



COBAR SHIRE COUNCIL

ORDINARY MEETING AGENDA

THURSDAY, 25 FEBRUARY 2021

~ ORDER OF BUSINESS ~

Business for the meeting will be as follows: Message from the Chair:

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1. Apologies
 - Councillor Peter Yench
 2. Declaration of Interests
 3. Condolences
 - Clr Lilliane Brady OAM (Mayor);
 - Judith Anne Martin;
 - Gladys May Betts;
 - Geoffrey Maitland Turton;
 - June Ada Fishpool;
 - Raymond Keith Carter;
 - James Alfred Phillips;
 - Hazel Collier;
 - James William Larkins;
 - Margaret Elizabeth Bourke.
 4. Public Access Forum
 5. Confirmation of Minutes
 - Ordinary Meeting of Council – Thursday, 10 December 2020.
 6. Matters Arising from Minutes
 7. Notice of Motions
 - Nil
 8. Mayoral Report
 9. General Manager's Report – Part A (Action)
 10. General Manager's Report – Part B (Information)
 11. General Manager's Report – Part C (Confidential)
 - Nil
 12. Matters of Urgency
 13. Correspondence
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~ COUNCIL'S VISION ~

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

~ COUNCIL'S MISSION ~

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

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

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

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

	Accountability	Communication	Effective Leadership	Integrity	Team Work
We Value	We are responsible for our actions, our behaviour and the satisfactory completion of allocated tasks	We communicate openly and respectfully, sharing timely and appropriate information with others	We lead by positive example, embodying all of Council's agreed Values	We are consistently honest, transparent, ethical and fair, regardless of the situation	We work collaboratively to achieve shared goals for Council and the community
My Behaviours	I actively participate in the organisation	I consider how I say it, why I say it, when I say it and where I say it	I act with courage, challenge the status quo and seek out ways to improve our organisation	I do and say the right thing, even when no one is watching	I share my knowledge, skills and experience with others
	I take full ownership of my role, including my mistakes, and learn from my actions	I listen actively and ask questions to gain a shared understanding	I support and encourage others to learn, develop and grow	I take personal responsibility for my own actions and behaviour	I support others to achieve goals and celebrate success
	I inspire excellence by performing my role with pride	I show empathy and consider things from others' point of view	I am approachable and treat others consistently and respectfully	I uphold strong moral principles and do what I say I am going to do	I consciously choose to work positively with others
	I acknowledge my actions and behaviour can impact and influence outcomes	I provide and receive timely, constructive feedback	I inspire and expect everyone to always do their best	I am professional, treating others just as I expect to be treated	I commit to working together to find solutions

~ COUNCIL'S CHARTER ~

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

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

CLAUSE 1A – MAYORAL REPORT

FILE: C13-1-5

AOP REFERENCE: 3.1

ATTACHMENT: NO

AUTHOR: *Mayor, Lilliane Brady OAM*

Reports to be tabled.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council accepts the information contained in the Mayoral Reports for the months of January and February 2021.

CLAUSE 2A – ELECTION OF THE MAYOR

FILE: C12-1

AOP REFERENCE: 3.1.5

ATTACHMENT: NO

AUTHOR: *General Manager, Peter Vlatko*

Background

Due to the passing of Mayor Lilliane Brady OAM the Local Government requires Council to appoint one of its members as the new Mayor.

Section 226 of the *Local Government Act 1993* (NSW) provides that the role of the Mayor is:

- To exercise, in cases of necessity, the policy-making functions of the governing body of the council between meetings of the council;
- To exercise such other functions of the council as the council determines;
- To preside at meetings of the council;
- To carry out the civic and ceremonial functions of the mayoral office.

The term of office for the Mayor will be for the period of 25 February 2021 to the September 2021 Special Meeting of Council where the newly formed Council will elect the Mayor and Deputy Mayor. The procedure for election is contained in the *Local Government (General) Regulation 2005* (Clause 394 and Schedule 7).

The General Manager or nominee acts as Returning Officer for the election. Such election is also to be carried out in accordance with the *Local Government (General) Regulation 2005*.

If more than one (1) Councillor is nominated for the Mayors position, Council must resolve whether the election is to proceed by preferential ballot, by ordinary ballot or by open voting. Council's normal practice has been to proceed by ordinary ballot.

It is also appropriate that any ballot papers used in the election of the Mayor be destroyed after the election.

Should the current Deputy Mayor be successful as the Mayor then Section 231 of the *Local Government Act 1993* (NSW) provides that Council may also elect a Deputy Mayor.

The procedure, if required, for the election of the Deputy Mayor is the same as the appointment of the Mayor.

The General Manager will advise of the nominations received.

RECOMMENDATION

- 1. That Council note that the General Manager or his nominee is the Returning Officer for the purpose of electing the Mayor/Deputy Mayor.**
- 2. In the event of more than one (1) nomination that Council conducts the election of the Mayor/Deputy Mayor by ordinary ballot and in accordance with the *Local Government (General) Regulations 2005*.**

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3. **If required that the period of appointment of the Deputy Mayor be consistent with the appointment of Mayor, being 25 February 2021 to the September 2021 Special Meeting of Council.**
 4. **That following the election the ballot papers used in the election of the Mayor and Deputy Mayor be destroyed.**

CLAUSE 3A – LOCAL TRAFFIC COMMITTEE

FILE: C6-14 AOP REFERENCE: 3.1 ATTACHMENTS: YES (PAGE 50)

AUTHOR: *General Manager, Peter Vlatko*

Purpose

To inform Council of Local Traffic Committee recommendations from the November 2020 and February 2021 meetings.

Background

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

Attached to this report are November 2020 and February 2021 Minutes and Status Reports.

RECOMMENDATION

1. That the recommendations from the Local Traffic Committee be received and noted.

2. That Council resolve:

November

- 1. That Council adopt the recommendation from the Local Traffic Committee requesting realignment of pedestrian across Northern side of Barton Street (Stationery Essentials and Inland Petroleum). See attached diagrams.**
- 2. That Council adopt the recommendation from the Local Traffic Committee to remove the marked pedestrian crossing on Marshall Street/ Bourke Street intersection and redirect pedestrian movement to cross Marshall Street mid-block between Barton and Bourke Streets.**

February

- 3. That Council adopt the recommendation from the Local Traffic Committee to install no stopping signs on the High School side of Wetherell Crescent operating between 8am-4pm, Monday to Friday.**

CLAUSE 4A – QUARTER 2 – 2020/2021 BUDGET REVIEW

FILE: L5-22 AOP REFERENCE: 3.3 ATTACHMENT: YES (PAGE 72)

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

Purpose

To present to Council the budget review for the second quarter of the 2020/2021 financial year. The resolved changes will be made to the budget which was adopted in June 2020 and adjusted with carried forward items and the first quarter budget review.

