



# **COBAR SHIRE COUNCIL**

## **ORDINARY MEETING AGENDA**

**THURSDAY, 24 JUNE 2021**

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## ~ ORDER OF BUSINESS ~

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

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1. Apologies
    - Nil
  2. Declaration of Interests
  3. Condolences
    - Shirley Geraldine Ross
    - Toni Louise Wells
    - Owen James Kershaw
    - Perry Clarence Wells
    - Robert David Strong
    - Noel Bernard Jermyn
  4. Public Access Forum
  5. Confirmation of Minutes
    - Ordinary Meeting of Council – Thursday, 27 May 2021
  6. Matters Arising from Minutes
  7. Notice of Motions
    - Nil
  8. Mayoral Report
  9. General Manager's Report – Action/Recommendation
  10. General Manager's Report – Confidential
    - Tender Fabrication and Installation of new stables at Ward Oval
  11. Matters of Urgency
  12. Correspondence
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## ~ COUNCIL'S VISION ~

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

## ~ COUNCIL'S MISSION ~

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

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

- Ivanhoe Road
- Louth Road
- Tilpa Road

## ~ COUNCIL'S VALUES ~

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

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

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## ~ COUNCIL'S CHARTER ~

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

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

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**CLAUSE 1 – MAYORAL REPORT**

**FILE: C13-1-5**

**AOP REFERENCE: 3.1**

**ATTACHMENT: NO**

**AUTHOR: *Mayor, Peter Abbott***

Report to be tabled.

**RECOMMENDATION**

**That Council accepts the information contained in the Mayoral Report for the month of June 2021.**

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**CLAUSE 2– RESOURCES FOR REGIONS FUNDING**

**FILE: G4-29**

**AOP REFERENCE: 3.1.1.3**

**ATTACHMENT: NO**

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

Report to be tabled.



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**Clause 3– LOCAL TRAFFIC COMMITTEE**

**FILE: C6-14 AOP REFERENCE: 3.1 ATTACHMENT: YES (Page 62-74)**

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

**Purpose**

To inform Council of Local Traffic Committee recommendations from the May 2021 meeting.

**Background**

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

Attached to this report are May 2021 Minutes and Status Report.

**RECOMMENDATION**

- 1. That the recommendations from the Local Traffic Committee be received and noted.**
- 2. That Council resolve:**
  - a) To replace current 45° angle parking signs on Marshall St with 60° angle signs to reflect the correct angle line marked.**
  - b) Line mark time restricted parking spaces directly outside Kubby House childcare centre. To be reviewed in December 2022.**

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## **CLAUSE 4 – COBAR WAR MEMORIAL HOSTEL**

**FILE: E1-4      AOP REFERENCE:2.1.1.1 & 2.2.2.2      ATTACHMENT: NO**

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

### **Purpose**

The purpose of this report is consider the proposal to purchase the Cobar War Memorial Hostel.

### **Background**

The current committee of the Cobar War Memorial Hostel has forwarded a letter to Council inviting Council to consider a proposal to purchase the Hostel for one dollar (\$1).

The Hostel consists of a single-story building with a detached hall, three-bedroom self-contained apartment and a large office space.

The committee have discussed the future of the Hostel and have reached the conclusion the complex has served its role of providing accommodation to isolated children for educational purposes and is currently vacant.

### **Discussion**

The Committee have resolved to offer the Hostel for one dollar (\$1) for community use or child services with the condition that the “Lest We Forget” memorial be preserved, maintained, and continued to be available for future ANZAC services.

The current building will need funds to develop the site however the overall importance for the Council to have this site for future opportunities should attract grant funds or investments.

Council has no specific use for the site at this stage, however the offer is very reasonable and does allow the site to have potential in the future.

It is recommended that Council accepts the offer to purchase the property for one dollar (\$1) and that it be classified as operational under the Local Government Act.

### **Budget**

Minor funds will need to be allocated for maintenance only at this point in time.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

- 1. That Council accept the Cobar War Memorial Hostel Committee’s offer to purchase the Hostel for one dollar (\$1) and accept the condition that the “Lest We Forget” memorial be preserved, maintained, and continued to be available for future ANZAC services.**
- 2. That the property be classified as operational under the Local Government Act.**
- 3. The Mayor and General Manager be authorised to sign contracts under the seal if required.**

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**CLAUSE 5 – WARD OVAL MASTER PLAN**

FILE: A9-12-3-3

AOP REFERENCE: 4.4.2.1  
ATTACHMENT: YES(PAGE75-138)AUTHOR: *Project Coordinator, Carly Hunter***Purpose**

The purpose of this report is to adopt the Ward Oval Master Plan.

**Background**

Dunn and Hillam Architects were engaged to develop an updated Master Plan for Ward Oval. The previous Master Plan was completed in 2011, and since Council has been successful in obtaining funding for various major capital projects, including the Early Learning Precinct.

During the development of the current Draft Ward Oval Master Plan, Dunn and Hillam explored the challenges and opportunities of the Ward Oval site, they reviewed and responded to the previous Masterplan, clarified the brief, and examined the needs for the varying stakeholder and considered vision for the future of the site.

The Draft Ward Oval Master Plan was presented to the Council Workshop by Ashley Dunn on the 25 March 2021 and Councillors were given an opportunity review and provide feedback.

At the April 2021 Council meeting the Draft Ward Oval Master Plan was adopted to be released for public comment. There were two community sessions held to present the Master Plan and answer any question. These meetings were well attended. All feedback was requested to be submitted by COB 20 May 2021.

Feedback received has been considered and incorporated into the Master Plan.

**Budget Implications**

The Master Plan allows Council to apply for grants to meet any future development of Ward Oval.

**Discussion**

The Ward Oval Master Plan will allow the Council, community, and users to have a clear vision and Master Plan for future grant applications and/or development of Ward Oval.

The Master Plan allows Councils to consider Ward Oval's development with the understanding that at this point in time this is what the community has accepted as a vision.

**RECOMMENDATION**

**That Council adopts the Ward Oval Master Plan.**

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**CLAUSE 6 – COUNCIL DELEGATE TO OUTBACK ARTS**

**FILE: A8-1**

**AOP REFERENCE: 1.2.2.1**

**ATTACHMENT: NO**

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

**Purpose**

To endorse Mrs Seigrid Peters as Councils delegate to Outback Arts.

**Background**

Council pays approx. \$10,000 p.a. to be a member of Outback Arts. The benefit belonging to this body is to assist Council with Grants for the Arts sector including grants supporting workshops & touring arts.

Delegate's meetings are held quarterly in Gilgandra. Whilst it is only an hour duration, they generally require at least a day and an overnight stay. Council staff at this point of time do not have the luxury of that time availability and when canvased no elected members were prepared to represent council for the same reason.

Local Artist Seigrid Peters has volunteered her services to act as Council's delegate.

**Financial**

It is considered fair that Council reimburses Mrs Seigrid Peters for her out of pocket expenses, \$250 per meeting.

**RECOMMENDATION**

**That Council endorse Mrs Seigrid Peters as their delegate to the Outback Arts Committee and that she be reimbursed for out-of-pocket expenses.**

**CLAUSE 7 – INTEGRATED PLANNING AND REPORTING SUITE OF DOCUMENTS (COUNCIL’S ANNUAL OPERATIONAL PLAN, BUDGET, FEES AND CHARGES AND REVENUE POLICY)**

**FILE: L5-22      AOP REFERENCE: 3.1ATTACHMENT: YES (Page 139-197)**

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

**Purpose**

To adopt the 2021/2022 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 called for Wednesday June 16 in Council Chambers. The meeting was opened but did not proceed due to lack of attendance.

A minor adjustment has been made to the exhibited presentation to reflect that weed control on non-Council land is now the responsibility of a government agency and not Council.

An overall summary is shown in the table below:

	<b>General Fund</b>	<b>Water Fund</b>	<b>Sewer Fund</b>	<b>All Funds</b>
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Revenue	62,155,621	6,490,513	970,571	69,616,705
Expenditure	38,304,814	4,838,261	1,162,688	44,305,763
Operating surplus/deficit before extraordinary items	23,850,807	1,652,252	-192,117	25,310,942
Less capital grants and contributions	24,126,000	2,200,000		26,326,000
Less non recurrent items				
Add transfer from reserves				
<b>Underlying surplus / deficit</b>	<b>-275,193</b>	<b>-547,748</b>	<b>-192,117</b>	<b>-1,015,058</b>

Attachments to this report include:

- A copy of the agenda which was prepared for 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.
  - 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. Of significance is The Wool Track which has an indicative budget of \$50m over several years. The project group working on funding this hold the view that it rates highly as a chance of success due to the need for both state and federal government to deliver economic stimulus. The project is ‘shovel ready’ and its need cannot be denied.
  - Plant replacement schedule.
  - Optimistic Outlook – This incorporates an extra \$1m per annum in operating grant revenue.
  - Pessimistic Outlook – This incorporates an extra \$1m per annum in depreciation due to rapidly escalating valuations and new projects being capitalised.

### **Feedback**

No feedback was received from the public.

### **Events since the release of the draft documents for exhibition**

- Council has further progressed becoming the Approved Provider for long day childcare (currently operating as *Kubby House* under the management of a community committee). It is too premature to include a forecast in the budget for adoption, but it is highly likely that there will be a reliable quantification with the first quarter budget review which will be presented to Council in November 2021 or sooner if available.

The *Resources for Regions* allocation for Cobar has been announced at \$7.7m which is increased on initial expectations.

Preliminary discussions on how best to expend this have been workshopped but it is too premature to allocate it in the budget. It will however, allow Council to proceed with additional stages of some major works currently underway and will also allow budget shortfalls on some capital projects to be accommodated. It is to be noted that construction costs have escalated significantly with the introduction of the vast stimulus budgets from the state and federal governments and need ‘topping up’ on a statewide basis. Over runs do not necessarily imply a poor project performance but in this environment more realistically reflect the demand that the governments have created in pursuit of stimulus activity.

Council is conscious of the impact of current project expenditure on future operating costs and will endeavor where possible and appropriate to fund renewal ahead of new assets investment.

The increased allocation of resources for regions is expected to continue in the short to medium term as the region remains a major economic producer.

The criteria have been made more realistic than in past rounds and now recognise that the incremental work being undertaken by Local Government requires the injection of more project management and is prepared to fund it under the scheme. For several years

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existing Council staff have largely been performing the incremental project workload, but this is clearly not a sustainable strategy.

