



COBAR SHIRE COUNCIL

ORDINARY MEETING AGENDA

THURSDAY, 22 AUGUST 2019

~ ORDER OF BUSINESS ~

Business for the meeting will be as follows:

Message from the Chair:

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1. Apologies
 2. Declaration of Interests
 3. Condolences
 4. Public Access Forum
 - Nil.
 5. Confirmation of Minutes
 - Ordinary Meeting of Council – Thursday, 25 July 2019.
 6. Matters Arising from Minutes
 7. Notice of Motion
 8. Mayoral Report
 9. General Manager's Report – Part A (Action)
 10. General Manager's Report – Part B (Information)
 11. General Manager's Report – Part C (Confidential)
 12. Matters of Urgency
 13. Correspondence
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.....Under Separate Cover

(These reports are confidential in accordance with 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).

Reference to Attachments..... 48

~ 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 has adopted the following Values that should be reflected in how the whole organisation operates and interacts with others:

- Continually strive for improvement in every aspect of Council's activities and recognise initiative.
- All activities are to be customer focused and provide equity for all.
- Involve the community in decision making through open government and consultative processes.
- Foster and promote sustainable ecological and economic development, rural pursuits and industries that contribute to the wealth of the region and in keeping with the environment and residents lifestyle.
- Conserve and protect the natural beauty of the area.
- Promote a spirit of regional cooperation particularly in regard to planning, infrastructure, economic development, tourism and employment.

~ 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.

**NOTICE OF MOTION – SUPPORT FOR THE INTRODUCTION OF FIFO
LEGISLATION**

FILE: C12-1 & C13-7

ATTACHMENT: NO

AUTHOR: *Councillor, Peter Yench*

RECOMMENDATION

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).

NOTICE OF MOTION – REQUESTS FOR ADDITIONAL WATER STORAGE

FILE: C12-1 & C13-7

ATTACHMENT: NO

AUTHOR: *Councillor, Peter Yench*

RECOMMENDATION

- 1. That Cobar Shire Council request the Cobar Water Board to seek approval to deepen the storage area outside of the Main Tank for the purpose of capturing additional run off during periods of rain.**
- 2. 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.**
- 3. 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.**

CLAUSE 1A – MAYORAL REPORT

FILE: C13-1-5

AOP REFERENCE: 3.1

ATTACHMENT: NO

AUTHOR: *Mayor, Councillor Lilliane Brady OAM*

Report to be tabled.

RECOMMENDATION

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

CLAUSE 2A – CODE OF CONDUCT UPDATE (SEVEN COUNCILLORS v CR YENCH)

FILE: C12-5

AOP REFERENCE: 3.1.5

ATTACHMENT: NO

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

Purpose

To update Council on the Code of Conduct matter arising from the Ordinary Meeting of Council of 28 June 2018.

Background

A code of conduct complaint was lodged by seven Councillors against Cr Yench. The matter has been reviewed by an Independent Reviewer and the findings of that review have been considered by a Code of Conduct Report Consideration Committee acting on behalf of Council.

This report is to update Council on the current status of the findings and subsequent events.

The matter will be considered in closed Council until such time as it is appropriate to make details public.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Code of Conduct Update (Seven Councillors v Cr Yench) 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)(i) of the *Local Government Act 1993*, as discussions of this matter in open Council would prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it.

CLAUSE 3A – UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS 2018/2019

FILE: A12-2 & F2-2-24 AOP REFERENCE: 3.1 ATTACHMENT: YES

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

Purpose

To approve the referral of the draft Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2019 to the Audit Office of New South Wales for audit and to authorise the signing of a statement as to Council's opinion of the General Purpose Financial Report.

Background

Section 413 (1) of the *Local Government Act 1993* requires that the Annual Financial Statements be referred for audit by Council.

Section 413 (2)(c) requires that Council by resolution includes in the Annual Financial Statements a statement as to its opinion on the General Purpose Financial report.

Draft Financial Statements have been prepared. Contract Audit staff on behalf of the Audit Office of New South Wales staff are expected to commence the audit in early September.

The key pages of the draft statements and the statement of opinion are attached.

RECOMMENDATION

- 1. That Council in accordance with Section 413 (1) of the Local Government Act 1993 Council refer the draft Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2019 for Audit.**
- 2. That Council in accordance with Section 413 (2) (c) Mayor Lilliane Brady OAM, a Councillor, General Manager Mr Peter Vlatko and the Responsible Accounting Officer sign the required statement as to Council's opinion of the accounts.**

CLAUSE 4A – RISK AND AUDIT COMMITTEE

FILE: A12-4 AOP REFERENCE: 3.1.4

ATTACHMENT: NO

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

Purpose

To approve an increase in the number of members of Council's Risk and Audit Committee.

Background

Council's Risk and Audit Committee currently comprises of two independent community members (Mr. P Mann and Mr. G Langford) and two elected members (Cr Abbott and Cr Sinclair). The last two meetings have not proceeded due to failure to achieve a quorum.

The chances of not achieving a quorum should reduce with an increase in member numbers. To keep a balance between independent community members and elected members it is recommended that both new members be appointed to commence at the same meeting.

