250 fee, for the Diesel that is put through the tractor used to mow. Please check your clubs/societies have done so.

Capital Works Priorities for 2020: **High Priority** - Air Conditioned Zero Turn Mower — **Medium Priority**— Main Street Beautification – New playground equipment at Main Street playground - All weather road from Police Station to the Whistle Stop, for Silo Art Traffic due to increase traffic volume - **Low Priority** – Tank on New Shed at Showground - Portable Shaded Grandstand – Boundary and Internal Fencing repairs and replacement.

General Reminder: A General reminder of the process to hold a public function on the Rec Ground, make sure you do your risk assessments and have your Insurance in place or contact L Potter to contact David at BSC if you aren't sure.

NEXT MEETING: To be advised, end of June.

MEETING CLOSED: 8:35 pm

# FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

## Bland Shire Council Section 355 Committee Financial Statements

Committee Name: TRUSTEES WEETHALLE RECREATION <sup>GROUND</sup> Period Ended 30/06/21  
COMMITTEE

### 1 BALANCE SHEET

1/07/2020 - 30/06/2021

#### ASSETS

Bank (Actual)	<u>\$ 7,868 - 54 cr.</u>	
Investments	_____	
Accounts Receivable	_____	
Furniture & Fittings	_____	
Plant & Equipment	_____	
Buildings	_____	
Other	_____	
		Sub-total <u>7868-54.</u>
Less: Outstanding Cheques		_____
		<b>Total Assets</b> <u>7868-54</u>

#### LIABILITIES

Accounts Payable	_____	
Loans	_____	
Income Received in Advance	_____	
		_____
		<b>Total Liabilities</b> _____

#### OUTSTANDING CHEQUES

Cheque Number & Amounts	_____	_____
	_____	_____
	_____	_____

**2 INCOME STATEMENT**

**INCOME**

Sales of \_\_\_\_\_

Sales of \_\_\_\_\_

Fees/Rentals \_\_\_\_\_

Admissions \_\_\_\_\_

Donations *JW + LF POTTER* \$ 1,968-50 (Zinc Water Tank)

Membership/Subscriptions \_\_\_\_\_

Grant from *BSC - Section 355 Allocation.* \$ 1,000-00

Grant from *Evolution Mining* \$ 9,090-91 (Zinc Water Tank)

Interest \_\_\_\_\_

Interest on Term Deposits/Investments \_\_\_\_\_

Raffles \_\_\_\_\_

Street Stalls \_\_\_\_\_

Refund of Rates \_\_\_\_\_

Other e.g. Shows/Bingo/Catering etc \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Total Income** \$ 12,059-41



**EXPENDITURE**

Rent \_\_\_\_\_  
Advertising \_\_\_\_\_  
Interest \_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone \_\_\_\_\_  
Electricity \_\_\_\_\_  
Rates (land) \_\_\_\_\_  
Rates (water) \_\_\_\_\_  
Postages & Stationery \_\_\_\_\_  
Bank & Government Charges \_\_\_\_\_  
Repairs & Maintenance \$ 995 - 01  
Purchases of *Zinc Water Tank.* \$ 9,090 - 91  
Purchases of *Bench Seat* \$ 148 - 00  
Insurance \_\_\_\_\_  
Prizes \_\_\_\_\_  
Depreciation \_\_\_\_\_  
Other \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Total Expenditure** \$ 10,233 - 92

**Surplus/(Deficit)** \$ 1,825 - 49

Date 27-7-2021

Treasurer *LF Potter*  
*LF POTTER.*

Audited By (Honorary) Leanne Hanlon

Contact No. 0455 874963.

Signature *L Hanlon*



## INCOME REPORTING FORM SECTION 355 COMMITTEES

*Weethalle*  
BSC: Section 355 Committee: Community Committee.

<b>SECTION 355 COMMITTEE NAME:</b>	<i>Weethalle Recreation Ground Committee.</i>
<b>MONTH/YEAR INCOME RECEIVED:</b>	<i>2020/2021.</i>

INCOME:	AMOUNT \$
<b>Details of GST FREE Income:</b>	
Donations : <i>JW &amp; LF Potter</i>	<i>\$ 1,968-50</i>
<del>Interest Received</del> <i>Bland Shire Council Allocation.</i>	<i>\$ 1,000-00</i>
<i>Grant from Evolution Mining (Zinc Water Tank)</i>	<i>\$ 9,090-91</i>
<b>Total of GST Free Income</b>	<b><i>\$ 12,059-41</i></b>
<b>Details of Taxable Supply Income:</b>	
Subscriptions	
Rent Received	
Raffles, Fetes	
<b>Total of taxable Supply Income</b>	
<b>Total of all income received for the <del>month</del> <i>Year.</i></b>	<b><i>\$ 12,059-41.</i></b>
<b>GST PAYABLE (TOTAL TAXABLE SUPPLY INCOME ÷11) \$</b>	

Council must receive this form, together with your Committee's cheque for the GST as calculated above, by 10<sup>th</sup> day of the month.

Please note that this form must be sent to Council every month, even when no income has been received.

GENERAL MEETING OF BSC SECTION 355 - WEETHALLE COMMUNITY COMMITTEE  
HELD AT WEETHALLE COUNTRY CLUB ON WEDNESDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> JULY 2021

MEETING OPENED: 7:15 pm

PRESENT: Heather Ward, Lynette Potter, Betty Fenning, Vicki Jolly, Malcolm Pope, Allan Clark.

APOLOGIES: Eliza Spaul, Michelle Jolly, Gayle Clark.

Moved B Fenning, seconded V Jolly, that the Minutes of the previous General Meeting, dated 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2021, be accepted as read. Carried.

BUSINESS ARISING/CORRESPONDENCE IN/OUT:

- Showground Road – making all weather, complete – send a Thank you email;
- Toilet upgrade at Rec Ground Playground, various emails, ongoing, to be completed by end of June;
- Aurecon (Crown Lands) Insurance compliances, various emails;
- Tax Invoices – Bunnings for purchase of John Henning Memorial Bench Seat, Zinc Water Tank, complete;
- Dressing Shed at Sports Oval – Reported as Dilapidated Structure by Aurecon and is earmarked for removal by BSC Staff, ongoing;
- Under Eave Main Street Lighting – ongoing;
- Weethalle Memorial Hall/RSL Hall Cenotaph Garden Water Leak, various emails (Will Marsh), send in account for BSC to pay, ongoing;
- Annual Financial Reporting to BSC, due, send in asap;
- Weethalle Show Society - Defibrillator, ongoing;
  - Put in a Maintenance Report for Guttering on the Shearing Shed;
  - Put in a Tax Invoice for materials for work done by Show Society on Skillion on Stan Heaslip Pavilion;
  - Service Request for upcoming Show essentials, bins, stage etc;
  - Update on caretaker at RV/Caravan Park, Darren/Jodie have moved on, Helen/Bert caretakers at the moment;
- Various Grant Applications;
  - Crown Lands Grant – Repair, replace, renew fencing of entire Recreation Ground – hear in Nov if successful;
  - Volunteer Grant – Ladies Golf, small tools to help volunteers maintain Recreation Ground – hear in Nov;
- Tree Removal at Whistle Stop, completed;
- Pergola repairs at Whistle Stop, H Ward liaising with West Wyalong Men’s Shed, ongoing;
- Zero turn Mower with Cabin and Air-conditioning request, various emails, ongoing;
- Notice of General Meetings, posted on Weethalle Community Newsletter Facebook page;
- Letter send to BSC with Capital Works Priorities;
- Various emails, phone calls with BSC Staff, Carissa Burge is our new liaison officer for Section 355 Committees;

TREASURERS’ REPORT

Moved L Potter, seconded B Fenning that the Treasurers’ Report be accepted as read. Carried.

National Australia Bank cheque account as at 31 <sup>st</sup> December, 2020:	\$15,504.80 cr
National Australia Bank cheque account as at 30 <sup>th</sup> June, 2021:	\$ 7,868.54 cr

Income: Donation		\$1,968.50
Expenditure: Purchases	- Zinc Water Tank (reimburse Sports Oval Committee)	\$9,090.91
	- John Henning Memorial Bench Seat	\$ 148.00
Repairs/Maintenance	- Mower Blades	\$ 54.72
	- Spray	\$ 32.40
	- Water Supply	\$ 278.73

Update signatories at NAB, ongoing;

Tidy Towns cheque account, moved V Jolly, 2<sup>nd</sup> M Pope that the Tidy Towns Report be accepted as read.  
Carried.

Income: BSC – reimbursement of main street toilet cleaning expenses:	\$900.00
Expenditure: R&M – Mower Blades \$165, Toilet Cleaning \$200 Ag’N’Vet to keep in Credit \$200 - \$565	
National Australia Bank Tidy Towns Account as at 30 <sup>th</sup> June, 2021:	\$2,938.84 cr

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Show Society Amenities Block: L Potter to liaise with B Fenning, to look into available grants to replace the existing amenities block at the Showground Caravan Park, as maintenance is increasing and the number of users is increasing.

Main Street Toilet Block: There is ongoing concern about the Main Street Toilet Block, cleaning regime. L Potter to liaise with H Ward and V Jolly, to advertise for Expressions of Interest for a temporary volunteer position to clean the town toilets, minimum three times per week (Thursday, every second Friday, Sunday); Ask BSC for Rates breakdown for Weethalle & District residents. Ask BSC if it is possible to put down a vehicle counting cable to assess traffic volume and therefore toilet use volume as a guide to prove the cleaning job may be too big for volunteers. L Potter to ask BSC for the contractor of the West Wyalong toilets so we can approach them to see if they are interested in including ours.

Street Beautification: H Ward asked for suggestions for Main Street Beautification; Pot Holes need filling in; Lockable Notice Board on Toilet Block, so locals can put up flyers etc to advertise what is happening locally in Weethalle; Trees planting; H Ward to look into ideas and ask for community consultation; Neill’s Shop Façade, B Fenning to ask owner C Siemsen what his plans are and how the community can help, especially save the shops façade.

Adoption of Memorandum of Understanding: Until more information about the Main Street Toilets, use and potential expressions of interest for a cleaner is received, it was moved H Ward, 2<sup>nd</sup> B Fenning that we don’t sign the MoU with BSC.

Capital Works Priorities for 2021: **High Priority** - Air Conditioned Zero Turn Mower – Main Street Toilet Cleaning – **Medium Priority**— Main Street Beautification – New playground equipment at Main Street playground – Neill’s Shop Façade - All weather road from Police Station to the Whistle Stop, for Silo Art Traffic due to increase traffic volume – New Amenities Block at Showground - **Low Priority** – Tank on New Shed at Showground - Portable Shaded Grandstand – Boundary and Internal Fencing repairs and replacement - Guttering on Shearing Shed at Showground.

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> October, 2021 at 7:00 pm.

MEETING CLOSED: 8:30 pm

## General Meeting

26-5-2021  
Opened 7:02 AM

## Present

Des Lamb Heather Good Richard Tait  
Kerrie Tait Chris Butcher Ron Good  
Bew Furry

## Apologies

Terry Cronson  
Amanda Stitt  
Michelle Lamb

File:	GOV-355-W3A	Action
Action Officer:	GOIPR.	<input type="checkbox"/>
REC'D	- 9 JUL 2021	
Copy to:	Bland Shire Council	

Richard Asked for the minutes of the last general meeting to be read  
Minutes Read by Ron. Ron moved to be accepted seconded by Kerrie Tait  
all accepted.

Treasurer Report Given by Bew. in  
General account \$ 5781.37 Term deposit  
\$2,354.58 See Attached Report  
Bew moved to be accepted Heather  
Good Seconded all accepted

## Inward/outward Correspondence

Ron sent a letter to the Council about install Auto PopUp Sprinkle timer which we have brought Council advised Jeremy Lamb will do this. Council to spray backyard as well.

## General Business

Kerrie Tait brought up about the Australian Flag for the Hall that is starting to fray. Bew to see the Shire about a new one.

Chris Butcher from the Radio Community brought up about current Tenancy agreement



the empty room that was used by  
the China Painters. It was agreed by  
all that \$65 in the existing agreement  
would cover that room also. Moved key  
Chris Butcher for this to happen. Seconded  
by Des Lamb all agreed.

Hall mugs brought up by Bev to  
be put in the Post Office for sale  
after July. (6 mugs cost \$96.30) sold \$20  
Heather Good brought up about charging  
~~a~~ no refundable fee of \$50 if the hall  
is booked and the hirer pulls out in last  
7 days prior to hiring date. If the hiring  
goes ahead then the \$50 will be part of  
the hiring fee.

Chris Butcher brought up about the  
state of the School of Arts building.

Chris has scoped out some work that  
needs doing and has sent a letter to  
Council for Council staff to meet with  
him onsite to see what can be done.

Chris has not heard anything back.

Ron to write a letter to Council to see  
what has happened.

Kenie Taft brought up about no light  
on the front of the hall. Chris Butcher said  
he will look into this.

Richard asked if anymore general  
business. All

Meeting Closed 7:41 PM  
Next meet will be A.G.M. in August



## CBA # 2137

Date	Received From	Description	Amount of Invoice	GST	Amount received/paid	
<b>OPENING BANK BALANCE AS AT 01/01/2021</b>						<b>\$5,946.50</b>
<b>INCOME</b>						
4/01/2021	Community Radio	Rent	\$60.00	\$5.45	\$60.00	\$6,006.50
25/01/2021	Bland Shire Council	Reimbursemet=nt	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	\$7,006.50
1/02/2021	Community Radio	Rent	\$60.00	\$5.45	\$60.00	\$7,066.50
1/03/2021	Community Radio	Rent	\$60.00	\$5.45	\$60.00	\$7,126.50
9/03/2021	Church Group	Bond	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$7,626.50
9/03/2021	Church Group	Rent	\$300.00	\$27.27	\$300.00	\$7,926.50
	<b>Total GST received</b>			<b>\$43.64</b>		
<b>Total income 1/01/2021 to 24/05/2021</b>						<b>\$1,980.00</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>						
Date	Paid To					
3/12/2020	WW Photo Centre	Mug for Shirley	\$20.30	\$1.85	\$20.30	\$7,906.20
8/03/2021	Bland Shire Council	GST	\$26.81	\$0.00	\$26.81	\$7,879.39
9/03/2021	WW Photo Centre	Mugs	\$96.05	\$8.73	\$96.05	\$7,783.34
12/03/2021	Wagga Catering Equipment	Tea cups	\$158.00	\$14.36	\$158.00	\$7,625.34
13/05/2021	C Butcher	Installation of ovens in kitchen	\$1,844.00	\$167.64	\$1,844.00	\$5,781.34
<b>Total Expenditure 1/01/2021 - 24/05/2021</b>						<b>\$2,145.16</b>
<b>BALANCE AS AT 24/05/2021</b>						<b>\$5,781.34</b>

<b>TERM DEPOSIT #6054</b>		
<b>OPENING BANK BALANCE AS AT 15/01/2021</b>		<b>2,354.19</b>
<b>Interest paid</b>		<b>0.39</b>
<b>BALANCE AS AT 28/04/2021</b>		<b>2,354.58</b>

Original

**TAX INVOICE\* / STATEMENT\***

**65**

(\* DELETE AS APPROPRIATE)

DATE \_\_\_\_\_

TO WYALONG HALL COMMITTEE

NEELD ST WYALONG

ABN (of Recipient) \_\_\_\_\_ ORDER NO. \_\_\_\_\_

FROM JCARB ELECTRICIANS

ABN (of Supplier) \_\_\_\_\_

QTY	DESCRIPTION	PRICE	G.S.T.	TOTAL
1	REMOVE EXISTING COOKING APPLIANCES AND STAINLESS STEEL BENCHES 4405			320 00
2	INSTALL 2 NEW UPRIGHT COOK TOP STOVES PARTS + LABOUR			800 00
3	INSTALL 2 NEW RANGE HOODS ABOVE STOVES			370 00
4	MODIFY & REFIT EXISTING BENCHES REPAIRS TILE WALL			84 00
5	SUB CONTRACT BENCH MODIFICATIONS * PILON ENGINEERING			250 00

TOTAL INCLUSIVE OF G.S.T. **1844 00**

Total includes G.S.T. of



# WAGGA CATERING EQUIPMENT.

a 34 Pearson St  
Wagga Wagga NSW 2650  
p 02 6925 1115  
f 02 6925 1130  
e Info@waggacatering.com.au  
w www.waggacatering.com.au

abn 41 773 532 189

## Tax Invoice SI212385

Date 12-Mar-2021  
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To:  
Cash Account

Deliver To:  
Cash Account

Code	Description	Qty	UOM	Unit Price	Total Ex GST						
CR-DC809	Saucer - Suit Tall Tea Cup, c12/c72	48	Each	1.27	61.09						
CR-DC862	Cappuccino Cup - 220ml, c12/c60	48	Each	1.73	82.91						
3W	Thanks for your order, Sally	1	Each	0.00	0.00						
<p>12 MAR 21 14:30 24438343 100381924428 210312013433</p> <p>CHEQUE CHQ .....7233 A00000038420 0008 01 0000000000 670978</p> <p>HASE AUD158.40</p> <p>000) APPROVED</p> <p>(CUSTOMER COPY*</p>											
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notes GST free taxable item  
w to pay

ect Deposit

B: 032 769 Account 380 344  
f : Invoice SI212385  
ail remittance :  
ounts@waggacatering.com.au

Credit Card

To pay by Mastercard or Visa  
call 02 6925 1115  
Credit card payments attract a 1.5% surcharge

In Person

Payment accepted by cash or EFTPOS  
at 34 Pearson St, Wagga Wagga





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THE TREASURER  
WYALONG SCHOOL OF ARTS HALL COMMITTEE  
8 CONWAY ST  
WEST WYALONG NSW 2671

Date printed	28 June 2021
Term Deposit number	06 2621 50026054
Investment balance	\$2,354.78
Investment term	1 month
At an interest rate of	0.05% p.a.
Reinvested on	28 June 2021
To mature on	28 July 2021
Interest option	Compound Six Monthly

## Your Term Deposit has been reinvested

Your Term Deposit was reinvested on 28 June 2021 for 1 month with an interest rate of 0.05%p.a.

This notice has been issued as confirmation of your new Term Deposit details before any changes made during grace period. If you want to make any changes to your account, you'll need to do so before your grace period ends on 4 July 2021.

<b>Account name</b>	WYALONG SCHOOL OF ARTS HALL COMMITTEE
<b>Interest payment instructions</b>	Interest will be added to your Term Deposit every six months or at maturity.
<b>Interest paid this financial year</b>	\$2.16

### What do you need to do?

1. You have a 7 day grace period commencing 28 June 2021 and ending 4 July 2021 during which you may make changes to your Term Deposit or withdraw your funds in full without notice or penalty. You can find our latest interest rates at [www.commbank.com.au/tdrates](http://www.commbank.com.au/tdrates).
2. If you request changes to your account within the grace period (or have requested already), we'll send you further confirmation – otherwise, this is the only confirmation of your new investment details that you'll receive from us.

After your grace period ends and your investment has been locked-in, you'll need to give us 31 days' notice if you want to take money out of your Term Deposit before it matures. A prepayment interest adjustment and administration fee will also apply for not fulfilling the term.

You may want to consider other deposit products we offer that may be more suitable for you. For instance, you might prefer an option that allows immediate access to funds or may offer higher interest rates for a comparable term. Please contact us to discuss your options.

### We're here to help

Visit [commbank.com.au](http://commbank.com.au) to view our latest Terms and Conditions, applicable to your renewed account as at the date of renewal.

For any questions, you can drop into your nearest branch, contact your Relationship Manager or Adviser, or call 13 2221.





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Account Number 06 2621 00902137

Statement Period 1 Jan 2021 - 31 Mar 2021

Closing Balance \$7,721.39 CR

Enquiries 13 1998  
 (24 hours a day, 7 days a week)



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THE TREASURER  
 SCHOOL OF ARTS HALL COMMITTEE  
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 WEST WYALONG NSW 2671

## Society Cheque Account

If this account has an attached overdraft limit or facility which is secured over your primary place of residence or over a residential investment property you should ensure that the property is insured in accordance with the terms and conditions of the mortgage. If you have any queries about your insurance cover you should contact your insurer. Information on property insurance can also be found on [www.moneysmart.gov.au](http://www.moneysmart.gov.au). Note, if this account has an attached overdraft limit or facility and we send you a statement every 4 or 6 months, we will update your statement preference to every 3 months as part of changes made to the new Banking Code of Practice from 1 July 2019.

Name: WYALONG SCHOOL OF ARTS HALL COMMITTEE

Note: Have you checked your statement today? It's easy to find out more information about each of your transactions by logging on to the CommBank App or NetBank. Should you have any questions on fees or see an error please contact us on the details above. Cheque proceeds are available when cleared.

The date of transactions shown here may be different on your other transaction lists (for example, the transaction list that appears on the CommBank app).

Date	Transaction	Debit	Credit	Balance
01 Jan 2021	OPENING BALANCE			\$5,946.50 CR
04 Jan	Direct Credit 049045 SWSCU COMMUNITY RADIO		60.00 ✓	\$6,006.50 CR
18 Jan	Chq 067870 presented	20.30		\$5,986.20 CR
25 Jan	Chq Dep Branch WEST WYALONG		1,000.00 ✓	\$6,986.20 CR
01 Feb	Direct Credit 049045 SWSCU COMMUNITY RADIO		60.00 ✓	\$7,046.20 CR
01 Mar	Direct Credit 049045 SWSCU COMMUNITY RADIO		60.00 ✓	\$7,106.20 CR
09 Mar	Cash Dep Branch WEST WYALONG		800.00 ✓	\$7,906.20 CR
10 Mar	Chq 067871 presented WEST WYALONG	26.81		\$7,879.39 CR
25 Mar	Cashed Chq No. 067873 WEST WYALONG	158.00		\$7,721.39 CR
31 Mar 2021	CLOSING BALANCE			\$7,721.39 CR

<b>Opening balance</b>	-	<b>Total debits</b>	+	<b>Total credits</b>	=	<b>Closing balance</b>
\$5,946.50 CR		\$205.11		\$1,980.00		\$7,721.39 CR

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Account Number 06 2621 00902137

Statement Period 1 Oct 2020 - 31 Dec 2020

Closing Balance \$5,946.50 CR

Enquiries 13 1998  
 (24 hours a day, 7 days a week)



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Date	Transaction	Debit	Credit	Balance
01 Oct	2020 OPENING BALANCE			\$5,816.95 CR
01 Oct	Direct Credit 049045 SWSCU COMMUNITY RADIO		60.00	\$5,876.95 CR
15 Oct	Cashed Chq No. 067867 WEST WYALONG	100.00		\$5,776.95 CR
15 Oct	Cash Dep Branch WEST WYALONG		165.00	\$5,941.95 CR
02 Nov	Direct Credit 049045 SWSCU COMMUNITY RADIO		60.00	\$6,001.95 CR
20 Nov	Chq 067868 presented	50.00		\$5,951.95 CR
27 Nov	Chq 067869 presented WEST WYALONG	65.45		\$5,886.50 CR
01 Dec	Direct Credit 049045 SWSCU COMMUNITY RADIO		60.00	\$5,946.50 CR
31 Dec	2020 CLOSING BALANCE			\$5,946.50 CR

<b>Opening balance</b>	-	<b>Total debits</b>	+	<b>Total credits</b>	=	<b>Closing balance</b>
\$5,816.95 CR		\$215.45		\$345.00		\$5,946.50 CR

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## Section 1 - Office of the General Manager

### 8.1 IPART Review of the NSW Local Government Rate Pegging Methodology



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

**Author:** General Manager

#### **Introduction**

The Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal (IPART) has completed its review of the local government rate peg methodology to include population growth. On 10 September 2021 IPART provided the Final Report on this review to the Minister for Local Government, the Hon. Shelley Hancock MP.

The Minister has endorsed the new rate peg methodology and has asked IPART to give effect to it in setting the rate peg from the 2022-23 financial year. A copy of the correspondence from the Minister is included as an attachment to this report.

#### **Financial Implications**

Councils with growing residential populations will be able to raise notional general income by an additional population factor as part of the rate peg from 2022-23. The population factor for each council will reflect estimated residential population growth less revenue received from supplementary valuations that year.

This will increase revenue for many councils serving growing communities. No council will be worse off under the new methodology.

IPART has estimated that, for example, over the past four years, the new rate peg methodology would have increased total general income for the local government sector by 1.5%, or \$287 million.

#### **Summary**

With the expected growth in the Bland Shire over the next few years this is good news. The source of the movement in population numbers will be the Australian Bureau of Statistics.

#### **Recommendation:**

**That the information relating to the new rate pegging methodology, incorporating a factor for population growth, be received and noted.**

## 8.2 Environmental Planning and Assessment (Infrastructure Contributions) Bill



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**Author:** General Manager

### **Introduction**

The NSW Government has introduced proposed legislation, known as, the Environmental Planning and Assessment (Infrastructure Contributions) Bill.

There is significant concern within the local government sector because the Bill proposes to give the NSW Government the power to determine how and where developer contributions will be spent.

Currently, the council of the local government area in which the development takes place decides how development contributions will be spent. Development contributions are made by developers to help deliver the infrastructure needed as communities grow.

LGNSW has led an effective campaign against the Bill to the point where the matter was referred to the *Upper House Infrastructure Contributions Bill Inquiry Committee and the report from that Committee* has recommended the Bill not proceed until the draft regulations have been developed and released for consultation.

All NSW Councils received correspondence from the Hon. Mark Latham MLC, who was a member of the Committee, confirming that he would not support the Bill. A copy of this correspondence is included with this agenda.

### **Financial Implications**

There is no direct financial implications associated with this report but the indirect implications could be significant with a re-direction of developer contributions from Council to the NSW Government.

### **Summary**

Both REROC and RIVJO as well as the NSW Country Mayors Association have made strong representations, on behalf of their relevant members, to have this Bill withdrawn. There has been no indication from the Government, at this stage, if they intend to proceed with the proposed legislation.

### **Recommendation:**

**That the information relating to the proposed Environmental Planning and Assessment (Infrastructure Contributions) Bill be received and noted and that the General Manager continue to keep Council informed of progress on this matter.**



## 8.3 Voluntary Planning Agreement: Council and Evolution Mining for the Cowal Gold Operations Underground Development



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

**Author:** General Manager

### **Introduction**

Councillors will be aware of the extensive negotiations with Evolution Mining regarding securing a Voluntary Planning Agreement (VPA) for the Cowal Gold Operations Underground Development; and Council's recent endorsement of the quantum of the Development Contributions to be paid by the Miner.

Based on this decision, a Planning Agreement has been prepared accordingly by Warwick Giblin, on behalf of Bland Shire Council. A copy has been included separately with this business paper.

The key financial terms in the Planning Agreement were conveyed to the Department of Planning Industry & Environment, which has subsequently on the 30<sup>th</sup> September 2021 granted approval for the Project.

The Planning Agreement, as drafted, is having finishing touches provided, none of which are expected to alter the quantum or the intent of the document.

In due course the document will be placed on public exhibition for 28 days in accordance with the Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2000 and a copy made available for inspection by the public at Council Offices.

Once exhibition has concluded the parties will sign the document, assuming there is no materially significant feedback.

### **Financial Implications**

Over the estimated life of the mine (to 2039) the financial quantum of the VPA equates to a minimum of \$7,655,000.00.

### **Summary**

1. Negotiations between the parties were successfully concluded and a copy of the draft Planning Agreement is attached to this report.
2. The NSW Government has subsequently issued development consent for the project and a copy of the consent is included as an attachment to this report.

**Recommendations:**

- 1. That Council endorse the Voluntary Planning Agreement with Evolution Mining as presented to this meeting;**
- 2. That the draft document be placed on public exhibition for 28 days in accordance with Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2000;**
- 3. That if there is any significant objection to the draft document the matter be referred back to Council, otherwise, in the absence of any significant objection, the Mayor and General Manager be delegated authority to execute the document.**



Mr Ray Smith  
General Manager  
Bland Shire Council  
Via email: [RSmith@blandshire.nsw.gov.au](mailto:RSmith@blandshire.nsw.gov.au)

Dear Mr Smith

**Cowal Gold Operations Underground Development SSD-10367  
Notice of determination**

I am writing to inform you that on 30 September 2021 the Director – Resource Assessments as delegate of the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces, approved the development application for the Cowal Gold Operations Underground Development SSD-10367, in accordance with Part 4 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* (the Act).

The development consent is subject to conditions. The reasons for conditions are contained in the Department's assessment report, which is available on the Department's major projects website <https://www.planningportal.nsw.gov.au/major-projects/project/21361>

This consent has effect on and from 30 September 2021 and lapses in five years' time, unless the development has physically commenced within that time.

***Reviews and appeals***

Certain appeal and review rights are available to applicants and objectors following determination of a development application.

The applicant has a right to request a review of the determination under section 8.3 of the Act.

If the applicant is dissatisfied with the determination of the application, the applicant has the right, under section 8.7 of the Act, to appeal to the Land and Environment Court within 12 months of the date the determination was notified or registered on the NSW planning portal.

The Department appreciates your input and thanks you for your participation. The Department's Compliance Team will become responsible for the enforcement of conditions of development consent once works commence.

If you have any questions, please contact Philip Nevill on (02) 8275 1036 or via email at [philip.nevill@planning.nsw.gov.au](mailto:philip.nevill@planning.nsw.gov.au).

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'SOD'.

7/10/2021

Stephen O'Donoghue  
**Director Resource Assessments**  
as nominee of the Planning Secretary

# **Planning Agreement**

Cowal Gold Operations  
Underground Development  
(SSD-10367)

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Evolution Mining (Cowal) Pty Ltd

and

Bland Shire Council

13<sup>th</sup> October 2021

# Planning Agreement

## Cowal Gold Operations Underground Development

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## Details

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### Parties

Name **Bland Shire Council**  
ABN 13 251 814 087  
Short form name **BSC**  
Notice details PO Box 21, West Wyalong, NSW, 2671  
  
Phone: 02 6975 4700  
  
Fax:  
  
Email: council@blandshire.nsw.gov.au  
  
Attention: The General Manager

Name **Evolution Mining (Cowl) Pty Limited**  
ABN 75 007 857 598  
Short form name **Developer**  
Notice details PO Box 210, West Wyalong, NSW, 2671  
  
Phone: 02 6975 4700  
  
Fax: 02 6975 4740  
  
Email: John.Penhall@evolutionmining.com  
  
Attention: The Company Secretary

### Background

A Evolution Mining (Cowl) Pty Limited (Evolution Mining) is the owner and operator of the Cowl Gold Operations (CGO).

CGO is an existing open-cut gold mine and has been operational since 2005. It has current approvals to continue processing at a rate of 9.8 million tonnes of ore per annum (Mtpa) until 2032.

On 30<sup>th</sup> September 2021 CGO received development consent for the construction and operation of an underground mine (the **Project**; SSD-10367) at the site. The Project will provide access to up to an additional 27 Mt of ore which will be extracted at a rate of up to 1.8 Mtpa until 2039.

B CGO and Bland Shire Council have negotiated a Planning Agreement whereby the Developer agrees to provide the Development Contributions in accordance with the terms and conditions of this Agreement.

# Agreed terms

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## 1. Defined terms & interpretation

### 1.1 Defined terms

The meaning of capitalised terms and the provisions relating to the interpretation of this Agreement are as follows:

**Act** means the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* (NSW).

**Agreement** means this Planning Agreement including any schedules.

**Approval** means any consent, modification, certificate, licence, permit, approval or other requirement of any Authority having jurisdiction in connection with the activities contemplated by this Agreement.

