



COBAR SHIRE COUNCIL

ORDINARY MEETING AGENDA

THURSDAY, 25 JUNE 2020

~ ORDER OF BUSINESS ~

Business for the meeting will be as follows:

Message from the Chair:

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1. Apologies
 - Clr Lilliane Brady OAM (Mayor).
 2. Declaration of Interests
 3. Condolences
 4. Public Access Forum
 - Nil.
 5. Confirmation of Minutes
 - Ordinary Meeting of Council – Thursday, 25 May 2020.
 6. Matters Arising from Minutes
 7. Notice of Motions
 8. Mayoral Report
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(These reports are confidential in accordance with Section 10A (2)(d)(i) of the Local Government Act 1993 as it contains commercial information of a confidential nature that would if disclosed in open Council would prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it).

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

~ COUNCIL'S CHARTER ~

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

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

NOTICE OF MOTION – OLD RESERVOIR BITUMEN AND CLEAN UP

FILE: C13-7

AOP REFERENCE: 1.5.2.3

ATTACHMENT: NO

AUTHOR: *Acting Mayor, Peter Abbott*

RECOMMENDATION

- 1. That the area referred to as the “Old Res” be turned into a pristine area for the use of townspeople and visitors. It now contains a large quantity of water and is ideal for picnics and barbeques all year round.**
- 2. That the road from town out to the Old Res be bitumen sealed as soon as funds are available along with a shade area and barbeque for the use of all.**

Explanation:

I had not been out to the Old Res in quite some time but with the large volume of water and tranquil setting, I believe it is the perfect backup for the Newey although somewhat further out of town. It may become an additional area for the “grey nomads” to rest for a couple of days.

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 month of June 2020.

CLAUSE 2A – LEASE RENEWAL – HEAVY VEHICLE INSPECTION STATION (HVIS) AT COBAR SHIRE DEPOT, BLAKEY STREET, COBAR
FILE: P3-21 AOP REFERENCE: 4.4.2.5 ATTACHMENT: NO
AUTHOR: *General Manager, Peter Vlatko*

Purpose

The purpose of this report is for Council to consider a staff recommendation to enter into a new lease with the existing lessee of the Heavy Vehicle Inspection Station (HVIS) at Cobar Shire Depot, Blakey Street, Cobar NSW 2835.

Background

The term of the existing lease is due to expire on 31 August 2020.

Issues

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

RECOMMENDATION

That a report regarding a new lease for the Heavy Vehicle Inspection Station (HVIS) at Cobar Shire Depot, Blakey Street, Cobar be considered in the Committee of the Whole Closed Council with the press and public excluded for the reasons stated in Sections 10A (2)(d)(i) of the *Local Government Act 1993*, as discussions of this matter in open Council would prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it.

CLAUSE 3A – INTEGRATED PLANNING AND REPORTING SUITE OF DOCUMENTS (COUNCIL’S ANNUAL OPERATIONAL PLAN, BUDGET, FEES AND CHARGES AND REVENUE POLICY)

FILE: L5-22

AOP REFERENCE: 3.1

ATTACHMENT: YES

(UNDER SEPARATE COVER)

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

Purpose

To adopt the 2020/2021 Integrated Planning and Reporting suite of documents.

Background

Council resolved to exhibit a draft budget and associated document for 28 days as per the Local Government Act 1993 requirements at the May Ordinary Meeting of Council. A public meeting was held on Wednesday June 17 in Council Chambers.

Some adjustments have been made to the draft for inclusion in the budget to be adopted. None of these adjustments conflict with the spirit of the draft released for exhibition and have been detailed later in the report.

An overall summary is shown in the table below:

	General Fund	Water Fund	Sewer Fund	All Funds
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Revenue	53,976,898	3,093,181	1,447,232	58,517,312
Expenditure	34,333,330	3,677,412	1,184,818	39,195,560
Operating surplus/deficit before extraordinary items	19,643,568	-584,230	262,414	19,321,752
Less capital grants and contributions	19,261,000		500,000	19,761,000
Less non recurrent items				
Add transfer from reserves				
Underlying surplus / deficit	382,568	-584,230	-237,586	-439,248

Attachments to this report include:

- A copy of the power point presentation which was made at the public meeting.
- Revenue Policy.
- Schedule of Fees and Charges.
- Budget Assumptions.
- Ten-year summary of operating budget, cash flow budget and statement of financial position forecasts.

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- Detailed cost centre and activity forecasts for ten years.
 - Feedback received from Mr. Bob Clark re the swimming pool facilities.
 - Ten-year detailed capital expenditure forecasts – it must be noted that the capital expenditure plans get less reliable in the outer years. It must also be noted that a significant amount of planned capital expenditure is dependent upon receiving external grant funding.
 - Optimistic Outlook.
 - Pessimistic Outlook.

Feedback

Because of disruptions to business arising from the COVID-19 pandemic feedback may be submitted until 5.00pm on June 25 – feedback received after the preparation of the agenda for this meeting will be tabled at the meeting.

One item has been received to date and is querying why the change room facility at the swimming pool has been moved outwards a year – this item is dependent upon grant funding and its timing will be controlled by the availability of grants for which it meets the criteria.

Events since the release of the draft documents

Fifty percent of the anticipated Financial Assistance Grants has again been paid in advance by the Federal Government with the objective of stimulating the economy. This has allowed us to replace the initial forecast with a more refined figure and the budget has benefitted by \$327,428.

Whilst not lodged in formal feedback advice there has been anecdotal demand to attempt to run some of the community centre functions during the renovation process. Accordingly, \$50,000 has been included for this – an amount for rental of premises is included.

Two significant grant announcements have been made. A stimulus package has been released by the federal government of which Cobar Shire will receive \$1,085,211. Because it is unresolved what this will be used for it will be introduced into the budget in a quarterly review – it will be budget neutral and not including it is of no significant consequence to the operational result.

A federal government grant of \$6,700,000 has been announced for the development of the *Ward Oval Community Hub* including an early learning precinct. This will not impact the operating budget and whilst it will be included in the 2020/2021 Budget the program of works may cross over financial years. It will be combined with the existing capital budget for Ward Oval of \$5,000,000.

Executive Summary – Operations

General Fund

The budget has been prepared with the COVID-19 pandemic still strongly influencing social and corporate behaviours across the world to varying degrees. The NSW Government declared that the Local Government sector is an essential industry and permission to remain open was gazetted. It is to be noted that the budget assumes that all cost centres closed due to the pandemic will be resumed by 1 July 2020. However,

the community centre (Youthie) will remain closed for development and the museum/information centre will operate in a restricted manner also for development for the entire budget period. This entails forgone revenue which is reflected in the budget. The only allowance in the budget for costs incurred due to COVID-19 is a moderate increase in sick leave taken as the 'new world' is encouraging employees to stay away from work with the slightest indication of cold like symptoms rather than go to work.

The budget option which depicts the pessimistic scenario has an allowance for a COVID-19 forced stand-down of all employees.

