



# **COBAR SHIRE COUNCIL**

## **ORDINARY MEETING AGENDA**

**THURSDAY, 23 APRIL 2020**

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## ~ ORDER OF BUSINESS ~

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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
  5. Confirmation of Minutes
    - Ordinary Meeting of Council – Thursday, 26 March 2020 adjourned to Thursday, 9 April 2020.
  6. Matters Arising from Minutes
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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 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.

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**MAYORAL MINUTE – COVID-19 PANDEMIC**

**FILE: M2-1**

**AOP REFERENCE: 3.1**

**ATTACHMENT: NO**

**AUTHOR: *Mayor Councillor, Lilliane Brady OAM***

**Purpose**

To seek Council's support to support the local government sector's campaign for assistance in dealing with the health and economic crisis caused by the COVID-19 pandemic.

**Background**

Cobar Shire Council is already suffering the consequences of the COVID-19 pandemic, which has closely followed on from extreme drought conditions and the previously uncertainty of water security.

Council financial, services and staff impacts are as follows for the quarter ending 30 June 2020:

Revenue impacts: \$180,000 (reduction)

Cost impacts: \$30,000 (increase)

Services impacts: -

Employment impacts: \$80,000 (sick leave, closures, etc).

I am recommending that we support the campaign, which is being coordinated on behalf of the NSW sector by Local Government NSW (LGNSW) and at a national level by the Australian Local Government Association (ALGA).

Council will be struggling with the *financial impacts of COVID-19*. Council has faced increased costs and at the same time is experiencing declining revenue.

Council is doing everything possible to provide support and deliver the services needed to protect community health and keep our communities running during these difficult times. The wellbeing, safety and livelihoods of our communities, customers, and staff is our top priority. However, if additional assistance is not provided, Council may be forced to cut services, infrastructure maintenance and staff.

It is critical that the local government sector receives adequate funding and resources to coordinate and deliver the goods and services needed as we navigate through, and recover from, natural disasters and the new challenges presented by COVID-19 and its massive impacts on people and our local economies.

**Council needs urgent financial assistance from the Federal Government and NSW State Government to maintain infrastructure, services and employment as well as funding to give councils the capacity to provide hardship assistance to the community.**

The measures listed below would be effective and simple to implement:

- Increasing Financial Assistance Grants payments to 1% to help Councils maintain essential functions and services, acknowledging the increased costs and mounting revenue losses arising from COVID-19 as well as giving Councils capacity to provide hardship assistance to businesses and residents in need.

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- Immediate financial assistance to support council employees, especially in early education and care.
  - Providing stimulus funding to councils for projects that will help sustain council operations and boost local economies. This could be achieved through increasing or bringing forward funding under existing funding programs or introducing new programs. Existing Federal funding programs include the Roads to Recovery and Road Safety Blackspots programs. State programs include Fixing Local Roads, Fixing Country Bridges and the Stronger Country Communities programs.
  - Increased access to TAFE, VET and other apprenticeship opportunities that council staff can undertake to address skill shortages, especially for staff in non-essential services who are unable to be redeployed.

### **Financial Implications**

Council financial, services and staff impacts are as follows for the quarter ending 30 June 2020:

Revenue impacts: \$180,000 (reduction)

Cost impacts: \$30,000 (increase)

Services impacts: -

Employment impacts: \$80,000 (sick leave, closures, etc).

### **RECOMMENDATION**

- 1. That Cobar Shire Council calls on the Federal Government and NSW Government to urgently deliver comprehensive and multifaceted financial support and stimulus packages to local government to enable them to continue to operate effectively and provide essential services during the COVID-19 pandemic.**
- 2. That Cobar Shire Council calls for the packages to include the following measures:**
  - **Increasing Financial Assistance Grants payments to 1% to help councils maintain essential functions and services, acknowledging the increased costs and mounting revenue losses arising from COVID-19 as well as giving councils capacity to provide hardship assistance to businesses and residents.**
  - **Immediate financial assistance to support council employees, especially in early education and care.**
  - **Providing stimulus funding to councils for projects that will help sustain council operations and boost local economies. This could be achieved through increasing or bringing forward funding under existing funding programs or introducing new programs.**
  - **Increased access to TAFE, VET and other apprenticeship opportunities that council staff can undertake to address skill shortages, especially for staff in non-essential services who are unable to be redeployed.**
- 3. That Cobar Shire Council commends the NSW and Federal Governments on their stewardship during this crisis and commits to working in**

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partnership to protect community health and sustain local economies through this crisis.

4. That Council write to the local Federal and State Member(s) Mark Coulton and Roy Butler, Prime Minister the Hon Scott Morrison MP, NSW Premier the Hon Gladys Berejiklian MP, Federal Treasurer the Hon Josh Frydenburg MP, NSW Treasurer the Hon Dominic Perrottet MP, NSW Local Government Minister the Hon Shelley Hancock MP, Federal Minister for Local Government the Hon Mark Coulton, Federal Opposition Leader the Hon Anthony Albanese, NSW Opposition Leader Jodi McKay MP, Federal Shadow Minister for Local Government Jason Clare MP and NSW Shadow Minister for Local Government Greg Warren MP to confirm their support for increased financial assistance and stimulus funding for local government to help councils maintain essential services and employment during the COVID-19 pandemic.
5. That Cobar Shire Council endorses Local Government NSW's sector-wide campaign to obtain financial assistance, employment support and stimulus funding for the local government sector.
6. That Council advise LGNSW President Linda Scott of the passage of this Mayoral Minute.



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**CLAUSE 1A – MAYORAL REPORT**

**FILE: C13-1-5**

**AOP REFERENCE: 3.1**

**ATTACHMENT: NO**

**AUTHOR: *Mayor, Lilliane Brady OAM***

Report to be tabled.

**RECOMMENDATION**

**That Council accepts the information contained in the Mayoral Report for the months of April 2020.**

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**CLAUSE 2A – COVID-19 EFFECTS ON COUNCIL’S COMMERCIAL RENTALS**

**FILE: A10-19 & C1-2-1    AOP REFERENCE: 1.6.4    ATTACHMENT: NO  
AUTHOR: *General Manager, Peter Vlatko***

**Purpose**

To consider a report on the COVID-19 Effects on Council’s Commercial Rentals.

