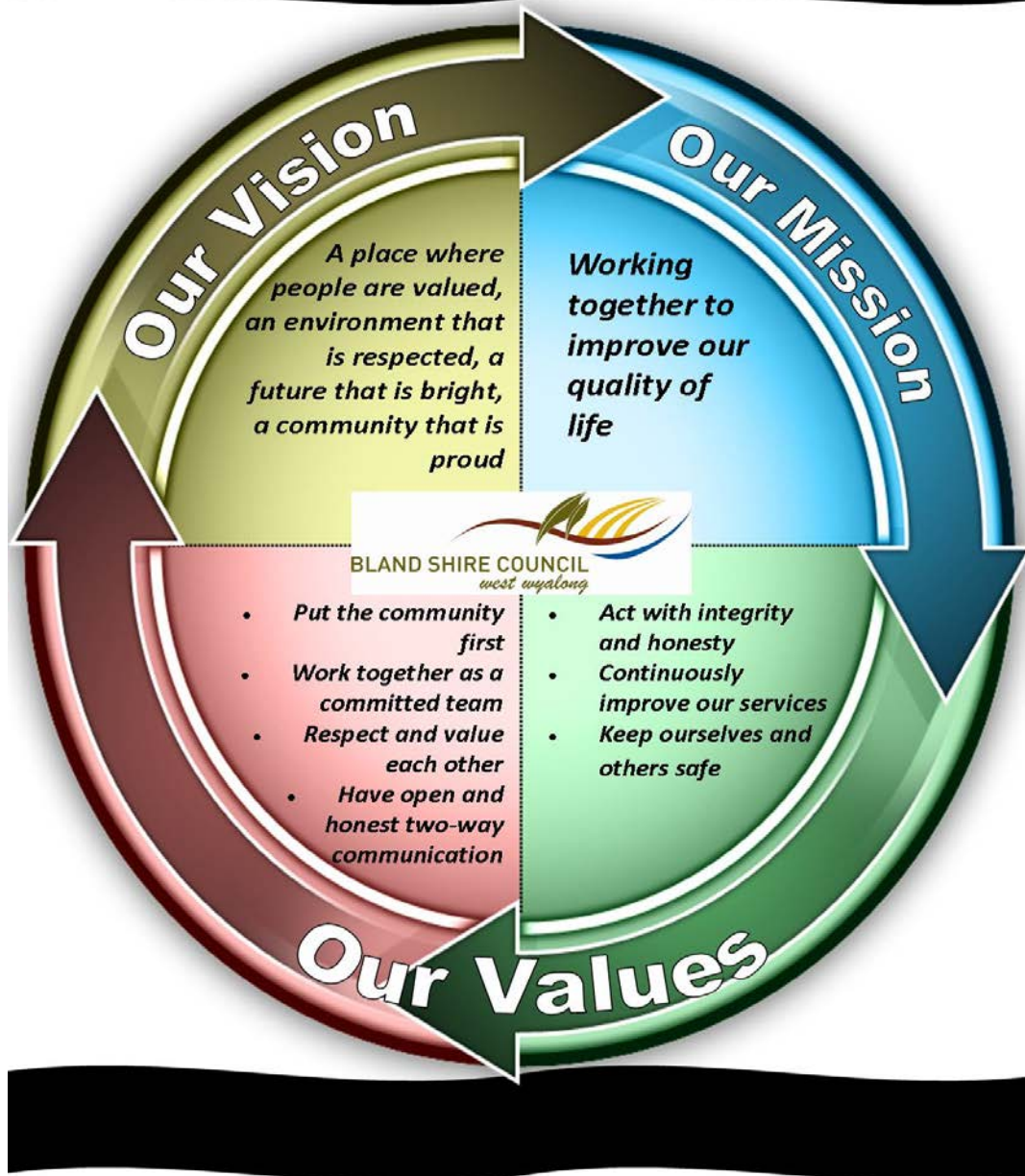


Business Paper
Council Meeting
21 November 2023

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

Meeting Dates	Time	Meeting	Location
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November 2023			
21 November	6.30pm	Council Meeting	Chambers
24 November	8.30am	Country Mayors Association	Sydney
29 November	9.00am	CEMCC	Forbes
30 November	9.30am	Newell Highway Taskforce	Canberra

December 2023			
5 December	4.00pm	Council Workshop	Chambers
7 December	9.00am	Mining & Energy Related Councils	Sydney
8 December	9.00am	Riverina Joint Organisation	Wagga
8 December	11.00am	REROC	Wagga
12 December	6.30pm	Australia Day Awards Committee	Chambers
19 December	6.30pm	Council Meeting	Chambers

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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

Section 1 – Executive Services

6.1 Monthly Status Report – Council Meeting Actions: November 2023



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

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

Author: Executive Assistant

Introduction

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.

Recommendation:

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

APRIL 2023		
Planning Proposal – Drag Strip Project 14042023 RESOLVED 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.	Manager Development & Regulatory Services	9/5: underway 1/8: submitted, design with stakeholders for feedback 9/10 advice from Dept Planning – further report to Council 7/11: see later resolution 15102023 - COMPLETE
JUNE 2023		
IPART Proposal on Rate Peg Changes 07062023 RESOLVED that Council prepare a submission to the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal's Draft Report on Rate Pegging supporting the proposed changes as outlined in the document.	Director Corporate & Community Services	Submission not lodged ahead of 4 July deadline. DCCS has registered for Public Hearing on Rate Pegging Review (18 July, 2023) 7/11: COMPLETE
Property Sale 20 Calleen St, West Wyalong 14062023 RESOLVED that Council authorise the General Manager to enter into negotiations for the sale of 20 Calleen St West Wyalong.	Director Technical Services	12/7: negotiations commenced, awaiting reply
JULY 2023		
Property Purchases 13072023 RESOLVED that Council: a) Authorise the General Manager to enter into negotiations for the purchase of the properties listed in the Director of Technical Services report up to the agreed amounts. b) Fully explore the land uses for each property as part of the Master Planning processes for the Central Business District and the Sport and Recreation precincts prior to any further development of the subject sites.	Director Technical Services	Negotiations on both properties successful. See further resolution 17092023 - COMPLETE

AUGUST 2023		
<p>Accounting Treatment of Rural Fire Service ('Red Fleet') Assets 12082023 RESOLVED that Council:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Adopts the revised Position Statement on Accounting Treatment of Rural Fire Service Assets and advise the Office of Local Government and the NSW Audit Office accordingly. Should the NSW Audit Office issue a qualified audit to Bland Shire Council for not recording RFS assets in its annual financial statements, that Bland Shire Council will accept a qualified audit opinion in relation to the accounting for RFS Assets in the 2022/2023 financial statements 	<p>Director Corporate & Community Services</p>	<p>9/9 Correspondence not yet sent. 9/10 External auditors advised of Position Statement on Accounting Treatment of Rural Fire Service Assets. Statement sent to NSW Audit Office and Office of Local Government. 7/11: COMPLETE</p>
<p>Tender – Town and Village Entrance Signage 16082023 RESOLVED that Council award the tender for the design, manufacture and installation of new town and village entrance signage to the Church Communities Australia t/a Danthonia Designs to the value of \$227,862.00 (Ex GST) subject to variations.</p>	<p>Director Technical Services</p>	<p>5/10: purchase order raised 7/11: sign manufacturing and delivery underway</p>
<p>General Manager Annual Performance Review for period ending 30 June 2023 20082023 RESOLVED:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> That Council note the report of the Performance Review Panel The matter of the appropriateness of the General Manager's Total Remuneration Package be subject to a further report to Council. 	<p>General Manager</p>	<p>5/10: Awaiting further report</p>

SEPTEMBER 2023		
<p>Bland Shire Australia Day Awards Committee 05092023 RESOLVED that Council confirm the Bland Shire Australia Day Awards Committee:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. as a Committee of Council to exercise its functions on Council's behalf in accordance with s355(b) of the NSW Local Government Act (1993); b. delegate the role to assess nominations and select the award recipients in each category for the Australia Day Awards for Bland Shire; c. confirm the quorum of which will be 6; and d. appoint the following members: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Bland Shire Councillors (9) ii. The current year's Bland Shire Citizen of the Year recipient iii. Bland Shire Council General Manager 	<p>General Manager</p>	<p>21/9: Invitation issued to current Citizen of the Year 5/10: Committee meeting scheduled for 10/10 7/11 Call for nominations underway, Committee meeting scheduled for early December. COMPLETE</p>
<p>Draft Council Financial Statements 2022/23 – Referral for Audit 07092023 RESOLVED that Council:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That pursuant to the provisions of Section 413 of the Local Government Act 1993, Council hereby declares that it has prepared the General Purpose Financial Statements for the 2022/23 financial year ending 30 June 2023 and has formed an opinion, based on the advice of Council officers, that these reports: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Have been prepared in accordance with: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Local Government Act 1993 (as amended) and the Regulations made thereunder; (ii) The Australian Accounting Standards and professional pronouncements; and (iii) The Local Government Code of Accounting Practice and Financial Reporting. (b) Present fairly the operating result and financial position of the Bland Shire Council for the year ended 30 June 2023; and (c) Accords with Council's accounting and other records and policies. 2. That the Special Purpose Financial Statements have been drawn up in accordance with the Local Government Code of Accounting Practice and Financial Reporting. 3. That the General and Special Purpose Financial Statements be certified by the Mayor, Deputy Mayor, General Manager and Responsible Accounting Officer, in accordance with Section 413(2)(c) of the Local Government Act. 	<p>Director Corporate & Community Services</p>	<p>9/10 Draft Statements referred to Auditors. Audit representatives onsite w/c 3/10 to undertake audit process. 7/11: Statements completed and lodged with Office of Local Government on 31 October 2023 - COMPLETE</p>

<p>4. That pursuant to the provisions of Section 413 of the Local Government Act 1993, Council hereby declares that the Financial Statements (including General Purpose and Special Purpose Reports) for the year ending 30 June 2023 be referred for audit.</p>		
<p>Endorsement of Motions for LGNSW Conference 08092023 RESOLVED that Bland Shire Council submits the following Notices of Motions for consideration at the LGNSW Conference scheduled for 12-14 November 2023: Emergency Services Levy – Recognition on Council Rate Notices That should the NSW Government fail to restore the Emergency Services Levy subsidy for 2023: 1. Local Government NSW seeks the State Government’s agreement for Councils within NSW to recognise the Levy as a separate and additional cost on rates notices. 2. The amount Councils are required to pay to meet the ESL charges imposed by the State Government not be included in the overall general rate incomes but as a standalone levy, similar to Water and Sewer fees. Council Co-Contributions to Disaster Grant Funding to Improve Assets That Local Government NSW: 1. Applauds the actions of the Government in permitting the use of Council own sourced funding towards the increased scope for adaptation works to upgrade asset capacity as part of the most recent flood emergency. 2. Seeks a commitment from State and Federal Government agencies to review Disaster and Emergency funding criteria to allow Council co-contributions to be used in partnership with state and federal funding to upgrade asset capacity where they have been damaged during critical events.</p>	<p>Director Corporate & Community Services</p>	<p>9/10 Motions submitted via online portal for inclusion in Business Agenda for LGNSW Conference. 7/11: Motions included in LGNSW Conference Business Paper. Motion on Emergency Services Levy was to be considered as a Category 1 Motion. Due to lengthy debates at Conference Session, matter will now go to Board for determination. Motion on Disaster Grant Funding Co-contributions was listed as a Category 2 Motion and was not listed for debate but will be used to strengthen the Association’s position and advocacy on the issue. COMPLETE</p>
<p>Tender – Civil Construction Works – Six (6) lot Industrial Subdivision in West Wyalong (ENG0001/23-24) 10092023 RESOLVED that Council award the Tender ENG0001/23-24 for the Civil Construction Works for the six (6) lot industrial subdivision in West Wyalong to Rod’s Earthmoving and Excavation to the value of \$937,102.00 (Exc. GST)</p>	<p>Director Technical Services</p>	<p>9/10 Contracts executed 7/11: Construction works underway, COMPLETE</p>

<p>Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program Phase 4 11092023 RESOLVED that Council endorse and submit applications to the Federal Government Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program Phase 4 for the following projects: 1. Under Part A of the Program Totalling \$1,878,827</p> <table border="0"> <thead> <tr> <th>Project</th> <th>Budget (\$)</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Pound Replacement</td> <td>640,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>RSL Walk - completion</td> <td>220,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>West Wyalong Pool works</td> <td>245,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Rugby Union / Camp Draft precinct recycled water supply</td> <td>410,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Rose Garden</td> <td>157,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Building works</td> <td>186,827</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>2. Under Part B of the program Totalling \$1,067,021</p> <table border="0"> <thead> <tr> <th>Road</th> <th>Location</th> <th>Cost Estimate (\$)</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Quandialla</td> <td>42km from Newell Hwy</td> <td>100,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Quandialla</td> <td>46km from Newell Hwy</td> <td>320,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Quandialla</td> <td>57km from Newell Hwy</td> <td>200,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Bartels</td> <td>5.7km from Newell Hwy</td> <td>210,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Morangarell</td> <td>14.8km from Quandialla Rd</td> <td>237,021</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Project	Budget (\$)	Pound Replacement	640,000	RSL Walk - completion	220,000	West Wyalong Pool works	245,000	Rugby Union / Camp Draft precinct recycled water supply	410,000	Rose Garden	157,000	Building works	186,827	Road	Location	Cost Estimate (\$)	Quandialla	42km from Newell Hwy	100,000	Quandialla	46km from Newell Hwy	320,000	Quandialla	57km from Newell Hwy	200,000	Bartels	5.7km from Newell Hwy	210,000	Morangarell	14.8km from Quandialla Rd	237,021	<p>Director Technical Services</p>	<p>9/10 Projects lodged with LRCI awaiting approval</p>
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<p>Access Incentive Scheme Grant – 57 Main Street, West Wyalong 13092023 RESOLVED that Council approve the Access Incentive Scheme Grant application from Davies Motorcycles & Power Equipment at 57 Main Street, West Wyalong for \$5,000 to install an Automatic Sliding Door to increase accessibility to the premises.</p>	<p>Director Technical Services</p>	<p>9/10 Letter sent to Applicant</p>																																
<p>Property Purchase 205-211 Main St West Wyalong 17092023 RESOLVED that Council: 1. Accept the negotiated price for the purchase of Lot 1 DP 1064715 and Lot 1 DP 1078262 being 205-211 Main St West Wyalong for the agreed price of \$390,000 2. Delegate the General Manager and the Mayor to enter into a contract to purchase Lot 1 DP 1064715 and Lot 1 DP 1078262 being 205-211 Main St West Wyalong 3. Fund the costs associated with the purchase from the Economic Development Reserve 4. That upon settlement the land be classified as Operational Land</p>	<p>Director Technical Services</p>	<p>9/10 Contracts signed and exchanged 7/11: settlement COMPLETE</p>																																

OCTOBER 2023

<p>Lachlan Regional Transport Committee Inc 05102023 RESOLVED that Council endorses:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. the winding up of the Lachlan Regional Transport Committee and all assets and funds be dispersed in accordance with the Constitution of the Lachlan Regional Transport Committee, and, b. future regional transport advocacy be provided by the appropriate Joint or Regional Organisation, subject to the member location. 	<p>General Manager</p>	<p>23/10: letter sent. COMPLETE</p>
<p>Renovation Costs - Community Care Building 09102023 RESOLVED that Council:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Notes the information contained within the report on Renovation Costs for the Community Care Building. b) Approve those unexpended funds for completion of landscaping works identified as part of the initial project remain until such time as the work is undertaken. 	<p>Director Corporate & Community Services</p>	<p>15/11: Landscaping work will commence in the New Year following the return of Council's Building Maintenance Officer who has carriage of site works.</p>
<p>Endorsement of Draft Public Interest Disclosure (PID) Policy 10102023 RESOLVED that Council:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Endorse the Bland Shire Council Public Interest Disclosure (PID) Policy. b) Note that the Bland Shire Council Public Interest Disclosure (PID) policy replaces the current Internal Reporting Policy and, as it relates only to those considered as Council officials, no period of public exhibition is required. 	<p>Director Corporate & Community Services</p>	<p>15/11: Completed.</p>
<p>Riverina Regional Library Mobile Library Services 11102023 RESOLVED that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Council endorse the proposal to deliver library services to the communities of Barmedman, Ungarie, Weethalle and Tallimba as part of the Riverina Regional Libraries Mobile Library schedule from July 2024. b) Council include a financial allocation within the 2024-2025 Budget to cover the anticipated costs of the improved library services. c) Ongoing funding of the Mobile Library Services be funded from the Community Enhancement Fund. 	<p>Director Corporate & Community Services</p>	<p>15/11: Riverina Regional Library has been advised of Council's intention to implement the Mobile Library Service. Additional discussions to be held on service specifics following input from Councillors.</p>

<p>Strengthening Communities Application – Skin Check Truck 12102023 RESOLVED that Council:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) refuse the application for funding of the Skin Check Truck visit under the Strengthening Communities Fund. b) acknowledge the significant positive outcomes, access to this service would provide, and further explore opportunities for implementing a five-year program of visits by the Skin Check Truck in partnership with Evolution Mining. c) make provisions for funding the project for a five-year period as part of its annual budget processes. 	<p>Director Corporate & Community Services</p>	<p>15/11: Applicant advised of Council decision and plan to implement more frequent/longer visits to Bland Shire.</p>
<p>Tender – Supply Backhoe 13102023 RESOLVED that Council award Westrac the tender for the supply of 1 x Cat 432 Backhoe and accept the trade offer from Westrac, at a Net Cost of \$174,576.36 (excluding GST).</p>	<p>Director Technical Services</p>	<p>7/11: Backhoe order placed - COMPLETE</p>
<p>Tender – Supply 2x Road Graders 14102023 RESOLVED that Council award Westrac the tender for the supply of 2 x Cat 140M road graders and accept the trade offer from Westrac, at a Net Cost of \$749,470.12 (excluding GST).</p>	<p>Director Technical Services</p>	<p>7/11: Grader order placed - COMPLETE</p>
<p>Additional Permitted Use, West Wyalong Airport Planning Proposal - Drag Strip Project 15102023 RESOLVED that Council:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) endorse the Additional Permitted Use, West Wyalong Airport Planning Proposal for referral to the Department of Planning and Environment for Gateway Determination; 2) delegate the General Manager to make changes to the Planning Proposal if required by the Department of Planning and Environment so long as the objectives of the proposal are achieved; and 3) delegate the General Manager to commence public exhibition of the Planning Proposal if required by the Department of Planning and Environment. 	<p>Director Technical Services</p>	<p>7/11: Planning Proposal has received a gateway determination from Dept of Planning. Council is working through the next steps</p>
<p>Aviation Green Paper 16102023 RESOLVED that Council make a submission to the Aviation Green paper highlighting the maintenance burden on Local Government especially in support of emergency services.</p>	<p>Director Technical Services</p>	<p>7/11: submission made - COMPLETE</p>

6.2 Annual Report 2022/23



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

DP10.3 The General Manager takes on a high level role in implementing the Community Strategic Plan and other Council documents

Author: Executive Assistant

Introduction

The Annual Report outlines Council's activities in accordance with the statutory reporting requirements of the Local Government Act and Integrated Planning and Reporting Framework for the 2022/23 financial year and includes additional information to provide Councillors and the community with a greater snapshot of Council's achievements over this 12-month period.

The Annual Report document is included in the Attachments to this business paper for Councillors. It will be lodged with the Office of Local Government and made available online by the prescribed deadline of 30 November 2023.

Financial Implications

The preparation and compilation of the Annual Report is undertaken by Council staff within existing budget allocations.

Summary

The report meets the statutory reporting requirements under the Local Government Act s.428 and is provided for the information of Councillors and the community.

Recommendation:

1. That Council receives and notes the Bland Shire Council Annual Report for the year 2022/23.
 2. The 2022/23 Bland Shire Council Annual Report be published on Council's website.
 3. The NSW Office of Local Government be advised accordingly.
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6.3 Christmas 2023 – Council Closure



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DP10.2 Councillors are encouraged to take ownership and a strong leadership role.

Author: General Manager

Introduction

The normal meeting cycle for the December Workshop is Tuesday 5 December 2023 and the Ordinary Council meeting on Tuesday 19 December 2023.

The normal meeting cycle will resume in February 2024 commencing with a Councillor workshop on 6 February and the Ordinary Meeting of Council on 20 February 2024.

The council offices, depot, landfill, library and Visitor Information Centre will close at midday (12 noon) on Thursday 21 December 2023, for the purposes of a staff gathering and reopen on Tuesday 2 January 2024. Considering the work program ahead, Council's operational staff will have the same closure period except for essential on-call staff, who will be available for emergency response.

Other Council services will operate under the following schedule:-

- Childrens Services Unit – Closed with the last day of classes being 18 December. Family Day Care will be operating subject to demand and availability of educators over the closure period.
- Landfill – The West Wyalong landfill will be closed on 25, 26 December and 1 January. Ordinary operating hours on other days.
- Garbage collection services – As per normal.
- Community Care – Continue to work (excluding public holidays) with a skeleton crew, with staff available on call.
- Swimming Pools – Closed Christmas Day, contractor will do media around Pool schedules closer to Christmas

The Visitor Information Centre will make available visitor bags and monitor supply during the closure period.

Financial Implications

There are funds allocated within the existing budget for this purpose.

Council staff will take annual leave and rostered days off during the closure period, in accordance with their leave entitlements.

Summary

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

It is also common practice to delegate authority to the Mayor and General Manager to deal with any urgent matters during this period.