The budget assumptions are shown in the attachment. The budget and ten-year financial plan presented for consideration is that which Council believes will provide a balanced road map for officers to manage and respond to the community's needs. No services when compared to those currently made available have been reduced or eliminated other than the services closed for the exciting developments mentioned above. An immense workload has been committed to as the state and federal governments have selected our sector for much of the stimulus activity which they are funding:

- The forecast for the 2020/2021 year is a surplus of \$19,643,568. After eliminating capital grants and contributions the surplus is \$382,568 (last year \$42,007 deficit). Again, a conservative position has been taken and only known items have been factored in. It is highly likely that infrastructure repairs for flood damage will also be funded by government. Cobar Shire Council has several projects which can be quickly ready if funding is released. Further opportunities exist for increased Development Application Fees from the mining sector.
- General rates have been increased to the level permitted by the NSW Government regulator (2.6%). Consideration was given in a Council workshop to not increase general rates, but this showed a compound loss of revenue of in excess of \$1m over the current planning period. Consequently, that option is excluded in the forecast. Other relief exists within our existing Hardship Policy and NSW government decree that no interest be charged for a period and that collection activity cease.
- On balance discretionary fees and charges have not been increased. This position was in place pre COVID-19 as a gesture to our community arising from the impact of the drought.
- A major infrastructure project has been provided for using borrowed funds. \$1.25m is included in the 2020/2021 budget and a similar amount the following year for expenditure which is over and above the level permitted by our level of recurrent income and expenditure. A program to repair culverts will be brought to Council in the budget year for consideration. The borrowing rate could be as low as 2% and it is therefore a very opportune time to undertake such a high-end project. It could be extended to a grid program or a footpath in the future if borrowing rates remain low. The repayments of principal and interest are included in the ten-year plan. Economists are confidentially predicting low interest rates for several years. On the flip side there is little attraction to having excess funds in the type of risk-free investment this Council has set in its policy. Accordingly, a big reduction in interest income is also a feature of the budget.
- The upgrade to the Lilliane Brady Village (LBV) is almost finalised. At the time of writing some handover items are still to be completed by Health

Infrastructure but the major concern is that the new beds are unlicensed. The federal government has delayed the calling for applications, firstly following on from the Royal Commission into aged care and subsequently to allow institutions to focus on COVID-19. This causes Cobar Shire Council financial distress as the depreciation on the extensions is approximately \$200k per annum, notwithstanding the demand for beds. Political assistance has been called for from the Federal Member for Parkes. Should any timing losses be sustained from hand over to the granting of licences a request to the NSW Government for a financial 'top up' is recommended given that their switch in strategy with the LBV is at the very heart of this issue.

- A key revenue line is the Federal Government's second Drought package of \$1m. This has been allocated to the list of projects shown in the capital expenditure schedule. The schedule is still subject to the grantor's approval.

Executive Summary – Water Fund

The budget for the Water Fund was first considered during a severe water shortage and the benchmark indicator of Burrendong Dam level was approaching 1%. With this scenario prevailing the various options of what water usage charges should apply were discussed. Whilst no decision was made there was a general view that water usage charges should be modelled on an increase not exceeding the equivalent of the rate cap (2.6%) and on the expected low volume of water available. The fund would for at least one year absorb any shortfall. The driver of this was that ratepayers had endured a 'tough period' with restrictions and low commercial activity because of the drought in this region. The closure of the Endeavor mine had also had a significant impact on the commercial wellbeing of Cobar.

The budget for the fund presented reflects the above and even though the dam at the time of preparing this report exceeds 20% a conservative position has been taken with the possibility that ratepayers may continue to operate under self-imposed restrictions. An uplifted sales figure appears in the optimistic budget.

A significant increase in depreciation of approximately \$200k per annum is budgeted for because of onboarding the new water treatment plant. Further increases will enter the system when the reticulation upgrade is capitalised.

Executive Summary – Sewer Fund

The Sewer Fund forecasts a deficit of \$262k but \$165k of this is for consultants reports and is non recurrent and can be considered as being funded from the its reserves. The current level of sewer increases will see the deficit overcome in three to four years.

Executive Summary – Cash Movement

Cash balances will accumulate by approximately by \$1m with the 2020/2021 forecast – depending upon the timing of major projects. This is a result of essentially a balanced budget and most of the capital expenditure being financed from external sources. The injection of \$1.25m borrowings to achieve a major project is seen as responsible treasury management.

Executive Summary – Borrowings

It is recommended that the infrastructure capital budget be supported by a loan of \$1.25m to allow the much-needed upgrade to culverts across the Shire. There is a vast amount of work in this regard and provision has also been made in the ten-year plan for a further similar amount to be borrowed in the following year. Council has developed a solid liquidity ratio and conservative approach to financial management which makes borrowing in a low interest rate environment attractive to achieve big items. To be consistent with the conservative budget profile 2.6% has been used but the rate negotiated could be as low as 2% in the existing treasury landscape. A further evaluation of whether to borrow or self-fund will be made as part of the project evaluation and considered by Council.

Executive Summary – Capital Expenditure

The capital expenditure allocated for the year is \$28m which will be heavily supplemented by a similar amount arising from the key projects carried forward from 2019/2020. These include the Youth and Fitness Centre, the Great Cobar Heritage Museum and Visitors Centre, Miners Memorial and Ward Oval. This will make for a busy year. A Project Manager is included in the plan to assist. It is important that readers note the link between capital contributions and projects with a number only able to be undertaken if grant contributions come to fruition.

Of this \$28m, \$19m is budgeted to be funded from grants and \$1.25m from directly related borrowings. A key inclusion is the first year of a three-year program to seal The Wool Track. The other key infrastructure inclusions are the already mentioned culverts program and the sealing of Wilga Downs Road.

The forward capital expenditure requirements of the water assets are expected to be high and are currently being assessed by a consultant. Rather than have a poorly constructed figure in the ten year plan this plan will be brought to Council as a special report.

Council will be advised of the carried forward items in July, but an estimate appears in this business paper. This figure does not become available until the June General Ledger is finalised.

The table below shows the operating forecast for next four years:

