



COBAR SHIRE COUNCIL

ORDINARY MEETING AGENDA

THURSDAY, 12 DECEMBER 2019

~ ORDER OF BUSINESS ~

Business for the meeting will be as follows:

Message from the Chair:

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1. Apologies
 - Clr Lilliane Brady OAM (Mayor).
 2. Declaration of Interests
 3. Condolences
 4. Public Access Forum
 - Cobar Health Council.
 5. Confirmation of Minutes
 - Ordinary Meeting of Council – Thursday, 28 November 2019.
 6. Matters Arising from Minutes
 7. Notice of Motions
 8. Mayoral Report
 9. General Manager's Report – Part A (Action)
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~ COUNCIL'S VISION ~

Our Vision is for Cobar Shire to be an attractive, healthy and caring environment in which to live, work and play, achieved in partnership with the community through initiative, foresight and leadership.

~ COUNCIL'S MISSION ~

Our Mission is to provide sound and sensible government and ensure that works and services are delivered effectively and equitably to the community of Cobar Shire.

Council will also develop and constantly review its policy on the maintenance of its road network with current priorities to include the sealing of the following strategic roads within the Shire;

- Ivanhoe Road
 - Louth Road
 - Tilpa Road
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~ COUNCIL'S VALUES ~

Council's values represent who we are as an organisation.
They are the guiding principles for how we carry out our duties.

Accountability – We are responsible for our actions, our behaviour and the satisfactory completion of allocated tasks.

Communication – We communicate openly and respectfully, sharing timely and appropriate information with others.

Effective Leadership – We lead by positive example, embodying all of Council's agreed values.

Integrity – We are consistently honest, transparent, ethical and fair, regardless of the situation.

Teamwork – We work collaboratively to achieve shared goals for Council and the community.

~ COUNCIL'S CHARTER ~

A Council has the following charter (Section 8, *Local Government Act 1993*):

- To provide directly or on behalf of other levels of government, after due consultation, adequate, equitable and appropriate services and facilities for the community and to ensure that those services and facilities are managed efficiently and effectively.
- To exercise community leadership.
- To exercise its functions in a manner that is consistent with and actively promotes the principles of cultural diversity.
- To promote and to provide and plan for the needs of children.
- To properly manage, develop, protect, restore, enhance and conserve the environment of the area for which it is responsible, in a manner that is consistent with and promotes the principles of ecologically sustainable development.
- To have regard to the long term and cumulative effects of its decisions.
- To bear in mind that it is the custodian and trustee of public assets and to effectively account for and manage the assets for which it is responsible.
- To facilitate the involvement of Councillors, members of the public, users of facilities and services and council staff in the development, improvement and coordination of local government.
- To raise funds for local purposes by the fair imposition of rates, charges and fees, by income earned from investments and, when appropriate, by borrowings and grants.
- To keep the local community and the State government (and through it, the wider community) informed about its activities.
- To ensure that, in the exercise of its regulatory functions, it acts consistently and without bias, particularly where an activity of the council is affected.
- To be a responsible employer.

CLAUSE 1A – MAYORAL REPORT

FILE: C13-1-5

AOP REFERENCE: 3.1

ATTACHMENT: NO

AUTHOR: *Acting Mayor, Councillor Peter Abbott*

Report to be tabled.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council accepts the information contained in the Mayoral Report for the month of December 2019.

CLAUSE 2A – STREETLIGHTING UPGRADE TO LED TECHNOLOGY**FILE: S7-5****AOP REFERENCE: 1.6.4****ATTACHMENT: NO****AUTHOR: *General Manager, Peter Vlatko*****Purpose**

To seek approval from Council for the bulk upgrade of Councils aged streetlighting fleet from aged low efficiency technology to modern high efficiency Light Emitting Diode technology.

Background

Councils existing fleet of 800 streetlighting luminaires are of the high-pressure sodium (HPS) technology. This technology is an aged technology with high energy use, requires high maintenance to provide an acceptable level of service and provides a relatively poor quality of light with poor colour rendition.

In recent years light emitting diode (LED) technology has been proven as a preferred technology for streetlighting luminaires. LED technology is low energy use with improved reliability and lower maintenance costs and provides improved lighting quality with good colour rendition.

Reduced energy use and lower maintenance costs result in savings that can fund the bulk replacement of the in-service aged technology luminaires with modern LED technology.

Issues

Essential Energy have conducted an initial evaluation of the existing lighting installations and lighting levels and developed a proposed replacement for each luminaire with a schedule of rates for each luminaire type. They have provided a quotation for the works based on a build of costs by installation type which is subject to minor refinement after more detailed reviews planned for December. Any variance in total cost that the more detailed reviews may determine is expected to be small and can be accommodated within a small contingency allowance.

A suitable decorative luminaire has been identified to replace the 32 luminaires in the main street to maintain the existing appearance.

The bulk replacement project will result in the following benefits:

- An approximate 60% reduction in energy consumption saving \$46,000 per annum;
- An approximate 55% reduction in streetlight luminaire maintenance charges saving \$35,000 per annum;
- An improved standard of reliability from annual failure rates currently over 10% to less than 2%;
- Improved lighting standards and improved colour rendition.

Legal Situation

Essential Energy provides Council with streetlighting services connected to and supported by the Essential Energy distribution network. The charges for the service being a monopoly are regulated by the Australian Energy Regulator (AER). Consultants EMS have validated the proposed charging of the replacement works and ongoing maintenance charges and the savings have been confirmed.

As streetlighting is a monopoly service Council can not engage another service provider for this work resulting in a negotiated service from Essential Energy being the only option under current legislation.

Policy Implications

The proposed bulk replacement programme aligns with the following policy objectives of Council:

- Reduction in energy consumption and resultant greenhouse gas emissions;
- Reduction in ongoing operating costs;
- General improvement in amenity for the community through an improved quality of lighting and its reliability.

Financial Implications

The project has been assessed against the status quo of continuing with the existing in-service HPS luminaires and results in a positive Net Present Value as detailed in the table below:

Costs	\$	
Cost Payable to EE	\$446,371	Quotation from EE
Contingency	\$22,318	@ 5% of Costs payable to EE
Estimated ESC Credits	(\$48,671)	Estimate refundable from NSW Gov
Net Capital Cost	\$420,018	
Annual Savings	\$	
Streetlight Charges	(\$35,179)	Savings over existing charges
Energy Costs	(\$45,872)	Energy and Network charges
Total Annual Savings	(\$81,051)	
Net Present Value	\$	
NPV 15 Years @ 5%	\$421,264	Compared to existing in-service luminaires of old HPS technology
NPV 15 Years @ 3%	\$547,564	

Risk Implication

The incremental risks over the existing in service HPS luminaires are summarised in the table below:

Risk Description	Description	Mitigation
Premature Failure	As Council is funding the bulk replacement, they are exposed to the cost of premature failures as on failure EE will replace the luminaire and assign a higher tariff to recover their capital.	Extensive EE trials; 3-year luminaire and installation warranty to replace; 10-year luminaire only warranty.
Glare Complaints	Improved lighting may result in some glare complaints from residents.	Glare shields are available; Desk top lighting design review prior to installation.

Options

The three possible options are:

Option 1 – Do nothing and replace at failure – The business case is such that the replacement is self-funding as detailed in the Financial Implications section. Failure to take a bulk replacement approach would result in a piecemeal approach at failure by Essential Energy which would have negative amenity impacts due to variable lighting standards and the potential savings in maintenance and energy would only be realised over many years.

Option 2 – Bulk Replacement funded by Essential Energy – Where luminaires are funded by Essential Energy a higher tariff applies for the first 10 years to recover the capital cost. As Essential Energy’s cost of capital is higher than Councils this results in a higher cost over the life of the luminaires.

Option 3 – Bulk Replacement funded by Council – This is the preferred option. It results in the highest initial savings for the first 10 years. The NPV over 15 years with a discount rate of 3% is \$547,000 compared to Option 2 – Essential Energy Funded with an NPV over the same period of \$500,000.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council approve and fund the bulk replacement of Councils 800 streetlights to LED technology in accordance with Essential Energy’s offer at a total cost payable to Essential Energy of \$447,000. With a contingency allowance of \$22,000 (5%) and estimated NSW Government credits for energy saving of \$49,000 the net cost to Council is \$420,000.