Recommendation:

1. That Council note the closure of council offices from midday (12 noon) on Thursday 21 December 2023 and reopen on Tuesday 2 January 2024.
 2. That the Mayor and General Manager are delegated authority to deal with any urgent matters during the Christmas and New Year period for 2023 – 2024.
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Section 2 – Corporate & Community Services

6.4 Finance and Investment Report for October 2023



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

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

Author Manager Customer & Financial Services

Introduction

The Finance and Investment Report is provided to Council for information and prepared in accordance with the Local Government (General) Regulation 2021.

Financial Implications

STATEMENT OF BANK BALANCES, RATES COLLECTIONS AND INVESTMENTS FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER 2023.

BANK BALANCES AS AT 31ST OCTOBER 2023

ACCOUNT	BALANCE
General Fund	\$5,881,647.93
Business Card	\$30,000.00
	\$5,911,647.93
<i>Invested Funds</i>	
Fixed Deposits	\$71,200,000.00
Deposits at Call	\$3,072,117.21
	\$74,272,117.21
Net Balance	\$80,183,765.14
Percentage of Invested Funds to Net Balance	92.63%

**STATEMENT OF BANK BALANCES AS AT 31.10.2023
SUBMITTED TO THE ORDINARY MEETING NOVEMBER 21, 2023**

BALANCE as at 01.10.23 **\$7,296,181.83**

Add Receipts

Receipts Over \$150,000

17/10/23 ATO September 2023 GST	175,991.00
19/10/23 Redeemed Investment JUDO	2,000,000.00
25/10/23 Redeemed Investment MyState	2,000,000.00
25/10/23 23/24 Regional Road Block Grant	415,500.00
26/10/23 Transfer Cash At Call	1,000,000.00

Receipts Under \$150,000 1,431,361.28

Total Receipts for October 2023

\$7,022,852.28

Less Payments

Payments over \$150,000

04/10/23 GP Evans & Englert Trust Account	-155,440.55
05/10/23 Fulton Hogan Industries	-1,215,971.17
19/10/23 NAB TD Settlement	-2,000,000.00
25/10/23 Police Bank Ltd TD	-2,000,000.00
26/10/23 Stabilised Pavements of Aust.	-819,561.19

Payments under \$150,000 -2,246,413.27

Aged Care	\$6,714.00
Bank Fees	\$1,870.27
Cemeteries	\$2,631.92
Children's Services	\$18,176.85
Community	\$57,192.72
Construction	\$163,600.02
Corporate	\$521,533.43
Development Services	\$48,391.95
Direct Debits	\$22,720.92
Employee	\$823,857.89
Governance	\$15,897.76
Insurance	\$10,149.96
Investments	\$4,000,000.00
Library	\$353.84
Maintenance	\$320,179.16
Plant/Fuel	\$308,385.18
Roads	\$2,050,993.73
Utilities	\$11,297.75
VIC	\$45,640.60
Waste	\$7,798.23

Total Payments for October 2023 **- \$8,437,386.18**

CASH BALANCE **\$5,881,647.93**

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 October 2023 to 31 October 2023.

I CERTIFY,

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

Payment Type		Voucher No's	Total
Cheques		026364-026368	\$699.75
Auto-pay	Creditors	E033428 – E033722	\$7,711,344.76
Auto-pay	Payroll	01/10/23 – 29/10/23	\$700,750.48
Bank Charges & Commissions		October 2023	\$1,870.27
Direct Debits	Repayments & Vehicle Lease		22,720.92
			\$8,437,386.18

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

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

.....
Manager Customer and Financial Services
Responsible Accounting Officer

CERTIFICATE OF GENERAL MANAGER

This accounts summary, a copy of which was submitted to each member of Council on the 21st November 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.

.....
General Manager

CERTIFICATE OF CHAIRMAN OF ORDINARY MEETING

I certify that this accounts summary, covering amounts totalling **\$8,437,386.18** was submitted to the Ordinary Meeting on the 21st November 2023 and that the amounts are presented to Council for confirmation of payment.

.....
Chairman of Ordinary Meeting

INVESTMENTS

The following table gives details of Council's Funds invested at 31st October 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	1460 days	1.50%	27/05/2024
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
30/11/2021	MyState Bank	2,000,000.00	730 days	1.20%	30/11/2023
14/12/2021	Bank of QLD	2,000,000.00	730 days	1.10%	14/12/2023
20/01/2022	AMP	1,000,000.00	729 days	1.35%	19/01/2024
10/11/2022	AMP	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	Commonwealth Bank	2,000,000.00	364 days	4.38%	7/12/2023
31/01/2023	Great Southern Bank	2,500,000.00	365 days	4.65%	31/01/2024
8/02/2023	Defence Bank	1,000,000.00	365 days	4.75%	8/02/2024
15/02/2023	NAB	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
1/03/2023	Defence Bank	1,000,000.00	371 days	5.00%	1/03/2024
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	371 days	4.80%	13/03/2024
29/03/2023	AMP	1,500,000.00	365 days	4.90%	28/03/2024
4/04/2023	Auswide Bank	1,000,000.00	365 days	4.90%	3/04/2024
18/04/2023	AMP	1,000,000.00	358 days	4.95%	10/04/2024
20/04/2023	MyState Bank	1,000,000.00	363 days	4.60%	17/04/2024
20/04/2023	Hume Bank	1,000,000.00	370 days	4.80%	24/04/2024
11/05/2023	MyState Bank	1,000,000.00	223 days	5.00%	20/12/2023
11/05/2023	AMP	2,000,000.00	364 days	5.00%	9/05/2024
23/05/2023	Great Southern Bank	1,000,000.00	365 days	5.11%	22/05/2024
30/05/2023	Bank of QLD	2,000,000.00	336 days	4.90%	30/04/2024
30/05/2023	MyState Bank	1,000,000.00	365 days	5.10%	29/05/2024
8/06/2023	MyState Bank	1,000,000.00	364 days	5.45%	6/06/2024

15/06/2023	Auswide Bank	1,000,000.00	364 days	5.40%	13/06/2024
22/06/2023	Defence Bank	2,000,000.00	364 days	5.55%	20/06/2024
28/06/2023	Judo Bank	1,000,000.00	364 days	5.75%	26/06/2024
29/06/2023	Judo Bank	2,000,000.00	369 days	5.75%	2/07/2024
6/07/2023	Australian Unity	1,000,000.00	365 days	5.75%	5/07/2024
13/07/2023	AMP	1,000,000.00	364 days	5.75%	11/07/2024
20/07/2023	Heritage Bank	1,000,000.00	363 Days	5.75%	17/07/2024
27/07/2023	Macquarie Bank	1,000,000.00	364 days	5.11%	25/07/2024
16/08/2023	Bank of QLD	1,000,000.00	358 days	4.95%	8/08/2024
23/08/2023	AMP	2,500,000.00	364 days	5.40%	21/08/2024
4/09/2023	Great Southern Bank	1,000,000.00	360 days	5.22%	29/08/2024
8/09/2023	Bendigo Bank	400,000.00	365 days	4.90%	8/09/2024
8/09/2023	Bendigo Bank	400,000.00	365 days	4.90%	8/09/2024
8/09/2023	Bendigo Bank	400,000.00	365 days	4.90%	8/09/2024
14/09/2023	NAB	2,000,000.00	364 days	5.15%	12/09/2024
20/09/2023	NAB	1,000,000.00	330 days	5.15%	15/08/2024
21/09/2023	NAB	1,000,000.00	365 days	5.30%	20/09/2024
28/09/2023	Bank of QLD	2,000,000.00	364 days	5.20%	26/09/2024
5/10/2023	NAB	1,500,000.00	364 days	5.25%	3/10/2024
11/10/2023	NAB	2,000,000.00	364 days	5.15%	9/10/2024
18/10/2023	Police Bank	2,000,000.00	287 days	5.10%	31/07/2024
19/10/2023	NAB	2,000,000.00	364 days	5.20%	17/10/2024
25/10/2023	Police Bank	2,000,000.00	365 days	5.05%	24/10/2024
	ANZ Deposit at Call	50,959.66	Cash at Call		
	CBA Deposit at Call	3,021,157.55	Cash at Call		
TOTAL:		\$74,272,117.21			

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 (2023/24)	\$ 11,545,736.60
Rates received as at 31/10/2023	\$ 4,686,097.14
% of rates received to date	40.59%

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.

Recommendation:

1. That Council receive and note the information contained within the Finance and Investment Report for the month of October 2023
 2. That Council confirms the payment of accounts, for the period 01 October to 31 October 2023, summarised in the accounts summary totalling \$8,437,386.18
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6.5 Budget Review – September 2023 Quarter



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Author Manager Customer & Financial Services

Introduction

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

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

The Statement must also include a report indicating changes in estimates for income and expenditure. This is done in consultation with the responsible director or manager of the relevant department. The Statement must comply with the Local Government Code of Accounting Practice and be considered by the Council no later than 2 months past the conclusion of the quarter.

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

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

The Statement includes:

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

Overall Position

In general terms, the Council has received 54% of projected revenue (calculated on an accrual basis) to the original budget and 15% of projected operating expenditure to the original budget by the end of September 2023. An additional \$855k was spent during the quarter on grant funded projects along with \$3.4 million in capital projects. These results see Council in a strong position to complete budgeted projects in a timely manner, whilst meeting firm deadlines with funding providers.

The balance of Councils cash and investments held is around \$82.5 million with \$39.1 million restricted.

Operational Budget and Variations:

At the end of the September quarter the budget amendment requests include the costs to purchase additional land and will be funded by the Economic Development Reserve. Executive Services is requesting a new budget line item to account for staff development costs. Community Care Services has requested an amendment to repay underspent grant funds and will be funded by the Aged Care Reserve which is an external reserve created to hold these funds on behalf of the funding provider. The final request for the September quarter is from Technical Services and is to cover the increased cost of the pool contract. The total impact of these adjustments on the overall budget will see the net deficit change from \$5,806,266 to \$5,831,421.

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

EXECUTIVE SERVICES

Executive Services has produced a result at the end of the first quarter that is within the budget for the directorate. All areas appear to be performing within budget expectations and provided for a favourable result.

CORPORATE, COMMUNITY & DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

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

ASSETS AND ENGINEERING SERVICES

Assets and Engineering has produced a result at the end of the first quarter that is within the budget for the directorate. Capital works and grant funded projects have taken priority in order to meet deadlines.

Conclusion

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

As Council's Responsible Accounting officer, it is my opinion that the Quarterly Budget Review Statement for Bland Shire Council for the quarter ended 30th September 2023 indicates that Council's financial position at 30th September 2023 is considered satisfactory, having regard to the projected estimates of income and expenditure and the original budgeted income and expenditure.

Recommendation:

That Council:

1. Receive and note the Responsible Accounting Officer's Report.
 2. Endorses the Statement acknowledging the financial position is considered satisfactory.
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Signed _____ Date ____/____/____

Responsible Accounting Officer, Bland Shire Council

ADJUSTMENT SUMMARY - SEPT 2023 BUDGET REVIEW

EXECUTIVE	Requested Adjustment		Comments
	Income	Expenditure	
Governance			
- Staff Development/Meetings		15,000	<i>Staff development/meeting costs. To be funded from Council's budget.</i>
Land Development			
- Property Purchases	-561,904	561,904	<i>Purchase of two properties which will be funded from the Economic Development Reserve as resolved by Council.</i>
Executive Total	-561,904	576,904	

COMMUNITY SERVICES	Income		Expenditure
	Income	Expenditure	
Aged Care			
- Underspent Grant Funds	-161,297	161,297	<i>Repay underspent grant funds from 21/22 financial year. To be taken from the Aged Care Reserve.</i>
Community Services Total	-161,297	161,297	

TECHNICAL SERVICES	Income		Expenditure
	Income	Expenditure	
Pools			
- Pool Contract		10,155	<i>Renewed pool contract for an amount of \$180,600 in 23/24. Original budget amount was \$170,455. To be funded from Council's budget.</i>
Technical Services Total	0	10,155	
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	-723,201	748,356	

INCOME & EXPENDITURE - SEPTEMBER 2023 BUDGET REVIEW

INCOME

PRINCIPAL ACTIVITY	BUDGET	REQUESTED ADJUSTMENTS	AMENDED BUDGET	ACTUALS	BALANCE REMAINING
EXECUTIVE					
Governance	-277,360		-277,360	-1,065	-276,295
Democracy	0		0	0	0
Land Development	-2,295,000		-2,295,000	0	-2,295,000
Economic Development	0		0	0	0
Tourism	-3,650		-3,650	-726	-2,924
Human Resources	-5,000		-5,000	-7,657	2,657
Media & Communications	0		0	0	0
WHS, Risk & Insurance	-36,000		-36,000	-18,353	-17,648
Executive Total Outcome	-2,617,010	0	-2,617,010	-27,800	-2,589,210
CORPORATE SERVICES					
General Revenue	-7,518,532		-7,518,532	-13,268,406	5,749,874
Financial Assistance & investments	-5,929,703		-5,929,703	507,200	-6,436,903
Corporate Support	-791,100		-791,100	-14,440	-776,660
Corporate Services Total	-14,239,335	0	-14,239,335	-12,775,645	-1,463,690
COMMUNITY SERVICES					
Community Development	-69,000		-69,000	-19,316	-49,684
Community & Aged Care	-467,400		-467,400	-174,486	-292,914
Children's Services	-1,730,096		-1,730,096	-542,187	-1,187,909
Library	-94,000		-94,000	-4,723	-89,277
Community Services Total	-2,291,496	0	-2,291,496	-721,396	-1,570,100
DEVELOPMENT & REGULATORY SERVICES					
Regulatory Services	-6,600		-6,600	-14,539	7,939
Developmental Control	-76,000		-76,000	-44,194	-31,806
Environmental Planning	-5,500		-5,500	-1,225	-4,275
Health & Environment	-2,000		-2,000	0	-2,000
Council Property Maintenance	-173,552		-173,552	-45,143	-128,409
Development & Regulatory Serv Total	-263,652	0	-263,652	-105,101	-158,551
TECHNICAL SERVICES					
Works Administration	-1,236,500		-1,236,500	-110,069	-1,126,431
Plant Running	-4,167,500		-4,167,500	-968,351	-3,199,149
Roads, Works & Transport	-4,526,833		-4,526,833	-107,801	-4,419,032
Public Services	-425,650		-425,650	-65,140	-360,510
Pools	-20,000		-20,000	0	-20,000
Council Property Maintenance	-157,000		-157,000	-15,871	-141,129
Waste management	-1,870,468		-1,870,468	-1,461,996	-408,472
Sewerage Disposal Services	-1,988,885		-1,988,885	-2,010,157	21,272
Technical Services Total	-14,392,836	0	-14,392,836	-4,739,386	-9,653,450
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	-33,804,329	0	-33,804,329	-18,369,329	-15,435,000

INCOME & EXPENDITURE - SEPTEMBER 2023 BUDGET REVIEW

EXPENDITURE

PRINCIPAL ACTIVITY	BUDGET	REQUESTED ADJUSTMENTS	AMENDED BUDGET	ACTUALS	BALANCE REMAINING
EXECUTIVE					
Governance	894,840		894,840	169,481	725,359
Democracy	214,500		214,500	42,692	171,808
Land Development	2,295,000		2,295,000	21,040	2,273,960
Economic Development	77,200		77,200	6,041	71,159
Tourism	199,000		199,000	55,630	143,370
Human Resources	371,450		371,450	42,489	328,961
Media & Communications	174,550		174,550	13,967	160,583
WHS, Risk & Insurance	1,286,906		1,286,906	105,860	1,181,046
Executive Total Outcome	5,513,446	0	5,513,446	457,201	5,056,245
CORPORATE SERVICES					
General Revenue	1,363,180		1,363,180	289,406	1,073,774
Financial Assistance & investments	132,884		132,884	33,416	99,468
Corporate Support	2,039,750		2,039,750	532,318	1,507,432
Corporate Services Total	3,535,814	0	3,535,814	855,140	2,680,674
COMMUNITY SERVICES					
Community Development	152,500		152,500	50,247	102,253
Community & Aged Care	664,750		664,750	305,471	359,279
Children's Services	1,730,096		1,730,096	475,633	1,254,463
Library	509,810		509,810	139,016	370,794
Community Services Total	3,057,156	0	3,057,156	970,367	2,086,789
DEVELOPMENT & REGULATORY SERVICES					
Regulatory Services	194,900		194,900	66,536	128,364
Developmental Control	807,950		807,950	310,729	497,221
Environmental Planning	239,000		239,000	11,045	227,955
Health & Environment	2,700		2,700	48	2,652
Council Property Maintenance	701,750		701,750	108,439	593,311
Development & Regulatory Services Total	1,946,300	0	1,946,300	496,797	1,449,503
TECHNICAL SERVICES					
Works Administration	3,817,885		3,817,885	286,208	3,531,677
Plant Running	2,737,000		2,737,000	528,651	2,208,349
Roads, Works & Transport	7,939,064		7,939,064	625,392	7,313,672
Public Services	4,675,892		4,675,892	701,480	3,974,412
Pools	439,695		439,695	28,821	410,874
Property Maintenance	81,450		81,450	15,404	66,046
Waste management	1,870,468		1,870,468	338,649	1,531,819
Sewerage Disposal Services	1,988,885		1,988,885	236,718	1,752,167
Technical Services Total	23,550,339	0	23,550,339	2,761,322	20,789,017
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	37,603,055	0	37,603,055	5,540,827	32,062,228

CAPITAL - SEPTEMBER 2023 BUDGET REVIEW

PRINCIPAL ACTIVITY	BUDGET	C/FWD PROJECTS	REQUESTED ADJUSTMENTS	AMENDED BUDGET	ACTUALS	BALANCE REMAINING
TECHNICAL SERVICES						
Plant Running	-375,000			-375,000	0	-375,000
Roads, Works & Transport	-1,849,827			-1,849,827	0	-1,849,827
Technical Services Total	-2,224,827	0	0	-2,224,827	0	-2,224,827
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	-2,224,827	0	0	-2,224,827	0	-2,224,827

PRINCIPAL ACTIVITY	BUDGET	C/FWD PROJECTS	REQUESTED ADJUSTMENTS	AMENDED BUDGET	ACTUALS	BALANCE REMAINING
EXECUTIVE						
Tourism	5,000			5,000	0	5,000
Executive Total Outcome	5,000	0	0	5,000	0	5,000

PRINCIPAL ACTIVITY	BUDGET	C/FWD PROJECTS	REQUESTED ADJUSTMENTS	AMENDED BUDGET	ACTUALS	BALANCE REMAINING
TECHNICAL SERVICES						
Plant Running	1,805,500			1,805,500	897,433	908,067
Roads, Works & Transport	2,459,827			2,459,827	2,513,562	-53,735
Public Services	26,000			26,000	5,535	20,465
Technical Services Total	4,291,327	0	0	4,291,327	3,416,530	874,797
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	4,296,327	0	0	4,296,327	3,416,530	879,797

PRINCIPAL ACTIVITY	BUDGET	RECEIVED AS AT 30/6/23	EXPENDITURE AS AT 30/6/23	INCOME SEPT QTR	EXPENDITURE SEPT QTR	BALANCE REMAINING
GRANT FUNDED PROGRAMS						
LRCI Phase 3	3,699,654	-1,849,827	1,731,720	-280,869	149,241	1,818,693
LRCI Phase 2	1,390,203	-1,242,701	1,322,629	-8,482	66,423	1,151
Resources for Regions R8	3,148,221	-1,776,175	2,652,317	-202,064	445,965	49,939
Resources for Regions R7	2,095,172	-303,087	637,993	-92,600	0	1,457,179
Reconnecting Regional NSW	278,029	-191,721	168,988	0	30,960	78,081
Crown Reserve Improvement Fund	69,066	-69,066	19,613	0	4,765	44,688
Fixing Local Roads Pothole Round	870,864	-870,864	297,881	0	146,839	426,144
Fixing Local Roads R2	904,089	-638,220	904,089	-265,869	0	0
Stronger Country Communities R5	894,780	0	0	0	11,545	883,235
Regional Airports Program R2	442,118	-360,580	442,118	-81,538	0	0
Drought Communities R2	1,000,000	-800,000	1,000,000	-200,000	0	0
	14,792,196	-8,102,241	9,177,348	-1,131,422	855,738	4,759,110

CASH & INVESTMENTS - SEPT 2023 BUDGET REVIEW

BALANCE 30-09-2023	
<u>GENERAL FUND - EXTERNAL RESTRICTIONS</u>	
Aged Care Services Reserves	596,066.86
Childrens Services Reserves	1,448,228.27
Roads to Recovery Reserve	647,915.00
WHS Incentive Bonus	21,829.00
Crown Mangement Reserve	100,000.00
Flood Damage Reserve	1,641,975.00
Community Relations - Heritage Walk	8,060.00
Kikoiira Hall	45,968.00
FLR Alleena	50,000.00
DECC Funding	16,150.00
Future Towns Project	43,729.00
Trust Deposits	67,335.78
Sec 94 Contributions - Open Space	994.50
Sec 94 Contributions - General Development	436,404.46
Sec 94 Contributions - Stormwater	636.02
Sec 94 Contributions - Bushfire	802.30
Sec 94 Contributions - Car Parking	6,720.00
Sec 94 Contributions - Studies	755.29
Sec 94 Contributions - Roads	13,640.62
<u>Sewer Fund</u>	-
Reticulation Reserve - Internally Restricted Reserve	53,752.00
Sec 64 Contributions (Sewer) - External	100,685.00
Sewer Fund - Externally Restricted Reserve	5,483,687.00
Total Externally Restricted	10,785,334
<u>GENERAL FUND - INTERNAL RESTRICTIONS</u>	
Employees Leave Entitlements	1,613,286.61
Plant Purchases	1,635,462.00
Cemetery Reserve	26,598.00
Working Reserve	353,990.63
FAG Grant Reserve - General	2,360,385.00
FAG Grant Reserve - Road Component	1,530,146.00
Economic Development Reserve	2,462,734.98
Grant Match Reserve	663,670.00
Waste Depot Reserve	341,029.00
Gravel Pit Restoration	322,792.44
Community Facilities	2,840,265.43
Loan Repayment Reserve	648,442.00
Council Works	10,000.00
Election Reserve	50,012.00
Employee Assist & Attraction Reserve	36,172.00
Infrastructure Renewal Reserve	1,201,621.00
Heritage	39,201.00
Infrastructure Backlog Reserve	1,000,000.00
Depreciation Reserve	10,000,000.00
Land Development Reserve	582,609.10
Access Grant Reserve	5,000.00
Verandah/ Façade Restoration Reserve	43,675.00
Evolution VPA	576,760.00
Total Internally Restricted	28,343,852
Total Restricted	39,129,186
Total Cash & Investments	82,584,717
Unrestricted Cash	43,455,531

CONTRACTS > \$150,000 as at 30 SEPTEMBER 2023

Contractor	Contract Detail & Purpose	Amount Paid	Commencement		Duration of Contract	Budgeted (Y/N)
			Date			
Austek Constructions Pty Ltd	Ninja Park	372,834.95	1/07/2022		Project only	Y
Chris's Body Builders	Tipping Dog Trailers	212,630.00	1/07/2023		Project only	Y
Cooper Civil & Crushing	Gravel Crushing	177,157.90	1/07/2022		3 years	Y
CRS (NSW) Pty Ltd	Road works	679,206.00	1/07/2023		Project only	Y
Fulton Hogan Industries	Road works	911,772.17	1/07/2023		Project only	Y
Avante Linemarking	Road works	794,294.22	1/07/2023		Project only	Y
Stabilised Pavements Australia	Road works	4,028,517.57	1/07/2023		Project only	Y
Wagga Trucks	Hino Trucks	180,145.10	1/07/2023		Project only	Y

CONSULTANCY & LEGAL EXPENSES > \$50,000 as at 30 SEPTEMBER 2023

Expenses	Details	YTD	Budgeted (Y/N)
Legal	Sale of land, legal services audit & incorporation advice.	3,043	Y

KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS as at 30 SEPTEMBER 2023

Rates & Annual Charges Coverage Ratio					
	Rates	Waste	Sewer	Total	Ratio
Rates & Annual Charges	-13,268,405.75	-1,461,996.45	-2,010,156.75	-16,740,558.95	50%
Revenue from Continuing Operations				-33,804,329.00	
% Revenue Achieved					
Actual Revenue Achieved				-18,369,328.79	54%
Budgeted Revenue from Continuing Operations				-33,804,329.00	
% Actual Expenditure					
Actual Expenditure YTD				5,540,826.82	15%
Budgeted Expenditure from Continuing Operations				37,603,055.11	

6.6 Carry Forward Works 2022/23



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Author Manager Customer & Financial Services

Introduction

At the end of each financial year, a final budget report is prepared and reviewed. During the review, budgeted works that were still in progress at the end of the 2022/23 financial year are identified and a determination is made as to which projects need to continue into the 2023/24 financial year.