Background

Council is required to receive a budget review statement that shows the estimate of income and expenditure as set out in its Annual Operational Plan and a revised estimate of the income and expenditure for that year at the end of each quarter except the fourth quarter.

Appearing as attachments to this report are:

1. Section 94 Contribution details (Attachment 1);
2. A report from the Director of Finance and Community Services indicating that he believes the financial position is satisfactory having regard to the adopted estimates for the 2020/2021 year (Attachment 2);

Summary

A robust review of operating and capital expenditure for the first quarter of this financial year has been conducted. The outlook for the remaining portion of this financial year has also been reviewed.

Councillors receive monthly reports on expenditure on major projects and roads (operating and capital).

Capital

No new changes are recommended to the capital budget. There will be a timing difference with much of the grids program being work only partly completed this financial year. The Pulpulla Road project will also have delays and be a work in progress.

Operating – General Fund

In the light of continued low interest rates the interest income forecast needs to be reduced by \$100k.

Flood damage recovery has previously been advised to Council but not formally incorporated into the budget. A budget neutral adjustment of \$1.5 m is required.

No other material adjustments are recommended.

Operating – Water Fund

A rework of the Water Fund has revised the deficit from \$584k to \$2m. This is mostly caused by significantly reduced water sales and higher unit costs from the Cobar Water Board. The subject will have been workshopped prior to this meeting because of the long-term impact of the cost of water and lower volumes.

RECOMMENDATION

- 1. That the operating budget for the General Fund 2020/2021 be varied by
reducing interest income by \$100,000;
increasing road repair costs due to flood damage by \$1,500,000;
increasing grants income by \$1,500,000.**

- 2. That the operating forecast deficit for the Water Fund be increased by
\$1,416,000 to \$2,000,000.**

CLAUSE 1B – CODE OF CONDUCT REVIEWERS PANEL

FILE: P 5 -8

AOP REFERENCE: 3.1.5

ATTACHMENT: NO

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

Purpose

To advise Council of the outcome of the recent advertisement seeking appropriate persons to form a panel of independent code of conduct reviewers.

Background

It is a requirement of our Code of Conduct framework to form a panel of independent reviewers. As a minimum an advertisement must be placed in the local press and in the Sydney Metropolitan Area seeking interested persons.

This advertising was conducted but no responses were received. The code of conduct coordinator will now make direct contact with other Councils with a view of sharing panel members.

In the meantime, any code of conduct complaint which requires referral will be referred to the Office of Local Government. It is to be noted that not all complaints received require referral - for example eleven received in late 2020 were dealt with under internal delegations.

RECOMMENDATION

That the report Code of Conduct Reviewers Panel be received and noted.

CLAUSE 2B – MONTHLY STATUS REPORT

FILE: C13-10

AOP REFERENCE: 3.1

ATTACHMENT: NO

AUTHOR: *General Manager, Peter Vlatko*

COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS 25 SEPTEMBER 2014					
NUMBER	ITEM	RESOLUTION NUMBER	ACTION BY	ACTION REQUIRED	OUTCOME
627	Council – Clause 10A – Adoption of Management Plan for Lot 18 DP213415	188.9.2014	GM	<p>That Council authorise the General Manager to negotiate a lease or licence for an appropriate term and conditions with the Cobar Bowling and Golf Club Ltd.</p> <p>That Council authorise the Mayor and General Manager to sign any lease or licence under the Common Seal of Council.</p>	<p>December 2017 target will not be met.</p> <p>Timeframe to be reviewed.</p> <p>Staff working on this subject to resources available.</p> <p>Discussions commenced with Club Board to resolve the issue, however the matter is on hold until resources are available.</p>
COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS 9 MARCH 2017					
1007	Council – Clause 7B – Expenditure for Roads Network	59.3.2017	DES	<p>That a Rest Area be built along The Wool Track and that it be named after Duncan Gay.</p>	<p>The Wool Track application was submitted on 31/12/2019 – Rest Area incident in submission.</p> <p>May 2020 funding announcement expected – Council was not successful for this round.</p> <p>Advised that the submission is still being considered.</p>

COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS 28 SEPTEMBER 2017

NUMBER	ITEM	RESOLUTION NUMBER	ACTION BY	ACTION REQUIRED	OUTCOME
1092	Council Meeting – Clause 12A – Minutes of Economic Taskforce Meeting	248.9.2017	DFCS	<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 Council convene a meeting of major contractors to identify a list of ideas that could be undertaken to improve the efficiency of working across mine sites and reduce the costs of doing business in Cobar. Discuss options for implementing the ideas with the mines in Cobar Shire.</p>	<p>A complete audit of tourism and information signs is partially complete and will form the basis of a ten-year capex and opex submission during the budget talks.</p> <p>New signage installation has commenced throughout the town – no further action.</p> <p>The matter to be reviewed for the 2021/2022 budget – no further action.</p>

COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS 22 MARCH 2018

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

				Doctors, Specialists and other staff to rural communities such as Cobar and in particular the Western Area of NSW.	Mayor supported the Gwydir Council in providing representation to Canberra to raise the issue. Mayor held meeting with NSW Government Agency to discuss ensuring Doctors are available in Cobar.
1142	Council Meeting – Notice of Motion – Installation of an Independent Pedestrian Crossing	47.3.2018	GM	That Council write to John Holland Rail, being the entity that maintains the RailCorp assets for Rural NSW, to increase the width to accommodate two vehicles crossing at same time on the level crossing on Bourke Road between Railway Parade South and Railway Parade North and install an independent pedestrian crossing.	Negotiations between John Holland Rail, RMS and Council has commenced. RMS have provided funding for the approaches – Council now seeking John Holland to contribute to the installation of pedestrian crossings. RMS being consulted to provide funding for the project. Matter raised again with RMS to seek funding given Council's commitment to provide footpath linkages.

COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS 28 JUNE 2018

NUMBER	ITEM	RESOLUTION NUMBER	ACTION BY	ACTION REQUIRED	OUTCOME
1180	Council Meeting – Notice of Motion – Arid Research Centre	140.6.2018	GM	That a submission be made to the Prime Minister of Australia and the Premier of NSW seeking their support and consideration of establishing an Arid Research	Submission being prepared when resources available.

