

ATTACHMENTS



ORDINARY MEETING AGENDA

THURSDAY 25 FEBRUARY 2016

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**COBAR SHIRE COUNCIL
DONATION REQUESTS**

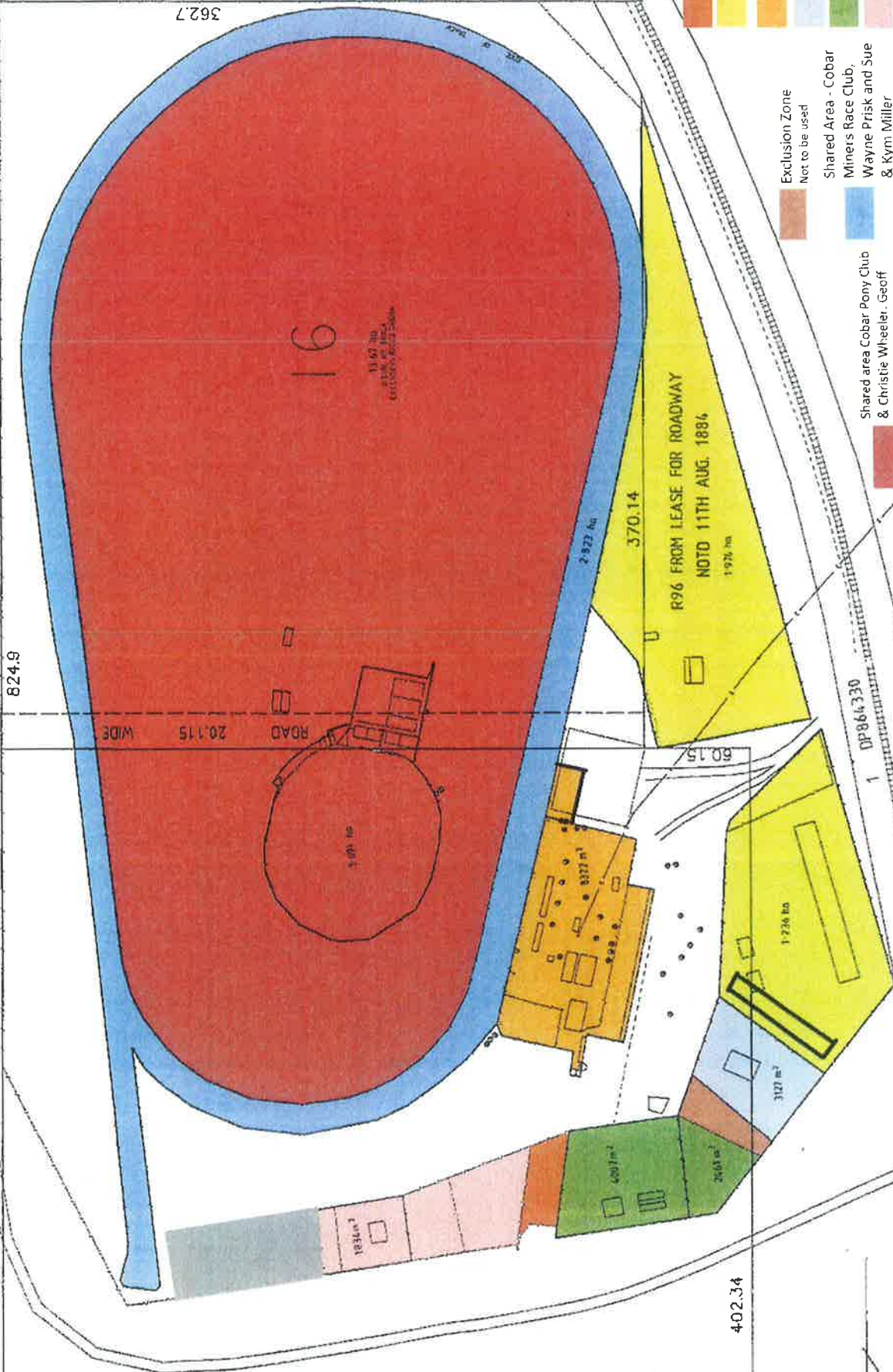
2016/2017

Applicant	Amount sought	Purpose	Request Possibly Ongoing	Previously assisted	Ongoing Project	Charity Support	Type of organisation	Satisfactory Public Liability Cover	Policy Intention Compliance
1 Cobar Girl Guides	Rates on Property say \$750.00	The Guides occupy a Council property and seek assistance with rates to ensure viability.	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes- indirectly	Not for profit	Advised Yes	Yes
2 Auto Club of Cobar Inc.	\$4,000.00	To assist with dust suppression so that subs particularly for juniors may be kept to minimum	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Sporting	Advised Yes	Yes
3 Cobar Rugby League Football Club	\$25,000.00	To assist with maintenance of Tom Knight Oval (Financials show this to cost \$40,000 per annum)	Yes Yes	Yes Yes	Yes Yes	Yes- indirectly	Sporting	Advised Yes Advised Yes	Yes Yes
4 Cobar Arts Council	Rates subsidy of \$800.00	CAC is involving more heavily in community events using ¹ railway station as a hub and needs funding assist.	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes - indirectly	Culture	Advised Yes	Yes
5 Cobar Netball Association	\$200.00	Concession on Ward Oval User fees say \$200.00	Yes	No	Yes	No	Sporting	Will advise	Yes
6 Cobar Outbacks	\$2,000.00	To assist with Cobar team to attend Koori Knockout in Redfern	Yes	Yes	No	No	Sporting	Advised Yes	No
7 Kubby House Child Care Centre	Rates on Property say \$2,800 and water usage	To assist with operating expenses	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Not for Profit	Advised Yes	Yes
8 Cobar Preschool	Rates on Property say \$2,300.00 and water usage 50% of rental factor say \$2,700	To assist with operating expenses	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Not for Profit	Advised Yes	Yes
9 Cobar Mobile Children's Services	To assist with operating expenses		Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Not for Profit	Advised Yes	Yes