The criteria has also been extended to allow funding of some social programs. Council has costed the engaging of the Far West Intervention Outreach Program for auditing the hearing of children 0 – 12 years and will consider it under the resources for regions program.

The funding allocation will be considered by Council in the first quarter of the coming financial year and the budget will be formally amended in the first quarter budget review or when practicable.

Council has further progressed towards appointing a youth programs officer for a limited tenure which will be grant funded. Because it is cost neutral there will be no impact on the budget. It is hoped that ongoing funding can be secured to make this much needed role a permanent feature of Council's social landscape.

### Executive Summary

#### General Fund

The budget has been prepared in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic and it also acknowledges that the pandemic has strongly influenced social and corporate behaviours across the world to varying degrees. Fortunately, in N.S.W the focus is on state and federal government sponsored stimulus efforts via Local Government.

The 'museum' will reopen in the coming financial year. The community centre will only be open for a few months in 2021-2022. The current design thinking will reintroduce the first floor. The 'business model' of the building will be considered when renovations are finalised and a new financial plan introduced in a quarterly budget review.

The anticipated take up of the new beds at the Lilliane Brady Village is much slower than the initial modelling indicated, and ongoing deficits are expected in the short to medium term. The facility will be running on its retained cash surpluses in the short to medium term, but it does present a challenge for Council to find a long-term solution.

The budget assumptions are shown in the attachment. The budget and ten-year financial plan presented for consideration is one which Council believe 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 general fund forecast for the 2020/2021 year is a surplus of \$23,850,807. After eliminating capital grants and contributions the deficit is \$275,193. Again, a conservative position has been taken and only known items have been factored in. Further opportunities exist for increased Development Application Fees from the mining sector. It is also anticipated that operating grant opportunities will become available.

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- General rates have been increased to the level permitted by the NSW Government regulator (2.5%).
  - On balance discretionary fees and charges have either not been increased or capped at c.p i.
  - A major infrastructure project – the much-needed upgrade of culverts and grids in the rural zones - has been provided for using borrowed funds. \$1.25m is included in the 2021/2022 budget. A similar amount was included in 2020/2021 but has not yet been drawn down as the works will be carried forward into 2021/2022. The borrowing rate could be as low as 1.8% and it is therefore a very opportune time to undertake such a high- end project. 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.
  - In recommending a capital budget Council has endeavoured to strike a balance between several variables including renewal versus new items, equitable amount for the villages, availability of shovel ready projects and roads expenditure vs non roads expenditure. To ensure flexibility and readiness to receive grants Council has allocated \$200k to use as its co contribution when opportunities arise. This has been a successful strategy in the past and any appropriation from the allocation is pre-approved by Council and it is reported each month in the Grants Report to Council.
  - To ensure that Council can continue to maintain and construct infrastructure assets \$1.2m at net change over value for plant has been allocated. Plant, on balance is funded out of a notional ‘plant account’ which ensures that internal charges are managed appropriately.

Whilst there will be some carried over roadworks, particularly with Pulpulla Road new votes are recommended for Nelyambo Road, Neckarbo Road, Belabaron Road, Bruce Cullenward Road Road, Mount Grace Road, Wilga Downs Road, and Mulya Road.

A further \$100k has been allowed for capital works on footpaths as Council consolidates approximately \$1m spent on footpaths this current financial year.

Approximately \$800k which will be grant funded will be expended on the airport runways. Maintaining the airport suitable for an RPT service is essential to Cobar’s economic and social wellbeing.

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



COBAR SHIRE COUNCIL  
FOUR YEAR OPERATIONAL PLAN

	2021/2022			2022/2023			2023/2024			2024/2025		
	Revenue	Expenditure	Surplus/Deficit	Revenue	Expenditure	Surplus/Deficit	Revenue	Expenditure	Surplus/Deficit	Revenue	Expenditure	Surplus/Deficit
<b>General Fund</b>												
Governance	23,907,742	843,194	23,064,548	23,841,142	780,093	23,061,049	11,245,651	797,678	10,447,973	1,350,282	826,937	523,355
Corporate Support	6,481,969	9,178,189	-2,696,220	6,620,946	9,280,848	-2,659,902	6,663,012	9,506,062	-2,843,050	6,829,137	9,731,515	-2,902,378
Public Order & Safety	356,978	711,736	-354,758	364,118	722,846	-358,728	371,400	794,183	-422,783	380,685	748,413	-367,728
Public Health	120,024	354,192	-234,168	122,884	362,832	-239,948	125,813	371,683	-245,870	128,959	380,975	-252,017
Community Services & Education	7,704,752	7,971,442	-266,690	7,988,817	8,246,677	-257,860	8,138,354	8,313,381	-175,027	8,409,013	8,545,666	-136,653
Environment	899,809	710,152	189,657	1,394,169	1,333,913	60,256	1,375,696	1,352,764	22,931	1,458,651	1,380,033	78,617
Housing & Community Amenities	740,863	936,954	-196,091	755,680	953,782	-198,102	770,794	970,990	-200,197	790,063	990,678	-200,614
Recreation & Culture	239,329	2,444,378	-2,205,049	260,947	2,462,362	-2,201,415	265,966	2,501,291	-2,235,325	272,365	2,547,548	-2,275,183
Mining & Manufacture	51,000	49,470	1,530	52,020	50,459	1,561	53,060	51,469	1,592	54,387	52,755	1,632
Transport & Communication	7,651,593	10,323,368	-2,671,776	5,947,300	9,434,435	-3,487,135	6,444,922	9,147,724	-2,702,802	6,169,390	9,892,167	-3,722,777
Economic Affairs	5,394,200	4,781,738	612,462	6,884,984	6,690,697	194,287	6,901,084	6,689,382	211,702	6,921,611	6,704,181	217,429
General Purpose Revenues	9,612,362	3,612,362	6,000,000	8,807,742	8,807,742	0	9,007,654	9,007,654	0	9,233,493	9,233,493	0
<b>TOTAL GENERAL FUND OPERATIONS</b>	<b>62,155,621</b>	<b>38,304,814</b>	<b>23,850,807</b>	<b>63,040,750</b>	<b>40,318,945</b>	<b>22,721,805</b>	<b>51,363,406</b>	<b>40,436,607</b>	<b>10,925,799</b>	<b>41,998,046</b>	<b>41,800,869</b>	<b>197,177</b>
check total			<b>23,850,807</b>			<b>22,721,805</b>			<b>0</b>			<b>0</b>
Other Funds												
Water	6,490,513	4,838,261	1,652,252	6,795,026	3,948,008	2,847,018	4,402,152	4,563,439	-161,287	4,511,956	4,581,657	-69,702
Sewer	970,571	1,162,688	-192,117	1,027,729	1,150,684	-122,955	1,062,682	1,175,893	-113,211	1,103,614	1,161,690	-58,077
<b>TOTAL OTHER FUNDS</b>	<b>7,461,084</b>	<b>6,000,949</b>	<b>1,460,135</b>	<b>7,822,756</b>	<b>5,098,692</b>	<b>2,724,064</b>	<b>5,464,834</b>	<b>5,739,332</b>	<b>-274,498</b>	<b>5,615,569</b>	<b>5,743,348</b>	<b>-127,778</b>
To accumulated surplus	69,616,705	44,305,763	25,310,942	70,863,505	45,417,636	25,445,869	56,828,240	46,175,939	10,652,301	47,613,615	47,544,216	69,399
less: Capital Grants and Contributions												
General Fund			24,126,000			23,660,600			11,460,000			1,160,000
Water Fund			2,200,000			2,500,000			0			0
Sewer Fund			0		0	0			0			0
Total Capital Grants and Conis			26,326,000			26,160,600			11,460,000			1,160,000
Operating Surplus / Deficit before Capital Grant			-1,015,058			-714,131			-807,699			-1,090,601

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### **Executive Summary – Water Fund**

The Water Fund has a forecast deficit of \$548k after eliminating capital grants and contributions. This is the result of higher water raw water cost from the Cobar Water Board and higher than in prior years maintenance costs of the water infrastructure.

The required increase in water charges to Cobar residents is being phased in over multiple years. The fund is required to be self-funding in the medium term and longer. Fortunately, it had significant cash balances which has enabled it to soften the required charge increases.

### **Executive Summary – Sewer Fund**

The Sewer Fund forecasts a deficit of \$192k.

### **Executive Summary – Cash Movement**

Cash balances will decrease by approximately by \$3m with the 2021/2022 forecast – depending upon the timing of major projects. There is no alarm in this position as much of the grant income for 2021/2022 will be received in advance as at 30.06.2021 as the governments promote their stimulus agenda. This money will be restricted at year end.

### **Executive Summary – Borrowings**

It is recommended that the infrastructure capital budget be supported by a loan of \$2.5m to allow the much-needed upgrade to culverts and grids across the Shire (\$1.25m of this was approved last year but has not yet been drawn down). 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 significant items, particularly those that will benefit several generations. A further evaluation of whether to borrow or self-fund will be made as part of the project evaluation and considered by Council when costing is complete and in the light of other possible grant options.

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## **RECOMMENDATION**

- 1. That Council adopt the 2021/2022 Annual Operational Plan and Budget as exhibited, noting that minor variations with weeds management and youth programs are not significant enough to warrant an amendment.**
- 2. That Council adopt the 2021/2022 Capital Expenditure Budget as exhibited noting that the works to be undertaken will be increased by carried forward items.**
- 3. That Council adopt the Long-Term Financial Plan as exhibited.**
- 4. That Council adopt the schedule of Fees and Charges as exhibited for 2021/2022.**
- 5. That Council adopt the Revenue Policy as exhibited for 2021/2022.**
- 6. That Council adopts the Delivery Program 2021/2022 to 2024/2025.**
- 7. That Council in principle approves notification of its intention to borrow to NSW Treasury.**

**CLAUSE 8–2021/2022 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.

On balance, the increase in the rates for 2021/2022 proposed is the rate peg of 2.0% with the burden spread across all categories.

