

COBAR SHIRE COUNCIL



ORDINARY MEETING AGENDA

THURSDAY 24 APRIL 2014

~ ORDER OF BUSINESS ~

Business for the meeting will be as follows:

1. Apologies
 2. Public Access Session – Mr Mark Coulton MP (Federal Member for Parkes) – Economic Issues in Cobar Shire
 3. Declaration of Interests
 4. Condolences
 5. Confirmation of Minutes
 - Traffic Committee Meeting – Tuesday, 11 February 2014
 - Ordinary Meeting of Council – Thursday 27 March 2014
 - Works Committee Meeting – Thursday 10 April 2014
 - Finance and Policy Committee Meeting – Thursday 10 April 2014
 6. Matters Arising from Minutes
 7. Mayoral Report
 8. General Manager's Report – Part A (Action)
 9. General Manager's Report – Part B (Information)
 10. Matters of Urgency
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~ COUNCIL'S VISION ~

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

~ COUNCIL'S MISSION ~

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

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

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

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

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

~ COUNCIL'S CHARTER ~

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

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

~ COUNCIL DIARY ~

DATE	ACTIVITY	INVOLVES
Thursday, 24 April 2014 (3:00pm – 4:30pm)	Meeting with Commonwealth Member for Parkes Mark Coulton MP – Cobar Shire's Economic Position and Associated Matters Discussion	Councillors/Senior Staff
Thursday, 24 April 2014 (5:00pm)	Council Meeting	Councillors/ Staff/ Community
Thursday 8 May 2014 (5:00pm)	Committee Meetings	Councillors/Senior Staff/ Community
Wednesday 21 May 2014 (6:30pm – 8:00pm)	Public Meeting Presentation of Draft 2014/2015 AOP, Revenue Statement, Fees and Charges, Budget and LTFP	Councillors/Senior Staff/ Community
Thursday 22 May 2014 (5:00pm)	Council Meeting	Councillors/Senior Staff/ Community

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 2014.

CLAUSE 2A – ADDRESS BY MARK COULTON MP

FILE: D2-1, P2-2 AOP REFERENCE: 2.1

ATTACHMENT: NO

AUTHOR: *Special Projects Officer, Angela Shepherd*

Purpose

To thank Mr Mark Coulton MP for addressing Council and meeting with Councillors earlier today.

Background

Mr Mark Coulton MP, Federal Member for Parkes will address Council on economic issues within the Shire. Mr Coulton will meet with Councillors prior to the meeting for more informal and indepth discussions.

Issues

A number of economic issues, relevant to the Federal Government, will be explored in meetings between Mr Coulton and Council. In particular, the Roads to Recovery program will be canvassed, with Cobar Shire Council (and all Council's around Australia) very keen to see the continuation of this program. It is also important at this part of the budget cycle and works programming to start identifying the quantum of future payments.

Other topics of importance include: the Community Development Grants Programme, the Albert Priest Channel, mobile telephone coverage, tourism and the current economic and social issues facing Cobar Shire.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council resolves to thank Mr Mark Coulton MP for his address and look forward to working with him further in the future.

CLAUSE 3A – COUNCIL’S SEAL ON FUNDING DEEDS OF AGREEMENT FOR THE COBAR SEWERAGE SYSTEM UPGRADE AND SYSTEM EXPANSION AND COBAR AIRPORT - LIGHTING AND PAVEMENT UPGRADE PROJECTS

FILE: G4-29

AOP REFERENCE: 4.1.4

ATTACHMENT: NO

AUTHOR: *Special Projects Officer, Angela Shepherd*

Purpose

To obtain approval to affix the Council Seal to the Funding Deeds of Agreement between Council and the NSW Government (Treasurer) for the Resources for Regions projects for the Cobar Sewerage System Upgrade and System Expansion and Cobar Airport – Lighting and Pavement Upgrade.

Background

Council was awarded Resources for Regions grant funds in Round 2 for the Cobar Sewerage System Upgrade and System Expansion (\$2.1 million of \$2.2 million) and Cobar Airport – Lighting and Pavement Upgrade (\$2.5 million).

The Funding Deeds of Agreement are to be signed by Treasurer Baird from the NSW Government and the Mayor and the General Manager on behalf of Cobar Shire Council, under the seal of Council.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council resolve to affix Council’s seal on the Funding Deeds of Agreement between Cobar Shire Council and the NSW Government (through the Treasurer) in relation to the Resources for the Regions Cobar Sewerage System Upgrade and System Expansion and Cobar Airport – Lighting and Pavement Upgrade Projects.

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

FILE: L5-22

AOP REFERENCE: 3.3

ATTACHMENT: YES

(UNDER SEPARATE COVER)

AUTHOR: *Special Projects Officer, Angela Shepherd*

Purpose

For Council to place the Draft 2014/2015 Annual Operational Plan, including the Revenue Policy, Fees and Charges, Budget and 10 Year Financial Plan, on public display until at least 28 May 2014 to gain feedback from the community so that appropriate comments can be considered prior to adoption.

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 in the normal timing. Prior to adoption, Council must exhibit the draft documents for a minimum of 28 days to gather further community input.

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 community workshop on Wednesday 21 May from 6.30pm in the Council Chambers to explain the documents to those interested and to receive feedback from the community.

Input is then reported to Council for consideration prior to adoption of the final documents.

All Councillors have been provided with a draft copy of the Annual Operational Plan under separate cover.

Executive Summary and Background

The budget assumptions are shown in the attachment. However the key risks identified with the budget are:

- 1) The timing of the RMS Ordered Works. This has been considerably reduced on prior years and its cut in will determine the level of the workforce which is required to be asked to take leave.
- 2) Plant costs have been increasing at a greater rate than plant income and putting the fleet under pressure.

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

COBAR SHIRE COUNCIL
WHOLE OF COUNCIL SUMMARY BY FUND - OPERATING STATEMENT BUDGET - DRAFT
YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2015

	General	Waste	Sub-total	Water	Sewer	Total
Operating Revenue	26,717,330	832,535	27,549,865	3,202,467	2,871,894	33,624,226
Operating Expenditure	26,001,474	717,149	26,718,623	2,630,484	857,691	30,206,798
Operating Surplus/Deficit	715,856	115,386	831,243	571,982	2,014,203	3,417,428
<i>less</i> Capital Income	1,198,500	0	1,198,500	570,000	2,100,000	3,868,500
<i>add</i> Project Team Credit	120,000	0	120,000	0	0	120,000
Net of Capital Income and Contributions	-362,644	115,386	-247,257	1,982	-85,797	-332,072

CALCULATION OF CASH CONSUMPTION / GENERATION FOR EACH FUND

Operating Revenue	26,717,330	832,535	27,549,865	3,202,467	2,871,894	33,624,226
<i>less</i> Internal Cost Charges	4,229,572	0	4,229,572	0	0	4,229,572
<i>less</i> Cross Charging	568,240	0	568,240	0	0	568,240
<i>less</i> Internal Rates and Charges	61,000	43,000	104,000	50,000	25,000	179,000
Total External Cash Generated	21,858,518	789,535	22,648,053	3,152,467	2,846,894	28,647,414
Operating Expenditure	26,001,474	717,149	26,718,623	2,630,484	857,691	30,206,798
<i>less</i> Internal Cost Charges	4,229,572	0	4,229,572	0	0	4,229,572
<i>less</i> Cross Charging	0	159,380	159,380	211,024	197,836	568,240
<i>less</i> Internal Rates and Charges	179,000	0	179,000	0	0	179,000
Total External Payments plus Dep	21,592,902	557,769	22,150,671	2,419,460	659,855	25,229,986
<i>add back</i> Depreciation	3,949,282	83,281	4,032,563	335,780	365,000	4,733,343
<i>less</i>						
Plant Capital Expenditure	1,535,000	0	1,535,000	1,570,000	625,000	3,730,000
Infrastructure Capital Expenditure	4,253,000	0	4,253,000	0	0	4,253,000
Other Capital Expenditure	731,500	0	731,500	0	0	731,500
<i>add</i>						
Proceeds from Plant Reduction	173,000	0	173,000	0	0	173,000
Proceeds from Plant Sales	463,000	0	463,000	0	0	463,000
<i>add</i>						
New Loan Proceeds	265,000	0	265,000	0	0	265,000
<i>less</i>						
Repay Loans - Principal	297,651	0	297,651	0	0	297,651
Cash Generated	-1,251,013	198,667	-1,052,346	-662,238	1,754,203	39,620

Note: \$20,000 of rates will not be collected (old titles) 20,000

The expenditure on assets in relation to depreciation is as follows:

Capital Expenditure	\$8,714,500
Depreciation	\$4,733,343
Capital Income	\$3,868,500
Renewal	\$3,903,000

The cash surplus from operations for the year is \$3,900,620 with a further \$200,000 being transferred from the Water and Sewer Fund reserves.

