

# **COBAR SHIRE COUNCIL**



## **ORDINARY MEETING AGENDA**

**THURSDAY 23 APRIL 2015**

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## ~ ORDER OF BUSINESS ~

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Business for the meeting will be as follows:

1. Apologies
  2. Declaration of Interests
  3. Condolences
  4. Confirmation of Minutes
    - Ordinary Meeting of Council – Thursday, 26 March 2015
    - Finance and Policy Committee Meeting – Thursday, 9 April 2015
    - Works Committee Meeting – Thursday, 9 April 2015
  5. Matters Arising from Minutes
  6. Notice of Motions
  7. Mayoral Report
  8. General Manager's Report – Part A (Action)
  9. General Manager's Report – Part B (Information)
  10. General Manager's Report – Part C (Confidential)
  11. Matters of Urgency
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*That the report regarding the Gravel Crushing Tender Report be considered in the Committee of the Whole Closed Council with the press and public excluded for the reasons stated in Section 10A (2)(d)(i) of the Local Government Act 1993 as it contains commercial information of a confidential nature that would if disclosed prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it.*

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## **~ COUNCIL'S VISION ~**

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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.

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## **~ COUNCIL'S MISSION ~**

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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 ~**

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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.

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## ~ COUNCIL'S CHARTER ~

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

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

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## ~ COUNCIL DIARY ~

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DATE	ACTIVITY	INVOLVES
Thursday 23 April 2015 (2:00pm)	Wooltrack Advisory Committee Meeting	Councillors/Senior Staff/ Community
Thursday 23 April 2015 (5:00pm)	Council Meeting	Councillors/Senior Staff/ Community
Wednesday, 6 May 2015 (11:00am)	Rural Roads Advisory Committee Meeting	Councillors/Senior Staff/ Community
Thursday 14 May 2015 (5:00pm)	Committee Meetings	Councillors/Senior Staff/ Community
Wednesday 20 May 2015 (6:30pm)	Public Meeting Presentation of Draft 2015/2016 AOP, Revenue Statement, Fees and Charges, Budget and LTFFP	Councillors/Senior Staff/ Community
Thursday 21 May 2015 (5:00pm)	Council Meeting	Councillors/Senior Staff/ Community

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**NOTICE OF MOTION (MATTER OF URGENCY) – SENIOR STAFFING  
EMPLOYMENT CONTRACT TENURE ARRANGEMENTS**

**FILE: S5-1**

**AOP REFERENCE: 3.3.2.1**

**ATTACHMENT: NO**

**AUTHOR: *Councillor, Peter Yench***

**RECOMMENDATION**

**That advice be obtained to determine how Senior Council Staff can properly adhere to their Staff Employment Contracts to ensure that employment tenure is in accordance with the contract time and that in the case of a breach that the relevant staff member would be responsible for replacement advertising costs.**

**Explanation**

Over many years Cobar Shire Council has seen many Senior Staff and Managers not adhere to the tenor of their contract of employment ie say 5 years and Council has had to re-advertise positions at some cost. Corporate memory is also lost which is also a major cost to the Organisation.

Council needs to determine if it is possible to limit early change of senior staff and have costs reimbursed.

This is being considered a matter of urgency due to the recent resignation of a Director and the advertisement for the position.



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**CLAUSE 1A – 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 April 2015.**

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**CLAUSE 2A – FIT FOR THE FUTURE AND JOINT ORGANISATION OF COUNCILS CONSIDERATION REPORT**

**FILE: L5-22 AOP REFERENCE: 3.1 ATTACHMENT: YES (PAGE 58-92)**

**AUTHOR: *General Manager, Gary Woodman***

**Purpose**

The purpose of this report is for Council to consider a further report on whether to be involved in the transition towards a joint organisation and if so which joint organisation, the Orana Regional Organisational of Councils or the proposed Western Joint Organisation (Western Division Councils of NSW) and to determine whether Council should submit a Fit for the Future Council Improvement Proposal Submission that shows Council working towards being sustainable and Fit for the Future.

**Background**

Council at its Meeting on the 26 March 2015 considered a Report concerning the Fit for the Future Program from the NSW Government and whether it should be involved in a Joint Organisation of Councils.

Council subsequently resolved as follows:

*That the matter in regards to Fit for the Future and Joint Organisation of Councils Report be held until after the result of the State Election and when we are provided with further information.*

Attached is a copy of the 26 February 2015 Report.

Council is aware that the coalition party (Liberal/ Nationals) were re-elected at the State Government Election on 28 March 2015.

Additional information is attached as follows:

- Letter from the Minister for Local Government to OROC, further explaining the Fit for the Future Program and the Far West Initiative;
- The Far West Initiative – Government Agencies Forum – Summary of Outcomes.

The Mayor, Deputy Mayor and relevant Manex Members held a Video Conference with Far West Councils and it has been found that only Bourke Shire Council and Cobar Shire Council are seriously considering providing a Council Improvement Proposal Fit for the Future submission by the deadline of 30 June 2015.

**Issues**

Council has provided a budget amounting to \$40,000 to help provide a Council Improvement Proposal Submission however it is believed that with the remaining two months to the deadline of 30 June 2015 there is insufficient time to undertake all of what is necessary to provide a proper submission that also includes community consultation.

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It is believed that Cobar Shire Council is well positioned to be sustainable into the future as a standalone Council, however it is complicated by having to be involved in the Far West Initiative where Council is working with the other seven Councils identified to participate and the NSW Government to look at ways of improving service delivery in Far West NSW.

Councillors need to consider whether Cobar Shire Council should be involved with OROC that has much of the required structure of a Joint Organisation in place or the proposed Western Joint Organisation being considered by the Western Division Councils of NSW.

### **Financial Implications**

There is an appropriate budget amounting to \$40,000 to engage a suitable consultant(s) to help in preparing a Fit for the Future Council Improvement Proposal Submission but time is not on Councils side. A proposal has been received from a reputable Firm – Morrison Low and they could be engaged very quickly.

### **Options**

Council does not need to put in a Fit for the Future Council Improvement Proposal Submission.

Council can continue to work with the NSW Government on what is proposed for the Far West Initiative.

OROC would like Cobar Shire Council to be involved in a Joint Organisation encompassing the OROC Councils but we do not need to make a clear decision yet.

At the present time there has been no clear investigation or analysis in regard to the proposed Western NSW Joint Organisation muted by the Western Division Councils of NSW.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

- 1. That Cobar Shire Council not make a Fit for the Future Council Improvement Proposal Submission unless the need arises in the future.**
- 2. 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.**
- 3. That no decision be made yet on whether Cobar Shire Council is to be part of the OROC Joint Organisation or proposed Western NSW Joint Organisation as proposed by the Western Division Councils of NSW.**

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**CLAUSE 3A – THIRD QUARTERLY REVIEW OF THE ANNUAL OPERATIONAL PLAN 2014/2015**

**FILE: L5-22**

**AOP REFERENCE: 3.1**

**ATTACHMENT: YES**

**(UNDER SEPARATE COVER)**

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

**Purpose**

To provide Council with a detailed review of all actions outlined in the Annual Operational Plan 2014/2015 for the third quarter (i.e. January to March 2015).

**Background**

At the June 2014 Ordinary Council Meeting, Council adopted the 2014/15 Annual Operational Plan (AOP) and Budget. Council is obliged to review the AOP and Budget each quarter, under the NSW Integrated Planning and Reporting Legislation and Guidelines. The budget review will be presented as a separate paper at the May Ordinary Meeting of Council. It should be remembered that this review is only for the period January to March 2015 and does not cover actions or activities that have occurred since then.

