

# **ATTACHMENTS**



## **ORDINARY MEETING AGENDA**

**THURSDAY 27 AUGUST 2015**

---

## ~ REFERENCE TO ATTACHMENTS ~

---

### **PART A – ACTION**

*Page Number*

Clause 2A – Institute of Public Works Engineering Australasia (IPWEA), NSW Division Annual Conference Attendance by the General Manager .....	53-54
Clause 3A – Payment of Expenses and Provision of Facilities to Mayor and Councillors Policy .....	55-70
Clause 4A – Far West Initiative Update Report .....	71-73
Clause 7A – 2014/2015 Budget Items Required to be Carried Over .....	Under Separate Cover
Clause 8A – National Local Roads and Transport Congress .....	74-83
Clause 9A – Use of Ward Oval Facilities by Cobar Junior Soccer Club .....	84-85

### **PART B – INFORMATION**

*Page Number*

Clause 4B – Meeting Minutes .....	86-98
-----------------------------------	-------



# NSW State Conference 2015

[Back to the Calendar](#)

Wednesday, October 14 - Friday, October 16, 2015

## IPWEA NSW STATE CONFERENCE 2015 FIT FOR PURPOSE



Wednesday 14 October to Friday 16 October 2015  
Crowne Plaza Terrigal,  
Pine Tree Lane  
Terrigal NSW 2260

The Institute of Public Works Engineering Australasia (NSW Division) would like to invite you to participate in the IPWEA NSW State Conference 2015, to be held at the Crowne Plaza Terrigal from Wednesday 14 October to Friday 16th October 2015.

The conference typically draws delegates from all over New South Wales, both metropolitan and regional areas are always represented. The conference is of particular relevance to Engineers who provide support within Local Government, attracting an audience of Engineers, Public Works Managers, Group Managers, Supervisors, Technical Staff, Councillors, Directors, General Managers, and other Public Works' disciplines including Management Utilities and State Government Departments.

The conference is a two day event and features an extensive program, including an exhibition, keynote presentations, concurrent streams of technical papers including peer presentations and workshop sessions. On Wednesday night, we open with the Welcome reception. The official opening of the IPWEA NSW State Conference is on Thursday morning, and in the evening the key attraction IPWEA NSW Engineering Excellence Gala Awards dinner is held.

**Registration** - Online registrations will open in the coming weeks.



Platinum Partner:  
2013, 2014 & 2015



**Contact Us:** Sofija Kusic, Events and Operations Manager  
e: [sofija.kusic@ipwea.org](mailto:sofija.kusic@ipwea.org) p: +61 (02) 8267 3013 +61 (02) 417 185 969 f: +61 (02) 8267 3083  
a: Level 12, 447 Kent St, SYDNEY NSW 2000

### Location

Crown Plaza Terrigal  
Pine Tree Lane  
Terrigal, NSW 2260

### Contact

Sofija Kusic  
 T: (02) 8267 3013  
 sofija.kusic@ipewa.org  
[Download to your calendar](#)

[Privacy Policy](#) | [Code of Conduct](#)

#### ABOUT

##### IPWEA NSW

[About](#)  
[Mission](#)  
[Board](#)  
[Staff](#)  
[Regional Groups](#)  
[Annual General Meetings](#)  
[Annual Reports](#)  
[Constitution](#)  
[Corporate Partners](#)  
[Foundations](#)  
[Young Engineers](#)  
[Organisation Champions](#)  
[NSW Membership](#)  
[Special General Meeting](#)  
[Advocacy](#)

##### Careers

[Intern Program](#)  
[Careers](#)  
[Work@ IPWEA](#)

##### DIVISIONS

[Main](#)  
[New Zealand](#)  
[New South Wales](#)  
[Queensland](#)  
[South Australia](#)  
[Tasmania](#)  
[Victoria](#)  
[Western Australia](#)

##### CONTACT US

[IPWEA NSW](#)

##### Awards

[Awards & Scholarships](#)

#### COMMUNITIES

##### Communities of Practice

[Asset Management](#)  
[Fleet & Plant Management](#)  
[Land Development](#)  
[Parks & Landscape](#)  
[Road Safety](#)  
[Sustainability](#)  
[Young IPWEA](#)  
[NAMS Canada](#)

##### NSW Regions

[Metropolitan North](#)  
[Metropolitan South](#)  
[Metropolitan West](#)  
[Central West](#)  
[Illawarra](#)  
[Hunter](#)  
[Mid North Coast](#)  
[New England North West](#)  
[North Coast](#)  
[Orana](#)  
[South East](#)  
[South West](#)

##### NSW Technical Panels

[Build a Bridge](#)  
[Road Safety](#)  
[Roads & Transport Directorate](#)  
[Streets Opening Conferences](#)  
[Water Directorate](#)

##### IPWEA Communities

[My Communities](#)  
[Join Communities](#)

##### IPWEA Forums

[Ask Your Mates Forum](#)  
[View All Discussions](#)  
[View Shared Files](#)  
[Post a Message](#)

#### EVENTS

[Events by Division](#)  
[Events by Community](#)  
[Upcoming Events](#)  
[Search Events](#)

##### NSW Events

[CIVENEX](#)  
[NSW State Conference](#)

[NSW Works Conference](#)

[NSW Regional Forums](#)

##### Professional Development

[NSW Professional Development](#)  
[Fit For Purpose Workshops](#)

##### PUBLICATIONS

[NSW Publications](#)  
[Bookshop](#)  
[PWPro Digital Magazine](#)

##### Newsletters

[ASSET eNews](#)  
[FLEET eNews](#)

##### Library

[NSW Library](#)

#### MEMBERSHIP

[Become a Member](#)  
[Member Testimonials](#)  
[Renew Dues](#)  
[Member Directory](#)  
[Find a Member](#)

##### Web Account

[Create a Web Account](#)

##### My Profile

[Profile](#)  
[My Settings](#)  
[My Subscriptions](#)  
[My Contacts](#)  
[My Messages](#)  
[My Favourites](#)

##### SOCIAL

[Blogs](#)  
[Most Recent](#)  
[Most Read](#)

##### Tweets

[NSW Tweets](#)

##### WikiPWEA

[View WikiPWEA](#)  
[New WikiPWEA Entry](#)

# **COBAR SHIRE COUNCIL**



## **Payment of Expenses & Provision of Facilities to Mayor and Councillors Policy**

**FILE: P5-4**

**Responsible Officer: Director Corporate and  
Community Services**

## TABLE OF CONTENTS

TABLE OF CONTENTS .....	2
INTRODUCTION .....	3
<b>PART 1 – PRELIMINARY</b> .....	<b>5</b>
1. CITATION .....	5
2. COMMENCEMENT AND POLICY REVIEW .....	5
3. PURPOSE OF THE POLICY .....	5
<b>PART 2 – CONFERENCES/SEMINARS &amp; OFFICIAL DELEGATE DUTIES</b> .....	<b>6</b>
4. ATTENDANCE AT CONFERENCES/SEMINARS & OTHER MEETINGS .....	6
5. WHAT CONFERENCES AND SEMINARS MAY BE ATTENDED .....	6
6. REGISTRATION .....	7
7. EXPENSES INCURRED .....	7
8. PAYMENT IN ADVANCE .....	8
9. CATEGORIES OF PAYMENT OR REIMBURSEMENT .....	8
<b>PART 3 – FACILITIES FOR MAYOR AND COUNCILLORS</b> .....	<b>9</b>
10. MAYOR .....	9
11. DEPUTY MAYOR AND COUNCILLORS .....	10
12. INSURANCE & LEGAL ASSISTANCE .....	11
13. ESTABLISHMENT OF MONETARY LIMITS AND STANDARDS .....	13
14. PRIVATE BENEFIT .....	13
15. APPROVAL RECONCILIATION AND REIMBURSEMENT .....	13
16. RETURN OF EQUIPMENT AND FACILITIES .....	14
17. DISPUTE RESOLUTION .....	14
18. RELEVANT DOCUMENTS .....	14

## INTRODUCTION

This Policy is made under the *Local Government Act 1993* and directly relates to Sections 252 and 253 of the Act and the *Guidelines for the payment of expenses and the provision of facilities for Mayors and Councillors in NSW*. The Act requires Council to adopt a policy concerning the payment of expenses and the provision of facilities to the Mayor and Councillors.

In accordance with Clause 403 of the *Local Government Regulation 2005*, the Policy for Payment of Expenses and Provision of Facilities to Mayor and Councillors does not include provision for a general expense allowance. It is not appropriate or lawful for Councils to pay general allowances unrelated to actual expenses incurred and which are designed to supplement Councillors' annual fees.

Clause 217 of the *Local Government Regulation 2005* requires a Council to include in its Annual Report:

- Total cost of expenses and the provision of facilities for the mayor and all Councillors, as well as:
  - Cost of the provision of dedicated office equipment allocated to Councillors on a personal basis such as laptop computers, mobile phones, telephones and facsimile machines, and Internet installed in the Councillors' homes (including line rental and internet access). This item does not include the costs of using this equipment (such as calls);
  - Cost of phone calls including mobiles, home located landlines, facsimile and internet service;
  - Spouse/partner/accompanying person expenses (limited to circumstances outlined below);
  - Conference and seminar expenses;
  - Training and skill development expenses;
  - Interstate and overseas travel expenses (including subsistence and out-of-pocket expenses);
  - Care and other related expenses (of dependant to enable a councillor to undertake his/her civic functions);

### **Spouse/partner/accompanying person**

There are limited instances where certain costs incurred by the councillor on behalf of their spouse, partner or accompanying person are properly those of the councillor in the performance of his or her functions. (An accompanying person is a person who has a close personal relationship with the councillor and/or provides carer support to the councillor).

1. Meeting the reasonable costs of spouses and partners or an accompanying person for attendance at official Council functions that are of a formal and ceremonial nature is considered appropriate when accompanying Councillors within the Local Government area.

2. Limited expenses of spouses, partners or accompanying persons associated with attendance at the Local Government NSW Annual Conference may be met by Council. Expenses are limited to cost of registration and official conference dinners – travel expenses, additional accommodation expenses and cost of partner tours would be the personal responsibility of individual Councillors.
3. Consideration should be given to payment of expenses for spouse, partner or accompanying person of the mayor (or a Councillor when they are representing the mayor) when they are called on to attend an official function of Council or carry out an official ceremonial duty while accompanying the Mayor (or a councillor when they are representing the mayor) outside Council's area, but within the State.
4. Council shall not pay the costs and expenses of any spouses, partners or accompanying persons who accompany a Councillor at any event or function outside the Council area, including interstate or overseas, other than in clauses 2 and 3 above.
5. The cost of spouses, partners or accompanying persons accompanying Councillors to seminars and conferences and the like, other than in clauses 2 and 3 above, is not to be met by Council.

