

COBAR SHIRE COUNCIL



ORDINARY MEETING AGENDA

THURSDAY 24 SEPTEMBER 2015

~ ORDER OF BUSINESS ~

Business for the meeting will be as follows:

1. Apologies
 2. Public Access Session – Tilpa Community Committee Inc.
 3. Declaration of Interests
 4. Condolences
 5. Confirmation of Minutes
 - Traffic Committee Meeting – Tuesday, 25 August 2015
 - Ordinary Meeting of Council – Thursday, 27 August 2015
 - Extraordinary Council Meeting – Thursday, 10 September 2015
 - Finance and Policy Committee Meeting – Thursday, 10 September 2015
 - Works Committee Meeting – Thursday, 10 September 2015
 6. Matters Arising from Minutes
 7. Mayoral Report
 8. General Manager’s Report – Part A (Action)
 9. General Manager’s Report – Part B (Information)
 10. Matters of Urgency
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~ COUNCIL'S VISION ~

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

~ COUNCIL'S MISSION ~

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

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

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

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

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

~ COUNCIL'S CHARTER ~

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

- To provide directly or on behalf of other levels of government, after due consultation, adequate, equitable and appropriate services and facilities for the community and to ensure that those services and facilities are managed efficiently and effectively.
- To exercise community leadership.
- To exercise its functions in a manner that is consistent with and actively promotes the principles of cultural diversity.
- To promote and to provide and plan for the needs of children.
- To properly manage, develop, protect, restore, enhance and conserve the environment of the area for which it is responsible, in a manner that is consistent with and promotes the principles of ecologically sustainable development.
- To have regard to the long term and cumulative effects of its decisions.
- To bear in mind that it is the custodian and trustee of public assets and to effectively account for and manage the assets for which it is responsible.
- To facilitate the involvement of Councillor's, 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.

~ COUNCIL DIARY ~

DATE	ACTIVITY	INVOLVES
Thursday, 24 September 2015 (8:00am – 6:00pm)	Rural Council Meeting (Tilpa)	Councillors/Senior Staff/ Community
Thursday 8 October 2015 (5:00pm)	Committee Meetings	Councillors/Senior Staff/ Community Members
Thursday 22 October 2015 (10:00am)	Extraordinary Cobar Water Board Meeting	Councillors/Senior Staff/ Board Members
Thursday 22 October 2015 (5:00pm)	Council Meeting	Councillors/Senior Staff/ Community
Thursday 12 November 2015 (5:00pm)	Committee Meetings	Councillors/Senior Staff/ Community
Thursday 26 November 2015 (2:00pm)	Rural Roads Advisory Committee Meeting	Councillors/Senior Staff/ Community
Thursday 26 November 2015 (5:00pm)	Council Meeting	Councillors/Senior Staff/ Community
Thursday 10 December 2015 (10:00am)	Cobar Water Board Meeting	Councillors/Senior Staff/ Board Members
Thursday 10 December 2015 (2:00pm)	Economic Taskforce Meeting	Councillors/Senior Staff/ Community Representatives

Thursday 10 December 2015 (5:00pm)	Council Meeting	Councillors/Senior Staff/ Community
Thursday 10 December 2015 (approx. 7:00pm)	Mayoral Christmas Party	Councillors/Senior Staff
Friday 11 December 2015 (approx. 11:30am)	Senior Citizen Christmas Party Meeting	Councillors/Senior Staff/ Community
Thursday 17 December 2015 (3:00pm)	Councillors/ Staff Christmas Party	Councillors/ Staff

CLAUSE 1A – PUBLIC ACCESS ADDRESS – TILPA COMMUNITY COMMITTEE INC

FILE: A11-2

AOP REFERENCE: 3.2

ATTACHMENT: NO

AUTHOR: *Special Projects Officer, Angela Shepherd*

Purpose

To thank Tilpa Community Committee Inc. for addressing and hosting Council.

Background

Tilpa Community Committee Inc. will address Council on issues affecting the Tilpa Community.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council resolves to thank Tilpa Community Committee Inc. for their address and for hosting this Council Meeting and Council looks forward to continuing to work with the Tilpa Community Committee Inc. into the future.

CLAUSE 2A – MAYORAL REPORT

FILE: C13-1-5

AOP REFERENCE: 3.1

ATTACHMENT: NO

AUTHOR: *Mayor, Councillor Lilliane Brady OAM*

Report to be tabled.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council accepts the information contained in the Mayoral Report for the month of September 2015.

CLAUSE 3A – SIGNIFICANT VARIATIONS TO BUDGET REPORTED UNDER REGULATION 202 OF THE GENERAL REGULATIONS 2005 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1993

FILE: C8-4-5, L5-22-4 AOP REFERENCE: 3.1, 3.3.3 ATTACHMENT: NO

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

Purpose

To advise Council of three line items which have significant variations against the adopted budget. This is a requirement under Regulation 202 of the Local Government Regulations (General) 2005 which support the Local Government Act 1993.

Background

It is a Local Government Act requirement that significant variations to budget are reported to Council at the next possible Ordinary Meeting after they become known. These variations will then be taken into account at the following Quarterly Budget Review. The next Quarterly Budget review is the first quarter of 2015/2016 and will be considered by Council at the October or November Meeting.

Three significant variations have become apparent.

1. An increase in Financial Assistance Grants (FAGs)

Advice has been received that the FAGs this year will be \$5,059,449 against a budget of \$4,729,672. In fact, 50% of this has already been received. This increase is a result of the NSW Grants Commission with the support of the Federal Grants Commission redistributing funding to 'in need' Councils, particularly those in the West of NSW.

It is to be noted that the several NSW Councils' allocation has declined this year and that NSW has an overall marginal decline with some other states receiving higher total allocations (The Federal Government ceased applying indexation to FAGs two budgets ago – along with ending subsidies for pensioners rebates).

Whilst the NSW Grants Commission will continue to redistribute to areas of need where it can within the formulae. Council should budget conservatively in the future and take any redistributions into consideration after received.

2. An increase in Roads to Recovery Funding (R2R)

As a consequence of changes to the Federal Fuel excise rates, the Federal Government has significantly increased the Roads to Recovery funding for at least this year and next year. The 2015/2016 budget had already shown a significant increase on prior years but confirmation of \$2,176,167 for 2015/2016 and \$2,513,110 for 2016/2017 has been received. The budget for 2016/2017 was adopted at \$1,523,484 and 2016/2017 showed \$761,742 in the ten year plan. Council was advised at the September Works Committee Meeting of the planned works to use this funding.

3. An increase in Depreciation on major Infrastructure

The revaluation of major infrastructure (roads, bridges, footpaths, kerb and gutter, stormwater and drainage) has been completed and is currently being considered by Luka Group as part of the 2014/2015 audit. It is anticipated that depreciation will increase by approximately \$1.5 million over the budgeted amount in 2015/2016. This will be further reported on in the Q1 Budget Review.

RECOMMENDATION

That the significant variations to the 2015/2016 Budget are received and noted and that they are incorporated into the Quarter 1 2015/2016 Budget Review.

CLAUSE 4A – PENSIONERS RATE REBATE 2015/2016 – CLAIM 132

FILE: R2-9 AOP REFERENCE: 3.1.1.2 ATTACHMENT: YES (PAGE 70)

AUTHOR: Rates Officer, Jo-Louise Brown

Purpose

To approve the eligible pensioners rates concessions to be written off and the lodgement of the Application for Payment of Pensioner Concession Subsidy.

Background

Section 575 of the Local Government Act 1993 (NSW) provides for rate reductions for eligible pensioners. This was, until year 2014/2015 subsidised by the Federal Government for 55% of the write-off. In a budget revision this subsidy was removed along with indexation of Financial Assistance Grants. The NSW Government is now paying the subsidy to Local Government.

A resolution is required to write off the rates in respect of eligible pensioners, make application for subsidy and undertake not to take proceedings for the recovery of the rates in the event of a subsidy not being paid to Council for the rates written off.

RECOMMENDATION

1. That Council writes off rates in respect of eligible pensioners in the sum of \$120,237.51 as detailed in the summary listed below:

	\$
General Rates	74,562.50
Cobar Water Supply Access Rate.....	22,400.01
Euabalong Water Supply Access Rate	1,137.50
Euabalong West Water Supply Access Rate	525.00
Nymagee Water Supply Access Rate.....	612.50
Mount Hope Water Supply Access Rate.....	87.50
Cobar Sewerage Access Rate	<u>20,912.50</u>
TOTAL.....	<u>\$120,237.51</u>

2. That Council applies for a subsidy of \$65,108.76 as summarised below:

	\$
General Rates	39,987.49
Cobar Water Supply Local Rate	12,320.01
Euabalong Water Supply Local Rate.....	625.63
Euabalong West Water Supply Local Rate	288.75
Nymagee Water Supply	336.88
Mount Hope Water Supply	48.12
Cobar Sewerage Local Rate	<u>11,501.88</u>
TOTAL.....	<u>\$65,108.76</u>

3. That Council, in the event of a subsidy not being paid in respect of the rates written off, will not subsequently take proceedings for recovery thereof.

**CLAUSE 5A – 2015 NSW PUBLIC LIBRARIES ASSOCIATION
CONFERENCE**

FILE: L1-5

AOP REFERENCE: 1.3.1, 3.3.2

ATTACHMENT: YES (PAGE 71-75)

AUTHOR: *Manager of Library Services, Jane Siermans*

Purpose

To advise Council of the 2015 NSW Public Libraries Association Conference and endorse attendance and participation by Cobar Shire Council personnel.

Background

Annual Public Library Conferences are held to enable Councillors and Shire library professional personnel to develop networks with key stakeholders, as well as develop skills and knowledge in key areas of public library management and customer service.

Each year, the NSW Public Libraries Association holds a significant Conference with a focus on new trends and innovations relevant to the public library industry. The 2015 Conference will explore the theme of sustainability: sustainable buildings; sustainable programs and services; sustainable staffing; and financial sustainability. The Conference will take place in Sydney from 17 to 20 November 2015.

Cobar Shire Council is a member of the Central West Zone of the NSW Public Libraries Association, which represents the interests of local government authorities throughout NSW. To minimise travelling time and costs, the AGM of NSW Public Libraries Association is also held at this event.

Issues

As a library professional, the Library Manager strives for continual improvement of the Cobar Shire Library service. Knowledge and understanding of developments in public library practices and technology is vital to achieve this goal. The 2015 NSW Public Libraries Association (NSWPLA) Conference is an industry-standard professional Conference that enables achievement of this goal.

Attendance of this Conference will also provide excellent opportunities for networking with Councillors and library managers regarding the on-going critical issue of the NSWPLA funding campaign to increase State government funding for public libraries.

Legal Situation

Cobar Shire Council's job description for the position Manager of Library Services lists Conference attendance as a specific accountability. Attendance of the 2015 NSW Public Libraries Conference would fulfil requirements to:

- "Promote cooperation with other libraries and organisations by attending meetings of appropriate bodies and participate in relevant activities";

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- “Keep abreast with developments in library management and information systems, technology, organisation and retrieval”;
 - “Attend relevant User Group Meetings and Conferences”.

