

Business Paper

Council Meeting

19 August 2025

OUR VISION, MISSION AND VALUES



CALENDAR OF MEETINGS

Meeting Dates	Time	Meeting	Location
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August 2025

Tuesday, 5	6.00pm	Council Workshop	Council Chambers
Friday, 8	8.00am	Country Mayors Association of NSW	Sydney
Tuesday, 19	6.30pm	Council Meeting	Council Chambers
Friday, 22	10.00am	REROC Board Meeting	Wagga Wagga
Thursday, 28	10.00am	REROC Office opening	Wagga Wagga
Thursday, 28	10.00am	Goldenfields Water County Council	Temora

September 2025

Tuesday, 2	6.00pm	Council Workshop	Council Chambers
Wednesday, 3	9.00am	Cowal Environmental Monitoring & Consultative Committee	Forbes
Tuesday, 16	6.30pm	Council Meeting	Council Chambers

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REPORTS FROM STAFF

Section 1 – Executive Services

6.1 Monthly Status Report – Council Meeting Actions: July 2025

CSP Theme: Growth 1 - Good Governance is integral to Council's operations and management of community resources.

Department: Executive Services

Author: Acting Executive Assistant

Recommendation:

That Council receive and note the Monthly Status Report - Council Meeting Actions: July 2025.

Report

Purpose

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.

Background

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 monthly through the Manex meeting.

Discussion

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.

Financial Implications

Nil

Enclosures

Monthly Status Report – July 2025

Attachments (As separate attachment)

Nil

Monthly Status Report – Council Meeting Actions

Resolution	Responsible Person	Progress Update
MARCH 2024		
Proposed Road Closure – Gordons Lane RESOLVED that Council: - endorse the closure of the public road known as Gordons Lane between Clear Ridge Road and Blands Lane - 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 - receive a further report to consider any submissions lodged during the notification period to determine the approval for the proposal - receive a further report to consider the property valuers report and determination of any sale price.	Acting Director Technical Services	Letters sent to adjoining landowners. Council continues to seek written acceptance from all parties. 08/25: No responses received to date, decision made to resend letter before final decision
AUGUST 2024		
Sealing Central Road – Funding Contribution 13082024 RESOLVED that Council: - Accept the contribution of \$100,000 (inc GST) from Graincorp towards the sealing of Boundary Street from the Graincorp exit to Compton Road. - That Council fund the remainder of the works from the Roads to Recover allocation in the 2025/2026 financial year.	Acting Director Technical Services	Design work to commence in 2025. Letter sent to Grain Corp to clarify expectations.
Strengthening Communities Grant Policy 19082024 RESOLVED that Council: - Review the strengthening community grant policy to include a maximum per annum funding of \$5000 per group. - Any in kind support be included in this allocation. - Any joint ventures be approved by a majority of Councillors. - Any funding greater than that allowed in the strengthening community fund must be included in the approved budget set for the year.	Director Corporate & Community Services	09/24 - Further discussions and review of the policy to be undertaken with new Council to determine a consistent approach to requests for funding. 03/25 - Workshop scheduled for 22/4/25 to establish grant areas and limits. 03/25 - Workshop to be held 29/4/25 to establish grant areas and limits. 05/25 – Revised Grant Policy to be finalised and presented to July Council meeting for endorsement. 27/7/25 – Policy updated and to be presented at August Council Meeting.
MARCH 2025		
Employee Council Agreement 2024-2027 06032025 RESOLVED that Council endorse the revised Employee's Council Agreement for the period from 1 December 2024 to 30 November 2027 covering all Bland Shire Council staff employed under the Local Government (State) Award and that the Agreement be submitted to the relevant unions for execution.	General Manager	03/25: Agreement issued to Unions for execution. 06/25: Council has made further request to Unions.

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Resolution	Responsible Person	Progress Update
Parking & Enforcement 13032025 RESOLVED that further information in relation to a parking education program be presented to Council ahead of re-endorsement of the enforcement of existing parking signage.	Manager Development & Regulatory Services	05/25: Road Safety Officer liaising with TfNSW and other stakeholders to develop further ideas.
APRIL 2025		
Public Exhibition – Draft Main Street Revitalisation Plan 05042025 RESOLVED: 1. That Council endorse the draft Main Street Revitalisation Plan and place it on public exhibition for a period of 28 days. 2. Following the period of exhibition and submission period to allow for written submissions to be made, any suggested amendments to the plan be made and a further report be presented to Council prior to its formal adoption.	General Manager	04/25: Document placed on public exhibition until 15 May. 05/25: Letterbox drop undertaken to main street businesses. 06/25: Submissions closed and being reviewed prior to any proposed amendments. 07/25: Final document to be presented to August meeting.
Sale of Land for Unpaid Rates 20042025 RESOLVED that Council agrees to: 1. Sell the 10 properties as listed in the Sale of Land for Unpaid Rates report and detailed in the General Manager's certificates for the sale of land for unpaid rates in accordance with Section 713 of the Local Government Act 1993. 2. Authorise the public auction to be held, at a date to be decided, in the Council Chambers. 3. Authorise the General Manager to determine and appoint an auctioneer in line with Council's procurement policy. 4. Utilise the services of GP Evans & Englert for the provision of contracts for the sale. 5. The preparation of a schedule nominating a reserve price for each parcel (having regard to each parcel's valuation, the amount of debt outstanding to Council and the prevailing market prices) to be presented at the May 2025 Council meeting. 6. Authorise the General Manager, or the Director Corporate and Community Services, delegation to accept any reasonable offer on the day of the auction and to complete the contract of sale on behalf of Council.	Manager Finance and Customer Services	Recoupa are expecting quotes from auctioneers by Friday 13 th June. Following the appointment of the auctioneer, the date for the sale will be set. Sale to be advertised before 30 th June 2025. 06/25: Item added to agenda for the July workshop to provide further information. 07/25: Council meeting report to delegate authority to the GM to set reserve prices. 08/25: Quade Moncrieff Livestock & Property Pty Ltd have been appointed as the auctioneers. Auction will be held at 10am on 13 th November 2025.

Monthly Status Report – Council Meeting Actions

Resolution	Responsible Person	Progress Update
MAY 2025		
Public Exhibition – Sport and Recreation Plan 06052025 RESOLVED: 1. That Council endorse the draft Sport and Recreation Plan and place it on public exhibition for a period of 28 days. 2. Following the period of exhibition and submission period to allow for written submissions to be made, any suggested amendments to the plan be made and a further report be presented to Council prior to its formal adoption.	General Manager	05/25: Plan placed on public exhibition. 07/25: Final document to be presented to August meeting.
JUNE 2025		
Bins 4 Blokes Program 03062025 RESOLVED that Council introduce one incontinence product disposal bin in each male public toilet block at an approximate cost of \$7,000 (Ex GST), per annum.	General Manager	06/25: Letter sent to Ungarie CWA advising of Council decision.
Strengthening Communities Application – Waratah Village Association (Auspiced by the Lions Club) 06062025 RESOLVED that Council: a) Approve the Strengthening Communities Grant application for funding from the Waratah Village Association in the amount of \$5,000 to assist with the costs of purchasing resources to run the Introduction of Music as Therapy Program subject to the following points. b) That the grant is only to be considered approved upon the formal agreement for auspice between the West Wyalong Lions Club and the Waratah Village Association being provided to Council. c) Seeks formal acknowledgement from the Waratah Village Association through joint media promotion of the Program once the required equipment has been sourced.	Director Corporate and Community Services	07/25 – Association advised of successful grant application, paperwork distributed and returned. Awaiting invoice from Auspicing Body before progressing further.

Monthly Status Report – Council Meeting Actions

Resolution	Responsible Person	Progress Update
Strengthening Communities Application – West Wyalong Kennel Club 07062025 RESOLVED that Council: 1. Rescind the support previously offered to the West Wyalong Kennel Club (Minute number 12052025) noting this is the request of the Kennel Club. 2. Approve the Strengthening Communities Grant application for funding from the West Wyalong Kennel Club in the amount of \$4,981 to go toward the cost of the West Wyalong Kennel Club Shows on 20-21 September 2025. 3. Seeks formal acknowledgement from the West Wyalong Kennel Club to include the Bland Shire Council logo in its promotional material as an indication of Council's financial support of the event.	Director Corporate and Community Services	07/25 – Association advised of successful grant application, paperwork distributed and returned. Payment of grant funds has been made. COMPLETE
DCP Amendment – Active Street Frontage 09062025 RESOLVED: 1. That Council endorse the amendment to the current Bland Development Control Plan (DCP) in accordance with the Manager of Development and Regulatory Services Report and places the DCP on public exhibition for a period of 28 days commencing 18 June 2025. 2. Should there be comments received from the community on the proposed amendments to the current DCP, a further report be prepared and presented to Council. 3. That should no submissions on the proposed amendments to the current DCP be received during the Public Exhibition Period, that Council adopts the proposed amendments to the current DCP.	Acting Director Technical Services	08/25: Public Exhibition complete. Submissions, if any being reviewed by Development & Regulatory Services team.
DA2024/0058 - Multi Dwelling Housing (9 dwellings) and Consolidation of 2 lots into 1 lot 10062025 RESOLVED that Council defer a decision on DA2024/0058 - Multi Dwelling Housing (9 dwellings) and Consolidation of 2 into 1 lots, and meet with the developer indicating that Council is positively disposed to the development with some compromise from the developer and a future amended application be made.	Acting Director Technical Services	07/25: Approved with special condition regarding subsidence and legacy mine shafts. Refer Minute 13072025 COMPLETE

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Resolution	Responsible Person	Progress Update
JULY 2025		
Road Maintenance Memorandum of Understanding – Cowal Gold Operations Open Pit Continuation Project 04072025 RESOLVED: That council defer the Road Maintenance Memorandum Of Understanding – Cowal Gold Operations Open Pit Continuation Project to a future meeting until more information has been obtained	General Manager	07/25: Matter deferred subject to further investigations. COMPLETE
Endorsement of Community Engagement Strategy 05072025 RESOLVED: 1. Endorse the Draft 2025 Community Engagement Strategy and place it on public exhibition for a period of 28 days. 2. Following the period of exhibition and submission period to allow for written submissions to be made, any suggested amendments to the plan be made and a further report be presented to Council prior to its formal adoption.	Media and Communications Officer	07/25: Strategy placed on public exhibition.
Sale of Land for Unpaid Rates 10072025 RESOLVED that Council authorise the General Manager, or in their absence the Director Corporate and Community Services, to determine the reserve prices for the properties listed for sale for unpaid rates, in accordance with Section 713 of the Local Government Act 1993.	Manager Customer & Financial Services	08/25: Reserve prices to be set closer to auction date. Refer to April 2025 action updates for further information.
Bland Shire Council Onsite Sewage Management Strategy 2025-2030 12072025 RESOLVED 1. That Council endorse the draft Bland Shire Council Onsite Sewage Management Strategy 2025-2030 and place it on public exhibition for a period of twenty-eight (28) days from 16 July 2025. 2. Should there be comments received from the community on the draft Bland Shire Council Onsite Sewage Management Strategy 2025-2030, a further report be prepared and presented to Council. 3. Should there be no comment from the community within the 42-day commentary period, Council formally adopt the Bland Shire Council Onsite Sewage Management Strategy 2025-2030.	Environmental Health Officer	07/25: On Public Exhibition
DA2024/0058 - Multi Dwelling Housing (9 dwellings) and Consolidation of 2 lots into 1 lot 13072025 RESOLVED that Council approve DA2024/0058 - Multi Dwelling Housing (9 dwellings) and Consolidation of 2 into 1 lots, subject to development consent conditions contained within the Town Planners report.	Manager Development & Regulatory Services	08/25: Consent issued with special condition regarding subsidence and legacy mine shafts.

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Resolution	Responsible Person	Progress Update
Co-funding Proposed Saloon Car Drag Strip in West Wyalong 14072025 RESOLVED that Council approve the allocation of \$1.5m from unrestricted cash (invested funds) toward the development of the Saloon Car Drag Strip in West Wyalong and be included in the Quarterly Budget Review Statement for Q1 2025/26. Minutes of the Traffic Advisory Committee-Meeting held 25 June 2025 15072025 RESOLVED that Council: 1. Receive and note the minutes of the Bland Shire Traffic Advisory Committee, held 25 June 2025. 2. Approve the installation of No Parking signs at 194 Main Street, West Wyalong, outside Micson Constructions. 3. Relocate street furniture at road crossings on Main Street to the correct locations for better line of sight which would be on the other side (departure) of the lay backs. 4. Remove one single parking space at the southeastern corner of Barnado and Church Streets and install hatching with white paint so that it is no longer a parking space, and that the large shrub be removed/replaced with a smaller shrub for better sight when leaving the carpark, and publicise this modification once completed.	Acting Director Technical Services Acting Director Technical Services	08/25: Preparation of Documents & Bill of Quantities for Construction Certificate and Final Project determination. 1. Signs approved & installed 2. Parks & Gardens have this in hand. 3. Parking space removed and hatching installed. COMPLETE

6.2 Main Street Revitalisation Plan

CSP Theme: Place 5 - Existing and future assets are planned for, well managed and funded through appropriate programs, plans and budgets to support a growing community.

Department: Executive Services

Author: General Manager

Recommendation:

That Council adopt the West Wyalong Main Street Revitalisation Plan 2025, as prepared by Sala4D and Bland Shire Council.

Report

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to present the West Wyalong Main Street Revitalisation Plan 2025 (the Plan) to Council and seek adoption, following the exhibition of the draft plan and considering feedback from the community.

Background

The Plan provides for an evidenced based and open approach to the future planning, delivery, and allocation of resources to secure internal and external funding for future projects along the main street (Main and Neeld Streets).

The Main Street Revitalisation Plan will provide for a vibrant, economically viable, high quality and safe town centre, offer strategies that address the tired public space, and define quick win and long term strategies for the public space.

The Plan focusses on the main street extending from Goldfields Way to Ungarie Road and includes the key entry interfaces in the vicinity of the saleyards, toward the West Wyalong Hospital, and Goldfields Way.

Community Engagement

Council engaged Sala4D in April 2024.

Sala4D and Council staff undertook a first round of community engagement in July 2024 to inform the Plan, including preparation of a discussion paper, to create a shared aspiration for the main street.

Following the first round of engagement Sala4D utilised the findings to develop ideas and draft plans which were then reviewed by Council staff and presented at a second community workshop and drop in session on 26 - 27 March 2025.

Community engagement sessions were well attended by members of the community.

Public Exhibition

At the ordinary April meeting, Council resolved to place the concept documentation on public exhibition from 17 April with written submissions received until 29 May 2025.

Notification of the public exhibition was advertised in the West Wyalong Advocate and made available on the Bland Shire Council website and promoted through Council's social media channels. Hard copies were also made available at the Bland Council office and Bland Shire library.

Council staff also delivered hard copies of the concept plans to businesses along Main and Neeld Streets during the exhibition period.

Prior to the public exhibition period, Sala4D presented the findings of their assessment and the community engagement to a Councillor Workshop on 25 February and the draft was approved for public exhibition at the April 2025 council meeting.

Council received 16 submissions which are included in the Final Report documentation and the themes summarised below:-

Area of Concern	Response
<u>Traffic</u> Recommended works are unwarranted. Money better spent elsewhere. Rethink Operator/Main Street intersection and approach landscaping. Shared turn lanes at Clear Ridge/Central Roads, Stephenson/Perseverance Streets. Fleece/Main Street modification to traffic arrangements. Blister plantings.	Masterplan designs have been prepared by a traffic engineer to appropriate standards. Design modifications made to blister plantings to accommodate access. Engagement with local stakeholders to be undertaken as part of detailed design. Traffic Committee to review detailed design.
<u>Parking</u> Need for loading zone to replace those lost in Main Street. Accessible car parking issues.	Review need for taxi zone. Relocate non-compliant accessible car space. Detailed design of accessible car parking in accordance with appropriate standards. Engagement with local stakeholders to be undertaken as part of detailed design. Parking modifications to be referred to Traffic Committee for consideration. Traffic Committee to review detailed design.
<u>Plantings/landscaping</u> Open space (white tank park) Plantings in Water Street. Plantings at Main/Church Street Plant selections. Planting and bed locations.	Detailed design of open space required. Plantings are in relocatable pods. One tree removed. Masterplan designs have been prepared by a traffic engineer to appropriate standards.

	Final plant selections subject to final detailed design. Certain bed locations critical to traffic behaviour and flow. Detailed design to provide adequate space for truck parking between plantings and gutter. Engagement with local stakeholders to be undertaken as part of detailed design. Traffic Committee to review detailed design.
<u>Signage</u> Existing signage on approaches. Poor signage Showground Road and Reg Rattey Drive.	Referred to Transport for NSW for review. Referred to Transport for NSW and Traffic Committee.
<u>Rubbish</u> Bin location, collection and cleanliness	Operational matter referred to Urban Services.

