

COBAR SHIRE COUNCIL

ORDINARY MEETING AGENDA

THURSDAY, 24 OCTOBER 2019

~ ORDER OF BUSINESS ~

Business for the meeting will be as follows:

Message from the Chair:

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- 1. Apologies
- 2. Declaration of Interests
- 3. Condolences
- 4. Public Access Forum
 - Nil.
- 5. Confirmation of Minutes
 - Ordinary Meeting of Council Thursday, 26 September 2019.
- 6. Matters Arising from Minutes
- 7. Notice of Motions
- 8. Mayoral Report
- 9. General Manager's Report Part A (Action)
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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

~ COUNCIL'S VALUES ~

Council's values represent who we are as an organisation. They are the guiding principles for how we carry out our duties.

Accountability – We are responsible for our actions, our behaviour and the satisfactory completion of allocated tasks.

Communication – We communicate openly and respectfully, sharing timely and appropriate information with others.

Effective Leadership – We lead by positive example, embodying all of Council's agreed values.

Integrity – We are consistently honest, transparent, ethical and fair, regardless of the situation.

Teamwork – We work collaboratively to achieve shared goals for Council and the community.

~ 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 Councillors, 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.

NOTICE OF MOTION – CARBON STORAGE AND FARMING METHODOLOGIES

FILE: C12-1 & D7-4 AOP REFERENCE: 5.2.1.1 ATTACHMENT: YES (PAGE 56-63)

AUTHOR: Councillor, Peter Yench

RECOMMENDATION

- 1. That Cobar Shire Council lobby the Federal Government to have more methodologies introduced and existing methodologies changed so that all farms in the western area have the same opportunity to participate in the emission reduction fund as a form of drought-relief.
- 2. That Council seek State Government support for change.

Explanation

Carbon farming involves measures to actively reduce the level of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere or to undertake activities which increase carbon in the natural environment. Carbon Farmers have many practices to choose from to develop their plan including maximum groundcover, grazing management, water spreading forest regeneration, on-farm tree planting, stubble retention and other practices.

Benefits of carbon farming include carbon sequestration, reduce erosion and soil loss, improved soil structure, increased soil fertility, reduce soil salinity, healthier soils, vegetation and animals, increased biodiversity, buffering against drought and greater water efficiency.

There are about 2,000 properties in this region capable of carbon storage, however not all can use this farming strategy unless more methodologies are introduced and existing methodologies changed. Only about 25% of Cobar properties are current carbon storage farmers because of the existing methodologies. The farming sector is restricted from fully developing and using this supplementary form of farming practice and technique.

Carbon storage and farming would provide landholders with some relief during the current drought. Many farmers believe they could be viable if they were able to enter the carbon farming market. An example of the problem is, farmers on one side of the fence who have met the commencement date criteria to Avoid Deforestation methodology are eligible while their neighbours on the other side of the fence, unaware of the date requirements, are not eligible.

Australian farmers need support from the government to access opportunities through carbon storage.

NOTICE OF MOTION – FORMATION OF WATER SECURITY SUB-COMMITTEE

FILE: C6-15 & C12-1 AOP REFERENCE: 4.1.1 ATTACHMENT: NO

AUTHOR: Councillor, Peter Yench

RECOMMENDATION

- 1. That as a matter of urgency, with the looming water shortage and approaching summer, a Water Security Sub-Committee be formed to work with Council staff to minimise the impact of water shortages.
- 2. That Council allocate \$2 million from the Water Fund to deepen local water storages with any expenditure from the \$2 million subject to Council approval.
- 3. That Council delegate authority to the Water Security Sub-Committee to negotiate with local mines and request assistance, for example provision of equipment and labour, to undertake works required.

Explanation

It is not acceptable that Cobar, with vast employment that revolves around water, is informed that the town will run out of water. The situation is dire and Cobar Shire Council cannot just wait for the drought to break.

The Cobar Water Board has requested Cobar Shire Council to provide detailed costings and a cost-share proposal in relation to a request by the Council for the Water Board to consider the construction of additional water storage capacity. Cobar Shire Council has resolved to advise the Water Board that it will not be producing with the investigation of additional storage capacity at the Cobar storages.

There needs to be discussions, debate and an action plan developed to drought- proof Cobar for the future. For this to be achieved effectively, a small sub-committee of Councillors could be established to work with Council staff on eliminating any future water shortage. The role of the sub-committee would be to work through various proposals and make recommendations to the Council without becoming bogged down in red tape and bureaucracy.

Options which a sub-committee may consider could include, but are not limited to:

- Extending the storage at the reservoir;
- Deepening the storage area outside of the Cobar Water Board's main tank to capture additional run-off during rain periods;
- Placing a cover over existing ponds to eliminate evaporation;
- Expediting the completion of a drought management plan using previously complied reports and recent information;
- Deepening the Old Reservoir for water usage on public Parks and Gardens;
- Seeking approval to allow deepening of the Newey for water storage for golf course and Council's Parks and Gardens;
- Lobbying Federal and State Governments to provide alternative and viable solutions to provide water security;

- Mobile desalinisation plants for use at various bores and when dewatering mines;
- Using bore water;
- Reducing number of parks, gardens and ovals;
- Increase water storages;
- Better catchment management to capture and store run-off;
- Inland diversion of coastal rivers.

Cobar Shire and the mines' current water usage is 220-300ML/ month. The Bureau of Meteorology informs that on average, Cobar's rainfall tends to be uniformly distributed throughout the year, with a median annual rainfall for Cobar of 390mm. The rainfall is however extremely variable, and this is particularly so in late summer and early spring when the highest observed falls have been in excess on 200mm in any one month. This results in the average monthly rainfall being greatly in excess of the median monthly rainfall for some months. In January, February and April, for example, the average rainfall is more than double the median rainfall. (It is for this reason that the Bureau recommends the use of the median rainfall as the most meaningful indicator of 'normal' rainfall).

The Water and Sewer Manager's report to Council meeting on 26 September 2019 appears to allow for only one rainfall event a year. Historically, this is not correct. With several rainfall events per year, an extra storage of 535ML at Cobar could fill 3-4 times a year, thus supplying about 50% of Cobar's annual water supply required in times of drought.

Timeframe

An action plan needs to be developed and implemented as soon as possible. There is an immediate danger that we will run out of water. The Albert Priest Channel project will be costly and not expected to be commenced imminently. The Council and Water Board need to be proactive and put plans in place to drought-proof Cobar in future.

Implications for the town and mine

The mines have been informed they must cut back on their water usage. There are two or three potential mining developments in the pipeline. These need to be supported so that the local employment opportunities remain positive.

Council needs to encourage a proactive outlook; instead of stating that we are not out of water, a positive approach would be to state that we are going out to fight for water.

Financial Implications

There are funds available in the water fund. The Government has spent millions on water storage at Nyngan; we should lobby for a similar project at Cobar. In the meantime, work required could commence in-house with local engineering staff doing the design work and local contractors carrying out the work. Employing local staff and local contractors to carry out any work required is a form of drought-relief and may assist to attract urgent funding.

There is no point in having money in the Water Fund and no water for the local residents.

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 October 2019.

<u>CLAUSE 2A – CASUAL COUNCILLOR VACANCY COBAR SHIRE COUNCIL</u> REPORT

FILE: C12-1 & E2-3-5 AOP REFERENCE: 3.2 ATTACHMENT: NO

AUTHOR: General Manager, Peter Vlatko

Purpose

To advise of resignation of a Cobar Shire Council Councillor.

Background

It is with regret to advise that Councillor Christopher Lehmann resigned as a Councillor effective 26 September 2019.

A by-election to replace Councillor Lehmann is not required.

Issues

In accordance with Section 291 of the Local Government Act 1993 if a casual vacancy becomes available in a civic office the vacancy is to be filled by a byelection.

Legal Situation

Part 5: Local Government Act 1993 Sections 291, 292 and 296.

Policy Implications

Nil.

Financial Implications

Nil.

RECOMMENDATION

- 1. That Council note with regret the resignation as a Councillor of Christopher Lehmann effective 26 September 2019 and thank Councillor Lehmann for her tenure.
- 2. That Councillor Christopher Lehmann resignation be advised in writing to the Minister of Local Government, with a request that no by election be required.

CLAUSE 3A – COUNCIL COMMITTEES/DELEGATES

FILE: C6-15 AOP REFERENCE: 3.2.2.2 ATTACHMENT: NO

AUTHOR: General Manager, Peter Vlatko

Background

Due to the recent resignation of Councillor Christopher Lehmann there are now a number of vacancies on Council's Committees that need to be filled.