				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.	
COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS 28 FEBRUARY 2019					
NUMBER	ITEM	RESOLUTION NUMBER	ACTION BY	ACTION REQUIRED	OUTCOME
1269	Council Meeting - Clause 13A – Raw Water Supply to Dalton Park Horse Complex	25.2.2019	GO	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. As yet, no suitable funding has become available.
COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS 24 APRIL 2019					
NUMBER	ITEM	RESOLUTION NUMBER	ACTION BY	ACTION REQUIRED	OUTCOME
1277	Council Meeting – Notice of Motion – Fringe Benefits Tax (FBT) Including Living Away From Home Allowance Exempted for Remote Mining Community such as Cobar	63.4.2019	GM	That Cobar Shire Council lobby both the Federal Government and the Association of Mining Related Councils to have Fringe Benefits Tax (FBT) including Living Away From Home Allowance exempted for remote mining communities such as Cobar. That Council have discussions about a percentage of miners and those who are working on specific	Submission being prepared and discussions held with local mines.

				projects who should legally be required to live in town, to be held with the State Government.	
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	WSM	Investigate the costs associated with purchasing raw water from upstream users.	An application to NRAR has been submitted on 29 th June 2020, requesting an increase of 1,300ML of allocation per year. The application is currently being assessed.
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 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	That Council resolve to adopt the following recommendations from the Local Traffic Committee: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ That Council write to RMS to change the pedestrian crossing 	Concurrence received from Public School that pedestrian crossing on

				<p>at Cobar Public School to a children's crossing during school times only;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 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. 	<p>Blakey Street should be a children's crossing during School times only.</p> <p>Letter to RMS sent for approval. RMS has approved HPAA and secured funding; to be completed this financial year. Proposal to be finalised for public consultation to commence.</p>
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COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS ADJOURNED COUNCIL MEETING 26 MARCH 2020 HELD ON 9 APRIL 2020

NUMBER	ITEM	RESOLUTION NUMBER	ACTION BY	ACTION REQUIRED	OUTCOME
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>	<p>Letters will be sent to adjoining owners to see if they wish to purchase the unsold items from Sale of Land Auction.</p> <p>Contracts have been sent for Shuttleton blocks – matter now settled and 24 Balowra Rd, Nymagee – contract withdrawn.</p> <p>Lot 12 Central Rd Mount Hope is due to settle next week – matter has been settled.</p>

COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 23 APRIL 2020

NUMBER	ITEM	RESOLUTION NUMBER	ACTION BY	ACTION REQUIRED	OUTCOME
1369	Council Meeting –	70.4.2020	GM	That Council resolve to adopt the	

Clause 6B – Local Traffic Committee Minutes				<p>following recommendations from the Local Traffic Committee:</p> <p>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 Street be changed from rear to kerb parking to parallel parking;</p> <p>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.</p>	<p>Work to be undertaken by end of November 2020.</p> <p>Line marker has been busy with other works and wet weather has impacted availability. Attempts to complete work ongoing.</p> <p>Investigations to be undertaken, action has also been listed as an action item in the Disability Inclusion Action Plan 2020-2024.</p> <p>Report to the March 2021 Council Meeting.</p>
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COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 28 MAY 2020

NUMBER	ITEM	RESOLUTION NUMBER	ACTION BY	ACTION REQUIRED	OUTCOME
1375	Council Meeting – Clause 6A – Council’s Annual Operational Plan, Budget, Fees and Charges and Revenue Policy	89.5.2020	DFCS	<p>That Council seek assistance from the Federal Government to be allocated ten new bed licenses immediately for the Lilliane Brady Village.</p> <p>That Council seek the NSW Government to provide ‘top up’ income to cover the holding costs</p>	<p>Ten (10) bed license approved – no further action required.</p> <p>Letter requesting assistance signed by Mayor and GM was sent on day of building handover hand over. It is to followed up at month end but will</p>

				of the extensions to the Lilliane Brady Village of approximately \$200,000 per annum from hand over date until ten new bed licenses are issued.	probably not be an easy project. It possibly has been made more difficult by the sudden long leave taken by the CEO of 'Western Health'. The matter will be followed up by Manex again in 2021 after the Christmas break.
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COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 26 NOVEMBER 2020

NUMBER	ITEM	RESOLUTION NUMBER	ACTION BY	ACTION REQUIRED	OUTCOME
1414	Council Meeting – Clause 4A – Lilliane Brady Village and Management Committee	217.11.2020	DFCS	<p>That an advisory committee to be known as the Lilliane Brady Village Management and Governance Committee be established.</p> <p>That two Councillors be the Council representatives on the steering committee and the first committee when formed.</p> <p>That the General Manager and Director Finance and Community Services be delegated to form the committee following the guidelines in this report by initially establishing a steering committee comprising of them and the members elected in 2 above.</p> <p>That the steering committee be endorsed to appoint the family</p>	First meeting has been tentatively set – no further action.

				representative and community member to the first committee. That an update be provided to Council when available or if not before to the June 2021 Ordinary Meeting of Council.	
COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 10 DECEMBER 2020					
NUMBER	ITEM	RESOLUTION NUMBER	ACTION BY	ACTION REQUIRED	OUTCOME
1417	Council Meeting – Clause 2A – Cobar Swimming Club Carnival - Donation	235.12.2020	DFCS	That no fee applies for the exclusive use of the Cobar Memorial Swimming Pool on Saturday, 5 December 2020 by the Cobar Swimming Club.	Donation granted – No further action required.
1418	Council Meeting – Committee of the Whole Closed Council – Clause 1C – Dalton Park Horse Complex Restroom Facilities Tender (T3-20-16)	250.12.2020 42COW.12.2020	PC	That due to the price of tenders all exceeding the project budget no tender be awarded. That the current design be abandoned, and a cost-effective design be sourced and procured as per Council Procurement Policy. That the information contained within this report remains confidential within the Committee of the Whole Closed Council.	No further action.
1419	Council Meeting – Committee of the Whole Closed Council – Clause 2C – Cobar	250.12.2020 43COW.12.2020	WSM	That the tender submitted by Steelworks Engineering Pty Ltd (related to the entity, Synergy Engineering Australia), for the	Tender awarded – No further action required.

	Reservoir Roof Upgrade Tender (T3-20-18)			Recommended Tender Amount of 1,411,425.14 (including GST), be accepted for Contract No. 10032751 for Cobar Reservoir Roof Upgrade. That the information contained within this report remains confidential within the Committee of the Whole Closed Council.	
1420	Council Meeting – Committee of the Whole Closed Council – Clause 3C – Construction of Footpaths Tender – Cobar (T3-20-9)	250.12.2020 44COW.12.2020	RM	That Council accepts the tender from Smartin Building Pty Ltd for \$679,240.20 (ex GST) for the Construction of Footpaths. That the information contained within this report remains confidential within the Committee of the Whole Closed Council.	Tender awarded – No further action required.

RECOMMENDATION

That the information contained in the monthly status report be received and noted, with the following items to be removed: 1092, 1367, 1375, 1414, 1417, 1418, 1419 and 1420.

CLAUSE 3B – SECOND QUARTERLY REVIEW OF THE ANNUAL OPERATIONAL PLAN 2020/2021 (Q2)

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 2020/2021 for the second quarter (ie October to December 2020).