COBAR SHIRE COUNCIL
FOUR YEAR OPERATING PLAN

	2020/2021			2021/2022			2022/2023			2023/2024			2024/2025
	Revenue	Expenditure	Surplus/Deficit	Revenue	Expenditure	Surplus/Deficit	Revenue	Expenditure	Surplus/Deficit	Revenue	Expenditure	Surplus/Deficit	Revenue
General Fund													
Governance	20,433,328	713,016	19,720,311	25,426,618	798,333	24,628,285	20,181,015	744,807	19,436,208	195,521	761,658	-566,137	200,159
Corporate Support	6,009,486	9,083,014	-3,073,529	6,103,371	9,077,770	-2,974,398	6,237,278	9,203,792	-2,966,514	6,374,159	9,339,267	-2,965,108	6,532,092
Public Order & Safety	371,340	802,232	-430,892	283,907	846,494	-562,587	289,585	863,176	-573,591	295,377	880,203	-584,827	302,761
Public Health	127,206	356,299	-229,093	130,249	364,754	-234,505	133,365	373,650	-240,285	136,556	382,765	-246,208	139,970
Community Services & Education	5,081,580	5,497,235	-415,655	5,364,561	5,840,395	-475,835	5,858,812	6,058,848	-200,036	5,977,448	6,186,933	-209,485	6,123,084
Environment	919,187	767,631	151,556	888,315	784,445	103,870	957,905	801,259	156,646	927,967	818,443	109,524	999,416
Housing & Community Amenities	588,468	643,688	-55,220	394,237	674,277	-280,040	402,122	685,591	-283,469	410,165	697,155	-286,991	420,419
Recreation & Culture	111,873	2,182,609	-2,070,736	224,910	2,373,226	-2,148,316	231,868	2,410,772	-2,178,903	236,306	2,448,539	-2,212,234	241,963
Mining & Manufacture	110,000	52,141	57,859	51,000	53,184	-2,184	52,020	54,248	-2,228	53,060	55,333	-2,272	54,387
Transport & Communication	6,299,838	9,019,359	-2,719,521	6,294,710	9,043,644	-2,748,934	5,991,486	9,629,522	-3,638,036	6,490,202	9,405,983	-2,915,781	6,215,802
Economic Affairs	5,431,383	5,216,105	215,278	6,867,400	6,576,811	290,589	6,887,348	6,585,959	301,390	6,897,595	6,582,548	315,047	6,917,035
General Purpose Revenues	8,493,211		8,493,211	8,685,995		8,685,995	8,883,243		8,883,243	9,085,064		9,085,064	9,313,213
TOTAL GENERAL FUND OPERATIONS	53,976,898	34,333,330	19,643,568	60,715,274	36,433,332	24,281,942	56,106,047	37,411,623	18,694,424	37,079,419	37,558,829	-479,410	37,460,301
<i>check total</i>			<i>19,643,568</i>			<i>24,281,942</i>			<i>18,694,424</i>			<i>0</i>	
Other Funds													
Water	3,093,181	3,677,412	-584,230	3,537,336	3,907,475	-370,139	3,522,093	3,864,427	-342,334	4,108,969	4,014,331	94,638	4,198,068
Sewer	1,447,232	1,184,818	262,414	985,203	1,212,687	-227,484	1,027,729	1,200,683	-172,953	1,057,180	1,205,892	-148,712	1,103,614
TOTAL OTHER FUNDS	4,540,413	4,862,230	-321,816	4,522,539	5,120,162	-597,623	4,549,823	5,065,110	-515,287	5,166,149	5,220,223	-54,074	5,301,682
Write off of old filtration plant													0
Write off of old reticulation system - tba													
To accumulated surplus	58,517,312	39,195,560	19,321,752	65,237,812	41,553,494	23,684,318	60,655,870	42,476,733	18,179,137	42,245,568	42,779,052	-533,484	42,761,983
<i>less Capital Grants and Contributions</i>													
General Fund			19,261,000			25,660,000			20,010,000			420,000	
Water Fund			0			0			0			500,000	
Sewer Fund			500,000			0			0			0	
Total Capital Grants and Concs			19,761,000			25,660,000			20,010,000			920,000	
Operating Surplus / Deficit before Capital Grant			-439,248			-1,975,682			-1,830,863			-1,453,484	

RECOMMENDATION

- 1. That Council adopt the 2020/2021 Annual Operational Plan and Budget as exhibited after allowing for the amendments detailed.**
- 2. That Council adopt the 2020/20201 Capital Expenditure Budget as exhibited noting that the works to be undertaken will be increased by carried forward items.**
- 3. That Council adopts the Long-Term Financial Plan as exhibited after adjusting for the difference resulting from recommendation 1.**
- 4. That Council adopt the schedule of Fees and Charges as exhibited for 2020/2021.**
- 5. That Council adopt the Revenue Policy as exhibited for 2020/2021.**
- 6. That Council adopts the Delivery Program 2020/2021 to 2024/2025.**
- 7. That Council acknowledges and thanks the contributors for their feedback.**

CLAUSE 4A – 2020/2021 MAKING OF RATES AND ANNUAL CHARGES REPORT

FILE: L5-22

AOP REFERENCE: 3.1.1.1

ATTACHMENT: NO

AUTHOR: *Rates Officer, Jo-Louise Brown*

Purpose

For Council to make general rates and annual charges for domestic waste management, water and sewerage services in accordance with the Local Government Act 1993.

Background

Sections 491 through 607 of the Local Government Act 1993 detail how Council may make rates and annual charges for various services.

At the May Ordinary Council Meeting it was resolved to place the rates on public exhibition for the required period in accordance with Section 532 of the Local Government Act 1993.

On balance, the increase in the rates for 2020/2021 proposed is the rate peg of 2.6% with the burden spread across all categories.

RECOMMENDATION

- 1. That the Cobar Residential rate of 3.00 cents in the dollar on all rateable Cobar Residential Land in pursuance of Section 516 of the Local Government Act 1993, be now made along with a minimum rate of \$520.00 for each assessment of land for financial year 2020/2021.**
- 2. That the Business Ordinary Rate of 3.00 cents in the dollar on all rateable Cobar Business Land in pursuance of Section 518 of the Local Government Act 1993, be now made along with a minimum rate of \$550.00 for each assessment of land for the financial year 2020/2021.**
- 3. That the Cobar Business CBD Rate of 4.15 cents in the dollar on all rateable Cobar Business CBD Land in pursuance of Section 518 of the Local Government Act 1993, be now made along with a minimum rate of \$550.00 for each assessment of land for the financial year 2020/2021.**
- 4. That the Cobar Farmland Rate of 0.183 cents in the dollar on all rateable Cobar Farmland in pursuance of Section 515 of the Local Government Act 1993, be now made along with a base rate of \$252.00 for each assessment of land for the financial year 2020/2021.**
- 5. That the Village Residential Rate of 11.4 cents in the dollar on all rateable Village Residential Land in pursuance of Section 516 of the Local Government Act 1993, be now made along with a base rate of \$200.00 for each assessment of land for the financial year 2020/2021.**
- 6. That the Village Business Rate of 9.25 cents in the dollar on all rateable Village Business Land in pursuance of Section 529 (2) (d) of the Local**

Government Act 1993, be now made along with a base rate of \$200.00 for each assessment of land for the financial year 2020/2021.

7. That the Rural Residential Rate of 2.25 cents in the dollar on all rateable Rural Residential Land in pursuance of Section 529 (2)(b) of the Local Government Act 1993, be now made along with a minimum rate of \$520.00 for each assessment of land for the financial year 2020/2021.
8. That the Mining – General Rate of 6.61 cents in the dollar on all rateable Mining - Gold Land in pursuance of Section 517 and 529 (2)(c) of the Local Government Act 1993, be now made along with a minimum rate of \$770.00 for each assessment of land for the financial year 2020/2021.
9. That the Domestic Waste Management Charge of \$244.00 on all properties within Council's Garbage Collection Area in pursuance of Section 496 of the Local Government Act 1993, be now made along with a charge on vacant land of \$106.00 for each assessment and a charge of \$17.00 per service per single additional bin be made for the financial year 2020/2021.
10. That the annual charge for Waste Management Services of \$106.00 on all rateable assessments in the Cobar Shire within 5kms radius of the following locations: Euabalong Post Office, Euabalong West Public School, Nymagee Police Station, Mount Hope Hotel and Canbelego intersection of Edward and Coronga Streets, during 2020/2021 in pursuance of Section 501 of the Local Government Act 1993, be now made.
11. That a Cobar Sewerage Access Charge of \$400.00 on all lands rateable to the Cobar Sewerage Residential Area in pursuance to Section 539(1) of the Local Government Act 1993, be now made along with a charge of \$120.00 for each additional closet (including urinals) in excess of 3 connections and a zero-water discharge charge for the financial year 2020/2021.
12. That a minimum Cobar Sewerage Non-residential Charge of \$665.00 on all lands rateable to the Cobar Sewerage Commercial Area in pursuance to Section 539 (1) of the Local Government Act 1993, and Liquid Trade Waste Charges as per the Fees and Charges be now made for the financial year 2020/2021.
13. That a Cobar Water Supply Access Charge of \$274.00 on all connected Filtered Water Residential lands rateable to the Cobar Water Supply Area in pursuance to Section 539(1) of the Local Government Act 1993, and that connected Unfiltered Water of \$182.00, be now made along with the following : Unconnected \$274.00 and for the following connections: 32mm \$485.00, 40mm \$835.00, 50mm \$1,340.00, 80mm \$2,730.00, and 100mm \$3,500.00 in pursuance of the Local Government Act 1993, along with a Water Charge of 1kl up to 450kl, \$2.36 per kl, 451kl up to 550kl, \$3.49 per kl and above 550kl, \$4.47 per kl and Connected Raw Water at \$2.30 per kl be made for the financial year 2020/2021.
14. That a Cobar Water Supply Access Charge of \$394.00 on all connected Commercial lands rateable to the Cobar Water Supply Area in pursuance to Section 539(1) of the Local Government Act 1993, be now made along with the following: Unconnected \$394.00 and for the following connections: 32mm \$485.00, 40mm \$835.00, 50mm \$1,340.00, 80mm \$2,730.00, and 100mm

\$3,500.00 in pursuance of the Local Government Act 1993, along with a Water Charge of 1kl up to 450kl, \$2.36 per kl, 451kl up to 550kl, \$3.49 per kl and above 551kl, \$4.47 per kl be made for the financial year 2020/2021.

