



AUSTRALIAN LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

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Cobar Shire Council  
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To the Mayor, Councillors and CEO

**2014 National General Assembly of Local Government – Call for Motions**

The 2014 National General Assembly of Local Government (NGA), which will be held at the National Convention Centre in Canberra on 15 - 18 June, is an opportunity for local government to identify and discuss issues which it believes should be addressed by the new Federal Government. Every council has the opportunity to raise relevant issues for debate at the Assembly and I invite your council to participate in the 2014 NGA by submitting a motion for consideration.

As the major event on the annual local government events calendar, the NGA typically attracts more than 800 mayors, councillors and senior officers from councils across Australia. The NGA is your opportunity to contribute to the development of national local government policy and receive updates on the major policy issues facing local government nationally.

The Australian Local Government Association (ALGA) Board is calling for motions for the 2014 NGA under the theme of 'Getting Down to Business'. This theme reflects the renewed focus across all levels of government on the roles and responsibilities of the public sector and the challenged of meeting our communities' needs.

To be eligible for inclusion in the NGA Business Papers motions must follow the principles:

1. Fall under the NGA theme
2. Be relevant to the work of local government nationally; and
3. Complement or build on the policies of state and territory local government associations.

To assist councils in preparing motions, a Discussion Paper has been prepared and is enclosed with this letter. It is also available on the ALGA website at [www.alga.asn.au](http://www.alga.asn.au).

Motions should be submitted electronically via the online form on the website [www.alga.asn.au](http://www.alga.asn.au) and should be received by ALGA no later than 17 April 2014.

Any administrative inquiries can be directed to Josh Thompson, ALGA's Director of National Events on 02 6122 9400 or [josh.thompson@alga.asn.au](mailto:josh.thompson@alga.asn.au).

I would encourage you to make sure the views of your Council and your community are represented at the 2014 NGA.

Yours sincerely



Mayor Felicity-ann Lewis  
President

## Call for Motions Guidelines and Background Information

The theme for this year's National General Assembly of Local Government (NGA) is 'Getting down to Business'. The NGA theme reflects current issues being debated nationally and priority issues facing local government.

The NGA is your opportunity to contribute to the development of national local government policy and currently the ALGA Board is calling for motions for the 2014 NGA.

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1. Fall under the NGA theme;
2. Be relevant to the work of local government nationally; and
3. Complement or build on the policy objectives of state and territory associations.

Motions submitted will be reviewed by the National General Assembly Committee as well as by State and Territory Local Government Associations to determine their eligibility for inclusion in the NGA Business Papers. When reviewing motions, the Committee considers the importance and relevance of the issue to local government. Please note that motions should not be prescriptive in directing how the matter should be pursued. Any motion deemed to be primarily concerned with local or state issues will be referred to the relevant state/territory local government association, and will not be included in the Business Papers.

Through the review process, minor edits may be made to motions to ensure they can be included in the Business Papers. These edits will change the motion to call for action, for example to 'call on the Australian Government' to do something, to ensure relevance to local government nationally by removing state specific references, or to ensure the wording is consistent with current conventions such as referring to the Australian Government instead of the Federal Government.

To assist in facilitating efficient and effective debate, motions that cover similar matters will appear grouped together in the Business Papers and the matter will be debated only once with the lead or strategic motion being that which is debated.

Motions that are agreed to at the National General Assembly become Resolutions. These Resolutions are then considered by the ALGA Board when setting national local government policy, when the Board is making representations to the Federal Government at Ministerial Councils, during meetings and in ALGA publications. The ALGA Board is not bound by any Resolution passed at the NGA.

Motions are to be submitted online at [www.alga.asn.au](http://www.alga.asn.au) and should be received by **ALGA no later than 17 April 2014**.

The following information will be required when you submit a motion using the online form.

### *Motion*

- Text of the Motion

### *National Objective*

- Why is this a national issue and why should this be debated at the NGA?
- Maximum 100 words

### *Summary of Key Arguments*

- Background information
- Supporting arguments
- Maximum of 300 words (additional information should be provided as speaking notes to the council representative who will move the motion at the NGA)

### *Declaration*

You will need to declare that the motion has been endorsed by your Council.

For further information please contact Josh Thompson, Director National Events, on (02) 6122 9400 or [josh.thompson@alga.asn.au](mailto:josh.thompson@alga.asn.au)

**National General Assembly of Local  
Government**

**15 - 18 June 2014**

**Call for Motions**

**'Getting Down to Business'**

**Discussion Paper**

### ***Purpose***

The National General Assembly of Local Government is an important opportunity for you and your council to influence the national policy agenda.

Your council is invited to submit notices of motion/s that can be debated on the floor of the National General Assembly (NGA) that can assist councils nationally to meet the needs of local communities across the country.

To assist you and your council to identify motions that address the theme of the NGA the ALGA Secretariat has prepared this short discussion paper. You are encouraged to read all of the sections of the Paper, but are not expected to respond to every question contained in them. Your motion/s can address one or all of the issues identified in the discussion paper.

To be eligible for inclusion in the NGA Business Papers, motions must follow the following principles:

1. Be relevant to the work of local government nationally;
2. Complement or build on the policy objectives of your state and territory local government association; and
3. proposes a clear action and outcome.

### ***The Process***

Motions should be lodged electronically using the online form available on the National General Assembly Website at: [www.alga.asn.au](http://www.alga.asn.au). All motions require among other things: a contact officer; a clear national objective; a summary of the key arguments in support of the motion, and endorsement of your council. Motions should be received by ALGA no later than Friday 17 April 2014, electronically in the prescribed format.

All motion submitted will be reviewed by the National General Assembly Committee as well as by State and Territory Local Government Associations to determine their eligibility for inclusion in the NGA Business Papers. When reviewing motions, the Committee considers the importance and relevance of the issue to local government. Please note that motions should not be prescriptive in directing how the matter should be pursued. Any motion deemed to be primarily concerned with local or state issues will be referred to the relevant state/territory local government association, and will not be included in the Business Papers.

For more information, please contact the 2014 Director National Events, Josh Thompson, on (02) 6122 9400.

## ***Preamble***

The 2014 NGA is being held against a backdrop of several key developments. Each of them could profoundly redefine the operation of Australia's system of government. These include

- the establishment, by the Commonwealth Government, of a National Commission of Audit;
- a promise within two years of coming to office to develop a White Paper on the Reform of the Federation;
- a commitment by all jurisdictions including the Australian Local Government Association (ALGA) through the Council of Australian Government's (COAG), to reduce duplication between governments; and
- a promise to develop a White Paper on Taxation within two years of coming to office.

Each of these are significant undertakings in their own right, but taken together, they could substantially help reshape the operation of the Australia federated system of government.

It is imperative that local government is an active participant in these processes and that we take every opportunity to influence the outcomes of these White Paper processes. The 2014 NGA is a great opportunity to commence this discussion.

The theme of the 2014 National General Assembly is 'Getting Down to Business'. It is a theme that invites NGA delegates, councils and interested stakeholders to reflect on the roles and responsibilities of local government, its funding and relative place in the Federation. It's a theme that enables local government to define for itself:

- what business local government is in;
- the resources we need to do it; and
- what we should expect from the Commonwealth and what we should expect from state and territory governments. In short how local government should fit in the Federation.

It's a theme that enable your council to engage with other councils from across the country to inform the national debate, and ALGA, on the issues contained in these important national processes, in particular the Government's White papers.

## **National Fiscal Settings**

On 14 September 2013 the Federal Coalition was elected to Government. In coming to office the Government foreshadowed a deterioration in the federal budget position since the 2013 Pre-Election Economic and Fiscal Outlook (PEFO) and the need for a review of the current split of roles and responsibilities between levels of government. In December 2013 the Government's budget position was confirmed with the release of the 2013 - 14 Mid-Year Economic and Fiscal Outlook (MYEFO) which reported budget deficits totalling \$123 billion across the forward estimates. Further it suggests that '... Without policy change and taking no remedial action, deficits would be projected in each and every year to 2023-24'.

While the Commonwealth expressed concern about the sustainability of its budget position, in particular revenues, state, territories and local government have similar concerns. State and territory governments regularly report financial constraints and the limitation of, and distribution of, the Goods and Services Tax (GST), the inadequate intergovernmental

financial transfers to meet growing demand for their services and conditions placed upon national reforms, such as school and hospital funding.

Further, local government itself, that has well documented financial sustainability challenges included in a number of independent reports including the PricewaterhouseCoopers, National Financial Sustainability Study of Local Government commissioned by ALGA in 2006. The latter report highlighting the financial challenges councils face in particular in meeting the infrastructure backlog and underspend.

As a consequence, coupled with Australia's highly centralised taxation collection system, all state and territory governments and local government have sought changes to intergovernmental financial transfers from the Commonwealth, as well as options for increasing own source revenues.

### ***QUESTIONS?***

*Are there things that the could be done to assist local government to expand own-source revenues?*

*Are there specific initiatives the Commonwealth can implement that improve the financial sustainability of local government?*

*Are there things that the Commonwealth could do to assist local government nationally to improve its efficiency and effectiveness?*

### **The Commonwealth National Commission of Audit**

In addressing the Commonwealth's challenges, the Government foreshadowed the establishment of a National Commission of Audit which would in broad terms, examine the details of what the Commonwealth Government does and whether it could be done better and more cost effectively.

The National Commission of Audit was established in October 2013 and required to complete its work in two Phases. The report on the first Phase being due to the Prime Minister, Treasurer and Minister for Finance by the end of January 2014.<sup>1</sup> This Phase was among other matters to "... assess the current split of roles and responsibilities between and within the Commonwealth government and State and Territory governments, including areas of duplication. In relation to activities performed by the Commonwealth, the Commission is asked to identify:

- whether there remains a compelling case for the activity to continue to be undertaken; and if so,
- whether there is a strong case for continued direct involvement of government, or whether the activity could be undertaken more efficiently by the private sector, the not-for-profit sector, the States, or local government.

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<sup>11</sup> This Report is not available publicly.

This second dot point is particular relevant for the NGA with the direct reference to local government but it does not address the resourcing issues involved if the Commonwealth decided to transfer a specific role or a responsibility to the other potential service providers.

A full copy of the National Commission of Audit Terms of Reference is included as Attachment 1.

At the time of writing it is expected that the Commission will have completed or almost completed its Phase 1 Report to the Government. Unfortunately, the Commission's Phase 1 Report will not be a public document and therefore we cannot provide any specific information on the outcomes of the Commissions' deliberations. The Phase 2 Report focuses on the internal managerial matters and Commonwealth controls of its own financial expenditure. Both Phase 1 and 2 will presumably be directly relevant to the Federal Budget which will be brought down in May 2014 prior to the NGA.

The Budget therefore will be the first opportunity for the Government to flag to the Australian people how it proposes to address financial sustainability challenges in the short to medium term. However, more importantly for the longer term, the Government has committed to develop a White Paper on the Reform of the Federation and a separate White Paper on Taxation. The Government has set itself 2 years to complete these tasks and has indicated that it will take the outcome of these important processes to the next election.

### **The 1996 National Commission of Audit**

As previously mentioned, the current Commission of Audit reports are not public documents and therefore this paper cannot provide insight into the Audit's content. However, for illustrative purposes it may be instructive to highlight the approach taken by the National Commission of Audit conducted for the Government led by the Prime Minister the Hon. John Howard Government in 1996. In particular, to highlight the findings of this Commission in relation to local government and regional development matters. The 1996 commission's report was essentially based on a strict interpretation of constitutional authority of the Commonwealth and its responsibilities. In doing so, it should be noted that the 1996 Audit Commission Report was an independent report and was not Government policy. Indeed several aspects of the 1996 Report were considered by the Government and rejected, including the view that the Commonwealth did not have a role in regional development.

The 1996 National Commission of Audit was asked to examine a wide range of matters which are substantially similar to of the current Audit. That Commission was Chaired by Professor Bob Officer and in relation to regional development, urban management and local government found: '... Current (1996) arrangements for regional development and urban management involve overlap with State and local government responsibilities. **There is no clear rationale or constitutional basis for Commonwealth involvement.** Further, whatever the objectives behind Commonwealth involvement in these areas, they are not being achieved under current arrangements.'

The Commission recommended that these programs (the Regional Development Program, Better Cities Program and Urban Flood Mitigation Program) be abolished, and while there were changes made, the Commonwealth Government continued to be involved in regional development and subsequently introduced a number of initiatives including the Sustainable Regions Program in 2001.



In relation to local government financial assistance grants, the 1996 Commission recommended that these payments be integrated into revised State payments. This was also rejected, albeit that the FAGs were to be including in the original Good and Services Tax proposal, but were subsequently excluded in the final negotiated agreement between the Howard Government and the Democrats to pass the legislation. The system of FAGs continued and the current Government has given an undertaking to maintain the current system of FAGs and other direct funding to local government such as Roads to Recovery (R2R) and the new Bridge Renewal Program.

The 1996 Commission of Audit highlights a particular view of how the Federation and the Commonwealth should work. It took the view that the Commonwealth should only deal with national matters and the states and local government should deal with everything else. It also took the view that local government is a state responsibility and while accepting the legitimacy of providing FAGs, implied they should be integrated into revised state payments. While the continued recognition of the need for FAGs by the Commonwealth is welcome, it begs the question as to what support, in particular through untied grants, should local governments expect from state and territory governments?

#### **QUESTIONS?**

*In thinking about the 1996 Commission of Audit are there any specific proposals your council has on Commonwealth - local government relations.*

*Should state and territory Governments do more to support councils including through providing direct untied funding to local government? If so what relationship would this have to Commonwealth provided FAGs?*

*Are the specific state and territory services that are Commonwealth or state responsibilities, that councils undertake that should be undertaken by the private sector or other levels of government on equity grounds? e.g. market failure?*

Note: it should be noted that the NGA should deal with national issues and that motions related to specific state matters must be addressed through state and territory local government associations. NGA Motions should focus on funding for the system of local government in Australia, and therefore apply to all states and territories.

#### **Regulation Reform**

Over recent decades governments at all levels have acknowledge the importance microeconomic reform, including regulatory reform. The purpose of regulatory reform is to enhance Australia's productivity and competitiveness, raising potential growth rates, living standards, and better enable Australia to deal with difficult international economic circumstances.

At the December 2013 COAG meeting, first ministers, including the President of ALGA agreed unnecessary regulation is holding back Australia's economic prosperity and development. Cutting excessive red tape and improving the efficiency and effectiveness of regulation are important parts of the productivity story.

By way of example, the COAG Communiqué highlights the following: In '... running a cafe that serves alcohol and provides outdoor dining illustrates Australia's current problems with regulation. For example, it can require the operator to navigate around 21 local, 29 State and 25 Commonwealth regulations, or sets of regulations — 75 hoops to jump through. All governments acknowledged this is not good enough, and that collective action is needed to remove the excessive burden currently placed on small business'.

In coming to office the Government has set itself a target of reducing the red tape which impacts on business, individuals and the community by at least \$1 billion per year, and that this would complement existing State deregulation activity. COAG agreed to work together on reducing red tape in four areas — manufacturing, higher education, early childhood and 'end-to-end' regulation of small businesses, with each State to target specific small business sectors.

In July 2012 the Productivity Commission Reported on its study 'Performance Benchmarking of Australian Business Regulation, Role of Local Government as Regulator'. The report notes that local laws, quasi-regulatory instruments, rules, as well as delays, information requirements, restrictions on approvals, fees and penalties can be imposed costs on business and/or be anti-competitive. However, it suggests that 'implementing and enforcing state and territory laws, rather than local laws, dominates local governments' regulatory work.

In regard to support from states to local governments it identifies the following gaps:

- insufficient consideration of local governments' capacity to administer and enforce regulation before a new regulatory role is delegated to them ;
- limited guidance and training on how to administer and enforce regulations; and
- no clear indication and ranking of state regulatory priorities.

#### **QUESTIONS?**

*Are there areas of unnecessary areas of unnecessary regulation that impose costs on manufacturing, business and residents that can be reformed?*

*What support do councils need to implement and enforce regulation, often on behalf of states and territory government?*

*Are there areas of regulation which local government are involved that could be streamlined and how?*

#### **What Business is Local Government in?**

Local government is a pragmatic and hands-on level of government. Its focus is the provision of selected services, infrastructure, planning and coordination at the local level. In short local government is the level of government that responds to local needs, challenges and opportunities. The roles and responsibilities of local government are assigned to it through respective state and territory legislation and in all jurisdictions the relevant Local Government Acts are broadly consistent with the power of general competence, in general

terms the legislation require local government to provide for the good governance of the 'district'. In practise however, local governments roles and responsibilities are broadly confined to property services and specific policy choices to meet local community needs. They are sometime specified by statute, e.g. environmental health, constrained by access to resources, community expectations, the capacity to pay, and roles and function of the private sector and other levels of government. In simple terms councils cannot be held responsible for everything that occurs at the local level.

States and territory governments, for example, are responsible for a range of services and infrastructure at the local, regional and state level, including schools, hospitals and policing. Increasingly, over time, the Commonwealth has assumed policy, planning and funding responsibility for a range of activities including income and welfare support and selected national infrastructure such as the Auslink road network, major projects identified through Infrastructure Australia and the National Broadband Network, which have profound impacts on local communities.

While this complex stratification, and mix of roles, responsibilities and services, including those provided by the private sector contributed significantly to Australia having one of the highest standards of living in the world, it begs the question of whether there should be greater clarity in the roles and responsibilities of governments, and who should do what in the Federation. Indeed, the current system is frequently criticised as perpetuating duplication, inefficiency, cost and blame shifting between levels of government and policy and service delivery gaps. Moreover, all levels of governments face financial sustainability challenges which significantly impact on their capacity to deliver government services and infrastructure.

Examination of ABS General Government Expenses (2011 - 12) shows that local government spends around \$30.5 billion. Almost half of total local government expenditure i.e. 46 per cent is on 'Transport and Communications (primarily local roads) and 22 per cent of on 'Housing and Community Amenity, which includes waste services and in some states water and sewerage. The next highest area of expenditure is on General Public Services (which includes legislative and executive affairs and government superannuation benefits) at 18 per cent. This is followed by Recreation and Culture spending, which includes public halls and civic centres, swimming pools and beaches, national parks and wildlife, cultural institutions, etc, which is at 15 per cent.

While national averages are informative, broadly indicating the areas of local government activity state difference is also interesting. For example while the national average of spending on Transport and Communications is 24 percent, expenditure ranges from 34 per cent of total local government expenditure in Queensland and 28 per cent in Tasmania, down to 9 per cent in the Northern Territory.

Expenditure on Housing and Community Amenity nationally is 22 per cent but in NSW councils spend around 27 per cent of total expenditure in this area while in Western Australia it is 16 per cent.

Expenditure on Recreation and Culture nationally is 15 per cent of total expenditure but in Western Australia's local government expenditure it runs as high as 24 per cent and in South Australia around 22 per cent.

While this variation reflect different responsibilities, policy choices and priorities in respective states and territories, it makes defining the role of local government difficult in the

context of a review of the roles and responsibilities of each level of government. It is also sometimes criticised as causing duplication and inefficiency.

### **QUESTIONS?**

*What should the core business of local government be?*

*How should the Commonwealth support that role?*

*Are the specific services including state and territory or / and Commonwealth responsibilities, that councils undertake that should be undertaken by the private sector or other levels of government on equity grounds? e.g. market failure?*

*Are there services that local government is providing that could be provided by the private sector?*

### **Regulation Reduction**

The Coalition will streamline COAG meeting agendas and focus on concrete outcomes that will contribute to a Coalition government meeting the annual \$1 billion red and green tape reduction target.