**Issues**

Each responsible officer has provided the attached review of their operations. All actions outlined in the AOP have been addressed and statistics are provided where appropriate.

A summary of the major projects undertaken in Q3 and the emerging concerns for Q4 are as follows:

**Governance**

- Fit for the Future – under the NSW Government’s reform of Local Government there are two main aspects. The preparation of a Fit for the Future submission from each Council and the Far West Initiative. As Cobarr is a member of the prospective Far West Initiative, we are not compelled to prepare a submission. Council believes they are well positioned to be sustainable into the future as a standalone Council. Submissions are due by 30 June 2015 and the Government is due to make their assessment of all submissions by 30 October 2015;
- Under the Far West Initiative, Council is working with the other seven Councils identified to participate and the NSW Government is to look at ways of improving service delivery in Far West NSW.

**Community Services**

- The extension to the Lilliane Brady Village has commenced with an expected completion date of June 2015. Opportunity has been taken to carry out other compliance requirements during construction;

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- Vacancies continue to exist at the Lilliane Brady Village and this will impact on the net operating performance for the year;
  - The IT Support Tender was awarded during the quarter and the enhanced requirements are being well provided;
  - The extension of vacation care has been further developed and the Manager Children's Services is currently seeking interest for possible attendees. The 'Youthie' is also further developing programs for the older age group over the school vacations;
  - The Draft Budget has been heavily workshopped and is the subject of a separate Report in this agenda.

### Engineering

- Council has almost finished the first of their Resources for Regions Projects, the upgrade to the pavement and lighting at the Cobar Regional Airport. The works have included sealing the cross strip to allow it to be used whilst work on the main runway took place. The pavement was then reconstructed on the main runway and the apron. It was sealed and the line marking undertaken. A new lighting system that is compliant with CASA's current standards has been installed and Council is now awaiting final certification of the airport, allowing larger aircraft (over 30 seat capacity) to land on a regular basis. The project is in the close-out stage;
- Council has been successful in gaining additional much needed funding for the road network. Two projects funded by the NSW Government through the Fixing Country Roads Program will commence shortly: \$800,000 project to realign the sharp bend at Kangaroo Springs and to undertake work on the pavement in the adjacent floodway on the Nymagee to Hermidale Road; and a \$420,000 project near Tilpa to install new culverts at Acres Billabong. These two projects were identified as priority areas to maintain connection between production areas and markets. This is the first round of that program and Council will continue to identify priority areas for future rounds; The NSW Government has also announced a further \$4.25m for widening of the Kidman Way South. It is hoped this will allow the highway to be widened all the way to the Priory Tank Road intersection to Nymagee. Council has been concerned about the safety of this section of road and was very pleased to hear the announcement of additional funding. Planning is currently underway and works will commence in 2015/2016;
- Council has been busy with the site investigation and design work for a new Water Treatment Plant, also to be funded under the Resources for Regions Program. The design is almost finalised. It is anticipated that construction will commence in the second half of 2015/2016. The new plant will be located on the flat country just east of the current treatment plant. The final cost of the project will not be known until Tenders are received. The plant will have double the daily processing capacity of the current plant and this should assist Council to improve the water quality to residents.

### Planning and Environmental Services

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- A draft Waste Strategy is being developed with waste collection services (domestic waste and recycling) being costed. A Councillor Workshop is being scheduled for Q4 to discuss content of the strategy;
  - Council is currently assessing a modification application lodged by Black Oak Minerals for Mount Boppy Mine. This application is currently being publicly exhibited and comments are being sought by a number of relevant State Government Authorities;
  - Council has been successful in two grant applications seeking funding to undertake environmental improvement works to the Cobar Waste Disposal Facility. These works will be the largest upgrades undertaken at any waste facility in Cobar Shire since the original development of the current waste facility in Cobar.

### **Legal Situation**

Council must review the AOP quarterly as per the NSW Integrated Planning and Reporting Guidelines.

### **Policy Implications**

The report outlines what has been achieved to date, what has not been achieved and why, and highlights any concerns regarding the actions in the AOP. Councillors are encouraged to read through the report to get an understanding of where each of the actions has progressed to and to understand any possible issues that may need addressing in future quarters.

### **Financial Implications**

Any financial implications are outlined in the budget review.

### **Risk Implication**

Any risks to achieving outcomes are listed in the report.

## **RECOMMENDATION**

**That Council receives and endorses the third quarterly review of the 2014/2015 Annual Operational Plan, covering the period January to March 2015.**

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**CLAUSE 4A – COUNCIL’S INTEGRATED PLANNING AND REPORTING (IP&R) DRAFT DOCUMENTS FOR PUBLIC EXHIBITION**

**FILE: L5-22**

**AOP REFERENCE: 3.3**

**ATTACHMENT: YES**

**(UNDER SEPARATE COVER)**

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

**Purpose**

For Council to place the Draft 2015/2016 Annual Operational Plan, including the Revenue Policy, Fees and Charges, Budget and 10 Year Financial Plan, on public exhibition for at least 28 days to gain feedback from the community so that appropriate comments can be considered prior to adoption. This is a requirement of Section 405 of the Local Government Act 1993.

**Background**

Under the Integrated Planning and Reporting framework, Council is required to adopt the Annual Operational Plan (including Revenue Policy, Fees and Charges and Budget) by 30 June each year to allow the sending of rates notices within the required time. Prior to adoption, Council must exhibit the draft documents for a minimum of 28 days to seek community input and must then consider any submissions prior to adoption.

The draft documents will be placed in the Shire Libraries, the Administration Building and on Council’s Website. The community will be alerted to the release of the draft documents through the media and Council’s Website.

Council will hold a Public Meeting on Wednesday, 20 May 2015 at 6:30pm in the Council Chambers to explain the documents to those interested and to receive feedback from the community.

**Executive Summary**

The budget assumptions are shown in the attachment.

- Increases in fees and charges have generally been kept in line with the rate peg of 2.4% or legislated amounts. However, landing fees at the airport have been reduced as Council strives to attract a new passenger service to Cobar. Prices at the swimming pool also remain unchanged;
- In 2015/2016 Council will spend \$11.797m on capital expenditure across all funds (up from \$8.7m 2014/2015). This includes \$4.8m from the General Fund, \$4.3m from the Water Fund and \$1.9m from the Sewer Fund. Successful projects under the Resources for Regions program have again greatly impacted the capital budget in 2015/2016;
- The 15 year rolling works program has been re-evaluated, keeping in mind the demand on machinery to undertake the upcoming capital works. \$1.2m has been allocated to plant purchases;
- Council will undertake \$1.52m of work under the Roads to Recovery program during the year, a doubling of the usual expenditure due to increased funding from the Federal Government. Council will continue to spend \$200,000 on

shire and town road reseals and \$176,000 on gravel re sheeting as per the Special Rate Variation agreement from 2013/2014. A further \$800,000 of capital works will be undertaken on the road network under the Regional Repair Program;

- Funds have also been allocated to undertake works on key public buildings, such as the Great Cobar Heritage Centre, to upgrade playgrounds to required standards and Council will continue to work with the NSW Government and the Health Council on planning for the proposed Multipurpose Health Service. A number of these projects will require public input.