- 15. That a Nymagee Water Supply Access Charge of \$615.00 be applied to all 20mm connected properties in the Nymagee Water Supply Area and that all properties over 20mm connections be charged at \$1,150.00 per connection and that all unconnected properties be charged at \$308.00 for each vacant land for the financial year 2020/2021 in pursuance of Section 539(1) of the Local Government Act 1993.**
- 16. That a Euabalong and Euabalong West Water Supply Access Charge of \$615.00 be applied to all 20mm connected properties in the Euabalong and Euabalong West Water Supply Area and that all properties over 20mm connections be charged at \$1,150.00 per connection and that all unconnected properties be charged at \$308.00 for each rateable land for the financial year 2020/2021 in pursuance of Section 539 (1) of the Local Government Act 1993.**
- 17. That a Mount Hope Water Supply Access Charge of \$716.00 be applied to all 20mm connected properties in the Mount Hope Water Supply Area and that all properties over 20mm connections be charged at \$1,150.00 for each rateable land for the financial year 2020/2021 in pursuance of Section 539 (1) Local Government Act 1993.**
- 18. That the interest rate for unpaid rates and charges be made the maximum rate of interest to be determined by the Minister of Local Government, for the financial year 2020/2021.**
- 19. That the interest rate for overdue water usage charges be made the maximum rate of interest to be determined by the Minister of Local Government, for the financial year 2020/2021.**

CLAUSE 1B – DEVELOPMENT APPROVALS: 19 MAY 2020 – 17 JUNE 2020

FILE: T5-1

AOP REFERENCE: 1.6.3.1

ATTACHMENT: NO

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

Report to be Tabled.

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

COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS 28 SEPTEMBER 2017

NUMBER	ITEM	RESOLUTION NUMBER	ACTION BY	ACTION REQUIRED	OUTCOME
1092	Council Meeting – Clause 12A – Minutes of Economic Taskforce Meeting	248.9.2017	PC	<p>That Council identify the Pulpulla Road as a high priority for its ability to contribute to tourism and economic development and that Council work with National Parks and Wildlife Service to establish a plan of action and budgets to maintain it to a standard suitable for all vehicle access.</p> <p>That Council investigate options of providing street signage to locate key facilities, such as the pool, sports facilities and water recreation areas.</p> <p>That the celebrations to mark Cobar’s 150th Anniversary be an item on Council’s agenda and that projects be scoped and indicative budgets developed.</p>	<p>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>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. The celebrations have been placed on hold due to COVID-19.</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.	No action to date.
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COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS 22 FEBRUARY 2018

NUMBER	ITEM	RESOLUTION NUMBER	ACTION BY	ACTION REQUIRED	OUTCOME
1131	Council Meeting – Clause 5A – Development Application 2018/LD-00004	13.2.2018	DPES	That Council establishes a Policy for Fencing in Urban Areas in Cobar.	Resources are not available for this at this time. This matter is considered a low priority.

COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS 22 MARCH 2018

NUMBER	ITEM	RESOLUTION NUMBER	ACTION BY	ACTION REQUIRED	OUTCOME
1141	Council Meeting – Notice of Motion – Government Incentive Programs for Attracting Health Care Professionals to the Region	46.3.2018	GM	That Council seek an urgent meeting with the Deputy Premier and the Minister for Health to seek a commitment from the NSW Government to establish and provide incentives and programs for the attraction and delivering Doctors, Specialists and other staff to rural communities such as Cobar	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

				and in particular the Western Area of NSW.	Canberra to raise the issue.
1142	Council Meeting – Notice of Motion – Installation of an Independent Pedestrian Crossing	47.3.2018	GM	That Council write to John Holland Rail, being the entity that maintains the RailCorp assets for Rural NSW, to increase the width to accommodate two vehicles crossing at same time on the level crossing on Bourke Road between Railway Parade South and Railway Parade North and install an independent pedestrian crossing.	Negotiations between John Holland Rail, RMS and Council has commenced. 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

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

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.

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	<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
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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.	A draft Plan of Management has been forwarded to the Department planning, Industry & Environment – Crown Lands as required by S39 of the <i>Local Government Act 1993</i> . On receipt of a favorable response the draft plan may be placed on public exhibition in accordance with S38.
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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.	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
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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.
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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"> ▪ That Council write to RMS to change the pedestrian crossing at Cobar Public School to a children’s crossing during school times only; ▪ That Council in partnership with RMS investigate implementing a 40km/h High Pedestrian Activity Area (HPAA) in the CBD area of Cobar on Marshall Street. 	<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 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>	Letters will be sent to adjoining owners to see if they wish to purchase the unsold items from Sale of Land Auction.

COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 23 APRIL 2020

NUMBER	ITEM	RESOLUTION NUMBER	ACTION BY	ACTION REQUIRED	OUTCOME
1369	Council Meeting – Clause 6B – Local Traffic Committee Minutes	70.4.2020	GM	<p>That Council resolve to adopt the 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</p>	Investigations to be undertaken.

				parking; 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.	Investigations to be undertaken, action has also been listed as an action item in the Disability Inclusion Action Plan 2020-2024.
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COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 23 APRIL 2020

NUMBER	ITEM	RESOLUTION NUMBER	ACTION BY	ACTION REQUIRED	OUTCOME
1371	Council Meeting – Apologies	79.5.2020	GM	That the apology received from Councillor Lilliane Brady OAM (Mayor) be accepted. That Councillor Lilliane Brady OAM (Mayor) be granted a leave of absence for the next two months (May and June).	Accepted – No further action required. Granted – No further action required.
1372	Council Meeting – Clause 2A – Publication Guide – Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009	82.5.2020	GM	That Council adopts the Publication Guide dated 1 June 2020 as the current Policy of Council.	Adopted – No further action required.
1373	Council Meeting – Clause 4A – Disability Inclusion Action Plan 2020-2024	87.5.2020	GM	That Council places the draft Disability Inclusion Action Plan 2020-2024 on public exhibition seeking input from the community for a period of 28 days.	Draft on public exhibition – No further action required.
1374	Council Meeting – Clause 5A – Quarter 3	88.5.2020	DFCS	That the Capital Budget for 2019/2020 is revised to complete	Budget revised – No further action required.