We intend to make deregulation and red tape reduction a standing agenda item at COAG meetings.

Within two years of a change of government, working with the states, the Coalition will produce a White Paper on Reform of the Federation, and the responsibilities of different governments, to ensure that, as far as possible, the states are sovereign in their own sphere. The objective will be to reduce and end, as far as possible, the waste, duplication and second guessing between different levels of government that has resulted, for instance, in the Commonwealth employing 6,000 health bureaucrats even though it doesn't run a single hospital.

## National Commission of Audit Terms of Reference

### CONTEXT

- It is almost 20 years since there has been a thorough review of the scope, efficiency and functions of the Commonwealth government. During this time the size of the Commonwealth government has expanded significantly, as has the remit of some of its activities.
  
- It is also essential that the Commonwealth government live within its means and begin to pay down debt.
  
- It is therefore timely that there should be another full-scale review of the activities of the Commonwealth government to:
  - ensure taxpayers are receiving value-for-money from each dollar spent;
  - eliminate wasteful spending;
  - identify areas of unnecessary duplication between the activities of the Commonwealth and other levels of government;
  - identify areas or programs where Commonwealth involvement is inappropriate, no longer needed, or blurs lines of accountability; and
  - improve the overall efficiency and effectiveness with which government services and policy advice are delivered.
  
- Accordingly, the Commission of Audit ('the Commission') has a broad remit to examine the scope for efficiency and productivity improvements across all areas of Commonwealth expenditure, and to make recommendations to achieve savings sufficient to deliver a surplus of 1 per cent of GDP prior to 2023-24.
  
- In carrying out its work, the Commission may wish to invite submissions, consult key stakeholders and seek information from persons or bodies, where this will assist its deliberations.
  
- The Commission should also be guided in its work by the principles that:
  - government should have respect for taxpayers in the care with which it spends every dollar of revenue;
  - government should do for people what they cannot do, or cannot do efficiently, for themselves, but no more; and
  - government should live within its means.

### SCOPE

#### Phase 1

##### *Scope of government*

- The Commission is asked to assess the current split of roles and responsibilities between and within the Commonwealth government and State and Territory governments, including areas of duplication.

- In relation to activities performed by the Commonwealth, the Commission is asked to identify:
  - whether there remains a compelling case for the activity to continue to be undertaken; and
  - if so, whether there is a strong case for continued direct involvement of government, or whether the activity could be undertaken more efficiently by the private sector, the not-for-profit sector, the States, or local government.
- The Commission may consider and comment upon the current architecture of Commonwealth-State relations. The Commission's views on this issue will help to inform the Government's forthcoming White Paper on the Reform of the Federation.

*Efficiency and effectiveness of government expenditure*

- The Commission is asked to report on efficiencies and savings to improve the effectiveness of, and value-for-money from, all Commonwealth expenditure across the forward estimates and in the medium term, including:
  - options for greater efficiencies in the Australian Government, such as:
    - : increasing contestability of services;
    - : adoption of new technologies in service delivery and within government;
    - : consolidation of agencies and boards;
    - : rationalising the service delivery footprint to ensure better, more productive and efficient services for stakeholders;
    - : flattening organisational structures and streamlining lines of responsibility and accountability;
    - : consolidating government support functions into a single agency; and
    - : privatisation of Commonwealth assets.
      - potential improvements to productivity, service quality, and value for money across the public sector, including better delivery of services to the regions; and
      - anything that is reasonably necessary or desirable to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of government generally.
  - The Commission is asked to review and report on:
    - options to manage expenditure growth, including through reviewing existing policy settings, programs and discretionary spending (such as grants);
    - savings and appropriate price signals – such as the use of co-payments, user-charging or incentive payments – where such signals will help to ensure optimal targeting of programs and expenditure (including to those most in need), while addressing the rising cost of social and other spending;
    - mechanisms that allow for the periodic evaluation of the effectiveness of all areas of expenditure in meeting their announced objectives; and

– other savings or matters that the Commission considers should be brought to the Government’s attention.

*State of the Commonwealth’s finances and medium-term risks to the integrity of the budget position*

- The Commission is asked to assess the financial position of the Commonwealth, including the state of the balance sheet, including all assets and liabilities, and Commonwealth risk expenditures.
- The Commission is asked to review and report on the long-term sustainability of the budget position, identifying key policy areas where trends in expenses and revenue pose risks to the structural integrity of the budget.
- Where possible, the Commission should identify options to address any such budget risks in the medium to long term, including by introducing appropriate incentives to encourage self-provision of services by individuals over time.

*Adequacy of existing budget controls and disciplines*

- The Commission is asked to assess the adequacy of current budgetary practices and rules (including specified timeframes and targets) in promoting efficient and effective government, disciplined expenditure, long-term fiscal sustainability and budget transparency.

**Phase 2**

*Commonwealth infrastructure*

- The Commission is asked to review and report on the extent, condition and adequacy of Commonwealth sector infrastructure and, if found to be deficient, factors that may have contributed to the current situation and possible remedies.

*Public sector performance and accountability*

- The Commission is asked to:
  - identify options for continuous assessment of programs, agencies and performance;
  - identify options for strengthening Commonwealth budgeting arrangements by:
    - : increasing independent and credible scrutiny;
    - : examining the role of the Parliamentary Budget Office, the Australian National Audit Office and the Intergenerational Report; and
    - : reviewing the way risk expenditures are accounted for.
  - report on a methodology for developing and implementing financial performance targets for Commonwealth departments and agencies (having regard to international experience and Australian best-practice, including by government business enterprises);
  - review and report on the effectiveness of existing performance metrics and options for greater transparency and accountability through improved public reporting;
  - identify options for a clearer delineation of responsibilities for policy and service delivery; and

– identify other savings or matters that the Commission considers should be brought to the Government’s attention.

### Reporting

- The Commission will report to the Prime Minister, Treasurer and Minister for Finance with:
  - the first phase due by the end of January 2014; and
  - the second phase due by no later than the end of March 2014.

### GENERAL GOVERNMENT EXPENSES BY PURPOSE, Local

	NSW 2011– 12 \$m	Vic 2011– 12 \$m	Qld 2011– 12 \$m	SA 2011– 12 \$m	WA 2011– 12 \$m	Tas 2011– 12 \$m	NT 2011– 12 \$m	ACT 2011– 12 \$m	Total 2011– 12 \$m
General public services	1 680	1 044	1 953	130	400	111	144	–	1044
Public order and safety	311	169	124	33	117	7	19	–	779
Education	72	79	7	–	4	–	5	–	166
Health	81	120	50	50	57	10	5	–	374
Social security and welfare	361	884	69	115	142	30	25	–	1 626
Housing and community amenities	2 590	1 433	1 681	434	498	136	99	–	6 872
Recreation and culture	1 321	1 184	837	392	727	104	57	–	4 622
Fuel and energy	–	–	10	13	–	–	1	–	25
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	–	3	15	12	1	–	–	–	31
Mining, manufacturing and construction	214	–	91	35	32	–	–	–	373
Transport and communications	1 871	1 266	2 740	416	783	182	41	–	7 297
Other economic affairs	313	356	187	58	111	30	38	–	1 093
Public debt transactions	227	52	277	40	32	4	1	–	633
Other	546	209	135	93	188	23	22	–	1 215
<b>Total</b>	<b>9 588</b>	<b>6 796</b>	<b>8 176</b>	<b>1 821</b>	<b>3 092</b>	<b>639</b>	<b>457</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>30 569</b>

– nil or rounded to zero (including null cells)

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## **Attachment to Q2 Budget Review**

I, Kym James Miller, am satisfied that the budget position of Council is satisfactory having regard to the original estimate of income and expenditure.

I am of the view however that whilst the position in regard to the original estimate is able to be considered satisfactory the impact of Capital income needs be noted and remedial action will be required to reduce the operational deficit in future budgets.

Signed,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kym Miller', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Kym Miller  
Director of Corporate and Community Services

COBAR SHIRE COUNCIL QUARTER 2 BUDGET REVIEW 2013-2014										-160,350		
	31.12.2013 Actual Revenue	Budget Revenue	%	31.12.2013 Actual Expenditure	Budget Expenditure	%	Changes That Improve Position	Changes That Worsen Position	Revised Budget Revenue	Revised Budget Expenditure	FTE	
<b>Governance</b>												
Car Leases	1,459	2,755	53%						2,755			
Council Chambers Hire	1,691	1,758	96%				750		2,508			
Internal Cost Recovery by Governance	60,032	120,064	50%						120,064			
Salaries - including oncosts				138,929	272,232	51%				272,232		
Vehicle Expenses Governance				12,500	26,244	48%				26,244		
Subscriptions & Membership				23,584	26,407	89%				26,407		
Subscriptions - Western Division					7,426	0%				7,426		
Mayoral Allowance				11,157	23,232	48%				23,232		
Councillors Allowance				60,484	127,669	47%				127,669		
Councillors Travelling and Sustenance				13,901	23,340	60%				23,340		
Delegates Expenses				3,559	10,300	35%				10,300		
Civic Expenses				2,570	3,183	81%				3,183		
Telephone - Governance				1,454	1,167	125%				1,167		
Insurance Professional Indemnity				22,495	22,560	100%				22,560		
Section 356				32,559	33,500	97%				33,500		
Training & Conferences - Gov				696	5,835	12%				5,835		
Advertising Gov				1,072	1,061	101%				1,061		
Subscriptions - Various (GOV)					1,273	0%				1,273		
Printing & Stationery				2,231	10,300	22%				10,300		
Insurance - Personal Accident				1,999	17,505	11%				17,505		
Subscription to Aus Roads				0	158	0%				158		
OROC Executive Officer				0	10,609	0%				10,609		
Subscription - Mine Related Councils				6,936	7,433	93%				7,433		
Integrated Planning & Reporting				3,773	8,000	47%				8,000		
ALGA Constitutional Recognition				-3,732	-3,730	100%				-3,730		
<b>Total</b>	<b>63,182</b>	<b>124,577</b>	<b>51%</b>	<b>336,167</b>	<b>635,704</b>	<b>53%</b>	<b>750</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>125,327</b>	<b>635,704</b>	<b>2.25</b>	
<b>Corporate Support</b>												
Paid Parental Leave		1,250							1,250			
Section 603 Certificates	3,780	11,670	32%					3,000	8,670			
Corp Support Other Income	628	12,844	5%					10,000	2,844			
Car Leases	2,919	3,607	81%						3,607			
Insurance Refunds - Corporate	47,685	49,807	96%					2,122	47,685			
Employee Subsidies Grant	6,500	14,322	45%						14,322			

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Reimbursements	900	200					800		1,000									
Cobar Water Board-Reimburse Wages	85,053	151,214	56%				20,000		171,214									
RTA Agency	62,635	144,124	43%					354	144,124									
Sundry Income - Corporate Services		354	0%						0		12.85							
Salaries - including oncosts				563,722	1,117,532	50%				1,117,532								
Extra Clerical Assistance				417	15,575	3%				15,575								
Vehicle Expenses				18,750	27,000	69%				27,000								
Travelling Costs					2,160	0%	2,160			0								
Training Courses Corporate				5,322	7,560	70%				7,560								
Seminars & Conferences				2,118	3,240	65%				3,240								
Advertising - Corporate				4,705	14,600	32%				14,600								
Bank Charges				12,185	18,674	65%				18,674								
Postage				9,075	15,574	58%				15,574								
Printing & Stationery				29,266	73,605	40%				73,605								
Subscriptions & Memberships				1,682	3,978	42%				3,978								
Office Expenses Corporate				2,857	6,674	43%				6,674								
Valuation Fees				27,925	28,000	100%				28,000								
Audit Fees - External				10,980	45,000	24%		10,000		55,000								
Bad & Doubtful Debts				0	5,400	0%		45,000		50,400								
Legal Expenses Rates Recovery				5,003	13,500	37%				13,500								
Legal Expenses				4,477	16,686	27%				16,686								
Insurance - Fidelity Guarantee				1,240	1,382	90%				1,382								
Insurance - Casual Hirers				2,436	2,981	82%				2,981								
Insurance - Public Liability				110,920	106,026	105%				106,026								
Telephones - Admin				28,643	77,250	37%				77,250								
Commissions				5,676	5,000	114%				5,000								
Staff Uniforms				694	2,002	35%				2,002								
Audit Fees - Internal				2,905	24,000	12%				24,000								
Records Storage				754	1,669	45%				1,669								
Internal Cost Recovoy	56,709	136,098	42%						136,098									
Depreciation - Corporate Support				13,021	58,000	22%	31,958			26,042								
<b>Total</b>	<b>266,809</b>	<b>525,490</b>	<b>51%</b>	<b>864,773</b>	<b>1,693,068</b>	<b>51%</b>	<b>54,918</b>	<b>70,476</b>	<b>530,814</b>	<b>1,713,950</b>								
<b>Rates and Grants</b>																		
Ord Rates - Residential	1,075,743	1,098,610	98%					22,867	1,075,743									

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Ord Rates - Farmland	606,719	606,131	100%						606,131						
Ord Rates - Mining	1,486,254	1,428,218	104%				58,036		1,486,254						
Ord Rates - Business	349,699	337,103	104%				12,596		349,699						
Pensioner Abandonments Ordinary Rates	-51,981	-51,112	102%					12,000	-51,112						
Interest on Overdue Rates and Charges	3,218	18,000	18%						6,000						
Legal Costs-Rates	5,548	13,500	41%						13,500						
Financial Assistance Grant - Equalisation C	761,929	2,346,449	32%						2,346,449						
Capital Projects Funding		0							980,000						
Pensioner Rate Subsidy Grant (General)	37,770	28,112	134%				9,658		37,770						
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,274,899</b>	<b>5,825,011</b>	<b>73%</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>		<b>1,060,290</b>	<b>34,867</b>	<b>6,850,434</b>	<b>0</b>					
<b>Interest</b>															
Interest Received-Bank & Investments	92,512	202,500	46%	2,875					202,500						
<b>Total</b>	<b>92,512</b>	<b>202,500</b>	<b>46%</b>	<b>2,875</b>	<b>0</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>202,500</b>	<b>0</b>					
<b>Office Building - Admin</b>															
Administration Building R & M				54,553	105,240	52%				105,240					
Depreciation - Office Blding				20,772	47,000	44%	5,456			41,544					
<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>		<b>75,325</b>	<b>152,240</b>	<b>49%</b>	<b>5,456</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>146,784</b>					
<b>Office Furniture - Admin</b>															
Furniture M'tnce & Repair				693	1,591	44%				1,591					
Office Equipment M'tnce				580	2,122	27%				2,122					
Office Equipment Lease				25,419	48,000	53%				48,000					
<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>		<b>26,692</b>	<b>51,713</b>	<b>52%</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>51,713</b>					
<b>Information Technology</b>															
Contract Leading Edge				33,571	66,837	50%				66,837					
Software - Civicview				18,906	22,000	86%				22,000					
Software - Power Budget				2,424	2,472	98%				2,472					
Software - Mapinfo				0	8,699	0%				8,699					
Software Maintenance				4,802	55,878	9%				55,878					
Internet Access				0	3,537	0%	3,537			0					
Consumables				314	3,183	10%				3,183					
Computer Equipment				352	419	84%				419					

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Telephones - IT					2,122	0%	2,122			0			
Website Support				240	2,122	11%				2,122			
<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>		<b>60,609</b>	<b>167,269</b>	<b>36%</b>	<b>5,659</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>161,610</b>			
<b>Engineering</b>													
RTA Inspection Shed Rent	12,000	12,000	100%						12,000				
Sundry Income		515	0%				515		0				
Car Leases	5,733	10,821	53%						10,821				
Risk Management Bonus/Rebate	0	0							0				
FBT Fuel Reimbursements	4,017	15,450	26%				8,000		7,450				
Salaries - including oncosts		0		397,386	677,064	59%		30,000		707,064			
Training & Conferences - Engineering				4,985	31,930	16%				31,930			
Vehicle Expenses				20,833	55,620	37%				55,620			
Seminars & Conferences					5,356	0%				5,356			
Subscriptions					2,575	0%				2,575			
Printing & Stationery				1,710	10,609	16%	6,000			4,609			
Engineering Office Exps				2,151	206	1044%		4,000		4,206			
Engineers Equip M & R				16	3,914	0%				3,914			
Cobar Depot M & R				38,800	63,860	61%				63,860			
Euab Depot M & R				13,358	26,040	51%				26,040			
Rental				7,818	8,837	88%		6,000		14,837			
Temporary Truck Wash				1,740				3,000		3,000			
Telephone - Engineering				6,082	6,386	95%		6,000		12,386			
Advertising - Engineering				272	3,090	9%	1,500			1,590			
Int Cost Recovery - Eng	117,276	234,552	50%						234,552				
Depreciation - Engineering				1,014	4,100	25%	2,072			2,028			
<b>Total</b>	<b>139,026</b>	<b>273,338</b>	<b>51%</b>	<b>496,165</b>	<b>899,587</b>	<b>55%</b>	<b>9,572</b>	<b>57,515</b>	<b>264,823</b>	<b>939,015</b>	<b>5.45</b>		
<b>Employee Costs - Admin</b>													
Annual Leave - Outdoor Staff				105,598	331,000	32%	31,000			300,000			
Long Service Leave - Outdoor				23,842	150,000	16%	54,000			96,000			
Sick Leave - Outdoor Staff				93,723	165,000	57%		47,000		212,000			
Public Holidays - Outdoor				58,543	112,000	52%		38,000		150,000			
Safety Expenses				949	4,223	22%				4,223			

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Medical Consultations				4,327	8,446	51%				8,446										
Superannuation Payments				112,220	200,000	56%				200,000										
Workers Comp Insurance				72,555	166,973	43%				166,973										
Clothing				12,154	20,600	59%				20,600										
Fringe Benefit Tax				3,903	8,755	45%				8,755										
Recruitment Costs				11,309	20,600	55%				20,600										
On Costs recovered	1,042,886	1,795,725	58%				290,047		2,085,772											
Training Traffic Control				0	24,720	0%				24,720										
Training				35,698	92,700	39%				92,700										
Employee Gym Fees				1,914	2,060	93%		2,000		4,060										
Induction Training				19,959	20,600	97%				20,600										
Asbestos Safety				498	0			500		500										
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,042,886</b>	<b>1,795,725</b>	<b>58%</b>	<b>557,192</b>	<b>1,327,677</b>	<b>42%</b>	<b>375,047</b>	<b>87,500</b>	<b>2,085,772</b>	<b>1,330,177</b>										
<b>Plant Running</b>																				
Diesel Fuels Grant Scheme	32,312	69,010				47%			69,010											
Equipment financing interest				14,248	30,000					30,000										
Plant Registration & Insurance				212,561	220,000					220,000										
Plant Revenue	1,138,754	2,401,500	47%			54%		125,000	2,276,500	0										
Plant Expenditure				923,423	1,710,220			96,626		1,806,846										
Depreciation - Plant Running				447,636	824,000	54%		71,272		895,272										
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,171,066</b>	<b>2,470,510</b>	<b>47%</b>	<b>1,597,868</b>	<b>2,784,220</b>	<b>57%</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>292,898</b>	<b>2,345,510</b>	<b>2,952,118</b>										
<b>Workshop</b>																				
Salaries - including oncosts				163,678	411,954	40%	80,000			331,954										
Apprentice Travel & Training				31,594	30,900	102%		20,000		50,900										
Vehicle Expenses					12,360	0%				12,360										
Building M & R				10,065	18,540	54%				18,540										
Telephones (Workshop)				960	4,120	23%	2,000			2,120										
Cost Recovery	237,332	614,541	39%					139,000	475,541											
Workshop Small Plant & Tools				36,671	90,000	41%	20,000			70,000										
Depreciation - Workshop				29,489	41,715	71%		17,263		58,978										
<b>Total</b>	<b>237,332</b>	<b>614,541</b>	<b>39%</b>	<b>272,457</b>	<b>609,589</b>	<b>45%</b>	<b>102,000</b>	<b>176,263</b>	<b>475,541</b>	<b>544,852</b>	<b>13.00</b>									
<b>Stores Operations</b>																				

