

# **COBAR SHIRE COUNCIL**



## **ORDINARY MEETING AGENDA**

**THURSDAY 23 MARCH 2017**

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## ~ ORDER OF BUSINESS ~

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Business for the meeting will be as follows:

1. Apologies
  2. Public Access Session – Peak Gold Mine
  3. Declaration of Interests
  4. Condolences
  5. Confirmation of Minutes
    - Traffic Committee Meeting – Tuesday, 21 February 2017 (including Status Report);
    - Ordinary Meeting of Council – Thursday, 23 February 2017;
    - Extraordinary Meeting of Council – Thursday, 9 March 2017.
  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 ~

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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.

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## ~ COUNCIL'S MISSION ~

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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 ~

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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.
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## ~ COUNCIL'S CHARTER ~

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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 Councillor's, 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.

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**PUBLIC ACCESS – PEAK GOLD MINE**

**FILE: M4-6**

**AOP REFERENCE: 3.2**

**ATTACHMENT: NO**

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

**Purpose**

To thank Peak Gold Mine for addressing Council.

**Background**

Peak Gold Mine Members will address Council on the future of Peak Gold Mine and provide Council with the information presented to their recent public meeting and to answer any questions that Council may have.

**RECOMMENDATION**

**That Council resolves to thank Peak Gold Mine for their address and Council looks forward to continuing to work with Peak Gold Mine into the future.**

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**NOTICE OF MOTION – DONATION TO WARRUMBUNGLE SHIRE COUNCIL – RESULT OF “SIR IVAN” BUSH FIRE**

**FILE: C13-7 & D3-1      AOP REFERENCE: 1.6.5      ATTACHMENT: NO**

**AUTHOR: *Councillor, Peter Abbott***

**RECOMMENDATION**

**That Cobar Shire Council make a donation of \$10,000 to Warrumbungle Shire Council. The donation being a small measure of assistance to aid those residents involved in the devastation caused by the recent Sir Ivan bush fire.**

**Explanation**

At the OROC Meeting held on 10 March 2017 in Dubbo, the General Manager of Warrumbungle Shire (Coonabarabran), Steve Loane, gave an in depth account of the dreadful damage done by the “Sir Ivan” bush fire. In temperatures exceeding 46 °C, this particular fire did more damage in three days than the previous fire, which at the time was considered a savage one, did in a fortnight.

Over 55,000 hectares of some of the best farming land in central Eastern New South Wales was destroyed. The townships of Leadville, Uarbry, Coolah and Dunedoo were all involved in what has been described as the worst bush fire conditions ever experienced in New South Wales. 35 homes and 131 outbuildings were lost, while 11 houses and 42 outbuildings were damaged. The amount of livestock lost has yet to be calculated. Even with the assistance of 11 aircraft including the very large DC10, the fire was virtually uncontrollable. Total insurance claims so far exceed \$129 million with more to come.

I believe that in circumstances of such appalling losses to a sister council that a donation of \$10,000 is the least we can do.



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**NOTICE OF MOTION – FREE CAMPING AT THE NEWHEY RESERVOIR**  
**FILE: P1-7, P1-1 & C1-2 AOP REFERENCE: 4.4.3 ATTACHMENT: NO**  
**AUTHOR: *Councillor, Julie Payne***

**RECOMMENDATION**

**That Cobar Shire Council cease all camping at the Newey Reservoir until such a time as Council, along with community consultation, produces a masterplan to discuss free camping, water activities, infrastructure, environmental factors and traffic flow at the Newey Recreational Area Cobar.**

**Explanation**

The reason for my motion is to:

1. Have Council develop a Master Plan for the Newey that will provide a clear policy position in relation to:
  - a. Overnight camping;
  - b. Recreation activities permitted;
  - c. Infrastructure improvements;
  - d. Environmental issues;
  - e. Long term planning.
  
2. To remove the current problem with overnight free camping until the Council through community consultation has adopted the Master Plan and Policies for the use and future development of the Newey Reservoir.

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**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 March 2017.**

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**CLAUSE 2A – UPGRADE TO COUNCIL WORKS DEPOT - COBAR**

**FILE: A10-20**

**AOP REFERENCE: 3.3.3.3**

**ATTACHMENT: YES**

**(PAGE 60-62)**

**AUTHOR: *General Manager, Peter Vlatko***

**Purpose**

To reconsider the Report and approve the concept design for upgrading the Councils Works Depot.

**Background**

At the last Council Meeting held on Thursday, 23 February 2017, the Council resolved:

*“That an inspection of the facilities be conducted prior to the decision making process in relation the Council Works Depot”.*

In reviewing the Councils Organisation Structure it was evident that the current Works Depot needed to have a Master Plan for any upgrades or improvements required in order to meet current standards and the organisations development.

The Master Plan has been prepared on the basis of ensuring that any funds spent at the Depot will now be prioritised and reflects the long term needs of the Organisation.

It is recognised that the estimated cost of all improvements is \$576,000 and is a long term plan that will depend on the funds available from Councils Budget. However it provides the Council with a plan to take the Depot into its future and meet appropriate standards required for a Depot.

The Master Plan has been prepared in stages to allow for work to be undertaken subject to funding availability. Following the inspection the stages have been amended to reflect the Budget.

The 2016/2017 Budget has provided \$45,000 for the Depot security and it is now recommended that Council consider that’s Stages 1 to 14 be approved with the additional funds to be allocated from savings in capital expenditure rather than the Plant Replacement Reserve as previously reported.

**Consultation**

The Staff and Supervisors have been consulted and the Council Building Inspector has undertaken the inspection of the site.

**Budget Implications**

The Estimated Cost of Stage 1 to 14	\$140,000
<b><u>Less</u></b> 2016/2017 Budget Allocation	<b><u>\$45,000</u></b>
Balance required	<b><u>\$95,000</u></b>

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The required additional \$95,000 will not impact on the estimated break even forecast of the operating position of Council as it is Capital Expenditure. However, there are capital projects which will not occur as the required grant funds have not been received ie Electronic/ IT Management System (\$80,000).

**RECOMMENDATION**

- 1. That Council approve the Master Plan for the improvement to the Council Works Depot in Cobar.**
- 2. That Council approve the additional \$95,000 Capital Funds contribution towards Stages 1 to 14 of the Master Plan.**

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**CLAUSE 3A – AUSTRALIAN LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION –  
SUBMISSION TO THE 2017-18 FEDERAL BUDGET**

**FILE: L5-6**

**AOP REFERENCE: 1.1**

**ATTACHMENT: YES  
(UNDER SEPARATE COVER)**

**AUTHOR: *General Manager, Peter Vlatko***

**Purpose**

The purpose of this report is for Council to consider providing a submission to our Federal Government Representative in relation to the effect of the freeze on indexation to Financial Assistance Grants (FAGs).

**Background**

On 7 March 2017 Council received notification from Australian Local Government Association (ALGA) requesting Councils assistance in relation to lobbying the Federal Government to explain the impact the freeze has had on your community and how much more you will be able to do if the freeze is ended in this year's Federal Budget.

ALGA's number one priority is to ensure that the Government keeps its commitment to restore indexation to Financial Assistance Grants (FAGs) in the 2017-18 Federal Budget. This is an issue that impacts on every Council in the nation.

Although the 2016-17 Federal Budget indicated that the Government intends to restore indexation in the coming financial year, there are no guarantees and neither the local government sector, nor your Council should take this outcome for granted.

ALGA will continue to advocate to the highest levels for the restoration of Financial Assistance Grants indexation in the May Budget, but we will also need your help to strengthen our national advocacy efforts. If your council has examples of how the freeze to Financial Assistance Grants has affected your community, please send them through to the ALGA.

It is important that your council actively engages in supporting ALGA in this national campaign. ALGA can make the national arguments and make the national representations at the Federal level, but nothing gets the attention of politicians, the party room or party leadership better than local stories from the front line of local community governance - you.

Local government is best-placed to be responsive to the needs of our communities, therefore it is necessary that it gets adequate funding to meet these needs.

In addition to this core issue there are a number of other strategic partnerships that ALGA is promoting on behalf our community in its budget submission that will not only help local communities but could boost national GDP by \$5.5 billion and create more than 45,000 new jobs.

One of these proposals is ALGA's call for the Government to establish a Local Freight Productivity Investment Plan, to be funded at \$200 million per annum over

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the next five years. The plan is designed to ensure that first/last mile and freight connectivity issues are addressed to improve national productivity. The plan will directly unlock local and regional productivity improvements through investment that enhances access for freight vehicles and boosts connectivity between local roads and preferred state and national freight routes.