**Authority** means any government, semi-governmental, statutory, administrative, fiscal or judicial body, department, commission, authority, tribunal or agency.

**Business Day** means any day except for a Saturday, Sunday, or bank or public holiday in New South Wales.

**Cash Rate** means the interest rate determined by the Reserve Bank of Australia which banks pay to borrow funds from other banks in the money market on an overnight basis. For the avoidance of doubt, the term Cash Rate has the same meaning as that adopted by the Reserve Bank of Australia.

**Change in Control** means a change in ownership, directly or indirectly, of more than 50% of the voting shares of the Developer.

**Commencement Date** means the date on which this Agreement comes into operation in accordance with clause 4.

**Construction Commencement Date** means the date that construction works physically commence on the Project.

**CPI** means the All-Groups Consumer Price Index applicable to Sydney published by the Australian Bureau of Statistics.

**Council** means BSC.

**Development** means the Cowal Gold Operations Underground Development as described in the Development Consent.

**Development Application** has the same meaning as in section 4 of the Act.

**Development Consent** means State Significant Development (SSD-10367) granted consent by the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces in respect of the Cowal Gold Operations Underground Development on 30<sup>th</sup> September 2021.

**Development Contributions** means the financial contributions to be made by the Developer to BSC for a Public Purpose in accordance with clause 5.

**DPIE** means the NSW Department of Planning, Industry and Environment.

**GST** has the same meaning as in the GST Law.

**GST Law** has the same meaning given to that term in *A New Tax System (Goods and Services Tax) Act 1999* (Cth) and any other Act or regulation relating to the imposition or administration of the GST.

**Interest Rate** means the rate which is the Cash Rate as set by the Reserve Bank of Australia as at the date that payments fall due, plus a margin of 2% per annum.

**Land** means the land subject to this Planning Agreement and listed in Schedule 2

**Law** means:

- (a) the common law including principles of equity;
- (b) the requirements of all statutes, rules, ordinances, codes, regulations, proclamations and by-laws; and
- (c) any Approval, including any condition or requirement under it.

**LGA** means the Local Government Area

**LPMA** means the Land and Property Management Authority of NSW or any other Authority replacing it.

**Mining Operations** has the same meaning as in the Development Consent.

**Modification** means a modification to the Development Consent that would result in changes to the approved Development.

**Party** means a party to this Agreement, including their successors and assigns.

**Planning Agreement** has the same meaning as in section 7.1 of the Act.

**Project** means the development as described in the EIS and the subsequent development consent.

**Register** means the Torrens Title register maintained under the *Real Property Act 1900* (NSW).

**Regulation** means the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2000* (NSW).

**Reserve Bank of Australia** means Australia's central bank as constituted under the *Reserve Bank Act 1959* (Cth).

**Roads Maintenance Contributions** means a portion of the Development Contributions to be used for or allocated towards the maintenance of roads in the Bland LGA impacted by the Development and listed in Schedule 5.

**Term** means from the Commencement Date of the Planning Agreement until the cessation of Mining Operations and Rehabilitation as specified in the Development Consent. Anticipated to be 18 years.

**Transport Routes** have the same meaning as in the Development Consent.

## 1.2 Interpretation

In this Agreement, except where the context otherwise requires:

- (a) the singular includes the plural and vice versa, and a gender includes other genders;
- (b) another grammatical form of a defined word or expression has a corresponding meaning;
- (c) a reference to a clause, paragraph, schedule or annexure is to a clause or paragraph of, or schedule or annexure to, this Agreement, and a reference to this Agreement includes any schedule or annexure;

- (d) a reference to a document or instrument includes the document or instrument as novated, altered, supplemented or replaced from time to time;
- (e) a reference to A\$, \$A, dollar or \$ is to Australian currency;
- (f) a reference to time is to Sydney, NSW, Australia time;
- (g) a reference to a party is to a party to this Agreement, and a reference to a party to a document includes the party's executors, administrators, successors and permitted assigns and substitutes;
- (h) a reference to a person includes a natural person, partnership, body corporate, association, governmental or local authority or agency or other entity;
- (i) a reference to a statute, ordinance, code or other law includes regulations and other instruments under it and consolidations, amendments, re-enactments or replacements of any of them;
- (j) a word or expression defined in the Corporations Act has the meaning given to it in the Corporations Act;
- (k) the meaning of general words is not limited by specific examples introduced by including, for example or similar expressions;
- (l) any agreement, representation, warranty or indemnity by two or more Parties (including where two or more persons are included in the same defined term) binds them jointly and severally;
- (m) any agreement, representation, warranty or indemnity in favour of two or more Parties (including where two or more persons are included in the same defined term) is for the benefit of them jointly and severally;
- (n) a rule of construction does not apply to the disadvantage of a party because the party was responsible for the preparation of this Agreement or any part of it; and
- (o) if a day on or by which an obligation must be performed or an event must occur is not a Business Day, the obligation must be performed or the event must occur on or by the next Business Day.

### **1.3 Headings**

Headings are for ease of reference only and do not affect interpretation.

## **2. Planning Agreement under the Act**

The Parties agree that this Agreement is a Planning Agreement governed by Subdivision 2 of Division 7.1 of Part 7 of the Act.

## **3. Application of this Agreement**

This Agreement applies to the Land and to the Development.

## **4. Operation of this Agreement**

This Agreement operates if:

- (a) Development Consent for the Development is in place; and
- (b) the Agreement is entered into as required by clause 25C of the Regulation.

## 5. Development Contributions

- (a) Subject to this Agreement, the Developer is to make the following Development Contributions in respect of the Development:
- (i) Payment of the Community Enhancement Contributions in accordance with the following terms:
    - (A) To BSC an initial sign-on payment of \$250,000, payable within thirty days of signing of this Agreement.
    - (B) To BSC, after payment (a) (i)(A) above, pay \$200,000 on each subsequent anniversary date until Mining Operations cease.
    - (C) To BSC a once-off \$25,000 to assist in funding the development of a Council Housing Strategy. To be paid within 30 days of the signing of this Agreement.
    - (D) The average of \$150,000 per annum for direct community support and sponsorships, when averaged over five-year tranches, commencing from the date of the the signing of the Planning Agreement. An overview of how this category of contributions will be determined and managed is provided in Schedule 6.
  - (ii) Payment of the Road Maintenance Contributions in accordance with the following terms:
    - (A) To BSC a sum of \$60,000 per annum, the first payment of which is due thirty days after signing this Agreement.
    - (B) Each of the subsequent annual payments shall be made on the anniversary date of the signing of the Planning Agreement until Mining Operations cease.
    - (C) For the avoidance of doubt, the abovementioned payment is in addition to payments previously agreed in the Memorandum of Understanding between the Developer and the three local councils of Bland, Forbes and Lachlan which provides \$50,000 per annum (plus CPI) for each council for the general repair and maintenance of local roads.
    - (D) If the Parties cannot agree on the disputed road maintenance contributions, the Parties agree to resolve the matter through the dispute resolution process under clause 9 of this Agreement.
  - (iii) The quantum for the portion of the year between the anniversary date and the cessation of Mining Operations will be calculated pro-rata.
  - (iv) The contributions are deemed to be paid when cleared funds are deposited by means of electronic funds transfer into the bank account nominated by BSC.
  - (v) All the above-mentioned payments are subject to CPI. The payments shall be indexed according to the CPI at the time the Planning Agreement is signed.
  - (vi) The Developer agrees to pay interest to BSC on any amount of the financial contributions from 28 days after they become due for payment, during the period that they remain unpaid, on demand, or at times determined by BSC, calculated on daily balances. The rate to be applied to each daily balance is the Interest Rate (adjusted to be a daily interest rate).

- (vii) BSC will liaise with the Developer in respect of the allocation of the financial contributions for community enhancement projects, programs or activities.
- (viii) Where the Developer has contributed financially towards projects, programs, activities, etc, BSC agrees to publicly acknowledge the Developer, should it so desire, by way of published media release or social media.
- (ix) BSC agrees to provide an annual performance report to the Developer which specifies how the abovementioned Development Contributions have been allocated, managed and accounted for.

## 6. Indexation of Development Contributions

Where this Agreement provides that an amount is to be increased by CPI, then the amount will be increased in accordance the following formula:

$$A = B \times C/D$$

Where:

A = the indexed amount at the time the payment is to be made.

B = the contribution amount or rate stated in the Agreement.

C = the CPI most recently published before the date of payment.

D = the CPI most recently published before the date of the Final Investment Decision

## 7. Registration of this Agreement

### 7.1 Registration of this Agreement

- (a) The Developer must at its expense, procure the registration of this Agreement on the relevant folios of the Register held by the LPMA pertaining to the Land that it owns as specified in Schedule 3 in accordance with section 7.6 of the Act as soon as reasonably practicable after the Agreement comes into operation and by no later than 40 Business Days after that date.

### 7.2 Release and discharge of this Agreement

BSC agrees to:

- (a) provide a release and discharge of this Agreement with respect to the Land or any lot on the BSC's satisfaction of the completion of the Developer's obligations under this Agreement; and
- (b) do all things necessary, including the execution of any documents, to enable the Developer to remove the notation of this Agreement on the relevant folios of the Register held by the LPMA.

## 8. Dispute Resolution

### 8.1 No arbitration or court proceedings

If a dispute arises out of this Agreement (**Dispute**), a Party must comply with this clause 8 before starting arbitration or court proceedings (except proceedings for interlocutory or other urgent relief).

### 8.2 Notification

- (a) A Party claiming a Dispute has arisen must give the other Party to the Dispute notice setting out details of the Dispute. The Dispute Notice must:



- (i) be in writing;
- (ii) include or be accompanied by reasonable particulars of the Dispute including:
  - (A) a brief description of the circumstances in which the Dispute arose;
  - (B) references to any provisions of this document acts, errors or omissions of any person, relevant to the Dispute; and
  - (C) where applicable, the financial quantum in dispute and if not precisely known, the best estimate available.

### **8.3 Parties to resolve Dispute**

During the 30 days after a notice is given under clause 8.2 (or longer period if the Parties to the Dispute agree in writing), each Party to the Dispute must use its reasonable efforts to resolve the Dispute. If the Parties cannot resolve the Dispute within that period, they must refer the Dispute to a mediator if one of them so requests.

### **8.4 Mediation**

- (a) If the parties cannot resolve the Dispute within the 30 days, they must refer the Dispute to an accredited mediator if one of them so requests and the parties must mediate the Dispute in accordance with the Mediation Rules the Australian Institute of Arbitrators and Mediators.
- (b) If the parties do not agree on a mediator, either party may request the President of the Australian Institute of Arbitrators and Mediators select the mediator and determine the mediator's remuneration, the costs of which must be borne equally by the parties.
- (c) The parties commit to adopting a spirit of goodwill and compromise, with an equal sharing of power, to reach a resolution within 60 days.

### **8.5 Confidentiality**

Any information or documents disclosed by a Party under this clause 8:

- (a) must be kept confidential; and
- (b) may only be used to attempt to resolve the Dispute.

### **8.6 Costs**

Each Party to a Dispute must pay its own costs of complying with this clause 8. The Parties to the Dispute must equally pay the costs of any mediator.

### **8.7 Termination of process**

- (a) A Party to a Dispute may terminate the dispute resolution process by giving notice to each other after it has complied with clauses 8.1 to 8.3.
- (b) Clauses 8.5 and 8.6 survive termination of the dispute resolution process.

### **8.8 Breach of this clause**

If a Party to a Dispute breaches this clause 8, the other Party to the Dispute does not have to comply with those clauses in relation to the Dispute.

## **9. Enforcement**

- (a) Without limiting any other remedies available to the Parties, this Agreement may be enforced by any Party in any Court of competent jurisdiction, subject to clause 8.
- (b) Nothing in this Agreement prevents:

- (i) a Party from bringing proceedings in the Land and Environment Court to enforce any aspect of this Agreement or any matter to which this Agreement relates; and
- (ii) BSC from exercising any function under the Act or any other Act or Law relating to the enforcement of any aspect of this Agreement or any matter to which this Agreement relates.

## **10. Termination**

- (a) This Agreement will terminate:
  - (i) on the declaration by a court of competent jurisdiction that the Development Consent for the Development on the Land is invalid; or
  - (ii) at the end of the Term.
- (b) In the event of termination of this Agreement, any funds that have been paid by the Developer as Development Contributions prior to termination:
  - (i) can continue to be expended in accordance with the terms of this Agreement; and
  - (ii) are not refundable by BSC to the Developer.

## **11. Force Majeure**

- (a) The Developer's obligations in this Agreement will be suspended (including the calculation of time) for the length of time that such obligations are genuinely affected by any event, circumstance or combination of events or circumstances occurring after the Commencement Date that:
  - (i) are not within the Developer's reasonable control;
  - (ii) the occurrence or effect of which the Developer could not have avoided through compliance with its obligations under this Agreement and the exercise of due diligence; and
  - (iii) causes or results in the prevention or delay of the Developer from performing any of its obligations under this Agreement,
- (b) If the Developer is affected by a Force Majeure Event, it must:
  - (i) notify BSC in writing as soon as reasonably possible of the details of the Force Majeure Event, the date of commencement and expected duration of the Force Majeure Event and an estimate of time required to enable the Developer to resume full performance of its obligations;
  - (ii) use all reasonable efforts to mitigate the effect upon its performance of this Agreement and to fulfil its obligations under this Agreement;
  - (iii) keep BSC informed of the steps being taken to mitigate the effect of the Force Majeure Event upon its performance of this Agreement; and
  - (iv) when the period for which its obligations affected by a Force Majeure Event cease, recommence performance of all its affected obligations under this Agreement.

## **12. Review of this Agreement**

- (a) During the life of this Agreement, the Parties agree to act in good faith and a spirit of co-operation to promptly review and possibly amend or replace the Agreement if:

- (i) There is any Modification to the Project in accordance with the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* (NSW) and approved; or
  - (ii) A Change in Control occurs; or
  - (iii) The Development is placed in care and maintenance mode.
- (b) In the event that clause 12(a) is triggered and both Parties are unable to agree to amend or replace the Agreement, the Agreement shall remain in force.
  - (c) No modification or review of this Agreement will be of any force or effect unless it is in writing and signed by the Parties to this Agreement.
  - (d) Regardless, during the final year of the Project, the Parties agree to discuss any future related development plans and if appropriate negotiate a replacement for, or an extension of, this Agreement as determined by circumstances at the time. Until such time as a new Agreement is struck, this current Agreement shall remain in force as per the terms herein.

### **13. No fetter**

#### **13.1 Discretion**

This Agreement is not intended to operate to fetter, in any manner, the exercise of any statutory power or discretion of BSC, including but not limited to any statutory power or discretion of BSC relating to the assessment and determination of any Development Application for the Development (all referred to in this Agreement as a **Discretion**).

#### **13.2 No fetter**

No provision of this Agreement is intended to constitute any fetter on the exercise of any Discretion. If, contrary to the operation of this clause, any provision of this Agreement is held by a court of competent jurisdiction to constitute a fetter on any Discretion, the Parties agree:

- (a) they will take all practical steps, including the execution of any further documents to ensure the objective of this clause is substantially satisfied;
- (b) in the event that clause 13.2(a) cannot be achieved without giving rise to a fetter on the exercise of a Discretion, the relevant provision is to be severed and the remainder of this Agreement has full force and effect; and
- (c) to endeavour to satisfy the common objectives of the Parties in relation to the provision of this Agreement, which is to be held to be a fetter to the extent that is possible, having regard to the relevant court judgment.

### **14. Notices**

#### **14.1 Notices**

Any notice given under or in connection with this Agreement (**Notice**):

- (a) must be in writing and signed by a person duly authorised by the sender;
- (b) must be addressed as follows and delivered to the intended recipient by email, by hand, by prepaid post or by fax at the address or fax number below, or at the address or fax number last notified by the intended recipient to the sender after the date of this Agreement:

Name **Bland Shire Council**  
PO Box 21, West Wyalong, NSW, 2671  
Phone: 02 6975 4700  
Fax: 02 6972 2145  
Email: council@blandshire.nsw.gov.au  
Attention: The General Manager

Name **Evolution Mining (Cowl) Pty Limited**  
PO Box 210, West Wyalong, NSW, 2671  
Phone: 02 6975 4700  
Fax: 02 6975 4740  
Email: John.Penhall@evolutionmining.com  
Attention: The Company Secretary

- (c) is taken to be given and made:
- (i) in the case of hand delivery, when delivered;
  - (ii) in the case of email, when a delivery or read receipt notice is received by the sender;
  - (iii) in the case of delivery by post, seven Business Days after the date of posting (if posted to an address in the same country) or ten Business Days after the date of posting (if posted to an address in another country); and
  - (iv) in the case of a fax, on production of a transmission report by the machine from which the fax was sent that indicates the fax was sent in its entirety to the recipient's fax number; and
- (d) if under clause 14.1(c) a Notice would be given or made on a day that is not a Business Day in the place to which the Notice is sent, or later than 4pm (local time), it is taken to have been given or made at the start of business on the next Business Day in that place.

## 15. GST

### 15.1 Defined GST terms

In this clause 15, words and expressions which are not defined in this Agreement but which have a defined meaning in the GST Law have the same meaning as in the GST Law.

### 15.2 GST to be added to amounts payable

If GST is payable on a taxable supply made under, by reference to or in connection with this Agreement, the Party providing the consideration for that Taxable Supply must also pay the GST Amount as additional consideration. This clause does not apply to the extent that the consideration for the Taxable Supply is expressly agreed to be GST inclusive, unless otherwise expressly stated, prices or other sums payable or consideration to be provided under or in accordance with this Agreement are exclusive of GST.

### 15.3 Tax invoice

If a Party is liable for GST on any payments made under this Agreement, the other Party must issue a tax invoice (or an adjustment note) to the liable party for any GST payable under this Agreement

within seven days of a written request. The tax invoice (or adjustment note) must include the particulars required by the GST Law to obtain an input tax credit for that GST.

#### **15.4 GST obligations to survive termination**

This clause 15 will continue to apply after expiration of termination of this Agreement.

### **16. General**

#### **16.1 Cost of preparing the Planning Agreement**

The Developer shall pay BSC \$10,000 excluding GST for the professional fees and costs incurred by it in negotiating and preparing the Planning Agreement, including GST within 30 days of signing.

#### **16.2 Relationship between Parties**

- (a) Nothing in this Agreement:
  - (i) constitutes a partnership between the Parties; or
  - (ii) except as expressly provided, makes a Party an agent of another Party for any purpose.
- (b) A Party cannot in any way or for any purpose:
  - (i) bind another Party; or
  - (ii) contract in the name of another Party.
- (c) If a Party must fulfil an obligation and that Party is dependent on another Party, then that other Party must do each thing reasonably within its power to assist the other in the performance of that obligation.

#### **16.3 Time for doing acts**

- (a) If the time for doing any act or thing required to be done or a notice period specified in this Agreement expires on a day other than a Business Day, the time for doing that act or thing or the expiration of that notice period is extended until the following Business Day.
- (b) If any act or thing required to be done is done after 5pm on the specified day, it is taken to have been done on the following Business Day.

#### **16.4 Further assurances**

Each Party must promptly execute all documents and do all other things reasonably necessary or desirable to give effect to the arrangements recorded in this Agreement.

#### **16.5 Variation**

A provision of this Agreement can only be varied by a later written document executed by or on behalf of all Parties.

#### **16.6 Counterparts**

This Agreement may be executed in any number of counterparts. All counterparts taken together constitute one instrument.

#### **16.7 Entire Agreement**

The contents of this Agreement constitute the entire Agreement between the Parties and supersede any prior negotiations, representations, understandings or arrangements made between the Parties regarding the subject matter of this Agreement, whether orally or in writing.

## **16.8 Invalidity**

- (a) A word or provision must be read down if:
  - (i) this Agreement is void, voidable, or unenforceable if it is not read down;
  - (ii) this Agreement will not be void, voidable or unenforceable if it is read down; and
  - (iii) the provision is capable of being read down.
- (b) A word or provision must be severed if:
  - (i) despite the operation of clause 16.8(a), the provision is void, voidable or unenforceable if it is not severed; and
  - (ii) this Agreement will be void, voidable or unenforceable if it is not severed.
- (c) The remainder of this Agreement has full effect even if clause 16.8(b)(i) or 16.8(b)(ii) applies.

## **16.9 Waiver**

A right or remedy created by this Agreement cannot be waived except in writing signed by the Party entitled to that right. Delay by a Party in exercising a right or remedy does not constitute a waiver of that right or remedy, nor does a waiver (either wholly or in part) by a Party of a right operate as a subsequent waiver of the same right or of any other right of that Party.

## **16.10 Governing law and jurisdiction**

- (a) The Laws applicable in New South Wales govern this Agreement.
- (b) The Parties submit to the non-exclusive jurisdiction of the courts of New South Wales and any courts competent to hear appeals from those courts.



## Schedule 1 –Requirements under Section 7.3 of the Act

The Parties acknowledge and agree that the table set out below provides for certain terms, conditions and procedures for the purpose of the Planning Agreement complying with the Act.

<b>Requirement under the Act</b>	<b>This Planning Agreement</b>
Planning instrument and/or development application – [Section 7.4 (1)]. The Developer has:	
(a) sought a change to an environmental planning instrument	No
(b) made, or proposes to make, a development application	Yes
(c) entered into an agreement with, or is otherwise associated with, a person, to whom paragraph (a) or (b) applies	No
<b>Description of the land to which this Planning Agreement applies-</b> [Section 7.4 (3)(a)]	The land described in Schedule 2.
<b>Description of the development to which this Planning Agreement applies –</b> [Section 7.4 (3)(b)]	See definition of Development in Clause 1.1.
<b>The scope, timing and manner of delivery of Development Contributions required by this document –</b> [Section 7.4 (3)(c)]	See clause 5 of this Agreement.
<b>Applicability of Section 7.11 (an amenity or services contribution) and Section 7.12 (a fixed development levy) of the Act –</b> [Section 7.4 (3)(d)]	Section 7.11 of the Act was not applied to this development in the context of the Planning Agreement as there is no s7.11 amenity or services contribution plan. Section 7.12 of the Act was not applied to the development in the context of the Planning Agreement, however a s7.12 contribution is applied separately as a condition of development consent via the s7.12 Fixed Levy Plan.
<b>Applicability of section 7.24 (a special infrastructure contribution) of the Act –</b> [Section 7.4 (3)(d)]	The application of section 7.24 of the Act is excluded.
<b>Consideration of benefits under this Planning Agreement if section 7.11 applies –</b> [Section 7.4 (3)(e)]	Not Applicable
<b>Mechanism for Dispute resolution –</b> [Section 7.4 (3)(f)]	See clause 8 of this Agreement.
<b>Enforcement of this document –</b> [Section 7.4 (3)(g)]	See clause 9 of this Agreement.

Requirement under the Act	This Planning Agreement
<b>No obligation to grant consent or exercise functions</b> – [Section 7.4 (9)]	See clause 13 of this Agreement.

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**Schedule 2– Land to Which this Agreement Applies**

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**SCHEDULE OF LAND - EVOLUTION TO PROVIDE**

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**Schedule 3 – Land Owned by the Developer - EVOLUTION TO PROVIDE**

Site	Lot	Deposited Plan

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## Schedule 4– Explanatory Note

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Evolution Mining (Cowal) Pty Ltd

and

Bland Shire Council

### Introduction

The purpose of this explanatory note is to provide a plain English summary to support the notification of the proposed Planning Agreement (**Planning Agreement**) prepared under Subdivision 2 of Division 7.1 of Part 7 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* (NSW) (**Act**). For the avoidance of doubt, this Explanatory Note does not form part of the Planning Agreement and does not bind any of the Parties.

This explanatory note has been prepared jointly by the Parties as required by clause 25E of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2000* (NSW). It will be exhibited with a copy of the Agreement when the Agreement is made available for inspection by the public in accordance with the Act, as specified by clause 25E of the Regulation.

### Parties to the Planning Agreement

The Parties to the Planning Agreement are Bland Shire Council (**BSC**) and Evolution Mining (Cowal) Pty Ltd (**Developer**).

The Developer has made an offer to enter into the Planning Agreement in connection with a State Significant Development Application (SSD-10367) for the development of the Cowal Gold Operations Underground Development (**Development Application**).

### Description of the Subject Land

The Planning Agreement applies to the land set out in Schedule 2 of the Planning Agreement (**Subject Land**).

### Description of the Development Application (Proposed Development)

On 30<sup>th</sup> September 2021 Evolution Mining (Cowal) Pty Limited (Developer) received development consent for the construction and operation of an underground mine (the **Project**) at Cowal Gold Operations (CGO).

CGO is an existing open-cut gold mine near Lake Cowal near West Wyalong. It has been operating since 2005 under the authority of Ministerial Development Consent DA 14/98. It also operates under the authority of mining lease (ML) 1535 and ML 1791. Under its development consent, Evolution is approved to mine up to approximately 167 million tonnes (Mt) of ore over a 28-year mine life span. It is also approved to process the ore at an on-site processing plant at a rate of up to 9.8 million tonnes per annum (Mtpa).

The Project will provide access to up to an additional 27 Mt of ore which will be extracted at a rate of up to 1.8 Mtpa until 2039. It is expected that around 1.8 million ounces of gold will be produced over the life of the Project.

To facilitate the Project, two separate consents are required under the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 (EP&A Act):

- a State Significant Development (SSD) application under section 4.38(2) of the EP&A Act for the new underground components, as described in the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS); and
- an application for Modification of DA 14/98 under section 4.55(2) of the EP&A Act for the ancillary surface facilities required to support the Project, referred to as Mod 16 and considered in a separate Modification Report.

Evolution has also received development approval from Bland Shire Council for a purpose-built accommodation village in West Wyalong to accommodate and support the required construction and operational workforces for the Project.

See the Project EIS for more details.

### **Summary of Objectives, Nature and Effect of the Planning Agreement**

The Planning Agreement provides that the Developer will make the following development contributions:

1. Payment of the Community Enhancement Contributions in accordance with the following terms:
  - a) To BSC an initial sign-on payment of \$250,000, payable within thirty days of signing of this Agreement.
  - b) After payment (a) (i)(A) above, pay to BSC \$200,000 on each subsequent anniversary date until Mining Operations cease.
  - c) A once-off \$25,000 to BSC to assist in funding the development of a Council Housing Strategy. To be paid within 30 days of the signing of this Agreement.
  - d) The average of \$150,000 per annum for direct community support and sponsorships, when averaged over five-year tranches, commencing from the date of the the signing of the Planning Agreement. An overview of how this category of contributions will be determined and managed is provided in Schedule 6.
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  - a) To BSC a sum of \$60,000 per annum, the first payment of which due thirty days after signing this Agreement.
  - b) Each of the subsequent annual payments shall be made on the anniversary date of the signing of the Planning Agreement until Mining Operations cease.
  - c) For the avoidance of doubt, the abovementioned payment is in addition to payments previously agreed in the Memorandum of Understanding between the Developer and the three local councils of Bland, Forbes and Lachlan which provides \$50,000 per annum (plus CPI) for each council for the general repair and maintenance of local roads.

The quantum for the portion of the year between the anniversary date and the cessation of Mining Operations will be calculated pro-rata.

The contributions are deemed to be paid when cleared funds are deposited by means of electronic funds transfer into the bank account nominated by BSC.

All the above-mentioned payments are subject to CPI. The payments shall be indexed according to the CPI at the time the Planning Agreement is signed.



The Developer is required to register the Planning Agreement on the title to the Subject Land which it owns in accordance with section 7.6 of the Act.

The objective of the Planning Agreement is to facilitate the delivery of the development contributions to BSC for the provision of public benefits.

### **Assessment of Merits of Planning Agreement**

#### ***Purpose of the Planning Agreement***

In accordance with section 7.4, the development contributions the subject of the Planning Agreement will be applied to a public purpose(s) that will ensure the provision of a public benefits.

BSC and the Developer have assessed the Planning Agreement and hold the view that the provisions of the Planning Agreement provide a reasonable means of achieving a public purpose(s).

This is because the development contributions that are the subject of the Planning Agreement reflect there are broad tangible and intangible environmental, social and economic costs arising from the Development and the said contributions will assist BSC provide needed material public benefits to its communities, as well as addressing broader community social impacts.

#### ***How the Planning Agreement Promotes the Elements of Council's Charter***

The Planning Agreement promotes a number of elements of Council's Charter under section 8 of the *Local Government Act 1993* (NSW). In particular, the Planning Agreement, through the delivery of a public purpose(s) and material public benefit(s), allows BSC to:

- provide directly or on behalf of other levels of government, after due consultation, adequate, equitable and appropriate services and facilities for the community and to ensure that those services and facilities are managed efficiently and effectively;
- exercise community leadership;
- bear in mind that it is the custodian and trustee of public assets and to effectively plan for, account for and manage the assets for which it is responsible; and
- keep the local community and the State government (and through it, the wider community) informed about its activities.

#### ***The Impact of the Planning Agreement on the Public or any Section of the Public***

The Planning Agreement will benefit the public and local communities through the delivery of a public purpose(s) and material public benefit(s).

#### ***How the Planning Agreement Promotes the Public Interest***

The Planning Agreement promotes the public interest by committing the Developer to make monetary contributions towards a public purpose(s).

#### ***How the Planning Agreement Promotes the Objects of the Act***

Relevant Objects of the Act supported and promoted by this Planning Agreement include:

- to promote the social and economic welfare of the community and a better environment by the proper management, development and conservation of the State's natural and other resources; and
- to promote the orderly and economic use and development of land.

The Planning Agreement promotes these objects of the Act by requiring the Developer to make monetary contributions towards public purposes.

***Requirements in relation to Construction, Occupation and Subdivision Certificates***

Clause 5 of the Planning Agreement sets out the timing for the payment of the development contributions.

The Planning Agreement does not require the payment of any monetary contributions and does not specify any requirements that must be complied with prior to the issue of any Subdivision Certificate, Construction Certificate or Occupation Certificate.

***Interpretation of Planning Agreement***

This Explanatory Note is not intended to be used to assist in construing the Planning Agreement.

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## **Schedule 5 – Roads Subject to Road Maintenance**

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1. Ungarie Road from its intersection with the Mid-Western Highway to its intersection with the Burcher Road
2. The Burcher Road from its intersection with the Ungarie Road to its intersection with Blow Clear Road
3. Blow Clear Road from its intersection with the Burcher Road to Bonham's Lane
4. Bonham's Lane from its intersection from Blow Clear Road to the Mine Entrance
5. Bodell's Lane from its intersection with the Newell Highway to its intersection with Lonergan's Lane
6. Lonergan's Lane from its intersection with Bodell's Lane to its intersection with Blow Clear Road

See a map of the abovementioned roads below.

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**Schedule 6 – Payments Direct from Developer to Community Projects, Plans & Activities**

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MINER TO OUTLINE HOW THIS IS TO WORK, INCLUDING:

- PROCESS FOR ENGAGING WITH THE COMMUNITY;
  - DECISION-MAKING FOR ALLOCATION OF FUNDS;
  - MONITORING TO ASSESS APPROPRIATE EXPENDITURE OF ALLOCATED FUNDS;AND
- 
- ANNUAL REPORTING OF SAME AND BENEFITS DELIVERED FOR COMMUNITY.

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# Signing page

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**EXECUTED** as a Deed.