The independent member will be appointed by Council following an expression of interest process. The elected member can be appointed at the same meeting of Council.

RECOMMENDATION

- 1. That the Risk and Audit Committee be increased to six members comprising three independent community members and three Councillors.**
- 2. That Council advertise for expressions of interest from the community in the position.**
- 3. 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.**

CLAUSE 5A – CARRIED FORWARD BUDGET ITEMS

FILE: L5-22 AOP REFERENCE: 3.1 ATTACHMENT: YES (PAGE 54)

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

Purpose

To approve a list of items to be carried forward from the year end 30 June 2019 to the budget year ending 30 June 2020.

Background

In order to be able to proceed with purchases and programs which were budgeted for in 2018/ 2019 but were not undertaken or completed in that year an indicative list was submitted to the July 2019 Ordinary Meeting of Council.

Council resolved as follows in 148.7.2019:

“That the works in the carried forward report that have been started be approved and all other items be deferred to the August Council Meeting for consideration”.

Subsequently the schedule has been considered at a workshop together with a developed infrastructure works plan.

The attached schedule includes a marking against items which had in fact been commenced at 30 June 2019.

Three further items appear on the list which were not included in the indicative report to Council in July:

- Following a reconciliation of the Drought Assistance Grant from the federal government \$288,000 in revenue will be received in 2019/2020 and not 2018/2019 and therefore needs to be carried forward. Whilst it will appear in the audited accounts as operating revenue it has been appropriated to capital expenditure.
- Expenditure on Shire roads maintenance may have \$300,000 carried forward. This is the result of the reconciliation of the grant received for drought induced damage to roads. It is to be noted that approximately half of this is committed to SR2 with the works being undertaken by Central Darling Shire.
- A further schedule is included for the Drought Assistance Fund projects. A full report on this program will be considered by Council at its October meeting.

Financial Implications

The items carried forward will be incorporated into the Quarter 1 Budget Review and will be funded from cash restricted as at 30 June 2019.

RECOMMENDATION

That the amounts appearing in the attached schedule be carried forward from 2018/2019 into 2019/2020 and included in the Quarter 1 2019/2020 Budget Review.

CLAUSE 6A – SEALING THE WOOL TRACK STATUS UPDATE

FILE: MR1-6

AOP REFERENCE: 4.3

ATTACHMENT: NO

AUTHOR: *Acting Director of Engineering, Simon Pradhan*

Purpose

To update Council of the progress of the application to seal The Wool Track.

Background

A joint grant submission was submitted under NSW Fixing Country Roads – Round 3 in 2017 by Balranald, Central Darling and Cobar Shires. In 2017, the estimated project was for approximately \$55m, of this approximately \$32.5m of the works were within Cobar Shire.

It should be noted that the section between Ivanhoe to Balranald is now fully sealed.

When reviewing the submission Transport for NSW (TfNSW) disputed the documented traffic growth rate of 2.5% and adopted 1% growth rate without consultation. This reduced the Cost Benefit Ratio and the application was subsequently denied.

Cobar Shire contends that the growth rate adopted by TfNSW is inconsistent with the real world experience and no information has been received regarding how this new rate was calculated.

TfNSW have since suggested that Council undertake a specific study to determine what the potential growth rate should be. This would involve identifying business operators (likely by driving along alternate routes looking for names on trucks) and quantifying whether there would be any benefits to their business if the wool track was sealed. This would be a costly and time consuming study with little merit other than reconfirming our data that has already been provided.

A Business Case has been drafted for all involved, Council to conduct the survey. The estimated cost of the survey is in the order of \$100k.

A letter detailing the status of the Sealing The Wool Track as well as the 2017 Business case have been provided to the Local Member, Roads Minister and Deputy Premier. The letter further implored that TfNSW be asked to review the submitted Business Case and take the time to understand the informed growth figures that are presented.

No response has been received to date.

The next step in relation to The Wool Track is as follows:

1. That Council wait for response to the letter seeking TfNSW to reconsider the already submitted Business Case.
2. That Council proceed with the application for study to determine applicable growth rates.
3. That Council wait for further funding opportunities and update the previous business case using same growth figures.

RECOMMENDATION

- 1. That the information contained in the Sealing The Wool Track Status Update Report be received and noted.**
- 2. That a further update report on sealing The Wool Track be provided to the October Ordinary Council Meeting.**

CLAUSE 1B – DEVELOPMENT APPROVALS: 17 JULY 2019 – 13 AUGUST 2019

FILE: T5-1 AOP REFERENCE: 1.6.3.1 ATTACHMENT: NO
AUTHOR: *Director of Planning & Environmental Services, Garry Ryman*

Complying Development Approvals

No Complying Development Applications have been approved under delegated authority for the period 17 July 2019 – 13 August 2019.

The value of Complying Development approvals for 2019/2020 to date is Nil.
The value of Complying Development approvals for the similar period in 2018/2019 was Nil.

Local Development Approvals

The following Local Development Applications have been approved under delegated authority for the period 17 July 2019 – 13 August 2019.