	2019/2020 Budget Review			<p>the upgrade of the bathrooms at the Lilliane Brady Village.</p> <p>That no changes be made to the Operating Budget for 2019/2020 in Q3.</p>	
1375	Council Meeting – Clause 6A – Council’s Annual Operational Plan, Budget, Fees and Charges and Revenue Policy	89.5.2020	DFCS	<p>That Council place the draft 2020/2021 Annual Operational Plan, Budget, Fees and Charges, Revenue Policy and Ten-Year Financial Plan on public exhibition for 28 days.</p> <p>That Council hold a public meeting on Wednesday, 17 June 2020 at 6:00pm to present the documents and seek community input into them and to identify possible future projects.</p> <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 of the extensions to the Lilliane Brady Village of approximately \$200,000 per annum from hand over date until ten new bed licenses</p>	<p>Draft 2020/2021 Annual Operational Plan, Budget, Fees and Charges, Revenue Policy and Ten-Year Financial Plan placed on public exhibition – No further action required.</p> <p>Public meeting held – No further action required.</p> <p>Assistance being sought.</p> <p>NSW Government ‘top up’ to be sought.</p>

				are issued.	
1376	Council Meeting – Clause 7A – Cobar Local Strategic Planning Statement	90.5.2020	DPES	That Council adopt and finalise Cobar Local Strategic Planning Statement (LSPS) and upload to the NSW Planning Portal for finalisation.	Action completed. LSPS available on Council's Website and forwarded for uploading to NSW Planning Portal.
1377	Council Meeting – Clause 8A – Part A & Part B – Expansion of Cobar Mine Workers Development Application	91.5.2020	DPES & City Plan Associate, Robert Bisley & Director, Helen Deegan	That Council delegate to the General Manager the determination of the Expansion of Cobar Mine Workers Village Development Application 2019-LD-00023.	General Manager delegated the determination of the Expansion of Cobar Mine Workers Village Development Application 2019-LD-00023 – No further action required.
1378	Council Meeting – Committee of the Whole Closed Council – Clause 1C – Tender for Dry and Wet Hire Plant and Equipment	103.5.2020	GM	That Council engages the following companies to be selected as a panel of preferred suppliers for Dry and Wet Hire Plant and Equipment: As per resolution. The engagement of the successful companies will be under contractual conditions including the requirement of the performance of the works, rates, insurances and other general conditions of the Contract as executed under the agreement. The successful panel of suppliers will be selected on the basis of price, availability, performance and funding.	Panel of preferred suppliers for Dry and Wet Hire Plant and Equipment engaged – No further action required.
1379	Council Meeting – Committee of the	103.5.2020	PC	That Council award the contract to The McDonald Trust T/A Country	Contract and additional budget allocated – No further action

	Whole Closed Council – Clause 2C – Tender Conversion of a House (9 Maidens Ave, Cobar) to Girl Guides Hall (T3-20-3)			Mile Construction and allocate an additional \$120,000 to the project.	required.
1380	Council Meeting – Committee of the Whole Closed Council – Clause 3C – Call for Expression of Interest – Cobar Heritage Centre Upgrades (T3-20-6)	103.5.2020	PC	That the following companies are invited to Tender for the upgrades at the Great Cobar Heritage Centre: North Construction and Building, (Dubbo); Hutchinson Builders (Tweed Heads, NSW); David Payne Construction (Dubbo, NSW).	Companies to be invited to Tender.
1381	Council Meeting – Committee of the Whole Closed Council – Clause 4C – Lease of Mount Hope PWP No.8 – 5 Year Lease	103.5.2020	WSM	That the Tender for the Mount Hope PWP No.8 from Mr Fitzpatrick be accepted by Council based on the Tender Evaluation Criteria for a period of five (5) years from 1 August 2020 to 30 June 2025 at a cost of \$7,000 per annum and in accordance with the Tender.	Accepted – 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: 1371, 1372, 1373, 1374, 1375 Part 1 and Part 2, 1376, 1377, 1378, 1379 and 1381.

CLAUSE 3B – INVESTMENT REPORT AS AT 31 MAY 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 May 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	\$ 5,215,424	\$ 9,192,826	\$ 8,547,475	\$ 956	\$ 5,861,730
Jun-20	1.40%	NAB	\$ 1,002,264			\$ 1,192	\$ 1,003,456
Aug-20	1.80%	AMP	\$ 2,008,494			\$ 3,071	\$ 2,011,565
May-20		NAB	\$ 3,009,309		\$ 3,009,309	\$ -	-\$ 0
Aug-20	1.65%	Auswide	\$ 2,006,969			\$ 2,813	\$ 2,009,782
Aug-20	1.60%	ME	\$ 2,005,791			\$ 2,726	\$ 2,008,517
Nov-20	1.15%	ME	\$ -	\$ 3,000,000		\$ 378	\$ 3,000,378
Nov-20	1.25%	ME	\$ -	\$ 2,000,000		\$ 753	\$ 2,000,753
Jun-20	1.58%	NAB	\$ 1,004,553			\$ 1,348	\$ 1,005,901
Jun-20	1.70%	AMP	\$ 1,009,863			\$ 1,443	\$ 1,011,306
Aug-20	1.80%	AMP	\$ 1,003,604			\$ 1,534	\$ 1,005,138
Jun-20	1.70%	AMP	\$ 1,009,863			\$ 1,443	\$ 1,011,306
TOTALS	Average Int	1.72%	\$17,256,746	\$14,192,826	\$11,556,784	\$17,658	\$21,929,833

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 31 May 2020.**

**CLAUSE 4B – BANK RECONCILIATION, CASH FLOW & LOAN FACILITY
SUMMARIES AS AT 31 MAY 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	1,299
Less Unpresented Cheques	(-)
Reconciled Balance	11,299

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
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
Apr 20	19,267,134	(5,826)	19,261,308
May 20	21,929,833	11,299	21,941,132

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

Cash Flow

May		Description	Forecast
Forecast	Actual		June
(5,826)	11,329	Bank Balance Forward	11,299
750,000	5,168,520	FAG / R2R / RMCC	250,000
14,637	14,637	RMS Agency	14,637
400,000	638,475	Rates /Water/User Charges	600,000
150,000	218,798	Private Works/Debtors	150,000
180,000	297,623	LBV – Residents Fees & Subsidies	250,000
21,000	28,489	Child Care/In Home Care (Net)	25,000
1,000,000	(2,636,041)	Net Movement of Investments	(1,000,000)
1,000,000	332,713	Sundry Income & Grants	1,500,000
		<i>Less</i>	
(3,500,000)	(3,353,766)	Creditors	(3,000,000)
(780,000)	(732,076)	Wages / Salaries	(780,000)
10,000	11,299	Bank Reconciliation Cr/(Dr)	10,000

Loan Facility Report as at 31 May 2020

Swimming Pool and Street Upgrade Loan (6.22%) <i>Principal and Interest = \$22,265</i>	(838,166.31)
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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 May 2020.

CLAUSE 5B – ESTIMATE OF CARRIED FORWARD CAPITAL EXPENDITURE AS AT 30 JUNE 2020

FILE: L5-22

AOP REFERENCE: 3.3

ATTACHMENT: YES

(PAGE 55-57)

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

Purpose

To provide Council with an indicative list of capital works which will need to be carried forward at the end of the 2019/2020 financial year to enable their completion.

Background

Council will receive at the July Ordinary Meeting a schedule of capital works to formally adopt to be carried forward and become integrated with the capital budget for the 2020/2021 financial year. This schedule can only be prepared when all the end of year transactions has been processed.

As an extension of the quarter three budget review adopted at the May Ordinary Council Meeting and so that the schedule can be considered with the 2020/2021 Budget in view an indicative list is presented to Council.

RECOMMENDATION

That the report Estimate of Carried Forward Capital Expenditure as at 30 June 2020 be received and noted.