**SIGNED, SEALED AND DELIVERED** by  
**Evolution Mining (Cowal) Pty Limited**  
**ABN 75 007 857 598** in accordance with  
section 127 of the *Corporations Act 2001* (Cth)  
by:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of director

\_\_\_\_\_  
Full name (PRINT)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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Signature of director/company secretary  
(Please delete as applicable)

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Full name (PRINT)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**SIGNED, SEALED AND DELIVERED**  
by the authorised delegate for **Bland Shire**  
**Council ABN 13 251 814 087**  
in accordance with a resolution of the  
Council dated \_\_\_\_\_

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Signature of authorised delegate

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Full name (PRINT)

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Date

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Date

## 8.4 Meeting Arrangements: November 2021 to January 2022



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

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

**Author:** General Manager

### Introduction

The following meeting arrangements are planned for the upcoming election period between November 2021 and February 2022. Meeting arrangements after this date will be subject to the confirmation of the new Council.

The advice from the NSWEC is that the declaration of election results should be known during 21 – 23 December.

- 2 November – ordinary Council Workshop
- 16 November – ordinary Council Meeting (however no major decisions to be made)
- December – No workshop or meeting scheduled as Council is in the election period and ‘caretaker’ mode
- 7 January – a special event with family members to conduct the Oath of Office for all Bland Shire Councillors elected December 2021 and farewell any present Councillors not standing for re-election or defeated
- 11 January – Extraordinary Council Meeting to elect Mayor, Deputy Mayor and delegates and consideration of countback of votes should a Casual Vacancy arise. This brief meeting will be followed by a meeting of the Australia Day Awards Committee.
- 15 January – Bus tour of Shire facilities
- 1 February – Councillor Inductions to commence
- 15 February – Ordinary Council Meeting

### Financial Implications

There are no financial implications associated with this report.

### Summary

The schedule of meeting dates will ultimately be determined by the official declaration of the election results.

### Recommendation:

**That the information in respect to the scheduled meeting dates between November 2021 and January 2022 is received and noted.**



## 8.5 Meeting Arrangements – Council Closure - Christmas and New Year Period 2021/2022



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

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

**Author:** General Manager

### **Introduction**

Given the Local Government Election to be held on 4 December 2021 and the expected Declaration of the Poll from 21-23 December 2021 the December Workshop and Ordinary Council meeting will be cancelled. Proposed meetings and important dates during January 2022 for the newly elected Council are provided in the previous report. The normal meeting cycle would resume in February 2022 commencing with a council workshop on 1 February and the Ordinary Meeting of Council on 15 February 2022.

The council offices will shut down from the afternoon of Thursday 23 December 2021 and reopen on Tuesday 4 January 2022.

Council's operational staff will shut down from Friday 17 December 2021 returning on Tuesday 4 January 2022 with skeleton staff operating during the shutdown period.

### **Financial Implications**

Council staff will take annual leave and rostered days off during the closure period, which is part of their leave entitlements.

### **Summary**

The above information is for the information and endorsement of councillors.

### **Recommendation:**

1. **That the December 2021 Council Workshop scheduled for Tuesday 7 December 2021 be cancelled.**
2. **That the Ordinary meeting of Council scheduled for Tuesday 21 December 2021 be cancelled.**
3. **That the General Manager be delegated authority to deal with any urgent matters during the Christmas and New Year period for 2021 – 2022.**
4. **That Council note the planned closure of Council services and operations, with the exception of skeleton staff, from Friday 17 December 2021 to Monday 3 January 2022 Inclusive.**

## 8.6 Disclosure of Interest Returns



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

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

**Author:** Executive Assistant

### **Introduction**

Pecuniary Interest Returns for the period 1 July 2020 to 30 June 2021 are due for submission to Council by 30 September 2021 for Councillors and designated persons who held office at 30 June 2021.

At the time of compiling this report all but one (1) return has been completed. The Disclosure of Interest Register is tabled for Council's information.

### **Financial Implications**

Nil to this report.

### **Summary**

Under Clause 4.21 of the Model Code of Conduct a councillor or designated person holding that position at 30 June in any year must complete and lodge with the General Manager within 3 months after that date a return in the form prescribed by the regulations.

### **Recommendation:**

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

## 8.7 Bland Shire Australia Day 2022



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

*DP4.1 Facilitate Council events to build social capital and a sense of belonging within the community*

**Author:** Community Relations Officer

### **Introduction**

After a tumultuous 2020, the COVID-19 pandemic has continued to wreak chaos on events across Australia and beyond in 2021.

Despite the uncertainty ahead, the timing of the rescheduled Local Government election has made it necessary for Council to solidify plans for Australia Day 2022 prior to going into caretaker mode and before the newly elected Council is inducted in January.

### **Australia Day Awards and breakfast**

One of the largest annual events held in the Bland Shire each year is Australia Day, featuring the Bland Shire Australia Day awards which are traditionally presented at the Lions Club breakfast.

Due to the uncertainty surrounding COVID-19 and the various restrictions in place surrounding public events, social distancing, food service and check-in procedures, Council resolved not to proceed with the breakfast last year and in its place conducted a highly successful and well received Covid safe ticketed and seated presentation dinner at the West Wyalong Services and Citizens Club.

With the continued uncertainty surrounding Covid-19, including the anticipated requirements for seating and social distancing, it is once again considered a risk and logistically extremely difficult to plan for and hold the breakfast again in 2022. Anticipated social distancing rules will mean Council would need to source double the usual number of tables as well as secure several hundred chairs to ensure everyone could be safely seated in the park.

As such it is recommended that Council once again hold an Australia Day awards presentation dinner at the Services and Citizens Club on Tuesday 25 January.

The Services Club is registered as a COVID Safe business and has approved and effective check in, food handling and service provisions in place. Under the current roadmap it is anticipated that the club will have the COVID safe capacity to accommodate up to 200 guests in the auditorium on 25 January next year.

It should also be noted that plans may be forced to change up until the day of the proposed dinner if there are further major developments relating to COVID-19.

### **Australia Day Committee**

Council adopted a new terms of reference for the Bland Shire Australia Day Committee in August 2019.

Membership of the committee previously comprised of the Councillors and General Manager before the newly adopted new terms of reference included the addition of community representatives including Bland Shire Community Ambassadors, youth representatives including West Wyalong High School and Ungarie Central School captains, the Young Citizen of the Year and the Lions Youth of the Year, the incumbent Citizen of the Year and Contribution to Sport recipient and Showgirl winners from West Wyalong, Weethalle and Ungarie.

The role of the committee is to make a recommendation/s to Council for adoption at its December meeting. In the event that a quorum is not achieved the responsibility for determining the Australia Day award winners falls to Council.

Due to the timing of the rescheduled Local Government elections and Council effectively being in caretaker mode from early November through to early January, it is not practically possible to conduct an Australia Day Awards Committee meeting this year and have the recommendations endorsed by the newly elected Council prior to Australia Day.

It is therefore recommended that the Australia Day awards committee be suspended for 2021 and that the 2022 Australia Day award winners be determined at the first meeting of the new Council in January 2022.

### **Australia Day award categories**

The ongoing impact and restrictions caused by the COVID-19 pandemic have wreaked havoc on community events and community group activities over the last two years.

However, on a positive note, the pandemic has also seen a large number of incredible individuals emerge with their ongoing efforts to service the Bland Shire community and boost local spirits through this difficult time.

It is suggested that Council consider suspending the Community Event of the Year and Community Group of the Year categories in 2022 and adopt a new award category or categories befitting of the last two years.

### **Financial Implications**

The costs of the proposed Australia Day dinner on Tuesday 25 January can be accommodated in the existing Australia Day budget utilising savings achieved by not holding traditional events.

Council staff will seek grant funding to cover additional community activities on Australia Day.

### **Summary**

Uncertainty relating to COVID-19 and limited physical resources make it exceptionally difficult to confidently proceed with Australia Day 2022 in its traditional format.

Recommended changes will help protect Council and the community while continuing to provide an accessible platform to celebrate the award nominees and recipients.

**Recommendation:**

- 1. That Council not proceed with the Australia Day awards breakfast on 26 January 2022 due to the COVID-19 pandemic and associated restrictions**
- 2. That Council host an Australia Day Awards dinner for nominees and citizenship candidates at the West Wyalong Services and Citizens Club on Tuesday 25 January and live stream the presentations.**
- 1. That the Australia Day Awards Committee is suspended for 2021 and the 2022 Australia Day awards are determined by Council at its meeting in January 2022.**
- 4. That the Community Event of the Year and Community Group of the Year awards categories be suspended in 2022.**
- 5. That Council determine any new award categories for 2022**
- 6. That the Australia Day Awards Committee, award categories, criteria and framework be reviewed by Council in 2022.**

## 8.8 Bland Shire Youth Space Proposal



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

4.4.1 Partner with youth and youth service providers (including schools) to deliver programs/initiatives that improve wellbeing and build the capacity of local youth.

**Author:** Community Development Officer

### **Introduction**

Bland Shire Council has been investigating the possible establishment of a Youth Space in West Wyalong. This is in direct response to youth consultation conducted as part of a youth forum held in April 2021. A number of initiatives were put forward at the forum, with an overwhelming majority of attendees noting a designated youth space as a top preference and reporting that they would utilise such a space.

In response to this youth driven initiative, a number of potential locations have been suggested for consideration including the existing tennis clubhouse and the shed space at the back of 184 Main Street (Tamara's). Both buildings are currently owned by Council and offer a more financially viable and sustainable option, as opposed to constructing a new facility on a greenfield site.

Costings and plans would be completed following the procurement of a site. It is not possible to determine accurate figures and concepts prior to understanding the specifications of the space. With the support of Council through submission of a funding application under the Local Roads and Community Infrastructure (LRCI) program, an investigation of these and other potential sites can be undertaken, with costing/plans provided following the determination of a suitable location.

Numerous neighbouring rural councils have recognised the need for a youth space and have utilised grant funding to invest heavily in similar initiatives, as illustrated in the attached proposal.

### **Financial Implications**

It is proposed that Council apply for \$350,000 under the LRCI Program for the repurposing and fitout of an existing facility to accommodate the development of a youth space in West Wyalong. Bland Shire Council has been allocated a total of \$3,699,654 under phase 3 of the Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program.

An ongoing operational cost of \$50,000 per year for a minimum of three years, commencing 2022-2023, is further requested to support the operational costs of a youth space.

### **Summary**

Local youth have noted their strong desire for the development of a safe, after school hours, multipurpose space. Offering a multipurpose youth space could fill a gap within the community to accommodate a space for young people, in addition to offering a space that could be utilised by outreaching service providers and organisations when not in use by young people. Youth centres offer many benefits to young people including improved social and community connections, fostering positive mental health and wellbeing, skill development, education and capacity building and youth leadership opportunities.

**Recommendation:**

- 1. Council apply for funding of \$350,000 as part of its application under Round 3 of the Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Fund (LRCI) for the repurposing and fitout of an existing facility to accommodate the development of a youth space in West Wyalong.**
- 2. Any unspent grant funding be redirected to another approved program under LRCI as determined by Council.**
- 3. That plans and costings for a youth space be presented to Council for approval once an appropriate space is confirmed.**
- 2. That Council commit funding received from the Voluntary Planning Agreement with Evolution Mining of \$50,000 per year for a minimum of three years, commencing 2022-2023, to support the operational costs of a youth space.**



# Bland Shire Youth Space Proposal 2021

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**Authored by: Rebecca McDonell**  
**Community Development Officer**



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# Bland Shire Youth Space Proposal

## Background

Bland Shire Council has been investigating the possible establishment of a Youth Space in West Wyalong. This is in direct response to youth consultation conducted as part of a youth forum held with Council's Mayor and General Manager in April 2021. A number of initiatives were put forward by the 32 young people in attendance, with an overwhelming majority of attendees noting a designated youth space as a top preference and reporting that they would utilise such a space.

Following this, students at West Wyalong High School began meeting during their lunch breaks and formed a group to develop the concept further for Council consideration. A petition was created by the students with 120 student signatures received in support of the establishment of a youth space. The students noted their desire for the development of a safe, after school hours, multipurpose space.

In response to this youth driven initiative, council could consider a number of potential models to implement such a space, as outlined below.

## Potential Spaces

A number of potential spaces have been suggested for consideration including the existing tennis clubhouse and the shed space at the back of 184 Main Street (Tamara's).

Both buildings are currently owned by Council and offer existing space, which could be fitted out to accommodate a youth centre.

It is considered that the use of an existing site would be the most financially viable option for Council as building a new facility on a greenfield site would result in a significantly higher expense and require the maintenance of a new asset.

Costings and plans would be completed following the procurement of a site. It is not possible to determine accurate figures and concepts prior to understanding the specifications of the space. With the support of Council through the submission of a funding application under the LRCI program, investigations of these and other potential sites can be undertaken, with costing/plans provided following the determination of a suitable location.

Funding under the proposed model allows the facility to be reviewed in three years and repurposed for the use of the community should it be deemed not successful.

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## Costings

Operational hours and subsequent costs have been considered to ensure the project is financially viable in the long term.

A number of options are presented below.

### Option 1

1 x events/administration staff member employed on Grade 7: \$29.98 per hour entry level.

The staff member would be employed to work 25 hours per week, to include Thursday afternoon/evening, Friday afternoon/evening and Saturday shifts and allow time for administrative tasks to be completed. Hours of operation would need to be somewhat flexible and responsive to the needs of young people, with opening hours possibly varying to accommodate specific events and activities.

Proposed initial opening hours –

Thursday 3 – 8pm

Friday 3 – 8pm

Saturday – 10am – 6pm

Administrative tasks – 7 hours

This would work out to approximately \$39,000 over the course of the year.

Other costs would also need to be factored in, including utilities and resources.

The staff member would work closely with Councils Community Services team members to ensure effective operation of the youth space and identify and apply for grant funding to assist with the ongoing program expenses of the centre.

### Option 2

1 x events administration staff member employed on Grade 7: \$29.98 per hour entry level.

The staff member would be employed to work fulltime on a 35 hour week.

Proposed initial opening hours –

Wednesday 3 – 8pm

Thursday 3 – 8pm

Friday 3 – 8pm

Saturday – 10am – 6pm

Sunday 10am – 2pm

Administrative tasks – 8 hours

This would work out to approximately \$54,600 over the course of the year.

Other costs would also need to be factored in, including utilities and resources.

The staff member would work closely with Councils Community Services team members to ensure effective operation of the youth space and identify and apply for grant funding to assist with the ongoing program expenses of the centre.

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Council could consider utilising funding received from the Voluntary Planning Agreement with Evolution Mining commencing 2022-2023, to support the operational costs of a youth space.

## **What are our counterparts doing?**

Examples of what similar sized and neighbouring rural based Councils are doing in this space is outlined below. This information has been provided for the purpose of a comparison.

### **Bogan Shire – Nyngan**

The Bogan Shire Council has committed grant funding in excess of \$1,500,000 towards the construction fit out and programming of a youth space, including –

A \$764,812 allocation under Round 3 of the Stronger Country Communities Fund (SCCF) allocated to the Bogan Shire Council's Youth Centre in Nyngan for the construction of a purpose-built Community Centre with the core purpose of providing a safe recreational space for young people in the Bogan Shire, in response to strong community demand. The Centre will also be extensively utilised by the broader community when not in use for youth activities.

A \$646,475 allocation under Round 7 of the Resources for Regions program for an extension to the sports hall of the Bogan Shire Youth and Community Centre, as well as additional works to the Centre to enhance functionality and attractiveness for the community. It also includes outdoor landscaping, fencing and playground equipment.

A \$139,062 allocation under Round 7 of the Resources for Regions program for Bogan Shire Youth Programs to include a formal program implemented at the Bogan Shire Youth and Community Centre for just over two and a half years. It will include the employment of a Youth Worker from March 2021 until December 2023 and the resources needed to design and facilitate a 30 month program.

The project is currently under construction, with the image below taken in September 2021.



### **Temora Shire – Platform Y Youth Space**

After years of disuse and disrepair the Temora railway western station building was reactivated in December 2015. With funding help, Temora Shire Council has provided a youth centre, visitor facilities, exhibition and performance area as well as a railway museum in the building.

The renovated refreshment room is now set up as a youth space, with “Platform Y”, bringing activity back to the railway station and being regularly utilised by youth across the shire.



The Young people from Platform Y are absolutely smashing goals. Platform Y gives young people, aged between 10 and 25, opportunities to contribute to the community and extend their skills in areas that interest them. Last night, at the Leadership meeting, awards were presented to some of the team members for their contributions to the Australia Day Ceremony and the recent seniors and technology program. If you are interested in finding out more of what our Youth Teams do, phone Youth Officer, Mel Carter, on 0418 357 230



**Temora Youth**

18 February 2019 · 🌐

Our special guests at our leadership meeting this afternoon were Mrs Beth Firman and Cr Graham Sinclair. They presented our young people with awards for their participation in the Australia Day proceedings. Youth Officer, Melissa Carter, also presented members with awards for their contribution to the "assisting seniors with technology program."



## Lachlan Shire

Lachlan Shire operates youth spaces in Condobolin, Lake Cargelligo and Tottenham with an ongoing commitment to improving these facilities, as noted in the Lachlan Shire Youth Strategy 2021 – 2030.

**Item 4A.5** -*In consultation with young people, continue to enhance and improve the youth centre facilities in Condobolin, Lake Cargelligo and Tottenham, and investigate venue options for youth activities in Tullibigeal and other small communities in the Shire. 1.8.3*

Lachlan Shire outsourced their youth services operations in the 2021-2022 financial year at a total cost of \$186,000 + GST.

Lachlan Shire allocated \$363,698 from their Round 2 allocation under the Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program to renovations of the Youth Centre building in Condobolin.

## Forbes Shire – Forbes Youth and Community Centre

The Forbes Youth and Community Centre (YACC) is a newly renovated facility located close to the CBD of Forbes. It has a large gym sized hall area equipped with a kitchen, outdoor fenced space, accessibility BBQ, sandpit and cubby house, free WIFI facilities, disabled access, male/female/disabled amenities and access to a wide variety of community service information.

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Forbes Shire Council utilised \$100,000 of their allocation under Round 3 of the Stronger Country Communities Program to refurbish the Forbes Youth and Community Centre.

### **Coolamon Shire Council**

Coolamon Shire Council utilised \$53,347 of their allocation under Round 3 of the Stronger Country Communities Program to upgrade The Up-to-Date Store Youth Event Space.

### **Cowra Shire Council**

Cowra Shire Council utilised \$142,000 of their allocation under Round 3 of the Stronger Country Communities Program to develop the Youth Connecting with Community Project. The Youth-driven project involved a fit-out of an existing property as a Rural and Regional Youth Connecting Community Space. The Centre will have a dedicated room for Skype, Podcasts, phone meetings, etc. and will provide a base for young people to plan, organise and implement a series of events based on themes developed by young people.

### **Warren Shire Council – Warren Youth Centre**

Warren Shire Council utilised \$154,000 of their allocation under Round 3 of the Stronger Country Communities Program for the establishment of the Warren Youth Centre and Community Hub.

### **Oberon Council**

Oberon Council utilised \$423,199 of their allocation under Round 3 of the Stronger Country Communities Program for the development of a purpose built youth facility. The space offers recreational facilities, indoor and outdoor games, activities and programs, a homework hub and on site qualified staff.

### **Benefits**

The benefits of Youth Centres are many and far-reaching including –

- Improved Social and Community Connections
- Positive Mental Health and Wellbeing
- Skill Development, Education / Employment and Capacity Building
- Youth Leadership Skills Development

### **Recommendation**

1. Council apply for funding of \$350,000 as part of its application under Round 3 of the Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Fund (LRCI) for the repurposing and fitout of an existing facility to accommodate the development of a youth space in West Wyalong.
2. Any unspent grant funding be redirected to another approved program under LRCI as determined by Council.



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3. That plans and costings for a youth space be presented to Council for approval once an appropriate space is confirmed.
  4. That Council commit funding received from the Voluntary Planning Agreement with Evolution Mining of \$50,000 per year for a minimum of three years, commencing 2022-2023, to support the operational costs of a youth space.

## Section 2 – Corporate & Community Services

### 8.9 Finance and Investment Report for September 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 SEPTEMBER 2021.**

#### **BANK BALANCES AS AT 30<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2021**

ACCOUNT	BALANCE
General Fund	\$5,185,715.00
Business Card	\$26,142.64
	<b>\$5,211,857.64</b>
<i>Invested Funds</i>	
Fixed Deposits	\$48,700,000.00
Deposits at Call	\$2,251,396.59
	<b>\$50,951,396.59</b>
Net Balance	<b>\$56,163,254.23</b>
Percentage of Invested Funds to Net Balance	90.72%

**STATEMENT OF BANK BALANCES AS AT 30.09.2021**

**SUBMITTED TO THE ORDINARY MEETING OCTOBER 19, 2021**

<b>BALANCE as at 01.09.21</b>	<b>\$7,017,769.40</b>																																										
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Weeds	\$600.00																																										
Direct Debits	\$1,540.17																																										
<i>Total Payments for September 2021</i>	<b><i>- \$5,321,011.51</i></b>																																										
<b>CASH BALANCE</b>	<b><u>\$5,185,715.00</u></b>																																										
Limit of Overdraft Arranged with Bank	\$ 350,000.00																																										

**ACCOUNTS SUMMARY AND CERTIFICATION**

The following is a summary of accounts paid for the period 01 September 2021 to 30 September 2021.

I CERTIFY,

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

<b>Payment Type</b>	<b>Voucher No's</b>	<b>Total</b>
Cheques	026087-026095	\$74,115.27
Auto-pay                      Creditors	E025856 – E26165	\$4,751,875.81
Auto-pay                      Payroll	05/09/21 – 26/09/21	\$490,588.07
Bank Charges & Commissions	September 2021	\$2,892.19
Direct Debits                      Repayments & Vehicle Lease		\$1,540.17
		<b>\$5,321,011.51</b>

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

Further I also certify that the Ledger has been reconciled with the bank statements for the 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 19<sup>th</sup> October 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 **\$5,321,011.51** was submitted to the Ordinary Meeting on the 19<sup>th</sup> October 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 30<sup>th</sup> September 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-2021	Bank of QLD (Term Deposit)	1,000,000.00	367 days	0.38%	16-September-2022
21-September-2021	NAB (Term Deposit)	1,000,000.00	365 days	0.35%	21-September-2022
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-2021	Bendigo Bank (Term Deposit)	400,000.00	365 days	0.35%	08-September-2022
08-September-2021	Bendigo Bank (Term Deposit)	400,000.00	365 days	0.35%	08-September-2022
08-September-2021	Bendigo Bank (Term Deposit)	400,000.00	365 days	0.35%	08-September-2022
17-December-2020	AMP (Term Deposit)	1,000,000.00	399 days	0.75%	20-January-2022
16-August-2021	Bank of QLD	1,000,000.00	365 days	0.40%	16-August-2022
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-2021	ME Bank (Term Deposit)	2,000,000.00	365 days	0.40	29-September-2022
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
17-September-2021	Judo Bank	2,000,000.00	727 days	0.95%	14-September-2023
30-September-2021	AMP (Term Deposit)	1,000,000.00	406 days	0.80%	10-November-2022
	ANZ Deposit at Call	50,942.21	Cash at Call		
	CBA Deposit at Call	2,200,454.38	Cash at Call		
	<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$50,951,396.59</b>			

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

GENERAL MANAGER

## **RATES REPORT**

### **Below is a summary of outstanding rates**

Total rates income levied (2021/22)	\$ 10,826,198.39
Rates received as at 30/09/2021	\$ 4,211,429.24
% of rates received to date	38.90%

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 September 2021**
- 2. That Council confirms the payment of accounts, for the period 01 September to 30 September 2021, summarised in the accounts summary totalling \$5,321,011.51**



## 8.10 Endorsement of Motions for LGNSW Conference



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*Strategy 13.2 Develop, implement and promote best practice governance policies and procedures*

**Author:** Director Corporate and Community Services

### **Introduction**

Bland Shire will propose three matters at the upcoming Local Government NSW Conference and the purpose of this report is for Council to discuss and resolve the wording of the motions which it intends to submit.

### **Financial Implications**

Nil.

### **Summary**

The LGNSW Conference is traditionally held in the latter part of the calendar year. However, due to COVID 19 issues, the event was postponed and has now been scheduled as a Special Conference for Monday 28 February through Wednesday 2 March 2022. The deadline for the submission of motions was extended until 30 January 2022 with the view being that newly elected Councils would be provided with additional time to finalise submitted motions.

Bland Shire Council will propose matters in relation to Noxious Weed management, Emergency Services Levy (ESL) and the location of command headquarters for emergency organisations in a geographically central location of the regions they serve.

Motions for consideration at the LGNSW Annual Conference are required to meet a number of criteria before they can be included for consideration as well as include the provision of evidence to support the motion. A review of previous Conference motions and the resultant action from those which received support shows that of the matters Bland Shire wishes to raise, two have been debated previously.

In keeping with the requirement that wording of new motions debated at the Conference reflects recent developments and does not duplicate existing positions, the following Draft motions are presented for Council to consider. Information which will be provided to support the proposed motions is also presented for Councillors to review and amend as they see fit.

### **BIOSECURITY (NOXIOUS WEEDS)**

*That Local Government NSW:*

- 1. Calls on the NSW Minister for Local Government and NSW Minister for Agriculture to increase funding of the NSW Weeds Action Program to allow for greater promotion of landholder responsibilities under the Biosecurity Act 2015.*
- 2. Calls on the NSW Minister for Local Government and Minister for the Public Service and Employee Relations, Aboriginal Affairs, and the Arts to liaise with the NSW Aboriginal Lands Council to develop appropriate mechanisms as part of the Joint Management and Co-management for parks or reserves protocols to adequately address identified and emerging biosecurity weeds issues.*

### Supporting Information

The implementation of the Biosecurity Act 2015 and subsequent repeal of the Noxious Weeds legislation brought with a change in terminology and categorisation which, on the surface, would appear to be quite confusing for those who are aware of their responsibilities under the Act, let alone those who were unaware of the same. Specifically, in most cases plants previously categorised as 'weeds' are now a 'pest' for the purpose of the Act with all 'pests/weeds' considered as biosecurity matter. Although Councils are the Local Control Authority under the Biosecurity Act, there have been changes to the way the legislation is operated at a local level which are not fully understood by individual landholders. An education program that targets both those obliged to implement the requirements of the Biosecurity Act on responsibilities and classifications would assist in addressing this issue which impacts Local Government across NSW.

### **EMERGENCY SERVICES LEVY (ESL)**

*That Local Government NSW calls on the NSW Government to:*

- 1. Postpone further costs to Local Government entities for the Emergency Services Levy payment increases until clear accountabilities are developed and communicated in accordance with engagement protocols of Resilience NSW Capability Development Framework for NSW Emergency Management Sector.*
- 2. As part of this process, prepare amendments to the Rural Fire Services Act 1997 to remove Section 119's reference which relates to vesting RFS equipment with Councils to remove the conflict of "control", specifically in accordance with the definition of an asset in Australian Accounting Standards Board (AASB) Statement of Accounting Concepts 4: Definition and Recognition of the Elements of Financial Statements.*
- 3. Engage all stakeholders with real or perceived responsibilities for Emergency Service Management and Actions to ensure that determinations are clearly articulated, communicated and relevant in accordance with the context of Resilience NSW Capability Development Framework.*

### Supporting Information

The delay in the introduction of the Fire and Emergency Services Levy Act 2017 and resultant impact on local Councils to meet their obligations to look after the health and wellbeing of frontline emergency services workers and volunteers has been a recipe for disaster. While the creation of a new agency, Resilience NSW has consolidated the framework for disaster and emergency efforts from prevention to recovery the implementation process has been problematic with regards to the FESL. In early 2020 the former Treasurer now current Premier (Dominic Perrottet) stated "The NSW Government will work with local government, fire and emergency services, the insurance industry and other stakeholders to find a better and fairer path forward" and this may well have been the catalyst for the State Government's funding of increases to the Emergency Services Levy for FY2021-2022 as well as the passage of legislation to separate these levies on Council rates notices. However, it remains unclear as to the areas of responsibility and accountability with much public discussion still centring on the insurance industry's requirements with little acknowledgement of the role Local Government plays in supporting emergency services financially.

This lack of clarity is further evidence in terminology within legislation as it relates to the Rural Fire Services – specifically with regards to the ongoing anomaly which exists with accounting for RFS Assets and what Councils control. The Australian Accounting Standards Board (AASB) *Statement of Accounting Concepts 4: Definition and Recognition of the Elements of Financial Statements* – has a clear definition of control and it is the opinion of 68 Councils across NSW (the majority) that while the assets may be ‘vested’ in the Local Government Authority served by the RFS, the particular assets are well outside a Council’s control. The Auditor General has recommended that the OLG should communicate the State’s view that such equipment is controlled by Councils and, therefore, should be properly recorded. It is the contention of the majority of Councils such recording would be at odds with the Australian Accounting Standards against which they are audited.

### **REGIONAL HEADQUARTER LOCATIONS**

*That Local Government NSW advocates to the NSW Government, specifically the Premier and Minister for Police and Emergency Services to give greater consideration to geographic centrality with the determination of locations when establishing regional service and administration centres for State departments and services.*

#### **Supporting Information**

The location of service and administration centres for State departments and services has been on the State Government agenda for many years with a goal to have 100,000 square metres of government office space out of the CBD and into regional centres by 2021. While progress on this goal has been impacted by departmental changes within the State Government, the concept of Decentralisation to increase local decision making and participation to regional communities has merit. It provides opportunities for infrastructure to increase productivity and build the capacity of regional economies to grow as well as provide the right priorities and the best value for local areas from the NSW Budget. The location of departments and services in regional areas requires significant planning and consultation to ensure the location of such services allows for timely and cost effective on the ground delivery. By ensuring facilities are established in a location which is geographically central to the regions which they serve, the State Government will ensure equitable access is available to the broader community.

**Recommendation:**

That Bland Shire Councils submits the following Notices of Motions for consideration at the LGNSW Special Conference scheduled for Monday 28 February through Wednesday 2 March 2022:

**A - BIOSECURITY (NOXIOUS WEEDS)**

*That Local Government NSW:*

3. *Calls on the NSW Minister for Local Government and NSW Minister for Agriculture to increase funding of the NSW Weeds Action Program to allow for greater promotion of landholder responsibilities under the Biosecurity Act 2015.*
4. *Calls on the NSW Minister for Local Government and Minister for the Public Service and Employee Relations, Aboriginal Affairs, and the Arts to liaise with the NSW Aboriginal Lands Council to develop appropriate mechanisms as part of the Joint Management and Co-management for parks or reserves protocols to adequately address identified and emerging biosecurity weeds issues.*

**B - EMERGENCY SERVICES LEVY (ESL)**

*That Local Government NSW calls on the NSW Government to:*

1. *Postpone further costs to Local Government entities for the Emergency Services Levy payment increases until clear accountabilities are developed and communicated in accordance with engagement protocols of Resilience NSW Capability Development Framework for NSW Emergency Management Sector.*
2. *As part of this process, prepare amendments to the Rural Fire Services Act 1997 to remove Section 119's reference which relates to vesting RFS equipment with Councils to remove the conflict of "control", specifically in accordance with the definition of an asset in Australian Accounting Standards Board (AASB) Statement of Accounting Concepts 4: Definition and Recognition of the Elements of Financial Statements.*
3. *Engage all stakeholders with real or perceived responsibilities for Emergency Service Management and Actions to ensure that determinations are clearly articulated, communicated and relevant in accordance with the context of Resilience NSW Capability Development Framework.*

**C - REGIONAL HEADQUARTER LOCATIONS**

*That Local Government NSW advocates to the NSW Government, specifically the Premier and Minister for Police and Emergency Services to give greater consideration to geographic centrality with the determination of locations when establishing regional service and administration centres for State departments and services.*

## 8.11 Position Statement on Accounting Treatment of Rural Fire Service Assets



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*Strategy 13.2 Develop, implement and promote best practice governance policies and procedures*

**Author:** Director Corporate and Community Services

### Introduction

This report is to seek Bland Shire Council's endorsement of the Position Statement on Accounting Treatment of Rural Fire Service Assets (**Attachment One**) developed in accordance with a recommendation from Council's Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee.