Background

At the June 2020 Ordinary Council Meeting, Council adopted the 2020/2021 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 October to December 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 Q3 of 2020/2021.

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 Q2 and it is unknown as to when the impact of the pandemic will be relieved.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receives and notes the first quarterly review of the 2020/2021 Annual Operational Plan, covering the period October to December 2020.

CLAUSE 4B – MEETING MINUTES

FILE: C8-17 AOP REFERENCE: 3.1 ATTACHMENT: YES (PAGE 74)

AUTHOR: *General Manager, Peter Vlatko*

Purpose

To inform Council of the meeting of the Cobar Liquor Accord committee held on Tuesday, 9 February 2021.

Background

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

Included in this agenda is a copy of the minutes of the Cobar Liquor Accord Meeting held on Tuesday, 9 February 2021 (no Status Report).

No resolutions for Council adoption.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Minutes of the Cobar Liquor be received and noted.

CLAUSE 5B – INVESTMENT REPORT AS AT 31 JANUARY 2021**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 for December 2020 and January 2021. 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 \$459,000.

Investments	Rate	Bank	Opening Balance	Transfers to Investment	Transfers from Investment	Interest Earned	Closing Balance
NAB Sweep Acct		NAB	\$ 4,315,427	\$ 1,720,944	\$ 2,681,008	\$ 320	\$ 3,355,683
May-21	0.73%	NAB	\$ 2,003,362			\$ 1,242	\$ 2,004,604
Feb-21	0.80%	AMP	\$ 2,005,178			\$ 1,362	\$ 2,006,540
Jun-21	0.45%	NAB	\$ 2,006,763	\$ 2,000,000	\$ 2,006,763	\$ 592	\$ 2,000,592
Nov-21	0.55%	NAB	\$ 3,001,266			\$ 1,402	\$ 3,002,668
Feb-21	0.80%	Auswide	\$ 2,004,826			\$ 1,362	\$ 2,006,188
May-21	0.80%	Auswide	\$ 2,004,299			\$ 1,362	\$ 2,005,661
Jun-21	0.46%	ME	\$ 3,000,151			\$ 1,172	\$ 3,001,323
Dec-20		NAB	\$ 1,004,112		\$ 1,004,112	\$ -	\$ -
Mar-21	1.20%	AMP	\$ 1,005,022			\$ 1,014	\$ 1,006,037
May-21	0.80%	AMP	\$ 1,002,303			\$ 681	\$ 1,002,984
Mar-21	1.20%	AMP	\$ 1,005,073			\$ 1,024	\$ 1,006,097
TOTALS	Average Int	0.78%	\$24,357,782	\$3,720,944	\$5,691,882	\$11,534	\$22,398,378

Investments	Rate	Bank	Opening Balance	Transfers to Investment	Transfers from Investment	Interest Earned	Closing Balance
NAB Sweep Acct		NAB	\$ 3,355,683	\$ 3,322,952	\$ 2,980,840	\$ 266	\$ 3,698,062
May-21	0.73%	NAB	\$ 2,004,604			\$ 1,243	\$ 2,005,847
Feb-21	0.80%	AMP	\$ 2,006,540			\$ 1,363	\$ 2,007,903
Jun-21	0.45%	NAB	\$ 2,000,592			\$ 765	\$ 2,001,356
Nov-21	0.55%	NAB	\$ 3,002,668			\$ 1,403	\$ 3,004,070
Feb-21	0.70%	Auswide	\$ 2,006,188			\$ 1,363	\$ 2,007,552
May-21	0.80%	Auswide	\$ 2,005,661			\$ 1,363	\$ 2,007,024
Jun-21	0.46%	ME	\$ 3,001,323			\$ 1,173	\$ 3,002,496
Mar-21	1.20%	AMP	\$ 1,006,037			\$ 1,015	\$ 1,007,052
May-21	0.80%	AMP	\$ 1,002,984			\$ 681	\$ 1,003,666
Mar-21	1.20%	AMP	\$ 1,006,097			\$ 1,025	\$ 1,007,123
TOTALS	Average Int	0.77%	\$22,398,378	\$3,322,952	\$2,980,840	\$11,660	\$22,752,150

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.



Financial Accountant

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receive and note the Investment Report as at 30 November 2020.

**CLAUSE 6B - BANK RECONCILIATION, CASH FLOW & LOAN FACILITY
SUMMARIES AS AT 31 JANUARY 2021**

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	2,095
Less Unpresented Cheques	(13,049)

Reconciled Balance	(954)
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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.



Financial Accountant

Monthly Total Funds Available for the Last 12 Months

Month	Investment Balances	Operating Account	Total Available Funds
Feb 20	23,778,444	13,581	23,792,025
Mar 20	21,487,630	11,329	21,498,959
Apr 20	19,267,134	(5,826)	19,261,308
May 20	21,929,833	11,299	21,941,132
June 20	22,854,604	12,152	22,866,756
July 20	22,184,482	11,745	22,196,227
Aug 20	24,243,622	10,745	24,254,367
Sep 20	23,580,958	20,190	23,601,148
Oct 20	26,181,133	11,343	26,192,476
Nov 20	24,357,782	(82,340)	24,275,442
Dec 20	22,398,378	9,963	22,408,341
Jan 21	22,752,150	(954)	22,751,196

The amount restricted in the Audited Financial Report for Employee Leave Entitlements is \$459,000.

Cash Flow

November		December	January	Description	Forecast
Forecast	Actual	Actual	Actual		Next Month
11,343	11,343	(82,340)	(954)	Bank Balance Forward	(954)
1,000,000	1,392,196	1,357,603	2,775,826	FAG / R2R / RMCC	500,000
14,926	14,926	14,926	14,926	Services NSW	14,926
450,000	639,079	773,732	551,139	Rates /Water/User Charges	350,000
150,000	158,335	123,570	117,744	Private Works/Debtors	150,000
200,000	193,876	238,575	283,075	LBV – Residents Fees & Subsidies	250,000
50,000	67,891	(1,768)	61,026	Child Care/In Home Care (Net)	50,000
2,000,000	1,835,099	1,970,938	(342,112)	Net Movement of Investments	500,000
500,000	238,970	371,216	190,709	Sundry Income & Grants	250,000
				<i>Less</i>	
(3,500,000)	(3,597,345)	(3,945,023)	(2,412,835)	Creditors	(3,500,000)
(820,000)	(872,030)	(831,392)	(1,237,590)	Wages / Salaries	(850,000)
10,000	(82,340)	9,963	(954)	Bank Reconciliation Cr/(Dr)	10,000

Loan Facility Report as at 31 January 2021

Swimming Pool and Street Upgrade Loan (6.22%) <i>Principal and Interest = \$22,265</i>	(673,824)
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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 January 2021.

CLAUSE 7B – 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 July 1, 2020 – January 31, 2021 and the method of procurement used.