CERTIFICATE NO.	ADDRESS	DESCRIPTION	VALUE (\$)
2019/LD-00017	10 Railway Pde South, Cobar	RFS Brigade Depot	\$823,054.65
2019/LD-00022	47 Bathurst St, Cobar	Concert	NA
2019/LD-00020	Barnato Station, Cobar	Subdivision	NA

The value of Local Development approvals for 2019/2020 to date is \$3,823,054.65.
The value of Local Development approvals for the similar period in 2018/2019 was **\$24,447,690.00.**

Construction Certificates

The following Construction Certificates were issued for the period 17 July 2019 – 13 August 2019.

CERTIFICATE NO.	ADDRESS	DESCRIPTION
2019/CB-00011	10 Railway Pde South, Cobar	RFS Brigade Depot

RECOMMENDATION

That the information detailing the Local Development and Construction Certificate approvals for the period 17 July 2019 – 13 August 2019 be received and noted.

CLAUSE 2B – 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>

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 23 FEBRUARY 2017

983	Council – Notice of Motion – Augmentation of Water Supply Euabalong/ Euabalong West	05.2.2017	DES	That Council seek funding for the establishment of a bore and associated works in the Lachlan River aquifer adjacent to Euabalong for the purpose of augmenting the raw water supply for the two villages.	Grant funding to undertake an analysis of the Euabalong and Euabalong West water supply has been successful. Consultant engaged to undertake the study – No further action required.
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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	EDM	<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</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</p>
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				company to monitor their premises and answer alarms to establish demand for such a service. 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.	interest so far. No action to date.
1025	Council – Clause 7B – Expenditure for Roads Network	92.4.2017	DES	That RMS be contacted in relation to a turning lane being installed at the Meadow Glen Rest Area as a matter of urgency.	Letter has been sent to RMS to request improvements to entrance to Meadow Glen Rest Area. Letter has been acknowledged by RMS and they are programming work subject to available funding. At this stage RMS has not allocated funds to the project.

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 to be auctioned.
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	EDM	<p>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 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.</p>	<p>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 to seeking this funding.</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>

				Discuss options for implementing the ideas with the mines in Cobar Shire.	
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COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS 14 DECEMBER 2017

NUMBER	ITEM	RESOLUTION NUMBER	ACTION BY	ACTION REQUIRED	OUTCOME
1116	Council Meeting – Clause 3A – RMS Repair Program for 2018/2019	325.12.2017	DES	That Council nominate RR7518 Fifty Two Mile Road for funding for \$400,000 from the 2018/2019 REPAIR Program for seal extension. That if funding is not obtained that council continues to nominate RR7518 Fifty Two Mile Road in subsequent years until funding is obtained.	Funding application has been submitted for 2018/2019. Application for 2018/2019 was unsuccessful. Funding application has been submitted for 2019/2020.

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.	No action to date.
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 to rural communities such as Cobarr and in particular the Western Area of NSW.	Letter's sent seeking support. Awaiting response in order to organise the meeting. Letters of support received and forwarded to Ministers Office. Mayor to meet with Minister Brad Hazzard in Albury on 21 October 2018. Minister was an apology. Mayor supported the Gwydir Council in providing representation to Canberra to raise the issue.
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. Awaiting RMS funding allocation.

COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS 26 APRIL 2018

NUMBER	ITEM	RESOLUTION NUMBER	ACTION BY	ACTION REQUIRED	OUTCOME
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1152	Council Meeting – Notice of Motion – Investigations into Water Cost Reduction Options	75.4.2018	GM	That Council investigate options and ways of reducing the cost of water to the households and to include such things as: i. Desalination of water; ii. Additional bore water; iii. Reduce the number of parks, gardens and ovals; iv. Increase water storages. That Council seek grant funding to engage a consultant to undertake the investigations.	Investigations to be undertaken once grant funding is found.
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.	Meeting has been requested with Department of Planning Staff in Sydney to discuss policy issues and report to be provided back to Council.

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.	Submission being prepared when resources available. To be completed by August 2019.

				That a letter and submission be made to the National Farmers Association that a letter of support be sought.	
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COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS 24 SEPTEMBER 2018

NUMBER	ITEM	RESOLUTION NUMBER	ACTION BY	ACTION REQUIRED	OUTCOME
1217	Council Meeting – Clause 7A – Bathurst Street Reserve Licence Agreement	240.9.2018	ES	That Council acting as Crown Land Manager for the Bathurst Street Reserve (R64199), resolve to renew 12 month short term license agreements to Cobar Tennis Club to cover the period 1 July 2018 to 30 June 2019.	License agreement issued – No further action required.
1219	Council Meeting – Clause 9A – Minutes of the Economic Taskforce Meeting – Tuesday, 14 August 2018	242.9.2018	EDM	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 13 DECEMBER 2018

NUMBER	ITEM	RESOLUTION NUMBER	ACTION BY	ACTION REQUIRED	OUTCOME
1244	Council Meeting – Clause 6A – Sale of	313.12.2018	RO	That the sale be conducted during June 2019 with a full list of	Sale of land process commenced – No further action required.