### Financial Implications

The recognition of

### Summary

At the July meeting of the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee (ARIC), a report on Rural Fire Service Assets and subsequently recommended to Council, among other things, that it "determine a formal position in relation to the accounting treatment of the NSW Rural Fire Service's Fire Fighting Assets ahead of the finalisation of the 2020-2021 Financial Statements stating Council's position that it has no direct operational control of NSW Rural Fire Service Fire Fighting Assets".

The Minutes from the July ARIC were subsequently endorsed at the Ordinary Meeting of Bland Shire Council on 20 July with Resolution Number 15072021 on the motion of Councillors Lord and Thomas:

**That the Minutes of the Bland Shire Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee from 8 July, 2021 be endorsed and the following actions be undertaken:**

**1. Draft Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee Charter be placed on public exhibition for a period of 28 days for community feedback and that, following the consultation period, a further report be brought back to Council.**

**2. Actions relating to the NSW Rural Fire Service Assets accounting treatment be undertaken as outlined in the recommendation from the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee.**

The motion was carried unanimously.

The subject of recording rural firefighting equipment has been an ongoing concern for Councils across NSW for a number of years. In 2012 the then Local Government Shires Association prepared a Discussion Paper entitled Review of Local Government Engagement with the NSW Rural Fire Service which identified the conflict with the Local Government Accounting Code.

Councils have long argued that they do not have operational control of the RFS equipment and subsequently do not recognise them in their financial statements. Councils do not have economic benefit from the RFS assets nor does it have a right to direct the use of the assets.

In fact, the RFS Service Standard for Asset Disposal (5.4.1) states “The assets covered by this Service Standard are vested in the local authority but owned by the Crown. The Rural Fires Act (Section 119(4)) states that an amount equal to the proceeds of sale of any such equipment shall be paid to the credit of the fund, in other words, returned to the Rural Fire Service”.

The accounting treatment of RFS assets is explicitly permitted by the NSW Local Government Code of Accounting Practice and Financial Reporting issued by the Office of Local Government which states:

*Councils have the option to continue to recognise or not to recognise Rural Fire Services assets in their accounts until such time as the control issue is agreed upon with the Rural Fire Service.*

In light of this and following a thorough assessment of the Australian Accounting Standards Board (AASB) *Statement of Accounting Concepts 4: Definition and Recognition of the Elements of Financial Statements* – in particular the definition of control, Council has made the decision not to bring to account the NSW Rural Fire Service (RFS) assets nominally vested in the Council under s119 of the *Rural Fires Act 1997*.

**Recommendation:**

- 1. That Bland Shire Council adopts the Position Statement on Accounting Treatment of Rural Fire Service Assets.**
- 2. Communicates this Position Statement to the NSW Auditor General and Office of Local Government.**
- 3. That the General Manager further advises the Premier, Deputy Premier, Minister for Police and Emergency Services and Member for Cootamundra of the same and seeks a resolution at a State Government level to the question of NSW Rural Fire Service Fire Fighting Assets ownership and control.**

## Bland Shire Council

### Statement – Accounting treatment of Rural

#### Fire Service assets

The Council has made the decision not to bring to account the NSW Rural Fire Service (RFS) assets nominally vested in the Council under s119 of the *Rural Fires Act 1997*.

This accounting treatment of RFS assets **is explicitly permitted** by the NSW Local Government Code of Accounting Practice and Financial Reporting issued by the Office of Local Government.

*Councils have the option to continue to recognise or not to recognise Rural Fire Services assets in their accounts until such time as the control issue is agreed upon with the Rural Fire Service.*

In making this decision, the Council has considered the definition of an asset in Australian Accounting Standards Board (AASB) *Statement of Accounting Concepts 4: Definition and Recognition of the Elements of Financial Statements* – in particular the definition of control.

**24** *The second essential characteristic of an asset is control, which relates to the capacity of the entity to benefit from the asset in the pursuit of its objectives and to deny or regulate the access of others to that benefit. **The entity controlling an asset is the one that can, depending on the nature of the asset, exchange it, use it to provide goods or services, exact a price for others' use of it, use it to settle liabilities, hold it, or perhaps distribute it to owners.***

**37** *Control over future economic benefits has been identified as an essential asset characteristic. While the ability of an entity to exercise control will often stem from the existence of legally enforceable rights, the absence of legal ownership does not preclude the existence of control. For example, an entity may protect the future economic benefits embodied in a formula or an invention not by obtaining a patent but by maintaining secrecy. **Similarly, the presence of legal rights does not guarantee control.** For example, goods may be sold subject to reservation of title, whereby a stipulation is placed in a sale of goods agreement to the effect that ownership of the goods does not pass to the buyer until the time of payment. The substance of these arrangements is that the buyer effectively has control over the future economic benefits embodied in the delivered goods unless there is an incapacity to pay. The seller, while possessing legal title and therefore the right to resume possession in the event of the buyer's default, does not control the future economic benefits embodied in the goods. **Another example is where a government entity, such as a government department, does not have legal ownership of the buildings in which it operates, such ownership vesting in another government entity, but controls the future economic benefits embodied in the buildings because of the terms of a particular government policy, ministerial directive or administrative arrangement***



Section 119 of the Rural Fires Act nominally vests the assets with the Council. In reality, the (compulsory) Service Level Agreement with the RFS leaves the Council with no control over the purchase, disposal, operation, maintenance, distribution or condition of RFS equipment.

Note s119 of the *Rural Fires Act* also requires the RFS to seek concurrence of the Council if any of the equipment vested in it is to be used outside the Council area. This concurrence is now not sought or given from this Council by the RFS – nor has it been reasonably expected. The assets are under the control of the RFS.

Further, the Council does not have sufficient information to hand to allow it to reliably measure the RFS assets nominally vested in the Council. Without knowledge of the quantity, nature and condition of the asset it is impossible to reliably measure the asset.

In the preparation of these statements, Council was unable to obtain any information from the RFS regarding their asset list.

Finally, the Council does not believe the value of the RFS assets nominally vested in the Council, or the depreciation charged on those assets, would be material given the Council's overall asset base.

## Section 3 – Technical Services

### 8.12 Modification of DA/2007/083 – Waste Disposal Facility



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**

Council originally received the application to modify DA/2007/083 on 17 March 2016. The matter was referred to the NSW Environmental Protection Authority (EPA) on 21 March 2016. The EPA responded to Council on 22 April 2016 advising that the provided supporting information was insufficient and requested that a Waste Management Plan and Noise Impact assessment be submitted. Council wrote to the applicant on 2 May 2016 requesting this additional information. The outstanding information was received by Council on 22 June 2021 (Council staff had followed up with the applicants numerous times during this period however, the preparation of additional information had been delayed due to a variety of reasons).

The proposed modification is for:

- Amend Condition C1 – Limits of Approval – by increasing the maximum amount of waste to be accepted at the site from 10,000 tonnes (including up to 5,000 tonnes of tyres) to 18,000 tonnes per annum (including up to 5,000 tonnes of tyres).
- Rewording of Condition C1 – Limits of Approval – to align the definition of acceptable waste with EPA Guidelines and POEO Act definitions for general solid waste (non-putrescible).

Note: When first submitted the application for modification related to an increase from 10,000 tonnes of waste accepted at the site to 25,000 tonnes per annum. However, this was amended by the applicant to 18,000 tonnes per annum (including up to 5,000 tonnes of waste tyres).

The current conditions in Development Consent DA/2007/083 is:

#### **C1 Limits of Approval**

*A maximum of 10,000 tonnes of waste per annum shall be accepted at the site, of this the disposal of tyres is limited to 5,000 tonnes. Further development consent shall be required should the amount of waste material exceed this limit.*

*The applicant shall only receive and dispose of the following solid waste on the site:*

- *Virgin excavated natural material (clay, gravel, sand, soil and rock);*
- *Building and demolition waste (bricks, concrete and timber); and*
- *Used, rejected and unwanted tyres (including shredded tyres and tyre pieces).*

*No other waste products are permitted to be received and disposed of as part of this consent.*

*Plastics, glass, paper & paper products, metal, treated timbers and products containing asbestos are NOT PERMITTED to be received or disposed of as part of this consent.*

The applicant has requested that the conditions be reworded as follows:

### **C1 Limits of Approval**

*A maximum of 18,000 tonnes of waste per annum shall be accepted at the site, of this the disposal of tyres is limited to 5,000 tonnes. Further development consent shall be required should the amount of waste material exceed this limit.*

*The applicant shall only receive and dispose of the following solid waste on the site:*

- *General solid waste (non-putrescible):*
  - *Virgin excavated natural material (clay, gravel, sand, soil and rock);*
  - *Building and demolition waste (bricks, concrete and timber); and*
- *Special Waste - Used, rejected and unwanted tyres (including shredded tyres and tyre pieces).*

*No other waste products are permitted to be received and disposed of as part of this consent.*

*Waste products not permitted to be received or disposed of on the site as part of this consent include the following:*

- *Single bulk loads of plastics, glass, paper & paper products and metal; and*
- *Treated timbers and products containing asbestos.*

Council has not received any complaints with regard to the operation of the site and as such is considered appropriate to support the increase in waste received at the site. The aim of the waste disposal initially was to support the rehabilitation of the existing sand quarry. The increase in extraction limit will enable rehabilitation activities to be completed earlier.

### **Financial Implications**

Nil to this report.

### **Summary**

Council has not received any complaints with regard to the operation of the site and as such is considered appropriate to support the increase in waste received at the site. The aim of the waste disposal initially was to support the rehabilitation of the existing sand quarry. The increase in extraction limit will enable rehabilitation activities to be completed sooner.

### Comments from General Manager

In accordance with current policy if Council is to refuse a Development Application or Modification to a Development Application, when it has been recommended by Council staff, then the Council must provide a valid reason(s) for that refusal.

In this particular case the applicant is seeking a modification to just one condition of consent which is Condition C1 which relates to the amount of approved waste that can be deposited at this waste facility.

Councillors should be aware of the fact that this facility has a limited capacity and when that capacity is reached the facility will be closed. By increasing the amount of waste allowed to be deposited at the site will actually reduce the life of the facility.

There has been claims of 'illegal' dumping which may have occurred in the past and which has since been addressed. I have attached a copy of a letter from the EPA dated July 2021 clearly stating that they do not object to the proposal to modify the consent.

Council's Manager of Development and Regulatory Services and myself inspected the site on Wednesday 13 October 2021 and could find no breaches of the current consent.

Accordingly, Council has two (2) options:

1. Approve of the Modification as recommended by council staff; or
2. Refuse the Modification and in doing so provide valid planning reasons for such a decision.

#### **Recommendation:**

**That Council approve the modification of DA/2007/083 by amending the schedule of conditions by replacing Condition C1 with:**

#### ***C1 Limits of Approval***

***A maximum of 18,000 tonnes of waste per annum shall be accepted at the site, of this the disposal of tyres is limited to 5,000 tonnes. Further development consent shall be required should the amount of waste material exceed this limit.***

***The applicant shall only receive and dispose of the following solid waste on the site:***

- ***General solid waste (non-putrescible):***
  - ***Virgin excavated natural material (clay, gravel, sand, soil and rock);***
  - ***Building and demolition waste (bricks, concrete and timber); and***
- ***Special Waste - Used, rejected and unwanted tyres (including shredded tyres and tyre pieces).***

***No other waste products are permitted to be received and disposed of as part of this consent.***

***Waste products not permitted to be received or disposed of on the site as part of this consent include the following:***

- ***Single bulk loads of plastics, glass, paper & paper products and metal; and***
- ***Treated timbers and products containing asbestos.***



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The General Manager  
Bland Shire Council  
PO Box 21  
WEST WYALONG NSW 2671

Via NSW planning portal

Attention: Lesley Duncan

### **Response to Modification of Integrated Development Consent**

Dear Mr Smith

Thank you for consulting with the NSW Environment Protection Authority (EPA) about a Concurrence and Referral (CNR 24876 A-29115) application to modify Development Consent DA 2007/0083 at Lots 1 & 2 DP 1039488 Euroka Road Quandialla.

The EPA has reviewed the following documents:

- Statement of Environmental Effects (Revised), Waste disposal facility, Yeronga Pit – Salvestro Planning – 28 January 2020.

The EPA does not object to the proposal to modify the consent.

The EPA recommends that the Applicant contact the EPA directly about any concerns relating to variation of the Applicant's Environment Protection Licence that may result from modification of the consent.

If you have any further enquiries about this matter please contact Jason Price by telephoning 6969 0705 or by electronic mail at [riverina.farwest@epa.nsw.gov.au](mailto:riverina.farwest@epa.nsw.gov.au).

Yours sincerely

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## DEVELOPMENT ASSESSMENT REPORT

DA Number:	DA/2007/083 (MA2015/0003)
Address:	Euroka Road, Quandialla
Legal Description:	Lot 1 DP1039488 & Lot 2 DP1039488
Development Description:	Modification of Development Application

### PROJECT OVERVIEW

- Amend Condition C1 (Limits of Approval) by increasing the maximum amount of waste to be accepted at the site from 10,000 tonnes (including up to 5000 tonnes of waste tyres) to 18,000 tonnes (including up to 5000 tonnes of waste tyres).
- Amend Condition C1 to align definition of acceptable waste with NSW EPA Guidelines and POEO Act definitions for general solid waste (non-putrescible).

### PROPERTY DETAILS/HISTORY

	Checked		Comments
File History	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	See table below
Title Plan	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	
Ownership	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	

#### Development History

DA Number	Description	Date
DA 119/95	Continued Operation of Extractive Industry	Nov 1995
53/01	Subdivision application to create Lots 1 & 2 DP1039488	Feb 2002
DA/2007/083	Waste Disposal Facility	June 2008
MOD/2010/004	Amend condition C2 – Lining of Pits	June 2010
DA/2013/082	Resource Recovery (Waste Tyres)	August 2013

### APPLICATION TYPE

Does this application require referral for decision by Council?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Is this application an Integrated Development Application?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Is this application a Designated Development Application?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Is this application for State Significant Development?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Is this application submitted by/on behalf of a Public Authority?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Is this application a staged Development?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Stage Detail:		
Is this application a section 4.55 amendment?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Does this application require concurrence referral?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>

Does this application require courtesy comment?			Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>Department</b>	<b>Date Requested</b>	<b>Date Received</b>	<b>Comments/Issues Raised</b>	
NSW EPA	8/7/2021	29/7/2021	The EPA does not object to the proposed modification.	

		Applicable	
<b>SEPP (Affordable Rental Housing) 2009</b>	<i>The SEPP provides for an increase in the supply and diversity of affordable rental and social housing in NSW.</i>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>SEPP (Building Sustainability Index: BASIX) 2004</b>	<i>The SEPP provides for the implementation of BASIX throughout the State.</i>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>SEPP (Concurrences and Consents) 2018</b>	<i>This SEPP allows the Planning Secretary to act as a concurrence authority.</i>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>SEPP (Educational Establishments and Childcare Facilities) 2017</b>	<i>This SEPP facilitates the effective delivery of educational establishments and early education and care facilities.</i>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>SEPP (Exempt and Complying Development Codes) 2008</b>	<i>The SEPP provides exempt and complying development codes that have State-wide application.</i>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>SEPP (Housing for Seniors or People with a Disability) 2004</b>	<i>The SEPP aims to encourage provision of housing for seniors, including residential care facilities. The SEPP provides development standards.</i>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>SEPP (Infrastructure) 2007</b>	<i>The SEPP provides a consistent approach for infrastructure and the provision of services across NSW, and to support greater efficiency in the location of infrastructure and service facilities.</i>	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>SEPP (Mining, Petroleum Production and Extractive Industries) 2007</b>	<i>The SEPP aims to provide proper management of mineral, petroleum and extractive material resources and ESD</i>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>SEPP No 21 (Caravan Parks)</b>	<i>This SEPP aims to encourage the orderly and economic use and development of land for land intended to be used as a caravan park.</i>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>SEPP No 33 (Hazardous and Offensive Development)</b>	<i>The SEPP provides a systematic approach to the assessment of development proposals for potentially hazardous and offensive industry or storage.</i>	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>SEPP No 36 (Manufactured Home Estates)</b>	<i>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 reserved under the National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974, Crown reserves or specified categories of excluded land.</i>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>SEPP No 55 (Remediation of Land)</b>	<i>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 require development consent; and provides certification and operational requirements for remediation works that can be undertaken without development consent.</i>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>



<b>SEPP No 64 (Advertising and Signage)</b> <i>The SEPP provides planning controls for advertising and signage in NSW. The 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.</i>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>SEPP No 65 (Design Quality of Residential Apartment Development)</b> <i>The SEPP provides consistent planning and design standards for residential apartment buildings across NSW.</i>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>SEPP (Primary Production and Rural Development) 2019</b> <i>This SEPP facilitates the orderly economic use and development of lands for primary production; reduce land use conflict and sterilisation of rural land.</i>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>SEPP (State and Regional Development) 2011</b> <i>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.</i>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>SEPP (Vegetation in Non-Rural Areas) 2017</b> <i>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.</i>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>

#### **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 site is identified as being potentially contaminated as a result of waste disposal activities taking place on the site. The site is licenced by the EPA for use as a waste disposal facility.

#### **State Environmental Planning Policy No 33 – Hazardous and Offensive Development**

#### **Comment**

Waste disposal facilities are identified as potentially offensive development. The application was referred to the EPA who have no objection to the proposal. As EPA licencing requirements can be met the development is not defined as 'offensive development'

#### **State Environmental Planning Policy (Infrastructure) 2007**

#### **Comment**

The land subject to this modification application is subject to an existing development consent for a waste disposal facility on land that is degraded as a result of an extractive industry.

## **LOCAL ENVIRONMENTAL PLAN**

The subject land is zoned:	RU1 Primary Production
Definition from LEP	Waste Disposal Facility means a building or place used for the disposal of waste by landfill, incineration or other means, including such works or

	activities as recycling, resource recovery and other resource management activities, energy generation from gases, leachate management, odour control and the winning of extractive material to generate a void for disposal of waste or to cover waste after its disposal.	
Permissibility:	The development is considered to be permissible with consent.	
Clause	Compliance	
<b>Part 4 Principal Development Standards</b>		
4.1	Minimum subdivision lot size	Not Applicable
4.1AA	Minimum subdivision lot size for community title schemes	Not Applicable
4.1A	Minimum subdivision lot size for strata plan schemes in certain rural and environmental zones	Not Applicable
4.2	Rural Subdivision	Not Applicable
4.2A	Erection of dwelling houses on land in certain rural and environmental protection zones	Not Applicable
4.2B	Erection of rural workers' dwellings	Not Applicable
4.3	Height of buildings	Not adopted
4.4	Floor space ratio	Not adopted
4.5	Calculation of floor space ratio	Not adopted
4.6	Exceptions to development standards	Not Applicable
<b>Comment:</b>	The proposed modification of the development application does not relate to subdivision or the erection of dwellings and does not seek to modify development standards.	
<b>Part 5 Miscellaneous Provisions</b>		
5.1	Relevant acquisition authority	Not Applicable
5.2	Classification and reclassification of public land	Not Applicable
5.3	Development near zone boundaries	Not Applicable
5.4	Controls relating to miscellaneous permissible uses	Not Applicable
5.5	Repealed	Not Applicable
5.6	Architectural roof features	Not adopted
5.7	Development below mean high water mark	Not applicable
5.8	Conversion of fire alarms	Not Applicable
5.9	Repealed	Not Applicable
5.9AA	Repealed	Not Applicable
5.10	Heritage conservation	Not Applicable
5.11	Bushfire hazard reduction	Not Applicable
5.12	Infrastructure development and use of existing buildings of the crown	Not Applicable
5.13	Eco-tourist facilities	Not Applicable
5.14	Siding spring Observatory – maintaining dark sky	Not adopted

5.15	Defence communications facility	Not adopted
5.16	Subdivision of, or dwellings on, land in certain rural, residential or environment protection zones	Not Applicable
5.17	Artificial water bodies in environmentally sensitive areas of operation of irrigation corporations	Not Applicable
5.18	Intensive livestock agriculture	Not Applicable
5.19	Pond-based, tank based and oyster aquaculture	Not Applicable
<b>Comment:</b>	The proposed modification does not seek to amend any miscellaneous provisions listed in Part 5 of the Bland Local Environmental Plan 2011.	
<b>Part 6 Additional local provisions</b>		
6.1	Essential services	Not Applicable
6.2	Earthworks	Not Applicable
6.3	Terrestrial biodiversity	Not Applicable
6.4	Riparian land and watercourses	Not Applicable
6.5	Wetlands	Not Applicable
6.6	Groundwater vulnerability	Not Applicable
6.7	Flood Planning	Not Applicable
6.8	Airspace operations	Not Applicable
6.9	Location of sex services premises	Not Applicable
<b>Comment:</b>	The proposed modification	

## DEVELOPMENT CONTROL PLAN

<b>PART 1.3 DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION NEIGHBOUR NOTIFICATION POLICY</b>		
Is the proposal Advertised Development?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>Comment</b> Not applicable		
Did the application require Neighbour Notification?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Comment</b> The application was notified to adjoining neighbours between 26 July 2021 and 27 August 2021. One (1) submission was received.		

<b>PART 7 INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT</b>		
<b>Setbacks</b>		
<b>PI1</b>	<b>Front/Road Setbacks</b> Setbacks complement the streetscape and allow for landscaping and open space between buildings.	Not Relevant
<b>PI2</b>	<b>Side and Rear Setbacks</b> Side and rear setbacks provide emergency services access and reduces adverse impacts on adjoining properties.	Not Relevant
<b>Comment</b> The modification application relates to an existing facility. No change to setbacks is proposed.		
<b>Building Design</b>		
<b>PI3</b>	<b>Building Design</b> Buildings are designed to integrate with the streetscape and be compatible with their surroundings.	Not Relevant
<b>PI4</b>	<b>Building Height</b> Building height is maintained at a scale appropriate to the location of the development.	Not Relevant
<b>PI5</b>	<b>Ancillary Uses</b> Ancillary uses are designed, constructed and located in a sympathetic manner which enhances the visual amenity of the development.	Not Relevant
<b>PI6</b>	Ancillary office space is designed to be integral to the industrial development.	Not Relevant
<b>PI7</b>	<b>Security</b> Building design facilitates surveillance of streets and open spaces.	Not Relevant
<b>PI8</b>	<b>Building Materials</b> The form, colours, textures and materials of buildings should enhance the quality and character of the industrial precinct.	Not Relevant
<b>Comment</b> The proposal relates to the modification of two (2) existing conditions and will not result in new buildings or changes to existing structure.		
<b>Landscaping</b>		
<b>PI9</b>	<b>Site Planning</b> Landscaping is considered as a component of the site planning process and reflects the scale of the development.	Not Relevant
<b>PI10</b>	<b>Existing trees and shrubs</b> Development is designed to maximise the number of trees retained onsite.	Not Relevant
<b>PI11</b>	<b>Visual Amenity</b> Landscaping is used to soften the impact of buildings, as a screen to visual intrusions, parking areas and for recreation space.	Not Relevant
<b>PI12</b>	<b>Water Efficiency</b> Landscaping should use indigenous species of a low water demand.	Not Relevant
<b>Comment</b> Landscaping is not relevant to the proposed modification.		
<b>Vehicular Access, Parking and Hardstand Areas</b>		
<b>PI13</b>	<b>Ingress and Egress</b> Ingress and egress points are located and sized to facilitate the safe and efficient movement of vehicles to and from the site.	Not Relevant

	<p>Note: The design vehicle used to determine the width of the ingress, egress, driveways, accessways and manoeuvring areas is to be the largest vehicle likely to enter the site.</p> <p>The minimum design vehicle for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• IN2 Light Industry zone is a prime mover and semi-trailer (19 metres); and</li> <li>• IN1 General Industrial zone is a B-Double (25 metres).</li> </ul>	
<b>PI14</b>	<p><b>Accessways</b> Accessways and driveways are sized to facilitate the safe and efficient movement of vehicles to, from and within the site.</p> <p>Note: The dimensions mentioned are minimums only. It is still required that the width be suitable given the turning path of the required vehicle design.</p>	Not Relevant
<b>PI15</b>	<p><b>Car Parking</b> Car parking does not adversely impact upon the visual amenity of the site and the locality.</p>	Not Relevant
<b>PI16</b>	Car parking is conveniently located and easily accessed.	Not Relevant
<b>PI17</b>	Car parking areas are designed to facilitate the safe movement of vehicles and provide a sufficient number of spaces for the projected needs of the development.	Not Relevant
<b>PI18</b>	<p><b>Loading/Unloading and Manoeuvring Areas</b> Facilities are provided onsite for the loading and unloading of goods.</p>	Not Relevant
<b>PI19</b>	Manoeuvring areas are provided to ensure that the design vehicle can enter and leave the site in a forward direction.	Not Relevant
<b>PI20</b>	<p><b>Sealing and Drainage</b> All driveways, car parks, loading, unloading, manoeuvring areas etc are appropriately drained and sealed.</p>	Not Relevant
<p><b>Comment</b> There is no proposed changes to the current access arrangements. An increase in the amount of waste that can be accepted at the site will result in additional vehicle movements.</p>		
<p><b>Fencing</b></p>		
<b>PI21</b>	<p><b>Fencing and Screen Walls</b> Fencing and screen walls do not adversely impact upon the visual amenity of the area.</p>	Not Relevant
<p><b>Comment</b> No applicable to the proposed modification.</p>		
<p><b>Soil and Water Quality and Noise Management</b></p>		
<b>PI22</b>	<p><b>Soil Erosion</b> Adequate provision is made for measures during construction to ensure that the land form is stabilised and erosion is controlled.</p>	Not Relevant
<b>PI23</b>	<p><b>Water Quality</b> The system design optimises the interception, retention and removal of water-borne pollutants through the uses of appropriate criteria, prior to their discharge to receiving waters.</p>	Not Relevant
<p><b>Comment</b></p>		

No		
<b>Stormwater Management</b>		
<b>PI24</b>	Drainage from development sites is consistent with the predevelopment stormwater patterns.	Not Relevant
<b>PI25</b>	Drainage systems should be designed to ensure safety and minimise stormwater inundation of habitable floor areas.	Not Relevant
<b>Comment</b> Not relevant to the proposed modification.		
<b>Noise Management</b>		
<b>PI26</b>	The hours of operation of noise generating activities are restricted to avoid any noise nuisance upon surrounding residential areas.	Not Relevant
<b>Comment</b> Existing hours of operation will apply.		

<b>PART 9 PRIMARY PRODUCTION</b>		
<b>Site Integration</b>		
<b>PPP1</b>	<b>Adjoining Uses</b> Consideration is given to the nature of adjoining uses so as to obtain optimum amenity and privacy.	Not Relevant
<b>PPP2</b>	<b>Prevailing Winds</b> Developments are located and designed to address prevailing winds.	Not Relevant
<b>PPP3</b>	<b>Existing Opportunities</b> Developments are located in order to make best use of existing infrastructure and resources.	Not Relevant
<b>PPP4</b>	<b>Natural Hazards</b> The impacts of natural hazards, such as fire, flood and wind storms are reduced.	Not Relevant
<b>Comment</b> The proposal relates to an existing waste disposal facility.		
<b>Servicing</b>		
<b>PPP5</b>	<b>Water</b> Water supply capable of servicing the needs of the proposed development in terms of domestic, stock, fire fighting and other needs is available.	Not Relevant
<b>PPP6</b>	<b>Electricity</b> Access to an electricity supply capable of servicing the proposed development.	Not Relevant
<b>PPP7</b>	<b>Telecommunications</b> Access to telecommunications capable of servicing the proposed development is available.	Not Relevant
<b>PPP8</b>	<b>Service Corridors</b> The location of proposed service corridors are chosen to minimise the impact on the environment and the agricultural use of the land.	Not Relevant
<b>Comment</b> Additional services are not required for the proposed modification.		
<b>Access</b>		

<b>PPP9</b>	<b><i>Sight Distance</i></b> There is adequate sight distance to allow safe manoeuvring to and from the property.	Not Relevant
<b>PPP10</b>	<b><i>All Weather Access</i></b> There is all weather access provided from the development to the public road.	Not Relevant
<b>PPP11</b>	<b><i>Access in times of flood</i></b> Access is flood free where possible to allow safe transit during and after periods of heavy rain.	Not Relevant
<b>PPP12</b>	<b><i>Emergency Vehicles</i></b> Access for emergency vehicles is available in times of fire, flood and other emergencies.	Not Relevant
<b>PPP13</b>	<b><i>Property Identification</i></b> Property access must clearly identify the property address	Not Relevant
<b>Comment</b> There is no change proposed to the existing access. It is considered that the existing access will accommodate the increase in vehicle movements.		

<b>PART 11 CAR PARKING AND VEHICLE ACCESS</b>		
<b>PCP1</b>	Parking operations are logical and the circulation pattern clearly defined through the use of appropriate traffic management measures.	Not Relevant
<b>PCP2</b>	Parking areas are designed to operate in a safe manner for drivers and pedestrians.	Not Relevant
<b>PCP3</b>	Finished surface of the car park, driveway, turning circle and loading areas is of a suitable material for the proposed activity.	Not Relevant
<b>PCP4</b>	Pedestrians are separated from vehicular traffic as much as physically possible.	Not Relevant
<b>PCP5</b>	For one way traffic, circulation is in the clockwise direction.	Not Relevant
<b>PCP6</b>	Solid walls or other obstructions to visibility are avoided on the inside of tight turns.	Not Relevant
<b>PCP7</b>	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.	Not Relevant
<b>PCP8</b>	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.	Not Relevant
<b>PCP9</b>	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.  <i>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.</i>	Not Relevant
<b>PCP10</b>	Where the development generates a reasonable volume of traffic, separate entry and exit locations are provided with suitable separation between the access points.	Not Relevant



<b>PCP11</b>	Good sight distance is provided onto footpath areas from vehicles leaving car parking areas.	Meets Acceptable Solution
<b>PCP12</b>	Garages in residential development are capable of easy entry and exit.	Not Relevant
<b>PCP13</b>	Grades of parking areas are minimised, consistent with achieving adequate drainage	Not Relevant
<b>PCP14</b>	Turning circles are to cater for the range of vehicle sizes anticipated to utilise the site.	Meets Acceptable Solution
<b>PCP15</b>	Delivery areas are separated (either physically or through timed deliveries) from customer parking areas.	Not Relevant
<b>PCP16</b>	Provisions are made in the design of loading docks so that delivery vehicles do not conflict with customer traffic.	Not Relevant
<b>Comment</b> The existing access arrangements are considered suitable to meet the demand of the development as proposed in the modification application.		
<b>11.3 Number of Carparking Spaces Required</b>		
<b>PNC1</b>	New car parks are sufficient in number and design to provide appropriately for the needs of new development.	Not Relevant
<b>Comment</b> Additional car parking spaces are not required as a result of this proposal.		