The Local Government (General) Regulations 2005 provides for the establishment of committees:

- 1. A council may, by resolution, establish such committees as it considers necessary (Standing Committees).
- 2. A Standing Committee is to consist of the Mayor and such other councillors as elected by the councillors or appointed by the council.
- 3. The quorum for a meeting of a Standing Committee is to be:
 - (a) such number of members as the council decides, or
 - (b) if the Council had not decided a number a majority of the members of the committee.

Delegates to other Committees/Organisations

Council currently is involved in the following Committees/Organisations but Councillors may wish to consider if they wish to retain involvement in all of them.

A summary of the vacant Committees/Organisations that Council participates in and provides a delegate for are detailed in the following table. The Committee Membership is up to the Council and does not have to be as previously adopted.

Committee/Organisation	No. of Delegates	Current Delegates
		Clrs
Tourism Advisory	4 Councillors	Vacant, Toomey,
		Winders, Yench
Murroy Darling Association	2 Councillors	Clrs Lea-Barrett,
Murray Darling Association	2 Counciliors	Vacant
Cobar 2020 Committee	1 Councillor	Clr Vacant

RECOMMENDATION

That Council determine its delegates for each of the listed Committees/ Organisations and where an election is required it be by open voting by show of hands.

CLAUSE 4A – 2018/2019 ANNUAL REPORT

FILE: A2-2 AOP REFERENCE: 3.3.3 ATTACHMENT: YES

(UNDER SEPARATE COVER)

AUTHOR: General Manager, Peter Vlatko

Purpose

For Council to receive and note the 2018/2019 Annual Report.

Background

Council is required, under the *Local Government Act 1993* Part 4 (s428), to provide an Annual Report within 5 months of the end of each financial year, outlining its achievements in meeting the objectives and performance targets set out in the Annual Operational Plan for that year.

The Annual Report in the year in which an ordinary election of Councillors is to be held must also report as to the Council's achievements in implementing the Community Strategic Plan over the previous 4 years (End of Term Report).

The 2018/2019 Annual Report has now been provided to Councillors under separate cover for perusal and information.

A copy of the Council's Annual Report must be posted on the Council's Website and provided to the Minister and such other persons and bodies as the regulations may require. A copy of a Council's Annual Report may be provided to the Minister by notifying the Minister of the appropriate URL link to access the report on the Council's Website.

RECOMMENDATION

- 1. That the information contained in the 2018/2019 Annual Report be received and noted.
- 2. That Council endorses the 2018/2019 Annual Report.
- 3. That a copy of Council's Annual Report be provided to the Minister and such other persons and bodies as the regulations may require.

CLAUSE 5A - MEETING ARRANGEMENTS - CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR (INCLUDING NOTIFICATION OF STAFF CHRISTMAS PARTY) FILE: C6-16 AOP REFERENCE: 3.1.5 ATTACHMENT: NO

AUTHOR: General Manager, Peter Vlatko

Purpose

To inform Council of the procedures for the Christmas and New Year period 2019/2020 and delegate to the Mayor and General Manager.

Background

This report deals with the closure of Council over the Christmas and New Year period and with the setting of meeting dates over that same period.

Issues

The Council Offices (including the main Administration building, Children's Services, Youth and Fitness Centre and Library) will be closed from 12pm Tuesday 24 December 2019 and will re-open the morning of Thursday 2 January 2020.

Council Depots will be closed from close of business Friday 20 December 2019, resuming normal business from Monday 6 January 2020. There will be a skeleton crew of Depot employees working through the closure period to ensure the continuation of required services. Normal rosters will apply to emergency call-outs and alterations to garbage collection days will be advertised in the Cobar Weekly.

Council's Staff Christmas Party will be held on Friday 13 December 2019 in the back room at the Empire Hotel, <u>all</u> Council staff and Councilors are encouraged to attend.

The Senior Citizen's Christmas Luncheon is scheduled for Friday 13 December 2019 in Council Chambers. All Councillors are invited to attend.

By adopting the above office closure arrangements for December/January, allowance can be made for the adequate preparation of reports and meeting agendas.

It is common practice in many Council's to delegate joint authority to the Mayor and General Manager to deal with matters of an urgent nature during the period that there are no Council Meetings. In this case, that authority would be for the period commencing on 13 December 2019 which is the day after the December Council meeting and terminating on 27 February 2020 which is the date of the first Council Meeting for 2020.

This delegated authority is conferred jointly which means that the Mayor or General Manager cannot act in isolation on any urgent matters. If there are any urgent matters to be dealt with, they are automatically reported to the first Meeting of 2020.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Mayor and General Manager be delegated authority, jointly, to deal with matters of an urgent nature for the period commencing 13 December 2019 to 27 February 2020 and that if any urgent matters are dealt with under this authority that they be reported to the February 2020 Ordinary Meeting of Council.

<u>CLAUSE 6A – LEASE OF TOWN HALL CINEMA BUILDING, 5 BARTON</u> STREET, COBAR NSW 2835

FILE: A10-19 AOP REFERENCE: 1.6.4 ATTACHMENT: NO

AUTHOR: General Manager, Peter Vlatko

Purpose

The purpose of this report is for Council to consider a staff recommendation to enter into a new lease with the existing lessee of the Town Hall Cinema Building, 5 Barton Street, Cobar NSW 2835.

Background

The term of the existing is due to expire on 31 December 2019.

Issues

Given the commercial nature of this matter it is recommended that Council considers a further report in the Committee of the Whole Closed Council.

RECOMMENDATION

That a report regarding a new lease for the Town Hall Cinema Building, 5 Barton Street, Cobar, be considered in the Committee of the Whole Closed Council with the press and public excluded for the reasons stated in Sections 10A (2)(d)(i) of the *Local Government Act 1993*, as discussions of this matter in open Council would prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it.

<u>CLAUSE 7A – AUCTION OF VACANT LAND HELD FOR SALE 21 DUFFY DRIVE</u>

FILE: A-10 AOP REFERENCE: 3.1.1.2 ATTACHMENT: NO

AUTHOR: Office Coordinator, Jo-Louise Brown

Purpose

The purpose of this report is for Council to set a reserve price for 21 Duffy Drive, Cobar which is to be auctioned on Friday, 25 October 2019.

Background

Given that the report concerns a matter of a commercial nature which if disclosed would confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the Council proposes to conduct business it is recommended that Council considers a further report in the Committee of the Whole Closed Council.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Sale of Land for Unpaid Rates Reserves Report be considered in the Committee of the Whole Closed Council with the press and the public excluded in accordance with Section 10A(2)(c) of the *Local Government Act 1993*; information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the Council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business.

CLAUSE 8A – SALE OF LAND FOR UNPAID RATES RESERVES

FILE: R2-10 AOP REFERENCE: 3.1.1.2 ATTACHMENT: NO

AUTHOR: Office Coordinator, Jo-Louise Brown

Purpose

The purpose of this report is for Council to set reserve prices on the land listed for sale on the 25 October 2019 for unpaid rates in accordance with Section 713 of the *Local Government Act 1993*.

Background

Given that the report concerns a matter of a commercial nature which if disclosed would confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the Council proposes to conduct business it is recommended that Council considers a further report in the Committee of the Whole Closed Council.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Sale of Land for Unpaid Rates Reserves Report be considered in the Committee of the Whole Closed Council with the press and the public excluded in accordance with Section 10A (2)(c) of the *Local Government Act 1993* as it contains information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the Council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business.

CLAUSE 9A - GENERAL PURPOSE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS, SPECIAL SCHEDULES AND AUDITOR'S REPORTS FOR 2018/2019

FILE: A12-2 & F2-2-17 AOP REFERENCE: 3.3.3.3 ATTACHMENT: NO

AUTHOR: Acting Financial Accountant, Sandra Davey

Purpose

For Council to receive its Annual Audited Financial Statements and Auditor's Reports for the year ended 30 June 2019 pursuant to Section 419 (1) of the *Local Government Act 1993*.

Background

Reports to be tabled.

RECOMMENDATION

- 1. That the Audited Financial Statements and Auditor's Reports for the year ended 30 June 2019 be received and noted.
- 2. That copies of Council's Annual Audited Financial Statements be provided to such persons and bodies as the regulations require.