Under separate cover is a copy of the ALGA submission to the 2017-18 Budget titled "Investment in tomorrow's Communities" which we encourage you to read and provide comment.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

**That a submission be made to our Federal Government Representative in relation to the impact the freeze has had on your community and how much more you will be able to do if the freeze is ended in this year's Federal Budget.**

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**CLAUSE 4A – BANKING FACILITY FOR COBAR SHIRE COUNCIL**

**FILE: B2-14**

**AOP REFERENCE: 3.3.4**

**ATTACHMENT: NO**

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

**Purpose**

The purpose of this report is for Council to consider the provision of banking services at the expiration of the current banking agreement.

**Background**

The provision of banking services to Cobar Shire Council under the present agreement with National Australia Bank concludes on 30 June 2017. Council needs to consider in a timely manner how it will conduct its banking from that time.

The information available for discussion contains commercial information of a confidential nature that if disclosed would prejudice the commercial position of the person that supplied that information.

**RECOMMENDATION**

**That a report regarding the Banking Facility for Cobar Shire Council be considered in the Committee of the Whole Closed Council with the press and public excluded for the reasons stated in Sections 10A(2) (d) (i) & (ii) of the Local Government Act 1993, as the report includes commercial information of a confidential matter.**

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**CLAUSE 5A – WESTERN SLOPES PIPELINE – PLANNING FOCUS  
MEETING 15 MARCH 2017**

**FILE: G-1-1**

**AOP REFERENCE: 1.6.3**

**ATTACHMENT: NO**

**AUTHOR: *Director of Planning & Environmental Services, Garry Ryman***

**Purpose**

The purpose of this report is to enable input from the Council in providing formal advice to the NSW Department of Planning and Environment in relation to environmental assessment requirements for the subject project.

**Background**

Council's Director of Planning and Environmental Services attended a meeting on 15 March 2017 and will prepare a draft submission for consideration by the Council. The draft will be provided before the date of the meeting.

**RECOMMENDATION**

- 1. That Council consider a draft submission on environmental assessment requirements relevant to Cobar Shire Council that should be addressed by APA Group in its project application.**
- 2. That Council authorises the Director of Planning and Environmental Services to submit formal advice to the NSW Department of Planning and Environment identifying matters that should be addressed by APA Group in its project application.**
- 3. That voting on this matter be recorded on the basis of an automatic division as required by legislation.**



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**CLAUSE 6A – LEASE OF TOWN HALL CINEMA BUILDING**

**FILE: A10-19**

**AOP REFERENCE: 1.6.4**

**ATTACHMENT: NO**

**AUTHOR: *Director of Planning & Environmental Services, Garry Ryman***

**Purpose**

The purpose of this report is for Council to consider a staff recommendation to enter into a new lease with the existing lessee of the Town Hall Cinema Building.

**Background**

The term of the existing lease lapsed on 31 December 2016 and the lessee has continued to occupy the property on a month-to-month basis as permitted under the lease.

**Issues**

Given the commercial nature of this matter it is recommended that Council considers a further report in the Committee of the Whole Closed Council.

**RECOMMENDATION**

**That a report regarding a new lease for the Town Hall Cinema Building, Cobar, be considered in the Committee of the Whole Closed Council with the press and public excluded for the reasons stated in Sections 10A(2) (d) (i) & (ii) of the Local Government Act 1993, as the report includes commercial information of a confidential matter.**

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**CLAUSE 7A– LEASE OF 53 LINSLEY STREET, COBAR**

**FILE: L6-7**

**AOP REFERENCE: 3.3.4.2**

**ATTACHMENT: NO**

**AUTHOR: *Director of Planning & Environmental Services, Garry Ryman***

**Purpose**

The purpose of this report is for Council to consider a staff recommendation to enter into a new lease with the existing lessee of 53 Linsley Street, Cobar.

**Background**

The term of the existing lease lapsed on 30 October 2016 and the lessee has continued to occupy the property on a month-to-month basis as permitted under the lease.

**Issues**

Given the commercial nature of this matter it is recommended that Council considers a further report in the Committee of the Whole Closed Council.

**RECOMMENDATION**

**That a report regarding a new lease for 53 Linsley Street, Cobar be considered in the Committee of the Whole Closed Council with the press and public excluded for the reasons stated in Section 10A (2) (d) (i) & (ii) of the Local Government Act 1993, as the report includes commercial information of a confidential nature.**

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**CLAUSE 8A – COBAR MINERS MEMORIAL COMMITTEE –  
DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION**

**FILE: 2017/LD-00002 AOP REFERENCE: 1.6.3.1 ATTACHMENT: YES  
(UNDER SEPARATE COVER)**

**AUTHOR: *Director of Planning & Environmental Services, Garry Ryman***

**Purpose**

The purpose of this report is for the Council to consider the assessment report prepared in respect of Development Application 2017/LD-00002 for a Miners Memorial in Heritage Park, Cobar.

**Background**

The proposed development site is classified as Community Land under the *Local Government Act 1993*. The assessment report has been prepared and submitted to the Council for determination because under s47E of the *Local Government Act 1993* Council cannot delegate its power to comment on the subject development proposal.

**RECOMMENDATION**

- 1. That Council determines Development Application 2017/LD-0002 by granting conditional consent as recommended in the Development Application Assessment Report contained in the attachment to this report.**
- 2. That voting on this matter be recorded on the basis of an automatic division as required by legislation.**

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**CLAUSE 9A – EXHIBITION OF DISABILITY INCLUSION ACTION PLAN**  
**FILE: L5-22-1 AOP REFERENCE: 3.3 ATTACHMENT: YES (PAGE 63-80)**  
**AUTHOR: *Director Corporate and Economic Development, Angela Shepherd***

**Purpose**

For Council to consider putting the draft Disability Inclusion Action Plan on public exhibition for at least 28 days to gain community input prior to receiving a final draft for adoption.

**Background**

Under the *Disability Inclusion Act 2014*, Councils must prepare a Disability Inclusion Action Plan (DIAP) and have it adopted by 1 July 2017. Council has chosen to develop a stand-alone plan, however the actions within it will be integrated into the suite of IP&R documents currently being prepared. Disability inclusion action planning plays a critical role in identifying and delivering on practical measures to transform intent into action by Council.

Whilst Council may not have had a DIAP in the past, there has been much work undertaken in the area, within the resource limits of Council. Council adopted their Pedestrian Access Mobility Plan and Access Audit in 2013 and have been undertaking priority actions identified in it. Council has been working on finding funding to improve facilities at Council venues, with accessible toilets being installed at Ward Oval and toilets and wheelchair storage to be installed at the Cobar Youth and Fitness Centre over the coming quarter. Ensuring accessibility standards are met is crucial when assessing DAs and Council is supportive of all employee needs. These actions will be built upon under this DIAP.

**Issues**

The DIAP must address four key areas:

- Attitudes and Behaviors – Often thought of as the biggest barrier to full participation and inclusion.
- Employment – Contributes to independence and greater opportunities.
- Liveable Communities – Achieved by applying principles of universal design.
- Processes and Systems – Ensuring the community can access information and Council services.

Council held a workshop with service providers and another workshop with those with disabilities, their families and carers to gain input into the development of this plan. In addition, some people brought their ideas into Council outside of these workshops. Council is committed to continuing to work with these groups in updating and modifying this plan as needed, but at least annually.

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**Legal Situation**

Council is required to place this strategy on public exhibition to encourage community input into decision making.

**Policy Implications**

The actions outlined in this strategy will be integrated into the Annual Operational Plan and the four year Delivery Program. Council is required to undertake an annual review of the Plan and provide a copy of the review to the Disability Council of NSW.

**Financial Implications**

There is a small cost involved in advertising the exhibition of the strategy that will be met from within the existing budget. Any cost implications of implementing the strategy will be considered during the development of the budget documents.

**RECOMMENDATION**

**That Council resolves to put the draft Disability Inclusion Action Plan on public exhibition for at least 28 days.**

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**CLAUSE 1B – DEVELOPMENT APPROVALS: 15 FEBRUARY 2017 – 15 MARCH 2017**

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

**Complying Development Approvals**

There were no Complying Development Applications approved under delegated authority for the period 15 February 2017 – 15 March 2017.

**The value of Complying Development approvals for 2016/2017 to date is Nil.**

The value of Complying Development approvals for the similar period in 2015/2016 was Nil.

**Local Development Approvals**

The following Local Development Applications have been approved under delegated authority for the period 15 February 2017 – 15 March 2017.