Future consultation as identified shall be in accordance with the Council's community engagement strategy.

The proposed changes do not substantially change the strategic direction of the Plan, and maintenance-based commentary has been shared with Technical Services.

Council has received the final documentation. Due to the large size, only the final report (**Attachment 1.**) and cost estimate (**Attachment 2.**) have been included. The full drawing set can be made available upon request.

Costings

Sala4D have provided detailed cost estimate on the landscaping, facilities and civil works for the complete concept. It should be noted that this is a very high-level estimate and detailed pricing would be included as part of the detailed design process for individual elements (projects).

Financial Implications

The Main Street Revitalisation Plan was funded by the NSW Government Resources for Regions – Round 9 program, which also funded development of the Bland Shire Sport and Recreation Master Plan project.

As at 2024/25 (Q4), Sala4D has claimed \$83,641 (Ex GST), with \$6,070 outstanding, subject to variations. The final progress payment is yet to be claimed and the project remains on budget.

Council currently has no funding allocated to the delivery of infrastructure works associated with the Plan except for the supply and installation of digital community noticeboards which

are also provided for under the same funding program, and new christmas decorations for West Wyalong and christmas tree for Wyalong.

Detailed whole of life costs and in particular write down / depreciations costs will be estimated when individual projects are scoped and detailed design undertaken.

Council Policy/Risk/Legislation Considerations

Risk

Council owns and manages all of the roads included within the project scope area, with the exception of the following (travelling lanes from 1m outside the edge lines) which are maintained by Transport for NSW:-

- Neeld Street (State) Wyalong from the intersection with Compton Road and extending beyond Goldfields Way.
- Newell Highway (State) West Wyalong South from the intersection with Showground Road.
- Mid Western Highway (State) West Wyalong between Ungarie Road and Showground Road.

Council also owns and maintains the parcel of land (White Tank block) located between Camp and Grenfell Streets.

Other “main street” assets that feature in the Plan include private landscaping elements such as that located between Roundabout Bakery and Duncans Chainsaw and Mower Centre, and the Star Lane pedestrian area.

Policy

The Plan was initiated under the previous Community Strategic Plan (CSP) and its recommendations align with various themes in the current CSP.

The Plan has been developed in consultation with the community and business stakeholders and provides Council with clear direction on what the community seeks in future main street improvements to carparking, street furniture, landscaping and signage including interpretive signage.

It “Identifies and plans for new infrastructure to meet the needs of the community” (DP Strategy).

It provides evidence for well-developed projects that can be considered shovel ready for grant-applications and where to target future expenditure of funds.

Legislative/Statutory

For the purpose of the Plan, the legislative context relates to the Road Rules 2014, Roads Act 1993 (NSW), Heavy Vehicle National Law (NSW) Act 2013 and related regulations.

Enclosures (following report)

Nil

Attachments (As separate attachment)

Attachment 1. – Final Report

Attachment 2. – Cost Estimate

6.3 Bland Shire Sport and Recreation Plan

CSP Theme: Place 1- Public places and facilities are well maintained and easy to access.

Department: Executive Services

Author: General Manager

Recommendation:

That Council adopt the Bland Shire Sport and Recreation Plan 2025, as prepared by Otium Planning Group and Bland Shire Council.

Report

Purpose

This purpose of this report is to present the Sport and Recreation Plan 2025 (the Plan) to Council and seek adoption, following the exhibition of the draft plan and considering feedback from the community.

Background

The Plan provides for an evidenced based and open approach to sport, and recreation planning and delivery undertaken in consultation with the community to allocate resources and secure internal and external funding for sport and recreation priorities.

The purpose of this study is to develop a Sport and Recreation Plan (Plan) that will identify and respond to the current and future needs of the community within Bland Shire Council Local Government Area (Shire).

The Plan focusses on existing Council owned and managed public open space across the Shire whilst acknowledging community input provided in relation to non-Council facilities.

Public Exhibition

The Draft Bland Shire Sport and Recreation Plan 2025 was placed on public exhibition from 26 May with written submissions received until 7 July 2025.

Notification of the public exhibition was advertised in the West Wyalong Advocate and made available on the Bland Shire Council website and promoted through Council's social media channels. Hard copies were also made available at the Bland Council office and Bland Shire library.

Prior to the public exhibition period, Otium presented the findings of their assessment and the community engagement to a Councillor Workshop on 1 April, and the draft was approved for public exhibition at the May 2025 council meeting.

Feedback was received from West Wyalong Girral Football and Netball Club and the West Wyalong District Cricket Association and a previous member of the West Wyalong Basketball Committee.

Areas of concern expressed by submissions are summarised below:-

Area of Concern	Response
<u>West Wyalong Basketball Stadium</u>	Recommendation to enclose outdoor court removed. Feedback indicated outdoor court is well used and supported.
<u>Park Street Recreation Ground</u> Master Plan	Development of a master plan will include consultation with all user groups to help identify works, then establish costings and prioritise works accordingly. Engagement with local stakeholders to be undertaken as part of the development of a future facility master plan.
Netball court concrete surrounds	Recommendation amended to include need for drainage solutions.
Need for additional netball courts	Future facility master plan to consider opportunities for multi-use of facilities.
<u>Holland Park Pool</u> Request for heated pool	Recommendation amended to conduct a feasibility study for a warm water program pool including and update to the analysis and methodology of the 2018 Business Case.
<u>Ungarie Swimming Pool</u> Disabled access	Additional recommendation to investigate opportunities for improved accessible access.
Proposed additional features	No proposed change.
Relining and hot water system upgrade.	Previous report recommends prior to 2035. Operational matter to monitor facility. No proposed change to Plan.
Facilities not meeting standards	Additional recommendation that all future facility developments are in accordance with relevant sporting facility standards and guidelines.
Lack of facility maintenance	Operational matter referred to Urban Services.
Physical activity programs	Acknowledge existing programs and recommendation amended to leverage off these and expand opportunities to provide free or low-cost programs for the community.

Future consultation as identified shall be in accordance with the Council's community engagement strategy.

The proposed changes do not substantially change the strategic direction of the Plan, and maintenance based commentary has been shared with Technical Services.

The proposed amended version of the plan is **attached** and entitled as “Sport and Recreation Plan – Final Report”.

Financial Implications

The Sport and Recreation Plan was funded by the NSW Government Resources for Regions – Round 9 program, which also funded development of the Main Street Revitalisation Plan project.

As at 2024/25 (Q4), Otium Planning Group has claimed \$98,553 (Ex GST), with \$5,187 outstanding, subject to variations. The final progress payment is yet to be claimed, and the project remains within the budget allocation.

Council currently has no funding allocated to the delivery of infrastructure works associated directly or indirectly with the Plan except for pathway upgrades in Herridge and McCann Parks, new starting blocks and heating upgrade works at Holland Park Pool, and the extension of the recycled water main and storage at the rugby union/camp draft facilities.

Council Policy/Risk/Legislation Considerations

Risk

Council owns and manages sport and recreation assets with a written down value of \$14.86m and an estimated gross replacement cost of \$24.34m. This represents 4% of Councils total asset replacement cost value.

Strategic planning and prudent management of these assets is required to ensure that recreation assets deliver the required levels of service safely, in a financially sustainable manner, whilst maximising the available resources.

It is proposed that the Plan be used to plan for and meet identified current and future sport and recreation demands, in collaboration with the community.

Policy

The Plan has been developed in consultation with stakeholders and the community, to identify current and future sport and recreation requirements, using an evidence based approach. It provides Council with direction on where to target future expenditure of funds, and for grant applications.

It will underpin the provision of safe, accessible and appropriate sport and recreational facilities that support health and well-being and our local sport and recreational organisations.

The Plan was initiated under the previous Community Strategic Plan (CSP) and its recommendations align with various themes in the current CSP. As Sport and Recreation outcomes are generally achieved through the provision and use of public places and facilities, the CSP theme of Place 1- Public places and facilities are well maintained and easy to access, has been selected.

The best outcomes for our facilities and assets is best achieved when we “Partner with stakeholders to provide infrastructure and improve access to services and facilities” (DP Strategy).

Legislative/Statutory

For the purpose of the Plan, the legislative context relates to land to which the Crown Lands Act (1989) applies and includes land that Council and other bodies (Trusts) control, but which is owned by the Crown.

Enclosures (following report)

Nil

Attachments (As separate attachment)

Sport and Recreation Plan Final Report – July 2025

6.4 Visitor Economy and Growth Committee

CSP Theme: Place 3 – All visitors and tourists are welcome within our communities.

Department: Executive Services

Author: General Manager

Recommendation:

1. That Council establish the Bland Shire Visitor Economy and Growth Committee;
 - a. as an advisory Committee of Council.
 - b. the quorum of which will be four (4).
 - c. initially appoint the following voting members:
 - The Mayor (or delegate)
 - Two (2) Bland Shire Councillors
 - Two (2) Community Representatives
 - One (1) Business West Wyalong nominated member
 - d. Appoint the following as non voting members:
 - General Manager
 - Tourism and Administration Officer
 2. That Council nominate:
 - a. two Councillors as members
 - b. and a Councillor as Chair of the Bland Shire Visitor Economy and Growth Committee.
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Report

Purpose

This purpose of this report is for Council to establish the Visitor Economy and Growth Committee, appoint two (2) Councillors and one (1) alternate as member(s), specify the objectives and agree on any further representation to the Committee.

Background

Following the NSW Local Government Elections in 2024, Councillors have sought to establish a Committee to increase tourism in Bland Shire (Visitor economy), facilitate and support events, and grow economic activity and development opportunities within the Bland Shire.

Previously Council had an economic development / tourism committee under various titles until approximately 2015 when the Committee was disbanded.

Advisory Committees are primarily to:-

- Provide advice to Council
- Undertake projects as directed by Council or as endorsed by Council
- Have an external focus

They are established to:-

- Harness the views and expertise of the wider community
- Assist Council in its understanding of, and approach to, specific or localised issues, initiatives or community assets
- Provide a structured approach to the ongoing involvement of community members in Council affairs and the democratic process

The general purpose of the Visitor Economy and Growth Committee is proposed to provide non-binding strategic advice to the Council on issues related to economic development,

events and the visitor economy and foster opportunities that lead to local business growth, retention of existing businesses, the attraction of new residents and the promotion of tourism and events in Bland Shire.

It is noted that a dedicated voting member position has been included for Business West Wyalong (BWW) in anticipation that this will help with business stakeholder engagement and support the future of BWW.

The term of Community Representative (x2) and the BWW nominated member shall be for a maximum period of two (2) years to support corporate knowledge transfer during the Council term changeover.

Community and BWW representatives shall only hold office as voting members of the Committee for a maximum of two (2) consecutive terms.

Financial Implications

Councillors travel expenses in undertaking their duties, roles and responsibilities include representing Council and are addressed in Councils Payment of Expenses and Provisions of facilities to Mayors and Councillors Policy.

Council Policy/Risk/Legislation Considerations

Policy

A draft Terms of Reference is **attached** with the intent that the Committee review and amend the document (as required) at its initial meeting for future adoption by Council.

Legislative/Statutory

Under the Local Government Act 1993, Council is able to delegate some of its functions to a Committee of Council (s355), however the Visitor Economy and Growth Committee is proposed to be an advisory committee only, to provide advice and recommendations to the Council, but the ultimate decision-making authority will remain with the Council.

Enclosures (following report)

Terms of Reference - Draft

Attachments (As separate attachment)

Nil

VISITOR ECONOMY AND GROWTH COMMITTEE

Terms of Reference

NAME

Visitor Economy and Growth Committee

PURPOSE

The purpose of the Visitor Economy and Growth Committee is to provide non-binding strategic advice and recommendations to the Council on issues related to economic development, events and the visitor economy and to foster opportunities that lead to local business growth, retention of existing businesses, the attraction of new residents and the promotion of tourism and events in Bland Shire.

OBJECTIVE

The objective of the Committee is to provide advice and support to Council relating to economic development, tourism (visitor economy) growth and event activities, with the aim of encouraging economic growth within the Bland Shire.

TERMS OF REFERENCE

The Visitor Economy and Growth Committee is responsible for advising the Council and General Manager on the following:

- Supporting and promoting initiatives that drive local economic development and foster sustainable business growth within the community.
- Reviewing and recommending strategies and projects that enhance the region's visitor economy and tourism potential.
- Monitoring the performance and effectiveness of Council's economic development programs and visitor economy initiatives and recommending improvements or necessary adjustments.
- Advising on opportunities to attract investment, create jobs, and support local businesses in collaboration with industry stakeholders.
- Providing input on marketing, branding, and promotional strategies to boost the region's profile as a tourist destination.
- Reviewing relevant data, industry reports, and market assessments to inform decision-making and provide strategic recommendations.
- Assist with commissioning of and development of an Economic Development Strategy for the Bland Shire.

MEMBERSHIP

The voting membership of the Committee shall consist of:-

- The Mayor (or delegate)
- Two (2) Bland Shire Councillors

- Two (2) Community Representatives
- One (1) nominated member of Business West Wyalong

Non voting members of the Committee shall consist of:-

- General Manager (or delegate)
- Tourism and Administration Officer

Observer (non-member) Councillors may attend and participate in Committee meetings with the exclusion of voting on items not determined by consensus.

Community Representatives must submit an expression of interest to be appointed to the Committee. Council will advertise expressions of interest on its website and social media platforms.

Council officers will assess eligible nominations and make recommendations to Council.

Council will appoint committee members.

Council officers and residents of the Bland Shire may attend meetings.

VOTING

The Committee shall aim to make decisions by consensus when possible, however if voting on a motion put to a meeting of the Committee is equal, the Chairperson of the meeting shall have a casting vote as well as an original vote.

VACANCIES

A vacancy on the Committee shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointment was made.

CHAIRPERSON

The position of Chairperson shall be determined by Council when considering membership of the Committee.

In relation to any procedural matter, the ruling of the Chairperson is final.

In the absence of the Chairperson the Committee will elect a Chairperson as the first item of business.

QUORUM

The quorum for the Committee shall be four (4) voting members and include at least one (1) Councillor, one (1) Community Representative and the General Manager.

MEETINGS

Meetings of the Committee are to be held quarterly at a time to be determined by the Committee and meetings are to be held at the Council Civic Offices at 6 Shire Street West Wyalong.

AGENDA AND MINUTES

Agendas and Minutes must be prepared for each meeting.

The Agenda must be provided to members of the Committee not less than seven days before the time fixed for the holding of the meeting.

ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

The Visitor Economy and Growth Committee does not have any decision-making, financial or delegated powers.

Members will act in an advisory capacity only.

No member has the authority to represent Council without the approval of Council.

Members will:

- i. represent the needs, views and/or interests of communities within the Bland Shire.
- ii. provide advice on relevant industry trends and emerging issues, and provide feedback on local issues within the parameters of Council's authority
- iii. provide advice to Council on the implementation and monitoring of the CSP, DP and key plans or actions that support economic development.
- iv. assist Council in developing and implementing key projects and initiatives
- v. actively support Council's consultation with, and advocacy to the community on economic matters
- vi. assist Council in determining priority activities to be undertaken
- vii. provide recommendations to Council on matters referred to the Committee by the Council
- viii. determine that a matter raised would more practicably and appropriately be considered by another Committee of Council.
- ix. The Committee may not direct staff.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST PROVISIONS

Where a member has an interest or a Conflict of Interest (as defined in Council's Code of Conduct) in relation to a matter in which the Committee is concerned, or is likely to be considered or discussed, the member must disclose the matter to the committee before the matter is considered or discussed.

Disclosure must include the nature of the relevant interest or conflict of interest and be recorded in the minutes of the meeting.

TERM

The Committee will operate for the term of Council and unless otherwise resolved to be an earlier date, be dissolved at the last meeting of the current term of Council.

Community Representatives (x2) and the representative of Business West Wyalong shall be voting members for a maximum period of two (2) years to support corporate knowledge transfer across the terms of Council.

Community and Business West Wyalong representatives shall only hold office as a voting member of the Committee for a maximum of two (2) consecutive terms.

REVIEW

These Terms of Reference may be amended or repealed by resolution of the Council in consultation with or upon the recommendation of the Committee.

6.5 Organisational Structure

CSP Theme: Growth 1- Good Governance is integral to Council's operations and management of community resources.

Department: Executive Services

Author: General Manager

Recommendation:

That Council adopt the organisation structure as set out in this report, comprising:-

- Executive Services
 - Corporate and Community Services
 - Technical Services
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Report

Purpose

This purpose of this report is to present the proposed organisation structure to Council.

In accordance with Section 333 of the Local Government Act (The Act) council must re-determine the organisation structure within 12 months after an ordinary election of the council.

Background

The NSW Local Government Act contains provisions regarding Council's obligations to review the organisation structure following an ordinary election; clause 332 of the Act states;

332 Determination of structure

(1) A council must, after consulting the general manager, determine the resources to be allocated towards the employment of staff.