### Sensitivities

- Occupancy at the Lilliane Brady Village has been assumed at 98% which until the current financial year has been easily achieved. Year ended 2014/2015 has proven to be difficult with occupancy likely to be under 90%.
- Interest rates have been assumed to remain at current levels – latest iron ore prices are probably a pre cursor to a reduction in rates. This will impact investment revenues but will have little impact on term borrowings which are already set.
- Revaluation of key infrastructure assets will probably lead to a significant alteration to depreciation. This will not be available until late May 2015 and will be factored into the final version of the budget at adoption.

### Summary

The table below shows the operating surplus / deficit (i.e. after deducting Capital Grants and Contributions) by fund and total for the four year period to 2018/2019:

Surplus / Deficit	General	Water	Sewer	Waste	Total
2015-2016	1,177,174	150,455	79	41,293	1,369,000
2016-2017	661,217	161,707	-2,365	143,194	963,753
2017-2018	484,641	111,527	8,454	147,310	751,933
2018-2019	491,899	126,993	19,598	151,517	790,007

The table below show the cash generation by fund and total for the four year period 2018/2019:

Cash	General	Water	Sewer	Waste	Total
2015-2016	-5,219	660,782	181,919	36,501	873,983
2016-2017	439,045	186,449	290,135	198,402	1,114,031
2017-2018	265,954	206,802	297,879	202,518	973,154
2018-2019	534,407	222,268	88,371	206,725	1,051,771



The key elements of the budget are contained in the table below:

		<b>2015/2016</b>	
	<b>Revenue</b>	<b>Expenditure</b>	<b>Surplus/Deficit</b>
<b>General Fund</b>			
Governance	130,169	709,379	-579,210
Corporate Support	5,851,539	8,128,939	-2,277,400
Public Order & Safety	240,369	526,010	-285,640
Public Health	207,769	425,856	-218,087
Community Services & Education	4,494,648	4,446,165	48,482
Housing & Community Amenities	299,920	684,858	-384,939
Recreation & Culture	283,498	2,089,663	-1,806,164
Mining & Manufacture	40,235	42,304	-2,069
Transport & Communication	6,182,136	6,408,805	-226,669
Economic Affairs	4,216,389	3,894,114	322,275
Interest Paid		135,931	-135,931
Loss on Disposal of Plant		0	0
General Purpose Revenues	6,760,525		6,760,525
Investment Earnings	152,000		152,000
Project Fees	210,000		210,000
<b>TOTAL GENERAL FUND OPERATIONS</b>	<b>29,069,197</b>	<b>27,492,023</b>	<b>1,577,174</b>
<b>Other Funds</b>			
Water	7,116,885	2,523,745	4,593,140
Sewer	2,529,530	764,611	1,764,919
Domestic Waste	892,415	693,122	199,293
<b>TOTAL OTHER FUNDS</b>	<b>10,538,831</b>	<b>3,981,479</b>	<b>6,557,352</b>
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>39,608,028</b>	<b>31,473,502</b>	<b>8,134,525</b>
<i>less Capital Grants and Contributions</i>			
General Fund			400,000
Water Fund			4,442,685
Sewer Fund			1,764,840
Waste Fund			158,000
Total Capital Grants and Contributions			6,765,525
<b>Operating surplus/ deficit after capital</b>			<b>1,369,000</b>
To retained earnings			1,369,000
(Depreciation)			4,416,705)

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The key elements of the cash flow are contained in the table below:

**Cash and cash equivalents**

	<b>2015/2016</b>
<b>Opening Balance</b>	7,500,000
From operations	8,134,525
<u>add back</u> depreciation	4,416,705
<u>add back</u> other non cash items	0
Principal Repayments	446,723
New Borrowings	
Capital spend	11,797,384
Disposal Proceeds	566,860
<b>Years Movement</b>	873,983
Closing Balance	8,373,983
To Reserves	167,700
From Reserves	0
Reserves Balance Increase	167,700
Non Reserves Balance	8,206,283

**Legal Situation**

Council must adopt the Annual Operational Plan by 30 June 2015 to allow the sending of rate notices within the required time.

**Financial Implications**

There will be a small cost for advertising the exhibition of the plan, which will be met from the existing budget allocation.

**RECOMMENDATION**

**That Council places the attached Draft 2015/2016 Annual Operational Plan including the Revenue Policy, Fees and Charges, Budget and 10 Year Financial Plan, on public exhibition for a minimum of 28 days to seek community feedback prior to adoption.**

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**CLAUSE 5A – QUOTATION FOR THE SUPPLY OF TRADES AND MISCELLANEOUS SERVICES 2012/2015 UPDATE**

**FILE: T3-12-5**

**AOP REFERENCE: 3.3.4.1**

**ATTACHMENT: NO**

**AUTHOR: *Director of Engineering Services, Errol George***

**Background**

Throughout the year Council uses various contractors for the supply of 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 Work Health and Safety (WH&S) Compliance and or 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**

The Company listed below has provided sufficient documentation to be included on Council's regulatory approved Contractors.

<b>Company</b>	<b>Service Provided</b>
JC Aus Plumbing Pty Ltd	Plumbing 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 quotation received will be available for perusal at the Council Meeting.

**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 JC Aus Plumbing Pty Ltd be included in Council's Register of Approved Contractors for the Supply of Trades and Miscellaneous Services 2012/2015.**

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**CLAUSE 6A – COBAR TRUCK WASH STATUS REPORT**

**FILE: A10-30**

**AOP REFERENCE: 3.1.1.2**

**ATTACHMENT: YES**

**(PAGE 93-106)**

**AUTHOR: *Director of Engineering Services, Errol George***

**Background**

In August 2014, Council made a submission to Department of Infrastructure and Regional Development of the Australian Government under the Heavy Vehicle Safety and Productivity Program (HVSPP) Round Four for a grant under the program towards construction of a new Truck Wash at Cobar. See the attached Program Criteria and Proposal Form.

The original Truck Wash had been closed some time ago, with a decision to reconstruct the Truck Wash to ensure compliance with current environmental requirements. It had also been identified that there is a need for a public accessible Truck Wash in Cobar.

The submission was made on the basis of \$90,000.00 to be provided by grant with an equivalent amount to be provided by Council with a total project cost of \$180,000.00 an allocation of \$90,000.00 was made in Council's 2014/2015 Budget to allow for Council's contribution to the project.

**Issues**

Whilst there was an expectation at the time of the submission that a decision would be made within a short time Council is yet to be advised whether the subject submission has been accepted or has not been short-listed.

**RECOMMENDATION**

**In view of not receiving any advice on the success or not of Council's Heavy Vehicle Safety and Productivity Program Submission that Council maintain funding within the 2014/2015 and 2015/2016 budgets with a view to reconstruction of the Cobar Truck Wash and that should the current submission not be approved further submissions are made under the same criteria.**

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**CLAUSE 7A – EOI – LEASE, MANAGEMENT AND MAINTENANCE OF COBAR REGIONAL AIRPORT**

**FILE: A5-1**

**AOP REFERENCE: 4.3.2**

**ATTACHMENT: NO**

**AUTHOR: *Director of Engineering Services, Errol George***

**Purpose**

To obtain direction from Council in relation to the proposed EOI for the lease, management and maintenance of the Cobar regional Airport and future master planning.

**Background**

Cobar Regional Airport is currently under the ownership of Cobar Shire Council with all management and maintenance activities conducted by Council. Council has previously identified that there may be advantages in calling for expressions of interest from private parties to lease the Airport taking responsibility for management and maintenance of all facilities and operational matters.

Council has recently completed reconstruction of all pavements at the Airport and replacement of night-lighting facilities to meet current requirements of the Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA). This has been in conjunction with an application to CASA for certification of the Airport.