**RECOMMENDATION**

1. That the Cobar Residential rate of 3.19 cents in the dollar on all rateable Cobar Residential Land in pursuance of Section 516 Local Government Act 1993, be now made along with a minimum rate of \$520.00 for each assessment of land for financial year 2021/2022.
2. That the Business Ordinary Rate of 3.27 cents in the dollar on all rateable Cobar Business Land in pursuance of Section 518 Local Government Act 1993, be now made along with a minimum rate of \$550.00 for each assessment of land for the financial year 2021/2022.
3. That the Cobar Business CBD Rate of 4.60 cents in the dollar on all rateable Cobar Business CBD Land in pursuance of Section 518 Local Government Act 1993, be now made along with a minimum rate of \$550.00 for each assessment of land for the financial year 2021/2022.
4. That the Cobar Farmland Rate of 0.17 cents in the dollar on all rateable Cobar Farmland in pursuance of Section 515 Local Government Act 1993, be now made along with a base rate of \$295.00 for each assessment of land for the financial year 2021/2022.
5. That the Village Residential Rate of 7.65 cents in the dollar on all rateable Village Residential Land in pursuance of Section 516 Local Government Act 1993, be now made along with a base rate of \$130.00 for each assessment of land for the financial year 2021/2022.
6. That the Village Business Rate of 4.40cents in the dollar on all rateable Village Business Land in pursuance of Section 529 (2) (d) Local Government Act 1993, be now made along with a base rate of \$130.00 for each assessment of land for the financial year 2021/2022.

7. That the Rural Residential Rate of 2.30 cents in the dollar on all rateable Rural Residential Land in pursuance of Section 529 (2) (b) Local Government Act 1993, be now made along with a minimum rate of \$520.00 for each assessment of land for the financial year 2021/2022.
8. That the Mining – General Rate of 7.00 cents in the dollar on all rateable Mining - Gold Land in pursuance of Section 517 and 529 (2) (c) Local Government Act 1993, be now made along with a minimum rate of \$770.00 for each assessment of land for the financial year 2021/2022.
9. That the Domestic Waste Management Charge of \$252.00 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 \$108.00 for each assessment and a charge of \$18.00 per service per single additional bin be made for the financial year 2021/2022.
10. That the annual charge for Waste Management Services of \$108.00 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 2021/2022 in pursuance of Section 501 of the Local Government Act 1993, be now made.
11. That a Cobar Sewerage Access Charge of \$412.00 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 \$123.00 for each additional closet (including urinals) in excess of 3 connections and a zero-water discharge charge for the financial year 2021/2022.
12. That a minimum Cobar Sewerage Non-residential Charge of \$685.00 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 2021/2022.
13. That a Cobar Water Supply Access Charge of \$343.00 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 \$228.00, be now made along with the following : Unconnected \$343.00 and for the following connections: 32mm \$606.00, 40mm \$1,044.00, 50mm \$1,675.00, 80mm \$3,412, and 100mm \$4,375.00 in pursuance of the Local Government Act 1993, along with a Water Charge of 1kl up to 550kl, \$2.95 per kl, and above 550kl, \$5.60 per kl and Connected Raw Water at \$2.70 per kl be made for the financial year 2021/2022.
14. That a Cobar Water Supply Access Charge of \$493.00 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 \$493.00 and for the following connections: 32mm \$606.00, 40mm \$1,044.00, 50mm \$1,675.00, 80mm \$3,412.00, and 100mm \$4,375.00 in pursuance of the Local Government Act 1993, along with a Water

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Charge of 1kl up to 550kl, \$2.95 per kl, and above 551kl, \$5.60 per kl be made for the financial year 2021/2022.

15. That a Nymagee Water Supply Access Charge of \$625.00 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 \$310.00 for each vacant land for the financial year 2021/2022 in pursuance of Section 539 (1) Local Government Act 1993.
16. That a Euabalong and Euabalong West Water Supply Access Charge of \$625.00 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 \$310.00 for each rateable land for the financial year 2021/2022 in pursuance of Section 539 (1) Local Government Act 1993.
17. That a Mount Hope Water Supply Access Charge of \$730.00 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 2021/2022 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 2021/2022.
19. That the interest rate for overdue water usage charges be made the maximum rate of interest of to be determined by the Minister of Local Government, for the financial year 2021/2022.

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**CLAUSE 9– FIXING LOCAL ROADS FUNDING ROUND 3****FILE:SR1-26****AOP REFERENCE: 3.3.3.1 & 4.3.1 ATTACHMENT: NO****AUTHOR: *Director of Infrastructure Services, Scott Casey*****Purpose**

The purpose of this report is to provide Council with the options proposed for roads that would benefit from round 3 of the Fixing Local Roads grant funding.

**Background**

The NSW Government has committed \$500 million to a Fixing Local Roads Program to improve local roads across rural and regional NSW. Fixing Local Roads aims to fund improvements to local roads that will deliver smoother, safer and more reliable journeys.

Councils have been invited to submit applications for round three of the program to further support investment in road improvements. The guidelines include the eligibility criteria have been refined in recognition of the changing economic environment and need to stimulate regional economies.

Projects will be selected for funding based on the ability to deliver against the following:

- Promotes regional economic activity.
- Enhances regional connectivity and sustainability.
- Enables a safer regional road network.
- Evidence of on time delivery with agreed milestones in previous rounds.

Transport for New South Wales (TfNSW) will consider the following attributes specific to the road, or the project outcomes in their evaluation:

- Projects which are able to commence in the first six months from receipt of a signed funding deed.
- Projects which create jobs and economic growth.
- Current road condition.
- Local road function and importance.
- The infrastructure risk rating of the road.
- Frequency of lane/road closures due to weather or heavy haulage.

TfNSW will also give consideration to councils which may be experiencing hardship or choose to nominate projects which connect indigenous communities. Demonstration of co-contribution, or leveraging other grant programs to optimise outcomes, will also be considered in the evaluation process.

TfNSW acknowledge that well-maintained roads play a vital role in our regions, supporting growth and development, as well as providing safe and reliable access to critical services, such as hospitals and schools. The objectives of the Fixing Local Roads Program are aligned with the Regional NSW transport customer outcomes of the Future Transport Strategy 2056 Regional NSW Services and Infrastructure Plan including:

- Safely, efficiently and reliably moving people and goods.
- Sustaining and enhancing the liveability of our places.
- Accessible for all customers.
- Makes the best use of available resources and assets.

The Program outcomes and objectives are shown in table 1.

**Table 1 Fixing Local Roads Program outcomes and objectives**

Future Transport 2056 Regional NSW Services and Infrastructure Plan Customer Outcomes	Fixing Local Roads Program Outcomes	Fixing Local Roads Program Objectives
Safely, efficiently and reliably moving people and goods	The program promotes regional economic activity	Promotes regional development in rural communities Supports families in rural and remote communities
Sustaining and enhancing the liveability of our places	The program enhances regional connectivity and sustainability	Improves the reliability of the local road network Assists councils to sustainably manage their assets
Accessible for all customers		Improves the resilience of the local road network
Makes the best use of available resources and assets	The program enables a safer regional road network	Improves local road safety

Only roads that meet certain criteria are eligible for funding. Projects should meet the following requirements to be eligible for consideration. The project must be:

- located on a Local Road managed by council (note: Regional and Crown roads are not eligible)
- identifiable as a priority or important local road for the local government area or region
- able to commence in the first six months from receipt of signed funding deed
- deliverable within 24 months of notification from Transport for NSW
- maintenance-driven such as repairing, patching, maintaining or sealing existing roads.

Examples of eligible projects are:

- repairing potholes on a key local road
- sealing an unsealed road that will improve safety or improve access to services or industry.
- patching or repairing cracking on a key local road.

Examples of ineligible projects are:

- widening shoulders or building new roads
- any project on private roads
- any project on the State or Regional Road network.

Funding is specific to projects and not transferable.



**Options for funding**

There are five roads which have been considered and meet the eligibility criteria for the FLR funding, these are shown in Table 2.

**Table 2: Options for FLR funding.**

Road	Local Road	Priority	Important	Commence within six months	Deliverable in 24 months	Maintenance driven
SR2	Yes	1	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
SR10	Yes	4	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
SR12	Yes	2	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
SR18	Yes	3	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
SR46	Yes	5	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

**Table 3: Intervention proposed and reasons for recommendation.**

Road	Intervention	Reason
SR2	20 km initial seal	Dangerous alignment through sandhills; corrugations; access to National Park and Darling River access.
SR10	20 km seal extension	Link between Barrier Highway and Wool Track improve Shire connectivity; gravel sections require maintenance.
SR12	Initial gravelling	Important freight route for heavy vehicles; currently impassable at times of the year.
SR18	20 km initial seal	Important freight route for heavy vehicles; currently impassable at times of the year.
SR46	Gravel re-sheet and selective sealing.	Link between Canbelego and Nymagee; requires significant maintenance grading.

**Table 4: Alignment with funding criteria**

Road	Promotes regional economic activity	Enhances regional connectivity and sustainability	Enables a safer regional road network	Evidence of on time delivery with agreed milestones
SR2	yes	yes	yes	yes
SR10	yes	yes	yes	yes
SR12	yes	yes	yes	yes
SR18	yes	yes	yes	yes
SR46	yes	yes	yes	yes

\*\* yes, Indicates compliant/ not as much emphasis.

\*\* yes, indicates complaint/ more emphasis.

All of the roads proposed for consideration are able to commence in the first six months from receipt of a signed funding deed. If the funding application is successful, the project will create jobs and economic growth irrespective of the road chosen. The road condition varies on each of the roads proposed, but each requires significant maintenance or improvement works (indicated in table 4). Local road function and

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importance also varies depending on the road in question. Some are utilised more by freight (SR12 and SR18) whereas other will provide increased connectivity. SR2 currently presents some additional safety concerns which will be addressed in addition to the connectivity improvements and enhanced livability. Any of the proposed roads would be a good candidate for Fixing Local Roads funding.

**RECOMMENDATION**

**That Council approve the recommendation that SR2 be put forward for Round 3 of the Fixing Local Roads Program.**

**CLAUSE 10 – MONTHLY STATUS REPORT**

**FILE: C13-10**

**AUTHOR: General Manager, Peter Vlatko**

**ATTACHMENT: NO**

<b>COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS 25 SEPTEMBER 2014</b>					
<b>NUMBER</b>	<b>ITEM</b>	<b>RESOLUTION NUMBER</b>	<b>ACTION BY</b>	<b>ACTION REQUIRED</b>	<b>OUTCOME</b>
627	Council – Clause 10A – Adoption of Management Plan for Lot 18 DP213415	188.9.2014	GM	That Council authorise the General Manager to negotiate a lease or licence for an appropriate term and conditions with the Cobar Bowling and Golf Club Ltd.  That Council authorise the Mayor and General Manager to sign any lease or licence under the Common Seal of Council.	December 2017 target was not met.  Timeframe to be reviewed.  Staff working on this subject to resources available.  Discussions commenced with Club Board to resolve the issue; however the matter is on hold until resources are available.