Schedule 1 of the *Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009*, provides for the public to be able to inspect, during office hours, at the Council, and at no charge, the current version and the immediately preceding version of the Council's expenses and facilities policy. The public is entitled to a copy of the policy, either free of charge or on payment of a reasonable copying charge.



## **PART 1 – PRELIMINARY**

### **1. CITATION**

This policy is in accordance with the requirements of the *Local Government Act, 1993* and will be cited as the “Payment of Expenses and Provision of Facilities to Mayor and Councillors Policy”.

### **2. COMMENCEMENT AND POLICY REVIEW**

This policy was revised by Council on 25<sup>th</sup> November 1999;  
This policy was revised by Council on 24<sup>th</sup> August 2000;  
This policy was revised by Council on 26<sup>th</sup> June 2001;  
This policy was revised by Council on 15<sup>th</sup> April 2004;  
This policy was revised by Council on 27<sup>th</sup> January 2005;  
This policy was revised by Council on 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2007;  
This policy was revised by Council on 25<sup>th</sup> March 2010;  
This policy was revised by Council on 28<sup>th</sup> April 2011;  
This policy was revised by Council on 24<sup>th</sup> May 2012;  
This policy was revised by Council in September 2012;  
This policy was revised by Council in September 2013;  
This policy will be revised by Council in September 2014;  
This policy will be revised by Council in September 2015.

### **3. PURPOSE OF THE POLICY**

The purpose of this policy is to ensure that Councillors receive adequate and reasonable expenses and facilities to enable them to carry out their civic duties. It ensures that these are provided in an accountable and transparent manner.

## **PART 2 – CONFERENCES/SEMINARS & OFFICIAL DELEGATE DUTIES**

### **4. ATTENDANCE AT CONFERENCES/SEMINARS & OTHER MEETINGS**

#### **PART 2 APPLIES TO:**

(a) Councillors nominated to attend conferences, seminars and similar functions by:

- The Council, through resolution duly taken;
- The Mayor, acting within his/her delegated authorities and subject to due budget requirements being adhered to.

In addition, the Mayor may nominate a substitute attendee in his or her stead for functions within the Council area or the general regional area on those occasions where the Mayor is unable to be in attendance.

(b) Councillors appointed as official Council Delegates to attend meetings/functions of external organisations of which Council is a member.

(c) Administrators of Councils (if appointed).

### **5. WHAT CONFERENCES AND SEMINARS MAY BE ATTENDED**

The conferences, seminars, workshops, courses and similar to which this policy applies shall generally be confined to:

- Local Government NSW Annual Conference;
- Western Division Group of Shires Annual Conference;
- Special “One-Off” Conferences called by the Local Government NSW on important issues;
- Local and Regional Conferences and Congresses of the various local, regional and state organisations of which this Council is a member, or has observer status or an application with;
- Suitable training courses and seminars considered appropriate by Council conducted by reputable and professional training organisations which further the training and development efforts of the Council with such attendance being within the budget framework.

Councillor expenses may not be used to support attendance by Councillors at political fundraising functions.

**6. REGISTRATION**

The Council will pay all normal registration costs which are charged by the organisers, including the costs of related official luncheons, dinners and tours which are relevant to the interests of the Council or assist Councillors to discharge the functions of their Civic Office.

**7. EXPENSES INCURRED**

Payment or reimbursement of expenses incurred or to be incurred shall be subject to the requirements that:

- (a) Travel expenses relate to travel that is on Council business, including:
  - Appointments and meetings involving Council business;
  - To and from the periodical conferences and seminars of Local Government related organisations (generally as listed in Clause 4 and Clause 5 of this Policy) at which attendance has been approved.
- (b) The travel is undertaken with all due expedition and by the shortest practicable route;
- (c) Only reasonable amounts are claimed or accepted towards necessary out-of-pocket expenses;
- (d) Out-of-pocket expenses for which amounts are claimed relate only to the verified costs of meals, travel, registration fees, accommodation, stationery and the like;
- (e) Any time occupied or travel incurred in other than Council business is not included in the calculation of expenses to be paid; and
- (f) The claim is made not later than three (3) months after the expenses were incurred and upon a voucher form for payment

8. **PAYMENT IN ADVANCE**

- The Council will normally pay registration fees, accommodation deposits and airline tickets direct, in advance. Where this is not appropriate or possible, a cash allowance or cheque equivalent thereto will be paid to the attendee in advance.
- An allowance for estimated out-of-pocket expenses may be paid to an attendee in advance, subject to a reconciliation statement, verification of expenses and the refund of any unexpended amount being submitted within a reasonable period after the close of the conference, seminar or function.

9. **CATEGORIES OF PAYMENT OR REIMBURSEMENT**

Subject to nomination in accordance with the provisions of Clause 4, the categories of payment or reimbursement are as follows:

(a) **Professional Development**

- Councillor training and development must be provided for in a separate policy with a separate provision in Council's Budget for the payment of training and development expenses for Councillors.
- It is essential that the expenses incurred for training or education courses must directly relate to the Councillor's civic functions and responsibilities.

(b) **Travel**

- All reasonable travel costs will be met by the Council. Where appropriate, travel will be provided by air (economy class). Depending upon the circumstances, it may be more appropriate for travel to be undertaken by car.
- Travel by motor vehicle may be undertaken by Council vehicle (where available) or by private vehicle, subject to prior approval from the General Manager. Persons using private vehicles will be paid the mileage allowance at the then current rate set by the appropriate Local Government Industrial Award, but subject to any such payment not exceeding economy class air fares to and from the particular destination.
- Costs of vehicle hire and/or taxi fares which are reasonably incurred while attending Council business will be reimbursed by the Council.

(c) **Accommodation**

Reasonable accommodation costs (including meals), including the night before and/or after the Council business where this is necessary, will be met by the Council.

(d) **Out-of-pocket Expenses**

Reasonable out-of-pocket expenses will be provided or reimbursed for costs associated with attending the conference, seminar, meeting or function including entertainment.

(e) **Spouse/Partner**

Where the attendee is accompanied by his or her spouse/ partner, the attendee will be required to pay for any cost supplement involved in the accommodation (room only). All other costs for the spouse/ partner (including travel and meals) are to be borne by the attendee.

## **PART 3 – FACILITIES FOR MAYOR AND COUNCILLORS**

### **10. MAYOR**

The Mayor is entitled to receive the following benefits:

- Mayoral allowance *as determined by Council annually* and paid monthly in addition to the normal Councillors *allowance as determined by Council annually*, as per legislation;
- Transport being provided for use on appropriate occasions;
- Executive support services relating to the discharge of his/ her civic functions, including use of official stationery and postage of official correspondence;
- Administrative assistance associated with civic functions, meetings and the like;
- Office refreshments;
- Facsimile machine and computer access;
- Supply of name badges, business cards, diaries, memo books and attaché case;
- Travelling expense reimbursement for attendance at Council Meetings where travel of in excess of ten (10) km from Councillor's residence is involved;



## 12. INSURANCE & LEGAL ASSISTANCE

### 12.1 INSURANCE

Councillors are to receive the benefit of insurance cover for:

a) *Personal Injury*

If the Council delegates authority to one or more Councillors for the purpose of representing Council overseas, then the appropriate insurance will be negotiated. The type of insurance cover sought may include bodily injury caused by accidental, violent, external and visible means and may also cover permanent disablement, temporary total disability and temporary partial disability.

b) *Professional Indemnity*

For matters arising out of Councillors' performance of civic duties or exercise of their functions as Councillors provided the performance or exercise of the relevant civic duty or function is in the opinion of Council bona fide and/or proper and is carried out in good faith, as required under 731 of the *Local Government Act 1993*, BUT subject to any limitation or conditions set out in the policy of insurance, which is, at the direction of Council, taken out.

c) *Public Liability*

For matters arising out of Councillors' performance of civic duties or exercise of their functions as Councillors, carried out in good faith BUT subject to any limitations or conditions set out in the policy of insurance which is, at the direction of Council, taken out.

### 12.2 LEGAL ASSISTANCE

In the event of:

- a) An enquiry, investigation or hearing by any of the following:
- The Independent Commission Against Corruption;
  - The Office of the Ombudsman;
  - Office of Local Government;
  - The Police;
  - The Director of Public Prosecutions;
  - Council's Conduct Review Committee/Reviewer;
  - The Local Government Pecuniary Interest and Disciplinary Tribunal; or
  - Any other tribunal or authorised body into the conduct of a Councillor; or

- b) Legal proceedings being taken by or against a Councillor, arising out of or in connection with the Councillor's performance of his or her civic duties or exercise of his or her functions as a Councillor, Council shall reimburse such councillor, after the conclusion of the enquiry, investigation, hearing or proceeding, for all legal expenses properly and reasonably incurred, given the nature of the enquiry, investigation, hearing or procedure, on a solicitor/client basis, PROVIDED THAT:
- i) The amount of such reimbursement shall be reduced by the amount of any monies that may be or are recouped by the Councillor on any basis.
  - ii) The Councillor's performance or exercise of the civic duty or function was in the opinion of Council bona fide and/or proper, and the Councillor acted in good faith as required under Section 731 of the *Local Government Act 1993* and the matter before the investigative or review body has proceeded past any initial assessment phase to a formal investigation or review. Legal costs must only be provided where the investigative or review body makes a finding that is not substantially unfavourable to the Councillor.
  - iii) The amount of such reimbursement shall be limited to the extent that only fees charged at a rate equivalent to the hourly rate then being charged by Council's Solicitors will be paid, that is any portion of the expenses representing any hourly charge rate higher than the hourly charge rate of Council's Solicitor will not be reimbursed; and
  - iv) The Councillor is not the plaintiff in the action.
- c) Provision of legal advice relating to a pecuniary interest, conflict of interest or matter governed by the Code of Conduct which, in the opinion of the General Manager, is necessary to clarify the particular Councillor's responsibilities in the performance of his/her duties as a Councillor.