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									-160,350	
	31.12.2013	Budget	%	31.12.2013	Budget	%	Changes	Changes	Revised	FTE
	Actual	Revenue		Actual	Expenditure		That	That	Budget	
	Revenue			Expenditure			Improve	Worsen	Revenue	Budget
							Position	Position	Expenditure	Expenditure
Salaries - including oncosts				44,440	79,417	56%				79,417
Telephones - Store				225	1,061	21%				1,061

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Stocktake Adjustment				25,507	1,061	2404%		25,507		26,568				
Stores Recovery	32,974	87,335	38%	3,840	6,180	62%			87,335	6,180				
OROC Procurement														
<b>Total</b>	<b>32,974</b>	<b>87,335</b>	<b>38%</b>	<b>74,012</b>	<b>87,719</b>	<b>84%</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>25,507</b>	<b>87,335</b>	<b>113,226</b>	<b>1.00</b>			
<b>Urban Fire Service</b>														
Fire & Rescue NSW				11,217	23,569	48%	5,000			18,569				
<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>		<b>11,217</b>	<b>23,569</b>	<b>48%</b>	<b>5,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>18,569</b>				
<b>Rural Fire Service</b>														
VASS	27,546	37,000	74%						37,000					
Bushfire Equip - Reimburse														
Hazard Reduction - Inc.														
Bushfire - Maint - Sheds				3,007										
Training & Conferences - RFS				1,620										
Telephone & Electricity - RFS				10,576										
Office Expenses				3,725										
Council Subsidy ( 11.7%)	140,000			78,049	177,000		44,250			132,750				
Vehicle Maintenance				26,439										
Fleet Fuel - RFS				4,102										
Building Maintenance				8,363										
Radios - Maint etc				24,969										
Hazard Reduction														
RFS Pumps Maintenance														
RFS Insurance														
Nymagee Bushfire Shed				1,000										
Depreciation - Rural Fire Serv				9,116	12,400	74%		5,832		18,232				
<b>Total</b>	<b>167,546</b>	<b>37,000</b>	<b>453%</b>	<b>170,966</b>	<b>189,400</b>	<b>90%</b>	<b>44,250</b>	<b>5,832</b>	<b>37,000</b>	<b>150,982</b>				
<b>Ranger Services</b>														
Fines And Costs (Companion Animals)	24,553	2,590	948%				40,000		42,590					
Impounding Fees	5,600	4,774	117%						4,774					
Registration Fees (Companion Animals)	7,652	10,609	72%						10,609					
Salaries - including oncosts				35,889	38,158	94%				38,158				
Vehicle Expenses				3,060	12,844	24%				12,844				



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							-160,350				
Training & Conferences - Ranger				1,071	2,127	50%				2,127	
Lifetime Registrations				5,045	6,381	79%				6,381	
Ranger Srvs Other Expns				1,484	2,659	56%				2,659	
Impounding Expenses				4,326	2,978	145%		134		2,978	
Depreciation - Ranger Serv				1,674	3,214	52%				3,348	
<b>Total</b>	<b>37,805</b>	<b>17,973</b>	<b>210%</b>	<b>52,549</b>	<b>68,361</b>	<b>77%</b>	<b>40,000</b>	<b>134</b>	<b>57,973</b>	<b>68,495</b>	<b>0.60</b>
<b>Control Of Stock</b>											
Wrightville Commoners Fees	5,218	1,236	422%				4,000		5,236		
Salaries - Control of Stock				896	5,188	17%				5,188	
Employee Leave Entitlements					0					0	
Superannuation					0					0	
Workers Compensation					0					0	
Wrightsville Common				60	530	11%				530	
<b>Total</b>	<b>5,218</b>	<b>1,236</b>	<b>422%</b>	<b>956</b>	<b>5,718</b>	<b>17%</b>	<b>4,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>5,236</b>	<b>5,718</b>	
<b>Emergency Services</b>											
SES Cobar - Contribution				5,535	13,390	41%	2,500			10,890	
SES Euabalong				1,737	2,678	65%	400			2,278	
SES Cobar				203	1,442	14%				1,442	
Depreciation - Emergency Serv				17,259	4,959	348%		29,559		34,518	
<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>		<b>24,734</b>	<b>22,469</b>	<b>110%</b>	<b>2,900</b>	<b>29,559</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>49,128</b>	
<b>Health Administration</b>											
Food Shop Inspections	1,500	5,000	30%						5,000		
Septic Tank Registrations		106	0%						106		
Amusement Devices		159	0%						159		
Footpath Trading		106	0%						106		
Annual Food Shop Registration	12,480	15,000	83%						15,000		
Car Leases	1,231	4,689	26%						4,689		
Health Other Income	943	530	178%						530		
Salaries - including oncosts				118,267	241,750	49%				241,750	
Vehicle Running				12,500	36,565	34%				36,565	
Training Courses - External - Health Admin				3,927	5,150	76%				5,150	
Subscriptions & Memberships				227	1,061	21%				1,061	

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Telephone - Health & Building				779	3,183	24%				3,183			
Health Office Expns				2,569	2,122	121%				2,122			
Advertising - Incl DA's				161	2,122	8%				2,122			
Int Cost Recov Health	28,087	67,432	42%	0	0				67,432	0			
Printing & Stationery - Health				82	0								
<b>Total</b>	<b>44,241</b>	<b>93,022</b>	<b>48%</b>	<b>138,512</b>	<b>291,953</b>	<b>47%</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>93,022</b>	<b>291,953</b>	<b>1.00</b>		
<b>Health - Noxious Weeds Control</b>													
Noxious Weeds Grant	55,780	57,103	98%					1,323	55,780				
Permits	188	103	183%						103				
Salaries - including oncosts				31,582	67,791	47%				67,791			
C & E Training				497	5,665	0%				5,665			
C & E Advertising				2,438	1,066	47%				1,066			
Miscellaneous Expns				2,240	5,000	49%				5,000			
Spraying Costs/Chemicals				145	533	27%				533			
Postage/Printing & Stationery				479	4,477	0%				4,477			
Greenbelt & Wrightville Common Noxious Weed Spraying					1,102	43%				1,102			
Telephone					3,000					3,000			
City Weeds					17,000	45%				17,000			
Vehicle Expenses				7,639	533	56%				533			
Subscriptions				300	4,120	80%				4,120			
Depreciation - Noxious Weeds				3,284				2,448		6,568			
<b>Total</b>	<b>55,968</b>	<b>57,206</b>	<b>98%</b>	<b>48,604</b>	<b>115,287</b>	<b>42%</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3,771</b>	<b>55,883</b>	<b>117,735</b>	<b>1.00</b>		
<b>Lilliane Brady Village - Nursing Home</b>													
Hostel (LBV) Grant (0366)	432,627	763,848	57%						763,848				
Nursing Home (LBV) Grant (2699)	627,080	1,097,118	57%						1,097,118				
Employee Subsidies Grant - LBV		2,122	0%						2,122				
Hostel Fees	130,206	254,616	51%						254,616				
Accom Bond Draw Down & Interest		20,600	0%						20,600				
Hostel Daily Accom Charge		10,609	0%						10,609				
Nursing Home Daily Accommodation Charge	51,837	31,827	163%						31,827				
Nursing Home Fees	183,382	297,052	62%				60,000		357,052				
Respite Care Fees	7,624	6,523	117%				10,500		17,023				

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Interest Earned - LBV Accommodation Bonds Investment		0							0				
Car Leases	1,022	1,875	55%						1,875				
Pink Ladies & meals etc	3,945	0							0				
Other income LBV				0						0			
Salaries including oncosts				729,259	1,520,698	48%				1,520,698			
Vehicle Expenses				6,250	12,453	50%				12,453			
Advertising					2,122	0%				2,122			
Buildings M & R				41,795	37,132	113%		20,000		57,132			
Food Supplies				17,234	37,132	46%				37,132			
Internet				976	318	307%				318			
Linen & Bedding					2,652	0%				2,652			
Laundry Costs				5,236	8,487	62%		2,000		10,487			
Medical Supplies				2,033	5,305	38%				5,305			
Personal Items				5,923	9,548	62%				9,548			
Pharmaceuticals				28	4,774	1%				4,774			
Postage				0	212	0%				212			
Printing & Stationery				857	2,122	40%				2,122			
Recreation Aids				120	2,122	6%				2,122			
Subscriptions Etc				1,417	2,652	53%				2,652			
Sundries				491	318	154%				318			
Plant & Equip M & R				13,613	16,974	80%		5,000		21,974			
Furniture & Fittings				2,940	3,183	92%				3,183			
Gardens & Grounds				11,243	19,096	59%				19,096			
Telephones - LBV - Nurse Home				726	1,591	46%				1,591			
Public Liability				10,084	0			10,084		10,084			
Training & Conferences - LBV N'Home				9,915	18,035	55%				18,035			
Cleaning Materials - N'Home				5,478	6,365	86%				6,365			
Audit Fees - Nursing Home					3,183	0%				3,183			
Depreciation - LBV N'Home				19,831	52,015	38%	12,353			39,662			
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,437,723</b>	<b>2,486,190</b>	<b>58%</b>	<b>885,449</b>	<b>1,768,489</b>	<b>50%</b>	<b>82,853</b>	<b>37,084</b>	<b>2,556,690</b>	<b>1,793,220</b>	<b>17.00</b>		
<b>Lilliane Brady Village - Hostel</b>													
Salaries including oncosts				213,209	619,364	34%	112,000			507,364			
Advertising				0	212	0%				212			
Buildings M & R				11,426	37,132	31%				37,132			

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Food Supplies				16,927	37,132	46%				37,132			
Internet				815	530	154%				530			
Linen & Bedding				0	2,122	0%				2,122			
Laundry Costs				2,617	5,305	49%				5,305			
Medical Supplies				1,776	3,183	56%				3,183			
Personal Items				2,514	3,183	79%				3,183			
Pharmaceuticals				28	3,183	1%				3,183			
Sundries				0	795	0%				795			
Printing & Stationery				933	1,591	59%				1,591			
Recreation Aids				224	637	35%				637			
Subscriptions Etc				1,967	2,652	74%				2,652			
Plant & Equip M & R				9,329	14,853	63%		25,000		39,853			
Furniture & Fittings				0	3,183	0%				3,183			
Gardens & Grounds				11,406	19,096	60%				19,096			
Telephones - LBV - Hostel				828	1,591	52%				1,591			
Insurane Professional Indemnity				10,084	8,874	114%				8,874			
Training & Conferences - LBV Host.				5,183	10,609	49%				10,609			
Cleaning Materials - Hostel					6,365	0%				6,365			
Audit Fees - Hostel					3,183	0%				3,183			
Consultant's Expenses re extensions				6,578	0					0			
Depreciation - LBV Hostel				14,323	32,651	44%	4,005			28,646			
<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>		<b>310,167</b>	<b>817,426</b>	<b>38%</b>	<b>116,005</b>	<b>25,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>726,421</b>	<b>9.00</b>		
<b>Family Day Care Service</b>													
Administration Levy - Child Care	19,328	30,000	64%		0				30,000	0			
Car Lease - FDC		2,758	0%		0				2,758	0			
Child Care Benefit - FDC	94,681	90,000	105%		0		60,000		150,000	0			
Regional Travel Assistance Grant	3,302	4,000	83%		0				4,000	0			
Operational Subsidy (Fdc) Subsidy	41,450	50,000	83%		0				50,000	0			
Time Sheets / Receipt Books	3,575	2,122	168%		0				2,122	0			
Motor Vehicle Expenses				5,625	0					0			
Salaries including oncosts				16,333	54,012	30%				54,012			
Administration				2,477									
Child Care Benefit				91,412	90,000	102%		60,000		150,000			
Training - External - FDC				3,967	5,000	79%				5,000			

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Advertising				91	1,000	9%				1,000			
Buildings M & R				7,040	7,000	101%		10,000		17,000			
Equipment Expenses				6,208	6,000	103%		10,000		16,000			
Audit Fees (Day Care)				0	1,000	0%				1,000			
Printing, Stationery & Postage				1,020	3,000	34%				3,000			
Computer Agreement				1,075	1,000	108%				1,000			
Subscriptions & Memberships				693	1,000	69%				1,000			
Telephone - FDC				2,201	2,000	110%		1,500		3,500			
FDC Office Expenses				457	0					0			
<b>Total</b>	<b>162,336</b>	<b>178,880</b>	<b>91%</b>	<b>138,599</b>	<b>171,012</b>	<b>81%</b>	<b>60,000</b>	<b>81,500</b>	<b>238,880</b>	<b>252,512</b>			
<b>COOSH</b>													
Operational Subsidy/CCB	16,790	12,000	140%						12,000				
After School Care - Fees	23,368	107,000	22%					57,000	50,000	43,000			
Salaries including oncosts				27,430	100,000	27%				500			
Advertising - After School Care				258	500	52%				7,500			
Rental - After School Care				3,409	7,500	45%				10,000			
Equipment Expense - After School Care				8,854	10,000	89%				500			
Telephone - After School Care				45	500	9%				1,000			
Audit Fees				0	1,000	0%				0			
Administration				2,230	0								
<b>Total</b>	<b>40,158</b>	<b>119,000</b>	<b>34%</b>	<b>42,226</b>	<b>119,500</b>	<b>35%</b>	<b>57,000</b>	<b>57,000</b>	<b>62,000</b>	<b>62,500</b>			
<b>In Home Child Care</b>													
Registration Fee - In Home Care	585	200	293%						200				
Car Lease - I.H.C	1,459	0							0				
In-Home Carer Levy	4,300	8,000	54%						8,000				
Administration Levy - Child Care	11,965	21,000	57%						21,000				
In-Home Travel Assistance		0							0				
NSW In-Home Reimbursement		1,000	0%						1,000				
Child Care Benefit - In Home	399,582	500,000	80%				100,000		600,000				
Grant - Regional Travel Assistance		5,000	0%						5,000				
In-Home Operation Subsidy	137,671	220,000	63%						220,000				
Salaries including oncosts				85,708	127,596	67%				127,596			
In-Home Child Care Benefit				390,067	500,000	78%		100,000		600,000			

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Travelling Costs				13,561	31,000	44%				31,000			
Training - Extnl - In-Home Child Care				1,519	4,000	38%				4,000			
Advertising					1,500	0%				1,500			
Buildings M & R				628	0					0			
Equipment Expenses				1,840	9,000	20%				9,000			
Postage				1,102	2,000	55%				2,000			
Printing & Stationery				-257	3,000	-9%				3,000			
Rental				10,000	20,000					20,000			
Subscriptions & Memberships					1,000	0%				1,000			
Electricity					3,713	0%				3,713			
Telephone - In Home Care				867	2,122	41%				2,122			
Audit Fees (In Home Care)					3,244	0%				3,244			
In-Home Carer Equipment - Expn				1,417	1,061	134%				1,061			
Home Visits - InHome Care					530	0%				530			
Child Care - Euab & Murrin Bridge				1,870	4,000	47%				4,000			
Administration				10,458	35,000					35,000			
Depreciation - In Home Care					2,060	0%	2,060			0			
<b>Total</b>	<b>555,562</b>	<b>755,200</b>	<b>74%</b>	<b>518,780</b>	<b>750,826</b>	<b>69%</b>	<b>102,060</b>	<b>100,000</b>	<b>855,200</b>	<b>848,766</b>	<b>4.10</b>		
<b>Community Facilities</b>													
Commonwealth Emergency Relief	568	7,210	8%						7,210				
Misc Small Community Grants	15,061			516	7,210	7%				7,210			
Ministers Emergency Relief Expn.					0					0			
<b>Total</b>	<b>15,629</b>	<b>7,210</b>	<b>217%</b>	<b>516</b>	<b>7,210</b>	<b>7%</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>7,210</b>	<b>7,210</b>			
<b>Youth Services</b>													
Equipment Hire	1,286	2,288	56%						2,288				
Games Room Fees & Commission	308	958	32%						958				
Gymnasium Fees	53,756	99,704	54%						99,704				
Indoor Sports Centre Fees	5,882	12,313	48%						12,313				
Sauna Fees	626	1,004	62%						1,004				
Squash Court Hire	7,261	12,696	57%						12,696				
Stadium Hire	5,995	15,497	39%						15,497				
Tennis Court Hire	46	51	90%						51				
Chocolate Machine Commission	314	1,429	22%						1,429				

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Kiosk/shop Sales	16,175	39,666	41%						39,666									
Telephone - Youth Centre	153	71	215%						71									
Youth Council Income	6,371	0					6,371		6,371									
Youth Week Grant		0							0									
Grant - Life Skills	12,419	16,550	75%		0				16,550	0								
Youth - CDAT Funds					0					0								
Youth CDAT Expense					0					0								
Salaries including on costs				65,493	190,957	34%				190,957								
Advertising - Youth Servs				236	513	46%				513								
Youth - Programs					11,835	0%	11,835			0								
Equipment - Games Room				356	2,122	17%				2,122								
Internet Access				138	66	209%				66								
Kiosk & Shop Expenses				11,373	25,474	45%				25,474								
Squash Courts Other Exps				52	226	23%				226								
Youth Week - Activities					1,591	0%				1,591								
Youth Centre M & R				28,109	39,784	71%				39,784								
Telephone - Youth Centre				584	1,029	57%				1,029								
Training & Conferences - Youth Serv.				308	2,122	15%				2,122								
Youth - Donation Expsns					145	0%				145								
Youth Council				1,320	4,500	29%		1,871		6,371								
Cleaning - Youthie				685	212	323%				212								
GYM Repairs				7	5,305	0%				5,305								
Indoor Sport Expsns				527	1,239	43%				1,239								
Graffiti Removal - Youth Centre					0					0								
Depreciation - Youth Serv				28,654	74,263	39%	16,955			57,308								
<b>Total</b>	<b>110,592</b>	<b>202,227</b>	<b>55%</b>	<b>137,842</b>	<b>361,383</b>	<b>38%</b>	<b>35,161</b>	<b>1,871</b>	<b>208,598</b>	<b>334,464</b>	<b>3.10</b>							
<b>Television Services</b>																		
Grant - Miscellaneous	16,177	4,071	397%	51,539					4,071									
Cobar - Television				15,739	12,120	130%		4,000	0	16,120								
Nymagee and Eubalong - Television				152	0			162		162								
<b>Total</b>	<b>16,177</b>	<b>4,071</b>	<b>397%</b>	<b>67,430</b>	<b>12,120</b>	<b>556%</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4,162</b>	<b>4,071</b>	<b>16,282</b>								
<b>C S &amp; E - Other Services</b>																		
Seniors Week																		