<u>CLAUSE 10A – TENDER FOR DRY AND WET HIRE PLANT AND</u> EQUIPMENT (T3-17-9)

FILE: T3-17-9 AOP REFERENCE: 3.3.4 ATTACHMENT: NO

AUTHOR: Procurement Officer, Brad Lennon

Purpose

To seek Council's permission to extend the existing Tender Panel for the supply of Dry and Wet Hire Plant and Equipment (T3-17-9).

Background

A report was presented to the October 2017 Council meeting, where Council resolved and approved a panel of preferred suppliers for Dry and Wet Hire Plant and Equipment.

Council at its October Council Meeting held on Thursday, 26 October 2017 as follows:

- 1. "That Council engages the following companies to be selected as a panel of preferred suppliers for Dry and Wet Hire Plant and Equipment:
 - Michael Deppeler t/as Deppeler Earthmoving;
 - J.R. May Earthmoving Pty Ltd;
 - Bruce's Contracting Services Pty Ltd;
 - Rollers Australia Pty Limited;
 - Troy Booth t/as TA Booth Transport;
 - *Mc Rowe Pty. Limited;*
 - Broughton Contracting Pty Ltd;
 - *Urquhart Haulage Contractors Pty Ltd;*
 - Whacko Water Trucks Pty. Limited t/as J. Prisk Contractors;
 - Stabilised Pavements of Australia;
 - *Neill Earthmoving Pty. Ltd;*
 - *J & B Consolidated Pty Ltd;*
 - Clarke Concreting & Excavation Pty Ltd;
 - Ezyquip Hire Pty Ltd;
 - Killeen Plant Hire Pty Limited;
 - RJ Ridings Pty Ltd;
 - The Mining Pty Ltd;
 - Stabilcorp Pty Ltd;
 - Coates Hire Operations Pty Limited;
 - Warren Ross Enterprises Pty Ltd t/as Ross Bros Excavations;
 - *Kennards Hire Pty Limited*;
 - EMS Equipment Hire Pty Ltd.
 - 2. The engagement of the successful companies will be under contractual conditions including the requirement of the performance of the works, rates, insurances and other general conditions of the Contract as executed under the agreement. The successful panel of suppliers will be selected on the basis of price, availability, and performance and funding".

Issues

The current Tender Panel of Companies/ Suppliers expires on 31st October 2019 and a new Tender timeline has not yet been established to replace the current one, noting: That Council will be re- tendering this contract.

Legal Situation

Under Part 3 – Conditions of Contract of the current Tender (T3-17-9), Clause 1.2 states that:

"In the event that Council does not tender for a further Panel to be established prior to 01st November 2019, the existing Panel shall remain in place on a month by month basis until it is replaced within the next twelve months."

RECOMMENDATION

That Council approves the extension of the current, established Panel of preferred Suppliers for Dry and Wet Hire Plant and Equipment on a month by month basis until a new Panel is established or until 01st November 2020, whichever occurs first.

<u>CLAUSE 1B – DEVELOPMENT APPROVALS: 18 SEPTEMBER 2019 – 15</u> OCTOBER 2019

FILE: T5-1 AOP REFERENCE: 1.6.3.1 ATTACHMENT: NO

AUTHOR: Director of Planning & Environmental Services, Garry Ryman

Complying Development Approvals

No Complying Development Applications have been approved under delegated authority for the period 18 September 2019 – 15 October 2019.

The value of Complying Development approvals for 2019/2020 to date is Nil.

The value of Complying Development approvals for the similar period in 2018/2019 was Nil.

Local Development Approvals

The following Local Development Applications have been approved under delegated authority for the period 18 September 2019 – 15 October 2019.

CERTIFICATE NO.	ATE NO. ADDRESS DESCRIPTION		VALUE (\$)
2019/LD-00031	19 Singleton Dr, Cobar	Manufactured Home	250,376.00
2019/LD-00024	Various lots; Filtration Plant Rd, Kidman Way & Barrier Highway, Cobar	Great Cobar Pipeline Project	1,400,000.00
2019/LD-00030	11 Wrightville St, Cobar	Installation of Shipping Container	15,500.00
2019/LD-00029	19 Margaret St, Cobar	Shed/Carport/ Lean-to	30,000.00

The value of Local Development approvals for 2019/2020 to date is \$5,521,630.60. The value of Local Development approvals for the similar period in 2018/2019 was \$24,825,690.00.

Construction Certificates

The following Construction Certificates have been approved under delegated authority for the period 18 September 2019 – 15 October 2019.

CERTIFICATE NO.	Address	DESCRIPTION
2019/CB-00013	69 Marshall St, Cobar	Commercial Kitchen Fitout

RECOMMENDATION

That the information detailing the Local Development and Construction Certificate approvals for the period 18 September 2019 - 15 October 2019 be received and noted.

CLAUSE 2B – MONTHLY STATUS REPORT

FILE: C13-10 AOP REFERENCE: 3.1 ATTACHMENT: NO

AUTHOR: General Manager, Peter Vlatko

	COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS 25 SEPTEMBER 2014						
Number	Ітем	RESOLUTION NUMBER	ACTION BY	ACTION REQUIRED	Оитсоме		
627	Council – Clause 10A – Adoption of Management Plan for Lot 18 DP213415	188.9.2014	GM	That Council authorise the General Manager to negotiate a lease or licence for an appropriate term and conditions with the Cobar Bowling and Golf Club Ltd.	December 2017 target will not be met. Timeframe to be reviewed.		
				That Council authorise the Mayor and General Manager to sign any lease or licence under the Common Seal of Council.	Staff working on this subject to resources available.		

COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS 28 APRIL 2016						
Number	Ітем	RESOLUTION NUMBER	ACTION BY	ACTION REQUIRED	Оитсоме	
870	Committee of the Whole Closed Council Report 1C – Analysis of Plant and Equipment Hire and Trades and Miscellaneous Services Register	58.4.2016	GM	That any future projects within Cobar Shire that we look at supporting the local businesses (where applicable) to ensure their viability and have a review of the Policy.	purchases to have quotes provided	

	COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS 9 MARCH 2017							
1007	Council – Clause 7B – Expenditure for Roads Network	59.3.2017	DES	That a Rest Area be built along the Wool Track and that it be named after Duncan Gay.				

	COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS 27 APRIL 2017							
1021	Council – Clause 11A – Minutes of the Economic Taskforce April Meeting	81.4.2017	EDM	That Council resolves to further investigate the idea of a freight depot for Cobar and report back to the Taskforce.	Council is currently discussing milestones for inclusion in the Funding agreement for the new Industrial Estate. Once timeframes have been allocated and a scope of works finalised, further discussions will be conducted with those companies which showed interest in this venture, especially Livestock and Bulk Carriers Association and freight companies.			
				That a Call for Expressions of Interest from businesses who would like to engage the services of a security company to monitor their premises and answer alarms to establish demand for such a service. That Council resolves to approach Mr Hausler in regards to the future of his rail track and loco for use in a public	businesses commenced to determine interest in such a venture. Strong interest so far.			
1025	Council – Clause 7B – Expenditure for Roads	92.4.2017	DES	space in Cobar. That RMS be contacted in relation to a turning lane being installed at the	Letter has been sent to RMS to request improvements to entrance to			

urgency.	Letter has been acknowledged by RMS and they are programming work subject to available funding. At this stage RMS has not allocated funds to the project.

	COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS 24 AUGUST 2017						
Number	Ітем	RESOLUTION NUMBER	ACTION BY	ACTION REQUIRED	Оитсоме		
1071	Council Meeting – Clause 6A – Sale of Land at Duffy Drive	205.8.2017	DFCS	That the two blocks of land which are the subject of this report be auctioned with the reserve to be determined by Council at the meeting preceding the advertised auction date.	, and the second		
1081	Council Meeting – Clause 5B – Meeting Minutes	220.8.2017	DES	That Council look into acquiring Public Stock Watering Points as a method of guaranteeing access to water for Council use.			

	COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS 28 SEPTEMBER 2017						
Number	Ітем	RESOLUTION NUMBER	ACTION BY	ACTION REQUIRED	Оитсоме		
1092	Council Meeting – Clause 12A – Minutes of Economic Taskforce Meeting	248.9.2017	EDM	Road as a high priority for its ability to contribute to tourism and economic development and that	Initial discussions held with NPWS with positive feedback. Discussion held with Destination NSW - there are possible funding options, success more likely if more developments		

				Cobar's 150 th Anniversary be an item on Council's agenda and that projects be scoped and indicative budgets developed. That Council convene a meeting of major contractors to identify a list of ideas that could be undertaken to improve the efficiency of working across mine sites and reduce the costs of doing business in Cobar.	undertaken at Mt Grenfell. Council awaiting to see what developments the Mt Grenfell Board progress prior to seeking this funding. Location and type of signs currently being investigated — orders to be placed in May. New Tourism Manager currently investigating work already done, how to reinvigorate this committee etc and this will form part of a future presentation to Council on events and festivals. No action to date.			
				Costs of doing business in Cobar. Discuss options for implementing the ideas with the mines in Cobar Shire.				
	COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS 14 DECEMBER 2017							
Number	Ітем	RESOLUTION NUMBER	ACTION BY	ACTION REQUIRED	Оитсоме			
1116	Council Meeting – Clause 3A – RMS	325.12.2017	DES	That Council nominate RR7518 Fifty Two Mile Road for funding	Funding application has been submitted for 2018/2019.			

