

**Business Paper**  
**Council Meeting**  
**18 April 2023**



# OUR VISION, MISSION AND VALUES



## Affirmation of Office

I solemnly and sincerely declare and affirm that I will undertake the duties of the office of councillor in the best interests of the people of Bland Shire and the Bland Shire Council and that I will faithfully and impartially carry out the functions, powers, authorities and discretions vested in me under the Local Government Act 1993 or any other Act to the best of my ability and judgment.

# CALENDAR OF MEETINGS

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Meeting Dates	Time	Meeting	Location
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April 2023			
18 April	6.30pm	Council Meeting	Chambers
27 April	10.00am	Goldenfields Water County Council	Temora
28 April	9.00am	RIVJO	Wagga
28 April	11.00am	REROC	Wagga

May 2023			
2 May	4.00pm	Council Workshop	Chambers
9 May	TBA	Newell Highway Taskforce	TBA
16 May	6.30pm	Council Meeting	Chambers
26 May	TBA	MERC	TBA

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## ORDER OF BUSINESS

**1. RECORDING OF MEETING STATEMENT**

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### **8. CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS**

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

#### **8.1 Property Purchase Lot 2 DP1101248 – Calleen Street**

*Local Government Act 1993 (Section 10A (2))*

*The matters and information are the following:*

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

#### **8.2 Property Purchase Lots 2 DP710250 and Lot 1134 DP753135 - Shamrock Street**

*Local Government Act 1993 (Section 10A (2))*

*The matters and information are the following:*

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

# REPORTS FROM STAFF

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## Section 1 - Office of the General Manager

### 6.1 Risk, Work Health and Safety Quarterly Report



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*DP12.4 Review and implement Council's policies and comply WHS and Risk Management Requirements*

**Authors:** WHS & Facilities Foreman, Risk and Insurance Officer

#### **Introduction**

This report has been prepared to update Council on Risk, Work Health and Safety activities and performance for the quarter ending March 2023.

#### **Financial Implications**

There are no identified financial implications at this time. All regular insurances have been accounted for in the annual budget process.

#### **Summary**

##### Statewide Mutual

Staff continue to work with Statewide on CIP workbooks. Work has commenced on the 2023 – 2024 list, including, building assets, and playgrounds. The third area of focus is yet to be determined, and due to be completed by October 2023. Arrangements are being made for Statewide officers to present to an upcoming Councillor Workshop and to undertake a review of Councils Risk appetite.

##### JLT 2023 Insurance renewals

Council staff have been completing the following questionnaires in preparation for 2023 – 2024 insurance renewals. These are on track and should be submitted shortly

- Crime
- Cyber Liability
- Risk Profile and General Information
- Property
- Councillors and Officers Liability
- Liability Casual Hirers, Swimming Pools Lease and Environment
- Personal Accident and corporate travel
- Public Liability and Professional Indemnity
- Motor Vehicle

##### StateCover

Risk and safety staff attended a StateCover meeting on 16 February, which included information presentations from Safework NSW on areas of concern and legislative updates, as well as a presentation on psychosocial risk management.

Work Health and Safety meetings are held quarterly, with the next meeting to be held on 18 May, actions arising from meetings continue to be addressed and completed.

Incident notifications

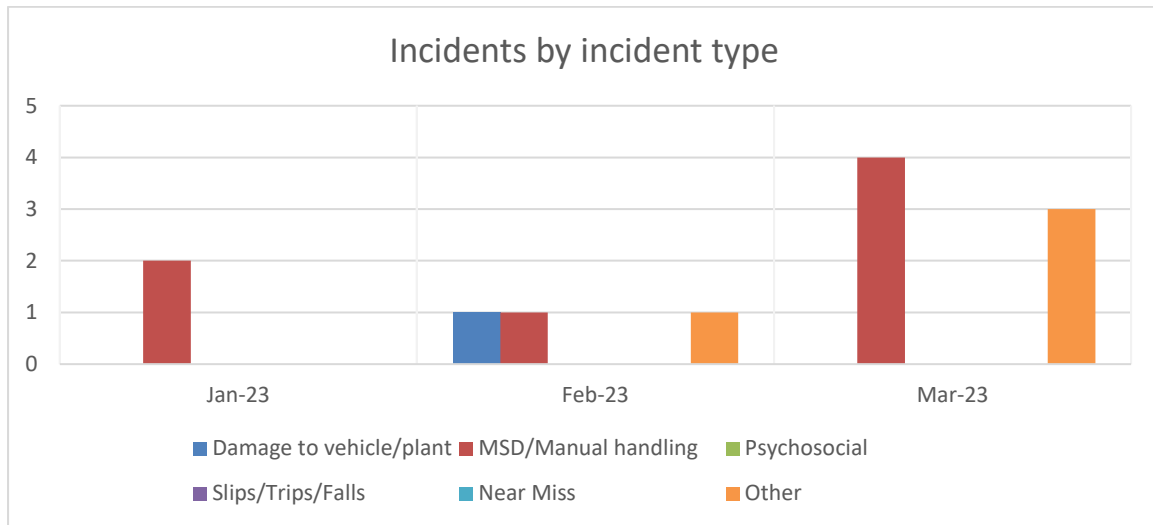
Council has a number of incident notifications in the past quarter including

- Pot hole complaints
- Slips, trips and falls
- Landfill Fires

Landfill fires

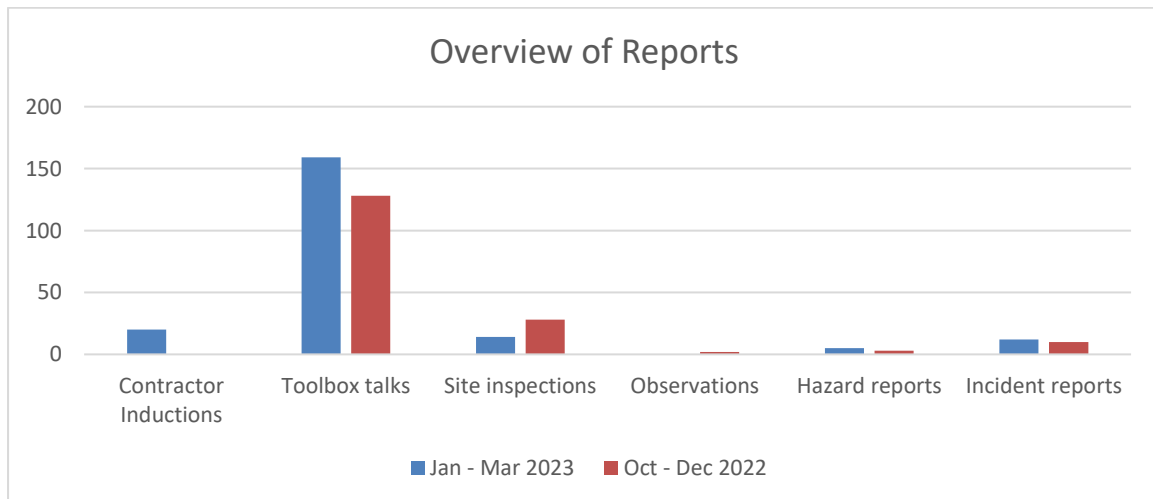
Council has had a fire at the West Wyalong and Tallimba landfills in the past quarter. The cause of each fire is unknown. Council notified EPA of both incidents. Council has previously undertaken a lot of preparation work including working with insurers to ensure the risk of fire, and any outbreaks are kept to a minimum. As a result recent fires have been contained and extinguished.

WHS Incident Notifications submitted 1 January 2023 – 31 March 2023



Internal WHS Documents 1 January 2023 – 31 March 2023

The following graph identifies the number of internally generated WHS documents over the period January – March 2023, and the previous period also.



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**Recommendation:**

That Council receive and note the Risk, Work Health and Safety Report for the quarter ending March 2023.

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## 6.2 Monthly Status Report – Council Meeting Actions: April 2023



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

**Author:** Executive Assistant

### **Introduction**

The General Manager is responsible for ensuring that Council's policies, decisions and priorities are implemented in a timely and efficient manner, consistent with the goals and objectives of Council. The General Manager provides the management oversight in relation to all information progressing from appropriate staff to Council for consideration via the Business Paper.

After a Council meeting, each resolution is allocated to the General Manager or responsible officer to action in accordance with the intent of the Council decision. Directors then provide feedback to the General Manager as to the progress of these resolutions on a monthly basis through the Manex meeting.

### **Financial Implications**

Nil

### **Summary**

The Monthly Status Report - Council Meeting Actions includes Council Resolutions up to and including the previous Council Meeting. A note in the status section has been completed by the relevant responsible officer with a reason if available.

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### **Recommendation:**

That Council receive and note the Monthly Status Report - Council Meeting Actions: April 2023.

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## Monthly Status Report – Council Meeting Actions

Resolution	Responsible Person	Progress Update
<b>DECEMBER 2022</b>		
<b>Statewide Road Emergency</b>		
02122022 RESOLVED that Bland Shire Council joins with Local Government NSW and Country Mayors Association of NSW in declaring a Statewide Road Emergency.	General Manager	14/2/2023: GM to notify CMA and LGNSW 13/3: Letter drafted 27/3: complete
<b>FEBRUARY 2023</b>		
<b>Strengthening Communities Grant – West Wyalong Horse Sports and Rodeo Association</b>		
12022023 RESOLVED that Council approve a Strengthening Communities Grant of up to \$2,500 financial support for the West Wyalong Horse Sports and Rodeo Association to assist with the cost of transporting stock, and supply of water cart for the rodeo event which will be held in West Wyalong in March 2023.	Manager Customer & Financial Services	13/3: in hand 28/3: Completed
<b>Strengthening Communities Grant – Western Wheelers Inc</b>		
13022023 RESOLVED that Council approve a Strengthening Communities Grant of \$2,000 financial support for the Western Wheelers Inc group to assist with the cost of their event which will be held in West Wyalong in March 2023.	Manager Customer & Financial Services	13/3: in hand 28/3: Completed
<b>MARCH 2023</b>		
<b>Adoption of Draft Budget for 2023/2024</b>		
06032023 RESOLVED that the 2023/2024 Draft Budget be endorsed and placed on public exhibition for a period of 28 days, commencing 22 March 2023, in accordance with the legislative requirements of the Local Government Act 1993.	Manager Customer & Financial Services	28/3: On exhibition
<b>Adoption of Draft Revenue Policy (including Draft Fees and Charges 2023/2024)</b>		
07032023 RESOLVED that the 2023/2024 Draft Revenue Policy (including Draft Fees and Charges 2023/2024) be endorsed and placed on public exhibition for a period of 28 days, commencing 22 March 2023, in accordance with the legislative requirements of the Local Government Act 1993.	Manager Customer & Financial Services	28/3: On exhibition

## Monthly Status Report – Council Meeting Actions

Resolution	Responsible Person	Progress Update
<p><b>Adoption of Draft Operational Plan for 2023/2024</b> 08032023 RESOLVED:</p> <p>1. That the Draft Operational Plan 2023/2024 of the Delivery Program 2022-2026 be endorsed and placed on public exhibition for a period of 28 days, commencing 22 March 2023, in accordance with the legislative requirements of the Local Government Act 1993.</p> <p>2. That a revised Operational Plan 2023/2024 of the Delivery Program 2022-2026 (including the Budget for the 2023/2024 Financial Year) and the Revenue Policy (including Fees and Charges 2023-2024), incorporating all public comments, submissions and input from staff and Councillors, be provided to the Ordinary Council meeting to be held on 16 May 2023 for final adoption.</p>	<p>Manager Customer &amp; Financial Services</p>	<p>28/3: On Exhibition</p>
<p><b>Tender 04/2023 – Civil Road Works on Councils Regional and Local Roads (VP346760)</b> 10032023 RESOLVED that Council award the Contract No 04/2023 for the Civil Road Works on Councils Regional and Local Roads as a part of the Regional and Local Roads Repair Program to Stabilised Pavements of Australia to the value of \$4,531,375.20 (Exc GST).</p>	<p>Director Technical Services</p>	<p>28/3: Completed</p>
<p><b>Tender 05/2023 – Bulk Precast Culverts and Associated Components, Supply and Delivery (VP347739)</b> 11032023 RESOLVED that Council award Contract No 05/2023 for the Bulk Precast Culvert and Associated Materials to BCP PRECAST – CIVILMART Rocla to the value of \$386,343.40 (Exc GST).</p>	<p>Director Technical Services</p>	<p>28/3: Completed</p>
<p><b>Tender 07/2023 – Linemarking – Safer Roads Program</b> 12032023 RESOLVED that Council award Contract No 07/2023 for the linemarking and associated works to Avante Linemarking to the value of \$854,285.30 (Exc GST).</p>	<p>Director Technical Services</p>	<p>28/3: Completed</p>
<p><b>Tender 06/2023 – Ninja Park – Redman Oval Complex</b> 13032023 RESOLVED that Council Award Contract no 06/2023 for the Design, Supply and Install of the Ninja Park at Redman Oval in Wyalong to Austek Play for a value of \$336,128.36 (Ex GST).</p>	<p>Director Technical Services</p>	<p>28/3: Completed</p>
<p><b>Fixing Local Roads Program Round 4</b> 14032023 RESOLVED that Council endorse the General Manager’s signing and execution of the Fixing Local Roads Program Round 4 for the Rehabilitation and Sealing of Giral Road funding deed for \$3 million (ex GST).</p>	<p>Director Technical Services</p>	<p>28/3: Completed</p>



## Monthly Status Report – Council Meeting Actions

Resolution	Responsible Person	Progress Update
<p><b>Council-related Development Applications Policy</b>  <b>15032023 RESOLVED:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. That Council endorse the draft Council-related Development Application Conflict of Interest Policy and place the policy on exhibition for period of 28 days from 22 March 2023, and</li> <li>2. Should there be comments received from the community on the draft Council-related Development Application Conflict of Interest Policy, a report be prepared and presented to Council.</li> <li>3. Should there be no comment from the community within the 42 day commentary period, Council formally adopt the Council-related Development Application Conflict of Interest Policy.</li> </ol>	<p>Manager                      Development &amp;                      Regulatory                      Services</p>	<p>28/3: On Exhibition</p>

## 6.3 Eastern Riverina Arts - Regional Advisory Committee



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

*DP 3.2 Provide cultural activities and community programs that foster social development and community wellbeing.*

**Author:** General Manager

### **Introduction**

To seek Council's confirmation of Bland Shire Council's Recorded Delegate on the Eastern Riverina Arts, and nominate a representative to the Regional Advisory Committee.

Eastern Riverina Arts (ERA) provides opportunities to artists and other creative people in the Eastern Riverina region.

ERA works across the region in a collaborative manner to support creative arts practitioners, stimulate creative activity and increase participation in the arts.

ERA is made up of eight Councils including Bland, Coolamon, Cootamundra-Gundagai, Lockhart, Junee, Snowy Valleys, Temora Shire Councils and Wagga Wagga City Council.

Eastern Riverina Arts is part of a network of 15 Regional Arts Development Organisations (RADOs) in NSW, in close partnership with the parent body Regional Arts NSW.

At present Bland Shire Council is a voting member of ERA and the recorded delegate is the General Manager. There is currently no Regional Advisory Committee Representative.

The Annual General Meeting is scheduled for 5 May 2023 and is to be held at The Station Creative Workspace, 54 – 58 Johnston Street, Wagga Wagga or attendance can also be provided via Zoom.

Under the Eastern Riverina Arts constitution, only Local Government members (represented by their General Manager or their delegate) have voting rights at the AGM. Local government delegates not attending the Annual General Meeting can send a proxy.

Proxies can be given to another voting member, a current ERA board member, or Council's Regional Advisory Committee member.

In accordance with Council's Operational Plan 2022-23, Council will continue its membership and participation with Eastern Riverina Arts Inc.

### **Financial Implications**

Councillors travel expenses in undertaking their duties, roles and responsibilities include representing Council are addressed in Council's Payment of Expenses and Provisions of Facilities to Councillors Policy.

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### **Recommendation:**

That Council confirm the Director Corporate Services as Bland Shire Council's Recorded Delegate to Eastern Riverina Arts Inc and nominate Councillor XXXX as the Regional Advisory Committee Representative.

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## Section 2 – Corporate & Community Services

### 6.4 Finance and Investment Report for March 2023



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*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 2021.

#### **Financial Implications**

#### **STATEMENT OF BANK BALANCES, RATES COLLECTIONS AND INVESTMENTS FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH 2023.**

#### **BANK BALANCES AS AT 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 2023**

<b>ACCOUNT</b>	<b>BALANCE</b>
General Fund	\$889,971.05
Business Card	\$12,022.07
	<b>\$901,993.12</b>
<i>Invested Funds</i>	
Fixed Deposits	\$68,200,000.00
Deposits at Call	\$5,288,080.13
	<b>\$73,488,080.13</b>
Net Balance	<b>\$74,390,073.25</b>
Percentage of Invested Funds to Net Balance	98.79%

**STATEMENT OF BANK BALANCES AS AT 31.03.2023**

**SUBMITTED TO THE ORDINARY MEETING APRIL 18, 2023**

<b>BALANCE as at 01.03.23</b>	<b>\$3,813,210.04</b>																																														
<b>Add Receipts</b>																																															
<u>Receipts Over \$150,000</u>																																															
29/03/23 Transfer From Cash at Call	2,000,000.00																																														
<u>Receipts under \$150,000</u>	1,362,055.65																																														
<i>Total Receipts for March 2023</i>	<b>\$3,362,055.65</b>																																														
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02/03/23 Goldenfields Water – Water Security Project	-1,326,158.50																																														
06/03/23 Defence Bank Term Deposit	-1,000,000.00																																														
29/03/23 AMP Term Deposit	-1,500,000.00																																														
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<b>CASH BALANCE</b>	<b><u>\$889,971.05</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 March 2023 to 31 March 2023.

I CERTIFY,

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

Payment Type	Voucher No's	Total
Cheques	026291-026300	\$16,667.32
Auto-pay	Creditors E031130 – E031489	\$5,752,740.00
Auto-pay	Payroll 05/03/23 – 26/03/23	\$512,076.97
Bank Charges & Commissions	March 2023	\$2,748.84
Direct Debits	Repayments & Vehicle Lease	1,061.51
		<b>\$6,285,294.64</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.

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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 18<sup>th</sup> April 2023, 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.

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General Manager

### **CERTIFICATE OF CHAIRMAN OF ORDINARY MEETING**

I certify that this accounts summary, covering amounts totalling **\$6,285,294.64** was submitted to the Ordinary Meeting on the 18<sup>th</sup> April 2023 and that the amounts are presented to Council for confirmation of payment.

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Chairman of Ordinary Meeting

## INVESTMENTS

The following table gives details of Council's Funds invested at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023. The funds consist of monies from the Bank Accounts of the Trust Funds, Reserve Accounts, Sewerage Fund and Combined General Account.