	Land for Unpaid Rates			properties being presented to Council in February 2019 for approval and advertising commencing in March 2019. That the General Manager be given the authority to call for expressions of interest to appoint an auctioneer to conduct the sale.	
1251	Council Meeting – Committee of the Whole Closed Council - Clause 2C – Consideration of Nymagee Airstrip Runway Crossing into Neighbouring Property	334.12.2018	DFCS	That Council proceed to shorten the northwest runway at Nymagee by 200 metres and advise key stakeholders immediately. That the General Manager be authorised to purchase Lot 2 DP 127362 for up to \$37,000 exc GST should the vendor believe that this becomes the best option for it as recommendation1 is implemented. That should the demand lead to a requirement to develop the strip at the northern end, the proposal be first considered by Council.	Contract exchanged and settlement to occur in September – No further action required.

COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS 28 FEBRUARY 2019

NUMBER	ITEM	RESOLUTION NUMBER	ACTION BY	ACTION REQUIRED	OUTCOME
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	Letter sent to RDA Orana seeking support.

				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.	
1253	Council Meeting – Notice of Motion – Lobby for Water Security	04.2.2019	GM	That the Cobar Shire Council lobby the State and Federal Government to provide alternative and viable solutions to provide water security for our towns and villages in the Western Region and seek the support of the Far North West Joint Organisation, RDA Orana and the Western Division Association.	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	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	Submission being prepared and discussions held with local mines.

	for Remote Mining Community such as Cobar			for remote mining communities such as Cobar. That Council have discussions about a percentage of miners and 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.

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. That Council workshop a drought plan for Cobar for the whole of Cobar perspective.	Investigations being undertaken. Workshop held – ongoing matter dependent on flows to Burrendong.
1303	Council Meeting – Committee of the Whole Closed Council –	139.6.2019	EDM	That Council rejects the tender received by As Per Plan Construction for the construction of	Advertised expression of interest for local builders to approach Council with Plans for Construction within

	Clause 3C – Cobar Miners Memorial Tender T3-19-1			the Cobar Miners Memorial as it is not within the budget of the project or Council’s expected value for money parameters.	budgetary constraints – No further action required.
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COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS 25 JULY 2019

NUMBER	ITEM	RESOLUTION NUMBER	ACTION BY	ACTION REQUIRED	OUTCOME
1304	Council Meeting – Notice of Motion – Supermarkets Dispensing Pharmaceuticals	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 access of pharmaceutical products being sold through supermarkets.	No action to date.
1305	Council Meeting – Clause 4A – Council Seal on Lease Agreements for 24 & 26 Harcourt Street, Cobar	146.7.2019	GM	That Council authorise the Mayor and General Manager to sign all relevant lease Agreement documentation for 24 Harcourt Street and 26 Harcourt Street, Cobar under the Common Seal of Council.	Lease Agreement documentation for 24 Harcourt Street and 26 Harcourt Street signed under Seal – No further action required.
1306	Council Meeting – Clause 6A – Carried Forward Budget Items	148.7.2019	DFCS	That the works in the carried forward report that have been started be approved and all other items be deferred to the August Council Meeting for consideration.	Further report provided to August Ordinary council Meeting – No further action required.
1307	Council Meeting – Clause 7A – Rate Abandonments 2018/2019	149.7.2019	OC	That Council write-off rates and charges totalling \$120,650.88 for 2018/2019 as follows subject to Auditors approval: Pension Rebates 108,408.28 Hidden Leaks Allowance 2,923.26	Rates written off – No further action required.

				Category/Service Changes 9,319.34 \$120,650.88	
1308	Council Meeting – Clause 3B – Monthly Status Report	152.7.2019	GM	That the information contained in the monthly status report be received and noted, with the following items to be removed: 1294, 1295, 1296, 1297, 1298, 1299 Part 1, 1300, 1301 and 1302 and that a further report be provided to Council on The Wool Track.	Further report provided to Council on The Wool Track – No further action required.
1309	Council Meeting – Clause 7B – Drought Management Plan	156.7.2019	WSE	That the information in relation to the Nyngan and Cobar Drought Management Plan be received and noted on the understanding that the Cobar Water Restrictions (Table 4.4 – ESP) will occur as a reflection of Burrendong Dam.	Nyngan and Cobar Drought Management Plan be received and noted – No further action required.
1310	Council Meeting – Committee of the Whole Closed Council – Clause 1C – Commercial Lease – Shop 1/41 Marshall Street, Cobar	168.7.2019 25COW.7.2019	GM	That Council authorise the Mayor and General Manager to enter into a new lease with IPIC Pty Ltd (George and Matilda Eyecare) for Shop 1/ 41 Marshall Street, Cobar (Title 21/236208) for a three (3) year x three (3) year x three (3) year lease term. That Council authorise the Mayor and General Manager to sign all relevant lease Agreement documentation for Shop 1/ 41 Marshall Street, Cobar under the Common Seal of Council.	Lease entered – No further action required. Lease Agreement documentation for Shop 1/ 41 Marshall Street, Cobar signed under Seal – No further action required.