A statement is prepared listing the works and budget balance required to carry into the 2023/24 financial year.

Financial Implications

NIL as the carry forward works were already budgeted for in the previous financial year.

Summary

A statement of the carry forward requests and budget balances has been prepared and requires Council to review and approve the carry forward of the budgeted balance.

Recommendation

That Council approve the requested budget balances, as detailed in the Carry Forward document, for the amount of \$229,660 to be carried forward to the 2023/24 financial period.

Carry Forward Summary 2022-23

Description	Requested Carry Forward Amount	Comment
TECHNICAL SERVICES		
Landscape Consultant	50,000	<i>Consultant to be engaged in conjunction with Main Street Revitalisation Project. Request budget amount be moved into 2023-24 budget.</i>
Minor Plant Road Testing Equipment	15,000	<i>Supplier delays have held up the delivery of equipment. Request budget amount be moved into 2023-24 budget.</i>
Fleet Management Program	10,000	<i>Installation of new program was delayed. Request budget amount be moved into 2023-24 budget.</i>
Truck hoist in workshop	34,478	<i>Project only partially complete. Original budget was \$60,000 with \$25,522 spent. Request remaining budget amount of \$34,478 be moved into 2023-24 budget.</i>
Minor Plant	5,905	<i>Plant purchases are still being delayed, with lengthy wait times after ordering. Original budget amount was \$15,000 with \$9,095 spent. Request remaining budget amount of \$5,905 be moved into 2023-24 budget.</i>
Sewer Mains Maintenance	114,277	<i>Contractor availability on necessary maintenance meant only \$145,723 of the original \$260,000 budget was spent in 22-23. Request to carry forward remaining amount of \$114,277 into 23-24 budget.</i>
Community Facilities Reserve	-50,000	
Plant Purchases Reserve	-65,383	
Working Reserve	-114,277	
TOTAL	0	

6.7 Audit Report – 2022/23 General Purpose Financial Statements



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

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

Author Manager Customer & Financial Services

Introduction

The purpose of this report is to inform the Council and the community that the Council's Annual Financial Reports for the year ending 30 June 2023 have been completed and audited. The financial reports and auditor reports are now publicly presented for their adoption by Council (Attachment One).

Financial Implications

The audit fee as prescribed by the NSW Audit Office, has already been approved in Council's budget.

Summary

Council's General Purpose Financial Statements for 2022/23 have been audited by the NSW Auditor General.

On completion of the process and following the issuing of advice to Bland Shire Council, the financial statements were lodged with the Office of Local Government on 31 October 2023 in accordance with statutory requirements.

The Audit Office contracts accounting firms to perform much of the audit on its behalf with Bland Shire Council's statements being audited by representatives of Crowe Australasia. The 2022/23 audit has been completed and the Audit Office has submitted their statutory reports being the Audit Opinion and Report on the Conduct of the Audit.

The Auditor General's reports accompany the General Purpose Financial Reports which are available to Councillors and the public.

The Financial Statements did not include the Rural Fire Service red fleet assets as per the resolution of Council made on 15 August 2023 confirming its previous position statement in relation to this matter.

The outcome of this is that the NSW Audit Office has provided an audit opinion on the Council's 30 June 2023 general purpose financial statements to be modified or qualified opinion on the basis of non-recognition of rural fire-fighting equipment.

A representative from Crowe will present the Annual Financial Reports and Auditor's Reports for the 2023/23 financial year at this meeting and will be available to answer questions from the Councillors.

The Financial Statements were placed on public display from Monday 31st October 2023. The closing date for submissions to be received is 22nd November 2023. Should there be submissions made, a further report will be prepared for the Council.

Recommendation:

That Council adopt the 2022/23 Financial Statements and Auditors Report as submitted to the NSW Office of Local Government.

6.8 Councillor Superannuation Contributions



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

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

Author: Director Corporate and Community Services

Introduction

The purpose of this report is for Council to consider the optional payment of superannuation contribution payments to elected members. In March 2022, the Office of Local Government distributed a circular advising that Councils may make payments as a contribution to a superannuation account nominated by their Councillors.

Financial Implications

Should Councillors determine they wish to have superannuation payments made by Council, those payments would be a monthly amount of \$119.44 per Councillor with the Mayor receiving an amount of \$380.05 each month.

Were all Councillors to opt in to receive superannuation payments, this would be a monthly total of \$1,335.58 or a total of \$10,684.64 for this financial year. This amount would then increase for the 2024/2025 financial year and onwards in accordance with the Superannuation Guarantee.

Summary

In May 2021, the Local Government Act 1993 (the Act) was amended through the passing of the Local Government Amendment Bill 2021 (the Amendment).

The Amendment provided several changes, including the option to make superannuation contribution payments to Mayors and Councillors from 1 July 2022. This decision must be made by resolution at an open Council Meeting.

As per the Act, the amount of superannuation contribution payment is the amount that Council would be required to contribute under the Commonwealth superannuation legislation as if the Councillor were an employee of the Council. Such payments would be in accordance with the superannuation guarantee rates.

The circular indicated that the making of superannuation payments was optional and at the discretion of individual Councils. At the time, informal discussions with Councillors indicated little appetite from the elected representatives as to the payment of superannuation in accordance with the Circular and no further action was taken.

The superannuation contribution payment is to be paid at the same intervals as the annual fee is paid to Councillors. To receive a superannuation contribution payment, each Councillor must first nominate a superannuation account for the payment within 28 days of making the determination. The superannuation account nominated by Councillors must be an account for superannuation or retirement benefits from a scheme or fund to which the Commonwealth Superannuation Guarantee (Administration) Act applies.

Councils must not make a superannuation contribution payment for a Councillor if the Councillor fails to nominate an eligible superannuation account for the payment before the end of the month to which the payment relates.

Individual Councillors may opt out of receiving superannuation contribution payments or opt to receive reduced payments. However, such requests must be in writing.

Councils must not make superannuation contribution payments for Councillors during any period in which they are suspended from their civic office or their right to be paid any fee or other remuneration, or expense, is suspended under the Act.

Councillors are also not entitled to receive a superannuation contribution payment during any period in which they are not entitled to receive their fee under section 254A of the Act because they are absent.

Should superannuation contributions for Councillors be resolved by Council, such provisions will need to be included in the Councillors Payment of Expenses and Provision of Facilities policy. Subject to Council resolution, the above policy would need to be revised.

Recommendation:

That:

- a) Council determine to make superannuation contribution payments to Councillors starting 22 November 2023 in accordance with the Superannuation Guarantee requirements.
 - b) Superannuation contribution payments for Councillors be taken into account when developing and adopting future Annual Budgets and the Long-Term Financial Plan.
 - c) A budget adjustment to accommodate costs associated with payment of Superannuation for Councillors be made at the December quarterly review.
 - d) Councillors' superannuation contribution payments be included in the Councillors Payment of Expenses and Provision of Facilities policy.
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6.9 Strengthening Communities Application – West Wyalong Hospital Auxiliary



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

DP3 -Provide cultural activities and community programs that foster social development and community wellbeing.

Author: Director Corporate and Community Services

Introduction

Council has received an application under the Strengthening Communities Fund (SCF) from the West Wyalong Hospital Auxiliary to assist with the Carols by Candlelight event at Barnado Park on Sunday, 10 December 2024.

Financial Implications

The amount requested from Council's SCF is \$1,224 with the funds to be used to cover the provision of audio and the purchase of flameless candles to enhance the community event.

Summary

The application requests amounts of \$500 for the sound engineer's services and \$723.64 for the purchase of 400 LED Candles.

To encourage and promote sustainability, grants and donations for all recurrent community events and programs will reduce on a sliding scale of at least 25 per cent per annum or funding application, to a maximum of 10 per cent of the initial funding level for the life of the project/event. The Hospital Auxiliary received \$500 from the SCF for last year's event with the funds used to pay for the sound engineer. As a result, under the guidelines for the Strengthening Communities Fund, this application cannot be fully funded. Council would only be able to fund \$918 for the Carols by Candlelight event if it is to adhere to its current policy.

This would leave a balance of \$32,101 in the Strengthening Communities Fund. The shortfall in funds for this particular application could be made up drawing funds from Council's Social Plan Implementation budget.

Council does, within its operational budget, have funds set aside for specific programs and projects to provide cultural activities and community programs that foster social development and community wellbeing, including funds for Christmas activities within the community. This budget could be used to make up the difference between the funds request and the amount available as part of the SCF guidelines.

Should Council be of a mind it could fund all or part of the request from the Christmas activity funds within the budget as a donation. Were this to occur, the balance of the Strengthening Communities Fund would be \$33,019.

Discussions have been held with the event's organisers with a view to broadening the scope of the Carols to include a range of performances and artists. For this to occur there would be a requirement for some additional funds to be sourced by the committee. Council could assist with this process by accessing funds that were budgeted for use in conjunction with the annual Business West Wyalong Christmas Carnival. Council has been advised that due to various factors this event will not be undertaken in 2023 which would mean those funds would be unexpended. Recommendation options for Council's consideration are:

Recommendation One:

That Council:

- a) Approve the application for funding of the West Wyalong Hospital Auxiliary under the Strengthening Communities Fund in the amount of \$918.
- b) Provide a one-off donation in the amount of \$306 from its Social Plan Implementation budget allocation.

OR

Recommendation Two:

That Council:

- a) Refuse the application for funding of the West Wyalong Hospital Auxiliary under the Strengthening Communities Fund in the amount of \$1,224.
- b) Provide a one-off donation in the amount of \$1,500 with funds to be allocated from Council's Christmas Decorations budget.

Recommendation:

That Council:

- a) Refuse the application for funding of the West Wyalong Hospital Auxiliary under the Strengthening Communities Fund in the amount of \$1,224.
 - b) Provide a one-off donation in the amount of \$1,500 with funds to be allocated from Council's Christmas Decorations budget.
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6.10 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 Development Officer

Mornings, Melodies and Memories

Mornings, Melodies and Memories is a series of gatherings held across the Bland Shire area specifically for older residents living within village and rural communities. The events consist of morning teas at which residents and volunteers come together to share local history to build connections to last beyond the funded project period. It will also provide for a local/regional performer to present songs across the ages which will help those with cognitive challenges to recall events from their past to share with others.

The ultimate outcome of the project will be to establish connections between community members as they share their stories about living within Bland Shire.

Local artists have continued to perform at scheduled events, with each village within the Shire having a live performance at a minimum of one session. Four larger scale events were scheduled to take place within Wyalong and West Wyalong, giving all participants the opportunity to come together and share their experiences.

Discussions held throughout the sessions held have included a range of topics such as where you were born, schooling/education, how you came to be a resident within the Shire (if not born here), discussions around heating and cooling, Covid-19 and most recently discussions around social activities attended in their younger years.

The objectives of the Reducing Social Isolation for Seniors grant program are to:

- reduce social isolation for older people aged 65 years and over, or 50 years and over for Aboriginal people
- support effective, self-sustaining projects that provide meaningful and lasting social connection opportunities for older people who are socially isolated or at risk of isolation
- support projects that help older people connect and actively engage with each other through small group activities (e.g. interest groups, social events or environmental activities) that bring them together in person throughout the year and enable them to develop quality relationships that can be maintained beyond these activities
- support projects and activities that seek to actively engage new people, particularly harder-to-reach socially isolated older people.

The primary aim of the project was to provide a safe, social environment for elderly people to share their life experiences with each other and volunteers who will be engaged to help facilitate the conversations at discreet and targeted morning tea events within Bland Shire communities. It was designed to run for approximately 10 months with monthly events in the communities of Barmedman, Ungarie and Weethalle and bi-monthly in the communities of Tallimba and Mirrool. During the events, information gathered and recorded from participants will be used to create a digital record through film and music of the lives of people from Bland Shire which may not otherwise be heard.

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

Local artist, Ben O’Kane provided live entertainment at a session held at Wyalong Hall on 30 October with 26 participants in attendance. Students for West Wyalong High School Hospitality Class provided morning tea which was well received. Teacher, Hannah Whyte advised that the students thoroughly enjoyed the process of having to plan, cook and deliver the food provided.

Claire from Splatter Gallery has been engaged to assist in completing the Shire wide artwork of had prints and we look forward to the unveiling of this piece of work at the final event scheduled for Saturday 2 December. This event will be held at the West Wyalong Services and Citizens Club from 12pm where participants will enjoy a banquet style lunch followed by entertainment provided by the very popular Craig Giles.

Advertisement for this event has commenced and is being well received by community members.

Recommendation:

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

Section 3 – Technical Services

6.11 Regional Emergency Roads Repair Fund



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

DP5.1 Facilitate the delivery of accessible services and infrastructure.

Author: Director Technical Services

Introduction

Council has previously received funding of \$4,623,796.00 under the Regional and Local Road Repair Program (RLRRP). Council has now been advised that it has been allocated a further \$6,481,778 through a variation to the RLRRP. The allocation received is based on the kilometres of Road Network (Local and Regional Roads) managed by council.

Through this variation to the program now known as the Regional Emergency Roads Repair Fund (RERFF) Council has now been allocated a total of \$11,105,574 to be expended by 31 October 2027.

Eligible works under the program include:

- Rehabilitation works
- Gravel resheeting works
- Resealing

Works that cannot be undertaken include

- Sealing unsealed roads
- Kerb and Gutter works
- Footpath works
- Culvert / Drainage replacement

Council staff are currently reviewing a list of potential projects for inclusion in the program.

The previous allocation of \$4,623,796 has been fully expended to undertake essential heavy patching works on Ungarie Road, Lake Road, Weeja Road, Kikiora Road and Quandialla Road. These roads were severely impacted by heavy traffic during the wet weather events of the previous few years, however due to the way that the flood damage claims were assessed, were not able to be funded through the flood damage claim process.

There are further works required on these roads to maintain them and support the heavy traffic volumes including heavy vehicle access required for grain and livestock movement.

Due to the current amount of expenditure that is required on Council roads network over the next six (6) months there are no plans to commence work on any of these projects until the 2024/25 financial year.

Financial Implications

The \$6,481,778 of Grant income will be included in Councils Budget for the 2024/25 financial year, resulting in no changes to Council's budgeted net result.

Summary

Council has received a funding deed for the Regional Emergency Roads Repair Fund to undertake pavement repairs across the road network.

Recommendation:

That Council endorse the General Manager's signing and execution of the Regional Emergency Roads Repair Fund funding deed variation for an extra \$6,481,778.00 (ex GST)

6.12 MA2024/0001 - S4.55(2) Modification of approved DA2022/0004 Electricity Generating Works (5MW Solar Farm)



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: Planning & Compliance Officer

Introduction

A S4.55(2) modification application has been submitted to modify approved development application, DA2022/0004 - Electricity Generating Works (5MW Solar Farm) at Cartwrights Lane, Wyalong. The modification seeks consent for the addition of four (4) Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) units and relocation of the approved operations and maintenance (O&M) shed.

The subject site (the site) known as Cartwrights Lane, Wyalong comprises of Lots 209, 219, 270, 284 & 285 DP 750615 with an area of approximately 15 hectares. The site is located approximately 1 kilometre from the town centre of Wyalong and 3 kilometres from West Wyalong.

The site is in the RU1 Primary Production Zone pursuant to the Bland Local Environmental Plan 2011. Development for the purposes of electricity generating works, including making or generating electricity or electricity storage, is permissible with development consent in the RU1 Primary Production Zone under State Environmental Planning Policy (Transport and Infrastructure) 2021.

DA2022/0004 - construction of a new Electricity Generating Works (5MW Solar Farm) was approved by the Western Regional Planning Panel (the Panel), on 17 November 2021. The approval provides an opportunity for renewable energy, which has been identified as a priority growth sector, through generation of clean, renewable energy for about 2,000 homes.

As the original development application was referred to the Panel under Clause 5, Schedule 6 of the State Environmental Planning Policy (Planning Systems) 2021: Private infrastructure and community facilities over \$5 million for determination, the modification application was also referred. However, the panel made a request to the NSW Joint Regional Planning Panel Secretariat to return the development application to Council, which was approved. The modification application was returned to Council 19 September 2023 to assess under delegated authority.

The proposed S4.55(2) modification application to the approved, but not yet constructed Electricity Generating Works (5MW Solar Farm), amends the site layout to facilitate the addition of four (4) BESS units and relocation of the O&M shed.

The proposed BESS units which form part of this S4.55(2) modification are designed to enhance the electrical storage capacity of the already approved solar farm, and to provide stable energy outside daylight hours, during those peak electricity consumption periods.

There is no change to the approved land use or the general operational details of the approval, therefore, the modification is considered substantially the same development.

As the proposed modifications are to be located on the already approved hardstand surface they are not likely to further impact native vegetation. The amendments are not likely to increase demand for public services or facilities and are not likely to further impact on or vary the already approved traffic, access and parking, noise, ecological and water management approved under DA2022/0004.

A revised visual analysis was undertaken to assess the potential visual amenity changes which may occur because of the modified development. Given the minor visual change to the rural landscapes from the local roads and streets close to the site and given the limited visibility to the site from the majority of sensitive receivers in the area, no additional mitigation measures are considered necessary.

It is considered that the modification of the development consent will result in substantially the same development for which the original consent was granted with minimal impact, therefore, the S4.55(2) modification application shall be supported.

Financial Implications

Council has received payment of Modification Application fees totalling \$3,404.80.

Summary

The application has been referred to Council for determination as the Capital Investment value (ex GST) of the proposed development exceeds \$1m.

It is considered that the modification of the development consent will result in substantially the same development for which the original consent was granted with minimal impact, therefore, the S4.55(2) modification application shall be supported.

Recommendation:

That Council approves MA2024/0001 - S4.55(2) Modification of approved Electricity Generating Works (5MW Solar Farm) to include four (4) Battery Energy Storage System units and relocation of the operations and maintenance shed subject to the following conditions:

Pursuant to Section 4.55 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* notice is hereby given that the amended development consent issued in respect of the abovementioned application and dated the 17 November 2021 has been modified by:

Amendment to Condition A1 Approved Plans and Supporting Documents as detailed below:

A1 Approved Plans and Supporting Documentation

The development must be implemented in accordance with the approved plans, specifications and supporting documentation listed below which have been endorsed by Council's approved stamp, except where amended by conditions of this consent:

Plan/Report Title	Reference No	Revision	Prepared by	Date
General Arrangement Overview	10190-G-GAD-02-1	B	Providence Asset Group	11/5/2021
General Arrangement Overview	10190-G-GAD-02-1	C	Providence Asset Group	17/05/2023
General Arrange System Detail	10190-G-GAD-03-1	B	Providence Asset Group	11/5/2021
General Arrange System Detail	10190-G-GAD-03-1	C	Providence Asset Group	17/05/2023
Civil Detail	10190-G-GAD-04-1	A	Providence Asset Group	11/5/2021
Civil Detail	10190-C-DET-01-1	B	Providence Asset Group	17/05/2023
Visual Analysis and Reflectivity Statement	631.20527.00000	V1.0	SLR Consulting	June 2021
Pine Ridge Solar Farm Visual Analysis	630.30642.00000	V0.4	SLR Consulting	July 2023
Waste Management Plan			SLR Consulting	9/7/2021
Waste Management Plan	630.30642.00000-L01	V0.1	SLR Consulting	07 November 2023
Statement of Environmental Effects	630.30642.00000-R01	V1.0	SLR Consulting	July 2023

Amendment to Condition B8 Reflection Mitigation Measures as detailed below:

B8 Reflection Mitigation Measures

To ensure reflection and glare from the solar panels is minimised, the following shall be implemented:

- (a) Installation of the measures outlined in the Visual Analysis and Reflectivity Statement and **Pine Ridge Solar Farm Visual Analysis** report prepared by SLR Consulting dated June 2021 & **July 2023**;
- (b) Installation of an anti-reflective coating on the solar panels. Evidence shall be provided to the Certifying Authority.