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Community Arts/Misc Grant Expn	6,886			51,319	42,294			11,835		54,129				
Home Power Savings Grant Expenditure				0	0					0				
Seniors - Christmas Party				2,419	2,666	91%				2,666				
Seniors Week					1,405	0%				1,405				
International Womens Day					0					0				
<b>Total</b>	<b>6,886</b>	<b>0</b>		<b>53,738</b>	<b>46,365</b>	<b>116%</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>11,835</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>58,200</b>				
<b>Medical Centre</b>														
Rent - Medical Centre	27,785	42,230	66%						42,230	8,487				
Building M & R - Medical Centre				5,994	8,487	71%				19,520				
Depreciation - Medical Centre				9,760	13,802	71%		5,718		28,007				
<b>Total</b>	<b>27,785</b>	<b>42,230</b>	<b>66%</b>	<b>15,754</b>	<b>22,289</b>	<b>71%</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>5,718</b>	<b>42,230</b>	<b>28,007</b>				
<b>Housing</b>														
Staff Housing	36,635	65,075	56%	52,223	117,770				65,075	117,770				
Depreciation - M & R truncated				53,776	88,580					88,580				
<b>Total</b>	<b>36,635</b>	<b>65,075</b>	<b>56%</b>	<b>105,999</b>	<b>206,350</b>	<b>51%</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>65,075</b>	<b>206,350</b>	<b>2.20</b>			
<b>Commercial Premises</b>														
Commercial Premises Rents	42,136	73,697	57%						73,697	0				
Small Plant & Tools				353	0					0				
Barton Street - Cinema Hall				12,898	0					0				
45 Barton Street ( Dentist )				92	0					0				
24 Harcourt Street ( Dr Coleman )				359	0					0				
Marshall Street - Max Astri				653	0					0				
Dental Equipment M'tnce					0					0				
Depreciation - Comm Premises				9,528	19,055					19,055				
<b>Total</b>	<b>42,136</b>	<b>73,697</b>	<b>57%</b>	<b>23,883</b>	<b>19,055</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>73,697</b>	<b>19,055</b>				
<b>Environmental Planning</b>														
Complying Development Applications		3,000	0%						3,000					
Construction Certificates	14,138	25,000	57%						25,000					
Local Development Applications	12,727	40,000	32%						40,000					
LDA Plan First Levy	274	6,365	4%						6,365					
Section 149 Certificates	9,251	19,096	48%						19,096					



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Building Certificates	303	1,061	29%						1,061											
Section 68 Approvals (LGA S68 Approval)	2,766	1,061	261%						1,061											
S68 and S94	5,393	6,000	90%					50,000	6,000	0										
Environmental - PEAK		50,000																		
Section 96 LDA Modifications	1,063	4,000	27%						4,000											
Occupation Certificate	1,168	2,000	58%						2,000											
Compliance Fees	200																			
Flood Study					22,500					22,500										
Swimming Pool Compliance Certificate					0					0										
Outstanding Orders					0					0										
Salaries -including on cost				130,241	285,736	46%				285,736										
Vehicle Expenses and Travelling				264	2,652	10%				2,652										
Subscriptions					1,591	0%				1,591										
Enviro Planning Office Exps					642	0		642		642										
Advertising - Cbr & Euab Tidy Towns					89	0		89		89										
Office Expenses					1,591	0%				1,591										
<b>Total</b>	<b>47,283</b>	<b>157,583</b>	<b>30%</b>	<b>131,236</b>	<b>314,070</b>	<b>42%</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>50,731</b>	<b>107,583</b>	<b>314,801</b>	<b>3.00</b>									
<b>Public Cemeteries</b>																				
Cemetery Fees	11,241	21,321	53%						21,321											
Cobar - Maintenance				7,320	12,772	57%				12,772										
Cobar - Grave Digging				20,972	26,780	78%				26,780										
Village - Maintenance				3,174	10,712	30%				10,712										
Cemetery C'm Contribution				5,200	11,124	47%				11,124										
Depreciation - Public Cemeteries				3,915	3,605	109%		4,225		7,830										
<b>Total</b>	<b>11,241</b>	<b>21,321</b>	<b>53%</b>	<b>40,581</b>	<b>64,993</b>	<b>62%</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4,225</b>	<b>21,321</b>	<b>69,218</b>										
<b>Public Toilets</b>																				
Graffiti Removal - Public Toilets				411	2,060	20%				2,060										
Toilet - Drummond Park				19,252	25,750	75%				25,750										
Toilet - Ward Oval				2,797	8,240	34%				8,240										
Toilets - Cemetery				2,244	9,270	24%				9,270										
Toilets - Marshall Street				4,615	9,270	50%				9,270										
Toilets - Newey Rec Area				4,557	13,390	34%				13,390										
Toilets - Lions Park				531	2,060	26%				2,060										

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Toilets Euabalong and Mt Hope	0	0		537	1,030	52%	0	0	0	1,030									
<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>		<b>34,944</b>	<b>71,070</b>	<b>49%</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>71,070</b>									
<b>Public Libraries</b>																			
Library Fees/fines	2,942	4,244	69%						4,244										
Photocopier Sales	670	1,591	42%						1,591										
Library Grant		16,480	0%						16,480										
Library Grant - Local Priority Projects		7,210	0%						7,210										
Library Grant - Special Grant		10,300	0%						10,300										
Sale of Books etc	645	1,061	61%						1,061										
Library Activities - Inc	803	1,061	76%						1,061										
Salaries -including on cost				110,333	191,857	58%				191,857									
Advertising				500	796	63%				796									
Internet Services				630	1,326	48%				1,326									
Books Maintenance & Repairs				1,649	6,896	24%				6,896									
Library Building M & R				17,884	30,766	58%				30,766									
IT Costs				7,751	8,487	91%				8,487									
Outback Library Co-Op					3,713	0%				3,713									
Purchase Periodicals				1,336	2,122	63%				2,122									
Postage				940	2,016	47%				2,016									
Printing & Stationery				482	1,485	32%				1,485									
Village Libraries				286	530	54%				530									
Subscriptions				1,719	1,697	101%				1,697									
Public Library Office Expenses				368	1,061	35%				1,061									
Photocopier Servicing					3,713	0%		3,713		0									
Telephone - Library				930	2,652	35%				2,652									
Training & Conferences - Library				139	3,183	4%				3,183									
Library Activities - Expn				526	1,591	33%				1,591									
Audit Fees (Library)					743	0%				743									
Depreciation - Public Libraries				39,721	62,418	64%		16,124		78,542									
<b>Total</b>	<b>5,060</b>	<b>41,947</b>	<b>12%</b>	<b>185,194</b>	<b>327,052</b>	<b>57%</b>	<b>3,713</b>	<b>16,124</b>	<b>41,947</b>	<b>339,463</b>	<b>3.50</b>								
<b>Regional Museum</b>																			
Commission on Tours	1,560	3,090	50%						3,090										
Museum Admission Fees	22,676	49,741	46%						49,741										

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	31.12.2013 Actual Revenue	Budget Revenue	%	31.12.2013 Actual Expenditure	Budget Expenditure	%	Changes That Improve Position	Changes That Worsen Position	Revised Budget Revenue	Revised Budget Expenditure	FTE
							-160,350				
Kiosk/shop Sales	38,105	80,568	47%						80,568		
Salaries -including on cost				84,717	170,327	50%				170,327	
Training - External - Reg Museum					530	0%				530	
Volunteers Amenities					265	0%				265	
Advertising				654	4,244	15%				4,244	
Building M & R				43,771	42,436	103%				42,436	
Grounds M & R				3,405	2,334	146%				2,334	
Internet Access				318	743	43%				743	
Kiosk/Shop Purchases				16,881	63,564	27%				63,564	
Postage				145	212	68%				212	
Printing & Stationery				1,705	5,305	32%				5,305	
Telephone - Museum				571	1,591	36%				1,591	
Exhibitions & Equipment				2,644	2,652	100%				2,652	
Depreciation - Reg Museum				17,359	34,402	50%		316		34,718	
<b>Total</b>	<b>62,341</b>	<b>133,399</b>	<b>47%</b>	<b>172,170</b>	<b>328,605</b>	<b>52%</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>316</b>	<b>133,399</b>	<b>328,921</b>	<b>3.20</b>
<b>Public Halls</b>					<b>0</b>					<b>0</b>	
Nymagee Hall - Showers		103	0%						103		
Euabalong Community Centre				4,751	3,183	149%		2,000		5,183	
Mt Hope Hall				2,775	6,365	44%	2,000			4,365	
Nymagee Hall				1,384	3,183	43%				3,183	
Scout Hall				115	2,122	5%				2,122	
Other Halls					1,061	0%				1,061	
Depreciation - Public Halls				40,591	33,269	122%		47,913		81,182	
<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>49,616</b>	<b>49,183</b>	<b>101%</b>	<b>2,000</b>	<b>49,913</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>97,096</b>	
<b>Performing Arts</b>											
Outback Arts Contribution				8,879	8,707	102%		172		8,879	
<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>8,879</b>	<b>8,707</b>	<b>102%</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>172</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>8,879</b>	
<b>Swimming Pool</b>											
Admissions	10,960	30,000	37%					12,000		18,000	
Season Tickets	55,320	68,000	81%					10,000		58,000	
Pool Hire										0	
Waterslide Income	2,650	12,875	21%					5,000		7,875	

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Electricity				28,968	57,648	50%				57,648			
Bonus				0	12,500	0%	12,500			0			
Contract				82,108	175,100	47%				175,100			
General Maintenance				57,404	55,000	104%		12,000		67,000			
Water Costs				28,349	40,500	70%	6,000			34,500			
Water Slide M & R				2,966	4,326	69%				4,326			
Chemicals				11,936	31,930	37%				31,930			
Telephone - Swimming Pool				138	536	26%				536			
Lawns & Surrounds Maintenance				75	0					0			
Plant & Equipment Maintenance				4,451	6,500	68%				6,500			
Rates & Insurance				18,018	12,772	141%		8,000		20,772			
Depreciation - Swim Pool				77,483	114,005	68%		40,961		154,966			
<b>Total</b>	<b>68,930</b>	<b>110,875</b>	<b>62%</b>	<b>311,896</b>	<b>510,817</b>	<b>61%</b>	<b>18,500</b>	<b>87,961</b>	<b>83,875</b>	<b>553,278</b>			
<b>Parks Gardens &amp; Reserves</b>													
Tennis Club Lease		274	0%						274				
Golf Club Lease		445	0%						445				
Ward Oval Fees	2,518	7,519	33%					3,000	4,519				
Dalton Park Racecourse		1,370	0%						1,370				
Section 94 Contributions - Open Spaces		30,000	0%					10,000	20,000				
Ward Oval Lights Inc.	1,667	2,060	81%						2,060				
Bathurst Street Reserve										0			
Skate Park										0			
Acacia Drive Park				3,889	7,035	55%				7,035			
Apex Park				12,366	9,381	132%				9,381			
Dalton Park				31,537	28,280	112%				28,280			
Dalton Park Racecourse				17,085	18,762	91%				18,762			
Drummond Park				55,589	66,180	84%				66,180			
Heritage Park				20,571	27,107	76%				27,107			
Lions Park				6,170	8,208	75%				8,208			
Mulga Place Park				6,569	5,276	125%				5,276			
Newey & Little Tassie Recreation Area				29,256	35,178	83%				35,178			
Bathurst St Reserve				7,551	7,563	100%				7,563			
Ward Oval				112,234	144,745	78%				144,745			
Eubalong Park				1,872	7,622	25%				7,622			

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Euabalong Sportsground/Tennis Courts				4,090	8,208	50%				8,208		
Euabalong West Park				137	3,518	4%				3,518		
Nymagee Park				2,351	9,967	24%				9,967		
Jandra Est Park				905	2,931	31%				2,931		
Morelli Park, Madden St & Old Reservoir				1,290	2,345	55%				2,345		
Wilga Crescent Park, Sidwell Krige				1,555	5,276	29%				5,276		
Euabalong Racecourse				771	5,276	15%				5,276		
Mt Hope Racecourse				1,337	5,276	25%				5,276		
Morelli Park				0	1,758	0%				1,758		
Old Reservoir				223	1,182	19%				1,182		
Water Licence				157	5,150	3%				5,150		
Depreciation - Parks, Grdhs & Reserves				99,737	162,435	61%		37,039		199,474		
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,185</b>	<b>41,668</b>	<b>10%</b>	<b>417,242</b>	<b>578,659</b>	<b>72%</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>50,039</b>	<b>28,668</b>	<b>615,698</b>	<b>12.00</b>	
<b>Sundry Approvals - Mining, Manuf &amp; Const.</b>												
Building Industry Long Service Levy	8,035	38,110	21%		38,110	0%			38,110	38,110		
Long Service Levy												
<b>Total</b>	<b>8,035</b>	<b>38,110</b>	<b>21%</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>38,110</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>38,110</b>	<b>38,110</b>		
<b>Ancillary Services - Transp. &amp; Commun.</b>												
Street Lighting		29,870	0%						29,870			
Gravel Pit Restoration												
Revenue - Rural Addressing												
Paved Footpaths				26,516	106,300	25%				106,300		
Unpaved Footpaths				74,617	96,000	78%				96,000		
Kerb & Guttering				5,779	20,600	28%				20,600		
Street Lighting				50,280	109,180	46%				109,180		
Street Furniture				2,901	5,150	56%				5,150		
Stormwater				7,255	27,810	26%				27,810		
Street Trees - General				68,297	125,900	54%				125,900		
Graffiti Removal - Ancillary Serv/Roads				69	2,060	3%				2,060		
Street Cleaning				52,833	144,200	37%				144,200		
Marshall Street - Gardens				22,004	25,750	85%				25,750		
Truck Wash Bay				3,923	4,120	95%				4,120		

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Broomfield Street Carpark				2,339	0					0						
Rural Addressing					20,600	0%				20,600						
Depreciation				952,410	1,962,150	49%	57,330			1,904,820						
<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>29,870</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>1,269,223</b>	<b>2,649,820</b>	<b>48%</b>	<b>57,330</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>29,870</b>	<b>2,592,490</b>						
<b>Urban Roads</b>																
Un - Sealed Maintenance -				330	8,652	4%				8,652						
Sealed Maintenance				32,442	82,400	39%				82,400						
Street Signs Maintenance				13,760	36,050	38%				36,050						
Street Signs Replacement					1,030	0%				1,030						
Bicycle Path Lerida Road					1,030	0%				1,030						
Christmas Decoration Installation				406	2,575	16%				2,575						
Un - Sealed Maintenance -NYM				2,457	2,060	119%				2,060						
Sealed Maintenance				5,774	7,210	80%				7,210						
Street Sign Maintenance					1,030	0%				1,030						
Un - Sealed Maintenance -EAB				9,506	2,575	369%				2,575						
Sealed Maintenance				21,248	37,080	57%				37,080						
Street Sign Maintenance					1,030	0%				1,030						
Un - Sealed Maintenance -EW				6,303	6,180	102%				6,180						
Sealed Maintenance				7,171	12,360	58%				12,360						
Street Sign Maintenance					618	0%				618						
Un - Sealed Maintenance-MH				1,759	1,030	171%				1,030						
Sealed Maintenance				1,682	2,060	82%				2,060						
Street Sign Maintenance					618	0%				618						
<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>102,838</b>	<b>205,588</b>	<b>50%</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>205,588</b>						
<b>Rural Roads (Shire)</b>																
Fin Assist Grant - Local Roads	449,896	1,155,713	39%						1,155,713							
All				1,107,277	1,389,350	80%				1,389,350						
<b>Total</b>	<b>449,896</b>	<b>1,155,713</b>	<b>39%</b>	<b>1,711,800</b>	<b>1,389,350</b>	<b>123%</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1,155,713</b>	<b>1,389,350</b>						
<b>Roads To Recovery</b>																
Roads to Recovery		461,000	0%	0					461,000							
<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>461,000</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>461,000</b>	<b>0</b>						

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<b>Ordered (Contract) Works</b>												
RTA - Ordered Works		4,020,000	0%					250,000	3,770,000	3,487,000		
Contract Works Insurance					3,487,000	0%						
Culvert Inspections					0					0		
MR410 - Hillview Project					0					0		
HW8 - Marshall St Pedestrian					0					0		
HW8 - Truck Bugged 12.7.12					0					0		
WO 088.13. - HW8 - Reseals					0					0		
WO 088.13.05 - Heavy Patch MR410					0					0		
WO 088.13.07 MR410 Reseals					0					0		
<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4,020,000</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3,487,000</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>250,000</b>	<b>3,770,000</b>	<b>3,487,000</b>		
<b>Regional Roads Block Grant</b>												
Regional Roads Block Grant	698,200	1,985,000	35%					94,300	1,890,700	-25,137		
Regional Roads Traffic Contribution	25,137				0		25,137			-69,163		
Regional Roads 3 x 3 Determined Works	69,163				0		69,163			1,188,097		
All				651,692	1,188,097	55%				0		
MR 68 - General Maintenance					0					0		
MR 68 - Maintenance Grading					0					0		
<b>Total</b>	<b>792,500</b>	<b>1,985,000</b>	<b>40%</b>	<b>651,692</b>	<b>1,188,097</b>	<b>55%</b>	<b>94,300</b>	<b>94,300</b>	<b>1,890,700</b>	<b>1,093,797</b>		
<b>State Roads - RMCC</b>												
State Roads ( RMCC )	674,185	824,000	82%		0				824,000	0		
Kidman way - Asset Inspections					0					0		

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	31.12.2013		31.12.2013		%	31.12.2013		%	31.12.2013		FTE
	Actual Revenue	Budget Revenue	Actual Expenditure	Budget Expenditure		Actual Revenue	Budget Revenue		Actual Expenditure	Budget Expenditure	
State Roads Contract RMCC		0	758,223	824,000	92%		824,000	92%		0	824,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>674,185</b>	<b>824,000</b>	<b>758,223</b>	<b>824,000</b>	<b>92%</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>824,000</b>	<b>92%</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>824,000</b>
<b>Aerodrome Cobar</b>											
Rent - Hangar 1 Airport	2,777	1,800			154%				1,000		
Aerodrome Landing Fees	94,259	160,000			59%					30,000	2,800
Aerodrome Sundry Income	1,091	0									0
Brindabella/Aero Fuellers Service	18,240	53,045			34%					25,000	28,045
Comm Pd to Avdata			2,719				2,250	121%			2,250
Roads & Carpark M & R			94				2,122	4%			2,122
Lighting & Flares			7,453				21,511	35%			21,511
General Maintenance			57,327				67,727	85%			67,727
Terminal Building M & R			6,256				15,914	39%			15,914
Movement Area Maintenance			6,153				15,000	41%			15,000
Licence Requirement			7,837				8,651	91%			8,651
Fencing & Security			6,911				6,365	109%			6,365
Control of Vegetation			6,798				6,788	100%			6,788
Wages - Aero/Brinda Refuelling			29,874				47,741	63%	15,000		32,741
Telephone - Aerodrome			308				1,061	29%			1,061
Insurance Airport Operations			0				2,359	0%			2,359
Depreciation - Cbr Aerodrome			27,823				51,294	54%		4,352	55,646
<b>Total</b>	<b>116,367</b>	<b>214,845</b>	<b>159,553</b>	<b>248,783</b>	<b>54%</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>248,783</b>	<b>64%</b>	<b>16,000</b>	<b>59,352</b>	<b>238,135</b>
<b>Village Aerodromes</b>											
Nymagee - Maintenance			2,554				3,183	80%			3,183
Mt Hope - Maintenance			591				3,183	19%			3,183
Eualbalong Maintenance			1,497				0				0
<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4,642</b>	<b>6,366</b>	<b>73%</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>6,366</b>	<b>73%</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>6,366</b>
<b>Caravan Park</b>											
Cobar Caravan Park Lease	81,957	132,226			62%						132,226
Eualbalong Caravan Park	45	0									0
Licence			9,799				12,731	77%			12,731
Maintenance			717				7,108	10%			7,108
Maintenance - Eualbalong Park			1,688				3,183	53%		212	3,183