### 13. ESTABLISHMENT OF MONETARY LIMITS AND STANDARDS

The following currently apply as monetary limits to expenses:

Expense	Mayor	Deputy Mayor	Individual Councillors
	Maximum Annual Expense Limits		
Agreed training	\$23,000 in total per annum		
Mandatory Councillor Information sessions			
Conferences & Seminars			
Local travel	\$25,000 in total per annum		
Interstate Travel	As per Council resolution	As per Council resolution	As per Council resolution
Overseas Travel	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable
Motor Vehicle	Reimbursement to Council for private travel	Council vehicle for attending out of area functions	Council vehicle for attending out of area functions
Mobile Phone	Reimbursement to Council for private calls	Not Applicable	Not Applicable
Internet Access	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable
Stationery	\$200	\$100	\$100
Business Cards, Name tags, etc	\$125	\$125	\$125
Corporate Uniform (50% contribution)	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable
Mayoral Office Refreshments	\$250	\$250	\$250

### 14. PRIVATE BENEFIT

Councillors shall not obtain private benefit from the provision of equipment and facilities, nor from travel bonuses such as 'frequent flyer' schemes or any other such loyalty programs while on council business.

In situations where private use occurs, a payment shall be made to cover the level of that private use (refer S252(2) of the *Local Government Act 1993*).

### 15. APPROVAL RECONCILIATION AND REIMBURSEMENT

- Approval must be sought and gained prior to expenses being incurred, and where significant expenses and facilities occur, at a full meeting of the Council. If that is not possible, joint approval by the Mayor and General Manager is required. If the

Mayor requires approval, it should be given jointly by the Deputy Mayor (or another councillor) and the General Manager;

- The approved Councillor Claim Form is to be used for all claims (see attached);
- Claims are to be submitted not later than three (3) months after the expenses were incurred;
- Refer to 7. Expenses Incurred on page 6 of this document.

**16. RETURN OF EQUIPMENT AND FACILITIES**

The Mayor and Councillors are required to return equipment and other facilities to the Council after the completion of their term of office, extended leave of absence or at the cessation of their civic duties.

**17. DISPUTE RESOLUTION**

Should dispute(s) arise about the provision of expenses and facilities the matter is to be resolved by determination of the General Manager, in compliance with Council's Policy, in the first instance. Should the Councillor consider the General Manager's determination to be incorrect then the matter shall be reported for determination by the full Council at the next available Council Meeting.

**18. RELEVANT DOCUMENTS**

- Local Government Act 1993 (Local Government Amendment Act 2005);
- Local Government Regulation 2005;
- DLG Circular 08/24 Misuse of Council Resources;
- DLG Circular 08/37 Council Decision Making Prior to Ordinary Elections;
- DLG Guidelines for the Payment of Expenses and the Provision of Facilities for Mayors and Councillors in NSW;
- DLG Circular 11/27 Findings from Review of Councillor Expenses and Facilities Policies.

# Councillor Claim Form



Councillors seeking reimbursement of expenses associated with Council business are required to complete this form. Please clearly print all details and if information is not applicable please leave blank.

NAME OF COUNCILLOR: \_\_\_\_\_

CLAIM FOR THE MONTH OF: \_\_\_\_\_

## 1. CLAIM FOR PRIVATE CAR EXPENSES TO ATTEND COUNCIL MEETINGS AND APPROVED FUNCTIONS

- Vehicles less than 2.5 litres are calculated at a rate of 0.70c per kilometre
- Vehicles 2.5 litres or more are calculated at a rate of 0.80c per kilometre

JOB NUMBER 10014

DATE	DESCRIPTION OF CLAIM	NO OF KM	RATE / KM	AMOUNT
SUB TOTAL				

## 2. CLAIM FOR REIMBURSEMENT OF EXPENSES INCURRED ON COUNCIL BUSINESS

JOB NUMBER 10015

DATE	DESCRIPTION OF CLAIM	AMOUNT
SUB TOTAL		

## TOTAL CLAIM

1. SUB TOTAL	
2. SUB TOTAL	
TOTAL CLAIM	

## DECLARATION

COUNCILLOR SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE OF SUBMISSION: \_\_\_\_\_

## OFFICE USE

AUTHORISED BY: \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE RETURN COMPLETED FORM TO COUNCIL'S DIRECTOR OF  
CORPORATE & COMMUNITY SERVICES.



## Gary Woodman

---

**From:** Paul Toole <pt1@toole.minister.nsw.gov.au>  
**Sent:** Friday, 14 August 2015 5:57 PM  
**To:** mayor@balranald.nsw.gov.au; adrenovski@balranald.nsw.gov.au;  
bourkeshire@bourke.nsw.gov.au; rearl@bourke.nsw.gov.au;  
breshire@brewarrina.nsw.gov.au; gm@brewarrina.nsw.gov.au;  
wrightg@centraldarling.nsw.gov.au; boydm@centraldarling.nsw.gov.au; Lilliane  
Brady; Gary Woodman; Wincen.Cuy@brokenhill.nsw.gov.au;  
Therese.Manns@brokenhill.nsw.gov.au; admin@walgett.nsw.gov.au;  
dramsland@walgett.nsw.gov.au; crmckinnon@wentworth.nsw.gov.au;  
Peter.Kozlowski@wentworth.nsw.gov.au; simon.rule@wentworth.nsw.gov.au  
**Cc:** Corin Moffatt; Katrina Carlon  
**Subject:** Far West Update  
**Attachments:** Far West Update- Summary of Key Points.docx

Dear Mayors and General Managers

Thank again you for making yourself available at short notice to discuss the Far West Initiative with me today.

As discussed, please see attached a summary of key points from today's teleconference.

Over the coming weeks, I hope to be in a position to announce further progress and the details of our next steps together.

If you can please start thinking about and discussing your preferred time and location for the summit later this year- we would be happy to hear your ideas on this.

In the interim, if you have any questions please contact either Corin Moffatt on 0437 687 027  
[Corin.Moffatt@minister.nsw.gov.au](mailto:Corin.Moffatt@minister.nsw.gov.au) or Katrina Carlon on 0408 467 012  
[Katrina.Carlon@minister.nsw.gov.au](mailto:Katrina.Carlon@minister.nsw.gov.au)

Kind regards

Paul

**Paul Toole MP**  
Member for Bathurst  
Minister for Local Government  
Email: [pt1@toole.minister.nsw.gov.au](mailto:pt1@toole.minister.nsw.gov.au)  
Tel: 02 8574 7000



## Far West Initiative Update

14 August 2015

### KEY POINTS

- The Premier has asked Minister Toole to lead the Far West Initiative (the Initiative). This reflects strong links between the Initiative and the Fit for the Future program for reform of local government in NSW.
- This Initiative will take time to deliver the right outcomes. The Minister will focus on getting our process and outcomes right and is looking for council support and advice about what works well on the ground.
- The Department of Premier and Cabinet (DPC) and Office of Local Government will continue to work together to support the Initiative.

### New Advisory Committee

- Minister Toole will establish an Advisory Committee to help lead the Initiative and look at specific issues including delivery, implementation and governance.
- This committee will be established for a three year period.
- Members will include an independent chair, a nominated representative of each Far West council, Department of Premier and Cabinet (DPC), the Office of Local Government, Commonwealth Government and the non -government services delivery sector.
- An early focus will be working with councils to identify tangible steps to strengthening strategic capacity and financial sustainability of councils. This will lay a solid foundation for a whole of government approach.
- The Advisory Committee will:
  - advise the Minister about the development and implementation of the Initiative and broader reforms to improve outcomes for Far West communities
  - identify strategies to contribute to the strategic capacity and financial sustainability of Far West councils, and
  - ensure effective collaboration with key stakeholders.
- It will be up to each council to identify the most appropriate person to represent them on this Committee.
- It will be important to engage key State agencies in the development and implementation of the Far West Initiative.

### Next Phase of the Initiative

- An options paper will be released later this year for public comment. Councils can expect this to bring together the outcomes of consultation to date, including ideas put forward by councils, agencies and other organisations. This will form a basis to talk in more detail with the communities of the Far West region about what is needed and how to achieve it.
- A summit will be held to at the appropriate time as a key part of activity of these consultations.
- As soon as we are able to consult with the Advisory Committee we will confirm timings for these priorities.

### **Next Steps**

- Further information about the Committee will be provided as it becomes available. It is intended that the Committee meet as soon as possible to provide advice on the Project Plan for the Initiative and a way forward.
- DPC will circulate to councils a summary of the outcomes of recent consultation undertaken with councils, state and commonwealth agencies and Non-Government Organisations delivering local services.
- Council input will also be sought shortly on a draft community engagement plan including proposed means of engaging local aboriginal communities.

### **Key Contacts**

Ms Corin Moffat,  
Special Adviser  
Office of the Minister for Local Government  
0437 687 027

Ms Katrina Carlon  
Advisor \PLO  
Office of the Minister for Local Government  
0408 467 012.

Ms Alison Morgan  
Senior Regional Coordinator, Western NSW  
Department of Premier and Cabinet  
02 6826 7801 / 0427692 038  
alison.morgan@dpc.nsw.gov.au

Mr Chris Presland  
Director Innovation & Development Group  
Office of Local Government  
02 4428 4174 / 0413 274 882  
chris.presland@olg.nsw.gov.au

# NATIONAL LOCAL ROADS & TRANSPORT CONGRESS

17-19 NOVEMBER 2015  
BALLARAT • VICTORIA



CONNECTING  
COMMUNITIES  
▶ **DRIVING  
THE NATION**

**PROGRAM  
& REGISTRATION**

REGISTER ONLINE  
[WWW.ALGA.ASN.AU](http://WWW.ALGA.ASN.AU)



AUSTRALIAN LOCAL  
GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION



MAJOR SPONSORS



Australian Government  
Department of Infrastructure and Regional Development



# NATIONAL LOCAL ROADS & TRANSPORT CONGRESS

17-19 NOVEMBER 2015  
BALLARAT • VICTORIA



## CONTENTS

3	President's Welcome	7	Partner Tours
4	Congress Program	8	General Information
5	Invited Speakers	9	Congress Accommodation
6	Registration Details	10	Transport
7	Social Functions	11	Registration Form

## PRESIDENT'S WELCOME

Colleagues,

The Australian Local Government Association (ALGA) National Local Roads and Transport Congress (the Roads Congress) have historically built a reputation for influencing significant change. This year's Congress is likely to be the last before the expected 2016 Federal Election. It will be your opportunity to ensure both the Government and Opposition understand the key concerns that Local Government share in this vital area. The 2015 Roads Congress will take place in historic Ballarat, Victoria from 17-19 November.

For many councils, local roads and bridges are their single largest area of expenditure and present the greatest challenge in terms of asset management and financial sustainability.

ALGA's advocacy has contributed to some significant outcomes at the Federal level in recent years including new funding for bridges, a longer term commitment to the Roads to Recovery program and a massive injection of extra funding for Roads to Recovery. However none of that would have been possible without a strong and united Local Government voice.