DATE INVESTED	INVESTED WITH WHOM	INVESTED AMOUNT	TERM	YIELD	DATE DUE
28/05/2020	Bank of QLD	2,000,000.00	1097 days	1.35%	30/05/2023
28/05/2020	Bank of QLD	2,000,000.00	1460 days	1.50%	27/05/2024
6/08/2020	Bank of QLD	2,000,000.00	1093 days	1.05%	4/08/2023
30/09/2020	Northern Territory Treasury	2,000,000.00	1902 days	1.20%	15/12/2025
30/10/2020	Northern Territory Treasury	1,000,000.00	1141 days	0.80%	15/12/2023
30/11/2020	MyState Bank (Term Deposit)	2,000,000.00	365 days	0.50%	30/11/2023
23/02/2021	AMP (Term Deposit)	2,500,000.00	548 days	1.35%	23/08/2023
11/05/2021	MyState Bank	1,000,000.00	730 days	0.55%	11/05/2023
24/06/2021	Defence Bank	2,000,000.00	728 days	0.58%	22/06/2023
17/09/2021	Judo Bank	2,000,000.00	727 days	0.95%	14/09/2023
1/10/2021	NAB (Term Deposit)	1,500,000.00	734 days	0.60%	5/10/2023
22/10/2021	MyState Bank (Term Deposit)	2,000,000.00	733 days	0.80%	25/10/2023
14/12/2021	Bank of QLD	2,000,000.00	730 days	1.10%	14/12/2023
20/01/2022	AMP (Term Deposit)	1,000,000.00	729 days	1.35%	19/01/2024
4/05/2022	MyState Bank	2,000,000.00	350 days	2.90%	19/04/2023
11/05/2022	AMP (Term Deposit)	2,000,000.00	365 days	3.00%	11/05/2023
11/08/2022	AMP (Term Deposit)	1,000,000.00	336 days	4.15%	13/07/2023
16/08/2022	Bank of QLD	1,000,000.00	365 days	3.85%	16/08/2023
31/08/2022	Macquarie Bank	1,000,000.00	330 days	4.11%	27/07/2023
8/09/2022	Bendigo Bank (Term Deposit)	400,000.00	365 days	3.00%	8/09/2023
8/09/2022	Bendigo Bank (Term Deposit)	400,000.00	365 days	3.00%	8/09/2023
8/09/2022	Bendigo Bank (Term Deposit)	400,000.00	365 days	3.00%	8/09/2023
8/09/2022	MyState Bank	1,000,000.00	273 days	3.90%	8/06/2023
16/09/2022	Bank of QLD (Term Deposit)	1,000,000.00	369 days	4.20%	20/09/2023
21/09/2022	NAB (Term Deposit)	1,000,000.00	365 days	4.25%	21/09/2023
29/09/2022	Bank of QLD	2,000,000.00	364 days	4.45%	28/09/2023
5/10/2022	NAB (Term Deposit)	2,000,000.00	371 days	4.05%	11/10/2023
18/10/2022	Police Bank	2,000,000.00	365 days	4.45%	18/10/2023
19/10/2022	Judo Bank	2,000,000.00	365 days	4.30%	19/10/2023
10/11/2022	AMP (Term Deposit)	1,000,000.00	364 days	4.75%	9/11/2023
17/11/2022	Australian Unity	2,000,000.00	364 days	4.40%	16/11/2023
30/11/2022	Auswide Bank	2,000,000.00	358 days	4.55%	23/11/2023
8/12/2022	Auswide Bank	2,000,000.00	189 days	4.40%	15/06/2023
8/12/2022	Commonwealth Bank	2,000,000.00	364 days	4.38%	7/12/2023
25/01/2023	Macquarie Bank	1,000,000.00	365 days	4.35%	25/01/2024
25/01/2023	Auswide Bank	1,000,000.00	176 days	4.50%	20/07/2023
31/01/2023	Great Southern Bank	2,500,000.00	365 days	4.65%	31/01/2024
8/02/2023	Macquarie Bank	1,000,000.00	106 days	4.12%	25/05/2023
8/02/2023	Defence Bank	1,000,000.00	365 days	4.75%	8/02/2024
15/02/2023	NAB (Term Deposit)	1,000,000.00	365 days	4.90%	15/02/2024
16/02/2023	Defence Bank	1,000,000.00	328 days	4.85%	10/01/2024
28/02/2023	Macquarie Bank	1,000,000.00	365 days	4.84%	28/02/2024
28/02/2023	Macquarie Bank	1,000,000.00	120 days	4.26%	28/06/2023
1/03/2023	Defence Bank	1,000,000.00	371 days	5.00%	6/03/2024
6/03/2023	Defence Bank	1,000,000.00	380 days	5.00%	20/03/2024
8/03/2023	Bank of QLD	1,000,000.00	370 days	0.85%	13/03/2024
29/03/2023	AMP	1,500,000.00	365 days	4.90%	28/03/2024
	ANZ Deposit at Call	50,957.12	Cash at Call		
	CBA Deposit at Call	5,237,123.01	Cash at Call		
	<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$73,488,080.13</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 (2022/23)	\$ 11,165,289.71
Rates received as at 31/03/2023	\$ 8,722,959.36
% of rates received to date	<b>78.13%</b>

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 2021 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.

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### Recommendation:

1. That Council receive and note the information contained within the Finance and Investment Report for the month of March 2023
  2. That Council confirms the payment of accounts, for the period 01 March to 31 March 2023, summarised in the accounts summary totalling \$6,285,294.64
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## 6.5 Strengthening Communities Grant – West Wyalong Hospital Auxiliary



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

DP 3.1.5 Administer Council's Strengthening Communities Grant

**Author:** Manager Customer & Financial Services

### Introduction

The West Wyalong Hospital Auxiliary (auspiced by the United Hospital Auxiliaries of NSW) is seeking a Strengthening Communities Grant from council to the value of \$4,679 for the purchase of a set of "Fortress Corner Stairs" to assist with rehabilitation after surgery, injury or stroke. The stairs will assist patients and community members to regain independence, confidence and skill with stair ascending and descending.

Council have provided the West Wyalong Hospital Auxiliary the following financial support through the Strengthening Communities Program;

FINANCIAL YEAR	AMOUNT	EVENT
2017-2018	4,500	Accuvein Vein Finder
2019-2020	750	Carols by Candlelight
2022-2023	500	Carols by Candlelight

The Grant Guidelines state that funding will not be provided for "*projects where the purpose is considered the responsibility of state or federal government*".

The Guidelines also state that "*Each organisation is limited to one Council Grant or Donation per financial year*".

The West Wyalong Hospital Auxiliary received \$500 on the 1<sup>st</sup> December 2022.

### Financial Implications

There is currently \$18,910 remaining in the Strengthening Communities Program budget.

### Summary

The purchase of Fortress Corner Stairs will benefit the West Wyalong Hospital patients in the Allied Health Rooms with their rehabilitation. Consideration should be made regarding whether the project is the responsibility of Murrumbidgee Local Health District (State Government) or Council. The West Wyalong Hospital Auxiliary has already received a donation under the Strengthening Communities Grant Program this financial year.

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### Recommendation:

That Council not approve a Strengthening Communities Grant of \$4,679 for the purchase of a set of "Fortress Corner Stairs" for the West Wyalong Hospital as the application does not meet the grant guidelines.

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## 6.6 Strengthening Communities Grant – Tallimba Public Hall Committee



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

DP 3.1.5 Administer Council's Strengthening Communities Grant

**Author:** Manager Customer & Financial Services

### **Introduction**

The Tallimba Public Hall Committee (auspiced by the Tallimba Sports Club Incorporated) is seeking a Strengthening Communities Grant from Council to the value of \$1,500 to assist with the cost of hosting Fanny Lumsden as she performs in her 10<sup>th</sup> Country Halls Tour. The event aims to bring the community of Tallimba along with the wider Bland Shire community together for a fun filled evening. Opening the event will be local talent, Claudia Raine Music.

The event will be held at Tallimba Public Hall on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> April 2023. Villages such as Tallimba have struggled in recent times due to declining populations. This event aims to showcase what the village of Tallimba has to offer and to bring the community together.

The total budgeted cost for the event is \$2,050 which includes the value of \$200 in kind support.

Tallimba Public Hall received \$900 from the Strengthening Communities Program in 2014 and has been acquitted. The application received meets the criteria under the grant guidelines.

### **Financial Implications**

There is currently \$25,000 remaining in the Strengthening Communities Program budget.

### **Summary**

Tallimba Hall hosting the Fanny Lumsden concert will boost visitors to the village of Tallimba and local residents will enjoy an evening of quality entertainment.

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### **Recommendation:**

That Council approve a Strengthening Communities Grant of \$1,500 financial support for the Tallimba Public Hall Committee (auspiced by Tallimba Sports Club Incorporated) to assist with the event costs associated with the Fanny Lumsden Country Halls Tour concert to be held on 29<sup>th</sup> April 2023.

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## 6.7 Strengthening Communities Grant – Wyalong Advancement Group Inc



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

DP 3.1.5 Administer Council's Strengthening Communities Grant

**Author:** Manager Customer & Financial Services

### **Introduction**

The Wyalong Advancement Group Inc is seeking a Strengthening Communities Grant from council to the value of \$2,000 to assist with the cost of a community event titled "Gift of Kindness". The event will be a community afternoon with guest speaker Kath Koschel, founder of the global Kindness Foundation. Kath will talk about her life, and how the simple gift of kindness can have a positive effect on a person's mental health.

The event will be held at Wyalong Hall on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2023 from 2pm to 4pm. The event aims to provide inspiration to all sectors as well as help school aged children see how kindness can help a person's mental health and body image issues.

The total budgeted cost for the event is \$5,937 which includes the value of \$300 in kind support. The Wyalong Advancement Group Inc will contribute to the remainder of the event costs which meets the requirements under the grant guidelines to provide matching funding on a \$1:\$1 basis.

The Wyalong Advancement Group Inc have not received any previous funding from Council under the Strengthening Communities Program. The application received meets the criteria under the grant guidelines.

### **Financial Implications**

There is currently \$25,000 remaining in the Strengthening Communities Program budget.

### **Summary**

The proposed community afternoon, "Gift of Kindness" hosted by the Wyalong Advance Group Inc will be an inclusive event to promote the positive effects of spreading kindness.

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### **Recommendation:**

That Council approve a Strengthening Communities Grant of \$2,000 financial support for the Wyalong Advancement Group Inc to assist with the event costs associated with the "Gift of Kindness" community afternoon to be held on 6<sup>th</sup> May 2023.

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## 6.8 Riverina Regional Library Member Update



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

*DP3.4 Foster a community learning culture optimising our physical and virtual spaces*

**Author:** Director Corporate and Community Services

### **Introduction**

Riverina Regional Library (RRL) branches have been engaging with their communities and delivering a wide variety of exceptional library services. This report attached provides a highlight of some of those activities for the period July 2022 to March 2023.

### **Background**

Bland Shire has been a member of RRL since 1 January 2015. A recent meeting of the RRL Advisory Committee received the document which provides information on the various activities undertaken by member libraries (Attachment One).

The Committee was also provided with a report from the RRL Joint Managers which contained a Collection Reflection – an overview of the health of the library collections held by each of the branches as at December 2022. It shows the branch library staff have continued their focus on collection maintenance to ensure they remain up-to-date with the highest quality items. This report (Attachment Two) indicated that Bland Shire's library was performing well with improvements in the average age of stock.

### **Financial Implications**

There are no financial implications associated with this report apart from the already budgeted contributions to the RRL.

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### **Recommendation:**

That Council receive and note the information contained within the Riverina Regional Library report and attachments.

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# RP-10 MEMBER COUNCIL REPORT

Author: Karen Wendt

## Recommendation

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**That the Committee note the Member Council report. Report**

## Report

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RRL branch libraries have been engaging with their communities and delivering a wide variety of exceptional library services. This report highlights some of those activities for the period July 2022 to March 2023.

### **Bland Shire Council Programs**

July 1 heralded the start of a busy nine months for Bland Shire Library with a wealth of programs aimed at enriching the lives of residents living within the community. Some highlights include a Library Scavenger Hunt for children, held as part of Library and Information Week during July. Bland Shire Library also hosted a highly successful visit by natural history and scientific illustrator, Sami Bayly in August. A number of local schools participated in the one-day event, which targeted upper primary and secondary students. Sami spoke about her experience as an artist, writer and overall animal lover. Students were then engaged in a series of drawing activities.

Bland Shire Library had a lot to celebrate in August with the return of school groups to the library for Book Week, after a two-year hiatus due to COVID-19. The Amazing Race, for middle and upper primary students, required the students to find clues hidden in and around the library in order to answer questions with a focus on Australian Aboriginal culture. Lower primary students enjoyed a variety of stories from the CBCA shortlist, which they then discussed before completing a text appreciation exercise. The infants enjoyed a story-time session with storytelling, singing, music and dance, and a craft activity. The library also introduced a Community Jigsaw Puzzle – a new initiative aimed at promoting community creativity and cooperative learning.

### **Christmas Food and Gift Appeal**

The library's annual Christmas Food and Gift Appeal, which supports the local St Vincent de Paul Society in providing hampers and gifts to those local families in need, was again overwhelmed with donations. Santa's mailbox proved popular with nearly 100 children receiving a personalised letter from Santa. Children made tree decorations as part of an after-school Christmas Craft session. Santa and Mrs Claus made a special guest appearance at the library's final Storytime, which has attracted large numbers of 50+ people throughout the year.

### **Summer Reading Club 40 Day Challenge**

The library's annual Summer Reading Club 40-Day Challenge, launched in November, attracted 80 participants. Incentives – thanks to sponsorship – helped participants to reach their goal. Apart from reading, the children had a Bingo Challenge to complete over December and January with a presentation and finale party held in February.

There was a great start to the new year with 64 children attending Reptiles on the Go in January. Author Jan Davidson gave a free talk and conducted a writing workshop in February. The library also celebrated Library Lovers Day (February 14). On a final note, Bland Shire Library is hosting

Andrew Plant, a Melbourne based illustrator, mural artist, author, zoologist, theatre director, designer and choreographer, 27 – 31 March 2023.



## Coolamon Shire Council Tech Classes for Seniors

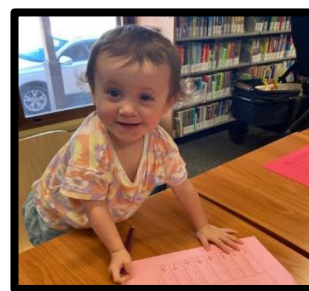
Coolamon Shire Library held several classes for our seniors involving assistance with technology. Our very popular Tech Savvy for Seniors was held in August. This course was held over 9 weeks with 6 participants each week. They were encouraged to bring along their own devices. This course is designed to help seniors develop skills and confidence to participate in the online world. Topics included introduction to computers, emails, internet and social media. The library also teamed up with the Coolamon Central School Year 11 students to hold free mobile phones lessons. The students assisted seniors to use their mobile device and its features.

## School Holiday Program

The July/August and September/October school holiday programs were very popular and the library was able to provide a lot more activities than previously offered. This was due to successfully applying for funding from the NSW Office of Regional Youth and we received \$7,000 for each period. Some of the activities included: Excursions to the Forum 6 Cinema and Bowling Alley in Wagga Wagga, painting and photography workshops, golf lessons, and boot camps. These workshops were all offered free of charge including bus transport and meals. Some of the workshops were offered in other towns in the shire as well.

## NAIDOC Week

During NAIDOC Week, the library held several events to celebrate and recognise the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. The first event was a NAIDOC painting workshop for children. Children learnt a variety of speaking words in Wiradjuri with senior Wiradjuri elder Aunty Gail Manderson from Wagga. Then they created their own painting masterpiece using bush animal tracks. Then for the adults a movie night was offered called *Wash my Soul in the Rivers* held in the Up-To-Date Store. The film is a love story told in song and spoken word, from the points of view of Archie Roach and Ruby Hunter, First Nation singer-songwriters and icons of Australian music. Wiradjuri food was served throughout the evening provided by the Railway Collective in Coolamon.





## Cootamundra-Gundagai Regional Council

### Anne Frank Exhibition

Cootamundra-Gundagai Regional Council (CGRC) will hosted the *Let Me Be Myself – The Life Story of Anne Frank* exhibition in room 2 of the Stephen Ward Rooms from 14 February - 14 March 2023. This travelling exhibition contains seven historical modules enabling visitors to identify with the personal story of Anne Frank. Large-size pictures show Anne's happy early childhood in Frankfurt, followed by the immigration to Amsterdam and the time in hiding. It also includes original WW2 artefacts including a yellow Star of David, which Dutch Jews were forced to wear, a film and a copy of Anne's diary. The exhibition will also held at the Gundagai Library for one month.

### Tech Savvy Seniors

Cootamundra Library received another round of funding from the State Library and Telstra to run Tech Savvy seniors' classes. These classes are run by library casual, Kerry Bryne, and cover mobile phones, iPads, emails and using the internet. Each class is capped at 6 participants to ensure optimum learning can take place in a relaxed environment. The library is fortunate to have our technology volunteer, Christine, who comes in for two full days a week to help seniors with any technology problems they may have. Seniors can get assistance for one hour at a time from Christine.

### Gundagai Library

The six months from September 2022 to February 2023 were challenging for Gundagai Library, with manager Cindy Smith on unexpected extended leave. Cootamundra librarian, Rochelle Nicholls, stepped in as temporary manager and a vote of thanks must be given to the part-time Gundagai staff Linda Wood, Robin Horst and Leanne Sheahan, for going above and beyond to keep normal operations running. With Robin's retirement at the end of 2022 and Leanne Sheahan departing for northern climes, the library also welcomed three new casual staff in Peggy Elliott, Jaymi-Leigh Kendall and Ashley Waddell, all of whom bring professional backgrounds in early childhood education, community services and the creative arts to the library team.

### Gundagai Programs

The library has remained a focal point for technology education in the Gundagai community, particularly for seniors, with free mobile phone training workshops run during Get Online Week (October 2022) and Seniors Week (February 2023). A free walk-in technology help service is also available on Mondays and Fridays. Social and educational programs for seniors continue to be a focus area, with weekly Brain Games, Social Cards, and Mahjong sessions. New programs were also introduced in Term 4 for younger members, including weekly Baby Bounce, Homework Club, and Lego Club programs. Digital Detox, a joint program for adults and children, offering one hour of tech-free time and creative activities in the library, was launched in February 2023. Work also commenced on an extension to the library building to house a meeting and training space in February 2023.



## Federation Council

### October Floods

Corowa Library is situated in a wonderful area close to the Murray River, that unfortunately can be affected by major floods. During October the river levels rose and preparations were made to vacate the building.

Further rain saw the Murray River rise to its highest level for many years and the water stayed high for a number of weeks. Council operations, including the library, opened at a temporary premises at Oddfellows Hall in Corowa, then moved to another temporary location at 11 Sanger Street. After an extensive clean-up of the lower levels of the building, the library was able to resume operations at the Civic Centre on 7 February. Numerous library programs were once again postponed, and we hope to resume normal operations from now on.

### Mulwala Library

The Mulwala library is once again back in normal operation, with the Local History group, the Wednesday Crotchet Group and Storytime all running very well. The library organised a wonderful Japanese themed day for Love Your Library Day. It was very popular with the local community, with Japanese displays and a cooking demonstration.

### Howlong Library

Howlong Library was very busy with the closure of the Civic Centre, as a number of office staff relocated to the library, with temporary offices set up in various spaces. A new library team member, Ann Farmer, commenced at Howlong just as the flood waters arrived in Corowa. Ann is settling in well and is looking forward to fostering her love of books with the local Howlong community.



## Greater Hume Council

### Greater Hume Council Wins Murrumbidgee Primary Health Event of the Year Award

A collection of community driven activities designed for older people won the 2022 Murrumbidgee Grant of the Year award. The Festival of Seniors was delivered by Greater Hume Council Libraries with the assistance of a Community Grant with the aim of providing mental health and wellbeing benefits to communities of Henty, Culcairn, Walla Walla, Jindera and Holbrook. Under the program the people of Greater Hume Council communities were able to come together after a time of isolation and loneliness to engage in conversations, connecting with new and old friends in a safe and enjoyable setting.

### Celebrating Christmas at the Library with Gingerbread Men

Greater Hume Council Libraries celebrated Christmas in December with decorating of Gingerbread Men at all of the branches. Children enjoyed a Christmas story and warmed up for the program by practicing decorating a plain biscuit. Then the fun began with coloured icing, lollies,

and delicious Christmas shaped biscuits to decorate for the arrival of Santa or just to eat themselves!

## **Newly Refurbished Holbrook Library**

Holbrook Library opened its doors on Saturday 1 October 2022 and welcomed the community to come in and see the newly refurbished meeting rooms and foyer area. The new carpet, walls, and furniture were made possible by a NSW State Library Infrastructure Grant. With the incentive of promoting the library and increasing library participation, the celebrations were held in conjunction with the Holbrook Community Garden.

## **Council Receives Highly Commendable Award**

The NSWPLA Innovation in Outreach Services Awards for public libraries recognise successful marketing projects across the state. In 2022 there were many projects that were undertaken in our libraries. Greater Hume Council's Seniors Week application was one application selected in the Population 10,000 – 30,000 Category as Highly Commendable.

## **Podcasting Project**

Hayden Honeywill, Greater Hume Council Library Trainee, and Harlan Candy, volunteer at Henty



Library have created a program called H&H Podcasting. The project is all about bringing the community together on topics that are important to everyone. The completed H&H Podcasts are uploaded to the Greater Hume Council Website and Library and Youth Services social media pages. The project is all about putting young people in control when interviewing guests to assist with development of their leadership and technical skills and at the same time bringing new users to the library to engage in a unique library activity.