(1A) The general manager must, after consulting the council, determine the positions within the organisation structure of the council.

(1B) The positions within the organisation structure of the council are to be determined so as to give effect to the priorities set out in the strategic plans (including the community strategic plan) and delivery program of the council.

(2), (3) (Repealed)

Clause 333 of the Act states;

333 Re-determination and review of structure

The organisation structure may be re-determined under this Part from time to time.

The council must review, and may re-determine, the organisation structure within 12 months after any ordinary election of the council.

Council can change its structure at any time but must consider the matter at least in the first year of the Council term.

The positions within the organisation structure of the Council are determined to give effect to the priorities set out in the Community Strategic Plan, Delivery Program and Operational Plan of the Council.

This report advises of the intent to retain the existing structure, as follows:-

- Executive Services
- Corporate and Community Services
- Technical Services

Consultation

The General Manager has sought input via email and through the August Councillor workshop.

Financial Implications

In accordance with The Act, Council (governing body) is responsible for allocating resources through the budget process toward the employment of staff in the positions identified in the organisation structure.

There are no unbudgeted financial implications arising from the recommendations in this report.

Council Policy/Risk/Legislation Considerations

Risk

The proposal to maintain the existing structure does not present a risk to Council.

The high level of turnover and vacancies within the organisation presents a risk to delivery.

Policy

The relevant workplace agreements for Bland Shire Council are the Local Government (State) Award 2023 and Bland Shire Council Employees Council Agreement 2021 -2024.

The Agreement was endorsed by Council at the March 2025 meeting and subsequently sent to the individual unions for endorsement. Despite Council approaches we are yet to receive a signed copy.

Legislative/Statutory

The Local Government Act 1993 – Section 332 and 333, sets out the requirements with respect to a council's organisation structure, and the positions contained within it.

Council's consideration of this report will satisfy the requirement of s332 (1A) while the adoption of Council's FY2025/26 budget can be seen to have met the requirement of s332 (1) and (1B).

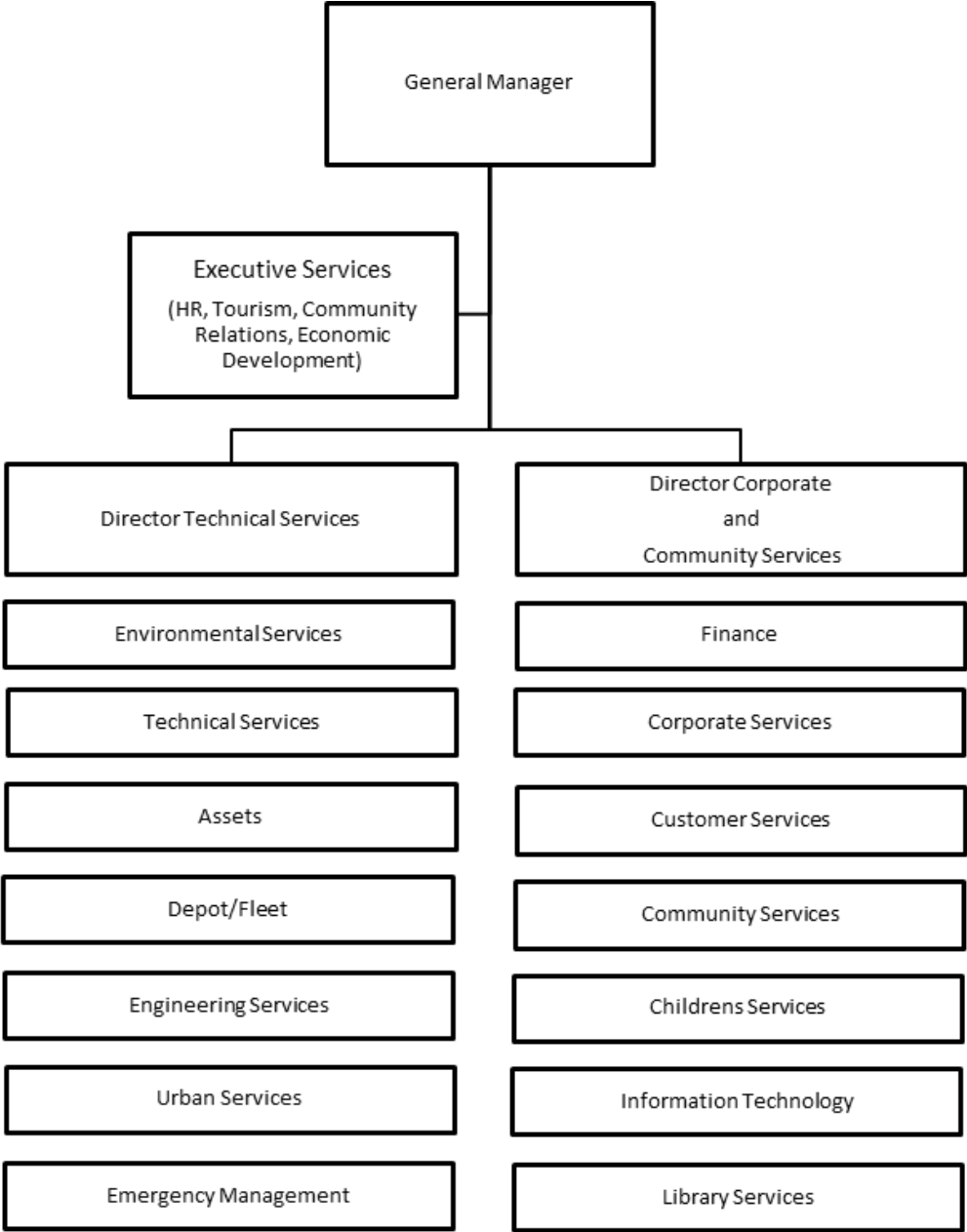
Enclosures (following report)

Organisational Structure with functional areas.

Attachments (As separate attachment)

Nil

Bland Shire Council
Existing Functional Areas



6.6 Council Facilities Closure – Christmas 2025

CSP Theme: Employment prospects exist across diverse industries.

Department: Executive Services

Author: Acting Executive Assistant

Recommendation:

1. That Council note the closure of council offices from 3.00pm on Friday 19 December 2025 and reopen on Monday 5 January 2026.
 2. That the Mayor and General Manager are delegated authority to deal with any urgent matters during the Christmas and New Year period for 2025 – 2026.
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Report

Purpose

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

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

Background

Council's services typically close over the Christmas and New Year period with a skeleton crew available for essential services. The purpose of this report is to set the closure period for 2025/26 year.

Discussion

The council offices, depot, library, Visitor Information Centre, Community Care Centre and Youth Centre will close at 3.00pm on Friday, 19 December 2025, for the purposes of a staff gathering and reopen on Monday 5 January 2026. Considering the work program ahead, Council's operational staff will have the same closure period except for essential on-call staff, who will be available for emergency response.

Other Council services will operate under the following schedule: -

- Children's Services Unit – Closed with the last day of classes being 19 December, staff returning 5 January 2026.
- Landfill – The West Wyalong landfill will be closed on 25, 26 December and 1 January. Ordinary operating hours on other days.
- Garbage collection services – As per normal.
- Community Care – Continue to work (excluding public holidays), with staff available on call.
- Swimming Pools – Closed Christmas Day, contractor will do media around Pool schedules closer to Christmas

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

Consultation

The closure period dates were presented and endorsed by the Consultative Committee.

Financial Implications

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

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

Enclosures (following report)

Nil

Attachments (As separate attachment)

Nil

Section 2 – Corporate & Community Services

6.7 Finance and Investment Report for July 2025

CSP Theme: Growth 1- Good Governance is integral to Council's operations and management of community resources.

Department: Corporate & Community Services

Author: Manager Customer & Financial Services

Recommendation:

That Council

1. receive and note the information contained within the Finance and Investment Report for the month of July 2025.
 2. confirms the payment of accounts, for the period 01 July to 31 July 2025, totalling \$9,107,256.45.
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Report

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to provide Council with an overview of its current investment portfolio and account payments for the reporting period. It provides transparency, supports informed decision-making and confirms that investments and payments have been made in accordance with legislative requirements, Council's Investment Policy and the adopted budget.

Background

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

Financial Implications

Council's investment portfolio continues to generate interest income, contributing to the overall financial sustainability of Council's operations.

The certification of monthly payments confirms that all expenditures have been incurred in accordance with Council's adopted budget, relevant policies, and statutory obligations. This warrants ongoing financial accountability, transparency, and the prudent use of public funds.

Council Policy/Risk/Legislation Considerations

Risk

Council's investment activities carry inherent risks, including:

- Market risk (interest rate fluctuations)
- Liquidity risk (access to funds when needed)
- Credit risk (counterparty default)
- Compliance risk (adherence to legislation and policy)
- Operational risk, including human error in the execution, recording or reporting of transactions.

These risks are managed through strong internal controls, staff training, policy compliance and regular oversight.

Council has a low to moderate risk appetite for investments. The current portfolio and investment practices align with this risk appetite, with no breaches reported during the period.

Policy

The report has been prepared in accordance with the following Council policies:

- Investment Policy
- Procurement Policy
- Payment of Expenses and Provision of Facilities to Councillors Policy
- Risk Management Policy
- Delivery program – The long term financial sustainability of Council is supported through effective and prudent financial and asset management.

Legislative/Statutory

The report has been prepared in accordance with the following relevant Legislation and Guidelines:

Local Government Act 1993 (NSW)

- Section 625 – Relates to the investment of Council funds.
- Section 611 – Relates to the payment and certification of accounts.

Local Government (General) Regulation 2021 (NSW)

- Clause 212 – Requires monthly reporting of Council's financial position, including a statement of bank balances and a schedule of investments.
- Clause 215 – Relates to the certification of payments and the requirement for proper authorisation.

Ministerial Investment Order (Issued under Section 625 of the Act)

- Specifies the types of investments permitted for councils.

STATEMENT OF BANK BALANCES, RATES COLLECTIONS AND INVESTMENTS FOR THE MONTH OF JULY 2025.

BANK BALANCES AS AT 31ST JULY 2025

ACCOUNT	BALANCE
General Fund	\$899,367.97
Business Card	\$40,000.00
	\$939,367.97
<i>Invested Funds</i>	
Fixed Deposits	\$77,200,000.00
Deposits at Call	\$4,131,070.44
	\$81,331,070.44
Net Balance	\$82,270,438.41
Percentage of Invested Funds to Net Balance	98.86%

STATEMENT OF BANK BALANCES AS AT 31.7.25
SUBMITTED TO THE ORDINARY MEETING AUGUST 12, 2025

Balance as at 01 July 2025	\$1,879,765.05
<i>Plus Receipts for July 2025</i>	<i>\$8,126,859.37</i>
<i>Less Payments for July 2025</i>	<i>-\$9,107,256.45</i>
CASH BALANCE	\$899,367.97

Limit of Overdraft Arranged with Bank \$ 350,000.00

ACCOUNTS CERTIFICATION

I CERTIFY,
That the accounts totalling \$9,107,256.45

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 12th August 2025, 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 **\$9,107,256.45** was submitted to the Ordinary Meeting on the 12th August 2025 and that the amounts are presented to Council for confirmation of payment.

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Chairman of Ordinary Meeting

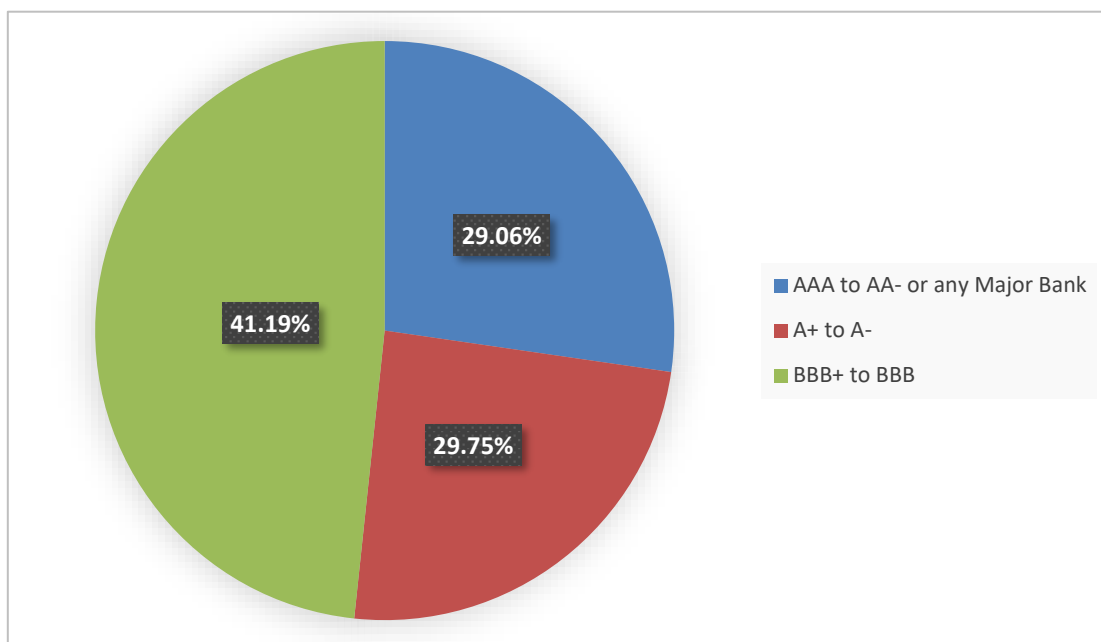
INVESTMENTS

The following table gives details of Council's Funds invested at 31st July 2025. The funds consist of monies from the Bank Accounts of the Trust Funds, Reserve Accounts, Sewerage Fund and Combined General Account.

INSTITUTION	RATING	DATE	DATE DUE	TERM	YIELD	INVESTED AMOUNT
Northern Territory Treasury	AA-	30/09/2020	15/12/2025	1902	1.20%	2,000,000.00
NAB	AA-	15/08/2024	12/08/2025	362	5.05%	1,000,000.00
NAB	AA-	29/08/2024	19/08/2025	355	4.95%	1,000,000.00
ING Bank	A	5/09/2024	2/09/2025	362	4.93%	1,000,000.00
Bendigo Bank	A-	8/09/2024	8/09/2025	365	4.65%	400,000.00
Bendigo Bank	A-	8/09/2024	8/09/2025	365	4.65%	400,000.00
Bendigo Bank	A-	8/09/2024	8/09/2025	365	4.65%	400,000.00
NAB	AA-	12/09/2024	10/09/2025	363	4.90%	2,000,000.00
NAB	AA-	20/09/2024	17/09/2025	362	4.90%	1,000,000.00
NAB	AA-	9/10/2024	8/10/2025	364	4.95%	2,000,000.00
Commonwealth Bank	AA-	16/10/2024	24/09/2025	343	4.71%	2,000,000.00
ING Bank	A	17/10/2024	15/10/2025	363	5.03%	2,000,000.00
Police Bank	BBB+	24/10/2024	21/10/2025	362	5.00%	2,000,000.00
NAB	AA-	24/10/2024	26/08/2025	306	4.95%	2,000,000.00
ING Bank	A	8/11/2024	4/11/2025	361	5.09%	1,000,000.00
BankVic	BBB+	14/11/2024	15/10/2025	335	5.10%	1,000,000.00
Auswide Bank	BBB+	21/11/2024	20/11/2025	364	5.00%	2,000,000.00
MyState Bank	BBB+	28/11/2024	28/10/2025	334	5.00%	2,000,000.00

