

Business Paper
Council Meeting
19 March 2024



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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March 2024			
19 March	6.30pm	Council Meeting	Council Chambers
21 March	2.00pm	Budget Workshop	Council Chambers
22 March	TBA	NSW Country Mayors Association	Sydney
28 March	10.30am	Police Community Safety Precinct Committee meeting	TAFE, West Wyalong

April 2024			
2 April	4.00pm	Council Workshop	Council Chambers
11 April	10.00am	Goldenfields Water County Council	Temora
11 April	5.00pm	Youth Centre Opening	Youth Centre
16 April	6.30pm	Council Meeting	Council Chambers
18 April	6.00pm	New Residents Welcome	Bland Shire Library

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- 1. RECORDING OF MEETING STATEMENT**
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- 4. DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST**
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8.1 583 Newell Highway, Wyalong

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

The matters and information are the following:

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

REPORTS FROM STAFF

Section 1 – Executive Services

6.1 Monthly Status Report – Council Meeting Actions: March 2024



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: March 2024.

Monthly Status Report – Council Meeting Actions

Resolution	Responsible Person	Progress Update
AUGUST 2023		
<p>General Manager Annual Performance Review for period ending 30 June 2023 20082023 RESOLVED: 1. That Council note the report of the Performance Review Panel 2. The matter of the appropriateness of the General Manager's Total Remuneration Package be subject to a further report to Council.</p>	General Manager	5/10: Awaiting further report
OCTOBER 2023		
<p>Renovation Costs - Community Care Building 09102023 RESOLVED that Council: 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	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>Strengthening Communities Application – Skin Check Truck 12102023 RESOLVED that Council: 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	15/11: Applicant advised of Council decision and plan to implement more frequent/longer visits to Bland Shire. 13/12 Contact to be made directly with Skin Check early in 2024 to identify future visit dates and locations. 14/2: initial visit of skin check truck will be 19 and 20 April, further dates to be confirmed

Monthly Status Report – Council Meeting Actions

Resolution	Responsible Person	Progress Update
<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. 	Director Technical Services	7/11: Planning Proposal has received a gateway determination from Dept of Planning. Council is working through the next steps
DECEMBER 2023		
<p>Hearts of Gold Festival 2023 11122023 RESOLVED that Council defer consideration of item 6.3 - Hearts of Gold Festival 2023 report until a full breakdown of funding is provided.</p>	General Manager	29/1: Report prepared for February meeting 29/2: Report submitted and adopted COMPLETE
<p>Barmedman Community Committee 20122023 RESOLVED:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That Council receive the report for information and notes the minutes of the Barmedman Community Committee held on Tuesday 28 November 2023. 2. That the Barmedman Community Committee members be advised that an election to fill the vacant executive positions be held at the next general meeting to be held on 27 February 2024. 	Director Corporate & Community Services	14/2: AGM to be held 27 February 2024
<p>Active Transport Plan - Public Exhibition 25122023 RESOLVED:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That Council endorse the draft Bland Shire Active Movement Strategy and place on public exhibition until 26 February 2024 seeking feedback. 2. At the finalisation of the public consultation phase a further report will be prepared and presented to Council. 	Director Technical Services	31/1: On display at Council Administration Centre, Shire Street. Roadshow for Barmedman and Ungarie Public consultation phase completed. Final report to be present to March Council meeting
<p>Goldenfields Water County Council MOU 26122023 RESOLVED that Council authorise the Mayor and the General Manager to enter a Memorandum of Understanding with Goldenfields Water County Council.</p>	Director Technical Services	24/1: Goldenfields advised, waiting on formal document to execute

Monthly Status Report – Council Meeting Actions

Resolution	Responsible Person	Progress Update
Property Purchase – 20 Calleen Street West Wyalong 31122023 RESOLVED that Council reject the offer received and authorise the General Manager to continue negotiations for the sale of 20 Calleen St (Lot 3 DP 1101248) West Wyalong.	Director Technical Services	31/1: Party advised of Council's position, negotiations continuing
FEBRUARY 2024		
Cost Shifting onto Local Government 03022024 That Council: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. receive and note the findings of the LGNSW Cost Shifting report for the 2021/2022 financial year; and 2. a copy of the cost shifting report be placed on Council's website so that our communities can access it; and 3. write to the NSW Premier, the NSW Treasurer and the NSW Minister for Local Government requesting that they urgently seek to address these costs through a combination of regulatory reform, budgetary provision and appropriate funding. 	General Manager	29/2: Report uploaded to Council website 12/3: Letters sent. COMPLETE
Bland Shire By-election and representation 06022024 That Council: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Write to the Deputy Secretary, Local Government seeking approval of the Minister for Local Government to dispense with requirements to hold a by-election to fill the vacancy left by the passing of Councillor Baker. 2. Nominate Cr Crowe as Bland Shire Council's representative on the Bland-Temora Rural Fire District Zone Liaison Committee. 	General Manager	28/2: Letter sent to Dep. Sec. Local Government COMPLETE

Monthly Status Report – Council Meeting Actions

Resolution	Responsible Person	Progress Update
<p>New requirements for Risk Management and Internal Audit process 13022024 That Council:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Confirms its commitment to the Internal Audit Alliance consisting of the Councils of Bland, Coolamon, Cootamundra-Gundagai, Junee, Lockhart and Temora. b) Endorses, in principle, the Draft Terms of Reference for Bland Shire Council's Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee including the Internal Audit Charter and place the document on public exhibition for a period of 28 days from 22 February 2024 for the purpose of consultation and feedback with a further report to be brought back to Council at the conclusion of the consultation. c) Seeks expressions of interest from suitably qualified persons, in conjunction with the Alliance Councils, to act as the Chair of the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committees of each of those Councils. d) Seeks expressions of interest from suitably qualified persons to act as independent members of the Bland Shire Council Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee. 	<p>Director Corporate & Community Services</p>	
<p>Strengthening Communities Application – Wyalong Public School P&C Committee 14022024 That Council approve the application for funding of the Wyalong Public School P&C Committee under the Strengthening Communities Fund in the amount of \$533.</p>	<p>Director Corporate & Community Services</p>	
<p>RFT Tender Evaluation– Heavy Patch Programme – 2024 16022024 That Council award the Tender: VP393813 for the delivery of Heavy Patching Works, across the sealed network within the Bland Shire LGA to Fulton Hogan Industries Pty Ltd to the value of \$3,108,802.00 (Excl. GST) subject to variations.</p>	<p>Director Technical Services</p>	<p>Completed, contractor engaged</p>
<p>West Wyalong Industrial Park 20022024 That Council adopt the recommended pricing schedule for proposed Lots 1 – 6 in the Central Road Business Park as contained within the report.</p>	<p>Director Technical Services</p>	<p>Completed</p>

Monthly Status Report – Council Meeting Actions

Resolution	Responsible Person	Progress Update
<p>Request – Sealing Boundary Road 21022024 That Council provide in principal support for the sealing of Boundary Road from the Southern boundary of Lot 1235 DP 753135 to Compton Road subject to the future approval of a suitable Development Application for subdivision relating to Lot 1235 DP 753135 and be the subject of a future report to Council to commit the appropriate funding.</p>	Director Technical Services	Completed, Developer notified of resolution
<p>Bland/Temora Family Day Care 22022024 That Council explore options for the Bland/Temora Family Day Care scheme to transition the provision of support services by 31 December 2024.</p>	Director Corporate & Community Services	
<p>RFT Tender Reseal Programme 2024 23022024 That Council withdraw the current report pursuant to Tender: VP365128 for delivery of Council's 2024 Road Resealing Programme, for the sealed road network; and move to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Reject current offers based on the significant change to the scope in order to maximize value to Council; and to complete the programme of works within the time constraints associated with the budget relating to this tender. This action will mitigate commercial risk to Council. 2) Not invite fresh tenders as this would represent an unacceptable delay in the project, risking non-completion of the programme. 3) Pursuant to Clause 178 (3) (e) of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2021, enter into negotiations with suitable contractors for the BSC - 2024 Reseal Programme. Overall value to Council is to be achieved by inviting the current tenderers, the opportunity to resubmit prices based on the modified programme. 4) Authorises the General Manager to award the contract after the completion of the negotiation process, to expedite procurement time. 	Director Technical Services	

6.2 Endorsement of Communication and Engagement Strategy



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DP11.2 Provide innovative and accessible communication strategies to Shire residents to encourage active participation in Council's future.

Author: Media and Communications Officer

Introduction

The purpose of this report is to submit the Draft Communication and Engagement Plan (provided under separate cover) for review and endorsement by Bland Shire Council.

Financial Implications

Nil

Summary

The Integrated Planning and Reporting (IP&R) Guidelines were first issued by the Office of Local Government (OLG) in 2010. The Guidelines have been updated to reflect legislative changes enacted through the Local Government Amendment (Governance and Planning) Act 2016. With the release of the new Guidelines in September 2022, Community engagement has been expanded to encompass the entire IP&R process.

This reflects new requirements, extending the Community Engagement Strategy to all aspects of council engagement, not just the Community Strategic Plan. Additional requirements under the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 to prepare a Community Participation Plan can be incorporated into a council's wider Community Engagement Strategy. As a result of this change, Bland Shire Council's Community Engagement Strategy has been reviewed by staff, and a communication strategy has been developed in conjunction with this review.

Communication and engagement work in parallel and are inherently connected, resulting in overlap of implementation actions. This document has been drafted with this in mind, creating a single document that incorporates both our requirements to provide an updated Community Engagement Strategy under the IP&R Guidelines, and to identify a pathway to improve Bland Shire Council communication techniques.

The Communication and Engagement Strategy is designed to look at the ways that Bland Shire Council currently engage and communicate, and to assess the success of these techniques against current outcomes. The plan includes action items and an implementation plan to clearly outline how the current practises and strategies will be improved and includes a practical engagement toolkit for staff use. It has been developed to practically assist the staff in meeting the Community Strategic Plan, particularly objectives 4.3 and 11.2.

Recommendation:

1. That Council endorse the Draft Communication and Engagement Strategy and place it on public exhibition for a minimum period of 28 days from Friday 22 March 2024 for community comment.
 2. Following the period of exhibition and a minimum period of 14 days following to allow for written submissions to be made, a further report be presented to Council prior to the Strategy being adopted.
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6.3 Why Leave Town Cards



Our Prosperity - Growing our population and jobs

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

Author: Tourism and Administration Officer

Introduction:

Council has taken responsibility of managing the Why Leave Town (WLT) cards as Business West Wyalong have been inactive. Council has been part of the WLT program for four years and in recent months has received notification from WLT to order the next bundle of WLT cards as the stock was low.

In the past, funding for the payment of the cards was shared between Council and Evolution.

The life of a card is three years, and any money remaining on a WLT card and not spent by the expiry date sits in a breakage account. At present, all funds that have expired in the Bland Shire Gift Card Program have been circulated back into the program.

Council purchased 1000 cards at a cost of \$2879 + GST in July 2023 with funding from the breakage account.

It is also worth noting that in October this year, the annual subscription will be due, at \$2,000 (ex GST) for 1 year, or \$4500 (ex GST) for 3 years. This subscription will be funded from the breakage account.

WLT has a commitment not to let the funds being held in the breakage account get too big, and if it does WLT will approach Council with suggestions on how this money can be reinvested back into the program, e.g. - prize draws, marketing material, etc.

Currently \$59,771 of funds are loaded on the local WLT cards and have not been spent in local businesses.

Top card redemptions and value of redemptions per participating business in Bland Shire between October 2019 and February 2024 are provided in the table below.

