

COBAR SHIRE COUNCIL



FINANCE & POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA

THURSDAY 13 FEBRUARY 2014

~ ORDER OF BUSINESS ~

Business for the meeting will be as follows:

1. Apologies
 2. Declaration of Interests
 3. Notice of Motion
 4. General Manager's Report – Part A (Action)
 5. General Manager's Report – Part B (Information)
 6. General Manager's Report – Part C (Confidential)
 7. Matters of Urgency
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NOTICE OF MOTION – SEED FUNDING FOR TRUCK WASH FOR LIVESTOCK AND HEAVY VEHICLES IN COBAR SHIRE

FILE: A10-30

AOP REFERENCE: 3.1.1.2

ATTACHMENT: NO

AUTHOR: *Councillor Peter Yench*

RECOMMENDATION

That Council allocates the \$113K received from GST Recovery as a seed fund to establish a Truck Wash for Livestock and Heavy Transport Vehicles in the Cobar Shire.

Background

I understand that the \$113k GST recovery was an amount relating to errors across the budget several years ago and I feel that it should go back into the general revenue.

As local contractors and rural property owners are receiving fines and summons from washing their trucks in unallocated locations, which is having an effect on their income and livelihood, I believe it is time that we start looking at reopening and or fast tracking the construction of a Truck Wash.

It has also been brought to my attention that Local Land Services may be able to help establish a Truck Wash.

By utilising this seed money it could go a long way to securing the full amount.

We can't have contractors and rural property owners washing their trucks on the street, and most of which can't run their businesses without clean transportation.

**REPORT 1A – COMPARATIVE INFORMATION ON NSW COUNCILS
2011/2012**

FILE: F2-5 AOP REFERENCE: 3.3 ATTACHMENT: YES (PAGE 22-23)

AUTHOR: *Special Projects Officer, Angela Shepherd*

Purpose

To provide Councillors with a summary of the NSW Government publication *Comparative Information on NSW Local Government – Measuring Local Government Performance 2011/12*.

Background

This is the first year of a new format for this report. It not only uses a new format, aimed at being more user friendly, but also incorporates the results of the TCorp Report on the *Financial Sustainability of the NSW Local Government Sector*, and *Local Government Infrastructure Audit* conducted by the DLG. This report is likely to change format again once the Local Government Performance Measurement Framework and the key performance indicators associated with it are finalised.

There are two 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 group average.

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 councils (such as differences in the services provided etc).

The State of Local Government in NSW

As an industry, local government owns \$131bn worth of assets, contributes more than \$9bn to the economy each year and directly employs more than 45,000 people. The roles Councils play has increased over the last ten years.

In the TCorp report it was noted that only one third of councils had a surplus in 2011/12 and the financial performance of the sector has been deteriorating for some time. To address this, Councils need to consult with the community to consider a combination of revenue increases, expenditure reductions and service level reviews.

In the Infrastructure Audit it was found that the total infrastructure backlog for all councils was \$7.4bn at 30 June 2012. The majority of councils in NSW have been underspending on asset maintenance and renewal and this is likely to continue.

Councils with the largest backlogs have the weakest financial positions and outlooks. On average, rural councils backlog on a per capita basis is almost double that of the state average.

On average, governance and administration is the largest component of Council expenditure (19%), followed by roads, bridges and footpaths (15%), environment (15%), recreation and culture (15%), water and sewer (10%) and community services, amenities, education and housing (10%).

Rural Councils usually have far greater costs per capita due to smaller populations. Road expenditure is greater due to larger networks.