MyState Bank	BBB+	3/12/2024	3/12/2025	365	5.10%	1,000,000.00
Beyond Bank	BBB+	10/12/2024	10/12/2025	365	5.10%	1,000,000.00
Defence Bank	BBB+	9/01/2025	8/01/2026	364	4.95%	1,000,000.00
AMP	BBB+	21/01/2025	21/01/2026	365	4.95%	1,000,000.00
Great Southern Bank	BBB+	30/01/2025	30/09/2025	243	4.86%	2,500,000.00
ING Bank	A	6/02/2025	4/02/2026	363	4.75%	1,000,000.00
AMP	BBB+	6/02/2025	6/08/2025	181	4.85%	1,000,000.00
NAB	AA-	12/02/2025	12/11/2025	273	4.80%	1,000,000.00
ING Bank	A	18/02/2025	18/02/2026	365	4.81%	1,000,000.00
Rabobank	A+	20/02/2025	2/09/2025	183	4.80%	2,000,000.00
ING Bank	A	26/02/2025	25/02/2026	364	4.80%	1,000,000.00
ING Bank	A	5/03/2025	4/03/2026	364	4.68%	1,000,000.00
Defence Bank	BBB+	6/03/2025	4/03/2026	363	4.65%	1,000,000.00
Judo Bank	BBB	11/03/2025	10/09/2025	183	4.80%	2,000,000.00
Bank of QLD	A-	18/03/2025	12/03/2026	359	4.55%	2,000,000.00
ING Bank	A	20/03/2025	19/03/2026	364	4.65%	1,000,000.00
Bank of QLD	A-	20/03/2025	17/12/2025	272	4.65%	1,000,000.00
Auswide Bank	BBB+	26/03/2025	25/03/2026	364	4.65%	1,000,000.00
Auswide Bank	BBB+	2/04/2025	1/04/2026	364	4.65%	1,000,000.00
Australian Unity	BBB+	1/05/2025	5/05/2026	369	4.30%	1,000,000.00
Heartland Bank	BBB	2/05/2025	15/04/2026	348	4.40%	1,000,000.00
ING Bank	A	6/05/2025	30/04/2026	359	4.15%	1,000,000.00
Defence Bank	BBB+	21/05/2025	21/05/2026	365	4.35%	2,000,000.00
MyState Bank	BBB+	27/05/2025	23/04/2026	331	4.30%	1,000,000.00
NAB	AA-	4/06/2025	4/06/2026	365	4.10%	1,000,000.00
AMP	BBB+	5/06/2025	4/11/2025	152	4.50%	1,000,000.00
Auswide Bank	BBB+	11/06/2025	11/06/2026	365	4.25%	1,000,000.00
Defence Bank	BBB+	18/06/2025	18/06/2026	365	4.25%	2,000,000.00
Bank of QLD	A-	25/06/2025	28/01/2026	217	4.30%	2,000,000.00
ING Bank	A	25/06/2025	25/06/2026	365	4.00%	2,000,000.00
Heartland Bank	BBB	2/07/2025	2/07/2026	365	4.20%	2,000,000.00
NAB	AA-	8/07/2025	8/07/2026	365	4.05%	1,500,000.00
NAB	AA-	8/07/2025	8/07/2026	365	4.03%	2,000,000.00
Rabobank	A+	10/07/2025	14/01/2026	188	4.35%	1,000,000.00
Rabobank	A+	10/07/2025	12/02/2026	217	4.35%	1,000,000.00
Rabobank	A+	10/07/2025	13/05/2026	307	4.25%	1,000,000.00
ING Bank	A	15/07/2025	15/07/2026	365	4.13%	1,000,000.00
AMP	BBB+	15/07/2025	17/12/2025	155	4.30%	1,000,000.00
NAB	AA-	22/07/2025	22/07/2026	365	4.05%	1,000,000.00
Police Bank	BBB+	31/07/2025	30/7/2026	364	4.1%	2,000,000.00
ANZ Deposit at Call	AA-					50,969.85
CBA Deposit at Call	AA-					4,080,100.59
TOTAL:						81,331,070.44

Long Term Credit Rating	Policy Maximum (%)	Current Holding (%)	Current Holding (\$)
AAA to AA- or any Major Bank	100	29.06	23,631,070.44
A+ to A-	80	29.75	24,200,000.00
BBB+ to BBB	70	41.19	33,500,000.00
BBB- and Unrated	10	-	-
			81,331,070.44



Individual Institution Limit	Rating	Policy Maximum (%)	Current Holding (%)	Current Holding (\$)
AMP	BBB+	25	4.92	\$4,000,000.00
ANZ	AA-	40	0.06	\$50,969.85
Australian Unity	BBB+	25	1.23	\$1,000,000.00
Auswide Bank	BBB+	25	6.15	\$5,000,000.00
Bank of QLD	A-	30	6.15	\$5,000,000.00
BankVic	BBB+	25	1.23	\$1,000,000.00
Bendigo Bank	A-	30	1.48	\$1,200,000.00
Beyond Bank	BBB+	25	1.23	\$1,000,000.00
Commonwealth Bank	AA-	40	7.48	\$6,080,100.59
Defence Bank	BBB+	25	7.38	\$6,000,000.00
Great Southern Bank	BBB+	25	3.07	\$2,500,000.00
ING Bank	A	30	15.98	\$13,000,000.00
Judo Bank	BBB	25	2.46	\$2,000,000.00
MyState Bank	BBB+	25	4.92	\$4,000,000.00
NAB	AA-	40	19.06	\$15,500,000.00
Northern Territory	AA-	40	2.46	\$2,000,000.00
Police Bank	BBB+	25	4.92	\$4,000,000.00
Rabobank	A+	30	6.15	\$5,000,000.00
Heartland Bank	BBB	25	3.69	\$3,000,000.00
				\$81,331,070.44

I certify that the above investment has been reconciled with Council's General Ledger Accounts.

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.

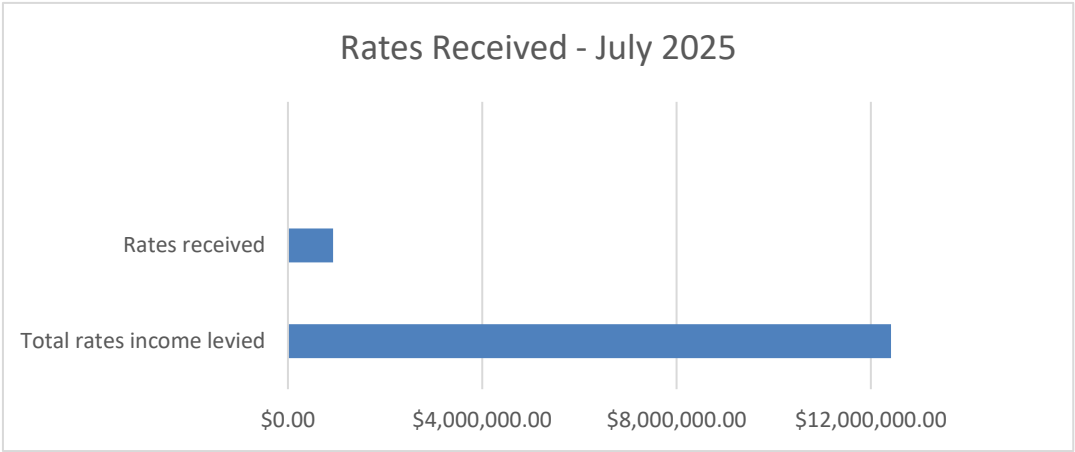
GENERAL MANAGER

RATES REPORT

Below is a summary of outstanding rates

	<u>2025/2026</u>	<u>Previous year period</u>
Total rates income levied	\$ 12,413,074.22	\$ 11,944,036.15
Rates received as at 31/7/2025	\$ 927,939.89	\$ 653,531.27
% of rates received to date	7.48%	5.47%

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.

6.8 Appointment of Designated Persons

CSP Theme: Growth 1- Good Governance is integral to Council's operations and management of community resources.

Department: Corporate and Community Services

Author: Director Corporate and Community Services

Recommendation:

That Council declare the following positions within the organisation to be Designated Persons:

- General Manager
 - Director Corporate and Community Services
 - Director Technical Services
 - Manager Customer & Financial Services
 - Manager Development & Regulatory Services
 - Manager Operations
 - Coordinator Internal Audit, Governance and Risk
 - Coordinator - Rural
 - Coordinator - Urban
 - Coordinator Assets
 - Snr Design & Assets Engineer
 - Building, Environment & Health Surveyor
 - Environmental Health Officer
 - Building Maintenance Officer
 - Planning & Compliance Officer
 - Purchasing Officer
 - Ranger
 - Development Services Officer
 - Workshop & Plant Coordinator
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Report

Purpose

The information contained within this report is to identify those positions within the Bland Shire Council organisation which are considered "Designated Persons" and, as such, should complete an annual Disclosure of Interest Return in accordance with Bland Shire Council's Code of Conduct.

Background

The Code of Conduct, at 4.8 relevantly provides:

"Designated persons include:

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

are designated persons because the functions of the committee involve the exercise of the council's functions (such as regulatory functions or contractual functions) that, in their exercise, could give rise to a conflict between the member's duty as a member of the committee and the member's private interest."

In accordance with the Model Code of Conduct for NSW Local Government and the adopted Bland Shire Council Code of Conduct (at 4.9), designated persons in council are required to complete an annual disclosure of interests form to promote transparency, accountability, and integrity in decision-making. This requirement is primarily aimed at improving community confidence in Council's transparency and improving the management of conflicts of interest, whether real or perceived.

Designated persons—such as General Managers, senior staff, or those involved in regulatory or procurement functions—make or influence decisions that can affect the community or specific individuals or businesses.

The disclosures of interests assist in promoting transparency in decision making by identifying conflicts that may improperly influence decisions.

Regardless of the positions determined to be designated persons, the Code of Conduct requires a person to make a disclosure if they have a personal interest in a matter.

This means that where a person may personally benefit (or avoid loss) by changing the way they perform their role, that prior to any decision or action, the person must appropriately disclose that they have a personal interest in the matter.

Designated persons disclosures take this a step further by requiring certain staff to disclose interests that may give rise to a conflict due to the nature of their duties.

It is important to note that the existence of a conflict is not inherently bad, it is a common and expected part of government activity.

Problems arise only when a person fails to declare and appropriately manage their conflicts.

Transparency about interests builds public confidence in the impartiality and integrity of council operations. It reassures the community that council decisions are made in the public interest, not for personal gain.

Consultation

In preparing this report, consultation was undertaken with the General Manager and the Coordinator Internal Audit, Risk and Governance. Further consultation and education sessions will be undertaken with those staff who hold the positions identified as Designated Persons.

Financial Implications

Nil

Council Policy/Risk/Legislation Considerations

Legislative/Statutory

In NSW, the requirement for Conflict of Interest Disclosures is governed by the Local Government Act 1993 which mandates a Model Code of Conduct to be adopted by Council.

Councils must comply with the disclosure of conflicts of interest as outlined in the Bland Shire Council Code of Conduct to meet community expectations of Councillors and Staff.

Failing to disclose interests when required may result in disciplinary action or referral to integrity bodies such as the NSW Independent Commission Against Corruption (ICAC).

Enclosures (following report)

Nil

Attachments (As separate attachment)

Nil

6.9 Bland Shire Community Funding Program

CSP Theme: Family 4 - Inclusive activities are available across the shire.

Department: Corporate and Community Services

Author: Director Corporate and Community Services

Recommendation:

That Council

1. endorse the Bland Shire Community Funding Program 2025 and place the funding guidelines on public exhibition for a period of 28 days from 21 August 2025 inviting comment from the community up to 2 October 2025.
 2. Following the period for the lodgement of submissions, present a further report to adopt the guidelines incorporating any relevant submissions received should they be received.
 3. Should there be no submissions on Bland Shire Community Funding Program prior to 2 October 2025 that the Guidelines be considered formally adopted and promotion of the program commence.
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Report

Purpose

This report seeks Council's endorsement of a revised program to provide funds to local community groups through a Bland Shire Community Funding Program.

Background

Bland Shire Council has a long history of supporting local community organisations and individuals through a range of grant programs. The most recent iteration of Council's benevolence is the Strengthening Communities Grant.

At the Ordinary Meeting of Bland Shire Council in August 2024, the following resolution was passed:

19082024 RESOLVED that Council:

1. *Review the strengthening community grant policy to include a maximum per annum funding of \$5000 per group.*
2. *Any in kind support be included in this allocation.*
3. *Any joint ventures be approved by a majority of Councillors.*
4. *Any funding greater than that allowed in the strengthening community fund must be included in the approved budget set for the year.*

Discussion

There are a range of grant giving opportunities which Councillors may consider as appropriate for the Bland Shire Community and Council has an ongoing commitment to providing financial relief for some organisations through a rates rebate program.

Included with this report is a revised grants process for Council to endorse for public consultation – Bland Shire Community Funding Program 2025. This program includes three specific funding sources for community organisations. They are:

- Strengthening Community Fund
- Community Activity Grant
- Community Support donations

Each of the three streams will have different requirements and limits to available funding but the purpose of the program is to allow local community groups to gain some surety as to the financial support they will receive during the term of the current Council. The Strengthening Community Fund will be offered twice each year with a total funding pool of \$30,000 available. Groups will be able to apply for funds up to \$5,000 to deliver community-driven programs and initiatives.

The Community Activity Grant has a smaller pool of \$20,000 which will be made available once each year. Those organisations seeking funding from this pool can apply for up to \$10,000. This allocation is designed to support the delivery of events that create social connections, improve the liveability and wellbeing of our residents or the environment.

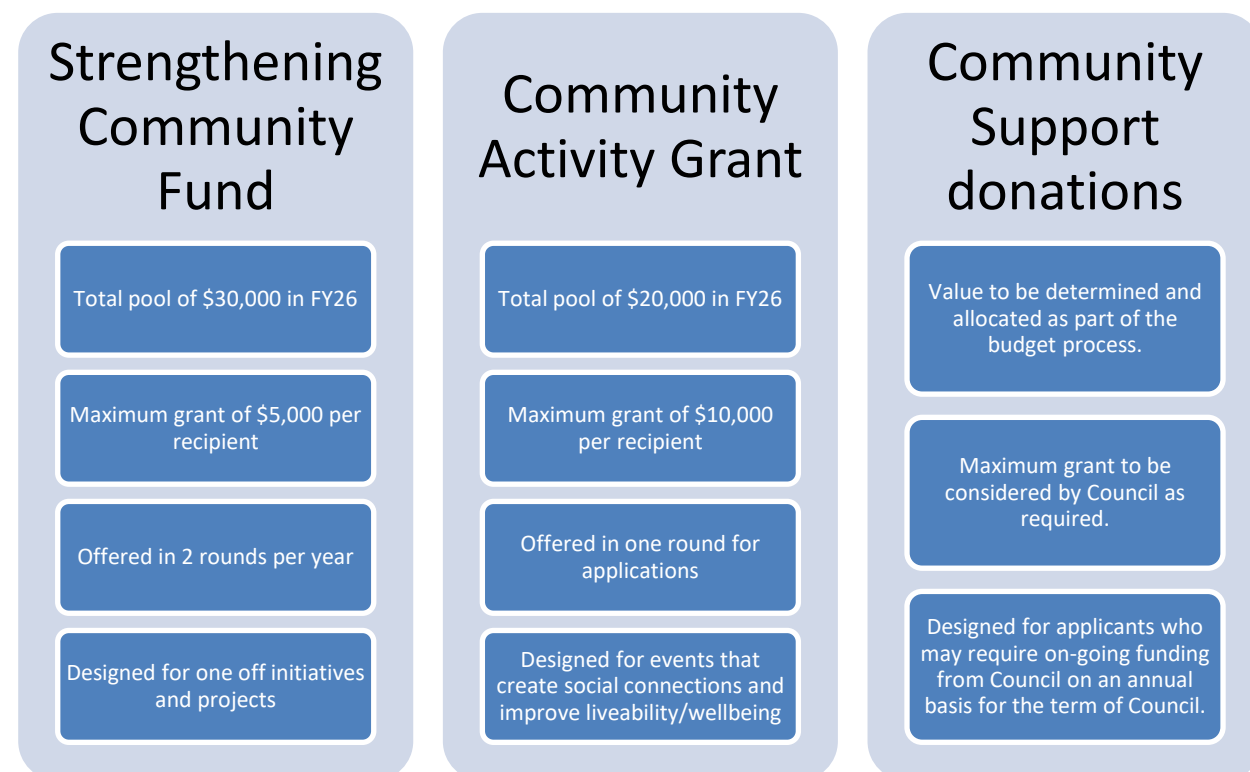
For those organisations who require more regular financial assistance of a smaller amount of funds, Council will establish a Community Support Donation fund. This fund will be advertised once each year with funds to be allocated as part of Council's budget process. Applicants will be able to request ongoing funding which will be made available on an annual basis for the term of the current Council.

It should also be noted that Council does have carriage of the Community Benefit Fund, a local grant program funded by the proprietors of the Wyalong Solar Farm.

The Wyalong Community Benefit Fund will see a fund of \$30,000 each year for nine (9) years made available to the Bland Shire Community to make application to for projects to be delivered locally. Promotion of this program is due to commence in the near future.

It is intended that this grant funding program by Council would be offered on an annual basis to encourage community groups to plan ahead for events as well as to streamline the process for determining which organisations are to be funded.

Council also currently provides a range of funding from rate rebates to sports academies to community events and provision of access.



Options

The current review was the result of a Council resolution from 2024 which sought to place some parameters around the funding provided to community organisations. At the time, the resolution sought to limit the maximum amount an organisation could receive to \$5,000.

However, during discussions on the grant program it was identified that there could be occasions where more funds would be required by an organisation. To facilitate this, the proposed program was developed. Options for Council to consider for its grant program are:

- a. The proposed Bland Shire Community Funding Program (preferred option). This program will allow for community organisations to have surety around their grant applications and remove the ad hoc requests to Council. It would also allow assist Council's processes as commitments to fund community groups would be incorporated into the annual budget.
- b. Retain the former Strengthening Communities Fund with a cap of \$5,000 per applicant, noting that this element has been incorporated into the Community Funding Program. While this program has been effective in providing support to community groups, the ad hoc nature and short time frames for submitting applications has been problematic.
- c. Another mechanism as determined by the Council.