CONTRACTOR	DESCRIPTION OF WORKS AND METHOD OF PROCUREMENT	REPORT PERIOD	2020/2021
Killard Infrastructure	Reticulation (tender)	530,383	2,526,150
Country Wide Asphalt Pty Ltd	Road works	984,418	1,419,781
Crushrite	Gravel crushing (tender)	486,783	1,327,543
Central Darling Shire Council	Road works	481,972	749,908
Urquhart Haulage Contractors	Haulage (tender)	185,524	553,837
Stabilised Pavements Of Australia	Pavement stabilising (tender)	206,538	525,808
Country Mile Constructions	Girl Guide Hall (tender)	178,629	428,941
Inland Petroleum	Fuel (tender)	245,084	396,190
Deppeler Earthmoving	Plant hire (tender)	205,928	390,563
Precision Civil Infrastructure P/L	Sewer upgrades (tender)	288,974	372,402
LC Water	Water Treatment Plant (tender)	0	341,243
Jr May Earthmoving	Plant hire (tender)	87,516	333,234
Tracserv Pty Ltd	Fuel truck (tender)	247,499	320,502
David Payne Constructions	Cobar Heritage Centre (tender)	311,375	311,375
Department of Regional NSW	Government consulting services	20,661	298,665

As Per Plan Construction	Construction work	0	251,039
Rollers Australia	Plant hire (tender)	83,437	249,034
L & R Group	Pool management (tender)	0	176,860
Maas Constructions (Dubbo) Pty Ltd	Museum ramp	0	150,180
Bob Bruce Earthworks Pty Ltd	Plant hire (tender)	51,972	139,207
Broughton Contracting	Plant hire (tender)	44,597	134,488
Coldale Consulting Pty Ltd	Project management	86,625	129,360
AC & JC Paul	Grading work	0	126,192
Downer Edi Works	Road works	0	112,846
JN Harbison	Plant hire (tender)	0	100,950
JC AUS Plumbing	Plumbing work	0	100,146
TA Booth Transport	Water cart hire (tender)	0	92,969
Michael J & JM Nicholson	Fencing (VPA) earthworks	0	90,910
Bloomfield Elliott Architects	Architectural services	16,783	87,344
Steven Barlow T/A Tree of Us Tree Service	Tree services	69,320	86,480

RECOMMENDATION

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

CLAUSE 8B – ENGINEERING WORKS REPORT

FILE: C6-20-2

AOP REFERENCE: 4.3.2

ATTACHMENT: NO

AUTHOR: *Director of Infrastructure Services, Scott Casey*

Purpose

To inform Council of completed and ongoing Engineering Works for the period of November 2020.

Background

State Highways

Maintenance Work

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

Construction Work

- Construction work and upgrade of Meadow Glen Rest Area is complete. A deceleration lane has been installed.
- East Musheroo project is competing pre-commencement works. Construction to start in 3-4 weeks.

Urban Roads/Shire Roads/Regional Roads

Maintenance Work

- Gravelling on MR407 Mulya Rd;
- Gravelling on the Wool Track and SR20 Grain Rd;

Construction Work

- Pulpulla Rd project has commenced with winning gravel;

Water and Sewer

Maintenance Work

- Stage 2 of the embankment repairs at the sewage treatment plant have commence; posts and mesh are installed awaiting backfill with ballast.
- CCTV condition surveys of the sewer network have been undertaken to identify asset deterioration.
- Pest control within the sewer reticulation network is being carried out as necessary – ongoing.
- New valves and non-return valves installed at Ward Oval.
- Two flow gauges are being installed at the Sewage Treatment Plant.
- STP storage tank is drained and awaiting de-sludging; vegetation control undertaken.
- Water reticulation renewal program underway.

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- New potable water main installed at the Racecourse.

Water Operations

- Level 2 Water restrictions remain in place as a precautionary measure to protect water security
- The water treatment plant has produced an average of 2.64ML / day in January.
- Burrendong Dam level is at 39.8%. Water into the Nyngan Weir Pool is being sourced from the natural flow in the Bogan River.

Parks & Gardens

- 1 x Labourer Role Vacant. Job advertised, closing Monday 22nd February;
- Bruce Shuttle resigned from his role as caretaker at the cemetery. It was great to see his long and selfless service to the community recognized as our Citizen of the Year;
- Works at Inland Petroleum have been put on hold whilst works in front of the Shire Council Offices were undertaken. Centre island design reconfigured to avoid powerline poles. Redesign of crossings area has been conceptualized with Local Traffic Committee and approved to progress to a detailed design;
- Works in front of Council Offices began in December to replace the uneven paving in front of the Council Offices and incorporate a disabled access ramp. Surface grind and treatment is planned to start Tuesday 23rd February.
- Plant stocks for landscaping are on order and include some new varieties that they have not been tested in Cobar before and may attract comments from members of the public;
- Basic concept for landscaping over the Miners 'Memorial site is complete this will be reviewed and finalised once cover material is completed.
- Museum landscaping is on hold until earth works for stormwater are completed.

Waste Disposal Depot

- Tender process for landfill compactor is at final review. Pricing from all suppliers has been considerably higher than indicative verbal prices provided or budget purposes last year;
- Quotes complete to install new outer boundary fence to north, south and east sides where 80% of the existing fence has been cut, removed and/or stolen;
- Ongoing issues with control of the waste being dropped off at the tip. This is an issue with public and commercial customers;

Electrical

- Interviewed for Electrical Supervisor and went to offer, but the preferred candidate eventually declined;

Workshop (Mobile Fleet Maintenance)

- 2 roles vacant;
- 2 mechanics on extended leave due to personal/medical reasons.
- No mechanics currently available, so works on vehicles, plant and trucks is being contracted out.
- A new fuel truck was delivered and is in operation.

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- New proposals received for P3042,P3052,P3071&P3102 Grader Service Agreements, with air filter, oil filter and oil changes to occur every 250 hours.
 - Street sweeper is currently under repair.
 - Waste trucks 1131 & 1132 have a few mechanical issues which are being addressed this should not impact service levels.
 - Tender for 2 x Heavy Rigid Tippers is at final stages of review/approval.
 - Light vehicles ordered: 6 x DMAX, 1 x MUX.

Depot Works

- Truck Wash:
 - Components are on site;
 - Water recycling system being evaluated before seeking an engineering certificate;
 - Roadworks and pads are 85% complete;
 - Initial pipework for water supply and sewer pump have been installed;
 - Electrical supply materials on site;
 - Mains power will not be available until mid-2021 at earliest. Being arranged by public works along with pump station.
- Emulsion Unit:
 - Emulsion tank is on site;
 - Civil design remains to be finalised;
 - Roads team have cleared and levelled of most of the compound;
 - Similar to the Truck Wash, electrical supply will not be available until mid-2021 at earliest. Being arranged by public works along with pump station.