<b>COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS 9 MARCH 2017</b>					
<b>NUMBER</b>	<b>ITEM</b>	<b>RESOLUTION NUMBER</b>	<b>ACTION BY</b>	<b>ACTION REQUIRED</b>	<b>OUTCOME</b>
1007	Council – Clause 7B – Expenditure for Roads Network	59.3.2017	DIS	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 – Council was not successful for this round. Advised that the submission is still being considered. New round of funding to be called soon. Preliminary discussions on application have been held by staff.

**COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS 22 MARCH 2018**

<b>NUMBER</b>	<b>ITEM</b>	<b>RESOLUTION NUMBER</b>	<b>ACTION BY</b>	<b>ACTION REQUIRED</b>	<b>OUTCOME</b>
1141	Council Meeting – Notice of Motion – Government Incentive Programs for Attracting Health Care Professionals to the Region	46.3.2018	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 Cobarr and in particular the Western Area of NSW.	Letters sent seeking support. Awaiting response in order to organise the meeting.  Letters of support received and forwarded to Ministers Office.  Mayor supported the Gwydir Council in providing representation to Canberra to raise the issue.  Mayor held meeting with NSW Government Agency to discuss ensuring Doctors are available in Cobarr.  Staff provided submission to Local Government NSW for their action in supporting Rural Council.
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.	With footpath complete Council is applying to Department of Transport for funding.

**COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS 28 JUNE 2018**

<b>NUMBER</b>	<b>ITEM</b>	<b>RESOLUTION NUMBER</b>	<b>ACTION BY</b>	<b>ACTION REQUIRED</b>	<b>OUTCOME</b>
1180	Council Meeting – Notice of Motion – Arid Research Centre	140.6.2018	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 has submitted Cobar's interest with Commonwealth Government.

**COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS 28 FEBRUARY 2019**

<b>NUMBER</b>	<b>ITEM</b>	<b>RESOLUTION NUMBER</b>	<b>ACTION BY</b>	<b>ACTION REQUIRED</b>	<b>OUTCOME</b>
1269	Council Meeting - Clause 13A – Raw Water Supply to Dalton Park Horse Complex	25.2.2019	GO	That Council resolve to seek grant funding for \$202,140 for the extension of a raw water pipeline to the Dalton Park Racecourse as outlined in Option 3 of the attached report.	Grant funding to be applied for, as yet no suitable funding has become available. Suitable funding has been elsewhere prioritised.

**COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS 24 APRIL 2019**

<b>NUMBER</b>	<b>ITEM</b>	<b>RESOLUTION NUMBER</b>	<b>ACTION BY</b>	<b>ACTION REQUIRED</b>	<b>OUTCOME</b>
1277	Council Meeting – Notice of Motion – Fringe Benefits Tax (FBT) Including Living	63.4.2019	GM	That Cobar Shire Council lobby both the Federal Government and the Association of Mining Related Councils to have Fringe Benefits	Submission being prepared and discussions held with local mines.



	Away From Home Allowance Exempted for Remote Mining Community such as Cobar			Tax (FBT) including Living Away From Home Allowance exempted for remote mining communities such as Cobar.  That Council have discussions about a percentage of miners and those who are working on specific projects who should legally be required to live in town, to be held with the State Government.	
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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.	An application to NRAR has been submitted on 29 <sup>th</sup> June 2020, requesting an increase of 1,300ML of allocation per year. The application is currently being assessed.

**COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS COUNCIL MEETING 13 DECEMBER 2019**

NUMBER	ITEM	RESOLUTION NUMBER	ACTION BY	ACTION REQUIRED	OUTCOME
1345	Council Meeting – Clause 3A – Local Traffic Committee	267.12.2019	ADES	That Council resolve to adopt the following recommendations from the Local Traffic Committee: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ That Council write to RMS to change the pedestrian crossing at Cobar Public School to a children’s crossing during school times only;</li> </ul>	Concurrence received from Public School that pedestrian crossing on Blakey Street should be a children’s crossing during School times only.  Letter to RMS sent for approval. RMS has approved HPAA and secured funding; to be completed this financial year. Proposal to be

						<p>finalised for public consultation to commence. Public consultation completed. Formal application to RMS to be lodged.</p>
						<p>▪ That Council in partnership with RMS investigate implementing a 40km/h High Pedestrian Activity Area (HPAA) in the CBD area of Cobarr on Marshall Street.</p>

<b>COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 23 APRIL 2020</b>						
<b>NUMBER</b>	<b>ITEM</b>	<b>RESOLUTION NUMBER</b>	<b>ACTION BY</b>	<b>ACTION REQUIRED</b>	<b>OUTCOME</b>	
1369	Council Meeting – Clause 6B – Local Traffic Committee Minutes	70.4.2020	<b>DIS</b>	<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 parking,</p> <p>That Council adopt the recommendation from the Local Traffic Committee to investigate three potential sites for a disabled parking spaces at the Western end of Marshall Street.</p>	Spoken with Line Marker, to follow up for confirmation of date for completion depending on line Markers availability.	

**COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 25 MARCH 2021**

<b>NUMBER</b>	<b>ITEM</b>	<b>RESOLUTION NUMBER</b>	<b>ACTION BY</b>	<b>ACTION REQUIRED</b>	<b>OUTCOME</b>
1421	Council Meeting – Clause 4- Management of Council Run Services.	26.03.2021	GM	That Councilor's are issued with all successful grant outcomes and what they were used for over the previous two (2) year period.	Report being prepared.
1423	Council Meeting – Clause 8- Additional Hangars at Aerodrome	30.03.2021	DFCS	That Council in-principal agree to the granting of two foot- prints for the construction of further hangars at the Cobar Airport.	Awaiting interest perspective occupants.
1424	Council Meeting – Clause 18- Cobar Landfill Operations	40.03.2021	DES	That Council proceed with the development of a comprehensive waste management strategy for the Cobar Landfill site which addresses the issues and risks presented, to be adopted at a future Council meeting.	Report presented to April Ordinary Meeting. Refer to item 1432.
1428	Council Meeting – Clause 3- Draft Ward Oval Master Plan	46.04.2021	GM	That Council adopts the Draft Ward Oval Master Plan for the purpose of providing public consultation.	Exhibition underway 2x successful public meetings. Still on exhibition at time of this report,



1432	Council Meeting- Clause 7- Landfill Operations – Cobar Landfill	50.04.2021	DES	That Council proceed with Community & Industry Consultations using the approach of the LTPoM as proposed by Bob Bailey & Robert Amaral.	To be actioned.
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COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 27 MAY 2021					
NUMBER	ITEM	RESOLUTION NUMBER	ACTION BY	ACTION REQUIRED	OUTCOME
1433	Council Meeting Clause 2- Determination of fees paid to Mayor & Councillors	67.05.2021	GM	That the Councillors fees are set at \$12,400 per annum paid monthly in arrears for the 12 months commencing July 2021. That the Mayors fee is set to \$27,060 per annum paid monthly in arrears for the 12 months commencing July 2021.	Completed
1434	Council Meeting Clause 3- The Local Roads and Community Infrastructure grant	68.05.2021	GM	That Council approves the allocation of \$845,918 under the Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Grant to the following projects:  -Euabalong toilet replacement \$250,000. -Cobar Youth & Fitness Centre lift installation \$245,918. -Current Ward Oval horse stable upgrade project \$150,000. -Sound Chapel gravel road and car park upgrade \$200,000.	Completed

1435	Council Meeting Clause 2C- Future of Kubby House Childcare Centre and Early Learning Facility	9COW.5.2021	GM	Council authorise the General Manager and Mayor negotiate with Kubby House Childcare Centre regarding the future management and transfer of service approval to Cobarr Shire Council.	Negotiations commenced
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**RECOMMENDATION**

**That the information contained in the monthly status report be received and noted with item numbers 1428, 1433,1434 to be removed.**

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**CLAUSE 11 – INVESTMENT REPORT AS AT 31 MAY 2021****FILE: B2-7****AOP REFERENCE: 3.1.1.7****ATTACHMENT: NO****AUTHOR: *Financial Accountant, Sandra Davey*****Purpose**

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

**Issues**

The table below shows the balances of Council's Investments for May 2021. Term deposits have differing terms to spread the maturity dates throughout the year. The amount restricted in the Audited Financial Report for Employee Leave Entitlements is \$459,000.

Investments	Rate	Bank	Closing Balance	Transfers to Investment	Transfers from Investment	Interest Earned	Closing Balance
NAB Sweep Acct		NAB	\$3,446,410	\$8,738,426	\$3,318,904	\$ 491	\$ 8,866,423
Jun-21	0.73%	NAB	\$2,009,419			\$ 1,246	\$ 2,010,665
Aug-21	0.80%	AMP	\$2,003,377			\$ 1,191	\$ 2,004,568
Jun-21	0.45%	NAB	\$2,003,553			\$ 766	\$ 2,004,319
Nov-21	0.55%	NAB	\$3,008,101			\$ 1,405	\$ 3,009,506
Aug-21	0.70%	Auswide	\$1,001,083			\$ 425	\$ 1,001,508
Oct-21	0.20%	Auswide	\$2,010,941	\$2,000,000	\$2,010,941	\$ 77	\$ 2,000,077
Jun-21	0.46%	ME	\$3,005,865			\$ 1,174	\$ 3,007,039
Feb-22	0.55%	AMP	\$1,005,625	\$1,000,000	\$1,005,625	\$ 211	\$ 1,000,211
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>Average Int</b>	<b>0.56%</b>	<b>\$19,494,375</b>	<b>\$11,738,426</b>	<b>\$6,335,471</b>	<b>\$6,986</b>	<b>\$ 24,904,316</b>

*I hereby certify that the above investments have been made in accordance with Section 625 of the Local Government Act 1993 and Clause 212 of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2005 and the Council's Investment Policy.*



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**Financial Accountant****RECOMMENDATION****That Council receive and note the Investment Report as of 31 May 2021.**

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**CLAUSE 12 – 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 works let over \$80,000 inclusive of GST.

**Background**

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

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

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

The table below indicates the contractors and suppliers that were engaged for services over \$80,000 inclusive of GST for the period July 1, 2020 – May 31, 2021 and the method of procurement used.