<b>CERTIFICATE NO.</b>	<b>ADDRESS</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>VALUE (\$)</b>
2017/LD-00010	33 Prince St, Cobar	Carport	\$4,990
2017/LD-00003	Various Lots	Condo 750 Rally Event	-
2017/LD-00008	Various Lots	Cliffhanger 4WD Events	-
2017/LD-00012	47 Linsley St, Cobar	Post Office Refurbishment	\$95,920

**The value of Local Development approvals for 2016/2017 to date is \$786,430.00.**

The value of Local Development approvals for the similar period in 2015/2016 was **\$1,014,093.00.**

**Construction Certificates**

The following Construction Certificates have been approved under delegated authority for the period 15 February 2017 – March 2017.

<b>CERTIFICATE NO.</b>	<b>ADDRESS</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>
2017/CB-00008	33 Prince St, Cobar	Carport

**RECOMMENDATION**

**That the information detailing the Local Development and Construction Certificate approvals for the period 15 February 2017 – 15 March 2017 be received and noted.**

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**CLAUSE 2B – MONTHLY STATUS REPORT****FILE: C13-10****AOP REFERENCE: 3.1****ATTACHMENT: NO****AUTHOR: *General Manager, Peter Vlatko***

<b>COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS 22 MARCH 2012</b>					
<b>NUMBER</b>	<b>ITEM</b>	<b>RESOLUTION NUMBER</b>	<b>ACTION BY</b>	<b>ACTION REQUIRED</b>	<b>OUTCOME</b>
162	Council – Clause 16A - Liquid Trade Waste Policy – Costs and Implementation Method	14.3.2012	<b>DES/SM/DPES</b>	Adopts option one (1) for the upgrading of the existing trade waste outlets and purchase the required pre-treatment units and complete the installation works on all trade waste premises with all costs to be funded out of the Sewer Fund Reserves with a no-interest three (3) year loan to local proprietors of businesses, and further that repayment will be a condition of approval on their Liquid Trade Waste licence agreement as per the NSW Office of Water regulations.	Lack of staff resources has prevented implementation of resolution. Discussions were being undertaken with Dubbo City Council through the LMWUA for Dubbo Trade Waste Officer to implement a Trade Waste Program for several Councils within the LMWUA.  Change in Local Government structure likely to affect progress of this proposal.
<b>COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS 24 APRIL 2013</b>					
<b>NUMBER</b>	<b>ITEM</b>	<b>RESOLUTION NUMBER</b>	<b>ACTION BY</b>	<b>ACTION REQUIRED</b>	<b>OUTCOME</b>
380	Committee of the Whole Closed Council – Clause 1C – Notice of	95.4.2013	<b>DCCS/MTPR</b>	That in the year 2013/2014 that Council develops a tourism management plan that details	Action plan instigated for implementation of resolution. Interim Report provided to March

	Rescission Motion – Consideration of Tourism Cost Centre			appropriate commitments and plans that aid the tourist industry in Cobar.	2014 Ordinary Council Meeting. Expect Plan to be developed in 2016/2017 as part of overall IP&R.
<b>COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS 22 AUGUST 2013</b>					
<b>NUMBER</b>	<b>ITEM</b>	<b>RESOLUTION NUMBER</b>	<b>ACTION BY</b>	<b>ACTION REQUIRED</b>	<b>OUTCOME</b>
435	Council – Clause 9A – Determination of Status of Mt Gap Road	187.8.2013	<b>ESM</b>	That Mt. Gap Road within Mt. Gap Station shall be dedicated a public road and remain on the Roads Register as a Shire Road.	Waiting on gazettal by Western Lands.
<b>COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS 24 JULY 2014</b>					
<b>NUMBER</b>	<b>ITEM</b>	<b>RESOLUTION NUMBER</b>	<b>ACTION BY</b>	<b>ACTION REQUIRED</b>	<b>OUTCOME</b>
583	Works Committee Meeting – Report 3A – Road Capital Works Program 2014/2015	128.7.2014	<b>DES/ESM/RM</b>	That Council trials the use of chemical and cementitious stabilisation of the unsealed road network in conjunction with gravelling.	Trial undertaken in-conjunction with 2016/2016 Capital Works Program Report to be prepared for Council in Q4 2016/2017.
<b>COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS 25 SEPTEMBER 2014</b>					
<b>NUMBER</b>	<b>ITEM</b>	<b>RESOLUTION NUMBER</b>	<b>ACTION BY</b>	<b>ACTION REQUIRED</b>	<b>OUTCOME</b>
627	Council – Clause 10A – Adoption of Management Plan for Lot 18 DP213415	188.9.2014	<b>DPES</b>	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.  That Council authorise the Mayor	Negotiating – ongoing.



				and General Manager to sign any lease or licence under the Common Seal of Council.	
<b>COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS 11 DECEMBER 2014</b>					
<b>NUMBER</b>	<b>ITEM</b>	<b>RESOLUTION NUMBER</b>	<b>ACTION BY</b>	<b>ACTION REQUIRED</b>	<b>OUTCOME</b>
660	Council – Clause 7A – Office of Local Government Promoting Better Practice Review of Cobar Shire Council – Report Action plan Status	245.12.2014	<b>GM</b>	That Staff continue to work towards the completion of any work required by the recommendations contained within the Promoting Better Practice Review of Cobar Shire Council Report and detailed within the reviewed Action Plan.	General Manager to review and report on status to April 2017 Ordinary Council Meeting.
<b>COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS 23 APRIL 2015</b>					
<b>NUMBER</b>	<b>ITEM</b>	<b>RESOLUTION NUMBER</b>	<b>ACTION BY</b>	<b>ACTION REQUIRED</b>	<b>OUTCOME</b>
701	Council – Clause 7A – EOI – Lease, Management and Maintenance of Cobar Regional Airport	59.04.2015	<b>ESM/DES</b>	That on completion of all requirements for certification of Cobar Regional Airport master planning be commenced, in conjunction with preparation of a business plan exploring potential commercial development of the Airport.	Airport Committee Meeting scheduled to be held in Q2.  Grant application submitted for Master Plan.
702	Council – Clause 8A – Maintenance of Stock Control Structures	60.04.2015	<b>ESM/DES</b>	That Council recompile a comprehensive Grid Register which is expected to take approximately 6 to 12 months to complete	Staff being appointed to undertake project.  Identification has commenced and

				depending on resources available and location of grids with the Register including GPS coordinates, photos of the grid, an assessment on the condition of the grid and its associated infrastructure.	register started.
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**COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS 24 SEPTEMBER 2015**

<b>NUMBER</b>	<b>ITEM</b>	<b>RESOLUTION NUMBER</b>	<b>ACTION BY</b>	<b>ACTION REQUIRED</b>	<b>OUTCOME</b>
793	Council – Clause 9A – O’Neill Road Water Supply	197.09.2015	<b>SM/ DES</b>	That Council undertakes flow and pressure testing on the existing main on Lerida Road during the summer peak demand to determine the availability of water.  That a full report be provided to Council when available.	No action to date.

**COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS 22 OCTOBER 2015**

<b>NUMBER</b>	<b>ITEM</b>	<b>RESOLUTION NUMBER</b>	<b>ACTION BY</b>	<b>ACTION REQUIRED</b>	<b>OUTCOME</b>
799	Finance and Policy Committee – Notice of Motion – Services to O’Neill Road and Sutherland Drive	210.10.2015	<b>DES/SM</b>	That an investigation be undertaken into a water subsidy for the residents of O’Neill Road for the summer months similar to what we do for the Villages.	No action to date.

**COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS 26 NOVEMBER 2015**

<b>NUMBER</b>	<b>ITEM</b>	<b>RESOLUTION NUMBER</b>	<b>ACTION BY</b>	<b>ACTION REQUIRED</b>	<b>OUTCOME</b>
809	Works Committee – Notice of Motion – Report 2A - RMS Repair Program for 2016/2017	226.11.2015	<b>DES</b>	That if funding is not obtained that Council continues to nominate MR407 Mulya Road in subsequent years until funding is obtained.	No advice received from RMS to date.
817	Council – Clause 7A – Cobar Sewerage Treatment Land Being Lot 24 in DP837494, Application for Licence to Occupy Crown Land and Approval for Land Acquisition	236.11.2015	<b>DES</b>	<p>That Council apply for a 12 month short term licence over crown land parcel Lot 24 in DP837494.</p> <p>That the Mayor and General Manager be authorised to execute the licence documents under the Common Seal of Council.</p> <p>That the costs associated with the licence be paid from operating expenses for the Cobar Sewerage Treatment Works.</p> <p>That Council acquire by compulsory acquisition the whole of the land contained in Lot 24 DP837494 Sewerage Works Road, Cobar (hereafter called the acquisition land).</p> <p>That the acquisition of land be</p>	Action plan instigated for implementation of resolutions.