The forecast cash surplus in 2015/2016 is \$780,381. This variation is brought about by the timing of the project expenditure compared to the receipt of the grant income for these purposes.

Fees and Charges have also been the subject of two workshops. Note that no increase is included for the swimming pool or the airport. On balance between 2.3%,

which is the rate peg amount and 3% which is the assumed inflationary index has been applied to fees and charges where a regulated amount does not apply. Plant and equipment hire charges have been amended to reflect appropriate costs.

Legal Situation

Council must adopt the Annual Operational Plan by 30 June to allow the sending of rate notices in the normal timing and the draft Plan must be exhibited for a minimum of 28 days prior to adoption, allowing for community input.

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 resolves to place the Draft 2014/2015 Annual Operational Plan including the Revenue Policy, Fees and Charges, Budget and 10 Year Financial Plan, on display for a minimum of 28 days to seek community feedback prior to adoption.

CLAUSE 5A – THIRD QUARTERLY REVIEW OF THE ANNUAL OPERATIONAL PLAN 2013/2014

FILE: L5-22

AOP REFERENCE: 3.1

**ATTACHMENT: YES
(UNDER SEPARATE COVER)**

AUTHOR: *Special Projects Officer, Angela Shepherd*

Purpose

To provide Council with a detailed review of all actions outlined in the Annual Operational Plan 2013/2014 (AOP) for the third quarter (i.e. January to March 2014).

Background

At the June 2013 Council meeting, Council adopted the 2013/2014 Annual Operational Plan and budget. Council is obligated to review the AOP and budget each quarter, under the NSW Integrated Planning and Reporting legislation and guidelines. The budget review is presented as a separate paper. It should be remembered that this review is only for the period January to March 2014 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. This quarterly review replaces the community services quarterly reports and thus it contains many of the statistics previously presented in these reports.

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

Governance

- A contractor was engaged to design and construct the new skate park. The first round of consultations have taken place this month. It is hoped to have the project completed by the 30 September 2014 or earlier if possible;
- The rollout of the new computers is almost complete and there has been significant upgrading of the network;
- Significant Council resources have gone into the Resources for Regions program funding opportunities. Council was successful with two projects and the Cobar Water Board was successful with one project under Round 2. Work will continue in Q4 to finalise funding deeds for those projects. Preparation works will also take place so the projects can commence in 2014/2015;
- The annual performance reviews were completed. Advanced Return to Work Coordinator training was undertaken by staff. Investigations into a regional solution for providing Health Surveillance and Monitoring services for staff are underway.

Corporate and Community Services

- There has been nearly 100% occupancy at the LBV. The LBV was successful with their unannounced accreditation visit;
- The Inspiring Women of Cobar history project was very successfully launched at International Women's Day;
- Successful Australia Day, Seniors Week and Youth Week activities have been held, with good participation rates at each;
- The upgrade and addition of some gym equipment has been well received by users and a replacement program will continue to be implemented.

Engineering Services

- The main issue affecting the Engineering Services Department is the movement of \$900,000 of RMS work from 2013/2014 to next financial year and the reduction in 2014/2015 of the budget of RMS ordered works. In addition, there has been a curtailing of maintenance works by the RMS within the Shire. The reduction in RMS work will have a significant impact on Council's operations and much effort will continue to go into identifying skill sets, relocating the workforce and encouraging staff to take leave. A further action plan is being developed in Q4 to deal with any continued fall in RMS funding;
- Investigations continued into a new or refurbished truckwash, taking significant staff resources;
- The construction and sealing of the Lilyvale Rest Area will be undertaken in Q4.
- Work on the Tiltagoona Road (52 Mile) progressed well in Q3 despite an initial lack of water, with works to be completed in Q4. Around 5km of the road will be sealed;
- Work has commenced on the Wilga Downs Road using Roads to Recovery funds. Work is on schedule to be completed in Q4;
- The town reseal works are on track to be completed in Q4. Funds have been exhausted for Shire Road maintenance grading. Some funds remain for Regional Road maintenance grading. Recent rain has significantly increased roadside vegetation;
- Cobar is still without an RPT service. Little income has been generated from the airport, but the facility must still be maintained (mowing, fencing etc), resulting in budget stress.

Planning and Environmental Services

- Condition assessments are required for all Council owned buildings to enable proper decision making on how to prioritise funds set aside for building maintenance. Future additional funds are needed with several public buildings in much need of repairs and maintenance.

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 2013/2014 Annual Operational Plan, covering the period January to March 2014.

CLAUSE 6A – THIRD QUARTERLY 2013/2014 BUDGET REVIEW

FILE: L5-22 AOP REFERENCE: 3.3

**ATTACHMENT: YES
(UNDER SEPARATE COVER)**

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

Purpose

To present to Council the budget review for the third quarter of the 2013/2014 financial year and to recommend changes to the 2013/2014 Budget.

Background

Council is required to receive a budget review statement at the end of the first three quarters of each financial year that shows the estimate of income and expenditure as set out in its Annual Operational Plan and a revised estimate of the income and expenditure for that year.

Appearing as attachments to this report are:

1. Detailed Income and Expenditure analysis.
2. Section 94 Contribution Details.
3. A report from the Director of Corporate and Community Services indicating that he believes the financial position is satisfactory having regard to the adopted estimates for the 2013/2014 year.

Additionally an analysis on Capital Expenditure is attached. It should be noted that the major project work on the Filtration Plant funded under the Resources for Regions is expected to commence this financial year. \$200k has been included in the capital budget. A first payment of \$780k is also expected. This is included as capital income. It should be noted that this does not impact the operating result.

In analysing the forecast, particularly the General Fund, Council needs to recall that \$1,100k of Financial Assistance Grants was received in 2012/2013 which was applicable to the 2013/2014 financial year.

RECOMMENDATION

1. **That the Third Quarterly 2013/2014 Budget Review Report be received and noted.**
2. **That the estimates contained in the attachment to the Third Quarterly 2013/2014 Budget Review Report be adopted as the revised forecast for 2013/2014 financial year.**
3. **That the attachment, Capital Expenditure Third Quarterly 2013/2014 Report, be received and noted.**

CLAUSE 7A – REVIEW OF CURRENT WATER RESTRICTIONS

FILE: W2-21

AOP REFERENCE: 5.1.2.3

ATTACHMENT: NO

AUTHOR: *General Manager, Gary Woodman*

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to outline to Cobar Shire Council the necessity to review and amend the current water restrictions.

Background

With the end of daylight savings and as we are now entering into the cooler months of the year it would be an appropriate time for Council to review the current level of water restrictions.

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

Cobar:

- Hand held hoses are permitted at any time;
- All fixed sprinklers, irrigation systems etc are permitted between 6pm to 9pm and 6am to 9am daily;
- No car washing permitted on hard surfaces.

Nymagee:

- Hand held hoses are permitted anytime;
- All fixed sprinklers, irrigation systems, etc are banned;
- No car washing permitted.

Euabalong and Euabalong West:

- Hand held hoses are permitted at any time;
- All fixed sprinklers, irrigation systems, etc are banned;
- No car washing permitted.

As indicated above we are entering the cooler months and the demand for water has decreased. Council should now review water restrictions to co-inside with the current demand and the adjusted daylight hours. The suggested restrictions are as follow:

Cobar, Nymagee, Euabalong and Euabalong West:

- Hand held hoses are permitted at any time;
- All fixed sprinklers, irrigation systems, etc be permitted between 4.00pm and 10.00am daily;
- No car washing permitted on hard surfaces.

The only change to the normal restrictions for this time of the year is a relaxation of the typical restrictions at Euabalong and Euabalong West where fixed sprinklers,

irrigation systems, etc will be permitted between 4.00pm and 10.00am daily instead of being completely banned. This change is being considered reasonable due to the amount of water in the dam feeding the Lachlan River and the Euabalong ponds.

Both Nymagee storages have sufficient water from the recent storms to also warrant the lifting of the current severe water restrictions back to the normal restrictions.

The Cobar storage is currently at approximately 75%.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council amend the current water restrictions commencing 1 May 2014 to the following:

Cobar, Nymagee, Euabalong and Euabalong West:

- **Hand held hoses are permitted at any time;**
- **All fixed sprinklers, irrigation systems, etc be permitted between 4.00pm and 10.00am daily;**
- **No car washing permitted on hard surfaces.**

CLAUSE 8A – GRADING OF SHIRE ROAD 20 (GRAIN ROAD) BY LOCAL CONTRACTORS

FILE: SR1-20 AOP REFERENCE: 4.3.2 ATTACHMENT: YES (PAGE 59)

AUTHOR: *Works Manager, Kingsley Page*

Purpose

For Cobar Shire Council to consider a trial using local property owners as contractors to maintenance grade Shire Road 20 (Grain Road).