Repair Program for		for \$400,000 from the	2018/2019	
2018/2019		REPAIR Program	for seal	Application for 2018/2019 was
		extension.		unsuccessful.
		That if funding is not ob	tained that	Funding application has been
		council continues to	nominate	submitted for 2019/2020.
		RR7518 Fifty Two Mile	e Road in	
		subsequent years until	funding is	
		obtained.		

	COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS 22 FEBRUARY 2018								
Number	Ітем	RESOLUTION NUMBER	ACTION BY	ACTION REQUIRED	Оитсоме				
1124	Council Meeting – Notice of Motion – Re- Location of Western Division Office	05.2.2018	GM	That Cobar Shire Council request the NSW Government to re-locate the Western Division Office from Dubbo to Cobar.	No action to date.				
1131	Council Meeting – Clause 5A – Development Application 2018/LD- 00004	13.2.2018	DPES	That Council establishes a Policy for Fencing in Urban Areas in Cobar.	Resources are not available for this at this time.				

	COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS 22 MARCH 2018									
Number	Ітем	RESOLUTION NUMBER	ACTION BY	ACTION REQUIRED	Оитсоме					
1141	Council Meeting – Notice of Motion – Government Incentive Programs for Attracting	46.3.2018	GM	That Council seek an urgent meeting with the Deputy Premier and the Minister for Health to seek a commitment from the NSW	Awaiting response in order to					
	Health Care			Government to establish and	Letters of support received and					

1142	Professionals to the Region Council Meeting –	47.3.2018	GM	provide incentives and programs for the attraction and delivering Doctors, Specialists and other staff to rural communities such as Cobar and in particular the Western Area of NSW. That Council write to John Holland	forwarded to Ministers Office. Mayor to meet with Minister Brad Hazzard in Albury on 21 October 2018. Minister was an apology. Mayor supported the Gwydir Council in providing representation to Canberra to raise the issue. Negotiations between John Holland
1142	Notice of Motion – Installation of an Independent Pedestrian Crossing	47.3.2010	GIVI	Rail, being the entity that maintains the RailCorp assets for Rural NSW, to increase the width to accommodate two vehicles crossing at same time on the level crossing on Bourke Road between Railway Parade South and Railway Parade North and install an independent pedestrian crossing.	Rail, RMS and Council has commenced. Awaiting RMS funding allocation.
		COU	NCIL RESOLU	TIONS 26 APRIL 2018	
Number	Ітем	RESOLUTION NUMBER	ACTION BY	ACTION REQUIRED	Оитсоме
1153	Council Meeting – Notice of Motion – Policy Development for Development Applications for Mining Operations	76.4.2018	GM	That Council develops a Policy to assist in the determination of Development Approvals (DA's) for Mining Operations in order to reduce the impact of Fly-in, Fly-out (FIFO) and Drive-in, Drive-out (DIDO) on our community.	Item being addressed in the draft Local Strategic Planning Statement.

	COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS 28 JUNE 2018									
Number	Ітем	RESOLUTION NUMBER	ACTION BY	ACTION REQUIRED	Оитсоме					
1180	Council Meeting – Notice of Motion – Arid Research Centre	140.6.2018	GM	That a submission be made to the Prime Minister of Australia and the Premier of NSW seeking their support and consideration of establishing an Arid Research Centre in Cobar for the Far Western NSW. That a letter and submission be	resources available.					
				made to the National Farmers Association that a letter of support be sought.						

	COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS 24 SEPTEMBER 2018									
Number	Ітем	RESOLUTION NUMBER	ACTION BY	ACTION REQUIRED	Оитсоме					
1219	Council Meeting – Clause 9A – Minutes of the Economic Taskforce Meeting – Tuesday, 14 August 2018	242.9.2018	EDM	That Council resolve to accept the recommendation of the Economic Taskforce that: Council investigate the possibility of the local mining companies setting up a buy local scheme for their employees.	Discussion held with General Managers of the Mines in Cobar. Matter to be considered and a further report to be provided.					

COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS 28 FEBRUARY 2019

Number	Ітем	RESOLUTION NUMBER	ACTION BY	ACTION REQUIRED	Оитсоме
1252	Council Meeting – Notice of Motion – Date Change for Clearing Consent	03.2.2019	GM	That Council together with RDA Orana, Far North West Joint Organisation and the Western Division Councils lobby the Federal Government to have the methodology changed that all farms in the Western area have the same opportunity to participate in the emission reduction fund as currently stands for some properties at present and seek the State Government support.	
1253	Council Meeting – Notice of Motion – Lobby for Water Security	04.2.2019	GM	That the Cobar Shire Council lobby the State and Federal Government to provide alternative and viable solutions to provide water security for our towns and villages in the Western Region and seek the support of the Far North West Joint Organisation, RDA Orana and the Western Division Association.	Letter sent to RDA Orana seeking support.
1269	Council Meeting - Clause 13A – Raw Water Supply to Dalton Park Horse Complex	25.2.2019	GWSE	That Council resolve to seek grant funding for \$202,140 for the extension of a raw water pipeline to the Dalton Park Racecourse as outlined in Option 3 of the attached report.	Grant funding to be applied for.

	COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS 24 APRIL 2019							
Number	Ітем	RESOLUTION	ACTION BY	ACTION REQUIRED	Оитсоме			

		Number			
1277	Council Meeting – Notice of Motion – Fringe Benefits Tax (FBT) Including Living Away From Home Allowance Exempted for Remote Mining Community such as Cobar	63.4.2019	GM	That Cobar Shire Council lobby both the Federal Government and the Association of Mining Related Councils to have Fringe Benefits Tax (FBT) including Living Away From Home Allowance exempted for remote mining communities such as Cobar. That Council have discussions about a percentage of miners and those who are working on specific projects who should legally be required to live in town, to be held with the State Government.	Ç i i

	COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS 23 MAY 2019								
Number	ITEM	RESOLUTION NUMBER	ACTION BY	ACTION REQUIRED	Оитсоме				
1291	Council Meeting – Clause 9A – The Newey Plan of Management – Community Engagement	96.5.2019	DPES	That the Newey Plan of Management be implemented as written, with Option 2 accepted.	3				

	COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS 27 JUNE 2019								
Number	NUMBER ITEM RESOLUTION NUMBER ACTION BY ACTION REQUIRED OUTCOME								
1299	Council Meeting – Clause 10A –	122.6.2019	AWSM	Investigate the costs associated with purchasing raw water from					

Allocation Forecast and		upstream users.	
Ramifications			

	COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS 25 JULY 2019						
Number	Ітем	RESOLUTION NUMBER	ACTION BY	ACTION REQUIRED	Оитсоме		
1304	Council Meeting – Notice of Motion – Supermarkets Dispensing Pharmaceuticals	142.7.2019	GM	That Local Government NSW be requested to seek to lobby both State and Federal Governments to maintain the status quo and refuse access of pharmaceutical products being sold through supermarkets.	No action to date.		

	COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS 22 AUGUST 2019							
Number	Ітем	RESOLUTION NUMBER	ACTION BY	ACTION REQUIRED	Оитсоме			
1312	Council Meeting – Notice of Motion – Support for the Introduction of FIFO Legislation	170.8.2019	GM	That Council write to the Premier and the Minister to seek their support in introducing legislation similar to the Queensland Government in relation to the new FIFO laws which reinforce local jobs for communities (Strong and Sustainable Resources Community Act QLD).	No action to date.			
1313	Council Meeting – Notice of Motion – Requests for Additional Water Storage	171.8.2019	GM	That Cobar Shire Council investigate the cost associated with deepening the Old Reservoir for the water to be used for Council's Parks and Gardens.	No action to date.			