## **Junee Shire Council**

### **Storytime**

The 2022 year has proven to be successful for children's and family focused programs. With the return of Storytime, the library welcomed lots of new members. Every Tuesday morning, the library delivers an exciting, fun session filled with song, dance, games and stories. A standout session was Grandparents Day. Families invited their grandparents where they enjoyed a beautiful story read by a lovely local grandmother and her 96 year old mother (a great, great grandmother). Attendees sang familiar rhymes and songs then shared a special morning tea.

### **Baby on a Mat**

During Term 4 of 2022, Junee Community Centre, NSW Health and Junee Library partnered together to launch 'Baby on a Mat', a program focused on supporting mums with new babies. The session includes information on early childhood development and early intervention. Every second Friday, mums and bubs joined each other on the mat for tummy time, nursery rhymes and information. Morning tea was provided, and the group could relax, chat and hopefully meet new

friends. The new group has been hugely successful and will continue to run in 2023, meeting every second Thursday.

## Imagination Library

The Junee Shire Council is proud to be part of the Dolly Parton Imagination Library program. Every newborn child born after 1 January 2022 residing in the Local Government Area of Junee, registered in the program, will receive a free age-appropriate book every month for 5 years through Dolly Parton's Imagination Library. Designed to connect parents and children through a love of reading, the program is set to improve the literacy levels of young children with the intention of brighter beginnings and stronger futures. As of January 2023, there are 45 children enrolled in the program in the Junee Shire who have so far been provided with 172 age appropriate, high quality new books.

## Adults and Seniors

Amid the great success of the children's programs, Junee Library has also engaged the older demographic with continued activities such as the *Wednesday Scrabble Group* and *Movie of the Month*. Visiting senior residents at the Cooina Court Aged Care Facility has also become a highlight for Junee Library staff in recent months. Once every month, the staff deliver a box of 20 books to people at Cooina Court with the aim of maintaining community engagement with the library for all age groups.



## Leeton Shire Council

### Welcome to RRL!

Leeton Shire library joined RRL on 1 July 2022, and like other libraries in the network, COVID-19 did give the library challenges and some programs were delivered online such as Baby Rhyme Time and Storytime. The July school holidays kicked off with a take home kit on how to make your own cup warmers (together with an online instructional video). The library also held a reading challenge and take-home activity packs, which were very popular.

## Social Media

Our Facebook page presented an online event as part of the CBCA – Children's Book Week which was held in August. During Local Government Week, two of our Roads Department team members come in and read to the community. This was also uploaded to our Facebook page which was a lot of fun. There was also a Hot Air Balloon activity and numerous other events during the September/October school holidays with take-home activity packs and craft bags for the community.

## Christmas / New Year Events

What a very busy time we had during the month of December. The library held a special Storytime for International Day of People with Disability and over four days held a special Christmas Storytime with Santa making a special visit, that all the children loved. In the New Year Maker



Space Kits were launched with three separate events held over three weeks during the school holidays. During February, the library held a Library Lovers event where patrons wrote on a piece of paper what their favourite book was and why, with prizes for best entries.

Leeton Library continues to promote and deliver our weekly programs including Baby Rhyme Time, Tai Chi, Yoga, Bridge, Knitters Group, Storytime, Brain Games and Dungeons and Dragons.



### **Lockhart Shire Council**

The mobile library service at Lockhart continues to be very much appreciated and patronised. New stock items are being borrowed regularly and rotation of the collection keeps it fresh. The reservation service is very popular both over the counter and online, and school holiday Lucky Dips remain popular with the children.

The collaboration with Service NSW to provide assistance and support to patrons in accessing rebates and savings available through the NSW Government Cost of Living program was a delight for patrons throughout October 2022 and February 2023.

### **Snowy Valleys Council**

#### **SVC Libraries - Reptiles on the Go**

Reptiles on the Go was held at Tumut, Batlow and Tumbarumba Libraries during the Christmas school holidays. The program proved to be a great success with all sessions fully booked. A full range of reptiles including crocodile, shingleback, frill-neck lizards, blue tongues and many more were presented by a very knowledgeable and passionate presenter who talked about the human safety aspects when coming across such animals, their habitat and food. Children enjoyed being able to handle some of the reptiles.

#### **Tumut Library – Card Making Workshops**

Tumut Library has once again hosted a number of successful Card Making workshops, drawing on the artistic skills of Library Coordinator, Rhonda Twomey. The workshops included tutorials on watercolour painting and have proven extremely popular across a wide demographic. Pictured is 94-year-old Jean Brown who has become a regular attendee at the workshops. The workshops have also proven popular for our Valmar neurodiverse visitors, who attend with their support providers weekly.

#### **Tumut Library – Tech Savvy Workshops**

Tumut Library has been the beneficiary of volunteer support from local resident Peter Rochester who is delivering fortnightly technology classes aimed at increasing knowledge and supporting the use of technology for those in the community grappling with the ever-changing technological landscape. The classes have focused on covering computer use, smartphones, maintenance, downloading and using apps, maintaining security and identifying scams.

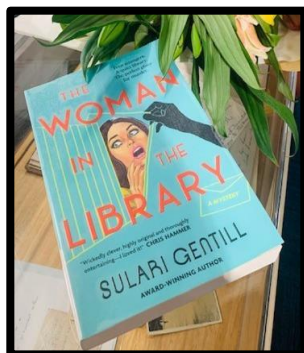


## Tumbarumba Library - Author Visits

During July, Tumbarumba Library hosted Sulari Gentill for a launch of her new book, *The Woman in the Library*. Sulari gave an engaging talk about writing, authors she has met, the industry in general and what opportunities writing has given her. After her talk she generously signed books and mingled with guests. In August, Year 5 and 6 students from two local schools were invited to attend the engaging presentation by author/illustrator Sami Bayly. The students were engrossed with Sami's talk, which she broke up with instructed drawing lessons.

## Tumbarumba Library - Programs

Library programs have been well attended at Tumbarumba. In July, Matt Lin gave a Superhero Drawing workshop which children of all ages thoroughly enjoyed. Preschool Storytime has been extremely popular and the local schools and Childcare Centre have been utilizing the library for programming. The local homeschool group met for a Felted Bookmarks workshop and Paper Making workshop. Families from all over the region came together each month to learn new skills at the library. In August we opened the time capsule from 2000. It was delayed due to Covid closures for two years. A lot of the students from the time, parents and former librarian Marj Underwood returned for the opening. It was a great morning and a lovely way to remember the past. Students from the Children's Centre also attended and marvelled at the pop culture items that were in the time capsule.



## Batlow Library – Escape Room

This year Batlow Library staff worked hard to develop an interesting and inviting range of programs for children and adolescents/young adults. One of these has been the development of two escape room challenges for teams of two to four players and which may or may not include an adult. The first one was geared to a younger group where clues were provided for a series of information gathering and code breaking which would then allow the players to unlock the meeting room door to enable the players to access their delicious morning tea. The second challenge was geared more to youth level and was centred around travels and archaeology. The players were required to solve many problems including a coded message, postcards with numbers on them to be ordered correctly, with clues provided and to come up with a code which would enable them to unlock a chest which contained a phone. The players then had to make a call to a library phone to

supply the codeword BRAINY. The call could only be made if the players had correctly worked out the PIN based on four atomic numbers. Each of the players received a small prize for their success. The challenges were a great success with sessions each day almost entirely booked out.

## Temora Shire Council Book or Movie?!



In August 2022 Temora Shire Library collaborated with Temora Town Hall Theatre to screen the first session of *Where the Crawdad's Sing*. The novel by Delia Owens made a popular comeback when it was announced that a movie adaptation would be hitting the big screen. Staff were quick to promote the book to patrons and there was an influx of requests for the popular title. 86 members of the community enjoyed a social night with nibbles and drinks with many positive comments about the night received. Patrons expressed they would love to attend more new release book/movie adaptation nights, so library staff look forward to planning this in the near future. Watch out for *Force of Nature* by Jane Harper in 2023!

## Bright Beginnings

Visits from local preschool Bright Beginnings Early Years Learning Centre continued throughout 2022. The 4-5year old class visits once a month for a Storytime session which includes music, dancing, games, activities and craft - to help with their preparation for school. Throughout each session we try to focus on incorporating Bright Beginnings' learning goals and curriculum. This agreement will continue into 2023 which both staff and teachers are looking forward to.

## Extra Programming

Popular events throughout 2022 included Macrame Workshop, Lego Club, Bookclubs, Christmas Photo Display, Christmas Crafternoon, Family Expo and more.



## Financial Implications

N/A

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## Policy and Legislation

N/A



# RRL COLLECTION REFLECTION 2022

BRANCH	Total items	Average age of collection Years	Items not borrowed in 3 years %	Items borrowed more than 30 times %	How does your branch collection rate?
Figures shown as at 31 December	This figure indicates the distribution of the collection across the region	This figure indicates the age of the collection, excluding local history items	This figure may indicate the relevance of collection items	This figure may indicate age and condition of collection items	
Adelong	3,009	7.1 ↑	39% ↑	0.0% ↓	👍
Batlow	5,655	6.9 ↑	28% ↑	0.0% ↓	👍
Bland	13,468	5.8 ↓	20% ↑	0.0% ↓	👍👍
Coolamon	7,580	5.6 ↑	14% ↑	0.0% ↓	👍
Cootamundra	14,702	6.5 ↑	7% ↑	0.0% ↓	👍
Corowa	10,449	5.6 ↑	19% ↑	0.0% ↓	👍
Culcairn	3,052	5.1 ↑	14% ↑	0.0% ↓	👍
Gundagai	9,027	7.1 ↑	29% ↑	0.0% ↓	👍
Henty	4,443	5.6 ↑	20% ↑	0.0% ↓	👍
Holbrook	5,117	5.3 ↑	15% ↑	0.0% ↓	👍
Howlong	4,344	4.9 ↑	19% ↑	0.0% ↓	👍
Jindera	1,342	3.1 ↑	16% ↑	0.0% ↓	👍
Junee	14,686	7.0 ↑	22% ↑	0.0% ↓	👍
Leeton	34,208	9.7 ↑	47% ↑	0.0% →	
Mobile Library	4,999	2.7 ↓	10% ↑	0.0% ↓	👍👍
Mulwala	5,383	5.4 ↑	24% ↑	0.0% ↓	👍
Talbingo	3,927	11.0 ↑	68% ↑	0.0% ↓	👍
Temora	11,911	6.6 ↑	18% ↑	0.0% ↓	👍
Tumbarumba	6,411	5.8 ↑	13% ↑	0.1% ↓	👍
Tumut	15,066	8.9 ↑	22% ↑	0.0% ↓	👍
Regional Average	8,939	6.3 ↑	23% ↑	0% ↓	👍

## Legend:

↑↓ : increase or decrease vs. previous year figure

👍 : positive change observed

## 6.9 Mornings, Melodies & Memories 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

### **Mornings, Melodies and Memories**

Sunday the 27 November saw the official launch of a new Council project specifically for seniors living within Bland Shire. Mornings, Melodies and Memories is a series of gatherings. It has been funded by the NSW Department of Communities and Justice and is one of only four large projects to receive money as part of the Reducing Social Isolation for Seniors Round Three.

As part of the Mornings, Melodies and Memories program, gatherings have been held across the Bland Shire area specifically for older residents living within village and rural communities. These events will consist of a series of morning teas at which residents and volunteers can come together to share local stories to build social connections which we hope will last beyond the funded project period. It will also provide for local and regional performers to present songs across the ages at various gatherings throughout the year.

The table below indicates locations visited and number of attendees present at each session:

<b>DATE</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>	<b>ATTENDANCE</b>
6 February	Bland Community Care – West Wyalong	12
13 February	Ungarie CWA Rooms – Ungarie	7
20 February	Weethalle Country Club – Weethalle	5
27 March	Arts, Crafts, Coffee & Cake – Barmedman	9
6 March	The Royal Hotel – Mirrool	6
13 March	Central Hotel – Ungarie	6
20 March	Weethalle Country Club – Weethalle	6
27 March	Arts, Crafts, Coffee & Cake – Barmedman	6
3 April	Tallimba	5

The following dates and locations have also been scheduled for April/May 2023.

<b>DATE</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>
17 April	Weethalle Country Club – Weethalle
24 April	Arts, Crafts, Coffee & Cake – Barmedman
1 May	The Royal Hotel – Mirrool
8 May	CWA Rooms – Ungarie
15 May	Weethalle Country Club – Weethalle
22 May	Arts, Crafts, Coffee & Cake - Barmedman
29 May	Topsy Hall - Wyalong

Key activities have commenced at each session, with positive feedback received from Attendees, Volunteers, Hosts and Staff.

The only difficulty experienced is advertisement to target the Senior Communities. Events have been advertised on Council's Social Media Accounts, in The Advocate and by distribution of flyers from key community members in each village. It is anticipated that now the sessions have commenced, 'word of mouth' advertisement will spread and increased attendance numbers predicted.

The West Wyalong Radio Station has gathered information regarding the Mornings, Melodies and Memories Project and will continue to promote with weekly location updates. The Director Corporate and Community Services participated in an interview with the ABC Riverina Radio station.

Local songstress, Claudia Raine will be providing live entertainment at the next session scheduled for 15 May to be held in Weethalle. Staff are working on booking live entertainment for a minimum of one visit per village throughout the program. Performer, Craig Giles, has been booked to provide a larger scale event in West Wyalong on Monday 31 July 2023, where all attendees from across the Shire will be invited to attend and John Martin will be providing entertainment at the final session to be held on Saturday 2 December 2023 at the West Wyalong S&C Club.

All attendees have participated in a 'Shire wide' art project, where hand prints are being completed in shades of green and will be collated towards the end of the program to complete a tree artwork (hand prints will form the leaves). This will show that no matter where we are, we are all connected in some way.



*Pictured above and left, participants from Ungarie, Barmedman, Mirrool and Weethalle.*

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**Recommendation:**

That Council receive and note the information contained within the Mornings, Melodies & Memories Update.

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## Section 3 – Technical Services

### 6.10 Report – Ungarie Showground – Old Amenities Building, Proposed Demolition and Associated Works



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

*DP 9.4 maintain parks, ovals and recreational facilities to approved standards*

**Author:** Project Engineer

#### **Introduction**

Under the NSW Showground stimulus Program - Phase 2 the construction of a new amenities/change room building at the Ungarie Showground and Sports Complex has been undertaken.

The outcomes from this project have been extremely well received by the various sporting groups that will utilise the new building into the future and the wider community alike.

Now that the new amenities building has been completed and is in operation it has become apparent that the need for the old amenities building has diminished.

The various sporting groups that utilise the facility have requested this demolition. As the grant has been fully expended and the facility is on crown land under the management of Council it is appropriate that Council fund the proposed demolition works and associated site rectification works post the demolition.

#### **Financial Implications**

Council has completed the detailed costings for the proposed demolition and associated site rectifications post the demolition.

The costs for the completion of these works will be \$20,000.00 these include the engagement of an approved asbestos contractor to safely remove the building materials containing asbestos to a licenced waste receival facility.

These costs are proposed to be funded from Council's operational budget with a budget amendment to be requested at the next quarterly budget review.

#### **Summary**

Council's sporting facilities are highly valued by the Bland Shire community. These facilities provide an attractive location that encourage a healthy and active lifestyle through sport and active lifestyle engagement.

Council has adopted developed principles and systems that guide Council's management of these sporting facilities.

These principles and systems aim to manage these facilities in a manner that balances sporting needs, active participation, strategic access, safety, amenity, aesthetic appeal and sound asset management through the protection/enhancement/replacement of constructed and natural assets within the facility, through a continuous open consultation approach with the users and alignment with Councils Integrated Planning and Reporting documentation.

The request to demolish the old amenities building at the Ungarie Showground and Sports Complex positively aligns with these principles and will ensure that a now redundant asset is removed rather than left to slowly deteriorate within a highly utilised and functional area.

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**Recommendation:**

That Council approve the budget allocation of \$20,000.00 from Council's current budget to fund the demolition and waste removal of the old amenities building Ungarie Showground and Sports Complex.

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## 6.11 MA2023/0004 – Modification of DA2021/0114 – Worker’s Accommodation Village - Fencing



### 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 received an application to modify DA2021/0114 on 10 February 2023. The proposed modification is to:

- Replace approved 1.8m high chain wire fencing along the Hyde Street and Boundary Street property boundary with a 1.8m high black powdercoat aluminium palisade fencing
- Replace mesh security gates (entry and exit) to Boundary Street with a 1.8m high black powdercoat aluminium palisade automatic sliding gates.
- Provide 1.8m high Colorbond fencing along the entire western and southern boundaries of the accommodation village as well as a 1.8m high Colorbond gate at the south-western corner of the site
- Provide automated sliding gates at the front of the accommodation village adjoining Boundary Street to facilitate vehicle entry and exit from the facility and to achieve security of the site

The original plans indicate that pedestrian gates would be included to allow access to Hyde Street and Alleena Street.

The application was notified to adjoining properties owners between 13 February 2023 and 13 March 2023. A total of twelve (12) submissions were received. Most of the submissions objected to the installation of after-hours pedestrian access gates. A copy of each of the submissions was provided to the applicant for their comment.

The applicant then provided revised plans that removed the pedestrian access gates to address the concerns raised in the received submissions

#### **Financial Implications**

Application fees of \$645.00 were applicable to this development and have been paid in full.

#### **Summary**

The revised fencing materials will improve the appearance of the development and provide additional security for the development. It is considered the proposed modification is suitable for the locality and warrants approval.

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**Recommendation:**

That Council approve the modification by deleting plans:

- 11985-DA-0111 Site Plan – Ground Level - Issue A – Nettleton Tribe dated 14/04/2021
  - 11985-DA-2021 Site Elevations – Street Elevations - Issue A – Nettleton Tribe dated 16/04/2021 and inserting plans:
  - 11985-AR-9801 External Works – Fence Types – Issue 9 – Nettleton Tribe dated 27/03/2023
  - 11985-AR-0111 Site Plan – Ground Level – Issue 22 – Nettleton Tribe dated 27/03/2023
  - 11980-AR-0201 Site Elevation – Street Elevations – Issue 10 – Nettleton Tribe dated 27/03/2023
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**DEVELOPMENT ASSESSMENT REPORT**

DA Number:	MA2023/0004 – DA2021/0114
Address:	Boundary Street, West Wyalong
Legal Description:	Lot 388 DP753135, Lot 2 DP1239669, Lot 4 DP1239669 & Lot 7044 DP1115128
Development Description:	Minor amendment to fencing and access arrangements

**PROJECT OVERVIEW**

The proposed modification is to:

- Replace approved 1.8m high chain wire fencing along the Hyde Street and Boundary Street property boundary with a 1.8m high black powdercoat aluminium palisade fencing
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The plans indicate that pedestrian gates would be included to allow access to Hyde Street and Alleena Street.