				<p>acquired pursuant to Section 187 of the Local Government Act 1993 and the Land Acquisition (Just Compensation) Act 1991 for commercial purposes for the continued operation and management of the Cobar Sewerage Treatment Works.</p> <p>That the acquisition land value be paid upon completion of the acquisition of the acquisition land, to the Department of Primary Industries on behalf of the Crown in full and final payment of all those interests including the rights of the Crown pursuant to Section 104 of the <i>Native Title (NSW) Act 1994</i> and Section 54(2) of the <i>Land Acquisition (Just Terms Compensation) Act 1991</i>.</p> <p>That the survey plans and other acquisition documents for the acquisition of the acquisition land be signed under the Common Seal of Council.</p> <p>That the Council authorise the Mayor and General Manager to sign all acquisition documents.</p>	
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				<p>That the acquisition land be acquired as operational land pursuant to the provisions of Section 31 of the <i>Local Government Act 1993</i>.</p> <p>That pursuant to the provisions of Section 190 of the <i>Local Government Act 1993</i> all minerals are excluded from the acquisition.</p> <p>That Council makes the necessary application to the Minister or Governor so that the acquisition can be completed.</p> <p>That the costs associated with compulsory acquiring the land be paid from the Sewer Reserve Fund.</p>	
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**COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS 10 DECEMBER 2015**

<b>NUMBER</b>	<b>ITEM</b>	<b>RESOLUTION NUMBER</b>	<b>ACTION BY</b>	<b>ACTION REQUIRED</b>	<b>OUTCOME</b>
821	Council – Notice of Motion – Establishment of a Cobar Community Trust	251.12.2015	<b>GM</b>	That Council investigates the establishment of a Cobar Community Trust with the aim of sourcing grants for the improvement of facilities, infrastructure or anything of benefit to the Cobar Community and Shire.	No action to date.
822	Council – Notice of	252.12.2015	<b>GM</b>	That the alternate Heavy Vehicle	Matter to be raised with the review of

	Motion – Bypass for Heavy Vehicles			Bypass through Cobar be added to the 10 Year Strategic Business Plan.	IP&R Documents in Q2-Q3.
836	Council – Committee of the Whole Closed Council – Clause 2C – Incorporation of Lilliane Brady Village into the New Cobar Multi-Purpose Service	281.12.2015	<b>GM</b>	<p>That subject to the proposed changes in the draft Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) and Term Sheet detailed in Councils resolution of 26 November 2015 that Council progress positively the incorporation of the Lilliane Brady Village into the proposed new Multi-Purpose Service with the 10 extra aged care beds to be attached directly to the Lilliane Brady Village.</p> <p>That the information and discussions held concerning the proposed new Cobar Multi-Purpose Service incorporating the Lilliane Brady Village remains confidential within the Committee of the Whole Closed Council.</p>	<p>Advice provided to relevant Health Authorities.</p> <p>MOU signed. Council working with Government Contractor in relation to design.</p> <p>Advice has been received from Local Health that MPS documents will be provided to us by year end.</p> <p>Meeting with Council and the Community was held on 1 &amp; 2 December 2016.</p>

**COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS 25 FEBRUARY 2016**

<b>NUMBER</b>	<b>ITEM</b>	<b>RESOLUTION NUMBER</b>	<b>ACTION BY</b>	<b>ACTION REQUIRED</b>	<b>OUTCOME</b>
844	Works Committee – Report 3A – 2WEB Transmitter Investigation Report	14.2.2016	<b>DCCS</b>	That Council approve the installation of the 2WEB FM re-broadcast transmitter at the existing Fort Bourke Water Treatment	<p>Contact has been instigated with 2WEB and actions commenced.</p> <p>Expected that the application process</p>

				<p>Plant.</p> <p>That the installation cost and application to the Australian Communication and Media Authority for the required apparatus licence be charged against Cobar - television budget.</p> <p>That Council applies for a five year licence.</p> <p>That this is a once off payment contribution and no additional or ongoing costs will be covered by Cobar Shire Council.</p>	will take up to 8 months.
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**COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS 28 APRIL 2016**

<b>NUMBER</b>	<b>ITEM</b>	<b>RESOLUTION NUMBER</b>	<b>ACTION BY</b>	<b>ACTION REQUIRED</b>	<b>OUTCOME</b>
865	Confirmation of the Minutes – Traffic Committee Meeting	53.4.2016	<b>DES</b>	That the works required on the Booroomugga Road and Barrier Highway intersection at Canbelego be prioritized as high and if funding is required that funding be sought.	RMS have advised they will undertake a full REF before any work is undertaken. Staff to provide design and incorporation of new Fire Tank project.
870	Committee of the Whole Closed Council – Report 1C – Analysis of Plant and Equipment Hire and	58.4.2016	<b>GM</b>	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 to be reviewed and all purchases to have quotes provided and encourage the use of locals.

	Trades and Miscellaneous Services Register			Policy.	
874	Council – Clause 1A – Mayoral Report	61.4.2016	<b>GM</b>	Following the Launch of the Orana Regional Bio-Hub Report that the General Manager investigate the next step to progressing this project and Report back to Council.	Council to be updated once information is confirmed on status of project.
879	Council – Clause 6A – Raw Water Supply to Dalton Park Horse Complex	68.4.2016	<b>DCCS</b>	That the Raw Water Supply to Dalton Park Horse Complex be listed on Councils 10 Year Long Term Financial Plan and that Council seek any available grant funding in the interim.	To be involved in the review of the IP&R documentation for 2017/2018.

#### COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS 26 MAY 2016

NUMBER	ITEM	RESOLUTION NUMBER	ACTION BY	ACTION REQUIRED	OUTCOME
880	Finance & Policy Committee – Report 4B – Grant Funding	81.5.2016	<b>DCCS</b>	That Staff investigate and report back to Council the possibility of utilising the existing facilities at the Cobar Regional Airport for flight training.	Matter to be addressed by Taskforce.

#### COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS 23 JUNE 2016

905	Council – Clause 3A – Occupancy at the Community Centre for the Cobar Mobile Children’s Services	113.6.2016	<b>DPES</b>	That Council commence planning for a permanent toilet so that consideration of a toilet can be undertaken by Council if grant applications fail.	Planning has started for a permanent toilet. Once grant funding has been identified an application will be made.
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911	Council – Clause 10A – Economic Taskforce	120.6.2016	<b>MPES</b>	That Council prepare a Plan of Management for the Newey Reserve and review the free camping issue in Cobar.	Plan of Management being investigated. Draft Report being prepared for Councils consideration in April 2017.
912	Council – Clause 10A – Economic Taskforce	121.6.2016	<b>SPO</b>	That Council lobby the Minister for Tourism and Destination NSW to outline their vision for promoting Outback NSW.	No action to date.
916	Recommendations to Council from Committee of the Whole (Closed Council)	132.6.2016	<b>GM</b>	That the General Manager provide a report on the cost of providing a water network that eliminates contaminated water delivery.	General Manager negotiating with Public Works to identify scope of works and budget.  Further report to be provided to be provided to the April Ordinary Council Meeting.

#### COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS 22 SEPTEMBER 2016

951	Council – Clause 10A – Dalton Park Horse Complex – Proposed Advisory Sign	180.9.2016	<b>DPES</b>	That Council approve the Director of Planning and Environmental Services to install an advisory sign at the Dalton Park Horse Complex confirming that use of the complex is available for use by licence holders only.	Action incomplete.
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#### COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS 24 NOVEMBER 2016

971	Council – Clause 4A – Internal Audit Committee	228.11.2016	<b>DCCS</b>	That Council receive a further Report on the (re) formation of the Internal Audit Committee by 31 March 2017.	Further Report to be provided to the April Ordinary Council Meeting.
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					Paul Manns and Michael Zannes have accepted positions on the Internal Audit Committee.
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#### COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS 8 DECEMBER 2016

980	Council – Clause 3A – Cobar Sound Chapel	255.12.2016	<b>DPES</b>	That Council authorises the transfer of Lot 287 DP914515 to Cobar Shire Council for nominal consideration.  That the Mayor and General Manager be authorised to execute the transfer documents under the Common Seal of Council.	Letter sent to NSW Public Works to activate transfer.  Action pending response from Public Works.
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#### COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS 23 FEBRUARY 2017

982	Council – Notice of Motion – Park Naming – Euabalong West	04.2.2017	<b>DES</b>	That Council name the park at Euabalong West the John J Burke Park and that a sign be erected in the park to signify the naming.	Arrangements in train.
983	Council – Notice of Motion – Augmentation of Water Supply Euabalong/ Euabalong West	05.2.2017	<b>DES</b>	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.	Funding currently being sought.
984	Council – Notice of Motion – Augmentation of Water Supply Euabalong/ Euabalong	06.2.2017	<b>DES</b>	That Council seek funding for the establishment of a bore at Nymagee for the purpose of augmenting the raw water supply for the village.	Funding currently being sought.