Store Name	Number of Redemptions	Value of Redemptions
Bernardi's Marketplace	4,316	\$160,452.28
West Wyalong IGA	1,440	\$48,103.62
Shell Westend Service Station	512	\$21,111.02
West Wyalong Jewellers	328	\$17,200.15
West Wyalong S. & C. Club Ltd.	827	\$10,847.72
All Occasions	179	\$10,101.09
Wendy's Embroidery Service	175	\$9,162.28
Bland Shire Council	118	\$8,599.33
House of Fashion	129	\$7,060.54
Souden's Furniture One	84	\$6,057.93

Pink Velvet	140	\$5,487.67
West Wyalong Chemist	159	\$5,353.71
Davies Automotive & Industrial	102	\$5,206.14
Discount Dollar	234	\$5,078.87
The Old Gum Tree Garden Centre	96	\$4,471.68
NewsXpress West Wyalong	128	\$4,159.54
What's Cookin	210	\$3,859.60
West Wyalong Butchery	87	\$3,397.40
Broadway Shoes	64	\$3,325.90
Charlie's Hardware	70	\$3,153.64
White Tank Hotel	103	\$3,024.97
Top Town Tavern	64	\$2,341.54
Harvey Norman West Wyalong	36	\$2,286.90
Duncan's chainsaw and mower centre	35	\$2,161.90
Hair Off Main	43	\$2,149.80
Royal Hotel West Wyalong	52	\$2,076.12
The Little Shed	44	\$2,000.30
Davies Motorcycles	15	\$1,883.39
The Metropolitan Hotel	65	\$1,700.24
Terry White Pharmacy West Wyalong	37	\$1,258.54
Jade Teahouse Restaurant	37	\$1,174.05
Tattersalls Hotel West Wyalong	38	\$1,139.00
Kelly's Plumbing Supplies	12	\$1,110.37
Donaldson Industries	9	\$1,030.20
Panache Lifestyle and Living	22	\$942.74
Tamara's	45	\$726.70
Presto Restoration & Refinishing	1	\$692.24
Armstrong Toyota	12	\$591.05
Body,Health &Bowen	13	\$537.20
761 Beauty	9	\$505.00
Tivoli West Wyalong	20	\$464.00
Tony Lord Optometrist	8	\$450.00
Paragon Café	20	\$437.48
Exclusive Hot Glass	9	\$435.90
Splatter Gallery and Art Studio	6	\$280.00
Barmedman General Store	4	\$220.50
761 hair and body	3	\$180.00
West Wyalong Sew and Save	7	\$127.60
Murrays Maxi Taxi	5	\$62.97
West Wyalong Caravan Park	1	\$50.00
West Wyalong Landfill	2	\$45.00
Total	10,175	\$374,275.81

Financial Implications

A large component of expired funds come about from the 5-10% value left on cards. By holding the money in the breakage account, Council will have a program that becomes self-funding and can also continue to evolve if there are extra funds left over.

Summary

Council is due to order the next lot of cards, 2000 cards at \$5519 + GST. This 2000 cards will be funded out of the breakage account at no cost to Council.

Recommendation:

That Council receive and note the Why Leave Town Cards report.

6.4 Delegates Report – Mining and Energy Related Councils



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

Author: General Manager

Introduction

Bland Shire Council is a member of the Association of Mining and Energy Related Councils (MERC) and is currently represented on the Executive Committee by Cr McGlynn.

The Association currently represent a diverse number of NSW local government councils with an interest in mining and/or energy.

The Association has been involved in developing guidelines on voluntary planning agreements (VPAs) with the Department of Planning and Environment and stakeholders, these were then initially intended to be used for other non-mining development such as renewable energy (solar and wind).

The Association provides a cost-effective solution for a local government council that has mining and energy in its area that have the need for the support and a voice in the association and the need of support for the associated ongoing negotiations with government and the private sector.

In January 2022 Council determined that Cr McGlynn be the Bland Shire delegate to MERC. The MERC Constitution (2018) currently provides for a member council to be represented by two delegates.

Information

The Association has recently seen some change with the Executive Officer Greg Lamont retiring and the Executive Committee engaging Future Together Group (FTG) to take on the executive responsibilities for MERC.

FTG met with the Executive Committee in December and identified five priorities for 2024.

1. Governance: constitution and strategy review; working group formation; branding and website review; membership tiering review; events (including meetings, Strategic Policy Forum and Conference)
2. Value Proposition: reframe and expand MERC's value proposition.
3. Membership: lift membership and reform delegate structure
4. Resourcing: create a resilient financial platform for MERC
5. Policy & Advocacy: develop four key policies for MERC, including on quarrying and REZs, and lift advocacy on issues that matter to members.

Following this, in early February Cr McGlynn and the General Manager attended a Strategic Planning Forum which offered delegates the opportunity to shape the direction of MERC and establish actions that improve outcomes for members into the future. Owing to there being a change of Executive Officer and the forum being to discuss strategic planning for the MERC the General Manager chose to attend the forum alongside Cr McGlynn.

The two day event held in Lithgow was attended by Bland, Blayney, Forbes, Lachlan, Orange, Parkes, Walgett, Warrumbungle, and Wollondilly Councils.

The Hon Stephen Lawrence MLC (Duty MLC for Bland) joined the forum for a short period to hear from the group on issues of importance, particularly the review of the Regional Development Act and the Resources for Regions funding that we have all become accustomed to.

Unfortunately, FTG have recently confirmed that Resources for Regions funding will be discontinued by the NSW Government, presenting a problem for Councils. FTG is now (on behalf of MERC) developing an advocacy program (joint position paper and direct advocacy) with the Mining and Energy Union and NSW Minerals Council to address the issue of financial support for councils.

FTG discussed the MERC submission to government that had been prepared on the Regional Development Act. Feedback is that the submission was well received and very quickly made its way across departments and to ministers.

FTG provided guidance on how councils (in a regional context) may look toward undertaking a regional mining assessment and providing justification around mining impacts to community. The outcome of such an activity would provide clear evidence of the \$ impact of mining. It would also be a costly exercise.

Over the two days, the group discussion was good amongst MERC members, with direction provided by the experienced FTG team. Provided for Councillor information is the **attached** MERC Strategic Planning Forum Outcomes Report.

I would expect under the guidance of FTG, MERC can look toward a strong future, and it will seek to increase relevance and drive increased membership.

In relation to delegate representation, the approaching local government elections, would suggest that consideration of an additional delegate be made following the elections and a determination made on whom should represent Bland Shire.

Recommendation:

That the Delegates Report for the Mining and Energy Related Councils February Meeting be received and noted.

Attachment:- MERC Strategic Planning Forum Outcomes Report

Mining & Energy Related Councils

Strategic Planning
Forum

Outcomes Report

9-10 February 2024

MERC Strategic Planning Forum

The MERC Strategic Planning Forum (SPF) was held in Lithgow from 9-10 February 2024 to provide members an opportunity to modernise and optimise the Association and its policy platforms.

Councils with mining and new energy projects face many challenges, including funding, planning system and benefits-sharing issues, and the Forum provided attendees with the opportunity to reset the Association's approach to ensure it can best address these challenges for member councils.

This Outcomes Report provides members with a summary of Forum talking points. The Report also requests responses to **Key Actions** from member councils on issues such as Constitution changes, strategic reset and policy priorities.



Overview

MERC Strategic Planning Forum

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Where: University of Western Sydney – Lithgow Campus – Maldhan Ngurr Ngurra Lithgow Transformation Hub

Delegates: Kevin Duffy, Jason Hamling (Orange); Phyllis Miller, Steve Loane (Forbes); Dennis Brady, Bryce Koop (Lachlan); Liz McGlynn, Grant Baker (Bland); Scott Ferguson, Mark Dicker (Blayney); Kent Boyd (Parkes); Michael Banasik, Matthew Deeth (Wollondilly); Jason Ramien, Megan Dixon (Walgett); Denis Todd (Warrumbungle).

Session details:

- **MERC Position on State Government Issues:** discussion of key priorities and Guest Speaker
- **MERC Organisational Planning:** vision, value proposition, composition and administration
- **MERC Policy Session 1:** focus on regional funding mechanisms, including Resources for Regions
- **MERC Policy Session 2:** quarries and the potential for MERC leadership on revised ratings mechanism
- **MERC Policy Session 3:** MERC member priorities, including renewables rating and planning agreements



Guest Speaker

Hon Stephen Lawrence MLC

The SPF began with a presentation from our Guest Speaker: the Hon Stephen Lawrence MLC.

Stephen was a Barrister prior to being elected to parliament and is a former Mayor of the Dubbo Region. He had a national legal practise specialising in public law. He is a former Vice President (Regional) of Local Government NSW and is passionate about the role local governments can play in community advocacy.

Stephen agreed to act as a parliamentary liaison for MERC in its advocacy role for member councils on the key issues that impact them. His presentation was welcomed, particularly his acknowledgement of resourcing constraints facing mining and energy councils as they address the impacts of activities in their LGAs and on the emerging challenges of renewable energy developments and rating.

MERC members can raise critical issues with the MERC Executive, and the Executive can take issues to Stephen to raise in parliamentary circles.

Forum Summary

- Key Challenges identified by delegates during the SPF included:
 - **Councils bearing the impacts of projects but not being supported** (financial, information, and other forms of support): uncertain future for Resources for Regions and other support mechanisms
 - **Integrated land use pressures**, including challenges from new energy developments
 - **Planning Agreements/ Benefits-Sharing system** as opaque, inconsistent, and uncertain; issues with State Significant Development parameters
 - **Competitive vs long-term funding**: difficult for mining and energy impacted councils to plan longer-term budgets to address costs of industrial activity.
 - **Navigating emergent technologies and projects** - new energy presents new challenges, particularly around rating
 - **Regional ‘groundswell’ of discontent** - there is an emerging political/ societal discontent around how regions are bearing the impacts of state significant developments but not being supported to address these impacts.
 - Just the **sheer diversity of issues** for MERC members from Walgett’s small mining licencing challenges, to wind farm benefit sharing, to State Government decision making about funding programs...MERC members face many challenges

MERC's Role

- Attendees were asked what they want from MERC:
 - **Conduit into government:** advocacy, policy development, events and regular attendance at meetings by parliamentary liaison
 - **Policy Development:**
 - Integration of new industries – planning and benefits-sharing policies
 - Planning Agreements and support for councils across complex agreements issues
 - Assistance with policy priorities; for example, small mining licences issues for Walgett Shire
 - **Advocate for support** including longer-term funding for councils to enable longer-term planning
 - **Be politically agnostic** to ensure a focus on the issues for diverse communities, be an advocacy and policy group for all relevant councils, access across governments regardless of political persuasion



Organisational Planning

Operational Future for MERC

The first of the SPF member-driven sections explored the operational future for MERC, including:

- Name and Branding
- Vision Statement
- Value Proposition
- Strategic Plan
- Constitution
- Membership
- Advocacy
- Meetings and Events (Conference)

Name, Vision & Value Proposition

- SPF Attendees were given time to explore name and branding for MERC, the development of a vision/ mission statement and how best to frame the value that MERC delivers for members:
 - **Name:** created significant debate, with options including: a) keep current name; b) Mining & Energy Councils c) Resources & Energy Impacted Councils; d) Resources & Energy Councils; and, e) Energy & Resources Councils.
 - **Vision:** delegates suggested that certain themes should be included in the vision: peak body, the 'go-to', needs to be inclusive, empower members
 - **Mission & Goals:** themes for the mission/ goals include - policy development; advocacy, lift membership; MERC as trusted and recognised voice (awareness/ cut-through); generate new ideas
 - **Value Proposition:** on the issue of the value MERC brings, delegates discussed - support; enlightenment; successful advocacy; respected; peak body; independence, evidence-based, apolitical, agnostic; collaborative; results focused; bridge to media and government. The key proposition on value needs to be:
 - Can you afford not to be a member?
 - Development of a One-pager that supports delegates in demonstrating membership value to council

Member Action: Name, Vision, Mission

MERC Members to respond via email to michael@futuretogether.com.au as to their preferences/ suggestions on the issues below:

- **Name** (examples): a) Mining & Energy Related Councils (keep current name) b) Mining & Energy Councils NSW c) Resources & Energy Impacted Councils; d) Resources & Energy Councils; e) Energy & Resources Councils; f) Your Suggestion
- **Vision** (example): MERC will empower members through inclusive advocacy and policy development that creates positive change for energy and resource communities in NSW.
- **Mission** (example): to lead policies, drive innovation and achieve sustainable outcomes through proactive advocacy delivering positive outcomes for a large member base and NSW communities on mining and energy-related issues.