Airport

- Temporary patch sealing of runway cracks and rolling has been completed.
- Funding required to complete other audit recommendations to reseal of both runways within 2 years (now ~20months) using a 14/10 mm double seal with addition of latex to the 14mm seal and following a specialized airport sealing specification, due to the excessive cracking and stone loss from the surface. Quick estimates of costs from roads team to complete the recommended works and reseal are:
 - Main runway 05/23, \$520k including:
 - Latex in first seal coat.
 - Double coat 14/10mm seal, using a specialised airport sealing specification with higher bitumen application rate than on roads and requires 1 hour of rolling for every 600 to 800L of bitumen applied.
 - Repainting of lines & markers
 - Auxiliary runway 17/35, \$280k including:
 - Latex in first seal coat.
 - Double coat 14/10mm seal, using a specialised airport sealing specification with higher bitumen application rate than on roads and requires 1 hour of rolling for every 600 to 800L of bitumen applied.
 - Repainting of lines & markers
 - Improve drainage away from 17/35

These are significant costs, but patching of cracks and rolling will give us a little more time and it is important the underlying lime stabilized pavement is not damaged before we complete the reseal, or costs and time to repair will increase by much more.

- Storms caused some electrical damage at the airport in the first week of February, affecting security alarm and electronic gates. This has been resolved, but it is noted that the airport terminal building wiring and supplying boards are in need of replacement or considerable upgrade.

RECOMMENDATION

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

CLAUSE 9B – EXPENDITURE FOR ROADS NETWORK

FILE: R5-31 AOP REFERENCE: 4.3.2 ATTACHMENT: YES (PAGE 78)

AUTHOR: *Director of Infrastructure Services, Scott Casey*

Purpose

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

Background

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

RECOMMENDATION

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

CLAUSE 10B – UPDATE ON INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECT FINANCES**FILE: G4-29 AOP REFERENCE: 4.1.3.3 AND 4.4.4.2 ATTACHMENT: NO****AUTHOR: *Water and Sewer Manager, Victor Papierniak*****Purpose**

To provide Council with an update on the infrastructure projects budgets and expenditure as at 31 January 2021.

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

Projects	Restart NSW Funding	Cobar Shire Council Funding	Expended as at 30 June 2020	Project Status
Water Treatment Plant (WTP)	\$15,750,000	\$200,000	\$12,349,220 (Current as at 31 January)	- The new Water Treatment Plant is operational and Council staff are operating the plant. The completion of the access road to the water plant has been delayed; - The Environmental Protection Agency (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 noncompliant against the Excavated Natural Material Order 2014. EPA's legal team have issued a clean-up notice in November 2020; - Several defects have been identified as part of the defect's liability period, Public Works Advisory and LCW are in discussion regarding the rectification of defects; - Construction of the road to the WTP is anticipated to be completed in 2021 subject to the EPA's clean up notice;

				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - We are currently waiting on the soil testing results which are expected at the end on March; - PWA have engaged a specialist consultant to advise on the soil results once they are received; - CSC and the contractor have agreed to jointly engage an independent specialist to determine the cause and remediation measures for the steel corrosion issues; - CSC and the contractor have agreed the remediation method for leakage at the lagoons. This matter is being treated as a defect.
Sewerage Scheme Refurbishments Expansion and upgrade	\$2,100,000	\$500,000	\$1,271,947 (Current as at 31 January)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Ward Oval Pump Station refurbishment and Lagoon upgrade have been completed; - Application to change scope of works to include upgrade of all sewer pump stations and pre-treatment screening for sewer influent has been approved; - Tender awarded to Precision Civil. Completion date expected to be delayed from December 2020 to April 2021; - Some of the delays were COVID related for items manufactured overseas; - Inlet works have been delivered but there was some damage in transit which will need to be repaired on site prior to installation; - Civil works at Nullamutt Street pump station are 80% complete; with the mechanical and electrical component still outstanding;

				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - New switchboards to be installed at Belagoy and Cowper Streets.
Water Mains Cleaning and Replacement and Water Storage Refurbishment Project	\$6,900,000	\$0	\$5,019,126 (Current as at 31 January)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Killard Infrastructure Pty Ltd were awarded the reticulation project. - The project was completed in December 2020; - Two final defects are being rectified; - Final drawings and QA documents are anticipated in March 2021; - Reservoir roof repairs have proceeded to tender. - Tender has been awarded to Steelworks Engineering; - Works to commence on site 18/2/21.

RECOMMENDATION

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

CLAUSE 11B – DEVELOPMENT APPROVALS: 2 DECEMBER 2020 – 17 FEBRUARY 2021

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 2 December 2020 – 17 February 2021.

The value of Complying Development approvals for 2020/2021 to date is \$0.00.
The value of Complying Development approvals for the similar period in 2019/2020 was Nil.

Local Development Approvals

The following Local Development Applications were approved under delegated authority for the period 2 December 2020 – 17 February 2021.

CERTIFICATE NO.	ADDRESS	DESCRIPTION	VALUE (\$)
2020/LD-00039	Drummond Park, Cobar	Shade Structure	\$98,534
2020/LD-00047	4 James Place, Cobar	Shed	\$17,000
2020/LD-00048	CSA Mine, Cobar	Waste Rock Storage	\$258,977
2020/LD-00051	CSA Mine, Cobar	Sag Mills	\$14,636,950
2020/LD-00053	Ward Oval, Cobar	Demolition of Toilet Blocks	\$19,500
2020/LD-00054	Lions Park Reserve, Cobar	Demolition of Toilet Blocks	\$19,500
2020/LD-00055	1 Broomfield St, Cobar	Demolition of Dwelling	\$20,000
2020/LD-00057	Cobar High School, Cobar	LED Notice Board	\$19,500
2021/LD-00001	29 Bradley St, Cobar	Demolition of Dwelling	\$19,000

The value of Local Development approvals for 2020/2021 to date is \$34,885,413.00.
The value of Local Development approvals for the similar period in 2019/2020 was \$6,313,955.00.

Construction Certificates

The following Construction Certificates were issued for the period 2 December 2020 – 17 February 2021.

CERTIFICATE NO.	ADDRESS	DESCRIPTION
2020/CB-00021	89 Marshall St, Cobar	Patio Cover & Wall

RECOMMENDATION

That the information detailing the Local Development and Construction Certificate approvals for the period 2 December 2020 - 17 February 2021 be received and noted.