CLAUSE 6B – 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 May 2020 and the method of procurement used:

Contractor	Description of Works and Method of Procurement	Current Month	2019/2020
Fulton Hogan	Road Works	1,490,881	2,737,409
Killard Infrastructure	Reticulation (Tender)	0	1,368,707
Westrac Equipment	Purchase of Graders/Mechanical Service	372	1,076,775
Inland Petroleum	Fuel (Tender)	54,454	766,711
Crushrite	Gravel Crushing (Tender)	0	734,765
Department of Planning and Industry – Public Works	Government Consulting Services	81,689	666,874
Stabilised Pavements of Australia	Pavement Stabilising (Tender)	27,819	480,050
Urquhart Haulage Contractors	Haulage (Tender)	27,846	450,893
Rosmech Sales and Services	Purchase of Street Sweeper (Tender)	0	368,428
TA Booth Transport	Water Cart Hire (Tender)	46,406	324,121
Sainsbury Automotive	Vehicle Purchases	0	304,176
L & R Group	Pool Management (Tender)	0	261,786
Rollers Australia	Plant Hire (Tender)	21,963	250,411

Contractor	Description of Works and Method of Procurement	Current Month	2019/2020
Killeen Plant Hire	Acres Billabong (Tender)	0	232,782
Earth Moving Equipment	Purchase of Backhoe	0	187,187
Access Environmental Planning	Bore Licensing	61,200	184,300
Broughton Contracting	Plant Hire (Tender)	5,368	182,364
BTX Group	Chemicals	0	180,768
Cobar Toyota	Vehicle Purchases	0	176,124
Wrigley Enterprises Pty Ltd	Construction Work	81,950	160,217
Dunn and Hillam Architects	Various Projects (Youth Centre, Early Learning Centre) (Quotes)	0	159,366
JR May Earthmoving	Plant Hire (Tender)	34,892	139,535
Exeloo	Drummond Park Toilet	0	133,650
JC Aus Plumbing	Plumbing Work	528	128,596
Central Darling Shire Council	Road Works	0	120,215
NSW Public Works (now DPI Public Works)	Government Consulting Services	0	114,763
Look No Further	Labour Hire	9,876	111,503
LC Water	Water Treatment Plant (Tender)	0	110,988
Ben Broek Carpenter	Mt Hope Toilets	0	105,840
Cramptons Carpets	Furnishings	13,680	103,680
As Per Plan Construction	Construction Work	0	92,671
KML Industries	Trades Service/Hardware	0	88,266
Murray Harland Electrical	Electrical Service	0	82,115
Downer EDI Works	Road Works	13,306	82,047
Marsdens Law Group	Legal Services (Tender)	0	81,836
Tonkin Consulting	Consulting Service	3,570	80,581
Whacko Water Trucks Pty Ltd	Road Works	189	80,085

RECOMMENDATION

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

CLAUSE 7B – EXPENDITURE FOR ROADS NETWORK

FILE: R5-31

AOP REFERENCE: 4.3.2

ATTACHMENT: YES

(PAGE 58-62)

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.

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 May 2020.

Background

State Highways

Maintenance Work

- Sign and guidepost replacement works as required – **ongoing**;
- Pothole repairs – **ongoing**;
- Collapse culvert HW8 West.

Urban Roads/Shire Roads/Regional Roads

Maintenance Work

- Maintenance/Spot Grading – RR7518, SR19, SR11, SR2, SR1A, SR31 and MR407;
- The April 2020 flood damage initial repairs are also on-going and awaiting declaration in order to finalise Councils claim.

Construction Work

- Gravelling on SR19 and SR36;
- Burril Tank widening 3.0kms.

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**;
- Desilting primary aerator ponds 1 and 2 complete.

Water Operations

- The Water Treatment Plant is producing approximately 1.5 ML per day. Water restrictions were completely lifted on 1 June 2020. Burrendong Dam level is at 21.9%.

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

- Drummond Park old playground equipment has been removed, irrigation system being installed and grass will be installed when the frosty weather stops;
- Substandard footpath on Harcourt Street near Drummond Park has been removed and installation of new footpath is in progress;
- Cobar sign installed and garden completed. A number of plants stolen from the garden, noticed missing on 15 June 2020;
- Airport vegetation control/slashing is back on track following delivery of the new slasher;
- We experienced another fire at the tip in our green waste area on 15 June 2020. Tracks would imply someone entered the site through the back fence and the fire was lit on purpose, but possibly the fire was a result of mulch composting following the rain on Saturday night and some persons has accessed the area either by coincidence or on smelling smoke, but tracks were evident right up to the area where the fire started. EPA report completed over the phone;
- A trip incident was reported by a member of the public on the footpath in front of the pool in Prince Street. Investigation confirmed tree roots have lifted the path segment approximately 50mm above next segment. Corrective work is being fast tracked to be completed this week;
- Museum ramp earth works have been quoted and ready to move once the Development Application is confirmed. Still sourcing quotes for electrical works.

Electrical:

- Two interviews completed for the Electrical Supervisors role and progressing to medical;
- Parts have been delivered for the Cemetery gate control;
- NMI 40010006530 Meter at Ward Oval Sewerage Pump was replaced;
- Expecting a number of power outages on 24 June 2020, for meter changes and other works, this will affect:
 - Pump Station on Hillston Road at Mount Hope from 8am to 3pm for Essential Energy works;
 - Mount Hope Community Hall and associated grounds from 8am to 3pm for Essential Energy works;
 - The old Water Filtration Plant on Fort Bourke Hill from 8am to 4pm. Still confirming details here, as I received a notice for a meter change which is 30>45minutes and another notice for 8 hours;
 - Cobar Shire Council Offices and Chambers from 4:30pm to 5:30pm, for meter change only;
 - Cobar Shire Council Depot/Workshop from 3:30pm to 4:30pm, for meter change only;
 - Rural Fire Service Office Cobar time TBC, for meter change only;
 - Cobar Museum time TBC, for meter change only;
 - Sewer Pump Station on Hillston Road time TBC, for meter change only.
- Another power outage for meter change on 26 June 2020 at Euabalong's Pump Station on Condobolin Road, for meter change only.

Workshop (Mobile Fleet Maintenance):

- Volvo construction grader is in the depot and is being prepared for auction;
- P4820 new John Deere 6140M Tractor was delivered 1 June 2020 and has been utilised with our existing large slasher, removing vegetation from roadsides;
- P7074 9' Slasher was delivered 12 May 2020 and utilised with our existing tractor at the airport to clear vegetation within the runway boundary. This was previously done with a TORO ride on mower;
- P0189 utility was delivered 20 May 2020 and is in use by children services.
- P0188 has been retained by children services. P0164 wagon was been relocated to Broken Hill Children Services;
- Two utility vehicles have been recalled for issues related to rear springs. This work is scheduled to occur before end of June 2020;
- P0625 new small tipper for Water & Sewer team due for delivery on 19 June 2020. This is replacing P0624 utility from Water and Sewer team and vehicles will be reallocated within the team to suit their needs. P0624 has reached its scheduled replacement kms and will be disposed of via auction;
- P1161 Euabalong Tipper has engine issues with estimated \$10k repair. Repair works have commenced;
- Local Government Procurement (LGP) quote request via VendorPanel for Diesel Tanker Truck completed, evaluated and ready to award. This is a replacement for P1170 which was identified unsuitable/unsafe for our needs and recently sold at auction. Pending final approval for purchase;
- LGP quote request via VendorPanel for Tipper Truck completed, evaluated and ready to award. This is replacement for either P1161 or P1031, both of which have exceeded their recommended replacement. Pending final approval for purchase;
- LGP quote request via VendorPanel for Aerator has been completed, evaluated and ready to award. Justification is being reviewed based on confirmed prices, but advice from experienced persons indicate a firm payback based on the reduced water and fertiliser required on Ward Oval alone;
- VendorPanel has been sent out for Roads Inspector vehicle which has exceeded its scheduled replacement kms and experiencing operational issues. Quote period closes 28 June 2020.