Details are to be shown on the Construction Certificate plans.

Reason: To ensure the solar panels do not cause a nuisance, disturbance or hazard to adjoining properties, nearby aircraft and the public using nearby public roads from glint and glare.

CONDITIONS OF CONSENT

PART A: GENERAL

A1 Approved Plans and Supporting Documentation

The development must be implemented in accordance with the approved plans, specifications and supporting documentation listed below which have been endorsed by Council's approved stamp, except where amended by conditions of this consent:

Plan/Report Title	Reference No	Revision	Prepared by	Date
Location Detail	10190-G-GAD-01-1	A	Providence Asset Group	8/4/2021
General Arrangement Overview	10190-G-GAD-02-1	B	Providence Asset Group	11/5/2021
General Arrangement Overview	10190-G-GAD-02-1	C	Providence Asset Group	17/05/2023
General Arrange System Detail	10190-G-GAD-03-1	B	Providence Asset Group	11/5/2021
General Arrange System Detail	10190-G-GAD-03-1	C	Providence Asset Group	17/05/2023
Civil Detail	10190-G-GAD-04-1	A	Providence Asset Group	11/5/2021
Civil Detail	10190-C-DET-01-1	B	Providence Asset Group	17/05/2023
Security Fence Detail Typical	10190-C-DET-02-1	A	Providence Asset Group	15/2/2021
Shed Detail Typical	10190-C-DET-05-1	A	Providence Asset Group	15/2/2021
Road Section Detail	10190-C-DET-06-1	A	Providence Asset Group	15/02/2021
Site Elevation Detail	10190-G-DET-01-1	A	Providence Asset Group	15/02/2021
PV Mounting System Detail	10190-E-DET-01-1	A	Providence Asset Group	15/02/2021
Power Conversion Station Detail Sheet 1	10190-E-DET-02-1	A	Providence Asset Group	15/02/2021
Power Conversion Station Detail Sheet 2	10190-G-DET-02-2	A	Providence Asset Group	15/2/2021
Overall Plan	CIV01	B	DRB Consulting Engineers	10/5/2021
Stormwater Management Plan – Sheet 1	CIV02	B	DRB Consulting Engineers	10/5/2021
Stormwater Management Plan – Sheet 2	CIV02	B	DRB Consulting Engineers	10/5/2021
Stormwater Management Plan – Sheet 3	CIV03	B	DRB Consulting Engineers	10/5/2021
Statement of Environmental Effects	631.20527.R01	V2.0	SLR Consulting	July 2021
Statement of Environmental Effects	630.30642.00000-R01	V1.0	SLR Consulting	July 2023
Stormwater Management Report	210750	A	DRB Consulting Engineers	10/5/2021
Flora and Fauna Assessment Report	20214237	2.0	Kleinfelder	4/6/2021
Traffic Impact Assessment		F	Intersect Traffic	31/5/2021
Visual Analysis and Reflectivity Statement	631.20527.00000	V1.0	SLR Consulting	June 2021
Pine Ridge Solar Farm Visual Analysis	630.30642.00000	V0.4	SLR Consulting	July 2023

Due Diligence Aboriginal Archaeological Assessment		3	Virtus Heritage	19/5/2021
Noise Assessment	MAC201186-11RP1V1			8/7/2021
Waste Management Plan Waste Management Plan	630.30642.00000-L01	V0.1	SLR Consulting SLR Consulting	9/7/2024 21 July 2023

In the event of any inconsistency between conditions of this approval and the drawings/documents referred to above, the conditions prevail. In the event of any inconsistency between the approved plans and the supporting documentation, the approved plans prevail.

Reason: To ensure the development proceeds in the manner assessed by Council and all parties are aware of the approved plans and supporting documentation that applies to the development.

A2 Signage

A separate application shall be submitted to Council prior to the erection of any signage unless the proposed signage is 'exempt development' under *State Environmental Planning Policy (Exempt and Complying Development Codes) 2008* or any other applicable environmental planning instrument.

Reason: To ensure any signage is assessed in accordance with the planning controls.

A3 Compliance with the Building Code of Australia

All building work shall be carried out in accordance with the provisions of the Building Code of Australia. A reference to the *Building Code of Australia* is a reference to that Code as in force on the date the application is made for the relevant construction certificate.

Reason: To ensure the building work complies with the Building Code of Australia.

A4 Lapsing of consent

This consent is limited to a period of 5 years from the date of the Notice of Determination unless the works associated with the development have physically commenced.

Reason: To ensure compliance with Section 4.53 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*

PART B: PRIOR TO THE ISSUE OF ANY CONSTRUCTION CERTIFICATE

B1 Construction Certificate

A Construction Certificate is required for the development in accordance with Section 6.7(1) of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*.

Reason: To ensure compliance with the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*.

B2 Payment of Security Deposits, Levies and Contributions

The fees listed in the table below must be paid in accordance with the conditions of this consent and Council's adopted Fees and Charges applicable at the time of payment. Payments must be made prior to the issue of the Construction Certificate or prior to the commencement of work (if there is no associated Construction Certificate).

- (a) **Payment of building and construction industry long service levy** - The applicant must pay the long service levy of \$26,228.00 as calculated at the date of this consent to the Long Service Corporation or Council under Section 34 of the Building and Construction Industry *Long Service Payments Act 1986* and provides proof of this payment to the certifier.
- (b) **Public liability insurance** - Prior to the commencement of any works on Council land including a public road, the applicant is to obtain Public Liability Insurance in the minimum amount of \$20 million. This insurance is to note Council's interest and is to remain current for at least the period from the issue of the Construction Certificate until the issue of a Compliance Certificate/Occupation Certificate for the works. Documentary evidence of the Certificate of Currency is to be provided to Council prior to the issuing of any Construction Certificate for access.
- (c) **Payment of development contributions** – A total monetary contribution of \$74,939.66 is to be paid to Council, pursuant to Section 7.11 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*, prior to the issue of any Construction Certificate.
 - (i) This condition is imposed in accordance with the provisions of Bland Section 94A Development Contribution Plan. A copy of the document is available on Council's website at www.blandshire.nsw.gov.au or may be inspected at Council's Administration Building.
 - (ii) The amount of contribution payable under this condition has been calculated at the date of consent. In accordance with the provisions of the Contributions Plan, this amount shall be indexed at time of actual payment in accordance with the Consumer Price Index. Indexation of contributions for payment occurs quarterly. Any party intending to act on this consent should contact Council prior to the date of payment to determine the indexed amount payable.

Reason: To ensure payments are made in accordance with legislative requirements.

B3 Construction Site Management Plan

Prior to the issue of a Construction Certificate, the applicant must submit a Construction Site Management Plan to Council for approval.

Reason: To require details of measures that will protect the public and the surrounding environment during site works and construction.

B4 Other Approvals

The following approvals are required where relevant:

- (a) **Section 68 of the Local Government Act 1993** – Any approvals required under Section 68, Parts A to F, including (but not limited to), any use of public property for crane operation, waste management or installation of a moveable dwelling. Applications are to be made to Council a minimum of six (6) weeks prior to the proposed activity being undertaken.

Reason: To ensure all work complies with relevant legislation.

B5 Servicing

In relation to services, the following must be undertaken by the applicant where relevant:

- (a) **Dial before your dig** - the applicant shall contact “Dial Before You Dig on 1100” to obtain a Service Diagram. The sequence number obtained from “Dial Before You Dig” shall be forwarded to the Principal Certifying Authority (PCA) and Council for their records.

Details shall be provided with the Construction Certificate application.

Reason: To ensure work is carried out having regard to existing services and underground infrastructure for safety and efficiency.

B6 Stormwater Management

Stormwater management shall be undertaken in accordance with the approved stormwater plan prepared by DRB Consulting dated 10 May 2021.

The development must not result in the diversion of overland surface waters onto adjoining properties and where necessary shall construct appropriate surface drainage systems that connect to Council’s stormwater system.

Reason: To ensure stormwater is appropriately managed on the site.

B7 Vehicle Access Requirements

Entry and exit points are to be clearly signposted and visible from Wargin Road. All required works are to be completed in accordance with Council standards prior to the commencement of construction works on the site. The access is to be constructed and maintained to an all-weather standard to the satisfaction of Council. Details must be provided on the Construction Certificate plans.

Reason: To ensure safe, practical and legal vehicle access is provided to the site.

B8 Reflection Mitigation Measures

To ensure reflection and glare from the solar panels is minimised, the following shall be implemented:

- (c) Installation of the measures outlined in the Visual Analysis and Reflectivity Statement and **Pine Ridge Solar Farm Visual Analysis** report prepared by SLR Consulting dated June 2021 & **July 2023**; and
- (d) Installation of an anti-reflective coating on the solar panels. Evidence shall be provided to the Certifying Authority.

Details are to be shown on the Construction Certificate plans.

Reason: To ensure the solar panels do not cause a nuisance, disturbance or hazard to adjoining properties, nearby aircraft and the public using nearby public roads from glint and glare.

B9 Car Parking

All driveways, access ramps, vehicular crossings and car parking spaces shall be designed and constructed in accordance with the current version of Australian Standards, *AS 2890.1-2004: Parking Facilities – Off-street Car Parking* and *AS 2890.2:2018 - Parking facilities Off-street commercial vehicle facilities*. All car parking for the operation of the solar farm is to be provided on an all-weather surface and line marked. Ten (10) car parking spaces are required to be maintained during construction. Once construction is completed one (1) car parking space is to be retained to meet the operational needs of the development. Details are to be provided with the Construction Certificate application.

Reason: To ensure driveways, access ramps, vehicular crossings and car parking complies with the relevant Australian Standards.

B10 Emergency Management Plan

An Emergency Management Plan ('EMP') for the development shall be submitted and approved by Council prior to the issue of a construction certificate.

Reason: To ensure the protection of human life, the environment and adjoining property in the event of fire or other emergency generated by the development.

PART C: PRIOR TO WORKS COMMENCING

C1 Appointment of Principal Certifying Authority

Prior to the commencement of work, the person having the benefit of the development consent and a Construction Certificate shall:

- (a) Appoint a Principal Certifying Authority and notify the Council of the appointment (if Council is not appointed); and
- (b) Notify Council of their intention to commence building work (at least 2 days' notice is required).

Reason: To ensure compliance with the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*.

C2 Signs on site

A sign must be erected in a prominent position on any site on which building work or demolition work is being carried out:

- (a) showing the name, address and telephone number of the principal certifier for the work, and
- (b) showing the name of the principal contractor (if any) for any building work and a telephone number on which that person may be contacted outside working hours, and
- (c) stating that unauthorised entry to the work site is prohibited.

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

Reason: Prescribed Condition under Clause 98A(2) and (3) of the Regulation.

C3 Aboriginal Archaeology

The applicant is to ensure that any work is carried out in accordance with the methodology and recommendations in the Due Diligence Aboriginal Archaeological Assessment, prepared by Virtus Heritage, dated May 2021.

Reason: To ensure the development does not adversely impact on Aboriginal cultural heritage.

C4 Toilet Facilities during Construction

Toilet facilities must be provided on the work site during construction at the rate of one toilet for every 20 persons or part of 20 persons employed at the work site. Each toilet provided must:

- (a) Be a standard flushing toilet, connected to a public sewer, or
- (b) If connection to a public sewer is not available, to an on-site effluent disposal system approved by the council, or
- (c) A portable toilet.

Reason: To provide appropriate on-site amenities during demolition and construction work.

PART D: DURING WORKS

D1 Construction Hours

The hours of demolition and/or building work shall be limited to the following hours:

- (a) Monday to Friday: 7.00 am to 6.00 pm;

- (b) Saturday: 8.00 am to 1.00 pm;
- (c) No Construction on Sundays or Public Holidays.

Unless otherwise approved within the Construction Site Management Plan, construction vehicles, machinery, goods or materials must not be delivered to the site outside the approved hours of site works. Note: Any variation to the hours of work requires Council's approval.

Reason: To ensure the amenity of the area is maintained during construction.

D2 Compliance with Construction Site Management Plan

The requirements of the approved Construction Site Management Plan must be complied with and maintained for the duration of the construction works. This includes, but is not limited to, the following:

- (a) All practicable measures shall be undertaken to prevent and minimise harm to the environment and the amenity of the area as a result of the construction and operation of the development, particularly from wind-blown dust, debris, noise, erosion and soil management and the like.
- (b) All building materials and equipment must be stored wholly within the site unless an approval to store them elsewhere has been granted.
- (c) During construction, care must be taken to protect Council's infrastructure, including street signs, footpath, kerb, gutter and drainage pits etc.
- (d) Protection measures shall be maintained in a state of good and safe condition throughout the course of demolition.
- (e) The area fronting the site and in the vicinity of the development shall also be made safe for pedestrian and vehicular traffic at all times.

The applicant must ensure a copy of these approved plans is kept on site at all times and made available to Council officers upon request.

Reason: To ensure the required site management measures are implemented during construction.

D3 Waste Management

While building work, demolition or vegetation removal is being carried out, the principal certifier must be satisfied all waste management is undertaken in accordance with the approved waste management plan. Upon disposal of waste, the applicant is to compile and provide records of the disposal to the Principal Certifier, detailing the following:

- (a) The contact details of the person(s) who removed the waste
- (b) The waste carrier vehicle registration
- (c) The date and time of waste collection

- (d) A description of the waste (type of waste and estimated quantity) and whether the waste is expected to be reused, recycled or go to landfill
- (e) The address of the disposal location(s) where the waste was taken
- (f) The corresponding tip docket/receipt from the site(s) to which the waste is transferred, noting date and time of delivery, description (type and quantity) of waste.

Note: If waste has been removed from the site under an EPA Resource Recovery Order or Exemption, the applicant is to maintain all records in relation to that Order or Exemption and provide the records to the principal certifier and Council.

Reason: To require records to be provided, during construction, documenting that waste is appropriately handled.

D4 Responsibility for Changes to Public Infrastructure

While building work is being carried out, the applicant must pay any costs incurred as a result of the approved removal, relocation or reconstruction of infrastructure or services affected by the required construction works. Council and other service authorities should be contacted for specific requirements prior to commencement of any works.

Reason: To ensure payment of approved changes to public infrastructure.

D5 Discovery of Aboriginal Objects

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

In this condition:

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

Reason: To ensure the protection of objects of potential significance during works.

D6 Discovery of Contamination

Should any contaminated, scheduled, hazardous or asbestos material be discovered before or during construction works, the applicant and contractor shall ensure the appropriate regulatory authority is notified and that such material is contained, encapsulated, sealed, handled or otherwise disposed of to the requirements of such Authority.

Reason: To ensure contamination discovered during construction is dealt with as quickly as possible and to protect the health of the community and the environment.

D7 Construction Noise

While building work is being carried out and where no noise and vibration management plan is approved under this consent, the applicant is to ensure that any noise caused by demolition, vegetation removal or construction is carried out in accordance with the methodology and recommendations in the Noise Assessment for the application by Muller Acoustic Consulting Pty Ltd dated July 2021.

Reason: To protect the amenity of the neighbourhood.

D8 Imported Fill

While construction work is being carried out, the principal certifier must be satisfied all soil removed from or imported to the site is managed in accordance with the following requirements:

- (a) All excavated material removed from the site must be classified in accordance with the EPA's *Waste Classification Guidelines* before it is disposed of at an approved waste management facility and the classification and the volume of material removed must be reported to the principal certifier,
- (b) All fill material imported to the site must be Virgin Excavated Natural Material as defined in Schedule 1 of the *Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997* or a material identified as being subject to a resource recovery exemption by the NSW EPA.

Reason: To ensure soil removed from the site is appropriately disposed of and soil imported to the site is safe for future occupants.

D9 Critical Stage Inspections

Building work must be inspected on the occasions set out in clause 162A (Critical stage inspections for building work) under the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2000*.

Reason: To require approval to proceed with building work following each critical stage inspection and comply with the Regulation.

D10 Tree Protection

While site or building work is being carried out, the applicant must maintain all required tree protection measures in good condition in accordance with the Construction Site Management Plan required under this consent, the relevant requirements of *AS 4970-2009 Protection of Trees on Development Sites* and any Arborist's report approved under this consent.

This includes maintaining adequate soil grades and ensuring all machinery, builders refuse, spoil and materials remain outside tree protection zones.

Reason: To protect trees during construction.

D11 Native Vegetation

There must be no removal or disturbance of native vegetation except as authorised by this consent, including canopy trees, understorey and ground cover vegetation without the prior written consent of Council.

Reason: To ensure vegetation is maintained on the site.

D12 Water Pollution

The applicant must ensure that the development does not cause any water pollution, as defined under Section 120 of the *Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997*.

Reason: To ensure the development does not cause any water pollution during construction.

PART E: PRIOR TO THE ISSUE OF THE OCCUPATION CERTIFICATE

E1 Occupation Certificate

Occupation and operation of the solar farm is not to occur until all work has been completed, all of the conditions of consent have been satisfied and an Occupation Certificate has been issued by the Principal Certifying Authority pursuant to Section 6.10 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*.

Reason: To ensure compliance with the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*.

E2 Completion of Public Utility Services

Before the issue of the relevant Occupation Certificate, the principal certifier must ensure any adjustment or augmentation of any public utility services including gas, water, sewer, electricity, street lighting and telecommunications, required as a result of the development, and is completed to the satisfaction of the relevant authority. Before the issue of the Occupation Certificate, the certifier must request written confirmation from the relevant authority that the relevant services have been completed.

Reason: To ensure required changes to public utility services are completed, in accordance with the relevant agency requirements, before occupation.

E3 Completion of all Works

All works must be completed in accordance with the conditions of this consent prior to the issue of an Occupation Certificate including, but not limited to, the following

- (a) Car parking areas and vehicle access points;
- (b) Fencing;
- (c) Bushfire Protection Measures and standards as outlined in this consent shall be installed and completed;
- (d) All drainage works required to be undertaken in accordance with this consent shall be completed prior to the issue of an Occupation Certificate for the development.

Following any construction or upgrading on site, the applicant must restore the ground cover of the site as soon as practicable, using suitable species and maintain ground cover.

Reason: To ensure adequate arrangements have been made for the development.

E4 Post-Construction Dilapidation Report and Repair of Infrastructure

Before the issue of an Occupation Certificate, a suitably qualified engineer must prepare a post-construction dilapidation report which must include a photographic survey, to the satisfaction of the principal certifier, detailing whether:

- (a) any roads and/or public infrastructure have been damaged as a result of the carrying out of construction works (including damage caused by, but not limited to, delivery vehicles, waste collection, contractors, sub-contractors, concreting vehicles) and if so, it is to be fully repaired to the written satisfaction of Council, and at no cost to Council.

Before the issue of an Occupation Certificate, the Principal Certifier is to provide a copy of the post-construction dilapidation report to Council (where Council is not the principal certifier).

Reason: To identify damage to public infrastructure resulting from building work on the development site.

E5 Removal of Waste upon Completion

Before the issue of an Occupation Certificate, the Principal Certifier must ensure all refuse, spoil and material unsuitable for use on-site is removed from the site and disposed of in accordance with the approved waste management plan. Written evidence of the removal must be supplied to the satisfaction of the Principal Certifier. Before the issue of a partial Occupation Certificate, the applicant must ensure the temporary storage of any waste is carried out in accordance with the approved Waste Management Plan to the Principal Certifier's satisfaction.

Reason: To ensure waste material is appropriately disposed or satisfactorily stored

E6 Operations Environmental Management Plan

An Operations Environmental Management Plan ('OEMP') for the development shall be submitted to and approved by Council prior to the issue of an occupation certificate.

Reason: To ensure the solar farm is operated in accordance with relevant Australian Standards and best practice.

PART F: OPERATIONAL CONDITIONS

F1 Decommission Management Plan

A Decommissioning Plan must be provided to Council (or relevant approval authority) generally consistent with the Concept Decommissioning Plan for review and approval no later than 12 months prior to the proposed cessation of operations. The objective of this is to restore the land to its pre-existing state suitable for agricultural use. It must include, but not be limited to, the following:

- (a) Expected timeline for rehabilitation completion;
- (b) Decommissioning of all solar panels, above and below ground infrastructure, inverter stations, fencing and any other structures or infrastructure relating the approved development;
- (c) Programme of site restoration to return the land back to a suitable state for agricultural purposes; and
- (d) Details on waste management and recycling of all materials arising from the development.

Reason: To ensure the decommissioning of the solar farm occurs in an orderly and sustainable manner, that the amenity of the area is maintained while the solar farm is being decommissioned and to ensure the site can be returned to its original condition.

F2 Emergency Management Plan

The approved Emergency Management Plan ('EMP') for the development shall be activated when required throughout the operation of the development and shall be updated if required.