	West				
985	Council – Notice of Motion – Increased Revenue from Underground Investment by Mines in the Shire	07.2.2017	<b>GM</b>	<p>That Council Officers present to a (Council) workshop an overview of options available for Council to generate increased revenue from investment projects undertaken by mines in the Shire and future mining prospects.</p> <p>That a consultant be employed to advise the Council on Voluntary Planning Agreements.</p>	Workshop organized with Mr Warwick Giblin for Thursday, 27 April 2017.
986	Council – Notice of Motion – Social Impacts on Mining and Other Large Developments	08.2.2017	<b>GM</b>	That Council Officers present to a (Council) workshop on an overview of options to properly consider social impacts on mining and other large developments.	Workshop to be held in April.
987	Council – Clause 2A – Upgrade to Council Works Depot	10.2.2017	<b>GM</b>	That an inspection of the facilities be conducted prior to the decision making process in relation the Council Works Depot.	Inspection undertaken. Further Report provided to March Ordinary Council Meeting – No further action required.
988	Council – Clause 3A – Quarter 2 2016/2017 Budget Review	11.2.2017	<b>DFCS</b>	<p>That the capital budget for 2016/2017 is revised by the amount detailed in the attachment to this report which is shown as Table 2.</p> <p>That the operating budget for 2016/2017 is revised by the amount detailed in Table 1 of this report.</p>	Budget revised – No further action required.
989	Council – Clause 4A – Section 356 Donations 2017/2018	12.2.2017	<b>DFCS</b>	That the two late applications from St Vincent de Paul Society and Euabalong Gymkhana and Team	2017/2018 Donations awarded – No further action required.

				<p>Penning be accepted and considered.</p> <p>That donations be awarded to community bodies for the 2017/2018 Financial year, as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Euabalong Gymkhana and Team Penning be provided \$1,600.00 towards their public liability premium;</li> <li>b) Cobar Arts Council to receive relief of General Rates for approximately \$800.00;</li> <li>c) Cobar Rugby League Football Club to receive a cash donation of \$25,000 (total) to be paid in instalments of \$6,250 quarterly, which will be paid in arrears provided that their accounts with Cobar Shire Council are up to date;</li> <li>d) Auto Club of Cobar Inc to receive a cash donation of \$2,000.00;</li> <li>e) Kubby House Child Care Centre to receive relief of General Rates for approximately \$3,000.00;</li> <li>f) In-kind donation of rubbish collection to St Vincent de Paul Society for an approximate value of \$800.00;</li> </ul>	
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				g) That Cobar Girl Guides receive rates relief of \$750.	
990	Council – Clause 5A – Significant Variations to Budget Reported Under Regulation 202 of the General Regulations 2005 of the Local Government Act 1993	13.2.2017	DFCS	That the significant variations to the 2015/2016 Budget are received and noted.  That the expenditure is incorporated into the Quarter 2 2016/2017 Budget Review.	Noted – No further action required.  Quarter 2 2016/2017 Budget Review amended - No further action required.
991	Council – Clause 7A – Miners Memorial	15.2.2017	MPES	Council resolve to waive Development Application Fee (\$920), Advertising Fee (\$25) and s.94A Developer Contribution Levies (\$2,500) for the Miners Memorial.	Fees waived for the Miners Memorial – No further action required.
992	Council – Clause 8A – Second Quarterly Review of the Annual Operational Plan 2016/2017	16.2.2017	DCED	That Council receives and endorses the second quarterly review of the 2016/2017 Annual Operational Plan, covering the period October to December 2016.	Quarterly review adopted – No further action required.
993	Council – Clause 9A – Water Restrictions	17.2.2017	DCED	That Council endorses the decision by the Mayor to toughen water restrictions, limiting watering in Cobar town to an ‘odds and evens’ system between 6pm and 8pm for all outside watering.	Water Restrictions endorsed – No further action required.
994	Council – Clause 10A – Exhibition of Economic Action Plan	18.2.2017	DCED	That Council resolves to put the draft Cobar Economic Action Plan on public exhibition for at least 28 days.	Draft Cobar Economic Action Plan placed on public exhibition. Further Report provided to April Ordinary Council Meeting.
995	Council – Clause 11A	19.2.2017	DCED	That Council resolves to put the draft	Draft Cobar Crime Prevention placed

	– Exhibition of Crime Prevention Plan			Cobar Crime Prevention Plan on public exhibition for at least 28 days.	on public exhibition. Further Report provided to April Ordinary Council Meeting.
996	Council – Clause 12A – Minutes of the Economic Taskforce February Meeting and Terms of Reference	20.2.2017	<b>DCED</b>	<p>That Council actively pursue and encourage and support the development of alternative power generation industries, such as the bio hub and solar generation in Cobar Shire.</p> <p>That Council increase lobbying efforts seeking government investment in promotion of outback NSW in a similar manner to that undertaken in Queensland.</p> <p>That Council diversify the activities and expand the Festival of the Miners Ghost Festival and form a 2020 Committee to develop an even larger and exciting festival program to celebrate the 150 year anniversary of Cobar.</p> <p>That Council allocate sufficient funding to update the Cobar Shire Council webpage to increase the tourism focus to ‘sell’ Cobar to the tourism industry.</p> <p>That Council provide resourcing to</p>	<p>Ongoing.</p> <p>Ongoing.</p> <p>Additional Meeting held to discuss options.</p> <p>Funds to be allocated in 2017/2018 Budget.</p> <p>Funds to be allocated in 2017/2018</p>

				<p>undertake a masterplan of the CBD to create a mining theme and identity, additional town entrance works, more shade and plants.</p> <p>That Council adopt the Economic Taskforce Terms of Reference.</p>	<p>Budget</p> <p>Economic Taskforce Terms of Reference adopted – No further action required.</p>
997	<p>Committee of the Whole Closed Council – Clause 1C – Defective Building Work – Cobar Brigade Station, Lot 10 Railway Pde South, Cobar</p>	36.2.2017	<p><b>DPES</b></p>	<p>That Council authorises the General Manager to commence with a defects claim against Castlereagh Construction Group Pty Ltd.</p> <p>That Council authorises the General Manager to negotiate with the NSW Rural Fire Service funding opportunities for the demolition and rebuilding of the Cobar Brigade Station building from floor level up and report back to Council.</p> <p>That Council notes that possession of the site for the purpose of repairing, demolishing or rebuilding the Cobar Brigade Station building is not possible until the agreement with Castlereagh Construction Group Pty Ltd is terminated.</p>	<p>Advice provided to Council Solicitor – Matter ongoing.</p> <p>Negotiations ongoing.</p> <p>Noted – No further action required.</p>
998	<p>Committee of the Whole Closed Council – Clause 2C – NSW Rural Fire Service</p>	36.2.2017	<p><b>DPES</b></p>	<p>That the information regarding the outcome of the adjudication under the <i>Building Construction Industry Security of Payment Act 1999</i> be</p>	<p>No further action required.</p>

	Building – Cobar Brigade Station, Lot 10 Railway Parade South			<p>received and noted on the basis of no further avenues being available to Council to oppose the Court Ordered payment to Castlereagh Construction Group Pty Ltd.</p> <p>That the Mayor and General Manager be authorised to lodge complaints on behalf of Council to relevant individuals, companies and state authorities as deemed appropriate regarding adjudications under the <i>Building Construction Industry Security of Payment Act 1999</i>.</p>	Action required.
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**COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS 9 MARCH 2017**

999	Extraordinary Council – Clause 1A – Draft Far West Regional Plan	39.3.2017	<b>DPES</b>	<p>That Council consider a draft submission to be provided on or before the Meeting.</p> <p>That Councillors at the meeting identify any additional matters for inclusion in the draft submission.</p> <p>That Council authorises the Director of Planning and Environmental Services to lodge a submission consistent with discussions at the meeting on behalf of Council to the NSW Government in respect of the Draft Far West Regional Plan.</p>	Submission lodged – No further action 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: 987, 988, 989, 990, 991, 992, 993, 996 Part 6, 997 Part 3, 998 Part 1 and 999.**

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**CLAUSE 3B – INVESTMENT REPORT AS AT 28 FEBRUARY 2017****FILE: B2-7 AOP REFERENCE: 3.1.1.7****ATTACHMENT: NO****AUTHOR: Finance Manager, Neil Mitchell****Purpose**

The table below shows the balances of Council's Investments as at the report date. Term deposits have differing terms in order to spread the maturity dates throughout the year. The amount restricted in the Financial Accounts as at 30 June 2016 for Employee Leave Entitlements is \$321,156.