				That Cobar Shire Council seek approval from the Peak Gold Mine to allow the deepening of the Newey Reservoir for storage of water for the purpose of watering the Golf Course and for Council's Parks and Gardens.	Informed discussion held at CWB Meeting. Nothing formal done as yet.
1315	Council Meeting – Clause 4A – Risk and Audit Committee	175.8.2019	DFCS	That the Risk and Audit Committee be increased to six members comprising three independent community members and three Councillors. That Council advertise for expressions of interest from the community in the position. That the matter, including the appointment of a Councillor, be further considered at a future Council meeting when the expressions of interest for the independent community member have been received.	No response. Will move to appoint one more Councillor at November Council Meeting.
1317	Council Meeting – Clause 6A – Sealing The Wool Track Status Update	177.8.2019	ADES	That Council wait for further funding opportunities and update the previous business case using same growth figures.	No action undertaken

COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS 26 SEPTEMBER 2019							
Number	Ітем	RESOLUTION NUMBER	ACTION BY	ACTION REQUIRED	Оитсоме		

1318	Council Meeting – Clause 2A – Casual Councillor Vacancy Cobar Shire Council Report	193.9.2019	AGM	That Council note with regret the resignation as a Councillor of Tracey Kings effective 2 September 2019 and thank Councillor Kings for her tenure. That Councillor Tracey Kings resignation be advised in writing to the Minister of Local Government,	Verbally thanked at meeting – No further action required. Letter to Minister sent – No further action required.
				with a request that no by election be required.	
1319	Council Meeting – Clause 3A – Council Committees/ Delegates	194.9.2019	AGM	That Council determine its delegates for each of the listed Committees/ Organisations and where an election is required it be by open voting by show of hands. As per tabled resolution.	Council delegates list updated – No further action required.
1320	Council Meeting – Clause 4A – Classification of Land as Operational – Lots 2 & 3 DP21474, Cobar	195.9.2019	AGM	That Council, in accordance with Section 31 of the <i>Local Government Act 1993</i> , Council resolves to classify Lots 2 & 3 DP214174 as Operational Land.	Lots 2 & 3 DP214174 classified as Operational Land – No further action required.
1321	Council Meeting – Clause 5A – Procedures for the Administration of the Model Code of Conduct Policy	196.9.2019	AGM	That the draft Procedures for the Administration of the Model Code of Conduct be placed on public exhibition for 28 days and if no submissions received it be adopted.	Draft Procedures for the Administration of the Model Code of Conduct be placed on public exhibition.
1322	Council Meeting – Clause 6A – Pensioners Rate Rebate 2019/2020 – Claim 136	197.9.2019	OC	That Council writes off rates in respect of eligible pensioners in the sum of \$103,103.13 as detailed in the summary listed below, subject to Council's Auditor's approval:	Rates written off – No further action required.

				As per tabled resolution. That Council apply for a subsidy of \$56,706.73 summarised below and further that Council undertake that in the event of a subsidy not being paid in respect of the rates written off, Council will not subsequently take proceedings for recovery thereof:	Subsidy applied for – No further action required.
				As per tabled resolution.	
1323	Council Meeting – Clause 7A – Investment Policy – Risk Management Diversification	198.9.2019	AFA	That Council amendment the Investment Policy as above.	Investment Policy amended – No further action required.
1324	Council Meeting – Clause 8A – Capital Works Program 2019/2020	199.9.2019	ADES	That the \$402,000 is withdrawn from Shire Road 24 and that it remains in the budget until workshopped at the October Meeting and that the remaining Capital Works Program for the year ended 30 June 2020 be adopted.	\$402,000 is withdrawn from Shire Road 24 and Workshopped at October Councillor Workshop.
1325	Council Meeting – Clause 9A – Dalton Park Horse Complex Licence Agreements	200.9.2019	ES	That Council acting as Crown Land Manager for the Dalton Park Racecourse (R630019) Reserve, resolve to renew 12 month short term license agreements for the following organisations and individuals to cover the period 1 July 2019 to 30 June 2020: Mr S Griffiths & Ms C	License agreements sent.

				Yench; Ms Sharon Whitehurst; Cobar Pony Club; Cobar Miners Race Club; Cobar Rodeo Committee; Mulchara Partnership; Wayne Prisk.	
1326	Council Meeting – Clause 10A – Bathurst Street Reserve Licence Agreement	201.9.2019	ES	That Council acting as Crown Land Manager for the Bathurst Street Reserve (R64199), resolve to renew a 12 month short term license agreement to Cobar Tennis Club to cover the period 1 July 2019 to 30 June 2020.	License agreement sent.
1327	Council Meeting – Clause 12A – Cobar Water Board Storages – Construction of Additional Storage Capacity	203.9.2019	WS	That the Cobar Water Board be advised that Council will not be proceeding with investigation of additional storage capacity at the Cobar storages.	No action to date.
1328	Council Meeting – Clause 13A – Stronger Country Communities Fund Project	204.9.2019	EDM	That the three project proposals (Cobar Youth and Fitness Centre, Youth Development Officer or Youth Events and Euabalong Walking Trail) for Stronger Country Communities Funding Round Three be endorsed by Council.	
1329	Council Meeting – Committee of the Whole Closed Council – Clause 1C – Request for Quote – Supply Two Motor Graders	216.9.2019 30COW.9.2019	PO	That Council approve the purchase of two (2) 140M Caterpillar Motor Graders from WesTrac Pty Ltd with one (1) installed with 2D Satellite Grading and one installed with 3D Satellite Grading System	Graders purchased – awaiting delivery.

		and both being fitted with a 14ft	
		blade.	

RECOMMENDATION

That the information contained in the monthly status report be received and noted, with the following items to be removed: 1318, 1319, 1320, 1322, 1323 and 1328.

CLAUSE 3B – STAFF CONFERENCE ATTENDANCE REPORT

FILE: Personnel AOP REFERENCE: 3.3.2 ATTACHMENT: NO

AUTHOR: Human Resources Manager, Summer Patterson

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to advise Council of the conferences attended by Council employees in the month(s) prior.

Background

The following conferences were attended by Council Staff:

Conference Name:	Australian Home Child Care Conference					
Attendee:	Karen Lennon – Manager Children's Services					
Date Attended:	5 September 2019					
Total cost to Council:	Conference – \$150, Travel and Accommodation - \$1,000					
Summary of	Karen was invited to attend the Australian Home Child Care					
conference content:	Conference and AGM to hear the latest news and information about					
	IHC.					
	Purpose: Information and networking sessions for 15 IHC services nationwide.					
	Content: Presentation by national director of the IHC program,					
	updates from other states meet with NSW state support agency.					

Conference Name:	StateWide Mutual Risk Management Conference
Attendee:	Carolyn White – WHS Officer
Date Attended:	29 - 30 August 2019
Total cost to Council:	Conference – free, Travel & Accommodation - \$1,077
Summary of	StateWide Mutual (Council's principal insurance company) host a
conference content:	free annual conference, with all clients encouraged to attend.
	 Purpose: to provide networking opportunities for safety and risk personnel and deliver presentations from industry leaders on legislative changes and relevant case study's to assist Council's in controlling their risks. Content: Crisis prevention and response, tree management, claims handling, global risk, contractor management and climate change.

Conference Name:	NSW Weeds Conference- Newcastle					
Attendee:	Melissa Gunn – Environmental Supervisor					
Date Attended:	26-29 August 2019					
Total cost to Council:	Conference, accommodation, food and parking = \$1,591 plus wages					
Summary of	Melissa was invited to attend the biannual Weeds Conference.					
conference content:						
	Purpose: Provides an insight to the new developments in weed					
	management					
	Content: New ideas in weed control, chemicals and equipment.					
	Studies on weed management from using pigs, fire and way to					
	engage the community. As well as a way to network and what					
	other Councils are facing in regard to weeds and management.					
Conference Name:	Local Government Professionals – LG Integrated Planners					
Attendee:	Kerry Grant-Mackay – Economic Development Manager					
Date Attended:	6 August to 9 August 2019					
Total cost to Council:	Conference – Registration, Travel, Meals and Accommodation -					
	\$2,120					
Summary of	As IP&R forms part of the requirements of the Economic					
conference content:	Development Manager's Role, it was vital for Kerry to attend this					
	conference held in Wagga Wagga to be informed of current					
	requirements of issues affecting Local Governments.					
	<i>Purpose</i> : LG Integrated Planners is an opportunity for delegates to					
	come together and discuss issues affecting local government					
	professionals, define best practice and develop tools to support the					
	integrated planning and reporting functions.					
	Contact The conference meaningly ded					
	Content: The conference program included: Office of Local Government update					
	Audit Office update					
	Local Strategic Planning Statements guidelines					
	Workforce management strategies					
	Innovative engagement strategies					
	Overview of Blacktown City Council's service review programme					
	Lake Macquarie City Council's business improvement programme					
	Internal executive dashboard reporting					
	Corporate Planning Network, Victoria, peer review of legislation					

Conference Name:	Tourism Safari
	(Tourism Awards & Destination NSW Country & Outback Forum)
Attendee:	Demi Smith (Tourism Manager) and Samantha Smith (Tourism
	Officer)
Date Attended:	25 - 28 July 2019
Total cost to Council:	Conference – \$530, Travel & Accommodation - \$430

Summary of conference content:

Destination NSW Country & Outback Tourism Safari forum at the Western Plans Cultural Centre in Dubbo and the Tourism Awards held at Dubbo's Taronga Western Plains Zoo.