### PLANNING AGREEMENT

#### Section 4.15(1)(a) (iia) – EP & A Act

Is there a planning agreement in force under section 7.4 of the EP&A Act	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Has a Planning Agreement been offered under this development?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

### PLANNING STRATEGIES/LOCAL POLICY

Is there a Planning Strategy or Local Policy that requires notation?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Has the applicant submitted any supporting planning assessments?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Comment</b> A Waste Management Plan was submitted with the application.		

### SUBDIVISION

Does this application include subdivision?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>Comment</b> Subdivision is not proposed as part of this development.		

### ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS

#### Section 4.15(1)(b) – EP & A Act

	Impact		Comment
Social	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	The proposal will have minimal social impact. The proposal will reduce the life of the facility and result in earlier completion of rehabilitation works.
Economic	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	The waste disposal facility provides employment opportunities in the local community. It is anticipated

			that the proposed modification will require employment of seven (7) additional employees.
Siting & Configuration	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Not applicable
Setbacks	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Not applicable
Privacy	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Not applicable
Overshadowing	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Not applicable
Solar Access	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Not applicable
Visual	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Not applicable
Amenity	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	Increased vehicle movements will generate additional noise impacts in the locality.
Water	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Not applicable
Air	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Dust control measures are included in the original development consent.
Noise	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	Increased vehicle movements will generate additional noise impacts in the locality.
Land Degradation	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	Rehabilitation of the site will be required as part of the original quarry DA and the original DA for the Waste Disposal Facility.
Vegetation Loss	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Vegetation removal is not proposed as part of the modification application.
Flora	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Not applicable
Fauna	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Not applicable
Has a Threatened Species Impact Assessment been prepared?		Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Does the proposed development require approval under the EPBC Act?		Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>Heritage</b>	<b>Impact</b>		<b>Comment</b>
European	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Aboriginal	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Is the land classified as containing and item of environmental heritage?		Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Is there an impact on a heritage item in the vicinity of the proposal?		Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>Comment</b>			
There have been no heritage items identified on the site or in the vicinity of the site.			
Is this proposal in a heritage conservation area?		Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Is this proposal in an adjoining or in close vicinity to a conservation area?		Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Has a Heritage Impact Statement been prepared for the proposal?		Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Has an Archaeological Survey been prepared for this proposal?		Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

## FLOODING

### Section 4.15(1)(b) – EP & A Act

Is this property flood affected?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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**BUSHFIRE PRONE LAND***Section 4.15(1)(b) – EP & A Act*

Is this property bushfire prone as per the Bush Fire Prone Land Map?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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**CONTAMINATED LAND***Section 4.15(1)(b) – EP & A Act*

Has this land been identified as being contaminated land by Council?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Does this land require remediation?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Has a Contaminated Land Site Investigation been completed?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Is it possible that this land may be contaminated?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Is this land in the close vicinity or adjoining a known contaminated site?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

**INFRASTRUCTURE***Section 4.15(1)(b) – EP & A Act*

Is an engineering assessment required?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Has an engineering assessment been completed?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Who completed the engineering assessment?	Will Marsh	

**Comment**

Not applicable to the modification proposal.

Does this proposal have any potential impact on:

	Impact		Comment
Sewer	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Not applicable
Water	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Not applicable
Drainage	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Not applicable
Access	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Not applicable
Kerb & Gutter	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Not applicable
Upgrade Existing Road	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	Not required.
Road Network	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	The existing road network can accommodate the proposed increase in vehicle movements.
Existing Easements	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Not applicable
Electricity	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Not applicable
Telecommunications	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Not applicable
Pedestrian Access	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Not applicable
Loading and Unloading	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Not applicable
Parking	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Not applicable
Energy Consumption	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Not applicable

Does the development require any new easements?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Has an Erosion and Sedimentation Control Plan been submitted?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

### CONSTRUCTION ASSESSMENT

Is a construction certificate required?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Is a subdivision works certificate required?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Was a construction certificate application submitted with this application?	N/A	
Has Council been appointed as the Principal Certifying Authority?	N/A	
Is an annual Fire Safety Certificate required?	N/A	

### SECTION 68 ASSESSMENT

Is a Section 68 assessment required?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Has a Section 68 assessment been completed?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Was a Section 68 application submitted with this application?	N/A	
What type of Section 68 approval is required?	<input type="checkbox"/>	Sewer
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Onsite Waste Water
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Stormwater
	<input type="checkbox"/>	

### DEVELOPER CONTRIBUTIONS

Does this proposal require any Developer Contributions	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Amount	\$ N/A	

### ADVERTISING SIGNAGE

Does this application include advertising signage?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Has an assessment under SEPP 64 been carried out?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

### NOTIFICATION

Does this application required neighbour notification?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Is this application advertised development under the EP & A Act?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Was this application notified/advertised as per the provisions of:	CPP	
Was this application notified/advertised for public interest purposes only?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Dates notification undertaken:		
Commenced:	26/07/2021	Finished: 27/08/2021
Were there any written submissions received?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>

Issue	Comment
Noise from heavy vehicles accessing the site.	The proposed modification will generate additional heavy vehicles accessing the site. However, it is considered that the approved hours of operation will limit the impact on property owners in the vicinity.  The distance in the noise report is 650 metres. This is consistent with having measured from waste disposal facility.
Noise from reversing alerts.	The applicant has submitted an assessment of the potential impacts of noise which indicates that noise at sensitive receivers are within acceptable levels.
Location of gates	The gates are located in the position approved under the original consent for the waste disposal facility.
Disposal of combustible materials and issue with previous fire.	The accompanying Waste Management Plans provides fire prevention measure that will be implemented for fire prevention and control purposes.
Wind blown litter.	The accompanying Waste Management Plan provides a range of measures that will be implemented to reduce wind blown litter.

### SECTION 88B INSTRUMENT

Does Council require a Section 88b instrument to be prepared?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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### PUBLIC INTEREST

Does this proposal have any construction or safety issues?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>Comment:</b>		
Are there any public health issues associated with the proposal?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Are there any other public interest issues?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

### SITE SUITABILITY

Is the site suitable for the development?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
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### ASSESSING OFFICER COMMENT

<b>Comment:</b>	The application has been assessed in accordance with Section 4.15 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979. The issues raised during assessment and public exhibition of the application have been considered in the assessment of the application. The site is considered suitable for the proposed development and the proposal adequately addresses relevant planning controls. The development is not considered to be contrary to the public's interest and will not result in significant adverse social, environmental or economic impact.
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## RECOMMENDATION

Approved

**Comment:**

The site is considered suitable for the proposed development and the proposal adequately addresses relevant planning controls. The development is not considered to be contrary to the public's interest and will not result in significant adverse social, environmental or economic impact. It is recommended that the application be approved.

## ASSESSING OFFICER

Assessing Officer: Lesley Duncan

Position: Manager Development & Regulatory Services

DATE: 13/09/2021

Signature:

## 8.13 Bland Shire Local Weed Management Plan



Our Prosperity - Growing our population and jobs

### 16.3 Promote agricultural practices which are leading edge and efficient

**Author:** Foreman Environmental Services

#### **Introduction**

A Bland Shire Local weed management plan was developed as changes in legislation led to the Biosecurity Act 2015 replacing the Noxious Weeds Act 1993

#### **Financial Implications**

Nil

#### **Summary**

The Bland Shire Local Weed Management Plan is based on the Riverina Regional Strategic Management Plan principles and priorities.

The Plan prioritises actions based on local risk, impact and feasibility of control.

#### **Recommendation:**

**That the Bland Shire Local Weed Management Plan draft be adopted.**



BLAND SHIRE COUNCIL  
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# BLAND SHIRE LOCAL WEED MANAGEMENT PLAN





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## 1. Introduction

### 1.1. The Bland Shire Council Local Government Authority Region

#### INTRODUCTION

The Bland Shire Council Local Government region covers an area of 8557 square kms, with a population of approximately 6000 people.

West Wyalong is the largest town, with a population of about 3500. Other towns include Wyalong, Ungarie, Weethalle, Tallimba, Barmedman and Mirrool.

The Bland topography ranges from very flat country to areas of low, undulating hills. The highest landforms are found in the Naradhan range near the western boundary of the area, with Mount Melougal at 525 metres, and Mount Mologne at 509 metres above sea level. Other significant peaks are Narriah Mountain - between Weethalle and Yalgogrin, and Wamboyne Mountain, just to the east of Lake Cowal on Councils north-eastern boundary.

A long series of low undulating hills extending from the north - western boundary of the Shire near Tullibigeal and swinging south east to just south of Barmedman, form the watershed between the Lachlan and Murrumbidgee Rivers.

Most of the surface run-off water from the eastern parts of the Shire flows through to Lake Cowal via the creeks of Bland, Back, Barmedman, and Warbilla. Sullivans, Corringale and Tea Tree Creeks near West Wyalong also flow to the north to Lake Cowal. These waterways are part of the Lachlan catchment.

Most watercourses to the western side of the watershed contribute to the Murrumbidgee catchment.

Land use is primarily agricultural, with the main commodities being wheat, barley, canola, wool, beef and lamb production.

National Parks/State forests also cover significant areas of the LGA.

A large gold mine is situated on the western edge of Lake Cowal.

Average annual rainfall in the Shire ranges from about 430 millimetres in the west of the Shire to 510 millimetres in the south and south east.

In summer months temperatures can be over 40 degrees Celsius, averaging in the high 30's and down to below zero in winter with numerous frosts.

## **1.2. Implementation of the Biosecurity Act 2015**

On 1 July 2017, the NSW *Biosecurity Act 2015* (the Act) became the primary legislation dealing with weed management in NSW. The Act supersedes the *Noxious Weeds Act 1993* and operates on a risk management framework, providing flexibility in the development and implementation of weed management programs at a local level based on the level of risk that a weed poses to the local economy, environment and/or community.

The primary objective of the Act is to provide a framework for the prevention, elimination and minimization of a wide range of biosecurity risks, including pest animals, diseases, contaminants and weeds. In relation to the management of weeds, the Act aims to prevent the introduction of new weeds into or within the State, to eradicate new incursions quickly and efficiently and to minimise the impact of widespread established weeds.

The term “Noxious” has been removed from all Biosecurity legislation and other publications. The term “Noxious weeds” is also no longer used, and has been replaced most commonly by the term “Priority weeds”. Under the Biosecurity Act, “Priority weeds” are weeds that have been determined as being of a high risk of causing significant negative impacts to agriculture, the environment, the community and our economy.

The responsibility of controlling weeds and preventing their spread is known as a “General Biosecurity Duty”. All landowners, government agencies and contractors have an obligation or “General Biosecurity Duty” to ensure that their Weeds issues do not affect any other landholder or enterprise.

This plan identifies the priority weeds with which Bland Shire Council maintains an active management and compliance program. It also specifies the extent to which land managers within the Bland Region must manage these priority weeds in the absence of State legislated requirements.

### **1.2.1. Prohibited Matter**

Schedule 2 of the Act identifies weeds, which are legislated as Prohibited Matter throughout NSW. These weeds are subject to specific restrictions relating to the possession, purchase, sale, movement and other dealings as identified in the Act. A person who becomes aware of the presence of a prohibited weed, or suspects that a prohibited event has occurred, is occurring or is about to occur must immediately notify Council.

### **1.2.2. Mandatory measures**

Schedule 3 of the Biosecurity Regulations 2017 (the Regulations) identifies a number of weeds with which mandatory measures apply. The mandatory measures applying to these weeds are detailed in Clause 33 of the Regulations as ‘a person must not import into the State or sell’ any listed plant.

### 1.2.3. General Biosecurity Duty

Many priority weeds within the Bland Shire region are not subject to Prohibited Matter restrictions or to mandatory measures. To ensure that the risk posed by all weeds is prevented, eliminated or minimised, the Act requires land managers to manage all weeds in accordance with their 'General Biosecurity Duty'.

General Biosecurity Duty is referred to in Section 22 of the Act as *“Any person who deals with biosecurity matter or a carrier and who knows, or ought reasonably to know, the biosecurity risk posed or likely to be posed by the biosecurity matter, carrier or dealing has a biosecurity duty to ensure that, so far as reasonably practicable, the biosecurity risk is prevented, eliminated or minimised”*.

Although the general biosecurity duty applies broadly, there are a number of elements that must be satisfied. These are well defined by NSW Department of Primary Industries at (<https://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/biosecurity/biosecurity-legislation/general-biosecurity-duty>) as:

**Dealing with** – the general biosecurity duty only applies to a person who 'deals with' biosecurity matter or a carrier of biosecurity matter. 'Deal with' includes a wide range of activities, which are listed in section 12 of the Act. Some examples of dealing with biosecurity matter are; to keep, possess, grow, breed, move, supply or manufacture biosecurity matter.

**Knowledge** – a person must know, or ought reasonably to know, that there is or is likely to be a biosecurity risk arising from the biosecurity matter, carrier or 'dealing'. This will be a question of fact and will depend on the circumstances of each situation.

**People who know or ought reasonably to know will** generally include people who deal with biosecurity matter or carriers on a regular basis as part of a commercial or recreational activity, and people who work professionally (i.e. 'deal') with a particular type of biosecurity matter or carrier. For these people, their general knowledge and expertise would, in most cases be sufficient to indicate they know the risks.

**'Reasonably practicable'** – what is reasonably practicable for the prevention, elimination or minimisation of a biosecurity risk will depend on what was reasonably able to be done at a particular time, taking into account and weighing up all relevant matters. Relevant matters include, the nature and potential impact of the biosecurity risk, the person's level of knowledge of the risk and related actions that could be taken to prevent, eliminate or minimise the risk, and the cost, availability and suitability of these actions. It is not likely to be reasonably practicable if the cost is greatly disproportionate to the risk.

**Preventing, eliminating or minimising** the biosecurity risk – the risk must be prevented or eliminated if reasonably practicable, otherwise it must be minimised so far as is reasonably practicable.

The general biosecurity duty can apply to more than one person in relation to the same biosecurity risk, for example, an owner and a manager may both be responsible for managing a particular biosecurity risk on a property.

## 2. Riverina Regional Strategic Weed Management Plan 2017-2022

The Riverina Regional Strategic Weed Management Plan 2017-2022 (the Regional Plan) was developed by the Riverina Regional Weed Committee in 2017 on behalf of the Riverina Local Land Services Board.

The committee was formed to develop and implement strategic and collaborative weed management, resource allocation and investment in the Riverina region. It includes representatives from local government, NSW Department of Primary Industries, Aboriginal Lands Council, Crown Lands, National Parks and Wildlife service, Forestry Corporation of NSW, Transport NSW, NSW Farmers, Landcare, and Riverina Local Land Services.

The Regional plan identifies a number of weed priorities within the Riverina and recommends strategic responses to prevent, eliminate or minimise the biosecurity risk associated with each weed.

The Bland Shire Council Local Weed Management Plan adopts the principles and priorities identified within the Regional Plan and further prioritises actions based on local risk, impact and feasibility of control.

**Bland Shire Council is a constituent member of the Riverina Regional Weeds Committee, one of fifteen Riverina Councils.**

**Council is also a member of the Lachlan Valley Weeds Advisory Committee, working collaboratively with Councils in the Central West and Central Tablelands regions.**

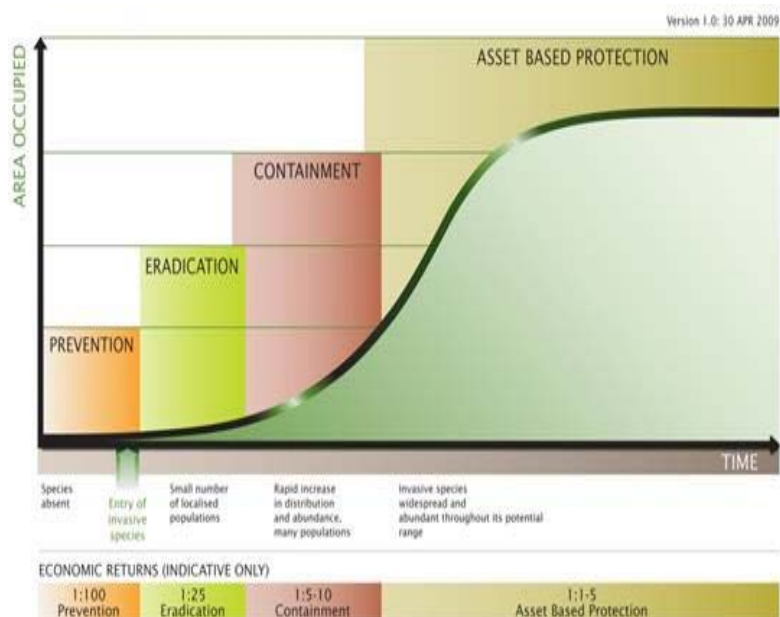
### 3. Priority weeds within the Bland LGA Region

The vast size of the region brings diversity in landscape, climate, soil type and land use. With this diversity comes significant variations in weed type, density and impacts. It also influences the capacity of land managers to reach a common standard in weed control. The Bland Shire Council Local Weed Management Plan recognises that a ‘one shoe fits all’ approach to weed management may not achieve efficient resource allocation or satisfactory weed control outcomes in some situations. For this reason, the plan applies risk - based methodology to impose weed control requirements on land managers based on the level of risk posed by a weed and the prevalence of the weed at paddock, property and/or landscape scale.

The plan recognises that while a myriad of introduced weeds are present within the region; finite resources restrict works programs to a limited number of particularly high priority weeds. These weeds are ones that have an identified impact on the local economy, environment and/or community.

The **Generalised weed invasion curve** is the foundation of state, regional and local plans and strategies. It informs resource allocation and ensures that weed control programs are achievable and cost effective to the community. The invasion curve promotes the preferential allocation of resources at the early stages of invasion where the likelihood of prevention or eradication is greatest. It does not take away from investment into managing established weeds, as these weeds often have significant and long- term impacts on community values. The invasion curve prioritises resource allocation into managing established weeds in a strategic manner to protect those community values.

**Figure 2. Generalised invasion Curve**



Many weed species considered widespread throughout NSW have a very limited distribution within areas of the Bland Region. The objective of this plan is to prioritise resource allocation towards eradicating isolated infestations where possible, and to reducing the impact of the weed where it is not.

### **3.1 Prevention**

The Biosecurity Act 2015 promotes a principle of shared responsibility. It imposes an obligation on land managers to prevent the introduction of weeds onto land under their management. Land managers, defined by the Act as ‘dealers’ must take all reasonable precautions to prevent the introduction of weeds into the region and onto their land through the introduction of fodder, livestock, vehicles and other weed carriers.

### **3.2 Elimination**

This plan imposes strict conditions on all land managers to eliminate isolated infestations of priority weeds at paddock, property and landscape scale. In discharging their duty, land managers or ‘dealers’ must fully and continuously suppress and destroy isolated infestations where it is reasonably practicable to do so in accordance with Section 16 of the *Biosecurity Act 2015*.

### **3.3 Containment and Asset Protection**

Many weeds have become naturalised in areas of the Bland region, though may have not reached their maximum potential. These weeds continue to impact on the region’s social, economic and environmental health, and must be managed with a strong and effective program. This plan aims to contain the spread of priority weeds and to reduce their incidence in affected areas where it is reasonably practicable to do so.

Where infestations are well established and widespread, the growth of plants must be controlled in a manner that continuously inhibits the ability of the plants to spread. Plants may spread by sexual (e.g. seeding events) or asexual means (e.g. lateral spread by underground rhizomes) or by a combination of both. Control measures must be implemented which address the specific mechanism(s) of spread for the target plant.

This plan recognises the high cost of control of some established weeds and enables land managers to submit a staged control plan to Council for approval. A staged control plan must provide detailed objectives and suitable timeframes to be approved by Council.

Some localised areas of the Bland region contain infestations of priority weeds whereby the weed is the dominant species and to which a reduction in incidence is unlikely in a localised situation with current technologies. In such areas, buffers and containment strategies may be imposed by Council to protect priority assets.

Control requirements for priority weeds within the Bland Shire Council Region are detailed within Appendices 1-12.

## **4. Plan Review**

This plan will be reviewed in 2022 in line with a review of the Regional Plan.

## APPENDIX 1 St John's Wort

### Bland Shire Council Local Management Plan for St John's Wort (*Hypericum perforatum*)

#### Introduction

St John's Wort is a hardy, perennial plant, which can rapidly invade and dominate native and introduced pastures, roadsides, open woodlands and conservation areas. Its aggressive nature and ability to reproduce by seeding and by lateral growth from underground rhizomes enables it to spread rapidly. One plant may produce up to 30 000 seeds each year, some of which can remain dormant for several years. The sticky seed can spread by attaching to animals and through grazing.



St John's Wort plants contain a poisonous substance, hypericin, which is toxic to livestock. Hypericin causes photosensitisation, with bare skin or white haired areas becoming reddened, itchy and blistered. Irritation can be intense and accompanied by restlessness, loss of condition, convulsions, blindness and eventually death. Grazing of the plant can also cause abortion and nervous system disorders in livestock.

#### Purpose of this plan

To specify the control measures that a landholder must implement to ensure that his/her General Biosecurity Duty is discharged in relation to St John's Wort.

#### Legal status

The Biosecurity Act 2015 governs the management of invasive weeds in NSW. The Local Control Authority (Bland Shire Council) is responsible for ensuring the prevention, elimination, minimisation and management of the biosecurity risk posed by invasive weeds. It is also responsible for the development, implementation, co-ordination and review of invasive weed control programs within its area of jurisdiction.

Any person dealing (e.g. the owner or occupier of land) with St John's Wort must comply with his or her General Biosecurity Duty.

**Biosecurity ACT 2015 – General Biosecurity Duty Any person who deals with biosecurity matter or a carrier and who knows, or ought reasonably to know, the biosecurity risk posed or likely to be posed by the biosecurity matter, carrier or dealing has a biosecurity duty to ensure that, so far as is reasonably practicable, the biosecurity risk is prevented, eliminated or minimised.**

#### Control Objective

The primary objective of this plan is to reduce the negative impact of St John's Wort on the Bland Shire Council regions economic, environmental and social sustainability.



**Council requirements** Bland Shire Council has a duty as Local Control Authority to inspect all land in connection with its weed control functions. In achieving this, it must ensure the management of the biosecurity risk posed by weeds within its area of jurisdiction.

**Surveillance** Council inspects private and public lands on a five-year cycle. Frequency of inspection increases where isolated infestations of a priority weed occur and in cases of non-compliance; the frequency of which is determined by the level of risk posed by the infestation(s).

**Reporting** Council provides an inspection report to the landowner/occupier following inspection. The report shall indicate the level of infestation, its spatial distribution on the property and the level of control required by the owner/occupier. Infestation data is reported to the NSW Biosecurity Information System.

**Enforcement** Council will enforce the control of St John's Wort where non-compliance is identified. Enforcement measures may include the issue of a penalty infringement notice, entering the land and controlling infestations at the owner/occupier's expense, or the issue of a court attendance notice. Penalties for non-compliance with the Biosecurity Act 2015 are significant.

### **Landowner/occupier requirements**

All property managers have a responsibility to prevent, eliminate or minimize adverse effects on the economy, the environment and the community that arise from weeds. Where full control is feasible Council will enforce that requirement. Where widespread and established invasive species have become "naturalised" in our environment, and Council does not deem full control feasible, it will promote a strategy of minimisation and containment.

St John's Wort is identified as a Priority weed within the Riverina Regional Strategic Weed Management Plan 2017 – 2022. The plan specifies that St John's Wort is subject to a local management program. Bland Shire Council's local management program imposes the following requirements:

#### **Isolated infestations**

**Objective:** Prevent establishment

**Action:** Eliminate infestations

#### **Established infestations**

**Objective:** Containment. Reduce incidence in affected areas.

**The growth of the plant must be controlled in a manner that continuously inhibits the ability of the plant to spread. Infestations may be managed in accordance with a staged control plan approved by Council. In situations where Council deems this requirement not reasonably practicable in accordance with Section 16 of the Biosecurity Act 2015, buffers and containment strategies may be introduced to protect priority assets.**

#### **Other restrictions**

**Land managers must mitigate the risk of introducing this weed to their land. The plant or parts of the plant are not to be traded, carried, grown or released into the environment.**

## APPENDIX 2 African Boxthorn

### Bland Shire Council Local Management Plan for African Boxthorn (*Lycium ferocissimum*)

#### Introduction

African boxthorn is a woody, thorny shrub that can grow up to 5 m high and 3 m wide. Young plants grow quickly, with most growth occurring during spring or other wet periods throughout the year. Plants sometimes drop their leaves and appear dead during drought or in winter. African boxthorn is drought tolerant and can grow on all soil types.

African boxthorn was originally brought into Australia from South Africa in the mid-1800s, for use as a hedge plant. It has since spread from around old homesteads and urban areas.

It is considered a serious weed because of its' spiny nature and ability to develop into impenetrable thickets. Because of this, it smothers native and more useful plants, and can harbour vermin.

It is commonly spread by birds, which eat the fruit of the plant.



#### Purpose of this plan

To specify the control measures that a landholder must implement to ensure that his/her General Biosecurity Duty is discharged in relation to African Boxthorn.

#### Legal status

The management of invasive weeds in NSW is governed by the Biosecurity Act 2015. The Local Control Authority (Bland Shire Council) is responsible for ensuring the prevention, elimination, minimisation and management of the biosecurity risk posed by invasive weeds. It is also responsible for the development, implementation, co-ordination and review of invasive weed control programs within its area of jurisdiction.

Any person dealing (e.g. the owner or occupier of land) with African Boxthorn must comply with his or her General Biosecurity Duty.

**Biosecurity ACT 2015 – General Biosecurity Duty Any person who deals with biosecurity matter or a carrier and who knows, or ought reasonably to know, the biosecurity risk posed or likely to be posed by the biosecurity matter, carrier or dealing has a biosecurity duty to ensure that, so far as is reasonably practicable, the biosecurity risk is prevented, eliminated or minimised.**

#### Control Objective

The primary objective of this plan is to reduce the negative impact of African Boxthorn on the Bland Shire Council regions economic, environmental and social sustainability.

**Council requirements** Bland Shire Council has a duty as Local Control Authority to inspect all land in connection with its weed control functions. In achieving this, it must ensure the management of the biosecurity risk posed by weeds within its area of jurisdiction.

**Surveillance-** Council inspects private and public lands on a five - year cycle. Frequency of inspection increases where isolated infestations of a priority weed occur and in cases of non-compliance; the frequency of which is determined by the level of risk posed by the infestation(s).



**Reporting-** Council provides an inspection report to the landowner/occupier following inspection. The report shall indicate the level of infestation, its spatial distribution on the property and the level of control required by the owner/occupier. Infestation data is reported to the NSW Biosecurity Information System.

**Enforcement-** Council will enforce the control of African Boxthorn where non-compliance is identified. Enforcement measures may include the issue of a penalty infringement notice, entering the land and controlling infestations at the owner/occupier’s expense, or the issue of a court attendance notice. Penalties for non-compliance with the Biosecurity Act 2015 are significant.

### **Landowner/occupier requirements**

All property managers have a responsibility to prevent, eliminate or minimise adverse effects on the economy, the environment and the community that arise from weeds. Where full control is feasible Council will enforce that requirement. Where widespread and established invasive species have become “naturalised” in our environment, and full control is not deemed feasible by Council, it will promote a strategy of minimisation and containment.

African Boxthorn is identified as a Priority weed within the Riverina Regional Strategic Weed Management Plan 2017 – 2022. The plan specifies that African Boxthorn is subject to a local management program. Bland Shire Council’s local management program imposes the following requirements:

#### **Isolated infestations**

**Objective:** Prevent establishment

**Action:** Eliminate infestations

#### **Established infestations**

**Objective:** Containment. Reduce incidence in affected areas.

**The growth of the plant must be controlled in a manner that continuously inhibits the ability of the plant to spread. Infestations may be managed in accordance with a staged control plan approved by Council. In situations where Council deems this requirement not reasonably practicable in accordance with Section 16 of the Biosecurity Act 2015, buffers and containment strategies may be introduced to protect priority assets.**

#### **Other restrictions**

**Land managers must mitigate the risk of introducing this weed to their land. The plant or parts of the plant are not to be traded, carried, grown or released into the environment.**

## APPENDIX 3 Blue Heliotrope

### Bland Shire Council Local Management Plan for Blue Heliotrope (*Heliotropium amplexicaule*)

#### Introduction

Blue heliotrope is extremely drought-hardy, which increases its ability to persist and spread, and has made it a major agricultural weed in NSW. Blue heliotrope competes with desirable pasture plants and causes toxicity to stock. It is widespread and adaptable to a wide range of soil and climate types. It occupies more than 110 000 hectares in NSW.



Blue heliotrope contains pyrrolizidine alkaloids (PAs). These PAs are also found in common heliotrope (*Heliotropium europaeum*).

The amount of PAs in blue heliotrope is much higher than in common heliotrope.

Heliotrope is not very palatable to livestock, and consequently tends to be avoided; however, some individuals continue to eat it indiscriminately. Heliotrope will be eaten if no other feed is available.

Continual ingestion by livestock of large amounts of heliotrope plants (either fresh or dried), or of their seeds as contaminants in stock feed, can cause liver damage and reduced productivity. In order of susceptibility, horses, pigs, cattle, sheep and goats are known to be affected.

All affected livestock species may become jaundiced and experience varying degrees of photosensitisation.

Blue Heliotrope spreads aggressively, as it produces many sticky seeds that adhere to animals and machinery. Seeds can pass unharmed through animals, and the plant can regenerate from root fragments.

#### Purpose of this plan

To specify the control measures that a landholder must implement to ensure that his/her General Biosecurity Duty is discharged in relation to Blue Heliotrope.

#### Legal status

The management of invasive weeds in NSW is governed by the Biosecurity Act 2015. The Local Control Authority (Bland Shire Council) is responsible for ensuring the prevention, elimination, minimisation and management of the biosecurity risk posed or likely to be posed by invasive weeds. It is also responsible for the development, implementation, co-ordination and review of invasive weed control programs within its area of jurisdiction.

Any person dealing (e.g. the owner or occupier of land) with Blue Heliotrope must comply with his or her General Biosecurity Duty.

**Biosecurity ACT 2015 – General Biosecurity Duty Any person who deals with biosecurity matter or a carrier and who knows, or ought reasonably to know, the biosecurity risk posed or likely to be posed by the biosecurity matter, carrier or dealing has a biosecurity duty to ensure that, so far as is reasonably practicable, the biosecurity risk is prevented, eliminated or minimised.**

## Control Objective

The primary objective of this plan is to reduce the negative impact of Blue Heliotrope on the Bland Shire Council regions economic, environmental and social sustainability.

## Council requirements

Bland Shire Council has a duty as Local Control Authority to inspect all land in connection with its weed control functions. In achieving this, it must ensure the management of the biosecurity risk posed or likely to be posed by weeds within its area of jurisdiction.

**Surveillance-** Council inspects private and public lands on a five-year cycle. Frequency of inspection increases where isolated infestations of a priority weed occur and in cases of non-compliance; the frequency of which is determined by the level of risk posed by the infestation(s).