**Issues**

In regard to the application to CASA for certification, CASA have extended the deadline for completion of all requirements to mid-May 2015. Draft documentation has been prepared for submission to CASA for review and this is underway. CASA have also advised that certification from an externally accredited auditor will be sufficient for close-out of all civil and electrical works from the recent reconstruction work.

At present there are no Regular Public Transport (RPT) movements at Cobar Regional Airport, but Council remains approachable to any interested party in the commencement of RPT operations from the Airport. The Airport is currently used for a reasonable level of charter operations for ‘fly-in; fly-out’ mining activities.

It has also been identified that master-planning of the development of the Airport is important to ensure that all future development at the site is carried out in a manner that does not compromise long-term development projects. Council has recently made a submission to NSW Government for funding under a Tourism Grant for extension/refurbishment/replacement of the existing terminal building together with upgrading of refueling facilities at the Airport.

It is recommended that no immediate action is taken by Council to explore leasing of the Airport together with outsourcing management and maintenance as it is important that Council make further unimpeded headway with finalisation of requirements for

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certification and attraction of an RPT Operator. The Airport House has also been leased to a Senior Council employee and is not available as part of any EOI.

It is also recommended that following these milestones being met, a business plan be compiled by Council to allow for full exploration of all future commercial opportunities available for future development at the Airport in conjunction with development of a master plan for the Airport.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

- 1. That no immediate future action is taken in regard to leasing of the Cobar Regional Airport nor private management and maintenance and that all of these activities remain with Council until decided otherwise;**
- 2. 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.**

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**CLAUSE 8A – MAINTENANCE OF STOCK CONTROL STRUCTURES**

**FILE: P5-29, R5-9 AOP REFERENCE: 4.3.1.2**

**ATTACHMENT: YES**

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**AUTHOR: *Director of Engineering Services, Errol George***

**Purpose**

To provide costing information on the maintenance of Stock Control Structures (i.e. grids) in other immediate Shires and within Cobar Shire.

**Background**

The Rural Roads Advisory Committee requested copies of Grid Policies from neighbouring Shires including Central Darling Shire, Lachlan and Bourke Shires to incorporate aspects into Cobar Shire Council's Approval, Installation and Maintenance of Stock Control Structures in Public Road (Public Gates, Grids, RAMPS and Stock Races).

Grid Policies were obtained from Carrathool Shire, Central Darling Shire, Wentworth Shire, Brewarrina Shire and Dubbo City (see attachment). As Carrathool and Wentworth Shire Councils were the only Councils that contributed to cleaning costs of grids further information was sought from these Councils on their actual costs (see attachment). Central Darling Shire was also contacted however they did not provide any additional information.

**Issues**

Council's Register of Grids for Cobar Shire has not been updated since 1998 therefore it is not possible to accurately provide financial costings to clean, maintain or replace grids.

**Legal Situation & Policy Implications**

Under the Roads Act of 1993, Council is under no obligation to provide a minimum level of service in respect to maintenance of grids and stock races on public roads under its control.

**Financial Implications**

As the Grids Register has not been recently updated it is difficult to determine the number of grids within the Cobar Shire. It is estimated that it would cost approximately \$25,000 to fully replace a grid on a Shire Road and \$40,000 on a Regional Road double grid within the Cobar Shire. To clean a grid it is estimated that it would cost approximately \$1,200 per grid. This is based on an average estimation for travel time for a crew to conduct such work.

**Options**

It is recommended that no decision is made at this time, pending recompilation by Council of the Grid Register. This will include information on location, size and

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condition of the grid and associated wings and signs. Photographs of each grid and associated infrastructure will also be taken.

Following recompilation of this Register Council will be able to make an informed decision on the Grid Policy, taking into account all financial implications.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

- 1. 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.**
- 2. 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.**



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## **CLAUSE 9A – GRAVEL CRUSHING TENDER REPORT**

**FILE: T3-11-9**

**AOP REFERENCE: 4.3.2**

**ATTACHMENT: NO**

**AUTHOR: *Owen Johns and Associates on behalf of Director of Engineering Services, Errol George (Errol George is in concurrence with this report).***

### **Purpose**

To provide a report to Council that summarises the recently conducted tender process for the Crushing of Gravel.

### **Background**

Open tenders were called for the Crushing of Gravel for Cobar Council. Tenders closed on 12 March 2015. Tenders were received from the following contractors:

1. All Gravel Plant Hire Pty Ltd;
2. Bruces Contracting Services Pty Ltd;
3. Calvani Crushing;
4. J Prisk Contractors;
5. Kileen Plant Hire Pty Ltd;
6. Milbrae Quarries Pty Ltd;
7. Neill Earthmoving Pty Ltd;
8. Regional Crushing and Screening.

Tenders were evaluated by Owen Johns of Owen Johns and Associates and Roads Manager, Maurice Bell using the tender evaluation assessment criteria and weightings.

<b>Criteria</b>	<b>Weighting</b>
• Value for money	45%
• Technical, managerial, physical and financial resources	15%
• Evidence of Capability	15%
• Quality System	10%
• Environmental System	10%
• Safety Record	5%

### **RECOMMENDATION**

**That a further report be considered in Committee of the Whole Closed Council with the press and public excluded in accordance with Section 10A (2)(d)(i) of the *Local Government Act 1993* as it contains commercial information of a confidential nature that would if disclosed prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it.**

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**CLAUSE 1B – DEVELOPMENT APPROVALS FROM 18 MARCH 2015 – 14 APRIL 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 18 March 2015 – 14 April 2015.

**The value of Complying Development approvals for 2014/2015 to date is Nil.**

There were no Complying Development Applications approved under delegated authority for the similar period in 2013/2014.

**Local Development Approvals**

The following Local Development Applications have been approved under delegated authority for the period 18 March 2015 – 14 April 2015

<b>CERTIFICATE NO.</b>	<b>ADDRESS</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>VALUE (\$)</b>
2015/LD-00012	6 Booroomugga St, Cobar	Awning	14,000
2015/LD-00018	Cobar Airport, Lerida Rd	Construct Shed & Demolition of Existing Sheds x 2	19,000
2015/LD-00017	136 Lerida Rd, Cobar	Pool Fence & Decking	19,000

**The value of Local Development approvals for 2014/2015 to date is \$4,910,441.00**

The value of Local Development approvals for the similar period in 2013/2014 was \$3,738,818.00

**Construction Certificates**

The following Construction Certificates have been approved under delegated authority for the period 18 March 2015 - 14 April 2015.

<b>CERTIFICATE NO.</b>	<b>ADDRESS</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>
2015/CB-00013	6 Booroomugga St, Cobar	Awning
2015/CB-00017	Cobar Airport, Lerida Rd	Construct Shed & Demolition of Existing Sheds x 2
2015/CB-00018	136 Lerida Rd, Cobar	Pool Fence & Decking

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**RECOMMENDATION**

**That the information detailing the Local Development and Construction Certificate approvals for the period 18 March 2015 – 14 April 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/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 to meet again to formulate an Action Plan for 2015/2016.
COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS 28 APRIL 2011					
NUMBER	ITEM	RESOLUTION NUMBER	ACTION BY	ACTION REQUIRED	OUTCOME
14	Committee of the Whole Closed Council – Clause 1C – Cobar Caravan Park Business Development Strategy	81.4.2011	GM/LMO	Arrange acquisition of Lot 317 DP 755649 from the Crown subject to the availability of funds from the 2011/2012 budget.	Acquisition arrangements commenced with Land and Property Management Authority. Application provided to the Division of Local Government in regard to acquisition.  Funds now provided for in 2014/2015 Budget.