				That the information contained within this report remains confidential within the Committee of the Whole Closed Council.	
1311	Council Meeting – Committee of the Whole Closed Council – Clause 3C – Extension of NAB Business Markets Loan	168.7.2019 26COW.7.2019	DFCS	That the \$1m NAB Business Markets Loan facility be extended for the period ending 30 June 2020. That the seal be affixed to the Business Letter of Variation to support the Loan Facility and the Mayor and General Manager be authorised to sign the document. That the information contained within this report remains confidential within the Committee of the Whole Closed Council.	Documents signed, sealed and returned – No further action required.

RECOMMENDATION

That the information contained in the monthly status report be received and noted, with the following items to be removed: 983, 1217, 1244, 1251, 1303, 1305, 1306, 1307, 1308, 1309, 1310 and 1311.

CLAUSE 3B – DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST – COUNCILLORS AND DESIGNATED PERSONS

FILE: C12-3-1

AOP REFERENCE: 3.1

ATTACHMENT: NO

AUTHOR: *General Manager, Peter Vlatko*

Background

The Annual Disclosure of Interest Returns in accordance with Section 449 of the Local Government Act 1993 for Councillors and Designated Persons have been completed for the period 1 July 2018 to 30 June 2019.

These documents are tabled and will be held in Council's Records.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council note the Annual Disclosure of Interest Returns for Councillors and Designated Persons for the period 1 July 2018 to 30 June 2019.

CLAUSE 4B – CUSTOMER COMPLAINTS/ REQUESTS REPORT

FILE: P5-86 AOP REFERENCE: 3.3.1 ATTACHMENT: YES (PAGE 55-56)

AUTHOR: *Office Coordinator, Jo-Louise Brown*

Purpose

To report to Council a review of Customer complaints/ requests recorded for the year ended 30 June 2019.

Background

Council has adopted a Customer Service Ethos statement. Best practice requires that Council officers present a report to Council on its customer service performance for the year.

Customer complaints/requests have been recorded and collated for the year ended 30 June 2019 through Work Orders in the Customer Services module of Civicview. The advantage of this is that it is integrated into Council's overall software and is reportable.

Improvement is still required in capturing all requests and complaints in this system.

The analysis appears as an attachment to this report.

RECOMMENDATION

That the information contained within the Customer Complaints/ Requests Report be received and noted.

CLAUSE 5B – MEETING MINUTES

FILE: L5-4-4

AOP REFERENCE: 3.1

ATTACHMENT: YES

(PAGE 57-65)

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:

- Western Division Councils of NSW – Mid Term Meeting – Tuesday, 2 July 2019 (no Status Report).

RECOMMENDATION

That the Minutes of the Western Division Councils of NSW be received and noted.

CLAUSE 6B – INVESTMENT REPORT AS AT 31 JULY 2019**FILE: B2-7****AOP REFERENCE: 3.1.1.7****ATTACHMENT: NO****AUTHOR: Acting Financial Accountant, Sandra Davey****Purpose**

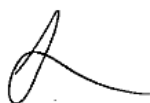
Section 625 of the Local Government Act 1993 and Clause 212 of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2005 and the Council's investment policy require Council's investments to be reported to the Council on a monthly basis.

Issues

The table below shows the balances of Council's Investments as at the end of July 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 \$342,042.

Investments for June	Rate	Bank	Opening Balance	Transfers to Investments	Transfers from Investment	Interest Earned	Closing Balance
Sweep Acct	Variable	NAB	\$ 5,530,049	\$ 332,900		\$ 4,885	\$ 5,867,834
Sep-19	2.10%	NAB	\$ 1,001,611			\$ 1,786	\$ 1,003,397
Aug-19	2.85%	AMP	\$ 2,022,904			\$ 4,897	\$ 2,027,801
Apr-20	2.60%	Auswide	\$ 2,011,848			\$ 4,443	\$ 2,016,290
Feb-20	2.72%	Auswide	\$ 2,020,652			\$ 4,668	\$ 2,025,319
Sep-19	2.86%	G&C	\$ 1,022,556			\$ 2,484	\$ 1,025,040
Sep-19	2.65%	ME	\$ 2,014,997			\$ 4,535	\$ 2,019,532
Aug-19	1.95%	Bankwest	\$ 3,001,763			\$ 4,971	\$ 3,006,734
Oct-19	2.50%	Auswide	\$ 1,005,077			\$ 2,134	\$ 1,007,211
Jan-20	1.85%	ME	\$ 2,003,837	\$ 2,000,000	\$ 2,003,837	\$ 608	\$ 2,000,608
Oct-19	2.75%	AMP	\$ 1,013,275			\$ 2,343	\$ 1,015,618
Oct-19	2.75%	AMP	\$ 1,013,275			\$ 2,343	\$ 1,015,618
TOTALS	Average Int	2.51%	\$23,661,843	\$2,332,900	\$2,003,837	\$40,097	\$24,031,003

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 31 July 2019.