**Background**

Further to the April Councillor Workshop held on Thursday, 9 April it was recommended that a report be put to Council on the COVID-19 Effects on Council’s Commercial Rentals.

The Government has advised everyone to stay home unless you are:

- Going to work or education (if you are unable to do so at home);
- Shopping for essential supplies such as groceries, return home without delay;
- Going out for personal exercise in the neighbourhood, on your own or with one other;
- Attending medical appointments or compassionate visits.

The following facilities were restricted from opening from midday local time 23 March 2020:

- Pubs, registered and licensed clubs (excluding bottle shops attached to these venues), hotels (excluding accommodation);
- Gyms and indoor sporting venues;
- Cinemas, entertainment venues, casinos and night clubs;
- Restaurants and cafes will be restricted to takeaway and/or home delivery.

From 12:00am on 26 March, these restrictions were extended to the following:

- Food courts (except for take away);
- Auction houses, real estate auctions and open houses;
- Personal services (beauty, nail, tanning, waxing and tattoo salons);
- Spa and massage parlours, excluding health related services such as physiotherapy;
- Amusement parks, arcades and play centres (indoor and outdoor);
- Galleries, national institutions, historic sites and museums;
- Health clubs, fitness centres, yoga, barre and spin facilities, saunas, bathhouses and wellness centres and swimming pools;
- Community facilities such as community halls, libraries and youth centres, RSL and PCYC;
- Gaming and gambling venues;
- Indoor and outdoor markets (excluding food markets). States and territories will make their own announcements about this.

Caravan Parks are open but with restrictions.

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**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 further report regarding COVID-19 Effects on Council's Commercial Rentals 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) 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.**

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**CLAUSE 3A – TENDER – CONVERSION OF A HOUSE (9 MAIDENS AVE, COBAR) TO GIRL GUIDES HALL (T3-20-3)**

**FILE: T3-20-3**

**AOP REFERENCE: 4.4.2.4**

**ATTACHMENT: NO**

**AUTHOR: *Projects Co-ordinator, Carly Hunter***

**Purpose**

To consider the submissions received for the conversion of 9 Maidens Avenue, Cobar into a community facility building, with the aim of the building to be used as a Girl Guides Hall.

**Background**

Tenders were called on Wednesday, 1 April 2020 through advertising in the Sydney Morning Herald, local paper and through Tenderlink.

The deadline for the lodgement for tender was 2pm on Tuesday, 21 April 2020.

**Legal Situation**

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

**RECOMMENDATION**

**That a further report regarding Tender – Conversion of a House (9 Maidens Avenue, Cobar) to a Girl Guides Hall (T3-20-3) 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) 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.**

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**CLAUSE 1B – DEVELOPMENT APPROVALS: 18 MARCH 2020 – 14 APRIL 2020**

**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 18 March 2020 – 14 April 2020.

**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 were approved under delegated authority for the period 18 March 2020 – 14 April 2020.

<b>CERTIFICATE NO.</b>	<b>ADDRESS</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>VALUE (\$)</b>
2020/LD-00006	17 Echidna St, Cobar	Free-standing carport	\$12,370
2020/LD-00005	6 Kewong St, Euabalong	Shed	\$19,000
2020/LD-00008	24 Lewis St, Cobar	Shed & Slab	\$10,000
2020/LD-00007	16 Leah St, Cobar	Shed	\$16,632

**The value of Local Development approvals for 2019/2020 to date is \$7,068,957.00.**

The value of Local Development approvals for the similar period in 2018/2019 was \$29,049,560.00.

**Construction Certificates**

The following Construction Certificates were approved under delegated authority for the period 18 March 2020 – 14 April 2020.

<b>CERTIFICATE NO.</b>	<b>ADDRESS</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>
2020/CB-00003	17 Echidna St, Cobar	Free-standing carport
2020/CB-00002	24 Lewis St, Cobar	Shed & Slab

**RECOMMENDATION**

**That the information detailing the Local Development and Construction Certificate approvals for the period 18 March 2020 – 14 April 2020 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 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>GM</b>	<p>That Council authorise the General Manager to negotiate a lease or licence for an appropriate term and conditions with the Cobar Bowling and Golf Club Ltd.</p> <p>That Council authorise the Mayor and General Manager to sign any lease or licence under the Common Seal of Council.</p>	<p>December 2017 target will not be met.</p> <p>Timeframe to be reviewed.</p> <p>Staff working on this subject to resources available.</p> <p>Discussions commenced with Club Board to resolve the issue.</p>

<b>COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS 9 MARCH 2017</b>					
<b>NUMBER</b>	<b>ITEM</b>	<b>RESOLUTION NUMBER</b>	<b>ACTION BY</b>	<b>ACTION REQUIRED</b>	<b>OUTCOME</b>
1007	Council – Clause 7B – Expenditure for Roads Network	59.3.2017	<b>DES</b>	That a Rest Area be built along The Wool Track and that it be named after Duncan Gay.	The Wool Track application was submitted on 31/12/2019 – Rest Area incident in submission. May 2020 funding announcement expected.

<b>COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS 28 SEPTEMBER 2017</b>					
<b>NUMBER</b>	<b>ITEM</b>	<b>RESOLUTION</b>	<b>ACTION BY</b>	<b>ACTION REQUIRED</b>	<b>OUTCOME</b>

		NUMBER			
1092	Council Meeting – Clause 12A – Minutes of Economic Taskforce Meeting	248.9.2017	PC	<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 150<sup>th</sup> 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</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>Council has submitted a grant application through Fixing Country Roads to address the upgrade required – Awaiting approval.</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>

				across mine sites and reduce the costs of doing business in Cobar. Discuss options for implementing the ideas with the mines in Cobar Shire.	
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**COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS 22 FEBRUARY 2018**

<b>NUMBER</b>	<b>ITEM</b>	<b>RESOLUTION NUMBER</b>	<b>ACTION BY</b>	<b>ACTION REQUIRED</b>	<b>OUTCOME</b>
1131	Council Meeting – Clause 5A – Development Application 2018/LD-00004	13.2.2018	<b>DPES</b>	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**