Background

A recommendation put forward at the February 2014 Rural Roads Advisory Committee meeting held at Mt Hope discussed the possibility of landholders in the Mt Hope area grading and maintaining Shire Road 20 on a trial basis. The main proponent is a local property owner who owns property along the Grain Road, Phillip Hague. The landholders state that they have their own machinery available to use and believe this could lead to efficiencies. Mr Phillip Hague explained that at the end of the trial period a survey could be sent around to all landowners along the Grain Road to compare the results.

Mr Phillip Hague expressed concerns that if Shire Road 20 does get in any worse condition the property owners would not be able to get their produce in and out.

Mr. Phillip Hague made an address to Council at the 27 March 2014 Council Meeting where he outlined the proposed grading strategy for the Grain Road.

Mr. Hague requested that the trial be done over 30 kms instead of 20 kms as nominated in the previous report.

Council's grader team consists of a motor grader, 24 tonne multi-tyred roller, a 34,000 litre water truck, operators, caravans, diesel water pump, fuel tanker, generator sets and an allowance for the Rural Supervisor.

Cobar Shire has 1,570 kilometres of Shire Roads that consist of gravel or natural surface. The total funds available for all Shire Roads are \$1,389,350 for 2013/2014, disregarding capital works, if divided by the total length equates to average of \$885 per km.

The Grain Road is 91.5 km long made up 70.85 km of gravel sections and 20.65 km of bitumen seal. The five year average amount spent on grading on the Grain Road has been \$80,500 per year. At current costs this represents 4.5 to 5 weeks of grading for the Euabalong crew depending on moisture in the road. The average cost per kilometre spent on grading the Grain Road is \$1,145 which is above the average of \$885 per km for all Shire Roads. This is understandable as the Grain Road is a collector road as well as being a through road and a school bus route.

Lachlan Shire Council receives higher grant levels for road maintenance particularly for its Regional Road Network than Cobar Shire and their gravel roads are kept at a much higher standard with a lot of their gravel roads made up of roadbase made from

crushed stone. There are some gravel roads that have been lime stabilised which increases the pavement life up to eleven years with only a light patrol grade required mainly around floodways. They also maintain and install cattle grids on their Regional Roads.

Issues

The landholders propose to supply a grader equivalent to a Council grader and pull a tag-a-long roller. It is proposed a water truck can be supplied if there is insufficient moisture in the pavement to achieve the necessary compaction. Their hire rates are comparable to other contractors in the district.

The one major advantage they would have is that all the equipment is relatively close to the site and could be established in the first instance easier than the Council crew and the time spent travelling to and from site would be with high probability borne by the operators.

In order to accommodate Mr. Hague's request to grade a longer section it would make good sense to grade from the intersection of Tallebung Road (SR 21) to the bitumen section that joins Kiacatoo Road (approximately 40 kilometres).

In terms of grading the road the proposed roller is not heavy enough to compact the gravel and the road will disintegrate quicker than if done with a heavy roller similar to Councils.

There is no proposal to add gravel to weak spots and this would be an additional cost that would need to be negotiated.

A further issue that needs to be monitored with regard to maintaining the Council unsealed road network is any increase in B-double and road trains on commodity access routes. The increase in weight of vehicle and traffic movements will lead to increased damage occurring to the roads.

Any upgrading of categories of roads will increase service level requirements.

It is more efficient to maintenance grade only on a when needed basis rather than on a predetermined routine schedule (whether it needs it or not).

Maintenance grading should become more rational (planned and prioritised rather than responding to the loudest ratepayer).

Gravel roads lose approximately 2 cm of surface a year through traffic, weathering, erosion, dust and rain. One road train can do the equivalent damage of more than 10,000 cars. Trucks are the main destroyers of gravel roads and are significantly increased if the surface is only natural gravel or weak gravel.

The surface of most soils contains moderate to high proportions of fine sand, which because of its lack of structure will form 'bulldust' when disturbed. This bulldust will effect both wet and dry trafficability and create issues with excess dust from vehicle movements.

The only solution to bulldust is to replace it with good hard gravel brought in from a borrow pit. This is expensive costing approximately \$20,000/ km and sometimes up to \$50,000/km. Patrol grading cannot cure bulldust because all it does is to move it off to the side and expose more natural surface to wear and tear. Eventually the road surface is half-metre or more below the surrounding ground level and effectively becomes a channel for the water to follow instead of flowing to the table drains.

There are several local contractors in Cobar keen to provide grader teams if Council decides to downsize their own grader fleet and introduce contract grading partially or fully. There are also other farmers on other Shire roads that have graders who are also keen to grade the route their trucks take to the silos.

The problem arises what does Council do with their own crews whilst these contractors are busily grading Council roads. There are insufficient funds in the Shire Road budget to pay for the Council crew as well as the contractors outfit. Council would have to specifically set aside additional funds to do the trial.

With Council providing their own grader teams it is getting the job done at cost price with no profit added on. Council can control the quality and show no bias to any particular section of road as they have no vested interest in prioritising one section over another. The Council grader has only one dedicated task to do and is not affected if workers are needed elsewhere such as at grain harvest time or at planting time.

Contractors must earn a profit to stay in business. The assumption is that contractors will outperform Council crews and grade more roads for the same amount of money or do a better job. However, common sense says once a contractor is firmly entrenched the way forward is to maximise their profit. With no Council crew to benchmark with or to replace them if their standard drops, long term grading costs for Council could end up much higher by using contractors.

The experience of other council's that have gone to contractors report that their grading costs have actually come down or they are actually getting better service levels for the same money. The preferred position of a lot of Councils' is to have a mix of their own graders doing the base load and emergencies whilst contractors grade in the cooler months when moisture demand is a lot less.

Central Darling Shire Council has grader contractors working a 9 days on, 4 days off roster and claim they are gaining efficiencies through not losing time when the crews mobilise and demobilise. Also if the grader breaks down then it gets stood down and doesn't cost the Council anything.

The contractors are required to grade 5 kilometres per day.

It is beneficial for the contractors as well as they are achieving more than 2,000 hours a year hire for their machines so they could drop the price a bit.

There is always impartiality by using the Council grader if disputes between neighbouring property owners' flares up over any number of issues, whether it is grids, level of service or traffic control. Council can normally source water from farmers if it is available for a small fee whereas water may not be that freely available to contractors or may be supplied to the contractor at a higher price seeing that it is an

enterprise. Water is a relatively small cost but any increases will be directly borne by the Council.

Currently Cobar Shire Council's sub-depot at Euabalong services Shire Road 20. However, the budget is still Cobar Shire Council's budget with little likely hood of doing any better than last year.

Cobar Shire Council through natural attrition of staff by the way of people retiring or just simply leaving could possibly in two or three years be in a position to hire contract grader operators without forcing any redundancies.

In March 2015 if the Liberal-National parties' are successful in winning the State Election they are going to force 'consolidation' in local government: boundary changes, shared services and mergers. Boundary changes and Council amalgamations have been one of the principal avenues of local government reform in all parts of Australia.

In most instances, councils have strongly resisted amalgamations and boundary changes and sooner or later central governments (State or National) have intervened to force major restructuring, mostly not for the better.

The NSW Government and NSW Roads and Maritime Service (RMS) are keen to ensure that public funds applied to the maintenance of State road assets are used effectively and efficiently.

In support of seeking increased efficiencies RMS has been asked by the government to examine opportunities for increased contestability in the delivery of road maintenance.

This means that Cobar Shire Council's RMS crew may now have to compete for RMS work with other councils as well as well as private contractors pre-qualified with RMS.

A very recent development has been the RMS reduction in Road Maintenance Council Contract (RMCC) works not only for Cobar Shire Council but all rural councils.

This developments means Council's current RMS crew will be under-employed as the 2014/2015 RMS allocation will be insufficient to keep them going all year round. This means there is now one to two grader crews having to be redeployed to do Regional Roads and Shire Roads maintenance grading at some time during the year.

Legal Situation

The contractors will have their own \$20 million public liability insurance.

Financial Implications

With recent developments concerning a reduction in RMCC work on the State Highways and the RMS crews needing to be redeployed onto Shire Roads there will be no surplus funds in the Shire Road budget to have grader contractors doing Council maintenance grading work.

For Council to commence a trial grading by the Grain Road contractor additional funds will need to be allocated from other areas of the Council Budget.

Risk Implication

The grader operator is an ex Cobar Shire grader operator so he is familiar with Council standards and traffic control.

Supervision and monitoring will still lie with the Council's Rural Supervisor so Council can still maintain control of the operation.

Options

1. Continue to use Council equipment and operators and grade on an "as required basis" and not to a predetermined program.
2. Trial the Grain Road contractor in the 2014/2015 financial year and allocate \$46,000 for the section of road from Tallebung Road to the bitumen section at the southern end (approx.40 km long), and compare it with Council's standard. All work to be approved by the Works Manager prior to commencement on each occasion.
3. Council to investigate a long term strategy of using contractors and Council graders to accomplish its maintenance grading routine. As natural attrition of the grader crews occurs due to retirement and resignations Council could be in a position to supplement its own grader crews with Contractors.
4. Continue to lobby State and Federal Governments for increases in funding to maintain Council's Shire roads at a better level.