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Depreciation - Caravan Park				16,790	23,175	72%		10,405		33,580		
<b>Total</b>	<b>82,002</b>	<b>132,438</b>	<b>62%</b>	<b>28,994</b>	<b>46,197</b>	<b>63%</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>10,405</b>	<b>132,438</b>	<b>56,602</b>		
<b>Private Works</b>												
Section 67 Works	455,979	550,000	83%	407,908	495,000	82%			550,000	495,000		
<b>Total</b>	<b>455,979</b>	<b>550,000</b>	<b>83%</b>	<b>407,908</b>	<b>495,000</b>	<b>82%</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>550,000</b>	<b>495,000</b>		
<b>Land - Council Rates</b>												
Sale of Land												
Rates on Council Vacant Land				15,433	11,387	136%		4,000		15,387		
<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>		<b>15,433</b>	<b>11,387</b>	<b>136%</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>15,387</b>		
<b>Tourism</b>												
Celebrations & Festivals Income	6,364	4,017	158%				2,000		6,017			
Advertising Inc		1,000	0%					1,000	0			
Car Leases	1,022	0					2,000		2,000			
Salaries including on costs				58,788	127,500	46%				127,500		
Vehicle Expenses				6,250	12,500	50%				12,500		
Advertising				6,549	22,279	29%				22,279		
Celebrations & Festivals				14,311	12,000	119%		2,000		14,000		
Australia Day Celebrations					2,652	0%				2,652		
Office Equipment M & R					530	0%				530		

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Signage				72	637	11%		12,000		12,637		
Postage					1,061	0%				1,061		
Subscriptions				4,460	4,738	94%				4,738		
Telephone - Tourism				727	1,591	46%				1,591		
Training & Conferences - Tourism				209	0			400		400		
Depreciation - Tourism				313	1,648	19%	1,022			626		
<b>Total</b>	<b>7,386</b>	<b>5,017</b>	<b>147%</b>	<b>91,679</b>	<b>187,136</b>	<b>49%</b>	<b>5,022</b>	<b>15,400</b>	<b>8,017</b>	<b>200,514</b>	<b>1.00</b>	
<b>Economic Development</b>												
Business Awards												
Car Lease - Econ Devl Officer	1,022	1,931	53%						1,931			
Projects		0							0			
Development Cultural Plan		15,000	0%						15,000			
Salaries including on costs				58,104	117,668	49%				117,668		
Vehicle Expenses - Econ Devel				3,121	12,484	25%				12,484		
Training & Conferences - Econ Devel					2,575	0%				2,575		
Advertising - Econ Devel					1,545	0%				1,545		
Printing & Stat - Econ Devel					2,122	0%				2,122		
Telephone - Econ Devel				156	637	24%				637		
Business Awards - EXPN				255	258	99%				258		
Incidentals Grant Expenses inc CP				645	22,060	3%				22,060		
Canterbury - Sister City				6,531	15,000	44%	5,000			10,000		
Development Cultural Plan					5,000	0%				5,000		
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,022</b>	<b>16,931</b>	<b>6%</b>	<b>68,812</b>	<b>179,349</b>	<b>38%</b>	<b>5,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>16,931</b>	<b>174,349</b>	<b>1.00</b>	
<b>Not classified elsewhere</b>												
GST Prior period recovery							113,000		113,000			
Loss on disposal of assets								65,000		65,000		
Interest Paid on Loans - NECU & NAB				92,724	233,780	40%				233,780		
<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>92,724</b>	<b>233,780</b>	<b>40%</b>	<b>113,000</b>	<b>65,000</b>	<b>113,000</b>	<b>298,780</b>		
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>12,869,495</b>	<b>25,999,064</b>		<b>13,836,214</b>	<b>26,879,394</b>		<b>2,477,786</b>	<b>1,866,602</b>	<b>26,898,341</b>	<b>27,167,487</b>		
					<b>-880,330</b>					<b>-269,146</b>		

COBAR SHIRE COUNCIL QUARTER 2 BUDGET REVIEW 2013-2014											-160,350		
31.12.2013 Actual Revenue		Budget Revenue		%	31.12.2013 Actual Expenditure		Budget Expenditure	%	Changes That Improve Position	Changes That Worsen Position	Revised Budget Revenue	Revised Budget Expenditure	FTE
<b>GENERAL FUND</b>													
<i>Cobar Water</i>													
Cobar Water Charges	579,750	771,485	75%						180,000		591,485		
Pensioner Abandonments Cobar	-21,044	-21,125	100%								-21,125		
Nymagee Water Rates	23,890	24,000									24,000		
Pensioner Abandonments Nymagee	-613	-560	109%								-560		
Euabalong Water Rates	34,552	36,000	96%								36,000		
Pensioner Abandonments Euabalong	-1,313	0									0		
Euabalong West Water Rates	22,225	23,000									23,000		
Pensioner Abandonments Euab West	-613	-560	109%								-560		
Mount Hope Water Rates	4,585	0									0		
Residential Water User Charges	860,613	1,713,345	50%					50,000			1,763,345		
Sales - Standpipe/Other	55,428	670	8273%					50,000			50,670		
House Connections/tapping Fees	1,887	4,222	45%								4,222		
Mt Hope Tank Lease		339	0%								339		
Truck Wash Bay	327	1,339	24%								1,339		
Pensioner Rate Subsidy-Cobar Water	11,791	11,619	101%								11,619		
Pensioner Rate Subsidy-Nymagee	337	308	109%								308		
Pensioner Rate Subsidy -Euabalong	1,011	719	141%								719		
Pensioner Rate Subsidy- Euab West		0									0		
Pensioner Rate Subsidy -Mt Hope		308	0%								308		
Interest	2,000	8,000	25%								8,000		
Contribution by Cobar Water Board		0							70,000		70,000		
Section 94 Contributions - Water	704	0											
Administration Charge - General Fund													39,482
Waterwise Campaign											5,305		5,305
Wages including on costs											231,956		231,956
Filtration Plant - Maintenance Costs											163,770		163,770
Licences & Permits											40,314		40,314
Chemicals											169,435		169,435
Purchase Raw Water											1,018,700		1,018,700
Telephone - Filtration											2,122		2,122
Filtration Plant - Energy Audit											0		0
Advertising											2,122		2,122
Reservoir - Fort Bourke Hill											8,487		8,487

COBAR SHIRE COUNCIL QUARTER 2 BUDGET REVIEW 2013-2014										-160,350					
	31.12.2013		%	31.12.2013		%	Budget Expenditure		Changes That Improve Position	Changes That Worsen Position	Revised Budget Revenue	Revised Budget Expenditure	FTE		
	Actual Revenue	Budget Revenue		Actual Expenditure	Budget Expenditure										
Green Tank Reservoir - Louth Road							0					0			
Water Strategic Business Plan				1,107	0							0			
Graffiti Removal - Water Supplies				224	1,061	21%						1,061			
Engineering Service Charge				58,689	117,378	50%						117,378			
Governance Charge - General Fund				24,009	48,018	50%						48,018			
Sundry					0							0			
LMWUA					35,000	0%		17,500				17,500			
Mains M & R				112,281	184,824	61%						184,824			
Meters M & R				9,993	53,045	19%						53,045			
Meter Reading				11,747	26,523	44%						26,523			
Depreciation - Water Mains				169,950	339,900	50%		13,900				326,000			
Energy Costs - Nymagee Water				392	5,665	7%						5,665			
Reservoir M & R				1,220	5,305	23%						5,305			
Pump Stations M & R				288	7,426	4%						7,426			
Reservoirs M & R				4,705	16,851	28%						16,851			
Meters M & R				92	1,061	9%						1,061			
Mains M & R				5,769	10,609	54%						10,609			
Licences & permits					1,061	0%						1,061			
Energy Costs - Euab Water				7,165	6,180	116%						6,180			
Mains M & R				7,800	15,914	49%						15,914			
Licence Permit					1,061	0%						1,061			
Reservoir M & R				1,776	1,061	167%						1,061			
Reservoirs M & R				3,165	8,240	38%						8,240			
Services - Pump Station				486	2,266	21%						2,266			
Energy Costs					0							0			
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,575,517</b>	<b>2,573,109</b>	<b>61%</b>	<b>1,377,832</b>	<b>2,570,142</b>	<b>54%</b>		<b>201,400</b>	<b>180,000</b>		<b>2,563,109</b>	<b>2,538,742</b>	<b>5.50</b>		
<b>WATER FUND SURPLUS</b>					<b>2,967</b>	<b>0%</b>						<b>24,367</b>			
<b>Cobar Sewerage</b>															
Cobar Sewerage Charges	656,690	709,745	93%						50,000		659,745				
Pensioner Abandonments Cobar	-19,644	-19,981	98%								-19,981				
S54	389	0									0				

COBAR SHIRE COUNCIL QUARTER 2 BUDGET REVIEW 2013-2014										-160,350											
31.12.2013		31.12.2013		31.12.2013		31.12.2013		31.12.2013		31.12.2013		31.12.2013		31.12.2013		31.12.2013		31.12.2013			
Actual Revenue	Budget Revenue	%	Actual Expenditure	Budget Expenditure	%	Changes That Improve Position	Changes That Worsen Position	Revised Budget Revenue	Revised Budget Expenditure	FTE											
Pensioner Rate Subsidy (Sewer)	10,997	100%	10,990	10,990	100%			10,990													
Interest	14,000	44%	32,000	32,000	44%			32,000													
Effluent Reuse Income	65,500	398%	16,444	16,444	398%	55,000		71,444													
Sewer Connection Fee	214	20%	1,061	1,061	20%			1,061													
Administration Charge General Fund			0	26,678	57%			0	26,678												
Licences & Permits			0	14,853	141%		6,000	0	20,853												
Mains M & R			0	42,436	46%			0	42,436												
Pest Control - Man Holes			0	21,218	21%			0	21,218												
Telephone - Sewerage			0	138	26%			0	530												
Chemicals			0	1,500	28%			0	5,305												
Energy Costs			0	17,000	47%			0	35,947												
Engineering Service Charge			0	58,689	50%			0	117,378												
Governance Charge General Fund			0	24,009	50%			0	48,018												
LMWUA			0	15,450	100%			0	15,450												
Depreciation - Sewerage Operations			0	182,500	67%		92,050	0	365,000												
Pumping Station - Ward Oval			0	10,835	38%			0	28,840												
Pumping Station - Belagoy St			0	2,902	36%			0	8,000												
Pumping station - Nullamutt St			0	3,874	34%			0	11,330												
Pumping Station - North Cobar			0	2,188	27%			0	8,240												
Treatment Works M & R			0	30,560	99%		10,000	0	40,900												
Effluent Reuse			0	30,456	74%			0	41,200												
Effluent Reuse - Ins Liability			0	6,373	71%	3,000		0	6,018												
<b>Total</b>	<b>728,146</b>	<b>97%</b>	<b>750,259</b>	<b>446,746</b>	<b>61%</b>	<b>58,000</b>	<b>158,050</b>	<b>755,259</b>	<b>843,341</b>	<b>3.50</b>											
<b>SEWER FUND SURPLUS</b>																					
<b>Domestic Waste</b>																					
Waste Annual Charges	505,595	101%	502,650	502,650	101%			502,650	0												
Pensioner Abandements	-18,154	92%	-19,810	-19,810	92%			-19,810	0												
Waste Annual Charges - Villages	13,000	100%	12,976	12,976	100%			12,976	0												
Trade Waste Charges	29,997	26%	113,300	113,300	26%			113,300	0												
Plant Income Waste Management	38,979	24%	159,135	159,135	24%			159,135	0												
Pension Rebates			0	0				0	0												
Sale of Scrap Metal	7,006	19%	37,080	37,080	19%			37,080	0												
Regulatory Fees	24,000					24,000		24,000	0												
Administration Charges			0	14,940	25%			0	14,940												

COBAR SHIRE COUNCIL  
 QUARTER 2 BUDGET REVIEW 2013-2014

	-160,350										
	31.12.2013 Actual Revenue	Budget Revenue	%	31.12.2013 Actual Expenditure	Budget Expenditure	%	Changes That Improve Position	Changes That Worsen Position	Revised Budget Revenue	Revised Budget Expenditure	FTE
Wages including oncosts		0		0	0	#####			0	0	
Disposal Abandoned Vehicles		0			2,060	0%			0	2,060	
Trade Waste Collections		0		12,662	80,628	16%			0	80,628	
Domestic Waste Collections		0		29,362	127,308	23%			0	127,308	
Public Health Charge		0		16,807	67,226	25%			0	67,226	
Governance Charges - Waste		0		6,007	24,028	25%			0	24,028	
Town Clean up		0			6,665	0%			0	6,665	
Advertising - Waste Operations		0			2,122	0%			0	2,122	
Depreciation - Waste Ops		0		35,091	80,855	43%			0	80,855	
Waste Plant Expenses		0		16,773	106,090	16%			0	106,090	
Cobar Tip		0		31,207	127,308	25%			0	127,308	
Village Tips		0		1,362	8,487	16%			0	8,487	
<b>Total</b>	<b>600,423</b>	<b>805,331</b>	<b>75%</b>	<b>153,006</b>	<b>647,717</b>	<b>24%</b>	<b>24,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>829,331</b>	<b>647,717</b>	
<b>WASTE FUND SURPLUS</b>		0			157,614				0	181,614	<b>1.50</b>
<b>I Funds Combined</b>	<b>15,773,581</b>	<b>30,127,763</b>		<b>15,813,797</b>	<b>30,835,544</b>		<b>2,761,186</b>	<b>2,204,652</b>	<b>31,046,040</b>	<b>31,197,287</b>	
DEFECIT					-707,781					-151,347	
TOTAL1										-151,347	
CHECK TOTAL 2										-151,347	
MOVEMENT										556,434	

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Cobar Shire Council  
Cobar Local Infrastructure Contribution Plan 2012 - Adopted 26 February 2013 Resolution Number 25.03.2013  
Section 94 Development Contributions Register

Section 94 - Development Type A

Account 91723 1/03/2013 to Present

Date Received	Client	DA	Address	Project / Comment	Amount Received	Amount Expended	Project Completed	Interest	Cumulative Balance
					\$ -	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -

Section 94 - Development Type B - Heavy Haulage

Account 91724 1/03/2013 to Present

Date Received	Client	DA	Address	Project / Comment	Amount Received	Amount Expended	Project Completed	Interest	Cumulative Balance
					\$ -	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -

Section 94a - Development Type C

Account 91722 1/03/2013 to Present

Date Received	Client	DA	Address	Project / Comment	Amount Received	Amount Expended	Project Completed	Interest	Cumulative Balance
30/06/2013	Caltex Oil	2013/LD-00023	99 Marshall St, Cobar	Underground Petroleum Storage System Replacement works	\$ 15,322.00			\$ -	\$ 15,322.00
12/24/09/2013	BCD Projects	2013/LD-00035	12 Wrightville St, Cobar	Industrial Shed	\$ 1,700.00			\$ -	\$ 17,022.00
04/18/12/2013	Kevin Glass	2013/LD-00041	Maryantha East	Dwelling	\$ 1,000.00			\$ -	\$ 18,022.00
04/19/12/2013	T & C Chandler	2013/LD-00048	33 Prince St, Cobar	Manufactured Homes	\$ 920.00			\$ -	\$ 18,942.00
20/12/2013	Cobar Pre School	2013/LD-00056	6 Booroomugga St, Cobar	Alterations & Additions	\$ 650.00			\$ -	\$ 19,592.00
								\$ -	
								\$ -	
								\$ -	
								\$ -	
								\$ -	
								\$ -	
					\$ 19,592.00	\$ -		\$ -	\$ 19,592.00

Clients advised they are required to pay Developer Contribution Charges

Date Advised	Client	DA	Address	Project / Comment	Development Type A AccNo. 91723	Development Type B AccNo. 91724	Development Type C AccNo. 91722	TOTAL
30/06/2013	Caltex Oil	2013/LD-00023	99 Marshall St, Cobar	Underground Petroleum Storage System Replacement works			\$15,322.00	\$ 15,322.00
17/09/2013	BCD Projects	2013/LD-00035	12 Wrightville St, Cobar	Industrial Shed			\$ 1,700.00	\$ 1,700.00
26/09/2013	CSA Mine	2013/LD-00037	CSA Mine Lot 6336	South Tailings Storage Facility Upgrade			\$11,000.00	\$ 11,000.00
07/12/2013	Kevin Glass	2013/LD-00041	Maryantha East	Dwelling			\$1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
10/12/2013	T & C Chandler	2013/LD-00048	33 Prince St, Cobar	Manufactured Homes			\$920.00	\$ 920.00
20/12/2013	Cobar Pre School	2013/LD-00056	6 Booroomugga St, Cobar	Alterations & Additions			\$650.00	\$ 650.00
					\$ -	\$ -	\$30,592.00	\$ -

**COBAR SHIRE COUNCIL  
Q2 BUDGET REVIEW  
GENERAL FUND CAPITAL BUDGET**

	Budget	Expenditure Q2	Variations	New Budget
<b><u>ADMINISTRATION</u></b>				
Computer Equipment	101,694	3,600		101,694
Gym Equipment	10,000	9,255		10,000
<b><u>MOVING PLANT</u></b>				
4/5 Trucks	61,200			61,200
Water Pumps & Minor Items	10,200			10,200
Miscellaneous Plant	5,100			5,100
Light Vehicles and Sedans Changeover	276,000	116,837		276,000
Mower Small	5,000			5,000
Mower Large	26,520			26,520
Caravans	20,000			20,000
Generators	17,340			17,340
Tyre Roller	170,000	168,600		170,000
Tanker Trailer	95,000			95,000
Road Train Dolly	32,000			32,000
Side Tipper	120,000			120,000
<b><u>OTHER PLANT</u></b>				
Bowser - Euabalong	30,000	15,365		30,000
Depot Extension	15,000			15,000
<b><u>LIBRARIES</u></b>				
Library Books Etc	25,750	13,084		25,750
Other Capital as per grant conditions	10,000			10,000
<b><u>HOUSING</u></b>				
Up grade Various Dwellings	61,800			61,800
<b><u>SWIMMING POOL</u></b>				
Power factor reduction equip	15,000	8,690		15,000
<b><u>COMMUNITY PROJECTS - RDAF</u></b>				
Nymagee Airstrip	20,000			20,000
<b><u>PARKS &amp; GARDENS</u></b>				
General Parks Upgrade	10,900			10,900
Skate Park	315,000			315,000
Disabled Toilet	18,750			18,750
Drummond Park Upgrades	20,000			20,000
<b><u>LILLIANE BRADY VILLAGE</u></b>				
Extension of Lounge Room	105,000			105,000
Install new nurse call system			22,000	22,000
<b><u>ROADS TO RECOVERY</u></b>				
Neckarbo	100,000	90,156		100,000
Mt Gap	49,707	12,352		49,707
Town Roads Reseal	155,515	156,773		155,515
Booberoi	57,182	57,548		57,182
Wilga	221,723	11,749		221,723
Yathong	200,000	200,736		200,000
<b><u>REGIONAL ROADS</u></b>				
MR 7518	800,000	102,544		800,000
SRV additional expenditure				
Cobar Streets	50,000			50,000
Shire Roads	150,000			150,000
SR 18	80,000	75,766		80,000
Old Res	21,000			21,000



SR 17	75,000	72,423	75,000
<b>Total - General Fund</b>	<b>3,557,381</b>	<b>1,115,478</b>	<b>3,557,381</b>
<b>Water Fund</b>			
Upgrades of Mains etc	103,000	93,153	103,000
Filtration Plant	103,000	21,398	103,000
<b>Total - Water Fund</b>	<b>206,000</b>	<b>114,551</b>	<b>206,000</b>
<b>Sewer Fund</b>			
Improvements	103,000	1,839	103,000
<b>Total - Sewer Fund</b>	<b>103,000</b>	<b>1,839</b>	<b>103,000</b>
<b>Domestic Waste Fund</b>			
<b>Total - Waste Fund</b>			
<b>Total - All Funds</b>	<b>3,866,381</b>	<b>1,231,868</b>	<b>22,000 3,888,381</b>