A key aim of this year's Roads Congress is to highlight the importance of Federal funding to local government in overcoming road and infrastructure challenges. Together, ALGA, state and territory local government associations and delegates of the National Roads and Transport Congress have been very successful in advocating for additional Roads to Recovery funding.

The R2R program was doubled in 2015-16 and as a result of our continued work on R2R and Financial Assistance Grants, the first two years of the indexation of fuel excise has been allocated to additional R2R funding. These are fantastic

outcomes for the R2R program, but we need to continue to make our case, especially in the lead up to the next Federal election, to ensure this funding finds support across the political spectrum. That is why this Congress is so important.

Your council's attendance at this year's Congress shows your support for the work that ALGA and your state and territory association is doing to secure better funding for local government roads and infrastructure. Not only does it demonstrate the need for the continued program but the Congress can also assist us to showcase how effectively Commonwealth funds are being utilised.

The 2015 Congress program has a strong focus on collaboration – between towns, cities, regions and jurisdictions. The theme '*Connecting Communities: Building the Nation*' highlights the reality that our national prosperity relies on building networks between communities and linking local roads with regional and national routes.

The Congress will feature national and international speakers and I have invited the Deputy Prime Minister, the Hon Warren Truss MP and the Shadow Minister for Infrastructure and Transport, the Hon Anthony Albanese MP. We will also hear directly from councils about transport challenges they have faced and overcome.

Your council's experience and knowledge will help to make the 2015 Congress a success and provide the ALGA Board with important input as we develop our election position for 2016.

I look forward to seeing you in Ballarat in November.



**Mayor Troy Pickard**  
ALGA PRESIDENT

## CONGRESS PROGRAM

## Strategic Regional Infrastructure Investment

### TUESDAY 17 NOVEMBER

5:00-7:00 pm Welcome Reception, Sovereign Hill Historic Park

### WEDNESDAY 18 NOVEMBER

9:00 am OPENING ADDRESS ALGA President, Troy Pickard

9:30 am Deputy Prime Minister the Hon Warren Truss MP (Invited)

10:00 am KEYNOTE ADDRESS  
Progressing Productivity Reforms, Peter Harris, Chairman of the Productivity Commission (Invited)

10:30 am MORNING TEA

11:00 am PANEL SESSION Regional Council Groups

12:30 pm LUNCH

1:30 pm CONCURRENT SESSIONS  
• Regional Investment Strategies  
• Managing the Urban Transport Sprawl

3:00 pm AFTERNOON TEA

3:30 pm International Speaker

4:00 pm Discussion with key stakeholders on funding

5:00 pm DAY ONE CLOSE

6:30 pm OFFICIAL DINNER  
Pre-dinner drinks: Jackson's & Co  
Dinner: Mining Exchange

### THURSDAY 19 NOVEMBER

9:00 am Shadow Minister for Infrastructure and Transport, The Hon Anthony Albanese MP (Invited)

9:30 am Launch of State of the Assets Reports - Roads and Community Infrastructure Assets, Jeff Roorda, JRA and Associates

10:15 am AccessCONNECT - Reform Progress

10:45 am MORNING TEA

11:15 am CONCURRENT SESSIONS  
• Defence's Land 121 Project  
• Road Safety

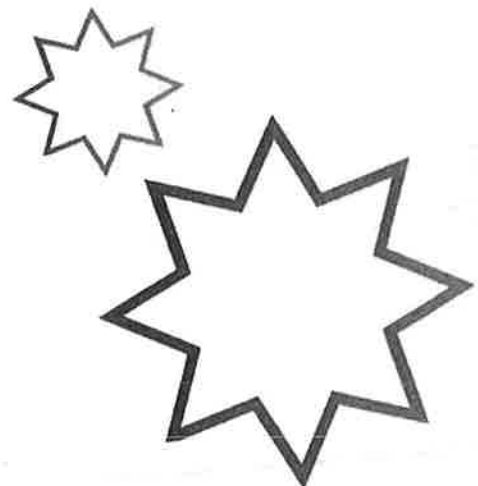
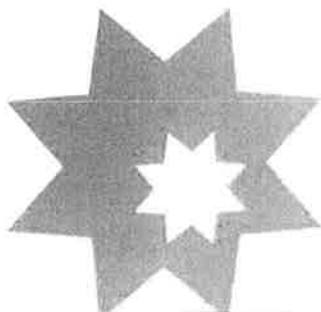
12:45 pm LUNCH

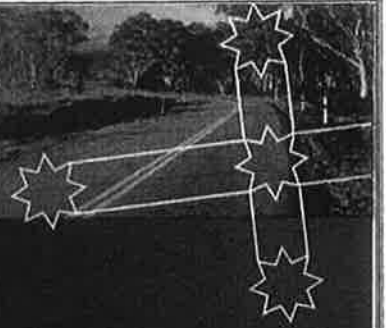
1:45 pm Regional Aviation

2:15 pm Election Advocacy Initiatives

3:15 pm President's Closing Address

3:30 pm CONGRESS CLOSE





## INVITED SPEAKERS



### The Hon Warren Truss MP

*Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Infrastructure and Regional Development*

The Hon Warren Truss MP is Deputy Prime Minister of Australia and the Minister for Infrastructure and Regional Development.

He became Leader of the Nationals in 2007 and is the longest serving federal leader of any political party in Australia today.

A third generation farmer from the Kumbia district near Kingaroy in Queensland, Mr Truss first won the federal seat of Wide Bay in 1990.

He was a Minister in the Howard Government for 10 years, serving as Minister for Customs and Consumer Affairs in October 1997, and a year later, Minister for Community Services. In July 1999 Mr Truss became the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry, where he served for six years. He became Minister for Transport and Regional Services in July 2005 and, in September 2006, was appointed Minister for Trade.

Before entering Parliament, Mr Truss was a Kingaroy Shire Councillor (1976 to 1990), including seven years as Mayor. He was Deputy Chairman of the Queensland Grain Handling Authority and a member of the State Council of the Queensland Graingrowers Association for more than 10 years.

Mr Truss is also former State and National President of the Rural Youth Organisation and President of the Lutheran Youth of Queensland.

### The Hon Anthony Albanese MP

*Shadow Minister for Infrastructure and Transport, Shadow Minister for Tourism and Shadow Minister for Cities*

Anthony grew up in a public housing community in Camperdown and recognised early on the need to fight for social justice so that there was equal opportunity in society.

That is what led Anthony to joining the Australian Labor Party. He developed his political activity working for former prisoner of war and legendary Whitlam and Hawke Government Minister Tom Uren.

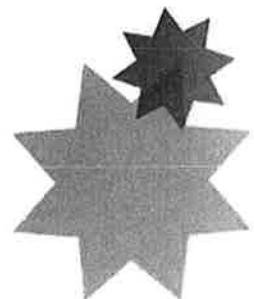
In 1996 Anthony was elected as the Member for Grayndler in Sydney's inner west, where he has lived his entire life.

Following the election of the Federal Labor Government in November 2007 Anthony became the Minister for Infrastructure and Transport and Leader of the House of Representatives.

Anthony was named Infrastructure Minister of the Year for 2012 by London based publication Infrastructure Investor.

In June 2013, he became Deputy Prime Minister, and also took on additional responsibility as Minister for Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy.

Anthony was re-elected the Member for Grayndler in 2013 and is now the Shadow Minister for Transport and Infrastructure, and the Shadow Minister for Tourism. In 2014 he added Shadow Minister for Cities to his responsibilities.



## REGISTRATION DETAILS

### Congress Registration Fees

 **STANDARD REGISTRATION \$890**  
Payment received on or before Friday 9 October 2015

 **LATE REGISTRATION \$990**  
Payment received after Friday 9 October 2015

### Congress Registration Includes

- » Attendance at all congress sessions
- » One ticket to the Welcome Reception, Tuesday
- » One ticket to the Congress Dinner, Wednesday
- » Morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea as per the congress program
- » Congress satchel and materials.

### Payment Procedures

Payment can be made by:

- » **CREDIT CARD**  
MasterCard, Visa and American Express
- » **CHEQUE**  
Made payable to ALGA Roads Congress
- » **ELECTRONIC FUNDS TRANSFER**  
BANK: Commonwealth BRANCH: Curtin  
BSB NO: **062 905** ACCOUNT NO: **1014 6120**  
**NOTE:** If paying via EFT you must quote your transaction reference number on the registration form.

### CANCELLATION POLICY

All alterations or cancellations to your registration must be made in writing and will be acknowledged by post, facsimile or email. Notification should be sent to:

Conference Co-ordinators  
PO Box 4994 Chisholm ACT 2905

Facsimile (02) 6292 9002  
Email roadscongress@confco.com.au

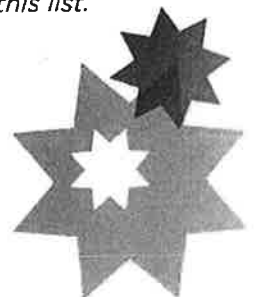
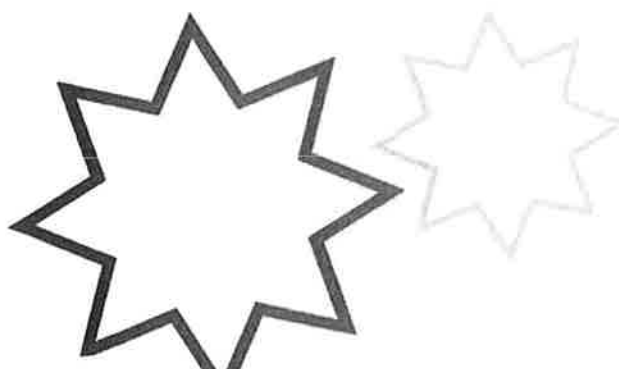
An administration charge of \$110.00 will be made to any participant cancelling before Friday 9 October 2015. Cancellations received after Friday 9 October 2015 will be required to pay full registration fees. However, if you are unable to attend, substitutes are welcome at no additional cost.

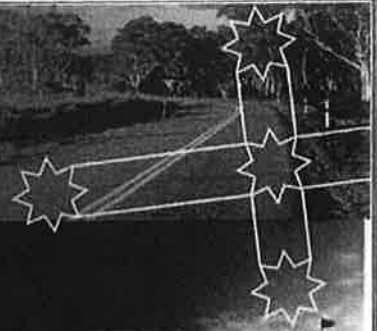
By submitting your registration you agree to the terms of the cancellation policy.