				Following successful acquisition of the above land, classify this land as Operational under the Local Government Act 1993.	Will be undertaken at time of acquisition.
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**COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS 23 JUNE 2011**

<b>NUMBER</b>	<b>ITEM</b>	<b>RESOLUTION NUMBER</b>	<b>ACTION BY</b>	<b>ACTION REQUIRED</b>	<b>OUTCOME</b>
28	Committee of the Whole Closed Council – Clause 3C – Plant and Equipment Utilisation Improvement Report	122.6.2011	<b>GM/DES</b>	Undertake actions in accordance with the relevant recommendations of the report.	Appropriate communication strategy and action plan instigated. Many matters contained within Staff Attitude Survey Results Action Plan.

**COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS 27 OCTOBER 2011**

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

**COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS 22 MARCH 2012**

<b>NUMBER</b>	<b>ITEM</b>	<b>RESOLUTION NUMBER</b>	<b>ACTION BY</b>	<b>ACTION REQUIRED</b>	<b>OUTCOME</b>
162	Council – Clause 16A - Liquid Trade Waste	14.3.2012	<b>DES/SM</b>	Adopts option one (1) for the upgrading of the existing trade waste	Action Plan instigated for implementation of resolution.

	Policy – Costs and Implementation Method			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 Office of Water regulations.	
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**COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS 26 APRIL ADJOURNED TO 3 MAY 2012**

<b>NUMBER</b>	<b>ITEM</b>	<b>RESOLUTION NUMBER</b>	<b>ACTION BY</b>	<b>ACTION REQUIRED</b>	<b>OUTCOME</b>
194	Committee of the Whole Closed Council - Clause 4C – Sale of Land	94.4.2012	<b>GM/LMO</b>	<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>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>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;          Submission of a detailed development application that includes but is not limited to:          Detailed architectural and design plans including elevations, footpaths, ramps, disabled access etc;          Detailed site plan;          Detailed car parking and access plans, including disabled parking;          A detailed risk assessment for Council water and sewerage systems;          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>Action Plan instigated for implementation of resolutions.</p>
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				That any sale of the land be subject to the negotiated development proceeding within a reasonable time;	
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 Street, Cobar	168.7.2012	<b>DPES/LMO</b>	<p>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 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>Action plan instigated for implementation of resolution.</p> <p>Advertising of proposed road closure undertaken by Crown Land Division of Department of Primary Industries. Submissions being managed in conjunction with DPI.</p> <p>Follow up has been occurring with providers of submissions and now waiting on response from Crown Lands with a huge backlog of road closing matters delaying the progress.</p> <p>Classification to be arranged at acquisition.</p>
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, watching for suitable grants.
<b>COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS 13 DECEMBER 2012</b>					
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 lieu of Side Tipper Trailer	320.12.2012	GM/ESM	<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>	<p>Rescission Motion reported again to the April 2013 Ordinary Council Meeting which was lost. Action plan instigated and implemented of original resolutions.</p> <p>Watching for suitable second hand lead water trailers for purchase and set up.</p>
<b>COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS 28 FEBRUARY 2013</b>					
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 Hangar 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>Action Plan instigated for implementation of resolution.</p> <p>Action Plan instigated for implementation of resolution.</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>That Council investigate the possibility of arranging a lease for the management and maintenance to the appropriate standard of the Cobar Aerodrome, including the house and all amenities.</p>	<p>Action Plan instigated for implementation of resolution.</p> <p>Expressions of interest advertising will be delayed until final result of Resources for Regions Project is known.</p>
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**COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS 28 MARCH 2013**

<b>NUMBER</b>	<b>ITEM</b>	<b>RESOLUTION NUMBER</b>	<b>ACTION BY</b>	<b>ACTION REQUIRED</b>	<b>OUTCOME</b>
350	Finance and Policy Committee – Notice of Motion – Management of the Youth and Community centre	41.3.2013	DCCS/MYFC	That expressions of interest be called for seeking an independent operation of the Youth and Community Centre.	Expressions of interest advertising will be delayed until final result of future Resources for Regions EOI's known.

**COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS 24 APRIL 2013**

<b>NUMBER</b>	<b>ITEM</b>	<b>RESOLUTION NUMBER</b>	<b>ACTION BY</b>	<b>ACTION REQUIRED</b>	<b>OUTCOME</b>
380	Committee of the Whole Closed Council – Clause 1C – Notice of Rescission Motion – Consideration of Tourism Cost Centre	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 Ordinary Council Meeting. Expect Plan to be developed in 2014/2015.

**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.
<b>COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS 12 DECEMBER 2013</b>					
NUMBER	ITEM	RESOLUTION NUMBER	ACTION BY	ACTION REQUIRED	OUTCOME
506	Council – Clause 12A – Division of Local Government Promoting Better Practice Review of Cobar Shire Council	294.12.2013	GM	That Staff continue to work towards the completion of any work required by the recommendations contained within in the Report and detailed within the Action Plan.	Renewed Action Plan for implementation of resolution.
<b>COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS 20 JANUARY 2014</b>					
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.
<b>COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS 27 FEBRUARY 2014</b>					
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.
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**COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS 27 MARCH 2014**

<b>NUMBER</b>	<b>ITEM</b>	<b>RESOLUTION NUMBER</b>	<b>ACTION BY</b>	<b>ACTION REQUIRED</b>	<b>OUTCOME</b>
537	Council – 3A Cobar Rural Fire Service Brigade Building Proposal	45.3.2014	<b>DES</b>	That Council approves the provision of a parcel of land to the Rural Fire Service for the location of the Cobar Rural Fire Service Brigade building either directly or via a long term lease.  That Council approval be given for the signing under seal of any document for the lease of the land for the construction of Cobar Rural Fire Service Brigade Building.	Action plan instigated for implementation of resolutions.
542	Clause 10A – Cobar Truck Wash	53.3.2014	<b>DES/ESM</b>	That Council continues to seek external funding from Western Local Land Service and/or other Government Departments and/or others.	Grant completed and submitted to Commonwealth Government late 2014 calendar year and awaiting the outcome.

**COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS 24 APRIL 2014**

<b>NUMBER</b>	<b>ITEM</b>	<b>RESOLUTION NUMBER</b>	<b>ACTION BY</b>	<b>ACTION REQUIRED</b>	<b>OUTCOME</b>
551	Council - Clause 8A – Grading of Shire Road 20 (Grain Road) by Local Contractors	75.4.2014	<b>DES/RM</b>	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	Action plan instigated for implementation of resolutions. Initial grade has been completed on Shire Road 20.

				<p>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>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	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	Finalised Policy Document being formulated.

				<p>direction is as follows in relation to Coal Seam Gas Exploration and Production:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ That impacts on Local Government Council Infrastructure are adequately compensated for in the immediate and future life of those assets;</li> <li>▪ 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;</li> <li>▪ 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 our community and a “nil” net effect on above ground environmental assets in relation to coal seam gas activities;</li> <li>▪ That health and environmental impact assessments are conducted for all significant mining and extractive industries during the approval process;</li> <li>▪ That individual property rights in regard to unwelcome drilling,</li> </ul>	
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				<p>exploration and/or extraction activities are supported;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ That the ten (10) International Council of Mining and Metals (ICMM) principles are supported by Council;</li> <li>▪ That Cobar Shire Council recommends to the State Government that the pre-gateway determination process be modified to enable a refusal where appropriate, and;</li> <li>▪ 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.</li> </ul>	
563	Council – Clause 7A – Comparison of Water Restrictions between 2013 and 2014	95.5.2014	<b>SM</b>	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.
<b>COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS 26 JUNE 2014</b>					
<b>NUMBER</b>	<b>ITEM</b>	<b>RESOLUTION NUMBER</b>	<b>ACTION BY</b>	<b>ACTION REQUIRED</b>	<b>OUTCOME</b>
578	Council – Clause 15A – 2014/2015 Annual Operational Plan and Budget Including	120.6.2014	<b>DCCS/SPO</b>	Council approves in principal to the raising of an asset purchase loan of up to \$265,000, with a detailed report being provided prior to the transaction	Action plan instigated for implementation of resolution.