CLAUSE 3A – LOCAL TRAFFIC COMMITTEE

FILE: C6-1 AOP REFERENCE: 3.1 ATTACHMENT: YES (PAGE 53-79)

AUTHOR: *Acting Director of Engineering Services, Simon Pradhan*

Purpose

To inform Council of Local Traffic Committee recommendations from the February, May and November 2019 meetings.

Background

Councillors and Council Staff are required to represent Council at Local Traffic Committee Meetings. Four Local Traffic Committee meetings were held in 2019 – February, May, August and November 2019.

Attached to this report is February, May and November Minutes and Status Reports. Noting that February 2019 Local Traffic Committee Meeting Minutes have previously been presented to Council.

RECOMMENDATION

- 1. That the Minutes of the May and November Local Traffic Committee be received and noted.**
- 2. That Council resolve to adopt the following recommendations from the Local Traffic Committee:**
 - That Council write to RMS to change the pedestrian crossing at Cobar Public School to a children's crossing during school times only;**
 - That Council write to RMS to investigate if the current point at which the school bus uses as a turnaround area on the Barrier Highway (HW8) east of Cobar near Scrubby Valley is appropriate and apply for grant funding to upgrade the area (if required);**
 - That Council write to RMS in regard to School Bus route signage to be installed along the bus route to Nymagee – RMS to provide funding;**
 - That Council write to RMS to investigate the suitability for a proposed new location for a disabled carpark on Linsley Street closer to the Brennan Centre, any new location must comply with Australian Standards;**
 - That Council in partnership with RMS investigate implementing a 40km/h High Pedestrian Activity Area (HPAA) in the CBD area of Cobar on Marshall Street.**

CLAUSE 4A – REQUEST FOR QUOTATION – SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF ONE (1) BACKHOE LOADER

FILE: T3-19-4 AOP REFERENCE: 3.3.3.4

ATTACHMENT: NO

AUTHOR: *Financial Accountant, Sandra Davey*

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to consider the quotes received for the supply and delivery of one (1) Backhoe Loader.

Background

Quotes were requested on Monday 3 September 2019 through Vendor Panel using Local Government Procurement's approved contractor panel.

The deadline for the lodgment of quotes was 5pm on Friday 28 September 2019.

Five companies submitted tenders and are listed below:

- CNH Australia (CASE Construction);
- CNH Australia (CASE Construction) Earthmoving Equipment Australia;
- JCB Construction Equipment Australia;
- Komatsu Australia Pty Ltd;
- WesTrac Pty Ltd.

Given the sensitive nature of the information to be provided by the tenderers it is recommended that Council considers a further report in Committee of the Whole Closed Council with the press and public excluded.

Legal Situation

Council has complied with the requirements of the *Local Government Act 1993*, Section 55 of the *Local Government (General) Regulation 2005* Part 7.

RECOMMENDATION

That the report regarding the supply and delivery of one (1) Backhoe Loader be considered in the Committee of the Whole Closed Council with the press and public excluded for the reason as stated in Section 10A (2) (d) (g) of the Local Government Act 1993, as discussions of this information in Open Council would prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it.

CLAUSE 5A – COBAR RETICULATION REPLACEMENT TENDER

FILE: T3-19-5 AOP REFERENCE: 4.1.1 & 4.1.3.1 ATTACHMENT: NO

AUTHOR: *Water and Sewer Engineer, Victor Papierniak*

Purpose

To provide a report to Council that summarises the recently conducted tender process for the Cobar Reticulation Replacement (RFT_10024491).

Background

Request for tenders for the Cobar Reticulation Replacement was called by Public Works Advisory on behalf of Cobar Shire Council. Tenders closed at 9:30pm on 24 September 2019.

Six (6) tenders in total were received from:

- Coffs Harbour City Council (Coastal Works);
- Kerroc Constructions Pty Ltd;
- Killard Infrastructure Pty Ltd;
- Miller Pipe & Civil Pty Ltd;
- TCM Civil Pty Ltd;
- Utilstra Pty Ltd.

Given the sensitive nature of the information provided by the tenderers it is recommended that Council considers a further report in the Committee of the Whole Closed Council with the press and public excluded.

RECOMMENDATION

That a further report concerning the tenders received for the Cobar Reticulation Replacement be considered in the Committee of a Whole Closed Council with the press and public excluded for the reason as stated in Section 10A (2)(d)(i) of the *Local Government Act 1993* as it contains commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed in open Council would prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it.

CLAUSE 6A – BULK WATER TREATMENT CHEMICAL TENDER (T711920HUN)

**FILE: T3-2 AOP REFERENCE: 4.1.1.1 & 4.4.4.2 ATTACHMENT: NO
AUTHOR: *Water and Sewer Engineer, Victor Papierniak***

Purpose

To provide a report to Council that summarises the recently conducted tender process for the procurement of Bulk Water Treatment Chemicals (T711920HUN).

Background

Request for tenders for the procurement of Bulk Water Treatment Chemicals was called by Regional Procurement on behalf of Cobar Shire Council and five (5) other Councils.

This tender was advertised in the following media:

- Tenderlink on 24 September 2019;
- Sydney Morning Herald on 24 September 2019; and
- Newcastle Herald on 28 September 2019.

Tenders closed at 10.00am on 15 October 2019.

Twelve (12) tenders in total were received from:

- Aquapac Pty Ltd;
- BOC Limited;
- BTX Group Pty Ltd;
- Colonial Chemicals Australia Pty Ltd;
- Consolidated Chemical Compay Pty Ltd;
- Graymont Australia Pty Ltd;
- Hardman Chemicals Pty Ltd;
- Ixom Operations Pty Ltd;
- Nowra Chemical Manufacturers Pty Ltd;
- Chemprod Nominees Pty Ltd t/a Omega Chemicals;
- Phoenix Oceania Pty Ltd;
- Redox Pty Ltd.

Given the sensitive nature of the information provided by the tenderers it is recommended that Council considers a further report in the Committee of the Whole Closed Council with the press and public excluded.

Legal Situation

The tender has been conducted in accordance with Clause 166(a) of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2005.

RECOMMENDATION

That a further report concerning the tenders received for the procurement Bulk Water Treatment Chemicals (T711920HUN) be considered in the Committee of a Whole Closed Council with the press and public excluded for the reason as stated in Section 10A (2)(d)(i) of the *Local Government Act 1993* as it contains commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed in open Council, prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it.

CLAUSE 1B – MONTHLY STATUS REPORT**FILE: C13-10****AOP REFERENCE: 3.1****ATTACHMENT: NO****AUTHOR: *General Manager, Peter Vlatko*****COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS 25 SEPTEMBER 2014**

NUMBER	ITEM	RESOLUTION NUMBER	ACTION BY	ACTION REQUIRED	OUTCOME
627	Council – Clause 10A – Adoption of Management Plan for Lot 18 DP213415	188.9.2014	GM	<p>That Council authorise the General Manager to negotiate a lease or licence for an appropriate term and conditions with the Cobar Bowling and Golf Club Ltd.</p> <p>That Council authorise the Mayor and General Manager to sign any lease or licence under the Common Seal of Council.</p>	<p>December 2017 target will not be met.</p> <p>Timeframe to be reviewed.</p> <p>Staff working on this subject to resources available.</p> <p>Discussions commenced with Club Board to resolve the issue.</p>

COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS 28 APRIL 2016

NUMBER	ITEM	RESOLUTION NUMBER	ACTION BY	ACTION REQUIRED	OUTCOME
870	Committee of the Whole Closed Council – Report 1C – Analysis of Plant and Equipment Hire and Trades and Miscellaneous Services Register	58.4.2016	GM	That any future projects within Cobar Shire that we look at supporting the local businesses (where applicable) to ensure their viability and have a review of the Policy.	Policy to be reviewed and all purchases to have quotes provided and encourage the use of locals.

COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS 9 MARCH 2017

1007	Council – Clause 7B – Expenditure for Roads Network	59.3.2017	DES	That a Rest Area be built along the Wool Track and that it be named after Duncan Gay.	Matter to be raised with funding request for Wool Track. An updated funding application for sealing of the Wool Track is being prepared.
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COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS 27 APRIL 2017

1021	Council – Clause 11A – Minutes of the Economic Taskforce April Meeting	81.4.2017	GM	<p>That Council resolves to further investigate the idea of a freight depot for Cobar and report back to the Taskforce.</p> <p>That a Call for Expressions of Interest from businesses who would like to engage the services of a security company to monitor their premises and answer alarms to establish demand for such a service.</p> <p>That Council resolves to approach Mr Hausler in regards to the future of his rail track and loco for use in a public space in Cobar.</p>	<p>Council is currently discussing milestones for inclusion in the Funding agreement for the new Industrial Estate. Once timeframes have been allocated and a scope of works finalised, further discussions will be conducted with those companies which showed interest in this venture, especially Livestock and Bulk Carriers Association and freight companies.</p> <p>One on one visits to potential businesses commenced to determine interest in such a venture. Strong interest so far.</p> <p>No action to date.</p>
1025	Council – Clause 7B –	92.4.2017	DES	That RMS be contacted in relation to a	Letter has been sent to RMS to

	Expenditure for Roads Network			turning lane being installed at the Meadow Glen Rest Area as a matter of urgency.	request improvements to entrance to Meadow Glen Rest Area. Funds have been allocated for work in 2019/2020.
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COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS 24 AUGUST 2017

NUMBER	ITEM	RESOLUTION NUMBER	ACTION BY	ACTION REQUIRED	OUTCOME
1071	Council Meeting – Clause 6A – Sale of Land at Duffy Drive	205.8.2017	DFCS	That the two blocks of land which are the subject of this report be auctioned with the reserve to be determined by Council at the meeting preceding the advertised auction date.	One block now sold, one block has been auctioned and no sale. Land is now on the open market for sale.
1081	Council Meeting – Clause 5B – Meeting Minutes	220.8.2017	DES	That Council look into acquiring Public Stock Watering Points as a method of guaranteeing access to water for Council use.	Investigation to be undertaken. Lack of staff resources has restricted progress.

COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS 28 SEPTEMBER 2017

NUMBER	ITEM	RESOLUTION NUMBER	ACTION BY	ACTION REQUIRED	OUTCOME
1092	Council Meeting – Clause 12A – Minutes of Economic Taskforce Meeting	248.9.2017	PC	That Council identify the Pulpulla Road as a high priority for its ability to contribute to tourism and economic development and that Council work with National Parks and Wildlife Service to establish a plan of action and budgets to maintain it to a standard suitable for	Initial discussions held with NPWS with positive feedback. Discussion held with Destination NSW - there are possible funding options, success more likely if more developments undertaken at Mt Grenfell. Council awaiting to see what developments the Mt Grenfell Board progress prior

				<p>all vehicle access.</p> <p>That Council investigate options of providing street signage to locate key facilities, such as the pool, sports facilities and water recreation areas.</p> <p>That the celebrations to mark Cobar's 150th Anniversary be an item on Council's agenda and that projects be scoped and indicative budgets developed.</p> <p>That Council convene a meeting of major contractors to identify a list of ideas that could be undertaken to improve the efficiency of working across mine sites and reduce the costs of doing business in Cobar. Discuss options for implementing the ideas with the mines in Cobar Shire.</p>	<p>to seeking this funding.</p> <p>Council is submitting a \$5 million grant application to address the upgrade required.</p> <p>Location and type of signs currently being investigated – orders to be placed in May.</p> <p>New Tourism Manager currently investigating work already done, how to reinvigorate this committee etc and this will form part of a future presentation to Council on events and festivals.</p> <p>No action to date.</p>
COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS 14 DECEMBER 2017					
NUMBER	ITEM	RESOLUTION NUMBER	ACTION BY	ACTION REQUIRED	OUTCOME
1116	Council Meeting –	325.12.2017	DES	That if funding is not obtained that	Funding application has been

	Clause 3A – RMS Repair Program for 2018/2019			council continues to nominate RR7518 Fifty Two Mile Road in subsequent years until funding is obtained.	submitted for 2019/2020. Application for 2019/2020 was successful. General Manager has signed Funding Deed in November 2019 – No further action required.
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COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS 22 FEBRUARY 2018

NUMBER	ITEM	RESOLUTION NUMBER	ACTION BY	ACTION REQUIRED	OUTCOME
1124	Council Meeting – Notice of Motion – Re-Location of Western Division Office	05.2.2018	GM	That Cobar Shire Council request the NSW Government to re-locate the Western Division Office from Dubbo to Cobar.	Letter sent to Minister.
1131	Council Meeting – Clause 5A – Development Application 2018/LD-00004	13.2.2018	DPES	That Council establishes a Policy for Fencing in Urban Areas in Cobar.	Resources are not available for this at this time.

COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS 22 MARCH 2018

NUMBER	ITEM	RESOLUTION NUMBER	ACTION BY	ACTION REQUIRED	OUTCOME
1141	Council Meeting – Notice of Motion – Government Incentive Programs for Attracting Health Care Professionals to the Region	46.3.2018	GM	That Council seek an urgent meeting with the Deputy Premier and the Minister for Health to seek a commitment from the NSW Government to establish and provide incentives and programs for the attraction and delivering Doctors, Specialists and other staff	Letter's sent seeking support. Awaiting response in order to organise the meeting. Letters of support received and forwarded to Ministers Office. Mayor supported the Gwydir Council

				to rural communities such as Cobar and in particular the Western Area of NSW.	in providing representation to Canberra to raise the issue. Deputy Mayor and General Manager addressed the Premier and Deputy Premier at Narromine recently on this matter and was accepted as a regional and NSW problem that they are working on.
1142	Council Meeting – Notice of Motion – Installation of an Independent Pedestrian Crossing	47.3.2018	GM	That Council write to John Holland Rail, being the entity that maintains the RailCorp assets for Rural NSW, to increase the width to accommodate two vehicles crossing at same time on the level crossing on Bourke Road between Railway Parade South and Railway Parade North and install an independent pedestrian crossing.	Negotiations between John Holland Rail, RMS and Council has commenced. RMS have provided funding for the approaches – Council now seeking John Holland to contribute to the installation of pedestrian crossings.

COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS 26 APRIL 2018

NUMBER	ITEM	RESOLUTION NUMBER	ACTION BY	ACTION REQUIRED	OUTCOME
1153	Council Meeting – Notice of Motion – Policy Development for Development Applications for Mining Operations	76.4.2018	GM	That Council develops a Policy to assist in the determination of Development Approvals (DA's) for Mining Operations in order to reduce the impact of Fly-in, Fly-out (FIFO) and Drive-in, Drive-out (DIDO) on our community.	Item being addressed in the draft Local Strategic Planning Statement – No further action required.

COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS 28 JUNE 2018

NUMBER	ITEM	RESOLUTION NUMBER	ACTION BY	ACTION REQUIRED	OUTCOME
1180	Council Meeting – Notice of Motion – Arid Research Centre	140.6.2018	GM	That a submission be made to the Prime Minister of Australia and the Premier of NSW seeking their support and consideration of establishing an Arid Research Centre in Cobar for the Far Western NSW. That a letter and submission be made to the National Farmers Association that a letter of support be sought.	Submission being prepared when resources available. To be completed by August 2019.

COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS 24 SEPTEMBER 2018

NUMBER	ITEM	RESOLUTION NUMBER	ACTION BY	ACTION REQUIRED	OUTCOME
1219	Council Meeting – Clause 9A – Minutes of the Economic Taskforce Meeting – Tuesday, 14 August 2018	242.9.2018	GM	That Council resolve to accept the recommendation of the Economic Taskforce that: Council investigate the possibility of the local mining companies setting up a buy local scheme for their employees.	Discussion held with General Managers of the Mines in Cobar. Matter to be considered and a further report to be provided.

COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS 28 FEBRUARY 2019

NUMBER	ITEM	RESOLUTION NUMBER	ACTION BY	ACTION REQUIRED	OUTCOME
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1252	Council Meeting – Notice of Motion – Date Change for Clearing Consent	03.2.2019	GM	That Council together with RDA Orana, Far North West Joint Organisation and the Western Division Councils lobby the Federal Government to have the methodology changed that all farms in the Western area have the same opportunity to participate in the emission reduction fund as currently stands for some properties at present and seek the State Government support.	Letter sent to RDA Orana seeking support.
1269	Council Meeting - Clause 13A – Raw Water Supply to Dalton Park Horse Complex	25.2.2019	GWSE	That Council resolve to seek grant funding for \$202,140 for the extension of a raw water pipeline to the Dalton Park Racecourse as outlined in Option 3 of the attached report.	Grant funding to be applied for.

COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS 24 APRIL 2019

NUMBER	ITEM	RESOLUTION NUMBER	ACTION BY	ACTION REQUIRED	OUTCOME
1277	Council Meeting – Notice of Motion – Fringe Benefits Tax (FBT) Including Living Away From Home Allowance Exempted for Remote Mining Community such as Cobar	63.4.2019	GM	That Cobar Shire Council lobby both the Federal Government and the Association of Mining Related Councils to have Fringe Benefits Tax (FBT) including Living Away From Home Allowance exempted for remote mining communities such as Cobar. That Council have discussions about a percentage of miners and	Submission being prepared and discussions held with local mines.

				those who are working on specific projects who should legally be required to live in town, to be held with the State Government.	
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COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS 23 MAY 2019

NUMBER	ITEM	RESOLUTION NUMBER	ACTION BY	ACTION REQUIRED	OUTCOME
1291	Council Meeting – Clause 9A – The Newey Plan of Management – Community Engagement	96.5.2019	DPES	That the Newey Plan of Management be implemented as written, with Option 2 accepted.	Newey Plan consultation document being amended to a draft Plan of Management based on option 2. Further action pending receipt of approval of initial Crown Reserve categorization by Crown Lands.

COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS 27 JUNE 2019

NUMBER	ITEM	RESOLUTION NUMBER	ACTION BY	ACTION REQUIRED	OUTCOME
1299	Council Meeting – Clause 10A – Allocation Forecast and Ramifications	122.6.2019	AWSM	Investigate the costs associated with purchasing raw water from upstream users.	Investigations being undertaken.

COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS 25 JULY 2019

NUMBER	ITEM	RESOLUTION NUMBER	ACTION BY	ACTION REQUIRED	OUTCOME
1304	Council Meeting – Notice of Motion – Supermarkets Dispensing	142.7.2019	GM	That Local Government NSW be requested to seek to lobby both State and Federal Governments to maintain the status quo and refuse	No action to date.

	Pharmaceuticals			access of pharmaceutical products being sold through supermarkets.	
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COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS 22 AUGUST 2019					
NUMBER	ITEM	RESOLUTION NUMBER	ACTION BY	ACTION REQUIRED	OUTCOME
1312	Council Meeting – Notice of Motion – Support for the Introduction of FIFO Legislation	170.8.2019	GM	That Council write to the Premier and the Minister to seek their support in introducing legislation similar to the Queensland Government in relation to the new FIFO laws which reinforce local jobs for communities (Strong and Sustainable Resources Community Act QLD).	No action to date.
1313	Council Meeting – Notice of Motion – Requests for Additional Water Storage	171.8.2019	GM	That Cobar Shire Council investigate the cost associated with deepening the Old Reservoir for the water to be used for Council's Parks and Gardens. That Cobar Shire Council seek approval from the Peak Gold Mine to allow the deepening of the Newey Reservoir for storage of water for the purpose of watering the Golf Course and for Council's Parks and Gardens.	Scoping Plan being developed for Council consideration. Informed discussion held at CWB Meeting. Peak representatives are investigating the project for themselves to undertake.
1315	Council Meeting – Clause 4A – Risk and Audit Committee	175.8.2019	DFCS	That the Risk and Audit Committee be increased to six members comprising three independent community members and three	No response. Will move to appoint one more Councillor at November Council Meeting.

				<p>Councillors.</p> <p>That Council advertise for expressions of interest from the community in the position.</p> <p>That the matter, including the appointment of a Councillor, be further considered at a future Council meeting when the expressions of interest for the independent community member have been received.</p>	
1317	Council Meeting – Clause 6A – Sealing The Wool Track Status Update	177.8.2019	ADES	That Council wait for further funding opportunities and update the previous business case using same growth figures.	Application being prepared for current round of Fixing Country Roads – No further action required.

COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS 26 SEPTEMBER 2019

NUMBER	ITEM	RESOLUTION NUMBER	ACTION BY	ACTION REQUIRED	OUTCOME
1321	Council Meeting – Clause 5A – Procedures for the Administration of the Model Code of Conduct Policy	196.9.2019	AGM	That the draft Procedures for the Administration of the Model Code of Conduct be placed on public exhibition for 28 days and if no submissions received it be adopted.	Draft Procedures for the Administration of the Model Code of Conduct be placed on public exhibition.
1324	Council Meeting – Clause 8A – Capital Works Program 2019/2020	199.9.2019	ADES	That the \$402,000 is withdrawn from Shire Road 24 and that it remains in the budget until workshopped at the October Meeting and that the remaining Capital Works Program for the year	\$402,000 is withdrawn from Shire Road 24 and Workshopped at December Councillor Workshop.

				ended 30 June 2020 be adopted.	
1325	Council Meeting – Clause 9A – Dalton Park Horse Complex Licence Agreements	200.9.2019	ES	That Council acting as Crown Land Manager for the Dalton Park Racecourse (R630019) Reserve, resolve to renew 12 month short term license agreements for the following organisations and individuals to cover the period 1 July 2019 to 30 June 2020: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Mr S Griffiths & Ms C Yench; ▪ Ms Sharon Whitehurst; ▪ Cobar Pony Club; ▪ Cobar Miners Race Club; ▪ Cobar Rodeo Committee; ▪ Mulchara Partnership; ▪ Wayne Prisk. 	License agreements sent – No further action required.
1326	Council Meeting – Clause 10A – Bathurst Street Reserve Licence Agreement	201.9.2019	ES	That Council acting as Crown Land Manager for the Bathurst Street Reserve (R64199), resolve to renew a 12 month short term license agreement to Cobar Tennis Club to cover the period 1 July 2019 to 30 June 2020.	License agreements sent – No further action required.
1327	Council Meeting – Clause 12A – Cobar Water Board Storages – Construction of Additional Storage Capacity	203.9.2019	WS	That the Cobar Water Board be advised that Council will not be proceeding with investigation of additional storage capacity at the Cobar storages.	Discussion with consultants, proposal being developed – No further action required.
1329	Council Meeting – Committee of the Whole Closed Council –	216.9.2019 30COW.9.2019	PO	That Council approve the purchase of two (2) 140M Caterpillar Motor Graders from WesTrac Pty Ltd	Graders purchased – awaiting delivery – No further action required.

	Clause 1C – Request for Quote – Supply Two Motor Graders			with one (1) installed with 2D Satellite Grading and one installed with 3D Satellite Grading System and both being fitted with a 14ft blade.	
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COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS ADJOURNED COUNCIL MEETING 24 OCTOBER 2019 HELD ON 14 NOVEMBER 2019

NUMBER	ITEM	RESOLUTION NUMBER	ACTION BY	ACTION REQUIRED	OUTCOME
1335	Council Meeting – Clause 9A – General Purpose Financial Statements, Special Schedules and Auditor’s Reports for 2018/2019	226.11.2019	AFA	That copies of Council’s Annual Audited Financial Statements be provided to such persons and bodies as the regulations require.	Completed – No further action required.
1338	Council Meeting – Committee of the Whole Closed Council – Clause 1C – Lease of Town Hall Cinema Building	241.11.2019 33COW.11.2019	GM	That Council authorise the General Manager to enter into a new lease with Western Studio of Performing Arts, in respect of the Town Hall Cinema Building being substantially consistent with the existing lease for a term of up to two (2) years with an option for a third year, with the rental increased to \$820.00 monthly (with annual CPI Increases) at the start of the new lease term. That Council authorise the Mayor and General Manager to sign all relevant lease Agreement documentation for Town Hall	Lease documents being prepared.

				Cinema, 5 Barton Street, Cobarr under the Common Seal of Council.	
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COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS ADJOURNED COUNCIL MEETING 28 NOVEMBER 2019					
NUMBER	ITEM	RESOLUTION NUMBER	ACTION BY	ACTION REQUIRED	OUTCOME
1339	Council Meeting – Apologies	242.11.2019	GM	That Councillor Mayor Lilliane Brady OAM be granted a leave of absence for the next three (3) months (November, December 2019 and February 2020).	Leave of absence granted – No further action required.
1340	Council Meeting – Clause 2A – Gifts and Benefits Policy	245.11.2019	GM	That Council adopts the draft Gifts and Benefits Policy.	Gifts and Benefits Policy adopted – No further action required.
1341	Council Meeting – Clause 3A – State Government Funding for NSW Public Libraries – Renew our Libraries Campaign	246.11.2019	GM	<p>That Council resolve to support the Renew our Libraries Campaign Phase Two.</p> <p>That Council make representation to the local State Member(s), Roy Butler, in relation to the need for a sustainable state funding model for the ongoing provision of public library services.</p> <p>That Council write to the Hon. Don Harwin, Minister for the Arts and the Hon. Walt Secord, Shadow Minister for the Arts, calling for bi-partisan support for Consumer Price Index (CPI) indexation of state funding for NSW public</p>	Council are supporting the Renew our Libraries Campaign Phase Two.