Financial Implications

\$3,360 of the library budget is allocated to the direct costs of attending professional training, meetings and Conferences.

\$1,916 of this budget would be utilised to attend the 2015 NSW Public Libraries Conference.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Manager Library Services be authorised to attend the 2015 NSW Public Libraries Association Conference.

CLAUSE 6A - APPRAISAL OF SUNDAY OPENING AT COBAR YOUTH AND FITNESS CENTRE

FILE: A10-22 AOP REFERENCE: 1.2.2 ATTACHMENT: YES (PAGE 76)

AUTHOR: *Director of Corporate & Community Services, Kym Miller*

Purpose

For Council to consider the recently completed trial period of (re)opening the “Youthie” on Sundays.

Background

At the February 2015 Ordinary Meeting of Council it was resolved:

“That Council (re)open the Cobar Youth and Fitness Centre on Sundays from 11.00am until 4.00pm with the impact being reviewed by Council officers at the expiration of six months”.

The driver of the re-opening was its linkage to the highly utilised Skate Park. The open centre provided ‘drop-in facilities’, canteen and a ‘watchful eye’ via CCTV.

As well as skate park users, the stadium and gym have attracted marginal patronage on Sundays.

The cost per Sunday is approximately \$300.00, less canteen proceeds and casual gym usage.

A schedule showing usage appears as an attachment to this Report.

The annualised incremental cost to open on Sundays is:

Labour	\$14,000.00
Variable running costs e.g. electricity	\$1,000.00
<u>Less</u>	
Casual Gym usage	\$500.00
Gross profit from Canteen	\$2,000.00
<u>Total:</u>	<u>\$12,500.00</u>

It is the view of the Council Officers that this cost is justified when considered against the social value to the Community.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Cobar Youth and Fitness Centre continue to open on Sundays between the hours of 11.00am to 4.00pm.

CLAUSE 7A – QUOTATION FOR THE SUPPLY OF TRADE AND MISCELLANEOUS SERVICES 2015/2018

FILE: T3-15-5

AOP REFERENCE: 3.3.4

ATTACHMENT: NO

AUTHOR: *Executive Assistant Engineering Services, Sandra Davey*

Purpose

To consider quotations from Contractors for Councils Trades and Miscellaneous Services Register for 2015-2018.

Background

Throughout the year Council uses various contractors to provide Trade and Miscellaneous Services for many of Council's activities.

These Contractors are usually engaged on a daily basis for small projects or by quotations for larger projects.

The administration of this approach can be haphazard as the appropriate paperwork to cover the individual business WH&S compliance and or insurances has not necessarily been provided prior to works commencing.

To ensure that Council comply with all regulatory requirements of WH&S, Workcover, Local Government Act 1993, etc, Council needs to adopt a formal approach to regulatory requirements through the quotation process.

Issues

The Companies listed below all provided sufficient documentation to be included on Council's Register of approved Contractors.

Company	Service Provided
Statewide Linemarking	Linemarking Services

This does not mean other Contractors cannot be engaged, once all regulatory requirements are received from the Contractors yet to submit then they will also be added to the current Register.

Therefore the financial information needs to remain completely Confidential. The quotations received will be available for perusal at the Council meeting.

Financial Implications

There are no additional financial implications for Council as acceptance of these quotations does not commit Council to comply with Contractors rather just provides a pool of registered Contractors.

RECOMMENDATION

That the following Contractors be included in the Council's Register of approved Contractors for the Provision of Trades and Miscellaneous Services 2015/2018:

Company
Statewide Linemarking

CLAUSE 8A – QUOTATION FOR THE SUPPLY OF PLANT AND EQUIPMENT HIRE RATES 2015/2018

FILE: P3-19-4

AOP REFERENCE: 3.3.4

ATTACHMENT: NO

AUTHOR: *Executive Assistant Engineering Services, Sandra Finnegan*

Purpose

To consider quotations from Contractors for Councils Plant and Equipment Hire Register for 2015-2018.

Background

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

These Contractors are usually engaged on a daily basis for small projects or by quotations for larger projects.

The administration of this approach can be haphazard as the appropriate paperwork to cover the individual business WH&S compliance and insurances has not necessarily been provided prior to works commencing.

To ensure that Council complies with all regulatory requirements of WH&S, Workcover, Local Government Act 1993, etc. Council needs to adopt a formal approach to regulatory requirements through the quotation process.

Issues

A condition of Council is that any company who wishes to be included on Council's Contracts Register must hold a current Public Liability Insurance Policy to the value of \$20,000,000.

The premium for a policy for this amount can vary from between \$1,500 to \$4,000. Mr. Thorpe does not hold a current Public Liability Insurance Policy however he has provided a letter stating that if he was successful in gaining contract work for Council he would immediately obtain the policy.

Company	Service Provided
Robyn Wayne Thorpe	Earthmoving Plant

This does not mean other Contractors cannot be engaged, once all regulatory requirements are received from the Contractors yet to submit then they will also be added to the current register.

Therefore the financial information needs to remain completely Confidential.

Financial Implications

There are no additional financial implications for Council as acceptance of the quotation does not commit Council to engage the Contractor; rather it provides a pool of registered Contractors.

RECOMMENDATION

That the following Contractors be included in the Council's Register of approved Contractors for the Supply of Plant and Equipment 2015/2018, however Mr. Thorpe must show proof of current Public Liability Insurance to the value of \$20,000,000 before he commences any contract work for Cobar Shire Council.

Company
Robyn Wayne Thorpe

CLAUSE 9A - O'NEILL ROAD WATER SUPPLY

FILE: W2-1, P8-4 AOP REFERENCE: 4.1.4.1

ATTACHMENT: NO

AUTHOR: *Director of Engineering Services, Stephen Taylor*

Purpose

At the Ordinary Council meeting of the Shire of Cobar on Thursday 27 August 2015 Council resolved:

“That a full investigation report on supplying water to Sutherland Drive and O’Neill Road, Cobar be provided to the September Ordinary Council Meeting.”

This report is provided to satisfy that resolution.

Background

There are six properties lots fronting O’Neill Road which could potentially connect to the town water supply although two of these lots are owned by a property owner who also adjacent properties on Lerida Road which are already connected to the water supply. Therefore there are only four properties that would benefit from the extension of the water main.

Issues

O’Neill Road is well outside the current water supply area with the water supply main possibly capable of providing supply to the area being located in Lerida Road approximately 1.7 kilometres from O’Neill Road. There is a closer property connected to the town water supply; however that is serviced by a 32 mm poly connection and has minimal usage as there is no dwelling on the property.

To service the properties on O’Neill Road a minimum 50 millimetre main would be required and there would not be sufficient pressure to provide a high pressure supply to the dwellings. A low pressure supply (off-peak) to onsite storage tanks would be necessary which would require property owners to provide their own pressure system.

Council has not previously provided this type of connection and would need to develop a policy with conditions that should apply to this type of connection. The property owners on O’Neill Road have been advised of this option previously and Council records indicate that they have verbally agreed to pay for the cost of the extension of the main.

The additional demand for water on the Lerida Road main however, could also possibly affect the volume of water available for existing consumers. A more detailed analysis and flow/pressure monitoring during peak demand periods would need to be undertaken to confirm the effect of the additional connections.

Legal Situation

The developer of the subdivision on O’Neill Road did not request connection to town water when the subdivision was undertaken. Under NSW planning law Council

could not require the new lots to be connected to water as they are outside the water supply area. The decision to extend the water mains to this (or any area) outside the water supply area is a decision for Council. A brief review of case law has not revealed any case where Councils were obliged to provide water or sewer connections outside of the service area.

Policy Implications

As indicated in the *Issues* section of this report a new policy would need to be developed to provide conditions for a 'low pressure supply'.

Financial Implications

The extension of the water main for 1.7 kilometres would cost approximately \$170,000. Previously properties that have been connected to the water main on Lerida Road have paid the cost to connect plus a capital contribution to the water scheme. This is generally done at the time of subdivision as the subdivider recovers the cost of water connection through the additional value on the sale of the land.

If a similar approach was used with the extension of the water main to O'Neill Road the capital cost would need to be shared by the property owners i.e. approximately \$42,500 per property.

To fund all or part of the cost from the water fund would unfairly disadvantage other property owners who have paid the full cost of connections.

RECOMMENDATION

- 1. That Council writes to the four property owners on O'Neill Road to seek agreement that the property owners will meet the cost of the extension of the water main.**
- 2. That Council undertakes flow and pressure testing on the existing main on Lerida Road during the summer peak demand to determine the availability of water.**
- 3. That a further report be provided to Council by June 2016 with the results of the flow and pressure testing and details of the response from the property owners on O'Neill Road.**

CLAUSE 10A – REVIEW OF CURRENT WATER RESTRICTIONS

FILE: W2-21

AOP REFERENCE: 4.1.4.1

ATTACHMENT: NO

AUTHOR: *Director of Engineering Services, Stephen Taylor*

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to consider the current water restrictions in view of change to daylight saving and the advent of warmer weather.

Background

Cobar and the surrounding areas will soon be entering into a warmer period of the year and in conjunction with this daylight savings is soon to be introduced (4 October 2015) therefore it would be an appropriate time for Council to adjust the current level of Water Restrictions.

This is because with the increase in the temperature usage levels increase which results in the Filtration Plant working for excessive hours. This is not ideal for the Plant because maintenance and detention times are affected and this effects the quality of the water produced.

Additionally this is an environmentally sound move for Council to alter the watering times as Council needs to encourage the community to water when evaporation levels are at their minimum so this precious resource is not wasted or misused.

The water restrictions that are currently in effect are as follows:

Cobar, Euabalong and Euabalong West:

- Hand held hoses, fixed sprinklers, irrigation systems etc. be permitted between 4pm and 10am;
- No car washing be permitted on hard surfaces.

Nymagee Mount Hope:

- Hand held hoses be permitted between 5pm and 9am;
- All fixed sprinklers, irrigation systems etc. are banned;
- No car washing permitted on hard surfaces.

It is recommended to change hand held hoses, fixed sprinklers, irrigation systems for Cobar, Euabalong and Euabalong West from 4pm to 10am to 6pm to 9am daily. Also, hand held hoses for Nymagee and Mount Hope be changed from 4pm to 10am to 6pm to 9am daily. Fixed sprinkler watering at Nymagee and Mount Hope should still be banned.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council amends the current water restrictions to as follows commencing on 5 October 2015:

Cobar, Euabalong and Euabalong West:

- **Hand held hoses, fixed sprinklers, irrigation systems etc. be permitted between 6pm and 9am;**
- **No car washing be permitted on hard surfaces.**

Nymagee and Mount Hope:

- **Hand held hoses be permitted between 6pm and 9am;**
- **All fixed sprinklers, irrigation systems etc. are banned;**
- **No car washing permitted on hard surfaces.**

CLAUSE 11A – PIONEER ESTATE - STAGE 3

FILE: D2-1 & 2006/LDA-00036

AOP REFERENCE: 2.2.4.1

ATTACHMENT: NO

AUTHOR: *Acting Director Planning and Environmental Services, Stephen Poulter*

Purpose

To seek concurrence on a revised vehicular access design for Stage 3 of the Pioneer Estate Residential Development that will make available Council Residential Land blocks that can be proactively marketed and sold.

