

# **COBAR SHIRE COUNCIL**



## **FINANCE & POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA**

**THURSDAY 9 JULY 2015**

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## ~ ORDER OF BUSINESS ~

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Business for the meeting will be as follows:

1. Apologies
  2. Declaration of Interests
  3. Public Access Session – Kevin, Maree and Christie Wheeler and Geoff Turton;
    - Sue and Kym Miller;
    - Wayne Prisk.
  4. General Manager's Report – Part A (Action)
  5. General Manager's Report – Part B (Information)
  6. Matters of Urgency
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**REPORT 1A – DALTON PARK HORSE COMPLEX- EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST AND NEW LICENSE AGREEMENT/S- PUBLIC ACCESS**

**FILE: P1-4-3**

**AOP REFERENCE: 3.3.4.2**

**ATTACHMENT: NO**

**AUTHOR: *Acting Director Planning and Environmental Services, Stephen Poulter***

**Purpose**

The purpose of this report is to advise the Council of information provided by members of the public in relation to their expressions of interest to use parts of the Dalton Park Horse Complex.

**Background**

At the 25 June 2015 Ordinary Council Meeting, Council resolved to adjourn making a decision on matters detailed in Report 4A- Dalton Park Horse Complex- Expressions of Interest and New Licence Agreement/s and for arrangements be made for a Council inspection of the facility and that a person nominated by each party that submitted an Expressions of Interest (EOI) shall also be invited to make a short presentation to the July Finance and Policy Committee meeting.

A full report will be provided to the July Ordinary Council Meeting summarising the matter.

**Issues**

Council should note the provisions of Clause 33 (A) of the Cobar Shire Council Code of Meeting Practice in relation to representations by members of the public, which details:

***33 (A) REPRESENTATIONS BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC- CLOSURE OF PART OF MEETING***

*(1) A representation at a council meeting by a member of the public as to whether a part of the meeting should be closed to the public can only be made for a fixed period immediately after the motion to close the part of the meeting is moved and seconded.*

*(2) That period is as fixed by the council's code of meeting practice or (if the council does not have a code of meeting practice or its code of meeting practice does not fix that period) as fixed by resolution of the council. Different periods can be fixed according to the different types of matters to be discussed or received and discussed at closed parts of meetings.*

Given that there will be three members of the public presenting to the Finance and Policy Committee Meeting, each member should be given a maximum of ten (10) minutes to make a presentation with regards to their expressions of interest.

Contact has been made with each EOI party to seek their interest in making representations to Council at the Finance and Policy Committee Meeting.

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Following agreement by each party to provide a presentation, a selection process was undertaken to establish when each party will speak. This process, which included pulling names from a hat in the presence of independent witnesses provided the following order of speakers:

First Party - Kevin, Maree and Christie Wheeler and Geoff Turton;

Second Party- Sue and Kym Miller;

Third Party- Wayne Prisk.

It is reminded that only one (1) person from each of the above parties can provide the presentation.

That in accordance with Council Policy following the provision of public access on a matter no action can be taken at the meeting with the information provided to be received and noted.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

**That Council resolves to thank Kevin, Maree and Christie Wheeler and Geoff Turton, Sue and Kym Miller and Wayne Prisk for their address and that the information provided be received and noted.**

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**REPORT 2A – 18<sup>TH</sup> NSW WEEDS CONFERENCE 2015**

**FILE: N1-1**

**AOP REFERENCE: 3.3.2**

**ATTACHMENT: NO**

**AUTHOR: *Land Management Officer, Heather Holder***

**Purpose**

To report the proposed attendance of the Noxious Weeds Officer to the 18th NSW Weeds Conference 2015.

**Background**

The 18<sup>th</sup> NSW Weeds Conference will be held in Cooma from Monday 12 October to Thursday 15 October 2015. The Noxious Weeds Officer will be required to travel to Cooma on Sunday 11 October and will travel back on Friday 16 October 2015.

The Conference is supported by the NSW Department of Primary Industries, the Weeds Society of New South Wales and Cooma-Monaro Shire Council. The NSW Weeds Conferences are held every two years and are an excellent opportunity for Noxious Weeds Officers across NSW to share their experience and expertise.

**Issues**

It is important to ensure that Council's Noxious Weeds Officer has the appropriate training, knowledge and skills. The NSW Weeds Conference will provide the following opportunities:

- Meet with and learn from other Weed Managers;
- Find out about the latest development in weed management, policy, research, new incursions;
- To gain an understanding of the latest technology and research findings;
- To link up with people/ organisations in specific aspects of weed management that closely align with similar areas of expertise;
- Understand new weed threats; and
- Appreciate the broad depth of experience and knowledge of people working in weed management disciplines.