Workshop Guest Speakers:

- •Kim Mackay Founder and Director of Kick Communications
- •Bronwyn White CEO of New Young Consulting
- •Steve Hinks Director of Taronga Western Plains Zoo

Purpose: Further education of influencing trends and changing factors to businesses and the tourism industry, network & partnerships, knowledge of expert insights into emerging tourism opportunities, blogging, social and digital media marketing in regional NSW.

Content:

- How to leverage destination marketing to benefit your business.
- •Expert advice about social media, influences and blogging.
- Examples and case studies of excellent digital marketing at a local level.
- How to connect with the baby boomers market that are the biggest, richest and influential group in the tourism market to date.
- How to maximise revenue opportunities from packaging, market segmentation and collaboration.

RECOMMENDATION

That the information provided above in relation to the conferences attended by Council staff be received and noted.

CLAUSE 4B – MEETING MINUTES

FILE: C8-6-4 & C8-17 AOP REFERENCE: 3.1 ATTACHMENT: YES

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AUTHOR: Executive Assistant General Manager/ Mayor, Janette Booth

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 and the Status Reports of those meetings which have been held recently for the information of Councillors. They include:

- Cobar Youth Council Monday, 9 September 2019 (no Status Report);
- Liquor Accord Meeting Tuesday, 13 August 2019 (no Status Report);
- Liquor Accord Meeting Tuesday, 8 October 2019 (no Status Report).

RECOMMENDATION

That the Minutes of the Cobar Youth Council and Cobar Liquor Accord Committee be received and noted.

CLAUSE 5B – INVESTMENT REPORT AS AT 30 SEPTEMBER 2019

FILE: B2-7 AOP REFERENCE: 3.1.1.7 ATTACHMENT: NO

AUTHOR: Acting Financial Accountant, Sandra Davey

Purpose

Section 625 of the Local Government Act 1993 and Clause 212 of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2005 and the Council's investment policy require Council's investments to be reported to the Council on a monthly basis.

<u>Issues</u>

The table below shows the balances of Council's Investments as at the end of September 2019. Term deposits have differing terms to spread the maturity dates throughout the year. The amount restricted in the Audited Financial Report for Employee Leave Entitlements is \$342,042.

It is anticipated the Annual Financial Statements will show \$6.3 million unrestricted in the General Fund.

Investments for June	Rate	Bank	Opening Balance	Transfers to Investment	Transfers from Investment	Interest Earned	Closing Balance
NAB Sweep Acc	t	NAB	\$ 4,397,404	\$ 4,236,444	\$ 3,951,640	\$ 3,808	\$ 4,686,017
Mar-20	1.65%	NAB	\$ 1,005,187	\$ 1,000,000	\$ 1,005,485	\$ 1,518	\$ 1,001,221
Aug-19	2.10%	AMP	\$ 2,002,877			\$ 3,457	\$ 2,006,334
Apr-20	2.60%	Auswide	\$ 2,020,743			\$ 4,318	\$ 2,025,061
Feb-20	1.70%	NAB	\$ 3,001,677			\$ 4,194	\$ 3,005,871
Feb-20	2.72%	Auswide	\$ 2,029,998			\$ 4,538	\$ 2,034,537
Feb-20	1.66%	ME	\$ 1,027,530	\$ 2,000,000	\$ 1,028,979	\$ 2,450	\$ 2,001,001
Sep-19	2.65%	ME	\$ 2,024,077		\$ 2,026,282	\$ 2,205	\$ 0
Oct-19	2.50%	Auswide	\$ 1,009,349			\$ 2,074	\$ 1,011,423
Jan-20	1.85%	NAB	\$ 2,003,752			\$ 3,047	\$ 2,006,799
Jan-20	1.70%	NAB	\$ 1,000,512			\$ 1,398	\$ 1,001,910
Oct-19	2.75%	AMP	\$ 1,017,966			\$ 2,278	\$ 1,020,244
Feb-20	2.00%	AMP	\$ 1,000,597			\$ 1,628	\$ 1,002,225
Oct-19	2.75%	AMP	\$ 1,017,966			\$ 2,278	\$ 1,020,244
TOTALS	Average Int	2.05%	\$24,559,636	\$7,236,444	\$8,012,386	\$39,192	\$23,822,886

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

Acting Financial Accountant

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receive and note the Investment Report as at 30 September 2019.

<u>CLAUSE 6B - BANK RECONCILIATION, CASH FLOW & LOAN FACILITY SUMMARIES AS AT 30 SEPTEMBER 2019</u>

FILE: B2-7 AOP REFERENCE: 3.1.1.5 ATTACHMENT: NO

AUTHOR: Acting Financial Accountant, Sandra Davey

Purpose

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

Issues

Bank Reconciliation

Balance as per Bank Statement	10,000
Add Outstanding Deposits & Receipting	5,272
Less Unpresented Cheques	(-)
Reconciled Balance	15 272

In accordance with the requirements of the Local Government Act, 1993, I hereby certify that the Cash Book has been reconciled with the appropriate Bank Statements on a daily basis during the month and that the reconciliations have been recorded.



Monthly Total Funds Available for the Last 12 Months

Month	Investment Balances	Operating Account	Total Available Funds
Sept 18	17,397,785	9,887	17,407,672
Oct 18	18,088,990	18,099	18,107,089
Nov 18	18,361,800	(163,625)	18,198,175
Dec 18	17,009,717	18,601	17,020,318
Jan 19	15,870,216	(11,175)	15,706,591
Feb 19	15,980,048	(5,842)	15,974,206
Mar 19	18,000,631	9,011	18,009,642
Apr 19	19,443,263	9,382	19,452,645
May 19	18,397,880	12,261	18,410,141
June 19	23,661,843	14,072	23,675,915
July 19	24,031,003	18,852	24,049,855
Aug 19	24,556,636	17,069	24,573,705
Sep 19	23,822,866	15,272	23,838,158

The amount restricted in the Audited Financial Report for Employee Leave Entitlements is \$342,042

Cash Flow

September		D	Forecast
Forecast	Actual	Description	October
15,272	17,069	Bank Balance Forward	17,069
150,000	741,000	FAG / R2R / RMCC	150,000
14,366	14,637	RMS Agency	14,366
686,000	1,523,992	Rates /Water/User Charges	750,000
150,000	148,827	Private Works/Debtors	150,000
280,000	179,408	LBV – Residents Fees & Subsidies	280,000
190,000	221,844	Child Care/In Home Care	190,000
1,000,000	(775,941)	Net Movement of Investments	1,000,000
400,000	546,291	Sundry Income & Grants	400,000
		Less	
(3,500,000)	(1,813,054)	Creditors	(2,500,000)
(790,000)	(819,345)	Wages / Salaries	(790,000)
10,000	15,272	Bank Reconciliation Cr/(Dr)	10,000

Loan Facility Report as at 30 September 2019

Swimming Pool and Street Upgrade Loan (6.22%)

Principal and Interest = \$22,265

(978,432,63)

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receive and note the Bank Reconciliation, Monthly Total Funds Available, Cash Flow and Loan Facility Report as at 30 September 2019.

CLAUSE 7B – ENGINEERING WORKS REPORT

FILE: C6-20-2 AOP REFERENCE: 4.3.2 ATTACHMENT: NO

AUTHOR: Acting Director of Engineering, Simon Pradhan

Purpose

To inform Council of completed and ongoing Engineering works for the period of September 2019.

Background

State Highways

Maintenance Works

- Sign and guidepost replacement works as required ongoing;
- Shoulder grading spot works HW8, MR421 and MR410 **complete**;
- Pothole repairs ongoing.