Proposed Rolling Plant Replacement Program 2014-2015 to 2028/2029

Plant Number	DESCRIPTION	REGO	PURCH	Life 000 km Years	Cost New \$	2013/14 Trade in cost Year 1	2014/15 Trade in cost Year 2	2015/16 Trade in cost Year 3	2016/2017 Trade in cost Year 4	2017/2018 Trade in cost Year 5	2018/2019 Trade in cost Year 6	2019/2020 Trade in cost Year 7	2020/2021 Trade in cost Year 8	2021/2022 Trade in cost Year 9	2022/2023 Trade in cost Year 10	2023/2024 Trade in cost Year 11	2024/2025 Trade in cost Year 12	2025/2026 Trade in cost Year 13	2026/2027 Trade in cost Year 14	2027/2028 Trade in cost Year 15
<b>GRADERS/PLANT</b>																				
1	Caterpillar 140H	CC03025 (rebuild)	AM 65 LC	21/11/2006	\$ 350,070															
2	Caterpillar 140H	1260200 (rebuild)	AE 12 VN	5/05/2005	\$ 320,240															
3	Caterpillar 140H	12600189 (rebuild)	AC 30 ON	18/01/2005	\$ 320,240															
4	Caterpillar 12M	BSF000888	AJ 40 PE	5/05/2008	\$ 358,001															
5	Volvo G940	VCE0G940E00040777	AU 65 JE	25/11/2008	\$ 384,825															
6	Caterpillar 140H	012600172 (rebuild)	ZJH 416	31/08/2004	\$ 320,567															
7	Caterpillar 950G Loader	12LS01519	XZR972	30/07/2002	\$ 265,000															
<b>BACKHOES/TRACTORS</b>																				
8	Case 580LE	Backhoe	AQ 72 LK	24/07/2001	\$ 66,182															
9	Caterpillar 428C	Backhoe	YC7205	13/09/2002	\$ 79,700															
10	Caterpillar 432D	Backhoe	AN 10 ST	22/12/2007	\$ 136,000															
11	Caterpillar Skid Steer		AN 78 SH	4/11/2007	\$ 55,000															
12	John Deere 5425 Tractor		AY 99 JE	30/01/2009	\$ 70,427															
13	John Deere 5425 Tractor		AZ 50 FT	30/01/2009	\$ 70,427															
<b>STREET SWEEPER</b>																				
14	Schwanz Street Sweeper		BB 09 FC	13/05/2009	\$ 196,956															
<b>TRUCKS 45 TON GVM</b>																				
15	Iscuz NNR 200 Crew		BB 56 UD	24/06/2009	\$ 47,810															
16	Iscuz NFR 300 Medium		YSR 162	27/06/2003	\$ 36,237															
17	Iscuz FRR 500 Auto		AV 20 JU	27/06/2001	\$ 76,736															
18	Iscuz NFR 200		AV 59 TO	20/10/2008	\$ 42,659															
<b>TRUCKS 12-15 TON GVM</b>																				
19	Iscuz FVR 950		AG 80 VY	Jun-07	\$ 160,854															
20	Iscuz FVZ 1400 Pave/line		AV 65 JT	8/03/2005	\$ 266,485															
21	Iscuz FVR 950		AG 81 VY	9/07/2007	\$ 150,655															
<b>TRUCKS 16 TON + GVM</b>																				
22	Mack Superliner		AL 16 RJ	15/08/2006	\$ 227,393															
23	Mack Superliner		AL 57 RL	8/04/2006	\$ 227,393															
24	Mack Superliner		AM 50 AN	13/09/2006	\$ 227,393															
25	Mack Superliner		AY 60 YQ	21/2/2009	\$ 233,302															
26	Mack Superliner		BE 95 QD	28/06/2010	\$ 246,762															
<b>MISC TRUCKS</b>																				
28	Iscuz FTR 115		NFY 254	1/11/1985-05	\$ 41,912															
29	Toyota Coaster		AP 59 AZ	7/04/2007	\$ 107,770															
<b>ROLLERS</b>																				
22	HAMM Multi Tyred Roller		BM72AQ	24/10/2011	\$ 155,430															
23	Dynapac CG11 Vibrating		AQ 54 LK	20/10/1980	\$ 20,000															
24	HAMM Multi Tyred Roller		BP37RK	2012	\$ 155,430															
25	Bomag BW25RH Multi Tyre Roller		26178 D	15/10/2012	\$ 168,600															
<b>HEAVY TRAILERS</b>																				
26	Water Tank 24,000L TR (P1093)		J96414	12/12/1996	\$ 60,000															
27	Water Tank 24,000L TR (P1094)		J96417	19/12/1996	\$ 60,000															
28	Water Tank 24,000L TR (P1095)		J44433	7/02/1992	\$ 60,000															
29	17T Plant Trailer - Advance		J 86981	20/06/2008	\$ 55,000															
30	Harmark Low Loader		M 85304	20/04/2001	\$ 20,000															
31	14' Plant Trailer - Robin Ghaurin		J 86993	31/09/1998	\$ 80,000															
32	Road Train Daily - Express Welding		S 65607	11/09/2008	\$ 28,159															
33	Semi Slew Tipper - Express Welding		S 47463	18/08/2006	\$ 95,000															
34	Road Train Daily		S 47419	25/09/2006	\$ 95,000															
<b>DOMESTIC WASTE</b>																				
35	Veco Acco 2350		AK 30 LS	8/08/2006	\$ 263,954															
36	Iscuz FVZ		XZB231	13.05.02	\$ 113,900															
37	Caterpillar 928G		AC 58 QT	15/03/05	\$ 119,676															





# COBAR SHIRE COUNCIL



## Compliance and Enforcement Policy

**FILE: P5-72**

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## **TITLE**

### **Cobar Shire Compliance & Enforcement Policy**

This policy aims:

- To ensure that Council's regulatory functions are exercised consistently and without bias, in accordance with legislation.
- To assist Council's Officers to respond promptly, consistently and effectively to complaints of unlawful activity, and undertake proactive investigation of unlawful activity, in accordance with the law.
- To provide information for all stakeholders about Council's position in relation to the enforcement of compliance with legislation, including the circumstances which will be taken into account when assessing different enforcement options; and
- To ensure that Council's Officers exercise their discretion in relation to unlawful activity in an appropriate manner and that Council's resources to deal with unlawful activity are appropriately allocated and in a manner consistent with the public interest.

## **APPLICATION**

This policy applies to the management and investigation of unlawful activity, and any resultant enforcement action required in relation to unlawful activity, within the Cobar Local Government Area for which Council is the appropriate regulatory authority. The unlawful activity to which this policy applies includes, without limitation, any unlawful activity in relation to:

- Building & development.
- Pollution including air, land and water.
- Fire safety.
- Food safety.
- Public health.
- Parking.
- Companion animals.

Whilst it is intended that the principles in this policy will have general application, there may be cases where the particular circumstances justify departure from these principles.

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This policy is based on the Model Policy contained in the document entitled *Enforcement guidelines for councils* published by the NSW Ombudsman in June 2002 (Ombudsman's Guidelines).

***\*Note: Status of policy***

*For the avoidance of doubt, this is not a local orders policy for the purpose of section 159 of the Local Government Act 1993.*

**RESPONSIBILITIES**

All Council staff who deal with unlawful activity are responsible for implementing this Policy. Relevant Council Officers are to be given appropriate delegations in relation to dealing with unlawful activity. All complaints alleging unlawful activity shall be logged in Council's records system as soon as practicable upon receipt and directed to the Director of Planning and Environmental Services or the authorised delegate for appropriate assessment. Complaints will be allocated to a responsible Officer in the appropriate section. Council Officers responsible for the investigation of a matter shall keep a full and complete record of all actions and activities undertaken into any complaint.

Council or its Officers generally have discretion whether or not to investigate or take enforcement action and, if so, how to do so. The issue of discretion is relevant to various Sections of this policy and is addressed specifically in Section 8.

**COMPLAINTS CONCERNING COUNCIL STAFF MEMBERS**

Where a complaint is received concerning the alleged actions, inactions or conduct of a Council employee, that matter shall be referred to the General Manager for determination on the appropriate manner in dealing with any such matter, including the discharge of any statutory reporting responsibilities as the Principal Officer of Council. In the event any complaint concerns the General Manager, the matter shall be referred to the Mayor for determination on the appropriate manner in dealing with any such matter.

**INVESTIGATING UNLAWFUL ACTIVITY**

All complaints to Council regarding unlawful activity will be reviewed to determine whether the matter requires investigation. Council may also undertake proactive investigation of unlawful activity.



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Priority will be given to matters where there is an imminent threat to health, life or property.

Further enquiries or investigations may not be appropriate where:

- The matter has already been investigated and resolved or it has been determined that no further action will be taken in the absence of new information.
- Council has no power in relation to the matter or is otherwise not the appropriate authority to investigate the matter. In relation to such matters it may be appropriate for Council to bring the matter to the attention of the appropriate regulatory authority or the nominated Private Certifying Authority.\*
- The activity is identified as being lawful without the need for an investigation; or
- Such enquiries or investigations would be contrary to the public interest or policy considerations.

***\*Note: Private Certifying Authorities***

*NSW Legislation permits a private certifier to assume certain statutory responsibilities to ensure compliance with the conditions of a development consent if they are nominated certifier (ie, the principal certifying authority). For developments under construction in respect of which a principal certifying authority other than Council has been appointed, complaints relating to the construction of the approved development should be directed to the relevant Principal Certifying Authority.*

When considering whether a complaint or issue warrants investigation, Council Officers may consider a range of factors including:

- Is the activity having a significant detrimental effect on the environment or a risk to public safety?
- Is the complaint premature?
- Is the complaint trivial, vexatious or frivolous?
- On the basis of the information available, is the activity permissible without consent or approval?
- If the activity is permissible with consent/approval, is there a consent/approval in place and have conditions of consent been complied with? Or has an application been lodged to regularise the matter?

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- What is the extent of delay between events referred to by the complaint and the notification to Council and reasons given for such delay?
  - Have there been previous complaints about the subject premises or this person or organisation?
  - Does the complaint have special significance in relation to existing enforcement priorities?
  - Given the particular circumstances of the complaint, are there significant resource implications in relation to any investigation and any subsequent enforcement action?
  - Overall, is it in the public interest to investigate the complaint?

Where a decision is made to not investigate a complaint, this decision should be recorded by the responsible Officer together with reasons for the decision. The complainant should be advised of the decision.

### **INITIATING ENFORCEMENT ACTION**

After conducting an investigation and determining that there is sufficient evidence to determine that an offence has occurred, Officers should consider all relevant circumstances of the individual case to determine what enforcement action is appropriate and commensurate with the alleged offence.

The circumstances for consideration in determining whether and, if so, what enforcement action is appropriate and in the public interest should include:

- The seriousness of the breach, including whether the breach is merely technical or 'trivial' in nature;
- When the unlawful activity was carried out and for how long, including whether the breach is continuing;
- The harm or potential harm to the environment, public health, safety or amenity caused by the unlawful activity;
- The need for general and specific deterrence;
- Whether the breach can be easily remedied;
- Any particular circumstances of hardship affecting the complainant or the person who is the subject of the complaint;
- Any mitigating or aggravating circumstances;
- Any prior warnings that have been issued to the person or previous enforcement action taken against the person;

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- Whether Council has created an estoppel situation;
  - Whether any requisite consent would have been granted if it was sought;
  - Whether the person in breach shows or has shown contrition;
  - Whether there is a draft planning instrument that would make any unauthorised use lawful;
  - The degree of culpability of the alleged offender;
  - Whether an educative approach would be more appropriate than a coercive approach;
  - The costs and benefits of taking formal enforcement action as opposed to taking informal or no action;
  - The prospects of success if the proposed enforcement action were challenged in court;
  - What action would be proportionate and reasonable;
  - Any precedent which may be set by not taking enforcement action;
  - The availability and efficacy of any alternatives to prosecution;
  - Whether the offender had been dealt with previously by non-prosecutorial means;
  - Whether the breach is a continuing or second offence;
  - The length of time since the alleged offence;
  - The age, physical or mental health or special infirmity of the alleged offenders or witnesses;
  - Whether there are counter-productive features of the prosecution;
  - The likely outcome in the event of a conviction having regard to the sentencing options available to the court;
  - Whether the consequences of any conviction would be unduly harsh or oppressive;
  - Whether proceedings are to be instituted against others arising out of the same incident;
  - Whether the action will result in people becoming homeless.

Enforcement action (including prosecution) will not be undertaken for any improper purpose and will not be influenced by:

- i. Any matter that would constitute unlawful discrimination against a person;
- ii. Personal empathy or antipathy towards a person; and
- iii. Political, religious affiliations or any other association.

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## OPTIONS FOR DEALING WITH CONFIRMED CASES OF UNLAWFUL ACTIVITY

Council will endeavour to use the most appropriate action based on the individual circumstances of each case.

Where an investigation has been undertaken and it is considered that there is sufficient evidence to determine that an offence has occurred, a number of approaches may be considered for dealing with the incident. These may be subject to, among other things, the powers provided under the governing legislation.

The approaches which Council may consider when considering what action to take include but are not limited to:

- No action;
- Referral to an appropriate external enforcement body;
- Verbal warnings;
- Written warnings, including formal cautions;
- Seek voluntary compliance in order to regularise the matter;
- Alternative methods of resolution, such as mediation;
- Issuing of Notices and Orders;
- Penalty Infringement Notices;
- Civil proceedings in Court;
- Criminal proceedings in Court;
- Contempt proceedings in Court;
- Council undertaking the requisite work and recovering the cost of doing so.

The above options are not necessarily mutually exclusive although the effect of section 127(7) of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* should be considered in determining appropriate action. Accordingly, the appropriate strategy will depend on the individual circumstances of the case and an escalating approach may be appropriate.

Officers who issue penalty notices under the Fines Act 1996 must have regard to the guidelines issued by the Attorney General under section 19A(3) of the Fines Act 1996 entitled Caution Guidelines under the Fines Act 1996 in deciding whether to give a person a caution for a penalty notice offence.

All decisions to take enforcement action (including all decisions to commence civil proceedings or prosecution) shall be made in accordance with the relevant delegations

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and appointments. Notwithstanding an Officer's recommendation that enforcement action be taken, no prosecution or other proceedings must be commenced by Council unless the Director responsible for Compliance and Council's lawyers are of the opinion that it is appropriate to do so having regard to the matters in "Initiating Enforcement Action" section of this policy (page 6), including the prospects of success and the public interest.

Enforcement action will be monitored and a decision made in relation to what action to take in relation to non-compliance.

### **DISCRETION**

The NSW Ombudsman's Guidelines provide guidance for the use of discretion by Council Officers.

### **DECISION ON WHETHER TO PROSECUTE**

The NSW Director of Public Prosecutions (DPP) provides guidance in their document Prosecution Policy and Guidelines as does the Environment Protection Authority of NSW's EPA Prosecution Guidelines (EPA Guidelines)

### **DIRECTIONS BY COUNCIL**

Where legislation confers a power upon Authorised Officers, as distinct from on the Council itself, the power is vested by the legislation in the Authorised Officer and must be exercised by that Officer.

The Council, as a matter of law, may not lawfully direct the exercise (or non-exercise) of the power. This is because (by way of contrast with other Council powers) the statutes (such as those creating penalty notices) do not vest the power in Council or its General Manager to be delegated to the Officers, but vest the primary power in the Officers themselves.

### **COERCIVE POWERS**

One area where the exercise of discretion has particular importance is where Council Officers have been given coercive powers of investigation. Coercive powers include the power to require a person to answer questions and the power to require a person to provide information and/or records in relation to a matter properly the subject of an investigation.

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Coercive powers of investigations are given under various statutes including the *Protection of the Environment Operations Act* (Chapter 7) and the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act* (Division 1A of Part 6).

### **RESPONDING TO COMPLAINANTS**

It may not be appropriate to discuss the details and outcomes of an investigation with anyone, including the persons originally lodging the complaint. Confidentiality of information will be dealt with in accordance with the *Privacy and Personal Information Protection Act 1998* and the *Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009*.

### **REPRESENTATIONS ON ACTION**

All representations by persons to whom a Penalty Infringement Notice has been issued, must be made to the State Debt Recovery Office (SDRO). Where the SDRO does not have the authority to determine the matter, the representations will be referred to Council's Adjudication Panel for review and recommendation back to the SDRO. Any representations directly received by Council will be forwarded to the SDRO and the person making the representation informed of this action.

The Adjudication Panel comprises of the General Manager or his authorised delegate and two (2) nominated Councillors of the Cobar Shire Council.

### **WHO IS RESPONSIBLE FOR IMPLEMENTING THIS POLICY**

Director of Planning & Environmental Services.

### **DOCUMENT OWNERS**

Director of Planning & Environmental Services.

Version Control Table

Date	Prepared by	Amended by	Version
December 2013	Nicholas Mamouzelos		1.0

## Comment on Council's Proposed Draft Compliance and Enforcement Policy

Having read the above document my initial thought was "Why is it necessary?"

The policy as a whole is enshrined in "Enforcement Guidelines For Councils" published by the NSW Ombudsman in June 2002. As such council has survived without its own version for twelve years, why does it suddenly feel compelled to create one now?

The original Ombudsman's version contains varied examples of enforcement possibilities and the manner of handling such cases. In the appendices is a section named "Tips on conducting enforcement investigations". This is wider ranging than the current draft council document and should be used in such cases.

I believe there is developing an "Us and Them" syndrome between Council and the citizenry, mainly ratepayers. While this has always existed to a minor extent it has become stronger recently. Publishing unnecessary documents like this one with terms which to many are inflammatory viz. "proactive enforcement" and "coercive" will not improve the situation.

There will always be situations where council officers need to take action to remedy problems which arise from illegalities, however in the case of proactive action there is speculation as to whether or not it is mere revenue raising. We are not like a city council who generate vast sums through parking meters and the concomitant army of "brown bombers". These are revenue raisers in the purest sense. The "brown bomber" is the proactive enforcement officer. In my opinion there is no need for proactive action in Cobar Shire.

In conclusion I believe that the Cobar Shire Council should not go ahead with its "Compliance and Enforcement Policy" and use the 2002 Ombudsman's version for advice where necessary. Neither the public nor Council officers need such a paper.

Peter Abbott  
COBAR



Submission to Robson Shire Council  
On Compliance + Enforcement Draft Policy

The EPA, OHS, Building + Development, Fire, Safety, Public Health, Parking, Companion etc. All have relevant Federal + NSW laws who all have laws in accordance with legislation to suit each separate body with the power to prosecute when the laws are broken. We do not need another level of legal officers underneath the present functions of NSW + Federal legislation. The power in one person employed by Robson Shire invested in one person who will exercise at their own discretion interpretation of a law and their setting of fines for Council revenue is dangerous as recent history has shown

Yours faithfully

Kevin Mitchell



# COBAR SHIRE COUNCIL



## SWIMMING POOL BARRIER INSPECTION PROGRAM

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## BACKGROUND

A comprehensive review of swimming pool Legislation has been undertaken by the NSW Department of Local Government. The change in Legislation has been brought about because of the rate of preventable drownings and near drownings in privately owned swimming pools and the high rate of non-compliance of swimming pool barriers in NSW.

The resulting amendments to the Swimming Pools Act require, in part, that NSW councils develop and implement a locally appropriate swimming pool barrier inspection program in consultation with the community, for privately owned swimming pools.