Reason: To ensure the protection of human life, the environment and adjoining property in the event of fire or other emergency generated by the development.

F3 Operations Environmental Management Plan

The approved Operations Environmental Management Plan ('OEMP') for the development shall be complied with throughout the operation of the development.

Reason: To ensure the solar farm is operated in accordance with relevant Australian Standards and best practice.

F4 Vehicle Management

The premises shall be operated in accordance with the following vehicle management requirements:

- (a) All loading and unloading of vehicles must be undertaken wholly within the site and all vehicles must enter and leave the site a forward direction.
- (b) Sufficient car parking is to be provided on the site, with no car parking to occur on the public road network in the vicinity of the site.
- (c) The vehicle entry and exit points are to be clearly signposted and visible from both the street and the site at all times and must be maintained in good condition for the life of the development.
- (d) The maximum size truck permitted to access the site is a B-Double vehicle.

Reason: To ensure the operation of the solar farm does not adversely affect the surrounding road network and has adequate car parking provided on the site.

F5 Operation of Plant and Equipment

The Applicant must ensure that all plant and equipment used on the site or in connection with the development is maintained in a proper and efficient condition and operated in a proper and efficient manner.

Reason: To ensure all plant and machinery on the site is in good working order and is operated in a safe manner.

F6 External lighting

Any lighting used on the site in connection with the development is to comply with AS 4282 – *Control of the obtrusive effects of Outdoor lighting*. The applicant must minimise off-site lighting impacts arising from the development and any external lighting is installed as low intensity lighting except where required for safety or emergency purposes.

Reason: To protect the amenity of the surrounding area.

F7 Minimise Harm to the Environment

The applicant must implement all reasonable and feasible measures to prevent and/or minimise any material harm to the environment or to the amenity of the area that may result from the construction, operation or decommissioning of the development, including weed control.

Reason: To minimise harm to the environment.

F8 Visual Impacts

The applicant must:

- a) Minimise the off-site visual impacts of the development, including the potential for any glare or reflection from the solar panels;

- b) Ensure the visual appearance of all ancillary infrastructure (including paint colours) blends in as far as possible with the surrounding landscape; and
- c) Not mount any advertising signs or logos on site, except where this is required for safety purposes.

Reason: To minimise the visual impact of the development.

F9 Storage of Hazardous Materials

The applicant must store and handle all dangerous and hazardous materials on site in accordance with AS 1940-2004: *The storage and handling of flammable and combustible liquids*. The storage of any dangerous and hazardous materials must be provided in a suitably bunded and impervious area and in such a way as to minimise spills of hazardous materials or hydrocarbons. Clean up any spills must occur as soon as possible.

Reason: To minimise harm to the environment.

F10 Maintenance of Wastewater and Stormwater Treatment Device

During occupation and ongoing use of the building, the applicant must ensure all wastewater and stormwater treatment devices (including drainage systems, sumps and traps, and on-site detention) are regularly maintained, to remain effective and in accordance with any positive covenant (if applicable).

Reason: To protect sewerage and stormwater systems.

F11 Noise Control During Operation

Any noise generated from the operation of the solar farm, including noise from any substation and associated infrastructure, must not be intrusive or constitute offensive noise as defined by the *Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997* at any private residential receiver.

The operation of the solar farm must satisfy the EPA maximum noise criteria pursuant to the EPA's *Noise Policy for Industry (2017)*. If, at any time, these levels are exceeded, operation of the solar farm shall immediately be modified, including suspension of operations if necessary, to ensure compliance.

Reason: To protect the amenity of the area while the solar farm is in operation.

F12 Waste Materials

The Applicant must:

- (a) minimise the waste generated by the development;
- (b) classify all waste generated on site in accordance with the NSW EPA *Waste Classification Guidelines, Part 1: Classifying Waste*, November 2014 (or its latest version);
- (c) store and handle all waste on site in accordance with its classification;
- (d) not receive or dispose of any waste on site; and

- (e) remove all waste from the site as soon as practicable, and ensure it is sent to an appropriately licensed waste facility for disposal.

Reason: To protect the environment.

F13 Flora and fauna

Any potential impacts on flora and fauna are to be addressed through the methodology and recommendations in the Flora and Fauna Assessment Report prepared by Kleinfelder and dated 04 June 2021.

Reason: To ensure the development does not adversely impact on flora and fauna.

PART G: GENERAL ADVICE

LAPSING OF DEVELOPMENT CONSENT

Development consent does not lapse if the approved use has actually commenced or the proposed work is physically commenced before the consent lapse date, except where a condition specifies a limit to the duration of the consent.

RIGHT OF APPEAL

If you are the applicant:

You can appeal against this decision in the Land and Environment Court within twelve (12) months of the date of this notice (section 97 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act, 1979*). You cannot appeal, however, if a Commission of Inquiry was held and the development is designated development or state significant development.

REVIEW OF DETERMINATION

An applicant may request the Council to review this determination within one (1) year after the date the applicant received this notice. The prescribed fee must be paid with the request for a review. Once the review is completed the Council may confirm or change the determination.

If there is an appeal, the period of time within which Council may undertake a review is extended up to the time the Court hands down its decision.

A Review cannot be requested for:

- a determination to issue or refuse to issue a complying development certificate, or
 - a determination in respect of designated development, or
 - a determination in respect of integrated development, or
 - a determination in respect of integrated development, or a determination made by Council under Section 116E in respect of an application by the Crown.
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DEVELOPMENT ASSESSMENT REPORT

DA/MA Number:	MA2024/0001 (DA2022/0004)
Address:	Cartwrights Lane, Wyalong
Legal Description:	Lots 209, 219, 270, 284 & 285 DP 750615
Development Description:	S4.55(2) Modification of approved Electricity Generating Works (5MW Solar Farm) to include four (4) BESS units and relocation of the operations and maintenance shed

PROJECT OVERVIEW

This S4.55(2) modification application seeks consent for the addition of four (4) Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) units and the relocation of the operations and maintenance (O&M) shed of approved development application, DA2022/0004 at the subject site. The proposal seeks to modify the approved plans/documentation and conditions under DA2022/0004 to reflect the installation of the 4 BESS units and relocation of the O&M shed.

DA2022/0004 - construction of a new Electricity Generating Works (5MW Solar Farm) was determined approved by the Western Regional Planning Panel, 17 November 2021.

The modification application was referred back to the Western Regional Planning Panel (the panel) under Clause 5, Schedule 6 of the State Environmental Planning Policy (Planning Systems) 2021: Private infrastructure and community facilities over \$5 million. Triggers for the referral being Capital Investment value (ex GST) of the proposed development being \$6,626,650.00 and the original development application was referred and approved by the panel. However, the panel made a request to the Planning Panel Secretariat to return the development application to Council, which was approved. The modification application was returned to Council 19/09/2023 to assess under delegated authority.

The subject site (the site) is known as Cartwrights Lane, Wyalong and comprises of Lots 209, 219, 270, 284 & 285 DP 750615 with an area of approximately 15 hectares. The site is located approximately 1 kilometre from the town centre of Wyalong and 3 kilometres from West Wyalong.

The site is located in the RU1 Primary Production Zone pursuant to the Bland Local Environmental Plan 2011. Development for the purposes of electricity generating works is permissible with development consent in the RU1 Primary Production Zone under State Environmental Planning Policy (Transport and Infrastructure) 2021.

Current use of the site is for agriculture, including grazing and cropping. There are no existing dwelling houses or buildings on the subject lots. Land Use in the vicinity of the site is predominantly agricultural in nature with some rural residential development to the west of the site. There is an existing hard rock quarry located approximately 2 kilometres to the south.

The proposed BESS units are considered ancillary to the approved solar farm. The stored energy from the units will enable the project to provide stable energy outside daylight hours, during those peak electricity consumption periods. The proposed BESS units and O&M Shed will be constructed on an already approved hardstand area within the subject site. It is considered that the modification of the development consent will result in substantially the same development for which the original consent was granted.

PROPERTY DETAILS/HISTORY

	Checked		Comments
File History	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	A previous application for the demolition and construction for a new dwelling was lodged in 2013 on the holding. The land subject to the 2013 development application is not part of the land subject to the current application. DA2022/0004 - construction of a new Electricity Generating Works (5MW Solar Farm), determined approved 17 November 2021. Signed land owners consent has been provided with the application and is consistent with Council's records.
Title Plan	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" 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:	NIL	
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"/>

Department	Date Requested	Date Received	Comments/Issues Raised
Western Regional Planning Panel	14/08/2023	19/09/2023	The application was referred to the Western Regional Planning Panel (the panel) under Clause 5, Schedule 6 of the State Environmental Planning Policy (Planning Systems) 2021: Private infrastructure and community facilities over \$5 million. Triggers for the referral were Capital Investment value (ex GST) of the proposed development being \$6,626,650.00 and the original development application was referred and approved by the panel. The panel made a request to the Planning Panel Secretariat to return the development application to Council which was approved, and the development application was returned to Council 19/09/2023 for assessment under delegated authority.

	Applicable	
SEPP (Biodiversity and Conservation) 2021 <i>This SEPP protects the biodiversity values of trees and other vegetation in areas of the State, and to preserve the amenity of areas of the State through preservation of trees and other vegetation.</i>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

SEPP (Building Sustainability Index: BASIX) 2004 <i>The SEPP provides for the implementation of BASIX throughout the State.</i>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
SEPP (Exempt and Complying Development Codes) 2008 <i>The SEPP provides exempt and complying development codes that have State-wide application.</i>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
SEPP (Housing) 2021 <i>The SEPP aims to encourage provision of housing for seniors, including residential care facilities. The SEPP provides development standards.</i>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
SEPP (Industry and Employment) 2021	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
SEPP No 65 (Design Quality of Residential Apartment Development) <i>The SEPP provides consistent planning and design standards for residential apartment buildings across NSW.</i>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
SEPP (Planning Systems) 2021	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
SEPP (Precincts – Central River City) 2021	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
SEPP (Precincts – Eastern Harbour City) 2021	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
SEPP (Precincts – Regional) 2021	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
SEPP (Precincts – Western Parkland City) 2021	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
SEPP (Primary Production) 2021 <i>This SEPP facilitates the orderly economic use and development of lands for primary production; reduce land use conflict and sterilisation of rural land.</i>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
SEPP (Resilience and Hazards) 2021 <i>The SEPP provides a systematic approach to the assessment of development proposals for potentially hazardous and offensive industry or storage.</i>	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
SEPP (Resources and Energy) 2021 <i>The SEPP aims to provide proper management of mineral, petroleum and extractive material resources and ESD</i>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
SEPP (Transport and Infrastructure) 2021 <i>The SEPP provides a consistent approach for infrastructure and the provision of services across NSW, and to support greater efficiency in the location of infrastructure and service facilities.</i>	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
SEPP (Planning Systems) 2021		
<p>Comment</p> <p>Development specified in Schedule 6 is declared to be regionally significant development for the purposes of the Act.</p> <p>The proposed development, with a capital investment value of \$6,626,650.00, is considered Regionally Significant Development under Schedule 6 of the SEPP as defined below:</p> <p>5 Private infrastructure and community facilities over \$5 million Development that has a capital investment value of more than \$5 million for any of the following purposes—</p> <p>(a) air transport facilities, electricity generating works, port facilities, rail infrastructure facilities, road infrastructure facilities, sewerage systems, telecommunications facilities, waste or resource management facilities, water supply systems, or wharf or boating facilities,</p> <p>(b) affordable housing, child care centres, community facilities, correctional centres, educational establishments, group homes, health services facilities or places of public worship.</p>		

The application was referred to the Western Regional Planning Panel (the panel) under Clause 5, Schedule 6 of the SEPP. Triggers for the referral were Capital Investment value (ex GST) of the proposed development being \$6,626,650.00 and the original development application was referred and approved by the panel. The panel made a request to the Planning Panel Secretariat to return the development application to Council which was approved. The development application was returned to Council 19/09/2023 for assessment under delegated authority.

**SEPP (Resilience and Hazards) 2021
Remediation of Land**

Comment

The planning policy is required to be considered in the processing and determination of development applications.
The purpose of this policy is to provide a state wide planning approach to the remediation of land. In particular, this policy aims to promote the remediation of contaminated land for the purposes of reducing the risk of harm to human health or other aspects of the environment.
The status of the land was assessed under DA2022/0004 and it was considered that the land is not likely to be contaminated and that the land is suitable for the intended use. This proposed s4.55(2) modification is ancillary to the approved use under DA2022/0004, therefore, no further consideration is necessary.

SEPP (Transport and Infrastructure) 2021

Comment

One of the aims of this SEPP is to facilitate the effective delivery of infrastructure across the State by providing greater flexibility in the location of infrastructure and service facilities.
Division 4 Electricity generating works or solar energy systems defines electricity generating works; means a building or place used for the following purposes, but does not include a solar energy system—
(a) making or generating electricity,
(b) electricity storage.

The proposed BESS units are consider electricity generating works, electricity storage. They are not involved in the generation of solar energy for use onsite.

Clause 2.36 Development Permitted with consent

Development for the purpose of electricity generating works may be carried out by any person with consent on the following land—
(a) in the case of electricity generating works comprising a building or place used for the purpose of making or generating electricity using waves, tides or aquatic thermal as the relevant fuel source—on any land,
(b) in any other case—any land in a prescribed non-residential zone.

prescribed non-residential zone means any of the following land use zones or a land use zone that is equivalent to any of those zones—

- (a) RU1 Primary Production,**
- (b) RU2 Rural Landscape,
- (c) RU3 Forestry,
- (d) RU4 Primary Production Small Lots,
- (e) E4 General Industrial,
- (f) E5 Heavy Industrial,
- (g) IN1 General Industrial,
- (h) IN2 Light Industrial,
- (i) IN3 Heavy Industrial,
- (j) IN4 Working Waterfront,
- (k) SP1 Special Activities,
- (l) SP2 Infrastructure,
- (m) W4 Working Waterfront.

The site is zoned RU1 Primary Production, a prescribed non-residential zone. Therefore, the proposed BESS units are permitted with consent under Clause 2.36 of this SEPP and the approved use will not be altered.

Consideration has also been given to Clause 2.122 Traffic-generating development. The proposed modification is not likely to generate greater than 50 vehicle movements per hour, therefore, does not trigger traffic generating development or a referral to Transport for NSW. No further consideration necessary.

LOCAL ENVIRONMENTAL PLAN		
The subject land is zoned:	RU1 Primary Production	
Definition from LEP	electricity generating works means a building or place used for the purpose of— (a) making or generating electricity, or (b) electricity storage.	
Permissibility:	Whilst electricity generating works are prohibited within the RU1 Primary Production zone as ‘Any other development not specified in item 2 or 3’ under the Land Use Table of the Bland Local Environmental Plan 2011 (Bland LEP), electricity generating works are permitted with consent under Division 4 of SEPP (Transport and Infrastructure) 2021 in the RU1 Primary Production zone. Therefore, the development is considered to be permissible with consent.	
Clause		Compliance
Part 4 Principal Development Standards		
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
Comment:	None of the above Principal Development Standards are consider applicable to this proposed S4.55(2) modification. The application does not seek consent for subdivision or the erection of a dwelling, nor do they form part of the scope of works for this application. Height of buildings, floor space ratio and calculation of floor space ratio has not been adopted under Bland LEP; and no proposed variation to development standards.	
Part 5 Miscellaneous Provisions		
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	Controls relating to secondary dwellings on land in a rural zone	Not adopted
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	Dwelling house or secondary dwelling affected by natural disaster	Not adopted
5.9AA	Repealed	Repealed
5.10	Heritage conservation	Not Applicable
5.11	Bushfire hazard reduction	Not Applicable
5.12	Infrastructure development and use of existing buildings of the crown	Not Applicable
5.13	Eco-tourist facilities	Not Applicable
5.14	Siding spring Observatory – maintaining dark sky	Not adopted
5.15	Defence communications facility	Not adopted
5.16	Subdivision of, or dwellings on, land in certain rural, residential or environment protection zones	Not Applicable
5.17	Artificial water bodies in environmentally sensitive areas of operation of irrigation corporations	Not Applicable
5.18	Intensive livestock agriculture	Not Applicable
5.19	Pond-based, tank based and oyster aquaculture	Not Applicable
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 applicable
5.25	Farm gate premises	Not applicable
Comment:	<p>5.10 Heritage Conservation – The subject land is not identified as a heritage item under Schedule 5 Environmental Heritage of the Bland LEP, nor is it located in a Heritage Conservation area. Nor is there any identified heritage items in close proximity. No further consideration necessary.</p> <p>5.21 Flood planning – The subject land is not considers to be within a flood planning area. It is not mapped on the flood planning map.</p>	
Part 6 Additional local provisions		
6.1	Essential services	Complies
6.2	Earthworks	Complies
6.3	Terrestrial biodiversity	Complies
6.4	Riparian land and watercourses	Not Applicable

6.5	Wetlands	Not Applicable
6.6	Groundwater vulnerability	Not Applicable
6.7	Repealed	Repealed
6.8	Airspace operations	Not Applicable
6.9	Location of sex services premises	Not Applicable
Comment:	<p>6.1 Essential service – provision of services such as, water supply, stormwater drainage and vehicular access which are relevant to the proposed development has been assessed and considered suitable under DA2022/0004. This proposed S4.55(2) modification is not likely to impact on nor require additional provision than that already approved.</p> <p>6.2 Earthworks – There are minor earthworks required as part of this S4.55(2) modification for the underground cabling, relocation of the O&M shed and installation of the BESS units. The modification items shall be supported with appropriate sediment and erosion controls as they are located on the already approved hardstand surface. These works are minor in nature and separate development consent is not warranted.</p> <p>6.3 Terrestrial biodiversity – Whilst there is a small area of the subject site mapped as sensitive area on the Terrestrial biodiversity map, the scope of works under this s4.55(2) modification will be within the approved development area of DA2022/0004, therefore, is unlikely to impact on the biodiversity values of the site. No further consideration necessary.</p>	

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"/>
Comment The proposed development is not identified as advertised development		
Did the application require Neighbour Notification?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Comment This S4.55(2) Modification Application was notified in accordance with Council’s Community Participation Plan, as per the original Development Application, including same surrounding land owners and notification period of 14 days. The notification included on the NSW Planning Portal, letters to neighbours and on the Council website. Notification period was between 15/08/2023 and 01/09/2023. There were no written submissions received during the notification period.		

PART 9 PRIMARY PRODUCTION		
Site Integration		
PPP1	Adjoining Uses Consideration is given to the nature of adjoining uses so as to obtain optimum amenity and privacy.	Meets Acceptable Solution
PPP2	Prevailing Winds Developments are located and designed to address prevailing winds.	Not Relevant

PPP3	Existing Opportunities Developments are located in order to make best use of existing infrastructure and resources.	Meets Acceptable Solution
PPP4	Natural Hazards The impacts of natural hazards, such as fire, flood and wind storms are reduced.	Meets Acceptable Solution
Comment The proposed modification, including installation of 4 BESS units, is ancillary to the existing approved use. The approved use of the site under DA2022/0004 will not be altered. The proposed scope of works involved with this S4.55(2) modification are located within the existing approved hardstand surface of the site, therefore, is unlikely to have any additional impact within the locality.		
Servicing		
PPP5	Water Water supply capable of servicing the needs of the proposed development in terms of domestic, stock, fire fighting and other needs is available.	Not Relevant
PPP6	Electricity Access to an electricity supply capable of servicing the proposed development.	Not Relevant
PPP7	Telecommunications Access to telecommunications capable of servicing the proposed development is available.	Not Relevant
PPP8	Service Corridors The location of proposed service corridors are chosen to minimise the impact on the environment and the agricultural use of the land.	Not Relevant
Comment This proposed S4.55(2) modification application is not likely to impact on nor require additional service than that already approved under DA2022/0004. Provision of services such as, water supply, stormwater drainage and vehicular access which are relevant to the proposed development was assessed and considered suitable under DA2022/0004.		
Access		
PPP9	Sight Distance There is adequate sight distance to allow safe manoeuvring to and from the property.	Not Relevant
PPP10	All Weather Access There is all weather access provided from the development to the public road.	Not Relevant
PPP11	Access in times of flood Access is flood free where possible to allow safe transit during and after periods of heavy rain.	Not Relevant
PPP12	Emergency Vehicles Access for emergency vehicles is available in times of fire, flood and other emergencies.	Not Relevant
PPP13	Property Identification Property access must clearly identify the property address	Not Relevant
Comment Access assessed and approved under DA2022/0004. The proposed S4.55(2) Modification does not alter, nor is it likely to impact on the already approved access. No further consideration necessary.		

PLANNING AGREEMENT

Section 4.15(1)(a) (iia) – EP & A Act

Is there a planning agreement in force under section 7.4 of the EP&A Act	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Has a Planning Agreement been offered under this development?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

PLANNING STRATEGIES/LOCAL POLICY

Is there a Planning Strategy or Local Policy that requires notation?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Has the applicant submitted any supporting planning assessments?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>

Comment

Reference is made to the Riverina-Murray Regional Plan 2041, which Bland LGA is apart of, and the Bland Local Strategic Planning Statement which both support and encourage renewable energy projects & development. This has been addressed this within the provided statement of environmental effects. The scope of works involved in this proposed S4.55(2) modification will provide an enhancement to an already approved renewable energy project, aligning with the goals of the regional plan and Council’s vision of the LSPS.