				<p>libraries, as well as legislation of all elements of the 2019-2020 to 2022-2023 NSW state funding model.</p> <p>That Council take a leading role in lobbying for sustainable state government funding for libraries.</p> <p>That Council endorse the distribution of the NSW Public Libraries Association NSW Library sustainable funding advocacy information in Council Libraries, as well as involvement in any actions proposed by the Association.</p>	
1342	Council Meeting – Clause 4A – Regional Water Supply Pipeline Network	247.11.2019	GM	<p>That Council support, in principle, the development of a Regional Water Supply Pipe Network to enhance the long term security of urban water to all communities currently supplied by the Macquarie River downstream of Burrendong Dam.</p> <p>That Council seek funding assistance from the NSW Government, as a matter of urgency, in conjunction with Narromine Shire/ Bogan Shire/ Warren Shire/ Cobar Shire/ Dubbo Regional Councils to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Undertake a comprehensive business case assessment of 	Completed – Council’s decision forwarded to Dubbo Regional Council – No further action required.

				<p>the Regional Water Supply Pipe Network project;</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Develop a long term financial model for the project which is sustainable for Council; 3. Develop a governance model for the development and operation of the pipeline project based on regional collaboration amongst associated Councils; and 4. Progress the technical development of the project to a “shovel ready” stage by April 2020; and 5. Engage a suitably qualified consultant to act for the group of Councils in developing each stage of the project planning process. <p>That Council examine options, in collaboration with DPIE Water and Water NSW, to extend critical urban water supplies in the lower Macquarie River catchment and fast-track delivery of the project, including staged construction options, with the aim of ensuring a continued supply of water to all urban centres supplied by the Macquarie River downstream of Burrendong Dam.</p>	
1343	Council Meeting –	248.11.2019	DFCS	That no changes be made to the	Completed – No further action

	Clause 5A – Quarter 1 (Q1) 2019/2020 Budget Review			2019/2020 Operating Budget as per Quarter 1 2019/2020 Budget Review, noting that income streams available are yet to be allocated. That the 2019/2020 Capital Expenditure Budget be adjusted by removing the Industrial Estate and including the Ward Oval Development.	required.
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RECOMMENDATION

That the information contained in the monthly status report be received and noted, with the following items to be removed: 1116, 1153, 1317, 1325, 1326, 1327, 1335, 1339, 1340, 1342 and 1343.

CLAUSE 2B – REGULATION 202 REPORT ON MATERIAL BUDGET VARIATION

FILE: R2 -3

AOP REFERENCE: 3.1.1

ATTACHMENT: NO

AUTHOR: *Director of Finance and Community Services, Kym Miller*

Purpose

To advise Council of a material variation to the 2019/2020 Budget.

Background

Regulation 202 of the Local Government (General) Regulation, 2005 requires that any material variation to the budget be reported to the next Council meeting.

At the June Ordinary Meeting of Council \$435,000 contained in two accounts was authorised to be provided as a doubtful debt provision in the mining category. This was based best upon accounting principles and a review of the debt status at the time.

The amounts have now been settled and both accounts are in order.

The consequent improved forecast will be adjusted in the Q2 Budget Review. It would be prudent not to appropriate this income as it is anticipated that there will be a significant write off of debt required as a result of the recent sale of land. Final figures will be reported to Council early in 2020 once all settlements have occurred.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Regulation 202 Report on Material Budget Variation be received and noted.

CLAUSE 3B – MEETING MINUTES

FILE: R5-36 AOP REFERENCE: 3.1 ATTACHMENT: YES (PAGE 80-82)

AUTHOR: *Executive Assistant General Manager/ Mayor, Janette Booth*

Background

Councillors and Council Staff are required to represent Council at a variety of meetings.

Included in the attachments to this agenda are copies of the minutes and the Status Reports of those meetings which have been held recently for the information of Councillors. They include:

- Rural Roads Advisory Committee Meeting – Thursday, 28 November 2019 (no Status Report).

RECOMMENDATION

That the Minutes of the Rural Roads Advisory Committee be received and noted.

CLAUSE 4B – INVESTMENT REPORT AS AT 30 NOVEMBER 2019**FILE: B2-7****AOP REFERENCE: 3.1.1.7****ATTACHMENT: NO****AUTHOR: *Financial Accountant, Sandra Davey*****Purpose**


Section 625 of the Local Government Act 1993 and Clause 212 of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2005 and the Council's investment policy require Council's investments to be reported to the Council on a monthly basis.

Issues

The table below shows the balances of Council's Investments as at the end of November 2019. Term deposits have differing terms to spread the maturity dates throughout the year. The amount restricted in the Audited Financial Report for Employee Leave Entitlements is \$444,000.

Investments for October	Rate	Bank	Opening Balance	Transfers to Investment	Transfers from Investment	Interest Earned	Closing Balance
NAB Sweep Acct		NAB	\$ 4,593,279	\$ 2,971,480	\$ 1,841,767	\$ 2,526	\$ 5,725,519
Mar-20	1.65%	NAB	\$ 1,002,624			\$ 1,360	\$ 1,003,983
Feb-20	2.10%	AMP	\$ 2,009,912			\$ 3,469	\$ 2,013,381
Feb-20	1.70%	NAB	\$ 3,010,211			\$ 4,206	\$ 3,014,417
Feb-20	2.72%	Auswide	\$ 2,039,237			\$ 4,559	\$ 2,043,796
Feb-20	1.66%	ME	\$ 2,003,822			\$ 2,734	\$ 2,006,556
Jan-20	1.60%	NAB	\$ 1,500,986			\$ 1,974	\$ 1,502,960
Jan-20	1.85%	NAB	\$ 2,009,952			\$ 3,056	\$ 2,013,008
Jan-20	1.70%	NAB	\$ 1,003,357			\$ 1,402	\$ 1,004,759
Jun-20	2.75%	AMP	\$ 1,001,383			\$ 1,431	\$ 1,002,815
Feb-20	2.00%	AMP	\$ 1,003,910			\$ 1,634	\$ 1,005,544
Jun-20	2.75%	AMP	\$ 1,001,383			\$ 1,431	\$ 1,002,815
TOTALS	Average Int	1.73%	\$22,180,056	\$2,971,480	\$1,841,767	\$29,782	\$23,339,553

I hereby certify that the above investments have been made in accordance with Section 625 of the Local Government Act 1993 and Clause 212 of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2005 and the Council's Investment Policy.



Acting Financial Accountant**RECOMMENDATION****That Council receive and note the Investment Report as at 30 November 2019.**

**CLAUSE 5B – BANK RECONCILIATION, CASH FLOW & LOAN FACILITY
SUMMARIES AS AT 30 NOVEMBER 2019**

FILE: B2-7

AOP REFERENCE: 3.1.1.5

ATTACHMENT: NO

AUTHOR: *Financial Accountant, Sandra Davey*

Purpose

Council has requested that the following financial information be presented to each meeting of Council: reconciled bank balance, cash flow statement, and loan facility.

Issues

Bank Reconciliation

Balance as per Bank Statement	10,000
Add Outstanding Deposits & Receipting	20,254
Less Unpresented Cheques	(-)
Reconciled Balance	30,254

In accordance with the requirements of the Local Government Act, 1993, I hereby certify that the Cash Book has been reconciled with the appropriate Bank Statements on a daily basis during the month and that the reconciliations have been recorded.



Acting Financial Accountant

Monthly Total Funds Available for the Last 12 Months

Month	Investment Balances	Operating Account	Total Available Funds
Nov 18	18,361,800	(163,625)	18,198,175
Dec 18	17,009,717	18,601	17,020,318
Jan 19	15,870,216	(11,175)	15,706,591
Feb 19	15,980,048	(5,842)	15,974,206
Mar 19	18,000,631	9,011	18,009,642
Apr 19	19,443,263	9,382	19,452,645
May 19	18,397,880	12,261	18,410,141
June 19	23,661,843	14,072	23,675,915
July 19	24,031,003	18,852	24,049,855
Aug 19	24,556,636	17,069	24,573,705
Sep 19	23,822,866	15,272	23,838,158
Oct 19	22,180,056	10,983	22,191,039
Nov 19	23,339,553	30,254	23,369,807

The amount restricted in the Audited Financial Report for Employee Leave Entitlements is \$444,000.