**CLAUSE 7B – BANK RECONCILIATION, CASH FLOW & LOAN FACILITY
SUMMARIES AS AT 31 JULY 2019**

FILE: B2-7

AOP REFERENCE: 3.1.1.5

ATTACHMENT: NO

AUTHOR: *Acting 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	9,352
Less Unpresented Cheques	(-500)
Reconciled Balance	18,852

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
Jul 18	19,692,731	9,114	19,701,845
Aug 18	19,851,551	24,356	19,875,877
Sept 18	17,397,785	9,887	17,407,672
Oct 18	18,088,990	18,099	18,107,089
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

The amount restricted in the Audited Financial Report for Employee Leave Entitlements is \$342,042

Cash Flow

July		Description	Forecast
Forecast	Actual		August
14,072	12,261	Bank Balance Forward	18,852
413,000	1,345,086	FAG / R2R / RMCC	150,000
14,366	14,336	RMS Agency	14,366
686,000	949,200	Rates /Water/User Charges	686,000
150,000	351,993	Private Works/Debtors	150,000
600,000	613,774	LBV – Residents Fees & Subsidies	280,000
190,000	188,799	Child Care/In Home Care	190,000
2,000,000	(369,160)	Net Movement of Investments	1,000,000
800,000	570,434	Sundry Income & Grants	400,000
		<i>Less</i>	
(2,500,000)	(2,893,339)	Creditors	(3,500,000)
(790,000)	(764,532)	Wages / Salaries	(790,000)
10,000	18,852	Bank Reconciliation Cr/(Dr)	10,000

Loan Facility Report as at 31 July 2019

Swimming Pool and Street Upgrade Loan (6.22%) <i>Principal and Interest = \$22,265</i>	(995,269.79)
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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 31 July 2019.

CLAUSE 8B – 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 July 2019.

Discussion

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 – SR7, SR20, SR21, SR23, SR24, SR26, SR27, MR407 and RR7518; and
- Pavement/Sign Maintenance – SR13A, SR19, MR407, MR411, MR416, RR7521 and MR461.

Construction Work

- Acres Billabong – Contractor installed scour protection upstream and downstream of the culvert.

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**;
- Eight water faults was 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. 1.8 ML per day. Alternate day water restrictions with hand watering only between 5pm and 8pm have been introduced for Cobar to ensure demand is controlled. Burrendong Dam levels (5%) continue to fall and future restrictions on High Security Town Water are a possibility.

Parks and Gardens

- General maintenance carried out within parks and reserves within the Shire as required – **ongoing**;
- Coordinating Euabalong playground installation and oval irrigation upgrades – **ongoing**;
- Tidying up street trees – 24 streets completed by contractor, Council staff to complete the rest – **ongoing**;
- Newey maintenance works commenced;
- Business Association signs for Main Street – **ongoing**.

Resources for Regions

Construction of new Water Treatment Plant (WTP)

- The contract was let to Laurie Curran Water (LWC) on 23 June 2017.

Work completed to date:

- Site and road reserve clearing;
- Security fence erected around main treatment plant site;
- PAC Contact Tank and Clear Water Tank;
- Clarifier and filter tank;
- Pipelines from new WTP to Fort Bourke Hill reservoirs;
- Sludge Lagoons;
- Construction of the blockwork walls and structural steelwork for the main treatment building;
- Mechanical and electrical installation.

Work in progress:

- Demonstration;
- Proof of performance;
- Finalising road and intersection design/ construction.

Handover occurred in July.

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 9B – EXPENDITURE FOR ROADS NETWORK

FILE: R5-31

AOP REFERENCE: 4.3.2

ATTACHMENT: YES

(PAGE 66-70)

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 10B – UPDATE ON INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECT FINANCES**FILE: G4-29 AOP REFERENCE: 4.1.3.3 & 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 31 July 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 31 July 2019	Project Status
Water Treatment Plant (WTP)	\$15,750,000	\$200,000	\$11,491,902	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- The WTP is operational. Minor defects will be fixed by a contractor, operator training is ongoing.- Design of the road to the WTP will be completed in August 2019.
Sewerage Scheme Refurbishments Expansion and upgrade	\$2,100,000	\$100,000	\$548,353	<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.- Investigation and design of upgrades is currently proceeding.- Public Waste Engineer has undertaken site inspection and confirmed scope.- Design and Contract documentation is expected to be completed in September 2019.
Water Mains Cleaning and Replacement and Water Storage	\$6,900,000	\$0	\$342,298	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Survey work complete.- Environmental investigations completed.- Geotechnical onsite works undertaken.

Refurbishment Project				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Contract documentation has been finalised and tenders have been called closing 10 September 2019. - Investigation of reservoir roof complete, awaiting on approval by Treasury for the scope of work.
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RECOMMENDATION

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

CLAUSE 11B – GRANT FUNDING

FILE: G4-17

AOP REFERENCE: 3.1.1.4

ATTACHMENT: NO

AUTHOR: *Economic Development Manager, Kerry Grant-Mackay***Grant Update**

Grant and Department	Activity	Amount Applied For	Successful?	Council Funding Required	Deadline for project, comment
Grants Applied for					
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	Pending	In-kind support to the value of \$23,000, consisting of marketing and promotion of program, facility use and wages.	Outcome of application advised August/ September 2019 for implementation thereafter.
My Community Project through the NSW Generations Fund	CCTV Installation for Community Playground. Staged approach to enable additional cameras to be installed as and when required.	\$40,000	Pending – open to public vote which closes 15 August 2019	Nil	Outcome of application advised Sept 2019 – 12 month completion timeframe. Each electorate is given an allocation of money, with projects determined via community vote.
My Community Project through the NSW Generations Fund	Multi-Sports Courts and equipment upgrade. Entails re-surfacing the basketball/ tennis court at the Youth Centre and updated equipment.	\$40,000	Pending – open to public vote which closes 15 August 2019	Nil	Outcome of application advised September 2019 – 12 month completion timeframe. Each electorate is given an allocation of money, with projects determined via community vote.