<b>NUMBER</b>	<b>ITEM</b>	<b>RESOLUTION NUMBER</b>	<b>ACTION BY</b>	<b>ACTION REQUIRED</b>	<b>OUTCOME</b>
1141	Council Meeting – Notice of Motion – Government Incentive Programs for Attracting Health Care Professionals to the Region	46.3.2018	<b>GM</b>	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 Cobar 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 supported the Gwydir Council in providing representation to Canberra to raise the issue.  Deputy Mayor and General Manager addressed the Premier and Deputy



					Premier at Narromine recently on this matter and was accepted as a regional and NSW problem that they are working on.
1142	Council Meeting – Notice of Motion – Installation of an Independent Pedestrian Crossing	47.3.2018	<b>GM</b>	That Council write to John Holland Rail, being the entity that maintains the RailCorp assets for Rural NSW, to increase the width to accommodate two vehicles crossing at same time on the level crossing on Bourke Road between Railway Parade South and Railway Parade North and install an independent pedestrian crossing.	Negotiations between John Holland Rail, RMS and Council has commenced.  RMS have provided funding for the approaches – Council now seeking John Holland to contribute to the installation of pedestrian crossings.  RMS being consulted to provide funding for the project.

**COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS 28 JUNE 2018**

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

**COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS 28 FEBRUARY 2019**

<b>NUMBER</b>	<b>ITEM</b>	<b>RESOLUTION NUMBER</b>	<b>ACTION BY</b>	<b>ACTION REQUIRED</b>	<b>OUTCOME</b>
1269	Council Meeting - Clause 13A – Raw Water Supply to Dalton Park Horse Complex	25.2.2019	<b>GO</b>	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**

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

**COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS 23 MAY 2019**

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

#### COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS 27 JUNE 2019

NUMBER	ITEM	RESOLUTION NUMBER	ACTION BY	ACTION REQUIRED	OUTCOME
1299	Council Meeting – Clause 10A – Allocation Forecast and Ramifications	122.6.2019	AWSM	Investigate the costs associated with purchasing raw water from upstream users.	No action to date.

#### 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.

#### COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS 22 AUGUST 2019

NUMBER	ITEM	RESOLUTION NUMBER	ACTION BY	ACTION REQUIRED	OUTCOME
1312	Council Meeting – Notice of Motion – Support for the Introduction of FIFO Legislation	170.8.2019	GM	That Council write to the Premier and the Minister to seek their support in introducing legislation similar to the Queensland Government in relation to the new FIFO laws which reinforce local jobs for communities (Strong and Sustainable Resources Community Act QLD).	No action to date.

**COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS COUNCIL MEETING 13 DECEMBER 2019**

NUMBER	ITEM	RESOLUTION NUMBER	ACTION BY	ACTION REQUIRED	OUTCOME
1345	Council Meeting – Clause 3A – Local Traffic Committee	267.12.2019	ADES	<p>That Council resolve to adopt the following recommendations from the Local Traffic Committee:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ That Council write to RMS to change the pedestrian crossing at Cobar Public School to a children’s crossing during school times only;</li> <li>▪ That Council in partnership with RMS investigate implementing a 40km/h High Pedestrian Activity Area (HPAA) in the CBD area of Cobar on Marshall Street.</li> </ul>	<p>Concurrence received from Public School that pedestrian crossing on Blakey Street should be a children’s crossing during School times only.</p> <p>Letter to RMS sent for approval.</p>

**COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS COUNCIL MEETING 27 FEBRUARY 2020**

<b>NUMBER</b>	<b>ITEM</b>	<b>RESOLUTION NUMBER</b>	<b>ACTION BY</b>	<b>ACTION REQUIRED</b>	<b>OUTCOME</b>
1356	Council Meeting – Clause 9A – Cobar Water Storage Investigation	16.2.2020	<b>ADES</b>	That Council engage Tonkin Consulting to complete stage one of the Cobar Water Storage Investigation as an addition to the scope of the development of a project brief.	No action to date.

**COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS ADJOURNED COUNCIL MEETING 26 MARCH 2020 HELD ON 9 APRIL 2020**

<b>NUMBER</b>	<b>ITEM</b>	<b>RESOLUTION NUMBER</b>	<b>ACTION BY</b>	<b>ACTION REQUIRED</b>	<b>OUTCOME</b>
1363	Council Meeting – Rescission Motion – Lease of Town Hall Cinema Building, 5 Barton Street, Cobar NSW 2835	40.3.2020	<b>GM</b>	<p>That the matter be rescinded.</p> <p><i>33COW.11.2019</i></p> <p><b>RESOLVED:</b></p> <p><i>That Council authorise the General Manager to enter into a new lease with Western Studio of Performing Arts, in respect of the Town Hall Cinema Building being substantially consistent with the existing lease for a term of up to two (2) years with an option for a third year, with the rental increased to \$820.00 monthly (with annual CPI Increases) at the start of the new lease term.</i></p>	Matter Rescinded – No further action required.

				<p><i>That Council authorise the Mayor and General Manager to sign all relevant lease Agreement documentation for Town Hall Cinema, 5 Barton Street, Cobar under the Common Seal of Council.</i></p> <p><i>That the information contained within this report remains confidential within the Committee of the Whole Closed Council.</i></p>	
1364	Council Meeting – Rescission Motion – Lease of Town Hall Cinema Building, 5 Barton Street, Cobar NSW 2835	41.3.2020	GM	<p>In place of the rescinded motion:</p> <p>That the Lease be offered at the same rental amount for a lease term of 12 months by 12 months.</p> <p>That Council authorise the Mayor and General Manager to sign all relevant lease Agreement documentation for Town Hall Cinema, 5 Barton Street, Cobar under the Common Seal of Council.</p>	New lease being prepared – No further action required.
1365	Council Meeting – Clause 2A – New Cobar Complex Community Consultative Committee Delegate	43.3.2020	GM	That Council appoint Councillor Julie Payne to the New Cobar Complex Community Consultative Committee.	Councillor Julie Payne to the New Cobar Complex Community Consultative Committee appointed – No further action required.
1366	Council Meeting – Clause 4A – Cobar Sound Chapel Project – Lot 287 in DP914515	45.3.2020	DPES	That Council authorise the General Manager to enter into a licence agreement or licence agreements with Cobar Sound Chapel Limited to occupy Lot 287 in DP914515.	Licence being prepared for signing – No further action required.