Cash Flow

November		Description	Forecast
Forecast	Actual		December
10,983	10,983	Bank Balance Forward	30,254
1,000,000	1,734,985	FAG / R2R / RMCC	250,000
14,366	14,637	RMS Agency	14,637
750,000	209,004	Rates /Water/User Charges	350,000
150,000	123,113	Private Works/Debtors	150,000
280,000	184,653	LBV – Residents Fees & Subsidies	180,000
190,000	229,625	Child Care/In Home Care	200,000
1,000,000	(1,129,714)	Net Movement of Investments	1,000,000
400,000	678,131	Sundry Income & Grants	400,000
		<i>Less</i>	
(2,500,000)	(1,296,020)	Creditors	(2,500,000)
(790,000)	(789,651)	Wages / Salaries	(790,000)
10,000	30,254	Bank Reconciliation Cr/(Dr)	10,000

Loan Facility Report as at 30 November 2019

Swimming Pool and Street Upgrade Loan (6.22%) <i>Principal and Interest = \$22,265</i>	(943,815.65)
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RECOMMENDATION

That Council receive and note the Bank Reconciliation, Monthly Total Funds Available, Cash Flow and Loan Facility Report as at 30 November 2019.

CLAUSE 6B – ANALYSIS OF DRY AND WET PLANT AND EQUIPMENT CONTRACT

FILE: T3-15-6

AOP REFERENCE: 3.3.4

ATTACHMENT: NO

AUTHOR: *Financial Accountant, Sandra Davey*

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to provide information on the analysis and result of the engagement of Contractors under the Dry and Wet Plant and Equipment Contract for works let over \$80,000 inclusive of GST.

Background

Throughout the year Council uses various contractors for the supply of plant and equipment and trades and miscellaneous services for many of Council's activities.

These Contractors are usually engaged on a daily basis for small projects or by quotations for larger projects.

Council has requested that a report be provided for works let over \$80,000 inclusive of GST.

The table below indicates the contractors that were engaged for services over \$80,000 inclusive of GST for the period 1 July 2019 – 30 November 2019.

Contractor	Description of Works	November	2019/2020
Broughton Contracting	Plant Hire	\$55,583	\$141,970
Urquhart Haulage Contractors	Haulage	\$23,782	\$207,205
Rollers Australia	Plant Hire	\$20,802	\$96,909

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receive and note the information contained within this report.

CLAUSE 7B – ENGINEERING WORKS REPORT

FILE: C6-20-2

AOP REFERENCE: 4.3.2

ATTACHMENT: NO

AUTHOR: *Acting Director of Engineering, Simon Pradhan*

Purpose

To inform Council of completed and ongoing Engineering works for the period of November 2019.

Background

State Highways

Maintenance Work

- Sign and guidepost replacement works as required – **ongoing**;
- Pothole repairs – **ongoing**.

Urban Roads/Shire Roads/Regional Roads

Maintenance Work

- Maintenance/ Spot Grading – SR12 SR15, SR17, SR18, SR33, SR39, SR46 and MR416.

Construction Work

- SR20 Grain Road 12km Seal Extension Project – works are continuing on site. The subbase pavement layer is being shaped up in preparation for stabilising works. There have been issues with the GPS machine control on one of the graders which has slowed progress.

Water and Sewer

Maintenance Work

- Complete town hydrant maintenance and repair works – **ongoing**;
- Pest control within sewer reticulation network being carried out where necessary – **ongoing**;
- Seven water faults were reported during the month and were resolved;
- Repairs are being undertaken to the Sewer Treatment Plant embankment – **ongoing**;
- A chlorine installation audit and identified remedial works are being undertaken – **ongoing**.

Water Operations

The Water Treatment Plant is producing approx. 2.1 ML per day. Odds and evens day water restrictions with hand watering only between 6pm and 8pm to be introduced for Cobar to ensure demand is controlled. Burrendong Dam levels (3.1%) continue to fall and future restrictions on High Security Town Water are a possibility.

Parks and Gardens

- Completed concrete path on Linsley Street;
- Finished the pram ramp install on Louth Road and Linsley Street;
- Clean up of Golf Club drain has been completed;
- Program irrigation controllers at Euabalong Oval completed;
- Organised garbage bin surrounds in Marshall Street;
- Ongoing maintenance works.

Resources for Regions

Construction of New Water Treatment Plant

The New Water Treatment Plant is operational and Council staff are operating the plant. The contractor, Laurie Curran Water is providing ongoing training for council operators. The completion of the access road to the water plant has been delayed.

Expenditure to end of June on the contract by LWC is \$10,679,636 (96.7% of the contract). The EPA have requested further soil testing be carried out and the contractor has been instructed to carry out the testing. It is expected that test results will be available in early 2020.

RECOMMENDATION

That the information contained in the Engineering Works Report detailing maintenance on Shire and Regional Roads, State Highways, Water Sewer Mains, Resources for Regions Projects and other Major Grant Works be received and noted.

CLAUSE 8B – EXPENDITURE FOR ROADS NETWORK

FILE: R5-31

AOP REFERENCE: 4.3.2

ATTACHMENT: YES

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AUTHOR: *Acting Director of Engineering Services, Simon Pradhan*

Purpose

To provide Council with financial information on the expenditure on Council's Local and Regional Roads.

Background

A report detailing the Expenditure on Capital/R2R (orange), Council's Shire Local Roads (blue) and Regional Roads Network (green) is provided as an attachment to this agenda for Council's information.

RECOMMENDATION

That the information detailing the Expenditure for Council's Roads Network be received and noted.

CLAUSE 9B – UPDATE ON INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECT FINANCES**FILE: G4-29 AOP REFERENCE: 4.1.3.3 and 4.4.4.2****ATTACHMENT: NO****AUTHOR: *Water and Sewer Manager, Eric Poga*****Purpose**

To provide Council with an update on the infrastructure projects budgets and expenditure as at 30 November 2019.

Background

Cobar Shire Council was successful in obtaining funding for three projects through the Resources for Regions Restart NSW provided by the NSW State Government. One project has been completed with two ongoing projects. Council also obtained Restart NSW Funding through the Safe and Secure Water Program.

Financial Implications

	Restart NSW Funding	Cobar Shire Council Funding	Expended as at 30 November 2019	Project Status
Water Treatment Plant (WTP)	\$15,750,000	\$200,000	\$11,529,656	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- The WTP is operational. Minor defects will be fixed by the contractor, operator training is ongoing.- EPA have requested additional soil testing of the imported fill. The contractor LCW has been instructed to carry out the additional testing and it is expected that the results will be available early 2020.- Construction of the road to the WTP has been delayed pending results of EPA testing.- The WTP was officially opened by the Deputy Premier and Mayor on 2 October 2019.

Sewerage Scheme Refurbishments Expansion and upgrade	\$2,100,000	\$100,000	\$552,555	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Ward Oval Pump station refurbishment and Lagoon upgrade have been completed. - Application to change scope of works to include upgrade of all sewer pump stations and pre-treatment screening for sewer influent has been approved. - Public Works Advisory have completed designs and tender documentation, tenders were called on 16 September 2019 and closed 17 October 2019 and are under review.
Water Mains Cleaning and Replacement and Water Storage Refurbishment Project	\$6,900,000	\$0	\$387,138	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Tenders closed 24 September 2019 and are currently under review. - Treasury has approved the reservoir scope of work and the design options are currently under review.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receive and note the updated financial information for the three Restart NSW Resources for Regions infrastructure projects.

**CLAUSE 10B – MAINTENANCE GRADING AND CAPITAL WORKS REPORT
2019/2020**

FILE: R5-15 & R5-16

AOP REFERENCE: 4.3.1

ATTACHMENT: YES

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AUTHOR: *Acting Director of Engineering Services, Simon Pradhan*

Purpose

To inform Council of activities conducted by the Engineering Department in comparison to the work schedule provided to Council.