## PURPOSE

The program has been developed to ensure Cobar Shire Council meets its obligations under the Swimming Pools Act and Regulation, increases pool awareness and reduces infant drowning and near drowning events.

## DEFINITIONS

*Certificate of Compliance*- in respect of swimming pools means a certificate issued under Section 22D of the *Swimming Pools Act 1992*.

*Multi-Occupancy Development*- a building, or buildings that is, or are, situated on premises that consist of two or more dwellings.

*Occupation Certificate*- in respect of a swimming pool, which means an occupation certificate issued under the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 that is less than 3 years old and that authorises the use of the swimming pool.

*Swimming Pool*- means an excavation, structure or vessel:

- (a) That is capable of being filled with water to a depth greater than 300mm, and
- (b) That is solely or principally used, or that is designed, manufactured or adapted to be solely or principally used, for the purpose of swimming, wading paddling or any other human aquatic activity, and includes a spa pool, but does not include a spa bath, anything that is situated within a bathroom or anything declared by the Regulations not to be a swimming pool for the purposes of this Act.

*Tourist and Visitor Accommodation*- means a building or place that provides temporary or short term accommodation on a commercial basis and includes back packers accommodation, bed and breakfast accommodation, farm stay accommodation, hotel or motel accommodation and services apartments.

## POOL INSPECTION PROGRAM

- (a) As of **29 April 2014**, Council shall inspect all swimming pools associated with **tourist and visitor accommodation and multi-occupancy developments** at a maximum of **3 yearly intervals**.

- (b) As of **29 April 2014**, where requested by the property owner or on behalf of the property owner, Council shall inspect within a reasonable period of time, **all properties** which have a swimming pool **prior to their sale or lease**.
- (c) Council shall inspect **any swimming pool** within a reasonable period of time that is **subject of a customer, staff, or owner request**, to ensure that the pool barrier is installed in accordance with the Swimming Pools Act requirements.
- (d) Council shall **inspect and take appropriate regulatory action** in respect of swimming **pools** that have been **constructed without development consent**, or that are installed or are being used **otherwise in compliance with their respective development consent** conditions or other Legislative requirements.
- (e) Council shall inspect **other non-mandatory residential properties** that contain swimming pools as part of a proactive program to **improve the level of compliance of pool safety barriers** and reduce the incidence of infant drownings or near drownings.
- The proactive inspection program will incorporate a **risk based approach** whereby unauthorised pools and authorised pools with outstanding final inspections will have high priority.
- (f) The program is not to require the inspection of a swimming pool in respect of which there is in force a valid certificate of compliance or a relevant occupation certificate which are generally considered valid for a period of 3 years.

## **INSPECTION FEES**

The Swimming Pools Act provides that Council may charge a fee for inspection conducted by an authorised officer, being a fee that is not greater than the maximum fee prescribed by the Swimming Pools Regulation. In such cases Council may not charge a separate fee for issuing a certificate of compliance.

In addition, the Swimming Pools Act provides that Council may charge a fee for one reinspection.

Council will charge inspection fees as prescribed in the *Swimming Regulation 2008* which are currently \$150 for an initial inspection (which includes the issue of a certificate of compliance for complying pool fences) and \$100 for one follow up inspection.

## **RESOURCING**

Council will engage appropriate staff to implement the inspection program and associated responsibilities including, but not necessarily limited to:

- Community education and awareness;
- Inspection of swimming pools in accordance with the adopted inspection program and its requirements
- The identification of unregistered and unauthorised swimming pools;
- The enforcement of the requirements of the Swimming Pools Act where appropriate;

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- The issue of certificates of compliance; and
  - Program reporting.

## **ENFORCEMENT**

Council aims to achieve compliance through effective education and engagement of pool owners and the community. Council acknowledges the ultimate effectiveness of any pool safety barrier relies upon the awareness of the property owner and their willingness to ensure compliance and ongoing maintenance.

The Swimming Pool Act does provide mechanisms, such as Notices, Directions and penalty provisions which are to actively encourage compliance where deemed necessary and appropriate.

## **EDUCATION AND AWARENESS**

Pool owner education and awareness is essential in contributing to the success of the inspection program.

An ongoing and complementary community education and awareness program will be delivered through community publications, media releases, website information, owner self-assessment pool fence checklists and pool safety officer interaction with the public.

The importance of pool barrier maintenance and adult supervision are key messages to be delivered with the program.

The rates of pool barrier compliance are expected to progressively increase as a result of the inspection program and the gradual improvement of the level of community education and awareness.

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1		Manager of Planning & Environmental Services, Stephen Poulter	

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## COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARD

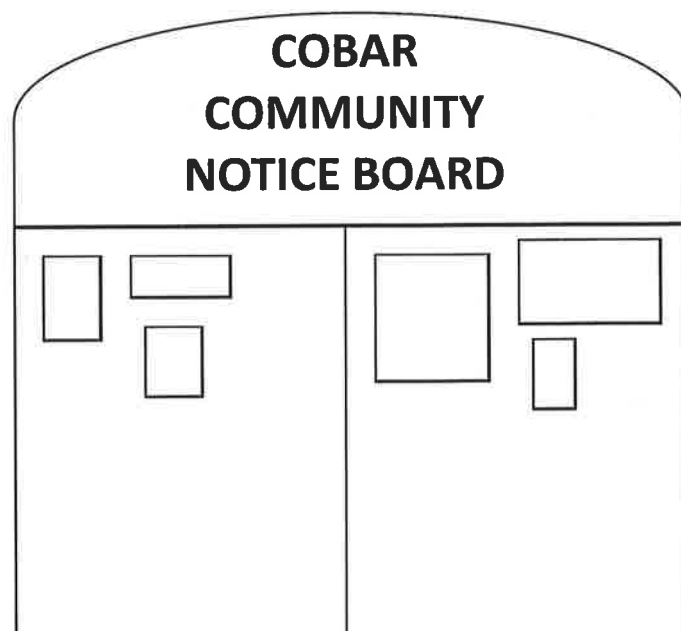
### OPTION 1:

- Foyer (near Max Astri)
- Perspex front on metal frame with pinboard behind the Perspex doors
- Remove pool type fencing
- Move gates back to allow access to the foyer
- Perspex skylight in roof

<http://www.slimlinewarehouse.com.au/notice-boards-Lockable.html>

### OPTION 2:

- Library window (2 centre panes)



**Minutes of the OROC Meeting**  
held at  
Gilgandra Shire Council Chambers  
on  
Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2013  
at 8.45 am

**1. Meeting Open and apologies**

The meeting was opened at 9.35 am by OROC Chair Clr Bill McAnally.

Mayor of Gilgandra Shire Council, Clr Doug Batten warmly welcomed the OROC Board to the Gilgandra Shire.

**Apologies:** Derek Francis, General Manager Bogan Shire Council; Clr Lilliane Brady, Mayor Cobar Shire; Gary Woodman, General Manager Cobar Shire; Clr Mathew Dickerson, Mayor Dubbo City; Clr Rod Buhr, Mayor Wellington Shire.

**Present:** The Hon Kevin Humphries MP, Minister for Western NSW and Member for Barwon; Clr Doug Batten, Mayor Gilgandra Shire; Paul Mann, Gilgandra Shire; Ross Earl, General Manager Bourke Shire; Clr Andrew Lewis, Mayor Bourke Shire; Clr Graham Cross, Councillor, Wellington Shire Council; Michael Tolhurst, Wellington Shire; Clr Ray Donald, Mayor Bogan Shire; Clr Allan Karanouh, Mayor Coonamble Shire; Rick Warren, Coonamble Shire; Clr Bill Murray, Mayor Walgett Shire; Don Ramsland, Walgett Shire; Shire; Peter Shinton, Mayor Warrumbungle Shire; Mark Riley, Dubbo City; Steve Loane, Warrumbungle Shire; Ashley Wielinga, Warren Shire; Jason Collins, NSW Dept Premier and Cabinet; and Belinda Barlow OROC Executive Officer.

**Motion:** *That the apologies be accepted by the OROC Board.*

**Moved:** Steve Loane

**Seconded:** Clr Ray Donald

**CARRIED**

**2. The Hon Kevin Humphries, Member for Barwon and Minister for Western NSW**

The Member for Barwon and Minister for Western NSW The Hon Kevin Humphries addressed the OROC Board Meeting and discussed a number of matters with the Board.

**Drought** – The Minister for Primary Industries and the NSW Regional Assistance Advisory Committee (RAAC) are examining other areas that are impacted by prolonged dry period, there is a process that must be followed and at this stage only the Local Government Areas of Brewarrina, Bourke and Walgett have been drought declared.

Measures available include: Farm Innovation fund, Freight Subsidy and Emergency water infrastructure rebate, as well as waiving of Western Lands Lease payments and Wild Dog Destruction Board rates for landholders in the Western Division.

Rural support workers and a drought incident co-ordinator will also continue to be funded by NSW Government.

David Palmer from Rural Assistance Authority is closely monitoring the ongoing conditions across north western NSW and State and Federal Governments have no allocated budget for drought assistance.



LLS offices will merge in January 2014 and some existing offices of DPI, CMA and LHPA may remain open until such time when all staff will be merged and work from one office.

**Murray Darling Basin Plan** – Currently the NSW Government does not support the Basin Plan and the State government does recognise the oversubscribed buy back that has occurred in Macquarie Valley. The State government is not committed to any more buy backs and supports trading for productive purposes rather than environmental use.

**Service Delivery to Western NSW** - A review of NGO services will be undertaken by Federal Government in 2015 and most services will be contestable; it is recognised that the current suite of services that are delivered by NGOs is very fractured in many communities.

A white paper on Crown Land Management and Western Lands Management will be announced in early 2014.

**Regional Airlines** – the recent issues associated with Brindabella Airlines servicing the inland routes of Cobar, Moree, Narrabri, Mudgee and Orange is being investigated by NSW Transport. An inquiry into regional air services will be announced imminently and it is hoped regional and rural airline services can be improved and restored.

**Independent Local Government Review** – the ILGR Panel's final report is currently with NSW Cabinet and Minister for Local Government. NSW Government has no formal position on the recommendations contained in the report and continues with the mantra of 'no forced amalgamations'.

**NSW Inland Roads Project** – has been completed by Jill Kilby and equates to \$2.2 billion. The information has been lodged to Infrastructure NSW and the NSW Treasurer has been briefed on the project and Minister for Roads acknowledges the project.

Any future sales of NSW Government assets will assist to fund local and regional roads that are shovel ready.

There have been no identified short term large amounts of funding from the Federal Government to assist with this roads project.

**Mining** - Resources for Regions projects equating to \$80 million will be announced prior to Christmas 2013.

There are very large mining developments being undertaken around Narrabri. The Santos (Coal Seam Gas) Project being developed in the Pilliga will go ahead – it is considered a large scale development in a non-contentious area.

**Natural Resources** – Water Sharing Plans are currently under review and are being signed off by the Minister.

Codes for Native Vegetation Act have been reviewed with some significant changes to the current Act, which will allow landholders to self assess without having to go through an approval process and Property Vegetation Plan. The aim of the State Government to do away with the Native Vegetation Act and adopt customised regional planning between LLS and Councils.

**State Government Agency Employment Numbers** – Rural and Regional Cabinet have received a report that indicates how many FTEs' state government positions are in each local government area. Although this report is not readily available to the general public at present, Minister Humphries

suggested that NSW Premier and Cabinet could be helpful in assisting OROC access a summary of this publication.

Western Local Health District (WLHD) is reducing its workforce and there will be some loss to nursing hours in many communities, especially those communities that employ agency staff. A new staff formula has been adopted by WLHD and nursing hours to patient ratios have been changed/reduced.

### **3. Confirmation of previous OROC Minutes - meeting held 18<sup>th</sup> October 2013 Wellington**

**Motion:** *That the Minutes of the OROC meeting held in Coonamble on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October 2013 be accepted as a true and accurate record of that meeting.*

**Moved:** *Clr Allan Karanouh*

**Seconded:** *Steve Loane*

**CARRIED**

### **3.1 Business arising from previous Minutes**

**2.1.1 Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Environment Senator Simon Birmingham**  
Senator Birmingham visited Narromine on 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2013 where he met with OROC representatives along with irrigators, pastoralists and community members to consult regarding the MDB Plan and PIOP funding projects underway in the Lower Macquarie.

**Action: 1** That OROC send correspondence to Senator Birmingham thanking him for his interest in the Lower Macquarie and for making time to visit the region and hear first-hand about the Valley's concerns.

### **Confirmation of Minutes – GMAC Meeting held 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2013 in Dubbo**

**Motion:** *That the Minutes of the GMAC meeting on 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2013 in Dubbo, be accepted as a true and accurate record of that meeting.*

**Motion:** *That the 8 recommendations contained therein be adopted by the OROC Board.*

**Moved:** *Mark Riley*

**Seconded:** *Michael Tolhurst*

**CARRIED**

- 1: That OROC write to Essential Energy encouraging the development and promotion of a relevant app/software program for the community to report non-functioning street lights throughout the Essential Energy region.
- 2: That OROC notes the information provided in the cost shift survey of member councils and uses the results of the 2011/2012 survey for advocacy and lobbying purposes.
- 3: (1) That the Expression of Interest/Consultant's Brief in respect of the OROC Shared Service review be adopted.  
(2) That OROC proceed in early 2014 to invite Expressions of Interest from suitably qualified consultants as per the adopted brief in respect of the Shared Service Review to then be followed by a selective tender process in order to engage a consultant to undertake this work, with such tender process to occur following the receipt of, and discussions by OROC following the release of the report of the Local Government Independent Review Panel.

- 4: That GMAC encourages Ms Ryan to pursue the research project as proposed and in doing so, the member General Managers provide their full support and assistance to her during this process.
- 5: That GMAC raises considerable concern with LGNSW in relation to the recent alteration to the selection and appointment of Code of Conduct reviewers after Panel Members have been selected and prepare correspondence accordingly having regard to the advice of Coonamble Shire Council's General Manager, Mr R Warren.
- 6: That the General Manager, Narromine Shire Council, Mr Greg Lamont and the Executive Officer prepare correspondence to LGNSW seeking further guidance in relation to contractor insurance matters and in particular seek clarification for insurances that are required for Code of Conduct Review Panel Members.
- 7: (1) That the OROC Executive Officer be requested to supply Telstra Business Western NSW with a database of General Managers' contact details.
- (2) That member General Managers be requested to both facilitate and participate in discussions with Telstra along with their relevant staff.
- (3) That Telstra be invited to a meeting of GMAC November 2014 to detail outcomes as a result of such meetings.
- 8: (1) That information be noted.
- (2) That the Executive Officer be requested to seek feedback from Mayors and General Managers on the 2012 ordinary election and compile ideas for how the NSW Electoral Commission could improve its service, in order to determine the need for the Electoral Commission to address a future OROC Board Meeting.

Mark Riley, Chair GMAC highlighted Recommendation 1 as a direct consequence of the number of complaints to councils regarding street lights that are not functioning.

Mr Riley stressed that Recommendations 3.1 and 3.2 will be dealt with pending the receipt of and further discussions by OROC following the release of the report of the Local Government Independent Local Government Review Panel from Cabinet.

Clr Ray Donald also highlighted that the OROC cost shift survey and recent LGNSW survey has not seen an inherent cost shift by NSW Government in its current term.

#### 4. OROC Correspondence

**Motion:** *That the OROC correspondence be accepted by the OROC Board.*

**Moved:** *Clr Ray Donald*

**Seconded:** *Clr Bill Murray*

**CARRIED**

#### 5. Financial Report

The financial report was tabled by the Executive Officer.

**Motion:** *That the OROC financial report for the period ending 11<sup>th</sup> November 2013 be accepted by the OROC Board*

**Moved:** *Clr Rex Wilson*

**Seconded:** *Greg Lamont*

**CARRIED**

## 6. Executive Officer's Report

The financial report was tabled by the Executive Officer.

**Motion:** *That the OROC financial report for the period ending 11<sup>th</sup> November 2013 be accepted by the OROC Board*

*Moved: Clr Rex Wilson*

*Seconded: Greg Lamont*

**CARRIED**

## 7. General Business

### 7.1 Western NSW Mining and Resource Development Taskforce

Melissa Watkins, Director Environmental Services Dubbo City Council is OROC's nominated representative to this committee. Melissa offered OROC an update of Taskforce's development over the past 12 months to OROC Board Members.

### 7.2 Crown Lands

Councils have reported that they have been in receipt of backdated invoices from NSW Crown Lands Office for the rental of communication towers on crown reserves/lands for up to 5 years.

### 7.3 Naming suggestion Dubbo 'the capital of Western NSW'.

On behalf of Mayor of Dubbo, Clr Mathew Dickerson, Mark Riley asked the OROC Board to consider a suggestion proposed by a Dubbo City Councillor to name Dubbo as the 'capital of Western NSW' for the purposes of marketing the City and region.

Dubbo City Council will write to member Councils seeking feedback on the proposal.

### 7.3 Drought Declaration

The local government areas of Walgett, Brewarrina and Bourke have received visits from Minister for Primary Industries The Hon Katrina Hodgkison MP and NSW Regional Assistance Advisory Committee (RAAC) to assess on-ground conditions and see first-hand how the drought is impacting the region. These local government areas were all recently drought declared with many neighbouring local government areas requesting for inclusion as drought declared in the near future.

**Motion:** *That OROC writes to Minister for Agriculture The Hon Barnaby Joyce encouraging the Federal Government to i) consider drought declared areas to receive accelerated depreciation provisions for fodder and grain storage; ii) Exceptional Circumstances to be reinstated, and for drought declaration to be treated similar to Natural Disaster arrangements.*

*Moved: Clr Bill Murray*

*Seconded: Clr Mathew Slack-Smith*

**CARRIED**

## 8. Close/ Next Meeting

The Meeting was closed at 10.35am.

The next meeting will be held on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> February in Nyngan.

## Summary of Motions and Actions

1. **Motion:** *That the apologies be accepted by the OROC Board.*

*Moved:* Steve Loane

*Seconded:* Clr Ray Donald

**CARRIED**

2. **Motion:** *That the Minutes of the OROC meeting held in Coonamble on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October 2013 be accepted as a true and accurate record of that meeting.*

*Moved:* Clr Allan Karanouh

*Seconded:* Steve Loane

**CARRIED**

3. **Motion:** *That the Minutes of the GMAC meeting on 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2013 in Dubbo, be accepted as a true and accurate record of that meeting.*

4. **Motion:** *That the 8 recommendations (below) contained therein be adopted by the OROC Board.*

*Moved:* Mark Riley

*Seconded:* Michael Tolhurst

**CARRIED**

- 1: That OROC write to Essential Energy encouraging the development and promotion of a relevant app/software program for the community to report non-functioning street lights throughout the Essential Energy region.
- 2: That OROC notes the information provided in the cost shift survey of member councils and uses the results of the 2011/2012 survey for advocacy and lobbying purposes.
- 3: (1) That the Expression of Interest/Consultant's Brief in respect of the OROC Shared Service review be adopted.  
(2) That OROC proceed in early 2014 to invite Expressions of Interest from suitably qualified consultants as per the adopted brief in respect of the Shared Service Review to then be followed by a selective tender process in order to engage a consultant to undertake this work, with such tender process to occur following the receipt of, and discussions by OROC following the release of the report of the Local Government Independent Review Panel.
- 4: That GMAC encourages Ms Ryan to pursue the research project as proposed and in doing so, the member General Managers provide their full support and assistance to her during this process.
- 5: That GMAC raises considerable concern with LGNSW in relation to the recent alteration to the selection and appointment of Code of Conduct reviewers after Panel Members have been selected and prepare correspondence accordingly having regard to the advice of Coonamble Shire Council's General Manager, Mr R Warren.
- 6: That the General Manager, Narromine Shire Council, Mr Greg Lamont and the Executive Officer prepare correspondence to LGNSW seeking further guidance in relation to contractor insurance matters and in particular seek clarification for insurances that are required for Code of Conduct Review Panel Members.
- 7: (1) That the OROC Executive Officer be requested to supply Telstra Business Western NSW with database of General Managers' contact details.  
(2) That member General Managers be requested to both facilitate and participate in discussions with Telstra along with their relevant staff.