Multicultural NSW – October Mental Health Month 2019	Cobar Youth Mental Health Celebrations, consisting of guest speakers, activities and sausage sizzle	\$1,000	Pending	Nil	Outcome expected August 2019.
Youth Opportunities Program	Preparing Cobar's Youth for the Future – providing Year 11 and 12 students mental health and cyber safety workshops, RSA, First Aid qualifications and cooking cultural cuisine	\$23,250	Pending	Nil	Outcome expected October 2019.
Tackling Tough Times Together Grants	Accessibility to CWA building via accessible ramps and footpaths	\$17,499	Pending	CWA Contribution of \$3,000	Outcome expected September 2019.
Regional Arts NSW – CASP	Crafting Cobar workshops – celebrating 150 years of our town	\$5,000	Pending	In kind \$2,280 for volunteers and venue	Outcome expected November 2019.
Regional Arts NSW – CASP	Metal smithing in a Mining Town workshop	\$4,000	Pending	In kind \$1,880 for volunteers and venue	Outcome expected November 2019.
Start Strong Capital Works Program	Cobar's Mobile Children Services Building construction	\$1,373,368	Pending	CMCS contribution \$68,668	Outcome expected January/ February 2020.
NSW Seniors Festival 2020	Cobar Seniors Week – Let's Celebrate Together from 9 March to 13 March 2020	\$2,050	Pending	\$1,500 cash contribution for catering \$800 in kind for venue and entertainment	Outcome advised October 2019.
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	Pending	Council to contribute parking space and an area for installation of the station free of charge.	Invited to submit detailed business case into Second Round – outcome anticipated late September 2019.

		associated costs of the charging station \$15,000			
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Grant Outcomes

Grant and Department	Activity	Amount Applied For	Successful?	Council Funding Required	Comment
Grants Announced					
Far North West JO Tourism Fund	Upgrade exhibitions at Great Cobar Heritage Centre (GCHC)	\$1,425,000	Successful	Nil	Funding agreement awaiting execution
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
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 and Euabalong West to improve future water security.	\$29,250	Successful	Nil	Funding agreement executed 21 June 2019

Growing Local Economies Fund	Design and construction of new industrial estate for Cobar	\$4.405m	Successful	\$500,000	Currently liaising with Department to confirm milestone reporting forming part of the funding agreement.
Transport NSW – Bike Week September 2019	Tour de Cobar Celebration	\$500 + \$500 donation from RMS	Successful	Nil	Celebration on the morning of 29 September 2019 at Ward Oval.
Community Child Care Fund	Subsidise administration fees for IHC clients to make care more affordable.	\$350,000 over 2 years	Unsuccessful	Nil	Work continues with negotiations with the dept. Focus now on getting individual families a subsidy.
Youth Opportunities	Series of workshops with year 11 students with CHS and NGOs	\$31,090	Unsuccessful	Staff support	Work with CHS and NGOs to implement.
Department of Communications and the Arts – Festivals Australia	Community artistic workshops and mural painted on water tank at Fort Bourke in line with Festival of the Miners Ghost (FOMG)	\$40,750	Unsuccessful	In-kind Support to the value of \$10,000	Outcome of application advised June 2019, for implementation for the 2019 FOMG if successful.
Office of Responsible Gaming Grants	On behalf of the Liquor Accord to conduct a Cert II in Security Course (in Cobar) under the Office of Responsible Gaming Grants	\$15,000	Unsuccessful	Nil	An additional \$5,000 will be contributed via the Cobar Liquor Accord should the application be approved.

Council committed \$200,000 in the 2019/2020 Budget to put towards grant proposals as a co-contribution. This money is yet to be allocated.

Current Grant Opportunities

- State Government through Increasing Resilience to Climate Change is providing funding to address identified climate change risks and vulnerabilities facing NSW Councils. The Increasing Resilience to Climate Change program has been established to encourage: Implementation of actions to address identified climate risks; Regional consideration of climate change impacts in decision making; Implementation of climate change adaptation actions beyond business as usual projects and programs and enhanced adaptive capacity. Individual Councils can apply for funding between \$30,000 to \$120,000, with applications closing 2 September 2019.
- NSW Government through the Strong Country Communities Fund has allocated \$776,294 to Cobar Shire Council, with 50% required to be allocated to projects supporting young people. Funding proposals require submission by 27 September 2019. Project suggestions and Expression of Interest advertised in local paper for community feedback and consultation.
- Transport NSW through the Country Passenger Infrastructure Grant Scheme provides subsidies to support the construction or upgrade of bus stop infrastructure owned and maintained by local Council. New shelters provide funding value to \$11,000, and upgrade to the value of \$2,200. Upon review it has been noted both Cobar High School and TAFE require the construction of new shelters. Applications close 30 September 2019.
- Infrastructure Grant through the NSW Club Grants are funding 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. Currently liaising with Cobar Miners Race Club for a toilet block and raw water to Dalton Park.