**Financial Implications**

It is expected that the following costs will be applicable:

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| • Early Bird Conference Registration   | \$660.00 |
| • Accommodation (5 nights, Sunday 11 to Friday 15 October)<br>(NB. Budgeting for \$120 per night, however final amount will not be known until booking is secured) | \$600.00 |
| • Travel (NB. This amount will be charged regardless of the Noxious Weeds Officer vehicle travelling to Cooma or within Shire)                                     | \$450.00 |

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The costs for the conference and accommodation are provided in the Noxious Weeds, Training & Conferences Budget.

**Options**

Council can approve or not approve the Noxious Weeds Officers attendance of this Conference, however it should be noted that attendance of this Conference is part of the Noxious Weeds Officers professional development program.

**RECOMMENDATION**

**That Council approve the attendance of the Cobar Shire Council's Noxious Weeds Officer to the 18<sup>th</sup> NSW Weeds Conference 2015 at Cooma on the 12 to 15 October 2015.**





## Cash Flow

Forecast	Actual	Description	Forecast
Jun-15	Jun-15		Jul-15
20,318	20,318	Bank Balance Forward	153
215,000	366,546	Major Project Revenue <i>(estimate only)</i>	110,000
-	-	Financial Assistance Grant <i>(advance payment)</i>	2,421,027
-	291,858	Pink Ladies	-
-	-	Regional Roads Block Grant	511,700
250,000	-	RMS – Ordered Works	260,000
-	-	RMS - Routine Works	370,000
13,200	11,892	RMS Agency	13,750
450,000	434,975	Rates /Water/User Charges	985,000
50,000	90,580	Private Works/Debtors	50,000
150,000	69,322	Non s67 Debtors <i>(incl. CWB &amp; Capital Grants)</i>	150,000
220,000	218,696	LBV – Residents Fees & Grant	230,000
90,000	168,696	Child Care/In Home Care	121,000
1,175,747	455,546	Net Transfer from ‘At Call’ Account	
25,000	16,628	Sundry	25,000
15,000	5,000	Plant Sales	32,000
18,000	70,272	GST	70,000
		<i>(Difference due to Creditors cut-off as at 15th of the month)</i>	
		<i>Less</i>	
(2,000,000)	(1,533,342)	Creditors	(2,400,000)
(670,000)	(664,569)	Wages & Salaries	(670,000)
-	-	Net Transfer to At Call Account	(2,257,365)
(22,265)	(22,265)	Loan Repayment	(22,265)
50,000	153	Closing Reconciled Bank Balance Cr/(Dr)	-

### COUNCIL’S LOAN FACILITIES as at 30 JUNE 2015

Working Capital Loan (4.085%)	(\$500,000)
Refinanced NECU Loan (6.22%)	(\$1,746,565)
<b>Closing Balance</b>	<b>(\$2,246,565)</b>

## RECOMMENDATION

**That Council receive and note the Bank Reconciliation, Cash Flow and Loan Facility Report as at 30 June 2015.**

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**REPORT 2B – RATES RECONCILIATION REPORT AS AT 30 JUNE 2015****FILE: R2-1****AOP REFERENCE: 3.1.1.6****ATTACHMENT: YES (PAGE 14-15)****AUTHOR: Rates Officer, Jo-Louise Brown****Purpose**

To provide Council details of the Rate Reconciliation as at 30 June 2015.