**PROPERTY DETAILS/HISTORY**

	Checked		Comments
File History	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	The land is owned by the West Wyalong Aboriginal Lands Council and owners consent has been provided in writing.
Title Plan	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	
Ownership	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	

**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 type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Does this application require courtesy comment?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>



## STATE ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING POLICIES

	Applicable	
<p><b>SEPP (Biodiversity and Conservation) 2021</b>  <i>The purpose of this SEPP is to protect 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 the preservation of trees and other vegetation.</i></p>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
<p><b>SEPP (Building Sustainability Index: BASIX) 2004</b>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>The SEPP provides for the implementation of BASIX throughout the State.</i></li> </ul> </p>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
<p><b>SEPP (Exempt and Complying Development Codes) 2008</b>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>The SEPP provides exempt and complying development codes that have State-wide application.</i></li> </ul> </p>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
<p><b>SEPP (Housing) 2021</b>  <i>The SEPP provides the planning rules for:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>Caravan parks and manufactured home estates</i></li> <li><i>Group homes</i></li> <li><i>Retention of existing affordable rental housing</i></li> <li><i>Secondary dwellings (sometimes known as granny flats)</i></li> <li><i>Social housing</i></li> <li><i>Co-living housing</i></li> <li><i>Independent living units</i></li> <li><i>Boarding houses</i></li> <li><i>Build-to-rent housing</i></li> <li><i>Seniors housing</i></li> </ul>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
<p><b>SEPP (Industry &amp; Employment) 2021</b>  <i>This SEPP contains planning provisions:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>applying to employment land in western Sydney.</i></li> <li><i>for advertising and signage in NSW.</i></li> </ul>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
<p><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></p>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
<p><b>SEPP (Planning Systems) 2021</b>  <i>The Planning Systems SEPP:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>Identifies State or regionally significant development, State significant infrastructure, and critical State significant infrastructure</i></li> <li><i>Provides for consideration of development delivery plans by Aboriginal land councils in planning assessment</i></li> <li><i>Allows the Planning Secretary to elect to be the concurrence authority for certain development that requires concurrence under nominated State Environmental Planning Policies.</i></li> </ul>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
<p><b>SEPP (Precincts – Central River City) 2021</b>  <i>This SEPP contains planning provisions for precinct planning, which is a form of strategic planning applied to specified geographic area. The precincts in this SEPP are located in the Central River City. This city is based on the strategic planning vision of the ‘three cities’ regions identified in the Greater Sydney Region Plan – A Metropolis of Three Cities.</i></p>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>

<p><b>SEPP (Precincts – Eastern Harbour City) 2021</b>  <i>This SEPP contains planning provisions for precinct planning, which is a form of strategic planning applied to specified geographic area. The precincts in this SEPP are located in the Eastern Harbour City. This city is based on the strategic planning vision of the ‘three cities’ regions identified in the Greater Sydney Region Plan – A Metropolis of Three Cities.</i></p>	<p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>No <input type="checkbox"/></p>
<p><b>SEPP (Precincts – Regional) 2021</b>  <i>This SEPP contains provisions for precinct planning, which is a form of strategic planning applied to a specified geographic area. The precincts in this SEPP are located in Regional NSW outside the Greater Sydney Regional Plan.</i></p>	<p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>No <input type="checkbox"/></p>
<p><b>SEPP (Precincts – Western Parkland City) 2021</b>  <i>This SEPP contains planning provisions for precinct planning, which is a form of strategic planning applied to specified geographic area. The precincts in this SEPP are located in the Western Parkland City. This city is based on the strategic planning vision of the ‘three cities’ regions identified in the Greater Sydney Region Plan – A Metropolis of Three Cities.</i></p>	<p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>No <input type="checkbox"/></p>
<p><b>SEPP (Primary Production) 2021</b>  <i>The SEPP contains planning provisions:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>To manage primary production and rural development including supporting sustainable agriculture</i></li> <li>• <i>For the protection of prime agricultural land of state and regional significance as well as regionally significant mining and extractive resources</i></li> </ul>	<p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>No <input type="checkbox"/></p>
<p><b>SEPP (Resilience and Hazards) 2021</b>  <i>This SEPP contains planning provisions:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>For land use planning within the coastal zone, in a manner consistent with the objects of the Coastal Management Act 2016</i></li> <li>• <i>To manage hazardous and offensive development</i></li> <li>• <i>Which provides a state-wide planning framework for the remediation of contaminated land and to minimise the risk of harm.</i></li> </ul>	<p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>No <input type="checkbox"/></p>
<p><b>SEPP (Resources and Energy) 2021</b>  <i>This SEPP contains planning provisions:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>For the assessment and development of mining, petroleum and extractive material resource proposals in NSW</i></li> <li>• <i>Which aim to facilitate the development of extractive resources in proximity to the population of the Sydney Metropolitan Area by identifying land which contains extractive material of regional significance.</i></li> </ul>	<p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>No <input type="checkbox"/></p>
<p><b>SEPP (Sustainable Buildings) 2022</b>  <i>The purpose of this SEPP is to:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Minimise the consumption of energy and potable water</i></li> <li>• <i>Reduce greenhouse gas emissions from energy use</i></li> <li>• <i>Monitor the embodied emissions of building materials</i></li> <li>• <i>Deliver buildings that are comfortable in summer and winter.</i></li> </ul>	<p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>No <input type="checkbox"/></p>
<p><b>SEPP (Transport and Infrastructure) 2021</b>  <i>This SEPP contains planning provisions:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>For infrastructure in NSW, such as hospitals, roads, railways, emergency services, water supply and electricity delivery</i></li> <li>• <i>For child-care centres, schools, TAFEs and Universities</i></li> <li>• <i>Planning controls and reserves land for the protection of three corridors (North South Rail Line, South West Rail Link extension and Western Sydney Freight Line)</i></li> <li>• <i>The land use planning and assessment framework for appropriate development at Port Kembla, Port Botany and Port of Newcastle.</i></li> </ul>	<p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>No <input type="checkbox"/></p>

**State Environmental Planning (Resilience and Hazards) 2021 – Chapter 4 Remediation of Land**

Clause 4.6 of SEPP (Resilience and Hazards) 2021 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**

Not applicable to this modification as it relates to a change in fencing type.

**LOCAL ENVIRONMENTAL PLAN**

The subject land is zoned:	R1 General Residential	
Definition from LEP	Temporary Workers Accommodation – modification of fencing materials	
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>	There are no principal development standards relevant to this proposal	
<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	Complies
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
5.20	Standards that cannot be used to refuse consent – playing and performing music	Not Applicable
5.21	Flood planning	Not Applicable
5.22	Special flood considerations	Not adopted
5.23	Public bushland	Not adopted
5.24	Farm stay accommodation	Not adopted
5.25	Farm gate premises	Not adopted
<b>Comment:</b>	Clause 5.10 Heritage Conservation – the proposed modification will not impact on any heritage items and is not located within a heritage conservation area.	
<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>	There are no additional local provisions that are applicable to this proposal.
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## DEVELOPMENT CONTROL PLAN

### PART 1.3 DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION NEIGHBOUR NOTIFICATION POLICY

Is the proposal Advertised Development?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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**Comment**  
The development does not meet the criteria for advertised development, however, the proposal was place on public exhibition for a period of 28 days.

Did the application require Neighbour Notification?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
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**Comment**  
The application was notified to neighbours and publically exhibited between 13 February 2023 and 13 March 2023. Eleven (11) applications were received during the notification period. One (1) submission was received prior to commencement of the notification period.

## 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"/>
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Has a Planning Agreement been offered under this development?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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## PLANNING STRATEGIES/LOCAL POLICY

Is there a Planning Strategy or Local Policy that requires notation?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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Has the applicant submitted any supporting planning assessments?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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**Comment**  
Not applicable

## SUBDIVISION

Does this application include subdivision?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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**Comment**  
Not applicable

**ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS**  
**Section 4.15(1)(b) – EP & A Act**

	Impact		Comment
Social	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	
Economic	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Siting & Configuration	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Setbacks	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Privacy	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	
Overshadowing	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Solar Access	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Visual	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	The proposed fencing will be more visually attractive than the existing chain mesh fencing, currently installed.
Amenity	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Water	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Air	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Noise	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Land Degradation	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Vegetation Loss	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Flora	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Fauna	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
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 an 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>			
Not applicable to the proposed modification which relates to a change in fencing materials			
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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input 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 type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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Does this land require remediation?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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Has a Contaminated Land Site Investigation been completed?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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Is it possible that this land may be contaminated?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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Is this land in the close vicinity or adjoining a known contaminated site?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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**INFRASTRUCTURE****Section 4.15(1)(b) – EP & A Act**

Is an engineering assessment required?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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Has an engineering assessment been completed?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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Who completed the engineering assessment?		
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**Comment**

Referral to Engineering Services not warranted for this modification.

Does this proposal have any potential impact on:

	Impact		Comment
Sewer	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Water	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Drainage	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Access	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Kerb & Gutter	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Upgrade Existing Road	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Road Network	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Existing Easements	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Electricity	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Telecommunications	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Pedestrian Access	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Loading and Unloading	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Parking	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	

Energy Consumption	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Does the development require any new easements?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Is a subdivision works certificate required?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Was a construction certificate application submitted with this application?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Has Council been appointed as the Principal Certifying Authority?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Is an annual Fire Safety Certificate required?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

**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?		
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	\$	

**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:	DCP	
Was this application notified/advertised for public interest purposes?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>

Dates notification undertaken:			
Commenced:	13/02/2023	Finished:	13/03/2023
Were there any written submissions received?		Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>

Details	Comment
<b>Submission 1</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1.8 metre good neighbour Colorbond fence is required to be installed along northern boundary of adjoining lot.</li> </ul>	This submission was received prior to the commencement of the exhibition period. The plans indicate that a 1.8 metre Colorbond fence is proposed along that boundary.
<b>Submission 2</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Modification of original DA to add pedestrian gates.</li> <li>Modification was approved without notification</li> <li>Opposed to after-hours access gate in Cedar Street</li> </ul>	Amended plan submitted by applicant to remove after-hours access gates to Hyde Street and Cedar street as a result of feedback received during exhibition period.
<b>Submission 3</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Objects to after-hours access gates in Hyde Lane and Cedar Streets</li> </ul>	Amended plan submitted by applicant to remove after-hours access gates to Hyde Street and Cedar street as a result of feedback received during exhibition period.
<b>Submission 4</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Objects to after-hours access gates in Cedar Street and Hyde Lane</li> </ul>	Amended plan submitted by applicant to remove after-hours access gates to Hyde Street and Cedar street as a result of feedback received during exhibition period.
<b>Submission 5</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Objects to after-hours access gates in Cedar Street</li> </ul>	Amended plan submitted by applicant to remove after-hours access gates to Hyde Street and Cedar street as a result of feedback received during exhibition period.

<p><b>Submission 6</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Concerned about lack of privacy from development due to palisade fencing resulting from low height rear and side fencing of submitters property</li> <li>Location of pedestrian access gate</li> <li>Increase in foot traffic from development</li> </ul>	<p>The submitters dwelling is located over 100 metres from the development. The height of the submitter's fencing is the responsibility of the property owner and not the proponents of this development.</p> <p>Amended plan submitted by applicant to remove after-hours access gates to Hyde Street and Cedar street as a result of feedback received during exhibition period.</p> <p>The application relates to a change in fencing type which will not result in additional foot traffic.</p>
<p><b>Submission 7</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Requests that all pedestrian access be via Boundary Street</li> </ul>	<p>Amended plan submitted by applicant to remove after-hours access gates to Hyde Street and Cedar street as a result of feedback received during exhibition period.</p>
<p><b>Submission 8</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No complaints in relation to the development at this stage, however, is concerned about increase in foot traffic and extra vehicles in Hyde Street</li> </ul>	<p>The application relates to a change in fencing type which will not result in additional foot traffic and all vehicles will access the site via boundary street.</p>
<p><b>Submission 9</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Objects to after-hours pedestrian gate</li> <li>Requests that fixed screening to prevent overlooking.</li> </ul>	<p>The application relates to a change in fencing type which will not result in additional foot traffic.</p> <p>The Colorbond fencing adjoining this property is 1.8 metres from the fill level.</p>
<p><b>Submission 10</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Letter from DPE-Crown Lands advising they have no objection to the proposed modification</li> </ul>	<p>Noted</p>
<p><b>Submission 11</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Objects to after-hours pedestrian gates on Hyde Street and Cedar Street</li> </ul>	<p>Amended plan submitted by applicant to remove after-hours access gates to Hyde Street and Cedar street as a result of feedback received during exhibition period.</p>
<p><b>Submission 12</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Large tree on corner flagged as to be retained has been removed resulting in potential for overlooking.</li> <li>Objects to pedestrian after-hours access gates</li> </ul>	<p>The tree indicated in the submission appears to be on neighbouring property. There was an approval in place for the removal of this tree.</p> <p>Amended plan submitted by applicant to remove after-hours access gates to Hyde Street and Cedar street as a result of feedback received during exhibition period.</p>

## SECTION 88B INSTRUMENT

Does Council require a Section 88b instrument to be prepared?

Yes

No

**PUBLIC INTEREST**

Does this proposal have any construction or safety issues?

Yes No **Comment:**

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

Are there any public health issues associated with the proposal?

Yes No 

Are there any other public interest issues?

Yes No **SITE SUITABILITY**

Is the site suitable for the development?

Yes No **ASSESSING OFFICER COMMENT****Comment:**

The application is for the a change in fencing materials that will provide additional security for the site as well as provide a more attractive streetscape and includes some minor changes to the layout of the bus pick up area in Boundary Street. The assessment of the modification application has given consideration to the matters listed in this report where relevant. The assessment was undertaken in accordance with 4.15 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979.

**RECOMMENDATION**

Approved

**Comment:**

It is recommended that MA2023/0004 be approved.

**ASSESSING OFFICER**

Assessing Officer: Lesley Duncan

Position: Manager Development &amp; Regulatory Services

DATE: 5/04/2023

Signature:

## 6.12 Planning Proposal – Drag Strip Project



### Our Prosperity - Growing our population and jobs

16.1 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 has received grant funding to construct a drag strip on land at the West Wyalong Airport (Lots 10 & 11 DP 1141509). The drag strip is defined as a recreation facility (outdoor) under the provision of the Bland Local Environmental Plan 2011.

*A recreation facility is defined as a building or place (other than a recreation area) used predominantly for outdoor recreation, whether or not operated for the purposes of gain, including a golf course, golf driving range, mini-golf centre, tennis court, paint-ball centre, lawn bowling green, outdoor swimming pool, equestrian centre, skate board ramp, go-kart track, rifle range, water-ski centre or any other building or place of a like character used for outdoor recreation (including an ancillary buildings), but does not include an entertainment facility or a recreation facility (major).*

The land at the West Wyalong airport is zoned SP2 Infrastructure (Air Transport Facility). The SP2 Infrastructure zone prohibits all development (apart from roads and aquaculture) that are not incidental or ancillary to the purpose of the SP2 zone. In this case, all development not related to the use of the land as air transport facility is prohibited.

Council has two options to address this matter. The first is to rezone the land to a zone that allows recreation facility (outdoor), however, this would require a subdivision to be carried out prior to rezoning the land. The second option is the addition of recreation facility (outdoor) to Schedule 1 Additional Permitted Uses in the Bland LEP 2011 and apply it to Lots 10 & 11 DP 1141509. Both options require the preparation of a planning proposal for submission to NSW Planning and Environment.

#### **Financial Implications**

Nil to this report

#### **Summary**

The addition of recreation facility (outdoor) is the most time efficient way to resolve the zoning issue for this project. The application of an Additional Permitted Use as opposed to a change of zone will still ensure the protection of the operation of the West Wyalong Airport.

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#### **Recommendation:**

That Council prepare a Planning Proposal for Lots 10 & 11 DP 1141509 for the addition of a recreation facility (outdoor) to Schedule 1 Additional Permitted Uses in the Bland Local Environmental Plan 2011.

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## 6.13 Housing Strategy – Planning Proposals



### Our Prosperity - Growing our population and jobs

16.1 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

The Bland Housing Strategy was adopted by Council on 13 December 2022. The strategy contains a range of actions that can be implemented to address the housing needs of West Wyalong and Wyalong. This report is the first stage in the implementation of the Housing Strategy to rezone various sites in West Wyalong and Wyalong.

#### Site 1

Housing Strategy Action: *Rezone additional lands R5 Large Lot Residential*

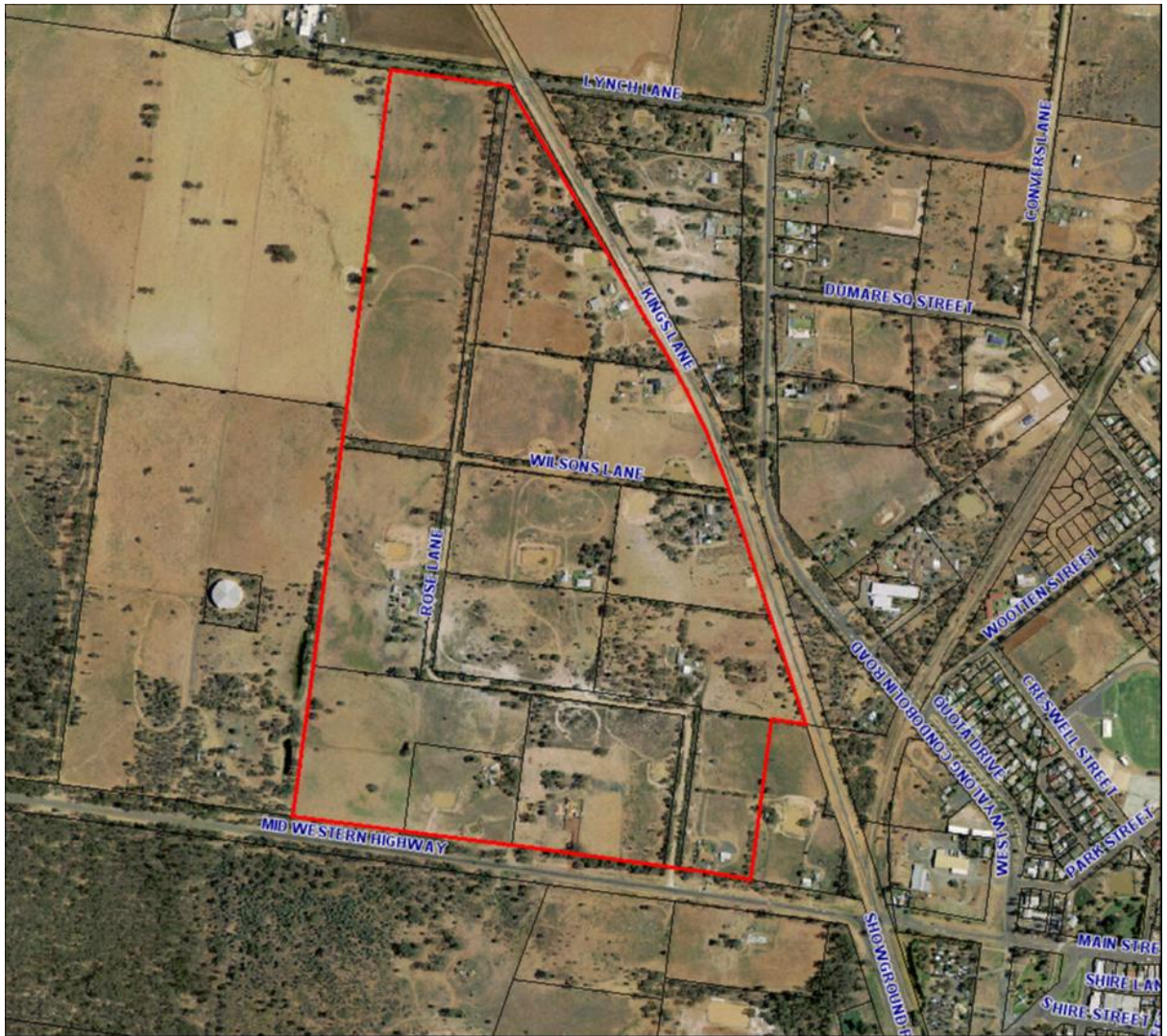
The site is located on the Mid Western Highway, with additional road frontages to Rose Lane, Wilsons Lane and Kings Lane (see Map 1). The legal description of the land is shown in Table 1.

**Table 1: Legal Description of Land – Site 1**

Lot 579 DP 753135	Lot 746 DP 753135	Lot 725 DP 753135
Lot 750 DP 753135	Lot 748 DP 753135	Lot 415 DP 753135
Lot 747 DP 753135	Lot 749 DP 753135	Lot 157 DP 753135
Lot 458 DP 753135	Lot 752 DP 753135	Lot 751 DP 753135
Lot 1 DP 625986		

The land is currently zoned RU1 Primary Production with a minimum lot size for the erection of a dwelling of 200 hectares. It is proposed to rezone the land to R5 Large Lot Residential with a minimum lot size for subdivision of 2 hectares.

Map 1





Site 2

Housing Strategy Action: *Rezone additional lands R5 Large Lot Residential*

The site is located on Ungarie Road, with road frontage to Hatelys Lane to the North and Lynch Lane to the South (see Map 2). The legal description of the land is shown in Table 2.

**Table 2: Legal Description of Land – Site 2**

Lot 3 DP 606975

Lot 4 DP 606975

The land is currently zoned RU1 Primary Production with a minimum lot size for the erection of a dwelling o 200 hectares. It is proposed to rezone the land to R5 Large Lot Residential with a minimum lot size for subdivision of 2 hectares.