10 St Johns Primary School	Rates and charges say \$3,000	To allow more of the revenue to be directed towards education and not running costs. Advise that the Catholic system does not receive the same as the state system.	Yes	Minor only	Yes	Yes	Not for Profit	Advised Yes	Yes
11 Cobar High School	\$100.00	End of year presentation	Yes	Minor only	Yes	Yes	Minor only	Advised Yes	Yes

BOURKE ROAD

SECOND STREET

LOUN ROAD



- Cobar Shire Council - Pound
- Cobar Pony Club
- Cobar Miners Race Club
- Sharon Whitehurst
- Shared Area - Wayne Prisk and Sue & Kym Miller
- Scott & Claudine Griffiths
- Christie Wheeler, Geoff Turton & Maree Wheeler

- Exclusion Zone Not to be used
- Shared Area - Cobar Miners Race Club, Wayne Prisk and Sue & Kym Miller
- Shared area Cobar Pony Club & Christie Wheeler, Geoff Turton, Kevin & Maree Wheeler and QS Outback

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DALTON PARK RACECOURSE - COBAR
 2015/2016 Licence Areas

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February 16, 2016

Ms. Angela Shepherd
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Dear Ms. Shepherd:

Re: Community Representative for Cobar Economic Taskforce

I am a Cobar resident, holding commercial and rural residences with a strong commitment to the community, a successful Executive/Senior Leader in both private enterprise and government, I have a depth of experience in Mining, construction, electrical engineering, operational and risk management with a compliance background and have built a fruitful career on my possession of the strategic vision required to question assumptions and the established orthodoxy, to simplify complex issues, devise creative solutions and direct top performing teams in a confident, constructive, principled approach, to be a supportive decision maker to the common vision.

My mining industry and project management knowledge, community interaction, work on committees, boards and as a Chair and understanding of Cobar's community issues are extremely well-suited to a position on the Economic Taskforce, and I would like the opportunity to apply my extensive and diverse background to the role of Community Representative.