Cobar Shire Council

The following observations have been made:

- Our population is a lot younger than the rest of the group with 16.7% of the population being over 60, compared to 25.8% for the group;
- Our unemployment rate is lower than the group at 4.4%;
- Our average taxable income is significantly higher at \$47,349 compared to \$34,803;
- The value of our DAs are lower at \$9.448m compared to the group average of \$12.449m;
- Cobar Shire Council has 3 more Councillors than the group average, and half the population per Councillor;
- Cobar Shire Council has 152 FTEs compared to 105 for the group;
- We have around \$1.8m more in revenue than the group average and higher revenue and expenses per capita;
- Our population is also far more sparse with a density of 0.11 compared to 1.84 for the group;
- Cobar Shire Council has fewer pools, public halls and open space to manage compared to the group average;
- Pensioner rebates are 13.5% compared to 24.9% for the group (again as our population is younger);
- Our governance and administration costs are higher than the state average at 25%, as are roads, bridges and footpaths at 19%. Community services costs are higher at 17% and recreation and cultural spending at 15%. Environmental costs are far lower than the state average at 3%;
- Average residential rates fell in 2012 from \$395 to \$381;
- Asset maintenance expenditure rose slightly to \$5m.

Below is a table from the report with the comparative information for Cobar Shire Council (the full report on Cobar Shire Council is attached):

How Your Council is Performing	LGA	Group Avg
Governance & Administration Expenditure per capita	\$792.33	\$408.57
Environmental Expenditure per capita	\$163.46	\$212.14
Water & Sewer Services Expenditure per capita	\$451.43	\$389.81
Community Services & Amenities, Housing & Education Expenditure per capita	\$827.62	\$306.08
Recreational & Culture Expenditure per capita	\$385.32	\$267.58
Public Order, Safety & Health Expenditure per capita	\$155.75	\$132.83
Other Services Expenditure per capita	\$1,204.83	\$475.38
Average Kilogram Kerbside Dry Recyclables Collected per household/week	N/A	4.5
Average Kilogram Kerbside Garden Organics Collected per household/week	N/A	9.7
Average Kilogram Kerbside Residual Waste Collected per household/week	13.9	14.0
Total Domestic Diversion Rate for Council	0.0%	30.83%
Roads, Bridges and Footpath expenditure per capita	\$928.01	\$938.83
Metre Road Length per capita	470.49	234.72
Mean gross days for Development Applications	41	58
Number of Development Applications determined	39	89
Library Services Expenditure per capita	\$63.68	\$47.88
Library Circulation per capita	5.49	4.58
Percentage of Companion Animals Identified and Registered	53%	56.21%
Number of Companion Animals Identified	2,131	2,733

Conclusion

This report provides the data collected by DLG. 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 DLG website at www.dlg.nsw.gov.au.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receives and notes the information contained in the report on the comparison of NSW Councils for 2011/2012.

REPORT 2A– FUNDING FOR DALTON PARK HORSE COMPLEX

FILE:G4-17 AOP REFERENCE: 1.5.3.4 & 3.1.1.4 ATTACHMENT: NO

AUTHORS: *Acting Services Manager, Ken Wright*

Land Management Officer, Heather Holder

Purpose

The purpose of this report is for Council as the Trustee for the Dalton Park Racecourse (R630019) Reserve Trust to grant approval to accept a grant for the removal and replacement of the perimeter fence at the Dalton Park Horse Complex.

Background

Council in partnership with the User Groups of Dalton Park Horse Complex applied for funding through the 2013/2014 Public Reserves Management Fund Program for a grant of \$11,850 to remove and replace the perimeter fence at the Horse Complex.

The funding provided is \$11,850 which is for the purchase of fencing materials. Matching funding is being provided in the form of labour by the User Groups to remove and replace the perimeter fencing and by utilising a small amount of the existing Dalton Park Horse Complex Council budget with approximately 3 days machinery use.

Issues

Council as the Trustee for the Dalton Park Racecourse (R630019) Reserve Trust must approve or accept the grant.

Financial Implications

This project will utilise part of the existing budget for Dalton Park Horse Complex.

RECOMMENDATION

- 1. That Council, acting as Trust Manager for the Dalton Park Racecourse (D630019) Reserve Trust, accepts the grant 2013/14 Public Reserves Management Fund Program.**
- 2. That Council, acting as Trust Manager for the Dalton Park Racecourse (D630019) Reserve Trust, authorise the Mayor and the General Manager to sign all relevant documentation.**
- 3. That Council, acting as Trust Manager for the Dalton Park Racecourse (D630019) Reserve Trust, resolve to affix the Trusts seal to the funding agreement.**

REPORT 3A – RPT SERVICES, COBAR REGIONAL AIRPORT

FILE: A5-6

AOP REFERENCE: 4.3.2.2

ATTACHMENT: NO

AUTHOR: *General Manager, Gary Woodman*

Purpose

To consider applications and information from interested airlines who are prepared to provide RPT Services from Cobar Regional Airport.