Background

In early October 2006, Cobar Shire Council was in receipt of a Development Application seeking consent for a new two stage residential subdivision, known as 'Pioneer Estate'. Approval was granted for the subdivision that same month.

This new development formed part of the Western Edge Precinct of Cobar, which seeks to develop vacant land on the Western side of Cobar.

Stages 1 and 2 of the development have been completed, which includes Duffy Drive and Clifton Place as can be seen below:

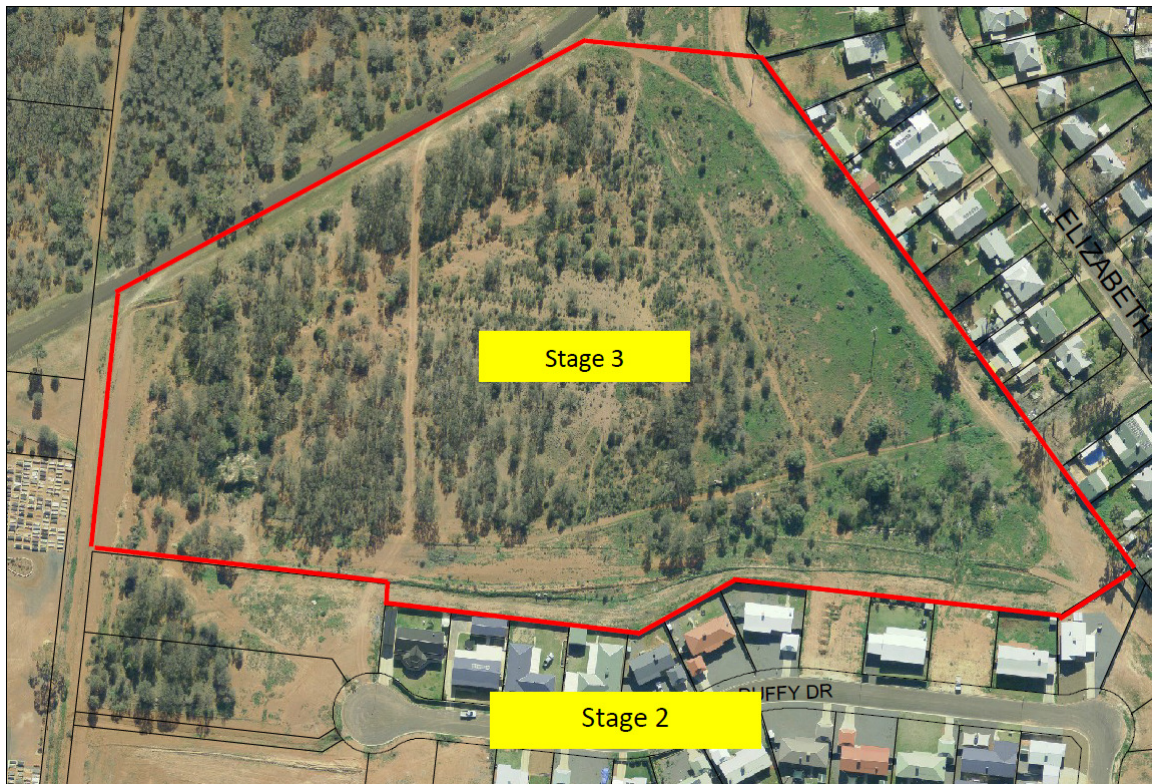


There is no development consent for any of the further stages of the residential development. Currently there is a distinct lack of demand for additional residential sites.

Despite this current lack of demand, Council must strategically plan for the possible growth of the Western Edge Precinct to ensure that new and well planned residential land is available if required in the future.

In mid-2012 Council's Manager of Planning and Environmental Services developed a strategic plan of the Western Edge Precinct. This plan included two new residential stages to the North of the current first two stages of Pioneer Estate, known as Stages 3 and 4.

The strategic plan included suggested vehicular access points to stages 3 and 4. This report focuses on stage 3, which is located directly north of Stage 2.



Following a recent review of the strategic design for Stage 3, it was noted that four vehicular access points were proposed. Four access points were recommended due to the following perceived benefits:

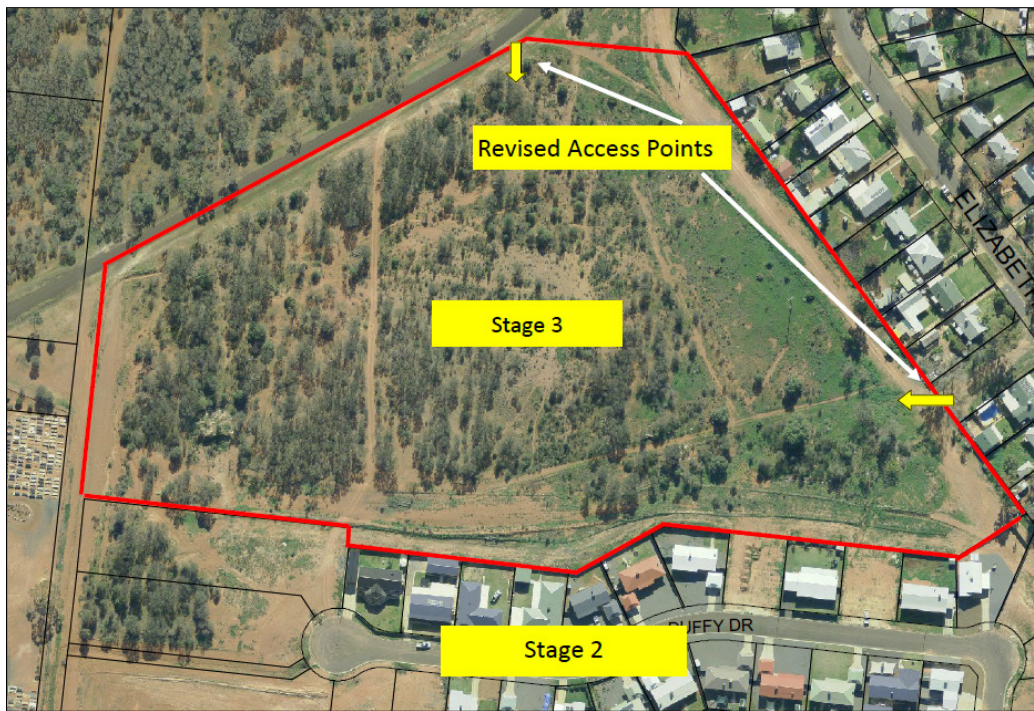
- Increase circulation and visibility;
- To make garbage collection more efficient;
- Decrease isolation;
- Improve emergency vehicle access.

If a Development Application was lodged to Council for assessment, Council would take into consideration the current four access road concept design at this point in time as an alternative design has not been considered.

The following image shows the vehicular access design that was included in the original strategic plan for stage 3.



The aerial photo below identifies the proposed two access point concept design. The access points are appropriately positioned to offer residents access to the CBD via Sunset Street or to the education precincts via Elizabeth Crescent.



Issues

The proposed concept design for access into Stage 3 of the Pioneer Estate provides too many access points.

When considering the number of vehicular access points into a residential subdivision, the following should be taken into consideration:

- Probable traffic flow into and throughout the estate and traffic numbers;
- Providing reasonable integration with existing residential areas;
- Possible pedestrian numbers and movements;
- Local and emergency services needs;
- Available and required safe intersection sight distances;
- Probable noise impacts caused by increased traffic movements;
- Increased capital costs for new works plus long term maintenance costs.

In this particular case, the following has been determined in the most recent review of the access concept design:

- The probable traffic numbers will be low. Current numbers noted in stages 1 and 2 are quite low despite having only 1 access point;
- Integration with other residential areas can be achieved by having access roads to Sunset Street and Elizabeth Crescent. Access to Duffy Drive is not warranted;
- Low pedestrian numbers are expected for this new stage. The area is not a normal thoroughfare for pedestrians;
- Local services such as Councils garbage truck will not use the link roads from Duffy Drive as it disturbs the normal route;
- Adequate access could be achieved to the new stage for emergency services from just Elizabeth Crescent and Sunset Street. There would be minimal benefit to include further links roads from Duffy Drive;
- Safe intersection sight distances can be achieved with either the four or two access points;
- Three out of the four access points would need to be constructed on vacant land neighbored on both sides by land that is occupied by dwellings. Noise impacts would be higher to residents from the four access point option versus the two access point option, where only one of the access points is neighbored by residents on either side;
- There would obviously be higher capital expenditure for a four access road design versus a two access design. Long term maintenance costs would also be higher for the four access point option.

An additional concern is raised regarding the amount of residential properties that would be needed to construct the access roads.

The four access road option will require use of seven properties, while the two access road option will require 3 properties.

All properties required for provision of access (via either option) are vacant and are either owned by Council or yet to be approved for subdivision.

Legal Situation

This report seeks Councils concurrence to a revised 'concept' design where the amount of vehicular access roads are reduced from four to two. Concurrence to this concept design will allow Council to place two properties (located in Duffy Drive) on the market, which are currently being withheld from sale by Council due to the current four access road design.

Prior development consent, a construction certificate and subdivision certificate will still be needed to undertake the subdivision development.

Concurrence to the two access road concept design is in no way formal consent to the subdivision design. It does however provide Council planning officers some guidance when considering future proposals to develop stage 3 of Pioneer Estate.

Financial Implications

The revised two access road concept design provides Council with a number of financial benefits, which are:

- Less money will be spent on capital expenditure;
- As there will be less access roads, long term maintenance costs will be reduced;
- Two residential properties currently withheld from sale, can be sold providing much needed revenue from initial sale and future rateable income;
- More properties can be included in the proposed stage 3 subdivision that can be offered for sale and development.

RECOMMENDATION

- 1. That Council concur with the revised two access road concept design for the Stage 3 Pioneer Estate.**
- 2. That the blocks of residential land originally mooted to be used for access to Stage 3 Pioneer Estate and now no longer required for access become available to be actively marketed and sold.**

CLAUSE 12A –INDEXATION OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE GRANTS
FILE: G4-1 AOP REFERENCE: 3.1 ATTACHMENT: YES (PAGE 77-79)
AUTHOR: *Special Projects Officer, Angela Shepherd*

Purpose

To pass a resolution calling for the Federal Government to restore the indexation of Financial Assistance Grants (FAGs).

Background

FAGs are a vital part of the revenue base of all councils, and this year councils will receive \$2.3 billion from the Australian Government under this important program.

The Government's decision in the 2014 Federal Budget to freeze the indexation of FAGs for three years beginning in 2014/2015 will unfortunately cost councils across Australia an estimated \$925 million by 2017/2018.

ALGA and the state local government associations are seeking the support of Council for advocacy to have the Federal Government reverse the decision to freeze the indexation of FAGs.