Grant Funded Projects – Implementation

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

- Reconciliation Week grant to produce a series of story boards in progress. Now looking at adding in a board for the Murrin Bridge area celebrating the revival of language. Discussions continued with traditional owners.
- RCF Rd 1 Museum project – Consultant architects developing a master plan and priority of works. Workshop conducted via Project Manager and presented to Council.
- Heritage Near Me – Museum accessibility project – being incorporated into above.
- RCF Rd 2 Exhibition Upgrade – plan of works being developed as per master plan.
- Miners Memorial – Advertised in local paper requested interest from local builders. Further work being undertaken to bring project to budget.
- SCCF – Toilet project – Drummond Park toilet designed and ordered. Design completed for Mount Hope, with quotations being sought.
- SCCF – Girl Guides Hall – will renovate existing house. Plans being developed.
- SCCF – Youthie upgrade – architect has provided preliminary plans. Project team has assessed these and provided further comments. Plans to be revised with this information shortly. Workshop conducted via Project Manager and presented to Council.
- Public Reserves – Boxthorn Removal Euabalong Common – Project for Reserve Trust – extension provided due to drought.

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- Safe and Secure Water Fund – pipe replacement and tank refurbishment – PWA undertaking pipeline design work. Business case has been endorsed for reservoir refurbishment. Funding deed to be released shortly.
 - Drought Projects – at various stages of progress, extensions approved to end of September 2019 for the remaining four projects (two projects were acquitted in June 2019).

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 31 JULY 2019**FILE: R2-1****AOP REFERENCE: 3.1.1.6****ATTACHMENT: YES (PAGE 71-72)****AUTHOR: *Office Coordinator, Jo-Louise Brown*****Purpose**

To provide Council details of the Rate Reconciliation as at 31 July 2019.

FUND	LEVY 2019-2020	Pensioner Rebates	Abandoned Levy	Additional Levies	Sub Total 2019-2020	Arrears 30th Jun 19	Payments	Total Outstanding	Total Outstanding Previous Year	% Outstanding of Sub Total Plus Arrears
Business	436,811.02		-	210.00	437,021.02	97,520.20	109,064.83	425,476.39	425,829.81	79.60%
Farmland	698,230.15		-	-	698,230.15	73,559.35	130,156.58	641,632.92	713,341.65	83.14%
Mining	1,735,921.14		-	-	1,735,921.14	400,201.22	50,000.00	2,086,122.36	1,954,249.67	97.66%
Residential	1,179,217.90	42,522.21	164.48	-	1,136,531.21	271,211.66	111,439.89	1,296,302.98	1,285,331.24	92.08%
Overpayments					-	-151,345.91	1,881.18	-153,227.09	-33,167.84	101.24%
Legal Costs			-	3,542.48	3,542.48	56,474.67	1,596.65	58,420.50	49,630.26	97.34%
Interest			13.89	1,827.48	1,813.59	178,709.75	1,464.53	179,058.81	131,478.51	99.19%
General Rates	4,050,180.21	42,522.21	178.37	5,579.96	4,013,059.59	926,330.94	405,603.66	4,533,786.87	4,526,693.30	91.79%
Domestic Waste	633,814.00	16,227.79	172.50	237.00	617,650.71	56,740.45	104,346.47	570,044.69	562,603.49	84.53%
Sewerage	648,400.00	16,887.50	262.50	-	631,250.00	123,076.03	84,857.73	669,468.30	628,684.64	88.75%
Cobar Water	687,053.00	18,200.00	195.00	3,782.00	672,440.00	52,566.28	115,808.49	609,197.79	611,898.90	84.03%
Nymagee Water	28,308.00	437.50	-	-	27,870.50	14,193.81	6,930.08	35,134.23	34,500.94	83.53%
Euabalong Water	45,212.00	962.50	-	-	44,249.50	12,473.16	6,145.59	50,577.07	42,919.68	89.17%
Euab West Water	27,371.00	437.50	-	-	26,933.50	6,694.55	1,842.24	31,785.81	29,043.77	94.52%
Mt Hope Water	6,444.00	-	-	-	6,444.00	1,526.90	2,327.57	5,643.33	5,309.14	70.80%
Water Access	794,388.00	20,037.50	195.00	3,782.00	777,937.50	87,454.70	133,053.97	732,338.23	723,672.43	84.63%
Water Usage			13,911.49	-	- 13,911.49	603,711.64	221,338.93	368,461.22	378,251.77	62.47%
TOTAL	6,126,782.21	95,675.00	14,719.86	9,598.96	6,025,986.31	1,797,313.76	949,200.76	6,874,099.31	6,819,905.63	87.87%

RECOMMENDATION**That the Rates Reconciliation Report as at the 31 July 2019 be received and noted.**



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ORDINARY MEETING AGENDA

THURSDAY, 22 AUGUST 2019

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