**Map 2**



### Site 3

Housing Strategy Action: *Council to investigate opportunities to develop land for new housing.*

The site is located on Ungarie Road with Dumaresq Street to the North (see Map 3). The legal description of the land is shown in Table 3.

Lot A DP 415479	Lot 761 DP 753135	Lot 1 DP 1105282
Lot 2 DP 1105282	Lot 3 DP 1105282	Lot 1 DP 1108611
Lot 10 DP 1250908	Lot 11 DP 1250908	

The land is currently zoned R5 Large Lot Residential with a minimum lot size for subdivision of 2 hectares. It is proposed to rezone the land to R1 General Residential with a minimum lot size of 800 square metres.

**Map 3**





## **Financial Implications**

Staff costs to prepare a planning proposal.

## **Summary**

The Bland Housing Strategy has identified a variety of actions that can be implemented to address the housing shortage currently being experienced in West Wyalong and Wyalong. The planning proposals contained within this report are the first steps in implementing these actions. It is anticipated that further planning proposals will be prepared in the future.

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## **Recommendation:**

That Council prepare a Planning Proposal for the Bland Local Environmental Plan 2011 to rezone the following:

1. Lots 579, 746, 725, 750, 748, 415, 747, 749, 157, 458, 752 and 751 in DP 753135 and Lot 1 DP 625986 from RU1 Primary Production to R5 Large Lot Residential and amend the Minimum Lot Size for the erection of a dwelling from 200 hectares to a Minimum Lot Size for subdivision of 2 hectares.
  2. Lots 3 and 4 in DP 606975 from RU1 Primary Production to R5 Large Lot Residential and amend the Minimum Lot Size for the erection of a dwelling from 200 hectares to a Minimum Lot Size for subdivision of 2 hectares.
  3. Lot A in DP 415479, Lots 1, 2 and 3 in DP 1105282, Lot 1 DP1108611, Lot 761 DP 753135 and Lots 10 and 11 in DP 1250908 from R5 Large Lot Residential to R1 General Residential and amend the Minimum Lot Size for subdivision from 2 hectares to 800 square metres.
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## Section 4 – Reports for Information

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**Recommendation:**

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

6.14 - Bland Shire Library Monthly Update

6.15 - Children Services January Update

6.16 - Bland Community Care Services Update

6.17 - Museum Advisory Update

6.18 - Technical Services Report

6.19 - Development Services Activity Report – March 2023

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## 6.14 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

### **Author Visit Outstanding Success**

Another successful and rewarding annual author visit held by the Bland Shire Library.

Andrew Plant, Melbourne-based children's author and illustrator, spent five days (27 – 31 March) touring the Bland Shire, visiting schools as a guest of the library. Andrew conducted 20 sessions over the five days, speaking to nearly 700 students, Kinder to Year 10, across nine schools including Barmedman, Naradhan, Tallimba, Weethalle, Wyalong, Ungarie Central, St Mary's War Memorial, West Wyalong Public and West Wyalong High.

Andrew was totally engaging, captivating his audiences with his energy, humour, and unmeasurable enthusiasm for storytelling. From the onset, Andrew had students and teaching staff hooked and wanting more. His passion for writing and illustrating children's books demonstrated through his animated readings, interactive group discussions, and drawing exercises.

As an added bonus, Andrew, who in a past life was a zoologist – which accounts for his love of animals and keen interest in bird watching – is also credited with being a mural artist, theatre director, choreographer and set designer, which he spoke briefly about.

During his tour of the Bland Shire, Andrew saw many of the local attractions, and spent a good part of his free time birdwatching at the wetlands.

A selection of Andrew's books is now available for loan from Bland Shire Library.



BUSINESS PAPER FOR THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF BLAND HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS WEST WYALONG ON 18 APRIL 2023

### **Library Celebrates Easter**

From Diwali to Easter, libraries celebrate special days to show that the community supports and values all cultures, and welcomes and celebrates diversity in the community. Celebrating Easter builds an awareness of the many ways that families celebrate.

- To celebrate Easter and to encourage new members, Bland Shire Library held an Easter prize draw. Registered Bland Shire Library members simply had to record their name and contact details on a ticket to be in the running to win a basket of goodies valued at \$100 from Thom, Dick and Harry's. The winner announced was Wednesday 5 April (just in time for Easter).
- As a gesture of goodwill, Bland Shire Library gave away free to patrons 150 Easter cookies made and decorated by K & D Cookies.
- The library also celebrated Easter with its various community groups including its GOLD Club for seniors. Members participated in a variety of Easter themed puzzles and games before enjoying an Easter inspired afternoon tea.
- The library's Lego Club also featured an Easter theme with children challenged to make a basket, which they then had to take on an Easter egg hunt — proving to be an interesting but fun exercise.
- Storytime also featured an Easter theme with loads of fun stories including the Great Big Aussie Easter Egg Hunt, a craft – the children decorated a bunny mask – and an Easter egg hunt.

### **Bland Preschool Visits**

A busy week for library staff with three separate visits from the Bland Preschool. The children enjoyed a variety of Easter themed stories, singing, music and dance, and craft. While the visits are an interim part of the Bland Preschool's community engagement strategy, the visits are a great way of introducing children to the library and instilling a love of books and reading in preparation for starting school.



### **April School Holiday Program**

Bland Shire Library staff are excited to be hosting two workshops, conducted by Oddball Theatre, in the second week of the April school holidays.

Based in Wagga Wagga, Oddball Theatre's focus is on bringing people of all ages together through theatre, blending fun and creativity.

These school holidays, children and teens will get a taste of acting, creating and performing with Oddball Theatre. The workshops are free and cater for students 7 – 18 years.

The two sessions include:

- Costume Making 10:30am-12:00pm. All tools and fabric provided to make crowns, swords, capes, skirts, vests and more.
- Drama 1:30pm-3:00pm. Children and teens can try their hand at creating characters, scriptwriting, acting and improvisation games.

This is a wonderful opportunity for young people to explore their creative potential. Places are limited so bookings are essential.

Children can also explore and experience the world of virtual reality, free, via the library's new wireless VR headset. Bookings are not required, but are advisable.

### **Local Priority Grants Acquittal 2021/22**

Each year ten per cent of Councils are required to acquit their local priority grant projects in accordance with NSW Government audit requirements. Bland Shire Council submitted its acquittal in March, well ahead of the State Library's June 1 deadline. Bland Shire Library allocated \$20,000 towards

- setting up a designated youth area within the library's public space
- and the promotion of collections, services, programs and events

### **NSWPLA Meeting**

NSW Public Libraries Association, South West Zone Meeting – Thursday 4th May 2023 – in person at Narrandera Library or via teleconference.

### **SWITCH Conference**

NSW Public Libraries Association will host its annual conference 14 -17 November 2023 at the new Western Sydney Conference Centre, Penrith. No further details available.

### **Local History Collection Relocated**

The Pereira local history collection, previously housed at Bland Shire Library, has been relocated to the Wyalong Museum.

An Accessibility and Equity Agreement, drawn up by the Coordinator Library Services, and accepted by the Bland District Historical Society, ensures that the collection remains accessible to all customers without charge for the term of the Agreement, which is perpetual.

### **Work Placement and Student Volunteers**

Bland Shire Library is currently hosting a Year 11 student from the West Wyalong High School. The student attends the library one day per week during school hours and undertakes tasks as directed. The library continues to provide work placements for



students as it assists in building their confidence and self-esteem, and provides them with work skills.

Council will induct 20 students from the West Wyalong High School in readiness to commence volunteer duties at the library in Term 2. A rotation of students will assist library staff with Storytime on a Thursday morning. The library has been supporting the West Wyalong High School's student volunteer program for a number of years, as it provides students with a sense of purpose, an awareness of community, increases social skills, and improves self-esteem.



## 6.15 Children Services March 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, and Toy Library services)*

**Author:** Children Services Coordinator

March proved to be a busy month for all at CSU. All children and families have settled into the routine of preschool life and thriving at all the programs CSU offer.

International Woman's Day was acknowledged on 8<sup>th</sup> March at CSU. In a workplace that is 100% female, we recognised our strengths, commitment to our service and respectful relationships within our team.

Lachlan Children Services Educators visited CSU and met with our Educational Leader Ash, and visited the classrooms. Dakota, Kelsey, Lauren and Emily were impressed by our social media, educational program, visual boards, and classroom environments. They expressed how happy and settled the CSU team looked. We look forward to another visit in the future.



CSU monthly staff meeting was held, and a one off transport meeting was held to discuss changes made to transport regulations. Bus companies and Educators were informed about new procedures in place due to recent incidents of children left on buses across Australia. A community survey was distributed to all families currently enrolled at a CSU service, and families that attended preschool in 2022. The aim was to gain feedback about our communication platforms, the quality of our services and the educational program. CSU received 53 responses, with 99% being positive and complimentary.

Forbes Preschool extended an invitation to our Educational Leaders to "catch up" and discuss the role of an Educational Leader. Both Ashley and Tracey attended this and received very positive feedback and valued the opportunity to network and discuss what other Educational Leaders do for their services. It confirmed that CSU are on track for great things. The next "catch up" will be in Canowindra.

Coordinator, Sharon Glasgow received notice that the Department of Education will be conducting Assessment and Rating at Bland Preschool between May and July 2023. The

Coordinator and Educators are looking forward to sharing our wonderful service, knowledge and environments with the assessor.

### **Staff Recruitment/Resignation**

CSU received two applicants for the casual positions and interviews were held late March. Both candidates continued to the next stage of the process. CSU has also appointed a Temporary Part time educator, Didi Buys, for the remainder of 2023, this has allowed other Educators to cover the Additional Needs position.

### **Staff Training**

Charlotte Whiley, Braela Bell and Julie Oberg attended a professional development session in Griffith, presented by Sue Larkey. Sue is renowned for her knowledge and understanding of Autism. These three educators attended – Understanding Autism Spectrum Disorder: Knowledge to improve Student learning, Participation and Outcomes. All educators found this workshop extremely helpful and learned strategies to implement in the classroom.



Services leaders – Carlie Iverach (Preschool), Kate Spackman (MRU), Tracey DeMamiel (FDC), Ashley Nicholson (Ed Leader) and Sharon Glasgow (Coordinator) attended the “Inspire” conference in Sydney. The conference was held over two days and provided international and national keynote speakers who shared evidence based ideas and emerging trends within the Early Childhood profession. Educators used this time to reflect on their own practices and are looking forward to sharing this information with the CSU team, and explore innovative ideas for the future.





Educational Leader, Ashley Nicholson participated in an online Leadership program - Leadership Umbrella, presented by Farran Street Education. This was a 4-part series which provided insight into the role and expectations of a leader and how to promote a thriving service culture and motivate teams. This program has been passed on to all service leaders to complete when time permits.

**Mobile Resource Unit – Service Leader, Kate Spackman**  
**Ungarie Mobile Preschool and Friday Junior Preschool**

Junior and Ungarie Mobile Preschool educators focused on the children forming friendships as well as feeling safe and secure within the learning environment. These skills are assessed, assisted and developed within the play based program. Each class held a Family and Friends Afternoon Tea during week 7, where Educators invited the children’s family and friends to enjoy a cuppa and slice at the preschool. They chatted to the educators, other families and children, whilst exploring and engaging in the Preschool activities. The children were quick to show their “special someone” around their preschool.

During week 9 educators and the children came dressed in blue to support World Autism



## **MRU Enrolments**

- West Wyalong Jnr Preschool – Friday Gecko – 18 children and Friday Bilby 19 children
- Ungarie Preschool – 9 children

## **Playgroup**

Playgroup families enjoyed craft and activities that supported the development of children aged 0 – 5 years. Activities included were one on one tasks, educator led group experiences and areas specialised for multiple people to participate in small groups and spontaneous play.

## **Bland Preschool – Service Leader, Carlie Iverach**

March was busy with excursions, incursions and great times.

The Pre-Kindy classes hopped on the bus and visited the Splatter Gallery and Healthy Harold Educational Van.

Taronga Zoo Mobile (an all-time favourite) also visited Bland Preschool. CSU invited the children and Educators from Little Wattle to join in the fun. Children sang along with Col to some of their favourite songs. Thanks to Sally Russell from Lake Cowal Education Centre for always including CSU in their tour.



CSU's Senior Early Childhood teacher, Carlie Iverach, took part in "Walk for Autism". This program challenges Australians to walk 10,000 steps a day for eight days, There is no set event or location - that means participants can walk anywhere, at any time, in any place, all while raising much-needed funds to support children and adults on the autism spectrum. The walk commenced on Saturday, 25 March. As a way to show Carlie support, during Week 9 (Monday 27th March – Friday 31st March) Trainee, Charlotte Whiley organised Children Services Unit families to take part in 'Light it up Blue', where each child was encouraged to wear a splash of blue and bring a gold coin donation to contribute to Carlie's walk. The world turns blue in honour of World Autism Awareness Day. The reason we go blue is due to the campaign "Light it Up Blue" spearheaded by the organisation Autism Speaks that aims to foster understanding and acceptance for those with autism. There was a fantastic response from CSU's families who raised \$285.50 to help Carlie smash her target. CSU is proud of Carlie, the donating families, the initiative of our trainee and our service educators for supporting Carlie to raise awareness about Autism.

Carlie raised a total of \$2375.50 for Autism Spectrum Australia (Aspect) and walked 94181 steps, exceeding her 80000 step goal. Aspect work in partnership with people of all ages on the autism spectrum, providing a tailored support journey that continually adapts to the needs of each person. Its approach means each person is understood, valued for their unique abilities



supported through their challenges and given opportunities to achieve their goals and fulfil their potential.



### **Preschool Enrolments**

- Monday/Tuesday Bilby – 16 children
- Wednesday/Thursday Bilby – 18 children
- Wednesday/Thursday Gecko – 16 children

### **Bland / Temora Family Day Care – Service Leader, Tracey DeMamiel**

Our Term 1 staff meeting saw discussions around the updated Early Years Learning Framework, Self-Assessment Tool, the Inspire Conference & electronic payments to Educators.

The FDC Support Officer participated in leadership training via webinars through Farran Street Education.

Janelle celebrated a huge 27 years as a Family Day Care Educator.

This a fantastic achievement, and CSU appreciated having such a passionate and dedicated Educator in its service.

Congratulations Janelle...Champion



## FDC West Wyalong Playgroup



The Family Day Care Self-Assessment Tool continued to be updated throughout March. This is a working document with our evidence of key practices and goals.

### An Educator's FDC environment and interaction with the children



#### **“It takes a village” (ITAV) - Service Leader, Julie Oberg**

It Takes a Village Toy Library Members increased to 21, up from 15 members at last month's count. It is pleasing to see the current progression and hope to welcome more members in the coming weeks. New toys/games were added in March and have already been borrowed. Further new items are being organised with toys/games sourced from a local business – Raising Wildflowers – to replace old for new. Recent donations received are also greatly appreciated.

Supported Playgroup: All venues were visited this month with participants at each venue – Tallimba, Naradhan, Gecko room at Children Services and W/Wyalong Local Aboriginal Land Council. Craft theme: Easter – Easter egg sand/glitter art. Porcelain egg cups, Easter themed Plaster of Paris to paint & Easter baskets. Some photos are attached from the Tallimba Playgroup.



ITAV hosted “No Fuss Nutrition for Pre- schoolers” at Children Services. Thirteen people attended and some stayed at the end to ask more questions of Melissa Robinson from Temora Dietetics. The feedback from the event has been very good, for example “It was informative and practical, loved the time for questions and answers at the end of the session”. “The presenter, Mel, was great. It was nice to be able to stay after and chat with everyone, enjoying the snacks offered”. A suggestion would be to allow children to attend for more numbers”. FYI - The flyer for the event has been attached.

Parent packs were distributed between Ungarie Preschool and parents/carers from the “No Fuss” workshop. These packs concentrated on children’s development between 0-5 years. Also, Melissa Robinson from Temora Dietetics gave information regarding nutrition for children to include in the packs.



Our next Parenting Program is being organised. The workshop is about children’s physical development by a Physiotherapist. The session will be dependent upon numbers with their currently being availability challenges for parents to access knowledge about children’s development from physiotherapists.

## 6.16 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

### **General Update:**

Council has received confirmation that Commonwealth Home Support (CHSP) funding will continue for a further 12 months, up until 30 June 2024 when it is anticipated that services will transfer to the Support at Home Program. A Deed of Variation regarding CHSP funding has been received and signed.

We have reached capacity to deliver direct services through the CHSP program and we are not currently on-boarding new clients other than those who require Social Support – Group.

COMPACKS referrals continue to be steady and currently do not have staff available to take on any new referrals. This will be reviewed on a monthly basis and will accept referrals when staff have availability in their weekly rosters to deliver further services.

Recruitment of a further Support Assistant is currently being advertised, this will assist in Bland Community Care being able to continue all services when staff are on extended leave and potentially assist in being able to take on any incoming COMPACKS referrals in the near future.

### **Group Updates:**

Bland Blokes continue to meet on a weekly basis. New members are welcome to attend and join in for a cuppa and chat with like-minded people. A trip to the Temora Aviation Museum has been planned for Tuesday 2 May 2023.

Wednesday Activity Day continues weekly, with our group numbers expanding due to promotional materials and the Open Day held during Seniors Week. Group numbers are currently at 17 regular attendees, two of these attend on a fortnightly basis rather than weekly.

Participants enjoy a mix of cognitive and physical activities in the morning, are provided a “home cooked” meal for lunch and play bingo in the afternoon. Recent lunch menu has consisted of, deconstructed pie and mash, fish and chips, roast chicken and vegetables.

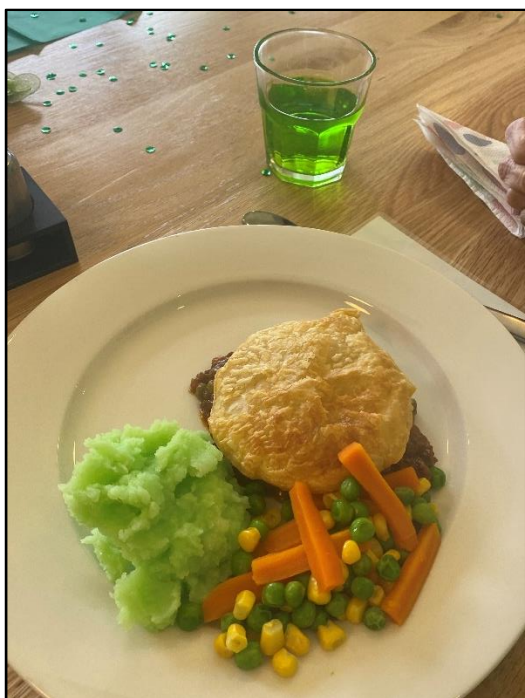
For the session held Wednesday 15 March, participants celebrated St Patrick’s Day with all things Irish. Activities were based around Irish quizzes and trivia. A very talented participant provided green cream puffs for morning tea and dessert consisted of trifle, featuring green cream and jelly. Wednesday 5 April was our Easter theme, participants enjoyed Hot Cross Buns for morning tea with prizes for trivia and bingo consisting of Easter eggs. We had a special visitor for this session, being one of our staff member’s pet rabbit. Participants enjoyed having “Buttons” on site for the day.

Gentle Exercises recommenced on Thursday 16 March 2023. Two Support Assistants have participated in a Gentle Exercise training course conducted by Murrumbidgee Local Health District on 31 March and 1 April 2023 to further their skills and qualifications for this program to continue.



### Building Renovations

Renovations have commenced at the Community Care Building, with the updates to meet the needs of Kure Medical to commence their tenancy. It has been confirmed that Kure Medical will begin trading from the Community Care Building on Monday 1 May 2023.



*Pictured above: St Patrick's Day lunch – Wednesday 15 March 2023*



*Pictured above: Visitor "Buttons" for Easter.*

## 6.17 Bland Shire Museum Advisor Report – March 2023



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

*DP3.4 Foster a community learning culture optimising our physical and virtual spaces*

**Author:** Museum Advisor

#### **Weethalle Museum** (Monday 6 March)

It was great to catch up with Vicki and Michelle after a break lengthened by lots of rain, flooding and closed roads!