SUBDIVISION

Does this application include subdivision?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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Comment

No, the applicant is not seeking consent for, nor does the development include subdivision.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS

Section 4.15(1)(b) – EP & A Act

	Impact		Comment
Social	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	The already approved solar farm under DA2022/0004 shall provide a positive social impact on the community by the provision of cleaner energy generation. The proposed additional BESS units which form part of this S4.55(2) modification are designed to enhance the electrical storage capacity of the already approved solar farm, to provide stable energy outside daylight hours, during those peak electricity consumption periods.
Economic	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	The proposed additional BESS units which form part of this S4.55(2) modification are designed to enhance the electrical storage capacity of the already approved solar farm. This may have positive economic impact by enabling the project to provide stable energy outside daylight hours, during those peak electricity consumption periods.
Siting & Configuration	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Whilst this S4.55(2) modification includes the relocation of the O&M Shed and installation of 4 BESS units, they will be located entirely within the already approved development area of the approved solar farm. There are no proposed changes to already

			approved setbacks, access and internal tracks or solar panel layout.
Setbacks	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Approved setback will not be varied as part of this S4.55(2) modification.
Privacy	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No likely impact on privacy as the scope of works involved with this S4.55(2) modification will be located entirely within the already approved development area of the approved solar farm and setbacks will not be varied.
Overshadowing	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Minor alterations and additions as part of this S4.55(2) modification are not likely to cause overshadowing.
Solar Access	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Minor alterations and additions as part of this S4.55(2) modification are not likely to impact on solar access.
Visual	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	A revised Visual Analysis was provided as part of this S4.55 modification application to assess the potential visual amenity changes which may occur as a result of the modified development. Based on the findings of the Visual Analysis, there may be minor changes to the rural landscape from viewpoints, however no additional mitigation measures are considered necessary. Consideration has also been given to Glare Analysis. The additional BESS units and relocated O&M Shed are unlikely to alter the reflective glare qualities of the development.
Amenity	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Due to reasons discussed throughout this report, including siting & configuration, visual, noise and air, the proposed S4.55(2) modification is not likely to impact on amenity within the locality.
Water	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No additional water services or augmentation required as part of this S4.55(2) modification application.
Air	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Minor alterations and additions as part of this S4.55(2) modification are not likely to further impact on air quality.
Noise	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	The additional BESS units proposed as part of this S4.55(2) Modification application are unlikely to further the potential for noise generation which was assessed as part of approved DA2022/0004.
Land Degradation	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No change of approved use under DA2022/0004.
Vegetation Loss	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	As the proposed BESS units and relocation of the O&M Shed of this S4.55(2) Modification Application will be located/relocated onto the already approved hardstand surface of DA2022/0004, there is not likely to be vegetation loss as part of this modification.
Flora & Fauna	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	There are areas of the subject land identified as 'sensitive area' on the Terrestrial Biodiversity Map and Biodiversity Values Map. A comprehensive fauna and flora assessment report was submitted as part of DA2022/0004 which concluded that the proposed development will not impact Areas of Outstanding

			Biodiversity or areas mapped on the NSW Biodiversity Map as having high biodiversity value. This S4.55(2) Modification Application, including the installation of BESS units and relocation of O&M Shed are also not likely to impact Areas of Outstanding Biodiversity or areas mapped on the NSW Biodiversity Map as having high biodiversity value as they will be located on the already approved hardstand surface.
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"/>
Heritage	Impact		Comment
European	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	A Due Diligence Aboriginal Archaeological Assessment was undertaken and provided as part of the original development application DA2022/0004. The assessment found no Aboriginal objects on site in the project area. As the proposed scope of works of this S4.55(2) modification are located entirely within the already approved development site of the solar farm and do not require excavation outside of this footprint, no further assessment is considered necessary under this proposal.
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"/>
Comment The subject land is not identified as a heritage item under Schedule 5 Environmental Heritage of the Bland LEP, nor is it located in a Heritage Conservation area. Nor are there any identified heritage items in close proximity. No further consideration necessary.			
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"/>
<p>Whilst the lots that contain the approved solar farm infrastructure are not mapped as bushfire prone land, spatial viewer shows Lot 285 DP 750615, which contains part of the access road to the site, is mapped as being bushfire prone land.</p> <p>The solar farm structures and associated infrastructure/buildings are located approximately 500m from the mapped threat. Therefore, there is adequate clearance.</p>	

Surround land is maintained agricultural land used for cropping and grazing.
 The proposed site access off Wargin Road will be a minimum 12.5 meters wide to cater for the swept turning paths for delivery vehicles. The TIA provided as part of the originally approved solar farm development DA2022/0004 demonstrates that Mallee Street and Wargin Road has a sealed pavement at a minimum 6 meters wide allowing suitable access for emergency services. Emergency access gates are located around the site allowing various emergency access points.
 There are dams within the locality and onsite detention basin holding a total volume of 165m3 providing a static water supply.
 Condition exists on existing approval for an Emergency Management Plan to ensure the protection of human life, the environment and adjoining property in the event of fire or other emergency generated by the development.

CONTAMINATED LAND <i>Section 4.15(1)(b) – EP & A Act</i>		
Has this land been identified as being contaminated land by Council?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Does this land require remediation?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Has a Contaminated Land Site Investigation been completed?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Is it possible that this land may be contaminated?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Is this land in the close vicinity or adjoining a known contaminated site?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

INFRASTRUCTURE <i>Section 4.15(1)(b) – EP & A Act</i>		
Is an engineering assessment required?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Has an engineering assessment been completed?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Does this proposal have any potential impact on:		
	Impact	Comment
Sewer	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Whilst the subject site is located in a non-sewer serviced area and would require on-site sewerage management to service the site, the proposed S4.55(2) Modification Application does not include any required sewer services. No further consideration necessary.
Water	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	This S4.55(2) modification is not likely to impact on or augment any water requirements or quality of the already approved DA.
Drainage	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	This S4.55(2) modification is not likely to impact on or vary the stormwater management plan submitted with DA2022/0004 which concluded that the proposed stormwater drainage works will maintain the natural flow regime, by constructing a roadside swale and above ground onsite stormwater retention basin. The discharge from the basin is expected to be equal to predevelopment flow rates.
Access	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	The Traffic Impact Assessment (TIA) included and assessed as part of DA2022/0004 is retained. No proposed change to existing approved access as part of

			this S4.55(2) Modification Application and the proposed modification is unlikely to impact on access to the site.
Kerb & Gutter	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Rural land outside Council's urban area. No existing or required Kerb & Gutter.
Upgrade Existing Road	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	This S4.55(2) modification does not propose any changes to approved access and traffic under DA2022/0004, therefore, no likely impact on existing road.
Road Network	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	This S4.55(2) modification does not propose any changes to approved access and traffic under DA2022/0004. Traffic is not likely to increase as part of this proposed modification, therefore, no likely impact on the road network.
Existing Easements	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No known easements.
Electricity	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No likely impact.
Telecommunications	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No likely impact.
Pedestrian Access	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No likely impact.
Loading and Unloading	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	This S4.55(2) modification does not propose any changes to, nor is it likely to impact on, already approved loading and unloading under DA2022/0004.
Parking	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	This S4.55(2) modification does not propose any changes to, nor is it likely to impact on, already approved parking under DA2022/0004.
Energy Consumption	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No likely impact.
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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Was a construction certificate application submitted with this application?		NO
Has Council been appointed as the Principal Certifying Authority?		Not know at this stage. No CC has been submitted or applied for.
Is an annual Fire Safety Certificate required?	YES	

SECTION 68 ASSESSMENT

Is a Section 68 assessment required?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input 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?		NO
Comment: Condition already recognised on Development Consent DA2022/0004. No requirement to modify condition as part of this S4.55 Modification Application.		

DEVELOPER CONTRIBUTIONS

Does this proposal require any Developer Contributions	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Amount	\$74,939.66	
Comment The above development contributions form part of the already approved conditions of consent. This proposed S4.55(2) modification will not vary the already approved 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"/>
Comment: This S4.55(2) Modification Application does not include any additional advertising signage.		

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 only?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Dates notification undertaken:		
Commenced:	15/08/2023	Finished: 1/09/2023
Were there any written submissions received?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
This S4.55(2) Modification Application was notified as per the original Development Application, including same surrounding land owners and notification period of 14 days.		
There were no written submissions received during the notification period.		

SECTION 88B INSTRUMENT

Does Council require a Section 88b instrument to be prepared?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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PUBLIC INTEREST

Does this proposal have any construction or safety issues?		Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Comment:	<p>The approved DA2022/0004 - Electricity Generating Works (5MW Solar Farm) was approved 17 November 2021. The approval provides an opportunity for renewable energy which has been identified as a priority growth sector through generation of clean, renewable energy for about 2000 homes and is unlikely to have a significant negative social impacts in the locality. The proposed BESS units which form part of this S4.55(2) modification application are considered ancillary to the approved, but not yet constructed Electricity Generating Works (5MW Solar Farm). The stored energy from the units will enable the project to provide stable energy outside daylight hours, during those peak electricity consumption periods. The proposed BESS units and O&M Shed will be constructed on an already approved hardstand area within the subject site. It is considered that the modification of the development consent will result in substantially the same development for which the original consent was granted. 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</p>		
Are there any public health issues associated with the proposal?		Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Are there any other public interest issues?		Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

SITE SUITABILITY

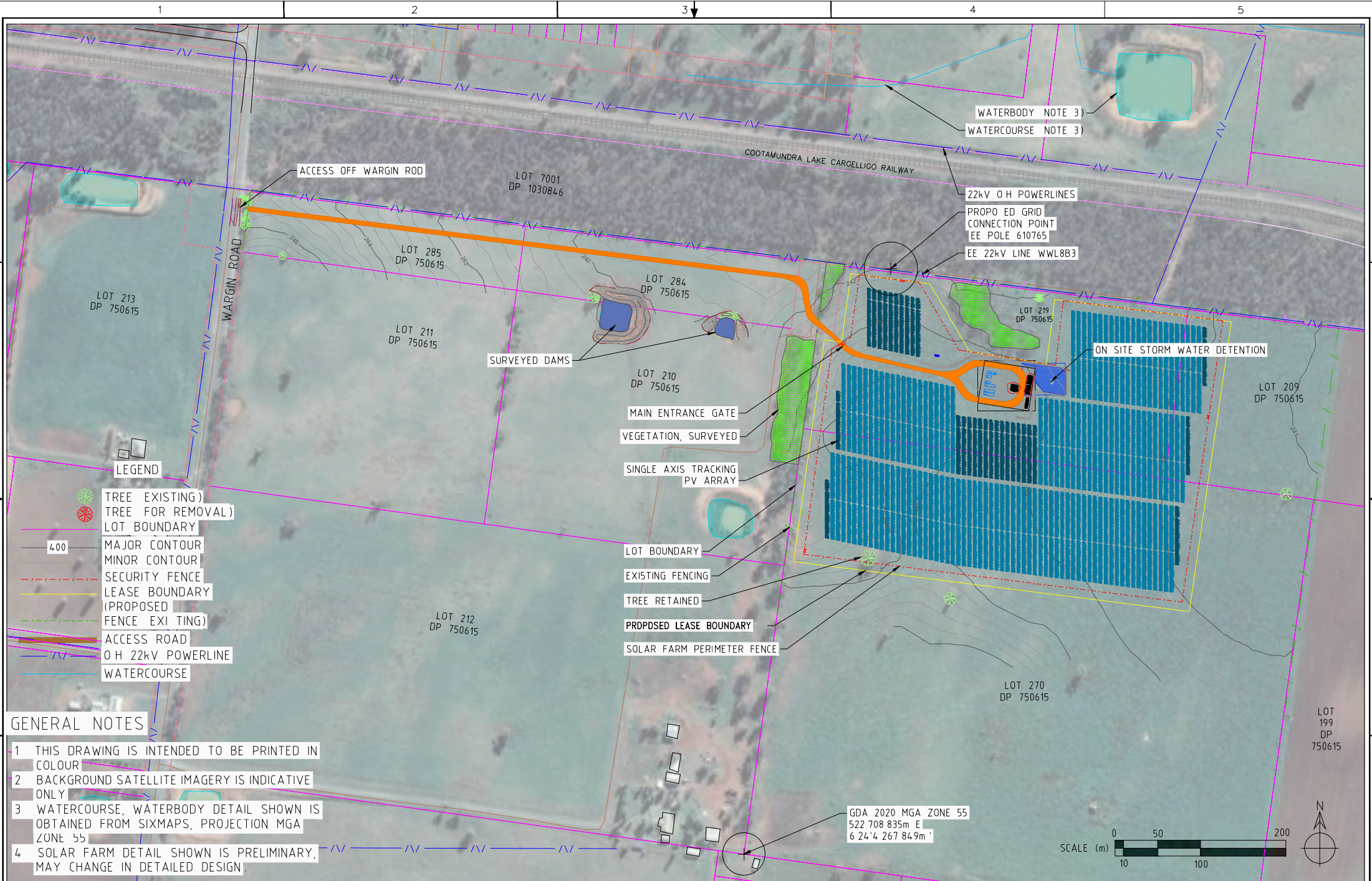
Is the site suitable for the development?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
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ASSESSING OFFICER COMMENT

Comment:	<p>The proposed S4.55(2) modification application to the approved, but not yet constructed Electricity Generating Works (5MW Solar Farm) amends the site layout to facilitate the addition of four (4) BESS units and relocation of the operations and maintenance shed. There is no change to the approved land use or the general operational details of the approval, therefore, the modification is considered substantially the same development. The amendments are not likely to increase demand for public services or facilities and not likely to further impact native vegetation as the proposed amendments are located on the already approved hardstand surface. The proposed S4.55(2) modification is not likely to further impact on or vary the already approved traffic, access and parking, noise, ecological and water management approved under DA2022/0004. It is considered that the S4.55(2) modification application can be supported.</p>
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RECOMMENDATION

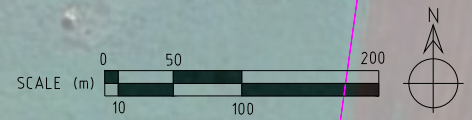
Approved	
Comment:	<p>The proposed S4.55(2) modification application is considered substantially the same development and can be supported. Recommendation be the S4.55(2) modification application be approval subject to the draft modified conditions of consent.</p>



- LEGEND**
- TREE EXISTING
 - TREE FOR REMOVAL
 - LOT BOUNDARY
 - MAJOR CONTOUR
 - MINOR CONTOUR
 - SECURITY FENCE
 - LEASE BOUNDARY
 - FENCE EXISTING
 - ACCESS ROAD
 - O H 22kV POWERLINE
 - WATERCOURSE

- GENERAL NOTES**
- 1 THIS DRAWING IS INTENDED TO BE PRINTED IN COLOUR
 - 2 BACKGROUND SATELLITE IMAGERY IS INDICATIVE ONLY
 - 3 WATERCOURSE, WATERBODY DETAIL SHOWN IS OBTAINED FROM SIXMAPS, PROJECTION MGA ZONE 55
 - 4 SOLAR FARM DETAIL SHOWN IS PRELIMINARY, MAY CHANGE IN DETAILED DESIGN

GDA 2020 MGA ZONE 55
 522 708 835m E
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REV	DATE	DESCRIPTION	DRWN.	DESIGNED	CHKD.	APPR.
C	2023.05.17	ADDITION OF BATTERY ENERGY STORAGE	PM	PM	JY	JY
B	2020.05.11	ISSUED WITH OSD DETAIL	JM	JM	SS	JM
A	2020.04.08	FIRST ISSUE	JM	JM	SS	JM

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TITLE
 PROVIDENCE ASSET GROUP
 PINE RIDGE SOLAR FARM
 GENERAL ARRANGEMENT
 OVERVIEW
 DWG No. 10190-G-GAD-02-1

SCALE
 1:4000
 REVISION
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 PAPER SIZE
 A3

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- LEGEND**
- TREE (EXISTING)
 - TREE (FOR REMOVAL)
 - LOT BOUNDARY
 - MAJOR CONTOUR
 - MINOR CONTOUR
 - SECURITY FENCE
 - FENCE (EXISTING)
 - LEASE BOUNDARY (PROPOSED)
 - PV TABLE
 - O/H 22kV POWERLINE
 - WATERCOURSE

SYSTEM SUMMARY

ELECTRICAL CONFIGURATION:
 TOTAL PV PLANT CAPACITY (DC): 7.031 MWP
 TOTAL INVERTER CAPACITY (AC): 4.95MVA
 PV PLANT MAXIMUM EXPORT CAPACITY (AC): 4.95MW
 DC:AC RATIO: 1.420
 STRINGS OF 28 PV MODULES.
 232/233 PV STRINGS PER INVERTER.
 465 PV STRINGS TOTAL.

PV MODULES:
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 MODEL: LR5-72HPH-540M
 NAMEPLATE: 540Wp
 QUANTITY: 13,020 MODULES

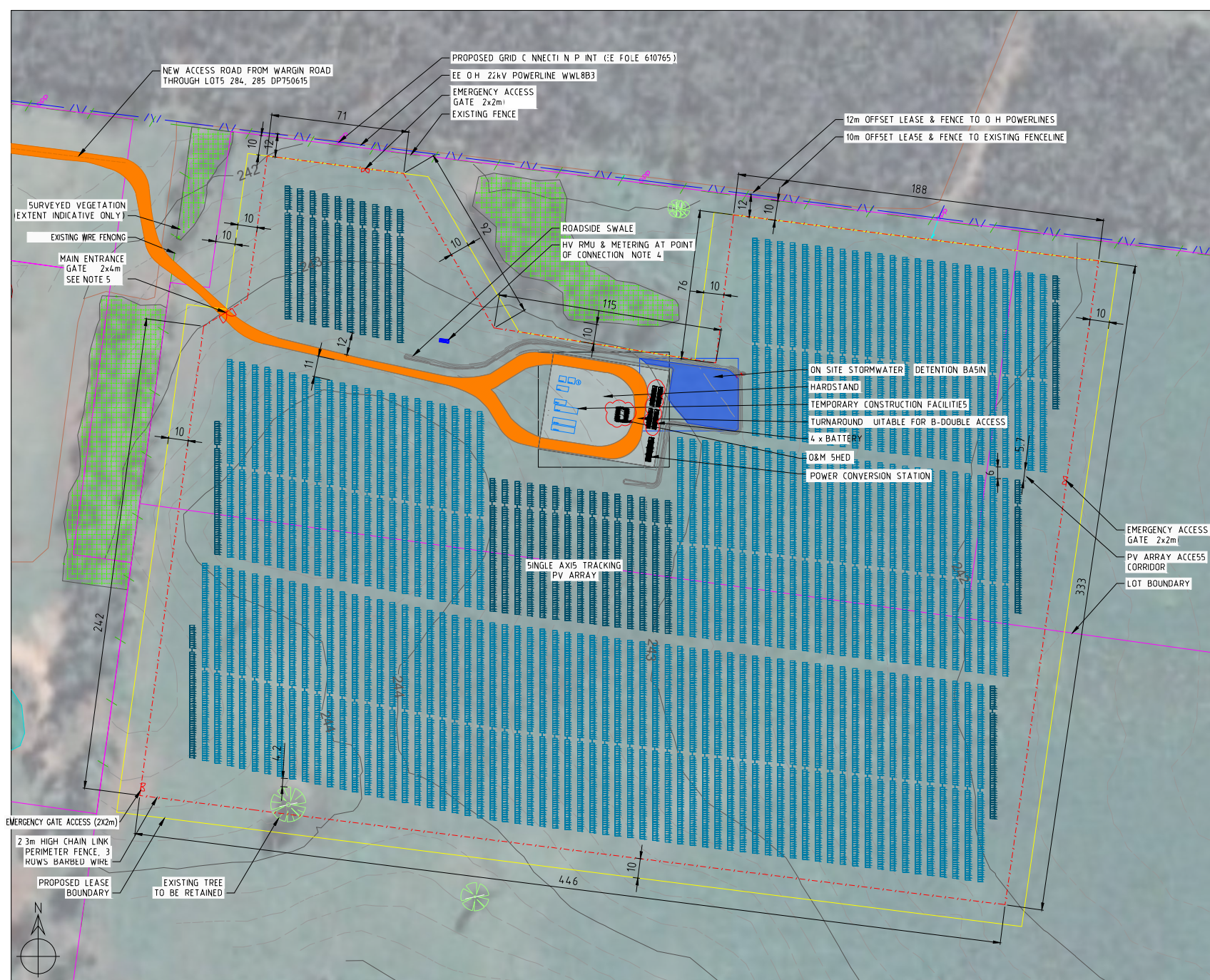
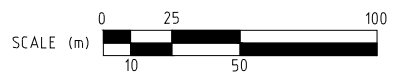
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 MFR: SUNGROW
 MODEL: SG2475HV-MV
 NAMEPLATE: 2475kVA
 QUANTITY: 2

MV POWER STATION:
 MFR: SUNGROW
 MODEL: SG4950HV-MV
 QUANTITY: 1

TRACKER ARRAY:
 TYPE: GROUND MOUNT SINGLE AXIS TRACKING
 CONFIGURATION: INDEPENDENT TYPE
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B	2021.05.11	ISSUED WITH OSD DETAIL	JM	JM	SS	JM
A	2021.04.08	FIRST ISSUE	JM	JM	SS	JM