While the FAGs are paid through each State's Local Government Grants Commission, the funding originates with the Commonwealth and it is important it is recognised as such.

Every council in Australia has been asked to pass a resolution acknowledging the importance of the Commonwealth's Financial Assistance Grants in assisting Council to provide important community infrastructure.

Financial Implications

The amount of FAGs grants Cobar Shire Council has received is listed below for the last three years, broken up into the two components:

	2013/2014	2014/2015	2015/2016
Grant	\$2,605,758	\$3,255,347	\$3,453,047
Roads component	\$1,533,414	\$1,614,966	\$1,606,402
Total	\$4,139,172	\$4,870,313	\$5,059,449
<i>Loss due to freeze</i>		<i>\$115,896</i>	<i>\$116,888</i>

Assuming indexation at around 2.4%, the impact on Cobar Shire Council is in the order of \$117,000 per year for each of the three years. More importantly, it is not just the lost annual income, but the lower starting point should indexation recommence at any point.

Please note that in 2013/2014 50% was received the year before ending the prepayment program

RECOMMENDATION

- 1. That Council acknowledges the importance of federal funding through the Financial Assistance Grants program for the continued delivery of Councils services and infrastructure;**
- 2. That Council acknowledges that Cobar Shire Council will receive \$5.059 million in Financial Assistance Grants in 2015/2016.**
- 3. That an appropriate letter again be provided to the Federal Government through the Local Member calling for restoration of the indexation of Financial Assistance Grants to Councils.**

CLAUSE 13A – CHRISTMAS FUNCTIONS 2015**FILE: S5-27****AOP REFERENCE: 3.3.2****ATTACHMENT: NO****AUTHOR: *Special Projects Officer, Angela Shepherd*****Purpose**

To gain approval for funding the staff and Councillors Christmas parties and presents for 2015 and to determine how these funds are to be split between the different units of Council.

Background

This Report deals with arrangements for Christmas functions for Council staff and Councillors for 2015. In previous years Council has resolved to provide an amount of funding to the Staff/Councillors Christmas celebrations.

Issues

It is requested that Council once again give favourable consideration to a financial contribution towards Staff/Councillors Christmas celebrations for 2015. For the last few years Council has resolved to provide a lump sum payment, based on the number of staff and Councillors, towards the Christmas celebrations.

For the last several years, the amount has been based on a contribution of \$20 per staff/Councillor meaning a lump sum of \$3,400. There has been a reduction in staff numbers, however over the years the funding provided has remained the same with no inflationary increase. Therefore the funding level of \$3,400 for the staff Christmas parties is proportional to an appropriate level for 2015. This amount would be distributed between the Lilliane Brady Village staff, Cobar based staff and Euabalong based Council staff to hold their annual Christmas party.

It is proposed to hold the Cobar based staff (other than the LBV) Christmas party from 3pm on Thursday 17 December 2015. This date is appropriate as it is the last day before the workshop closes for the year.

To allow all staff to come together, it is proposed to close all Council offices at 3pm so all staff can attend at the same time. However, to avoid the need to close the offices, the party could be held from noon to 3pm, with staff alternating between work and the party, allowing all venues to remain open. This option fails to bring staff together or to create any Christmas spirit.

It is proposed to continue to allocate, based on numbers, \$800 to the LBV to allow staff to hold a Christmas function at a time that is suitable for their operational needs and \$160 to Euabalong to hold a party at a time convenient to their staff. This would leave \$2,440 for the combined party.

All Councillors would be invited to the combined function if it is deemed the most appropriate option.

This year it is proposed to also buy staff a small Christmas present to the value of \$20 for each staff member to be presented at the Christmas party. This would be at an additional cost of \$2,600. These funds are currently not in the budget and would need to be allocated. Funds are available from working funds and the budget would be adjusted at the September 2015 Budget Quarterly Review.

The provision of funding towards Christmas festivities and presents provides a good opportunity for Council to recognise the efforts of Council staff over the year and it sends a positive message to staff which can lead to an increase in staff morale and productivity.

Financial Implications

A budget allocation of \$3,400 for the Christmas parties and \$2,600 for the presents is required. There is \$3,000 in the 2015/2016 budget.

RECOMMENDATION

- 1. That Council provides a lump sum payment of \$3,400 based on the number of staff and Councillors towards the Staff/Councillors Christmas celebrations in 2015.**
- 2. The lump sum payment be divided as follows: \$2,440 for a combined Cobar-based staff/Councillor party, \$800 for Lilliane Brady Village staff and \$160 for Euabalong staff and a present be presented to each staff member to the value of \$20 per person.**
- 3. Council allocates an additional \$2,600 to purchase a small gift for staff members at the September 2015 Budget Quarterly Review.**
- 4. Council offices will close from 3pm on Thursday 17 December 2015 to allow staff to attend the Cobar based staff Christmas party.**

CLAUSE 14A – SENIOR CITIZENS CHRISTMAS PARTY 2015

FILE: S5-27

AOP REFERENCE: 1.3.4.1

ATTACHMENT: NO

AUTHOR: *Special Projects Officer, Angela Shepherd*

Purpose

To set the date for the Senior Citizens Christmas Party for 2015.

Background

Council has, for a number of years, held a Christmas party for its Senior Citizens in the Council Chambers with the cost being met by Council. It has again been included in the adopted 2015/2016 Budget with a \$2,815 allowance.

The event is organised by the Manager of Tourism and Public Relations with heavy support from the Administration Centre Staff.

It is desirable that the event be held before the Christmas school holidays commence as local school children may be involved in the entertainment.

Council Staff and Councillors assist with the serving of food, entertainment and the role of Santa Claus which is usually keenly contested for by a Councillor.

To assist Councillors to be involved, the party is generally held the day after the last Council Meeting for the year.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Council Senior Citizens Christmas Party be held in the Cobar Shire Council Chambers on Friday 11 December 2015.

CLAUSE 15A – ‘YOUR COUNCIL’ REPORT 2013/2014**FILE: F2-5****AOP REFERENCE: 3.3****ATTACHMENT: NO****AUTHOR: *Special Projects Officer, Angela Shepherd*****Purpose**

To provide Councillors with a summary of the NSW Government publication “*Your Council – Profile and Performance of the NSW Local Government Sector 2015*”, formally called the “*Comparative Information on NSW Local Government – Measuring Local Government Performance*”.

Background

This is the first ‘Your Council’ report (formally the Comparatives Publication on NSW Local Government). The data reported will continue to evolve in future editions. The publication provides the information in one place about local councils across NSW to help everyone to understand how well local government in NSW is performing as a whole, and how well individual councils are performing over time and in comparison to similar councils. A key set of indicators based around financial sustainability, asset management, community leadership and service delivery are being developed.

There are three sets of data being reported on here:

- State of Local Government in NSW – an overview of the performance of the local government sector as a whole;
- Cobar Shire Council’s performance – a snapshot of Council looking at key data and compares Cobar Shire Council to the group average;
- Data Tables – detailed data is provided to allow further comparison and analysis.

The key performance measures in the report, when used on their own, do not give a full picture of Council’s performance. They do not explain why differences occur between council’s (such as differences in the services provided).

The State of Local Government in NSW

As an industry, local government owns \$139bn worth of assets, contributes more than \$7.5bn to the economy each year and directly employs more than 45,000 people. There are 152 general purpose Councils and the roles Council’s play has increased over the last ten years.

Over the last ten years, there has been an increase in the number of pensioner rebates, a 1,854km increase in the length of roads councils maintain and an extra 289 community halls and centres. Council’s regulatory responsibilities have increased greatly over the ten years as the number of tattooists, hair dressers and food outlets has grown. Over the last ten years there has been a 42% drop in the number of development applications determined, however the value has increased by 28.4%. Private certifiers determined 24% of development in 2013/2014.

In 2013/2014, average council revenue per capita was \$1,518 compared to average council expenses per capita of \$1,360.

73% of Councils reported an operating deficit before capital compared to 64% the year before – largely due to the advanced payment of FAGs. The operating performance ratio state average has fallen from -5% in 2012/2013 to -8.7% in 2013/2014 – possibly indicating the significance that FAGs contributes to local government.

Unrestricted Current Ratio – (adequacy of working capital and ability of Council to satisfy its obligations in the short term) – stage average has decreased from 4 in 2012/2013 to 3.6 in 2013/2014.

Own Source Revenue – (indicates the degree of reliance on external funding sources) – increased in all regions and largely attributed to reduction in amount of FAGs received rather than an increase in own source revenue.

Rates and Annual Charges Outstanding Ratio – average for all was 6.5%, the benchmark is >10% for rural areas. Actual amount has increased by 15% since 2009/2010.

Debt Service Cover Ratio – (availability of operating cash to service debt) – general low levels of debt with councils having approximately twice as many financial assets as they do outstanding borrowings. 19 Councils have no debt. The report makes note that many councils with no or low levels of debt still report infrastructure backlogs.

Debt Service Ratio – (amount of general income that is used to repay debt and interest charges) – the report notes that most councils seem to be using debt to address infrastructure backlogs.

Cash Expense Ratio – (the number of months a council can continue paying for immediate expenses without additional cash inflow) – the state average has improved from 5.4 to 9.8 in 2013/2014.

Revenue and Expenditure – the major source of revenue is rates and annual charges and employee costs are the greatest expense to councils (37%). Depreciation accounted for 22% of expenditure.

The figure below shows the expenditure by service type for local government in NSW.

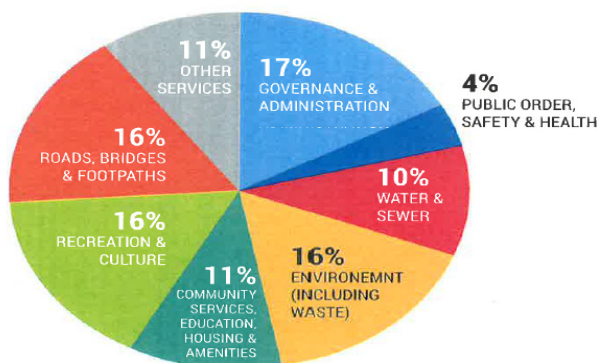


FIGURE 6
EXPENDITURE BY SERVICES 2013/14

The Report noted that rural councils had higher costs of delivering services per capita due to lower populations.

The reported infrastructure backlog has fallen from \$7.4bn in 2012 to \$5.5bn in 2013 as information has improved and there's been a greater focus on asset management.

Cobar Shire Council

The following data is available for 2013/2014:

- \$23.7m in revenue from continuing operations with \$25m of expenses from continuing operations;
- With 2,320km of roads within the Shire, there are only 11 Councils in NSW with a greater road length to manage;
- With 55% of the population aged between 20 and 60, Cobar has one of the highest percentage 'working age' populations in NSW with only 25 LGAs having a higher percentage;
- Cobar LGA undertook Development Applications to the value of \$4.9m;
- 64% Own Source Revenue;
- Operating Performance Ratio - -6.46;
- Unrestricted Current Ratio – 1.92;
- Outstanding Rates and Annual Charges – 6.51%;
- Debt Service Cover Ratio – 4.1;
- Debt Service Ratio – 3.0;
- Cash Expense Cover Ratio – 3.7;
- Actual asset maintenance expenditure - \$4m, required asset maintenance expenditure - \$7.5m;
- Building and infrastructure renewal ratio – 71;
- Infrastructure backlog ratio – 16;
- % of total expenditure by area – Governance 9%, public order, health and safety, water and sewer 20%, Environment 2% (third lowest in the state), community services, education and housing 17%, Recreation and culture 11%, roads bridges and footpaths 13%, other services 28% (includes many things that urban councils may not fund).