Consultation

Internal consultation has been undertaken in the preparation of this program including informal discussions with Councillors and Council's Executive. The draft program will be available for community organisations to review and provide further comment prior to it being formally adopted by Council.

Financial Implications

During the past seven years, Council has provided financial support to almost 60 local organisations to the amount of approximately \$380,000. In addition to this, through its rate rebate program, Bland Shire has provided approximately \$18,000 in rate relief.

Council has a current budget allocation of \$40,000 for its community grants program. Should Council resolve to adopt the Community Funding Program Guidelines, there will be a requirement to include additional funding in future budgets.

Council Policy/Risk/Legislation Considerations

Risk

Council's risk in relation to funding community organisations relate to the appropriate delivery of funded projects. To mitigate this, successful applicants will have some reporting requirements as part of the grant program and dependent upon the value of the monies provided. Further risks relate to the increased expectations of the community groups around ongoing financial support. This will be addressed by clear communications as to the period of funding being limited to the current Council's term.

Policy

Providing activities to the community is not solely Council's responsibility and while it has been identified within the Community Strategic Plan, this funding program will facilitate these activities being delivered by third parties. Council's Delivery Program states this intention with the Strategy - *Support community organisations wishing to apply for funding for events and activities within the Shire.*

Legislative/Statutory

Section 356 of the NSW Local Government Act 1993 explicitly authorises local councils to, by resolution, contribute money or otherwise grant financial assistance to persons (including community organisations) for the purpose of exercising their functions. Councils are required to give at least 28 days public notice before passing a resolution to provide such assistance.

Enclosures (following report)

Community Funding Program 2025 Guidelines

Attachments (As separate attachment)

Nil

BLAND SHIRE COUNCIL

COMMUNITY FUNDING PROGRAM 2025

GUIDELINES



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BLAND SHIRE COUNCIL

COMMUNITY FUNDING PROGRAM GUIDELINES

Introduction

The Bland Shire Community Funding Program provides financial assistance to increase community participation and access to information, services or facilities that strengthen the social fabric of communities within the Bland Shire.

Funding is also offered to assist with undertaking new or to build upon existing projects and events.

While Bland Shire Council supports community groups and local initiatives in a range of ways through various structured grant programs, Council also receives a number of unsolicited requests for donations throughout the year.

Unsolicited requests for donations which do not fall under one of Council's structured funding programs or are urgent in nature WILL NOT be considered until the next round of the funding stream.

This document has been prepared to set the guidelines for the allocation of monies to community groups through three (3) funding streams:

- Strengthening Communities - to support local groups to deliver community-driven programs and initiatives,
- Community Activity - support the delivery of events that create social connections, improve the livability and wellbeing of our residents or the environment, and
- Community Support Donations - funding for Community Groups for annual activities which Councillors wish to support for the term of this Council.

The criteria for each of the above programs is as follows:

Allocation	Funding Amount	Purpose
Strengthening Community Fund	\$30,000 - Annual Program A total of \$30,000 per annum is available with up to \$5,000 maximum per application. Applications will be sought twice each year.	This allocation aims to support local groups to deliver community-driven programs and initiatives which: • Demonstrate a strong benefit to the community • Demonstrate that the project has a defined objective and outcome that will benefit the community • Complete the project within 12 months of the date of the remittance of funds (unless negotiated otherwise) • Demonstrate a financial or in-kind contribution from the applicant.

Allocation	Funding Amount	Purpose
Community Activity Grant	\$20,000 - Annual Program A total of \$20,000 is available, with up to \$10,000 maximum per application. Applications will be sought once each year to align with Council's budget preparation process.	This allocation is designed to support the delivery of events that create social connections, improve the livability and wellbeing of our residents or the environment. Events should contribute to the social, historical and cultural identity of our community. This support may be financial, strategic or a combination of both. The funding stream is designed to help seed events, provide financial support and promote the long-term sustainability of community-based events
Community Support donations	Amount to be determined – - Annual Program Allocations to be incorporated into Council budget on an annual basis until the 2029 financial year. Applications will be sought once each year to align with Council's budget preparation process.	Funding for Community Groups for annual activities which Councillors wish to support for the term of this Council. Eg. Carols by Candlelight, Rodeo, Show Society, etc. Funds would be included in the budget with organisations advised on process for accessing and reporting on funds provided. This will provide a level of surety to those organisations which provide regular activities to the broader Bland Shire community and assist in the effective planning and running of events.

1.0 Eligibility

Applicants must be non profit community groups or organisations located within the Bland Shire and primarily benefiting the residents of the Bland Shire or, if situated outside the Bland Shire, provide a service that will primarily impact upon residents of Bland Shire. Commercial organisations and private individuals are not eligible for a donation under this program.

For the purpose of applying under these guidelines, the definition of a *Non Profit Community Group or Organisation* is one that provides services that benefit the broader community. Any profit made goes back into the operation of the group or organisation to carry out its purposes and is not distributed to any of its members.

The Non Profit Community Group or Organisation must:

- Be non-profit;
- Have an ABN;
- Be incorporated or be auspiced by an organisation that has an ABN and

- incorporation status; and
- Have insurance, including public liability cover.

Funding will NOT be provided for:

- Projects or organisations wholly outside of Bland Shire.
- Ongoing operational costs (e.g. rent, salaries, maintenance and administration);
- Requests from commercial organisations;
- Requests from individuals or groups for private functions;
- Fundraising purposes;
- Food and catering;
- Prize money;
- Debutante Balls;
- Events organised by political parties or lobby groups;
- Educational facilities;
- Non purpose cash donations to groups;
- Projects and/or organisations that have not successfully acquitted any previous grant or donation from Bland Shire Council;
- Reimbursement of expenditure already incurred;
- Projects where the purpose is considered the responsibility of state or federal government; or
- Projects that are clearly a duplication of an existing service.

Under the Strengthening Community Fund and Community Activity Grant, each organisation is limited to one Council Grant or Donation per term of Council.

Those local community organisations seeking regular financial support (Community Support Donation) from Council will be required to submit their requests as part of Council's annual budget preparation to facilitate the incorporation of those amounts into Council's budget. This process will be advertised from December to February to allow organisations to plan for and prepare their requests for financial support.

Applicants will be required to provide matching funding on a \$1:\$1 basis (this can include in kind volunteer contributions etc). There will clearly be cases where groups may wish to contribute more to the project.

2.0 Assessment Process

All requests must be lodged using a Bland Shire Council Grant Application Form with all relevant areas completed. The form is located on Council's web page at the following:

<https://www.blandshire.nsw.gov.au>

Applications for the **Strengthening Communities Funding** can be submitted to Council when the funding program opens in September and March each year.

The application is reviewed against the criteria and if it is deemed to meet the guidelines and sufficient funds are available a report is compiled for consideration by Council.

Where funding is requested for annual events or activities priority will be given to

organisations that can demonstrate a level of self-sustainability.

Applications for the annual programs – **Community Activity Grant** or **Community Support Donations** – will be promoted and received from November to March each year for events to be held and funding to be distributed following July.

All Communities Funding requests must be as part of a specific project, initiative or activity.

Council officers may contact applicants after receiving an application seeking further information or clarification.

All projects should align with the strategies and objectives set out in the Bland Shire Community Strategic Plan. To review the Community Strategic Plan, please follow the link below to Council's website and search for *Community Strategic Plan*:

<https://www.blandshire.nsw.gov.au>

Applicants are encouraged to discuss their proposal with Council officers prior to lodging an application to make sure all necessary information is provided and eligibility criteria is met.

Where appropriate, applicants requesting Strengthening Communities Funding may be advised by staff to instead apply for assistance through one of Council's other structured grant programs.

Assessment Criteria

To assist in prioritising, requests will be assessed against the following criteria:

- Demonstration that a donation is necessary for the project to be able to proceed;
- Demonstration that other funding sources have been investigated;
- The financial and in-kind commitment of the applicant to the project;
- Indication of plans to assist program to become self sufficient and sustainable;
- Ability to clearly address Council's strategic priorities and/or areas of need within the community, as identified in the Community Strategic Plan;
- Long-term benefits for the community;
- Opportunities created for local businesses;
- Level of innovation;
- Encourage community participation;
- Number of people who will benefit, and the
- Number of Bland Shire community groups involved. Council encourages community groups to form partnerships.

Council will give low priority to following types of requests for financial assistance:

- (a) activities/services which do not attempt to become self-supporting where the potential exists through fees or other feasible income-producing activities;
 - (b) activities of a purely social nature, which do not address the needs of disadvantaged groups;
 - (c) activities which are eligible for support from state-wide or regional parent bodies;
- and

(d) organisations which have not observed accountability requirements for past Council assistance.

3.0 Conditions of Approval

If the application submitted is successful, grant conditions will apply.

Successful applicants will be required to submit a signed acceptance form provided by Council, agreeing to conditions applicable to the approved project, within six (6) weeks of notification.

Strengthening Communities Funding will be paid on tax invoice only, unless otherwise approved by council.

6.10 Strengthening Communities Grant application – West Wyalong Charity Campdraft

CSP Theme: Family 4 - Inclusive activities are available across the shire.

Department: Corporate and Community Services

Author: Director Corporate and Community Services

Recommendation:

That Council approve the Strengthening Communities Grant request for funding from the West Wyalong Charity Campdraft to the amount of \$2,000.

Report

Purpose

Council has received a request for funding from the West Wyalong Charity Campdraft organising committee for funds to assist in the holding of the 2025 event.

Background

Scheduled to be held over three days, from 19-21 September, the campdraft is anticipated to attract more than 600 competitors to West Wyalong for the competition.

While Council is currently reviewing its funding of community organisations, this application was submitted under the existing Strengthening Communities Guidelines.

Where funding is requested for annual events or activities priority will be given to organisations that can demonstrate a level of self-sustainability. Funding will be provided for a maximum of four (4) consecutive years reducing on a sliding scale of 25% per annum to assist the project/event to become fully self-sustainable.

Applicants are also required to demonstrate the need for the donation, whether other funding sources have been investigated and the level of financial and in-kind commitment which has been made to the project.

Applications are also to be assessed against the long-term community benefit as well as measures to become self-sufficient and sustainable.

The organisers of this event received \$4,000 from Council in 2024 with the funds used to meet the cost of cattle transport and the previous year, the organisers received an amount of \$3,636.

Under the Strengthening Communities Guidelines, should Council agree to fund the request, it would require a reduction of 50% of the amount requested to adhere to the grant guidelines.

Consultation

Nil

Financial Implications

Council has a 2025/26 budget allocation of \$40,000 for Strengthening Communities Grants and, to date, there have been no monies awarded from this program. By providing funds in accordance with the grant guidelines, Council would still be able to fund activities of a revised Community Funding Program to the end of this financial year.

Council Policy/Risk/Legislation Considerations

Risk

Council's risk in relation to funding community organisations relate to the appropriate delivery of funded projects. There is also the risk that community groups become reliant upon Council to fund their activities instead of developing means to become self-sustainable. To mitigate this, successful applicants are required to acquit the funds received within a 12 month period of their receipt.

Policy

Council's Delivery Program Family 4 has the following Strategy - *Support community organisations wishing to apply for funding for events and activities within the Shire* which is designed to support organisations undertaking activities to create social cohesion. Council's existing Strengthening Communities Grant Guidelines stipulate the mechanism for this to occur.

Legislative/Statutory

Section 356 of the NSW Local Government Act 1993 explicitly authorises local councils to, by resolution, contribute money or otherwise grant financial assistance to persons (including community organisations) for the purpose of exercising their functions.

Enclosures (following report)

West Wyalong Campdraft Application Form
Strengthening Communities Grant Guidelines

Attachments (As separate attachment)

Nil

Bland Shire Council Grant Application Form

Submitted on	8 August 2025, 1:24PM
Receipt number	39
Related form version	0

Type of Application

Strengthening Communities Grant

Applicant Information

Organisation/Applicant Name	West Wyalong Charity Campdraft Inc.
Contact Person	Jaclyn Thompson
Position in Organisation	Secretary
Organisation/Applicant Address	Spackmans Lane Tallimba NSW 2669
Contact Phone Number	
Email	wwcampdraft@gmail.com
Are you registered for GST	No
Does your organisation have ABN? (If you do not have an ABN you must be auspiced by another organisation)	Yes
If Yes, please provide your ABN below	82634765873
Is your organisation not for profit	Yes
Does your organisation have insurance, including public liability cover?	Yes
Is your organisation incorporated?	Yes

Project/Event Information

Project/Event Title	West Wyalong Charity Campdraft 2025
Provide a General Description of the Project/Event	An event held over three days of competition, attracting over 600 competitors and their families to West Wyalong Campdraft grounds, from all over NSW and VIC.

Grant Funding Sought	4000
Where and when will the Project/Event take place (please provide location, date and time)	19, 20, 21 September 2025
Will the Project/Event be completed in the next 12 months	Yes
What benefits will the Project/Event bring to the Bland Shire (please state the expected number of participants if relevant)?	The event will attract over 600 competitors to West Wyalong for three days of competition. Benefits include bringing business to local businesses, fuel stations and camping at the showground.
Has your organisation previously received any funding from Council?	Yes
If yes, please specify when you received it and how much?	2024, \$4000.
If yes, have you submitted an acquittal form to Council?	Yes

Budget

Project/Event Budget [BUGET EXPENSES.pdf](#)

Applicants Signature

The information contained in this application is true and correct to the best of my knowledge

[Link to signature](#)

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FUNDING GUIDELINES



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STRENGTHENING COMMUNITIES GRANT FUNDING GUIDELINES

Introduction

The Strengthening Communities Grant Program provides funding to increase community participation and access to information, services or facilities that strengthen the social fabric of communities within the Bland Shire.

Funding is also offered to assist with undertaking new or to build upon existing projects and events.

While Bland Shire Council supports community groups and local initiatives in a range of ways through various structured grant programs, Council also receives a number of unsolicited requests for donations throughout the year.

Unsolicited requests for donations which do not fall under one of Council's other structured grants programs or are urgent in nature can be considered under the Strengthening Communities Funding program and will be covered by these guidelines.

This document has been prepared to set the guidelines for the allocation of Strengthening Communities Funding.

1.0 Eligibility

Applicants must be non profit community groups or organisations located within the Bland Shire and primarily benefiting the residents of the Bland Shire or, if situated outside the Bland Shire, provide a service that will primarily impact upon residents of Bland Shire. Commercial organisations and private individuals are not eligible for a donation under this program.

For the purpose of applying under these guidelines, the definition of a *Non Profit Community Group or Organisation* is one that provides services that benefit the broader community. Any profit made goes back into the operation of the group or organisation to carry out its purposes and is not distributed to any of its members.

The Non Profit Community Group or Organisation must:

- Be non-profit;
- Have an ABN;
- Be incorporated or be auspiced by an organisation that has an ABN and incorporation status; and
- Have insurance, including public liability cover.

Funding will NOT be provided for:

- Ongoing operational costs (e.g. rent, salaries, maintenance and administration);
- Requests from commercial organisations;
- Requests from individuals or groups for private functions;
- Fundraising purposes;
- Food and catering;
- Prize money;
- Debutante Balls;
- Events organised by political parties or lobby groups;

- Educational facilities;
- Non purpose cash donations to groups;
- Projects and/or organisations that have not successfully acquitted any previous grant or donation from Bland Shire Council;
- Reimbursement of expenditure already incurred;
- Projects where the purpose is considered the responsibility of state or federal government; or
- Projects that are clearly a duplication of an existing service.

Each organisation is limited to one Council Grant or Donation per financial year.

Applicants will usually be required to provide matching funding on a \$1:\$1 basis (this can include in kind volunteer contributions etc). There will clearly be cases where groups may wish to contribute more to the project.

2.0 Assessment Process

All requests must be lodged using a Bland Shire Council Multipurpose Grant Application Form with all relevant areas completed.

Applications can be submitted to Council at any time. Applications received prior to the first Tuesday of each month may be considered at the Council meeting of that month.

The application is reviewed against the criteria and if it is deemed to meet the guidelines and sufficient funds are available a report is compiled for consideration at the monthly Council meeting.

Where funding is requested for annual events or activities priority will be given to organisations that can demonstrate a level of self sustainability.

Funding will be provided for a maximum of four (4) consecutive years reducing on a sliding scale of 25% per annum to assist the project/event to become fully self sustainable.

All Strengthening Communities Funding must be as part of a specific project, initiative or activity.

Council officers may contact applicants after receiving an application seeking further information or clarification.

All projects should align with the strategies and objectives set out in Council's Community Strategic Plan.

Applicants are encouraged to discuss their proposal with Council officers prior to lodging an application to ensure that all necessary information is provided and eligibility criteria is met.

Where appropriate, applicants requesting Strengthening Communities Funding may be advised by staff to instead apply for assistance through one of Council's other structured grant programs.