Cobar Shire Council Depot Compound Works:

- Truck Wash:
 - Factory Acceptance Testing was completed and supporting documentation supplied;
 - Deliveries unloaded on site as of 16 June 2020;
 - 40' container locked. It contains DAF, Monitoring System, CMS, Dosing, Flocculator and some loose interconnecting items;
 - Solid settling, process and sludge tanks;
 - Structural steel;
 - Ten x wash bay base panels;
 - Wash bay access ramps;
 - Wash bay wall upright supports;
 - Various components of the walkway platform, stairs and handrails;
 - Expecting one more truck load to be delivered either 19 June 2020 or 22 June 2020 for remaining materials from Enviroconcepts;

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- The intended orientation of the truck wash and traffic flow has been turned 180⁰ to suit the required fall of the wash pad and natural fall of ground;
 - Updated drawings have been completed and passed on to Enviroconcepts to finalise the DA;
 - Road and pad construction are expected to start 30 June 2020. Road and pad development will take approximately three weeks, so expecting completion by 22 July 2020;
 - Water and sewer lines are expected to be completed in August 2020;
 - Submain supply are expected to be installed in August 2020. Power is planned to be supplied from a new NMI/metering point and distribution board to be installed for a new pump station in the south/west corner of this lot/block. Although discussions with Public Works suggests this supply will not be ready by September 2020. If this is the case, we may need to commission and run the Truck Wash initially using a generator.
- Emulsion Unit:
 - Due to be delivered before the end of June 2020;
 - Geotech Investigation is underway on the installation location before civil design is confirmed;
 - As per the Truck Wash, electrical supply will come from the new NMI/metering point and distribution board to be installed for a new pump station when installed.

Resources for Regions

Construction of New Water Treatment Plant

- The New Water Treatment Plant is operational and Council staff are operating the plant. The contactor, 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 May 2020, on the contract by LCW is \$6,179,390. 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 June 2020;
- A number of defects have been identified as part of the defects liability period, Public Works Advisory (PWA) and LCW are in discussion regarding the rectification of defects.

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

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

Projects	Restart NSW Funding	Cobar Shire Council Funding	Expended as at 31 May 2020	Project Status
Water Treatment Plant (WTP)	\$15,750,000	\$200,000	\$6,179,390	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- The WTP is operational. Minor defects will be fixed by the contractor, operator training is ongoing.- 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.- Construction of the road to the WTP will be completed in September 2020 subject to the EPA's clean up notice.- The WTP was officially opened by the Deputy Premier and Mayor 2 October 2019.

Sewerage Scheme Refurbishments Expansion and upgrade	\$2,100,000	\$500,000	\$669,195	<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. Procurement for project is currently underway.
Water Mains Cleaning and Replacement and Water Storage Refurbishment Project	\$6,900,000	\$0	\$2,352,115	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Killard Infrastructure PTY LTD have been awarded the reticulation project. Killard have commenced work and expected to be completed in August 2020. - Reservoirs are currently in design. Expected to tender in May/June 2020.

RECOMMENDATION

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

CLAUSE 10B – TOURISM, EVENTS AND THE GREAT COBAR HERITAGE CENTRE UPDATE REPORT

FILE: M5-1 & T4-1

AOP REFERENCE: 2.2.1.1

ATTACHMENT: YES

(PAGE 63-68)

AUTHOR: *Tourism Manager, Demi Smith*

Purpose

To provide Council with an updated Action Plan from the Business Management Plan for Tourism, Events and the Great Cobar Heritage Centre and to provide an update on the activities of staff within this business unit within the last six months and important information on the work carried out within that period.

Background

As requested by Council, the Business Management Plan was developed to provide strategic direction for our current activities, and to identify our priorities over the short and medium term and to provide opportunities to strengthen and diversify Cobar's tourism and events industry into the future. The document is flexible and constantly updated. Regular updates will be provided to Council on our progress and ideas for future investigation and development.

Issues

The Business Management Plan is a working document and will be updated regularly by staff. The Plan will continually be reviewed and actioned, with quarterly reports being provided to Council on the implementation of actions within the plan and any issues Council may need to be aware of.

Further development and growth will be dependent on resources. Every effort will be made to seek funding opportunities, though a key factor in determining the success of applications will be the lack of significant cash co-contributions and low resources at Council, that are available for events, advertising, exhibitions and the Museum.

Attached to the Agenda is an outlined Tourism Report of the activities the business unit have undertaken over the past six months.

Policy Implications

Development and implementation of a Business Management Plan was requested by Council and outlines the activities currently being undertaken for tourism, events and the Great Cobar Heritage Centre.

Financial Implications

The Management Plan will be implemented within the existing budget.

RECOMMENDATION

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

CLAUSE 11B – 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					
Transport NSW	Construction of two new bus shelters: 1. Cobar High School – Mopone Street; 2. Cobar TAFE – Bathurst Street.	Total applied for - \$44,000	Pending	No co-contribution.	No forecasted outcome dates.
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 an announcement will be made in the coming weeks.
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 an announcement will be made in the coming weeks.

Grant and Department	Activity	Amount Applied For	Status	Council Funding Required	Deadline for project, comment
Grants Applied for					
NSW Government Stronger Country Communities Fund – Round 3	Euabalong Scenic Walking Trail.	\$222,500	Pending	No co-contribution.	Council have actively sought an update for the outcome of this application. We have been advised that an announcement will be made in the coming weeks.
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 was expected in February 2020, this has been delayed until an unknown date at this stage.
NSW Government – Transport for NSW, Fixing Local Roads	SR26 – completion of sealing Wilga Downs Road – 13.8km.	\$2,685,225	Pending	\$300,000	Outcome was expected in February 2020, this has been delayed until an unknown date at this stage.
Fixing Country Roads (Tranche 2)	The Wool Track.	\$51,362,500	Pending	\$1,500,000 Cobar Shire Council over three years. \$600,000 Central Darling Shire over three years.	Total project \$53,462,500 – outcome anticipated May 2020 (However Tranche 1 announcement was delayed, this may impact Tranche 2's announcement).
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 June 2020.
Active Transport	Construction of pedestrian refuge at the intersection of Maidens and Blakey Street (previously misreported as Woodiwiss Avenue).	\$52,924	Pending	\$10,000 from Council's footpath budget to be contributed if successful.	Outcome anticipated June 2020.

Grant and Department	Activity	Amount Applied For	Status	Council Funding Required	Deadline for project, comment
Grants Applied for					
Local Government Authorities Arts and Cultural Funding	Continued Museum Upgrades.	\$426,414.00	Pending	Nil for this application.	Outcome expected July 2020.
Infrastructure Grant through the NSW Club Grants	Shade Structure at the Euabalong Park.	\$87,000	Pending	Matching co-contribution required of \$87,000.	Outcome expected August 2020.
Showgrounds Stimulus Funding	Seal carpark, electrical upgrades in stabling area, demolish existing stables and install 90 new (compliant) stables.	\$668,314.20	Pending	Nil for this application.	Outcome expected September 2020.
Streets as Shared Spaces	Install 170 meters of footpath along Blakey Street to link walking trail, line marking and install animal cut-outs along walking trail at the Newey.	\$47,090.60	Pending	\$5,000	Outcome expected August 2020.
Community Building Partnerships	Refurbishment of soft fall in the Splash Park area of Cobar Memorial Swimming Pool.	\$8,119	Pending	Matching co-contribution required of \$8,119.	Outcome expected September 2020.