CLAUSE 12B – GRANT FUNDING

FILE: G4-17

AOP REFERENCE: 3.1.1.3

ATTACHMENT: NO

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

Grant and Department	Activity	Amount Applied For	Status	Council Funding Required	Deadline for Project. Comment
Grants Applied For					
Festivals Australia	Festivals Australia provides funding to support one-off community events, such as a town's centenary celebration. Council applied for funding to help fund the '150 years' celebrations that couldn't occur this year due to COVID – in hope they will go ahead in 2021.	\$40,000	Pending	\$40,000 from Council's festival budget if successful.	Outcome expected May 2021.
Fixing Local Roads	The project involves sealing two sections (total length 14km by 8m wide) of gravel/natural road along Wilga Downs Road. This will also necessitate the construction of 5 concrete causeways which will resolve many of the washout issues. created during rain/storm events	\$2,789,824.46	Pending	\$250,000 from Council funding allocations.	Outcome expected June 2021.
Seniors Week	To deliver various activities and events throughout seniors' week.	\$5000	Pending	\$3000 – catering (catering was not eligible to be funded under this stream) \$1000 – In kind –	Outcome expected March 2021.

				staffing Total \$4000 from Council's festival budget if successful	
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Various grants were applied for and awarded between December 2020 and mid-February 2021. These are captured in the 'Grant Outcomes' section.

Grant Outcomes

Grant and Department Grants Announced	Activity	Amount Applied For	Status	Council Funding Required	Comment
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. We have been granted an extension due to 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. We have been granted an extension due to COVID-19.
Fixing Country Roads – (Tranche 2)	The Wool Track	\$51,362,500	Unsuccessful	\$1,500,000 Cobar Shire Council over three years. \$600,000 Central Darling Shire over three years.	Total project \$53,462,500 – Correspondence received on the 17 November 2020 indicated announcements would be made by the end of 2020.
Crown Lands	To undertake demolition of unsafe structures on various Crown Land Reserves managed by Council.	\$10,617.00	Successful	Nil for this application.	Outcome expected December 2020.
Resources for Regions	Stage 1 – existing industrial estate, including roads and storm water upgrades.	\$1,375,921,.00	Successful	\$134,423.50*	Cobar Shire Council has been allocated \$4,425,921 through the Resources for Regions funding stream. Application

					process still required. Anticipate outcome December 2020. * subject to tender results.
Resources for Regions	Water reticulation upgrade – stage 2	\$3,000,000.00	Successful	\$26,100.00 *	Cobar Shire Council has been allocated \$4,425,921 through the Resources for Regions funding stream. Application process still required. Anticipate outcome December 2020. * Already in current budget
Resources for Regions	Business Case study – Cobar Memorial Swimming Pool	\$50,000	Successful	Nil	Cobar Shire Council has been allocated \$4,425,921 through the Resources for Regions funding stream. Application process still required. Anticipate outcome December 2020.
Premiers Grant	Shotcreting the Miners Memorial	\$36,000	Successful	Nil	January 2021
Summer Break Program	Deliver summer holiday activities at the Cobar Memorial Swimming Pool during school holidays	\$10,000	Successful	Nil	January 2021
The Festival of Place - Summer Fund Program	Deliver free activations or small-scale events in public spaces.	\$10,000	Successful	Nil	January 2021
Local Roads and community infrastructure Phase 2	Same guidelines as phase one, stimulate additional infrastructure construction activity in Cobar, project to be completed by December 2021	\$845,918	Successful	Nil	January 2021

Council committed \$200,000 in the 2020/2021 budget to put towards grant proposals as a co-contribution. Currently \$60,000 is spent – Bathurst Street footpath upgrades. Remaining \$140,000.

Current Grant Opportunities:

- **Driver Reviver Site Upgrades Program** – The long-term aim of this Program is to reduce the number of road fatalities and serious injuries resulting from driver fatigue, making roads safer. The amount of each grant will be capped at a maximum of \$150,000 (ex GST) for each Driver Reviver site. Closes 23 February 2021.
- **Building Better Regions Fund – Round 5** – The Australian Government announced \$200 million in the 2020-21 Budget for a fifth round of the BBRF. Round Five includes: \$100 million to support tourism-related infrastructure projects which are focused on the tourism industry that has is able to show how COVID-19 impacted their business. The other \$100 million will support regional remote Australia more broadly, by funding general infrastructure projects and community investment projects. Projects must be ‘shovel ready’ including DA’s if required. Minimum 25% co-contribution required. Closing 5 March 2021.
- **Regional Sports Facilities** - The NSW Government has committed \$50 million to the Regional Sport Facility Fund over two-years, helping create spaces and facilities that enable communities to enjoy and take part in sport. Applications under \$1 million do not require a co-contribution, applications over \$1 million require a 25% contribution. All projects must have DA approval prior to applying. Applications close 26 February 2021.

Grant Funded Projects – Implementation

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

- **RCF Rd 1 Museum project** – The contract for the upgrades works at the Great Cobar Heritage Centre has been awarded to David Payne Construction. Works are well underway onsite, with all demo completed, electrical rough in done and scaffolding up. The project is on target to be completed by completed by 20 June 2021.
- **RCF Rd 2 Exhibition Upgrade** – A Exhibition plan has been developed and specialist help has been sought to ensure that the exhibitions are delivered to a quality standard and on time. The development of the exhibitions will continue, and final fit out is scheduled to occur in June 2021.
- **North West JO Tourism Fund** – as above for RCF Rd 1 and RCF Rd 2 Exhibition Upgrade.
- **Miners Memorial** – Works on site at the Miners Memorial are progressing. The culverts are in place and the fill over the top of the culverts is being put in place. Electrical works soon to commence and internal fit currently being finalised.
- **SCCF Round 2 – Girl Guides Hall** – works have been completed. Final Occupation Certificate currently being finalised.
- **SCCF Round 2 – Youthie Upgrade** – Tender closes on Wednesday 18 November 2020 and come in well over budget. Value engineering and best options to move forward are being explored. An extension for this project will need to be sought.
- **NSW Government - Stronger Country Communities Fund – Round 3 - Cobar Youth and Fitness Centre Upgrade – Stage 2**, works to be combined with stage 1 and be delivered as one package of works.