<b>CONTRACTOR</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION OF WORKS AND METHOD OF PROCUREMENT</b>	<b>CURRENT MONTH</b>	<b>2020/2021</b>
KILLARD INFRASTRUCTURE PTY LTD	RETICULATION (TENDER)	0	2,526,150
CRUSHRITE PTY LTD	GRAVEL CRUSHING (TENDER)	545,827	2,295,303
COUNTRY WIDE ASPHALT PTY LTD	ROAD WORKS (TENDER)	527,260	2,148,957
PRECISION CIVIL INFRASTRUCTURE P/L	SEWER UPGRADES (TENDER)	341,169	1,456,455
STANAWAY PTY LTD T/AS DAVID PAYNE C	COBAR HERITAGE CENTRE (TENDER)	331,245	1,326,830
AS PER PLAN CONSTRUCTION	CONSTRUCTION WORK (TENDER/RFQ)	71,309	1,042,914
CASTLYN PTY LTD T/A INLAND PETROLEU	FUEL (TENDER)	170,922	1,025,730
URQUHART HAULAGE CONTRACTORS	HAULAGE (TENDER)	241,899	953,198
STABILISED PAVEMENTS OF AUSTRALIA P	PAVEMENT STABILISING (TENDER)	339,677	940,977
DEPELER EARTHMOVING	PLANT HIRE (TENDER)	124,221	848,857
CENTRAL DARLING SHIRE COUNCIL	ROAD WORKS (GOV)	0	841,531
STEELWORKS ENGINEERING PTY LTD	RESERVOIR ROOF UPGRADE (TENDER)	198,644	799,836
DEPARTMENT OF REGIONAL NSW	GOVERNMENT CONSULTING SERVICES (GOV)	48,980	677,910

COUNTRY MILE CONSTRUCTIONS	GIRL GUIDE HALL (TENDER)	12,755	670,988
JR MAY & JR MAY EARTHMOVING PTY LTD	PLANT HIRE (TENDER)	118,184	580,085
SMARTIN BUILDING PTY LTD	CONSTRUCTION OF FOOTPATHS (TENDER)	322,001	404,655
ROLLERS AUSTRALIA PTY LTD	PLANT HIRE (TENDER)	68,999	392,697
WEBTURN PTY LTD(SAINSBURY AUTOMOTIV	VEHICLE PURCHASES (TENDER/RFQ)	3,021	370,951
LC WATER PTY LTD	WATER TREATMENT PLANT (TENDER)	3,258	350,947
TRACSERV PTY LTD	FUEL TRUCK (TENDER)	3,264	326,629
LEISURE & RECREATION GROUP	POOL MANAGEMENT (TENDER)	1,100	260,827
MODUS AUSTRALIA	DALTON PARK RACECOURSE TOILETS (RFQ)	0	229,682
COLDALE CONSULTING PTY LTD	PROJECT MANAGEMENT (RFQ)	45,237	225,610
BOB BRUCE EARTHWORKS PTY LTD	PLANT HIRE (TENDER)	20,075	208,562
BROUGHTON CONTRACTING PTY LTD T/A B	PLANT HIRE (TENDER)	1,628	194,641
THE TRUSTEE FOR JOSH CROOK FAMILY T	PLUMBING WORK (RFQ)	20,792	188,477
DUNN & HILLAM ARCHITECTS	VARIOUS PROJECTS (YOUTH CENTRE, EARLY LEARNING CENTRE) (QUOTES)	62,399	162,040
STEVEN BARLOW T/A TREE OF US TREE S	TREE SERVICES (RFQ)	36,544	160,424
MAAS CONSTRUCTIONS (DUBBO) PTY LTD	MUSEUM RAMP (RFQ)	0	150,180
SITECH SOLUTIONS PTY LTD	ROAD WORKS (RFQ)	34,528	147,780
AG BARKLIMORE PTY LTD T/A PARKES TO	VEHICLE PURCHASES (TENDER/RFQ)	0	142,445
DOWNER EDI WORKS	ROAD WORKS (TENDER)	0	128,246
AC & JC PAUL	GRADING WORK (RFQ)	0	126,192
JANOWIJA PTY LTD T/A NORTH EASTERN	ROAD WORKS (RFQ)	108,522	122,865
BRINDISI IMPORTERS PTY LTD T/AS ILL	COBAR HERITAGE CENTRE (TENDER)	0	110,491
VTX GROUP SERVICES PTY LTD T/A VTX	ROAD WORKS (RFQ)	108,523	108,523
BTX GROUP	CHEMICALS	104,557	104,557
HARBISON CONSOLIDATED ENTERPRISES P	PLANT HIRE (TENDER)	0	100,950
KILLEEN PLANT HIRE	ACRES BILLABONG (TENDER)	100,663	100,663
NOME'S TIDY HOMES	CLEANING SERVICES (RFQ)	13,352	99,619
TCTJ PTY LTD T/AS WESTERN AUTO & EN	MECHANICAL SERVICE (RFQ)	12,753	99,259
DUNCAN PRIESTLEY CIVIL ENGINEERING	ROAD WORKS (RFQ)	0	98,494

BARRIER SIGNS PTY LTD	ROAD WORK EQUIPMENT (TENDER)	2,971	96,305
WESTRAC EQUIPMENT PTY LTD	PURCHASE OF GRADERS/MECHANICAL SERVICE (RFQ)	9,473	95,923
LOOKNOFURTHER.COM.AU PTY LTD	LABOUR HIRE (RFQ)	11,377	94,958
BLOOMFIELD ELLIOTT ARCHITECTS PTY L	ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES (RFQ)	0	94,137
MURRAY HARLAND ELECTRICAL (COBAR) P	ELECTRICAL SERVICE (RFQ)	1,963	93,160
TA BOOTH TRANSPORT	WATER CART HIRE (TENDER)	0	92,969
MICHAEL J & JM NICHOLSON	FENCING (VPA) EARTHWORKS	0	90,910
TELLEN SYSTEMS AUSTRALIA PTY LTD	LBV (RFQ)	0	87,167
CADIA GROUP PTY LTD	WATER AND SEWER (TENDER)	104	84,600
MATHEW FARRELL CONTRACTING PTY LTD	WATER (RFQ)	4,356	83,221
DATA SIGNS PTY LTD	ROAD WORK EQUIPMENT (RFQ)	0	82,630
COPPER CITY TYRE SERVICE	TYRE SERVICE (RFQ)	8,065	81,589
NEGUS, JUSTIN PHILLIP T/AS JUSTIN N	ELECTRICAL SERVICE (RFQ)	3,452	80,299

### **RECOMMENDATION**

**That the information contained in the Purchasing Analysis of Contractors report be received and noted.**

**CLAUSE 13 – BANK RECONCILIATION, CASH FLOW AND LOAN FACILITY SUMMARIES AS AT 31 MAY 2021**

**FILE: B2-7**

**AOP REFERENCE: 3.1.1.5**

**ATTACHMENT: NO**

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

**Purpose**

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

**Issues**

**Bank Reconciliation**

Balance as per Bank Statement	10,000
Add Outstanding Deposits & Receipting	1,818
Less Unpresented Cheques	(318)
<b>Reconciled Balance</b>	<b>11,500</b>

*In accordance with the requirements of the Local Government Act, 1993, I hereby certify that the Cash Book has been reconciled with the appropriate Bank Statements daily 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 20	21,929,833	11,299	21,941,132
June 20	22,854,604	12,152	22,866,756
July 20	22,184,482	11,745	22,196,227
Aug 20	24,243,622	10,745	24,254,367
Sep 20	23,580,958	20,190	23,601,148
Oct 20	26,181,133	11,343	26,192,476
Nov 20	24,357,782	(82,340)	24,275,442
Dec 20	22,398,378	9,963	22,408,341
Jan 21	22,752,150	(954)	22,751,196
Feb 21	22,415,822	15,564	22,431,386
Mar 21	20,260,553	(38,280)	20,222,273
Apr 21	19,494,375	9,021	19,503,396
May 21	24,904,316	11,500	24,915,816

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

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**Cash Flow**

<b>Current Month</b>		<b>Description</b>	<b>Forecast</b>
<b>Forecast</b>	<b>Actual</b>		<b>Next Month</b>
9,021	9,021	Bank Balance Forward	11,500
1,800,000	5,440,306	FAG / R2R / RMCC	4,500,000
14,926	14,926	Services NSW	14,926
350,000	1,008,096	Rates /Water/User Charges	750,000
200,000	505,859	Private Works/Debtors	250,000
200,000	322,707	LBV – Residents Fees & Subsidies	300,000
50,000	73,886	Child Care/In Home Care (Net)	50,000
500,000	(5,402,956)	Net Movement of Investments	(3,000,000)
500,000	2,909,103	Sundry Income & Grants	500,000
		<i>Less</i>	
(3,000,000)	(4,060,504)	Creditors	(3,500,000)
(850,000)	(831,944)	Wages / Salaries	(850,000)
10,000	11,500	Bank Reconciliation Cr/(Dr)	10,000

**Loan Facility Report as of 31 May 2021**

Swimming Pool and Street Upgrade Loan (6.22%)  
*Principal and Interest = \$22,265*

(617,172.77)

**RECOMMENDATION**

**That Council receive and note the Bank Reconciliation, Monthly Total Funds Available, Cash Flow and Loan Facility Report as at 31 May 2021.**