**Reporting-** Council provides an inspection report to the landowner/occupier following inspection. The report shall indicate the level of infestation, its spatial distribution on the property and the level of control required by the owner/occupier. Infestation data is reported to the NSW Biosecurity Information System.

**Enforcement-** Council will enforce the control of Blue Heliotrope where non-compliance is identified. Enforcement measures may include the issue of a penalty infringement notice, entering the land and controlling infestations at the owner/occupier's expense, or the issue of a court attendance notice. Penalties for non-compliance with the Biosecurity Act 2015 are significant.

## Landowner/occupier requirements

All property managers have a responsibility to prevent, eliminate or minimise adverse effects on the economy, the environment and the community that arise from weeds. Where full control is feasible Council will enforce that requirement. Where widespread and established invasive species have become "naturalised" in our environment, and full control is not deemed feasible by Council, it will promote a strategy of minimisation and containment.

Blue Heliotrope is identified as a priority weed within the Riverina Regional Strategic Weed Management Plan 2017 – 2022. The plan specifies that Blue Heliotrope is subject to a local management program. Bland Shire Council's local management program imposes the following requirements:

### Isolated infestations

**Objective:** Prevent establishment

**Action:** Eliminate infestations

### Established infestations

**Objective:** Containment. Reduce incidence in affected areas.

**The growth of the plant must be controlled in a manner that continuously inhibits the ability of the plant to spread. Infestations may be managed in accordance with a staged control plan approved by Council. In situations where Council deems this requirement not reasonably practicable in accordance with Section 16 of the Biosecurity Act 2015, buffers and containment strategies may be introduced to protect priority assets.**

**Other restrictions Land managers must mitigate the risk of introducing this weed to their land. The plant or parts of the plant are not to be traded, carried, grown or released into the environment.**

## APPENDIX 4 Bridal Creeper

### Bland Shire Council Local Management Plan for Bridal Creeper (*Asparagus asparagoides*)

#### Introduction

Bridal Creeper entered the country as a garden plant and is now a major weed of bushland in southern Australia, where its climbing stems and foliage smother native plants.

It forms a thick mat of underground tubers which impedes the root growth of other plants and often prevents seedling establishment. Bland Shires rare native plants, including orchids, are threatened with extinction by bridal creeper.

#### Purpose of this plan

To specify the control measures that a landholder must implement to ensure that his/her General Biosecurity Duty is discharged in relation to Bridal Creeper.

#### Legal status

The management of invasive weeds in NSW is governed by the Biosecurity Act 2015. The Local Control Authority (Bland Shire Council) is responsible for ensuring the prevention, elimination, minimisation and management of the biosecurity risk posed by invasive weeds. It is also responsible for the development, implementation, co-ordination and review of invasive weed control programs within its area of jurisdiction.

Any person dealing (e.g. the owner or occupier of land) with Bridal Creeper must comply with his or her General Biosecurity Duty.

**Biosecurity ACT 2015 – General Biosecurity Duty** Any person who deals with biosecurity matter or a carrier and who knows, or ought reasonably to know, the biosecurity risk posed or likely to be posed by the biosecurity matter, carrier or dealing has a biosecurity duty to ensure that, so far as is reasonably practicable, the biosecurity risk is prevented, eliminated or minimised.

#### Control Objective

The primary objective of this plan is to reduce the negative impact of Bridal Creeper on the Bland Shire Council regions economic, environmental and social sustainability.

#### Council requirements

Bland Shire Council has a duty as Local Control Authority to inspect all land in connection with its weed control functions. In achieving this, it must ensure the management of the biosecurity risk posed by weeds within its area of jurisdiction.

**Surveillance-** Council inspects private and public lands on a five- year cycle. Frequency of inspection increases where isolated infestations of a priority weed occur and in cases of non-compliance; the frequency of which is determined by the level of risk posed by the infestation(s).



**Reporting-** Council provides an inspection report to the landowner/occupier following inspection. The report shall indicate the level of infestation, its spatial distribution on the property and the level of control required by the owner/occupier. Infestation data is reported to the NSW Biosecurity Information System.

**Enforcement-** Council will enforce the control of Bridal Creeper where non-compliance is identified. Enforcement measures may include the issue of a penalty infringement notice, entering the land and controlling infestations at the owner/occupier's expense, or the issue of a court attendance notice. Penalties for non-compliance with the Biosecurity Act 2015 are significant.

### **Landowner/occupier requirements**

All property managers have a responsibility to prevent, eliminate or minimise adverse effects on the economy, the environment and the community that arise from weeds. Where full control is feasible Council will enforce that requirement. Where widespread and established invasive species have become "naturalised" in our environment, and full control is not deemed feasible by Council, it will promote a strategy of minimisation and containment.

Bridal Creeper is identified as a Priority Weed within the Riverina Regional Strategic Weed Management Plan 2017 – 2022. The plan specifies that Bridal Creeper is subject to a local management program. Bland Shire Council's local management program imposes the following requirements:

#### **Isolated infestations**

**Objective:** Prevent establishment

**Action:** Eliminate infestations

#### **Established infestations**

**Objective:** Containment. Reduce incidence in affected areas.

**The growth of the plant must be controlled in a manner that continuously inhibits the ability of the plant to spread. Infestations may be managed in accordance with a staged control plan approved by Council. In situations where Council deems this requirement not reasonably practicable in accordance with Section 16 of the Biosecurity Act 2015, buffers and containment strategies may be introduced to protect priority assets.**

#### **Other restrictions**

**Land managers must mitigate the risk of introducing this weed to their land. The plant or parts of the plant are not to be traded, carried, grown or released into the environment.**



## APPENDIX 5 Devil's Claw (purple flowered)

### Bland Shire Council Local Management Plan for Devils Claw (*Proboscidea louisianica*)

#### Introduction

Devil's Claw (purple-flowered) is native to America. This plant is known to infest pastures reducing carrying capacities. The woody seed capsules cause injury to stock, and may restrict feeding if lodged on the face, leading to eventual death from starvation. The capsules also attach to hooves causing lameness, and to wool, reducing quality.



An annual herb growing to 50 cm tall covered with sticky hairs.

Leaves are rounded or heart shaped, 10–16 cm long and 14–25 cm wide.

Flowers are trumpet-shaped, creamy-white to mauve or purple with dark purple and orange markings.

Flowers are present summer to autumn.

The woody capsule is 8–10 cm long and 1–2 cm wide with two woody horns that are 10–25 cm long.

Spread of seed is common from the capsule being attached to animals and cultivation equipment.

#### Purpose of this plan

To specify the control measures that a landholder must implement to ensure that his/her General Biosecurity Duty is discharged in relation to Devil's Claw purple-flowered.

#### Legal status

The management of invasive weeds in NSW is governed by the Biosecurity Act 2015. The Local Control Authority (Bland Shire Council) is responsible for ensuring the prevention, elimination, minimisation and management of the biosecurity risk posed, or likely to be posed by invasive weeds. It is also responsible for the development, implementation, co-ordination and review of invasive weed control programs within its area of jurisdiction.

Any person dealing (e.g. the owner or occupier of land) with Devil's Claw purple-flowered must comply with his or her General Biosecurity Duty.

**Biosecurity ACT 2015 – General Biosecurity Duty Any person who deals with biosecurity matter or a carrier and who knows, or ought reasonably to know, the biosecurity risk posed or likely to be posed by the biosecurity matter, carrier or dealing has a biosecurity duty to ensure that, so far as is reasonably practicable, the biosecurity risk is prevented, eliminated or minimised.**

#### Control Objective

The primary objective of this plan is to reduce the negative impact of Devil's Claw purple-flowered on the Bland Shire Council regions' economic, environmental and social sustainability.

**Council requirements** Bland Shire Council has a duty as Local Control Authority to inspect all land in connection with its weed control functions. In achieving this, it must ensure the management of the biosecurity risk posed or likely to be posed by weeds within its area of jurisdiction.



**Surveillance-** Council inspects private and public lands on a five-year cycle. Frequency of inspection increases where isolated infestations of a priority weed occur and in cases of non-compliance; the frequency of which is determined by the level of risk posed by the infestation(s).

**Reporting-** Council provides an inspection report to the landowner/occupier following inspection. The report shall indicate the level of infestation, its spatial distribution on the property and the level of control required by the owner/occupier. Infestation data is reported to the NSW Biosecurity Information System.

**Enforcement-** Council will enforce the control of Devil’s Claw purple-flowered where non-compliance is identified. Enforcement measures may include the issue of a penalty infringement notice, entering the land and controlling infestations at the owner/occupier’s expense, or the issue of a court attendance notice. Penalties for non-compliance with the Biosecurity Act 2015 are significant.

### **Landowner/occupier requirements**

All property managers have a responsibility to prevent, eliminate or minimise adverse effects on the economy, the environment and the community that arise from weeds. Where full control is feasible Council will enforce that requirement. Where widespread and established invasive species have become “naturalised” in our environment and full control is not deemed feasible by Council it will promote a strategy of minimisation and containment.

Devil’s Claw purple-flowered is identified as a Priority Weed within the Riverina Regional Strategic Weed Management Plan 2017 – 2022. The plan specifies that Devil’s Claw purple-flowered is subject to a local management program. Bland Shire Council’s local management program imposes the following requirements:

#### **Isolated infestations**

**Objective:** Prevent establishment

**Action:** Eliminate infestations

#### **Established infestations**

**Objective:** Containment. Reduce incidence in affected areas.

**The growth of the plant must be controlled in a manner that continuously inhibits the ability of the plant to spread. Infestations may be managed in accordance with a staged control plan approved by Council. In situations where Council deems this requirement not reasonably practicable in accordance with Section 16 of the Biosecurity Act 2015, buffers and containment strategies may be introduced to protect priority assets.**

#### **Other restrictions**

**Land managers must mitigate the risk of introducing this weed to their land. The plant or parts of the plant are not to be traded, carried, grown or released into the environment.**

## APPENDIX 6 Devil's Claw (yellow flowered)

### Bland Shire Council Local Management Plan for Devils Claw (*Ibicella lutea*)

#### Introduction

Devil's Claw yellow flowered is native to America, and is similar in appearance to the purple- flowered variety.

Infestations of Devil's Claw (yellow flowered) occur in isolated patches, often on roadsides and around stock camps. The leaves have an unpleasant odour and are not eaten by stock. Plants compete with summer crops. The seed pods can injure livestock.

Devil's Claw yellow flowered is a low-growing annual plant to 50 centimetres high and spreading to 1.5 metres wide. It has large round or kidney-shaped leaves. The yellow trumpet-shaped flowers have purple spots inside the throat. Flowering is in late summer and autumn. The woody seed capsules open into pairs of curved horns (10 centimetres long), which is the plants' main means of spread.



#### Purpose of this plan

To specify the control measures that a landholder must implement to ensure that his/her General Biosecurity Duty is discharged in relation to Devil's Claw yellow flowered.

#### Legal status

The management of invasive weeds in NSW is governed by the Biosecurity Act 2015. The Local Control Authority (Bland Shire Council) is responsible for ensuring the prevention, elimination, minimisation and management of the biosecurity risk posed or likely to be posed by invasive weeds. It is also responsible for the development, implementation, co-ordination and review of invasive weed control programs within its area of jurisdiction.

Any person dealing (e.g. the owner or occupier of land) with Devil's Claw yellow flowered must comply with his or her General Biosecurity Duty.

**Biosecurity ACT 2015 – General Biosecurity Duty** Any person who deals with biosecurity matter or a carrier and who knows, or ought reasonably to know, the biosecurity risk posed or likely to be posed by the biosecurity matter, carrier or dealing has a biosecurity duty to ensure that, so far as is reasonably practicable, the biosecurity risk is prevented, eliminated or minimised.

#### Control Objective

The primary objective of this plan is to reduce the negative impact of Devil's Claw yellow flowered on the Bland Shire Council regions' economic, environmental and social sustainability.

**Council requirements** Bland Shire Council has a duty as Local Control Authority to inspect all land in connection with its weed control functions. In achieving this it must ensure the management of the biosecurity risk posed or likely to be posed by weeds within its area of jurisdiction.

**Surveillance-** Council inspects private and public lands on a five-year cycle. Frequency of inspection increases where isolated infestations of a priority weed occur and in cases of non-compliance; the frequency of which is determined by the level of risk posed by the infestation(s).

**Reporting-** Council provides an inspection report to the landowner/occupier following inspection. The report shall indicate the level of infestation, its spatial distribution on the property and the level of control required by the owner/occupier. Infestation data is reported to the NSW Biosecurity Information System.

**Enforcement-** Council will enforce the control of Devil's Claw yellow flowered where non-compliance is identified. Enforcement measures may include the issue of a penalty infringement notice, entering the land and controlling infestations at the owner/occupier's expense, or the issue of a court attendance notice. Penalties for non-compliance with the Biosecurity Act 2015 are significant.

### **Landowner/occupier requirements**

All property managers have a responsibility to prevent, eliminate or minimise adverse effects on the economy, the environment and the community that arise from weeds. Where full control is feasible Council will enforce that requirement. Where widespread and established invasive species have become "naturalised" in our environment and full control is not deemed feasible by Council, it will promote a strategy of minimisation and containment.

Devil's Claw yellow flowered is identified as a Priority Weed within the Riverina Regional Strategic Weed Management Plan 2017 – 2022. The plan specifies that Devil's Claw yellow flowered is subject to a local management program. Bland Shire Council's local management program imposes the following requirements:

#### **Isolated infestations**

**Objective:** Prevent establishment

**Action:** Eliminate infestations

#### **Established infestations**

**Objective:** Containment. Reduce incidence in affected areas.

**The growth of the plant must be controlled in a manner that continuously inhibits the ability of the plant to spread. Infestations may be managed in accordance with a staged control plan approved by Council. In situations where Council deems this requirement not reasonably practicable in accordance with Section 16 of the Biosecurity Act 2015, buffers and containment strategies may be introduced to protect priority assets.**

#### **Other restrictions**

**Land managers must mitigate the risk of introducing this weed to their land. The plant or parts of the plant are not to be traded, carried, grown or released into the environment.**

## APPENDIX 7 Galvanised Burr

### Bland Shire Council Local Management Plan for Galvanised Burr (*Sclerolaena birchii*)

#### Introduction

Galvanised burr is a native plant of the Chenopodiaceae family, which includes other roly-poly plants, saltbushes and crumbweeds. It is regarded as a weed because it is generally not eaten by livestock, it contaminates wool, and it competes with plants that do provide feed.

Galvanised burr is not usually eaten by stock because of its spiny burrs. Dense infestations occur periodically, causing concern to graziers. The most serious impact caused by galvanised burr is that it reduces wool values by causing vegetable fault. Spiny plant segments containing fruit and seeds can become detached by livestock and subsequently spread. A detached plant can also behave in a roly-poly nature.

The spines and burrs are a considerable nuisance to shearers, stock and working dogs. Dense infestations also impede stock movement and block cultivation machinery.

#### Purpose of this plan

To specify the control measures that a landholder must implement to ensure that his/her General Biosecurity Duty is discharged in relation to Galvanised burr.



#### Legal status

The management of invasive weeds in NSW is governed by the Biosecurity Act 2015. The Local Control Authority (Bland Shire Council) is responsible for ensuring the prevention, elimination, minimisation and management of the biosecurity risk posed by invasive weeds. It is also responsible for the development, implementation, co-ordination and review of invasive weed control programs within its area of jurisdiction.

Any person dealing (e.g. the owner or occupier of land) with Galvanised burr must comply with his or her General Biosecurity Duty.

**Biosecurity ACT 2015 – General Biosecurity Duty Any person who deals with biosecurity matter or a carrier and who knows, or ought reasonably to know, the biosecurity risk posed or likely to be posed by the biosecurity matter, carrier or dealing has a biosecurity duty to ensure that, so far as is reasonably practicable, the biosecurity risk is prevented, eliminated or minimised.**

#### Control Objective

The primary objective of this plan is to reduce the negative impact of Galvanised burr on the Bland Shire Council regions economic, environmental and social sustainability.

**Council requirements** Bland Shire Council has a duty as Local Control Authority to inspect all land in connection with its weed control functions. In achieving this, it must ensure the management of the biosecurity risk posed by weeds within its area of jurisdiction.

**Surveillance-** Council inspects private and public lands on a five-year cycle. Frequency of inspection increases where isolated infestations of a priority weed occur and in cases of non-compliance; the frequency of which is determined by the level of risk posed by the infestation(s).

**Reporting-** Council provides an inspection report to the landowner/occupier following inspection. The report shall indicate the level of infestation, its spatial distribution on the property and the level of control required by the owner/occupier. Infestation data is reported to the NSW Biosecurity Information System.

**Enforcement-** Council will enforce the control of Galvanised burr where non-compliance is identified. Enforcement measures may include the issue of a penalty infringement notice, entering the land and controlling infestations at the owner/occupier's expense, or the issue of a court attendance notice. Penalties for non-compliance with the Biosecurity Act 2015 are significant.

### **Landowner/occupier requirements**

All property managers have a responsibility to prevent, eliminate or minimise adverse effects on the economy, the environment and the community that arise from weeds. Where full control is feasible Council will enforce that requirement. Where widespread and established invasive species have become "naturalised" in our environment and full control is not deemed feasible by Council it will promote a strategy of minimisation and containment.

Galvanised burr is identified as a Priority Weed within the Riverina Regional Strategic Weed Management Plan 2017 – 2022. The plan specifies that Galvanised burr is subject to a local management program. Bland Shire Council's local management program imposes the following requirements:

#### **Isolated infestations**

**Objective:** Prevent establishment

**Action:** Eliminate infestations

#### **Established infestations**

**Objective:** Containment. Reduce incidence in affected areas.

**The growth of the plant must be controlled in a manner that continuously inhibits the ability of the plant to spread. Infestations may be managed in accordance with a staged control plan approved by Council. In situations where Council deems this requirement not reasonably practicable in accordance with Section 16 of the Biosecurity Act 2015, buffers and containment strategies may be introduced to protect priority assets.**

#### **Other restrictions**

**Land managers must mitigate the risk of introducing this weed to their land. The plant or parts of the plant are not to be traded, carried, grown or released into the environment.**

## APPENDIX 8 Bathurst Burr

### Bland Shire Council Local Management Plan for Bathurst Burr (*Xanthium spinosum*)

#### Introduction

Bathurst burr is amongst the most common and economically serious weeds in Australian agriculture. The burrs readily adhere to the wool of sheep. Wool contaminated by Bathurst burrs represents a substantial cost, as additionally processing is required to separate the burrs. Bathurst burrs are also a significant weed of summer crops and horticultural crops.

Bathurst burr is an annual weed that grows through the summer months in warm and temperate regions of the world. It has naturalised in New South Wales and was one of the first plants declared noxious in NSW in 1907.

Bathurst burr is a compact annual, summer growing herb. The burrs of the plant are 1 to 1.5 cm long, covered in numerous hooked spines.

Of the two seeds contained in each burr, usually only one germinates in the first season, the other remaining dormant until the second or third year, with some seeds remaining viable for much longer. It spreads easily by the burrs attaching to wool and animal fur.



It spreads easily by the burrs attaching to wool and animal fur.

#### Purpose of this plan

To specify the control measures that a landholder must implement to ensure that his/her General Biosecurity Duty is discharged in relation to Bathurst Burr.

#### Legal status

The management of invasive weeds in NSW is governed by the Biosecurity Act 2015. The Local Control Authority (Bland Shire Council) is responsible for ensuring the prevention, elimination, minimisation and management of the biosecurity risk posed by invasive weeds. It is also responsible for the development, implementation, co-ordination and review of invasive weed control programs within its area of jurisdiction.

Any person dealing (e.g. the owner or occupier of land) with Bathurst Burr must comply with his or her General Biosecurity Duty.

**Biosecurity ACT 2015 – General Biosecurity Duty Any person who deals with biosecurity matter or a carrier and who knows, or ought reasonably to know, the biosecurity risk posed or likely to be posed by the biosecurity matter, carrier or dealing has a biosecurity duty to ensure that, so far as is reasonably practicable, the biosecurity risk is prevented, eliminated or minimised.**

#### Control Objective

The primary objective of this plan is to reduce the negative impact of Bathurst Burr on the Bland Shire Council regions economic, environmental and social sustainability.

## Council requirements

Bland Shire Council has a duty as Local Control Authority to inspect all land in connection with its weed control functions. In achieving this, it must ensure the management of the biosecurity risk posed by weeds within its area of jurisdiction.

**Surveillance-** Council inspects private and public lands on a five-year cycle. Frequency of inspection increases where isolated infestations of a priority weed occur and in cases of non-compliance; the frequency of which is determined by the level of risk posed by the infestation(s).

**Reporting-** Council provides an inspection report to the landowner/occupier following inspection. The report shall indicate the level of infestation, its spatial distribution on the property and the level of control required by the owner/occupier. Infestation data is reported to the NSW Biosecurity Information System.

**Enforcement-** Council will enforce the control of Bathurst Burr where non-compliance is identified. Enforcement measures may include the issue of a penalty infringement notice, entering the land and controlling infestations at the owner/occupier's expense, or the issue of a court attendance notice. Penalties for non-compliance with the Biosecurity Act 2015 are significant.

## Landowner/occupier requirements

All property managers have a responsibility to prevent, eliminate or minimise adverse effects on the economy, the environment and the community that arise from weeds. Where full control is feasible Council will enforce that requirement. Where widespread and established invasive species have become "naturalised" in our environment and full control is not deemed feasible by Council it will promote a strategy of minimisation and containment.

Bathurst Burr is identified as a Priority Weed within the Riverina Regional Strategic Weed Management Plan 2017 – 2022. The plan specifies that Bathurst Burr is subject to a local management program. Bland Shire Council's local management program imposes the following requirements:

### Isolated infestations

**Objective:** Prevent establishment

**Action:** Eliminate infestations

### Established infestations

**Objective:** Containment. Reduce incidence in affected areas.

**The growth of the plant must be controlled in a manner that continuously inhibits the ability of the plant to spread. Infestations may be managed in accordance with a staged control plan approved by Council. In situations where Council deems this requirement not reasonably practicable in accordance with Section 16 of the Biosecurity Act 2015, buffers and containment strategies may be introduced to protect priority assets.**

### Other restrictions

**Land managers must mitigate the risk of introducing this weed to their land. The plant or parts of the plant are not traded, carried, grown or released into the environment.**

## APPENDIX 9 Buffalo Burr

### Bland Shire Council Local Management Plan for Buffalo Burr (*Solanum rostratum*)

#### Introduction

Buffalo burr is a native from Canada to central Mexico and was first recorded as a weed in Australia in 1904. It invades disturbed areas and overgrazed land and may injure stock, causes fault in wool and can be a problem in cereal crops. The plant is poisonous, however is seldom eaten because of its prickly nature.



Buffalo burr is a hairy, prickly annual herb up to 1 m tall. The greyish leaves are deeply divided, up to 10 cm long and 8 cm wide. Flowers are bright yellow, up to 4 cm in diameter and mostly present in summer. The fruit is 1 cm in diameter and very prickly.

Seed is mostly spread as a contaminant of grain crops. The prickly calyx which grasps the fruit can stick to wool and hides, and can float on water. The old plants can snap off and blow around as tumble-weeds.

#### Purpose of this plan

To specify the control measures that a landholder must implement to ensure that his/her General Biosecurity Duty is discharged in relation to Buffalo burr.

#### Legal status

The management of invasive weeds in NSW is governed by the Biosecurity Act 2015. The Local Control Authority (Bland Shire Council) is responsible for ensuring the prevention, elimination, minimisation and management of the biosecurity risk posed by invasive weeds. It is also responsible for the development, implementation, co-ordination and review of invasive weed control programs within its area of jurisdiction.

Any person dealing (e.g. the owner or occupier of land) with Buffalo burr must comply with his or her General Biosecurity Duty.

**Biosecurity ACT 2015 – General Biosecurity Duty Any person who deals with biosecurity matter or a carrier and who knows, or ought reasonably to know, the biosecurity risk posed or likely to be posed by the biosecurity matter, carrier or dealing has a biosecurity duty to ensure that, so far as is reasonably practicable, the biosecurity risk is prevented, eliminated or minimised.**

#### Control Objective

The primary objective of this plan is to reduce the negative impact of Buffalo burr on the Bland Shire Council regions economic, environmental and social sustainability.



**Council requirements** Bland Shire Council has a duty as Local Control Authority to inspect all land in connection with its weed control functions. In achieving this, it must ensure the management of the biosecurity risk posed by weeds within its area of jurisdiction.

**Surveillance-** Council inspects private and public lands on a five-year cycle. Frequency of inspection increases where isolated infestations of a priority weed occur and in cases of non-compliance; the frequency of which is determined by the level of risk posed by the infestation(s).

**Reporting-** Council provides an inspection report to the landowner/occupier following inspection. The report shall indicate the level of infestation, its spatial distribution on the property and the level of control required by the owner/occupier. Infestation data is reported to the NSW Biosecurity Information System.

**Enforcement-** Council will enforce the control of Buffalo burr where non-compliance is identified. Enforcement measures may include the issue of a penalty infringement notice, entering the land and controlling infestations at the owner/occupier's expense, or the issue of a court attendance notice. Penalties for non-compliance with the Biosecurity Act 2015 are significant.

### **Landowner/occupier requirements**

All property managers have a responsibility to prevent, eliminate or minimise adverse effects on the economy, the environment and the community that arise from weeds. Where full control is feasible Council will enforce that requirement. Where widespread and established invasive species have become "naturalised" in our environment and full control is not deemed feasible by Council, it will promote a strategy of minimisation and containment.

Buffalo burr is identified as a Priority Weed within the Riverina Regional Strategic Weed Management Plan 2017 – 2022. The plan specifies that Buffalo burr is subject to a local management program. Bland Shire Council's local management program imposes the following requirements:

#### **Isolated infestations**

**Objective:** Prevent establishment

**Action:** Eliminate infestations

#### **Established infestations**

**Objective:** Containment. Reduce incidence in affected areas.

**The growth of the plant must be controlled in a manner that continuously inhibits the ability of the plant to spread. Infestations may be managed in accordance with a staged control plan approved by Council. In situations where Council deems this requirement not reasonably practicable in accordance with Section 16 of the Biosecurity Act 2015, buffers and containment strategies may be introduced to protect priority assets.**

#### **Other restrictions**

**Land managers must mitigate the risk of introducing this weed to their land. The plant or parts of the plant are not to be traded, carried, grown or released into the environment.**

## APPENDIX 10 *Harrisia* Cactus

### Bland Shire Council Local Management Plan for *Harrisia* Cactus (*Harrisia* Sp.)

#### Introduction

*Harrisia* cacti grow in semi-arid scrublands with summer rainfall. They prefer fertile clay soils and are common in acacia-wooded grasslands such as the brigalow forests.

*Harrisia* cacti were originally introduced to Australia as ornamental plants.

*Harrisia* cacti are difficult to control as they produce thousands of viable seeds and have fleshy storage tubers. They form impenetrable thickets.

#### Purpose of this plan

To specify the control measures that a landholder must implement to ensure that his/her General Biosecurity Duty is discharged in relation to *Harrisia* cactus.



#### Legal status

The management of invasive weeds in NSW is governed by the Biosecurity Act 2015. The Local Control Authority (Bland Shire Council) is responsible for ensuring the prevention, elimination, minimisation and management of the biosecurity risk posed by invasive weeds. It is also responsible for the development, implementation, co-ordination and review of invasive weed control programs within its area of jurisdiction.

Any person dealing (e.g. the owner or occupier of land) with *Harrisia* cactus must comply with his or her General Biosecurity Duty.

**Biosecurity ACT 2015 – General Biosecurity Duty** Any person who deals with biosecurity matter or a carrier and who knows, or ought reasonably to know, the biosecurity risk posed or likely to be posed by the biosecurity matter, carrier or dealing has a biosecurity duty to ensure that, so far as is reasonably practicable, the biosecurity risk is prevented, eliminated or minimised.

#### Control Objective

The primary objective of this plan is to reduce the negative impact of *Harrisia* cactus on the Bland Shire Council regions economic, environmental and social sustainability.

#### Council requirements

Bland Shire Council has a duty as Local Control Authority to inspect all land in connection with its weed control functions. In achieving this, it must ensure the management of the biosecurity risk posed by weeds within its area of jurisdiction.

**Surveillance-** Council inspects private and public lands on a five-year cycle. Frequency of inspection increases where isolated infestations of a priority weed occur and in cases of non-compliance; the frequency of which is determined by the level of risk posed by the infestation(s).

**Reporting-** Council provides an inspection report to the landowner/occupier following inspection. The report shall indicate the level of infestation, its spatial distribution on the property and the level of control required by the owner/occupier. Infestation data is reported to the NSW Biosecurity Information System.

**Enforcement-** Council will enforce the control of *Harrisia cactus* where non-compliance is identified. Enforcement measures may include the issue of a penalty infringement notice, entering the land and controlling infestations at the owner/occupier's expense, or the issue of a court attendance notice. Penalties for non-compliance with the Biosecurity Act 2015 are significant.

### **Landowner/occupier requirements**

All property managers have a responsibility to prevent, eliminate or minimise adverse effects on the economy, the environment and the community that arise from weeds. Where full control is feasible Council will enforce that requirement. Where widespread and established invasive species have become "naturalised" in our environment and full control is not deemed feasible by Council it will promote a strategy of minimisation and containment.

*Harrisia cactus* identified within the Riverina Regional Strategic Weed Management Plan 2017 – 2022. The plan specifies that *Harrisia cactus* is subject to a local management program. Bland Shire Council's local management program imposes the following requirements:

#### **Isolated infestations**

**Objective:** Prevent establishment

**Action:** Eliminate infestations

#### **Other restrictions**

**Land managers must mitigate the risk of introducing this weed to their land. The plant or parts of the plant are not to be traded, carried, grown or released into the environment.**

## APPENDIX 11 Prickly Pear/*Opuntia* species

### Bland Shire Council Local Management Plan for Prickly Pear (*Opuntia* Sp.)

#### Introduction

The most commonly known members of the opuntoid cacti group referred to generally as prickly pears, *Opuntia* species were first introduced into Australia with the first fleet, via Brazil, to establish a cochineal dye industry. By 1920, *Opuntia stricta* had infested 23,000,000 hectares in NSW and Queensland. Half of the infested area was so densely covered it was useless for production and was abandoned by its owners.



*Opuntia* species have been declared Weeds of National Significance in Australia.

#### Purpose of this plan

To specify the control measures that a landholder must implement to ensure that his/her General Biosecurity Duty is discharged in relation to Prickly Pear.

#### Legal status

The management of invasive weeds in NSW is governed by the Biosecurity Act 2015. The Local Control Authority (Bland Shire Council) is responsible for ensuring the prevention, elimination, minimisation and management of the biosecurity risk posed by invasive weeds. It is also responsible for the development, implementation, co-ordination and review of invasive weed control programs within its area of jurisdiction.

Any person dealing (e.g. the owner or occupier of land) with Prickly Pear must comply with his or her General Biosecurity Duty.

**Biosecurity ACT 2015 – General Biosecurity Duty Any person who deals with biosecurity matter or a carrier and who knows, or ought reasonably to know, the biosecurity risk posed or likely to be posed by the biosecurity matter, carrier or dealing has a biosecurity duty to ensure that, so far as is reasonably practicable, the biosecurity risk is prevented, eliminated or minimised.**

#### Control Objective

The primary objective of this plan is to reduce the negative impact of Prickly Pear on the Bland Shire Council regions economic, environmental and social sustainability.