### PRIVACY DISCLOSURE

ALGA collects your personal contact information in its role as a peak body for local government. ALGA may disclose your personal contact information to the sponsors of the event for the purposes of commercial business opportunities. If you consent to ALGA using and disclosing your personal contact information in this way, please tick the appropriate box on the registration form.

*Importantly, your name may also be included in the Congress List of Participants. You must tick the appropriate box on the registration form if you wish your name to appear in this list.*





## SOCIAL FUNCTIONS

### Welcome Reception

**Tuesday 17 November 2015**

Sovereign Hill • 5:00–7:00 pm

\$50 per person for partners and guests  
No charge for full registered delegates

Dress code: smart casual

Sovereign Hill is just like stepping back in time to goldrush Ballarat during the 1850s, from the hustle and bustle of Main Street to the excitement of the Red Hill Gully Diggings where real gold can be found.

The Welcome reception will be held on Main Street where delegates can explore a selection of historic buildings and enjoy the live gold rush band.

### Congress Dinner

**Wednesday 18 November 2015**

Pre dinner drinks: Jackson's & Co • 6:30–7:00 pm

Dinner: Ballarat Mining Exchange • 7:00–11:00 pm

\$95 per person for partners and guests  
No charge for full registered delegates

Dress code: Smart casual

Pre dinner drinks will be served in the Historic Jackson's & Co, on the balcony with views across Ballarat before moving to The Ballarat Mining Exchange for dinner. Built in the late 1800's, the Ballarat Mining Exchange building is an extraordinary example of Victorian architecture on the goldfields. Situated in historic Lydiard Street, it was historically used for trading of shares in mining companies during the Gold Rush era.

Note: Bookings are accepted in order of receipt.

## PARTNER TOURS

### Ballarat History and Botanic Gardens

**Wednesday 18 November**

\$90 per person

Today's partner tour will start at the Art Gallery of Ballarat for a guided tour through the oldest and largest regional art gallery in Australia, established in 1884. We will then have a tour and lunch at M.A.D.E (Museum of Australian Democracy at Eureka). M.A.D.E is located on the site of the 1854 Eureka Stockade in Ballarat, and is home to the Eureka Flag.

After lunch we will travel to the Botanical Gardens to view the remarkable collection of mature trees, marble statues and Prime Ministers Avenue.

### Buninyong Tour and Wines

**Thursday 19 November**

\$30 per person

Today's tour will start with a scenic drive to Buninyong, a historic town 20 minutes out of Ballarat. There will be a bus and walking tour around the town, including the Botanic Gardens, Town Hall Museum, and the Volcano on Mount Buninyong.

We will then head to Mt Buninyong Winery where there will be a wine tasting and lunch before heading back to the Lodge.

Temperatures are known to be cooler in the mountains, it is advised to bring an extra layer.

## GENERAL INFORMATION

### Registration Desk

The registration desk will be located in the foyer of the Ballarat Lodge and Convention Centre and will be open for the duration of the congress, times below:

#### Tuesday 17 November

3:00 pm–4:30 pm  
Ballarat Lodge and Convention Centre

5:00 pm–7:00 pm  
Sovereign Hill during the Welcome Reception

#### Wednesday 18 November

8:00 am–5:00 pm  
Ballarat Lodge and Convention Centre

#### Thursday 19 November

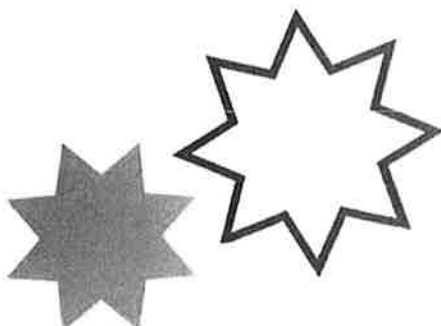
8:00 am–3:00 pm  
Ballarat Lodge and Convention Centre

### Special Requirements

Every effort will be made to ensure all delegate and guests requirements are catered for. If you have any special requirements (e.g. catering, mobility or any other assistance) please include a note on your registration form under special requirements or contact the Congress Secretariat.

### Climate

Throughout the month of November Ballarat usually has sunny skies with daytime temperatures of around 19°C. At night the average minimum temperature drops down to around 8°C.



### Congress Location and Venue

Ballarat is Victoria's largest inland city, located on the Yarrowee river an hour west of Melbourne. Ballarat is known for being a historic city and home to the richest alluvial gold field in the world.

The 2015 National Local Roads and Transport Congress will be held at the Ballarat Lodge and Convention Centre which is a five minute drive from Sturt Street, the city's main thoroughfare.

Ballarat is famous for its heritage attractions such as:

#### BALLARAT WINE REGION

The boutique wineries of Ballarat have earned a premium reputation, specialising in pinot noir, chardonnay and sparkling wines. The wine areas include: MT Coghill Vineyard, Mount Buninyong winery, Michael unwin wines, Mount Beckworth wines, St Anne's vineyard - Myrning, Captains creek organic wines and Sinclair of Scotsburn.

#### MUSEUM OF AUSTRALIAN DEMOCRACY AT EUREKA (M.A.D.E)

The museum has been built on the site of the 1854 Eureka uprising at Ballarat and called the birthplace of Australian democracy. It has been curated in collaboration with some of the best Australian and international historians, museum experts and innovative minds.

#### ART GALLERY OF BALLARAT

The Gallery was established in 1884 and is the oldest and largest gallery in regional Australia. Admission to the Gallery is free but admission prices may apply to special exhibitions. They also offer tours for booked groups and tours of special exhibitions, the free guided tour runs from Tuesdays to Sundays at 2:00 pm.

#### OPEN AIR MUSEUM SOVEREIGN HILL

The streets are lined with costumed workers, antiques, books, artwork and machinery from the 1850's, recreation of the gold rush days. You can get a ride in one of the horse drawn carriages, borrow a colourful costume and if you are up to it, explore the glittering underground mines.

#### BALLARAT BOTANICAL GARDENS

The Ballarat Botanical Gardens is one of Australia's most significant cool climate gardens, with a remarkable collection of mature trees and marble statues. The botanical garden is set amongst 40 hectares. The Prime Ministers Avenue has a series of handcrafted bronze statues of every prime minister of Australia.

## ACCOMMODATION

To book your accommodation at the rates listed below complete the appropriate section of the registration form. Bookings are subject to availability and should be made prior to Friday 9 October 2015.

All cancellations or amendments must be made in writing to Conference Co-ordinators and will be acknowledged by email.

Please note your credit card details are required to guarantee your room. Neither Conference Co-ordinators nor the hotel will make any charges against your credit card unless you fail to give 21 days notice in writing of your cancellation. Full payment of your account will be required at the time of your departure.

Note: All properties have a 100% non smoking policy.

### Ballarat Lodge

#### 613 Main Road, Golden Point VIC 3350

The Ballarat Lodge is the venue for the Congress and has stylish four star accommodation surrounded by four hectares of gardens and bushlands, located directly opposite Sovereign Hill. The hotel facilities include a 24-hour reception, laundry and dry cleaning services (charges apply), 24-hour room service, complimentary car parking, two onsite restaurants, gymnasium, outdoor swimming pool and a day spa.

The rooms each boast direct ground floor access and have views overlooking the gardens. Rooms contain air-conditioning, mini-bar, tea and coffee making facilities, in room safe and shower over bath.

**Single: \$139 per night; Double/Twin: \$159 per night**

### Quest Ballarat

#### 7 Dawson Street North, Ballarat VIC 3350

The Quest Ballarat is a five minute drive from the Ballarat Lodge and has stylish studios and apartments. The property facilities include on-site reception (hours listed below), gymnasium, complimentary parking, guest laundry facilities and business centre and lounge.

All rooms feature king beds, air conditioning, broadband Internet access, in-room safe and work desk. The one and two bedroom apartments have a fully equipped kitchen, laundry facilities and separate living/dining areas.

NOTE: The Quest Ballarat has three levels with stair access only, there is NO lift.

Reception Hours: Monday-Thursday, 7.00am-11.00pm; Friday, 7.00am-10.00pm; Saturday-Sunday, 8.00am-10.00pm

**Studio Apartment: \$175 per night Single/Twin/Double**  
**One Bedroom Apartment: \$195 per night Single/Twin/Double**

### Ballarat Mid City Hotel

#### 19 Doveton Street North, Ballarat VIC 3350

A five minute drive from the congress venue, Ballarat Mid City Hotel is a four star hotel and features a 24-hour reception, free onsite parking, restaurant and bar, dry cleaning service, room service, outdoor pool and a business centre.

Each room is spacious with a queen bed and has air conditioning, mini bar, coffee and tea making facilities, opening windows, work desk and wireless internet access (at a cost).

#### Standard Rooms

**Single: \$119 per night; Double: \$129 per night;**  
**Twin: \$139 per night (one queen and one single)**

### Sovereign View Apartments

#### 5 Lal Lal Street, Golden Point VIC 3350

The Sovereign View Apartments offer basic apartment style accommodation and is under a ten minute walk to the Ballarat Lodge. The property features an outdoor solar heated swimming pool, secure undercover parking and guest laundry.

Apartments have air conditioning, full kitchen facilities and a separate living area.

**Two Bedroom Apartment: \$246 per night**  
**Three Bedroom Apartment: \$290 per night**  
**Four Bedroom Apartment: \$379 per night**

### Best Western Plus Ballarat Suites

#### 525 Main Road Ballarat VIC 3350

The Best Western Ballarat Suites are styled to four stars and is located only a five minute walk from the Ballarat Lodge. The property facilities include free onsite parking, guest laundry facilities and dry cleaning.

All rooms are beautifully styled and have king beds, large open shower, air conditioning, tea and coffee making facilities, work desk, mini-bar and wireless internet services.

**Single/Twin/Double \$176 per night**



## TRANSPORT

### Coach Transfers

#### MELBOURNE AIRPORT TO CONGRESS HOTELS

Tuesday 17 November

Coaches will collect delegates from the Melbourne Airport to all the congress hotels at 12:00 pm, 1:00 pm, 2:00 pm and 3:00 pm.

#### WELCOME RECEPTION - SOVEREIGN HILL

Tuesday 17 November 2015

Coaches will collect delegates from all congress hotels (except Ballarat Lodge) at approximately 4:45 pm. The return coaches will depart at 7:00 pm.

#### DAILY SHUTTLES TO AND FROM THE BALLARAT LODGE AND CONVENTION CENTRE

A shuttle service between all congress hotels will operate between 8:00 am and 8:30 am. Return shuttles will depart the Ballarat Lodge at 5:30 pm.