Grant Outcomes

Grant and Department	Activity	Amount Applied For	Status	Council Funding Required	Comment
Grants Announced					
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.

Grant and Department	Activity	Amount Applied For	Status	Council Funding Required	Comment
Grants Announced					
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 applied for 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 applied for an extension due to COVID-19.
Building Better Regions Fund	Ward Oval Community Hub – including Early Learning Precinct.	\$6,732,075	Successful	\$800,000 from CSC, \$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.
Drought Communities Program – Extension	Applied for nine projects as passed at the February Council meeting.	\$1,000,000	Successful	Nil for this application.	Projects have been scoped and funding deed signed.
BBRF – Community investment stream	Proposal to develop an Economic Resiliency Strategy for Cobar Shire Council	\$67,324.00	Successful	\$22,442	Currently in the procurement process.
Combatting Social Isolation for Seniors	Reach out to isolated seniors via outreach phone calls, delivery of books and craft.	\$10,000	Successful	In-kind – Staff, phone calls and car usage.	Cobar Shire & TAFE Library will deliver this project.

Current Grant Opportunities:

- **Crown Lands Funding** - The Crown Reserves Improvement Fund Program (CRIFP) supports Crown Land Managers (CLMs) by providing funding for repairs and maintenance projects, pest and weed control, new recreational infrastructure or environmental initiatives. The funding aims to benefit the community, boost our economy and contribute to the cultural, sporting and recreational life of NSW. Closes 10 July 2020.

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. EOI process finalised and three companies selected to tender. Council and Architects are working to finalise the tender documents with the aim of release the tender by 30 June. Project making good progress.
- **Heritage Near Me** – Museum accessibility project – being incorporated into above. Submitted as one DA for the Museum project. Council has undertaken procurement and selected successful contractor, with contract being finalised. Due to DA approval delays an extension was sort for the funding and the Ramp now to be constructed by 30 September 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** – The plans for the second concept have been finalised and contractor has submitted price. The Project has come in within budget estimate. Council working on approval process with the aim to go to the July Council meeting and construction to commence in August. Project to be completed by end December 2020.
- **SCCF – Toilet project** – Drummond Park Toilet installed. Shade structure still be installed over head.
- **SCCF – Girl Guides Hall** – Renovation of existing house at 9 Maidens Avenue. Architectural Design complete, with Construction Certificate still be finalised. Tender awarded. Contract being developed with the aim of commencing work on site in July.
- **SCCF – Youthie Upgrade** – SCCF – DA has been lodged. The project is currently on budget and progressing.
- **Growing Local Economies Fund & Building Better Regions Fund – Ward Oval Community Hub and Early Learning Precinct** – Architectural plans have been developed (for Ward Oval) and further expanded after community session and with the feedback received from the users. Council has provided further feedback on these plans and they are yet to be finalised. The successful BBRF grant for the Early Learning Centre will now mean that the Ward Oval project will work collaboratively with the development of the ‘Ward Oval Community Hub including an Early Learning Precinct’ moving forward and likely go to tender as one package.
- **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 November 2020. The Reservoir project is currently in design phase and is expected to be out to tender in July 2020.

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- **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 visited several times but due to COVID-19, is working with Council remotely, with another visit planned for late June 2020 now that some restrictions have eased.
 - **Infrastructure NSW – Fixing Country Roads** – Sealing the Grain Road, construction has been completed on site with only signs and guideposts to be installed for the project to be 100% complete. Will be finalised by 30 June 2020.
 - **Nymagee Community Toilets** – This project is currently being scoped, working with Nymagee Progress Association for a suitable location.
 - **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, was running each fortnight on Friday nights from 9pm – 12pm. For 12yrs and older. Very well attended. Currently on hold, to recommence for remaining weeks after COVID-19.
 - **Drought Communities – Extension – Round 2 – \$1 million projects** – Funding Deed has been signed and the scoping of approved projects has been 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 12B – RATES RECONCILIATION REPORT AS AT 31 MAY 2020**FILE: R2-1****AOP REFERENCE: 3.1.1.6****ATTACHMENT: YES (PAGE 69-70)****AUTHOR: Office Coordinator, Jo-Louise Brown****Purpose**

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

FUND	LEVY 2019-2020	Pensioner Rebates	Abandoned Levy	Additional Levies	Sub Total 2019-2020	Arrears 30 June 19	Payments	Total Outstanding	Total Outstanding Previous Year	% Outstanding of Sub Total Plus Arrears
Business	436,811.02		11,250.78	1,335.00	426,895.24	97,520.20	430,979.28	93,436.16	111,004.16	17.82%
Farmland	698,230.15		7,052.67	4,092.75	695,270.23	73,559.35	675,457.33	93,372.25	115,791.93	12.14%
Mining	1,735,921.14		-	-	1,735,921.14	400,201.22	1,787,105.58	349,016.78	760,234.75	16.34%
Residential	1,179,217.90	44,910.02	91,332.34	722.79	1,043,698.33	271,211.66	1,083,366.56	231,543.43	338,993.20	17.61%
Overpayments					-	-151,345.91	- 9,422.86	-141,923.05	-125,617.02	93.77%
Legal Costs			67,493.68	90,249.76	22,756.08	56,474.67	44,164.19	35,066.56	58,089.15	44.26%
Interest			63,116.36	25,878.36	-37,238.00	178,709.75	76,638.70	64,833.05	131,509.28	45.83%
General Rates	4,050,180.21	44,910.02	240,245.83	122,278.66	3,887,303.02	926,330.94	4,088,288.78	725,345.18	1,390,005.45	15.07%
Domestic Waste	633,814.00	17,152.53	9,068.88	711.00	608,303.59	56,740.45	581,907.87	83,136.17	88,785.46	12.50%
Sewerage	648,400.00	17,849.99	4,828.12	170,845.38	796,567.27	123,076.03	795,369.57	124,273.73	117,434.75	13.51%
Cobar Water	687,053.00	19,162.49	1,110.42	4,316.00	671,096.09	52,566.28	639,896.72	83,765.65	85,206.43	11.58%
Nymagee Water	28,308.00	525.00	6,398.56	-	21,384.44	14,193.81	24,701.49	10,876.76	15,161.40	30.57%
Euabalong Water	45,212.00	1,050.00	1,785.75	-	42,376.25	12,473.16	42,180.64	12,668.77	14,661.71	23.10%
Euab West Water	27,371.00	459.38	-	-	26,911.62	6,694.55	24,254.32	9,351.85	8,089.43	27.83%
Mt Hope Water	6,444.00	-	-	-	6,444.00	1,526.90	5,608.37	2,362.53	1,705.62	29.64%
Water Access	794,388.00	1,196.87	9,294.73	4,316.00	768,212.40	87,454.70	736,641.54	119,025.56	124,824.59	13.91%
Water Usage			27,950.93	1,230,583.82	1,202,632.89	603,711.64	1,706,095.54	100,248.99	222,665.09	5.55%
TOTAL	6,126,782.21	101,109.41	291,388.49	1,528,734.86	7,263,019.17	1,797,313.76	7,908,303.30	1,152,029.63	1,943,715.34	12.72%

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



ATTACHMENTS

ORDINARY MEETING AGENDA

THURSDAY 25 JUNE 2020

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