#### Council requirements

Bland Shire Council has a duty as Local Control Authority to inspect all land in connection with its weed control functions. In achieving this, it must ensure the management of the biosecurity risk posed by weeds within its area of jurisdiction.

**Surveillance-** Council inspects private and public lands on a 5-year cycle. Frequency of inspection increases where isolated infestations of a priority weed occur and in cases of non-compliance; the frequency of which is determined by the level of risk posed by the infestation(s).

**Reporting-** Council provides an inspection report to the landowner/occupier following inspection. The report shall indicate the level of infestation, its spatial distribution on the property and the level of control required by the owner/occupier. Infestation data is reported to the NSW Biosecurity Information System.

**Enforcement-** Council will enforce the control of Prickly Pear where non-compliance is identified. Enforcement measures may include the issue of a penalty infringement notice, entering the land and controlling infestations at the owner/occupier's expense, or the issue of a court attendance notice. Penalties for non-compliance with the Biosecurity Act 2015 are significant.

### **Landowner/occupier requirements**

All property managers have a responsibility to prevent, eliminate or minimise adverse effects on the economy, the environment and the community that arise from weeds. Where full control is feasible Council will enforce that requirement. Where widespread and established invasive species have become "naturalised" in our environment and full control is not deemed feasible by Council it will promote a strategy of minimisation and containment.

Prickly Pear is identified as a Priority Weed within the Riverina Regional Strategic Weed Management Plan 2017 – 2022. The plan specifies that Prickly Pear is subject to a local management program. Bland Shire Council's local management program imposes the following requirements:

#### **Isolated infestations**

**Objective:** Prevent establishment

**Action:** Eliminate infestations

#### **Established infestations**

**Objective:** Containment. Reduce incidence in affected areas.

**The growth of the plant must be controlled in a manner that continuously inhibits the ability of the plant to spread. Infestations may be managed in accordance with a staged control plan approved by Council. In situations where Council deems this requirement not reasonably practicable in accordance with Section 16 of the Biosecurity Act 2015, buffers and containment strategies may be introduced to protect priority assets.**

#### **Other restrictions**

**Land managers must mitigate the risk of introducing this weed to their land. The plant or parts of the plant are not to be traded, carried, grown or released into the environment.**

## APPENDIX 12 Prickly Pear/*Cylindropuntia* species

### Bland Shire Council Local Management Plan for Prickly Pear (*Cylindropuntia* Sp.)

#### Introduction

*Cylindropuntia* species are native to south - western USA, Mexico and the West Indies. They are large succulent perennials with the potential to encroach on rangelands and native vegetation in the drier parts of the state. Many of the species have easily detachable segments which aids their ability to spread.

*Cylindropuntia* species are part of the group of opuntoid cacti that are Weeds of National Significance in Australia, and a number of individual species are problematic in NSW.

#### Purpose of this plan

To specify the control measures that a landholder must implement to ensure that his/her General Biosecurity Duty is discharged in relation to Prickly Pear.



#### Legal status

The management of invasive weeds in NSW is governed by the Biosecurity Act 2015. The Local Control Authority (Bland Shire Council) is responsible for ensuring the prevention, elimination, minimisation and management of the biosecurity risk posed by invasive weeds. It is also responsible for the development, implementation, co-ordination and review of invasive weed control programs within its area of jurisdiction.

Any person dealing (e.g. the owner or occupier of land) with Prickly Pear must comply with his or her General Biosecurity Duty.

**Biosecurity ACT 2015 – General Biosecurity Duty Any person who deals with biosecurity matter or a carrier and who knows, or ought reasonably to know, the biosecurity risk posed or likely to be posed by the biosecurity matter, carrier or dealing has a biosecurity duty to ensure that, so far as is reasonably practicable, the biosecurity risk is prevented, eliminated or minimised.**

#### Control Objective

The primary objective of this plan is to reduce the negative impact of Prickly Pear on the Bland Shire Council regions economic, environmental and social sustainability.

#### Council requirements

Bland Shire Council has a duty as Local Control Authority to inspect all land in connection with its weed control functions. In achieving this, it must ensure the management of the biosecurity risk posed by weeds within its area of jurisdiction.

**Surveillance-** Council inspects private and public lands on a five - year cycle. Frequency of inspection increases where isolated infestations of a priority weed occur and in cases of non-compliance; the frequency of which is determined by the level of risk posed by the infestation(s).

**Reporting-** Council provides an inspection report to the landowner/occupier following inspection. The report shall indicate the level of infestation, its spatial distribution on the property and the level of control required by the owner/occupier. Infestation data is reported to the NSW Biosecurity Information System.

**Enforcement-** Council will enforce the control of Prickly Pear where non-compliance is identified. Enforcement measures may include the issue of a penalty infringement notice, entering the land and controlling infestations at the owner/occupier's expense, or the issue of a court attendance notice. Penalties for non-compliance with the Biosecurity Act 2015 are significant.

### **Landowner/occupier requirements**

All property managers have a responsibility to prevent, eliminate or minimise adverse effects on the economy, the environment and the community that arise from weeds. Where full control is feasible Council will enforce that requirement. Where widespread and established invasive species have become "naturalised" in our environment and full control is not deemed feasible by Council it will promote a strategy of minimisation and containment.

Prickly Pear is identified as a Priority Weed in the Riverina Regional Strategic Weed Management Plan 2017 – 2022. The plan specifies that Prickly Pear is subject to a local management program. Bland Shire Council's local management program imposes the following requirements:

#### **Isolated infestations**

**Objective:** Prevent establishment

**Action:** Eliminate infestations

#### **Established infestations**

**Objective:** Containment. Reduce incidence in affected areas.

**The growth of the plant must be controlled in a manner that continuously inhibits the ability of the plant to spread. Infestations may be managed in accordance with a staged control plan approved by Council. In situations where Council deems this requirement not reasonably practicable in accordance with Section 16 of the Biosecurity Act 2015, buffers and containment strategies may be introduced to protect priority assets.**

#### **Other restrictions**

**Land managers must mitigate the risk of introducing this weed to their land. The plant or parts of the plant are not to be traded, carried, grown or released into the environment.**

## APPENDIX 13 Johnson Grass

### Bland Shire Council Local Management Plan –for Johnson Grass (*Sorghum halepense*)

#### Introduction

Johnson grass is a plant in the grass family, [Poaceae](#), native to Asia and northern Africa. The plant has been introduced to all continents except Antarctica, and most larger islands and archipelagos. It reproduces by [rhizomes](#) and seeds.

This species occurs in cropping paddocks, pastures, roadsides, rail corridors, forest edges, and along banks of waterways. It thrives in open, disturbed, rich soil, particularly in cultivated paddocks.



#### Purpose of this plan

To specify the control measures that a landholder must implement to ensure that his/her General Biosecurity Duty is discharged in relation to Johnson grass.

#### Legal status

The management of invasive weeds in NSW is governed by the Biosecurity Act 2015. The Local Control Authority (Bland Shire Council) is responsible for ensuring the prevention, elimination, minimisation and management of the biosecurity risk posed by invasive weeds. It is also responsible for the development, implementation, co-ordination and review of invasive weed control programs within its area of jurisdiction.

Any person dealing (e.g. the owner or occupier of land) with Johnson grass must comply with his or her General Biosecurity Duty.

**Biosecurity ACT 2015 – General Biosecurity Duty Any person who deals with biosecurity matter or a carrier and who knows, or ought reasonably to know, the biosecurity risk posed or likely to be posed by the biosecurity matter, carrier or dealing has a biosecurity duty to ensure that, so far as is reasonably practicable, the biosecurity risk is prevented, eliminated or minimised.**

#### Control Objective

The primary objective of this plan is to reduce the negative impact of Johnson grass on the Bland Shire Council regions economic, environmental and social sustainability.

#### Council requirements

Bland Shire Council has a duty as Local Control Authority to inspect all land in connection with its weed control functions. In achieving this, it must ensure the management of the biosecurity risk posed by weeds within its area of jurisdiction.



**Surveillance-** Council inspects private and public lands on a five - year cycle. Frequency of inspection increases where isolated infestations of a priority weed occur and in cases of non-compliance; the frequency of which is determined by the level of risk posed by the infestation(s).

**Reporting-** Council provides an inspection report to the landowner/occupier following inspection. The report shall indicate the level of infestation, its spatial distribution on the property and the level of control required by the owner/occupier. Infestation data is reported to the NSW Biosecurity Information System.

**Enforcement-** Council will enforce the control of Johnson grass where non-compliance is identified. Enforcement measures may include the issue of a penalty infringement notice, entering the land and controlling infestations at the owner/occupier's expense, or the issue of a court attendance notice. Penalties for non-compliance with the Biosecurity Act 2015 are significant.

### **Landowner/occupier requirements**

All property managers have a responsibility to prevent, eliminate or minimise adverse effects on the economy, the environment and the community that arise from weeds. Where full control is feasible Council will enforce that requirement. Where widespread and established invasive species have become "naturalised" in our environment and full control is not deemed feasible by Council it will promote a strategy of minimisation and containment.

Johnson grass is identified as a Priority weed in the Riverina Regional Strategic Weed Management Plan 2017 – 2022. The plan specifies that Johnson grass is subject to a local management program. Bland Shire Council's local management program imposes the following requirements:

#### **Isolated infestations**

**Objective:** Prevent establishment

**Action:** Eliminate infestations

#### **Established infestations**

**Objective:** Containment. Reduce incidence in affected areas.

**The growth of the plant must be controlled in a manner that continuously inhibits the ability of the plant to spread. Infestations may be managed in accordance with a staged control plan approved by Council. In situations where Council deems this requirement not reasonably practicable in accordance with Section 16 of the Biosecurity Act 2015, buffers and containment strategies may be introduced to protect priority assets.**

#### **Other restrictions**

**Land managers must mitigate the risk of introducing this weed to their land. The plant or parts of the plant are not to be traded, carried, grown or released into the environment.**

## APPENDIX 14 Spiny Burr Grass

### Bland Shire Council Local Management Plan for Spiny Burr Grass (*Cenchrus incertus*, *Cenchrus longispinus*, *Cenchrus spinifex*)

#### Introduction

Spiny Burr Grass is a spring/summer/autumn growing grass, usually ranging from 30cm to 60cm in height. It appears very similar to many other grasses, and is hard to identify until mature when it develops spiny burrs. These burrs are about the size and shape of a cathead or Caltrop burr. It can spread rapidly to develop large infestations.

The spines of the burr are needle sharp and barbed; able to penetrate and adhere to almost anything they come into contact with, including wool, fur, tyres and clothing.

Shearing and handling of contaminated wool can be very painful and difficult. Movement and sale of affected sheep is another vector of spread.

#### Purpose of this plan

To specify the control measures that a landholder must implement to ensure that his/her General Biosecurity Duty is discharged in relation to Spiny Burr Grass.



#### Legal status

The management of invasive weeds in NSW is governed by the *Biosecurity Act 2015*. The Local Control Authority (Bland Shire Council) is responsible for ensuring the prevention, elimination, minimization and management of the biosecurity risk posed by invasive weeds. It is also responsible for the development, implementation, coordination and review of invasive weed control programs within its area of jurisdiction.

Any person dealing (e.g. the owner or occupier of land) with Spiny Burr Grass must comply with his or her General Biosecurity Duty.

#### ***Biosecurity ACT 2015 – General Biosecurity Duty***

*Any person who deals with biosecurity matter or a carrier and who knows, or ought reasonably to know, the biosecurity risk posed or likely to be posed by the biosecurity matter, carrier or dealing has a biosecurity duty to ensure that, so far as is reasonably practicable, the biosecurity risk is prevented, eliminated or minimised.*

#### Control Objective

The primary objective of this plan is to reduce the negative impact of Spiny Burr Grass on the Bland Shire Council Region's economic, environmental and social sustainability.

#### Council requirements

Bland Shire Council has a duty as Local Control Authority to inspect all land in connection with its weed control functions. In achieving this, it must ensure the management of the biosecurity risk posed by weeds within its area of jurisdiction.

**Reporting** Council provides an inspection report to the land owner/occupier following inspection. The report shall indicate the level of infestation, its spatial distribution on the property and the level of control required by the owner/occupier. Infestation data is reported to the NSW Biosecurity Information System.

**Surveillance-** Council inspects private and public lands on a five - year cycle. Frequency of inspection increases where isolated infestations of a priority weed occur and in cases of non-compliance; the frequency of which is determined by the level of risk posed by the infestation(s). Infestations may be inspected and/or treated every three weeks in line with growth cycle.

**Enforcement** Council will enforce the control of Spiny Burr Grass where non-compliance is identified. Enforcement measures may include the issue of a penalty infringement notice, entering the land and controlling infestations at the owner/occupier's expense, or the issue of a court attendance notice. Penalties for non-compliance with the *Biosecurity Act 2015* are significant.

### **Land owner/occupier requirements**

All property managers have a responsibility to prevent, eliminate or minimize adverse effects on the economy, the environment and the community that arise from weeds. Where full control is feasible Council will enforce that requirement. Where widespread and established invasive species have become "naturalized" in our environment, and full control is not deemed feasible by Council, it will promote a strategy of minimization and containment.

Spiny Burr Grass is identified as a Priority weed in the Riverina Regional Strategic Weed Management Plan 2017 – 2022. The plan specifies that Spiny Burr Grass is subject to a local management program. Bland Shire Council's local management program imposes the following requirements:

#### **Isolated infestations**

**Objective: Prevent establishment**

**Action: Eliminate infestations**

#### **Established infestations**

**Objective: Containment. Reduce incidence in affected areas.**

**Action: The growth of the plant must be controlled in a manner that continuously inhibits the ability of the plant to spread. Infestations may be managed in accordance with a staged control plan approved by Council. In situations where Council deems this requirement not reasonably practicable in accordance with Section 16 of the *Biosecurity Act 2015*, buffers and containment strategies may be introduced to protect priority assets.**

#### **Other restrictions**

**Land managers must mitigate the risk of introducing this weed to their land.**

**The plant or parts of the plant are not traded, carried, grown or released into the environment.**

## APPENDIX 15 Coolatai Grass

### Bland Shire Council Local Management Plan for Coolatai Grass (*Hyparrhenia hirta*)

#### Introduction

Coolatai Grass is an invasive drought, fire and herbicide tolerant tussock forming perennial grass. It has become a major invasive species in northern New South Wales and Southern Queensland, dominating pastures over a range of soil types and conditions. More recently infestations have emerged in southern NSW and the ACT.

Coolatai Grass is a competitive, perennial grass capable of invading undisturbed natural ecosystems and is a major threat to natural biodiversity in stock routes, nature reserves, roadsides and National Parks. Livestock do poorly on Coolatai Grass dominated pastures in the absence of a high input management regime.

#### Purpose of this plan

To specify the control measures that a landholder must implement to ensure that his/her General Biosecurity Duty is discharged in relation to Coolatai Grass.



#### Legal status

The management of invasive weeds in NSW is governed by the *Biosecurity Act 2015*. The Local Control Authority (Bland Shire Council) is responsible for ensuring the prevention, elimination, minimization and management of the biosecurity risk posed by invasive weeds. It is also responsible for the development, implementation, coordination and review of invasive weed control programs within its area of jurisdiction.

Any person dealing (eg. the owner or occupier of land) with Coolatai Grass must comply with his or her General Biosecurity Duty.

#### ***Biosecurity ACT 2015 – General Biosecurity Duty***

*Any person who deals with biosecurity matter or a carrier and who knows, or ought reasonably to know, the biosecurity risk posed or likely to be posed by the biosecurity matter, carrier or dealing has a biosecurity duty to ensure that, so far as is reasonably practicable, the biosecurity risk is prevented, eliminated or minimised.*

#### Control Objective

The primary objective of this plan is to reduce the negative impact of Coolatai Grass on the Bland Shire Council regions' economic, environmental and social sustainability.

#### Council requirements

Bland Shire Council has a duty as Local Control Authority to inspect all land in connection with its weed control functions. In achieving this, it must ensure the management of the biosecurity risk posed by weeds within its area of jurisdiction.

**Surveillance** - Council inspects private and public lands for the presence of Coolatai Grass infestations. Land upon which Coolatai Grass has been identified is inspected at least once annually, and more often on Council controlled land. Frequency of inspection on private land increases in cases of non-compliance.

**Reporting** - Council provides an inspection report to the land owner/occupier following inspection. The report shall indicate the level of infestation, its spatial distribution on the property and the level of weed control required by the owner/occupier. Infestation data is reported to the NSW Biosecurity Information System.

**Enforcement** - Council will enforce the control of Coolatai Grass where non-compliance is identified. Enforcement measures may include the issue of a penalty infringement notice, entering the land and controlling infestations at the owner/occupier's expense, or the issue of a court attendance notice. Penalties for non-compliance with the *Biosecurity Act 2015* are significant.

### **Land owner/occupier requirements**

All property managers have a responsibility to prevent, eliminate or minimize adverse effects on the economy, the environment and the community that arise from weeds. Where full control is feasible Council will enforce that requirement. Where widespread and established invasive species have become "naturalized" in our environment and full control is not deemed feasible by Council it will promote a strategy of minimization and containment.

Coolatai Grass is identified as a Priority weed in the Riverina Regional Strategic Weed Management Plan 2017 – 2022. Coolatai Grass is to be eradicated from the land, or if that is not practicable then as much of the plant as is practicable is destroyed and the spread of any remaining plant is suppressed.

#### **Isolated infestations**

**Objective:** Prevent establishment

**Action:** Eliminate infestations

#### **Other restrictions**

**Land managers must mitigate the risk of introducing this weed to their land.**

**The plant or parts of the plant must not be traded, carried, grown or released into the environment.**

## APPENDIX 16 Chilean Needle Grass

### Bland Shire Council Local Management Plan for Chilean needle grass (*Nassella neesiana*)



#### Introduction

Chilean needle grass is closely related to serrated tussock (*Nassella trichotoma*). It invades both introduced and native grasslands of south-eastern Australia. It is relatively unpalatable and reduces productivity by displacing more desirable pasture species. Heavy infestations can decrease productivity by as much as 50% during summer. The sharp seedhead of Chilean Needle Grass causes injury to stock and downgrades wool, skins and hides.

Chilean needle grass germinates in autumn and spring and at other times of the year given adequate moisture and temperature. Seed heads emerge during late spring and when mature have a very distinctive purplish colour. The individual seeds are very sharp at the apex. By late February, most of the seed has been shed from the plant and can be found on the ground. Generally seeds are spread by attachment to animals or machinery.

#### Purpose of this plan

To specify the control measures that a landholder must implement to ensure that his/her General Biosecurity Duty is discharged in relation to Chilean Needle Grass

#### Legal status

The management of invasive weeds in NSW is governed by the *Biosecurity Act 2015*. The Local Control Authority (Bland Shire Council) is responsible for ensuring the prevention, elimination, minimization and management of the biosecurity risk posed by invasive weeds. It is also responsible for the development, implementation, coordination and review of invasive weed control programs within its area of jurisdiction.

Any person dealing (eg. the owner or occupier of land) with Chilean Needle Grass must comply with his or her General Biosecurity Duty.

#### ***Biosecurity ACT 2015 – General Biosecurity Duty***

*Any person who deals with biosecurity matter or a carrier and who knows, or ought reasonably to know, the biosecurity risk posed or likely to be posed by the biosecurity matter, carrier or dealing has a biosecurity duty to ensure that, so far as is reasonably practicable, the biosecurity risk is prevented, eliminated or minimised.*

#### Control Objective

The primary objective of this plan is to reduce the negative impact of Chilean Needle Grass on the Bland Shire Council region's economic, environmental and social sustainability.

#### Council requirements

Bland Shire Council has a duty as Local Control Authority to inspect all land in connection with its weed control functions. In achieving this, it must ensure the management of the biosecurity risk posed by weeds within its area of jurisdiction.

**Surveillance-** Council inspects private and public lands for the presence of Chilean needle grass infestations on a regular basis. Land upon which Chilean Needle Grass is identified will be strategically inspected based on risk assessment. Frequency of inspection increases in cases of non-compliance; the frequency of which is determined by the level of risk posed by the infestation(s).

**Reporting-** Council provides an inspection report to the land owner/occupier following inspection. The report shall indicate the level of infestation, its spatial distribution on the property and the level of weed control required by the owner/occupier. Infestation data is reported to the NSW Biosecurity Information System.

**Enforcement-** Council will enforce the control of Chilean Needle Grass where non-compliance is identified. Enforcement measures may include the issue of a penalty infringement notice, entering the land and controlling infestations at the owner/occupier's expense, or the issue of a court attendance notice. Penalties for non-compliance with the *Biosecurity Act 2015* are significant.

### **Land owner/occupier requirements**

All property managers have a responsibility to prevent, eliminate or minimize adverse effects on the economy, the environment and the community that arise from weeds. Where full control is feasible Council will enforce that requirement. Where widespread and established invasive species have become "naturalized" in our environment and full control is not deemed feasible by Council it will promote a strategy of minimization and containment.

Chilean needle grass is identified as a Priority Weed in the Riverina Regional Strategic Weed Management Plan 2017 – 2022. The plan specifies that Chilean Needle Grass must be managed in accordance with a published local weed management plan.

#### **Isolated infestations**

**Objective: Prevent establishment**

**Action: Eliminate infestations**

#### **Established infestations**

**Objective: Containment. Reduce incidence in affected areas.**

**Action: The growth of the plant must be controlled in a manner that continuously inhibits the ability of the plant to spread. Infestations may be managed in accordance with a staged control plan approved by Council. In situations where Council deems this requirement not reasonably practicable in accordance with Section 16 of the *Biosecurity Act 2015*, buffers and containment strategies may be introduced to protect priority assets.**

#### **Other restrictions**

**Land managers must mitigate the risk of introducing this weed to their land.**

**The plant or parts of the plant must not be traded, carried, grown or released into the environment.**

## APPENDIX 17 Silver Leaf Nightshade

### Bland Shire Council Local Management Plan for Silver Leaf Nightshade (*Solanum elaeagnifolium*)

#### Introduction

Silver-Leaf Nightshade is believed to have originated from southern USA.

It is now a serious weed that reduces production in crop and pasture enterprises throughout the Australian wheat-sheep zone.

It is a long-lived perennial plant with a very deep, inter-connecting root system. The plant usually has small spines. It grows through spring and summer and uses valuable moisture and nutrients needed for following crops and pastures. Crop yields can be reduced by 50-70% by dense infestations.



It is very difficult to control, with no known effective herbicides that will kill the plant quickly. Many herbicides will kill off the above-ground plant, but cannot penetrate down to the intensive root system that send up new shoots.

It can be spread by broken off stem and root segments during cultivation. It can also spread by seed, and has been known to last in the digestive system of sheep for many days before being passed as a still-viable seed.

It can be confused with other native nightshade species.

Silver-Leaf Nightshade is classified as a Weed of National Significance

#### Purpose of this plan

To specify the control measures that a landholder must implement to ensure that his/her General Biosecurity Duty is discharged in relation to Silver-Leaf Nightshade.

#### Legal status

The Biosecurity Act 2015 governs the management of invasive weeds in NSW. The Local Control Authority (Bland Shire Council) is responsible for ensuring the prevention, elimination, minimisation and management of the biosecurity risk posed by invasive weeds. It is also responsible for the development, implementation, co-ordination and review of invasive weed control programs within its area of jurisdiction.

Any person dealing (e.g. the owner or occupier of land) with Silver-Leaf Nightshade must comply with his or her General Biosecurity Duty.

**Biosecurity ACT 2015 – General Biosecurity Duty Any person who deals with biosecurity matter or a carrier and who knows, or ought reasonably to know, the biosecurity risk posed or likely to be posed by the biosecurity matter, carrier or dealing has a biosecurity duty to ensure that, so far as is reasonably practicable, the biosecurity risk is prevented, eliminated or minimised.**



## Control Objective

The primary objective of this plan is to reduce the negative impact of Silver-Leaf Nightshade on the Bland Shire Council regions economic, environmental and social sustainability.

## Council requirements

Bland Shire Council has a duty as Local Control Authority to inspect all land in connection with its weed control functions. In achieving this, it must ensure the management of the biosecurity risk posed by weeds within its area of jurisdiction.

**Surveillance** Council inspects private and public lands on a five-year cycle. Frequency of inspection increases where isolated infestations of a priority weed occur and in cases of non-compliance; the frequency of which is determined by the level of risk posed by the infestation(s).

**Reporting** Council provides an inspection report to the landowner/occupier following inspection. The report shall indicate the level of infestation, its spatial distribution on the property and the level of control required by the owner/occupier. Infestation data is reported to the NSW Biosecurity Information System.

**Enforcement** Council will enforce the control of Silver-Leaf Nightshade where non-compliance is identified. Enforcement measures may include the issue of a penalty infringement notice, entering the land and controlling infestations at the owner/occupier's expense, or the issue of a court attendance notice. Penalties for non-compliance with the Biosecurity Act 2015 are significant.

## Landowner/occupier requirements

All property managers have a responsibility to prevent, eliminate or minimize adverse effects on the economy, the environment and the community that arise from weeds. Where full control is feasible Council will enforce that requirement. Where widespread and established invasive species have become "naturalised" in our environment, and Council does not deem full control feasible, it will promote a strategy of minimisation and containment.

Silver-Leaf Nightshade is identified as a Priority weed within the Riverina Regional Strategic Weed Management Plan 2017 – 2022. The plan specifies that the plant is subject to a local management program. Bland Shire Council's local management program imposes the following requirements:

### Isolated infestations

**Objective:** Prevent establishment through hygienic practices.

**Action:** Eliminate new immature infestations.

### Established infestations

**Objective:** Containment. Reduce incidence in affected areas.

**The growth of the plant must be controlled in a manner that continuously inhibits the ability of the plant to spread. Infestations may be managed in accordance with a staged control plan approved by Council. In situations where Council deems this requirement not reasonably practicable in accordance with Section 16 of the Biosecurity Act 2015, buffers and containment strategies may be introduced to protect priority assets.**

### Other restrictions

**Land managers must mitigate the risk of introducing this weed to their land. The plant or parts of the plant are not to be traded, carried, grown or released into the environment.**

## **Section 4 – Reports for Information**

**Recommendation:**

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

- **8.14 - Economic Development & Tourism Report – October 2021**
- **8.15 - Community Services Report**
- **8.16 - Bland Shire Library Monthly Update**
- **8.17 - Children Services July Update**
- **8.18 - Bland Community Care Services Update**
- **8.19 - Technical Services Report**
- **8.20 - Development Services Activity Report – September 2021**

# 8.14 Economic Development & Tourism Report – October 2021



Our Prosperity - Growing our population and jobs

DP14.2 Attract a diverse range of Visitors to the Shire  
 DP15.2 Continue ongoing engagement and communication with the Shire's existing industry and business including support for diversification and alternate industry or business  
 DP15.3 Lobby for and work with industry, government and education providers to ensure Bland Shire residents and businesses have access to competitive telecommunication services  
 DP16.2 through partnerships with stakeholders foster our education, learning and training industry and increase employment opportunities within the Shire

**Author:** General Manager

## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

### Bland Shire Council Why Leave Town Statistics



During the week of 20 to 26 September, Bland Shire Council together with the participating businesses in the Why Leave Town program ran a very successful promotional week. Through promotions on social media, the residents of the Bland Shire that has a WLT card in their wallet were encouraged to spend their cards in participating stores and got an opportunity to win another \$50 WLT card when spending the full amount of their card.

Flags, stickers and posters are visible at the participating businesses to make it easier for shoppers to see where the WLT cards can be used.

During the promotional week, 46 cards were used to shop local with the money going back into our businesses.



## **Business West Wyalong**

Based on the discussions held at the September Council Workshop Council staff are collating information from other local councils as to the extent of support they offer to their local businesses. This would cover both financial and in-kind support and will be the subject of further discussion at the November Council Workshop

Business West Wyalong has formed a committee at the Business West Wyalong meeting in October after having some difficulty filling all positions. Positions for Business West Wyalong:

- President - Barb Last (What's Cookin)
- Vice President - Murray Thomas (Murray's Taxi)
- Secretary - Steff Wills (Evolution)
- Treasurer - Rachelle Nevinson (Findex)
- Publicity - Lydia Ambachtsheer (Duncan's Chainsaw)

## **Digital Accelerator and Mentor Program**

Destination Riverina Murray together with Tourism Tribe offered 80 businesses in 12 Local Government areas the opportunity to put in an EOI to be part of a 3-month mentor program to help businesses with promotions and making it easy for visitors to find them.

Key outcomes of the program include:

- Linking and maintaining Google My Business and ATDW listings
- Developing and maintaining a social media presence
- Creating a website with booking functionality to sell goods online e.g. wine, produce, etc., and
- Establishing contracts with domestic Online Travel Agents.



Two businesses in the Bland Shire were successful in their application and will be part of the 3-month digital health program working with Tourism Tribe. The Exclusive Hot Glass Gallery and Splatter Gallery will receive a digital health report and support in the mentoring program.

## **Residential Development**

The proposed residential development off Ungarie Road will be the subject of a further confidential report to the October 2021 Council Meeting.

## **Bland Shire Housing Strategy**

The development of this Strategy is progressing and will incorporate many of the aspects identified by the Regional Housing Taskforce. It is anticipated to have a draft of the Strategy for presentation to Council in either October or November of this year.

## **New Business Park**

Negotiations are continuing with a number of prospective businesses for the purchase of land within the new Business Park. In particular there has been some very positive progress made with one particular business who is looking at the purchase of a site of up to 4HA.

**Grant Register Progress Report**

Grants Register Progress Report – included on the following page 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.