Ordered Works

- Heavy Patching on HW8, MR421 and MR410 commenced. To be completed in October;
- Pricing of Burril Tank Project (formerly Nymagee Project Part B) is almost completed;
- RMS is undertaking preliminary investigations for future works on HW8 Barrier Highway.

Urban Roads/Shire Roads/Regional Roads

Maintenance Work

 Maintenance/Spot Grading – RR7518, SR25, MR461, SR6, SR29, MR419 and SR27.

Construction Work

SR20 Grain Road Seal Extension Project – Winning of gravel is almost complete.
 Crushing to commence early October.

Water and Sewer

Maintenance Work

- Complete town hydrant maintenance and repair works **ongoing**;
- Pest control within sewer reticulation network being carried out where necessary –
 ongoing;
- Six water faults were reported during the month and were resolved;
- Repairs are being undertaken to the Sewer Treatment Plant embankment ongoing;
- Desludging the Sewer Treatment Plant secondary aeration ponds- ongoing.

Water Operations

The water treatment plant is producing approx. 1.8 ML per day. Alternate day water restrictions with hand watering only between 4pm and 8pm have been introduced for Cobar to ensure demand is controlled. Burrendong Dam levels (4.4%) continue to fall and high Security Town Water has been restricted to 80% of normal allocation.

Parks and Gardens

- Pre digging graves that are reserved;
- Installation bin surrounds main street;
- Ongoing maintenance works;
- Ward oval irrigation main repair;
- Completion of airport markings;
- Marking out irrigation Euabalong;
- Concrete path Cemetery installation of Miners Memorial.

Resources for Regions

Construction of New Water Treatment Plant

The new water treatment plant is operational and council staff are operating the plant. The contactor, Laurie Curran Water is providing ongoing training for council operators. The access road to the water plant will be sealed by Council in November 2019.

Expenditure to end of June on the contract by LWC is \$10,679,636 (96.7% of the contract). The WTP was officially opened by the Deputy Premier, Minister for Western NSW and the Mayor on 2 October 2019.

RECOMMENDATION

That the information contained in the Engineering Works Report detailing maintenance on Shire and Regional Roads, State Highways, Water Sewer Mains, Resources for Regions Projects and other Major Grant Works be received and noted.

CLAUSE 8B – UPDATE ON INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECT FINANCES

FILE: G4-29 AOP REFERENCE: 4.1.3.3 & 4.4.4.2 ATTACHMENT: NO

AUTHOR: Water and Sewer Manager, Eric Poga

Purpose

To provide Council with an update on the infrastructure projects budgets and expenditure as at 30 September 2019.

Background

Cobar Shire Council was successful in obtaining funding for three projects through the Resources for Regions Restart NSW provided by the NSW State Government. One project has been completed with two ongoing projects. Council also obtained Restart NSW Funding through the Safe and Secure Water Program.

Financial Implications

	Restart NSW Funding	Cobar Shire Council Funding	Expended as at 30 September 2019	Project Status
Water Treatment Plant (WTP)	\$15,750,000	\$200,000	\$11,529,656	 The WTP is operational. Minor defects will be fixed by the contractor, operator training is ongoing. Testing of the imported fill is being undertaken by EPA. NSW Health has advised that the recycled water is safe for recycling in the WTP. Construction of the road to the WTP will be completed in November 2019 subject to result in EPA testing being satisfactory. The WTP was officially opened by the Deputy Premier, Minister for Western NSW and Mayor Brady OAM on 2 October 2019.

Sewerage Scheme Refurbishments Expansion and upgrade	\$2,100,000	\$100,000	\$552,555	 The Ward Oval Pump Station refurbishment and Lagoon upgrade have been completed. Application to change scope of works to include upgrade of all sewer pump stations and pre-treatment screening for sewer influent has been approved. Public Works Advisory have completed designs and tender documentation, tenders were called on 16 September 2019 and closed 17 October 2019.
Water Mains Cleaning and Replacement and Water Storage Refurbishment Project	\$6,900,000	\$0	\$387,138	 Contract documentation has been finalised and tenders closed 24 September 2019 and is currently under review. Treasury has approved the reservoir scope of work and a design proposal for the reservoir upgrades will be forwarded by Public Works by November 2019.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receive and note the updated financial information for the three Restart NSW Resources for Regions infrastructure projects.

CLAUSE 9B – UPDATE ON WORKS REPORT 2019/2020

FILE: R5-15 & R5-16 AOP REFERENCE: 4.3.1 ATTACHMENT: YES

(PAGE 73)

AUTHOR: Acting Director of Engineering Services, Simon Pradhan

Purpose

To inform Council of activities conducted by the Engineering Department in comparison to the work schedule provided.

Background

This report reflects the activities completed up to 30 September 2019 and the upcoming works to 30 November 2019.

The actual cost incurred until 30 September 2019 is for Maintenance Grading and Capital works only.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receives and notes the information contained within this report.

CLAUSE 10B – GRANT FUNDING

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

AUTHOR: General Manager, Peter Vlatko

Grant Update

Grant and	Activity	Amount Applied For	Successful?	Council Funding	Deadline for
Department Grants Applied for		ror		Required	project, comment
Basketball After Dark – National Ice Action Strategy	Through the Local Drug and Action Team (LDAT) this program aims to have youth off the street after dark.	\$24,500	Pending	In-kind support to the value of \$23,000, consisting of marketing and promotion of program, facility use, and wages.	Outcome of application advised October 2019 for implementation thereafter.
Youth Opportunities Program	Preparing Cobar's Youth for the Future – providing Year 11 and 12 students mental health and cyber safety workshops, qualifications and cooking cultural cuisine.	\$23,250	Pending	Nil	Outcome expected November 2019.
Tackling Tough Times Together Grants	Accessibility to CWA building via accessible ramps and footpaths	\$17,499	Pending	CWA Contribution of \$3,000	Outcome expected October 2019.
Regional Arts NSW – CASP	Crafting Cobar workshops – celebrating 150 years of our town	\$5,000	Pending	In-kind \$2,280 for volunteers and venue.	Outcome expected November 2019.
Regional Arts NSW – CASP	Metal Smithing in a Mining Town Workshop	\$4,000	Pending	In-kind \$1,880 for volunteers and venue.	Outcome expected November 2019.
Start Strong Capital Works	Cobar's Mobile Children Services Building	\$1,373,368	Pending	CMCS contribution \$68,668.	Outcome expected January/ February

Program	construction				2020.
NSW Seniors Festival 2020	Cobar Seniors Week – Let's Celebrate Together from 9 March to 13 March 2020	\$2,050	Pending	\$1,500 cash contribution for catering; \$800 in-kind for venue and entertainment.	Outcome advised November 2019.
Transport for NSW – Freight, Strategy and Planning	EOI – Electric Vehicle Charging Location. Council to partner with NRMA.	NRMA to incur costs for the design, installation, insurance and associated costs of the charging station \$15,000.	Pending	Council to contribute parking space and area for installation.	Invited to submit detailed business case into Second Round – outcome anticipated late October 2019.
Transport NSW	Construction of two new bus shelters: 1. Cobar High School - Mopone St; 2. Cobar TAFE - Bathurst Street.	New Shelter – max grant value \$11,000 Upgrade Shelter – max grant value \$2,200	Pending	No co-contribution.	Outcome advised in December 2019.
NSW Government Stronger Country Communities Fund – Round 3	Cobar Youth and Fitness Centre Upgrade - Stage 2	\$388,147	Pending	No co-contribution.	Outcome expected January 2020.
NSW Government Stronger Country Communities Fund – Round 3	Youth Development Officer - 18 month tenure	\$165,647	Pending	No co-contribution.	Outcome expected January 2020.
NSW Government Stronger Country Communities Fund – Round 3	Euabalong Scenic Walking Trail	\$222,500	Pending	No co-contribution	Outcome expected January 2020.