In more than 20 years of professional experience, I have consistently demonstrated a willingness to go above and beyond job requirements to meet project objectives while working to improve the performance of my respective employers and team members. I believe that you will find my proven blend of EPCM, engineering, business management, training, team leadership, and core problem solving skills makes me an ideal candidate for this position. Throughout my career, I have competently led highly complex engineering initiatives while simplifying difficult concepts to ensure team comprehension and achieve project goals.

I want to continue to provide outstanding guidance, support, and strategies to enhance all opportunities and avoid the threats for a company, board or committee. As such, I would welcome an interview to discuss your needs and the value I can add to the Economic Taskforce in the role of Community Representative.

The enclosed résumé elaborates on the details of my skills and experience. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Regards,

Janine Lea-Barrett
Enclosure: Résumé

**Minutes of the Cobar Shire Council Economic Taskforce
Meeting No.8 held in the Council Chambers on
Thursday 10 December 2015 commencing at 2:06pm**

PRESENT

Councillor Peter Abbott
Councillor Peter Maxwell
Councillor Bob Sinclair
Councillor Greg Martin (from 3:10pm)
Gary Woodman (General Manager)
Angela Shepherd (Special Projects Officer)
Heather Christie (Community Representative)
Stephen Taylor (Director of Engineering Services)
Kym Miller (Director of Corporate and Community Services)
John Martin (Manager Tourism and Public Relations)

APOLOGIES

Councillor Jarrod Marsden, Councillor Peter Yench and Stephen Poulter (Acting Director of Planning and Environmental Services).

Resolved: That the apologies of Councillors Jarrod Marsden and Peter Yench and Stephen Poulter be noted and accepted.
(Angela Shepherd/ Cllr Peter Abbott) **CARRIED**

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Resolved: The minutes of the previous Economic Taskforce Meeting held on 10 September 2015 was confirmed as a true and correct record of the proceedings of that meeting.
(Cllr Bob Sinclair/ Heather Christie) **CARRIED**

TOURISM UPDATE

John Martin provided a snapshot of the visitor economy for 2015. There was a 10.5% increase in numbers from January 2015 - November 2015 compared to the same period the year before.

Much discussion was held regarding the Queensland Government's advertising campaign where they have spent \$14m on promoting Outback Queensland and how the result has been a 20-23% increase in visitors compared to the previous year. Queensland communities have better access to promotional dollars than Outback NSW communities.

The NSW Government should be pushed to increase tourism funding for Outback NSW in a similar way.

It was noted that the grants that require matching funding, made worse by the need for a minimum \$50,000 contribution by the Council are unrealistic for Councils in this part of the state.

John outlined the top three priorities for the tourism portfolio as:

- A new digital presence – such as a tourism specific website for Cobar. This is to be included in the 2016/2017 budget.
- Develop the plans needed to extend the Great Cobar Heritage Centre.
- Resurrecting the town tours – possibly Council run. Further discuss this option during the development of the 2016/2017 budget.

Resolved: To discuss funding a new tourism website or digital presence for tourism, and the resurrection of the town tours as two options during the development of the 2016/2017 Council budget.

(Gary Woodman/ Clr Peter Abbott)

CARRIED

ECONOMIC ANALYSIS COMPARING AUGUST 2015 AND AUGUST 2014

The meeting was presented with an analysis from Remplan comparing economic indicators from August 2015 with the same ones in August 2014 which show a large reduction in economic activity between the two periods. At the same time, wage growth meant that incomes were slightly higher.

The meeting discussed concerns around falling house prices and lower student numbers as social indicators of a worsening economic outlook for Cobar.

New industry ideas were again floated, with the need for ones not reliant on mining being a priority.

Further discussion should be had in the future regarding possible uses for the old hospital building once the new MPS is built.

Resolved: That we hold discussions with local members on alternative industries for Cobar, such as a prison.

(Heather Christie/ Clr Bob Sinclair)

CARRIED

STATE PRIORITIES

The information was received and noted.

VACANT POSITIONS

At 3:10pm Clr Martin arrived.