Background

This report reflects the activities done up to the 30 November 2019 and the upcoming works to the 31 December 2019.

The actual cost incurred until 30 November 2019 is for Maintenance Grading and Capital works only.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receives and notes the information provided within this report.

CLAUSE 11B – GRANT FUNDING

FILE: G4-17

AOP REFERENCE: 3.1.1.4

ATTACHMENT: NO

AUTHOR: *Grants Officer, Brytt Moore***Grant Update****Council Grants**

Grant and Department	Activity	Amount Applied For	Status	Council Funding Required	Deadline for project, comment
Grants Applied for					
Transport for NSW – Freight, Strategy and Planning	EOI – Electric Vehicle Charging Location. Council to partner with NRMA	NRMA to incur costs for the design, installation, insurance and associated costs of the charging station \$15,000.	Pending	Council to contribute parking space and area for installation.	Invited to submit detailed business case into Second Round – outcome anticipated December 2019.
Transport NSW	Construction of two new bus shelters: 1. Cobar High School – Mopone Street; 2. Cobar TAFE – Bathurst Street.	New shelter – max. grant value \$11,000. Upgrade Shelter – max grant value \$2,200.	Pending	No co-contribution.	Outcome advised in December 2019.
NSW Government Stronger Country Communities Fund – Round 3	Cobar Youth and Fitness Centre Upgrade – Stage 2	\$388,147	Pending	No co-contribution.	Outcome expected January 2020.
NSW Government Stronger Country Communities Fund – Round 3	Youth Development Officer (18 month tenure)	\$165,647	Pending	No co-contribution.	Outcome expected January 2020.

NSW Government Stronger Country Communities Fund – Round 3	Euabalong Scenic Walking Trail	\$222,500	Pending	No co-contribution.	Outcome expected January 2020.
NSW Government – Transport for NSW, Fixing Local Roads	SR6 – Pulpulla Road – sealing Pulpulla Road from the Barrier Highway to the entrance into Mt Grenfell Reserve.	\$5,000,000	Pending	\$568,500	Outcome expected February 2020.
NSW Government – Transport for NSW, Fixing Local Roads	SR26 – completion of sealing Wilga Downs Road – 13.8km.	\$2,685,225	Pending	\$300,000	Outcome expected February 2020.

Grant Outcomes

Grant and Department	Activity	Amount Applied For	Status	Council Funding Required	Comment
Grants Announced					
North West JO Tourism Fund	Upgrade exhibitions at GCHCC.	\$1,425,000	Successful	Nil	Money paid, scope of works underway.
Infrastructure NSW – Fixing Country Roads	Sealing the Grain Road.	\$1,000,000	Successful	\$350,000 (Total project cost \$2,350,000 including previous approval by Federal Government for \$1,000,000)	Funding agreement awaiting execution.
Restart NSW – Safe and Secure Water Program.	Nymagee Water Security Scoping Study - Carry out scoping study to identify the provision of water to the residents of Nymagee to improve future water security.	\$43,500	Successful	Nil	Funding agreement executed 21 June 2019. Site visits carried out, awaiting draft report. Expected late December/ January 2020.

Restart NSW – Safe and Secure Water Program.	Euabalong and Euabalong West Scoping Study - Carry out scoping study to identify options for the provision of water to the residents of Euabalong to improve future water security.	\$29,250	Successful	Nil	Funding agreement executed 21 June 2019. Site visits carried out, awaiting draft report. Expected late December/ January 2020.
Growing Local Economies Fund	Design and costing of new Industrial Estate for Cobar.	\$150,000	Successful	Nil	Monies allocated to develop a design and costing for the proposed new Industrial Estate.
Growing Local Economies Fund	Ward Oval Facility upgrades.	\$4,255,000	Successful	\$745,000 co-contribution.	Currently Preparing details (project delivery plan, budget and detailed scope of works) so the Funding Deed can be completed.
Museums and Galleries of NSW – Museum Advisor Program	A qualified Curator for a 1year duration will provide professional guidance and curatorial advice – for new exhibitions.	\$7,000	Successful	\$7,000 through funding already obtained for the exhibition upgrades.	Successful applicant appointed and has visited once. Currently working remotely with.
Basketball After Dark – National Ice Action Strategy	Through the Local Drug and Action Team (LDAT) this program aims to have youth off the street after dark.	\$24,500	Successful	In-kind support to the value of \$23,000, consisting of marketing and promotion of program, facility use, and wages.	Funding deed executed. Program start date TBC.
NSW Seniors Festival 2020	Cobar Seniors Week – Let’s Celebrate Together from 9 March to 13 March 2020.	\$2,050	Successful	\$1,500 cash contribution for catering; \$800 in-kind for venue and	9 March to 13 March 2020 – draft program completed.

				entertainment.	
Regional Arts NSW – CASP	Crafting Cobar workshops – celebrating 150 years of our town.	\$5,000	Successful	In-kind \$2,280 for volunteers and venue.	Notified of successful application on 2 December 2019. Details to be finalised by January 2020.
Regional Arts NSW – CASP	Metal smithing in a Mining Town workshop.	\$1,990	Successful	In-kind \$1,880 for volunteers and venue.	Notified of successful application on 2 December 2019. Details to be finalised by January 2020.

Community Grants – application assisted by council

Grant Outcomes

Grant and Department	Activity	Amount Applied For	Status	Council Funding Required	Comment
Grants Announced					
Tackling Tough Times Together Grants	Accessibility to CWA building via accessible ramps and footpaths.	\$17,499	Unsuccessful	CWA Contribution of \$3,000.	Notified CWA directly as to why this application was unsuccessful.
Start Strong Capital Works Program	Cobar's Mobile Children Services Building construction	\$1,373,368	Successful	CMCS contribution \$68,668.	Notified Mobile Children Services directly. No further details at this stage.

Current Grant Opportunities

- **Infrastructure Grant through the NSW Club Grants** – is funding for infrastructure that is accessible and available to the general public the majority of the time. This funding is broken into 3 categories, being Arts and Culture; Disaster Readiness and Community Infrastructure, and Sport and Recreation. Liaising with Cobar Miners Race Club for a toilet block and raw water to Dalton Park. This round of funding closes 9 December 2019. This is unlikely to be submitted this round as we are still waiting on supporting documentation. The next round closes in March 2020. *Council assisted grant.* *

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- **Drought Communities Program – Extension** – \$1 million has been allocated to 122 eligible Councils. Application process still required. This grant is designed to provide an immediate economic stimulus to drought-affected communities by investing in projects that support jobs and business income. This money must be spent both locally and by December 2020. Please refer to documents sent on 18 November 2019 for information on what projects will be considered under this funding. Applications now open, no close date but encouraged to apply as soon as possible, once a list of eligible projects is collated, Council will submit their application.
 - **Safer Communities Fund – Round 5 – Infrastructure Grants** – minimum of \$10,000 with the maximum amount being \$1 million. The grant amount will be up to 100% of eligible project costs. Project must be completed by 30 June 2023. Applications close 10 December 2019. Unfortunately, Council was unable to apply for this grant as it is focused on ‘racial and religious crime’ and Cobar does not have any statistics for this type of crime.
 - **Regional Agricultural Shows:** for the maintenance and upgrade of existing infrastructure and the building, purchase, rent or construction of new infrastructure related to the running of an agricultural show on regional Showgrounds. There is no minimum grant amount. The maximum grant amount will be \$500,000. If the grant amount is below \$124,999, a co-contribution of 25% is required. If the grant amount is between \$125,000 and \$500,000 the co-contribution is 100% (dollar for dollar). *Council assisted grant.* *
 - **Building Better Regions Fund – Infrastructure Projects Stream – Round 4 – Drought Support** – The Infrastructure Projects Stream supports projects that provide economic and social benefits to regional and remote areas. The projects can be either construction of new infrastructure or the upgrade or extension of existing infrastructure. Round 4 is focused on supporting drought-affected regions by targeting projects that will benefit communities affected by drought. Minimum grant amount \$20,000, maximum amount being \$10 million. Cobar is classified as ‘very remote’, so council is eligible to apply for 75% of total eligible project costs, requiring council to contribute 25% of costs. We also have the opportunity to apply for exceptional circumstances, as Cobar is drought declared. However, if we do this and our application is deemed ineligible for any reason, there will be no opportunity to resubmit the application in the same funding round. Applications close 19 December 2019.
 - **Building Better Regions Fund – Community Investments Stream – Round 4 – Drought Support** – The Community Investments Stream will fund new or expanded local events, strategic regional plans, or leadership and capability strengthening activities that provide economic and social benefits to regional and remote areas. Grants of between \$5,000 and \$1 million are available. However, given the nature of eligible projects we expect most grants will be under \$100,000. The project will need to deliver economic and social benefits to a regional or remote community. For small projects with a total grant amount of equal to or less than \$20,000, grant funding will be up to 100 per cent of eligible project costs. Cobar is classified as ‘very remote’, so council is eligible to apply for 75% of total eligible project costs, requiring council to contribute 25% of costs. We also have the opportunity to apply for exceptional circumstances, as Cobar is drought declared. However, if we do this and our application is deemed ineligible for any reason, there will be no opportunity to resubmit the application in the same funding round Applications close 19 December 2019.
 - **Fixing country roads (Tranche 2)** - Fixing Country Roads is a \$543 million NSW Government program providing targeted infrastructure funding from Restart NSW for regional freight projects. Funding under the 2019 Fixing Country Roads program will build on improving connectivity between regional freight points, communities and state roads. There is no set minimum or maximum funding amount for a single project, nor are there specific allocations for each stream. Applicants can apply for up to 100 per cent of the value of the project, but co-contributions from council are strongly encouraged. Applications close 31 December 2019.