	Revenue Policy and Fees and Charges			being finalised.	
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	ESM	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	<p>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.</p> <p>b) That the annual payment be \$2,600 indexed at CPI.</p> <p>That other occupants of Council premises that have no occupancy agreement be recognised and an appropriate agreement entered into.</p>	Action plan instigated for implementation of resolutions.
605	Council – Clause 11A – Unregulated Free Camping in the Cobar Shire	162.8.2014	GM/ ADPES	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	Initial meeting undertaken on 29 September 2014.



				the financial standing of the caravan park.	
606	Council – Clause 12A – New Cobar Water Treatment Plant – Selection of Site and Financial Aspect	163.8.2014	<b>PM</b>	<p>The new Cobar Water Treatment Plant be constructed at the site of Location 4B; currently located on land under the ownership of Peak Gold Mines Pty Ltd.</p> <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 all financial information on any proposed land purchase and negotiation remain in Committee of Whole Closed Council until the land acquisition has been finalised.</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>	Action plan instigated for implementation of resolutions.
608	Council – Clause 4B – Meeting Minutes	169.8.2014	<b>DES/RM</b>	That in regard to the Motion that was passed by the Rural Roads Advisory Committee: “Copies of Grid Policies of other Councils	Action plan instigated for implementation of resolution.

				in the area, including CDSC, Lachlan, Bourke Shires requested for discussion at the next meeting. Consideration is to be given to incorporate aspects into CSC's Policy on Grids" that a report be brought to the Works Committee Meeting on the matter.	
609	Council - Clause 5B – Cobar Truck Wash Independent Review	170.8.2014	<b>ESM/SM</b>	That Council be provided a further report if required once the Commonwealth Grant Application outcome is known.	Action plan instigated for implementation of resolution.

#### COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS 25 SEPTEMBER 2014

NUMBER	ITEM	RESOLUTION NUMBER	ACTION BY	ACTION REQUIRED	OUTCOME
623	Council – Clause 6A – SR23 Booberoi Road Euabalong Traffic Options	184.9.2014	<b>ESM</b>	That Cobar Shire Council erect large advisory route signs, one on Lachlan Street on the intersection with Robison Street and the Booberoi Road indicating the bitumen road alternative.	Action plan instigated for resolution.
625	Council – Clause 8A – Analysis of Affects of the New Gym Report	186.9.2014	<b>DCCS</b>	That further consideration of the viability of the gym is made at each quarterly budget review in 2014/2015.  That a major consideration of the viability of the gym be made as part of the 2015/2016 Budget deliberations.	Action plan instigated for resolutions.
627	Council – Clause 10A – Adoption of Management Plan for Lot 18 DP213415	188.9.2014	<b>LMO</b>	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	Action plan instigated for implementation of resolutions.

licence under the Common Seal of Council.

**COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS 23 OCTOBER 2014**

<b>NUMBER</b>	<b>ITEM</b>	<b>RESOLUTION NUMBER</b>	<b>ACTION BY</b>	<b>ACTION REQUIRED</b>	<b>OUTCOME</b>
633	Council - Clause 5A – Dalton Park Horse Complex Licence Agreements	203.10.2014	<b>LMO</b>	<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 2014 to 30 June 2015:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr S Griffiths &amp; Mrs C Griffiths;</li> <li>• Ms Sharon Whitehurst;</li> <li>• Cobar Pony Club;</li> <li>• Cobar Miners Race Club;</li> <li>• Cobar Rodeo Committee.</li> </ul>	Action plan instigated for implementation of resolution.
634	Council – Clause 6A – Bathurst Street Reserve Licence Agreement	204.10.2014	<b>LMO</b>	<p>That Council acting as Trust Manager for the Bathurst Street (R64199) Reserve Trust, resolve to affix the Trusts seal to a 12 month temporary licence agreement for the Cobar Tennis Club to cover the period 1 July 2014 to 30 June 2015.</p>	Action plan instigated for implementation of resolution.
640	Committee of the Whole Closed Council – Clause 2C – Tender for the Supply of Road Patching Machine	28COW.10.2014	<b>ESM</b>	<p>That Council purchase the Paveline Autopatch Isuzu FXY1500 Auto Tar Patching Machine for \$358,260 including GST;</p> <p>That the existing Paveline truck and machine be disposed of at the best commercial option to Council.</p>	<p>Purchase arranged, waiting on delivery.</p> <p>Action Plan instigated for implementation of resolution.</p>

<b>COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS 27 NOVEMBER 2014</b>					
<b>NUMBER</b>	<b>ITEM</b>	<b>RESOLUTION NUMBER</b>	<b>ACTION BY</b>	<b>ACTION REQUIRED</b>	<b>OUTCOME</b>
641	Finance and Policy Committee Meeting – Confirmation of the Minutes	220.11.2014	<b>SPO</b>	That the minutes, and the following recommendations contained therein, of the Finance and Policy Committee Meeting held on Thursday 11 November 2014 be adopted together with the following recommendation: that Council investigate any opportunities into funding to bring a gas pipeline to Cobar.	Action plan instigated for implementation of resolution.
651	Council – Clause 4A – Environmental Education Signage at the Newey Reservoir	225.11.2014	<b>ADPES</b>	That Council install appropriate environmental educational signage at the vehicular entrance to the Newey Reservoir prohibiting the lighting of fires and discharging of waste liquids from vehicles, including caravan's/RV's.	Action plan instigated for implementation of resolution.

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<b>NUMBER</b>	<b>ITEM</b>	<b>RESOLUTION NUMBER</b>	<b>ACTION BY</b>	<b>ACTION REQUIRED</b>	<b>OUTCOME</b>
657	Council – Clause 4A – NSW Government Fit for the Future Program for Local Government and Office of Local Government (OLG) Far West Initiative Forum	242.11.2014	<b>GM</b>	<p>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.</p> <p>That Cobar Shire Council submit a Fit for the Future Council Improvement Proposal Submission that shows Council working</p>	Action plan instigated for implementation of resolutions.

				<p>towards being sustainable and Fit for the Future that sees Cobar Shire Council continuing to be an independent local government Council.</p> <p>That Council allocate \$40,000 in 2014/2015 budget year from unallocated working funds determined in the Q2 – December 2014 Quarterly Review to be used if required for expert professional help with Councils Fit for the Future Council Improvement Proposal Submission.</p>	
660	Council – Clause 7A – Office of Local Government Promoting Better Practice Review of Cobar Shire Council – Report Action plan Status	245.11.2014	<b>GM</b>	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.

**COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS 26 FEBRUARY 2015**

<b>NUMBER</b>	<b>ITEM</b>	<b>RESOLUTION NUMBER</b>	<b>ACTION BY</b>	<b>ACTION REQUIRED</b>	<b>OUTCOME</b>
665	Finance and Policy Committee Meeting – Notice of Motion – Economic Development Matters	3.02.2015	<b>SPO</b>	That Council support the Cobar Shire Economic Taskforce in the investigation of any possible opportunities for development of any new viable industries in Cobar Shire that can help alleviate the downturn of the mining industry and where possible strengthen the economy of Cobar Shire.	Support provided on an ongoing basis.
			<b>DCCS</b>	That the Cobar Shire Economic Taskforce	Investigations currently being

			<b>Councillors</b>	investigate the possibility and practicality of developing independent living aged accommodation in Cobar.  That Councillors provide advice on any other ideas to improve the economy of Cobar Shire and the diversification of its industries through the Economic Taskforce.	undertaken.  Councillors to provide advice on an ongoing basis.
666	Finance and Policy Committee Meeting – Notice of Motion – Merging of the Community Centre and Cobar Memorial Pool	3.02.2015	<b>DCCS</b>  <b>DCCS</b>	That a “Think Tank” meeting be held by Council on the merging of the Community Centre (Cobar Youth and Fitness Centre) and the Cobar Memorial Swimming Pool.  That Council Officers prepare a high level feasibility statement on the possibility of relocating the Youth Centre to the Swimming Pool so as to create a single entity.	Action plan instigated for implementation of resolutions.
671	Council – Clause 6A – Sunday Opening for the Cobar Youth and Fitness Centre “Youthie”	10.02.2015	<b>DCCS</b>	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 will be presented to September Ordinary Council Meeting.

#### COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS 26 MARCH 2015

NUMBER	ITEM	RESOLUTION NUMBER	ACTION BY	ACTION REQUIRED	OUTCOME
677	Finance and Policy Committee Meeting – Report 1A – Adoption of Council’s Social Media Policy	25.03.2015	<b>SPO</b>	That Council adopts the draft Social Media Policy and notes the social media guidelines.	Adopted Social Media Policy – Policy distributed and on web – No further action required.

678	Works Committee Meeting – Report 1A – Quotation for the Supply of Trades and Miscellaneous Services 2012/2015 Update	26.03.2015	<b>DES</b>	That Lake Machinery Service and Repairs be included in Council’s Register of Approved Contractors for the Supply of Trades and Miscellaneous Services 2012/2015.	Register adjusted – No further action required.
679	Council – Clause 2A – Dalton park Horse Complex Request for New Users Licence Agreement	28.03.2015	<b>LMO</b>	<p>That Council acting as Trust Manager for the Dalton Park Racecourse (R630019) Reserve Trust, resolve to issue a 3 month temporary licence agreements for the following individual to cover the period 1 April 2015 to 30 June 2015:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jillian Prince.</li> </ul> <p>That Council acting as Trust Manager for the Dalton Park Racecourse (R630019) Reserve Trust, resolve to affix the Trusts seal to the 3 month temporary licence agreements for the following individual to cover the period 1 April 2015 to 30 June 2015:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jillian Prince.</li> </ul> <p>That Council acting as Trust Manager for the Dalton Park Racecourse (R630019) Reserve Trust, resolve to accept the fee for these licences at a pro rata amount of one quarter of the annual licence fees as set for 2014/2015 for the following individual:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jillian Prince.</li> </ul> <p>That Council acting as Trust Manager for the Dalton Park Racecourse (R630019) Reserve Trust, note that expressions of interest will be sought from the</p>	Action plan instigated for implementation of resolutions.

				community for the stable area now vacated by the Cobar Miners Race Club and seek expressions of interest from any other person who may wish to undertake development or use of Dalton Park Horse Complex.	
680	Council – Clause 3A – Lease Agreement with Dr Indra Karalashingham for 53 Linsley Street, Cobar	29.03.2015	<b>LMO</b>	That Council resolve to affix Council’s seal on the Lease Agreement with Dr Indra Karalashingham for 53 Linsley Street, Cobar.	Council Seal affixed – No further action required.
681	Council – Clause 4A - 2015 National General Assembly of Local Government – Australian Local Government Association	30.03.2015	<b>GM</b>	That Council not attend 2015 National General Assembly of Local Government – Australian Local Government Association 14-17 June 2015 at the National Convention Centre, Canberra.  That Councillors consider motions in the form required to be forwarded to the National General Assembly with information to be provided to the General Manager by 1 April 2015 to allow submittal to the Australian Local Government Association by the deadline of 17 April 2015.	Arrangments made for provision of Cobar Shire Council resolutions – No further action required.
682	Council - Clause 5A – Fit for the Future and Joint Organisation of Councils Consideration	31.03.2015	<b>GM</b>	That the matter in regards to Fit for the Future and Joint Organisation of Councils Report be held until after the result of the State Election and when we are provided with further information.	Report provided for April 2015 Ordinary Council Meeting – no further action required.
683	Council – Clause 6A – Quotation for the Supply of Trades and Miscellaneous Services 2012/2015 Update	32.03.2015	<b>DES</b>	That Samuel Baker Electrical Solutions Pty Ltd be included in Council’s Register of Approved Contractors for the Supply of Trades and Miscellaneous Services 2012/2015.	Register adjusted – No further action required.
684	Council – Clause 7A – Quotation for the	33.03.2015	<b>DES</b>	That Worktech be included in Council’s Register of Approved Contractors for the Supply of Trades and	Register adjusted – No further action



	Supply of Trades and Miscellaneous Services 2012/2015 Update			Miscellaneous Services 2012/2015.	required.
685	Council – Clause 8A – Review of Current Water Restrictions	34.03.2015	<b>SM</b>	<p>That Council amends the current Water Restrictions to as follows commencing on 7 April 2015:</p> <p><i>Cobar, Euabalong and Euabalong West:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hand held hoses, fixed sprinklers, irrigation systems etc. be permitted between 4pm and 10am;</li> <li>• No car washing be permitted on hard surfaces.</li> </ul> <p><i>Nymagee and Mount Hope:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hand held hoses be permitted between 5pm and 9am;</li> <li>• All fixed sprinklers, irrigation systems etc. are banned;</li> <li>• No car washing permitted on hard surfaces.</li> </ul>	Advertising and web site adjusted – no further action required.
686	Council – Clause 9A – Use of Effluent by Cobar Bowling and Golf Club	35.03.2015	<b>DES</b>	<p>That Council consider increasing the existing annual charge for supply of effluent to the Cobar Bowling and Golf Club to an annual amount of \$15,800.00 for the 2015/2016 Financial Year; and</p> <p>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.</p>	<p>Charge contained within the 2015-2016 Draft Fees and Charges – No further action required.</p> <p>Action plan instigated for implementation of resolution.</p>
687	Council – Clause 10A	36.03.2015	<b>GM</b>	That Councillor Tracey Kings resignation as Deputy	Resignation accepted

	– Resignation of Councillor Tracey Kings as Deputy Mayor			Mayor be accepted with regret.	– No further action required.
688	Council – Clause 11A – Election of Deputy Mayor	37.03.2015	<b>GM</b>	<p>That Council note that the General Manager or his nominee is the Returning Officer for the purpose of electing the Deputy Mayor.</p> <p>That the period of appointment of the Deputy Mayor be consistent with the period of the appointment of Mayor, being currently one (1) year, that commenced in September 2014 and ends September 2015.</p> <p>In the event of more than one (2) nominations that Council conduct the election of the Deputy Mayor by ordinary ballot and in accordance with the Local Government (General) Regulations 2005.</p> <p>That following the election the ballot papers used in the election of the Deputy Mayor be destroyed.</p>	Noted – No further action required.
689	Council – Clause 12A – Vacant Council Advisory Committees/ Delegate Positions	38.03.2015	<b>GM</b>	<p>That Council note that the new Deputy Mayor is automatically a member of the General Manager’s Review Committee.</p> <p>That Council determine its delegates/ membership for the vacant position on each of the following Council Advisory Committees/ Delegates Positions and where an election is required it be by open voting by show of hands:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Chairperson/ Council Representative, Local Traffic Committee;</li> <li>▪ Cobar Youth Council;</li> <li>▪ Airport Advisory Committee.</li> </ul>	Noted – No further action required.