#### CONGRESS DINNER - MINING EXCHANGE

Wednesday 18 November 2015

Coaches will collect delegates from all congress hotels at approximately 6:15 pm. A return shuttle service will commence at 10:15 pm.

#### CONGRESS HOTELS TO MELBOURNE AIRPORT

Thursday 18 November 2015

Coaches will collect delegates from the congress hotels for flights from Melbourne Airport at 3:45 pm and 4:30 pm.

### Car Parking

The Ballarat Lodge and Convention Centre offers ample free onsite parking.

### Getting to and from Melbourne

In addition to the coach transfers being provided to congress delegates (detailed under coach transfers) there are several options for getting to and from Melbourne.

#### COACH

A public bus service is available seven days a week. Transfers are approximately \$34 per person one way and need to be pre-booked. Please visit: <http://airportshuttlebus.com.au/> for further information.

#### PRIVATE CAR

A limited number of companies offer private transfers, prices start from \$250 each way. At Call Corporate Cars Melbourne offer such transfers, for more information please visit: <http://www.atcall.com.au/index.htm>

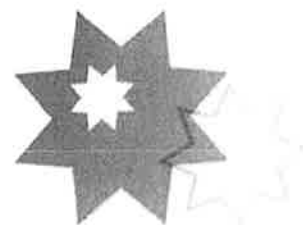
#### TRAIN

A train service is available between Melbourne and Ballarat, fares are approximately \$20 per person one way. Timetables are available at: <http://www.vline.com.au/home/>

Please be aware that you may need to pre-purchase a Myki pass prior to travel, further details available via the same link.

#### HIRE CAR

All major hire car companies are situated at the airport.



Cobar Junior Soccer Club  
PO Box 577  
COBAR NSW 2835  
President: Scott Griffiths  
E: [claudineandscott@outlook.com](mailto:claudineandscott@outlook.com)  
Tel 0458504412



JUNE 3, 2015

**Gary Woodman, General Manager**

Cobar Shire Council, PO Box 223, COBAR, NSW, 2835

Dear Gary,

Cobar Junior Soccer is a junior sporting association that is growing in popularity. This year our membership has grown significantly from 169 players last year to 216 this year, which is a fantastic achievement for our club.

The club and its members are beginning to achieve many great things and the talented players that we have are also gaining recognition. This is something the club is very proud of and would like to showcase this. We have just completed a successful weekend of games and training with Paul Wade (Former Captain of the Socceroos) and Football NSW. If any of you had been past the oval on Saturday morning, you would off seen the hundreds of parents, players and supporters enjoying a fantastic morning! We are also one of the main users of the Ward Oval.

The Club has been using Ward Oval for their seasonal games for many, many years. We currently have a shipping container at the Oval which houses all of our equipment. What the club would really love to have is our own club house where we can show off our trophies and photos and a real place that the Club can call home. Hence, the reason for this letter.

The Club would like to ask Cobar Shire Council about the opportunity to take over the use of the "Old Bar" at the Oval. Currently the bar is very rarely used, maybe once a year if it is lucky. The club would like to enclose the Bar and turn this into our Clubhouse. For the Club it is a fantastic location, next to our container and close to where the action takes place on Saturday mornings. Turning this into our Clubhouse would take something that is an unused eyesore into something the kids would be very proud of.

Thank you for taking the time to consider this proposal. We look forward to hearing from you. My contact number is 0458004611.

Regards,

**Scott Griffiths**

PRESIDENT, COBAR JUNIOR SOCCER CLUB



Soccer Club - Site of Proposed works

**Disclaimer Note:**  
 This map is a representation of the information currently held by Cobler Shire Council. While every effort has been made to ensure the accuracy of the data, Council disclaims all liability for any loss, cost, damage or injury, howsoever arising or connected with the use of this data. Any feedback on omissions or errors would be appreciated.

Contains Council Information © Cobler Shire Council  
 Contains NSW Government Information © NSW Department of Primary Industries



## Minutes of the OROC Board Meeting

held at  
Dubbo City Council  
Central Conference Room  
On Friday 31<sup>st</sup> July 2015  
at 9.30 am

### 1. Meeting Open and apologies

**Present:** Clr Bill McAnally, OROC Chair and Mayor Narromine Shire; Greg Lamont, General Manager Narromine Shire; Clr Mathew Dickerson, Mayor Dubbo City; Kym Miller, Director Corporate and Community Services, Cobar; Clr Peter Abbott, Deputy Mayor Cobar Shire; Steve Loane, General Manager Warrumbungle Shire; Clr Angelo Pippas, Mayor Brewarrina Shire; Dan Simmons, General Manager Brewarrina Shire; Don Ramsland, General Manager Walgett Shire; Clr David Lane, Mayor Walgett Shire; Clr Ray Donald, Mayor Bogan Shire; Derek Francis, General Manager Bogan Shire; Clr Doug Batten, Mayor Gilgandra Shire; Paul Mann, General Manager Gilgandra Shire; Mark Riley, General Manager Dubbo City; Clr Rex Wilson, Mayor Warren Shire Council; Darren Arthur, Manager Finance and Administration Warren Shire; Ross Earl, General Manager Bourke Shire; Clr Andrew Lewis, Mayor Bourke Shire; Clr Ray Donald, Mayor Bogan Shire; Clr Peter Shinton, Mayor Warrumbungle Shire; Clr Rod Buhr, Mayor Wellington Council; Karen Roberts, General Manager, Wellington Council; Clr Al Karanouh, Mayor Coonamble Shire; Rick Warren, General Manager Coonamble Shire; John Walkom, Chair RDA Orana and Belinda Barlow OROC Executive Officer.

**Guests:** Clr Keith Rhoades President LGNSW, Donna Rygate, Chief Executive LGNSW and Clr Ben Shields Dubbo City Councillor and LGNSW Board Member. Clr Greg Matthews, Dubbo City Councillor and LGNSW Board Member extended an apology.

The meeting was opened at 9.30 am by OROC Chair Clr Bill McAnally.

Mayor of Dubbo City Clr Mathew Dickerson warmly welcomed the OROC Board and guests to Dubbo.

Chair Clr Bill McAnally acknowledged and congratulated Clr Ray Donald's recent receipt of an Order of Australia Medal for services to local government and the Nyngan community.

**Apologies:** Clr Lilliane Brady, Mayor Cobar Shire; Gary Woodman, General Manager Cobar Shire and Ashley Wielinga, Warren Shire.

**Motion:** *That the apologies be accepted by the OROC Board.*

**Moved:** Paul Mann

**Seconded:** Clr Doug Batten

**CARRIED**

### 2. LGNSW – President Clr Keith Rhoades and Donna Rygate Chief Executive

LGNSW President Clr Keith Rhoades and Chief Executive Donna Rygate addressed the OROC Board and discussed the following points:

#### **Engagement Strategy**

- LGNSW has visited over 90 member Councils, County Councils and Aboriginal Lands Councils across NSW over the past 6 months as part of its engagement and communication strategy.

#### **Reform of Local Government and Fit for the Future**

- LGNSW has a strong working relationship with the Minister for Local Government.
- There is no clear evidence that large population based councils have fiscal or operational superiority to councils with low populations – as evidenced by ACELGS research paper “Is Better Bigger”.
- Rate exemptions are damaging to councils in both metropolitan and rural areas.
- Local Government Act will be modified and not re-written, some of the 65 recommendations of ILGRP will be adjusted into the modified Act such as Mayoral term of 2 years. There is no evidence that there will be changes to rate pegging or rate exemptions.
- The reform process expenditure has been very costly to local government.
- LGNSW does not consider there is adequate reform funding available if there is to be forced amalgamations.
- IPART will release its findings on Council’s ‘Fit for the Future’ status on 16<sup>th</sup> October 2015.

#### **Inquiry into Local Government**

- The current Upper House Inquiry into Local Government Review is a starting point to provide evidence and assist local government’s case against the one liners that are being used by State Government including ‘Amalgamations will force rates to drop’ and ‘Local Government is losing \$1 million a day’. LGNSW offered evidence at a recent hearing in Sydney indicating that amalgamated council areas in Queensland and Victoria have not experienced rate reductions but rate increases due to forced amalgamations. Past evidence of forced amalgamations in NSW also show there has not been a reduction in rates.
- The Inquiry also offers a real opportunity to increase the political pressure and make certain that State Government understands what the community does and doesn’t want.
- LGNSW has queried NSW Local Government Minister to provide evidence to his statement that ‘Local Government is losing \$1 million a day’ to which no response has been received from The Minister to date.
- There has been a lot of evidence from the community that it prefers to retain current local government boundaries, without any amalgamations as a result of consultation during the reform process.
- The Inquiry will finalise a response to Government by 17<sup>th</sup> August 2015.

#### **2015 LGNSW Conference**

- Motions offered for consideration are to be submitted on line via LGNSW website.
- It is preferred that Motions are relevant to Local Government.
- A conference subcommittee will consider all Motions before they proceed to Conference papers.
- The Minister has been invited to appear in a ‘Q and A’ style panel session with other local government academics and experts, however he has yet to advise his acceptance or otherwise.

**Action:** OROC Executive Officer to write a letter of thanks to LGNSW President and Chief Executive for their attendance at the OROC Board Meeting.

### **2.1 NBN – Ian Scott, Community Affairs Manager NBN Co**

Ian Scott provided the OROC Board with an update of the roll out of NBN in the region.

Further information in respect to NBN Co is to be supplied by the OROC Executive Officer to the OROC Board Members.

## 2.2 Tour de OROC 2015 – David Hayes

David Hayes, Chair of Tour de OROC 2015 Committee provided an update of the 2015 Tour de OROC bike ride planned for October throughout the region to raise funds for Macquarie Homestay.

David encouraged Mayors and General Managers to embrace the opportunity to support and promote Tour de OROC in each of their communities.

Further information is to be supplied by the OROC Executive Officer to each OROC Board Member.

## 3. Confirmation of previous Meeting Minutes

**Motion:** *That the minutes of the meeting of OROC held in Dubbo on Friday 1 May 2015 be accepted as a true and accurate record of that meeting.*

**Moved:** Steve Loane

**Seconded:** Clr Peter Shinton

**CARRIED**

**Motion:** *That the minutes of the meeting of GMAC held in Dubbo on Friday 17 July 2015 be accepted as a true and accurate record of that meeting.*

**Moved:** Mark Riley

**Seconded:** Greg Lamont

**CARRIED**

## Business Arising

### 3.1 NSW Planning and Environment – Regional Growth Plan

The OROC Board had before it an update of the Draft Orana Regional Growth Plan.