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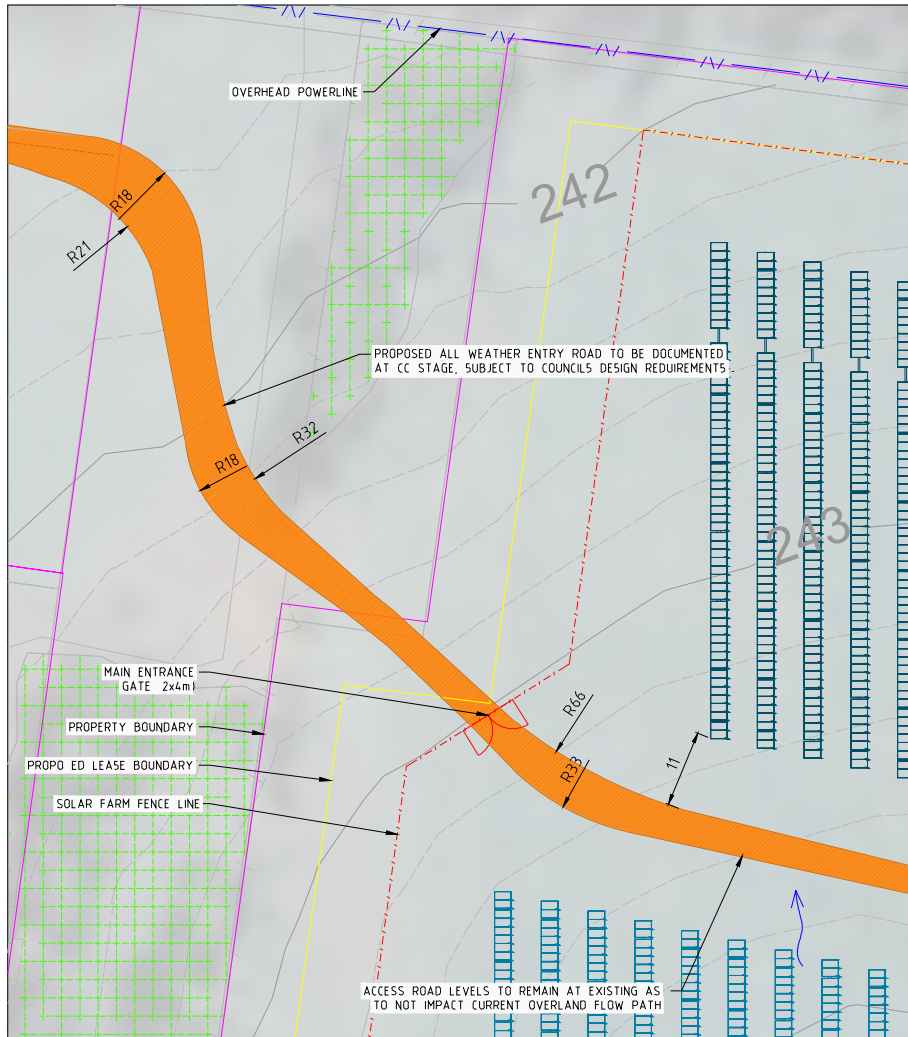
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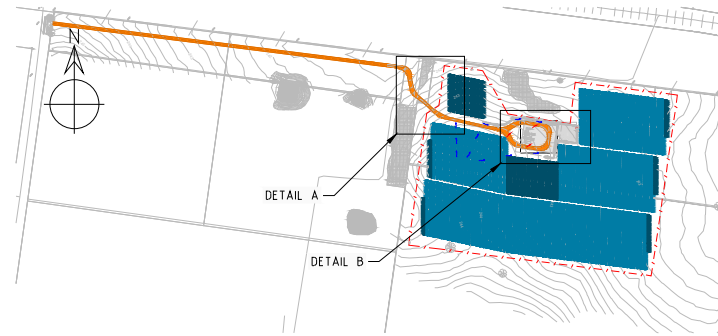
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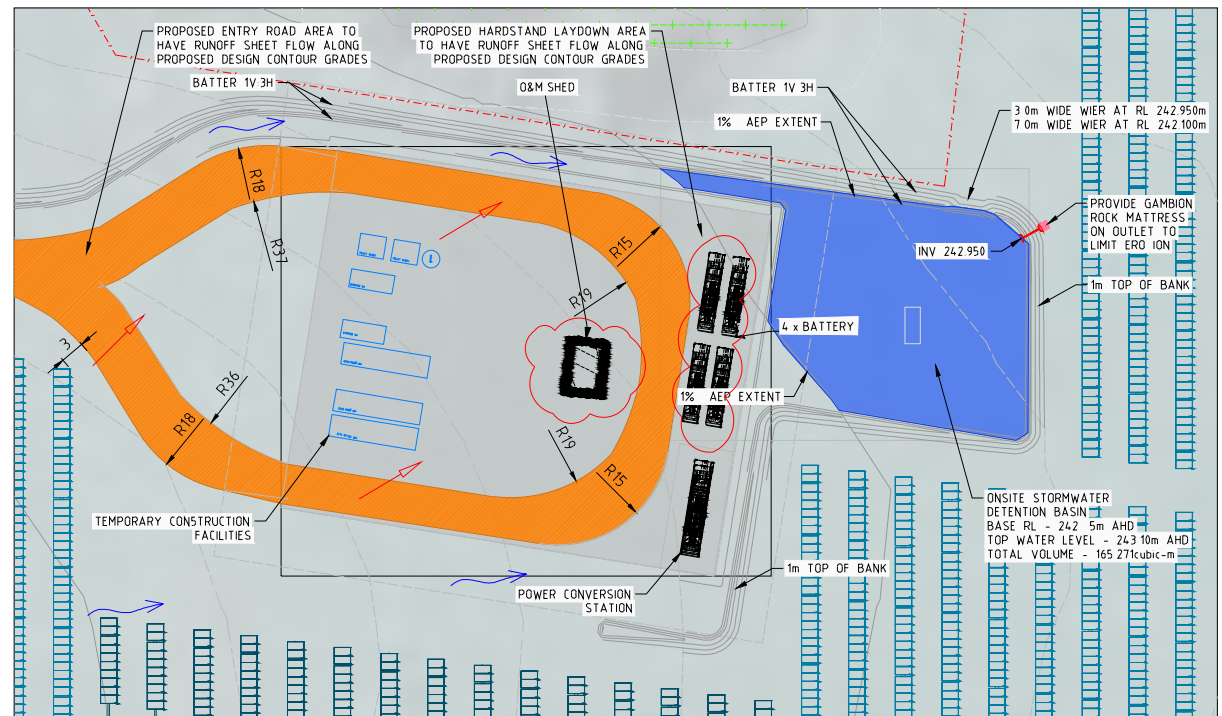
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- 3 REFER TO 10190-C-DET-02-1 FOR PRELIMINARY ROAD SECTIONAL DETAIL.
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Section 4 – Reports for Information

Recommendation:

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

- 6.13 - Economic Development & Tourism Report November 2023
 - 6.14 - Bland Shire Library Monthly Update
 - 6.15 - Children Services October Update
 - 6.16 - Bland Community Care Services Update
 - 6.17 - Bland Shire Museum Advisor Report – October 2023
 - 6.18 - Technical Services Report
 - 6.19 - Development Services Activity Report – October 2023
-

6.13 Economic Development & Tourism Report November 2023



Our Prosperity - Growing our population and jobs

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

Author: Tourism & Administration Officer

Economic Development

Statistics for the Shop Local Why Leave Town card indicates an amount of \$58,177 remains unspent with Bland Shire local businesses who signed up to be part of this program.

Bland Shire has now been part of the Why Leave Town program for 3 years. As cards are valid for 3 years those loaded at the commencement of the program in October 2021 have now expired and these unspent funds have been re-used to order another 1000 cards to continue to generate activity within the program.



Tourism

Veteran travel documentary producer/presenter Greg Grainger visited West Wyalong during the West Wyalong Hearts of Gold Festival between October 13 and 15 to undertake filming for a further episode of his programme Travel Oz. The programme aims to capture the spirit of Australia through its characters, events, and remote destinations.

A winner of the prestigious Logie Award for Top News Report, Greg has worked for leading radio and television stations in Britain and Australia for the past 35 years. Greg is the current holder of the Australian Society of Travel Writers award for Top Travel Broadcaster.

Greg's documentaries are seen by tens of millions of viewers, from National Geographic and Discovery Channels to Channels 7, 9, 10 and the ABC in Australia.

Greg travels to remote destinations to find interesting stories from locals to share with Australia.

During his visit Greg visited West Wyalong capturing the Hearts of Gold Festival events over all three days, Wyalong to explore Cooina Waters by kayak and the opening of the new facilities at Redman Oval, Mirrool for the Silo Kick and to explore Lake Cowal's newest attraction the Eco Village at the Lake Cowal Conservation Centre.

The 15min segment on the Travel Oz programme is to be aired on 7TWO on 18 November at 8:30am with repeats expected in the following week.

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

Baby Bounce – Car Seat Safety Talk – 13 October

As part of its Baby Bounce program, held Friday 13 October, Council's Road Safety Officer (RSO) gave a brief but informative talk on car-seat safety. The RSO had some great advice and tips for those in attendance. A handout on car-seat safety is currently available from the library.



Baby Bounce, an earlier literacy program for babies 0 to 24 months, continues to be well supported with a regular group of 8 – 12 mums attending each fortnightly session. The interactive program introduces babies to literacy and a love of the library through nursery rhymes, action songs, play, books and reading.



Successful Mental Health Month Talk – 25 October

Mental Health is a key component of overall health and wellbeing. In any year in Australia, an estimated 1 in 5 people aged between 16 and 85 experience a mental disorder (ABS 2022). What many don't know is that a person's mental health is affected by multiple factors, including ... what we eat, which can be the cause or the product of anxiety, stress, or depression. To highlight this, Bland Shire Library hosted a talk by Kellie Tillman who spoke about the Gut-Brain Connection.

Kellie, a mother of four – one of whom is coeliac – is a passionate advocate for taking control of our health through what we eat for the longevity of our wellbeing. Kellie gave a light-hearted but highly informative talk and gave some great tips about nutrition and supplements to improve mental health.

The event, held to highlight Mental Health Month, was attended by 17 people. Funded by WayAhead – Mental Health Association NSW, the theme this year was ‘Everyone has a role to play’. Kellie’s talk was followed by a morning tea. The event included a lucky door prize – a gift pack valued at \$150 and a \$50 gift voucher for Body Health & Bowen, who supported the program by supplying free sample packs for the occasion.



Christmas Food & Gift Appeal Launched

Bland Shire Library launched its 2023 Christmas Food and Gifts Appeal on November 1, 2023. The Appeal, which supports the local St Vincent de Paul Society in providing Christmas hampers and gifts to families in need, will run through November and up until 5pm Friday 15 December 2023.

As requested by the St Vincent de Paul Society, all donated food items must be non-perishable and in-date while gifts should be donated unwrapped and suitable for children up to age ten years.

Bland Shire Library has been running the Christmas Appeal – originally known as Food for Fines – for near on two decades. The Appeal was renamed due to the removal of fines by Riverina Regional Library and expanded to include gifts, which people were already donating.



Scams Awareness Workshops – 7 & 8 November

Michael Palmer, (NBN Co), conducted a Scams Awareness Workshop for seniors on Tuesday 7 November 2023. This was Michael’s second visit to West Wyalong – he previously conducted a Scams Awareness Workshop for seniors in July 2023, as part of the library’s Tech Savvy Senior program.

Participants learned about the main types of scams, what to look out for, how to protect themselves, and where to keep up-to-date.

While in Australia, over 65s are losing more money than any other age group (National Survey conducted by Choice in July 2023), people 20 years and younger are the least concerned about becoming a victim, but more likely to experience a scam or cyber-attack, falling for scams faster than any other age group. In light of this, Michael also conducted two Scams Awareness Workshops for the West Wyalong High School’s Year 10 and Year 11 students respectively.

The workshops, held over two days, generated plenty of talk and positive feedback from senior participants, as well as students and teaching staff at West Wyalong High School.



HSC Lock-in – 15 November

Bland Shire Library has partnered with the West Wyalong High School to host a HSC Lock-in on Wednesday 15 November, from 5pm to 6.30pm.

The “lock-in” which is exclusive to students commencing subjects for their 2024 Higher School Certificate, aims to support the students in their HSC studies. Students will be given

- a tutorial on HSC resources available online through Riverina Regional Library and the State Library
- study tips and advice from past HSC students
- yoga techniques for stress and relaxation
- a talk on the gut-brain connection &
- the Youth Outreach role at West Wyalong High School.

The evening will conclude with a light supper provided by the school. Free packs containing information handouts plus some other will be available for the students to take home.

An invitation was also extended to Ungarie Central School for any students starting Year 12 wishing to participate.

Student Work Placement 13 – 17 November

Bland Shire Library is pleased to be hosting a Year 10 student, who is completing a work placement at the library between 13 November and 17 November 2023. Tasks undertaken by the student include customer service, circulation, assisting with programs, and promotional displays.

Bland Preschool Visits

Bland Shire Library – always happy to engage with the Bland Preschool, as part of their community engagement strategy – hosted three class group visits in November. The children sampled a little taste of Christmas with some Christmas stories, singing, music and dance, and a craft activity.



Aspire Early Learning Centre Visit – 11 October

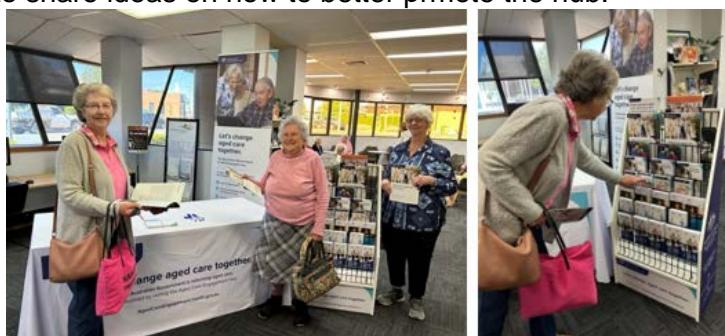
It was Aspire Early Learning Centre's first visit to the library – hopefully the first of many. The small group of children consisting of two and three years olds were provided a Storytime session with plenty of time to play and explore the library before returning to the Centre.



Aged Care Reform Information Hub

The hub is now up and running. Unfortunately, due to the pilot program being pushed back a month and the long delays in receiving equipment, the library has opted to host the pilot program – which initially was for a three month period – up until the first week of December.

An initial online meeting between the Department of Housing & Aged Care, Australian Library and Information Association (ALIA), and library participants statewide, was held recently. The meeting discussed issues related to technology, the delays in receiving equipment, and the setting up of the hub. The meeting was an opportunity for participants to give feedback on how to improve the program and to share ideas on how to better promote the hub.



Junior Membership Drive

Poor literacy in early childhood can create learning difficulties that last a lifetime. Literacy is a fundamental right for all children, and early childhood literacy is critical for children's social, emotional, and cognitive development. Unfortunately, early childhood literacy rates in NSW are some of the lowest in Australia, and children are falling further behind.

To support the NSW Public Libraries Association and their current campaign Birth To Five Read and Thrive, Bland Shire Library has been encouraging parents to sign their children up from birth, and start a lifetime habit of reading through a love of books – available free from their community library.

As a thank you, our newest and littlest members receive a milkshake & cake gift card for What's Cookin'.



LEGO Club – 1 November

While Halloween is not traditionally celebrated in Australia and is not embraced by everyone, it's a fun theme with activities that children of all ages can enjoy. In light of this, a Halloween themed Lego Scavenger Hunt was held on Wednesday 1 November with more than 45 children participating. Participants had to find and build a multitude of Halloween and Lego items from the clues provided, which in turn gave them a letter of the alphabet in order to discover the mystery word. Loads of fun with each participant taking home a makeshift Halloween bag of goodies.



Storytime – 26 October

Storytime also featured a Halloween theme on Thursday 26 October. The children enjoyed reading 'Find Spot at Halloween' and 'Scary Night' (which was not very scary at all) joined in some songs including 'Five Little Pumpkins', Halloween treasure hunt, craft, and special morning tea. Despite preschool and kinder orientation, Storytime has in recent weeks seen an increase in attendance numbers.



Biscuits and cupcakes made by Dagmar McIntyre.

2023-24 Summer Reading Club Launch – 22 November

Bland Shire Library will launch its annual Summer Reading Club 40-Day Challenge on Wednesday 22 November from 3.30pm.

Registrations will be taken on the day and up until 5pm Wednesday 20 December 2023.

The free program for school children aged 5 – 16 years, officially runs from December 1, 2023 – January 31, 2024. The incentive based program aims to encourage children and young people to read daily for a minimum of 40 days over December and January. To help them reach their goal, participants will be rewarded for every 10 days that they read. Participants are further encouraged to read beyond 40 days to be in the running for prizes.

It should be noted that the program, which has been recognised in Parliament by Member for Cootamundra, Steph Cooke MP, is designed to be inclusive and equitable. Participants can read as few or as many books as they like since the focus is on days spent reading rather than counting books. This makes the challenge more achievable for all especially those children with lower reading skills.

There will be additional activities during December and January for registered participants including a Bingo Challenge, weekly prize draws, lolly guessing competition, and much more, with a presentation and finale party to be held in February.

Bland Shire Library is extremely grateful to have Evolution Mining – Cowal Gold Operations as a partner this year. Evolution granted the library \$3500 in support of the program. Other sponsors for this year's program include the L & R Group – Holland Park Pool, What's Cooking, and The French Hot Bread.

Celebrating Christmas with Kurrajong Lifestyle Choice – 29 November

Bland Shire Library will host a Christmas get-together with Kurrajong staff and their clients, Thursday 23 November 2023. The library plans to provide a light Christmas themed luncheon with games, an easy craft and other fun activities.

What's Happening in December

- Santa's Mailbox has been delivered by the Elves. Letters to Santa will be taken up until 5pm Wednesday 13 December. Santa's Mailbox is for library members only and their families with the children receiving a personalized letter from the big man in red.
- Monday 4 December, 10.30am – **Day Book Club** will meet for the final time in 2023. This year, the group (which is currently at full capacity – 10 members), focused on reading and discussing a selection of Australian works. Day Book Club, held monthly, will reconvene Monday 5 February 2024.
- Wednesday 6 December, 3.30pm – **Lego Club** will celebrate the end of year with a Christmas Lego Party. The STEM program devised for children up to 14 years is held monthly. Lego Club will resume Wednesday 7 February 2024.
- Friday 8 December, 10.30am – **Baby Bounce**, an early literacy program designed for babies and toddlers up to 24 months, will celebrate the end of year with a Christmas themed session. Baby Bounce will resume Friday 16 February 2023.
- Monday 11 December, 9.30am – **Home Library Service**. Clients receiving the fortnightly service will receive a final delivery Monday 11 December prior to the Christmas shutdown. Due to the Christmas / New Year break, clients will receive additional material. The service will resume Monday 8 January 2024.
- Monday 11 December, 2pm – **GOLD Club** for seniors (held fortnightly) will finish the year on a high with a variety of Christmas activities and a festive afternoon tea planned. The program, which has a regular following, will take a break over January, resuming Monday 5 February 2024.
- Tuesday 12 December, 10am – A final session of **Tech Savvy Senior** will be held. The two-hour session, for seniors requiring basic assistance with everyday technology, will recommence Tuesday 6 February 2024.
It should be noted that during January, library staff will continue to support people with their technology enquiries, pending feasibility.
- Tuesday 12 December, 1.30pm – The library's resident knitting group, **Knit and Knatter**, will meet for the final time in 2023. Library staff have a festive fun-filled afternoon planned for the group. The group will reconvene Tuesday 6 February 2024.
Please note that knitters can still attend the library in January, if they choose.
- Wednesday 13 December, 3.30pm – 5pm – **Kids Christmas Craft**. Make a tree decoration to take home. Open to all school-age children. No booking required.

- Thursday 14 December, 10.30am – **Storytime**, an early literacy program designed for children 3 – 5 years, will finish the year with a special visit from Santa and Mrs Claus. Storytime, which is held weekly during school term, will resume Thursday 8 February 2024.
- Friday 15 December, 10.30am – **Pals of the Pen**, the library’s resident writers’ group will meet for the final time in 2023. Pals of the Pen will reconvene Friday 9 February 2024.
Note: The group will be celebrating 10 years in 2024. To highlight this, the group is currently putting together a book of collective works.
- Friday 15 December, 4pm - **Kids Monthly Prize Draw**. The promotional draw, held the last Friday of each month, will be held mid-December due to the Christmas shutdown and to ensure that all prizes are collected.

Reptiles on the Go

Bland Shire Library will host two one-hour sessions of Reptiles on the Go! to be held in the Council Chambers on Monday 8 January 2024 at 10.30am and 11.30am respectively. While there is no minimum or maximum age limit, attendance numbers for each session will be capped, as the sessions are hands-on, but also to safeguard the animals. Entry will be a gold coin donation with all money raised going to support WIRES (Riverina).

6.15 Children Services October 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 Educational Leader

A new software program was launched to assist with enrolments, which have been entered for 2024. Admin, Ed Leader and Coordinator continued to learn the system, OWNA, and endeavour to open up to all educators soon.

Professional Development

During October School Holidays, Educators received training from a KU Support officer on strategies about inclusive practices and holistic approaches to children and young people.

Educators participated in scenarios and role played various relevant situations likely to be experienced in a preschool environment.

Educators also received training for the new interactive smartboards. with an offer to extend this training in January to ensure Educators get the most out of this technology. Educators continued to experiment and have since discovered many more features.

Positions vacant

CSU is excited to announce there was quite a lot of interest in the recently advertised positions. Interviews were held, with various positions offered, including Early Childhood Teachers,, Educators, Trainees and School-Based Apprenticeship. The formalities are all underway and we hope to announce shortly our newest recruits.

Placement Student

In October CSU provided an opportunity for a Bachelor of Education student to join CSU for the remainder of term 4.

The student is in the final stage of completing their degree and selected Bland Preschool for their final placement. The student has settled in well and has already developed wonderful relationships with children, families and educators.

The following updates by the Service Leaders provides a more detailed view of activities.

Bland Preschool Update

Term 4 commenced, and like every year, it is the busiest term of the year and will fly by.

Concert practice commenced and preparations for the end of year portraits also began.

Preschool visited McCann Park, St Mary's School and West Wyalong Public School (all in the first 3 weeks). The children were quite adventurous at McCann Park, taking on the high slide with ease, some educators not so keen.