Conclusion

This report provides the data collected by OLG. It does not contain any analysis to explain the differences in the figures or to explain them. Should Councillors wish to view the whole document, it is available on the *Comparative Information* pages on the OLG Website at www.olg.nsw.gov.au.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receives and notes the information contained in the report on the Your Council Report on NSW Councils for 2013/2014.

CLAUSE 1B – DEVELOPMENT APPROVALS: 19 AUGUST 2015 – 15 SEPTEMBER 2015

FILE: T5-1 AOP REFERENCE: 1.6.3.1 ATTACHMENT: NO
AUTHOR: *Acting Director of Planning & Environmental Services, Stephen Poulter*

Complying Development Approvals

There were no Complying Development Applications approved under delegated authority for the period 19 August 2015 – 15 September 2015.

The value of Complying Development approvals for 2015/2016 to date is Nil.

The value of Complying Development approvals for the similar period in 2014/2015 was Nil.

Local Development Approvals

The following Local Development Applications have been approved under delegated authority for the period 19 August 2015 – 15 September 2015.

CERTIFICATE NO.	ADDRESS	DESCRIPTION	VALUE (\$)
2015/LD-00036	24 Denman St, Cobar	Front & Side Boundary Fence	3,000
2015/LD-00037	2 Hogan Pl, Cobar	Garage	17,875
2015/LD-00034	15 Longworth St, Cobar	Patio Cover & Slab	14,970
20105/LD-00038	10 Annies Lne, Cobar	Dwelling	120,000

The value of Local Development approvals for 2015/2016 to date is \$524,423.00

The value of Local Development approvals for the similar period in 2014/2015 was \$279,010.00

Construction Certificates

The following Construction Certificates have been approved under delegated authority for the period 19 August 2015 – 15 September 2015.

CERTIFICATE NO.	ADDRESS	DESCRIPTION
2015/CB-00031	24 Denman St, Cobar	Front & Side Boundary Fence
2015/CB-00030	2 Hogan Pl, Cobar	Garage
2015/CB-00028	15 Longworth St, Cobar	Patio Cover & Slab
2015/CB-00032	10 Annies Lne, Cobar	Dwelling

RECOMMENDATION

That the information detailing the Local Development and Construction Certificate approvals for the period 19 August 2015 – 15 September 2015 be received and noted.

CLAUSE 2B – MONTHLY STATUS REPORT

FILE: C13-10

AOP REFERENCE: 3.1

ATTACHMENT: NO

AUTHOR: *General Manager, Gary Woodman*

COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS 24 SEPTEMBER 2009					
NUMBER	ITEM	RESOLUTION NUMBER	ACTION BY	ACTION REQUIRED	OUTCOME
1	Council – Clause 2B – The Wool Track Project	153.9.2009	GM/SPO/DES/RM/ESM	Council be kept informed of progress.	Letter and copy of report sent to K Humphries, J Cobb, S Ley, J Williams, M Coulton and F Nash. Letters sent to trucking companies seeking support for sealing. Information provided to all OROC councils. Initial contact undertaken with Central Darling Shire Council and Balranald Shire Council in regard to arrangements for a delegation to the Minister for Regional Services. Wool Track is the only priority for the 2015/2016 Repair Program in accordance with Councils Resolution. Wool Track Development Advisory Committee has met and formulated an Action Plan for 2015/2016. Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight has been provided a copy of the Nairn Report to commence the information process before further representations are undertaken.
COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS 28 APRIL 2011					
NUMBER	ITEM	RESOLUTION NUMBER	ACTION BY	ACTION REQUIRED	OUTCOME
14	Committee of the Whole Closed Council – Clause 1C –	81.4.2011	DPES/LMO	Arrange acquisition of Lot 317 DP 755649 from the Crown subject to the availability of funds from the 2011/2012	Acquisition arrangements commenced with Land and Property Management Authority. Application provided to the Office of Local Government in regard to acquisition.

	Cobar Caravan Park Business Development Strategy			budget. Following successful acquisition of the above land, classify this land as Operational under the Local Government Act 1993.	Funds now provided for in 2014/2015 Budget – will be carried forward. Funding options to go back to Council. Will be undertaken at time of acquisition.
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COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS 27 OCTOBER 2011

NUMBER	ITEM	RESOLUTION NUMBER	ACTION BY	ACTION REQUIRED	OUTCOME
87	Council – Clause 4A – Land Acquisition – Cobar Caravan Park Lot 317 in DP755649	193.10.2011	DPES/LMO	Undertake all processes required for the acquisition of the Cobar Caravan Park Lot 317 in DP755649.	Action Plan instigated for implementation of resolution. See Item 14.

COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS 22 MARCH 2012

NUMBER	ITEM	RESOLUTION NUMBER	ACTION BY	ACTION REQUIRED	OUTCOME
162	Council – Clause 16A - Liquid Trade Waste Policy – Costs and Implementation Method	14.3.2012	DES/SM/DPES	Adopts option one (1) for the upgrading of the existing trade waste outlets and purchase the required pre-treatment units and complete the installation works on all trade waste premises with all costs to be funded out of the Sewer Fund Reserves with a no-interest three (3) year loan to local proprietors of businesses, and further that repayment will be a condition of approval on their Liquid Trade Waste licence agreement as per the NSW	Action Plan instigated for implementation of resolution.

COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS 26 APRIL ADJOURNED TO 3 MAY 2012

NUMBER	ITEM	RESOLUTION NUMBER	ACTION BY	ACTION REQUIRED	OUTCOME
194	Committee of the Whole Closed Council - Clause 4C – Sale of Land	94.4.2012	GM/LMO	<p>That Council provides authority for the General Manager to negotiate the sale of land at either 100 or 105 Marshall Street, Cobar for at least the minimum amount per square metre detailed in the report.</p> <p>That Council provides authority for the General Manager to undertake investigations into any party in regards to the standard financial and company checks, the company's previous experience with similar projects and their previous experience in completing projects with timeframes.</p> <p>The Council may in its absolute discretion elect to terminate negotiations with any party prior to exchange of a contract for the sale of land.</p> <p>That Council approve the sale of land conditional on:- Surveying undertaken and new plans submitted and approved; Subdivision plans submitted and approved; Rezoning of the land to allow for motel accommodation; All legal cost for both parties paid;</p>	<p>Further Councillor workshop strategies planning for land in concern held on 9 August, 2012.</p> <p>Action Plan instigated for implementation of resolution.</p> <p>Currently no interested party.</p> <p>Action Plan instigated for implementation of resolutions.</p>

				<p>Submission of a detailed development application that includes but is not limited to:</p> <p>Detailed architectural and design plans including elevations, footpaths, ramps, disabled access etc;</p> <p>Detailed site plan;</p> <p>Detailed car parking and access plans, including disabled parking;</p> <p>A detailed risk assessment for Council water and sewerage systems;</p> <p>Detailed landscaping plan including footpaths;</p> <p>That Council authorise the Mayor and the General Manager to sign all relevant documentation under the Common Seal of Council.</p> <p>That investigations and reporting be undertaken for appropriate master planning of Council land at 100 and 105 Marshall Street, Cobar;</p> <p>That any sale of the land be subject to the negotiated development proceeding within a reasonable time;</p>	
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COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS 26 JULY 2012

NUMBER	ITEM	RESOLUTION NUMBER	ACTION BY	ACTION REQUIRED	OUTCOME
219	Council – Clause 8A – Road Closure – Corner of Murray and Blakey	168.7.2012	DPES/LMO	That Council resolves to close part of the road reserve on the corner of Murray and Blakey Street, Cobar identified as being Lot 2 in	Action plan instigated for implementation of resolution.

	Street, Cobar			<p>Deposited Plan 46869.</p> <p>That Council provides authority for the General Manager to make application to the Department of Primary Industries, Crown Land Division to close the road.</p> <p>That Council authorise the Mayor and the General Manager to sign all relevant documentation under the Common Seal of Council.</p> <p>That the land be acquired as operational land pursuant to the provisions of Section 31 of the <i>Local Government Act 1993</i>.</p>	<p>Road closure has been approved. Survey Plan complete. Transferring granting easement documentation needs to be completed and lodged.</p> <p>Will be undertaken at the time as required.</p> <p>Classification to be arranged at acquisition.</p>
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COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS 23 AUGUST 2012

NUMBER	ITEM	RESOLUTION NUMBER	ACTION BY	ACTION REQUIRED	OUTCOME
234	Council – Clause 7A – Festival of the Miners Ghost	197.8.2012	DCCS/MTPR	Seek grant funding for the event to assist it to grow into an event with broader appeal beyond residents of Cobar.	Action plan instigated for implementation of resolution. EOI submitted for Festival funding.

COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS 13 DECEMBER 2012

NUMBER	ITEM	RESOLUTION NUMBER	ACTION BY	ACTION REQUIRED	OUTCOME
307	Council – Clause 12A – Plant Replacement Program, Proposed Purchase of 34,000 Litre Water Tank Trailer in	320.12.2012	GM/DES/RM/ESM	That the Plant Replacement Program be altered to provide for the purchase of one only 34,000 litre trailer road tanker in lieu of the side tipper trailer.	Rescission Motion reported again to the April 2013 Ordinary Council Meeting which was lost. Action plan instigated and implemented

	lieu of Side Tipper Trailer			That quotations be called for the supply and purchase of one only 34,000 litre trailer water tanker suitable for use as the lead trailer in a road train configuration at an estimated cost of \$100,000.	of original resolutions. Watching for suitable second hand lead water trailers for purchase and set up.
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COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS 28 FEBRUARY 2013

NUMBER	ITEM	RESOLUTION NUMBER	ACTION BY	ACTION REQUIRED	OUTCOME
343	Council – Clause 22A – Proposed Hangar Construction and Lease of Plant of Land at Cobar Regional Airport by Sullivan’s Mining and Hardware	28.2.2013	DES/ESM	<p>That Council approve the construction of a hangar (subject to the building regulations) to be known as Hanger No. 2, on the current site of the “Aero Club”.</p> <p>That the applicant, Sullivan’s Mining and Hardware be responsible for the cost of relocation of the Aero Club to a site determined by the Engineering Support Manager.</p> <p>That Council enter into a lease with the applicant for a 5 x 5 x 5 year lease with the annual fees being in line with the Fees and Charges as determined by Council.</p>	<p>Action Plan instigated for implementation of resolution.</p> <p>Action Plan instigated for implementation of resolution.</p> <p>Action Plan instigated for implementation of resolution.</p>

COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS 24 APRIL 2013

NUMBER	ITEM	RESOLUTION NUMBER	ACTION BY	ACTION REQUIRED	OUTCOME
380	Committee of the Whole Closed Council – Clause 1C – Notice of Rescission Motion –	95.4.2013	DCCS/MTPR	That in the year 2013/2014 that Council develops a tourism management plan that details appropriate commitments and plans that aid the tourist industry in Cobar.	Action plan instigated for implementation of resolution. Interim Report provided to March 2014

	Consideration of Tourism Cost Centre				Ordinary Council Meeting. Expect Plan to be developed in early 2015/2016.
COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS 22 AUGUST 2013					
NUMBER	ITEM	RESOLUTION NUMBER	ACTION BY	ACTION REQUIRED	OUTCOME
435	Council – Clause 9A – Determination of Status of Mt Gap Road	187.8.2013	ESM	That Mt. Gap Road within Mt. Gap Station shall be dedicated a public road and remain on the Roads Register as a Shire Road.	Waiting on gazettal by Western Lands.
COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS 20 JANUARY 2014					
NUMBER	ITEM	RESOLUTION NUMBER	ACTION BY	ACTION REQUIRED	OUTCOME
510	Extraordinary Meeting of Council – Clause 3A – Increased Water Restrictions to Nymagee	05.1.2014	DES/SM	That Council apply for urgent financial assistance from the NSW Government for Drought Proofing of Nymagee with appropriate advice also through the Local Member.	Action plan instigated for implementation of resolution, hoping to be able to use future Water Security for Regions Programs.
COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS 27 FEBRUARY 2014					
NUMBER	ITEM	RESOLUTION NUMBER	ACTION BY	ACTION REQUIRED	OUTCOME
530	Council – Clause 17A – Cobar Truck Wash Options	28.2.2014	ESM	That approval be given for the signing under seal if required of any documents for the lease or purchase of the land required for the truck wash facility and if required the land be classified as operational.	Action Plan instigated for implementation of resolution, however if Council is successful with Grant Funds for a new Truck Wash the land to be used for the new Water Treatment Plant will be used for a new Truck Wash Facility instead of the current Peak Gold Mine Truck Wash Location.

COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS 24 APRIL 2014

NUMBER	ITEM	RESOLUTION NUMBER	ACTION BY	ACTION REQUIRED	OUTCOME
551	Council - Clause 8A – Grading of Shire Road 20 (Grain Road) by Local Contractors	75.4.2014	DES/RM	<p>That Council trial the Grain Road contractor in the 2014/2015 financial year and allocate \$46,000 for the section of road from Tallebung Road to the bitumen section at the southern end (approx.40 km long), and compare it with Council’s standard. All work to be approved by the Roads Manager prior to commencement on each occasion.</p> <p>That Council to investigate a long term strategy of using contractors and Council graders to accomplish its maintenance grading routine.</p> <p>That Council lobby State and Federal Governments for increases in funding to maintain Council’s Regional and Shire Roads at a better level.</p>	<p>Action plan instigated for implementation of resolutions. Initial grades have been completed on Shire Road 20.</p> <p>Mayor and GM have met with the Minister for Roads and Freight and his Deputy Chief of Staff on 7 August 2014 to further detail Council’s case in relation to a low level of Regional Road funding in comparison with neighbouring Councils, level of funds required to improve Kidman Way South and funding of Wool Track improvements. \$4.25 Million of funding announced for improvements on the Kidman Way.</p>

COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS 22 MAY 2014

NUMBER	ITEM	RESOLUTION NUMBER	ACTION BY	ACTION REQUIRED	OUTCOME
560	Council – Clause 4A – Cobar Shire Council Policy Direction Concerning Coal Seam Gas Exploration and Production	92.5.2014	GM/SPO	<p>That Cobar Shire Council supports in principle the Association of Mining Related Council’s Draft Policy on Coal Seam Gas including the relevant Position Statement and additional information and that Council’s direction is as follows in relation to Coal Seam Gas Exploration and Production:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ That impacts on Local Government Council Infrastructure are adequately compensated for in the immediate and future life of those assets; ▪ In regard to the communities environmental assets, that the appropriate oversight body, whether government or private, is engaging effectively and is communicating with Council and the processes are put in place to independently obtain baseline data on air and water quality; ▪ Council’s position as far as practicable is a “nil” effect position in regard to the quality of surface water, domestic, stock and irrigation aquifers used by 	Finalised Policy Document being formulated.

				<p>our community and a “nil” net effect on above ground environmental assets in relation to coal seam gas activities;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ That health and environmental impact assessments are conducted for all significant mining and extractive industries during the approval process; ▪ That individual property rights in regard to unwelcome drilling, exploration and/or extraction activities are supported; ▪ That the ten (10) International Council of Mining and Metals (ICMM) principles are supported by Council; ▪ That Cobar Shire Council recommends to the State Government that the pre-gateway determination process be modified to enable a refusal where appropriate, and; ▪ That Council promotes the dissemination of information to landholders that is independent and informs them of their rights and obligations prior to entering into any agreements relating to coal seam gas exploration or production. 	
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563	Council – Clause 7A – Comparison of Water Restrictions between 2013 and 2014	95.5.2014	SM	That Council collect additional data to allow further analysis to be carried out on the effected changes in water restrictions are having on consumption within the towns and within the whole of the Shire.	Action plan instigated for implementation of resolution.
COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS 24 JULY 2014					
NUMBER	ITEM	RESOLUTION NUMBER	ACTION BY	ACTION REQUIRED	OUTCOME
583	Works Committee Meeting – Report 3A – Road Capital Works Program 2014/2015	128.7.2014	DES/ESM/RM	That Council trials the use of chemical and cementitious stabilisation of the unsealed road network in conjunction with gravelling.	Action plan instigated for implementation of resolution.
COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS 28 AUGUST 2014					
NUMBER	ITEM	RESOLUTION NUMBER	ACTION BY	ACTION REQUIRED	OUTCOME
599	Council - Clause 4A – To Approve the Tenure of Occupancy for the Cobar Mobile Children’s Services Inc	155.8.2014	DCCS	a) That Cobar Mobile Children’s Services Inc. is offered tenure by way of Memorandum of Understanding for a period of one (1) year with a mutually agreeable option of a further year, commencing on 1 July 2014 and subject to Council’s Grant Applications and continuing to operate the building with its current use. b) That the annual payment be \$2,600 indexed at CPI.	Agreed Memorandum of Understanding sent, now awaiting signature and return.
			LMO/DPES	That other occupants of Council premises that have no occupancy agreement be recognised and an appropriate agreement entered into.	Seven (7) occupants of Council premises identified. Two (2) agreements currently in draft.

605	Council – Clause 11A – Unregulated Free Camping in the Cobar Shire	162.8.2014	GM/ DPES	That Council Officers work with the Cobar Caravan Park Operators to help ascertain alternative measures to the regulation of free camping in Cobar Shire that will increase the financial standing of the caravan park.	Initial meeting undertaken on 29 September 2014.
606	Council – Clause 12A – New Cobar Water Treatment Plant – Selection of Site and Financial Aspect	163.8.2014	PM/DES	<p>That the subject land be acquired as operational land pursuant to the provisions of Section 31 of the Local Government Act 1993.</p> <p>That Council authorise the Mayor and the General Manager to sign all relevant land purchase documentation under the Common Seal of Council; including a Memorandum of Understanding between Peak Gold Mines Pty Ltd and Council for future interest by Peak Gold Mines Pty Ltd in regard to the Cobar Wrightville Common.</p> <p>That Council note that final costs may be higher for the new Cobar Water Treatment Plant than initially estimated; but all final cost projections will be reported to Council as the project is delivered.</p>	<p>Currently waiting to finalise a subdivision and land transaction following easement and the process will be actioned by Peak Gold Mines.</p> <p>Noted – No further action required until grant and tender analysis time. Update prior to August Council Meeting, presented as a Workshop.</p>

COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS 25 SEPTEMBER 2014

NUMBER	ITEM	RESOLUTION NUMBER	ACTION BY	ACTION REQUIRED	OUTCOME
623	Council – Clause 6A – SR23 Booberoi Road Euabalong Traffic	184.9.2014	RM/ESM/ DES	That Cobar Shire Council erect large advisory route signs, one on Lachlan Street on the intersection with Robison Street and	Advice being sought from RMS Traffic Safety Officer.

	Options			the Booberoi Road indicating the bitumen road alternative.	
627	Council – Clause 10A – Adoption of Management Plan for Lot 18 DP213415	188.9.2014	LMO	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.	Action plan instigated for implementation of resolutions.

COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS 23 OCTOBER 2014

NUMBER	ITEM	RESOLUTION NUMBER	ACTION BY	ACTION REQUIRED	OUTCOME
640	Committee of the Whole Closed Council – Clause 2C – Tender for the Supply of Road Patching Machine	28COW.10.2014	ESM	That Council purchase the Paveline Autopatch Isuzu FXY1500 Auto Tar Patching Machine for \$358,260 including GST; That the existing Paveline truck and machine be disposed of at the best commercial option to Council.	Purchase arranged, waiting on delivery. Action Plan instigated for implementation of resolution.

COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS 27 NOVEMBER 2014

NUMBER	ITEM	RESOLUTION NUMBER	ACTION BY	ACTION REQUIRED	OUTCOME
660	Council – Clause 7A – Office of Local Government Promoting Better Practice Review of Cobar Shire Council –	245.11.2014	GM	That Staff continue to work towards the completion of any work required by the recommendations contained within the Promoting Better Practice Review of Cobar Shire Council Report and detailed within the reviewed Action Plan.	Action plan instigated for implementation of resolution.

	Report Action plan Status				
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COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS 26 FEBRUARY 2015

NUMBER	ITEM	RESOLUTION NUMBER	ACTION BY	ACTION REQUIRED	OUTCOME
665	Finance and Policy Committee Meeting – Notice of Motion – Economic Development Matters	3.02.2015	SPO	That the Cobar Shire Economic Taskforce investigate the possibility and practicality of developing independent living aged accommodation in Cobar.	Investigations currently being undertaken by the Economic Taskforce.
671	Council – Clause 6A – Sunday Opening for the Cobar Youth and Fitness Centre “Youthie”	10.02.2015	DCCS	That Council (re) open the Cobar Youth and Fitness Centre on Sundays from 11.00am until 4.00pm with the impact being reviewed by Council Officers at the expiration of six months.	Action plan instigated for implementation of resolution. A further Report presented to September 2015 Ordinary Council Meeting – No further action required.

COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS 26 MARCH 2015

NUMBER	ITEM	RESOLUTION NUMBER	ACTION BY	ACTION REQUIRED	OUTCOME
686	Council – Clause 9A – Use of Effluent by Cobar Bowling and Golf Club	35.03.2015	SM/DES	That negotiations be held with the Cobar Bowling and Golf Club prior to setting Fees and Charges for the 2016/2017 Financial Year. Negotiations will include consideration of costs identified for the operation of the chlorination of the effluent supplied by Council.	Action plan instigated for implementation of resolution.

COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS 23 APRIL 2015

NUMBER	ITEM	RESOLUTION NUMBER	ACTION BY	ACTION REQUIRED	OUTCOME
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696	Council – Clause 2A – Fit for the Future and Joint Organisation of Councils Consideration Report	54.04.2015	GM/DCCS/ SPO/MAYOR /DEPUTY MAYOR	That Cobar Shire Council continue to be involved in the discussions and processes in the development of the Far West Initiative to ensure that a model is found that benefits Cobar Shire with improved government and non-government services and to increase the sustainability of Cobar Shire Council.	Action plan instigated for implementation of resolution. Mayor now Councils Delegate to the recently formed Far West Initiative Advisory Committee.
701	Council – Clause 7A – EOI – Lease, Management and Maintenance of Cobar Regional Airport	59.04.2015	ESM/DES	That on completion of all requirements for certification of Cobar Regional Airport master planning be commenced, in conjunction with preparation of a business plan exploring potential commercial development of the Airport.	Action plan instigated for implementation of resolution.
702	Council – Clause 8A – Maintenance of Stock Control Structures	60.04.2015	ESM/RM/ DES	That Council recompile a comprehensive Grid Register which is expected to take approximately 6 to 12 months to complete depending on resources available and location of grids with the Register including GPS coordinates, photos of the grid, an assessment on the condition of the grid and its associated infrastructure. That Council’s Approval, Installation and Maintenance of Stock Control Structures in Public Road (Public Gates, Grids, RAMPS and Stock Races) remain unchanged at this time pending the recompilation of a Grid Register at which time the matter will be revisited.	Action plan instigated for implementation of resolutions.

COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS 28 MAY 2015

NUMBER	ITEM	RESOLUTION NUMBER	ACTION BY	ACTION REQUIRED	OUTCOME
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705	Finance and Policy Committee Meeting – Confirmation of the Minutes	71.05.2015	DPES/ SPO	That Council resolves to undertake an investigation into the options to expand the Cobar Primary Health Care Centre to generate appropriate new space for a wider range of Allied Health Services and to set out space for a video conferencing room to be used by the health care professionals to provide care to patients and training for staff and the investigations to include funding from other sources and possible interim arrangements to help the Cobar Primary Health Care Centre cater for its expanded services using other available Council facilities and where possible appropriate grant applications be made.	Action plan instigated for implementation of resolution.
713	Council – Clause 4A – Meeting Arrangements – Christmas and New Year	76.05.2015	GM	That the Mayor and General Manager be delegated authority, jointly, to deal with matters of an urgent nature for the period commencing 11 December 2015 to 11 February 2016, and further that if any urgent matters are dealt with under this authority that they be reported to the February 2016 Ordinary Meeting of Council.	Action plan instigated for implementation of resolution if required.

COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS 26 JUNE 2015

NUMBER	ITEM	RESOLUTION NUMBER	ACTION BY	ACTION REQUIRED	OUTCOME
725	Traffic Committee – Report 3 – Rest Area (Smoke Area) – Endeavor Mine	96.06.2015	RM	That the Committee note for information - Endeavor mine are constructing a rest area, they have asked Council to provide signs for the rest area at Endeavors cost. A speed zone review will be undertaken with the view to reduce the speed from 100km/hr to 60km/hr at approx. 600mtr from the mines entrance.	Advice sought from RMS Traffic Safety Officer.
726	Finance and Policy Committee – Report 1A – Bathurst Street	98.06.2015	LMO	That Council acting as Trust Manager for the Bathurst Street Reserve Trust, resolve to issue a 12 month temporary licence agreement for the Cobar	Documentation completed and sent.

	Reserve Licence Agreement			<p>Tennis Club to cover the period 1 July 2015 to 30 June 2016.</p> <p>That Council acting as Trust Manager for the Bathurst Street Reserve Trust, resolve to affix the Trusts seal to the 12 month temporary licence agreement for the Cobar Tennis Club to cover the period 1 July 2015 to 30 June 2016.</p>	
727	Finance and Policy – Report 2A – Dalton Park Horse Complex Licence Agreements	99.06.2015	LMO	<p>That Council acting as Trust Manager for the Dalton Park Racecourse (R630019) Reserve Trust, resolve to issue 12 month temporary licence agreements for the following organisations and individuals to cover the period 1 July 2015 to 30 June 2016:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr & Mrs S & C Griffiths; • Ms Sharon Whitehurst; • Cobar Pony Club; • Cobar Miners Race Club. <p>That Council acting as Trust Manager for the Dalton Park Racecourse (R630019) Reserve Trust, resolve to affix the Trusts seal to the 12 month temporary licence agreements for the following organisations and individuals to cover the period 1 July 2015 to 30 June 2016:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr S & C Griffiths; • Ms Sharon Whitehurst; • Cobar Pony Club; • Cobar Miners Race Club. 	Action plan instigated for implementation of resolutions.

COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS 23 JULY 2015

NUMBER	ITEM	RESOLUTION NUMBER	ACTION BY	ACTION REQUIRED	OUTCOME
743	Council – Clause 2A – Dalton Park Horse Complex – Expression of Interest	123.07.2015	ADPES/ LMO	<p>That Council acting as Trust Manager for the Dalton Park Racecourse (R630019) Reserve Trust, resolve to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Issue a 12 month temporary licence agreement for the stabling buildings comprising 8 and 6 stables and the surrounding area to Mr Wayne Prisk and Mr Kym and Sue Miller to allow for the stabling and training of racehorses and associated activities to cover the period 1 July 2015 to 30 June 2016. 2. Require Mr Prisk and the Millers to reinstate the stallion exclusion area at a distance of 10m or other such appropriate distance as negotiated between Council, Ms Whitehurst and Mr Prisk/Millers. The fence to be reinstated at both parties cost and to a standard equal to or better than the new perimeter fence. 3. Advise Mr Prisk and the Millers that as part of his license they can utilise the racetrack, however decisions about the management of the racetrack, including maintenance are the responsibility of the Cobar Miners Race Club. This is to be listed as a condition on the license agreement. 4. Advise Mr Prisk that he has three (3) months to discontinue the use of the 	Documents and invoices prepared and sent, waiting for action by Licencees. Unsuccessful EOI providers provided advice.

				<p>Council pound yards. No further extension of time will be granted.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 5. Advise Mr & Mrs Wheeler, Ms Wheeler and Mr Turton that they have three (3) months to remove their belongings and horses from the area. If after three (3) months their belongings and horses have not been removed from the area but sufficient effort has been made to complete this, a further three (3) months may be granted. No further extension of time will be granted. 6. Affix the Trusts seal to the 12 month temporary licence agreement for Mr Wayne Prisk and Mr Kym and Mrs Sue Miller to cover the period 1 August 2015 to 31 July 2016. 7. Seek grant funding for additional horse stable/keeping facilities at the Dalton Park Horse Complex. 8. Conduct a comprehensive review of the Dalton Park Horse Complex and develop a long term sustainability and growth strategy including infrastructure, management and financial revenue improvements. 	
745	Council – Clause 4A – Draft Pesticide Notification Plan	125.07.2015	NWO	That following the exhibition period that the Draft Pesticide Notification Plan be adopted by Council if there is no adverse public comment the plan will be made available on Councils website and at Councils administration building with NSW EPA to be notified in writing in accordance with the Pesticide	No adverse public comments received during exhibition period so Pesticide Notification Plan adopted and made available – No further

				Regulation 2009.	action required.
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COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS 27 AUGUST 2015					
NUMBER	ITEM	RESOLUTION NUMBER	ACTION BY	ACTION REQUIRED	OUTCOME
753	Finance and Policy Committee – Notice of Motion – Resources for Regions Monthly Report	146.08.2015	LMO	That an expenditure analysis showing actual vs budget expenditure and forecasts be provided to Council monthly to the Finance and Policy Committee Meeting or all Resources for Regions Projects.	Resources for Regions Monthly Report arranged to be reported to Council monthly to the Finance and Policy Committee Meeting – No further action required.
754	Finance and Policy Committee – Notice of Motion – Cobar Water Treatment Plant	146.08.2015	DES/ DCCS	That a Report be provided to the September Finance and Policy Committee Meeting detailing the increase in the Budget figure for the Cobar Water Treatment Plant with the report including recommendations on how to fund the shortfall and how to limit Council’s outgoings until funding is secured.	Report provided to September Finance and Policy Committee Meeting – No further action required.
755	Finance and Policy Committee – Notice of Motion – Economic Development Opportunities for Cobar – Flight School	146.08.2015	SPO	That Cobar Shire Council investigate the opportunities available to become a flight training centre that has the capacity to attract students to take advantage of the current demand from the region.	Investigations being undertaken – Further Report to be presented to the next Economic Taskforce Meeting.
756	Finance and Policy Committee – Report 1A – Proposed Amendment to Policy for the Provision & Use of Council’s Corporate Credit Card	146.08.2015	DCCS	To amend the Policy for the Provision & Use of Council’s Corporate Credit Card to note that after three months extended leave Council credit cards are to be surrendered until the employee returns to work, unless otherwise approved by the General Manager.	Policy amended and distributed – No further action required.
757	Finance and Policy	146.08.2015	DCCS	That the Cobar Memorial Services & Bowling Club	Rates concession granted

	Committee – Report 2A – Cobar Memorial Services Club Car Park Rates Concession			Ltd be granted a rates concession as per the resolution from the Ordinary Council Meeting held in December 2014 for the financial year 2015/2016. That the Cobar Memorial Services & Bowling Club Ltd be granted a rates concession as per the resolution from the Ordinary Council Meeting held in December 2014 until further review.	– No further action required.
758	Works Committee – Report 1A – Quotation for the Supply of Plant and Equipment Hire Rates 2015/2018	147.08.2015	EA-DES	That the following Contractors be included in the Council’s Register of approved Contractors for the Supply of Plant and Equipment 2015/2018: Country Cranes.	Contractors Register updated – No further action required.
759	Works Committee – Report 2A – Quotation for the Supply of Trade and Miscellaneous Services 2015/2018	147.08.2015	EA-DES	That the following Contractors be included in the Council’s Register of approved Contractors for the Provision of Trades and Miscellaneous Services 2015/2018: Copper City Tyre Service Pty Ltd; SC Auto Electrical; Nelson Labour Hire P/L.	Contractors Register updated – No further action required.
760	Council – Clause 1A – Mayoral Report	148.08.2015	DES/ SM	That Council approve the installation of a Commemorative Plaque in honour of Ian and Margaret Settree at the Cobar Memorial Swimming Pool.	Action plan instigated for implementation of resolution.
761	Council – Clause 2A – Institute of Public Works Engineering Australasia (IPWEA), NSW Division Annual Conference Attendance by the General Manager	150.08.2015	GM	That Council approve the attendance of the General Manager to the 2015 Institute of Public Works Engineering Australasia NSW Division Annual Conference at Terrigal on the 14 to 16 October 2015.	Conference attendance arranged – No further action required.