Resolved. That such information be noted

**CARRIED**

#### 3.1.1 Agricultural Industry Study

The OROC Board had before it an update of the Central West/Orana Agricultural Industry Study.

Resolved. That such information be noted

**CARRIED**

### 3.2 Energy and Management Services

The OROC Board had before it:

- i) A review of Essential Energy's Public Lighting Price Track 2015-19;
- ii) The current status of Essential Energy's response to appeal the Australian Energy Regulator's final determination on public lighting pricing and;
- iii) The agreed regional concerns that will be raised by Energy and Management Services on behalf of OROC members at a public consultation (of the Australian Competition Tribunal) in respect to Essential Energy appealing public lighting pricing.

Further recommendations in respect to this matter are stated below in the summary of recommendations. (Numbers 1 and 2)

### 3.3 Joint Organisations

The OROC Board had before it copies of the following documents:

- i) OROC DRAFT Regional Statement of Priorities;
- ii) OROC DRAFT Regional Strategic Plan and
- iii) an update of the progress of Pilot Joint Organisations.

A further recommendation in respect to this matter is stated below in the summary of recommendations. (Number 3)

### 3.4 Court House closures in the region

The OROC Board had before it an update of a recent meeting with The Hon Troy Grant, Member for Dubbo and Minister for Police and Justice in respect to proposed Court House closures in the region.

Chair Clr Bill McAnally informed the OROC Board that he had recently met with Mr Mark Harris Registrar at Dubbo Court House to discuss the impacts of Court House service reductions, loss of employment in communities and the lack of consultation with local government in respect to the matter.

Clr McAnally notified OROC Board Members that Mr Harris intends to visit and meet with each General Manager and Mayor of impacted communities to discuss such issues further.

Resolved. That such information be noted

**CARRIED**

### 3.5 Orana and Far West Regional Infrastructure Audit and Masterplan

The OROC Board had before it information in respect to the Draft Regional Infrastructure Audit and Masterplan.

**Motion:** *That OROC expresses its disappointment with the progress of the Infrastructure Audit and Masterplan to date and express concern that Phase II of the report as the basis for the balance of the Study, lacks credibility and contains inaccuracies and has too much of a local focus.*

**Moved:** Paul Mann

**Seconded:** Greg Lamont

**CARRIED**

Further recommendations in respect of this matter are stated below in the summary of recommendations. (Numbers 7 and 8)

### 3.6 Dark Sky Park

The OROC Board had before it a report supplied by Warrumbungle Shire Council to seek a regional position from OROC Members on the proposed designation of the Warrumbungle National Park as a Dark Sky Park (DSP) by the International Dark Sky Association.

Discussions in respect to this issue included the light spill implications for future land and building development in Dubbo City particularly. It was noted that the status for a Dark Sky Park will exist under the current Orana Regional Environmental Plan No 1 – Siding Spring.

**Motion:** *That the OROC Board give in principle support to the Dark Sky Park project pending further discussions being convened as soon as possible between Warrumbungle Shire and Dubbo City to further consider aspects of concern raised by Dubbo City.*

**Moved:** Clr Ray Donald

**Seconded:** Clr Al Kananouh

**CARRIED**

At this juncture LGNSW representatives Clr Keith Rhoades, Donna Rygate and Clr Ben Shields left the meeting.

### **3.7 Price Waterhouse Coopers – Containerised Cargo Demand Assessment**

The OROC Board had before it information of a Containerised Cargo Demand Assessment currently being undertaken by Price Waterhouse Coopers (PwC) in the Orana region on behalf of Transport for NSW. This information was noted by the OROC Board.

Resolved. That such matter be noted.

**CARRIED**

### **3.8 Free Camping project – Campervan and Motorhome Club of Australia**

The OROC Board had before it correspondence from Campervan and Motorhome Club of Australia.

Further recommendations in respect of this matter are stated below in the summary of recommendations. (Recommendations 4 and 5)

### **3.9 Code of Conduct**

The OROC Board had before it information supplied by Mayor Warrumbungle Shire Council Clr Peter Shinton in respect to concerns and issues raised about Code of Conduct matters.

**Motion:** *That OROC submit as a motion to the 2015 LGNSW Conference the following: That a robust review of the procedures and outcomes of the Model Code of Conduct referral process be requested to be undertaken by the Office of Local Government and further that all Councillors be required to undertake mandatory biennial Code of Conduct training.*

**Moved:** Clr Peter Shinton

**Seconded:** Clr Al Kananouh

**CARRIED**

### **3.10 Mobile Blackspot Programme**

Information supplied in respect to the recent announcement of funding for Mobile Blackspot Programme funding was noted.

Resolved. That such information be noted.

**CARRIED**

### **3.11 Health – Western Primary Health Network**

The information supplied in respect to the Western Primary Health Networks replacing Western Medicare Local was noted.

Resolved. That such information be noted.

**CARRIED**

### **3.12 Water – IPART review of water charges 2016**

The information supplied was noted.

Resolved. That such matter be noted.

**CARRIED**



**3.13 Water charges 2015/2016 Macquarie Valley**

The information supplied was noted.

Resolved. That such information be noted.

**CARRIED**

**3.14 Water Allocations 2015/2016 Macquarie Valley and Barwon Darling system**

The information supplied was noted.

Resolved. That such information be noted.

**CARRIED**

**3.15 Murray Darling Economic Diversification Program**

The information supplied was noted.

Resolved. That such information be noted.

**CARRIED**

**3.16 Murray Darling Association Region 10**

The information supplied was noted.

Resolved. That such information be noted.

**CARRIED**

**4. Confirmation of previous GMAC Meeting Minutes held 17<sup>th</sup> July 2015**

**Motion:** *That the minutes of the meeting of GMAC held in Dubbo on Friday 17 July 2015 be accepted as a true and accurate record of that meeting.*

**Moved:** Greg Lamont

**Seconded:** Mark Riley

**CARRIED**

**Motion:** *That the 11 recommendations contained therein be adopted by the OROC Board.*

**Moved:** Steve Loane

**Seconded:** Clr Peter Shinton

**CARRIED**

**Recommendations:**

- 1:** That the achievements of OROC in challenging Essential Energy's Regulatory Proposal for Street Lighting be noted and those OROC representatives that were involved throughout the process be thanked.
- 2:** That member councils take the necessary action to ensure all new lighting installed by developers incorporates the latest approved technology and is in accord with Essential Energy standards.
- 3:** That each General Manager further consider the Draft Statement of Regional Priorities and Draft Regional Strategic Plan with their respective executive staff and offer feedback to the Executive Officer by the end of August, with a view that information be prepared and considered at the next OROC Board Meeting in October, 2015.
- 4:** That each member council determine their own position on the Free Camping RV Project proposal.

- 5 That RDA Orana be advised of OROC's position in respect of the Free Camping RV Project proposal.
- 6: That the Executive Officer prepare a regional issues paper for the LGNSW President and Chief Executive in preparation for their attendance at the next OROC Board Meeting on 31<sup>st</sup> July 2015.
- 7: That GMAC members provide specific feedback in respect of each LGA's concerns and issues contained in the Orana and Far West Infrastructure Master Plan documents to the OROC Executive Officer by 31<sup>st</sup> July 2015, in order for a co-ordinated response to be collated and forwarded to RDA Orana by 14<sup>th</sup> August 2015.
- 8: That the OROC Executive Officer advise RDA Orana of GMAC's preliminary concerns and timelines in respect to offering feedback on the Orana and Far West Regional Infrastructure Audit and Master Plan.
- 9: That each member council be requested to supply a letter of support to Dubbo City Council's application for Restart NSW – Regional Tourism Infrastructure (Airport grants) to upgrade the runway to the Dubbo City Regional Airport.
- 10: That the General Manager, Warren Shire Council and OROC Executive Officer collate the region's funding and service issues in relation to Rural Fire Service and invite Commission Shane Fitzsimmons to a future meeting with GMAC to discuss this matter.
- 11: That the OROC Executive Officer be requested to update current cost shift survey information of all OROC member councils.

**Motion:** *That the 30 determinations contained therein be endorsed by the OROC Board.*

**Moved:** Greg Lamont

**Seconded:** Mark Riley

**CARRIED**

**Determinations:**

- 1: That the apologies be accepted.
- 2: That the OROC Executive Officer distribute the PwC questionnaire to GMAC members.
- 3: That the Minutes of the GMAC Meeting held 17<sup>th</sup> April 2015 in Dubbo be adopted.
- 4: That GMAC note the update on the Orana Regional Growth and Infrastructure Plan provided by Melissa Watkins, Director Environmental Services, Dubbo City Council.
- 5: That GMAC note that the strategic goals and overall objectives of the economy and housing sections of the Orana Regional Growth Plan be endorsed for the purpose of further development of the Draft Plan.
- 6: That GMAC note the information supplied in respect to the Central West Orana Agricultural Land Use Development Study (NSW Planning and Environment).
- 7: That the report 'Review of Essential Energy's Public Lighting Price Track 2015-2019' prepared by Energy and Management Services be noted.

- 8:** That GMAC note the Draft Statement of Regional Priorities for the Orana region.
- 9:** That GMAC note the Draft Regional Strategic Plan.
- 10:** That the update on Pilot Joint Organisations be noted by GMAC.
- 11:** That the information provided in respect to Round 1 Mobile Blackspot Programme be noted by GMAC.
- 12:** That the information supplied in respect to the establishment of the Western Primary Health Network be noted by GMAC.
- 13:** That each member council consider the information supplied and the matter be referred to the OROC Board for consideration.
- 14:** That the information and update in respect to the proposed Court House closures in the region be noted by GMAC.
- 15:** That GMAC refer IPART's Review of water charges 2016 to the LMWUA Technical Committee for further consideration and determination.
- 16:** That information supplied in respect to the 2015/2016 Water charges for the Macquarie Valley be noted by GMAC.
- 17:** That the information supplied in respect to the 2015/2016 allocations for the Macquarie Valley and Barwon-Darling River systems be noted by GMAC.
- 18:** That GMAC note that there was no funding allocated to the Northern Basin in Round 1 of the Murray Darling Economic Diversification Programme.
- 19:** That GMAC note that Warren Shire Council and Bourke Shire Council will be making representations to NSW Minister for Regional Development The Hon John Barilaro in respect to Murray Darling Economic Diversification Programme funding allocations in Round 1.
- 20:** That GMAC note the information supplied in respect to Murray Darling Association Region 10 and each member in Region 10 will be receiving correspondence from Region 10 Chair in respect to the future participation of Region 10 membership.
- 21:** That GMAC note the concerns raised at both the accuracy of the data contained therein the documents and concerns as to the usability of the report for usage in respect to accessing Restart NSW funding.
- 22:** That the OROC Correspondence be accepted.
- 23:** That the financial report for period ending 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2015 be noted, and that the OROC Executive Officer provide a financial report showing the period ending 30<sup>th</sup> June 2015 for the next OROC Board Meeting.
- 24:** That the Executive Officer's report be accepted.