Background

Council at its Extraordinary Meeting on 20 January 2014 considered a report concerning the REX Group Application for RPT Services from Cobar Regional Airport.

Council subsequently resolved as follows:

01.1.2014 RESOLVED:

1. *That the representative from 'The Rex Group' be invited to speak and answer questions.*
2. *That Council make a determination on 'The Rex Group's' request to enter into a partnership agreement.*
3. *That Council thank the representative from 'The Rex Group' for their attendance.*
4. *That Council seek further community comment on their views regarding the licensing of the Cobar – Sydney Air route.*
5. *That the report regarding the Rex Group Application for RPT Services, Cobar – Sydney be considered in Committee of the Whole Closed Council with the press and public excluded for the reasons stated in accordance with Section 10A (2)(c) and (d) (i) of the Local Government Act 1993 as the matter contains information that would if disclosed confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the Council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business and such commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it.*

Following further consideration of the matter in Committee of the Whole Closed Council, Council further resolved as follows:

02COW.1.2014 RESOLVED:

1. *That the information provided in regards to the Rex Group Application for RPT Services be noted.*
2. *That Council agree to a commercial agreement with the Rex Group if they are successful in being awarded the regulated route Cobar to Sydney by Transport NSW on the basis of:*
 - *Total Head Tax Revenue of \$22.00 per head inclusive of GST per passenger;*
 - *Passenger numbers cap to be minimum 11,500 before the Rex Group is eligible for collection of the RPT Payment with a 50% share arrangement between the Rex Group and Council for passenger numbers over the 11,500;*
 - *A 3 year agreement commencing 1 July 2014;*
 - *Allowance for an annual CPI increase;*
 - *Waiver on any terminal rental charges.*
3. *That the General Manager of Cobar Shire Council be the Cobar Community Representative in regards to the Transport NSW consultation process.*
4. *That Council delegate to the Finance and Policy Committee if required to make a final recommendation to Transport NSW and decisions on any commercial arrangements in relation to the most advantageous airline and air service for the regulated route Cobar to Sydney.*
5. *That commercial matter discussions in regards to the Rex Group Application for RPT Services remains in the Committee of the Whole Closed Council.*

Council is also aware that discussions with other airlines have also been undertaken and in particular with ConnectJet (Connect Airlines). These discussions have involved Engineering Service Department Officers, The Mayor, The General Manager, The Director of Corporate and Community Services and Senior Officers from CSA Mine, Endeavor Operations and Peak Gold Mine.

The proposal by Connect Airlines will be advised verbally at the Committee Meeting and it is hoped that documentation will also be available at that time.

At the time of writing this report Rex Group are yet to formally confirm their acceptance or any required changes to the proposed Commercial Agreement detailed above and it is hoped that this will also be available by the Committee Meeting.

Of concern is the latest Media Release from Regional Express that advises that given the unreasonable expectations and practices by Transport for NSW, the Rex Group is now reconsidering whether Air Link will apply for the longer term route licences for Cobar and Mudgee beyond 22 March 2014.

Issues

Information that is expected to be provided by any interested airline in servicing and providing a RPT service out of Cobar Regional Airport would be commercial in confidence and discussions thereof could also confer a commercial advantage on those persons.

Accordingly, it is recommended that a further report be considered in Committee of the Whole Closed Council with the press and public excluded as the matter contains information that would if disclosed confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the Council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business and such commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it.