Strategic Plan

- MERC Strategic Plan 2023-2026: Advocacy, Resourcing & Empowering
- **Current and future focused relevance:** shifting the focus from historical context to present-day. What are the **emerging trends** that matter to MERC members?
- Key Task for Executive Officer: develop a simple one-page strategic canvas that:
 - Clearly and succinctly captures MERC's strategic directions on a page accessible for MERC members
 - Provides a resource to accompany the value proposition one-pager that delegates can use to demonstrate value to member and non-member councils
 - Enables Government representatives and other bodies to clearly see 'why MERC' and our strategic framework



Constitution

Amendments

Key constitutional changes – to be put to the Exec Committee in March – include:

- **Definitions section** (key terms not defined in current version)
- **Membership clauses** do not specify fees and tiers
- **Committee composition** should overtly place role of Secretary and Treasurer in the Executive Officer role and allow this role to be a third-party appointment
- **Requires a section on Electronic Ballots** we need to improve remote access to voting rather than have high apologies/ absentees with smaller quorum
- **Transaction of business outside meetings** formal system for teleconferencing extraordinary meetings – decision agility and real-time member input

Membership, Advocacy & Events

- Discussion by attendees on Membership, Advocacy, Events reached the following conclusions:
 - Consensus on benefits of affiliate members and a suggestion that where the interested party is not appropriate for affiliate status (e.g. industry partner) that they be brought on as a key 'event sponsor' rather than affiliate
 - Universities seen as aligned partners, ongoing discussion will be required on other potential affiliates; recommendation that the Resources Knowledge Hub would be an ideal network candidate; requirement for strong affiliate selection criteria (vetting process).
 - Pro-rata memberships seen as essential, and potential for 'free conference for new members'.
 - Voting to remain as is – the current system works and should not be altered.
 - Advocacy: MERC needs to be flexible/ agile; use the weight of members; use media; focus on engagement rather than partnerships in our advocacy efforts (partnerships can create political alignments).
 - Events: meetings and events to be held in normal working week; meetings to be held in Parliament House, Sydney where possible; meetings should align with 'Country Mayors' where possible; more notice of meetings to be given; extraordinary meetings on key issues seen as essential as councils facing some critical challenges.

Policy Sessions:

- Review of Regional Development Act and Funding Implications
- Quarrying
- Member Priorities

Regional Development

- In late 2023, MERC developed a submission to the Review of the Draft Regional Development Act. Key takeouts from this process include:
 - MERC's draft submission has been well-received and got the attention of government, parliamentarians and Councils – making it a policy position that MERC can employ to increase influence and gain new members to strengthen our advocacy position and reach
 - MERC's alternative to Resources for Regions funding – a rating mechanism to assess and rate impacts of mining and energy activities in council boundaries – has gained broad interest and seen as tangible policy alternative to former program.
- Policy alternative (using rating system) to include:
 - Identification of impacts by region: create a pilot/s in member council (identify case studies) for impact assessment
 - Development of a rating mechanism based on the impact assessment
- Resourcing for pilot assessments = ~\$150,000; seeking funding through NSW Government budgetary processes
- MERC to develop a Sub-Committee on Regional Development and Jobs to give oversight to the pilot, lead on the joint NSW State Budget position paper (see next page for Policy Update), and create alignment with any future transitions/ jobs + investment authorities.

Policy Update: Resources for Regions

- In the time since the MERC SPF, it has been confirmed that the Resources for Regions program has been cancelled. This creates significant resourcing issues for affected member councils.
- MERC is currently creating a joint NSW State Budget position paper developed between MERC councils, several non-MERC councils, the NSW Minerals Council and the Mining and Energy Union on a proposed replacement program for Resources for Regions and Royalties for Rejuvenation. This advocacy initiative will aim to make key parliamentarians and ministers aware of the precarious position of council budgets after the decision to cancel funding programs and to propose a way forward that better supports affected councils.
- Once drafted, the position paper will be sent around to member and non-member Councils for feedback, input and endorsement.

Quarry Policy

- **Why is it needed?** Disparity in rating for quarries across Councils – in some areas/ cases, quarries are paying less rates than urban residential ratepayers; there has never been an assessment undertaken on quarry rating across NSW
- **Who does it affect?** Every member Council and most non-member Councils have a quarry or multiple quarries in their LGAs
- **MERC Actions:**
 - Establish a Statewide Roundtable on quarrying, including key stakeholders and a MERC representative
 - MERC Working Group on Quarrying (sub-committee) to oversee assessment, policy development and advocacy; key tasks include - Selecting committee members and chair; Terms of Reference; key activities
 - Develop quarry assessment and policy; establish advocacy plan.

Member Priorities

- **New energy:**
 - delegates raised the issue of generating rating revenue from new energy as an area of confusion and opportunity;
 - Solar = possible, but wind energy more complicated as turbines cannot be differentially rated – but there is the potential to create a sub-category; attendees asked ‘how do we as councils get some financial support for the impacts that wind developments incur on LGAs?’
 - MERC needs to initiate a review of benefit sharing and value capture for new energy projects in NSW.
- **Resourcing and Funding:** every member Council and most non-member Councils struggling financially and those that were receiving Resources for Regions are badly affected. Need to ensure that the issue of financial support/ mechanisms be the common thread across all MERC policies.
- **Planning Agreements:** explore the potential for ‘tiering’ of planning agreement mechanisms – rating first, VPA as alternative lever. Develop policy and advocacy program on Planning Agreements/ Benefits-Sharing.

Policy Summary

Key policy activities for MERC in 2024:

- a joint NSW State Budget position paper developed between MERC councils, several non-MERC councils, the NSW Minerals Council and the Mining and Energy Union on a proposed replacement program for Resources for Regions and Royalties for Rejuvenation,
- a re-drafting of the social impact criteria under the Resources and Energy SEPP,
- a review of benefit sharing and value capture for new energy projects in NSW – including for PHES and energy from waste which are not presently addressed in the draft Guideline,
- the development of a shared planning and compliance resource for quarrying regulation in New South Wales, together with a review of the best-practice guideline, and
- a submission to the review into local government revenues and the Parliamentary Inquiry into rate pegging.

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Section 2 – Corporate & Community Services

6.5 Finance and Investment Report for February 2024



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 FEBRUARY 2024.

BANK BALANCES AS AT 29TH FEBRUARY 2024

ACCOUNT	BALANCE
General Fund	\$7,138,637.78
Business Card	\$40,000.00
	\$7,178,637.78
<i>Invested Funds</i>	
Fixed Deposits	\$77,200,000.00
Deposits at Call	\$3,136,119.74
	\$80,336,119.74
Net Balance	\$87,514,757.52
Percentage of Invested Funds to Net Balance	91.80%

**STATEMENT OF BANK BALANCES AS AT 29.02.2024
SUBMITTED TO THE ORDINARY MEETING FEBRUARY 20, 2024**

BALANCE as at 01.02.24 **\$6,397,923.92**

Add Receipts

Receipts Over \$150,000

08/02/24 Trans from General to CAC	1,000,000.00
16/02/24 Trans from CAC	1,000,000.00
16/02/24 Evolution Rates	264,624.25
28/02/24 Macquarie Bank Redemption	1,000,000.00
28/02/24 Regional Road Block Grant	415,500.00

Receipts Under \$150,000 2,243,126.23

Total Receipts for February 2024 **\$5,923,250.48**

Less Payments

Payments over \$150,000

01/02/24 ING Bank (Australia)	-1,000,000.00
01/02/24 Temora Shire Council	-151,790.48
16/02/24 ING Bank (Australia)	-1,000,000.00
22/02/24 Technology One	-158,028.41
28/02/24 ING Bank (Australia)	-1,000,000.00

Payments under \$150,000 -1,872,717.73

Aged Care	\$10,700.00
Bank Fees	1,261.77
Cemetery	1,013.05
Children's Services	\$15,472.41
Community	\$51,859.67
Construction	\$79,835.77
Corporate	\$492,933.77
Development Services	\$134,416.84
Direct Debits	\$1,140.59
Donation	\$1,500.00
Employee	670,578.35
Governance	\$15,878.42
Insurance	\$534.44
Investments	\$3,000,000.00
Lease	\$8,614.11
Library	\$444.26
Maintenance	\$244,186.84
Plant/Fuel	\$270,891.69
Roads	\$125,143.89
Utilities	\$43,805.32
VIC	\$4,716.32
Waste	\$7,609.11

Total Payments for February 2024 - \$5,182,536.62

CASH BALANCE \$7,138,637.78

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 February 2024 to 29 February 2024.

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

Payment Type	Voucher No's	Total
Cheques	026395-026406	\$22,568.42
Auto-pay	Creditors E034617 – E034926	\$4,600,642.49
Auto-pay	Payroll 04/02/24 – 25/02/24	\$556,923.35
Bank Charges & Commissions	February 2024	\$1,261.77
Direct Debits	Repayments & Vehicle Lease	1,140.59
		\$5,182,536.62

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 19th March 2024, has been checked and is fully supported by vouchers and invoices. These vouchers have been duly certified as to receipt of goods, the rendition of services, to prices and computations, and to costings.

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General Manager

CERTIFICATE OF CHAIRMAN OF ORDINARY MEETING

I certify that this accounts summary, covering amounts totalling **\$5,182,536.62** was submitted to the Ordinary Meeting on the 19th March 2024 and that the amounts are presented to Council for confirmation of payment.

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Chairman of Ordinary Meeting

INVESTMENTS

The following table gives details of Council's Funds invested at 29th February 2024.

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
1/03/2023	Defence Bank	1,000,000.00	371 days	5.00%	6/03/2024
6/03/2023	Defence Bank	1,000,000.00	380 days	5.00%	20/03/2024
8/03/2023	Bank of QLD	1,000,000.00	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	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		364 days	5.15%	12/09/2024

		2,000,000.00			
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
9/11/2023	AMP	1,000,000.00	364 days	5.35%	7/11/2024
16/11/2023	BankVic	1,000,000.00	364 days	5.45%	14/11/2024
23/11/2023	Auswide Bank	2,000,000.00	364 days	5.45%	21/11/2024
30/11/2023	MyState Bank	2,000,000.00	364 days	5.40%	28/11/2024
30/11/2023	Judo Bank	1,000,000.00	168 days	5.40%	16/05/2024
30/11/2023	Australian Unity	2,000,000.00	329 days	5.45%	24/10/2024
7/12/2023	Commonwealth Bank	2,000,000.00	314 days	5.09%	16/10/2024
12/12/2023	Beyond Bank	1,000,000.00	233 days	5.30%	1/8/2024
12/12/2023	Beyond Bank	1,000,000.00	323 days	5.35%	30/10/2024
14/12/2023	Bank of QLD	2,000,000.00	278 days	5.15%	17/09/2024
20/12/2023	MyState Bank	1,000,000.00	364 days	5.15%	18/12/2024
9/01/2024	Judo Bank	1,000,000.00	329 days	5.10%	3/12/2024
10/01/2024	Defence Bank	1,000,000.00	565 days	5.10%	9/01/2025
19/01/2024	AMP	1,000,000.00	368 days	5.15%	21/1/2025
31/01/2024	Great Southern Bank	2,500,000.00	365 days	5.05%	30/01/2025
1/02/2024	ING Bank	1,000,000.00	350 days	5.13%	16/01/2025
8/02/2024	Defence Bank	1,000,000.00	364 days	5.00%	6/02/2025
15/02/2024	NAB	1,000,000.00	363 days	5.15%	12/02/2025
16/02/2024	ING Bank	1,000,000.00	368 days	5.18%	18/02/2025
28/02/2024	ING Bank	1,000,000.00	364 days	5.08%	26/02/2025
	ANZ Deposit at Call	50,962.22	Cash at Call		
	CBA Deposit at Call	3,085,157.52	Cash at Call		
	TOTAL:	\$80,336,119.74			

NB. The funds detailed in the above table consist of monies from the Bank Accounts of the Trust Funds, Reserve Accounts, Sewerage Fund and Combined General Account.

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)	\$ 11,601,274.86
Rates received as at 29/02/2024	\$ 8,767,106.52
% of rates received to date	75.57%

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 February 2024
 2. That Council confirms the payment of accounts, for the period 01 February to 29 February 2024, summarised in the accounts summary totalling \$5,182,536.62
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6.6 Mornings, Melodies & Memories Budget Request



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

Following the completion of a very successful Mornings, Melodies and Memories Program delivered throughout 2023 and the positive feedback received from participants, Council staff are looking into options for this program to continue on an ongoing basis.

The program was grant funded by the NSW Government Department of Communities and Justice and this grant program has finished.

Throughout the 12-month period approximately 204 attendees participated.

Financial Implications

Council currently has \$14,000 in the Social Plan Implementation budget. Requesting for this amount to be made available through the quarterly budget review process to allow the Mornings, Melodies and Memories program to commence late March 2024 and continue until the end of the financial year.

Proposed program dates for this time frame are as follows:

- 25 March – Weethalle
- 8 April – Barmedman
- 15 April – Ungarie
- 22 April – Weethalle
- 28 April – Mirrool
- 6 May – Barmedman
- 16 May – Ungarie
- 20 May – Weethalle
- 27 May – Tallimba
- 3 June – Barmedman
- 17 June – Ungarie
- 24 June - Weethalle

Throughout the budget workshop for 2021-2025 a further request will be put to Councillors to consider allocating an amount of \$30,000 per year be included in the budget for the continuation of this program into the future. This amount will cover venue hire, staff wages, catering, advertising and entertainment.