Coming into the museum after such time, it was pleasing to see that it still showed the cleaning and sorting work that has been achieved.

Vicki has secured quotes for the basic building repair work that needs to be done to the building to secure its structural future. Being a small building the costs are not huge but it is money that not currently in the bucket. We have identified some grants that would be perfect for making the museum a sustainable building, offering visitors to Weethalle another tourism option.

The village of Weethalle has been affected by the past difficult years with Covid closures and the unsettling environment where older volunteers have had to be careful. This has seen the Weethalle Whistle Stop shut its doors. They are looking at reopening after evaluating the building and the current stock. As the women looking after the Whistle Stop Café were the access to the museum for visitors, planning needs to be done moving forward.

#### **Wyalong Museum** (Monday 6 March)

The afternoon at the Wyalong Museum was delightful for me – seeing the exhibition changes made by the museum team.



The Kitchen has changed from Ironing Day to Dinner time complete with veggies on the plates and Dad carving the silverside. The next room has gone from afternoon tea to Craft Day, highlighting embroidery, sewing and crochet. The bed room now features very clever display options – using the wardrobe to display and protect the clothing. The dressing table drawers have become safe display storage for children's clothing.





The courtroom display has changed from local sportspeople to a display focused on the maternity history of West Wyalong. Well done!

The museum also invited Ray Graham and Lesley Duncan from the Council to discuss the moving of the Southern Cross windmill from its storage location at Peter Grellman's property to the museum.

It was a fruitful meeting with David Bolte able to give the provenance of the windmill and the property it was removed from. The age of the southern Cross windmill has been determined to be between 1930s and 1950s, being a "Z" model.

Windmills are the earliest renewable energy source in Australia for the pumping of water, providing an essential resource for living on one of the driest continents on Earth.

#### **Ungarie Museum** (Tuesday 7 March)

The Museum is looking bright and clean. The team in Ungarie did a big push before their celebrations and from all accounts the museum was viewed with much enthusiasm by the visitors.

This year we are very keen to continue the cataloguing and digitisation of the collection as well as work toward the design and production of new interpretation panels.

Another issue is the machinery in the yard at the rear of the Museum. There are two pieces of machinery. Unfortunately the weather is taking a toll on their integrity. A Cover over them will make a big difference.



Don has worked wonders, saving this sewing machine. It is now part of the new displays. Next visit will be 3 & 4 April 2023.

## 6.18 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 5.3.2023

- Graders
  - Alleena Road
  - Gunns Road
  - Richards Lane
  - Hannan Lane
  - Gibbons/Town
- Gravel Carting
  - Males Pit
- Maintenance Crews (Bobcat/Backhoe)
  - Shire Roads

#### 2. Council Road Crew Locations Week Commencing 13.3.2023

- Graders
  - Alleena
  - Town Streets
  - South Yalgogrin Road
  - Richards Lane
  - Hannan/Bootoowa
- Gravel Carting
  - Storms Pit
- Maintenance Crews (Bobcat/Backhoe)
  - Shire Roads

#### 3. Council Road Crew Locations Week Commencing 20.3.2023

- Graders
  - Alleena
  - Town Streets/Ridleys
  - South Yalgogrin
  - Richards Lane
  - Bootowa Lane
- Gravel Carting
  - Storms Pit
- Maintenance Crews (Bobcat/Backhoe)
  - Shire Roads

#### 4. Council Road Crew Locations Week Commencing 27.3.2023

- Graders
  - Bellarwi
  - Town Streets/Ridleys
  - South Yalgogrin Road

- Blackstocks Lane
- Bootoowa Lane
- Gravel Carting
  - Storms Pit
- Maintenance Crews (Bobcat/Backhoe)
  - Shire Roads

## 5. Biosecurity Weeds/Environmental

- Training – Four Wheel Driving Course x1
- High Risk Pathway Inspection – Mid Western Highway, 57North, MR231, Goldfields Way, Quandialla Road, MR368, MR371, Mary Gilmore Way, Newell Highway.
- Council Land Inspections - Sale yards, all landfills, Parthenium RED ZONE
- Mowing – , West Wyalong, Show ground
- Hazard Reduction –
- Spraying Cat Heads/ *Khaki* weed – Green Corridor, Main Street paths
- West Wyalong Cemetery Sprayed. All towns and villages lanes and drains sprayed
- Mosquito Trapping
- Ant spraying around West Wyalong

The following Biosecurity weeds and other controls were undertaken:

- Blue Helio Trope – West Wyalong paths, Tallimba Park, Barmedman Land Fill
- Bathurst Burr – Wilga Plain Road, Russells Lane, Youngareen Road.
- Silver Leaf Nightshade – Bradburys Lane, Mud Hut West, Dansons Lane, Kikoira Road, Websters Lane, Dalys Lane, Robbs Lane, Wilga Plains Road, Russells Lane, Fullers Lane, Stidwells Lane, Youngareen Road, Bena Road, Harts Lane, Meaghers Lane.
- Galvanised Burr – 57 North, Lake Cowal Road, Dalys Lane, Henleys Lane, Clear Ridge Road, Kalms Lane, Girral Road, Bimbeen Road.
- Nagoora burr – Mud Hut West, Malones Lane.
- Spiny Burr Grass – began last RED ZONE treatment for this season.

## 6. Village Maintenance

- All parks mown and tidied
- Village main streets rubbish removed
- Trees trimmed and fallen branches picked up
- Village entrances and streets mown and trimmed
- All village park play grounds inspected for safety
- Parks irrigation checked
- Weed spraying carried out
- Ungarie Main Street watering system checked as required
- Street sweeper working in town and village streets.

## 7. Park Maintenance

- McCann park, Barnado park and small parks and areas mown, trimmed and 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
- All parks and airport sprayed for weeds
- Manual Watering carried out in Barnado and McCann gardens
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## **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
- Line marking on ovals for sporting groups

## **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 and spraying of town drains
- Aerodrome slashing inspections and maintenance work carried out, roo runs from 630am to 700am Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday for mines flights
- Back filled low areas on nature strips
- Pre-school maintenance carried out
- Spraying aerodrome and town drains/nature strips as weather allows
- Vandalism repairs and removal, extra time put in at Ungarie painting and sanding to remove offensive graffiti
- Council chambers lawns and gardens maintained

## **10. Goldenfields Water Main Project**

- Reticulation Main:
  - Construction up to Perseverance Drive CH3626
  - Replacement meters have been delivered to Killard
  - Starting to arrange for service replacements
  - Temporary road sealing as required
- DN300 Supply Main
  - Construction up to Reg Rattey Drive
  - Rail underbore application is being currently assessed
  - Reservoir Construction
  - Lift 4 and 5 completed
- Transfer Pump Station and associated pipework
  - Materials ordered
  - Shed builder contracted and has started the fabrication
  - Long lead time electrical materials have been purchased

### **Programmed Works for April**

- Reticulation Main
  - Construction continue to Church Street
- DN300 Supply Main
  - Construction from Reg Rattey Drive to Mid Western Hwy
  - Set up test points
- Reservoir Construction
  - Steelwork for lift 6 and 7
  - Pour lift 6 and 7
- Transfer Pump Station and associated pipework
  - Material deliveries
  - Background planning for the electrical install
  - Background planning for the construction of the pipework

## 6.19 Development Services Activity Report – March 2023



*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:** Manager Development & Regulatory Services

### PLANNING AND BUILDING ACTIVITIES UPDATE

The following DA applications were approved March 2023:

Application No	Description	Location	Consent Authority	Approval Date
DA2023/0047	New storage Shed	13 Stranger Street, West Wyalong	Staff	7/3/2023
DA2023/0049	Additions to dwelling and new storage shed	91 Gladstone Street, West Wyalong	Staff	3/3/2023
DA2023/0050	Storage shed relating to a Public Recreation Facility (Golf Course)	10 Tallimba Road, West Wyalong	Staff	10/3/2023
DA2023/0051	Multi Dwelling Housing – One Duplex consisting of two units including community title subdivision	3 Gorman Street, West Wyalong	Staff	9/3/2023
DA2023/0055	Removal of two (2) trees	8 Gladstone Street, West Wyalong	Staff	16/3/2023
DA2023/0059	Removal of one (1) tree & lopping of three (3) trees	7 Kurrajong Street, West Wyalong	Staff	29/3/2023
DA2023/0062	Storage Shed relating to a Public Recreation Facility (Showground)	190 Showground Road, West Wyalong	Staff	22/3/2023

## Regulatory Activities Update

### Dog Attacks

There were no dog attacks reported during March 2023.

### Companion Animal Seizure and Impound Activities March 2023

<b>Seizure Activities:</b>	<b>Dogs</b>	<b>Cats</b>
Seized	2	2
Returned to Owner	0	0

<b>Impounding Activities:</b>	<b>Dogs</b>	<b>Cats</b>
Animals in pound at start of month	12	3
<b>Incoming Animals</b>		
Transferred from Seizure Activities	2	2
Dumped at Pound	5	3
Surrendered	2	0
<b>Total Animals in Pound</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>8</b>

<b>Outgoing Animals</b>		
Released to Owner	0	0
Euthanased	0	0
Rehoused	7	0
Sold	1	1
Died at Pound	0	0
Stolen	0	0
Escaped	0	0
<b>Total Animals Leaving Pound</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>1</b>
Animals in Pound at end of Month	13	7

## REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

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

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

<b>Committee</b>	<b>Date/s</b>	<b>Minutes Attached</b>
Association Of Mining & Energy Related Councils (NSW) Inc. AGM	22 February 2023	✓
Association Of Mining & Energy Related Councils (NSW) Inc. Ordinary Meeting	22 February 2023	✓
Country Mayors Association Inc	9 March 2023	✓
Interagency Meeting	5 April 2023	✓

<b>Section 355 Committee</b>	<b>Date/s</b>	<b>Minutes Attached</b>
Ungarie Advancement Group AGM	15 February 2023	✓
Ungarie Advancement Group General Meeting	15 February 2023	✓
Ungarie Showground Racecourse Recreation Reserve Committee	20 March	✓
Wyalong School of Arts & Hall Committee	27 March 2023	✓

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### **Recommendation:**

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

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**MINUTES OF THE ASSOCIATION OF MINING & ENERGY RELATED COUNCILS (NSW) INCORPORATED, ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON 22<sup>nd</sup> FEBRUARY 2023, SECOND LEVEL, CLUB YORK 99 YORK ST, SYDNEY**

**Present in person**

Cr Kevin Duffy	Orange City Council (Dep Chair)
Cr Dennis Brady	Lachlan Shire Council (Ex Comm)
Cr Denis Todd	Warrumbungle Shire Council (Ex Comm)
Cr Mathew Deeth	Wollondilly Shire Council
Cr Chris Roylance	Forbes Shire Council
Steve Loane OAM	Forbes Shire Council
Cr Peter Batten	Cabonne Shire Council
Heather Nicholls	Cabonne Shire Council
Cr Dom Figliomeni	Wollongong City Council
Cr Jim Hickey	Broken Hill City Council

**By Zoom**

Cr Liz McGlynn	Bland Shire Council
Gary Woodman	Warren Shire Council

**Apologies**

Cr Michael Banasik	Wollondilly Shire Council (Chair)
Cr Phyllis Miller OAM	Forbes Shire Council (Dep Chair)
Cr Scott Ferguson	Blayney Shire Council (Ex Comm)
Cr Mathew Dickerson	Dubbo Regional Council
Murray Wood	Dubbo Regional Council
Cr Jason Hamling	Orange City Council
Kent Boyd	Parkes Shire Council
Peter Vlatko	Cobar Shire Council
Cr Peter Abbott	Cobar Shire Council
Cr Jarrod Marsden	Cobar Shire Council
Cr Des Kennedy	Mid-Western Regional Council
Brad Cam	Mid-Western Regional Council
Cath Blakey	Wollongong City Council
Ron Zwicker	Wollongong City Council
Greg Tory	Lachlan Shire Council
Cr Jane Keir	Walgett Shire Council
Mike Urquhart	Walgett Shire Council
Cr Ros Jackson	Warren Shire Council
Cr Katrina Walker	Warren Shire Council
Cr John Stafford	Upper Lachlan Shire Council
Colleen Worthy	Upper Lachlan Shire Council
Cr Aneillo Iannuzzi	Warrumbungle Shire Council

**In attendance**

Greg Lamont, Executive Officer (Minute Taker) and Liza Schiff (Melting Pot Planning).

**Welcome by Acting Chair.**

The Acting Chair, Councillor Kevin Duffy, welcomed members (in person and by zoom) to the meeting and called on Executive Officer to inform delegates of the absence of the Chair. The Executive Officer reported that the Chair, Cr Michael Banasik was hospitalised and unable to attend the meeting in person or by zoom, so in view of the apologies, as the remaining Deputy Chair, Cr Duffy was required to chair the meeting which he declared open at 9.20am.



## **1. Acknowledgement of Country by Acting Chair**

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

## **2. Apologies.**

**AGM 1/2023** Resolved (Cr Brady/Cr Roylance) that the apologies as per the above list be received and noted

## **3. Acting Chair Minute for former Chair**

**AGM 2/2023** Resolved (Loane/Cr Brady) that the Association acknowledge the leadership of the former Chair Peter Shinton and delegates wish him well for the future with his health challenges.

## **4. Disclosures of Interest.**

Nil

## **5. Adoption of Minutes of Annual General Meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> March 2022.**

**AGM 3/2023** Resolved (Cr Brady/Cr Todd) that the minutes of the Association's Annual General Meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> March 2022, be received, and noted as a true and accurate record of proceedings.

## **6. Business arising from the Minutes of Annual General Meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> March 2022. Nil**

## **7. Chairperson's 2021 - 22 Annual Report**

The Acting Chair requested the Executive Officer to present the Chair's Annual Report in view of his absence.

**AGM 4/2023** Resolved (Cr Roylance/Cr Hickey) that the Chairperson's 2021-22 Annual Report be received and noted.

## **8. Executive Officer's 2021 - 22 Annual Report.**

**AGM 5/2023** Resolved (Cr Todd/Cr Deeth) that the Executive Officer's 2021-22 Annual Report be received and noted.

## **9. Election of Chairperson, Deputy Chairpersons and Executive Committee.**

### **SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS AT 9.40AM**

### **Election of Executive Committee**

**AGM 6/2023** Resolved (Cr Figliomeni/Cr Batten) That the meeting be suspended to allow the Returning Officer to conduct the election of the Executive Committee.

The Executive Officer as Returning Officer reported that the nominations for the Executive Committee received by the due date equated to the vacancies for Chair and the two Deputy Chair positions plus two Executive Committee members and

there was one position vacant for the Executive Committee that need to be sought from delegates.

The Returning Officer called for nominations from the floor for one position on the Executive Committee. Cr Peter Batten nominated Cr Liz McGlynn (Bland Shire Council) who accepted the nomination. The results of the election were as follows:

- Chair – Cr Kevin Duffy (Orange City Council);
- Deputy Chair – Cr Phyllis Miller OAM (Forbes Shire Council);
- Deputy Chair – Cr Dennis Brady (Lachlan Shire Council);
- Executive Committee –
  - Cr Scott Ferguson (Blayney Shire Council), Cr Denis Todd (Warrumbungle Shire Council) and Cr Liz McGlynn (Bland Shire Council)

Delegates congratulated the Executive Committee on their appointment's.

### **RESUMPTION STANDING ORDERS AT 10.10AM**

**AGM 7/2023** Resolved (Cr Roylance/Cr Figliomeni) that the Association resume the Annual General Meeting business with Cr Kevin Duffy as Chairperson.

#### **10. Financial Statements – 1/7/21 to 30/6/22**

**AGM 8/2023** Resolved (Cr Todd/Cr Brady) that the Financial Report for 2021-2022 financial year be referred to the NSW Department of Fair Trading to note, in accordance with the Association Incorporations Act 2009, by 30<sup>th</sup> April 2023.

#### **11. 2022-2023 Budget**

**AGM 9/2023** Resolved (Cr Todd/Cr Brady) that the 2022-2023 budget as presented be adopted by the Association with the inclusion of provision for any membership fee increase in Item 12, the Mini Conference cost Ordinary meeting) and the Executive Officer's Contract provisions in Item 15.

#### **12. Membership Fees**

**AGM 10/2023** Resolved (Cr Brady/Cr Roylance) that the Association membership fees for 2022 – 2023 be increased by 3%, considering the 2022-23 proposed rate peg changes recommended by IPART (range 3.7% - 6.8%) and changes to the rate peg calculation per member.

#### **13. 2022 Meeting Dates & Venues**

**AGM 11/2023** Resolved (Cr Duffy/Cr Todd) that the meeting cycle for August and November be determined at the next Ordinary meeting in Dubbo on 26<sup>th</sup> May 2023.

#### **14. Strategic Plan 2023-2026**

**AGM 12/2023** Resolved (Cr Roylance/Cr Todd) that the Strategic Plan 2023 - 2026 be adopted.

**Executive Officer and Lisa Schiff left the room at 10.25am**

**15. Executive Officer's Contract Renewal**

**AGM 13/2023** Resolved (Cr Duffy/Cr Brady) that the Executive Officer's contract be extended until 30<sup>th</sup> June 2023 and if required further than that, any extension to be determined by the Executive.

Executive Officer and Lisa Schiff re-entered the meeting at 10.33am

**16. General Business**

**(a) Next Annual General Meeting -**

**AGM 14/2023** Resolved (Cr Brady/Cr Roylance) that the Annual General Meeting to be held in November 2023 at a location to be determined.

**17. Close.** The meeting closed at 10.45am

The minutes (pages 1-4) were confirmed at the Annual General meeting of the Association held on the \_\_\_\_ November 2023 and are a full and accurate record of proceedings of the meeting held on 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2023

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**Cr Kevin Duffy**  
**Chairperson**

**MINUTES OF THE ASSOCIATION OF MINING & ENERGY RELATED COUNCILS  
(NSW) INCORPORATED, ORDINARY MEETING HELD ON  
22<sup>nd</sup> FEBRUARY 2023, SECOND LEVEL, CLUB YORK 99 YORK ST, SYDNEY**

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Cr Chris Roylance  
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Cr Dom Figliomeni  
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Cobar Shire Council  
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Mid-Western Regional Council  
Mid-Western Regional Council  
Wollongong City Council  
Wollongong City Council  
Lachlan Shire Council  
Walgett Shire Council  
Walgett Shire Council  
Warren Shire Council  
Warren Shire Council  
Upper Lachlan Shire Council  
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Warrumbungle Shire Council

**In attendance**

Greg Lamont, Executive Officer (Minute Taker) and Liza Schiff (Melting Pot Planning).

**1. Welcome by Chair.**

The Chair, Councillor Kevin Duffy, welcomed members (in person and by zoom) to the meeting and declared the meeting open at 10.55am.

**2. Acknowledgement of Country by Chair**

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

### 3. Apologies.

**OM 1/2023** Resolved (Cr Brady/Cr Roylance) that the apologies as per the above list be received and noted.

### 4. Disclosures of Interest.

Nil

### 5. Adoption of the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2022

**OM 2/2023** Resolved (Cr Figliomeni/Loane) that the minutes of the Ordinary meeting held on 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2022 be received and noted.

### 6. Business Arising from Minutes of the Ordinary meeting held on 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2022 - Nil

#### **SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS AT 11.30am TO RECEIVE PRESENTATIONS FROM THE FOLLOWING SPEAKERS**

**OM 3/2023** Resolved (Cr Figliomeni/Cr Roylance) that the meeting be suspended at 11.30am to receive the presentation from the following speakers:-

(a) Courtney Housoss, Labor MLC, Shadow Minister for Natural Resources & Shadow Minister for Better Regulation, commented on the following:-

- New to portfolio of Resources and apologised for not being up to speed with all the issues, however as Shadow Minister was willing to learn from entities like MERC on issues associated with Critical Minerals, Resources for Regions, Royalties for Rejuvenation, VPA's etc., in an endeavour to address them.
- Concerned about what happens after mines close in communities – that's where opportunities need to be explored for manufacturing eg building rail trains in NSW in those areas to utilise the available labour from mine closures.
- Labor has developed its own Coal Reservations Policy in opposition to the Coalition's Coal Directions Policy.
- Labor supports the Coalition's Energy Plan but are concerned about the slow roll out of the REZ's and the lack of engagement with communities and affected landholders to date which they will look at improving.
- There doesn't appear to be any provision in the Coalition's Energy Plan for manufacturing to generate their own energy and jobs from the Energy Plan initiatives roll out.
- There appears to be a lack of transparency in how the miners are addressing their emission issues out there in the communities and government will be keen to work with them to address the issues.
- If elected, Labor will introduce a State-owned Energy Commission to ensure a consistent supply of energy for everyone in the State - it will be modelled on the Federal Government's Clean Energy Corporation.