Assessment Criteria

To assist in prioritising, requests will be assessed against the following criteria:

- Demonstration that a donation is necessary for the project to be able to proceed;
- Demonstration that other funding sources have been investigated;
- The financial and in-kind commitment of the applicant to the project;

- Indication of plans to assist program to become self sufficient and sustainable;
- Ability to clearly address Council's strategic priorities and/or areas of need within the community, as identified in the Community Strategic Plan;
- Long-term benefits for the community;
- Opportunities created for local businesses;
- Level of innovation;
- Encourage community participation;
- Number of people who will benefit, and the
- Number of Bland Shire community groups involved. Council encourages community groups to form partnerships.

3.0 Conditions of Approval

If the application submitted is successful, grant conditions will apply.

Successful applicants will be required to submit a signed acceptance form provided by Council, agreeing to conditions applicable to the approved project, within six (6) weeks of notification.

Strengthening Communities Funding will be paid on tax invoice only, unless otherwise approved by council.

Section 3 – Technical Services

6.11 Transfer of Lease – West Wyalong Caravan Park

CSP Theme: Growth 3 – Opportunities are embraced to build on existing and future industries.

Department: Technical Services

Author: Acting Director Technical Services

Recommendation:

1. That Council approve the transfer of the Lease for the West Wyalong Caravan Park to Jaley Holdings Pty Ltd.
 2. That the Mayor and General Manager be delegated to place the council seal and sign associated paperwork.
 3. That the new lessees be requested to meet with council staff to confirm their responsibilities under the lease and then bi-monthly to address any matters that need to be addressed.
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Report

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to seek Council's approval for the transfer of the Lease of the West Wyalong Caravan Park to Jaley Holdings Pty Ltd.

Background

The West Wyalong Caravan Park is an important part of the Tourism offering of the Bland Shire and it is important that it is maintained and operated to the highest possible standard to promote a welcoming town to all visitors

Consultation

The Acting Director of Technical Services and the Tourism and Admin Officer met with the proposed new leaseholders and outlined Council's vision for future relationship and support.

The three core elements of the collaboration going forward are:

- Maintenance of the Caravan Park to the highest possible standard and fulfilment of all the requirements contained in the formal Lease Agreement.
- Positive collaboration with Council's Tourism Team to enhance the profile and brand of the Shire as a destination to tourism.
- Proactive cooperation to address any issues that may occur that damage or potentially damage the profile of the Shire and/or the Council or the Leaseholder's reputation.

Financial Implications

There are no financial implications arising from the recommendations in this report.

Enclosures (following report)

Nil

Attachments (As separate attachment)

Nil

Section 4 – Reports for Information

Recommendation:

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

- 6.12 Community Development & Youth Services July 2025 Update
 - 6.13 Bland Shire Library July 2025 Update
 - 6.14 Children Services July 2025 Update
 - 6.15 Bland Community Care Services July 2025 Update
 - 6.16 Technical Services Report
 - 6.17 Development Services Activity Report – July 2025
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6.12 Community Development & Youth Services July 2025 Update

CSP Theme: Family 4 – Inclusive activities are available across the shire

Department: Community Development

Author: Community Development Officer

Report

Mornings Melodies and Memories

Mornings, Melodies and Memories sessions continue to be provided to the villages of the Bland Shire each Monday. Staff have incorporated some interesting trivia and mind games at each session, with some locations requesting to play bingo. Due to the recent cold weather, attendance numbers have been slightly down and it is anticipated that this will increase again once the weather improves.

Attendance numbers for July 2025:

Location	Date	Number of Participants
Ungarie	7 July	4
Tallimba	14 July	4
Weethalle	21 July	6
Barmedman	28 July	11

Australian Skin Cancer Foundation – Skin Check Truck Visits

Bland Shire Council partnered with Evolution Mining Cowal Operations to bring the Australian Skin Cancer Foundation Skin Check Truck to the Bland Shire communities. This vital service has been provided free of charge to local residents. The Skin Check Truck visited Weethallee on Wednesday 23 July with 36 skin checks performed, with 24 suspicious spots identified. The truck was located at West Wyalong on Thursday 24 July with a total of 62 skin checks performed and a total of 37 suspicious spots identified.



Pictured left: Jay Allan OAM, CEO Australian Skin Cancer Foundation at Weethalle, 23 July 2025

The Australian Skin Cancer Foundation Skin Check Truck will be returning to the Bland Shire for the following dates and locations in 2025:

- Friday 17 October 2025 – Ungarie
- Saturday 18 October 2025 – West Wyalong (Hearts of Gold Festival Weekend).

Free Youth First Aid & CPR Training

Bland Shire Council conducted a free youth First Aid and CPR training course on Thursday 17 July 2025. We are proud of the 20 incredible young people in our community who participated, their commitment to learning life-saving skills shows leadership, care, and a strong community

spirit. Whether it's in an emergency or everyday life, they are now better prepared to make a real difference.

All participants received their Statement of Attainment for First Aid and CPR.



NRMA Safer Drivers Course



Council secured the NRMA Safer Driver Course to be held in West Wyalong throughout the Winter School Holidays. This course consisted of a Theory Session and a 2 hour in vehicle coaching session with another learner driver which contributed to 20 hours off the L Plate driver's logbook.

The theory session was held on Thursday 10 July 2025, 9am-12pm and practical driving components took place Thursday 10 and Friday 11 July 2025.

This course was offered free of charge to L plate drivers aged 16-24 years.

Youth Engagement

KD Solutions has been engaged by Bland Shire Council with an exciting new project focused on improving the lives of local young people. As part of this project, we are conducting direct consultation with students.

This initiative is more than just a survey, it's a chance for local youth to have their voices heard and to help shape the future services, programs, and opportunities available to them in our community.

Why does this matter?

- It will give youth an authentic opportunity to influence the direction of youth-focused planning in the Bland Shire.
- Their feedback will help council make real, data-driven decisions that impact education, recreation, wellbeing, and future opportunities.
- By participating, local youth will be part of a positive change that can create lasting benefits for young people in the region.

Key deliverables:

- Develop and implement a co-design Framework Tool and Youth Council/Advisory Process
- Establishment and Rollout of Youth Survey-Design, testing, distribution plan, youth friendly launch, and ongoing survey support

- Data collection and raw data collation of responses, initial analysis of trends and insights, presentation of raw findings
- Support the recruitment of a possible Youth Advisory Group (YAG), promote YAG opportunity, support application/intake process, assess expressions of interest.



"Inclusive and successful engagement involves thinking through your approach for each and every time you involve community & young people."

Engagement sessions have commenced with all youth who participated in the Bland Shire Council Winter School Activities and a visit to Ungarie Central School, high school students on Friday 25 July. We had a sausage sizzle and Council's Youth Development Officer participated in a friendly, but competitive game of Volleyball. Visits will be scheduled with West Wyalong High School in coming weeks.



July School Holiday Activities

Throughout the July School holiday period the following activities were scheduled:

- Bowlers Breakfast – BBQ Breakfast followed by Lawn Bowls at the West Wyalong Bowling Club, 5 attendees
- Basketball Stadium Open – following a request from young people, we opened the basketball stadium from 2.30-5.30pm for any young people that wished to head down and shoot some hoops, 9 attendees
- Ninja Park Challenge – unfortunately there were no attendees for this activity, possibly due to a major basketball event being held the same weekend. Investigations will continue into holding this at a later date.
- West Wyalong Skate Park, youth were encouraged to bring their bike, scooter, skates or board and 'Hit up the Skate Park', 9 youth were in attendance.

Slip N' Flip Wagga Trip

On Friday 18 July, the youth of Bland Shire hit the road for our Slip N' Flip Wagga Trip. Participants enjoyed a session ice skating followed by an hour session at Flip Out, there were plenty of laughs and it was a day enjoyed by all in attendance. There were 14 young people who participated in this event, which was booked out.



Throughout the month of July, opening times for The Hive (Youth Centre) remain consistent to ensure that youth have a safe place to utilise. Opening times have been scheduled for Wednesday's and Friday's 3.30-5.30pm and Sunday's 12.30-5.30pm, with additional hours made available throughout the school holidays.

Participants of the youth centre were granted opportunities and social outlets that they would otherwise not have access to. The Hive is widely perceived to be a safe space where you can come to socialise and connect with peers.

Throughout the month of July, 62 youth utilised the facilities at The Hive.

6.13 Bland Shire Library July 2025 Update

CSP Theme: Place 4 - Community culture is nurtured and enriched through respectful and relevant activities and events.

Department: Corporate and Community Services

Author: Library Services Coordinator

Report

Successful July School Holiday Program

The library's July school holiday program was a great success, with all activities fully booked. Although attendance was limited for most activities, the library accommodated extra children wherever possible. In total, 222 people participated in the events, including 171 children and 51 adults.

It was incredibly encouraging to see an equal number of boys and girls take part in the library's July school holiday program. Participation from upper primary students also increased, which was great to see. Even more heartening was the number of families who joined in, with parents — especially dads — often enjoying the activities just as much, if not more, than the kids.

A brief overview of activities is provided below.

- *Tuesday 8 July* – An adorable, fun and creative **Flower Vase** activity kicked off Bland Shire Library's school holiday program. Participants decorated a jar with coloured string, and created flowers using pipe cleaners, buttons, and foam shapes.
- *Wednesday 9 July* – Bland Shire Library marked **NAIDOC Week** with some school holiday fun, hosting an open session for families to join in Indigenous Art activities.
- *Thursday 10 July* – A wildly fun time at the library with **NO Bake Treats!** Everyone brought their imagination (and their sweet tooth) to the activity. Originally, participants were to decorate koala bear biscuits, but with the inclement weather, polar bears just felt right. Then things got messy – in the best possible way – with a little concoction called Dirt and Worms. A layering of crushed Ripple biscuits (dirt), chocolate Yogo (mud), a few squishy sour worms, and some mini red frogs, then more dirt, more mud (this time, chocolate mousse), and more everything! The session wrapped up with a delightful blend of chocolate and strawberry NO RUM balls – because yes, we're fancy and underage!
- *Tuesday 15 July* – Participants had an absolute blast painting ceramic pots and rocks to make their very own **Cactus Planters**.
- *Wednesday 16 July* – The library hosted local baker and cake decorator, Dagmar McIntyre, who conducted two sessions of **Cake Decorating** featuring an "outer space" theme.
- *Thursday 17 July* – Participants had an absolute blast with **Button Art** – a fun, simple, and creative way to make beautiful pieces of art using buttons. A great activity to wrap up the library's July school holiday program.



Library and Information Week July 28 – August 3

Library and Information Week highlights the work that library and information workers do all around Australia. The theme this year 'To Read or Not to Read – Literacy Matters'.

Bland Shire Library showcased its strong commitment to the local community through a variety of programs.

To celebrate Library and Information Week, the library organised a Members' Only Draw, where members were automatically entered by borrowing items from the library. Non-members were also encouraged to sign up. The draw was split into two categories: adults and juniors. Winners were revealed on Monday, 4 August. Prizes included a book bundle of Maya Linnell novels, Why Leave Town gift cards, and other minor prizes.

Science Week – Float or Sink

To celebrate Science Week, Bland Shire Library's monthly Lego Club centred its August activities around science. Participants were tasked with building a boat or other type of water vessel and then testing whether their creation would float or sink.

The Lego float-or-sink activity offered valuable educational benefits by encouraging scientific thinking and enhancing problem-solving skills. Through practical, hands-on experimentation, participants were able to investigate concepts like density and buoyancy.

Book Week – Lego Challenge

To celebrate Book Week (16–23 August), Bland Shire Library hosted a Lego challenge inspired by this year's theme, *Book an Adventure*. Children of all ages were invited to design and construct an adventure-themed park based on their favourite book. The challenge was promoted throughout Bland Shire via local schools and the library's social media channels. Entries closed on 16 August.

School visits to the library during Book Week were postponed due to staff being on leave.

LEGO Club – Survey

In response to the high attendance each month, Bland Shire Library conducted a survey to gather feedback from attending families. The aim was to understand parents' expectations for the program, including preferences regarding participant limits, booking methods, and other relevant factors.

The survey generated an impressive number of responses, with feedback being overwhelmingly positive. Notably, most participants supported a fortnightly session and expressed a willingness to pay for their children to attend. They also supported the introduction of a more formal booking system, though there was less enthusiasm for separating children by age groups.

Education Week – Guest Speaker

Bland Shire Council's Coordinator of Library Services was invited to Tallimba Public School as a guest speaker on Tuesday, 5 August 2025. This year's Education Week theme was "Ignite Your Potential."

Scams & Online Safety Workshop for Seniors – August 26

Michael Palmer, NBN's Community Engagement Specialist for Riverina NSW, will present a one-hour session on Scams and Online Safety for Seniors at Bland Shire Library on Tuesday, 26 August 2025, starting at 10:30am.

Michael previously visited the library in June, delivering three informative sessions on the same topic to Year 9 and Year 10 students.

NSWPLA Meeting – September 3

The next NSW Public Libraries Association South-West Zone meeting will be held online, Wednesday, 3 September 2025, at 10:00am.

Children's Author, Amelia Tonta – September 10

Bland Shire Library is thrilled to welcome children's author Amelia Tonta (also known as Amelia McInerney) on Wednesday, 10 September 2025. Amelia will lead three one-hour sessions at the library, scheduled as follows:

- 9:30am – 10:30am: West Wyalong Public School (Kindergarten)
- 11:30am – 12:30pm: Wyalong Public School (Kindergarten to Year 2)
- 2:00pm – 3:00pm: St Mary's War Memorial School (Kindergarten to Year 2)

These schools have been invited to attend Amelia's sessions as they were unable to be included in Gus Gordon's upcoming visit, scheduled for 20–24 October 2025. Unfortunately, Gus will be delivering only three sessions per day this year, instead of the usual four.

Kurrajong Lifestyle Choices - Visits Scheduled

Inclusivity is a fundamental value at Bland Shire Library, which is why the library welcomes a quarterly visit from Kurrajong Lifestyle Choices, West Wyalong branch. Their next visit is scheduled for Thursday, 11 September 2025. During this visit, the library will provide lunch and an activity for both carers and their clients to enjoy.

Following the success of the Easter joint visit between Kurrajong Lifestyle Choices, West Wyalong, and Temora branches, Bland Shire Library is excited to host another collaborative event to celebrate Christmas on Thursday, 4 December 2025.

Car Seat Safety Presentation – September 12

The Bland Shire Library's Baby Bounce program will feature a presentation by the Council's Road Safety Officer on Friday, 12 September 2025.

RRL Programs Information Day – September 17

Riverina Regional Library will be holding a Programs Information Day for branch staff on Wednesday, 17 September 2025. Although the full agenda is still to be finalised, Storytime Training and Organising Author Events have been highlighted as key topics.

The training days provide branch staff with an opportunity to exchange ideas, share experiences, and foster creativity.

Home Library Service – Campaign to Increase Usage

Bland Shire Library, with the assistance of Council's Media and Communications Officer, is currently campaigning to increase usage of its home library service.

The Home Library Service operates on a fortnightly basis, delivering a range of materials – including standard print books, large print books, audiobooks, DVDs, and more – to individuals who are housebound due to age-related frailty, illness, or disability.

This service is currently limited to the townships of Wyalong and West Wyalong, and serves 11 clients, including 6 residents of the RFBI.



Surprise Author Visit

Bland Shire Library received a pleasant surprise in July, with an unexpected visit from bestselling author Alissa Callen!

On her way to Wagga for the Riverina Readers' Festival, Alissa stopped by and generously took the time to sign her books. She also shared some lovely compliments about Bland Shire Library.

Knit n Knatter – Initiative Leads to Increased Attendance

The recent shift from fortnightly to weekly meetings has had a noticeably positive effect on attendance at the library's Knit n Knatter.

Recent sessions have drawn between 20 and 30 attendees, including residents from the Royal Freemasons' Benevolent Institute.

This initiative has even inspired a number of those residents — some living with early onset dementia — to return to knitting after a long break. For many RFBI residents, the change of environment, opportunities to connect with new people, and the warm, dementia-friendly atmosphere have all contributed positively to their mental well-being.

Knit n Knatter recently donated knee rugs to the Anglican Church to help keep elderly parishioners warm during church services throughout the winter months.



Membership

Riverina Regional Library recently carried out its annual database maintenance, which included archiving inactive member records. As a result, Bland Shire Library's membership dropped by 30 per cent, decreasing from 1,785 to 1,246 members. *The State Library of NSW defines active members as having used the library within 3 years.*

On a positive note, Bland experienced one of the smallest percentage declines in membership among the twenty-four branches of the Riverina Regional Library. Batlow recorded the lowest reduction at 25 per cent, while Finley saw the highest at 60 per cent.

Statistics – July

Attendance numbers were significantly higher in July 2025 than July 2024.

- 125 adults attended regular programs in July 2025, compared to just 72 in July 2024.
- 427 children attended regular programs in July 2025, compared to just 271 in July 2024.
- Although slightly lower, the statistics for customer service requests, information inquiries, and computer usage in July 2025 remained largely consistent with those from the same period in 2024
- With additional staffing in the Visitor Information Centre, library staff assisted 54 visitors in July 2025, down from 155 in July 2024.