				<p>That the Mayor and General Manager be authorised to execute relevant documents under the Common seal of Council.</p> <p>That no licence fee or rent be charged in respect of the current and 2020/2021 financial years subject to Council reviewing its position regarding a licence fee or rent thereafter on an annual basis.</p>	
1367	Council Meeting – Committee of the Whole Closed Council – Clause 1C – Section 713 – Sale of Land at Auction	59.3.2020 13COW.3.2020	OC	<p>That Council offer the land in the first instance to the adjoining owners at a price which is sufficient to cover the legal costs.</p> <p>That should the adjoining owners decline the offer, the General Manager and Mayor be authorised to sell them.</p> <p>That the details remain within the Committee of the Whole Closed Council until all parcels of land are sold.</p>	Letters will be sent to adjoining owners to see if they wish to purchase the unsold items from Sale of Land Auction.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

**That the information contained in the monthly status report be received and noted, with the following items to be removed: 1363, 1364, 1365 and 1366.**

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**CLAUSE 3B – INVESTMENT REPORT AS AT 31 MARCH 2020****FILE: B2-7****AOP REFERENCE: 3.1.1.7****ATTACHMENT: NO****AUTHOR: *Financial Accountant, Sandra Davey*****Purpose**

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

**Issues**

The table below shows the balances of Council's Investments as at the end of March 2020. Term deposits have differing terms to spread the maturity dates throughout the year. The amount restricted in the Audited Financial Report for Employee Leave Entitlements is \$444,000.

Investments for October	Rate	Bank	Opening Balance	Transfers to Investment	Transfers from Investment	Interest Earned	Closing Balance
NAB Sweep Acct		NAB	\$ 3,735,116	\$ 3,000,291	\$ 3,302,290	\$ 1,426	\$ 3,434,543
Jun-20	1.40%	NAB	\$ 1,008,119	\$ 1,000,000	\$ 1,008,119	\$ 1,112	\$ 1,001,112
Aug-20	1.80%	AMP	\$ 2,002,466			\$ 3,061	\$ 2,005,527
Mar-20	1.60%	NAB	\$ 2,006,934		\$ 2,006,934	\$ -	-\$ 0
Aug-20	1.55%	NAB	\$ 3,001,529			\$ 3,951	\$ 3,005,480
Aug-20	1.65%	Auswide	\$ 2,001,447			\$ 2,805	\$ 2,004,251
Aug-20	1.60%	ME	\$ 2,000,438			\$ 2,718	\$ 2,003,157
Apr-20	1.58%	NAB	\$ 2,002,597			\$ 2,687	\$ 2,005,285
Apr-20	1.60%	NAB	\$ 2,003,245			\$ 2,722	\$ 2,005,967
Jun-20	1.58%	NAB	\$ 1,001,905			\$ 1,344	\$ 1,003,250
Jun-20	1.70%	AMP	\$ 1,007,028			\$ 1,439	\$ 1,008,468
Aug-20	1.80%	AMP	\$ 1,000,592			\$ 1,530	\$ 1,002,121
Jun-20	1.70%	AMP	\$ 1,007,028			\$ 1,439	\$ 1,008,468
<b>TOTALS</b>	Average Int	<b>1.63%</b>	<b>\$23,778,444</b>	<b>\$4,000,291</b>	<b>\$6,317,343</b>	<b>\$26,237</b>	<b>\$21,487,630</b>

*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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**Financial Accountant****RECOMMENDATION**

**That Council receive and note the Investment Report as at 31 March 2020.**



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**CLAUSE 4B – BANK RECONCILIATION, CASH FLOW & LOAN FACILITY  
SUMMARIES AS AT 31 MARCH 2020**

**FILE: B2-7**

**AOP REFERENCE: 3.1.1.5**

**ATTACHMENT: NO**

**AUTHOR: *Financial Accountant, Sandra Davey***

**Purpose**

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

**Issues**

**Bank Reconciliation**

Balance as per Bank Statement	10,000
Add Outstanding Deposits & Receipting	1,329
Less Unpresented Cheques	(0)
<b>Reconciled Balance</b>	<b>11,329</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 and that the reconciliations have been recorded.*



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Financial Accountant

**Monthly Total Funds Available for the Last 12 Months**

Month	Investment Balances	Operating Account	Total Available Funds
Mar 19	18,000,631	9,011	18,009,642
Apr 19	19,443,263	9,382	19,452,645
May 19	18,397,880	12,261	18,410,141
June 19	23,661,843	14,072	23,675,915
July 19	24,031,003	18,852	24,049,855
Aug 19	24,556,636	17,069	24,573,705
Sep 19	23,822,866	15,272	23,838,158
Oct 19	22,180,056	10,983	22,191,039
Nov 19	23,339,553	30,254	23,369,807
Dec 19	22,492,655	12,535	22,505,190
Jan 20	22,939,191	(21,346)	22,917,845
Feb 20	23,778,444	13,581	23,792,025
Mar 20	21,487,630	11,329	21,498,959

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

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### Cash Flow

March		Description	Forecast
Forecast	Actual		April
13,581	13,581	Bank Balance Forward	11,329
100,000	0	FAG / R2R / RMCC	100,000
14,637	14,637	RMS Agency	14,637
150,000	89,324	Rates /Water/User Charges	150,000
150,000	364,253	Private Works/Debtors	150,000
180,000	175,327	LBV – Residents Fees & Subsidies	180,000
250,000	344,737	Child Care/In Home Care	150,000
1,000,000	2,317,051	Net Movement of Investments	1,000,000
400,000	458,826	Sundry Income & Grants	400,000
		<i>Less</i>	
(2,500,000)	(2,629,907)	Creditors	(2,500,000)
(780,000)	(1,159,158)	Wages / Salaries	(780,000)
10,000	11,329	Bank Reconciliation Cr/(Dr)	10,000

### Loan Facility Report as at 31 March 2020

Swimming Pool and Street Upgrade Loan (6.22%) <i>Principal and Interest = \$22,265</i>	(873,851.50)
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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 March 2020.