The meeting decided to advertise the vacant community position again in February 2016.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Economic Taskforce will be held at 2:00pm on Thursday 26 February 2016.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE MEETING CLOSED AT 3:30PM

Tourism Activity in Cobar 2015

In 2015 visitor numbers in Cobar and the surrounding region have increased by 10.5% January to November. In the months of May, June and July the increase for those months was 20%. The revenue is up \$6,500 which is about 6%. In 2010 visitor numbers attending the Great Cobar Heritage Centre was 32,000 people. The next year that number dropped to 28,000 people. In 2012, 2013 and 2014, the visitor numbers remained static with no growth. However the revenue at the centre grew in each of those years by about 3%.

This stagnant period coincides with the coalition gaining government in NSW and declining to invest any funds on marketing Outback NSW. Destination NSW appointed a board, Inland NSW Tourism Organisation to manage the marketing and promotion of Outback NSW, the catch being that any grants applied for had to be \$ for \$ and the minimum amount that is available is \$50,000. In 2014 Broken Hill and the NSW National Parks were able to conduct a \$100,000 promotion of NSW Outback Parks, but that is the only promotion the NSW Outback has had in five years.

The growth in the visitor economy in Cobar Shire this year can be accredited too the consistent and ongoing marketing and promotion that the Kidman Way Promotional Committee is committed to. Without this group actively promoting Cobar Shire and the other communities along the route, the decline in visitor numbers would be much greater. Also some of the growth can be attributed to the amount of money, about \$14 million over the past two years that the Queensland Government has invested in marketing Outback QLD. The Kidman Way Promotional Committee has been able to tag onto some of that activity at the Caravan, Camping and Holiday Expos.

In the past twelve months a number of councils in Outback NSW have started questioning the value of Inland NSW Tourism. At a meeting in Cobar on Wednesday 2nd December 2015, the Chief Executive Officer of Inland Tourism, Graham Perry announced that Inland Tourism has \$40,000 to spend on a promotion for Outback NSW in the Caravan and Camping Industry and will be launched in early 2016. This is also a \$ for \$ program, which means that local government and businesses in Outback NSW have to find \$40,000. He informed the meeting that Inland Tourism has secured \$109,000 from Destination NSW which will have to be matched \$ for \$ for another Outback NSW promotion in 2016.

The visitor economy is a very important part of Cobar's overall business mix. Destination NSW and ABS estimate that the visitor economy in 2014 – 2015 in Cobar Shire was approximately \$15 million.

While there is still a great demand for printed information brochures, the new media formats will allow greater opportunities to reach new markets. One of Cobar's target markets is the caravan and campers who can be reached at specific consumer shows and they are the group that still demand printed brochures. An emerging market for Cobar Shire is families and they will look for their travel information via websites. It is critical that Cobar Shire develops a tourism specific website. Applications such as Facebook provide the opportunity to disseminate information on an hourly, daily and weekly basis at a very low cost. The Kidman Way Promotional Committee has just commissioned a new website at an approximate cost of \$10,000 and at a cost of \$3,000; the committee is renewing the promotional material that is used at consumer expos. The

development of the tourism industry will achieve far better results when parochialism is put to one side. It is critical that Cobar Shire work cooperatively with other like councils, businesses and regions.

There are a number of opportunities that will improve and grow the tourist industry in Cobar Shire. The expansion and further development of the Great Cobar Heritage Centre. The first step in that project is to fund a plan and have it costed. Then it will be possible to apply for funding from departments such as the Federal Government's Stronger Regions Fund. There exists a number of opportunities for tours in and around Cobar Shire. A town and mine area tour would be an immediate success, a tour to Mt Grenfell and the old mining villages such as Canbelego and Nymagee would work with some promotion. The National Parks need to put more effort into promoting their western parks, these parks are a great attraction for city based families, bird enthusiasts and people who generally just want to experience the NSW Outback. The end goal in all of this is to strengthen Cobar Shire's economy and ensure that tourism grows alongside the other industries that are here now and what might be developed in the future.