				<b>Committee/ Organisation</b>	<b>No. of Delegates</b>	<b>Current Delegates</b>	
				Local Traffic	1 Councillor	Clr Abbott	
				Youth Council	3 Councillors, staff member, General Manager	Clr Marsden, Toomey, Yench, General Manager, staff member to be determined by the General Manager	
Airport Advisory Committee	4 Councillors	Clrs Abbott, Toomey, Martin, Marsden					
690	Council – Clause 13A – Rolling 15 Year Plant Replacement Program	39.03.2015	<b>DES</b>	That Council receives and adopts the Rolling 15 Year Plant Replacement Program 2015/2016 - 2029/2030, and the information contained therein be noted.  That Council takes no immediate action to replace units P1131 and P1140 pending a later decision on the collection of solid waste within Cobar Township.	Noted – No further action required and budget amended.		
691	Council – Clause 15A - Matter of Urgency – Affixing of Seal to Deeds of Agreement – Fixing Country Roads – Acres Billabong and Whitbarrow Way	41.03.2015	<b>DES</b>	That Council approve execution of the Fixing Country Roads Deeds of Agreement; Acres Billabong – Culvert Reconstruction: Grant of \$319,900 with a Council contribution of \$100,000 (Regional Block Grant) and Whitbarrow Way – Road Reconstruction: Grant of \$700,000 with a Council contribution of \$100,000 (Hera Mine - \$63,700, Regional Roads Block Grant, \$36,300) under Council’s Common Seal.	Seal affixed – No further action required.		
692	Council – Committee of the Whole Closed	9COW.03.2015	<b>GM</b>	That public tenders not be invited for the supply of electricity for Council’s street lighting and	Action plan instigated for implementation of		

	<p>Council – Clause 1C – Electricity Contracts for Street Lighting and Contestable (Large) Sites</p>		<p>contestable sites in accordance with Section 55(3)(i) of the Local Government Act, 1993 as it is considered that a satisfactory result would not be achieved by Council due to the extenuating circumstances that are created as a result of short term price fluctuations in the pricing for electricity supply with such price fluctuations resulting in tenderers not being able to be relied on to provide tenders which are fixed for sufficient period of time to enable the normal tendering process to be completed by Council.</p> <p>That the report of Energy and Management Services dated 4 February 2015, in regard to the renegotiation of Council’s street lighting and contestable sites be noted.</p> <p>That the Mayor and General Manager be authorised to enter into a contract for the supply of electricity for both street lighting and contestable sites prior to 30 June 2015.</p> <p>That any necessary documents be executed under the Common Seal of the Council.</p> <p>That the financial information from Energy Management Services remain in the Committee of the Whole Closed Council.</p>	<p>resolutions.</p>
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**RECOMMENDATION**

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

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**CLAUSE 3B – INVESTMENT REPORT AS AT 31 MARCH 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. Funds available throughout the month for short-term investment were 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 31 March 2015. The amount restricted in the Financial Accounts as at 30 June 2014 for Employee Leave Entitlements is \$313,647.

<b>Date</b>	<b>Opening Balance</b>	<b>Transfers to Investments</b>	<b>Transfers from Investment</b>	<b>Interest Earned</b>	<b>Closing Balance</b>
	<b>01.01.2015</b>				<b>28.02.2015</b>
NAB Sweep Acct	\$2,395,639	\$1,797,207	\$2,530,000	\$4,193	\$1,667,039
NAB Term Deposits					
(1) 3.20% (6 Aug)	\$1,502,893			\$4,084	\$1,506,977
(2) 3.60% (16 Dec)	\$2,051,785			\$6,274	\$2,058,059
(3) 3.15% (2 Sep)	\$2,034,631			\$5,484	\$2,040,115
(4) 3.41% (1 Apr)	\$2,032,676			\$5,887	\$2,038,563
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$10,017,624</b>	<b>\$1,797,207</b>	<b>\$2,530,000</b>	<b>\$25,922</b>	<b>\$9,310,753</b>

*Average return on Investment: 3.21%*

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



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Manager Finance & Administration

**RECOMMENDATION****That Council receive and note the Investment Report as at 31 March 2015.**

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**CLAUSE 4B – MEETING MINUTES**

**FILE: C8-17 AOP REFERENCE: 3.1 ATTACHMENT: YES (PAGE 128-129)**

**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:

- Cobar Liquor Accord – Tuesday, 14 April 2015.

**RECOMMENDATION**

**That the minutes of the meeting of the Cobar Liquor Accord Committee be received and noted.**

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**CLAUSE 5B – YATHONG RESERVE GRAVEL DEPOSITS - STATUS REPORT**

**FILE: Q1-1 AOP REFERENCE: 4.3.1.3 ATTACHMENT: YES (PAGE 130)**

**AUTHOR: *Director of Engineering Services, Errol George***

**Purpose**

To inform Council in regard to the status of the Yathong Reserve Gravel Deposits.

**Background**

A gravel reserve located to the east of Yathong Road (SR12) has been in use by Council for at least 40 years. Following declaration of the subject area as part of the Yathong Nature Reserve (the Reserve), there has been some uncertainty whether Council would be able to legally access the gravel reserves which are located within the declared Reserve.

Early in the 2014 calendar year, Council carried out gravel winning within the Reserve under a verbal agreement with the local manager of the Reserve. The gravel was to be used in maintenance grading of Shire Roads in the area.

In August 2014, Mr. Peter Graf, Director of Engineering Services wrote to the Office of Environment and Heritage to clarify the situation of access to the gravel as Council had been advised that the gravel could not be accessed.

**Issues**

In October 2014, Council received the attached correspondence from the Office of Environment and Heritage advising that Council cannot access the subject gravel.

Since that date, Mr. Errol George, in the capacity as Acting Director of Engineering Services and as Director has had a number of discussions by telephone with representatives of the Office of Environment and Heritage with advice that the Office will not change its stance under any circumstances and the Office is acting on legal advice from NSW Crown Law.

In parallel with this, an investigation has been made with a view to ceasing further maintenance on the section of Yathong Road within the Reserve to allow for this function to be carried out by Environment and Heritage. This section of road provides access to many private roads within the Reserve which access facilities within the reserve. However, the investigation has revealed that many property owners in the southern part of Cobar Shire use Yathong Road for access as part of their livelihood. Accordingly it would not be in their interests to suspend maintenance activities on this section of road. Other sources of gravel are available in the area, but costs of carting this gravel over longer haul routes will be higher.

As it is unlikely the Office of Environment and Heritage will alter their view on the access to the gravel it is recommended that Council continue its normal maintenance activities in the area with alternative gravel sources being used.

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**RECOMMENDATION**

**That the Yathong Reserve Gravel Deposits Status Report be noted by Council.**



# **ATTACHMENTS**



## **ORDINARY MEETING AGENDA**

**THURSDAY 23 APRIL 2015**

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