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**CLAUSE 5B – PURCHASING ANALYSIS OF CONTRACTORS****FILE: T3-15-6****AOP REFERENCE: 3.3.4****ATTACHMENT: NO****AUTHOR: *Financial Accountant, Sandra Davey*****Purpose**

The purpose of this report is to provide information on the for works let over \$80,000 inclusive of GST.

**Background**

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

These Contractors and Suppliers are engaged by quotations for small projects and tenders for larger projects following Councils Procurement Policy.

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

The table below indicates the contractors and suppliers that were engaged for services over \$80,000 inclusive of GST for the period 1 July 2019 – 31 March 2020 and the method of procurement used:

<b>Contractor</b>	<b>Description of Works and Method of Procurement</b>	<b>Current Month</b>	<b>2019/2020</b>
Broughton Contracting	Plant Hire (Tender)	\$11,819	\$176,996
Urquhart Haulage Contractors	Haulage (Tender)	\$0	\$423,048
Rollers Australia	Plant Hire (Tender)	\$18,394	\$188,365
Cobar Toyota	Vehicle Purchases	\$96	\$175,225
Stabilised Pavements of Australia	Pavement Stabilising (Tender)	\$0	\$190,790
Look No Further	Labour Hire	\$0	\$95,546
Sainsbury Automotive	Vehicle Purchases	\$13,790	\$302,594
NSW Public Works (now DPI Public Works)	Government Consulting Services	\$0	\$114,763
L & R Group	Pool Management (Tender)	\$40,334	\$261,786
JC Aus Plumbing	Plumbing Work	\$0	\$125,758
BTX Group	Chemicals	\$24,706	\$106,372
TA Booth Transport	Water Cart Hire (Tender)	\$60,896	\$254,746
Killeen Plant Hire	Acres Billabong (Tender)	\$0	\$232,782
Access Environmental Planning	Bore Licensing	\$0	\$123,100
Laurie Curran Water	Water Treatment Plant (Tender)	\$0	\$110,988
Inland Petroleum	Fuel (Tender)	\$171,417	\$654,736
Rosmech Sales and Services	Purchase of Street Sweeper (Tender)	\$0	\$366,277

<b>Contractor</b>	<b>Description of Works and Method of Procurement</b>	<b>Current Month</b>	<b>2019/2020</b>
Marsdens Law Group	Legal Services (Tender)	\$0	\$180,961
Dunn and Hillam Architects	Various Projects (Youth Centre, Early Learning Centre) (Quotes)	\$12,228	\$147,046
Exeloo	Drummond Park Toilet	\$0	\$133,650
Crushrite	Gravel Crushing (Tender)	\$346,349	\$734,765
Earth Moving Equipment	Purchase of Backhoe	\$4,917	\$187,187
Department of Planning and Industry – Public Works	Government Consulting Services	\$181,103	\$440,041
Central Darling Shire Council	Road Works	\$0	\$120,215
JR May Earthmoving	Plant Hire (Tender)	\$24,332	\$102,179
Cramptons Carpets	Furnishings	\$90,000	\$90,000
As Per Plan Construction	Construction Work	\$30,095	\$92,671
Ben Broek Carpenter	Mt Hope Toilets	\$105,840	\$105,840
Killard Infrastructure	Reticulation (Tender)	\$253,259	\$253,259

### **RECOMMENDATION**

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

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**CLAUSE 6B – LOCAL TRAFFIC COMMITTEE MINUTES**

**FILE: C6-1    AOP REFERENCE: 3.1    ATTACHMENT: YES (PAGE 46-53)**

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

**Purpose**

To inform Council of Local Traffic Committee recommendations from the February 2020 meeting.

**Background**

Councillors and Council Staff are required to represent Council at Local Traffic Committee Meetings.

Attached to this report are the Local Traffic Committee Minutes and Status Reports from the meeting held on Tuesday, 18 February 2020.

**RECOMMENDATION**

- 1. That the Minutes and Status Report of the Local Traffic Committee be received and noted.**
- 2. That Council resolve to adopt the following recommendations from the Local Traffic Committee:**
  - 1. That Council adopt the recommendation from the Local Traffic Committee requesting that parking between Khans Supermarket in Linsley Street and to the Corner of Linsley Street and Marshall St be changed from rear to kerb parking to parallel parking;**
  - 2. That Council adopt the recommendation from the Local Traffic Committee to approve the use of the taxi rank by Country Link public transport;**
  - 3. That Council adopt the recommendation from the Local Traffic Committee to investigate three potential sites for a disabled parking spaces at the Western end of Marshall Street.**

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

**FILE: R5-31**

**AOP REFERENCE: 4.3.2**

**ATTACHMENT: YES  
(PAGE 54-58)**

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

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

### **Purpose**

To inform Council of completed and ongoing Engineering works for the period of March 2020.

### **Background**

#### **State Highways**

##### **Maintenance Work**

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

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

##### **Maintenance Work**

- Maintenance/Spot Grading – SR9, SR10, SR23 and SR37.

##### **Construction Work**

- SR20 Grain Road 12km Seal Extension Project – gravel spreading and shaping of base layer is complete. Stabilising works have commenced on site with 2km of road sealed.

#### **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**;
- 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 approximately 2.1 ML per day. Odds and Evens Water Restrictions with hand watering only between 4pm and 6pm have been introduced for Cobar to ensure demand is controlled. Burrendong Dam level 15.9%.

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### **Urban Services (Parks, Gardens, Waste and Airport):**

- Cleaning contractor for public facilities has been engaged as of week of 14/04/2020 and will ramp up as they employ more staff;
- COVID-19 segregation controls put into place at the airport to prevent people on separate flights from interacting with each other;
- Vegetation growth has been high with rain, so mowing and clean up has been limited to priority areas and therefore some areas overgrown. Cemetery works have also increased with some subsidence due to heavy rain and slowing new excavation works.

### **Electrical:**

- Advertising and recruiting on hold until COVID-19 situation is over;
- Working on pricing for Hermidale Pump Station upgrade with solar, as this appears the most viable area for solar. Holding off a little to confirm Nyngan upgrade, so we use the same materials and similar design;
- Standalone solar systems have been failing with cloudy and rainy weather, particularly cemetery gate and CCTV.