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- **Active Transport Program** – 2020/2021 Walking and Cycling Program is designed to promote and encourage walking and cycling where possible. Aimed to ensure walking and cycling are the most convenient options for short trips to key destinations, especially for school aged children. Applications close Friday, 21 February 2020. More information will become available on 10 December 2019.

Grant Funded Projects – Implementation

The following is a summary of works in progress for grant funded projects:

- **RCF Rd 1 Museum project** – Application drawings and preparation in progress with Architects and Gantt chart (timeline) developed to map out the program and major milestones including DA, Tendering, Construction to reopening (Nov 2019 through to May 2021). Strategies in place for VIC temporary location during construction period. Consultation session scheduled for Tuesday, 3 December 2019. On budget, on time. Progressing well.
- **Heritage Near Me** – Museum accessibility project – being incorporated into above. Progressing well. Development application due to be lodged in December 2019. Community consultation session to be held Tuesday, 3 December 2019.
- **RCF Rd 2 Exhibition Upgrade** – as above for RCF Rd 1.
- **Miners Memorial** – Working with Architect and Engineers to update the design package with identified cost savings. After the plans are updated, the Contractor will be asked to requote based on the changes. Additional changes agreed to including incorporating Bell into the existing headframe and having no display on ‘top level’ in order to still achieve intent but reduce engineering requirements and therefore cost savings.
- **SCCF – Toilet project** – Drummond Park Toilet block manufacture complete. Demolition of old block due to begin 9 December 2019. Installation of new toilet block due 18 December 2019.
- **SCCF – Girl Guides Hall** – Renovation of existing house. Architectural Design complete. Quantity Surveyor cost estimate completed. Development Application has been lodged. On budget, on time. Progressing well.
- **SCCF – Youthie Upgrade** – Community Consultation Session was well attended and had very constructive and positive feedback. Feedback now to be provided to the architect to update the design plans based on feedback so we can submit the Development Application. Working to get the DA lodged and start tender documentation before end of 2019 so contracts can be awarded in Q1 2020 and works can start Q2 2020. On budget, progressing slowly due to change in scope (removed upstairs accessibility).
- **Drought Projects** – Projects now completed and acquitted. Extensions applied for Main Street Shade Structure until end of March 2020, awaiting approval.
- **Mt Hope Community Hall Toilets** – Contractor selected. Development Application lodged. Construction contract to be drafted and proposed works plan to be submitted by Contractor. Contractor working with Council’s Director of Planning and Environmental Services, Garry Ryman and Manager of Planning and Environmental Services, Stephen Poulter. Works to begin in January 2020.
- **Ward Oval** – Community Consultation session very well attended on the 21 November 2019. Great positive feedback and suggestions, a lot of written feedback has also been provided. All the suggestions are currently being reviewed and small improvements being collated to respond to the Architect for incorporation into the plans. Surveyors due to complete field survey by 14 December 2019. Preparing details (project delivery plan, budget and detailed scope of works) so the Funding Deed can be completed.

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- **Public Reserves** – Boxthorn Removal Euabalong Common – Project for Reserve Trust – extension provided due to drought.
 - **Safe and Secure Water Fund** – Tenders for the pipe replacement have closed and PWA are forwarding a recommendation for acceptance at the December Council meeting. The reservoir refurbishment extent of work is currently under review by PWA and a recommendation to proceed with a preferred option will be forwarded to Council in January 2019.

** For the purpose of this report 'Council assisted grant' is when Council themselves cannot apply but are assisting an outside body with their application.*

RECOMMENDATION

That the information contained in the grant funding report detailing grants applied for, grants announced and grants available be received and noted.

CLAUSE 12B – RATES RECONCILIATION REPORT AS AT 30 NOVEMBER 2019**FILE: R2-1****AOP REFERENCE: 3.1.1.6****ATTACHMENT: YES (PAGE 87-88)****AUTHOR: *Office Coordinator, Jo-Louise Brown*****Purpose**

To provide Council details of the Rate Reconciliation as at 30 November 2019.

FUND	LEVY 2019-2020	Pensioner Rebates	Abandoned Levy	Additional Levies	Sub Total 2019-2020	Arrears 30 June 19	Payments	Total Outstanding	Total Outstanding Previous Year	% Outstanding of Sub Total Plus Arrears
Business	436,811.02		192.60	1,335.00	437,953.42	97,520.20	309,849.90	225,623.72	229,882.97	42.14%
Farmland	698,230.15		1,144.53	4,092.75	701,178.37	73,559.35	431,659.96	343,077.76	340,143.82	44.28%
Mining	1,735,921.14		-	-	1,735,921.14	400,201.22	1,013,253.26	1,122,869.10	1,394,450.20	52.57%
Residential	1,179,217.90	44,312.76	763.40	435.97	1,134,577.71	271,211.66	624,538.66	781,250.71	753,780.87	55.57%
Overpayments					-	-151,345.91	- 94,426.55	-56,919.36	-47,449.68	37.61%
Legal Costs			-	8,682.08	8,682.08	56,474.67	21,933.79	43,222.96	50,070.03	66.34%
Interest			13.89	12,822.48	12,808.59	178,709.75	48,011.77	143,506.57	131,763.16	74.93%
General Rates	4,050,180.21	44,312.76	2,114.42	27,368.28	4,031,121.31	926,330.94	2,354,820.79	2,602,631.46	2,852,641.37	52.50%
Domestic Waste	633,814.00	16,937.29	646.50	711.00	616,941.21	56,740.45	371,247.13	302,434.53	286,268.05	44.89%
Sewerage	648,400.00	17,587.48	637.50	48,581.61	678,756.63	123,076.03	460,642.03	341,190.63	327,581.19	42.55%
Cobar Water	687,053.00	18,899.98	462.00	4,316.00	672,007.02	52,566.28	417,398.15	307,175.15	301,275.49	42.39%
Nymagee Water	28,308.00	525.00	-	-	27,783.00	14,193.81	16,161.00	25,815.81	24,237.21	61.50%
Euabalong Water	45,212.00	1,050.00	-	-	44,162.00	12,473.16	26,683.55	29,951.61	28,317.69	52.89%
Euab West Water	27,371.00	437.50	-	-	26,933.50	6,694.55	15,129.72	18,498.33	17,155.42	55.01%
Mt Hope Water	6,444.00	-	-	-	6,444.00	1,526.90	4,389.86	3,581.04	3,300.88	44.93%
Water Access	794,388.00	20,912.48	462.00	4,316.00	777,329.52	87,454.70	479,762.28	385,021.94	374,286.69	44.52%
Water Usage			18,650.15	298,942.81	280,292.66	603,711.64	761,877.13	122,127.17	131,825.21	13.82%
TOTAL	6,126,782.21	99,750.01	22,510.57	379,919.70	6,384,441.33	1,797,313.76	4,428,349.36	3,753,405.73	3,972,602.51	45.88%

RECOMMENDATION**That the Rates Reconciliation Report as at the 30 November 2019 be received and noted.**



ATTACHMENTS

ORDINARY MEETING AGENDA

THURSDAY, 12 DECEMBER 2019

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