Summary

This simple act of sharing a cuppa and a chat may not be everyone's cup of tea but for many senior residents within Bland Shire, it became a lifeline to the wider community and a highlight on their calendar. Mornings, Melodies and Memories, one of four pilot projects across New South Wales funded in 2023 by Department of Communities and Justice, aimed to reduce social isolation in seniors.

Gatherings were held within Shire communities specifically for older residents within village and rural townships. The morning teas saw locals and volunteers gather to share stories, contribute to a shire-wide art piece, and build connections. It also provided for local and regional performers to present songs across the ages to help those with cognitive challenges recall events from their past for sharing.

The project established connections between community members as they shared their stories about living within Bland Shire with a secondary outcome being recordings of those local histories which have been compiled to provide an audiovisual presentation. A perpetual memento of the program is an artwork compiled of participants' handprints to represent that fact that all are connected, regardless of where they live in the shire.

Support for the program has been widespread with Council meeting most of the project's objectives and, in some instances, exceeded the identified targets. Specifically, the number of participants surpassed the original estimates, the level of positive feedback received showed more that 95% would participate in future similar activities.

Further to this, the number of interactions (more than 660) equates to more than 50% of residents within the target aged group. Anecdotally, there has been an increase in participation with other age-related programs provided within Bland Shire LGA.

Recommendation:

That Council

1. Approve the use of the amount of \$14,000 in the Social Plan Implementation Budget for the continuation of the Mornings, Melodies and Memories Program until the end of the financial year.
 2. Include an allocation of \$30,000 per year in its annual budget for the Mornings, Melodies and Memories Program to continue.
 3. Staff undertake a review of the Program prior to the preparation of the 2025-2026 budget and identify options for co-contributions from participants to support the sustainability of the program.
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6.7 Request for Financial Assistance – West Wyalong Horse Sports and Rodeo Association



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

DP 3.1.5 Administer Council's Strengthening Communities Grant

Author: Manager Customer & Financial Services

Introduction

The West Wyalong Horse Sports and Rodeo Association (WWHSRA) is seeking financial support from Council to assist with the ever-increasing costs for their upcoming Annual Rodeo event. The event was held in West Wyalong on Saturday 16th March 2024.

The expected cost to run this event for 2024 has been budgeted at \$68,276. This event attracts approximately 1,800 people through the gate and the competitors are nationwide. Visitors to the Bland Shire will support local businesses by accommodation bookings, purchasing food, drinks, fuel, and horse supplies.

Local organisations such as the Men's Shed and the Lions Club will also benefit as they are paid for their services during the event.

Council has been a supporter of this event since 2016 by providing the following financial support through the Strengthening Communities Program;

YEAR	AMOUNT (\$)	EVENT
2016	5,300	Rodeo
2017	4,000	Rodeo
2018	2,900	Rodeo
2020	1,450	Rodeo
2021	3,560	Team Penning
2022	2,692	Team Penning
2023	2,000	Rodeo

Under the current guidelines for the Strengthening Communities Program, the WWHSRA would not be eligible for funding.

However, this volunteer-run event results in substantial tourism and economic benefits for the community, and the request for financial support is worthy of consideration.

Financial Implications

There is currently \$33,063 remaining of the \$40,000 Strengthening Communities Program budget which will expire in June 2024. If this request is approved it will still leave a balance of \$31,063 available.

Summary

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

Recommendation:

That Council approve a request for \$2,000 financial support for the West Wyalong Horse Sports and Rodeo Association to assist with the 2024 event costs for the Annual Rodeo.

Section 3 – Technical Services

6.8 Proposed Road Closure – Gordons Lane



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

DP9.1 Responsibly manage asset renewal and maintenance for current and future generations

Author: Director Technical Services

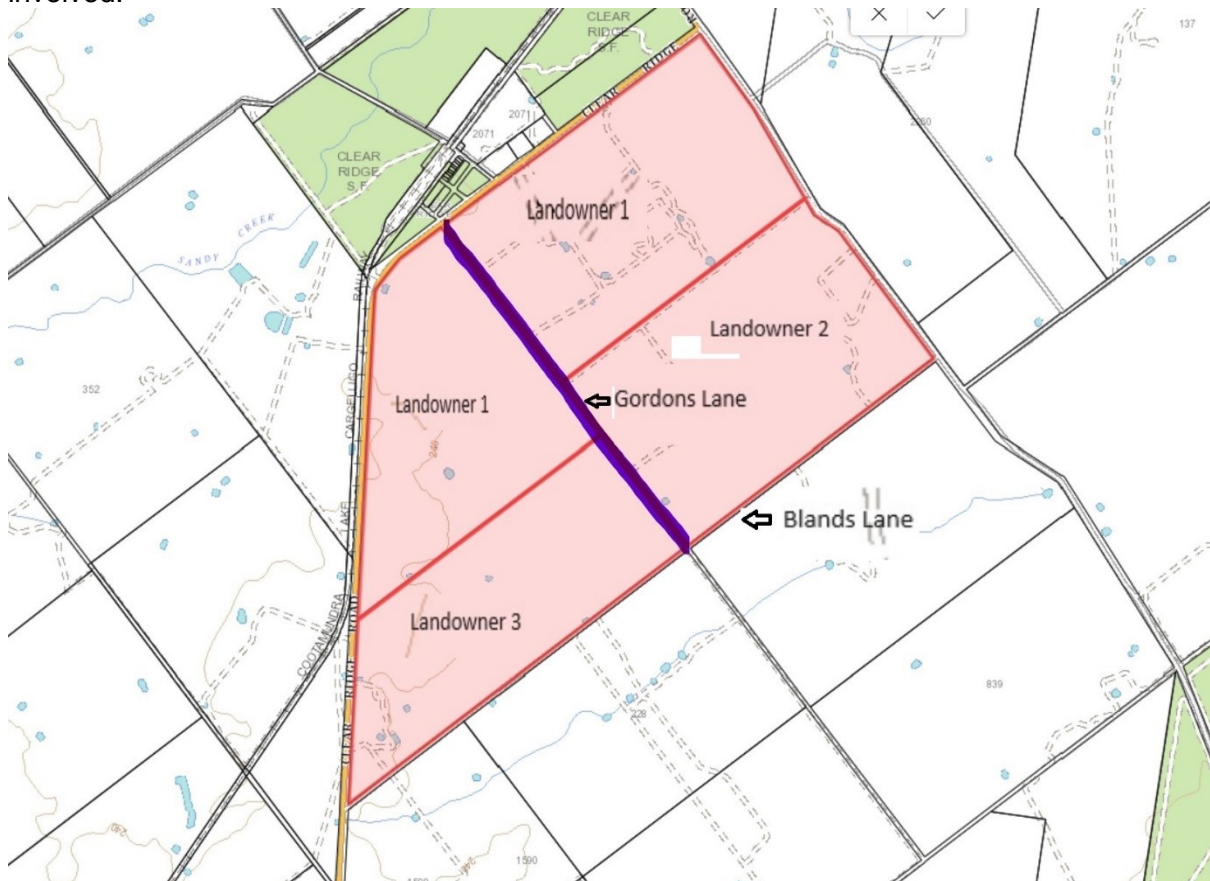
Introduction

Council has had a request from a landowner to give consideration to closing and selling the unused and unmaintained public road known as Gordons Lane.

The lane is situated between Blands Lane and Clear Ridge Road and is approximately 2.9km in length and borders 4 lots of land being:

- Lot 2 DP727020
- Lot 12 DP 753081
- Lot 13 DP 753081
- Lot 14 DP 753081

The locality sketch identifies the proposed closure and the properties of the three (3) owners involved.



Locality Sketch

The first 1,450m of the lane from Clear Ridge Road end bisects the proponents (Landowner 1) property with the next 450m bordering the proponents property and another landowner (Landowner 2) with the remaining approximately 1,000m bordering Landowner 2 and Landowner 3.

Gordons Lane is a Class 6 (unformed) road, not maintained by Council.

The closure of public roads in NSW is governed by the Roads Act and involves a statutory process managed by NSW Land Registry services and Crown Lands. Under S38 A of the Roads Act 1993, Council may propose the closure of a public road for which it is the roads authority if –

- a. The road is not reasonably required as a road for public use (whether for present or future needs), and
- b. The road is not required to provide continuity for an existing road network, and
- c. If the road provides a means of vehicular access to particular land, another public road provides lawful and reasonably practicable vehicular access to that land.

The proposal would be that the proponent acquires the entire road reserve between their properties, where the road goes between their property and the next neighbour they acquire 50% each. The bottom section is yet to be determined, this would require a commitment from both or either of the landowners to commit to the acquisition and to the costs of the acquisition.

The first steps in the process are as follows:

- Determine whether the adjoining landowners are interested in the proposal and determine whether they wish to commit to the potential costs involved prior to moving forward
- Determine if the road is a Council road
- Determine if the closure of the road is appropriate
- And identify if the road is constructed prior to obtaining Council approval to progress with the closure proposal.

A review of Council records indicates that Gordons Lane is a Council controlled public road as opposed to a Crown Road. The road is classified in the Council Hierarchy as a Class 6. Being a graded track only receiving bare minimum maintenance.

The closure of Gordons Lane appears to be appropriate. All properties have a legal access available on other public roads. There is a driveway access off Gordons Lane, this goes into the proponent's property.

The Gordons Lane itself shows some basic construction with a formation evident for the first 400m at the Clear Ridge Road end with a graded track with minimal formation the remainder of the road length.

Should Council resolve to close Gordons Lane, Section 38B of the Roads Act 1993 requires that a notice of proposal is required to be :

- published in the local paper
- given to all owners of land adjoining the road

Financial Implications

All costs associated with the closure and the transfer would be at the applicants expense, these include:

- Road Closure application fee,
- Survey
- Legal fees
- Land purchase costs, including land valuation fees

It is recommended that Council engage the services of a suitably qualified property valuer to undertake a formal valuation.

Summary

Endorsement is sought to commence the process for the closure

Recommendation:

That Council

1. endorse the closure of the public road known as Gordons Lane between Clear Ridge Road and Blands Lane
2. that the closure be subject to all parties along the road agreeing to the closure and funding Council's road closure application fees and all other associated fees including, advertising, survey, legal and land purchasing costs
3. receive a further report to consider any submissions lodged during the notification period to determine the approval for the proposal
4. receive a further report to consider the property valuers report and determination of any sale price.

6.9 Active Travel Plan Final Report



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 received funding from Transport for NSW under the Get NSW Active Program for the amount of \$59,980 to develop an Active Transport Plan in line with the State Government Active Transport Strategy. The intention of this strategy is to encourage walking and bike riding, known as active transport.

The Active Transport Plan is intended to guide Council's ongoing provision of the active transport network for Bland Shire residents and visitors. It is important to note that pedestrians include people who are:

- Walking or running
- Pushing a pram
- Using a wheelchair
- Using a mobility scooter or other mobility aid(s)
- Using a skateboard, foot scooter or rollerblades.

Through the sustainable development of a network of pedestrian and cycle paths, shared paths and on-road cycling facilities, the Plan will aim to meet the needs of those for whom pathways are essential for everyday commuting and encourage the use of these facilities as an alternative mode of travel to private vehicle use.

The five focus areas that were identified for the study included the following locations:

- West Wyalong
- Wyalong
- Ungarie
- Weethalle
- Barmedman

Financial Implications

The Active Travel Plan is fully funded under the Get NSW Active Program to a value of \$59,980.

Summary

Council has now received the final report which considers feedback received as part of the public exhibition period. During which the draft report and mapping was displayed at Council offices from 20 December 2023 to 26 February 2024. This gave members of the public the opportunity to provide feedback on the draft report as provided by Bitzios Consultants.

Council's Director of Technical Services & Council's Road Safety Officer also attended two (2) Active Transport Roadshow Public Exhibition events in both Ungarie & Barmedman on the below dates.

1. Ungarie – February 6, 2024
2. Barmedman – February 13, 2024

Overall, 8 submitted feedback forms for the Active Transport Plan draft report were received which were then forwarded directly to Bitzios Consultants for consideration. The consultants considered the feedback received in line with the overall methodology required in the development of the plan.

The plan considers the demographics of the community along with the needs of each of these demographic sections, specifically section 4 of the report identifies the characteristics and the desirable infrastructure for each of these demographic groups.

The plan also considers the key active transport attractors and generators (refer section 5) these are then used to create the route hierarchy based on the NSW Government Practitioners Guide to Movement and Place (2020).