### **Workshop (Mobile Fleet Maintenance):**

- Updated maintenance service agreements have been received from Westrac based on plant life cycle at Cobar Shire Council. Decision has been made to proceed with these on the 4 newest graders only;
- New CAT 2D maintenance grader has been delivered to Euabalong Depot;
- Old CAT grader from Euabalong Depot has been sold at auction;
- New CAT 3D construction grader has been delivered to Cobar Depot;
- Old Volvo 3D construction grader will be sold on completion of Grain Road works in approximately one month;
- The waste dump CAT 928 loader has a few issues that will be costly to repair properly (engine internal coolant leak, quick hitch has multiple cracks and beyond repair, etc) Bringing forward plan to replace this machine ASAP. Investigation and enquiries with other towns suggests there is not 1 suitable machine to carry out all requirements of a waste dump and at least 2 machines are required. Given our current budget constraints we are targeting to purchase a suitable landfill compactor only and as such we are looking specifically at BOMAG Refuse Compactor.

### **Cobar Shire Council Depot Compound Works:**

- Revisiting planned heavy vehicle route for depot to ensure this suits with truck wash;
- New power supply to rear compound being investigated to supply truck wash, raw water transfer pump (storages to filtration plant) and emulsion plant.



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## **Resources for Regions**

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

- The New Water Treatment Plant is operational and Council staff are operating the plant. The contractor, Laurie Curran Water (LCW) is providing ongoing training for Council operators. The completion of the access road to the water plant has been delayed;
- The total expenditure to the end of March 2020, on the contract by LCW is \$11,711,398. The EPA ordered more comprehensive testing to be undertaken on the soil in late 2019. LCW have provided the result of the testing in February 2020. The results are non-compliant against the Excavated Natural Material Order 2014. EPA's legal team is currently drafting a clean-up notice and it is expected to be released by April 2020.

## **RECOMMENDATION**

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

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

To provide Council with an update on the infrastructure projects budgets and expenditure as at 31 March 2020.

**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**

	<b>Restart NSW Funding</b>	<b>Cobar Shire Council Funding</b>	<b>Expended as at 31 March 2020</b>	<b>Project Status</b>
Water Treatment Plant (WTP)	\$15,750,000	\$200,000	\$11,711,398	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- The WTP is operational. Minor defects will be fixed by the contractor, operator training is ongoing.</li><li>- Testing of the imported fill is being undertaken by EPA. NSW Health has advised that the recycled water is safe for recycling in the WTP.</li><li>- Construction of the road to the WTP will be completed in September 2020 subject to the EPA's clean up notice.</li><li>- The WTP was officially opened by the Deputy Premier and Mayor 2 October 2019.</li></ul>
Sewerage Scheme Refurbishments Expansion and upgrade	\$2,100,000	\$500,000	\$633,371	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- The Ward Oval Pump Station refurbishment and Lagoon upgrade have been completed.</li><li>- Application to change scope of works to include upgrade of all sewer pump stations and pre-treatment screening for sewer influent has been approved.</li><li>- Tender awarded to Precision Civil. Procurement for project is currently underway.</li></ul>

Water Mains Cleaning and Replacement and Water Storage Refurbishment Project	\$6,900,000	\$0	\$1,321,774	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Killard Infrastructure Pty Ltd have been awarded the reticulation project. Killard have commenced work and expected to be completed in August 2020.</li> <li>- Reservoirs are currently in design. Expected to tender in May/June 2020.</li> </ul>
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**RECOMMENDATION**

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

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**CLAUSE 10B – THIRD QUARTERLY REVIEW OF THE ANNUAL OPERATIONAL PLAN 2019/2020 (Q3)**

**FILE: L5-22**

**AOP REFERENCE: 3.1**

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

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

**Purpose**

To provide Council with a detailed review of all actions outlined in the Annual Operational Plan 2019/2020 for the second quarter (ie January to March 2020).

**Background**

At the June 2019 Ordinary Council Meeting, Council adopted the 2019/2020 Annual Operational Plan (AOP) and Budget. Council is obligated to review the AOP and Budget each quarter, under the NSW Integrated Planning and Reporting legislation and guidelines. It should be remembered that this review is only for the period January to March 2020 and does not cover actions or activities that have occurred since then. However, the attachment to this report aims to highlight major issues that may arise in Q4 of 2019/2020.

**Issues**

Each responsible officer has provided the attached review of their operations. All actions outlined in the AOP have been addressed and statistics are provided where appropriate.

**Legal Situation**

Council must review the AOP six monthly and the budget quarterly as per the NSW Integrated Planning and Reporting guidelines. Council chooses to review the AOP in line with the budget.

**Policy Implications**

The report outlines what has been achieved to date, what has not been achieved and why, and highlights any concerns regarding the actions in the AOP. Councillors are encouraged to read through the report to get an understanding of where each of the actions has progressed to and to understand any possible issues that may need addressing in future quarters.

**Financial Implications**

Any financial implications are outlined in the budget review.

**Risk Implication**

Any risks to achieving outcomes are listed in the report attachment.

COVID-19 has had a significant impact in Council's operation in late Q3 and it is unknown as to when the impact of the pandemic will be relieved.

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**RECOMMENDATION**

**That Council receives and notes the third quarterly review of the 2019/2020 Annual Operational Plan, covering the period January to March 2020.**

**CLAUSE 11B – GRANT FUNDING**

FILE: G4-17

AOP REFERENCE: 3.1.1.3

ATTACHMENT: NO

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

<b>Grant and Department</b>	<b>Activity</b>	<b>Amount Applied For</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Council Funding Required</b>	<b>Deadline for project, comment</b>
<b>Grants Applied for</b>					
Transport NSW	Construction of two new bus shelters:  1. Cobar High School – Mopone Street; 2. Cobar TAFE – Bathurst Street.	New shelter – maximum grant value \$11,000.  Upgrade Shelter – maximum grant value \$2,200.	Pending	No co-contribution.	Outcome anticipated May 2020.
NSW Government Stronger Country Communities Fund – Round 3	Cobar Youth and Fitness Centre Upgrade – Stage 2.	\$388,147	Pending	No co-contribution	Council have actively sought an update for the outcome of this application. We have been advised that the middle of May 2020 will be the latest we will be notified.
NSW Government Stronger Country Communities Fund – Round 3	Youth Development Officer – 18-month tenure.	\$165,647	Pending	No co-contribution.	Council have actively sought an update for the outcome of this application. We have been advised that the middle of May 2020 will be the latest we will be notified.
NSW	Euabalong Scenic Walking	\$222,500	Pending	No co-contribution.	Council have actively