RECOMMENDATION

1. **That Council continues to use its own equipment and operators to grade the Grain Road.**
2. **That Council to investigate a long term strategy of using contractors and Council graders to accomplish its maintenance grading routine.**
3. **That Council lobby State and Federal Governments for increases in funding to maintain Council's Regional and Shire Roads at a better level.**
4. **That Council notify Mr. Phillip Hague of its decision.**

CLAUSE 9A – SUPPORT FOR THE NSW PUBLIC LIBRARY ASSOCIATIONS FUNDING CAMPAIGN

FILE: L1-1 AOP REFERENCE: 4.4.2.3 ATTACHMENT: YES (PAGE 60-65)

AUTHOR: *Manager Library Services, Jane Siermans*

Purpose

For Council to consider a request from NSW Public Library Associations for support of their campaign to seek additional State Government funding for public libraries.

Background

The NSW public library funding situation is an historic issue that has been ignored by successive NSW governments. The funding level has now reached a crisis point.

The intent of the NSW Library Act in 1939 was for equal funding from state and local governments to provide library services. Since that time local government has increasingly carried the funding burden and the situation has deteriorated significantly over the past few decades.

Issues

Library users represent significant portions of both NSW and Cobar Shire populations. 44% of the state's population are library users, and Cobar Library has 2,779 members (54% of the Shire population). In 2012/2013, Cobar Shire Library:

- held 23,974 books, magazines and DVDs;
- recorded 26,290 loans; and
- 7,190 hours of computer/internet use.

Financial Implications

The lack of State Government action to improve the funding situation over the years has resulted in three key issues:

1. NSW public libraries receive the lowest per-capita State Government funding of all the states in Australia;
2. The proportion of State Government expenditure on public libraries has decreased dramatically from 23% in 1980 to 7% in 2013;
3. NSW Local Government councils are currently paying 93% of the costs to operate public libraries in NSW, and these libraries are governed by state legislation.

There is currently a high degree of uncertainty as to the level of ongoing funding for public libraries in NSW from the State Government. Without urgent action from local government and NSW Public Library Associations, this situation will continue and local councils will once again be forced to pick up the funding shortfall.

Further details on NSW Public Library Funding is included in the attachments.

Options

It is clear that urgent action is required to address the increased burden on local government in the provision of public library services. The NSW Public Library Associations, representing both country and metropolitan libraries, are now co-ordinating a targeted campaign to bring the situation to the attention of politicians and funding decision makers to address the problem. They are seeking to influence the current state government budget discussions for 2014/2015 as well as the budget for 2015/2016 (which will be in an election year).

Further information on the NSW Public Library Associations campaign and participation by NSW Councils is included in the attachments.

RECOMMENDATION

That Cobar Shire Council provide support to the campaign mounted by the NSW Public Library Associations for increased State funding to local government for public libraries by:

- 1. Making representation to Kevin Humphries MP in relation to the need for additional funding from the NSW State Government for the provision of public library services;**
- 2. Writing to the Hon. George Souris MP, Minister for the Arts, calling upon the Government to implement the Reforming Public Library Funding submission of the Library Council of NSW in 2012 for the reform of the funding system for NSW public libraries;**
- 3. Approving the distribution of NSW Public Library Associations campaign information in Council libraries;**
- 4. Approving Council library staff to take a lead role in activating the campaign locally.**

CLAUSE 10A– AMENDMENT TO RESOLUTION 229FP.2.2012

FILE: S5-29 AOP REFERENCE: 3.3.2 ATTACHMENT: YES (PAGE 66-67)

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

Purpose

To alter Resolution 229FP.2.2012 which was passed as one of a number of measures to manage the financial crisis which prevailed in the 2011 financial year.

Background

A number of resolutions regarding operational decisions were made at the Extra Ordinary Meeting of Council of 2 December 2011 and the Ordinary Meeting of Council of 23 February 2012 in relation to operational decisions with some decisions that are normally made by Council officers required to be made by Councillors as a result of those resolutions. The Extra Ordinary Meeting of 2 December 2011 was called to examine Council's poor financial position following the release of the 2011 audited results.

Resolution 229FP.2.2012 resolved 'That all travel and attendance to all conferences by all staff and Councillors be brought before Council for consideration and approval on a case by case basis, and that prior to the attendance at special meetings it be reported to the Mayor or Deputy Mayor'.

Many of the operational decisions included in this draft of decisions have been made no longer effective due to either the passing of time or the withdrawal by further resolutions. However resolution 229FP.2.2012 is still in place.

Discussions with the legal section of the Local Government NSW have indicated that this decision making area being with Councillors is 'more than likely' outside of the scope of Section 232 of the Local Government Act 1993.

Section 232 reads as follows:

What is the role of a Councillor:

- 1) *The role of a councillor is, as a member of the governing body of the council:*
 - *To provide a civic leadership role in guiding the development of the community strategic plan for the area and to be responsible for monitoring the implementation of the council's delivery program;*
 - *To direct and control the affairs of the council in accordance with the Act;*
 - *To participate in the optimum allocation of the council's resources for the benefit of the area;*
 - *To play a key role in the creation and review of the council's policies and objectives and criteria relating to the exercise of the council's regulatory functions;*
 - *To review the performance of the council and its delivery of services, and the delivery program and revenue policies of the council.*

2) *The role of the councillor is, as an elected person:*

- *To represent the interests of the residents and ratepayers;*
- *To provide leadership and guidance to the community;*
- *To facilitate communication between the community and the council.*

Councillors may exert influence over this item through the budget process. The terminology ‘more than likely’ was used as the legal officer could not recall the matter being specifically tested but neither could he recall a Council managing this item at hands on level.

The second dimension that was suggested be considered in improving this situation was the Councils obligations with Award commitments. Cobarr Shire Council on balance is bound to the conditions of the Local Government (State) Award 2010. The training obligations under the Award are attached. Councillors should note Clause 27 (f) which obligates Council to provide appropriate training considerations for each employee on merits as identified in the employees performance appraisal.

The third dimension of consideration is Cobarr’s remoteness. In many instances a training seminar is the only way some employees can be kept up to date with contemporary developments within their field.

The lack of definition as to what a ‘special meeting’ is makes that component of the resolution subject to arbitrary implementation and therefore unworkable.

It is noted that resolution 229FP.2.2012 embraced staff and councillors. Many Councils Australia wide follow this process for Councillors.

RECOMMENDATION

That Resolution 229FP.2.2012 be altered to:

That all travel and attendance to all conferences by Councillors be brought before Council for consideration and approval on a case by case basis.

CLAUSE 11A – ACCOMMODATION PRICING FOR LILLIANE BRADY VILLAGE FROM 1 JULY 2014

FILE: C8-4-5 AOP REFERENCE: 1.5.4 ATTACHMENT: YES (PAGE 68-83)

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

Purpose

For Council to approve accommodation prices at the Lilliane Brady Village effective 1 July 2014.

In 2012, the Federal Government announced several key reforms to the aged care sector which were entitled “Living Longer Living Better” (LLLB). These reforms were driven by the outcomes of the Productivity Commission Inquiry Report entitled “Caring for Older Australians.”

A key component of these reforms is in providing older Australians entering aged care homes with more flexibility and choice in how they pay the accommodation costs. From 1 July 2014 all residents who can afford to will have the choice of paying their accommodation through a daily accommodation payment (DAP) or a refundable accommodation deposit (RAD) or a combination of both. Aged Care Providers will not be able to choose between aged care recipients on the basis of how they choose to pay for their accommodation. The RAD is payable within 6 months of entering a facility or a DAP or combination of either within 28 days.

Aged Care Providers must publish the maximum accommodation prices they intend to charge for new residents entering care on or after 1 July 2014 on the *My Aged Care Website* from the 19 May 2014, on the provider’s website and in written documentation to be given to prospective residents or their representatives. This must include the price for each type or category of room in a service as well as the key features for each type of room.

To assist with developing recommended RAD and DAP charges to reflect the new legislation, council engaged the assistance of Tempus Management Resources, a care specific consultancy group. In developing the recommendations Tempus took into account past bond taking history, impact on profitability and cash flow, prudential requirements, current real estate prices as well the age, size and quality of rooms of the facility.

The result of this modeling is to recommend a suite of compliant pricing for Lilliane Brady Village:

Tempus Management provided detailed information on the forecast impact of the changes due to LLLB legislative reforms including potential impact on profitability and cash flow which are included on the full report provided.