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- **NSW Government - Stronger Country Communities Fund – Round 3 - Youth Development Officer – 18-month tenure** - Council are seeking a variation for this project due to COVID, the youth centre closure and the need for these funds to complete the Stage 2. Works schedule and Deed yet to be signed.
 - **Growing Local Economies Fund & Building Better Regions Fund - Ward Oval Community Hub and Early Learning Precinct** – A lead Architect has been engaged and is currently updating the overall master plan for Ward Oval. The plans for both the Pavilion building and ELP are being finalised. The aim the ‘Ward Oval Community Hub including an Early Learning Precinct’ moving forward and likely go to tender as one package.
 - **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 visited several times but due to COVID-19, is working with Council remotely. Lynn’s funding has been extended for a further 12 months for 2021 and he will play an important role in the delivery of the new exhibitions at the Heritage Centre.
 - **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 – no further update was supplied by project manager for this report.
 - **Drought Communities – Extension – Round 2 – \$1 million projects and Active transport funding (Bathurst Street footpath)** – The Dalton Park shade structure has been completed. The toilets at the Dalton Park Horse complex have been ordered and the contract for installation has been awarded, the toilets will be completed by 16 April 2021. The design for both CWA Hall ramp and the photo wall are being finalised. The concept for the bus shelter upgrades has been received. The footpaths have been tendered and construction is scheduled to commence in the week commencing 15 February 2021. All projects are on target to be completed by 30 June 2021.
 - **BBRF – Community Investment Stream** – The Cobar Economic Resiliency Strategy project is nearing completion with the specialist consultants from Balmoral Group in the coming months. The final report document structure has been finalised and the initial draft Strategy Report is due on 4 March 2021 for CSC review and feedback. The Presentation of findings and proposed strategies has also been booked for the Councillor Workshop scheduled on 11 March 2021 at 2pm. We are also looking to hold a community and business stakeholder forum that same evening to present the draft strategies back to the key stakeholders who have been involved in the project (Education sector, Mining, Sporting and Community group representatives, Business Association Members and Local Business Owners). This will be a targeted invite list only, with finer details to be confirmed over the coming week. Feedback from these sessions on 11 March 2021 will be used to finalise the report and issue to CSC for acceptance and actioning.
 - **Combatting Social Isolation for Seniors** – Completed. 319 calls were made to 339 people, 288 craft kits were assembled and distributed. These included calligraphy kits, canvas painting, ceramic travel mug & glass lantern, cross-stitch, DIY wooden cars, gearboxes, vans & trains,

DIY wallets, embroidery bags, macrame keyrings, macrame plant hangers, sand art, card craft, velvet art bags & weaving baskets.

- **Safe and Secure Water Fund** – The cast-iron pipe replacement is complete. Defects are currently being rectified and work as executed drawings being produced. The Reservoir roof replacement project has been awarded with construction commencing in April 2021.
- **Restart NSW – Water Scoping Study, Euabalong, Euabalong West and Nymagee** – The final draft has been delayed due to DPIE and PWA comments, the draft will be issued for Council review upon resolution of comments.
- **SR6 – Pulpulla Road – Sealing Pulpulla Road from the Barrier Highway to the entrance into Mount Grenfell Reserve** – Works on Pulpulla Road have begun, including gravel being pushed up. The REF for road construction is complete and under review internally.
- **Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program** – Project includes sealing of two car parks which the surveyor will complete in 3-4 weeks and will survey both car parks. Scoping for CCTV requirements is continuing. A revised list of camera locations and recording requirements was defined based on additional requirements to enhance community safety at new and existing Council assets currently under refurbishment (Miner's Memorial, Cobar Heritage Centre and Cobar Youth Centre). Network design has been partially completed in consultation with Council's Telstra and networking specialists. Minimum camera and networking specifications was defined. The shade structures in Drummond Park have been designed and are currently being procured. The rotunda has been scoped and procurement for the works will commence in the week of 15 February 2021. The town beautification program is currently being finalised.
- **Showgrounds Stimulus Funding** – Currently being scoped, to be completed by 30 June 2020.
- **Heritage Near Me** – Museum accessibility project – Ramp has been completed and acquitted.
- **Covid Safe Australia Day** – Completed.
- **Australia Day Branding** – Completed.
- **Stronger Country Communities Funding (SCCF) – Toilet Project** – Completed.

RECOMMENDATION

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

CLAUSE 13B – RATES RECONCILIATION REPORT AS AT 31 JANUARY 2021

FILE: R2-1

AOP REFERENCE: 3.1.1.6

ATTACHMENT: YES (PAGE 85)

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

To provide Council details of the Rate Reconciliation as at 31 January 2021.

RATES RECONCILIATION 31 JANUARY 2021										
FUND	LEVY 2020-2021	Pensioner Rebates	Abandoned Levy	Additional Levies	Sub Total 2020-2021	Arrears 30th Jun 20	Payments	Total Outstanding	Total Outstanding Previous Year	% Outstanding of Sub Total Plus Arrears
Business	459,383.60		824.00	80.00	458,639.60	79,204.05	343,863.09	193,980.56	189,466.78	36.07%
Farmland	727,675.49		945.46	1,555.62	728,285.65	51,190.73	486,947.71	292,528.67	291,946.23	37.53%
Mining	1,789,286.32		-	-	1,789,286.32	80,505.78	997,532.18	872,259.92	810,605.82	46.65%
Residential	1,192,833.76	46,608.83	1,843.16	520.00	1,144,901.77	183,638.97	756,398.30	572,142.44	660,237.47	43.07%
Overpayments					-	-170,530.76	- 85,021.62	-85,509.14	-71,449.78	50.14%
Legal Costs			-	-	-	33,919.11	6,705.38	27,213.73	52,943.92	80.23%
Interest			1,411.45	-	- 1,411.45	82,381.63	19,006.20	61,963.98	123,168.60	76.53%
General Rates	4,169,179.17	46,608.83	5,024.07	2,155.62	4,119,701.89		2,525,431.24		2,056,919.04	43.38%
Domestic	652,348.00	17,953.68	488.00	427.00	634,333.32	60,953.30	444,628.34	250,658.28	256,787.54	36.05%
Sewerage	690,285.00	18,309.38	547.20		779,738.93	115,504.58	565,066.97	330,176.54	303,558.13	36.88%
Cobar Water	707,930.00	19,709.38	394.00	668.00	688,494.62	59,408.04	484,673.09	263,229.57	258,728.02	35.20%
Nymagee	28,308.00	525.00	-	-	27,783.00	9,779.30	16,595.99	20,966.31	23,187.63	55.82%
Euabalong	45,212.00	1,487.50	-	-	43,724.50	11,225.51	29,154.29	25,795.72	25,544.05	46.94%
Euab West	27,986.00	525.00	-	-	27,461.00	7,785.03	20,249.09	14,996.94	15,925.28	42.55%
Mt Hope	6,444.00	-	-	-	6,444.00	2,362.53	6,481.66	2,324.87	3,034.09	26.40%
Water Access	815,880.00	22,246.88	394.00	668.00	793,907.12	90,560.41	557,154.12	327,313.41	326,419.07	37.01%
Water Usage			29,995.72	663,144.62	633,148.90	309,565.18	814,430.29	128,283.79	181,021.77	13.61%
TOTAL	6,327,692.17	105,118.77	36,448.99	774,705.75	6,960,830.16	916,892.98	4,906,710.96	2,971,012.18	3,124,705.55	37.71%

RECOMMENDATION

That the Rates Reconciliation Report as at the 31 January 2020 be received and noted.



ATTACHMENTS

ORDINARY MEETING AGENDA

THURSDAY, 25 FEBRUARY 2021

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