Government Stronger Country Communities Fund – Round 3	Trail.				sought an update for the outcome of this application. We have been advised that the middle of May 2020 will be the latest we will be notified.
NSW Government – Transport for NSW, Fixing Local Roads	SR6 – Pulpulla Road – sealing Pulpulla Road from the Barrier Highway to the entrance into Mount Grenfell Reserve.	\$5,000,000	Pending	\$568,500	Outcome expected May 2020.
NSW Government – Transport for NSW, Fixing Local Roads	SR26 – completion of sealing Wilga Downs Road – 13.8km.	\$2,685,225	Pending	\$300,000	Outcome expected May 2020.
Building Better Regions Fund	Ward Oval Community Hub – including Early Learning Precinct.	\$6,732,075	Pending	\$55,000 (if this grant is successful, it will also include \$745,000 committed to the Ward Oval upgrades, and the \$4,255,000 from Growing Local Economies Fund), \$30,000 from Kubby House Childcare Centre, \$25,000 from Cobar Blues Football and Netball Club.	Total project cost: \$11,842,075. Outcome expected July 2020.
Fixing Country Roads	The Wool Track.	\$51,362,500	Pending	\$1,500,000 Cobar Shire Council over three years.	Total project \$53,462,500 – outcome anticipated May 2020.

				\$600,000 Central Darling Shire over three years.	
BBRF – Community investment stream	Proposal to develop an Economic Resiliency Strategy for Cobar Shire Council.	\$67,324.00	Pending	\$22,442	Outcome anticipated May 2020.
Active Transport	Construction of Bathurst Street footpath – from the Caravan corner to Cobar TAFE.	\$166,057	Pending	\$60,000 from council’s footpath budget to be contributed if successful.	Outcome anticipated May 2020.
Active Transport	Construction of pedestrian refuge at the intersection of Maidens and Woodiwiss Avenue.	\$52,924	Pending	\$10,000 from council’s footpath budget to be contributed if successful.	Outcome anticipated May 2020.
Local Government Authorities Arts and Cultural Funding	Continued Museum Upgrades.	\$426,414.00	Pending	Nil for this application.	Outcome expected July 2020.
Drought Communities Program – Extension	Applied for nine projects as passed at the February council meeting.	\$1,000,000	Pending	Nil for this application.	Outcome expected May 2020.



### Grant Outcomes

Grant and Department	Activity	Amount Applied For	Status	Council Funding Required	Comment
<b>Grants Announced</b>					
Growing Local Economies Fund	Design and costing of new Industrial Estate for Cobar.	\$150,000	Successful	Nil.	Monies allocated to develop a design and costing for the proposed new Industrial Estate.
Regional Arts NSW – CASP	Crafting Cobar Workshops – celebrating 150 years of our town.	\$5,000	Successful	In-kind \$2,280 for volunteers and venue.	Notified of successful application on 2 December 2019. Unsure of direction as a result of COVID-19.
Regional Arts NSW – CASP	Metal Smithing in a Mining Town workshop.	\$1,990	Successful	In-kind \$1,880 for volunteers and venue.	Notified of successful application on 2 December 2019. Unsure of direction as a result of COVID-19.

### **Community Grants (applications assisted by Council):**

### Grant Outcomes

Grant and Department	Activity	Amount Applied For	Status	Council Funding Required	Comment
<b>Grants Announced</b>					
Infrastructure Grant through the NSW Club Grants	Cobar Miners Race Club – Amenities block.	\$253,000	Successful	In-kind – Review of Environmental Factors (REF).	Notified of successful application on 13 March 2020.
Regional Agricultural Show Development Grants Program	Cobar Show Society – Upgrades and ticketing booths (upgrades to only affect	\$124,589.28	Pending	\$26,147.32	Additional information was requested on 23

	infrastructure that will remain after Ward Oval upgrades).				January 2020, this was supplied on the same day. Expected outcome by May 2020.
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### Current Grant Opportunities:

- **Infrastructure Grant through the NSW Club Grants** – is funding for infrastructure that is accessible and available to the general public the majority of the time. This funding is broken into three categories, being Arts and Culture; Disaster Readiness and Community Infrastructure, and Sport and Recreation. Cobar Shire Council are working on an application for funding to shade the Euabalong Park.
- **Combatting Social Isolation (previously Seniors staying social, amended due to COVID-19)** – One-off grants from \$10,000 to \$100,000 are available for organisations to deliver programs that provide quality social connection opportunities for seniors during social isolation - both online or not-online (for those that don't have access or capability). To be commenced in mid to late May.
- **COVID-19 – Aged Care Support Program** – this program will reimburse eligible aged care providers for eligible expenditure incurred on managing direct impacts of COVID-19. The Program will run over 2 years from 2019/2020 to 2020/2021. The Program will assist Residential Aged Care providers that are subject to direct COVID-19 impacts, to deliver continuity of safe quality care for consumers.

### Grant Funded Projects – Implementation:

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

- **RCF Rd 1 Museum project** – Drawings and Gantt Chart (timeline) developed to map out the program and major milestones including Development Application (DA), Tendering, Construction to reopening. DA has been lodged with Council. Architects are working with specialist consultants to get tender documents ready. Project on target.
- **Heritage Near Me** – Museum accessibility project – being incorporated into above. Submitted as one DA for the Museum project. Council have received quotations and will appoint successful contractor soon. Ramp to be constructed by 30 June 2020.
- **RCF Rd 2 Exhibition Upgrade** – as above for RCF Rd 1.
- **North West JO Tourism Fund** – as above for RCF Rd 1 and RCF Rd 2 Exhibition Upgrade.
- **Miners Memorial** – Working with Architect and Engineers to finalise the second design with identified cost savings. After the plans are finalised, the Contractor will be asked to requote based on the changes.
- **SCCF – Toilet project** – Drummond Park Toilet installed. Shade structure still be installed over head.
- **SCCF – Girl Guides Hall** – Renovation of existing house. Architectural Design complete. Quantity Surveyor cost estimate completed. Development Application has been approved. Tender is now open for submissions until 21 April 2020.