RECOMMENDATION

That the following pricing be set for Lilliane Brady Village commencing 1 July 2014:

Group 1 – Single rooms with ensuite:

- **Bed/Room rate** \$199,059 All RAD payment
 \$ 35.94 per day All DAP
 \$ 99,530 50% RAD
 \$ 17.97 per day 50% DAP

Group 2 – Single room with shared ensuite:

- **Bed/Room rate** \$194,059 All RAD payment
 \$ 35.04 per day All DAP
 \$ 97,030 50% RAD
 \$ 17.52 per day 50% DAP

Group 3 – 2 bed shared room with shared ensuite

- **Bed/Room rate** \$169,156 All RAD payment
 \$ 30.54 per day All DAP
 \$ 84,578 50% RAD
 \$ 15.27 per day 50% DAP

Group 4 – 4 bed shared room with shared ensuite

- **Bed/Room rate** \$159,156 All RAD payment
 \$ 28.74 per day All DAP
 \$ 79,578 50% RAD
 \$ 14.37 per day 50% DAP.

CLAUSE 12A – RURAL ADDRESSING: CONSULTATION REGARDING ROAD NAME FOR SR46

FILE: R5-11

AOP REFERENCE: 1.6.5.2

ATTACHMENT: NO

AUTHOR: *Trainee Civil Engineering Technician, Adrienne Pierini*

Purpose

To consult with the community and seek public feedback on a proposal to change the name of SR46 to comply with the Australian Standard (AS4819) and the Geographical Names Board (GNB) *Guidelines for the Naming of Roads*, thereby facilitating the completion of an important step within the rural addressing project.

Background

Cobar Shire Council is presently undertaking the project of Rural Addressing for all rural properties within the Cobar Shire. The NSW Government Land and Property Information Division have benchmarks that Council must comply with to successfully complete Rural Addressing. One of these benchmarks includes the gazetting of all relevant road names within the Shire in accordance with the Australian Standard (AS4819) and the GNB *Guidelines for the Naming of Roads*.

The gazetting of relevant road names was mostly completed by Council in 2009/2010 with only three roads yet to be done. One of the three roads in question is Shire Road 46 (commonly known as the Canbelego-Nymagee Road). The current name is non-compliant with the Guidelines and as such the road name is proposed to be changed. There are a range of reasons why a road name change may be required, in this case however it is because the road has an origin-destination name. This method of naming does not comply with the Australian Standard because such names are prone to reversal and confusion (especially in the absence of local knowledge).

Shire Road 46 was included in the submission done in 2009, however an objection was raised by the Geographical Names Board in regards to the proposed road name of “Hartwood Road”. The objection was raised under Clause 1.1, “Uniqueness” of the Road Naming Guideline as the name is duplicated with “Hartwood Street” in Nymagee.

In October 2013 a letter was sent to the Geographical Names Board (GNB) to check if the amended, proposed road name for SR46 met the approved guidelines before Council proceeds with the consultation process. The proposed name is “Rosevale Road”.

Council received a reply from the GNB with no objection to the proposed name “Rosevale Road”.

Policy implications

Consultation regarding the proposal to change the road name of Shire Road 46 to “Rosevale Road” must involve the following:

- Publishing notice of the proposal in the local newspaper; and

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- Serving written notice of the proposal on the following persons or bodies:
 - Australia Post;
 - The Registrar General;
 - The Surveyor General;
 - The Chief Executive of the NSW Ambulance Service;
 - Fire and Rescue NSW;
 - NSW Rural Fire Service;
 - NSW Police Force;
 - State Emergency Service;
 - NSW Volunteer Rescue Association Incorporated; and
 - Roads and Maritime Services (RMS).

The notice must also state that written submissions on the proposed name may be made to Council and must specify the address to which, and the date by which, any submissions should be made.

Council would also put a notice on its website and give written notice to the Rural Roads Advisory Committee and to each adjoining Local Government Area (i.e. Bogan, Lachlan, Bourke, Central Darling and Carrathool) of the proposal.

Financial implications

The costs of consultation will be funded from Council's advertising budget.

RECOMMENDATION

- 1. That Council consult with the community about the proposed road name change for Shire Road 46.**
- 2. That Council consider a further report regarding any submissions received prior to taking further action on the proposed road name change.**
- 3. That Council serve notice of the proposed road name change for Shire Road 46 on Australia Post, The Registrar General, The Surveyor General, The Chief Executive of the NSW Ambulance Service, Fire and Rescue NSW, NSW Rural Fire Service, NSW Police Force, State Emergency Service, NSW Volunteer Rescue Association Incorporated, RMS, The Rural Roads Advisory Committee and to each adjoining Local Government Area (i.e. Bogan, Lachlan, Bourke, Central Darling and Carrathool).**

CLAUSE 13A – COBAR SHIRE COUNCIL DRAFT SWIMMING POOL BARRIER INSPECTION PROGRAM

FILE: S9-1 AOP REFERENCE: 1.6.3 ATTACHMENT: YES (PAGE 84-88)

AUTHOR: *Manager Planning and Environmental Services, Stephen Poulter*

Purpose

To enable Council to consider adoption of the Swimming Pool Barrier Inspection Program.

Background

The subject Swimming Pool Barrier Inspection Program which is attached was placed on public exhibition from 5 March 2014 until 4 April 2014. No submissions were received during this period.

Issues

On 28 March 2014, the NSW Government Office of Local Government released a circular to all Councils deferring the commencement date of when a swimming pool compliance certificate is required when leasing or selling a property containing a swimming pool. The revised commencement date is 29 April 2015.

The exhibited Swimming Pool Barrier Inspection Program required persons to obtain a compliance certificate after 28 April 2014 before leasing or selling a property containing a swimming pool. Due to the change by the State Government, Councils inspection program will need to be revised to include the new commencement date.

It should be noted that the changed commencement date only relates to the requirement to obtain a certificate of compliance before selling or leasing a property with a swimming pool. The changes do not relate to the date from which a tourist/visitor accommodation or multi occupancy developments having a swimming pool must be inspected.

The program will be amended to include the revised date of commencement and should not need to be re-exhibited as the requirement to obtain a compliance certificate prior to selling or leasing a property is still in place with only the commencement date of this provision to be delayed.

Legal Situation

Council is obligated by the Swimming Pools Act 1992 to develop, adopt and implement a swimming pool barrier inspection program in consultation with the community.

Policy Implications

The draft program provides clarity to owners of swimming pools in respect of Cobar Shire Council's role in discharging its regulatory functions pursuant to the Swimming Pools Act.

Risk Implication

All regulatory activities are risk managed and weighted to ensure that Cobar Shire Council effectively and lawfully discharges its duty of care in the field of compliance and enforcement in a fair, transparent and safe manner.

Options

Accept and adopt the Swimming Pool Barrier Inspection Program, as amended or not.

RECOMMENDATION

- 1. That Council adopts the Swimming Pool Barrier Inspection Program, as amended.**
- 2. That Council gives public notice of its adoption of the Swimming Pool Barrier Inspection Program, as amended.**

CLAUSE 14A – INVESTIGATION OF INDUSTRIAL LAND ACQUISITION
FILE: A10-11 AOP REFERENCE: 2.1.5.2 ATTACHMENT: NO
AUTHOR: *Director of Planning and Environmental Services, Garry Ryman*

Purpose

To report on investigations into the cost of acquiring industrial land in response to item 47 in the Monthly Status Report.

Background

Council at its meeting on 28 July 2011 resolved that:

Resolution number 135.7.2011: “*Council investigate the costings for acquiring the land at the end of the Old Bourke Road around to the New Bourke Road, the Old Pipeline Road to the Barrier Highway, the southern side of North Railway Parade in the vicinity of the old trucking yards and the land behind Polyfabrications for industrial purposes or town development*”.

Relevant action taken to date includes:

- i) Completion of the Cobar Local Environmental Plan (LEP) 2012 which commenced on 3 August 2012 and established current land use zones in the Cobar Shire Local Government area.
- ii) Identification of the land subject to the resolution including ownership, and
- iii) Monitoring the level of inquiries for industrial development in Cobar.

Issues

A reliable estimate of costs to acquire land from the Crown is not possible without obtaining costly valuations relative to a reasonably defined timeframe for completion of the acquisition. Ancillary costs associated with any acquisition will be specific to the particular piece of land and will vary on a case by case basis. The purchase price paid to the Crown for acquired land will be market value (determined by an independent Registered Valuer) at the date of acquisition.

Despite not detailing a costing for possible future land acquisitions the following comments may be relevant in terms of considering whether further action is needed regarding the acquisition of Crown Land for future industrial and town development in Cobar.

The existing industrial area in east Cobar is not fully developed and it is possible that activity in the area may be stimulated with the Resources for Regions Sewerage Project which includes an extension of the sewerage system to service the area.

The level of inquiries for new industrial development over recent years has been low and a demand for a new industrial estate in the short term has not been identified.

The financial capacity of Council to fund the purchase of land and development of a new industrial estate is limited and no such project is included in the current or draft 10 Year Financial Plan.

Staff have not identified any compelling need for Council to acquire land now in order to facilitate future medium to long term industrial development in Cobar.