Approaching at a rapid rate is rare opportunity to really put Cobar on the map, in 2020 Cobar will celebrate its sesquicentenary, 150 years. With a whole of community approach we should be able to really make the year a very special event.

**MINUTES OF THE LIQUOR ACCORD COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD IN THE COBAR SHIRE COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON TUESDAY
8 DECEMBER 2015 COMMENCING AT 1:06PM**

1. WELCOME & APOLOGIES

Present

Mr Gary Woodman	General Manager/ Secretariat	Cobar Shire Council
Mrs Linda Carter	Secretary/Manager Chairperson	Cobar Memorial Services & Bowling Club
Cr Peter Abbott	Deputy Mayor	Cobar Shire Council
Sgt John Bennett	Sgt	NSW Police
Demi Smith	Secretary Manager	Cobar Bowling & Golf Club
Mr Michael Knee	Manager	Town & Country Motor Inn

Apologies

Sgt Mark Gorton
Cr Lilliane Brady OAM
Mr Lee Davey
Ms Martina Mark
Mr Jason Beazley
Mr Jarrod Marsden

Resolved:

That the apologies of Sgt Mark Gorton, Jason Beazley, Jarrod Marsden, Lilliane Brady OAM, Lee Davey, A Bellotti, Carriann O'Hagan and Martina Mark be accepted.

Gary Woodman/ Demi Smith

CARRIED

2. ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Resolved:

That the minutes of the previous meeting held on Tuesday, 20 October 2015 be confirmed as a true and correct record of the proceedings of that meeting.

Gary Woodman/ Linda Carter

CARRIED

3. BUSINESS ARISING

Police have followed up with Licensees for attendance of Liquor Accord Meetings.

Reminder that 2015/2016 Liquor Accord Annual Fees (\$50) are due.

4. **CORRESPONDENCE**

Nil.

5. **ITEMS OF BUSINESS**

5.1 RENEWAL OF COBAR TOWN ALCOHOL FREE ZONES

Resolved: That the Cobar Liquor Accord supports the renewal of the Cobar Alcohol Free Zones which are the complete public roadways, lanes and public carparks of Cobar.

Linda Carter/ John Bennett

CARRIED

5.2 FEEDBACK ON OLG THREE STRIKES DISCIPLINARY SCHEME

Resolved: That the Cobar Liquor Accord provide a submission detailing support for the Three Strike Disciplinary Scheme and its continuation.

Linda Carter/ John Bennett

CARRIED

5.3 MEETING DATES FOR 2016

Resolved: That Liquor Accord Meetings be held every second Tuesday 1:00pm every second month (February, April, June, August, October, December) with the Annual General Meeting where possible in August.

Gary Woodman/ Demi Smith

CARRIED

6. **POLICING MATTERS**

Minimal matters over the past 2 months. Occasional PCA.

More walk-throughs being conducted.

7. **COUNCIL MATTERS**

Nil.

8. **GENERAL BUSINESS**

Nil.

9. **NEXT MEETING**

Tuesday, 9 February 2015 at 1:00pm in the Council Chambers.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE MEETING CLOSED AT 1:35PM

**MINUTES OF THE RURAL ROADS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING HELD AT MOUNT HOPE COMMUNITY HALL ON
3 FEBRUARY 2016 COMMENCING AT 11:15AM**

PRESENT

Deputy Mayor Peter Abbott (Cobar Shire Council), Maurice Bell (Cobar Shire Council), Stephen Taylor (Cobar Shire Council), Councillor Peter Maxwell (Cobar Shire Council), Councillor Bob Sinclair (Cobar Shire Council), George Millear (Tiltagoona), Andrew Farnsworth (Innesowen), Keith Norris (Coan Downs), John Turner, Donald Porter, Phillip Hague and Janette Booth (Cobar Shire Council).