## GRANTS REGISTER as at 30/09/2021

	Amount	Spent	Target Completion Date	Completed Y/N	Notes
<b>Drought Communities Program - Round 2</b>					
Remembrance Walk Rejuvenation	\$120,000.00	\$131,692.33	31/03/2022	N	Received Signed Variation Agreement Completion date October
Disabled Toilets West Wyalong Pool	\$25,000.00	\$17,777.27	31/03/2022	N	Almost finished
Village Toilets - Naradhan, Tallimba, Weethalle	\$135,000.00	\$96,949.28	31/03/2022	N	Tallimba done, Weethalle on order, Naradhan almost done
Perseverance Second Oval Fence	\$40,000.00	\$41,217.58	31/03/2022	Y	Finished
West Wyalong Small Bore Amenities Upgrade	\$80,000.00	\$73,461.05	31/03/2022	Y	Finished
West Wyalong Camp Draft Facilities Upgrade	\$120,000.00	\$116,883.00	31/03/2022	N	95% done
Motorsports Park Upgrades	\$115,000.00	\$106,493.13	31/03/2022	N	Almost finished
Barmedman Amenities	\$73,000.00	\$56,664.65	31/03/2022	N	75% finished
Refurbishment of West Wyalong Scout Hall	\$72,000.00	\$72,000.00	31/03/2022	Y	Finished
Mirrorol Tennis Court Resurface & New Dump Point	\$80,000.00	\$49,332.09	31/03/2022	N	Tennis done, dump to be done
Health & Healing Program	\$35,000.00	\$14,783.21	31/03/2022	N	TBA
Village Pump Tracks - Barmedman, Ungarie	\$100,000.00	\$97,000.00	31/03/2022	Y	Completed
Adverse Events Plan	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	31/03/2022	Y	Completed
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,000,000.00</b>	<b>\$879,253.59</b>			
<b>Stronger Country Communities Fund - Round 3</b>					
West Wyalong Skatepark Upgrade	\$151,220.00	\$135,049.84	30/06/2021	Y	95% Complete - additional work in progress
Youth Mental Wellbeing & Resilience Program	\$50,000.00	\$11,029.73		N	40% completed Several events organised and executed. 3-4 postponed due to Covid
West Wyalong Outdoor Basketball Court Upgrade	\$214,000.00	\$212,716.91	30/06/2021	Y	Finished
Wyalong Dog Park	\$68,000.00	\$63,814.82	26/02/2021	N	Fence, sign, lighting & cameras - Complete
Green Corridor (Aboriginal Art)	\$100,000.00	\$88,021.40		Y	Completed
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$583,220.00</b>	<b>\$510,632.70</b>			
<b>Fixing Local Roads Round 1</b>					
Quandialla Road Stage 1	\$462,500.00	\$0.00	2020-2022	N	Not started yet Mar 22
Quandialla Road Stage 2	\$919,000.00	\$706,628.96	2020-2022	N	1km left. Wont be finished until Nov 21 - weather
Kikiroira Road	\$237,000.00	\$54,881.03	2020-2022	N	60% Complete
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,618,500.00</b>	<b>\$761,509.99</b>			
<b>2020-2023 NSW Safer Roads Program</b>					
Safety Improvements - Lake Cargelligo Road, Ungarie	\$1,060,000.00	\$1,052,843.82	30/06/2021		October 2021 - wet weather
<b>Total</b>					
<b>Local Roads &amp; Community Infrastructure Phase 1</b>					
Replacement of the Ungarie Bridge over Humbug Creek	\$350,000.00	\$159,550.00	30/06/2022	N	25% complete Western Kerbing - Aim to complete end of year - bad weather
New Hangar	\$453,720.00	\$329,515.48	30/06/2022	N	Complete except for the Power pushed back to sept 21
Upgrade HACC Facilities	\$81,889.00	\$82,210.14	30/06/2022	N	90% Complete
West Wyalong Tennis Club	\$103,401.00	\$32,572.94	30/06/2022	N	Ext to Dec 21 - Funds to cover footings
Southern Lights Smart Controllers - Funds moved to Hangar		\$0.00		N	Cancelled
West Wyalong - Wyalong Road Reseals	\$860,807.00	\$772,778.31	30/06/2022	N	End Oct 2021
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,849,817.00</b>	<b>\$1,376,626.87</b>			
<b>Resources for Regions</b>					
WW Aerodrome Upgrade	\$606,173.00	\$0.00	30/05/2022	N	Design & Layout done
WW Rec Ground Upgrade	\$485,000.00	\$31,372.50	30/03/2022	N	Netball discussions
Cooinda Waters Canoe Circuit	\$350,000.00	\$0.00	30/04/2022	N	On track - Design & layout done
WW Harness Club Refurbishment	\$354,763.00	\$117,789.00	1/10/2021	N	May need an extension
WW Golf Course Rejuvenation & Sustainability	\$299,236.00	\$258,126.40	31/03/2022	N	Well ahead, will be finished
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,095,172.00</b>	<b>\$407,287.90</b>			
<b>Local Roads &amp; Community Infrastructure Phase 2</b>					
Men's Shed	\$43,000.00	\$0.00	31/12/2021	N	Design & Layout done - Waiting for DA
58 Gilbert St (Hiawatha)	\$12,000.00	\$9,900.00	31/12/2021	N	Will be done on time
Bridge/Culvert Work	\$670,000.00	\$46,605.98	31/12/2021	N	Causeways. Out to quotes - Have commenced sealing
Ungarie Main St Improvements	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00	31/12/2021	N	Hayes store. Done on time
WW Road Rehab	\$420,800.00	\$0.00	31/12/2021	N	Collapsing K&G Starts in August
Cinema Improvements	\$150,000.00	\$150,000.00	31/12/2021	Y	
Drainage	\$44,403.00	\$48,165.00	31/12/2021	N	K&G Pine Street.
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,390,203.00</b>	<b>\$304,670.98</b>			
<b>Crown Lands Improvement Grant</b>					
West Wyalong Caravan Park Upgrade	\$484,920.00	\$0.00	12/03/2022	N	New amenities blocks to be done - Design & Layout in progress
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$484,920.00</b>				
<b>Fixing Local Roads Round 2</b>					
Alleena Road	\$911,743.00	\$0.00	1yr after agreement date	N	To commence November 2021
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$911,743.00</b>				
<b>Regional NSW Planning Portal Grant</b>					
Transition to NSW Planning Portal	\$50,000.00	\$49,718.14	1/07/2021	Y	Completed
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$50,000.00</b>	<b>\$49,718.14</b>			
<b>Phase 2, NSW Showgrounds Stimulus Program</b>					
Ungarie Showground - Amenities	ex GST \$600,000.00	\$0.00	31/05/2022	N	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$600,000.00</b>				
<b>Murray-Darling Basic Economic Development Program</b>					
Connected Walk Trail	Exc GST \$500,000.00	\$0.00	31/05/2022		
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$500,000.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>			
<b>Regional Airports Program Round 2</b>					
WW Airport Rnd2	Exc GST \$450,729.00	\$0.00	30/04/2023		
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$450,729.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>			

## 8.15 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 Relations Officer and Community Development Officer

### **The Gratitude Project**

The Gratitude Project has remained a hugely popular initiative with 40 selfless community members honoured for their contribution to the community as part of the program. A joint Bland Shire and Evolution Mining initiative, The Gratitude Project was launched to recognise essential workers, volunteers and good Samaritans who have gone above and beyond to help others during the challenging Covid-19 pandemic period.



### **High School Barbeque and Year 12 Pizza Lunch**

Although Bland Shire Council staff are not currently permitted to attend schools to deliver activities, Council has still found ways to work with local schools and support students in what has been a very challenging time. All students at the High School were treated to an end of term school barbeque on Friday 17 September, whilst Council also provided pizzas to celebrate the last week of school for all year 12 students.

### **Hotdog lunch Ungarie**

Students at Ungarie Central School were treated to a hotdog lunch on Friday 17 September to mark the end of school term. The school noted that they are hugely grateful for Councils support and look forward to having Council staff out to the school following the easing of restrictions.

### **Time Capsule**

Council has put a call out to the community for the submission of items to be included in the new time capsule, with the intention being to bury the capsule back in Cooida Park later in the year. Council is also hosting a youth competition in which young people are encouraged to submit an entry that focuses on the theme of – A year in the life of a teenager in 2021. The three most creative youth submissions will receive a \$50 Why Leave Town gift card.



**Music in the Regions**

Councils Community Services staff have been in discussion with Bernie Herd to review the recently established Music in the Regions Program. Music in the Regions is an independent touring organisation that will work to connect NSW musicians and professionals to performance spaces in some of the not so frequented communities in regional NSW, with the intention of bringing live classical/contemporary art music performances, to the Bland Shire. It is hoped events of this nature can be considered once restrictions ease across the region.

## 8.16 Bland Shire Library Monthly Update



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

*DP3.4 Foster a community learning culture optimising our physical and virtual spaces*

Author: Library Services Coordinator

### Successful School Holiday Program

The Bland Shire Library's September school holiday program proved popular with a mix of take home craft kits, virtual and onsite activities. The program comprised of:

- Free Science VR (virtual reality) packs. Due to a state wide lockdown, the library's planned Science VR event to be held in August was cancelled. However, staff improvised and created free Science VR activity packs for the kids to take home in the school holidays with approximately 30 packs taken.
- Fifty take home craft kits. Included 20 3D wooden bird house & bird feeder craft packs, 15 ceramic mug decorating packs and 15 bath bomb packs.
- A virtual BINGO and virtual scavenger hunt were held via zoom with 10 children participating.
- Thirteen children participated in a mosaics session held in the library. (Numbers were capped due to Covid-19 restrictions).
- Finally, 26 children participated in two sessions of cupcake decorating with Dagmar, also held in the library. (Again, numbers were capped due to Covid-19 restrictions).



## **Program Updates**

- Storytime (held weekly) resumed on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> October @ 10.30am.
- Baby Bounce (held fortnightly) resumed on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> October @ 10.30am
- The library continues to coordinate and host a Book Club (first Monday of each month – due to the public holiday, the October meeting was held Tuesday 5 October).
- Tech Savvy Seniors continues to be held every Tuesday 10am – 12pm.
- Knit and Knatter continues to be held fortnightly on a Tuesday at 2pm.
- Pals of the Pen writers' group continues to meet fortnightly on a Friday from 10.30am.
- LEGO Legends is also continuing to be held online with a face-to-face session first Wednesday of each month from 3.45pm to 4.45pm.
- Kids Monthly Prize Draw is still very popular with school students. In light of this, the library started a separate draw for before school age children.

## **Mental Health Webinar**

Bland Shire Library will cohost a free webinar titled Adapting to the “New Normal” – to be held in the library and via zoom on Wednesday 20 October from 10.30am. Anxiety, grief and loss have been heightened by COVID-19. The webinar is for people concerned about uncertainty and what lies ahead. It will explain simple strategies to help manage change and adapt to the “new normal”. A morning tea/light luncheon will be provided for those attending in person with bookings essential for this event.

Speaker Patricia Brown is a grief specialist who lost her son to suicide in 1995. When profound grief resulted in the disintegration of her family and financial ruin, she was compelled to find a new way of doing life. She tells her story of restoring meaning, vision and purpose in her book RECOVERY: Learning to Love and Live after Loss. Patricia has co-facilitated healing grief retreats, offers personal Grief Coaching and speaks regularly to bereavement support groups. Patricia will provide insights to support emotional wellbeing and coping skills as we move into 2022.

## **Chess Group – Expression of Interest**

The library has put an expression of interest out to the community with the intention of starting a Chess group. All ages (from school age up), beginners to the more skilled, are invited to participate.

## **GOLD Club – Expression of Interest**

The library has put an expression of interest out to senior members of the community 65+ with the intention of starting a GOLD Club (GOLD standing for Growing Old & Living Decisively). The aim of the program is to provide a variety of fun friendly activities that stimulate the mind and keep the brain active. It is anticipated, pending interest, that the group will be held once a month.

## **E-Newsletter**

The library is currently investigating creating a monthly e-newsletter. In the absence of the Advocate and school newsletters, the library was utilising social media to promote its services, programs and events. However, due to new Facebook algorithms, many library members had commented that they were not seeing the library's posts and were missing out on activities.

Bland Shire Library currently has over 1600 members with a significant majority online. The e-newsletter will target those patrons online while the library will continue to promote programs, services and events via the re-established Advocate, school newsletters (now that school is back), community noticeboard, etc. capturing those who are not online.

Bland Shire Library members will be asked to register to receive the e-newsletter – this will be mandatory, as it is illegal in Australia to send unsolicited emails, under the Australian Spam Act of 2003.

### **2021-22 Summer Reading Club 40-Day Challenge**

Bland Shire Library will launch its annual Summer Reading Club (SRC) 40-Day Challenge for children and young people aged 5 – 16 years in November. The free program, which will officially run from December 1, 2021 – January 31, 2022 aims to encourage children and young people to read over the long summer break with incentives provided to help them reach their goal. There will be a variety of additional activities for registered members to participate in during the school holidays with a finale party/presentation to be held in February 2022. Sponsors for this year's SRC program include past supporters Cowal Gold Operations, L & R Group (Holland Park Pool) and What's Cookin with the French Hot Bread coming on board this year, as well.

### **Preschool/Day Care Visits**

All planned Preschool/Day Care visits to the library were cancelled due to the recent COVID-19 lockdown. The Bland Preschool has rescheduled and will now visit the library in November and December. It is anticipated that the various class groups will be treated to a Christmas themed storytime.

### **Christmas Food and Gift Appeal**

Bland Shire Library will launch its annual Christmas Food and Gift Appeal in support of the St Vincent de Paul Society, West Wyalong branch – the first week of November. The Appeal will assist the St Vincent de Paul Society in providing Christmas hampers and gifts to those local families in need, making the festive season a little brighter for those less fortunate. All donated food must be non-perishable and in-date while it is preferable that all donated gifts be unwrapped and suitable for children aged 10 years and under. Branch President Ray Smith has praised the library for its continued support.

### **SWITCH Conference**

The annual NSW Public Libraries Association SWITCH Conference will this year (for the first time ever) be held virtually on 18 November 2021. Bland Shire Library has registered as an institution, which enables three delegates to listen to speakers, explore exhibits and connect with others delegates, library friends and colleagues, from across Australia.

### **Training**

- Library staff will attend Local Studies Training for Smaller Libraries (via zoom). To be conducted by Ellen Forsyth, Consultant, State Library of NSW. Three sessions to be held
  - Tuesday 19 October – 3pm
  - Tuesday 26 October – 10am
  - Tuesday 2 November – 10am

### **Meetings**

- Riverina Regional Library Advisory Committee Meeting – 4 November 2021
- NSW Public Libraries Association, South West Zone Meeting – 11 November 2021

### LEGO Legends (STEM Program)

In light of the 2021 West Wyalong Show being cancelled, Bland Shire Library created a Lego Legends challenge where participants had to design and build something they love about the local Show. The library received a multitude of entries with participants receiving an improvised “show bag” each for their efforts. The latest challenge is to create a water theme park to celebrate the opening of our own Holland Park Pool. A virtual Wheel of Fortune was held in September to celebrate the Bland LGA coming out of lockdown.



### Book Deposit Stations

A changeover of books at both Barmedman and Weethalle Book Deposit Stations occurred in September. There will be another changeover of books prior to Christmas and another in February 2022. At this stage, there are no plans to set up additional book deposit stations in other outlying villages within the Bland Shire due to 1) the unavailability of a secure and safe venue to house the books and 2) an ageing demographic, which raises WHS issues, in particular, manual handling. At present, library staff are delivering books to and collecting books from the relevant book deposit stations. However, this provides an opportunity for library staff to inspect each venue and network with community members on a regular basis.

### Statistics – September 2021

- 96 Information Requests
- 131 Customer Service Requests – this figure includes 19 technology assists
- 45 Computer Usage
- Five requests for Wi-Fi (ie. mobile device users)
- 26 Visitor Information Requests – *this figure relates to normal library opening hours and only those enquiries handled by library staff.* Includes 11 telephone enquiries.
- 25 children utilised the StorytimePOD
- 74 take home craft kits (school holiday program)
- 48 children **onsite activities** (school holiday program)
- 24 children participated in **virtual reality programs** during the month of September
- 25 people attended regular programs designed for adults

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

- 1603 people through the door
- 1644 library items issued
- 48 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.*)
- Five new members

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



## 8.17 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

Educator day was celebrated on Wednesday 1 September 2021. Educators worked extremely hard throughout lockdown and it was nice to see their efforts rewarded on this day. The Educators were treated to a “coffee & cookies” to show how much they are valued and appreciated.

MRU Services opted in to receive the BCP (Business Continuity Payment) offered from the Australian Government for parents that followed the “stay at home orders”. All fees were waived for Ungarie Preschool and Friday Bland Preschool families that were absent throughout the lockdown (with the exception of week 1 of lockdown). The BCP funding was paid to the service to cover the majority of this expense.

CSU was fortunate to come out of “lockdown restrictions” on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> September which meant the return of all our families and children to the service. Covid safe practices were still enforced with drop off and collection continuing at the gate. It was nice to see all our families back. BCP ceased as the “Stay at Home” orders were lifted.

### Staff Development

Throughout September school holidays the majority of Educators participated in independent professional development allocated from the Early Childhood Australia Learning Hub portal. Educators decided their own topic to learn and were provided with 1.5 hours to partake.

The Coordinator participated in “A Child Safe Standard” webinar conducted by Cumberland Council to learn best ways to embed “Child Safe Standards” within Council.

### Renovations

Kitchen renovations are completed and it looks fantastic. Flooring within the kitchen was installed which completed the flooring throughout the building.



### **It Takes a Village**

ITAV Services were restricted due to COVID-19 Lockdown - During this time supported playgroups were unable to run as normal. Instead, the service offered the villages surrounding West Wyalong a visit with ITAV and the Toy Library Van. This meant Toy library was able to be returned and borrowed. Material aid was also offered in the form of craft packs for young children on these visits. Times were given to those who expressed an interest, to avoid mass gatherings and maintain social distancing.

Toy Library usage was still encouraged, though this was restricted by members unable to access the toy library room. Instead, the Toy Library catalogue was offered in hardcopy or digitally. Members were encouraged to contact the centre to book items and collect from the service.

Competitions were created to provide support in the form of community engagement through the ITAV Facebook page. First, an Art competition was promoted. Community members were asked via Facebook to send a drawing they did themselves of 'Something Special' to the ITAV Facebook messenger service. Following staff approval the drawings were posted on the ITAV Facebook page. Winners received an art pack consisting of paints, art books and writing implements. The Lego competition was next. Community members were asked to create anything they wanted with Lego and follow the same protocol as the previous competition. All ages were encouraged to enter both competitions with prizes awarded in four age groups from 3 yrs to adult.

The Department of Communities and Justice's liaison person with the ITAV service has changed. During September staff got to know Clarrisa Hewitt, the new CPO. Extra staff access to the Data Exchange reporting portal and revision training in using the portal was discussed with the new CPO. One of the reasons for this was to avoid complications that could arise from only one staff member reporting and knowing how to report on the system. The training is scheduled in October.

From the 13<sup>th</sup> of September to the 1<sup>st</sup> of October ITAV operated out of the office only as per usual during school holidays. During this time ITAV posted relevant content to their Facebook page, organised upcoming visits to surrounding areas, sourced new toys for the toy library and updated Toy library procedures.

### **Mobile Resource Unit**

#### **Ungarie Mobile Preschool and Friday Junior Preschool**

Due to COVID -19 lockdown minimal children attended each service and learning at home packs were provided for the children who chose to stay at home until 13<sup>th</sup> September, Week 10 Term 3. During this period (four weeks) preschool fees were waived and subsidised by the Federal Government Business Continuity Payment Plan. Children and families then enjoyed a two week holiday break.

In preparation for the local West Wyalong and Ungarie show, educators were assisting children in creating artworks to be displayed however, these events were cancelled due to COVID -19 lockdown. Together with, Bland Preschool, Family Day Care and Mobile Resource Unit held a virtual showing of the children's artworks for the families on the Bland Shire Children Services Unit Facebook page.

Families with children either returning to Ungarie Mobile Preschool, Junior Preschool or wishing to enroll in Prekindergarten Preschool were provided with enrolment packs for 2022 during the last week of Term 3. From the beginning of the school holidays enrolments for all services was advertised and open to the community.



### **Playgroup**

Playgroups continued to be postponed during Term 3. Stay at Home packs were available for all families. Educators are discussing ways to provide this service in Term 4 for the community whilst adhering to the restrictions set by NSW Education Department.

### **Vacation Care**

Vacation Care was at full capacity for 50% of its duration these holidays and the other 50% had large bookings. The service welcomed new and regular families and enjoyed engaging in a variety of fun activities. Educators are also in preparation and planning for the December Vacation Care Program.

MRU Professional development for September included Engineering creativity: celebrating loose parts play for all ages for the service leader and an introduction to the Early Years Learning Framework, STEM in Early Childhood and Educators and sustainability.

### **Bland Preschool**

It was a quiet start to September with minimal children in attendance due to stay at home orders. Educators continued to distribute Stay at Home packs (bugs and insects) to families to keep the children engaged and excited about returning to Preschool. Stay at home orders were lifted on the last week of term and we welcomed all our families back to Preschool. It was great to see so many smiling children eager to recommence their Preschool journey. Preschool also welcomed a University Prac Student to the service over September. She was a great asset to the service and we thoroughly enjoyed having her with us.

Preschool was very excited to announce that our SBAT (School Based Trainee) was signed off and officially completed her Certificate 3 in Early Childhood Education & Care after 2 years of work and study. We are excited to see what's next for her and we thank her for her efforts and dedication.

2022 enrolments were opened to the community. We look forward to seeing what 2022 classes will look like.

### **Bland / Temora Family Day Care**

Educator day celebration was very quiet due to the lockdown. The FDC Educators were included in a CSU slide show that was on CSU's Facebook page.

The annual Inclusion Support Program review was completed with the service meeting with its support officer via zoom and then updating service barriers and strategies.

During lockdown Educator Workplace Safety Audit was completed with a Temora-based Educator. This is a regulatory requirement for Educators to be able to operate their Family Day Care business.

Monthly monitoring visits to educators returned when lockdown eased.

A CSU Service Leader meeting was held to discuss staffing and general business. The service has been liaising with the Roads and Traffic Officer in regards to child safe restraints in FDC educator's cars. A training day for Educators is being planned in relation to the unit 10832NAT: Selection and Installation of Child Restraints training course. The FDC Support Officer has been participating in Professional Development through the ECA learning hub.

## 8.18 Bland Community Care Services Update



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

*DP1- Ensure health and support services address the needs of the community*

**Author:** Community Care Coordinator

Recommencement of groups has seen a positive response of attendees. The resumption of the Tech Talk group is planned for the coming month.

Significant progress has been made on a new suite of paperwork for use when onboarding or reassessing clients. The documents will provide a far more thorough approach to ensure that person-centred care is paramount.

Additionally all building updates are completed with the exception of planting out the climbing frame outside of the foyer. This is planned to be completed in the coming weeks. Additionally there will be two raised veggie gardens that will be easily accessible for client's enjoyment.

We have received positive feedback on the updates – successfully achieving a warm, welcoming and homely environment for clients. The updates both to the building and the furniture have really brightened the space. Evident in the before and after photos to follow.

The refurbishment project was made possible through grant funding received as part of Local Roads & Community Infrastructure Program provided by the Federal Government.











MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF BLAND HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS WEST WYALONG ON TUESDAY 19 OCTOBER 2021







## 8.19 Technical Services Report



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

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

**Author:** Director Technical Services

### 1. Council Road Crew Locations Week Commencing 6.9.2021

- Graders
  - Casueways
  - Bootowa Road
  - Lake Cowal Road
  - Humby Road
  - Heavy Patches
- Gravel Carting
  - Kittos Pit
- Maintenance Crews (Bobcat/Backhoe)
  - Tennis Club

### 2. Council Road Crew Locations Week Commencing 13.9.202

- Graders
  - Casueways
  - Bootowa Road
  - Lake Cowal Road
  - Rose and Kings Lane
  - Heavy Patches
- Gravel Carting
  - Humby Road
- Maintenance Crews (Bobcat/Backhoe)
  - Tennis Club

### 3. Council Road Crew Locations Week Commencing 20.9.2021

- Graders
  - Casueways
  - Monument Flats
  - Bootowa
  - Lake Cowal
  - Humby Road
- Gravel Carting
  - Pipers Hill
- Maintenance Crews (Bobcat/Backhoe)
  - Tennis Club



#### **4. Council Road Crew Locations Week Commencing 27.9.2021**

- Graders
  - Troths Lane
  - Mud Hut West
  - Humby Road
  - Lake Cowal
  - Monia Gap
- Gravel Carting
  - Pipers Hill
- Maintenance Crews (Bobcat/Backhoe)
  - Tennis Courts/Rural Roads

#### **5. Biosecurity Weeds/Environmental**

- High Risk Pathway Inspection – Mid Western Highway, 57North, MR231, Goldfields Way, Quandialla Road, 5 High Risk TSRs, 1 Silo site.
- Council Land Inspections - Sale yards, Barmedman tip, Naradhan tip, Kikoira tip, Weethalle tip.
- Hazard Reduction Spraying – Ungarie, Girral, Calleen, West Wyalong, Naradhan, Kikoira, Weethalle, Tallimba.
- Hazard reduction spraying (landfills) – Naradhan, Kikoira, Barmedman, Weethalle.
- Shoulder spraying - 57 North, MR368, MR371, Beckom Road, Quandialla Road, Clear Ridge Road, Hatelys Lane.
- The following Biosecurity weeds and other controls were undertaken:
  - African Boxthorn – Clements Lane, Phiffers Lane, Harts Lane, Williams crossing Road, Fiegerts Lane, Langes Lane, Buddigower Road, Sutcliffes Lane.
  - Wild Radish – 57 North, MR231, Kikoira Road, Lewes Lane.

#### **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, Cooina park, Wyalong court house
- Lawn and monument cemetery maintenance works carried out
- Public amenities cleaned and maintained
- Playground inspections completed and repairs carried out
- Graves back filled at cemetery and tanks pumped out
- Aero drome inspections carried out
- All parks, airport and cemetery sprayed for weeds

**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 and sprinklers cleaned inspected and maintained

**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
- Pre-school maintenance carried out
- Spraying aerodrome and town drains/nature strips
- Back fill wash outs in towns and villages
- Tree planting in town streets

## 8.20 Development Services Activity Report – September 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 September 2021:

Application No.	Address	Development
DA2022/0020	22 Wilga Street, West Wyalong	Storage Shed
DA2022/0021	10 Tallimba Road, West Wyalong	Installation of 9 modular dwellings
DA2022/0022	364 Wargin Road, West Wyalong	Solar Farm
DA2022/0023	12 Charles Place, West Wyalong	Single Storey Dwelling & Storage Shed
DA2022/0024	123 Railway Road, West Wyalong	Industrial Storage Facilities
DA2022/0025	Uncle Bills Road, Lake Cowal	Eco-Tourist Facility
DA2022/0026	25 England Street, West Wyalong	Storage Shed
DA2022/0027	117 Operator Street, West Wyalong	Demolition of Existing Dwelling
DA2022/0028	114 Hilliers Lane West Wyalong	Alterations and additions – Extension to Egg Grading Facility
DA2022/0029	52 Wooten Street, West Wyalong	Single Storey Dwelling & Storage Shed
DA2022/0030	64 Court Street, West Wyalong	Tree Removal
DA2022/0031	35 Monash Street, West Wyalong	Storage Shed

The following DA applications were approved during September 2021:

<b>Application No.</b>	<b>Address</b>	<b>Development</b>	<b>Approval Date</b>
DA2022/0011	68 Main Street, West Wyalong	Commercial Alterations and Additions	21/09/2021
DA2022/0013	48 Golden Street, West Wyalong	Alterations and additions – Bathroom Extensions	09/09/2021
DA2022/0015	598 Grahams Lane, Quandialla	Subdivision – 1 additional lot	14/09/2021
DA2022/0016	94 Neeld Street, Wyalong	Residential alterations and additions – Shed	14/09/2021
DA2022/0017	10 Charles Place, West Wyalong	Single Storey Dwelling	14/09/2021
DA2022/0020	22 Wilga Street, West Wyalong	Storage Shed	30/09/2021
DA2022/0021	10 Tallimba Road, West Wyalong	Installation of nine manufactured/modular dwellings	30/09/2021
DA2021/0116	181 Robbs Lane, Ungarie	Subdivision – 1 additional lot & Installation of Grain Bunkers	23/09/2021

#### **Complying Development Certificates**

Council approved the following CDC Application during September 2021:

<b>Application No.</b>	<b>Address</b>	<b>Development</b>	<b>Approval Date</b>
CDC2022/0003	23 Lady Mary Drive, West Wyalong	Alterations and additions – Above Ground Swimming Pool	23/09/2021

### **Building Inspections**

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

<b>Inspection Type</b>	<b>Number</b>
Site	<b>20</b>
Pier Holes	<b>1</b>
Strip Footings	<b>2</b>
Slab/Coping	<b>2</b>
Frame	<b>9</b>
Hot & Cold	<b>9</b>
Wet Areas	<b>2</b>
Drainage/Plumbing	<b>4</b>
Stormwater	<b>1</b>
Final	<b>4</b>

## REGULATORY ACTIVITIES UPDATE

### Dog Attacks

There were no dog attacks reported during September 2021.

### Companion Animal Seizure and Impound Activities September 2021

Seizure Activities:	Dogs	Cats
Seized	0	0
Returned to Owner	0	0

Impounding Activities:	Dogs	Cats
Animals in pound at start of month	1	3
<b>Incoming Animals</b>		
Transferred from Seizure Activities	0	0
Dumped at Pound	1	5
Surrendered	8	0
<b>Total Animals in Pound</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>8</b>

<b>Outgoing Animals</b>		
Released to Owner	0	0
Euthanased	0	0
Rehoused	10	5
Sold	0	0
Died at Pound	0	0
Stolen	0	0
Escaped	0	0
<b>Total Animals Leaving Pound</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>5</b>
Animals in Pound at end of Month	0	3

# NOTICES OF MOTIONS / QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE

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## Notice of Motion

### 9.1 DA2021/0034 – Extractive Industry - Opinion Sought from EPA regarding Development Application – Clear Ridge Quarry (Councillor McGlynn)

*Opinion sought from EPA re Development Application - Clear Ridge Quarry*

This is in relation to the resolution passed by split vote, at the Council meeting of 28<sup>th</sup> September 2021, to approve the Development Application of the Clear Ridge Quarry. (1).

The motion will be: -

***To seek a review and comments from the Environmental Planning Authority re the conditions of consent relating to the compliance of applicants who have previously had serious conviction against them for noncompliance in the Land and Environment Court.***

Depending on the comments it may mean a review of this DA.

Reason

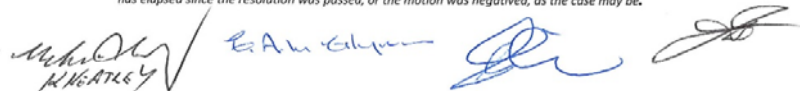
Assumptions have been made by Council, on behalf of the EPA that *“The development will be carried out in accordance with the Environmental Impact Statement ...”* (Conditions of Consent. Part A, Administrative Conditions, General 1). The assumption is the applicants will be compliant to EPA regulations.

Based on the history of the applicant in the Land and Environment Courts, plus the Council’s inability to monitor compliance, this is not an assumption that Council is qualified or in a position to make in relation to Rixa Quarries. This responsibility should be deferred to the EPA.

Risk of Non-Compliance to EPA regulations can be assessed through: -

1. Judge’s comments in the Land and Environment Court. The Judge in his decision accepted that *“Rixa Quarries had shown a blatant disregard for environment licensing laws and that numerous failures by the company directors implied that the company was likely to offend again”*.
2. The misrepresentation by the applicant in the initial DA.- *“the Clear Ridge Quarry will predominately supply material for use in the West Wyalong solar farm”*. Incorrect.
3. Recommendation from the town planner that it was impossible to police heavy vehicle movement from the quarry.
4. Likely inaccuracy in recording and measuring weights of trucks loaded at quarry through load cell on the front-end loader. No weighbridge.

(1) LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1993 - SECT 372.4) A notice of motion to alter or rescind a resolution, and a notice of motion which has the same effect as a motion which has been negatived by the council, must be signed by 3 councillors if less than 3 months has elapsed since the resolution was passed, or the motion was negatived, as the case may be.





Comments from General Manager

Under S8.3(1) of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 an applicant for development consent can request a consent authority to review a determination or decision made by the consent authority (in this case Council).

However, Council, once having issued Development Consent, has no authority to review that decision on its own. A review could only occur by a request from the applicant or possibly the Land and Environment Court if the matter had been referred to that authority. Council is not in a position to refer its own decision to the Land and Environment Court.

I see no impediment, however, in seeking the views of the EPA but those views cannot be used as a basis to overturn Council's decision to approve of this particular development but could provide guidance on future applications.

**Recommendation:**

**To seek a review and comments from the Environmental Planning Authority re the conditions of consent relating to the compliance of applicants who have previously had serious conviction against them for noncompliance in the Land and Environment Court.**