The area of land zoned for industrial use in Cobar under the Cobar LEP 2012 is considered sufficient to meet expected demand for the foreseeable future. Similarly, a high percentage of the zoned industrial land is vacant crown land and in my opinion will remain available in the future for development at the appropriate time. The Cobar LEP 2012 also effectively protects the industrial zoned land from being developed for alternative incompatible land uses that may compromise long term industrial development on the land.

Further, the land to the west of Mulya Road (Louth Road) and extending around to the Barrier Highway is zoned E3 Environmental Management under the Cobar LEP 2012. This land contains the Pipeline Road, is made up of mainly crown reserves setting it aside for public purposes. Despite present reservations future change is possible particularly for a beneficial future public purpose. Staff have not identified any need to acquire the Pipeline Road land for the purpose of protecting the public interest.

The other specific pieces of land replacement in the resolution are described below and similar to previous reasons outlined above in the report there appears to be no compelling need to acquire land at this time.

The site of the old trucking yards is in rail corridor land which is owned/ managed by the Country Rail Infrastructure Authority.

The Polyfabrication site adjoins a crown reserve on its northern boundary and vacant crown land on its east and south.

The land to the west of the northern end of Old Bourke Road and east of the Kidman Way is vacant crown land.

RECOMMENDATION

That no action be taken at this time to acquire land from the NSW Crown for the Industrial Land or Town Development in Cobar.

**CLAUSE 15A – DALTON PARK HORSE COMPLEX LICENCE
AGREEMENTS (CARRIED OVER FROM 27 FEBRUARY 2014)**

**FILE: P1-4-3 AOP REFERENCE: 3.3.4.2 ATTACHMENT: NO
AUTHOR: *Land Management Officer, Heather Holder***

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to update Council on the progress of establishing long term licences for users of Dalton Park Horse Complex and recommend new licence arrangements.

Background

On the 22 March 2012, Council made the following resolution:

34.3.2012 RESOLVED:

1. *That Council set the annual Dalton Park Racecourse licence fees for all users to the minimum of \$432.00 plus GST for 2012/2013.*
2. *That the General Manager be authorised to negotiate a licence term of up to 7 years but no less than two (2) years with all licence holders.*

The intent of the original recommendation for longer term licences was to cut down on the amount of administration in issuing licences to all users on an annual basis.

Issues

To date, staff has been unable to establish new licence agreements with the users of Dalton Park Horse Complex in accordance with the above resolution.

The main reason for not being able to finalise the new licence agreements has been:

- The authority to issue licence over Crown Land for periods in excess of 12 months lies with the Minister. The documentation required to be submitted with an application to the Minister for a long term licence of up to 7 years has not been forthcoming, particularly in terms of asset maintenance plans for the period of the licence.

Currently there are no licence agreements in place with any user at Dalton Park Horse Complex. A new licence agreement for a term of up to 7 years, recommended as a way to cut down on administration has actually increased the amount of administration and is still not complete.

Prior to the Council resolution made on 22 March 2012, Council provided temporary 12 month licences to all users of the Dalton Park Horse Complex. These were simple and easy to administer and within the powers held by Council under the *Crown Lands Act*.

It is recommended that Council cease trying to establish licence agreements of up to 7 years and returns to the simple and easily administered 12 month temporary agreements for all users at Dalton Park Horse Complex.

RECOMMENDATION

- 1. 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 2013 to 30 June 2014:**
 - **Mr S Griffiths & Mrs C Griffiths;**
 - **Ms Sharon Whitehurst;**
 - **Cobar Pony Club;**
 - **Cobar Miners Race Club;**
 - **Cobar Rodeo Committee.**

- 2. That Council no longer pursues obtaining licences of up to seven (7) years for use of the Dalton Park Racecourse Reserve (R630019) except licences on a 12 month temporary basis.**

CLAUSE 1B – DEVELOPMENT APPROVALS

FILE: T5-1

AOP: REFERENCE: 1.6.3.1

ATTACHMENT: NO

AUTHOR: *Director of Planning & Environmental Services, Garry Ryman*

Complying Development Approvals

There were no Complying Development Applications approved under delegated authority for the period 20 March 2014 – 15 April 2014.

The value of Complying Development approvals for 2013/2014 to date is \$20,000.00.
The value of Complying Development approvals for the similar period in 2012/2013 was \$57,780.00.

Local Development Approvals

The following Local Developments have been approved under delegated authority for the period 20 March 2014 – 15 April 2014.

CERTIFICATE NO.	ADDRESS	DESCRIPTION	VALUE (\$)
2014/LD-00017	19 Margaret St, Cobar	Shed	18,000
2014/LD-00014	3 Belah Crescent, Cobar	Dwelling	369,000

The value of Local Development approvals for 2013/2014 to date is \$3,738,818.00.
The value of Local Development approvals for the similar period in 2012/2013 was not available.

Construction Certificates

The following Construction Certificates have been approved under delegated authority for the period 20 March 2014 – 15 April 2014.

CERTIFICATE NO.	ADDRESS	DESCRIPTION
2014/CB-00012	40 Duffy Dr, Cobar	Civil Works – Stage 1b
2014/LD-00014	3 Belah Crescent, Cobar	Construction of a new dwelling

RECOMMENDATION

That the information detailing the Local Development and Construction Certificate approvals for the period 20 March 2014 – 15 April 2014 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/WM	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 Development Advisory Committee has met and formulated an Action Plan for 2013/2014.

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 with acquisition subject to allocation of funds. Application provided to the Division of Local Government in regard to acquisition. Finalisation of purchase processes will not be undertaken until funds are confirmed in a Council budget. Report provided to December 2013 Council

				<p>Following successful acquisition of the above land, classify this land as Operational under the Local Government Act 1993.</p>	<p>Meeting with support now given for consideration for funding in the 2014/2015 Budget.</p> <p>Will be undertaken at time of acquisition.</p>
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COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS 23 JUNE 2011

NUMBER	ITEM	RESOLUTION NUMBER	ACTION BY	ACTION REQUIRED	OUTCOME
28	Committee of the Whole Closed Council – Clause 3C – Plant and Equipment Utilisation Improvement Report	122.6.2011	GM/DES	Undertake actions in accordance with the relevant recommendations of the report.	Appropriate communication strategy and action plan instigated.

COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS 28 JULY 2011

NUMBER	ITEM	RESOLUTION NUMBER	ACTION BY	ACTION REQUIRED	OUTCOME
30	Finance & Policy Committee – Report 2A – Cemetery	125.7.2011	DCCS/HRO	That Community Members of the Cemetery Committee receive appropriate volunteer training.	One long term volunteer remaining at Cemetery. Any additional volunteers will be on boarded through normal

	Maintenance – Set Up of a Cemetery Committee under Section 355, Local Government Act 1993				and formal procedures – No further action required.
47	Council – Clause 4B – Project Status Report	135.7.2011	DPES	Investigate the costings for acquiring the land at the end of the Old Bourke Road around to the New Bourke Road, the Old Pipeline Road to the Barrier Highway, the southern side of North Railway Parade in the vicinity of the old trucking yards and the land behind Polyfabrications for industrial purposes or town development	Initial report provided to the October 2011 Committee Meeting. Further report provided to April 2014 Council Meeting – No further action required.

COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS 25 AUGUST 2011

NUMBER	ITEM	RESOLUTION NUMBER	ACTION BY	ACTION REQUIRED	OUTCOME
61	Council – 3A – Lower Macquarie Water Utilities Alliance (LMWUA) Agreement	149.8.2011	DES	Mayor & GM execute the Deed of Agreement once consent is obtained.	Deed will be executed when consent obtained.

COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS 27 OCTOBER 2011

NUMBER	ITEM	RESOLUTION NUMBER	ACTION BY	ACTION REQUIRED	OUTCOME
87	Council – Clause 4A – Land Acquisition – Cobar Caravan Park Lot 317 in DP755649	193.10.2011	DPES/LMO	Undertake all processes required for the acquisition of the Cobar Caravan Park Lot 317 in DP755649.	Completed. Need to fund acquisition before proceeding any further. Acquisition steps to ‘Proposed Acquisition Notice’. Report provided to December 2013 Council Meeting with support now given for consideration for funding

in the 2014/2015 Budget.

COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS 22 MARCH 2012

NUMBER	ITEM	RESOLUTION NUMBER	ACTION BY	ACTION REQUIRED	OUTCOME
157	Council – Clause 10A – Dalton Park Racecourse – Consideration of Fees and Licences	34.3.2012	LMO	General Manager be authorised to negotiate a licence term of up to 7 years but no less than two (2) years with all licence holders.	Report provided to the April 2014 Council Meeting – No further action required.
162	Council – Clause 16A - Liquid Trade Waste Policy – Costs and Implementation Method	14.3.2012	DES/SM	Adopts option one (1) for the upgrading of the existing trade waste outlets and purchase the required pre-treatment units and complete the installation works on all trade waste premises with all costs to be funded out of the Sewer Fund Reserves with a no-interest three (3) year loan to local proprietors of businesses, and further that repayment will be a condition of approval on their Liquid Trade Waste licence agreement as per the NSW Office of Water regulations.	Action Plan instigated for implementation of resolution.

COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS 26 APRIL ADJOURNED TO 3 MAY 2012

NUMBER	ITEM	RESOLUTION NUMBER	ACTION BY	ACTION REQUIRED	OUTCOME
177	Council - Clause 7A – Nymagee Old School Community Centre	71.4.2012	DPES/LMO	Authorise the Mayor and General Manager to sign a license agreement with the Nymagee Progress Association once incorporated under the Common Seal of Council.	Final Licence Agreement has been sent to Nymagee Progress Association for signing.
194	Committee of the Whole	94.4.2012	GM/LMO	That Council provides authority for the	Further Councillor workshop

	<p>Closed Council - Clause 4C – Sale of Land</p>		<p>General Manager to negotiate the sale of land at either 100 or 105 Marshall Street, Cobar for at least the minimum amount per square metre detailed in the report.</p> <p>That Council provides authority for the General Manager to undertake investigations into any party in regards to the standard financial and company checks, the company's previous experience with similar projects and their previous experience in completing projects with timeframes.</p> <p>The Council may in its absolute discretion elect to terminate negotiations with any party prior to exchange of a contract for the sale of land.</p> <p>That Council approve the sale of land conditional on:- Surveying undertaken and new plans submitted and approved; Subdivision plans submitted and approved; Rezoning of the land to allow for motel accommodation; All legal cost for both parties paid; Submission of a detailed development application that includes but is not limited to: Detailed architectural and design plans including elevations, footpaths, ramps,</p>	<p>strategies planning for land in concern held on 9 August, 2012.</p> <p>Currently no interested party.</p>
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				<p>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>That any sale of the land be subject to the negotiated development proceeding within a reasonable time;</p>	
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	DPES/LMO	<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</p>	<p>Action plan instigated for implementation of resolution.</p> <p>Advertising of proposed road closure undertaken by Crown Land Division of Department</p>

				<p>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>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.</p> <p>Classification to be arranged at acquisition.</p>
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COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS 23 AUGUST 2012

NUMBER	ITEM	RESOLUTION NUMBER	ACTION BY	ACTION REQUIRED	OUTCOME
234	Council – Clause 7A – Festival of the Miners Ghost	197.8.2012	DCCS/MTPR	Seek grant funding for the event to assist it to grow into an event with broader appeal beyond residents of Cobar.	Action plan instigated for implementation of resolution.
240	Committee of the Whole Closed Council – Clause 1C – Goat Handling Facility – Lot 40 DP755649 Kidman Way, Cobar	213.8.2012	DPES	<p>Decline to accept that the current operation of the goat handling facility at Lot 40 DP 755649 Kidman Way, Cobar is a continuing use under S109 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979.</p> <p>That the continued operation of the goat handling facility at Lot 40 DP 755649 Kidman Way, Cobar be dealt with as a compliance matter to be followed up by the Director of Planning and Environmental Services.</p>	Action plan instigated for implementation of resolutions.

COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS 27 SEPTEMBER 2012

NUMBER	ITEM	RESOLUTION NUMBER	ACTION BY	ACTION REQUIRED	OUTCOME
254	Council – Clause 21A – Application for Exemption – Pavement Concession and Future Maintenance of Cobar Regional Airport	238.9.2012	DES/WM	That representations and submissions be provided to Commonwealth Ministers and Agencies in seeking 100% funding for the essential pavement upgrading works that are required to be able to handle larger aircraft as that proposed by Brindabella Airlines at Cobar Regional Airport.	Council successful in receiving a Resources for Regions Program Grant - No further action required.
COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS 13 DECEMBER 2012					
NUMBER	ITEM	RESOLUTION NUMBER	ACTION BY	ACTION REQUIRED	OUTCOME
307	Council – Clause 12A – Plant Replacement Program, Proposed Purchase of 34,000 Litre Water Tank Trailer in lieu of Side Tipper Trailer	320.12.2012	GM/WM	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. 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.	Rescission Motion reported again to the April 2013 Council Meeting which was lost. Action plan instigated and implemented of original resolution.
COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS 28 FEBRUARY 2013					
NUMBER	ITEM	RESOLUTION NUMBER	ACTION BY	ACTION REQUIRED	OUTCOME
343	Council – Clause 22A – Proposed Hangar Construction and Lease of Plant of Land at Cobar	28.2.2013	DES/WM	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”.	Action plan instigated for implementation of resolutions.

	Regional Airport by Sullivan's Mining and Hardware			<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 Works Manager.</p> <p>That Council enter into a lease with the applicant for a 5 x 5 x 5 year lease with the annual fees being in line with the Fees and Charges as determined by Council.</p> <p>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>	Action plan instigated for implementation of resolutions.
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COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS 28 MARCH 2013

NUMBER	ITEM	RESOLUTION NUMBER	ACTION BY	ACTION REQUIRED	OUTCOME
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 2013/2014 Resources for Regions EOI known.
362	Committee of the Whole Closed Council - Clause 3C – Consideration of RMS Agency Agreement	62.3.2013	DCCS	That Council approve in principle entering an agency agreement with Roads and Maritime Services for a further three years provided that the projected revenue covers Council's costs.	Council cost being met through the current arrangement. Finalisation of any agreement subject to the implementation of Services NSW – No further action required.

COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS 24 APRIL 2013

NUMBER	ITEM	RESOLUTION NUMBER	ACTION BY	ACTION REQUIRED	OUTCOME
380	Committee of the Whole Closed Council – Clause 1C – Notice of Rescission Motion – Consideration of Tourism Cost Centre	95.4.2013	GM	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 Council Meeting.

COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS 22 AUGUST 2013

NUMBER	ITEM	RESOLUTION NUMBER	ACTION BY	ACTION REQUIRED	OUTCOME
427	Works Committee – Report 1A – Pedestrian Access Mobility Plan (PAMP) and Access Audit	173.8.2013	CM	That the works program be developed to address the priority one items. That the risk of un-actioned priority one items be entered into Council’s Risk Register.	Priority one items being addressed within budget in 2014/2015 and a further works program will be developed for future years. Draft Risk Register adjusted as required – No further action required.
435	Council – Clause 9A – Determination of Status of Mt Gap Road	187.8.2013	WM	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.
437	Committee of the Whole Closed Council – Clause 1C – Tender T3-13-5 – Design and Construction of Skate Park Facility	195.8.2013	SPO	That Council award the tender for the Cobar Skate Park (T3-13-5) to Precision Skate Parks Pty Ltd, conditional upon, and once the RDAF Round 3 funding agreement is finalised.	Funding Agreement signed contractor being engaged, community consultation underway, expect project to be completed by September 2014 – No further action required.

ORDINARY COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS 26 SEPTEMBER 2013

NUMBER	ITEM	RESOLUTION NUMBER	ACTION BY	ACTION REQUIRED	OUTCOME
457	Council – Clause 12A – Side Tipper and Rock Crusher Report	219.9.2013	WM	That Council hires a gravel crusher on a trial basis.	Quotes being obtained.

COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS 28 NOVEMBER 2013

NUMBER	ITEM	RESOLUTION NUMBER	ACTION BY	ACTION REQUIRED	OUTCOME
492	Council - Clause 9A – Economic Taskforce Community Representatives	268.11.2013	SPO	That following the development of the Terms of Reference of the Taskforce that Council again calls for Community Representatives to sit on the group.	Advertising arranged. Expect a report to be provided to May 2014 Council Meeting.

COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS 12 DECEMBER 2013

NUMBER	ITEM	RESOLUTION NUMBER	ACTION BY	ACTION REQUIRED	OUTCOME
497	Council – Clause 2A – Interim Bore Drilling Report – Lilyvale Rest Area and Barnato – Tilpa Road	284.12.2013	WM	Further investigation of other water bore sites be conducted on an “as needed” basis and reported to Council for approval.	Action plan instigated for implementation of resolution.
498	Council – Clause 3A – 2013 Aerodrome Safety Inspection Report	285.12.2013	WM	That the runway and lighting upgrade be evaluated at the conclusion of the Resources for Regions Program deliberations.	Council successful with Resources for Regions Project funding – No further action required.
505	Council - Clause 10A – Engagement of Project Manager	292.12.2013	DES	That the General Manager be authorised to engage a Project Manager with a salary package including accommodation and vehicle negotiated in the range of existing Engineering Managers (Band 3 Level 4 Grade	Recruitment commenced – No further action required.

				4), for the duration of employment being for the life of the Resources for Regions projects currently for a period of three years.	
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.	Action plan instigated for implementation of resolution.

COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS 20 JANUARY 2014

NUMBER	ITEM	RESOLUTION NUMBER	ACTION BY	ACTION REQUIRED	OUTCOME
510	Extraordinary Meeting of Council – Clause 3A – Increased Water Restrictions to Nymagee	05.1.2014	GM/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.

COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS 27 FEBRUARY 2014

NUMBER	ITEM	RESOLUTION NUMBER	ACTION BY	ACTION REQUIRED	OUTCOME
517	Council – Clause 2A – Review of Current Water Restrictions	14.2.2014	DES	That following finalisation of the current water supply emergency at Nymagee the Mayor and General Manager be authorised to amend the water restrictions at Nymagee to similar restrictions as those for Euabalong and Euabalong West. That a further report be provided to Council on the water flows under the new regime with	Restrictions amended – No further action required. Report expected to be provided to the May 2014 Council Meeting.

				a comparison to the previous restrictions.	
523	Council – Clause 9A – 15 Year Rolling Plant Replacement Program	21.2.2014	GM	<p>That Council sell the Caterpillar 12M grader (P3051) at a suitable time to achieve the best possible price.</p> <p>That Council downsize the caravan fleet and sell off the oldest two vans.</p> <p>That Council sells off on tender utility belonging to the redundant grader.</p>	<p>Action plan instigated for implementation of resolution.</p> <p>Action plan instigated for implementation of resolution.</p> <p>Action plan instigated for implementation of resolution.</p>
524	Council – Clause 10A – Cobar Cadet/ Guide Hall - Lease	22.2.2014	LMO	That the shared occupation of the premises 2 Brennan Street, by the Cobar Cadets and Girl Guides continue on a year to year basis with an annual review by Council when assessing applications under its Donation Policy.	Action plan instigated for implementation of resolution.
527	Council – Clause 14A – Bathurst Street Reserve Licence Agreement	25.2.2014	LMO	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 2013 to 30 June 2014.	Action plan instigated for implementation of resolution.
530	Council – Clause 17A – Cobar Truck Wash Options	28.2.2014	WM	<p>That Council seek external funding from Western Local Land Services and other Government Departments to fund the dollar amount difference between available Council funds (\$113,000) and required budget (\$230,000).</p> <p>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.</p>	<p>Further report amended resolution – No further action required.</p> <p>Action plan instigated for implementation of resolution.</p>

531	Council – Clause 18A – Community Notice Board	29.2.2014	DCCS	That should the project proceed the General Manager be delegated to establish the content management guidelines.	Action plan instigated for implementation of resolution.
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COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS 27 MARCH 2014					
NUMBER	ITEM	RESOLUTION NUMBER	ACTION BY	ACTION REQUIRED	OUTCOME
535	Council – Clause 1A – Mayoral Report	43.2.2014	GM	<p>That Council thank Mr Phillip Hague for his presentation in regards to Shire Road 20 (Grain Road).</p> <p>That Council resolve to affix the Council’s seal on any associated documents in relation to water supply bores for road works within the Cobar Shire Council area.</p> <p>That the General Manager provide appropriate feedback to Mrs Stone on the history and condition of the Cemetery in Cobar.</p>	<p>Council verbally thanked Mr Phillip Hague – No further action required.</p> <p>Seal affixed – No further action required.</p> <p>Letter provided to Mrs Stone with the relevant information and feedback in regards to the Cemetery in Cobar – No further action required.</p>
536	Council – 2A – Council’s Seal on Deed of Agreement Water Treatment Plant	44.3.2014	SPO	That Council resolve to affix Council’s seal on the Funding Deed between Cobar Shire Council and the NSW Government (through the Treasurer) in relation to the Restart NSW funding for the replacement Water Treatment Plant for Cobar.	Seal affixed – No further action required.
537	Council – 3A Cobar Rural Fire Service Brigade Building Proposal	45.3.2014	DES	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	Action plan instigated for implementation of resolution.

				<p>either directly or via a long term lease.</p> <p>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.</p>	
538	Council – 5A Employee Health and Wellbeing Program	47.3.2014	HRO	<p>That Council supports the initiative to reimburse permanent employees with the cost of pool season tickets up to the cost of a single adult ticket upon production of a receipt and evidence that the employee is named as a person covered by the season ticket.</p> <p>That an amount of \$5,500.00 be included in the 2014/2015 budget for the purpose of reimbursement of pool season tickets up to the cost of a single adult ticket.</p>	<p>Action plan instigated for implementation of resolution.</p> <p>Listed in Draft Budget – No further action required.</p>
539	Council – 7A Unannounced Assessment at the Lilliane Brady Village	49.3.2014	DCCS	That Council acknowledges the ongoing favourable reports being received by the Lilliane Brady Village.	Noted – No further action required.
540	Council – 8A Deductible Gift Recipient Status for Council’s Aged Care Facility	50.3.2014	DCCS	<p>That application is made to the Australian Taxation Office to seek Deductible Gift Recipient Status for the Lilliane Brady Village.</p> <p>That application be made to the Australian Taxation Office to seek Deductible Gift Recipient Status for the Lilliane Brady Village Pink Ladies.</p>	Action plan instigated for implementation of resolution.
541	Clause 9A – Legal	51.3.2014	DCCS	That Cobar Shire Council support the	Appropriate letter and payments

	Assistance for Canterbury City Council			legal assistance claim by Canterbury City Council for \$227.78 inclusive of GST.	made – No further action required.
542	Clause 10A – Cobar Truck Wash	53.3.2014	DES/WM	<p>That staff be authorised to arrange appropriate cost effective design of the stock/cattle truck wash in 2013/2014 using available funds.</p> <p>That Council constructs a powered stock/cattle truck wash at the existing Fort Bourke site that incorporates an Avdata System and allocate funds of up to \$177,600 in the 2014/2015 budget with 50% of the budget being from Grant Funds.</p> <p>That Council continues to seek external funding from Western Local Land Service and/or other Government Departments and/or others.</p> <p>That an amount of \$0.80 per minute inclusive of GST for use of the proposed truck wash be incorporated in Council's Fees and Charges for 2014/2015.</p>	<p>Arrangements in train for cost effective design.</p> <p>Listed in Draft Budget – No further action required.</p> <p>Grant funding being sought.</p> <p>Contained within the Draft Fees and Charges – No further action required.</p>
543	Clause 12A – Section 356 Donations 2014-2015	54.3.2014	DCCS	That Council consider the applications for donations on a merit basis and award donations to the value of approximately \$36,000 to be applicable for the budget year ending 30 June 2015.	Noted – No further action required.

				<p>That Council acknowledge the unsuccessful applicants and encourage them to apply in future years with suitable programs or events.</p> <p>That Cobar Shire Council make the following donations for the financial year 2014/2015:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Cobar Mobile Children’s Service by way of 50% rental subsidy \$2,600; 2. Cobar Preschool Centre (approx) \$2,300 by way of general rate relief; 3. Cobar High School \$100 by way of Cobar Quids donation for end of year presentation; 4. Cobar Rugby League Football Club \$26,000 by way of quarterly cash donation provided that it is used in the first instance to pay Cobar Shire Council’s Water Usage Account; 5. Cobar Arts Council (approx) \$1,000 for general rates relief on premises that they will be leasing at Cobar Railway Station commencing upon execution of lease; 6. Kubby House Child Care Centre (approx) \$3,000 for general rates relief; 7. Autoclub of Cobar Inc \$1,000 	<p>Advice provided – No further action required.</p> <p>Appropriate advice provided and donations contained in the Draft Budget – No further action required.</p>
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				cash donation to assist with raw water used at meets; 8. The Cobar Cadets and Girl Guides combine occupancy of the shared premises on a rent free basis and relief from general rates in accordance with Resolution 22.2.2014.	
544	Committee of the Whole Closed Council – Clause 1C – Proposal from NSW Public Works for Consultancy Services for a New Water Treatment Plant	14COW.3.2014	GM/DES	That Council appoint NSW Public Works to undertake Consultancy Services for the construction of a new water treatment plant and that the General Manager be authorised to negotiate and finalise with NSW Public Works the appropriate option to meet the needs of the project.	NSW Public Works engaged – No further action required.

RECOMMENDATION

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

CLAUSE 3B – MEETING MINUTES

FILE: L5-4-3, C6-12-3, C8-6-4, C8-17

AOP REFERENCE: 3.1

ATTACHMENT: YES (PAGE 89-118)

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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:

- Western Division of NSW – 2014 Annual Conference – 2-4 March 2014;
- OROC Board Meeting – Nyngan RSL – Tuesday, 24 March 2014;
- Ward Oval Sports Users Advisory Committee Meeting – Monday, 7 April 2014;
- Cobar Youth Council Committee Meeting - Wednesday, 2 and 9 April 2014;
- Liquor Accord Committee Meeting – Tuesday, 15 April 2014.

RECOMMENDATION

That the minutes of the meetings of Western Division of NSW, OROC, Ward Oval Sports Users Advisory Committee, Cobar Youth Council and Liquor Accord Committee be received and noted.

ATTACHMENTS



ORDINARY MEETING AGENDA

THURSDAY 24 APRIL 2014

~ REFERENCE TO ATTACHMENTS ~

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