6.14 Children Services July 2025 Update

CSP Theme: Family 1 - Facilitated services meet our community's requirements.

Department: Corporate and Community Services

Author: Children Services Coordinator – Sharon Glasgow

Report

School holidays took up majority of days in July and a lot of staff/educators taking well-earned leave.

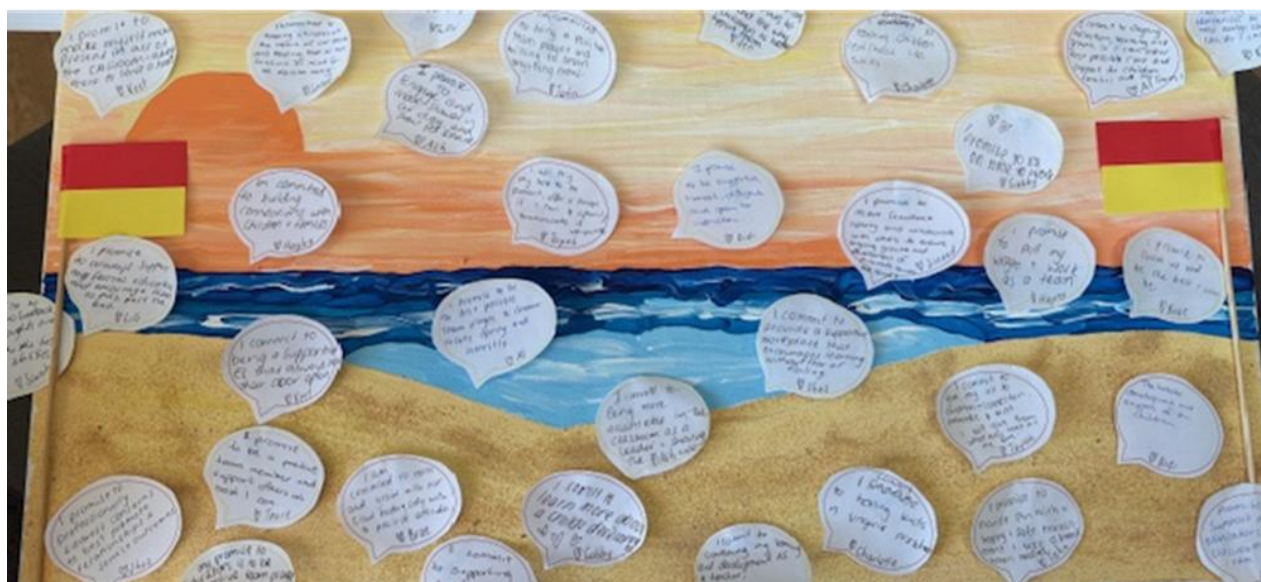
A big thank you to Manex and the HR section who provided lunch to educators, the gesture was much appreciated and welcomed by the team.

Staffing & Recruitment

CSU welcomed two new trainees to the team in July, both successful applicants of the LG apprenticeship grant. Gabby Pearce commenced on 1/7 as a Certificate III trainee and Antoinette Goodman started on 14/7 as a Diploma trainee. Both educators have settled in well and we are excited to see their talents shine.

Professional Development

All CSU staff members and educators participated in accountability training presented by Farran St Education. The “Between the Flag” session reminded each of us about our role in the service as individuals and team members. It also provided strengthening strategies on how we can each be the best version of ourselves. Assumed knowledge, team expectations and conflict resolution were key discussion points. Staff reflected on their actions, communication styles and behaviours with each person making a commitment/promise to the service and the team. It served as an important reminder of the collective responsibility we share in creating a safe, respectful, and supportive learning environment.



Current and Upcoming events

The Coordinator and Senior Early Childhood Educator visited Regal Estate to plan the layout of the community Art Gallery evening scheduled in September. So far 122 tickets have been sold for the event, and the children are in the final stages of completing their masterpieces ready for

sale on the night. The CSU parent committee collected some great prizes from community businesses to contribute to the raffle and auction items. Murray Whiley is the Auctioneer/MC on the night and will guarantee a few laughs.

Occupational therapist, Esther Petrie from Doing Well OT commenced weekly sessions at Preschool. Esther observed children in the classroom and offered strategies and techniques to educators about “big behaviours and emotions”. The program will run throughout term 3. Esther will work closely with families that require further OT intervention, offering a “where to next” for their child’s development.

Bland Preschool – Senior Early Childhood Teacher

In July, the children at CSU celebrated the final week of their term with a special movie day. This event marked the end of a joyful and engaging period of learning and play. During the school holidays, all staff engaged in professional development centred around a “slow pedagogy” approach. This training emphasized the importance of slowing down, being present, and reclaiming our right to truly connect with children, each other, and our environment. Educators gained deeper insights into mindful teaching practices and the value of intentional, meaningful interactions.

\$103.00 was raised for Bear Cottage as part of the Superhero dress up day. Children enjoyed a day of costumes, face painting and imagination for this worthy cause. Thanks to all families that donated on the day.





Mobile Resource Unit/Ungarie Preschool – Room Leader

Over the past few weeks, Ungarie Preschool has been actively engaged in a range of meaningful and fun experiences. The focus on farming has sparked lots of interest and hands-on learning among the children. We celebrated Pyjama Day with a cozy movie and popcorn afternoon, and held a Superhero Day, where children dressed up and helped raise funds for sick children, supporting a great cause.

In preparation for our upcoming Art Gallery Gala Night, the children were busy creating beautiful artwork through various craft activities. We've also been working together on a group performance of Goldilocks and the Three Bears, which has been an enjoyable way to build confidence, storytelling, and teamwork skills.



Supported Playgroups:

In July, playgroup sessions were held at Tallimba School. The usual playgroup schedules experienced some natural disruptions due to the holiday period between Term 2 and Term 3. Despite these breaks, families continued to engage with the sessions when they resumed, providing valuable opportunities for children to develop social skills, explore new activities, and build connections within the community. The playgroups remain a welcoming and supportive environment for both children and their caregivers, encouraging learning through play and fostering a sense of belonging.

Social Pages:

Engagement on our ITAV Facebook page remained steady throughout July, with 329 followers. Posts featured our new toys, educational holiday packs, and upcoming events, including the parenting program with Esther Petrie from Doing Well OT.

Educational Packs:

Several 'Holiday Packs' were distributed to families who reached out to us via Facebook, dropped by in person, or called to request one. This strong level of engagement highlights the ongoing demand for quality resources that support children's learning and development outside of formal settings. The packs are designed to provide fun, educational activities that families can enjoy together, fostering early literacy, creativity, and problem-solving skills during the holiday period. We're pleased to see that these resources are valued by the community and continue to meet a real need for accessible, supportive learning materials.

Bland Toy Library:

During the holiday period, borrowing histories for all toys were reviewed. This information will help guide decisions about removing underused items to make room for exciting new additions. Toys that haven't had a chance to be borrowed will be promoted in upcoming newsletters and displays, giving them a better opportunity to be enjoyed.

Photos of new items for Toy Library:



Last month, we welcomed some wonderful new arrivals to the Toy Library. Beautiful wooden toys like the Tippy Tap, which builds coordination and sparks curiosity, and the gem puzzle, designed to inspire creativity and fine motor skills, these are now available—perfect for little hands and big imaginations.

Bizzi the Bumblebee is our newest addition. This soft inflatable ride-on toy is made for bouncing fun, ideal for toddlers to stay active and build motor skills.

Parenting Programs:

A parenting program focused on child development was held on the evening of 24 July at the Bland Shire Children's Services Unit. The session featured guest speaker Esther Petrie from local business Doing Well OT, who specialises in Occupational Therapy. The event was well-received, with eight attendees and just one person unable to attend. Participants appreciated the session, sharing feedback such as "A lot of questions answered" and "Information regarding what an OT actually does and how strategies suggested may help my child."

Data Exchange:

As the reporting period window ended, preparations were underway to gather and verify all relevant service delivery data and client information to meet compliance standards set by funding bodies. All contract reporting requirements were completed accurately and on time through the Data Exchange system.

The Data Exchange was a vital platform that supported transparent and efficient reporting, enabling demonstration of the outcomes and impacts of programs. Efforts focused on reviewing records and finalising submissions to ensure the data was comprehensive and reflected the quality of service provided throughout the year.

Meeting these reporting obligations is an essential element not only for accountability but also for securing ongoing funding and support for future initiatives.

6.15 Bland Community Care Services July 2025 Update

CSP Theme: Family 6 - Young and old are valued members of our community.

Department: Corporate and Community Services

Author: Community Care Coordinator

Report

General Update

Widespread illness within the community and unforeseen staff absences have once again impacted service delivery this month.

This month Bland Community Care have purchased several pieces of equipment – an Inflatable Boxing Buoy and a Handgrip Strength Trainer for Exercise Groups; and a Volleyball Set for physical activities during Wednesday Activity Day.

Clients at the Community Care Centre now benefit from improved visibility thanks to newly installed LED lighting.

Service Update

Intakes under Commonwealth Home Support Program (CHSP) have slowed down due to the large waitlist, funding limitations and staffing constraints. Bland Community Care Services (BCCS) is currently accepting referrals for Community Packages – Out of Hospital Care (COMPACKS) and Transitional Aged Care Program (TACP) clients when possible.

These services are short term (six to twelve weeks) programs that aim to assist patients recovering from a hospital stay.

The My Aged Care portal continues to be closed for Domestic Assistance, Personal Care, Home or Community General Respite - Flexible Respite, Group and Individual Social Support, and Home Maintenance and Repairs - Gardening. This is due to the large waitlists and staffing availability. The My Aged Care portal is open for Equipment and Products.

Staff are currently working through the CHSP Yard Maintenance and Group Social Support waitlists and are slowly onboarding new clients where possible.

The service waitlist is continually growing as clients are inquiring about services directly to us rather than through the My Aged Care portal.

All clients on the waitlist are advised of the situation.

July 2025 Service Numbers:

SERVICE PROVIDED	Number of Services JULY 2025
Personal Care	28
Domestic Assistance	48
Transport	8 trips
Home or Community Respite - General	29
Home and Maintenance - Gardening	22
Group Social Support	23 sessions
Individual Social Support	24
Equipment and Products	1

Staff Training

The Bland Community Care Coordinator continues to participate in the Aspiring Leaders Program with an online session this month.

Preparations are underway for BCCS Staff annual training sessions to be held in September. A Dementia Workshop has been scheduled for January 2026.

Group Updates:

Wednesday Activity Group

Wednesday Activity Day continues weekly each Wednesdays at 10am.

Throughout Wednesday Activity Day participants enjoy a mix of cognitive and physical activities – such as trivia, quizzes, ‘The Price is Right’, hooky, bowls, quoits, magnetic darts, crafts etc – excursions, visiting groups – such as entertainers and school/daycare groups, and themed days – such as Valentines Day, Kings Birthday, Easter etc.

A volunteer attends Wednesday Activity Group every week. She assists with serving morning/afternoon tea and lunch. Our Volunteer also supports group activities, including tasks such as keeping score during games mornings and assisting clients with vision or cognitive impairments in participating fully.



This month, Bland Community Care welcomed a potential new client for a trial session. She enjoyed the experience and will be formally onboarded in the coming weeks.

Client Attendance (excluding our volunteer) – July 2025:

Wednesday 2 nd July 2025	8 attendees
Wednesday 9 th July 2025	7 attendees
Wednesday 16 th July 2025	CANCELLED
Wednesday 23 rd July 2025	12 attendees
Wednesday 30 th July 2025	8 attendees

Clients are provided with morning/afternoon tea and a “home cooked” meal for lunch. Sweets are also served after the main meal.

On Wednesday 9th July clients enjoyed painting canvases and decorating photo frames and coasters.

Christmas in July was celebrated on 23rd July. The room was decorated, and clients wore Christmas clothing and hats. Roast Pork was served for lunch.



Clients participated in several games of volleyball using balloons at Wednesday Activity Group – lots of laughs were had by all.

Bland Blokes

Bland Blokes continue to meet on a weekly basis each Tuesdays from 9:30am. These sessions provide an opportunity for participants to catch up with contemporaries and talk about a range of interests. New members are always welcome to attend and join in for Morning Tea and conversation with like-minded people. The Bland Blokes has five regular attendees.

Client Attendance - JULY 2025

Tuesday 1 st July 2025	5 attendees
Tuesday 8 th July 2025	3 attendees
Tuesday 15 th July 2025	4 attendees
Tuesday 22 nd July 2025	3 attendees
Tuesday 29 th July 2025	4 attendees

Gentle Exercise Group

Gentle Exercise Groups are held each Monday 10am & Thursday x 2 groups – 11am & 1.30pm, with participants enjoying the gentle exercise program followed by Morning or Afternoon Tea and chat.

The sessions include both seated and standing exercises. Various equipment is used during these sessions such as floor pedals, small hand weights, Pilates balls, Pilates step and pool noodles. Clients also go for a walk around the courtyard during the session.

Client Attendance - JULY 2025 *Several clients engage in sessions twice a week.

Thursday 3 rd July (am)	4 attendees
Thursday 3 rd July (pm)	2 attendees
Monday 7 th July	3 attendees
Thursday 10 th July (am)	4 attendees
Thursday 10 th July (pm)	5 attendees
Monday 14 th July	3 attendees
Thursday 17 th July (am)	7 attendees
Thursday 17 th July (pm)	5 attendees
Monday 21 st July	4 attendees
Thursday 24 th July (am)	5 attendees
Thursday 24 th July (pm)	5 attendees
Monday 28 th July	4 attendees
Thursday 31 st July (am)	5 attendees
Thursday 31 st July (pm)	6 attendees

6.16 Technical Services Report

CSP Theme: Place 5 - Existing and future assets are planned for, well managed and funded through appropriate programs, plans and budgets to support a growing community.

Directorate: Technical Services

Author: Acting Director – Technical Services

Introduction:

The aim of this report is to clearly report to Council on works undertaken by Technical Services during the previous month. Most activities are routine and do not need more detailed descriptions, but will list the locations to facilitate Councillors answer queries from their respective constituents. We will endeavour to offer further detail to any item that is special or out of the ordinary. We have broken it down under a series of heading for ease of access to the information:

- Roads Maintenance
- Parks & Gardens including Villages
- Biodiversity & Weed Control
- Miscellaneous

Roads Maintenance

Works Undertaken- July 2025

Wet Grading

- Pursehouse Lane
- Jillet Road
- Blackers Lane
- Mahda Road
- Spry's Lane

Flood Damage Repairs

Mahda Road

Sealed Road Patching Works

- Work has been ongoing on all Regional/Rural sealed Roads (Jet patcher).
- Urban roads in West Wyalong and Wyalong.

Gravel Re-sheeting

- Naradhan Road
- Merrengreen Road

Works Planned August 2025

Maintenance Grading/Wet Grade

- Jillet Road
- Spry's Lane
- Humby Road
- Merrengreen Road
- Holmes Lane
- Davies Lane

Sealed Road Patching Works

On going.

Gravel Re-sheeting

- Sandy Creek Road
- Buddigower Road

Town Street Works

- Kerb and gutter replacement has been completed in Neeld Street, Boundary Street, part of Dumaresq Street with the remainder of Dumaresq Street to be completed in the coming weeks.
- A new concrete spoon drain has been poured in Court Street near the Tivoli in preparation for the rehabilitation of that section of road.

Biosecurity - Weeds/Environmental Report
Environmental

Monthly dust monitoring at West Wyalong Airport for the Department of Climate Change, Energy, Environment and Water continued.

Biosecurity Staff conducted a tree planting day with Naradhan School as part of National Tree Planting Day, planting 20 trees in the school grounds.

Biosecurity - Weeds

Biological Control – Biosecurity staff continue to monitor release sites for cochineal on Wheel cactus, Pencil cactus and Velvet Tree Pear, showing positive results with the biological agents spreading throughout each infestation.

Staff are currently accessing new bio agents for other varieties of cactus.

Cochineal for Riverina Pear was harvested from Carrathool Shire and released on two sites in the Bland.

High Risk Pathway Inspection

Mid Western Highway, West Wyalong-Condobolin Road, Lake Road, Goldfields Way, Quandialla Road, Hillston Road, Rankins Springs Road, Mary Gilmore Way, Newell Highway.