<b>Investment</b>	<b>Opening Balance</b>	<b>Transfers to Investments</b>	<b>Transfers from Investment</b>	<b>Interest Earned</b>	<b>Closing Balance</b>
NAB Sweep Acct	\$3,407,390	\$2,548,313	\$4,315,055	\$2,282	\$1,642,930
NAB Term Deposits					
2.60% (Nov) 4037	\$2,002,707			\$3,994	\$2,006,701
2.65%(Dec) 4038	\$1,003,648			\$2,084	\$1,005,732
2.65% (Mar) 4039	\$2,022,169			\$4,112	\$2,026,281
2.65% (May) 4041	\$1,001,525			\$2,037	\$1,003,562
2.90% (May) 4042	\$503,215			\$1,119	\$504,334
2.90% (May) 4043	\$503,215			\$1,119	\$504,334
2.90% (May) 4045	\$503,215			\$1,119	\$504,334
AMP Bank					
2.80% (Jan) 4044	\$1,001,151			\$2,150	\$1,003,301
Bank West					
2.50% (Nov) 4046		\$1,000,000		\$1,370	\$1,001,370
2.50% (Nov) 4047		\$1,000,000		\$1,370	\$1,001,370
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$11,948,235</b>	<b>\$4,548,313</b>	<b>\$4,315,055</b>	<b>\$22,756</b>	<b>\$12,204,249</b>

*Annualised Average return on Investment for the Month: 2.26%*

*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.*



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Finance Manager

**RECOMMENDATION**

**That Council receive and note the Investment Report as at 28 February 2017.**

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**CLAUSE 4B – BANK RECONCILIATION, CASH FLOW & LOAN FACILITY  
SUMMARIES AS AT 31 JANUARY 2017**

**FILE: B2-7      AOP REFERENCE: 3.1.1.5**

**ATTACHMENT: NO**

**AUTHOR: *Finance Manager, Neil Mitchell***

**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.

**Bank Reconciliation**

Balance as per Bank Statement	10,000
Add: Outstanding deposits	13,581
Deduct: Unpresented Cheques	(95)
<b>BALANCE AS PER CASH BOOK</b>	<b>23,486</b>

*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 of January 2017 and that the reconciliations have been recorded.*



Finance Manager \_\_\_\_\_

**Summary of Total Funds Available at Month End for the Last 12 Months**

Month	Investment Balances	Operating Account	Total Available Funds
Mar-16	11,090,439	-75,849	11,014,590
Apr-16	9,858,306	67,277	9,925,583
May-16	11,576,435	2,558	11,578,993
Jun-16	10,532,325	1,346	10,533,671
Jul-16	10,572,739	-35,035	10,537,704
Aug-16	12,473,670	23,471	12,497,141
Sep-16	12,021,822	9,621	12,031,443
Oct-16	11,613,771	22,420	11,636,191
Nov-16	11,940,671	18,370	11,959,041
Dec-16	12,536,805	8,633	12,545,438
Jan-17	11,948,235	6,467	11,954,702
Feb-17	12,204,249	23,486	12,227,735

*The amount restricted in the Financial Accounts for Employee Leave Entitlements is \$321,156.*

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**Cash Flow**

February		Description	Forecast
Forecast	Actual		March
6,467	6,467	Bank Balance Forward	23,486
1,314,830	1,314,827	Financial Assistance Grant	-
844,000	-	Roads to Recovery	844,000
-	-	RMS – Regional Roads Block Grant	-
-	254,394	RMS – Ordered & Routine Works	1,260,460
13,940	13,943	RMS Agency	13,940
570,000	664,321	Rates /Water/User Charges	670,000
150,000	133,775	Private Works/Debtors	150,000
240,000	171,317	LBV – Residents Fees & Grant	240,000
150,000	133,955	Child Care/In Home Care	150,000
(528,858)	233,258	Net Movement (Term Deposits/At Call Funds)	(576,886)
85,000	96,124	Sundry income	85,000
		<i>Less</i>	
(2,100,000)	(2,248,531)	Creditors	(2,100,000)
(720,000)	(740,364)	Wages / Salaries	(740,000)
10,000	23,486	Closing Reconciled Bank Balance Cr/(Dr)	10,000

Borrowing Instruments as at 28 February 2017	
Swimming and Street Upgrade Loan (6.22%)	(1,469,709)
2 x Tyre Rollers Lease (Implicit rate of 6.87%)	(113,778)
Bomag Tyre Roller Lease (Implicit rate of 5.63%)	(64,403)

**RECOMMENDATION**

**That Council receive and note the Bank Reconciliation, Cash Flow and Loan Facility Report as at 28 February 2017.**

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**CLAUSE 5B – MEETING MINUTES**

**FILE: D2-17, C8-17**

**AOP REFERENCE: 3.1**

**ATTACHMENT:  
YES (PAGE 81-89)**

**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:

- Cobar Youth Council – Friday, 17 February 2017 (no Status Report);
- Cobar Youth Council – Friday, 3 March 2017 (no Status Report);
- Airport Advisory Committee – Tuesday, 6 March 2017 (no Status Report);
- Cobar Water Board – Thursday, 9 March 2017.

**RECOMMENDATION**

**That the Minutes of the Cobar Youth Council, Airport Advisory and Cobar Water Board Committees be received and noted.**

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**CLAUSE 6B – UPDATE ON INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECT FINANCES****FILE: G4-29****AOP REFERENCE: 4.1.4.2****ATTACHMENT: NO****AUTHOR: *Director of Engineering Services, Stephen Taylor***

To provide Council with an update on the infrastructure projects budgets and expenditure as at 28 February 2017.

**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.

**Financial Implications**

	<b>Restart NSW Funding</b>	<b>Cobar Shire Council Funding</b>	<b>Expended as at 28 February 2017</b>	<b>Project Status</b>
Water Treatment Plant	\$15,550,000	\$200,000	\$851,712	- Tender for the construction of the Water Treatment Plant has closed and three tenders have been received. Analysis of the tender submissions is currently underway and will be reported to Council Q4 2016/2017.
Sewerage Scheme Refurbishments Expansion and Upgrade	\$2,100,000	\$100,000	\$442,177	- The Ward Oval Pump station refurbishment has been completed. - Lagoon upgrade on ground works have been delayed due to weather conditions and other work priorities.

**RECOMMENDATION**

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

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**CLAUSE 7B – EXPENDITURE FOR ROADS NETWORK**

**FILE: R5-31**

**AOP REFERENCE: 4.3.2**

**ATTACHMENT: YES**

**(PAGE 90-100)**

**AUTHOR: *Director of Engineering Services, Stephen Taylor***

**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.**

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## **CLAUSE 8B – ENGINEERING WORKS REPORT**

**FILE: C6-20-2**

**AOP REFERENCE: 4.3.2**

**ATTACHMENT: NO**

**AUTHOR: *Director of Engineering Services, Stephen Taylor***

### **Purpose**

To inform Council of completed and ongoing Engineering Works for the period of February 2017.

### **Background**

Work has been completed of Stage A of the Nymagee Project on Kidman Way. A joint completion inspection is programmed to be undertaken with RMS on 15 March 2017. A work order has not yet been issued by RMS for part C.

The Cobar Water Treatment Plant and the town's reticulation network which have been under a considerable amount of stress due to high water demand and raw water quality issues have improved. The tightened water restrictions which came into effect on 13 February 2017 have assisted in decreasing demand on the treatment plant to a sustainable level, this was also further improved with a drop in the maximum daily temperatures over the past couple of weeks which has had a flow on effect in decreasing the number of water quality complaints being received by Council.