Section 6 of the report indicates the methodology utilised by the Consultants to develop the priorities with section 10 of the plan detailing the methodology to evaluate and set the priorities for the plan.

The plan contains a list of priorities for the areas considered in the study, which includes the following information

- Priorities for new and upgraded footpaths within the study area
- Areas of deficient networks ie
 - o Missing paths,
 - o Narrow / substandard paths,
 - o Missing footpath crossings
 - o Non standard footpath crossings

Appendix D of the plan contains a detailed recommended works program with recommendations of the High Priority works to be undertaken in the next 5 years for the High priority, 5 to 10years for the medium priority and beyond 10 years for the low priority.

Based on estimated costs the expenditure required to achieve these outcomes is in summary as follows,

- High Priority - \$3.75 million
- Medium Priority - \$6.01 million
- Low Priority - \$7.76 million

Some other recommendations for the report also include work around the Cycling infrastructure.

To encourage cycling between towns within the Bland Shire, and provide safety guidance on specific routes, the following is recommended:

- Providing cycling wayfinding signage along marked routes
- Providing cyclist awareness signage to guide cyclists directions
- Providing off-road cycling facilities that connect to the existing cycle route network and leisure connections
- Promoting any cycle works and updated routes to the community by endorsed maps for greater awareness.

It is recommended that Council promote the routes and update the *Biking the Bland* map when these routes are developed.

It is now appropriate that Council adopt the final plan so that the timelines for the Grant completion can be met with the final report due with Transport for NSW at the end of March 2024.

Recommendation:

That Council adopt the Bland Shire Active Transport Plan

Section 4 – Reports for Information

Recommendation:

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

6.10 - Community Development Report

6.11 - Bland Shire Library Monthly Update

6.12 - Children Services February Update

6.13 - Bland Shire Museum Advisor Report – February 2024

6.14 - Bland Shire Museum Advisor Report – March 2024

6.15 - Technical Services Report

6.16 - Development Services Activity Report – February 2024

6.10 Community Development Report



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

DP3- Nurture a strong sense of community and enrich the cultural life for the residents of the Bland Shire

Author: Community Development Officer



Youth

Works are progressing on the Youth Space with the Official Opening set for 11 April 2024, kicking off Youth Week 2024.

Internal works are now complete with the installation of technology for the space, including a smart board, entrance screens, TV screen and screen for the use of gaming technology. Wifi connectivity will be available to youth who access the building.

External works are progressing with the painting of the building now complete. Bland Shire Council's Youth

Services Officer is currently liaising with Wagga artist, Emily Shannon, organising a project which will consist of artworks produced by Youth participants, under the guidance of Emily to be transferred onto large panels that will then be attached to the external of the building.

The NSW Government Department of Communities and Justice has awarded funding to Bland Shire Council to deliver a Youth Golf event throughout Youth Week. Council's Youth Services Officer conducted an engagement session at the West Wyalong High School gathering information and ideas from Youth of the Bland Shire regarding activities they would like to see happen throughout Youth Week and School Holidays. An overwhelming response received from students was to conduct another Youth Golf Day. The West Wyalong Men's Golf Club will be conducting this event for young people aged 12-24 years.

School Holiday Activities

Bland Shire Council has been successful in receiving funding from the NSW Government Department of Communities and Justice to deliver an action packed April School Holiday Program. Activities will include: Paintball and Ten Pin Bowling Excursion at Wagga, Movies at the Tivoli, Youth Golf Day. PCYC Griffith will be conducting a Colour Fun Run at Coinda Reserve, offering a free sausage sizzle, with the first 150 participants to sign up receiving a free headband and sunglasses.

Community Expo

The Community Development Officer is working with the Bland Shire Interagency Group to host a Community Expo on Wednesday 20 March 2024 at the Wyalong School of Arts Hall (Topy Hall) commencing at 11am until 3pm. Service providers throughout the Shire will be on hand providing valuable information to community members on services available and where to seek appropriate help if required. The expo will be open to the general public with 23 Services registered to attend. Some of the exhibitors that will be in attendance are:



- Bland Community Care
- Bland Shire Library
- Australian Unity
- Intereach
- Binaal Billa Family Violence Prevention Legal Service
- Meals on Wheels
- Linking Communities Network
- Murrumbidgee Primary Health network
- Road Safety Officer
- Services Australia
- Service NSW
- Relationships Australia
- Telstra
- Open Mobility
- Baptist Care
- West Wyalong Fire Brigade
- West Wyalong Men's Shed

Seniors Festivities

Seniors Week 2024 will be celebrated from Monday 11 March up until and including Friday 22 March. The following events have been planned to celebrate the contribution that our Senior's make to the Bland Shire Community:

- Bland Shire Library – Live streaming from the ICC Sydney Theatre: 2024 Premier's Gala Concert, Wednesday 13 March 2024
- West Wyalong Men's Shed Open Day – Friday 15 March
- Screening of the Mornings Melodies and Memories Movie – Monday 18 March
- Bland Shire Library Author Talk with special guest, Dr Anne Ring – Tuesday 19 March
- Bland Shire Community Expo – Wednesday 20 March
- Bland Community Care Services, Gentle Exercises – Come and Try Day – Thursday 21 March
- Bland Shire Council's Seniors Lunch and announcement of the 2024 Seniors Week Recognition Award – Friday 22 March.



6.11 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

Library Lovers 2024

Library Lovers Day, held each year, honours libraries, libraries and recognises the indispensable roles libraries play in our lives. To commemorate Library Lovers Day, Bland Shire Library hosted a morning tea on Wednesday, 14th February 2024. To infuse some amusement into the event, attendees participated in a Library Lovers Bingo Challenge.

Bland Shire Library continued to celebrate Library Lovers throughout February with patrons invited to participate in "Blind Date with a Book". Members simply had to borrow an undisclosed book from the library's display to enter a draw to win prizes. Patrons were also encouraged to comment on why they love their library. Pictured is Susan Apps with her "Blind Date".



For younger members, the library ran a colouring competition promotion. Winners were announced February 29.

Summer Reading Club Finale Party & Presentation – February 21, 2024

Bland Shire Library successfully concluded its 2023-24 Summer Reading Club 40-Day Challenge with a Presentation and Finale Party on Wednesday, 21st February. There was a great turnout with approximately 70 parents and children taking part.

An impressive 64 percent of registered participants completed the 40-day reading challenge, with eight individuals surpassing the 40-day mark. All participants, including those who didn't quite reach the 40-day mark, received prizes. In addition to the reading challenge, participants enjoyed a Bingo Challenge, weekly prize draws, and a lolly guessing competition for added entertainment.

Special recognition goes to Evolution Mining Cowal Gold Operations, The L & R Group (Holland Park Pool), What's Cookin, and French Hot Bread Bakery for their generous sponsorship, which greatly contributed to the success of the Summer Reading Club 40-Day Challenge.

The incentive-driven program, which received a Community Recognition Statement from Steph Cooke MP in 2021, is held annually from December 1 to January 31, and aims to cultivate daily reading habits among children and young people, fostering lifelong learning and literacy. By emphasizing days spent reading rather than the number of books read, the program promotes inclusivity, encouraging participation from children of all ages and reading abilities.



Author Visit, March 4 – 8, 2024

Bland Shire Library was thrilled to host a visit from Dub Leffler, an illustrator, writer, animator, and mixed media artist involved in various artistic endeavours such as books, film, television, muralism, and art education. Dub embarked on a five-day tour of the Bland Shire, spanning from Monday 4th March to Friday 8th March 2024.

During this period, Dub visited schools including Barmedman Public, Naradhan Public, St Marys War Memorial, Tallimba Public, Ungarie Central, Weethalle Public, West Wyalong Public, West Wyalong High, and Wyalong Public. Dub was warm and engaging, captivating his audiences with his detailed illustrations, realistic portraits and emotional landscapes, plus fun drawing exercises. Dub spoke about his Aboriginal heritage, the creative process and gave students a sneak peak of his next book. A very successful event from all accounts.



Work Placements

Bland Shire Library is pleased to host two work placement students from the West Wyalong High School, both of whom are currently in Year 11 and Year 12. The students will commit one day each week during the school term to the library, participating in various tasks and activities. Student work placements are important because,

- they provide the students with practical work experience in a real-life setting.
- provide the opportunity for students to develop and enhance a wide range of skills, including technical skills, communication skills, problem-solving abilities, teamwork, and time management.
- allow students to establish valuable connections. These connections can provide mentorship, guidance, and potential employment opportunities in the future.
- offer students insights into different career paths and industries.
- encourage personal growth and self-confidence as students navigate new environments, challenges, and responsibilities. They learn to adapt to different workplace cultures and expectations, fostering resilience and adaptability.

Furthermore, the Bland Shire Library is delighted to extend its support for the West Wyalong High School's student volunteer program throughout 2024. Every Thursday, a group of Year 9 students will be attending the library on a rotating basis to contribute to Storytime activities.



Resumption of Programs

All library programs resumed in February with good attendance numbers recorded. Programs include Day Book Club, Gold Club for Seniors, Tech Savvy Seniors, Knit n Knatter, Lego Club, Storytime, Baby Bounce, and Pals of the Pen.



Celebrations at Knit n Knatter



The library staff and Knit n Knatter community extended warm wishes to Dot Smith on her 90th birthday. Dot, who served as a dedicated Council representative for the Bland Shire over many years and is a distinguished life member of the NSW Public Libraries Association, was surprised by library staff with a birthday cake during a Knit n Knatter gathering, surrounded by her fellow knitters and friends.

A long-serving advocate for library services and an avid reader, Dot utilises the library's home delivery service and regularly attends programs including Gold Club and Knit n Knatter.

Seniors' Week – March 2024

- Bland Shire Library is broadcasting a complimentary live stream of the 2024 Premier's Gala Concert (Sydney) on Wednesday, March 13, 2024, from 2:45 pm to 4:30 pm. An afternoon tea is being provided as a prelude to the event, which has attracted good numbers.
- Bland Shire Library is hosting Dr Anne Ring, a health sociologist, freelance writer, and the author of 'Engaging with Ageing: What Matters as We Grow Older' on Tuesday, 19 March, 2024, starting at 10 am. Dr Ring's visit to Bland is part of a tour organised by Riverina Regional Library.
- Bland Shire Library is also participating in the Bland Shire Council Community Expo set down for Wednesday, March 20, 2024.

6.12 Children Services February 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, It Takes a Village and Toy Library services)

Author: Children Services Coordinator

February has been a very busy month, welcoming new families to our services, learning a new online Childcare Management Software (OWNA), participating in Professional Development and planning for the year ahead.

Incursion: Healthy Harold (Life Ed Australia) came to visit the Preschool children in February. They completed the 'Harold's Big Feelings' module. This program focused on emotional literacy, emotional regulation, friendship and connection, and help seeking.

Professional Development: Two Early Childhood Teachers are completing the 'Teacher Talk – The Hanen Program'. The program supports teachers to 'Encourage Language Development' in their classroom, 'Develop an Understanding of Literacy' and 'Foster Peer Interaction' in the early years.

Our KU Support Officer provided two wonderful sessions in February - 'Supporting the Anxious Child' and 'Big Behaviours'. Educators found both sessions extremely informative and have since implemented new strategies within the classroom.

The Munch n Move Coordinator visited CSU too. She is very passionate about embedding healthy practices into our routines and supporting children to develop their fundamental movement skills. She plans to return to CSU in the future months, to upskill our staff and promote these practices.

Positions filled: Brittany Kershaw was appointed as a CSU casual and Isabella Darrington commenced a school-based traineeship (working every Thursday).

Other: Every Tuesday and Thursday, West Wyalong High School students have been volunteering in the Bilby and Gecko Preschool classrooms. The children have loved meeting their new friends.

Bland Preschool – Senior Early Childhood Teacher

The start of the Preschool schooling year has been off to an energetic start as the Preschool now accommodates two days of Preschool for 3/4-year-olds (Junior class) and two days of Pre-kindy for 4/5-year-olds to meet the growing needs of the community. Excitingly both classes are at capacity, and the service is extremely fortunate to have four Early Childhood Teachers enhancing the learning of students in our Preschool this year. Creating meaningful relationships with families and children was an essential goal in February, and positive feedback has already been received from parents who have stated "They can't believe the growth in their child in such a short time" and "Thank you to all the wonderful Educators who respect my child for who they are whilst encouraging new challenges".