APOLOGIES

RECOMMENDATION: That the apologies received from Mayor Lilliane Brady OAM, Councillor Greg Martin, Councillor Marsha Isbester, Justin and Julie McClure (Kallara), Barry, Pauline and Paul Oliver, Andrew Paul and Danny Ward be accepted.
Bob Sinclair/ Peter Abbott **CARRIED**

ITEM 1 - CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

FILE: R5-36

Author: Director of Engineering Services, Stephen Taylor

RECOMMENDATION: That the Committee adopt the Minutes of the Rural Roads Advisory Committee Meeting held on Thursday 26 November 2015 as a true and accurate reflection of the proceedings of that Meeting.
Bob Sinclair/ Peter Abbott **CARRIED**

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Nil.

ITEM 2 – RURAL ROADS ADVISORY COMMITTEE – STATUS REPORT

FILE: R5-36

Author: Director of Engineering Services, Stephen Taylor

RECOMMENDATION: That the Committee received and noted the information with items 11 and 77 to be removed.
Peter Maxwell/ George Millear **CARRIED**

ITEM 3 - EXPENDITURE REPORT

FILE: R5-36

Author: Director of Engineering Services, Stephen Taylor

RECOMMENDATION: That the information contained in the expenditure reports be received and noted.
Peter Maxwell/ Peter Abbott **CARRIED**

SHIRE ROAD 20 – CONTRACT GRADING REPORT

RECOMMENDATION: That the Committee write a letter of support for the continuation of Contract Grading on Shire Road 20 for the 2015/2016 and 2016/2017 period and a further Report be presented to Council.

Phillip Hague/ Bob Sinclair

CARRIED

GENERAL BUSINESS

TIMING OF FEBRUARY MEETING

RECOMMENDATION: That future February Rural Roads Advisory Committee Meetings that are scheduled to be held in Mount Hope are now to be held on the second Tuesday of that month.

Peter Maxwell/ Peter Abbott

CARRIED

FUTURE MEETINGS

The next Rural Roads Advisory Committee Meeting is to be held on Wednesday 5 May 2016 at Berangabah Station commencing at 11:00am.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE MEETING CLOSED AT 12:41PM

**MINUTES OF THE LIQUOR ACCORD COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD IN THE COBAR SHIRE COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON TUESDAY
9 FEBRUARY 2016 COMMENCING AT 1:08PM**

1. WELCOME & APOLOGIES

Present

Mr Stephen Taylor	Acting General Manager	Cobar Shire Council
Ms Janette Booth	Executive Assistant to the General Manager/ Mayor	Cobar Shire Council
Mrs Linda Carter	Secretary/Manager	Cobar Memorial Services & Bowling Club
Demi Smith	Secretary/ Manager	Cobar Bowling & Golf Club
Sgt Mark Gorton	Licensing Supervisor	NSW Police/ Bourke

Apologies

Mr Jarrod Marsden
Lee Davey
A Bellotti
Narelle Kriz
Cr Lilliane Brady OAM

Resolved:

That the apologies of Lee Davey, A Bellotti, Narelle Kriz, Jarrod Marsden and Lilliane Brady OAM be accepted.

Linda Carter/ Demi Smith

CARRIED

2. ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Resolved:

That the minutes of the previous meeting held on Tuesday, 8 December 2015 be confirmed as a true and correct record of the proceedings of that meeting.

Linda Carter/ Demi Smith

CARRIED

3. BUSINESS ARISING

Nil.

4. CORRESPONDENCE

Nil.

5. ITEMS OF BUSINESS

5.1 ELECTION OF BOARD SECRETARIAT

Resolved: That the Acting General Manager be elected as the Board Secretariat until a General Manager is appointed.

Linda Carter/ Demi Smith

CARRIED

5.2 OUTSTANDING 2015/2016 LIQUOR ACCORD ANNUAL FEES (\$50)

Resolved:

That the Board Secretariat follow up on all outstanding 2015/2016 Liquor Accord Annual Fees (\$50).

Linda Carter/ Demi Smith

CARRIED

6. POLICING MATTERS

Overall everything in town is going fine, a few minor issues.

Security required at all premises when events are on.

7. COUNCIL MATTERS

Nil.

8. GENERAL BUSINESS

Nil.

9. NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, 12 April 2016 at 1:00pm in the Council Chambers.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE MEETING CLOSED AT 1:25PM