Euabalong and Euabalong West water quality has been improving as the suspended solids in the river water have reduced.

### **State Highways**

#### **Maintenance Work**

- Sign Replacement Works as required – **ongoing**;
- Pothole repairs – **ongoing**;
- Grader crew has completed heavy patching on HW8 and MR410 along with additional heavy patching. Further funding has been provided for Flood Damage patching and more additional funding for Heavy Patching which should commence prior to April 2017 – **ongoing**.

### **Urban Roads/Shire Roads/Regional Roads**

#### **Maintenance Work**

- Inspections on various Shire and Regional Roads - **ongoing**;
- SR16 – Maintenance grading – **completed**;
- SR20 – Maintenance grading (Kidman Way to Tallebung Road) – **completed**;
- SR24 – Maintenance grading – **ongoing**;
- MR407 – Winning gravel – **ongoing**;
- MR411 – Heavy Patch repair – **completed**;
- MR416 – Maintenance grading/mixing, new bore established – **completed**;
- MR419 - Maintenance grading - **completed**;
- RR7518 – Maintenance grading – **ongoing**;
- Reseal preparation works undertaken on SR13A, MR407, MR416 and RR7518.



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## **Construction Work**

- Nymagee Project Section A: Work has been completed and final inspection with RMS is programmed for 14 February 2017.
- Nymagee Project Section C: A revised costing has been submitted to RMS. The scope of the project has been changed four times and four separate prices have been submitted for this project.

## **Water and Sewer**

### **Maintenance Work**

- Pest control within sewer reticulation network being carried out where necessary - **ongoing**;
- Sluice valve and hydrant repairs on town water supply reticulation – **ongoing**;
- Clearing and control of vegetation along the Nyngan to Cobar raw water pipeline easement (CWB) – **ongoing**;
- Investigation, inspection and locating of the town water reticulation mains within the town of Cobar for the purpose of assessing the serviceability, condition and sizes- **ongoing**;
- The identification of the disused mains and interconnections that are still connected into the town reticulation along with valve and hydrant location for future main replacement and works program – **ongoing**;
- A discussion paper on the Grit and Rag removal as a pre-treatment process at the Cobar STP is to be presented to Council for consideration as a part of the sewer upgrade project.

### **Construction Work**

- Stage Two of the relocation and connections on the existing raw water supply mains at Fort Bourke has been completed and the isolation of the old mine de-watering storage tank from the CWB of raw water supply has been completed removing this risk from the system.

## **Urban Works**

### **Parks**

- General maintenance carried out within parks and reserves within the Shire as required – ongoing;
- Ongoing review of intersection visibility and vegetation obstruction will be continued on a regular period through the year – ongoing.

### **Street Cleaning and Tree Removal:**

- Removal of overhanging tree branched and shrubs that obstruct motorist view at intersections – **ongoing**.

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## **Resources for Regions**

### **Construction of New Water Treatment Plant**

- Tenders for the new Water Treatment Plant have closed. Analysis of tender submissions is underway and will be reported to Council in May 2017.

### **Construction of New Water Pipeline – Nyngan to Cobar**

- The Cobar Water Board's Twin Pipeline Replacement Project is continuing, with the eight kilometres of pipework installed and another three kilometres of pipe in the process of being wrapped and strung ready for installation.
- National Australian Pipelines, has been undertaking clearing of the pipeline route next to the Nyngan to Cobar rail line and have reached chain 21,000 of 29,400 the works undertaken so far has not had any reportable incidents or major issues.
- Works on the two pump stations is underway with the installation of two of the four new flow meters completed. The remaining two will be installed when the operational requirements of the pipeline will allow it.

### **Upgrade of Sewerage Facilities**

- A report for Effluent Management Options has been received from NSW Public Works. This report and other issues with regards to the effluent treatment upgrade will be workshopped with Council.

## **RECOMMENDATION**

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

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**CLAUSE 9B – STAFF CONFERENCE ATTENDANCE REPORT****FILE: Personnel****AOP REFERENCE: 3.3.2****ATTACHMENT: NO****AUTHOR: *Human Resources Manager, Summer Patterson*****Purpose**

The purpose of this Report is to advise Council of the conferences attended by Council employees in the month prior.

**Background**

The following conferences were attended by Council Staff:

<b>Conference Name:</b>	Home Tutors Conference
<b>Attendee:</b>	Karen Lennon – Manager Children’s Services
<b>Date Attended:</b>	12 February 2017
<b>Total cost to Council:</b>	Conference – free, Travel and Accommodation - \$250
<b>Summary of conference content:</b>	<p>Karen was invited to present to Educators attending the Home Tutors Conference, held by the Broken Hill School of the Air.</p> <p><i>Purpose:</i> Information and training session for 35 new and 5 returning In Home Care Educators registered with Far West In Home Care Service.</p> <p><i>Content:</i> roles and responsibilities, CCB and CCR compliance, Child Protection responsibilities and procedures, WH&amp;S responsibilities, Program and activities for the children and documentation requirements.</p>

**RECOMMENDATION**

**That the information provided above in relation to the conferences attended by Council staff be received and noted.**

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**CLAUSE 10B – COMMUNITY SURVEY REPORT****FILE: L5-22 AOP REFERENCE: 3.2 ATTACHMENT: YES (PAGE 101-110)****AUTHOR: *Director Corporate and Economic Development, Angela Shepherd*****Purpose**

To provide Council with the results of the recently conducted community survey that was undertaken to inform the review of the Community Strategic Plan.

**Background**

During February an online survey of the community was undertaken with 303 responses received. There were also hard copies available at the Administration Office and the Library. The majority of responses (90%) were from those based in Cobar, with 70% of them being female.

This information was collected to assist with the review of the Community Strategic Plan – a draft for consultation will be presented to Council at the April Council meeting. This survey will be used in conjunction with the surveys and community consultation undertaken in developing the Economic Action Plan, Disability Inclusion Action Plan, Crime Prevention Plan and other Council activities.

**Issues**

The report aims to prioritise Council's activities by highlighting what facilities and services the community use and want the most.

As expected, the survey was partly dominated by the water quality issues Council faced at the time, but there is good information regarding community priorities in the report. The three biggest issues affecting people's desire to live in Cobar are very similar to what they were five years ago when the first Community Strategic Plan was developed – drinking water, educational opportunities and health services.

The community are still seeking more diversified and improved retail opportunities and the issue of supermarkets again featured highly.

The survey covered Council's customer service which is an area that needs to be improved. Again this was impacted on by the water issues at the time, however it is an area management will be focussing on improving.

The facilities most used were the pool, Newey, Drummond Park and Youthie (in that order). The services most affecting quality of life all fairly similar, with the exception of quality drinking water which easily ranked the highest. When asked what services Council should continue to provide, maintaining the road network, activities that generate tourism and running community events ranked the highest. There was no support for lowering any of the service levels.

The community thought it was very important that Council be involved in the provision of medical facilities, including incentives to bring professionals here such as the provision of housing.

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The Newey and the cinema building ranked highly in where the community would invest their \$100,000 if they had it, with the pool being third highest. Lastly respondents were asked what they would do to make the Shire even better. There is a vast list provided, many had a similar theme to answers already provided. However, this list will be analysed further and may be taken to the Economic Taskforce for further discussion.

**Policy Implications**

Council must update their Community Strategic Plan by 30 June 2017. This survey assists in determining the community's priorities in that plan.

**Financial Implications**

There are no financial implications associated with this survey.

**RECOMMENDATION**

**That Council receives and notes the results of the community survey undertaken in February 2017 with the results to be used in developing the Community Strategic Plan.**

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## **CLAUSE 11B - MINUTES OF THE ECONOMIC TASKFORCE MARCH MEETING**

**FILE: D2-17 AOP REFERENCE: 2.1 ATTACHMENT: YES (PAGE 111-118)**

**AUTHOR: *Director Corporate and Economic Development, Angela Shepherd***

### **Purpose**

To summarise the outcomes of the Economic Taskforce Meeting held on Tuesday, 7 March 2017.

### **Background**

The most recent meeting of the Economic Taskforce was held on Tuesday, 7 March 2017. This meeting was more of a chance for staff to provide the Taskforce with an update of projects in Cobar and the progress of earlier recommendations made by the Taskforce.

### **Issues**

Feedback was provided on the recent brainstorming session held regarding the Festival of the Miners Ghost. Meeting notes from this session are attached to the Taskforce Minutes.

Council is getting close to having an online system for a running a community calendar that Council will manage. This is designed to improve knowledge of what is on in Cobar, encourage collaboration between community groups and reduce 'clashes' of community events.