Mobile Resource Unit (MRU) – Service Leader

Ungarie Mobile Preschool and Monday West Wyalong Preschool: Ungarie Mobile Preschool began the year a week later than Bland Preschool due to 'Heat Week'. With low enrolments and much younger children, Educators have programmed lots of fun and open-ended activities, games and craft. Seven Ungarie Central School Students began work experience this term in the classroom. Each Thursday three of these students will visit the centre and assist the children and Educators within the classroom.

This year MRU offers a Preschool day (Monday) for children aged 3-5 years in West Wyalong, at CSU. The community appears to have welcomed this opportunity of a third day of Preschool for their child/ren as the class is full. Many children attending the Monday session, also utilise the Tuesday/Wednesday or Thursday/Friday class provided by Bland Preschool. Educators across all services collaborate and work as a team to provide a consistent learning environment that allows children to develop and feel safe and secure whatever day they attend CSU.

MRU Playgroup: Playgroup for 2024 will provide its service to West Wyalong and Ungarie. Playgroup is available Monday mornings to families in West Wyalong three times a month and once a month in Ungarie, during school terms. This ensures families in both communities are able to experience this valuable play session.



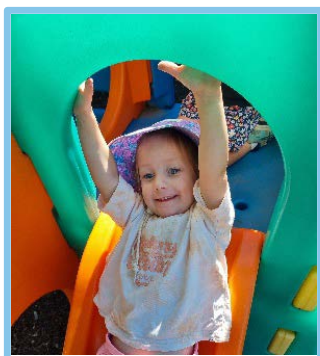
Bland/Temora Family Day Care (FDC) – Service Leader

Future of Family Day Care: Due to funding no longer being available for Family Day Care, Council has made the difficult decision to close Bland/Temora Family Day Care. This is very sad news for our communities as many families prefer to have their babies and young children in a home like environment with the small ratio of 1 Educator to 4 children. It is also very sad for our five Educators as they have been providing Education and Care for a combined total of 103 years.

Approaches have been made to other service providers to take on the supervision of the Educators providing Family Day Care and it is hoped that arrangements will be in place for service delivery through these agencies to occur prior to the December closure.

Weethalle Educator: Due to lack of enrolments, our Educator in Weethalle was forced to close her doors this year. This was very disappointing as she had provided an exceptional service for the children in her education and care setting. This is a huge loss for the small rural community.

Playgroup: The first playgroup was held recently in Temora for the year. The children and Educators enjoyed getting together and socialising while also sharing ideas. Unfortunately, our West Wyalong playgroup is no longer running as the classroom is not available with the changes to Preschool classes; However, our West Wyalong Educator will now travel to Temora to join in with their playgroup.



Monitoring Visits are back in full swing with all Educators returning from annual leave in January. Having such experienced Educators helps make this an easy process. Educators have ensured all Regular Excursion Authorisations have been signed and returned for each child, so that they are able to provide fun and exciting experiences with the children out in our communities.

Department of Education: We had a spot check from Jess from the Department of Education, where she looked at our Educator details including, qualifications, Child Protection training, First Aid training, and Red Nose Safe Sleep training along with our Safe Sleep policy. The assessor appeared very happy with everything she looked at stating that we had everything well covered and they will be looking to complete a visit to three of our Educators at a date to be confirmed.

FDC Enrolments:

Permanent enrolments – 33 children

Casual enrolments – 8 children

It Takes a Village (ITAV) - Service Leader

Playgroup: Children Services Unit (West Wyalong) playgroup - 11 families attended. Ungarie playgroup – cancelled. Tallimba playgroup - 1 family attended.

Educational Packs: Individual packs created for children 0-3 years.

Parenting Programs: A Little ZZZ's workshop is in development for completion next month. The educational session will focus on 'Why sleep is important', 'How to set up for a great sleep' and much more. A Munch and Move session is also in development to complete during a joint ITAV and MRU playgroup session.

Toy Library: The new borrowing and return system is now in place using <https://bsctoylibrary.setls.com.au>. Users will borrow/return resources using an email and password via an iPad in the Toy Library. The system will send out email reminders e.g. late returns, expired membership etc.

Data Exchange (DEX): Current data is continuing to be entered into the Dex system through February. A contract meeting with the Department of Community and Justice has been scheduled for early March.

6.13 Bland Shire Museum Advisor Report – February 2024



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

Wyalong Museum (Monday 12 February)

February was a little different from my usual visits.

All the active volunteers from the three museums met at the Wyalong Museum at 9.00 am. The main reason for this was the heat making it uncomfortable to work in Ungarie and Weethalle at this time of the year. Getting everyone together had the bonus of everyone meeting each other and sharing knowledge and concerns.

The discussions started with introduction from all participants. Then we moved onto a general discussion about museums in general. Lavinia, Lyall and Diane were able to discuss a recent visit to Sydney and some rural museums. It is important to look at what other community museums are doing – an excellent place to gather ideas, plus see where your museum is doing well.

Throughout the morning, we ranged over such topics as museum governance and the importance of up-to-date policies and procedures, the revised National Standards, grant opportunities and displays.

It was great to hear the Wyalong team sharing knowledge and experience and practical assistance to the other museums. The Wyalong volunteers also took the others for a tour of their Masonic Hall and shared their plans for training and function spaces. Wyalong catered with an excellent morning tea and lunch.

In the afternoon there was a tour of the Wyalong Museum with much discussion. Although we had wanted to do some hands on, the spaces were too hot for comfortable working.

The Wyalong Museum has also been active changing around their displays. The kitchen now features a story about jam making and the dining has a display of aprons – not just for working in!



It was great watching the Wyalong team show off their spaces and explain the issues they have dealt with and the directions they want to go in the future.

Weethalle have a big year with their community celebration happening in September. The rest of the team have offered their assistance.



A great team! There is always one...

Back - Diane Redmond, Lyall Wilkinson. Mary Duncan, Don Duncan and Lavinia Wilkinson
Front – Stuart Danson, Vicki Jolly, Michelle Jolly and Shirley (I apologise Shirley, I have forgotten your surname!)

Next visit 4 & 5 March

6.14 Bland Shire Museum Advisor Report – March 2024



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 4 March)

Michelle and I ran through the priority list of jobs to be tackled at a working bee. Unbeknownst to us the lovely Llyal from the Wyalong Museum had popped to Weethalle to scope the building.

I also spent time completing a grant application.

Wyalong Museum (Monday arvo)

After hearing what a great success the Sunday 3 March breakfast was and viewing the new wall image in the Machinery shed the team cleaned out the crystal and glass objects from the cabinet in the old court room entry.



While there, we discovered a couple of issues. One of the important reasons for updating displays is reporting on ongoing conditions – of object, of cleanliness of displays. One of the issues common to this time of year was the collection of dead insects that had collected under the cabinet close to the wall. Crickets do not pose huge harm to collections or buildings, but they do attract other insects like carpet beetle that can be disastrous for carpets and collections. We also noticed the mould on the cornice above the front window, which will be reported to the Council.



A new acquisition delivered on Monday was a wonderful headstone originally moved to avoid wartime prejudice regarding German names. Pictured are Chris Redman and Llyal Wilkinson with the donor.

Ungarie Museum (Tuesday 5)

My day in Ungarie with Mary and Don was spent cataloguing, while Mary battled with the never ending dust. We are powering through the collection. See below some of the many objects dealt with.



The number plate was issued in the 1924 run of registration plates for NSW. We are hoping that with further research we can establish it was a local car and its owner's history.



This is an interesting object – an attachable running board luggage rack, most probably for a Ford Model T. It still has strong remnants of black paint.

The rack was attached to the running board via 3 c clamps after the required length was opened. See the image below.



Next visit April 8 & 9

6.15 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

Roads Maintenance

Works Undertaken Feb/Mar 2024

Maintenance Wet Grading

Wests Lane
Corringle Lane
Cross Lane

Flood Damage Repairs

Girral Road
Belarwi Road
Wargin Road
Clear Ridge Road

Sealed Road Patching Works

Work has been on going on all Regional/Rural sealed Roads (Jet patcher)
Urban roads in West Wyalong & Wyalong

Gravel Re-sheeting

Kildary Road
Ariah Park Road

Heavy Patching

Heavy Patch Program (Fulton Hogan) Tallimba Area

Maintenance Grading

Insufficient Staff to utilise Maintenance Graders

Works Planned March 2024

Flood Damage Repairs

Clear Ridge Road
Minogues Lane
Leslies Lane
Weja Road

Sealed Road Patching Works

On going.

Gravel Re-sheeting

Clear Ridge Road
Lonergans Lane
Ariah Park Road
Kildary Road
Weja Road

Heavy Patching

Roads Area / Contractor / Council Staff

Contractors Fulton Hogan- will complete Tallimba area, then move to Area C which is the South East (Ariah Park) section of Shire, then onto Naradhan area.

Commencement of installing Box Culverts on Ungarie Rd approximately 8 km from West Wyalong.

Waste Services

Works Undertaken February 2024

West Wyalong Landfill

There has been general maintenance undertaken as well as compaction of pit areas and builders waste areas ongoing.

Ungarie Landfill

Council workers attended the site to undertake general maintenance and clean up. The pit and stockpiles were compacted 14 February.

Barmedman Landfill

Contractor (Ford Bros) will be checking site to assess whether they can access areas to clean up due to wet weather.

Weethalle Landfill

Weethalle landfill was cleaned up (clearing of internal roadways and pushing up of stockpiles) and pit compacted and covered by Council staff on 8 February.
Drum-Muster site was cleaned up.

Tallimba Landfill

Tallimba Landfill and pit were cleaned up on 1 February.
Staff pushed up stockpiles and removed areas of excess vegetation.
Pit was still a little wet from recent inclement weather and could not be compacted and covered.

Tyres

MolyCop 360 (Contractor) has been engaged to undertake cleanup of tyres at Weethalle, Tallimba and Mirrool landfills.

Parks

Villages - Works Undertaken February 2024

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/once a month check Naradhan toilets, playground and town entrance.

Parks Maintenance

Mow whipper-snip and edge all Parks.
Check irrigation.
Park inspection.
Weed gardens.
Trim trees.
Fix water leaks.
Spray weeds in park gardens.

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.
Move shelters for funerals.
Weed gardens.
Empty tanks after the rain.

Sporting Fields Maintenance

Mow whipper-snip all sporting fields.
Check irrigation.
Fix water leaks.
Get Ron Crowe Oval ready for the West Wyalong Rugby League Knock Out.
Check the tanks have water in them for watering.
Line mark for cricket, touch football and little A's.
Spray for weeds.

Town Maintenance - General

Mow and whipper snip town street.

Mow and whipper snip pre-school.

Spray weeds around town.

Water newly planted trees.

Trim street trees.

Water main street hedges.

Mow and whipper snip council chambers.

Grind footpaths.

Street sweep the streets.

Airport inspection (Tuesday Wednesday Thursday).

Fill in mine shafts.

6.16 Development Services Activity Report – February 2024



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

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

Author: Manager of Development and Regulatory Services

Planning and Building Activities Update

The following DA applications were approved during February 2024:

Application No	Location	Description	Consent Authority	Approval Date
DA2024/0023	151 Neeld Street Wyalong	Community Event – Top Town Chicken Run	Staff	2/02/2024
DA2024/0034	Charcoal Tank Road West Wyalong	New Single Storey Dwelling	Staff	15/02/2024
DA2024/0017	70 Park Street West Wyalong	Multi-Dwelling Housing - Three (3) Detached Units including Community Title Subdivision	Staff	29/02/2024
DA2024/0036	30 Queen Street Barmedman	Residential Alterations and Additions – New Storage Shed	Staff	21/02/2024
DA2024/0037	11 England Street West Wyalong	Demolition of existing buildings on site, including sheds	Staff	21/02/2024

Other applications approved during February 2024:

- Six (6) Construction Certificates
- Four (4) Local Government Act Applications.
- Five (5) Occupation Certificate issued.