- Libs/Nationals have left the incoming government in a dire position with the lights and power not guaranteed to be left on and cost of energy -, Labor's focus will be to keep the lights on at a lower cost to stakeholders..
- Labor's focus will be on hydro, community batteries, solar, wind but no nuclear at this stage.
- They will also be looking at pumped hydro and have had talks with Yancoal already, who are exploring the opportunities with it.
- Happy to attend future meetings and build up a relationship with MERC.

(b) Mike Young – Executive Director- Planning & Communities, Energy Co, Dept Energy & Climate Change:

- Energy Corporation of NSW is a statutory authority re-established in line with legislative functions under the Energy and Utilities Administration Act 1987 and Electricity Infrastructure Investment Act 2020 has been set up to “join the dots” with the design, delivery, and coordination of Renewable Energy Zones (REZ's) and other electricity infrastructure in a way that benefits consumers, investors and regional communities.
- Transmission development is becoming increasingly controversial in local communities, with communities already raising concerns with compensation, consultation, land use conflict, access fees and cost recovery.
- The loss of social licence has the potential to delay the rollout of transmission infrastructure which would jeopardise energy security, slow NSW's transition to net zero emissions and increase electricity costs for consumers. To avoid this the government will need to actively build community support for the transition rollout.
- Have engaged consultants to look at ways to improve the consultation process with roll out of the 5 REZ's in NSW, results will be out shortly.
- Seeking funding to develop a Community Benefit Funding Scheme Model at the moment where EnergyCo to get the right model for the roll out of these in the Rez's.to work.
- Has been out and about talking to affected persons in Dunedoo and Coolah and have had bilateral and collective meetings with the Councils in the REZ's, to get feedback and have set up a Community Survey online.
- Coalition of Renewable Energy Mayors has been set up (includes Mayors from Mid-Western Regional, Warrumbungle, Dubbo Regional [MERC members], and the New England Councils – Tamworth, Armidale, Inverell, Glen Innes, Walcha or Uralla) who have met with Mike and Minister Kean after Country Mayors meeting 21<sup>st</sup> February 2023 to discuss their REZ concerns.
- Seeking confirmation of grant for \$50m to fund the Central West Orana REZ. For cheques to be sent out in July/August for access fees to landholders and Councils.
- The REZ's are legislated, so the incoming government will have to continue the process and Mike has had discussions with Shadow Minister for Climate Change and Energy, Jihad Dib, who is generally supportive.
- New England REZ next to roll out and there are many projects underway with the Hunter Transmission project for Bayswater to Eraring.
- Regarding VPA's for Renewable Energy developments, this has been discussed with Coalition of Renewable Energy Mayors and models are being considered based on 1.5% of CIV for VPA's.
- Mike said Department of Planning staff are starting to realise that VPA's should cover other issues raised by the communities affected by these

State Significant Developments, and it is something the new government will have to address as part of the Productivity Commissions' recommendations ie by making the developers pay more and fairly to LGA's.

**RESUMPTION OF STANDING ORDERS AT 12.15pm**

**OM 4/2023** Resolved (Cr Batten/Cr Blakey) that the meeting be resumed at 12.15pm to continue with the meeting items.

**7. Adoption of the Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> February 2023**

**OM 5/2023** Resolved (Cr Roylance/Cr Brady) that adoption of the minutes of the Executive Committee meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> February 2022 be deferred until after the Executive Officer provides a background report on the items & recommendations.

**Executive Officer's Report**

The Executive Officer went through the items in the Executive Officer's report that related to matters on the Agenda for this meeting prior to adoption of them.

**OM 6/2023** Resolved (Brady/Cr Todd) that the minutes of the Executive Committee meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> February 2023 be received and noted.

**8. Business Arising from the Minutes of Executive Committee Meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> February 2023 - Nil**

**9. Delegates Reports – Nil.**

**10. Speakers - As above**

**11. Executive Officer's Report – Dealt with in Item 7**

**12. General Business**

(a) Location/dates for next meetings in 2022/23 – Dubbo 24-26<sup>th</sup> May 2023 as part of the Mini Conference in partnership with RDA Orana Innovation & Industry Conference

**Close – the meeting closed at 12.50pm**

**The minutes (pages 1-8) were confirmed at a meeting of the Ordinary Meeting held on the 26th May 2023 and are a concise and accurate record of proceedings of the Ordinary General meeting held on 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2023.**

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**Cr Kevin Duffy**  
**Chairperson**





# Country Mayors Association Inc of NEW SOUTH WALES

**Chairperson:** Cr Jamie Chaffey  
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## MEETING MINUTES

### GENERAL MEETING

**Thursday 9 March 2023** held at the Offices of the Port of Newcastle, Level 4, 251 Wharf Road, Newcastle.

***The meeting opened at 8:45am***

#### 1. ATTENDANCE:

Armidale Regional Council, Cr Sam Coupland, Mayor  
Armidale Regional Council, Mr James Roncon, General Manager  
Bega Valley Shire Council, Cr Russell Fitzpatrick, Mayor  
Bellingen Shire Council, Cr Steve Allan, Mayor  
Berrigan Shire Council, Cr Matthew Hannan, Mayor  
Broken Hill City Council, Cr Jim Hickey, Deputy Mayor  
Dungog Shire Council, Cr John Connors, Mayor  
Dungog Shire Council, Mr Gareth Curtis, General Manager  
Federation Council, Cr Patrick Bourke, Mayor  
Federation Council, Mr Adrian Butler, General Manager  
Forbes Shire Council, Cr Phyllis Miller, Mayor  
Forbes Shire Council, Mr Steve Loane, General Manager  
Glen Innes Shire Council, Cr Troy Arandale, Deputy Mayor  
Glen Innes Shire Council, Mr Bernard Smith, General Manager  
Goulburn Mulwaree Council, Cr Peter Walker, Mayor  
Griffith City Council, Cr Doug Curran, Mayor  
Griffith City Council, Mr Brett Stonestreet, General Manager  
Gunnedah Shire Council, Cr Jamie Chaffey, Mayor  
Gunnedah Shire Council, Mr Eric Groth, General Manager  
Kempsey Shire Council, Cr Leo Hauville, Mayor  
Kempsey Shire Council, Mr Craig Milburn, General Manager  
Lachlan Shire Council, Cr John Medcalf, Mayor  
Lachlan Shire Council, Mr Greg Tory, General Manager  
Leeton Shire Council, Cr Tony Reneker, Mayor  
Leeton Shire Council, Ms Jackie Kruger, General Manager  
Liverpool Plains Shire Council, Cr Doug Hawkins, Mayor  
Liverpool Plains Shire Council, Mr Nathan Skelly, Acting General Manager  
Mid-Western/Mudgee Regional Council, Cr Des Kennedy, Mayor

Moree Plains Shire Council, Cr Mark Johnson, Mayor  
Moree Plains Shire Council, Mr Lester Rogers, General Manager  
Narrabri Shire Council, Cr Ron Campbell, Mayor  
Narrabri Shire Council, Mr Robert Williams, General Manager  
Narromine Shire Council, Cr Dawn Collins, Deputy Mayor  
Oberon Council, Cr Lauren Trembath  
Oberon Council, Mr Gary Wallace, General Manager  
Orange City Council, Cr Jason Hamling, Mayor  
Parkes Shire Council, Cr Ken Keith, Mayor  
Port Stephens Council, Cr Ryan Palmer, Mayor  
Singleton Council, Cr Sue Moore, Mayor  
Singleton Council, Mr Jason Linnane, General Manager  
Tamworth Regional Council, Cr Russell Webb, Mayor  
Tamworth Regional Council, Mr Paul Bennett, General Manager  
Tenterfield Shire Council, Cr Bronwyn Petrie, Mayor  
Uralla Shire Council, Cr Robert Bell, Mayor  
Uralla Shire Council, Ms Kate Jessep, General Manager  
Walcha Council, Cr Eric Noakes, Mayor  
Wingecarribee Shire Council, Mr Viv May, Interim Administrator  
LGNSW, Cr Darriea Turley, President  
LGNSW, Mr Scott Phillips, CEO

#### **APOLOGIES:**

Ms Linda Scott, President ALGA and as submitted

Further apologies taken from the floor:

- Kent Boyd, GM Parkes
- Cr Rick Firman, Mayor Temora

#### **SPECIAL GUESTS**

- (a) Cr Darriea Turley AM, President, LGNSW  
(b) Mr Scott Phillips, CEO, LGNSW

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

RESOLVED that the minutes of the General Meeting held on 18 November 2022 be accepted as a true and accurate record

*Moved:* Narrabri Mayor, Councillor Ron Campbell

*Seconded:* Kempsey Mayor, Councillor Leo Hauville

**Carried**

***Meeting suspended at 8:50am, and Jamie introduced Darriea and Scott***

Darriea addressed current matters for LGNSW including Red Fleet and then handed over to Scott, LGNSW. Scott addressed the following:

- Councillor Conduct Framework
- IPART Review of Rate Peg Methodology- new CEO doesn't believe that they can have report to Government by April deadline, and have been granted a 3 month extension

**Chairman Chaffey introduced Craig Carmody at 9:00am**

Mr Carmody gave the meeting an overview of the operations and aspirations of Port of Newcastle.

Mr Carmody wrapped up at 9:50 with a presentation of a book to Jamie.

Mayor of Singleton, Councillor Sue Moore made a presentation as a token of appreciation to Craig.

**Meeting broke for morning tea to resume at 10:15am.**

**Meeting resumed at 10:15am**

**3. Matters Arising from the Minutes:**

There were no matters arising.

**4. Membership:**

**Motion:** That Junee Shire Council, Muswellbrook Shire Council, Bourke Shire Council be admitted as members of the Association.

*Moved: Forbes Mayor, Councillor Phyllis Miller*

*Seconded: Federation Mayor, Councillor Patrick Bourke*

**Carried unanimously.**

Chairman Chaffey read correspondence received last night from Mayor of Newcastle, which requested that the association grant Newcastle City Council associate membership.

Discussion ensued.

**Motion:** That Country Mayors Association move to work on consideration of change to our membership to align with that of LGNSW rural regional.

*Moved: Forbes Mayor, Councillor Phyllis Miller*

*Seconded: Lachlan Mayor, Councillor John Medcalf*

**Carried**

**Motion:** That 2 months notice be given that there be constitutional change to allow for there to be associate membership to the association.

*Moved:* Parkes Mayor, Councillor Ken Keith

*Seconded:* Tenterfield Mayor, Councillor Bronwyn Petrie

The matter was suggested to be deferred pending the investigation of realignment of membership as per the previous motion. The Chair determined to allow it as it was a separate matter to that of Newcastle's request.

**Carried by 75% majority**

It was noted that the executive would work towards putting words around what associate membership would entitle and how much it would be.

**5. Correspondence:**

*Correspondence Outward and Correspondence Inward sheets provided with General Meeting Agenda*

**Motion:** That the correspondence be noted.

*Moved:* Lachlan Mayor, Councillor John Medcalf

*Seconded:* Tamworth Mayor, Councillor Russell Webb

**Carried**

(a) NSW Fair Trading Form A12 – T2 Annual Summary of Financial Affairs Tier 2

(b) Local Government NSW Update for CMA Meeting on 09/03/23  
*Clr Darriea Turley AM, President, LGNSW provided update and addressed CMA members regarding membership*

**6. Financial Report:**

**Motion:** That the financial reports for the last quarter were tabled and accepted.

*Moved:* Parkes Mayor, Councillor Ken Keith

*Seconded:* Glen Innes Deputy Mayor, Councillor Troy Arandale

**Carried**

## 7. General Business

### (a) Change to CMA Constitution

*At the 18 November meeting it was resolved that notice of 2 months be given to members to change the Associations Constitution to provide for the position of Immediate Past Chairman to be a member of the Executive.*

*Under clause 32 of the Constitution, no alterations to the Constitution shall be made unless two months' notice in writing is first given and unless the alteration be supported by 75% of the members present at the meeting at which the vote is taken. Notice of the proposed change was notified to members by e-mail on the 28 November 2022*

**Motion:** That the Country Mayors Association change the Associations Constitution to create the position of Immediate Past Chairman and provide for that position to be a member of the Executive.

*Moved: Forbes Mayor, Councillor Phyllis Miller*

*Seconded: Tamworth Mayor, Councillor Russell Webb*

**Carried unanimously**

### (b) Acknowledgement to Country

**Motion:** That the Country Mayors Association includes an Acknowledgement to Country at its future meetings with the wording of such to be as follows:

*"We acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of the land and waters, and we show our respect for Elders past, present and emerging. We are committed to providing communities in which Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People are included socially, culturally and economically".*

*Moved: Kempsey Mayor, Councillor Leo Hauville*

*Seconded: Bellingen Mayor, Councillor Steve Allan*

**Carried unanimously**

(c) **Quotes**

**CMA Banners (Llyod Signs)**

**Website (Two Cats Creative)**

**Motion:** That the Country Mayors Association accepts the quotes for CMA Banners received from Lloyd Signs and for CMA Website received from Two Cats Creative.

*Moved:* Goulburn Mayor, Councillor Peter Walker

*Seconded:* Berrigan Mayor, Councillor Matthew Hannan

**Carried**

(d) **Revised and amended Scholarship Program**

It was noted by the Chair that there was some concern with this item by parties external to CMA as the amount offered was greater than the first prize for the Bluett.

**Motion:** That the matter of the scholarship program be deferred to the May meeting of CMA.

*Moved:* Forbes Mayor, Councillor Phyllis Miller

*Seconded:* Tamworth Mayor, Councillor Russell Webb

**Carried**

(e) **CMA Position on distribution of Letters of Support for Funding**

*The Chairman recently received a request for a Letter of Support for a member council to assist with a grant funding application to a State Government program. A draft letter was presented to the Executive for their approval as CMA currently do not have an endorsed position on the provision of such request for support. It should be noted the letter was supported by the Executive but it was not unanimous and after further discussion with the Executive it was decided that this issue should be debated at the next General Meeting of CMA for a formal position to be developed.*

**Motion:** That the Country Mayors Association not give letters of support to our member Councils for their grant funding applications.

*Moved:* Forbes Mayor, Councillor Phyllis Miller

*Seconded:* Singleton Mayor, Councillor Sue Moore

**Carried**

## **General Business from the floor:**

### **Motion:**

That the Association, at a future meeting, report on holding two meetings a year in non-metropolitan locations with application criteria being determined by the Executive. These meetings would commence in 2024 if adopted.

*Moved: Kempsey Mayor, Councillor Leo Hauville*

*Seconded: Forbes Mayor, Councillor Phyllis Miller*

*It was clarified by the Chair that this is 2 additional meetings to the 4 meetings per year that CMA will hold in Parliament House aligned with sitting dates, or alternate venue such as York Club.*

### **Carried**

### **Motion:**

That the Country Mayors Association write to the Board of LGNSW and request that a motion be moved at the next LGNSW Conference to:

1. Revoke the previously passed motion to disallow real estate agents and developers and associated families of such from standing as councillors through NSW LGAs; and
2. That if the motion is successful that the board write to both major political parties advising them of the decision.

*The Chair sought, given the nature of the motion, leave from the meeting about whether the motion should be accepted. The motion was accepted and put to the vote.*

*Moved: Broken Hill Deputy Mayor, Councillor Jim Hickey*

*Seconded: Federation Mayor, Pat Bourke*

### **Carried**

There being no further business the meeting closed at 11:15am

The members remained to receive a briefing from Viv May on the Remuneration Tribunal deliberations this year.

A Guided Tour of the Newcastle Port Facilities was then held on conclusion of the meeting.

### **Next Meeting**

The date of the next meeting is scheduled for **Friday 26 May 2023**, location in **Sydney** with venue to be advised.

Cr Jamie Chaffey

CHAIRMAN

COUNTRY MAYOR'S ASSOCIATION OF NSW INC.



## MINUTES OF THE BLAND SHIRE INTERAGENCY MEETING HELD AT BLAND SHIRE COUNCIL ON WEDNESDAY 5 APRIL 2023.

**Present:** Ricky Bishop, Pauline O'Neill, Fabiola Case, Patrick Undy, Tammy Cabban, Louise Shuter, Debbie Longhurst, Tammy Elwin, Hannah Ockenden-Muldoon, Kim Sharman, Alison Balind (minutes).

**Apologies:** John Dean, Barbara Peninga, Greg Sheens, Penny Hall, Vanessa Fixter, Faith Rogers, Carissa Burge, Scott Turnbull, Robyn Jones, Emma McRae, Andrew Kurta

### 1. Welcome and Apologies

A Balind opened the meeting at 10.05am and thanked everyone for their attendance.

### 2. Confirmation of Previous Minutes (Attached)

The minutes of the Interagency Meeting Held At Bland Shire Council on Tuesday, 6 September 2022 were accepted.

Moved: Pauline O'Neill

Seconded: Ricky Bishop

### 3. Matters Arising

N/A

### 4. Review of Interagency Terms of Reference

Discussion was held on the Terms of Reference for the Interagency with the following amendments:

Frequency of meets – Meetings will be held on a quarterly basis.

Documents – all documentation that may be relevant to the meeting should be emailed to [council@blandshire.nsw.gov.au](mailto:council@blandshire.nsw.gov.au) to ensure it is properly recorded.

### 5. Agency Reports

**Name:** Kim Sharman

**Position/Name of Organisation:** Intereach

**Items discussed:**

- NDIS planning for Bland Shire area from Cootamundra Officer.
- Identified need for therapists ie. Occupational Therapists, Speech Therapists to provide face to face support for clients.
- Able to provide support for those needing to access NDIS

**Name:** Fabiola Case

**Position/Name of Organisation:** Wellways

**Items discussed:**

- Provides lived experience support after suicide for families and communities after suicide.
- Hopes to connect and support people more now that travelling has recommenced.
- Looking to undertake workshops for communities & workplaces on subjects such as “what do I say, what do I do”
- Provides prevention and education.
- Engage other agencies and “piggyback” on what others are planning to deliver.

**MINUTES OF THE BLAND SHIRE INTERAGENCY MEETING HELD AT BLAND SHIRE COUNCIL ON WEDNESDAY 5 APRIL 2023.**

**Name:** Patrick Undy

**Organisation:** Indigenous Service Officer – Services Australia

**Items discussed:**

- Based in Griffith, covering the Bland Shire area
- Able to provide presentations to community groups as required
- Provide general information about payments and opportunities for Indigenous Australians.
- Clients are able to contact and arrange bookings with the Mobile Service Centre as required and nominate a time & date that suits.
- Also able to make phone appointment bookings.

**Name:** Pauline O’Neil

**Position/Name of Organisation:** Coordinator – Forbes, Bland Home Modifications

**Items discussed:**

- Supporting aged clients and people with disabilities
- Service is currently at capacity – trying to get in front of things following floods
- Completing a lot of work under the NDIS
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**Name:** Tammy Cabban

**Position/Name of Organisation:** Seniors Rights Service

**Items discussed:**

- Aged care advocate
- Phone-based service
- Provides assistance to older people to understand their rights in relation to consumer law and civil matters.
- Service available to anyone looking towards aged care who isn’t sure about what service they should or could access.
- Also provides education and information sessions.

**Name:** Tammy Elwin

**Position/Name of Organisation:** Co-ordinator Rural Adversity Mental Health Program MLHD

**Items discussed:**

- Provides training and education packages for groups wanting information about Mental Health.
- Delivery of Mental Health First Aid training for free – only cost is purchase of the manuals.
- Provides linkages to mental health services for people in need.