RECOMMENDATION

- 1. That the RPT Services, Cobar Regional Airport Report be received and noted.**
- 2. That a further report regarding the RPT Services, Cobar Regional Airport be considered in Committee of the Whole Closed Council with the press and public excluded for the reasons stated in accordance with Section 10A (2)(c) and (d) (i) of the Local Government Act 1993 as the matter contains information that would if disclosed confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the Council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business and such commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it.**

**REPORT 1B – BANK RECONCILIATION, CASH FLOW & LOAN FACILITY
SUMMARIES AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2013**

FILE: B2-7

AOP: 3.1.1.5

ATTACHMENT: NO

AUTHOR: *Manager Finance & Administration, Neil Mitchell*

Purpose

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

Bank Reconciliation (NAB & Orana)

Balance as per Bank Statement – 31 December 2013 \$ 89,542.95

Add: Outstanding deposits \$ 0.00

Deduct: Unpresented Cheques (\$ 20,772.41)

BALANCE AS PER CASH BOOK 31 December 2013	\$ 68,770.54
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In accordance with the requirements of the Local Government Act, 1993, I hereby certify that the Cash Book has been reconciled with the appropriate Bank Statements on a daily basis, during the month of December 2013 and that the reconciliations have been recorded.



Manager Finance & Administration

**Summary of Total Funds Available at Month End,
31 December 2013**

Month	Investment Balances	Operating Account	Total Available Funds
Jan-13	2,267,106	1,008,851	3,275,957
Feb-13	3,647,974	165,077	3,813,051
Mar-13	3,897,268	27,447	3,924,716
Apr-13	4,331,178	62,765	4,393,943
May-13	4,942,144	185,338	5,127,482
Jun-13	6,800,469	47,099	6,847,568
Jul-13	6,762,636	487,501	7,250,137
Aug-13	6,958,021	880,066	7,838,087
Sep-13	6,407,476	125,737	6,533,213
Oct 13	6,066,108	351,008	6,417,116
Nov 13	6,291,092	288,661	6,579,753
Dec 13	6,145,504	68,771	6,214,275

Cash Flow

Forecast	Actual	Description	Forecast
Dec-13	Dec-13		Jan-14
288,661	288,661	Bank Balance Forward	68,771
	167,546	RFS Subsidy	
		Regional Roads Grant	435,875
	11,608	RTA	
483,556	1,177,890	RMS – Ordered Works	84,000
	110,000	RMS – RMCC Routine	
535,000	378,211	Rates /Water/User Charges	350,000
150,000	134,823	Private Works/Debtors	150,000
207,180	433,470	LBV – Residents Fees & Grant	100,000
90,000	82,020	Child Care/In Home Care	70,000
1,800,000	1,670,000	Transfer from ‘At Call’ Account	900,000
125,324	113,317	GST	90,000
	70,466	Cobar Water Board	
25,000	122,491	Sundry	25,000
		<i>Less</i>	
(2,100,000)	(2,332,423)	Creditors	(1,200,000)
(800,000)	(828,335)	Wages / Salaries	(600,000)
(741,221)	(1,508,710)	Transfer to ‘At Call’ Account	(400,000)
(22,264)	(22,264)	Loan Repayment <i>(refinanced during December)</i>	(22,300)
41,236	68,771	Closing Reconciled Bank Balance Cr/(Dr)	51,346
COUNCIL’S LOAN FACILITIES as at 31 December 2013			
Working Capital Loan (NAB 5.63%)			(\$ 700,000)
Refinanced NECU Loan (NAB 6.22%)			(\$ 1,973,502)
Closing Balance 31 December 2013			(\$2,673,502)

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receive and note the Bank Reconciliation, Cash Flow and Loan Facility Report for the month of December 2013.

REPORT 2B – INVESTMENT REPORT AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2013**FILE: B2-7****AOP REFERENCE: 3.1.1.7****ATTACHMENT: NO****AUTHOR: *Manager Finance & Administration, Neil Mitchell*****Purpose**

Council has requested that appropriate financial information be presented to each meeting of Council. The table below the balances of Council's Investments as at the report date. Funds available throughout the month for short-term investment were transferred to a NAB Sweep Account because the interest rate remains competitive. Net funds received from Sale of Council property continue to be preserved to assist in covering "Employee Leave Entitlements". Loan proceeds from a National Australia Bank loan draw-down of \$1m on 29 June 2012 were transferred to a NAB term deposit which is re-invested (principal and interest) every six months. This term deposit, attracting 3.79% interest, will mature on 6 May 2014. Another term deposit of \$3m was opened on 16 December attracting 3.75% interest and will mature on 16 June 2014. This deposit was opened to increase Council's interest income due to interest from the Sweep Account being lower than the forward estimates. Included in the table below is the approximate interest attributable to December 2013.