- 25: That the General Manager Warren Shire Council, OROC Executive Officer, and a representative from Dubbo City Council meet with Local Government Procurement to discuss the LGP contracts and rebate offer.
- 26: That GMAC note the OROC Financial Professional Team meeting minutes.
- 27: That GMAC note the Orana Risk and Safety Management minutes.
- 28: That the Economic Development Managers Team discuss the opportunities of further REMPLAN training and using REMPLAN across a range of services within each Council and each community.
- 29: That GMAC invite Guy McAnally-Elwin from Gilgandra Shire Council (Statewide Mutual Board Member) to offer a presentation to the next meeting of GMAC.
- 30: That Warrumbungle Shire Council to supply a report for consideration at the OROC Board Meeting on 31<sup>st</sup> July 2015.

#### 4. OROC Correspondence

**Motion:** *That the OROC correspondence be accepted.*

**Moved:** Mark Riley

**Seconded:** Clr Andrew Lewis

**CARRIED**

#### **Rural Fire Service**

**Motion:** *That OROC submit to the 2015 LGNSW Annual Conference a Motion requesting further support in respect of the introduction of an Emergency Services Levy to replace the current funding arrangement between Local Government and the NSW Rural Fire Service.*

**Moved:** Clr Ray Donald

**Seconded:** Clr Doug Batten

**CARRIED**

#### 5. OROC Financial Report

**Motion:** *That the OROC financial report for the period ending 30<sup>th</sup> June 2015 be accepted by the OROC Board.*

**Moved:** Clr Rex Wilson

**Seconded:** Clr Greg Lamont

**CARRIED**

#### 6. OROC Executive Officers Report

**Motion:** *That OROC encourages the Parliamentary Secretary for Western NSW Sarah Mitchell MLC to attend the 2015 LGNSW Conference.*

**Moved:** Clr Ray Donald

**Seconded:** Clr Angelo Pippas

**CARRIED**

**Motion:** *That the OROC Executive Officer's Report be accepted by the OROC Board.*

**10. OROC General Business**

**10.1 Council Logos**

General Manager Warrumbungle Shire Council raised the matter of Warrumbungle Shire Council's logo being used without formal Council permission. Clr Dickerson suggested that a Council logo could be trademarked to negate unofficial use. Warrumbungle Shire Council will determine if this is an appropriate course of action.

**Regional Development Australia – Orana**

Chair of RDA Orana, John Walkom provided an update on RDA Orana activities to the Board as follows:

- Chair of RDA Orana John Walkom has recently been appointed as NSW Chair of RDA Orana.
- As a result of this appointment, the Chair also sits on a 7 member reference group with Minister for Regional Development The Hon Warren Truss with this group meeting 3 times during the year.
- RDA Orana continues to work on Orana Bio Hub study (green waste processing initiative) - the study is due for completion by the end of October, 2015.
- Regional Infrastructure and Masterplan work is continuing to progress.
- Grant Writing workshops facilitated by RDA Orana were recently conducted throughout the region, in preparation for interested parties submitting National Stronger Regions funding applications.
- Stage 2 of Golden Highway Corridor study – to identify funding opportunities, prepare a formal economic analysis and a business case for corridor enhancements.
- Matt Fuller, General Manager, Taronga Western Plains Zoo has recently been appointed as the new Deputy Chair of RDA Orana.
- The remainder of RDA Orana Committee is yet to be announced by State and Federal Ministers.

**11. Close / Next Meeting**

Meeting closed 12.45 pm.

The next OROC Board Meeting is to be held on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> October 2015 in Lightning Ridge.

---

**MINUTES OF THE RURAL ROADS ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
MEETING HELD AT TILPA COMMUNITY HALL ON WEDNESDAY  
5 AUGUST 2015 COMMENCING AT 11:17AM**

---

**PRESENT**

George Millear (Tiltagoona), Andrew Farnsworth (Innesowen), Michael McInerney, Herb Hemley, Bronwen Evans, Justin and Julie McClure (Kallara), Angus Waugh, Geoff Sutton (Central Darling Shire), Reece Wilson (Central Darling Shire), John Gally, Councillor Peter Abbott (Cobar Shire Council), Councillor Bob Sinclair (Cobar Shire Council), Kym Miller (Acting General Manager, Cobar Shire Council), Stephen Taylor (Director of Engineering Services, Cobar Shire Council), Adrienne Pierini (Acting Roads Manager, Cobar Shire Council), Craig Hudson (Rural Supervisor, Cobar Shire Council) and Sandra Finnegan (Executive Assistant Engineering Services, Cobar Shire Council).

---

Due to an apology from Mayor Lilliane Brady OAM, Councillor Peter Abbott was requested and agreed to chair the meeting.

**APOLOGIES**

**RECOMMENDATION:** That the apologies received from Mayor Lilliane Brady OAM (Cobar Shire Council), Councillors Greg Martin, and Marsha Isbester (Cobar Shire Council), Barry, Pauline and Paul Oliver, Sargent John Bennett (NSW Police) and Leon Sanker be accepted.

*Peter Abbott/Bob Sinclair*

**CARRIED**

---

**CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

**RECOMMENDATION:** That the minutes of the Rural Roads Advisory Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 5 May 2015 at Berangabah Station be adopted as a true and correct record of the proceedings of that meeting.

*Bob Sinclair/Justin McClure*

**CARRIED**

---

**MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

**RECOMMENDATION:** That the issue with not being able to use gravel out of the National Parks be raised at the Western Division Conference.

*Bob Sinclair/Justin McClure*

**CARRIED**

---

**STATUS REPORT**

- Item 2 – Completed;
- Item 11 –item ongoing;
- Item 36 – Grid inspections to be carried out jointly with the rural addressing program;

---

**THIS IS PAGE 1 OF THE MINUTES OF THE RURAL ROADS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING  
HELD AT TILPA COMMUNITY HALL ON WEDNESDAY 5 AUGUST 2015 COMMENCING AT  
11.17AM.**

- 
- Item 44 – completed;
  - Item 46 – ongoing due for completion March 2016;
  - Item 47 – completed;
  - Item 49 – completed;
  - Item 50 – removed see new item;
  - Item 52 – completed;
  - Item 53 – to be investigated;
  - Item 54 – completed;
  - Item 55 – completed;
  - Item 56 – Replace Kel Wise with Greg McMahan;
  - Item 57 – Rural Roads Advisory Committee has requested Council put a recommendation to the Western Land Advisory Committee to include grids in the current legislative fencing requirements on transfer of land on western land leases;
  - Item 67 - completed;
  - Item 69 – completed;
  - Item 70 – completed;
  - Re investigate the approach on bridges and additional danger areas on MR68 and SR3, and complete repairs;
  - Request for Council to provide report on Flood funding allocated, received and spent in 2011 and 2012;
  - Julie McClure has requested that Council investigate any funding opportunities for the upgrade of the Tilpa Weir campgrounds;
  - Consideration has been asked by Bob Sinclair to hold the Cobar Town meeting closer to December to perhaps coincide with the Christmas Parade.

**RECOMMENDATION:** That the information contained in the Status Report be received and noted and items 2, 44, 47, 49, 50, 52, 54, 55, 67, 69 and 70 be removed.

***Bob Sinclair/Julie McClure***

**CARRIED**

**RECOMMENDATION:** Rural Roads Advisory Committee has requested Council put a recommendation to the Western Land Advisory Committee to include grids in the current legislative fencing requirements on transfer of land on western land leases.

***Bob Sinclair/Justin McClure***

**CARRIED**

**RECOMMENDATION:** Council investigate any funding opportunities for the upgrade of the Tilpa Weir campgrounds.

***Julie McClure/Andrew Farnsworth***

**CARRIED**

**RECOMMENDATION:** Council to provide report on Flood funding allocated, received and spent in 2011 and 2012.

***Julie McClure/Bronwen Evans***

**CARRIED**

---

### **EXPENDITURE REPORTS**

**RECOMMENDATION:** That the information contained in the expenditure reports be received and noted.

***Michael McInerney/Bronwen Evans***

**CARRIED**

---

## **FIFTY TWO MILE ROAD AND SEVENTY EIGHT MILE ROAD**

- Matter was raised at the LEMC meeting held on Monday 3 August 2015 and it was noted there were no objections the name change.

**RECOMMENDATION:** That the information contained in the Fifty Two Mile Road and Seventy Eight Mile Road Report be received and noted.

*Michael McInerney/Bob Sinclair*

**CARRIED**

## **GENERAL BUSINESS**

Michael McInerney advised that he has received a draft report from the National Trusts on graves in the area and will provide this to Council.

John Gally asked why western councils were not receiving more money from the State Government. Council has applied for many different grants and has been successful in obtaining Roads to Recovery and Fixing Country Roads money. Bob Sinclair suggested a separate organization consisting of rural landholders be formed to push for more funding from the government.

Reece Wilson from Central Darling Shire Council advised that anyone wanting to speak to him about issues in their Shire can do so after the meeting.

Angus Waugh asked about how often roads are graded; the answer is on a needs basis.

Julie McClure asked about the process with the Repair program. These details are available on the RMS website. <http://www.rms.nsw.gov.au/business-industry/partners-suppliers/lgr/grant-programs/regional-roads-repair-program.html>

Justin McClure advised he sent a letter 18 months ago with no reply. Council will follow up and encourages Justin to follow up.

Julie McClure has requested that Council investigate any funding opportunities for the upgrade of the Tilpa Weir campgrounds.

An invitation has been extended to the Tilpa Community Committee to attend the next Tourism meeting held at Council.

Justin McClure thanked Council for the effort made to hold a meeting at Tilpa and that the communication between Tilpa Community and Cobar Shire Council has greatly improved.

---

## **FUTURE MEETINGS**

The next meeting is to be held on Wednesday 4 November 2015 at Cobar Shire Council Chambers at 2:00pm.

Consideration has been asked by Bob Sinclair to hold the Cobar Town meeting closer to December to perhaps coincide with the Christmas Parade.

**THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE MEETING CLOSED AT 1:40PM.**

**THIS IS PAGE 3 OF THE MINUTES OF THE RURAL ROADS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT TILPA COMMUNITY HALL ON WEDNESDAY 5 AUGUST 2015 COMMENCING AT 11.17AM.**