An outline of the infrastructure masterplan that Council is considering was provided with Taskforce members encouraged to input into it. Likewise, the Far West Strategic Plan was presented and members were encouraged to make a submission.

A proposal for a goat feedlot was presented and noted.

The next meeting of the taskforce is proposed to be held on the week starting 11 April 2017.

### **Legal Situation**

Under the Terms of Reference, the Taskforce is an advisory group to Council. It makes recommendations to Council for consideration. It is up to Council to determine which recommendations to adopt.

## **RECOMMENDATION**

**That Council receives and notes the minutes of the Economic Taskforce Meeting held on 7 March 2017.**

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**CLAUSE 12B – GRANT FUNDING****FILE: G4-17****AOP REFERENCE: G4-17****ATTACHMENT: NO****AUTHOR: *Director Corporate and Economic Development, Angela Shepherd*****Grant Update**

<b>Grant and Department</b>	<b>Activity</b>	<b>Amount Applied For</b>	<b>Successful?</b>	<b>Council Funding Required</b>	<b>Deadline for Project</b>
<b>Grants Applied for</b>					
RMS Walking and Cycling Programs	Funding for a consultancy to develop an Active Transport Plan for the Shire.	\$45,000	Pending	\$15,000. It's a grant that allows us to apply for 75% of funding. Our contribution could come from the footpaths budget or the grants matching budget.	The RMS has suggested we should apply for this grant to allow us to source more construction funding in the future.
RMS Walking and Cycling Programs	Funding to construct a series of 15 pram ramps (2.5m wide) linking the Brennan Centre to the supermarkets, pharmacy, taxi rank, Council, and medical centres. They would replace the current non-compliant ramps making it easier for older people and people with prams to walk the route.	\$37,125	Pending	\$37,125 – it is a 50:50 grant with Council's contribution to come from either the footpaths budget or matching grants contribution.	
Club Grants – Cultural Infrastructure	Construction of the Miners Memorial.	\$200,000	EOI pending	\$80,000 of community funding will be used as the Council contribution.	
Building Better Regions Fund	Construction of the Miners Memorial	\$200,000	EOI pending	\$80,000 of community funding will be used as the Council contribution.	

NSW Recreational Grants	Fisheries Fishing	Native fingerlings for the Newey	\$500	Pending	\$500.	
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Grant and Department	Activity	Amount Applied For	Successful?	Council Funding Required	Comment
<b>Grants Announced</b>					
EPA - Combating Illegal Dumping: Clean-up and Prevention Program Grants	Illegal dumping and prevention program.	\$150,000	EOI Pending	Nil.	

### Current Grant Opportunities

- Building Better Regions Fund – Tourism and Events Stream. Closes 30 March 2017. Investigating options for an expanded Miners Ghost festival.
- Festivals Australia – closes 24 March.
- Regional Growth – Environment and Tourism Fund. EOI close 6 April for projects starting at \$500,000. This fund is targeting environment and tourism projects of regional significance and is expected to deliver regional economic, tourism, environmental and social benefits. There is a minimum funding threshold of \$500,000 but no maximum. Ideally, this funding would be used if we were looking at major developments at the Great Cobar Heritage Centre.

### Grant Funded Projects – Implementation

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

- Nymagee Tennis Courts – The synthetic surface has been installed. Last part of project is to erect a new fence. A local contractor is undertaking this part of the project which should be completed shortly.
- Youth Opportunities – This project has been completed and a project acquittal will be done this month.
- Environmental Education Grant – Due to the heat an extension was sought and granted to allow further rehabilitation to be undertaken in the drain between the Depot and Cobar Primary School. Project will be completed in Q4.
- Public Library Infrastructure Grant – Initial discussions have been held regarding the design and grant requirements. To be completed by 30 June 2017.



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- Small Business Training – A series of workshops have been held, including visual merchandising and social media training. This project was completed in early March when AusVM returned to do some further work on retail collaboration and project opportunities. Grant now needs to be acquitted.
  - Energise Enterprise Funding for development of an Economic Action Plan – Draft currently on public display following Council agreement. Economic Taskforce considering priorities for consideration in development of the 2017/2018 Budget.
  - CASP Grant for arts workshop. Timetable of events currently being compiled, aiming for May workshops across a range of art and craft areas, to be held at the Youthie on a weekend.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

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

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**CLAUSE 13B – RATES RECONCILIATION REPORT AS AT 28 FEBRUARY 2017****FILE: R2-1****AOP REFERENCE: 3.1.1.6****ATTACHMENT: YES (PAGE 119-120)****AUTHOR: Office Coordinator, Jo-Louise Brown****Purpose**

To provide Council details of the Rate Reconciliation as at 28 February 2017.

FUND	LEVY 2016-2017	Pensioner Rebates	Abandoned Levy	Additional Levies	Sub Total 2016-2017	Arrears 30th Jun 16	Payments	Total Outstanding	Total Outstanding Previous Year	% Outstanding of Sub Total Plus Arrears
Business	387,669.46		-	-	387,669.46	44,815.83	311,794.68	120,690.61	113,754.50	27.91%
Farmland	646,880.51		-	-	646,880.51	28,580.76	502,577.67	172,883.60	181,475.81	25.59%
Mining	1,593,798.63		-	-	1,593,798.63	80,895.62	1,198,469.56	476,224.69	376,501.61	28.44%
Residential	1,142,650.80	51,146.37	-	-	1,091,504.43	198,967.82	793,066.76	497,405.49	463,722.98	38.54%
Overpayments					-	-134,701.52	- 60,992.26	-73,709.26	-71,808.99	54.72%
Legal Costs			-	20,022.26	20,022.26	29,730.56	11,420.39	38,332.43	29,737.32	77.05%
Interest			-	9,537.71	<b>9,537.71</b>	91,093.80	8,657.92	91,973.59	70,273.88	91.40%
<b>General Rates</b>	<b>3,770,999.40</b>	<b>51,146.37</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>29,559.97</b>	<b>3,749,413.00</b>	<b>339,382.87</b>	<b>2,764,994.72</b>	<b>1,323,801.15</b>	<b>1,163,657.11</b>	<b>32.38%</b>
Domestic Waste	<b>584,040.00</b>	<b>18,657.73</b>	<b>220.00</b>	<b>440.00</b>	<b>565,602.27</b>	<b>37,738.61</b>	<b>434,888.28</b>	<b>168,452.60</b>	<b>161,870.03</b>	<b>27.92%</b>
Sewerage	<b>587,440.00</b>	<b>19,655.08</b>	<b>689.82</b>	115,060.83	<b>682,155.93</b>	<b>101,765.42</b>	<b>588,620.35</b>	<b>195,301.00</b>	<b>199,449.94</b>	<b>24.91%</b>
Cobar Water	641,210.00	21,328.14	360.00	-	619,521.86	33,490.53	488,655.59	164,356.80	157,739.77	25.17%
Nymagee Water	27,000.00	437.50	900.00	-	25,662.50	6,839.05	17,038.40	15,463.15	12,657.22	47.58%
Euabalong Water	43,200.00	1,137.50	600.00	-	41,462.50	9,674.44	30,731.59	20,405.35	16,115.52	39.90%
Euab West Water	26,400.00	481.25	-	-	25,918.75	3,928.18	18,997.71	10,849.22	11,771.62	36.35%
Mt Hope Water	6,300.00	-	-	-	6,300.00	154.58	4,503.60	1,950.98	825.34	30.23%
Water Access	<b>744,110.00</b>	<b>23,384.39</b>	<b>1,860.00</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>718,865.61</b>	<b>54,086.78</b>	<b>559,926.89</b>	<b>213,025.50</b>	<b>199,109.47</b>	<b>27.56%</b>
Water Usage			22,771.65	825,907.00	<b>803,135.35</b>	<b>446,807.89</b>	<b>1,160,695.14</b>	<b>89,248.10</b>	<b>29,714.61</b>	<b>7.14%</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>5,686,589.40</b>	<b>112,843.57</b>	<b>25,541.47</b>	<b>970,967.80</b>	<b>6,519,172.16</b>	<b>979,781.57</b>	<b>5,509,125.38</b>	<b>1,989,828.35</b>	<b>1,753,801.16</b>	<b>26.53%</b>

**RECOMMENDATION****That the Rates Reconciliation Report as at the 28 February 2017 be received and noted.**

# **ATTACHMENTS**



## **ORDINARY MEETING AGENDA**

**THURSDAY 23 MARCH 2017**

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