Date	Opening Balance	Transfers to Investments	Transfers from Investment	Interest earned – Investments- Month	Closing Balance
	01.12.2013				31.12.2013
NAB Sweep Acct	\$ 5,067,592	\$ 1,508,710	(\$4,692,002)	\$ 8,687	\$ 1,892,987
NAB Sweep Acct ELE	\$ 162,101	\$ 22,002			\$ 184,103
NAB Term Deposits					
3.79% Interest	\$ 1,061,399			\$ 2,700	\$ 1,064,099
3.75% Interest	\$ 0	3,000,000		\$ 4,315	\$ 3,004,315
Totals	\$6,291,092	\$4,660,710	(\$4,822,000)	\$15,702	\$6,145,504

I hereby certify that the above investments have been made in accordance with Section 625 of the Local Government Act 1993, and REPORT 212 of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2005 and the Council's investment policy.



Manager Finance & Administration

RECOMMENDATION**That Council receive and note the Investment Report as at 31 December 2013.**

**REPORT 3B – BANK RECONCILIATION, CASH FLOW & LOAN FACILITY
SUMMARIES AS AT 31 JANUARY 2014**

FILE: B2-7 AOP REFERENCE: 3.1.1.5 ATTACHMENT: NO
AUTHOR: *Manager Finance & Administration, Neil Mitchell*

Purpose

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

Bank Reconciliation (NAB & Orana)

Balance as per Bank Statement – 31 January 2014	\$ 60,049
Add: Outstanding deposits	\$ 7,553
Deduct: Unpresented Cheques	(\$ 19,327)

BALANCE AS PER CASH BOOK 31 January 2014	\$ 48,275
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In accordance with the requirements of the Local Government Act, 1993, I hereby certify that the Cash Book has been reconciled with the appropriate Bank Statements on a daily basis, during the month of January 2014 and that the reconciliations have been recorded.



Manager Finance & Administration

**Summary of Total Funds Available at Month End,
31 January 2014**

Month	Investment Balances	Operating Account	Total Available Funds
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Mar-13	3,897,268	27,447	3,924,716
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Jun-13	6,800,469	47,099	6,847,568
Jul-13	6,762,636	487,501	7,250,137
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Oct 13	6,066,108	351,008	6,417,116
Nov 13	6,291,092	288,661	6,579,753
Dec 13	6,145,504	68,771	6,214,275
Jan 14	5,891,331	48,275	5,939,606

Cash Flow

Forecast	Actual	Description	Forecast
Jan-14	Jan-14		Feb-14
68,771	68,771	Bank Balance Forward	48,275
435,875	435,875	Regional Roads Grant	
		Financial Assistance Grant	605,762
84,000	92,400	RMS – Ordered Works	
350,000	381,870	Rates /Water/User Charges	500,000
150,000	163,390	Private Works/Debtors	150,000
100,000	57,200	LBV – Residents Fees & Grant	210,000
70,000	60,400	Child Care/In Home Care	100,000
900,000	803,000	Transfer from ‘At Call’ Account	600,000
90,000	93,190	GST	34,000
25,000	7,430	Sundry	25,000
	25,380	Plant Sales	
	60,340	Rebates and Credits	
		<i>Less</i>	
(1,200,000)	(1,009,017)	Creditors	(1,500,000)
(600,000)	(634,310)	Wages / Salaries	(620,000)
(400,000)	(535,830)	Transfer to ‘At Call’ Account	(80,737)
(22,300)	(21,814)	Loan Repayment <i>(refinanced during December)</i>	(22,300)
51,346	48,275	Closing Reconciled Bank Balance Cr/(Dr)	50,000
COUNCIL’S LOAN FACILITIES as at 31 January 2014			
Working Capital Loan (NAB 5.63%)			(\$ 700,000)
Refinanced NECU Loan (NAB 6.22%)			(\$1,961,663)
Closing Balance 31 January 2014			(\$2,661,663)

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receive and note the Bank Reconciliation, Cash Flow and Loan Facility Report for the month of January 2014.