**CLAUSE 14 – RATES RECONCILIATION – 31 MAY 2021**

**FILE: R2-1**

**AOP REFERENCE: 3.1.1.6**

**ATTACHMENT: YES (PAGE 198-199)**

**AUTHOR: Customer Service Manager, Jo-Louise Brown**

**Purpose**

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

RATES RECONCILIATION 31 MAY 2021										
FUND	LEVY 2020-2021	Pensioner Rebates	Abandoned Levy	Additional Levies	Sub Total 2020-2021	Arrears 30th Jun 20	Payments	Total Outstanding	Total Outstanding Previous Year	% Outstanding of Sub Total Plus Arrears
Business	459,383.60		1,374.00	80.00	458,089.60	79,204.05	429,088.88	108,204.77	93,436.16	20.14%
Farmland	727,675.49		2,398.66	1,988.22	727,265.05	51,190.73	662,143.53	116,312.25	93,372.25	14.94%
Mining	1,789,286.32		-	-	1,789,286.32	80,505.78	1,718,880.48	150,911.62	349,016.78	8.07%
Residential	1,192,833.76	46,752.57	16,265.05	520.00	1,130,336.14	183,638.97	1,063,106.81	250,868.30	231,543.43	19.09%
Overpayments					-	-170,530.76	- 17,941.86	-152,588.90	-141,923.05	89.48%
Legal Costs				295.90	295.90	33,919.11	8,287.41	25,927.60	35,066.56	75.78%
Interest			10,730.73	3,930.34	6,800.39	82,381.63	22,628.71	52,952.53	64,833.05	70.06%
General Rates	4,169,179.17	46,752.57	30,768.44	6,814.46	4,098,472.62	340,309.51	3,886,193.96	552,588.17	725,345.18	12.45%
Domestic Waste	652,348.00	17,997.44	800.66	427.00	633,976.90	60,953.30	597,035.36	97,894.84	83,136.17	14.09%
Sewerage	690,285.00	18,309.39	992.25	177,106.49	848,089.85	115,504.58	825,041.87	138,552.56	124,273.73	14.38%
Cobar Water	707,930.00	19,709.38	667.62	668.00	688,221.00	59,408.04	649,822.43	97,806.61	83,765.65	13.08%
Nymagee Water	28,308.00	525.00	-	-	27,783.00	9,779.30	23,135.29	14,427.01	10,876.76	38.41%
Euabalong Water	45,212.00	1,553.13	-	-	43,658.87	11,225.51	39,512.37	15,372.01	12,668.77	28.01%
Euab West Water	27,986.00	525.00	-	-	27,461.00	7,785.03	24,956.45	10,289.58	9,351.85	29.19%
Mt Hope Water	6,444.00	-	-	-	6,444.00	2,362.53	8,091.26	715.27	2,362.53	8.12%
Water Access	815,880.00	22,312.51	667.62	668.00	793,567.87	90,560.41	745,517.80	138,610.48	119,025.56	15.68%
Water Usage			45,734.80	1,497,004.53	1,451,269.73	309,565.18	1,417,858.67	342,976.24	100,248.99	19.48%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>6,327,692.17</b>	<b>105,371.91</b>	<b>78,963.77</b>	<b>1,682,020.48</b>	<b>7,825,376.97</b>	<b>916,892.98</b>	<b>7,471,647.66</b>	<b>1,270,622.29</b>	<b>1,152,029.63</b>	<b>14.53%</b>

**RECOMMENDATION**

That the information contained in the rates reconciliation as at 31 May 2021 be received and noted.

**CLAUSE 15 – GRANT FUNDING**

FILE: G4-17

AOP REFERENCE: 3.1.1.3

ATTACHMENT: NO

AUTHOR: *Grants Officer, Brytt Moore*

**Grant Update**

**Council Grants**

Grants Applied For	Activity	Amount Applied For	Status	Council Funding Required	Deadline for Project Comment
Regional Sports Fund	Additional works to the Youth Centre Project were applied for in this funding round, including works to both the indoor and outdoor multi-purpose courts. Applications needed to be DA exempt or DA approved, so works applied for were items that were DA exempt.	\$870,098.00	Pending	NIL	Outcome expected July 2021
Building Better Regions Fund – Round 5	This round had a focus of Tourism related infrastructure, with 100 million committed to this. Major upgrades to the Caravan Park was applied for.	\$2,128,511	Pending	\$1,247,611.00 from a combination of CSC and Sustainable Park Solutions (which includes turnover % and investment)	Outcome expected August 2021
Refresh and renew	To assist tourism operators to update their product or experience to better meet consumer expectations. Council applied for infrastructure and content for the museum VIC entrance.	\$10,000 (maximum amount that could be applied for)	Pending	\$6000	Outcome expected July 2021

**Grant Outcomes**

**NIL outcomes received this month.**

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

Co-contribution of \$6000 has been committed to the Refresh and Renew fund if successful.

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## Current Grant Opportunities:

- **Regional Events Funding** - Stream 1 offers support between \$50,000 - \$200,000 for major event operations and infrastructure, stream 2 is focused on major event attraction and enhancement and offers support from \$100,000, with no upper limit on the request that can be made – however stream 2 is focused on major event attraction and enhancement and offers support from \$100,000, with no upper limit on the request that can be made. Applications are open and will be assessed on a rolling basis until December 2021 or until the funding is fully allocated.
- **Everyone Can Play** - Everyone Can Play is not a new standard but a commitment to the future of play in NSW. This is a set of best practice recommendations designed to encourage more people to create more inclusive playspaces. An inclusive playspace invites people of all ages, abilities, and cultures to come together. Funding available - Inclusive playspace – Upgrade – up to \$75,000, Inclusive playspace – New – up to \$200,000. Grant must be matched dollar for dollar by council. Closes 25<sup>th</sup> June 2021.
- **Stronger Country Communities – Round 4** - \$784,190.00 available for projects in the Cobar Local Government Area (LGA). Round Four will provide an additional \$100 million for community projects in regional NSW, including up to \$50 million for projects that increase female participation in sport and enhance female sporting facilities. Community groups can apply also, and Council are to start consulting with the community and preparing applications for Round Four as early as possible. Co-contribution not required. Closes 25<sup>th</sup> June 2021.
- **Crown Lands Improvement Fund** - supports asset improvements on Crown reserves by providing funding for repairs and maintenance projects, pest and weed control or new recreational infrastructure. Funded projects must be completed within 12 months of receiving the funding. This funding aims to benefit the community, boost our economy and contribute to the cultural, sporting and recreational life of NSW. No set limit, \$17 million available in this round in total. Closes 25<sup>th</sup> June 2021.
- **Resources for Regions – Round 8** - \$7,720,076.00 available for Cobar LGA. A full application needs to be submitted per project if there is more than one project making up the total funding allocation. Any project over \$5,000,000 requires a business case study for submission as supporting documentation. Up to \$300,000 can be applied for, for the delivery of programs. \$200,000 can be applied for to develop business cases/ future project planning. Co-contributions strongly encouraged – however not mandatory. Applications close on 12 July 2021.
- **Fixing local roads** – Fixing Local Roads will provide funding to councils to repair, maintain or seal priority or important local roads. Successful projects need to commence within the first six months from receipt of signed funding deed and completed within 2 years. There is a maximum funding limit of \$3 million of state contribution per council / per application (for an individual road project). There is a maximum funding limit of \$1 million of State contribution for applications containing more than one individual road project, such as a single application to seal multiple roads to achieve procurement efficiencies. Applicants can apply for up to 100 per cent of the value of the project, but co-contributions from council are strongly encouraged and will be considered relevant to council’s funding

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position. A general rule is a minimum co-contribution of 25%. Closes 5<sup>th</sup> July 2021.

- **Tourism Infrastructure Fund – Stream One:** Grants between \$200,000 and \$5 million for projects delivering unique and high impact visitor experiences – 25% co-contribution required. **Stream Two:** Grants between \$50,000 to \$500,000 for projects that will improve the accessibility and inclusion of tourism experiences for people with disability. No co-contribution required. Both rounds close on the 11<sup>th</sup> August 2021.

### **Grant Funded Projects – Implementation**

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

- **RCF Rd 1 Museum project** – The contract for the upgrades works at the Great Cobar Heritage Centre was awarded to David Payne Construction. Buildings works will reach practical completion on Friday 18 June 2021.
- **RCF Rd 2 Exhibition Upgrade** – A Exhibition plan has been developed. All exhibition procurement has been ordered. Final install and completion scheduled for early August.
- **North West JO Tourism Fund** – as above for RCF Rd 1 and RCF Rd 2 Exhibition Upgrade.
- **Miners Memorial** – Complete. Official opening 19 June 2021.
- **SCCF Round 2 – Youthie Upgrade** – Dunn & Hillam have finished the schematic design. DA submitted 11 June 2021. Cobar Shire Council representatives met with State representatives regarding the extensive extension required for SCCF Rd 2. Procurement packages have been set to enable some works to hopefully start prior to the main building works.
- **NSW Government - Stronger Country Communities Fund – Round 3 - Cobar Youth and Fitness Centre Upgrade – Stage 2**, works to be combined with stage 1 and be delivered as one package of works, extension requires, however this is within the ‘program end date’ and state are comfortable with Council’s position that round 3 will be delivered within the program end date (being March 2023).
- **NSW Government - Stronger Country Communities Fund – Round 3 - Youth Development Officer – 18-month tenure** - Council tried various avenues to seek a variation for this project due to COVID and the youth centre closure to move these funds to the Youth Centre upgrades. This has been unfortunately denied due to this being a ‘program’ and the other being a ‘project’. Council is now working with the department to see what we can deliver in line with the guidelines. Council is also attempting to recruit a Youth Development Officer for the second time. Deed yet to be signed.
- **NSW Government - Stronger Country Communities Fund – Euabalong Walking Trail - Round 3** – Survey and design expected to be complete by end of financial year.
- **NSW Government – Drought Stimulus Package (previously known as the Growing Local Economies Fund) & Building Better Regions Fund - Ward Oval Community Hub and Early Learning Precinct** – A lead Architect has

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- been engaged and is currently updating the overall master plan for Ward Oval. The plans for the ELP are progressing. The aim for the 'Ward Oval Community Hub including an Early Learning Precinct' moving forward and likely go to tender as one package.
- **Museums and Galleries of NSW – Museum Advisor Program** – A qualified Curator for a 1-year duration will provide professional guidance and curatorial advice – for new exhibitions. Lynn has visited several times but due to COVID-19, is working with Council remotely. Lynn's funding has been extended for a further 12 months for 2021 and he will play an important role in the delivery of the new exhibitions at the Heritage Centre.
  - **Basketball After Dark – National Ice Action Strategy** – Through the Local Drug and Action Team (LDAT) this program aims to have youth off the street after dark. Program started on 24 January 2020, running each fortnight, Friday nights from 9pm – 12pm. For 12yrs and older. Very well attended. Currently on hold, Council is hoping this can be collated with NSW Government - Stronger Country Communities Fund – Round 3 - Youth Development Officer – 18-month tenure once the details of that 'program' is finalised.
  - **Drought Communities – Extension – Round 2 – \$1 million projects and Active transport funding (Bathurst Street footpath)** – The Dalton Park shade structure has been completed. The toilets at the Dalton Park Horse complex are complete. The design for both CWA Hall ramp has been finalised and quotes received. The concept for the bus shelter upgrades has been received, although further investigation into the concept design is being undertaken. The footpath construction has commenced, and works are progressing well. Belagoy Street is now complete. Bathurst Street is 95% complete; permanent survey mark has been relocated by surveyor. Louth Road works have commenced. Main street speaker system is complete. The DA for the shade structure at the Cobar Memorial Swimming Pool has been submitted, poles are ready, and sail has been made. Caravan Park photo fence is currently being manufactured. An extension has been applied for to allow time for the CWA hall ramp and bus shelter to be completed.
  - **BBRF – Community Investment Stream** – The Cobar Economic Resiliency Strategy Final Report was tabled at the May Council Meeting. Councillors resolved to refer this project back to a Councillor Workshop for further input. Following a further workshop on this project, it is intended to have the Final Report approved to be put out for Public Display and formal presentations back to the key stakeholder groups to seek feedback and input from the Cobar Community into the proposed Strategies. This feedback will then assist Council in the appointment of an Advisory Committee which is recommended to be established as the next stage once the Report is accepted and adopted by Council.
  - **Safe and Secure Water Fund** – The cast-iron pipe replacement is complete. Defects are currently being rectified and work as executed drawings being produced. The Reservoir roof replacement project is currently under construction with expected completion in June 2021. No further update has been supplied by Project Manager.