**Name:** Ricky Bishop

**Position/Name of Organisation:** Student Support Officer West Wyalong High School

**Items discussed:**

- Works with welfare team at West Wyalong High School.
- Focus is generally on wellbeing of students and their involvement in as many in school and out of school programs as possible
- Advised of recruitment of a wellbeing nurse – Tony Martin.
- A group of students recently attended the REROC Take Charge Leadership Forum in Wagga
- Trying to get students back into volunteering within the community.
- School has introduced a therapy donkey name Brea (who will soon be joined by Brian)

## MINUTES OF THE BLAND SHIRE INTERAGENCY MEETING HELD AT BLAND SHIRE COUNCIL ON WEDNESDAY 5 APRIL 2023.

**Name:** Debbie Longhurst

**Position/Name of Organisation:** Financial Information Officer, Services Australia at Young.

**Items discussed:**

- Reintroducing after COVID
- Provides assistance and advice on a range of financial matters.
- Support is either face to face or over the phone. There is also capacity for video conferencing.
- Webinars are available on Services Australia website. Clients can book in and attend at a suitable time.
- Two farm household officers currently within Bland Shire.

**Name:** Alison Balind

**Organisation:** Bland Shire Council

**Items discussed:**

- Update on recruitment of Community Development Officer.
- Provide overview of Mornings, Melodies and Memories program currently being delivered across the shire.
- Planning underway for Youth Week event.
- Work on Youth Centre progressing. Venue will also be available to service providers looking for somewhere to meet clients.

### 6. General Business

N/A

### 7. Future Meeting dates

- Proposed dates set for first full week of the following months for 2023 - June, September and December.
- Meetings to be held Wednesday mornings commencing 10am.
- Meeting schedule to be sent for June meeting – possibility of combining the meeting with the official launch of the Youth Space (to be confirmed)

### 8. Close of Meeting

Meeting closed at 11.20am

### DISTRIBUTION:

Alex Quarmby, Amanda Chown, Andrea Kurta, Anita Calabria, Anne Egan, Anni Gallagher, Barbara Penninga, Barbara Smith, Carolyn Keast, Diana Burge, Ellen Salvestro, Emma McRae, Faith Rodgers Gilli Williams Glenda Carter, Leanne Gregurke, J. Walker, Greg Sheens, Jamie-Lee Mckinnon, Carissa Burge, Jane McNamara, Intereach Murrumbidgee, Binaalbilla, Debbie Longhurst, Jessica Judd, Jo Rigg, John Dean, Kadie Spresser; Kate Woolfe, Lesley Burns, Libby Noble, Louise Shuter, Maja Asmus, Maree Piffero, Marg Couch, Mark Dalmolin, Maurice Hall, Michelle Kilgower, Monique Watson, Nani Coulter, Patrick Undy, Pauline O'Neill, Penny Hall, Robyn Jones, Sally Irons, Sarah Manley, Scott Turnbull, Shannon O'Brien, Sheils Henley, Simone Murphy, Sue Riley, Tammy Cabban, Tania Shaw, Tanya Jones, Taya Crockford, Tony Dacey, Tracey Collins, Tracey Lees, Tracey Newman, Tracy Hetheron, Vanessa Fixter, Wendy LCN, West Wyalong Public School, Willie Lolohea, Wyalong Public School, Yvonne Prance, Yvonne Wilson, Penny Hall, Tammy Elwin, Sally Irons.

**UNGARIE ADVANCEMENT GROUP**  
**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**  
**WEDNESDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2023**  
**held in the Ungarie C.W.A. Rooms**

**Meeting Opened:** 7.10pm

**Present:** Carol Barrett, Kerry Keatley, Vanessa Williams, Robyn Sherd McVey, Brony Mason, Pam Brewer, Alvin Tam, Lurensa Rowling

**Apologies:** Wendy Keatley, Jason and Nicole Lewis, Kathleen Morgan and Adam Foster

**Minutes of the previous A.G.M. were read.**

**Moved that the Minutes be accepted as read:** Vanessa Williams, 2<sup>nd</sup>: Robyn Sherd McVey

**ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS**

**All positions on the Committee were declared vacant.**

**Election of Office Bearers was chaired by Kerry Keatley**

**President**

Nomination for President: **Robyn Sherd McVey**

Moved by Pam Brewer, and accepted by Robyn

2<sup>nd</sup> by Vanessa Williams

**Elected.**

**Secretary**

Nomination for Secretary: **Brony Mason**

Moved by Carol Barrett, and accepted by Brony

2<sup>nd</sup> by Robyn Sherd McVey

**Elected.**

**Vice President**

Nomination for Vice President: **Kerry Keatley**

Moved by Vanessa Williams, accepted by Kerry

2<sup>nd</sup> by Brony Mason

**Elected.**

**Treasurer**

Nomination for Treasurer: **Vanessa Williams**

Moved by Carol Barrett, accepted by Vanessa

2<sup>nd</sup> by Brony Mason

**Elected.**

**Publicity Officer**

Nomination for Publicity officer: **Vanessa Williams**

Moved by Pam Brewer, and accepted by Vanessa

2<sup>nd</sup> by Robyn Sherd McVey

**Elected**

**Community Postal Agency Officer**

Carol Barrett will remain as point of contact for Ungarie Community Postal Agency

**Motion Moved** to change General Meetings to 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of every 3<sup>rd</sup> month.

Moved by Vanessa Williams, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Pam Brewer

Passed

**Motion Moved** to update signatories at the South West Slopes Credit Union for all accounts:

Ungarie Historical Society,

Garden Group,

Ungarie Advancement Group,

Post Office Agency

to current President Robyn Sherd McVey, Secretary Brony Mason and Treasurer Vanessa Williams. Carol Barrett to remain a signatory in her capacity as the CPA (Community Postal Agency) officer.

Outgoing President Kerry Keatley to be removed as a signatory.

Moved by Vanessa Williams, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Pam Brewer

Passed

**Museum Volunteers:** Robyn Sherd McVey now has the key that Kerry Keatley did have. The Key Register will need to be updated.

Robyn and Vanessa keen to help along with Don and Mary Duncan.

Museum Advisor Margot Jolly will be in attendance on 7<sup>th</sup> March.

A.G.M. closed at 7.35pm

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**Apologies:** Wendy Keatley, Jason and Nicole Lewis, Kathleen Morgan and Adam Foster

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

Moved that they be accepted as read: Vanessa Williams, 2<sup>nd</sup> Carol Barrett

Passed

**BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:**

Discussion:

- Carol Barrett was thanked for her untiring work as Secretary/Treasurer, with particular mention of her meticulous record keeping (as described by Jill Funnell from Council)
- 355 Committee requirements as regards reporting to Council: sending minutes also ensures that they are read at Council Meetings and our concerns heard
- OH&S: we never got a Risk Management Workshop as promised by Council?
- 150 Celebrations and Book of Memories costings difficult to finalise
  - Email 31/1/23 from Marina Uys (in response to Vanessa's enquiry) says she will follow it up
  - Craig and Rebecca (with whom the committee had been liaising) have both resigned, and follow up is proving difficult
  - Kerry said he was told by Council that the total bill came to \$55,000. Vanessa said she has invoices (paid by Council) worth approx \$17,000, so what did the rest of the money go to?
  - Kerry said he is prepared to wait for his reimbursement (Big Football polo shirts and caps) until the rest of the finances are sorted
- Phil Rogan has donated the Henderson Brothers movie to be held at the Museum, as well as one of the building of the water tank (on DVD and USB)
  - USB version won't play without the correct programme on the device
  - **Robyn to check with Kristy McClintock to see if the recently donated TV (to PreLoved) could be purchased for the Museum to allow movies to be shown**

**Moved: That the Advancement Group continue to follow up with Council to finalise the expenditure on both the 150<sup>th</sup> Celebrations and the Book of Memories.**

Vanessa Williams, 2<sup>nd</sup> Carol Barrett

Passed

**TREASURER'S REPORT:**

Vanessa Williams took on the books from July 2022 and tendered the Garden, Historical Society and Advancement Group financial reports to date.

Ungarie Advancement Group Account Balance as of 31/1/23  
\$20820.44

Ungarie Historical Society Account as of 31/1/23  
\$6518.35

Garden Account as of 31/1/23  
\$1044.64

**Moved that the Reports be accepted and accounts passed for payment.**

Australia day expenses frames, meat bread etc \$382.29 to be reimbursed to Vanessa Williams  
Vanessa Williams, 2<sup>nd</sup> Carol Barrett  
Passed

**Moved that all unsold “Book of Memories” copies to be collected and held at one central point (the Museum).** Vanessa Williams, 2<sup>nd</sup> Carol Barrett. Passed.

**GENERAL BUSINESS**

Discussion

- Bridge near the school:
  - the current work to widen it (which has now been stopped/cancelled) was begun as a response to letters complaining to Council about safety issues. It was NOT a flood mitigation project.
  - Kerry Keatley said that council’s flood study was very detailed and showed that raising the bridge would create more flooding problems for the main street as raising the lead up roads would hold back even more water. The study also indicated that there was not enough money to do the job properly.
  
- Big Football
  - Is fading on top, revarnishing was estimated to be needed after 6-7 years (installed in 2018)
  - **Kerry Keatley to ring designer Andy Gordon about recommendations for addressing the fading**
  
- Lurensa Rowling asked for souvenirs to be held in the museum
  
- Chainsaw Sculpture in Bing Wallder park
  - Permanent site: most agreed that it would be best left where it is, under cover
  - Is cracking badly. Sculptor Brandon apparently left a can of varnish (worth approximately \$500) with Lindsay Henley.
  - **Kerry Keatley to contact council re seeing Brandon about what can be done about the cracks in the sculpture**
  
- Gardens, lawn maintenance around town
  - Concerns that maintenance was not up to scratch (apparently only one council staffer on duty over the holidays, so perhaps things will improve)



- Council has been approached in the past over the possibility of having a local to do the work (similar to Col Ward at Tullibigal in Lachlan Shire Council) OH&S requirements quite demanding
- OPTUS poor service:
  - Alvin Tan gave a detailed report of his interactions with OPTUS and their failure to remedy the poor 3G service in town (which affects visitors as well, so locals simply changing providers is not the solution)
  - OPTUS knows what the problem is, but won't act to fix it, which would seem to be a breach of contract. Alvin approached ACMA and they passed him on to the Department of Infrastructure.
  - Alvin also suggested work-arounds to ensure 4G phones would allow voice calls
  - Telstra (June 2024) and Optus (September 2024) have now announced they will be discontinuing the 3G service.

**NEXT MEETING WEDNESDAY 17/5/23**

MEETING CLOSED at 9.15pm

Ungarie Showground Racecourse  
Recreation Reserve Committee  
PO Box 107, Ungarie NSW 2669  
Email: ungariegc@hotmail.com

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President	Vice President	Secretary	Treasurer
Scott Robb	Chris Daly	Nicole Lewis	Karen Rossiter
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**Minutes of meeting**  
**20<sup>th</sup> March 2023**

**Meeting opened 7.08pm**

**Present:** Mark Bryant, Fiona Bryant, Chris Daly, Karen Rossiter, Scott Robb, Nicole Lewis.

**Apologies:** Vanessa Williams

**Treasurers Report: Balance as of 20<sup>th</sup> February 2023 \$5293.57**

See attached break down.

Moved by Karen

Seconded by Nicole

Minutes of previous meeting read by Nicole and moved that they are true and correct.

Seconded by Scott

Accepted.

Incoming correspondence.

Email from Laura Hume thanking for meeting minutes.

Email from football club letting me know who their delegates are.

Email from ICG re floor covering product and what colour to choose. Went with option 3.

Emails from Statewide office furniture re quote for change room benches.

Email from premier lockers for quote as above.

Email from FDB lockers for as above.

Email from BFX furniture, carissa Sinclair. Quote for change room fit out.

Email from ICG regarding time line to finish and hand over.

Outgoing correspondence

Letter to all clubs. See attached.

Email to Laura Hume at BSC re meeting minutes.

Emails to numerous furniture companies for quotes for change rooms.

Business arising from previous meeting,  
Incoming and outgoing correspondence.

**Keys.**

Still no action from council.

Have spoken to both Grant Baker and Ray Graham from council re getting things re keyed.

Will follow up after meeting.

Meeting moved that the netball showers be keyed to a different key to allow the campers access to showers. The toilet they can use is the disabled one as it is always unlocked.

**Moved Nicole****Seconded Chris**

All in favour

Accepted.

Received a letter of offer from Mark Bryant to purchase the old showground tractor for \$500.

**Moved** by Scott

**Seconded** By Karen

That we accept the offer, and it is to be sold in as is where is condition.

All in favour

Accepted.

Spoke about the fact that there is no money left in the budget for demolition of the old amenities block.

This is despite we, the committee, stipulating during the consultation process that there needed to be money left to do so.

Scott, Chris and Nicole meet at grounds with Ray Graham from BSC to discuss where we go with demolition. He agrees that it must go however he was not able to give a definite answer on by who and when.

Ray is taking it to a council briefing and then to a council meeting to see if council can foot the bill and remove it. This will not happen before football season more likely to be after when their budgets are finalised.

Council are putting the gravel "batter" around the edge of the building so there is no step up all the way around. This will be compacted and covers with a tar like finish. The back area will be at a lesser gradient as there is more room to do so there.

We also asked if council could help towards funding fit out. Will try but most probably not.

Old remaining Basketball/netball ring can be removed. Football/netball club confirmed that it's not needed.

Scott to organise this.

Football/netball suggested that some old seating be installed around near score board.

It was decided that probably better to use the movable ones.

As they can be removed from the ground for other events.

Funding for the fit out of change rooms

The Football/netball club is happy to put forward \$5000

Grounds committee can put in \$1000.

No other clubs were present at meeting.

Suggested to Ring Fordo engineering and ask him for a quote.  
Quote from BFX furniture was decided as suitable.  
Will wait for Fordo quote first.

Storm water pipe at back of bar/storerooms is broken and causing water to go into the rooms.  
Scott to follow up with council re fixing.

Hot water to new amenities block could be insufficient.  
Scott brought it up with ICG. He is awaiting a reply.  
Meeting discussed whether or not another one can be added possibly one of the old ones.  
Scott to investigate this.

Canteen ceiling is leaking around range hood.  
Needs fixing.  
Can range hood be removed? This would help with leaking. It doesn't get used. Too large for area and inhibits lay out.  
A smaller in-wall exhaust fan would need to be installed to allow for ventilation at cooking area.  
Football/netball have purchased stainless steel benches for canteen.  
Nicole to contact council and see how to go about fixing canteen.

Possible opening of new amenities block is first home game on 15<sup>th</sup> April 2023 against Tully.  
Will run this by council.

Meeting Closed  
8.10 pm

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WYALONG SCHOOL OF ARTS & HALL COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 27 MARCH 2023

VENUE: WYALONG HALL

Meeting opened at: 6.39 PM

PRESENT: Gerard Payne, Bev Fury, Amanda Stitt and Alison Ballind

APOLOGIES: Des Lamb, Michelle Lamb, Chris Butcher

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

Read by Bev Fury

Moved: Bev Fury

Seconded: Amanda Stitt

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Read by Bev Fury

Moved: Bev Fury

Seconded: Gerard Payne

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH COUNCIL:

Alison enquired if we had any questions in relation to the MOU.

The following questions were asked and addressed by Alison:

1. In relation to insurance – are we required to take out insurance on the items in the hall such as kitchen equipment, table and chairs etc. Bev stated that she has previously been advised by Council that all these items were covered by Council insurance. Alison stated that technically everything in the Hall was owned by Council and therefore covered under Council's insurance policy. This item is more referring to personal property brought into the Hall by either committee members or people who hire the hall – for example, sound systems that may be brought into the hall for events. Alison will double check with Council that this is in fact the case and advise Bev.
2. Keys – Amanda asked if there was a key register. Bev advised that there was not. Alison advised that it needs to be noted that we are not able to duplicate the keys without permission from Council. Amanda suggested that rather than leaving keys in metre box we have a lock box. Alison thought this was a good idea and Amanda/Bev will look into this.
3. Cleaning products – it is noted in the MOU that Council will provide the cleaning products required at the Hall. Bev to contact Council in relation to this and find out exactly what they can supply and arrange for this to happen.

The MOU was not signed. Alison will look into the questions raised and will contact Bev. Once the question in relation to insurance has been clarified, we will then sign MOU and forward signed copy to Council.

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Flyers were put in mail boxes of residents in relation to miners using rear of hall for car parking.
2. Wyalong Arts Group and Radio FM were given flyer and letter re cleaning of toilets.
3. Replies received as follows:
  - a. Dave and Jeanette Grellman – no objection but ask that they ensure they do not damage the fence between their property and the Hall.
  - b. Wyalong Arts Group also have no issues but request that there be enough parking spaces left for their group on Wednesday mornings. They also advised that they always clean the toilets after use.
  - c. Elaine Marshall has no objection to miners using rear of hall for parking.
  - d. Radio FM have no objection to miners using car part at rear of hall. Advised that toilets would be checked Tuesday and Friday and cleaned when necessary.
4. Letter from Alison Ballind of Council attaching MOU for discussion and signature and advising Council have no objection to miners using car park at rear of hall

BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES AND CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Car parking for miners at rear of Hall. Discussion was had in relation to this. Alison advised that this could be a good money spinner if we charge them for parking. Bev advised that we had previously discussed getting the area sealed in lieu of any payments. Alison advised that Council would have no objection to this and would enquire as to whether we would need a DA for this to happen. Bev will approach Renee Pettit advising that we have agreed to allow the miners to park at the rear of the Hall and asking if they would be prepared to seal the area in lieu of making a payment for parking.

Moved: Bev Fury

Seconded: Amanda Stitt

2. Cleaning of toilets – Bev noted that perhaps we need to send a letter to Church group in relation to cleaning of toilets. After discussion it was agreed we would do this and Alison suggested we tell them that if they do not sweep the floor, empty the bins in toilet areas and clean toilet areas we would need to charge them a cleaning fee. Bev suggested \$25 and Alison suggested \$30 based on what Council pay their cleaners. It was agreed that we would go with \$30.

Moved: Bev Fury

Seconded: Gerard Payne

3. Bev advised that investment option as discussed in last meeting is not available to us – only for personal bankers. The bank suggested if we could, to increase our investment to \$5,000 and invest for a minimum term of 12 months, which would increase the interest rate considerably. This was discussed and it was decided to increase the investment to \$5,000 and invest for a period of 12 months.

Moved: Bev Fury

Seconded: Amanda Stitt

**GENERAL BUSINESS:**

1. Bev advised details of meeting with Alison Ballind and Dave Wardell from Council.
  - a. Allison advised she would send through MOU for committee to consider and request any amendments required. If no amendments, then Executive Committee to sign and return to Council.
  - b. Bev asked why the committee was not officially notified of grants for School of Arts and Hall and asked to participate in photo opportunity with other recipients of grants and Council. Alison advised that other groups had done the tenders for the grants themselves whereas Council had applied on our behalf, therefore the other groups had been advised directly by Government of the grants not by Council and were invited to participate in photo opportunity by funding body, not by Council.
2. Discuss MOU and any changes that need to be made.
3. Alison advised that it was now a requirement of Council that a staff member of Council needs to be a signatory on the bank account and term deposit.

Bev had Gerard and Amanda complete the forms required to change signatories on bank account and to include a staff member of Council as a signatory

Meeting closed: 7.03 pm

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'B. Wardell', written over a faint circular stamp or mark.





<b>TERM DEPOSIT #6054</b>	
OPENING BANK BALANCE AS AT 31/12/2022	2,357.73
Interest paid	1.00
BALANCE AS AT 27/03/2023	2,358.73

7/03/2023	\$165.00	Direct Credit 249977 NSWEC PAYMENT NSWEC GE00462	\$10,591.96
1/03/2023	\$60.00	Direct Credit 049045 SWSCU COMMUNITY RADIO	\$10,426.96
1/03/2023	\$525.00	Fast Transfer From BETH BOYD 14 Tue nights & 19/03	\$10,366.96
24/02/2023	\$104.00	DEPOSIT CASH \$0.00 CHEQUE \$104.00 Branch WEST WYALONG 1 Wyalong Art Group	\$9,841.96
1/02/2023	\$60.00	Direct Credit 049045 SWSCU COMMUNITY RADIO	\$9,737.96
3/01/2023	\$60.00	Direct Credit 049045 SWSCU COMMUNITY RADIO	\$9,677.96