REPORT 4B – INVESTMENT REPORT AS AT 31 JANUARY 2014**FILE: B2-7****AOP REFERENCE: 3.1.1.7****ATTACHMENT: NO****AUTHOR: *Manager Finance & Administration, Neil Mitchell*****Purpose**

Council has requested that appropriate financial information be presented to each meeting of Council. The table below the balances of Council's Investments as at the report date. Funds available throughout the month for short-term investment were transferred to a NAB Sweep Account because the interest rate remains competitive. Net funds received from Sale of Council property continue to be preserved to assist in covering "Employee Leave Entitlements". Loan proceeds from a National Australia Bank loan draw-down of \$1m on 29 June 2012 were transferred to a NAB term deposit which is re-invested (principal and interest) every six months. The current term deposit, attracting 3.79% interest, will mature on 6 May 2014 and will therefore provide additional income over the investment term. Included in the table below is the approximate interest attributable to January 2014.

Date	Opening Balance	Transfers to Investments	Transfers from Investment	Interest earned – Investments- Month	Closing Balance
	01.01.2014				31.01.2014
NAB Sweep Acct	\$ 1,892,987	\$ 531,904	(\$ 803,000)	\$ 3,929	\$ 1,625,820
NAB Sweep Acct ELE	\$ 184,103				\$ 184,103
NAB Term Deposit, Mat. 06/05/2014; 3.79% Int.	\$ 1,064,099			\$ 3,425	\$ 1,067,524
	\$ 3,004,315			\$ 9,569	\$ 3,013,884
Totals	\$ 6,145,504	\$ 531,904	(\$ 803,000)	\$ 16,923	\$ 5,891,331

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



Manager Finance & Administration

RECOMMENDATION**That Council receive and note the Investment Report for the month of January 2014.**

REPORT 5B – RATES RECONCILIATION TO 31 JANUARY 2014**FILE: R2-1****AOP REFERENCE: 3.1.1.6****ATTACHMENT: YES (PAGE 23-24)****AUTHOR: Rates Officer, Jo-Louise Brown****Purpose**

To provide Council details of the Rate Reconciliation as at 31 January 2014.

FUND	LEVY 2013-2014	Pensioner Rebates	Abandoned Levy	Additional Levies	Sub Total 2013-2014	Arrears 30th Jun 13	Payments	Total Outstanding	Total Outstanding Previous Year	% Outstanding of Sub Total Plus Arrears
Business	349,572.86	328.93	192.00	318.00	349,369.93	19,111.15	251,786.02	116,695.06	99,881.05	31.67%
Farmland	606,290.59	2,625.00	301.00	729.45	604,094.04	25,447.15	367,432.57	262,108.62	196,144.90	41.63%
Mining	1,342,103.85		-	144,150.00	1,486,253.85	0.00	728,621.81	757,632.04	528,611.26	50.98%
Residential	1,078,701.04	49,026.93	2,175.81	492.00	1,027,990.30	124,727.96	643,529.48	509,188.78	447,948.73	44.17%
Overpayments					-	-121,599.18	-68,995.06	-52,604.12	-71,208.66	43.26%
Legal Costs			-	5,685.84	5,685.84	22,376.90	8,541.47	19,521.27	23,408.72	69.56%
Interest			490.06	4,065.18	3,575.12	47,185.88	7,124.01	43,636.99	53,600.66	85.97%
General Rates	3,376,668.34	51,980.86	3,158.87	155,440.47	3,476,969.08	117,249.86	1,938,040.30	1,656,178.64	1,278,386.66	46.08%
Domestic Waste	519,220.00	18,264.14	1,129.59	210.95	500,037.22	19,429.90	332,929.85	186,537.27	176,532.20	35.91%
Sewerage	657,310.00	19,643.75	620.00	-	637,046.25	21,661.84	419,047.29	239,660.80	231,610.31	36.38%
Cobar Water	577,754.00	21,043.75	227.00	-	556,483.25	21,203.32	382,687.19	194,999.38	192,156.85	33.76%
Nymagee Water	24,220.00	612.50	329.97	-	23,277.53	4,315.39	15,765.87	11,827.05	11,016.61	42.86%
Euabalong Water	36,115.00	1,312.50	1,562.83	-	33,239.67	7,383.17	22,111.27	18,511.57	19,798.74	45.57%
Euab West Water	22,780.00	612.50	555.00	-	21,612.50	4,102.76	14,153.16	11,562.10	21,878.46	44.96%
Mt Hope Water	4,585.00	-	-	-	4,585.00	308.26	3,586.47	1,306.79	1,297.77	26.71%
Water Access	665,454.00	23,581.25	2,674.80	-	639,197.95	37,312.90	438,303.96	238,206.89	246,148.43	35.21%
Water Usage	888,298.80		27,686.30	-	860,612.50	461,357.26	1,127,034.98	194,934.78	113,597.20	14.75%
TOTAL	6,106,951.14	113,470.00	35,269.56	155,651.42	6,113,863.00	657,011.76	4,255,356.38	2,515,518.38	2,046,274.80	37.15%