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- **Restart NSW – Water Scoping Study, Euabalong, Euabalong West and Nymagee** – The final draft has been delayed due to DPIE and PWA comments, the draft will be issued for Council review upon resolution of comments. No further update has been supplied by Project Manager.
  - **SR6 – Pulpulla Road – Sealing Pulpulla Road from the Barrier Highway to the entrance into Mount Grenfell Reserve** – Works on Pulpulla Road have commenced; 80,000 cubic metres of gravel has been crushed. 20kms formed to level and 15kms of gravel is spread.
  - **Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program RD 1** – This program includes sealing of two car parks, construction has commenced. CCTV – Equipment has arrived and is due to be installed prior to 30<sup>th</sup> June. Shade structures in Drummond Park are ready to be installed. The rotunda works have begun. Town beautification program projects have also nearly finished, with the installation of a town entrance sign on the Northern entrance of Cobar and painting of Essential Energy boxes on target to be completed by 30<sup>th</sup> June 2021.
  - **Showgrounds Stimulus Funding** – Horse Stables Fabrication and Installation tender has closed and currently being reviewed. Council received an extension for the Stable Upgrades until 30 September 2021 (this was to try and not interrupt the show). Electrical upgrades also included in this grant are still being scoped an extension has also been received for this, until the 30 September 2021.
  - **Showgrounds Stimulus Funding phase 2B** – Sealing of the Ward Oval Car Park.
  - **Crown Lands – Removal of unsafe structures** – Procurement complete, works to begin in June 2021 – due to wet weather, our contractor is hoping to begin works on the 21<sup>st</sup> June 2021.
  - **Resources for Regions - Stage 1 – existing industrial estate - including roads and storm water upgrades.** Deed has been signed by CSC and executed by the department. However, there was an error in the executed agreement and due to this a variation had to be applied for (the error was in within the milestone dates). This variation was submitted on 11 May 2021 – we are yet to receive it back. CSC have emailed and phoned for an update as to when we might be able to expect it, noting works cannot begin until we have received the variation, however the funders have been inundated with variations and are currently experiencing high volumes of work (we envisage no problems with this variation). Milestone 1 payment has been received.
  - **Resources for Regions - Water reticulation upgrade – stage 2.** Deed has been signed by CSC and executed by the department. Milestone 1 payment has been received. Works can begin (officially – procurement guidelines etc will still need to be followed). Milestone 1 payment has been received. No further update has been supplied by Project Manager.
  - **Resources for Regions - Business Case study for the Upgrading of Ageing Infrastructure at Cobar Memorial Swimming Pool** – Council is currently procuring for these works to take place; milestone 1 payment has been received.

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- **Local Roads and community infrastructure Phase 2** - \$845,918 – Deed signed – Work schedules have been submitted and Council is awaiting approval so works can begin. Works required to be completed by 31 December 2021.
  - **Sealing of Wilga Downs Road** – Gravel pit registration in process along with necessary environmental permits.
  - **Bus Shelters** – Council are currently scoping these and will re-engage with key stakeholders prior to any works commencing.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

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

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**CLAUSE 16 – MANAGER OF TOURISM REPORT**

**FILE: M5-1 & T4-1**

**AOP REFERENCE:2.2.1.1**

**ATTACHMENT: YES (PAGE 201-209)**

**AUTHOR: *Tourism Manager, Demi Smith***

**Purpose**

The purpose of this report is to provide Council with an update on Tourism, Events and the tourism teams activities carried out over the six-month period.

**Background**

This report provides an update to Council as a status and activity report for the previous six months in relation to Tourism, Events and Projects carried out by the Tourism team at Cobar Shire Council.

**RECOMMENDATION**

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



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**CLAUSE 17 – EXPENDITURE FOR ROADS NETWORK**

**FILE: R5-31**

**AOP REFERENCE: 4.3.2**

**ATTACHMENT: YES (PAGE 210-218)**

**AUTHOR: *Director of Infrastructure Services, Scott Casey***

**Purpose**

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

**Background**

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

**RECOMMENDATION**

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

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**CLAUSE 18 – ENGINEERING WORKS REPORT****FILE: C6-20-2****AOP REFERENCE: 4.3.2****ATTACHMENT: NO****AUTHOR: *Director of Infrastructure Services, Scott Casey*****Purpose**

To inform Council of completed and ongoing Engineering Works for the period of May 2021.

**Background****State Highways****Maintenance Work**

- Sign and guidepost replacement work as required – **ongoing**.
- Pothole repairs – **ongoing**.
- Edge break and edge drop-off repairs on entire network.
- Contractor availability is impacting improvement works at rest areas.
- Tree trimming of overhead branches on HW8 East.
- Roadside slashing has been completed.

**Construction Work (Private Works)**

- Musheroo East shoulder widening, and pavement overlay project is progressing. Works approximately 60% complete and will continue through June 2021. Wet weather has caused delays and prevented sealing works.

**Urban Roads/Shire Roads/Regional Roads****Maintenance Work**

- Maintenance grading currently underway on RR7518 Fifty Two Mile Road, SR29 Booroomugga Rd, SR31 Moolah Rd, SR37 Bimbella Rd and SR23 Booberoi Creek Road.
- Roadside slashing of numerous roads has been completed.

**Construction Work**

- Construction is underway on the Pulpulla Rd project. New water source identified on East Cubba and access has been granted. 14kms of gravel has been laid in preparation for shaping and compaction.

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## **Flood Damage**

- Fifty Two Mile road sections are being repaired under flood damage.
- Damage inspections ongoing for flood damage, 60% of roads have been inspected.

## **Water and Sewer**

### **Maintenance Work**

- Stage 2 of the embankment repairs at the sewage treatment plant have commenced; erosion protection is currently being installed in Polisher ponds 1 and 4.
- Pest control within the sewer reticulation network is being carried out as necessary – **ongoing**.
- Desilting of the STP polisher pond 4 has been completed and desilting of Polisher pond 2 will commence in July.

### **Water and Sewer Operations**

- The water treatment plant has produced an average of 1.9ML/day in May with no water quality incidents.
- Burrendong Dam level is at 58.9%. Water and the Nyngan Weir Pool is rising due to a water allocation release via Burrendong Dam.
- Works at the Million Gallon Tank to replace the roof structure is 50% complete.

## **Parks & Gardens**

- Have recruited new employee into Labourer role with primary focus on cemetery.
- Works at Inland Petroleum corner; awaiting detailed design of crossing.
- Front of Council Offices mostly complete with new parking bays painted mid-May and stainless handrail expected to be installed before end of June.
- Miners Memorial turfing and internal lighting completed.
- Installing water lines and irrigation system at cemetery as time permits.
- Cobar sign concept for north entry to town has been drafted, accepted by RMS and progressed to construction drawings. Some material availability issue around the hardwood; alternatives being considered.

## **Waste Disposal Depot**

- Work has started on installation of new outer boundary fence to north, south and east sides of the landfill site where 80% of the existing fence had been cut, removed and/or stolen.
- Ongoing issues with control of the waste being dropped off at the facility. This is an issue with public and commercial customers not separating waste and disposing in the correct areas.

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- Green waste has been shredded, although a high amount of contamination from other waste dumped in green waste.
  - Previous cell has been capped and new cell started.

### **Electrical/Maintenance**

- Electrical Supervisors role has been accepted and scheduled to start in new role early July.
- Euabalong River pump installation raised as an urgent electrical safety issue. Panels have been ordered.
- Ward Oval eastern most DB supply cables from overhead lines to down pole connection blown off (pole fuses removed).
- Test & tag and RCD injection testing across all sites.
- Poor condition panel and wiring in many installations.

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

- 3 mechanic roles vacant.
- Most works on vehicles, plant and trucks are being contracted out with only one qualified mechanic in workshop.
- Roads Supervisor DMax due for delivery in June.
- Roads Inspector DMax delivery has been pushed further back and now due in July.
- Vermeer S924TX mini skid steer on order due for delivery in June.
- Heavy tippers on order due for delivery in October.

### **Depot Works**

- Truck Wash:
  - Base components are on site, excluding water recycling system.
  - Engineering and drawings for water recycling system have been received.
  - Construction Certificate has been approved and received.
  - Roadworks and pads are 95% complete. Concreting was to occur 10<sup>th</sup> -11<sup>th</sup> June but wet weather has hindered works.
  - Initial pipework for water supply and sewer discharge installed nearby.
  - Electrical submain supply materials on site.
  - Electrical main supply being arranged by Public Works along with pump station in later half of 2021.

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## **Airport**

- The airport terminal building wiring and supplying boards need replacement or considerable upgrade. Experiencing some intermittent issues with security gate between terminal and airside.
- Funding and works still required for reseal of both runways. Technical inspection completed last year stated this should occur within two years to avoid further damage.

## **RECOMMENDATION**

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

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**CLAUSE 19 – WORKS PROGRAM - ROADS****FILE: R5-57****AOP REFERENCE: 3.3.3.1****ATTACHMENT: NO****AUTHOR: Director of Infrastructure Services, Scott Casey****Purpose**

The purpose of this report is to inform Council of the proposed works program for roads in the 2021-22 financial year.

**Background**

After discussions at the Council workshop on 10 June 2021 the works program for Roads is summarised in Table 1.