Inspections carried out during February 2024:

Type	Number
Building and Planning	38
Public Health	
Compliance	5
Food	4
Swimming Pools	1

Enquiries received during January 2024:

Type	Number
Swimming Pool Compliance	1
Swimming Pool Public Health	1
Building	37
On-site Sewer Management	1
Food	1

Regulatory Activities Update

Dog Attacks

Nil

Companion Animal Seizure and Impound Activities February 2024

Seizure Activities:	Dogs	Cats
Seized	4	1
Returned to Owner		

Impounding Activities:	Dogs	Cats
Animals in pound at start of month	5	2
Incoming Animals		
Transferred from Seizure Activities	4	1
Dumped at Pound	1	4
Surrendered	1	
Total Animals in Pound	11	7

Outgoing Animals		
Released to Owner	1	
Euthanised	1	1
Rehoused (Rescued)	7	5
Sold		
Died at Pound		
Stolen		
Escaped		
Total Animals Leaving Pound	9	6
Animals in Pound at end of Month	2	1

GIS Activities Update

- **Drone Surveillance of Gravel Pits:** Using the drone for monitoring of gravel pits, ensuring compliance with designated working boundaries.
- **Strategic Partnership Meeting with Spatial Distillery:** Engaged in discussions with our partners at Spatial Distillery through the MapInfo platform, exploring the availability and integration of certain GIS tools. Looking at the potential adoption of Konect App for iOS and Konect Manager for field data capture, with the weeds data in mind. Looking at True View's capabilities as an innovative GIS solution, pending TechOne upgrades.
- **Address Data Accuracy Enhancement:** Revision of addresses listed within both the TechOne and NSW Spatial Services databases, aiming for accurate representation with actual locations. This task is an ongoing effort to maintain data integrity.
- **CCTV Policy Revision:** Initiated amendments to the existing CCTV policy to ensure full compliance with NSW state regulations and relevant legal standards. This is ongoing and yet to be completed. It is up for revision in April.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES



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

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

Section 355 Committees	Date/s	Minutes Attached
Ungarie Advancement Group	21 February 2024	✓
Wyalong School of Arts & Hall Committee	19 February 2024	✓

Recommendation:

That Council endorse the Committee meeting minutes as presented.

UNGARIE ADVANCEMENT GROUP
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
WEDNESDAY 21st FEBRUARY 2024
held in the Ungarie C.W.A. Rooms

Meeting Opened: 7pm

Present: Vanessa Williams, Robyn Sherd-McVey, Brony Mason, Rob Anderson, Alvian Tam, Kerry Keatley

Apologies: Pam Brewer, Jason and Nicole Lewis

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

Moved that the Minutes be accepted as read: Vanessa Williams, 2nd: Robyn Sherd-McVey

ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS

All positions on the Committee were declared vacant.

Election of Office Bearers was chaired by Kerry Keatley

President

Nomination for President: **Robyn Sherd McVey**

Moved by Rob Anderson, accepted by Robyn

2nd by Vanessa Williams

Elected.

Secretary

Nomination for Secretary: **Brony Mason**

Moved by Alvian Tam, accepted by Brony

2nd by Robyn Sherd McVey

Elected.

Vice President

Nomination for Vice President: **Kerry Keatley**

Moved by Rob Anderson, accepted by Kerry

2nd by Brony Mason

Elected.

Treasurer

Nomination for Treasurer: **Vanessa Williams**

Moved by Alvian Tam, accepted by Vanessa

2nd by Brony Mason

Elected.

Publicity Officer

Nomination for Publicity officer: **Vanessa Williams**

Moved by Robyn Sherd-McVey, accepted by Vanessa

2nd by Rob Anderson

Elected

Community Postal Agency Officer

Moved Vanessa Williams, 2nd Alvian Tam: Rob Anderson to become point of contact for Ungarie Community Postal Agency. Accepted, carried.

South West Slopes Credit Union signatories have been updated for all accounts, but signatories need to get online access as cheques are being phased out at the end of February.

Moved by Vanessa Williams, 2nd by Robyn Sherd-McVey: Carol Barrett to be removed as signatory from all accounts.

Carried.

Museum Volunteers: Key register has been updated. Don and Mary Duncan are still keen to be involved.

A.G.M. closed at 7.15pm

UNGARIE ADVANCEMENT GROUP GENERAL MEETING
WEDNESDAY 21st February 2024
held in the Ungarie C.W.A. Rooms

Meeting Opened: 7.15pm

Present: Vanessa Williams, Robyn Sherd-McVey, Brony Mason, Rob Anderson, Alvian Tam, Kerry Keatley

Apologies: Pam Brewer, Jason and Nicole Lewis

Copies of Minutes of the Previous Meeting were shared around and read.

Moved that the Minutes be accepted as read: Vanessa Williams, 2nd: Robyn Sherd-McVey Carried.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

Discussion:

- TV: Alvian said remote can't be replaced. TV can be turned on from the back but has no stand, so needs to be mounted. Possibly get a swing mount. Alvian to test run a video off a thumb drive on the TV to see if it works (in order to assess whether it is worth persevering with)
- SCULPTURE: Moved Vanessa Williams, 2nd Rob Anderson that the sculpture stay where it is. Carried.
 - Not enough oil to redo the sculpture (probably needed at the end of summer).
 - Council has oil of their own – CONFIRM that council will be maintaining/oiling the sculpture.
 - Children have been seen climbing on the sculpture
 - Plaque – Kerry to organise (it is now in the museum) Jason to install. Those at meeting went to the museum (after the meeting) to decide on where it was to be placed
- POST CARDS sorted and now in the Museum
- CAROLS done and dusted – went well. Vanessa has thank you card to sent to Ungarie PreLoved for their donation of \$250
- AUSTRALIA DAY
 - Went well
 - The Ambassador Robyn Moore was brilliant
 - Expenses were \$640 (with hall hire)
 - Took \$192-65 in the donation bucket
 - Invoices sent to Council, and we received \$300 to run the day: out of pocket a couple of hundred dollars
 - Catering was good, quantities worked out well, and the watermelon was a big hit

TREASURER'S REPORT:

As at the end of January:

- Advancement Committee: closing balance of \$7125.84

- Historical Society: closing balance of \$6569.00
- Garden Club: closing balance of \$1044.75
- CPA: closing balance of \$1240-80

A 9-page report has been submitted to Council as by the 10th day of each month 355 committees must report to Council (is required to get extra funding).

CORRESPONDENCE

- Grants Brochure – Margot Jolly looking at a grant for visual story boards.

GENERAL BUSINESS

- POST OFFICE: Rob gave an update on the situation with the Post Office. Probate was signed off the week before Christmas, so things are finally moving ahead.

NEXT MEETING Wednesday 15th May

MEETING CLOSED at 8.10pm

West Wyalong School of Arts & Hall Committee
c/- 8 Conway Street
WYALONG NSW 2671

Email: zeus2444@yahoo.com (Treasurer – Beverley Fury)
Tel: 0410 779 747 (Treasurer – Beverley Fury)

Bland Shire Council
Shire Street
WEST WYALONG NSW 2671

26 February 2024

ATTENTION ALLISON BALLAND

File:	GOV-S355-WSA	Action
Action Officer:	DCLS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
REC'D	27 FEB 2024	
Copy to:	Bland Shire Council	

Dear Allison

Please find enclosed Minutes of Meeting dated 19 February 2024.

I refer to previous correspondence dated 27 November 2023 and note the following:

1. The pigeon netting on the School of Arts building was removed by the roofers when the roof on the building was replaced. This netting has not been replaced. We had previously requested Council to fix this netting and understand that this would not have been carried out due to the roof being replaced, but would now request that the netting also be replaced as soon as possible.
2. On a number of previous occasions we have raised the issue of damaged ceiling tiles and/or ceiling tiles that are not affixed correctly. This issue was raised again when I had a meeting with Ray Graham of Council. Could you please advise the current situation in relation to this.
3. I had a meeting with Ray Graham of Council in relation to obtaining a new quote for sealing of the outdoor area. To date I have not received that quote.
4. At the meeting with Ray Graham I spoke to him about the painting of the stage area. Ray advised that the Hall was due to have the interior painted this year and this would include the stage area. Could you please advise when this is likely to occur. At our recent meeting discussion was had re the wire on both side walls of the hall. The Committee have advised that should the wire be removed during the painting of the hall, then it will need to be replaced as we do not allow anything to be affixed to the walls and the wire is the only place to hang anything in the hall.
5. Could Council please advise whether or not Council has any objection the placement of the lock box on the left hand side of front door.
6. The defibrillator has not been re-affixed securely to the wall.

Could you please advise when the last time the air conditioning unit in the hall was serviced. The Committee thought it had been several years since this was done. If this is the case, could you please arrange for a service of the air conditioning as soon as possible.

The Committee would like to thank the Council for the excellent work done in relation to the replacement of the roof on the School of Arts building.

We also note that a toilet sign has been placed in the hall as requested and thank Council for this.

Regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Beverley Fury', written in a cursive style.

Beverley Fury
Treasurer

WYALONG SCHOOL OF ARTS & HALL COMMITTEE

DATE OF MEETING: 19 FEBRUARY 2024

VENUE: WYALONG HALL

Meeting opened at: 6.29 pm

PRESENT: Gerard Payne, Des Lamb, Bev Fury, Michelle Lamb, Ron Good, Heather Good,
Amanda Stitt

APOLOGIES: Chris Butcher

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

Read by Des Lamb

Moved: Des Lamb

Seconded: Amanda Stitt

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Read by Bev Fury

Moved: Bev Fury

Seconded: Heather Good

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Letter to Bland Shire Council 27 November 2023 re
 - a. Pigeon netting;
 - b. Ceiling tiles;
 - c. Painting of stage area;
 - d. Defibrillator;
 - e. Request Council's permission for location of lock box;
 - f. Acceptance of Memorandum of Understanding and Terms of Reference.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES:

1. Cleaning products have been received.
2. Toilet sign has been installed
3. Projector and screen - Des has spoken to Chris about this. Chris has advised we would only need to purchase a Bluetooth projector and screen. Des to follow up with Chris on pricing for these. We already have Bluetooth speakers. Amanda enquired if the speaker that was not working had been fixed. Des advised that he didn't think so. Chris had mentioned that he needed to order parts for the speaker to fix it.
4. Stoppers for chairs purchased and in the process of replacing as needed on chairs.
5. Wyalong Advancement Group used Hall for markets on 25 November. Bev asked if we are to invoice them for this? The Committee unanimously voted that we would not.
6. Bev had meeting with Ray Graham from Council re painting of hall and sealing of outdoor area. Bev is to follow up on updated quote for outdoor area and a timeline for when Hall is to be painted.
7. Bev to follow up with Council re placement of lock box and also contact George Collins in relation to lock on front door.



GENERAL BUSINESS:

Amanda asked when the air conditioner had last been serviced. Bev to enquire from Council and ask them to have it serviced as it would appear it has not been done for several years.

There is a booking for a wedding in June and they have enquired about how many chairs we have, having fire buckets in the outside area and the wiring on the walls. It was agreed that as long as they were not too close to building or on cement area, then having a fire bucket would be okay. In relation to the wiring on the wall, it would remain in place. Bev to advise Council that if the wire is taken down for painting of Hall then it is to be replaced as we not allow anything to be placed on walls so the only way anything can be hung is off that wiring. An estimate of the number of chairs available for use is 160.

Amanda asked that the minutes be emailed to the Committee members after each meeting.

The Committee unanimously agreed that we should formally thank Bland Shire Council for the work recently completed at the School of Arts, at the same time advising them that the pigeon netting had been removed by the roofers and had not been replaced. Bev to request Council to arrange for the pigeon netting to be replaced.

Michelle had been asked by Paul Redman if we would hire out some chairs for a function. Ron advised that it has been decided some years ago that we would not hire out chairs and/or tables as on previous occasions that this had been done they came back dirty and/or damaged. Committee members are able to borrow tables and/or chairs and if Paul wanted to join the Committee and attend meetings then the answer is yes, but otherwise the answer is no.

Gerard advised of upcoming bookings and Bev asked if he could send a list to her so we would know when we needed to clean the Hall for bookings.

Next meeting: Monday 13 May 2024 at 6.30 pm

Meeting closed: 6.58 pm

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be the initials 'B' or 'Bev', located at the bottom of the page.