762	Council – Clause 3A – Payment of Expenses and Provision of Facilities to the Mayor and Councillors	151.08.2015	EA-GM	<p>That the draft Payment of Expenses and Provision of Facilities to the Mayor and Councillors Policy be placed on public exhibition for a minimum of 28 days.</p> <p>That Council consider, at the October 2015 Ordinary Council Meeting, the draft Provision of Facilities to Mayor and Councillors Policy along with any submissions received following the public exhibition period.</p>	<p>Draft Payment of Expenses and Provision of Facilities to the Mayor and Councillors Policy placed on public exhibition – No further action required.</p> <p>Further Report to be provided to October 2015 Ordinary Council Meeting.</p>
763	Council - Clause 4A – Far West Initiative Update Report	152.08.2015	GM	That the Mayor be Cobar Shire Council’s Delegate to the Far West Initiative Advisory Committee.	Advice provided that the Mayor is Cobar Shire Council’s Delegate to the Far West Initiative Advisory Committee – No further action required.
764	Council – Matter of Urgency – Water Supply to Sutherland Drive and O’Neil Road, Cobar	154.08.2015	DES/ SM	That a full investigation report on supplying water to Sutherland Drive and O’Neil Road, Cobar be provided to the September Ordinary Council Meeting.	Report provided to the September 2015 Ordinary Council Meeting – No further action required.
765	Council – Clause 5A – Unaudited Financial Statements 2014/2015	155.08.2015	DCCS	<p>In accordance with Section 413 (1) of the Local Government Act 1993 Council refer the draft Financial Statements for audit for the year ended 30 June 2015.</p> <p>In accordance with Section 413 (2) (c) Mayor Brady OAM, Councillor Abbot, General Manager Mr Woodman and the Responsible Accounting Officer sign the required statement as to Council’s</p>	<p>Draft Financial Statements referred to audit.</p> <p>Statement signed – No further action required.</p>

				<p>opinion of the accounts.</p> <p>The General Manager be delegated authority to finalise the date at which the Auditor's Report and Financial Statement for the year ended 30 June 2015 are to be presented to the public in accordance with Section 418 (1) of the Local Government Act 1993.</p>	Action plan instigated for implementation of resolution.
766	Council – Clause 6A – To Cease an Action Outstanding on Notice of Motion 25FP.03.2013	157.08.2015	DCCS	That the matter to cease action outstanding on Notice of Motion 25FP.03.2013 be held over for further investigation.	Further investigation to be undertaken.
767	Council – Clause 7A – 2014/2015 Budget Items Required to be Carried Over	158.08.2015	MFA	<p>That the Capital Budget in 2015/2016:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Be increased by the amount in Section 1 of the attachment to fund capital items carried forward from 2014/2015; b) Be increased by the amount in Section 2 of the attachment to re-provide projects which were not commenced by 30 June 2015; <p>That the operating budget be increased by the amounts listed in section 1 to fund operating expenditure items carried forward from 2014/2015.</p> <p>That further discussions be held on the 2014/2015 Carry Over Budget Items Required at the September 2015 Finance and Policy Meeting.</p>	<p>Capital budgets carried over and amended for 2015/2016 – No further action required.</p> <p>Operating budgets amended – No further action required.</p> <p>Report provided to September 2015 Committee Meetings – No further action required.</p>
768	Council – Clause 8A – National Local Roads and Transport	159.08.2015	DES	That the Director of Engineering Services or nominee and Councillor Jarrod Marsden be authorised to attend the National Local Road and	Conference attendance arranged – No further action required.

	Congress			Transport Congress that will be held at the Ballarat Lodge and Convention Centre from 17 – 19 November 2015 with attendance met from within the relevant budget allocation.	
769	Council – Clause 9A – Use of Ward Oval Facilities by Junior Soccer Club	160.08.2015	SPO	That Cobar Shire Council allow the Cobar Junior Soccer Club to undertake works on the ‘birdcage’ area adjacent to the bar to turn the structure into a Club House.	Permission granted – No further action required.
770	Council – Clause 10A – Dalton Park Horse Complex Request for New Users Licence Agreement	161.08.2015	LMO	<p>That Council acting as Trust Manager for the Dalton Park Racecourse (R630019) Reserve Trust, resolve to issue a 10 month temporary licence agreement for the following individuals to cover the period 1 September 2015 to 30 June 2015:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kevin, Maree and Christie Wheeler and Geoff Turton. <p>That Council acting as Trust Manager for the Dalton Park Racecourse (R630019) Reserve Trust, resolve to affix the Trusts seal to the 10 month temporary licence agreement for the following individual to cover the period 1 September 2015 to 30 June 2015:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kevin, Maree and Christie Wheeler and Geoff Turton. <p>That Council acting as Trust Manager for the Dalton Park Racecourse (R630019) Reserve Trust, resolve to have a condition on the licence that requires a 5 metre distance from the start gate infrastructure to the eastern boundary fence of this area.</p>	Documents and invoice prepared and sent, waiting for action by Licencees.

				That Council acting as Trust Manager for the Dalton Park Racecourse (R630019) Reserve Trust, resolve to investigate ways to assist the licensee to clean and clear the area to enable appropriate development works to be undertaken.	
771	Council – Clause 4B – Meeting Minutes	165.08.2015	GM	That Council put a recommendation to the Western Lands Advisory Committee to include grids in the current fencing requirements on transfer of land on Western Lands Leases. That Council investigate any funding opportunities for the Tilpa Weir Camp Grounds.	Recommendation submitted – No further action required. Action plan instigated for implementation of resolution.

COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS EXTRAORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING 10 SEPTEMBER 2015

NUMBER	ITEM	RESOLUTION NUMBER	ACTION BY	ACTION REQUIRED	OUTCOME
772	Extraordinary Meeting – Clause 1A - Election of Mayor and Deputy Mayor	179.09.2015	GM	That Council note that the General Manager or his nominee is the Returning Officer for the purpose of electing the Mayor and Deputy Mayor. That the period of appointment of the Deputy Mayor be consistent with the period of the appointment of Mayor, being one (1) year. In the event of more than one (1) nomination that Council conduct the election of the Mayor and Deputy Mayor by ordinary ballot and in accordance with the Local Government (General) Regulations 2005. That following the election the ballot papers used in the election of the Mayor and Deputy Mayor be destroyed	Noted – No further action required. Noted – No further action required. Only 1 nomination received for each position and therefore no election required – No further action required. No election therefore no ballot papers required – No further action

					required.
773	Extraordinary Meeting – Clause 2A – Meeting Dates and Times	180.09.2015	GM	<p>That the Ordinary Meetings of Council be held in the Council Chambers commencing at 5pm on the fourth Thursday of each month except for the December meeting which is to be held on the second Thursday of the month to stay clear of the Christmas period and January where no meeting is held and that where practical the September Council Meeting to be designated as the Rural Council meeting that will commence at 1:00pm.</p> <p>The Rural Council Meeting be held on a rotating basis through the Council Election cycle as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Euabalong (October 2016 (After Councillor Election)); • Nymagee (September 2017); • Mt Hope (September 2018); • Tilpa (September 2019). 	<p>Noted – No further action required.</p> <p>Noted – No further action required</p>
774	Extraordinary Meeting – Clause 3A – Delegations of Authority	181.09.2015	GM	That the Delegations of Authority for the Mayor, Deputy Mayor and General Manager be confirmed	Noted – No further action required.
775	Extraordinary Meeting – Clause 4A – Council Committees/Delegates	182.09.2015	GM	<p>That Council adopt the Committees and Committee Structure as detailed in this report.</p> <p>That Council confirm the quorum for the Finance and Policy and Works Committees as five (5) Councillors.</p> <p>That Council confirm the meeting time and date for the Standing Committees as 5.00pm on the second Thursday of the month. Except for the month of</p>	<p>Noted – No further action required.</p> <p>Noted – No further action required.</p> <p>Noted – No further action required.</p>

				<p>December and January where no meetings will be held.</p> <p>That Council determine its delegates for each of the listed Committees/Organisations as follows: (as tabulated in resolution).</p>	<p>Noted, with arrangements finalised on web and circular and an application made for Clr Abbott's nomination to Cobar Water Board – No further action required.</p>
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RECOMMENDATION

That the information contained in the monthly status report be received and noted.


CLAUSE 3B – INVESTMENT REPORT AS AT 31 AUGUST 2015**FILE: B2-7****AOP REFERENCE: 3.1.1.7****ATTACHMENT: NO****AUTHOR: *Manager Finance & Administration, Neil Mitchell*****Purpose**

Regulation 212 of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2005 requires that a written report of investments be tabled at the monthly meeting. The table below shows the balances of Council's Investments as at the report date. The Cheque Account is now swept at the end of each day to maintain a zero balance. Funds swept out of the Cheque Account are transferred to a NAB Sweep Account because the interest rate remains competitive. The term deposits have differing terms in order to spread the maturity dates throughout the year. Included in the table below is the accrued interest attributable to August 2015. The amount restricted in the Unaudited Financial Accounts as at 30 June 2015 for Employee Leave Entitlements is \$309,220.

Investment	Opening Balance	Transfers to Investments	Transfers from Investment	Interest Earned	Closing Balance
NAB Sweep Acct	\$1,738,162	\$4,110,560	\$1,787,073	\$4,819	\$4,066,468
NAB Term Deposits					
(1) 3.20% (6 Aug)	\$1,523,160		\$1,523,802	\$642	-
(2) 3.60% (16 Dec)	\$2,082,935			\$6,369	\$2,089,304
(3) 3.15% (2 Sep)	\$2,061,575			\$5,515	\$2,067,090
(4) 3.41% (1 Apr)	\$2,058,715			\$5,158	\$2,063,873
(5) 2.93% (8 Oct)	\$1,502,769			\$3,740	\$1,506,509
(6) 2.95% (8 Jan)	\$2,003,718			\$5,020	\$2,008,738
Totals	\$12,971,035	\$4,110,560	\$3,310,876	\$31,263	\$13,801,982

Annualised Average return on Investment for the Month: 2.80%

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. Council's investment policy is being followed to diversify term deposits as they mature and it is anticipated that by December, all funds over the Policy threshold will have been diversified.



Manager Finance & Administration

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receive and note the Investment Report as at 31 August 2015.

CLAUSE 4B – MEETING MINUTES

FILE: C8-17, WB1-22

AOP REFERENCE: 3.1

ATTACHMENT: YES (PAGE 80-87)

AUTHOR: *General Manager, Gary Woodman*

Background

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

Included in the attachments to this agenda are copies of the minutes of those meetings which have been held recently for the information of Councillors. They include:

- Minutes of the Cobar Youth Council Meeting – Wednesday, 22 July 2015;
- Minutes of the Cobar Youth Council Meeting – Wednesday, 12 August 2015;
- Cobar Water Board Committee Meeting – Thursday, 10 September 2015.

RECOMMENDATION

That the minutes of the meetings of the Cobar Youth Council and Cobar Water Board Committees be received and noted.

ATTACHMENTS



ORDINARY MEETING AGENDA

THURSDAY 24 SEPTEMBER 2015

~ REFERENCE TO ATTACHMENTS ~

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