FUND	LEVY 2014-2015	Pensioner Rebates	Abandoned Levy	Additional Levies	Sub Total 2014- 2015	Arrears 30th Jun 14	Payments	Total Outstanding	Total Outstanding Previous Year	% Outstanding of Sub Total Plus Arrears
Business	361,810.49	328.33	1,313.40	500.00	360,668.76	21,537.58	353,833.54	28,372.80	21,537.58	7.42%
Farmland	618,372.00	2,750.00	-	3,201.76	618,823.76	41,751.70	629,862.94	30,712.52	41,751.70	4.65%
Mining	1,534,980.69		12,233.20	-	1,522,747.49	129,765.55	1,551,533.04	100,980.00	129,765.55	6.11%
Residential	1,099,583.83	50,662.30	502.25	-	1,048,419.28	158,054.45	1,042,818.41	163,655.32	158,054.45	13.56%
Overpayments					-	-95,748.40	16,616.54	-112,364.94	-95,748.40	117.35%
Legal Costs			-	35,965.76	35,965.76	19,842.63	21,742.25	34,066.14	19,842.63	61.04%
Interest			-	32,427.98	<b>32,427.98</b>	58,224.43	16,304.54	74,347.87	58,224.43	82.01%
<b>General Rates</b>	<b>3,614,747.01</b>	<b>53,740.63</b>	<b>14,048.85</b>	<b>72,095.50</b>	<b>3,619,053.03</b>	<b>333,427.94</b>	<b>3,632,711.26</b>	<b>319,769.71</b>	<b>333,427.94</b>	<b>8.09%</b>
<b>Domestic Waste</b>	<b>534,703.00</b>	<b>18,695.87</b>	<b>11,262.09</b>	<b>832.00</b>	<b>505,577.04</b>	<b>24,871.02</b>	<b>504,379.73</b>	<b>26,068.33</b>	<b>24,871.02</b>	<b>4.91%</b>
<b>Sewerage</b>	<b>619,440.00</b>	<b>20,431.25</b>	<b>1,480.00</b>	<b>57,340.56</b>	<b>654,869.31</b>	<b>33,661.10</b>	<b>645,672.74</b>	<b>42,857.67</b>	<b>33,661.10</b>	<b>6.22%</b>
Cobar Water	597,105.00	21,831.25	804.00	1,014.00	575,483.75	22,627.79	574,767.62	23,343.92	22,627.79	3.90%
Nymagee Water	25,060.00	612.50	209.91	-	24,237.59	5,203.55	23,611.38	5,829.76	5,203.55	19.80%
Euabalong Water	36,405.00	1,137.50	-	-	35,267.50	8,951.87	35,897.87	8,321.50	8,951.87	18.82%
Euab West Water	22,575.00	612.50	-	-	21,962.50	4,534.19	21,591.37	4,905.32	4,534.19	18.51%
Mt Hope Water	4,620.00	-	-	-	4,620.00	0.00	4,370.28	249.72	0.00	5.41%
<b>Water Access</b>	<b>685,765.00</b>	<b>24,193.75</b>	<b>1,013.91</b>	<b>1,014.00</b>	<b>661,571.34</b>	<b>41,317.40</b>	<b>660,238.52</b>	<b>42,650.22</b>	<b>41,317.40</b>	<b>6.07%</b>
<b>Water Usage</b>	<b>2,144,067.70</b>		<b>12,584.75</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2,131,482.95</b>	<b>436,760.89</b>	<b>2,093,409.97</b>	<b>474,833.87</b>	<b>436,760.89</b>	<b>18.49%</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>7,598,722.71</b>	<b>117,061.50</b>	<b>40,389.60</b>	<b>131,282.06</b>	<b>7,572,553.67</b>	<b>870,038.35</b>	<b>7,536,412.22</b>	<b>906,179.80</b>	<b>870,038.35</b>	<b>10.73%</b>

**RECOMMENDATION****That the Rates Reconciliation Report as at the 30 June 2015 be received and noted.**

**REPORT 3B – GRANT FUNDING**

FILE: G4-17

AOP REFERENCE: 3.1.1.4

ATTACHMENT: NO

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

Grant and Department	Activity	Amount Applied For	Successful?	Council Funding Required	Deadline for Project
<b>Grants Applied for</b>					
Heavy Vehicle Safety and Productivity Program	New Truckwash	\$90,000	Pending	\$90,000, budgeted	
NSW Sport and Recreation	Installation of accessible toilet facility, storage for wheelchair basketball chairs and rails in toilets.	\$26,750	Pending	Matching funds of \$26,750 to come from matching grants contribution	
EPA Environmental Education Grants	To undertake an education program on water quality and stormwater into the Newey involving the schools in Cobar.	\$48,000	EOI successful. Full application submitted.	Nil	

Grant and Department	Activity	Amount Applied For	Successful?	Council Funding Required	Comment
<b>Grants Announced</b>					
Restart NSW Regional Tourism Infrastructure Fund: Airports	Construct a new terminal building at the airport and install a permanent self-serve refuelling station.	\$1.11745m	EOI submitted. Not successful to next round.	Nil committed	Now action being taken EOI for fuel facilities by fuel suppliers.
Community Support Program	Fund the administration of Family Day Care	Continuation of current funding	Successful	Nil	1 July 2015

Child Care Rebate and Benefit approval - DSS	Hosting Vacation Care program in Cobar	Operational grant of around \$3000	Successful	Program funded by user charges and CCB/CCR	First vacation care program undertaken in July 2015 school holidays.
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### **Current Grant Opportunities**

- The second round of the National Stronger Regions Fund is open, due 31 July 2015. Council has secured partnership funding from CSA and Peak Gold Mines and is working on resubmitting the application for the Cobar Youth and Fitness Centre. Can apply for between \$20,000 and \$10 million.
- National Black Spot Program – Council is considering submitting a proposal for Mulya Road near the CSA access road, depending on BCR achieved. Due 31 July 2015.
- Community Building Partnership grants to be announced very shortly.
- Climate Change Resilience Grants – due 4 August 2015. Council applying for funding for water bores to assist with road construction.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

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

# **ATTACHMENTS**



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**THURSDAY 9 JULY 2015**

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**PART B – INFORMATION**

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