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- **SCCF – Youthie Upgrade – SCCF** – DA has been lodged. On budget, progressing slowly due to change in scope (removed upstairs accessibility).
  - **Ward Oval** – The Architect is working on finalising drawings. DA to be lodged. Project continuing to proceed and be ready pending outcome of the BBRF grant.
  - **Safe and Secure Water Fund** – Tender awarded to Killards Pty Ltd, was accepted to undertake the pipe replacement and has commenced the contract with an expected completion date of August 2020. The Reservoir project is currently in design phase and is expected to be out to tender in May/ June 2020.
  - **Restart NSW – Water Scoping Study, Euabalong, Euabalong West and Nymagee** – Draft reports have been received, hydrology analysis still being conducted.
  - **Museums and Galleries of NSW – Museum Advisor Program** – A qualified Curator for a 1 year duration will provide professional guidance and curatorial advice – for new exhibitions. Successful applicant appointed. Lynn has now visited several times and is working with Council remotely also.
  - **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. Program started on 24 January 2020, running each fortnight, Friday nights from 9pm – 12pm. For 12yrs and older. Very well attended. Currently on hold, to recommence for remainder weeks after COVID-19.
  - **Growing Local Economies Fund** – Ward Oval Facility upgrades, currently preparing details (project delivery plan, budget and detailed scope of works) so the Funding Deed can be completed. Works not scheduled to begin until results for BBRF are released.
  - **Infrastructure NSW – Fixing Country Roads** – Sealing the Grain Road, construction is continuing onsite, mixing and sealing commenced, project to be completed by 30 June 2020.
  - **Drought Projects** – Projects now completed and acquitted. Extension was applied for, for Main Street Shade Structure however this was unsuccessful.
  - **Mt Hope Community Hall Toilets** – completed.

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

## **RECOMMENDATION**

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

**CLAUSE 12B – RATES RECONCILIATION REPORT AS AT 31 MARCH 2020**

FILE: R2-1

AOP REFERENCE: 3.1.1.6

ATTACHMENT: YES (PAGE 59-60)

AUTHOR: *Office Coordinator, Jo-Louise Brown***Purpose**

To provide Council details of the Rate Reconciliation as at 31 March 2020.

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		11,250.78	1,335.00	426,895.24	97,520.20	396,421.37	127,994.07	145,842.96	24.41%
Farmland	698,230.15		7,052.67	4,092.75	695,270.23	73,559.35	599,769.93	169,059.65	184,946.79	21.99%
Mining	1,735,921.14		-	-	1,735,921.14	400,201.22	1,690,566.60	445,555.76	856,326.74	20.86%
Residential	1,179,217.90	44,774.15	91,332.34	722.79	1,043,834.20	271,211.66	935,574.48	379,471.38	477,003.86	28.86%
Overpayments					-	-151,345.91	- 55,267.86	-96,078.05	-82,997.37	63.48%
Legal Costs			67,493.68	89,733.48	22,239.80	56,474.67	38,689.16	40,025.31	54,401.82	50.85%
Interest			63,116.36	23,216.66	39,899.70	178,709.75	78,903.48	59,906.57	131,493.63	43.16%
<b>General Rates</b>	<b>4,050,180.21</b>	<b>44,774.15</b>	<b>240,245.83</b>	<b>119,100.68</b>	<b>3,884,260.91</b>	<b>926,330.94</b>	<b>3,684,657.16</b>	<b>1,125,934.69</b>	<b>1,767,018.43</b>	<b>23.41%</b>
<b>Domestic Waste</b>	<b>633,814.00</b>	<b>17,100.90</b>	<b>9,068.88</b>	<b>711.00</b>	<b>608,355.22</b>	<b>56,740.45</b>	<b>509,518.14</b>	<b>155,577.53</b>	<b>154,536.28</b>	<b>23.39%</b>
<b>Sewerage</b>	<b>648,400.00</b>	<b>17,784.36</b>	<b>1,386.70</b>	<b>106,289.45</b>	<b>735,518.39</b>	<b>123,076.03</b>	<b>671,004.68</b>	<b>187,589.74</b>	<b>253,543.19</b>	<b>21.85%</b>
Cobar Water	687,053.00	19,096.86	1,110.42	4,316.00	671,161.72	52,566.28	562,944.56	160,783.44	155,852.21	22.22%
Nymagee Water	28,308.00	525.00	6,398.56	-	21,384.44	14,193.81	22,481.45	13,096.80	18,536.90	36.81%
Euabalong Water	45,212.00	1,050.00	1,785.75	-	42,376.25	12,473.16	36,517.90	18,331.51	18,524.70	33.42%
Euab West Water	27,371.00	459.38	-	-	26,911.62	6,694.55	21,243.01	12,363.16	10,642.65	36.79%
Mt Hope Water	6,444.00	-	-	-	6,444.00	1,526.90	5,115.62	2,855.28	2,059.61	35.82%
<b>Water Access</b>	<b>794,388.00</b>	<b>21,131.24</b>	<b>9,294.73</b>	<b>4,316.00</b>	<b>768,278.03</b>	<b>87,454.70</b>	<b>648,302.54</b>	<b>207,430.19</b>	<b>205,616.07</b>	<b>24.24%</b>
<b>Water Usage</b>			<b>26,532.54</b>	<b>1,230,583.82</b>	<b>1,204,051.28</b>	<b>603,711.64</b>	<b>1,219,440.64</b>	<b>588,322.28</b>	<b>875,032.37</b>	<b>32.54%</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>6,126,782.21</b>	<b>100,790.65</b>	<b>286,528.68</b>	<b>1,461,000.95</b>	<b>7,200,463.83</b>	<b>1,797,313.76</b>	<b>6,732,923.16</b>	<b>2,264,854.43</b>	<b>3,255,746.34</b>	<b>25.17%</b>

**RECOMMENDATION****That the Rates Reconciliation Report as at the 31 March 2020 be received and noted.**



# **ATTACHMENTS**

## **ORDINARY MEETING AGENDA**

**THURSDAY 23 APRIL 2020**

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