A representative of the Bunnings hardware chain visited the Monday class and kindly built/donated a worm farm to encourage and demonstrate sustainable practices. Conversations were had about the importance of worms and looking after them when found in soil. They will return in 2024 and hope to provide water saving ideas and gardening expertise.



Mobile Resource Unit (MRU) Update

Ungarie Mobile Preschool and Friday Junior Preschool

October welcomed Term 4 with a busy schedule. Educators began planning end of year and Christmas crafts, performances, activities as well as preparing children to either transition to 'Big School' or to 'Pre Kindy Preschool' in 2024. Educators collaborated with the Inclusion Support officer, to update the Service Inclusion Profile in preparation for 2024.

Staff meetings were held to discuss concert preparations, enrolments for 2024, educators positions for 2024, developmental assessments of children, excursions, Christmas celebrations and catch up across all services.

MRU Playgroup

Playgroups in West Wyalong have been popular with the warmer weather and families enjoying the indoor/outdoor program. MRU continued to reach out to surrounding villages, Weethalle and Ungarie with playgroup offered fortnightly. The children tending to choose the outdoor fun activities allowed carers/parents/educators the opportunity to connect through engaging conversations.

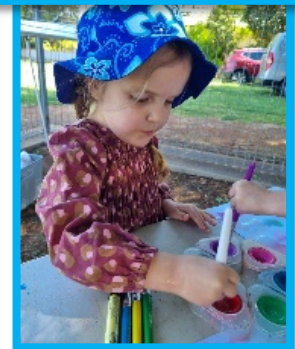
Bland / Temora Family Day Care Update

Our Inclusion Support funding (Gowrie) annual review was finalised this month. In consultation with our Inclusion Professional, our Service Profile and Inclusion Practices and Community Outreach were completed. Two new barriers were recognised, with strategies and actions developed to help build on our inclusive environment.

Updated Regulations have seen the FDC Coordination team busy updating risk assessments and forms to ensure compliance.

FDC Staff Meeting was attended by all Educators, either in person or via Zoom. The future of FDC was discussed with Council looking into the possible extension of the service. The Coordination Unit looking to apply for Community Grant funding when it is released in January 2024. FDC is a very important service for many families, especially those not wanting to put their babies in a long day care environment.

West Wyalong and Temora Playgroups were busy and full of fun. The children and Educators enjoyed spending time outside in the sunshine.



FDC Enrolments:

Permanent enrolments – 41 children

Casual enrolments – 17 children

“It Takes A Village” (ITAV) Update**Playgroups:**

Tallimba playgroup is held at Tallimba Hall. Unfortunately Tallimba has been recording low numbers, though families are being encouraged to communicate to each other before playgroups to foster attendance.

Ungarie playgroup is held at the Ungarie CWA Hall, with several families attending. ITAV playgroup combined with Ungarie MRU playgroup, to get to know Ungarie playgroup members as Ungarie is a new playgroup introduced to ITAV.

West Wyalong is held in the Gecko Room at Bland Children Services Unit with numbers slowly building.

Parenting Packs:

Parenting pack requests have been increasing.

Parenting Programs:

No programs were scheduled for October. Staff have researched/contacted various sites such as the Sue Larkey Website for families to access from home for easier accessibility. Sue Larkey specialises in providing information in inclusive practices for neuro-divergent children in the centre and aid for families with neuro-divergent children.

Socials:

Post engagements have been consistent. The Red Nose Organisation has become a great source of Baby Safety information to include in our weekly posts.

Toy Library:

32 current individual members. 10 current organisation/business members. Total: 42 Memberships.

Targeted Earlier Intervention - Program Logic:

Bland ITAV reviewed the current Program Logic which in turn is sent to the District Program manager. Accountability documents are due by the 31 October. These are sent by the financial team within Bland Shire Council.

SCORE:

Standard Client/Community Outcomes Reporting (SCORE). SCORE allows organisations to measure client and community outcomes. For better reporting practices, modules offered by NGO Learning Centre were completed by the Program Session Leader.

Photos: ITAV Playgroup Ungarie.

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: Acting Community Care Coordinator

General Update:

Intake remains ongoing with referrals being accepted through My Aged Care for Personal Care, Social Support Individual (visiting or shopping with clients) Social Support Group and Flexible Respite.

The portal has been closed for Domestic Assistance and Yard Maintenance as there are potential clients on a waitlist due to capacity. All clients on the wait list are aware of the situation. Community Packages (ComPacks) and Transitional Aged Care (TACP) referrals have continued at a steady rate.

Staff Update:

Bland Community Care farewelled its Coordinator on 2 November 2023, with The Team Leader commencing in an acting capacity on 6 November while Council seeks applications for a new Coordinator.

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.

Wednesday Activity Day continues weekly. Group numbers have recently been reduced to 15 regular attendees, one of these attends on a fortnightly basis rather than weekly.

Attendance (including our volunteer):

Wednesday 27 September 2023 – 9 attendees

Wednesday 4 October 2023 – 9 attendees

Wednesday 11 October 2023 – 10 attendees

Wednesday 18 October 2023 – 7 attendees

Wednesday 25 October 2023 – 10 attendees

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 roast chicken, chicken schnitzel with chips, cottage pie, silverside with mash and lasagna with chip. All meals served with vegetables or salad.

Gentle Exercises are held each Thursday morning and afternoon with participants enjoying the gentle exercise program followed by a cuppa and chat. The morning session is doing well with regularly high numbers. The afternoon has a small group of regulars even though there are 7 signed up for the afternoon list. Currently we are reaching out to increase the number of attendees in the afternoon sessions.

Wednesday 25 October the Wednesday Activity Day attendees were invited to attend Wyalong School's 'Special Person Day' Our clients were invited as some children don't have family that can attend so they were able to stand in for children where needed. Clients enjoyed dance and music performances from the children. Some of the children served clients with a Devonshire tea. The clients all enjoyed themselves expressing how much they loved being able to help those who didn't have someone be able to attend.



6.17 Bland Shire Museum Advisor Report – October 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 9 October, morning)

Weethalle Museum is doing some deep thinking about the type of Museum that will work for the community and the Shire into the future.

We are working on a document outlining what needs to be done, what would be good to have done and how the museum will be sustainable into the future.

While this is happening, we have been cleaning, reorganising and evaluating the current museum objects and displays.

Work started on the Wool Room in the previous month. What we were able to sort out was the agricultural themes that highlight the story of agricultural heritage in Weethalle. This is the driving story of the development of the rail and the existing community. It is also one that could be expanded in the museum, explaining why Weethalle is where it is.

We now have a glass cabinet in which we can display and store the trophies in the museum. Volunteers have continued cleaning and assessing the spaces. Much can be achieved by improving display, removing damaged and duplicate objects and a lot of cleaning!



Wyalong Museum (Monday 9 October, afternoon)

Today we talked about displays. The volunteers have again produced an excellent display showcasing the birth of children in the town and the role of the midwife.



Using the space at the rear of Court Room where the gallery (or public seating was) they have used objects from the collection and reference books to highlight the importance of the essential health resource.

I have included some shots from the Bedroom display. The boy in the bed works so well – it surprises me every time I go in!

Ungarie Museum (Tuesday 10 October)

It was a beautiful day in Ungarie. Volunteers had arrived before me and had objects lined up ready to complete their cataloguing, measuring and have an image taken.

Below is a very small selection of the objects we have been working with. In the middle is an iron that takes coal - one that I have never seen before. The butter dish with cottage cover was just too cute not to include!



Next visit: 30 & 31 October 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. ROADS MAINTENANCE

Works Undertaken October 2023

- **Maintenance Grading**

Roads:

- Cattles Lane
- Harris Lane
- Harmers Lane
- Moonbucca Rd

- **Flood Damage Repairs**

Roads

- Thulloo Rd
- Lewes Rd

- **Sealed Road Patching Works**

Roads

- Councils Bitumen Patching Truck has been working along all Regional/Rural sealed Roads
- Urban roads in West Wyalong & Weethalle

- **Gravel Resheeting**

Roads

- Wilga Plains Rd
- Narriah Rd
- North Yalgogrin Rd
- Lewes Rd

- **Heavy Patching**

Quandialla Rd & MR 231 (Lake Road) Works undertaken by Contractor

Works Planned November 2023

- **Maintenance Grading**

Roads

- Cattles Lane
- Monument Flats Rd
- Winnunga Rd

- **Flood Damage Repairs**

Roads

- Koops Lane
- Sullivans Lane
- Monument Flats
- Golden Hills Rd

- **Gravel Resheeting**

Roads

- Grahams Lane
- Completion of Lewes Rd

2. VILLAGE MAINTENANCE

Villages / Works Undertaken – Schedule for October

- **Monday's – Weethalle + Tallimba**

Clean toilets; Mow and whipper snip town/parks and cemetery; Tree trimming; Spray drains

- **Tuesday's – Ungarie**

Mow and whipper snip sporting field; Push mow and whipper-snip park; Mow and whipper-snip town areas; Tree trimming; Spray for weeds; Park inspection

- **Wednesday's - Barmedman**

Mow and whipper snip parks and towns; Sweep main street gutter; Tree trimming; Park inspection

- **Thursday's - Ungarie**

Mow and whipper snip sporting field; Push mow and whipper-snip park; Mow and whipper-snip town areas; Tree trimming; Spray for weeds; Park inspection

- **Friday's – Weethalle**

Clean toilets; Mow whipper-snip

3. PARK MAINTENANCE

Mow whipper-snip and edge all Parks

Check irrigation

Park inspection

Weed gardens

Trim trees

Fix water leaks

4. CEMETERY MAINTENANCE

Mow whipper snip and edge cemetery

Check graves once dug

Check backfill once back filled

Check irrigation

Back fill graves when they sink

Fix irrigation pipes when they have been hit

5. SPORTING FIELDS MAINTENANCE

Mow whipper-snip all sporting fields

Check irrigation

Fix water leaks

Check the tanks have water in them for watering

Line mark for cricket and little A's

Spray for weeds

6. TOWN MAINTENANCE - GENERAL

Mow and whipper snip town street
Mow and whipper snip pre school
Spray weeds around town
Water newly planted trees
Laid turf up around ninja park
Trim street trees
Water main street hedges
Set up for the Hearts of Gold Festival
Uncover sewer manhole lids
Mow and whipper snip council chambers grounds
Grind footpaths to remove trip hazards
Street sweep Urban streets
Airport Safety inspection (Tuesday Wednesday Thursday)

7. MAJOR CAPITAL PROJECTS

Industrial Estate

Update

Civil works commenced in mid-September 2023. The Civil Works contract was awarded to Rod's Earthmoving and Excavation Pty Ltd. With works commencing in mid September 2023. The initial stage of construction covered: site establishment, vegetation clearing, survey set-up, material purchase and on-site storage.

Water and sewer construction will be undertaken by Killard Group. Power and telecommunication services still have to be finalised with design work underway in accordance with the requirements of each authority.

Works done and completed.

The initial stage of civil works has been completed. The preparation for road pavement has been completed with Council waiting on the compaction testing on subgrade. All drainage components are on site (pipes, pits etc.). The first stage of open channel construction has been completed.

All sewer and water components are purchased and waiting for construction action.

Works to be done in next month.

- Drainage works and Pavement construction.
- Water main construction .
- Commencement of sewer reticulation.
- Completion of the drainage open channel.
- Finalise power and telecommunication construction contract.

Issues

The delay in sewer and water construction due to contractor availability.

8. GENERAL INFORMATION

Field Investigations Newell Highway

As part of the Flood Mitigation works project for the Newell Highway Transport for NSW will be carrying out various field investigations on the Newell Highway at Marsden in November to inform the design of the Newell Highway Flood Mitigation – West Wyalong to Forbes project.

Transport will be working in the road corridor and on Crown land along the Newell Highway from 41km to 53km north of West Wyalong. These investigations will include the following:

- Geotechnical Investigations
- Biodiversity Studies
- Water sampling
- Noise Monitoring
- Traffic counts, and
- Heritage studies

For the geotechnical investigations, changed traffic conditions including stop/slow and a reduced speed limit of 40km/h will be in place during work hours. The remaining field investigations are non-invasive and will not have traffic impacts.

These works are expected to take around 4 weeks weather permitting.

6.19 Development Services Activity Report – October 2023



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DP10.2 Ensure Councillors take ownership and a strong leadership role

Author: Planning and Compliance Officer

Planning and Building Activities Update

The following DA applications were approved during October 2023:

Application No	Location	Description	Consent Authority	Approval Date
DA2024/0013	Community Event - Hearts of Gold Festival	1 Short Street, West Wyalong, 151 Neeld Street, Wyalong & Part Main Street, West Wyalong	Staff	9/10/2023
DA2024/0011	Demolition Existing Dwelling & Storage Shed + Construction of New Dwelling	28 Grenfell Street, West Wyalong	Staff	18/10/2023
DA2024/0008	Dual Occupancy (Detached)	10 Dumaresq Street, West Wyalong	Staff	19/10/2023
DA2024/0014	Residential Alterations & Additions - Dwelling Additions	177 Railway Road West Wyalong	Staff	27/10/2023
MA2024/0003	Addition of Skillion Roof to Existing Workshop of Approved Demolition of Existing Workshop – New Office Building + Covered Area, New Workshop Extension	51 Showground Road, West Wyalong	Staff	26/10/2023

Regulatory Activities Update

Dog Attacks

There were no dog attacks reported during October 2023.

Companion Animal Seizure and Impound Activities October 2023

Seizure Activities:	Dogs	Cats
Seized	2	1
Returned to Owner	0	0

Impounding Activities:	Dogs	Cats
Animals in pound at start of month	6	0
Incoming Animals		
Transferred from Seizure Activities	2	1
Dumped at Pound	2	4
Surrendered	1	0
Total Animals in Pound	11	5

Outgoing Animals		
Released to Owner	2	0
Euthanised	0	1
Rehoused (Rescued)	8	3
Sold	0	1
Died at Pound	0	0
Stolen	0	0
Escaped	0	0
Total Animals Leaving Pound	10	5
Animals in Pound at end of Month	1	0

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES



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

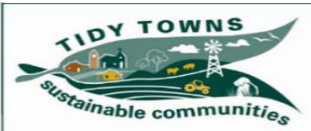
Section 355 Committee	Date/s	Minutes Attached
Barmedman Community Committee	17 October 2023	✓

Recommendation:

That Council endorse the Committee meeting minutes as presented.

Barmedman Community Committee

A Section 355 Committee of Bland Shire Council, NSW



MINUTES for Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 17th October, 2023 at 5:00 p.m.

At: Barmedman Bowling Club, Queen St. Barmedman, 2668

- Present:** Belinda Hall, Victoria Middleton, Gary Brouwer, Christine Inman, Pat Wells, John Lynch, Shirley Clay and Tony Martin.
- Apologies:** Keith Edwards.
- Minutes:** Motion to endorse August 22 and August 29 Meeting Minutes
 Moved John Lynch. Seconded Pat Wells. Crd.
- Business Arising:** To General Business:
- Correspondence:** Outward: 27/08 Meeting Minutes (22/08) emailed to all members and council.
 27/08 Meeting Minutes for ToR and MoU changes (29/08) emailed to all members and council.
 24/08 Belinda emailed Alison Balind re Crown Land maps, the \$5000 council donation and internet banking.
 04/09 Belinda emailed Alison Balind the Courthouse Repair & Renovation Proposal.
 06/09 Victoria emailed August Income Reporting to Alison Balind & Council.
 22/09 September meeting postponed due to numbers and members advised by email.
 30/09 Victoria emailed Butts 4 Buck\$ to advise of new bank account details for donations. Liz Oliver from Moses & Son responded with thanks.
 01/10 Victoria emailed our September Income Reporting to Alison Balind & Council
 12/10 Belinda emailed Alison Balind about the \$5000 yearly Council donation to the Committee and Alison emailed (13/10) advising she will follow up with Leesa Bryant for the timeframe.
- Inward: 5/10 Email from Alison Balind about applications for 2023 Anzac Community Grants Program. Motion to apply for the grant.
 Moved John Lynch. Seconded Belinda Hall. Crd.
 07/09 Email from Council. Minutes from Barmedman Community Forum, (24/08). Belinda emailed (08/09) a response about the absence of the community discussion about the crime wave.
 09/10 Commonwealth Bank statement received for September.

- Treasurer's Reports:** Motion to endorse August Treasurer's Report.
Move Gary Brouwer. Seconded John Lynch Crd.
- Motion to endorse September Treasurer's report.
Moved Gary Brouwer. Seconded John Lynch. Crd.

- General Business:**
1. Resignation of Vice President, Chris Stanmore. Victoria to forward his resignation to Council.
 2. Recommendation to Council to install taps either side of Queen st shops block for watering verges and cleaning shop paths.
Moved Victoria Middleton. Seconded Belinda Hall Crd.
 3. Shirley advises Marlyn has the 355 Committee trailer for watering the garden verges. Shirley will ask Marylin about the trailer.
 4. Ask council to supply a generator to use power tools to restore artillery in park. We'll see how the grant goes beforehand.
 5. Purchase a high-pressure hose for town use e.g., for the sidewalks of shop fronts, courthouse verandah & toilets at Rec ground. Pat asked about the tap access in the queen street area (see no. 2).
Suggest Karcher 7 Full Premium. Low end of commercial quality. \$750.00
Moved: Gary Brouwer. Seconded John Lynch. Crd.
 6. The Courthouse Project – cleaning. Belinda and Christine spent 4 hours cleaning the courthouse for the engineer's inspection for the council renovation.
 7. Grant for Memorial Gardens: Anzac Community Grants Program
 8. Sports & Rec Ground Amenities. Victoria recommended that we order toilet rolls for the 4 new toilet roll dispensers from Council.
Moved Pat Wells. Seconded Belinda Hall.
 9. Petty cash float recommended to assist with the problem of changing cash for camper's fees, and urgent incidentals. Locked Cash tin, \$100. Float and vouchers to be kept with the treasurer.
Moved Belinda Hall. Seconded Christine Inman. Crd.
 10. Queen street back lane maintenance has not been completed by council.
 11. Crown Land Maps – Belinda has received them.
 13. Community Forum comments (24/08/23)
 14. Gary raised the question of using the bank funds in a better investment account and Victoria said that it was not a good idea. The funds are Council's and there to be used.
 15. Gary raised the issue of the camp ground sign. Belinda said she has not forwarded to information to Council to have the design made. Victoria said she would do so.
 16. Tony Martin expressed an interest in using the Courthouse for NDIS for 1 day a week as a business enterprise. He would like to join the committee.
 17. Shirley has confirmed that the Barmedman Hall Committee, will be holding a Christmas event on 9th December.

Next meeting: Tuesday, 28th November, 2023 at 4:30 p.m.

Location: Barmedman Bowling Club, Queen St, Barmedman

Meeting Closed: 6:17 p.m.

Bland Shire Council

Treasurer's Report

§ 355 Committee Name:

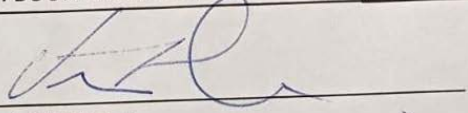
Barmedman Community Committee

INCOME & EXPENDITURE FOR THE PERIOD >>> 1 August to 31 August

2023

Income	\$
Funds from Council	
Grants other than from Council	
Campers Fees	\$150.00
Donations	
Events	
Projects	
Sundries	
Interest Received	
GST	
TOTAL INCOME	\$150.00
CASH BOOK BALANCE AS @ 1-Aug-23	\$6,716.42
INCOME	\$150.00
EXPENDITURE	\$160.00
CASH BOOK BALANCE AS @ 31-Aug-23	\$6,706.42

Expenditure	\$
Payments to Council	
Electricity	
Petty Cash	
Printing & Stationary	
Project Costs	
Event Costs	
Equipment/Maintenance	\$176.00
Other Expenses	
Bank Charges	
LESS GST	\$16.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	\$160.00
BANK BALANCE @ 31-Aug-23	\$6,706.42
PLUS Banked & Cash on Hand	\$0.00
LESS Outstanding Cheques	\$0.00
CASH BOOK BALANCE AS @ 31-Aug-23	\$6,706.42

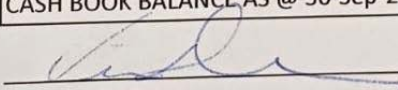

Victoria Middleton
TREASURER

Bland Shire Council Treasurer's Report

§ 355 Committee Name: Barmedman Community Committee

INCOME & EXPENDITURE FOR THE PERIOD > 1 September to 30 September 2023

Income	\$	Expense	\$
Funds from Council		Payments to Council	
Grants other than from Council		Electricity	
Campers Fees	\$140.00	Petty Cash	
Donations		Printing & Stationary	
Events		Project Costs	
Projects		Event Costs	
Sundries		Equipment/Maintenance	
Interest Received	\$13.17	Other Expenses	
GST		Bank Charges	
		GST	
TOTAL INCOME	\$153.17	TOTAL EXPENSES	\$0.00
CASH BOOK BALANCE AS @1-Sep-23	\$6,706.42	BANK BALANCE @ 31-Sep-23	\$6,859.59
INCOME	\$153.17	PLUS Banked & Cash on Hand	
EXPENDITURE	\$0.00	LESS Outstanding Cheques	
CASH BOOK BALANCE AS @ 30-Sep-23	\$6,859.59	CASH BOOK BALANCE AS @ 31-Sep-23	\$6,859.59


Victoria Middleton
TREASURER

Victoria,

I spent 1 and a half hours picking up rubbish at the footy grounds, and then went home to get a beer and go back and have a drink with some people in a caravan and they told me that some kids were there and they kicked the bins over and laughed about it so I have better things to do with my life than pick up rubbish after kids who have no respect for other people.

So, I hereby resigned from the 355 club

Chris Stanmore.