RECOMMENDATION**That the Rates Reconciliation Report as at the 31 January 2014 be received and noted.**

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FINANCE & POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 13 FEBRUARY 2014

REPORT 6B – GRANT FUNDING

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ATTACHMENT: NO

AUTHOR: *Special Projects Officer, Angela Shepherd***Grant Update**

Grant and Department	Activity	Amount Applied For	Successful?	Council Funding Required	Deadline for Project
Grants Applied for					
Training and Community Access – Western CMA	Purchase of a solar system to run the Indigenous Nursery	\$5,374	Pending	Nil	
NSW Country Library's Fund	To enclose the alcove at the library and turn it into a meeting room with facilities and compactuses installed in the library to house the local history collection appropriately.	\$93,020	Pending	\$10,000 from the matching grants allocation.	
ANZAC Centenary Local Grants Program	Development of a travelling exhibition, booklet and visual display on RSL exterior.	\$10,000	Pending	Nil, however other community donations required and being sought.	April 2015
NSW Sport and Recreation	Project to improve Drummond Park playground area with installation of synthetic grass.	\$35,000	Pending	Matching	2015.

Grant and Department	Activity	Amount Applied For	Successful?	Council Required	Funding	Comment
Grants Announced						
Community Building Partnerships	Supply and installation of a new piece of playground equipment in Drummond Park	\$13,655	Unsuccessful	Matching		March 2015
Remote Airstrip Access Fund	Purchase and installation of new gable markers and wind sock pole at Nymagee airstrip	\$15,779	Successful	To seek matching funds from Hera VPA through Committee		30 June 2014
Indent Funding	Little Big Day Out – Council as a sponsor for the Youth Council.	\$2,500	Successful	Nil.		Event successfully held February 1 2014
Youth Week 2014	NSW Government	\$1,230	Successful	Matching		Youth Week 2014

Current Grant Opportunities:

- Crime Prevention Grants currently open. Up to \$50,000 for a project addressing a key issue identified in the Crime Prevention Plan. Closes 7 March 2014.

Resources for Regions Round 2 – Three Cobar Applications invited:

- Cobar Airport pavement strengthening and lighting upgrade - \$2.5m;
- Upgrade to the sewer network, including Ward Oval pump station, bank stabilisation at the lagoons, expansion of the network into the industrial area and chlorination of the reuse water - \$2.2m, with \$100,000 Council contribution;
- Cobar Water Board twin pipeline replacement project - \$10.3m requested with \$5.7m Cobar Water Board funds contributed to make a \$16m project – Stage 1.

All full applications are due 21 February 2014.

RECOMMENDATION

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

ATTACHMENTS



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