Table 1: Works Program Roads FY21/22

Roads Program	Proposed Budget 2021/2022	Funding source 1	Funding source 2	Comments
MR416 - The Wool Track	\$ 20,000,000.00	FCR		Subject to Funding
SR3 - Nelyambo Rd Gravel Resheet (R2R)	\$ 300,000.00	R2R		
SR9 - Neckarbo Rd Gravel Resheet (R2R)	\$ 200,000.00	R2R		
SR10 - Belarabon Rd Gravel Resheet (R2R)	\$ 150,000.00	R2R		Complete - to be claimed in R2R Q4 claim
SR18 - Bruce Cullenward Rd Gravel Resheet	\$ 250,000.00	Council		
SR20 - Grain Rd - Initial Seal (R2R)	\$ 150,000.00	R2R		
SR24 - Mount Grace Rd Gravel Resheet	\$ 378,500.00	Council		
SR26 - Wilga Downs Rd - Seal extension (R2R)	\$ 250,000.00	R2R		
SR26 - Wilga Downs Rd - Seal extension (FLR)	\$ 2,789,951.00	FLR		Funding approved
MR407 - Mulya Rd - Seal Extension (Subject to funding)	\$ 800,000.00	Block Grant	Repair	Repair funding to be confirmed
Grids and Culverts - Various locations	\$ 1,250,000.00	Council		
Footpaths	\$ 100,000.00	Council		

**RECOMMENDATION**

**That Council receive and note the Roads works program for the 2021-22 financial year.**

**CLAUSE 20 – UPDATE ON WATER AND SEWER INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS**

**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 grant funded infrastructure projects for the water and sewer department.

**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 projects ongoing. Council also obtained Restart NSW Funding through the Safe and Secure Water Program.

**Project Update**

<b>Water Treatment Plant</b>		
<b>Project background:</b>	Construction of a new Water Treatment Plant commenced in June 2017 and reached practical completion in July 2019. The plant is capable of producing 8ML/day of potable water.	
<b>Budget overview:</b>	Grant funding: Cobar Shire Council funding:  Expended to date:	\$15,750,000 \$200,000  \$13,231,766 <i>(Current as of 31 May 2021)</i>
<b>Issue history:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) ordered comprehensive testing of fill material at the project location to be undertaken. The Contractor provided the result of the testing, and the results are noncompliant against the Excavated Natural Material Order 2014. A land contamination expert has been engaged to undertake a risk assessment and supply recommended remedial actions.</li><li>• The completion of the access road to the water plant has been delayed.</li><li>• Several major defects have been identified as part of the defect's liability period, PWA and LCW are in discussion regarding the rectification of defects.</li><li>• CSC and the Contractor have agreed to jointly engage an independent specialist to determine the cause and remediation measures for the steel corrosion issues.</li><li>• PWA has been engaged to determine and recommend a resolution to the cause of increased turbidity in the treated water reservoirs.</li><li>• CSC and the contractor have agreed the remediation method for leakage at the lagoons. This matter is being treated as a defect.</li></ul>	



<p><u>Risk overview:</u></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Clean up of the non-complying fill material is estimated at \$2million in a worst-case scenario and is expected to be an ongoing issue with resolution in late 2021.</li> <li>• The construction of the road to the WTP is delayed due to non-complying fill.</li> <li>• The steel corrosion issue is a complex issue that is being referred to an independent specialist to determine the cause and rectification. The resolution of the issue is anticipated to be in early 2022. The Tender process is expected to be closed out in July 2021.</li> <li>• The cause of the leaking lagoons has not been confirmed and indicators suggesting additional leaking through embankments has been observed. The supplier is recommending remedial actions.</li> <li>• The water treatment plant project funding is linked with the storage's replacement pump station project. Overrun of this projects funding may negatively impact the storages pump station project. Additional funds are likely to be required to cover variations on the WTP and storages pump station projects.</li> </ul>
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<b>Sewerage Scheme Refurbishments, Expansion and Upgrade</b>		
<p><b>Project background:</b></p>	<p>The refurbishment, expansion, and upgrade of the sewer infrastructure includes upgrades to all four sewer pump stations, refurbishment to the sewer treatment plant lagoons and upgrading the inlet at the sewer treatment plant.</p> <p>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 was approved. Precision Civil was awarded the Contract to undertake the remaining scope.</p>	
<p><b>Budget overview:</b></p>	<p>Grant funding: Cobar Shire Council funding:  Expended to date:</p>	<p>\$2,100,000 \$500,000  \$2,124,886 <i>(Current as of 31 May 2021)</i></p>
<p><b>Issue history:</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Completion date expected to be delayed from December 2020 to June 2021. Delays to the project are due to COVID-19, design reconsiderations, construction, and delivery issues.</li> <li>• Inlet works were delivered, but there was some damage in transit which was repaired prior to installation. Commissioning has taken place; currently waiting on associated reports.</li> </ul>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Replacement pumps are required due to damage caused through construction and testing.</li> </ul>						
<u>Risk overview:</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Project time overrun of approximately six months.</li> <li>Replacement pumps have been damaged and may fail prematurely until Contractor replaces them.</li> <li>The new switchboard for the sewer treatment plant does not fit with the current layout and building modifications are required.</li> <li>Additional project management and design costs associated with the delay of the project. Liquidated damages will be applied to cover these additional costs.</li> </ul>						
<b>Water Mains Replacement and Water Storage Refurbishment Project</b>							
Project background:	This project seeks to replace the potable water cast-iron pipework with uPVC pipework and replace the steel roof and supporting structure on the potable water reservoir.						
Budget overview:	<table border="0"> <tr> <td>Grant funding:</td> <td>\$6,900,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Cobar Shire Council funding:</td> <td>Nil</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Expended to date:</td> <td>\$5,606,189 <i>(Current as of 11 June 2021)</i></td> </tr> </table>	Grant funding:	\$6,900,000	Cobar Shire Council funding:	Nil	Expended to date:	\$5,606,189 <i>(Current as of 11 June 2021)</i>
Grant funding:	\$6,900,000						
Cobar Shire Council funding:	Nil						
Expended to date:	\$5,606,189 <i>(Current as of 11 June 2021)</i>						
Issue history:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Killard Infrastructure Pty Ltd were awarded the reticulation project. The project reached practical completion in December 2020. Drawings, defects and ITP's are being finalised to close out the reticulation project.</li> <li>Tender for the water storage refurbishment project has been awarded to Steelworks Engineering with works commenced on site 18/2/21.</li> <li>The Million Gallon Tank was blasted clean and assessed, and it was determined that there were failed joint sections and concrete degradation. A variation will be required to epoxy coat and repair the joint sections.</li> </ul>						
<u>Risk overview:</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Not all the cast-iron pipework in town could be located and removed. This is due to the location of cast-iron pipework across state highways and the misidentification of pipework in the survey.</li> <li>The old water treatment plant clarifier will be used as a temporary reservoir while the million-gallon tank is offline. The capacity of the temporary reservoir is lower than the potable tank and increased water filtration operations may be required to ensure pressure remains at satisfactory levels.</li> <li>The pipework at outlet of the tank is not represented correctly on drawings and will require additional funds to survey and resolve issues found. Currently investigating and surveying area for a resolution.</li> </ul>						

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**RECOMMENDATION**

**That the updated information for the three Restart NSW Resources for Regions Infrastructure Projects be received and noted.**

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**CLAUSE 21 – DEVELOPMENT APPROVALS****FILE: T5-1****AOP REFERENCE: 1.6.3.1****ATTACHMENT: NO****AUTHOR: *Director of Planning & Environmental Services, Garry Ryman*****Complying Development Approvals**

There were no Complying Development Applications approved under delegated authority for the period 19 May 2021 – 15 June 2021.

**The value of Complying Development approvals for 2020/2021 to date is \$0.00.**

The value of Complying Development approvals for the similar period in 2019/2020 was Nil.

**Local Development Approvals**

The following Local Development Applications were approved under delegated authority for the period 19 May 2021 – 15 June 2021.

<b>CERTIFICATE NO.</b>	<b>ADDRESS</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>VALUE (\$)</b>
2021/LD-00018	6 Margaret St, Cobar	Alterations to Non-inhabitable verandah & Home Occupation	\$9,000

**The value of Local Development approvals for 2020/2021 to date is \$36,102,856.00.**

The value of Local Development approvals for the similar period in 2019/2020 was \$8,844,597.00.

**Construction Certificates**

The following Construction Certificates were issued for the period 19 May 2021 – 15 June 2021.

<b>CERTIFICATE NO.</b>	<b>ADDRESS</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>
2021/CB-00012	101 Marshall St, Cobar	Display Fence
2021/CB-00018	6 Margaret St, Cobar	Alterations to Non-inhabitable verandah & Home Occupation
2021/CB-00009	6 Annies Ln, Cobar	Additions & Alterations to existing Dwelling
2021/CB-00011	37 Murray St, Cobar	Shade Structure

**RECOMMENDATION**

**That the information detailing the Local Development and Construction Certificate approvals for the period 19 May 2021 - 15 June 2021 be received and noted.**

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**CLAUSE 1C – TENDER FABRICATION AND INSTALLATION OF NEW STABLES AT WARD OVAL (T3-21-1)**

**FILE: T3-21-1**

**AOP REFERENCE: 4.4.2.1**

**ATTACHMENT: NO**

**AUTHOR: *Project Coordinator, Carly Hunter***

**Purpose**

To consider the submissions received for the fabrication and installation of new stables at Ward Oval.

**Background**

Tenders were called on 6 April 2021 through advertising in the Sydney Morning Herald, local paper and through Tenderlink.

The deadline for the lodgement of tender was 10am on Thursday 29 April 2021.

Council received seven tenders;

1. Country Mile Constructions Pty
2. Cynend Building and Construction
3. David Payne Constructions
4. Greenscope Construction
5. Horsepower Equine Innovations
6. JMG Maintenance and Fabrication
7. OMNI Building Group.

**Legal Situation**

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

Given the sensitive nature of the information provided it is recommended that Council considers a further report in the Committee of the Whole Closed Council with the press and public excluded.

**RECOMMENDATION**

**That a further report regarding the Fabrication and Installation of new stables at Ward Oval (T3-21-1) be considered in the Committee of the Whole Closed Council with the press and public excluded for the reason as stated in 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, prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it.**



# **ATTACHMENTS**

## **ORDINARY MEETING AGENDA**

**THURSDAY, 24 JUNE 2021**

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