CBA # 2137							
OPENING BANK BALANCE AS AT 20/11/2023							\$9,511.26
INCOME							
Date	Received From	Description	Amount of Invoice	GST	Amount received/paid		
1/12/2023	Community Radio	Rent	\$60.00	\$5.45	\$60.00	\$9,571.26	
02/01/20224	Community Radio	Rent	\$60.00	\$5.45	\$60.00	\$9,631.26	
1/02/2024	Community Radio	Rent	\$60.00	\$5.45	\$60.00	\$9,691.26	
9/02/2024	J Reedy	Donation	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$50.00	\$9,741.26	
13/02/2024	NSW Electoral Commission	Hall Hire	\$665.00	\$60.45	\$665.00	\$10,406.26	
14/02/2024	K Holloway	Hall Hire (3 weeks)	\$105.00	\$9.55	\$105.00	\$10,511.26	
	Total GST received			\$70.00			
Total income 19/11/2023 to 19/02/2024						\$820.00	
EXPENDITURE							
Date	Paid To						
20/11/2024	R Good	Ag n Vet Pest Control	\$44.00	\$4.00	\$44.00	\$10,467.26	
20/11/2024	Cash	Lawn Maintenance	\$65.00	\$0.00	\$65.00	\$10,402.26	
16/01/2024	Petty Cash	Various	\$163.95	\$14.90	\$163.95	\$10,238.31	
Total expenses 19/11/2023 to 19/02/2024						\$272.95	
BALANCE AS AT 19/02/2024						\$10,238.31	
Bank Statement Balance						\$10,402.26	
Less unrepresented cheques						\$163.95	
						\$10,238.31	

Statement 298 (Page 1 of 2)

Account Number 06 2621 00902137

Statement Period 1 Oct 2023 - 31 Dec 2023

Closing Balance \$9,462.26 CR

Enquiries 13 2221



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

Society Cheque Account

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Name: WYALONG SCHOOL OF ARTS HALL COMMITTEE

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Date	Transaction	Debit	Credit	Balance
01 Oct 2023	OPENING BALANCE			\$8,131.26 CR
03 Oct	Direct Credit 049045 SWSCU COMMUNITY RADIO		60.00	\$8,191.26 CR
01 Nov	Direct Credit 049045 SWSCU COMMUNITY RADIO		60.00	\$8,251.26 CR
10 Nov	Direct Credit 077940 AEC 005549		1,100.00	\$9,351.26 CR
16 Nov	Direct Credit 075589 BLAND SHIRE COUN 033958		160.00	\$9,511.26 CR
22 Nov	Cashed Chq No. 067887 WEST WYALONG	65.00		\$9,446.26 CR
22 Nov	Chq 067886 presented WEST WYALONG	44.00		\$9,402.26 CR
01 Dec	Direct Credit 049045 SWSCU COMMUNITY RADIO		60.00	\$9,462.26 CR
31 Dec 2023	CLOSING BALANCE			\$9,462.26 CR

Opening balance	-	Total debits	+	Total credits	=	Closing balance
\$8,131.26 CR		\$109.00		\$1,440.00		\$9,462.26 CR

2/01/2024	60	Direct Credit 049045 SWSCU COMMUNITY RADIO	9522.26
1/02/2024	60	Direct Credit 049045 SWSCU COMMUNITY RADIO	9582.26
9/02/2024	50	DEPOSIT CASH \$50.00 CHEQUE \$0.00 Branch WEST WYALONG	9632.26
13/02/2024	665	Direct Credit 249977 NSWEC PAYMENT NSWEC GE00462	10297.26
14/02/2024	105	Direct Credit 421520 KEVIN HOLLOWAY Carol Holloway 3wk	10402.26

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 West Wyalong NSW 2671
 Ph: 02 6972 2455

TAX INVOICE
**** Reprint ****

Invoice Number : **5172**
 Invoice Date : **20-NOV**
 Account Code : **CASH1**
 Order Number :
 Sales Person : **Richard**

CUSTOMER COPY

A/C: CASH SALES (WEST WYALONG)

Del: CASH SALES (WEST WYALONG)

Item Code	Reference / Description	BKO Qty	Qty	Unit Price (Ex GST)	Unit Price (Incl GST)	Total (Incl GST)
ZEUS1	COPRO ZEUS 100 1LT DANGEROUS GOODS DETAILS: UN NO: 3082 DG CLASS: 9 SUB CLASS: HAZCHEM: 3Z POISON: S6 COMBUSTABILITY: Cat4 PACK GP: III CORRECT SHIPPING NAME: ENVIRONMENTALLY HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCE, LIQUID, N.O.S.		1.00	40.00	44.00	
(Total GST: \$4.00)						
				Paid by: Eftpos		Total Incl GST: 44.00

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PRICES: Prices may change from time to time.
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BSB 062000 **Acct** 11086790
Ref CASH1550
Email advice to payments@agnvet.com.au

PETTY CASH - 16/02/2023				
DATE	DESCRIPTION	OUTGOINGS	INCOME	BALANCE
	OPENING BALANCE		\$100.00	\$100.00
17/02/2023	Air Fresheners for Toilet	\$11.00		\$89.00
17/02/2023	Cleaning supplies	\$20.62		\$68.38
20/05/2023	BBQ Supplies	\$30.78		\$37.60
29/08/2023	Cleaning supplies	\$4.50		\$63.88
7/10/2023	Tea Towels	\$9.45		\$54.43
27/10/2023	Cleaning supplies	\$17.62		\$36.81
27/11/2023	Stationery	\$8.25		\$28.56
27/11/2023	Hardware	\$19.50		\$9.06
20/01/024	Chair stops	\$73.00		-\$63.94
	BALANCE AS AT 16/01/2024			-\$63.94
20/01/2024	Cash			\$0.00
	Cheque			\$163.94

3 Toilet scented

\$ 11.00



12 - 20 Barnardo Steet
West Wyalong NSW 2671
PH:02-6972-2511

ABN: 84093421919
TAX INVOICE

12-20 Barnardo Street
West Wyalong NSW 2671
Ph: 02 6850 1050

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		\$
%B/GOLD BOTTLE SPRAY TRIG 500ML	4.00	
qty 2 @ \$2.00 /ea		
%B/GOLD BOTTLE SPRAY TRIG 500ML	2.00	
###PINE-O-CLEEN LAVENDER 1.25L	5.00	
###RENUZIT A/FRSH OCEAN BRZ 198GM	10.50	
qty 3 @ \$3.50 /ea		
STAFF DISCOUNT WYALONG	0.88-	

SUBTOTAL	20.62
TOTAL for 7 ITEMS	\$20.62
CASH	\$21.00
ROUNDING DOWN BENEFIT	\$0.02-
CHANGE	\$0.40
TRANSACTION INCLUDES GST:	\$1.87

% Indicates Taxable Supply
Indicates Special Savings

**Our Specials Have
Saved You \$6.43**

Bernardi's Smart Shopper

Card Number: 2722369234336
Name: michelle lamb

Thanks for shopping. 20 points
were earned in this transaction.

Your points balance was 2369 (\$11.84)
as at 14/02/2023

Access your account details at :
www.bernardis.net.au/loyalty

Slip: 000000003000006495
Staff: Kristylee Trans: 6497
Date: 20/05/23 4:26

Description		\$
SAUSAGES THIN REGULAR GF	11.48	A
SAUSAGES THIN REGULAR GF	5.55	A
F/FARM SLICED ONION 800G	4.00	A
W/STAR SPREADABLE TRAD 3	5.50	A
CAD CHOC TWIRL BREAKAWAY	1.00	B
BAKERY BERNARDIS SWCH WH	3.25	A

Total	\$30.78
Promotional Savings	1.07
Cash	-35.00
Change	4.20

Rounding 0.02

VAT%	Net.Amt	VAT	Amount
A 0	29.78	0.00	29.78
B 10	0.91	0.09	1.00

Member Account 2722369840100.

Issued Points: 30.78

Used Points..: 0

Point Balance: 5,206.6

Total Dollar Value: \$0.19

Retain receipt for refund or return

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Ph: 02 6972 2528

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Slip: 000000W01000075273
Staff: Venice Trans: 75084
Date: 27/10/23 16:17

Description		\$
PINE-O-CLEEN LAVENDER 1.	4.78	B
B/GOLD BLEACH REGULAR 2L	2.10	B
GLADE AIR FRESHNR SLD LAV180GM		
2 pcs @ 3.75	7.16	B
GLADE AIR FRESHNR SLD LI	3.58	B

Subtotal \$	18.45	
Staff Discount 4.5%	-0.83	
Total	\$17.62	
Promotional Sav	3.00	
Cash	-50.00	
Change	32.40	

Roundup	-0.02	

VAT%	VAT	Amount
B 10	1.60	17.62

Member Account 2722369234336.
Issued Points: 17.62
Used Points.: 0
Point Balance: 9,436.87
Total Dollar Value: \$46.91
Retain receipt for refund or return

THANK YOU FOR SHOPPING AT BERNARDI'S

Thanks for Shopping @ Discount Dollar
Discount Dollar
102-106 Main St
West Wyalong NSW 2671
ABN : 86 610 486

Description	Qty	Price	Extend
Tea Towel Vel	1.00	2.99	2.99
Tea Towel Ter	1.00	2.99	2.99
KWIK LIFE PK4	1.00	3.49	3.49
Subtotal			9.47
Total			\$9.45
Paid Cash			\$10.00

Paid \$0.0000, Change \$0.55
Receipt # 588044
Date: 27/10/2023 4:29 PM
Expires: 11
Refund after 7 days

12-20 Barnardo Street
West Wyalong NSW 2671
Ph: 02 6972 2528

ABN: 84093421919
TAX INVOICE
ABN: 84093421919
TAX INVOICE

Slip: 000000W03000026381
Staff: Jenny Trans: 26385
Date: 29/08/23 2:20

Description		\$
B/GOLD H/HOLD WIPES ROLL	4.50	B
FRUCHE VAN BEAN 2X150GM	3.35	A
YOP LE RICE VANILLA 2X150GM		
2 pcs @ 3.75	7.50	A
DELI SALAD SEAFOOD SMALL	5.99	A
RIVERINA FRESH CREAM THI	2.39	A

Total	\$23.73	
Credit Card	-23.73	

MASTERCARD WYALONG		

BERNARDI'S L0025
WEST WYALONG NSW
MERCH ID:6110006020L0025
TERM ID: L0025006
CARD:.....3407 T
Debit Mastercard
AID A0000000041010
ARQC 8AC0791109273CFD
PURCHASE \$23.73
TOTAL \$23.73
APPROVED 00
29/08/23 14:20 021651

VAT%	Net.Amt	VAT	Amount
B 10	4.09	0.41	4.50
A 0	19.23	0.00	19.23

Member Account 2722369840100.
Issued Points: 23.73
Used Points.: 0
Point Balance: 5,958.14
Total Dollar Value: \$29.67
Retain receipt for refund or return

THANK YOU FOR SHOPPING AT BERNARDI'S



HHR Enterprises Pty Ltd
T/As Hardware Home And Rural

ABN: 30 661 265 729
 50 Main Street
 WestWyalong
 NSW 2671
 Ph : (02) 6972 2247

Tax Invoice

Docket No: 4135
 Date: 27 Nov 2023 12:23

Account Code: CASH\\$\$
 Cash Sales

Product Code	Price
WW15073	
Desc: Bynorm Fuel Can Metal Ribbed 5litre	
1 @ 19.50	= 19.50

Total Due: \$19.50
 GST: 1.77
 Tendered: 19.50
 Rounding: 0.00

Outstanding: Paid In Full

Tendered By: EFT EFTPOS \$19.50
 * Indicates Item Excludes GST

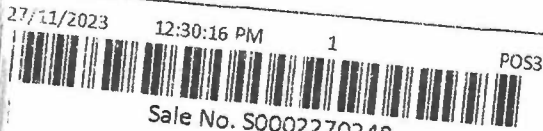
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 WEST WYALONG, NSW 2671
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 PH: (02) 69722040
 FAX: (02) 69723428
 email: westwyalongnewsagency@gmail.com

Tax Invoice / Receipt

^ SOVREIGN A4 KRAFT 25'S ENVELOPES	\$8.25
Lotto - Mon	\$22.25
^ WAGGA DAILY ADVERTISER :Monday	\$2.30
Sub Total	\$32.80
Rounding	\$0.00
Total	\$32.80
Tendered Eftpos	\$32.80
Change	\$0.00
^ GST Total	\$6.96



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 159 Main St
 West Wyalong NSW 2671

Tyro Payments EFTPOS

Debit Mastercard
 AID: A0000000041010
 Card: xxxxxxxxxxxxxx3407(t)

Purchase AUD \$32.80

Total AUD \$32.80

HHR Enterprises Pty Ltd
 T/As Hardware Home And Rural
 ABN: 30 661 265 729
 50 Main Street
 WestWyalong
 NSW 2671
 Ph : (02) 6972 2247

Tax Invoice
 Docket No: 6962
 Date: 20 Jan 2024 9:46
 Account Code: CASH\\$\$
 Cash Sales

Product Code	Price
WW32685	
Desc: Tip Chair Rubber Black Round 19mm	
PK4	
10 @ 3.50	= 35.00
WW35491	
Desc: Tip Chair Rubber White Round 19mm	
PK4	
10 @ 3.80	= 38.00
Total Due:	\$73.00
GST:	6.63
Tendered:	73.00
Rounding:	0.00
Tendered By: EFT EFTPOS	\$73.00
* Indicates Item Excludes GST	

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