The following Biosecurity weeds and other controls were undertaken:-

- Cactus - Release cochineal on Prickly Pear (trial).
- Tree Sucker Spraying – Bygoo Road, Tallimba Road, Clear Ridge Road, Mary Gilmore Road, Condobolin Road (57 Nth), Meaghers Lane, Wargin Road, Alleena Road culverts.
- Wild Radish - 57 North, Greaves Lane, Lucus Lane, Sprys Lane, Jillets Road, Quilties Corner Road, Charcoal Tank Lane, Lemons Lane, Gunn Road, Sth Yalgogrin Road

Mowing

- Mowing Shoulders - Greens Lane, Alleena Road, Mary Gilmore Way, Quandialla Road, Wargin Road, Hollands Lane.
- Sucker Mowing and Removal - Rennies Lane

Villages / Works Undertaken – July

Monday's – Ungarie

- Mow the football oval
- Prune suckers around street trees
- Cut up fallen trees around town and take to the tip
- Whipper snip and mow town surrounds
- Spray for weeds
- Fix water Leak at the Ungarie Park

Tuesday's – Tallimba – Weethalle – Naradhan

- Clean public toilets
- Mow and whipper snip around town entrances
- Prune suckers around street trees
- Cut up fallen trees around town and take to the tip
- Mow and whipper snip park
- Spray broadleaf in park
- Mow and whipper snip cemetery
- Mow and whipper snip pre-school
- Fix water leak at Naradhan

Wednesday's - Barmedman

- Mow and whipper snip parks
- Mow and whipper snip town entrances
- Cut up fallen trees and take to the tip
- Mow and whipper snip cemetery
- Prune suckers around town street trees
- Mow around the Bland Shire boundary

Thursday's - Ungarie

- Mow and trim nature strips around town
- Spray paper wasps' nest around playground and sporting field
- Pressure wash the netball courts seats
- Back fill graves at cemetery
- Clean toilets
- Fix sprinkler at Showground

Friday's – Weethalle (one person works)

- Clean toilets
- Mow whipper snip playground and town entrance.

Park Maintenance

- Mow whipper snip and edge all parks
- Check irrigation
- Park inspection
- Trim trees
- Fix water leaks
- Spray weeds in park gardens
- Mow whipper snip pre-school
- Empty water fountain at Barnardo Park
- Empty bins in the parks (Mondays and Fridays)
- Empty fat trays from barbeques in all parks (once a month)

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
- Move shelters for funerals
- Attach plaques at West Wyalong cemetery
- Sprayed broad leaf
- Pump tanks out at the cemetery
- Check graves at Barmedman
- Dig graves for ashes
- Cut head stone for plaque

Sporting Fields Maintenance

- Round up McAlister Oval surrounds
- Mow McAlister Oval
- Line for mark AFL
- Mow skate park
- Fix leaking valve at the McAlister Oval
- Line mark for AFL at Ungarie
- Mow McAlister Oval surrounds
- Fertilise McAlister Oval
- Remove AFL posts
- Stand AFL posts
- Clean McAlister Oval drain
- Clean Drains Ron Crowe Oval
- Line mark rugby union on Perseverance Oval
- Line mark netball courts on McAlister Oval
- Broadleaf Perseverance touch ground and surrounds
- Mow Ron Crowe Oval
- Mow Ron Crowe Oval surrounds
- Mow Perseverance Street Oval surrounds
- Line mark for rugby league
- Replace sprinklers at Perseverance Oval
- Broadleaf Ron Crowe Oval surrounds
- Round up Ron Crowe Oval surrounds
- Round up around the outdoor basketball stadium
- Round up Perseverance Street surrounds
- Fill in foot marks on the Ron Crowe Oval
- Pick up grass clippings McAlister and Redman Oval
- First Aid kit check
- Pressure wash Ron Crowe Oval grandstand

Town Maintenance - General

- Mow and whipper snip Main Street
- Mow and whipper snip Pre School
- Spray weeds up the Main Street
- Trim street trees
- Mow and whipper snip Council Chambers
- Airport inspection (Tuesday and Thursday)
- Mow whipper snip Rotary Park
- Mulch street trees in the old 80km zone
- Repaint the Wetlands board walk

Street Sweeper

Street sweeper getting repaired in Sydney at the moment.

Projects underway

Wyalong Cemetery niche wall concrete base has been completed, waiting on brick layer to confirm a start date.

ENGINEERING DESIGN & CONSULTANCY ADVICE

Design & Survey

- Consultant is engaged to complete the plans for Cooina Park foot bridge. The current plans are in their final stages and are expected to be ready for the steel manufacturing process by mid-August 2025. Construction will commence thereafter.

Airport Compliance

- CASA has approved Bland Shire Council Aerodrome Operations Manual. Certification was awarded to West Wyalong Aerodrome on 8 of July 2025.
- Preliminary discussions regarding the leasing of the commercial airport hangar have taken place with Flight Design Pty Ltd. Negotiations continue, and Council management is currently waiting for the company to submit its business plan related to West Wyalong activities.
- Charter flights continue to operate according to the regular weekly schedule.

Development and Road Opening Permits

- Construction of power poles, electrical components, update of street lighting and NBN connection within new Industrial Subdivision is in progress. Completion is expected by mid-August.
- Road Opening Permit applications are processed regularly.

Asset Management Strategy & Advice

- The Assets Crew continues to conduct routine road condition assessments as part of finalising the flood damage report for the road asset network.
- The Assets System Support Officer position is advertised. This role is critical in maintaining accurate and compliant asset data, which supports informed decision-making and ensures sustainable service delivery for the community. Submission closing date is 12/08/2025.

Traffic Management

- Ongoing maintenance activities include line marking and regular inspection and replacement of road signage as needed.
- There is on-going traffic volumes monitoring on West Wyalong–Condobolin Road and Wamboyne Road.

Stormwater and Flood Mitigation

- The Wyalong and West Wyalong Flood Management Study and Plan is in progress.
- The Ungarie Volunteer House Rising Feasibility Study is currently underway. Residents will receive letters prior to the commencement of any survey activities as part of the study process. The consultant will prepare a draft letter for distribution.

6.17 Development Services Activity Report – July 2025

CSP Theme: Home 3 - Maintaining and improving the environment in which we live, work and play as a key priority

Directorate: Technical Services

Author: Development Services Officer

Planning and Building Activities Update

The following DA applications were approved during July 2025

Application No	Location	Description	Consent Authority	Approval Date
DA2025/0056	13 Boundary Street West Wyalong	Residential Alterations & Additions - Demolition of an existing shed - New Storage Shed	Staff	14/07/2025
DA2025/0053	16-18 Calleen Street West Wyalong	General Industrial - Mezzanine area above office, bathroom and lunchroom to be used as an office space	Staff	14/07/2025
DA2025/0055	59 Yiddah Drive Wyalong	Construction of a New Two (2) Bedroom Dwelling with Attached Garage and Carport	Staff	17/07/2025
DA2025/0061	Unit 4/117 Operator Street West Wyalong	Subdivision - Two Lot Community Title Subdivision of Existing Dual Occupancy in Existing Community Title Scheme	Staff	23/07/2025
DA2025/0060	63 Duffs Road West Wyalong	Dwelling House - including the Construction of a Storage Shed & Installation of Swimming Pool	Staff	24/07/2025

Other applications approved during July 2025:

- Two (2) Construction Certificates
- One (1) Local Government Act Applications
- Three (3) Occupation Certificates

The following inspections were carried out during July 2025

Type	Number
Swimming Pool Compliance	
Swimming Pool Public Health	
Building	35
On-site Sewer Management	
Public Health	
Public Health (Mortuary)	
Compliance	
Food	
Health – Water Complaint	
UPSS	
EP & A ACT – Development Control	
Protection of the Environment Operations Act – Offensive Noise (Residential)	
Local Govt (Unhealthy Premises – Pigeon)	
Overgrown & Untidy Blocks	

Number of enquiries and meetings during July 2025

Type	Number
Building and Planning	32
Public Health	3
Compliance	3
Food	
UPSS Providers	
Swimming Pools	
Local Govt (Unhealthy Premises – Pigeon)	
Complaints	
OSSM – AWTs follow up for quarterly service reports	
Other	25
Meetings	
Pre-Lodgement	5
Planning Portal Integration	4
Other	31

Environmental Health Update

NSW Public Health facilitated Skin Penetration training under the newly adopted Public Health Regulation 2022. This training involved extensive updates on the new regulation and inspection requirements. The NSW Public Health officials arranged for onsite inspections at a Tattoo Parlour and Body Piercing premises in Wagga Wagga, this was a valued exercise by all those in attendance.

GIS Update

Addressing Maintenance: Ongoing updates in the NSW Addressing Portal

Crown Land Identification: Currently reviewing and identifying parcels of Crown Land within the Bland Shire that may be suitable for transfer to Council ownership. This work supports long-term strategic planning.

AVCRM Drone Presentation: Attended a recent presentation from AVCRM, focused on best practices for drone compliance, flight planning, and data management.

Regulatory Activities Update

Dog Attacks

Nil

Companion Animal Seizure and Impound Activities July 2025

Seizure Activities:	Dogs	Cats
Seized	3	3
Returned to Owner	1	

Impounding Activities:	Dogs	Cats
Animals in pound at start of month	8	5
Incoming Animals		
Transferred from Seizure Activities	3	3
Dumped at Pound	3	
Surrendered	2	2
Total Animals in Pound	8	5

Outgoing Animals		
Released to Owner	1	
Euthanised		
Rehoused (Rescued)		4
Sold		1
Died at Pound		
Stolen		
Escaped		
Total Animals Leaving Pound	1	
Animals in Pound at end of Month	7	0

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

CSP Theme: People 5. - Leadership of the community is respectful, transparent and accountable.

Committees	Date/s	Minutes Attached
Goldenfields Water County Council	31 October 2024	✓
Goldenfields Water County Council	12 December 2024	✓
Cowal Gold Project Community Environmental Monitoring & Consultative Committee	25 February 2025	✓
Goldenfields Water County Council	13 March 2025	✓
Goldenfields Water County Council	24 April 2025	✓
NSW Country Mayors Association of NSW Inc	9 May 2025	✓
Cowal Gold Project Community Environmental Monitoring & Consultative Committee	11 June 2025	✓
Goldenfields Water County Council	26 June 2025	✓

Section 355 Committees	Date/s	Minutes Attached
Mirrool Silo Kick Committee	15 June 2025	✓
Ungarie Showground Racecourse Recreation Reserve Committee AGM	24 June 2025	✓
Ungarie Showground Racecourse Recreation Reserve Committee	24 June 2022	✓

Recommendation:

That Council endorse the Committee meeting minutes as presented.

Meeting Minutes

Mirrool Silo Kick Committee

Sunday 15th June 2025

Start 3.15pm

Present: As per attached attendance sheet

Apologies: Joe Caitlin, Chris and Erin Wolski, Eric Robinson, Liz Walsh

President: Jason Bryce Opened Meeting

Treasures Report: Tabled by Bev Baker – Seconded by Leah Maxwell

Previous meetings minutes: Tabled by Leah Maxwell – Seconded by Tania Bryce

General Business from previous meeting:

- Bev will look into getting a giant cheque made to present to the charity – something we can reuse
- Tania spoke to the people about the train coming and its not possible this year because we don't have a safe platform. Tania will investigate getting a portable platform built that we can use at other times also.
- We have agreed to go ahead with the jumping castle and mechanical bull hire – passed by Mick Heath, Seconded by Binnie Pout.
- Graeme to talk to Mark again about doing the mini bike display.

General Business

- Jason Bryce suggested we talk to Dean at Kotzur about getting a fertilizer silo this year instead of the usual bin. He will contact Dean this week. Motion moved by Leah, Seconded By Tania Bryce
- Graeme suggested the committee donates some money to the Beyond Blue walk that Wayne Hueske is participating in next month. As he is a very loyal local community member and it was a very worthy cause in light of recent events, it was agreed by all that we donate \$1000. Motion moved by Graeme Maxwell, Seconded by Val Robinson.
- It was raised that Sophie Maxwell would like to do the walk again this year from Ardlethan or Beckom to Mirrool to raise money for victims of child abuse. She will form a sub committee and with our help we will try

to get the whole community involved. Motion moved by Tania, seconded by Val.

- Graeme, Jason and Mick will travel to Temora and West Wyalong in the coming weeks to ask businesses for sponsorship and donations.
- We will need to get the flyer updated first.
- Leah suggested we send out formal invitations to groups such as local car and bike clubs, and the men's sheds asking them to join us on the day. Leah Will draw up invites to send out.
- Bonnie suggested we ask the lady to come and do the little girls hair braiding and face painting, she will also source an ice cream van and coffee van.
- Mick Heath will contact RLA about the auctioneer and sponsorship.
- Graeme will ask Jack Harper to come out and make a Tik Tok to help advertise the event.
- Jason will invite Jack Fisher and Phil Davies from the Northern Jets football, netball club, to our next meeting to discuss the details of running the BBQ.

General Business:

- Yo has offered to fix the door on the showers, the committee agreed to this. Motion passed by Mick Heath, Seconded by Graeme Maxwell
- The cenotaph has been updated and the working bee was successful with the community getting lots done and cleaned up around the town.
- Val and the ladies cleaned up the memorabilia shed.

Next Meeting Sun 29th June 2025

Meeting Closed 4.40pm

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

President	Vice President	Secretary	Treasurer
Scott Robb	Chris Daly	Nicole Lewis	Karen Rossiter
Ph:	Ph:	Ph:	Ph:

**Minutes of Annual General Meeting
Tuesday 24th June 2025**

Meeting opened 7.10pm

Present: Karen Rossiter, Scott Robb, Reece Archibald, Mark Bryant, Vanessa Williams, Nicole Lewis.

Apologies: Steve and Justine Henley, Fiona Bryant.

Treasurer's Report: \$9950.83 report attached.

Moved by Karen

Seconded by Nicole.

Minutes of previous AGM read by Nicole

Moved by Scott Robb

Seconded by Karen Rossiter

All positions declared vacant.

Nominations for President

Scott Robb

Nominated by Karen Rossiter

Seconded by Mark Bryant

Accepted by Scott

All in favour.

Nominations for Vice President

Lachlan Rowling

Nominated by Scott Robb

Seconded by Mark Bryant

Accepted by Lachlan Via Phone.

All in favour.

Nominations for Secretary

Nicole Lewis

Nominated by Scott Robb

Seconded by Mark Bryant

Accepted by Nicole

All in favour

Nominations for Treasurer

Karen Rossiter

Nominated by Reece Archibald

Seconded by Vanessa Williams

Accepted by Karen

All in favour

Setting of suggested Fees for 2022/2023

Ungarie Football and Netball club	\$2500
Ungarie Show Society	\$500
Ungarie Central School	\$500
Ungarie Basketball ass	\$250
Ungarie Cricket Club	\$500 (include over 35's cricket)

Meeting closed at 7.22pm

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Minutes of General Meeting
24th June 2022

Meeting opened 7.23pm

Present: Mark Bryant, Karen Rossiter, Scott Robb, Nicole Lewis, Vanessa Williams, Reece Archibald.

Apologies: Fiona Bryant, Steve and Justine Henley.

Treasurers Report: Balance as of 23.6.2025 \$9950.83

See attached report

Moved by Karen

Seconded by Nicole

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

Seconded by Scott

Accepted.

Incoming correspondence.

8.5.25 Alison Balind re 355 information session

Quote from McClintock electrical for replacing Netball lights.

Outgoing correspondence

Many emails to council , Netball Lights with bird damage to wiring.

Damage netball door lock, Police report number emailed.

Application for grant for storage cupboards (Michael McCormack). Un successful.

Email to football club with update on canteen roof.

Business arising and general business

Canteen roof leaking

Many conversations as to what and why and who will fix it.

A Plumber has been out and fixed the holes on the inside and silicone the outside to stop it leaking for now.

Quotes have been submitted to council for the re sheeting of the entire undercover area and the removal of the range hood at the same time. Council is waiting on a second quote and then they will proceed from there.

Purchase of storage cupboards for meeting room to store cleaning equipment and consumables for amenities in. Nicole tabled info from Riverina Storage Solutions in Griffith on the prices for cupboards that will suit.

A motion to purchase two new storage cupboards from Riverina Storage Solutions.

Moved by Mark Bryant

Seconded by Scott Robb.

All in Favor.

Hand dryers have been installed by McClintock Electrical free of charge. Dryers were supplied by council at their cost.

Southwest antique engines society's idea of a ATPA tractor pull is not happening due to costs.

Hooks and a mirror have been installed in the netball change rooms.

A pin pad lock has been installed on the netball change room door. Instructions are as per last meeting.

Mark spoke about the Football intentions on buying an electronic score board, with the aid of grants and their own funds.

To run power over to the score board area would cost around \$4000.00

Other options are for a board with a generator which means it can be used anywhere and is fully self-sufficient unit. Storage of unit discussed.

Rough verbal estimate to get power back to trotting stalls in \$4000.00

Discussed fixing up bird shed before it blows down. Also making it a bit more secure.

Discussed asking council for some pick up your dog poo signs.

Discussed getting council to maintain the surface water drains around the whole grounds as this is what fills the dam to water the ground.

Discussed to ask council to monitor and maintain the sprinkler system more regularly.

Discussed the covering of the pitch that was done prior to football season. All good was the report.

Meeting Closed

8.30 pm