Grant Outcomes

Grant and Department	Activity	Amount Applied For	Successful?	Council Funding Required	Comment
Grants Announced					
North West JO Tourism Fund	Upgrade exhibitions at GCHCC.	\$1,425,000	Successful	Nil	Money paid, scope of works underway.
Infrastructure NSW – Fixing Country Roads	Sealing the Grain Road	\$1,000,000	Successful	\$350,000 (Total project cost \$2,350,000 including previous approval by Federal Government for \$1,000,000)	Funding agreement awaiting execution.
Restart NSW – Safe and Secure Water Program.	Nymagee Water Security Scoping Study - Carry out scoping study to identify the provision of water to the residents of Nymagee to improve future water security.	\$43,500	Successful	Nil	Funding agreement executed 21 June 2019.
Restart NSW – Safe and Secure Water Program.	Euabalong and Euabalong West Scoping Study - Carry out scoping study to identify options for the provision of water to the residents of Euabalong to improve future water security.	\$29,250	Successful	Nil	Funding agreement executed 21 June 2019.
Growing Local Economies Fund	Design and construction of new industrial estate for Cobar.	\$4.405m	Successful	\$500,000	Currently liaising with Department to confirm milestone reporting forming part of the funding agreement.
Museums and Galleries of	A qualified Curator for a 1 year	\$7,000	Successful	\$7,000 through	Continue to work

NSW – Museum Advisor Program	duration will provide professional guidance and curatorial advice – for new exhibitions.			funding already obtained for the exhibition upgrades.	through Curators resume and interviews for placement.
Transport NSW – Bike Week Sept 2019	Tour de Cobar Celebration.	\$500 + \$500 donation from RMS	Successful	Nil	Completed.

Council committed \$200,000 in the 2019/2020 Budget to put towards grant proposals as a co-contribution. This money is yet to be allocated.

Current Grant Opportunities

- Infrastructure Grant through the NSW Club Grants are funding infrastructure that is accessible and available to the general public the majority of the time. This funding is broken into 3 categories, being Arts and Culture; Disaster Readiness and Community Infrastructure, and Sport and Recreation. Liaising with Cobar Miners Race Club for a toilet block and raw water to Dalton Park. This round of funding Funding closes 9th December 2019.
- NSW Environmental Trust's Restoration and Rehabilitation grants now open for applications A total of \$4 million is available to the following organisations for projects that assist in the ongoing sustainable management and stewardship of significant environmental assets and services in NSW: \$2 million for projects by community organisations and \$2 million for projects by government entities. Grants of between \$5,000 and \$100,000 are available. Applications close 3pm Monday 18 November 2019.
- Infrastructure, The Remote Airstrip Upgrade Program will enhance the safety and accessibility of aerodromes in remote and very remote areas of Australia providing year round all weather access that will: improve the safety of aircraft. 8 million available in total, maximum grant amount is \$3,000,000 (however it is expected that most grants will not exceed \$1.5 million). The grant amount will be up to 50% of eligible project costs. Applications close 12 November 2019.
- Public Library Infrastructure Grants, each Council may submit one application only. Two categories up to \$200,000 and \$200,001 \$500,000. Applicants are encouraged to submit applications for projects of significance. As a guide, projects requiring funding of at least \$30,000 are considered significant. Applications close 8 November 2019.

Please note: Several emails have been unable to be delivered, specifically from GrantConnect, these will be followed up once internet/emails are restored.

Grant Funded Projects – Implementation

The following is a summary of works in progress for grant funded projects:

- Reconciliation Week grant to produce a series of story boards in progress. Now looking at adding in a board for the Murrin Bridge area celebrating the revival of language. Discussions continued with traditional owners.
- RCF Rd 1 Museum project Museum Curatorial Advisor (consultant) appointed to project team. Site visit booked for November for Project Architect, Conservation Architect and Museum Advisor. Awaiting costed proposal for Stage 2 of Project (Stage 2 Development Application drawings and preparation, Stage 3 Tendering documentation, Stage 4 Construction). On budget, on time. Progressing well.
- Heritage Near Me Museum accessibility project being incorporated into above.
- RCF Rd 2 Exhibition Upgrade plan of works being developed as per master plan.
- Miners Memorial Based on feedback from Councillor Workshop on Thursday, now working with the Contractor and the Architect and Engineer to update the design package with identified cost savings. This will take approximately 4 weeks. After the plans are updated, the Contractor will be asked to requote based on the changes.
- SCCF Toilet project –Drummond Park Toilet block manufacture complete. Photographs for exterior are being taken this week. Based on alignment of availability of plumber, builder and electrician, installation is scheduled for mid-November.
- SCCF Girl Guides Hall Renovation of existing house. Architectural Design complete and reviewed by Structural Engineer. Currently with architect to finalise plans to then go out for quotations. On budget, on time. Progressing well.
- SCCF Youthie upgrade currently with Architect developing plans and Development Application. Intention is to have the tender package ready and out before end of 2019, so contacts can be awarded in Q1 2020 and works can start Q2 2020. On budget, on time. Progressing well.
- Public Reserves Boxthorn Removal Euabalong Common Project for Reserve Trust extension provided due to drought.
- Safe and Secure Water Fund pipe replacement and tank refurbishment PWA undertaking pipeline design work. Business Case has been endorsed for Reservoir refurbishment. Funding Deed has been executed.
- Drought Projects at various stages of progress, extensions approved to end of September 2019 for the remaining four projects (two projects were acquitted in June 2019).
- Tour De Cobar Bike Week celebrations were held on 29 September, successful event with over 100 children and adults participating in colour rides around Ward Oval.
- Mt Hope Community Hall Toilets Contractor approved. Development Application lodged. Works scheduled to begin in November.

RECOMMENDATION

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

CLAUSE 11B - RATES RECONCILIATION REPORT AS AT 30 SEPTEMBER 2019

FILE: R2-1 AOP REFERENCE: 3.1.1.6 ATTACHMENT: YES (PAGE 74-75)

AUTHOR: Office Coordinator, Jo-Louise Brown

Purpose

To provide Council details of the Rate Reconciliation as at 30 September 2019.

FUND	LEVY 2019-2020	Pensioner Rebates	Abandoned Levy	Additional Levies	Sub Total 2019-2020	Arrears 30th Jun 19	Payments	Total Outstanding	Total Outstanding Previous Year	% Outstanding of Sub Total Plus Arrears
Business	436,811.02		-	1,335.00	438,146.02	97,520.20	255,921.52	279,744.70	278,246.40	52.22%
Farmland	698,230.15		-	4,092.75	702,322.90	73,559.35	320,136.02	455,746.23	418,681.04	58.74%
Mining	1,735,921.14		-	=	1,735,921.14	400,201.22	688,403.51	1,447,718.85	1,490,542.19	67.77%
Residential	1,179,217.90	43,962.92	763.40	435.97	1,134,927.55	271,211.66	458,541.42	947,597.79	925,599.58	67.39%
Overpayments					-	-151,345.91	- 105,020.84	-46,325.07	-35,269.76	30.61%
Legal Costs			=	5,859.36	5,859.36	56,474.67	9,058.44	53,275.59	46,278.31	85.47%
Interest			13.89	6,081.35	6,067.46	178,709.75	13,642.91	171,134.30	130,841.87	92.62%
General Rates	4,050,180.21	43,962.92	777.29	17,804.43	4,023,244.43	926,330.94	1,640,682.98	3,308,892.39	4,526,693.30	66.85%
Domestic Waste	633,814.00	16,787.08	409.50	237.00	616,854.42	56,740.45	285,131.92	388,462.95	371,788.86	57.67%
Sewerage	648,400.00	17,500.00	637.50	48,581.61	678,844.11	123,076.03	313,208.94	488,711.20	403,204.72	60.94%
Cobar Water	687,053.00	18,812.50	462.00	4,316.00	672,094.50	52,566.28	325,821.53	398,839.25	396,614.45	55.04%
Nymagee Water	28,308.00	525.00	-	=	27,783.00	14,193.81	12,275.62	29,701.19	28,313.57	70.76%
Euabalong Water	45,212.00	962.50	-	=	44,249.50	12,473.16	21,148.83	35,573.83	32,779.92	62.72%
Euab West Water	27,371.00	437.50	-	=	26,933.50	6,694.55	12,425.64	21,202.41	20,232.27	63.05%
Mt Hope Water	6,444.00	-	-	=	6,444.00	1,526.90	3,286.46	4,684.44	4,276.98	58.77%
Water Access	794,388.00	20,737.50	462.00	4,316.00	777,504.50	87,454.70	374,958.08	490,001.12	723,672.43	56.65%
Water Usage			14,912.71	298,490.65	283,577.94	603,711.64	455,444.94	431,844.64	120,828.53	48.67%
TOTAL	6,126,782.21	98,987.50	17,199.00	369,429.69	6,380,025.40	1,797,313.76	3,069,426.86	5,107,912.30	6,819,905.63	62.46%

RECOMMENDATION

That the Rates Reconciliation Report as at the 30 September 2019 be received and noted.



ATTACHMENTS

ORDINARY MEETING AGENDA

THURSDAY, 24 OCTOBER 2019

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