(3) That Telstra be invited to a meeting of GMAC November 2014 to detail outcomes as a result of such meetings.

8: (1) That information be noted.

(2) That the Executive Officer be requested to seek feedback from Mayors and General Managers on the 2012 ordinary election and compile ideas for how the NSW Electoral Commission could improve its service, in order to determine the need for the Electoral Commission to address a future OROC Board Meeting.

5. **Motion:** *That the OROC correspondence be accepted by the OROC Board.*

*Moved: Clr Ray Donald*

*Seconded: Clr Bill Murray*

**CARRIED**

6. **Motion:** *That the OROC financial report for the period ending 11<sup>th</sup> November 2013 be accepted by the OROC Board*

*Moved: Clr Rex Wilson*

*Seconded: Greg Lamont*

**CARRIED**

7. **Motion:** *That the OROC financial report for the period ending 11<sup>th</sup> November 2013 be accepted by the OROC Board*

*Moved: Clr Rex Wilson*

*Seconded: Greg Lamont*

**CARRIED**

8. **Motion:** *That OROC writes to Minister for Agriculture The Hon Barnaby Joyce encouraging the Federal Government to i) consider drought declared areas to receive accelerated depreciation provisions for fodder and grain storage; ii) Exceptional Circumstances to be reinstated, and for drought declaration to be treated similar to Natural Disaster arrangements.*

*Moved: Clr Bill Murray*

*Seconded: Clr Mathew Slack-Smith*

**CARRIED**

#### **ACTIONS:**

**Action: 1** That OROC send correspondence to Senator Birmingham thanking him for his interest in the Lower Macquarie and for making time to visit the region and hear first-hand about the Valley's concerns.

## Minutes of the Cobar Youth Council Committee held at the Cobar Shire Council Chambers on 11 December 2013

**Meeting opened:** 4:09pm

**Present:** Thomas Jones, Nayab, Dure, Debbie Parisi,, Sarah Barrett.

**Apologies:** Brianna Watson, Gary Woodman, Cori-Lane Clark and Kayla Cohen.

**Absent:** Pam Smith, Mykayla Flemming, Jarrod Marsden, Harley Toomey and Codi Elison.

### **Business Arising:**

- Nil.

### **Cobar Little Big Day Out – Saturday 1 February 2014**

- Jumping Castle – Ivan Lutle-Hales 68897140 or 0422061681

### **Business Association Late Night Shopping – Thursday 28 November 2013**

- Music and drink stall had lots of helpers. Banked \$95 from the night.

### **Dubbo City Youth Council Conference**

- Mykaila Fleming to present a report on the Conference.

### **General Business:**

- Received a cheque for \$6015.05 from the Rugby League Fundraiser.
- Skate park funding is to be funded under the Coalition's new Community Development Grants Program.

### **Klub 812 Venue**

- Visited the Children's Hostel Hall with a staff member from Landmark Russell for a possible venue for Klub 812. Need to meet with the Hostel Committee for arrangements to be made to use the space.

The next meeting of the Cobar Youth Council will be held at Cobar Shire Council Chambers at 4pm on 8 January 2014.

**Meeting closed:** 5.05pm



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**MINUTES OF THE COBAR WATER BOARD MEETING  
HELD IN THE COBAR SHIRE COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON  
THURSDAY 12 DECEMBER 2013 COMMENCING AT 10:00AM**

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**ATTENDANCE – BOARD MEMBERS**

***Present:***

- Mr Steve Viant (Cobar Water Board President)
  - Mr Tony Lord (Peak Gold Mine)
  - Mr Phillip Gilligan (Endeavor Mine)
  - Mrs Tracey Kings (Cobar Shire Council)
  - Mr Peter Yench (Cobar Shire Council)
  - Mrs Lilliane Brady OAM (Cobar Shire Council)
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**ATTENDANCE – OBSERVERS**

***Present:***

- Mr Gary Woodman (Cobar Shire Council General Manager/Board Secretary)
  - Mr Kym Miller (Cobar Shire Council Director of Corporate and Community Services/Board Contract Administration/Financial Services Officer)
  - Mr Brien O’Bray (CSA Mine Representative) from 10:09am
  - Mr Peter Graf (Cobar Shire Council Director of Engineering Services)
  - Mr Tim Arnold (Cobar Shire Council Acting Services Supervisor)
  - Mr Alf Griggs (Consultant, CPE Associates)
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**APOLOGIES**

- Mr Geoff Hender (CSA Mine), has tendered his resignation from CSA Mine.
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**CLAUSE 1 – CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

**FILE: WB1-22**

**AUTHOR: *Secretary, Gary Woodman***

**RESOLVED:** That the minutes of the Cobar Water Board Meeting held on Thursday 12 September 2013 and the minutes of Cobar Water Board Special Meeting held electronically on Wednesday 16 October 2013 be confirmed as a true and correct record of the proceedings of those meetings.

***Tony Lord/Peter Yench***

**CARRIED**

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**CLAUSE 2 – BOARD MATTERS STATUS REPORT**

**FILE: WB1-22**

**AUTHOR: *Secretary, Gary Woodman***

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**RESOLVED:** That the information contained in the Cobar Water Board Status Report be received and noted, and that the item numbers 64, 72, 73, 75, 77 and 78 be removed from the report.

*Peter Yench/Lilliane Brady OAM*

**CARRIED**

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**CLAUSE 3 – CONDITION EVALUATION OF TWIN WATER PIPELINES –  
NYNGAN TO COBAR**

**FILE:WB1 - 4**

**AUTHOR: Secretary, Gary Woodman**

Mr Alf Griggs from CPE Associates provided a presentation to the Board.

To reduce the risk of 300mm pipeline failure and total loss of water/service both pipelines in the future need to be run independently by turning off the cross over lines and the replacing of all air valves with new technology air valves with protection shields to ensure that there is no water hammer;

The 375mm DICL pipeline is in good condition, CG3 condition level, capable of up to 30 years residual life;

The 300mm MSCL pipeline has also got severe corrosion on the barrel as the wrapper has failed as well as joint failure (CG4 or CG5 condition level), limited to 10 years, subject to service life with reduced head;

More exposure work from mid January 2014;

EM Survey may find zones of high corrosion of the 375mm DICL pipeline (report could be available by the end of January 2014.

If nothing different found, probably replace the 300mm MSCL in high pressure areas.

**RESOLVED:** That arrangements be made for the engagement of Douglas Partners for the immediate implementation of an Electronic Profiling Survey of the pipeline route to evaluate whether there are any soil or groundwater zones along the pipeline route in which the 375mm DICL pipeline may be at greater risk, and where exposures should be focussed.

*Tony Lord/Peter Yench*

**CARRIED**

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**CLAUSE 4 – COBAR WATER BOARD 2012/2013 ANNUAL REPORT**

**FILE: WB1-27**

**AUTHOR: Secretary, Gary Woodman**

**RESOLVED:** That the Board note the Cobar Water Board 2012/2013 Annual Report.

*Tracey Kings/Lilliane Brady OAM*

**CARRIED**

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**CLAUSE 5 - INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT- COBAR WATER BOARD**

**FILE: WB1-5**

**AUTHOR: *Secretary, Gary Woodman***

**RESOLVED:** That the Independent Auditor's Report on the Cobar Water Board Financial Statements as a 30 June 2013 be received and noted.

***Peter Yench/Tony Lord***

**CARRIED**

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**CLAUSE 6 - AUDIT OFFICE OF NEW SOUTH WALES - COBAR WATER BOARD - CLIENT SERVICE REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 30 JUNE 2013 AND MANAGEMENT LETTER ON THE FINAL PHASE OF THE AUDIT**

**FILE: WB1-5**

**AUTHOR: *Secretary, Gary Woodman***

**RESOLVED:** That the Board note the Audit Office of New South Wales - Cobar Water Board - Client Service Report for the Year Ended 30 June 2013 and Management Letter on the Final Phase of the Audit.

***Peter Yench/Tony Lord***

**CARRIED**

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**CLAUSE 7 – COBAR WATER BOARD 2014 MEETING SCHEDULE AND TIMING**

**FILE: WB1-22**

**AUTHOR: *Secretary, Gary Woodman***

**RESOLVED:**

1. That Cobar Water Board Meetings be scheduled commencing at 10.00am with arrangements as detailed within the report;
2. That the schedule of 2014 Cobar Water Board Meetings to be as follows:
  - Thursday 13 March 2014 (Budget Estimates);
  - Thursday 12 June 2014;
  - Thursday 11 September 2014;
  - Thursday 11 December 2014;
  - A further meeting if required by circulating electronic resolutions for the Annual Report, Financial Statements and Auditor matters.

***Peter Yench/Lilliane Brady OAM***

**CARRIED**

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**CLAUSE 8 – COBAR WATER BOARD RESOURCES FOR REGIONS ROUND 2 EXPRESSION OF INTEREST APPLICATION FOR PIPELINE REPLACEMENT PROJECT**

**FILE: WB1-4**

**AUTHOR: *Secretary, Gary Woodman***

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**THIS IS PAGE 3 OF THE OF THE MINUTES OF THE COBAR WATER BOARD MEETING HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON THURSDAY 12 DECEMBER 2013**

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**RESOLVED:** That the report concerning the Cobar Water Board Resources for Regions Round 2 Expression of Interest Application for Pipeline Replacement Project be noted.

*Peter Yench/Tony Loard*

**CARRIED**

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**CLAUSE 9 – E21 ENERGY PLUS LICENCE RENEWAL WITH ENERGY & MANAGEMENT SERVICES**

**FILE:** WB1-33-1

**AUTHOR:** *Secretary, Gary Woodman*

**RESOLVED:** That the Cobar Water Board note the E21 EnergyPlus Licence Renewal with Energy & Management Services.

*Tracey Kings/Phil Gilligan*

**CARRIED**

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**CLAUSE 10 – ALBERT PRIEST CHANNEL PROJECT – NYNGAN – COBAR WATER SECURITY – OUTCOMES FROM WORKSHOP 19 AUGUST 2013**

**FILE:** WB1-2

**AUTHOR:** *Secretary, Gary Woodman*

**RESOLVED:** That the Board note the report on the Albert Priest Channel Project – Nyngan Cobar Water Security – Outcomes from Workshop 19 August 2013.

*Peter Yench/Phil Gilligan*

**CARRIED**

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**CLAUSE 11 – MEETING WITH THE MINISTER FOR PRIMARY INDUSTRIES HON. KATRINA HODGKINSON MP AND MINISTER FOR WESTERN NSW HON. KEVIN HUMPHRIES MP**

**FILE:** WB1-4, WB1-35, WB1-2

**AUTHOR:** *Secretary, Gary Woodman*

**RESOLVED:**

1. That the Board note the report on the Meeting with the Minister for Primary Industries Hon. Katrina Hodgkinson MP and Minister for Western NSW Hon. Kevin Humphries MP on 1 October 2013.
2. That a further letter be written to Minister for Primary Industries on the idea of changing the location of the take off point for usage measurement supporting Minister Humphries idea and that Cobar Shire Council be asked to support the proposal.

*Peter Yench/Lilliane Brady OAM*

**CARRIED**

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**CLAUSE 12 – PAFA COMPLIANCE FOR BOARD'S BORROWINGS**

**FILE:** WB1-11

**AUTHOR:** *Contract Administration/Financial Services Officer, Kym Miller*

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**RESOLVED:** That the overdraft limit of \$20,000 currently in place with the Commonwealth Bank of Australia be closed.

*Phil Gilligan/Tracey Kings*

**CARRIED**

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**CLAUSE 13 – ALBERT PRIEST CHANNEL COST/ CHARGING  
AGREEMENT WITH BOGAN SHIRE COUNCIL**

**FILE:WB1-2**

**AUTHOR: *Secretary, Gary Woodman***

**RESOLVED:** That Bogan Shire Council be asked to provide further documentation/analysis and asset management planning detailing the 10 year financial plan annual costs, details of scenarios where the Board usage is less from the Channel and any other information to help the Board determine its appropriate future costs.

*Peter Yench/Phil Gilligan*

**CARRIED**

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**CLAUSE 14 – FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AS AT 30 NOVEMBER 2013**

**FILE: WB1-6, WB1-1, WB1-24, WB1-3, WB1-6-1**

**AUTHOR: *Contract Administration/ Financial Services Officer, Kym Miller***

**RESOLVED:** That the financial statements as at 30 November 2013 be received and noted.

*Lilliane Brady OAM/Tony Lord*

**CARRIED**

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**CLAUSE 15 – PIPELINE RESERVE BANKING ARRANGEMENTS**

**FILE: WB1-6, WB1-4**

**AUTHOR: *Contract Administration/ Financial Services Officer, Kym Miller***

**RESOLVED:**

1. That a reserve entitled Pipeline Replacement Reserve be created with the allocation of \$1.8m as at 1 July 2013.
2. That the reserve be kept in a separate especially established investment (which is to be opened at the maturity of the existing investments) account and that withdrawals be only made by resolution and for pipeline repair or maintenance beyond normal day to day maintenance.
3. Additions to the reserve be considered at each year end when the audited accounts are available.
4. That any further requirements to establish this reserve to satisfy the Board's auditor and the PAFA Act be brought to the Board's attention.

*Peter Yench/Tony Lord*

**CARRIED**

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**CLAUSE 16 – WATER CONSUMPTION, RAW WATER PUMPED AND WATER ORDERED REPORT**

**FILE: WB1-3, WB1-31, WB1-2**

**AUTHOR: *Secretary, Gary Woodman***

**RESOLVED:** That the Water Consumption, Raw Water Pumped and Water Ordered Report be noted.

***Peter Yench/Tracey Kings***

**CARRIED**

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**GENERAL BUSINESS**

**RESIGNATION – GEOFF HENDER, CSA MINE**

**FILE: WB1-12**

Mr Geoff Hender has tendered his resignation as General Manager, CSA Mine effective Monday 9 December 2013.

Accordingly arrangements will need to be put in train for a new nomination to the Minister and approval of the Governor for a representative of CSA Mine.

**Resolved:** That Mr Geoff Hender be thanked for his contribution to the Cobar Water Board.

***(Lilliane Brady OAM/Tony Lord)***

**CARRIED**

**ASSET INSPECTION**

Where possible the Board asset inspection be undertaken at the March 2014 Meeting.

**THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE MEETING CLOSED AT 11:55AM**

## Minutes of the Cobar Youth Council Committee held at the Cobar Shire Council Chambers on 8 January 2014

**Meeting opened:** 4:09pm

**Present:** K Cohen, D Parisi, R Manns, B Keith and C Clark.

**Apologies:** B Watson, G Woodman, C Walker, P Smith, M Fleming.

**Absent:** Jarrod Marsden, Harley Toomey.

### **Business Arising:**

- Indent funding granted for LBDO \$2500.

### **Cobar Little Big Day Out – Saturday 1 February 2014**

- Kayla rang Ivan about the Jumping Castle – Ivan Lutle-Hales 68897140 or 0422061681 and he is all good same price as last year;
- Kayla to see Janette about letters and posters;
- Cori-Laine to see Scouts, Cadet, RSPCA and Junior League about Info stalls at LBDO;
- Kayla to see Pam Smith about shirts/vests;
- Debbie to organise Cobar Quids for the Noddle and Slides Races. Cori-Laine Clark to collect from front desk at the Council office;
- Folder and waivers for Noodle and Slide races to be collected by Cori-Laine Clark

### **Klub 812 Venue**

- Visited the Children's Hostel Hall with a staff member from Landmark Russell for a possible venue for Klub 812. Need to meet with the Hostel Committee for arrangements to be made to use the space. Debbie to ring Dianne Walker

The next meeting of the Cobar Youth Council will be held at Cobar Shire Council Chambers at 4pm on 22 January 2014.

**Meeting closed:** 4:40pm.

## Minutes of the Cobar Youth Council Committee held at the Cobar Shire Council Chambers on 22 January 2014

**Meeting opened:** 4:06pm

**Present:** Gary Woodman, Cori-Laine Clark, Rebekka Manns, Cody Ellison, Mykaila Fleming, Thomas Jones, Nayab Dure, Kayla Cohen and Bree Keith.

**Apologies:** Brianna Watson, Debbie Parisi, Sarah Barrett, Jalam Glossop, Natalie Watt, Pam Smith, Jarrod Marsden, Amanda Jeffrey and Harley Toomey.

### **MINUTES FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING 8 JANUARY, 2014**

That the Minutes of the Meeting held on 8 January 2014 be accepted as a true and correct record of that Meeting.

(Kayla Cohen/ Cori Clark)

**CARRIED**

### **BUSINESS ARISING:**

#### **Cobar Little Big Day Out – Saturday 1 February 2014**

- Ivan the Clown has been finalised:
  - Arriving at 3:30pm;
  - Cost \$450.00.
  
- Letters and posters have been distributed;
- Cadets are arriving between 3:00pm – 4:00pm;
- Same with the Girl Guides;
- Junior League and Scouts to be contacted (**Action – Kayla**);
- RSPCA are not coming;
- Rotary are doing the sausage sizzle, starting at 5:00pm (**Action – Gary**);
- Shane Josephson for PA system, pricing the same as last year \$1,200.00 (**Action – Gary**);
- Doing DJ Work will be Khan Fugar, Bri Watson, Steph Cartner, Hanna Young, Scotty Brydon and Shane (**Action – Mykaila**);
- Blue Light Disco trailer is organised and the Cohen's are collecting and setting it up (**Action – Kayla**);
- Gary will confirm the stage usage with the Cobar Bowling and Golf Club (**Action – Gary**), and Kayla will organise to have it delivered to the Pool (**Action – Kayla**);
- Mykaila will organise the vests x 15 (**Action – Mykaila**);



- Sponsors are:
  - Rotary Club of Cobar;
  - Cobar Shire Council;
  - L&R Group;
  - Cobar Bowling and Golf Club;
  - Peak Gold Mine;
  - Applejacks.
  
- Gary to check if the quids have been organised (**Action – Gary**);
- Mykaila to organise the plan for the night, including event timings and responsibilities (**Action – Mykaila**);
- Gary Woodman to do the final risk assessment form and distribute (**Action – Gary**);
- Cori and Bek are running the slide and the noodle races (**Action – Cori and Bek**);
- Kayla is responsible for finalising the web page advertisement (**Action – Kayla**);
- Gary will organise the banner from Peak Gold Mines (if they decide to sponsor the event) (**Action – Gary**);
- Everyone is to meet at the pool at 2:30pm on the day;
- 10 noodles are located at the Youth Centre (**Action – Cori and Bek**);
- \$50.00 quids to each winner of the noodle races – 5 winners (**Action – Cori and Bek**);
- \$50.00 quids to each winner of the slide races – 4 winners (**Action – Cori and Bek**);
- Claire Whiteman will be singing at the Little Big Day Out (**Action – Mykaila**).

The next meeting of the Cobar Youth Council will be held at Cobar Shire Council Chambers at 4pm on Wednesday, 12 February 2014.

**Meeting closed:** 4:38pm.

**MINUTES OF THE RURAL ROADS ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
MEETING HELD AT MT HOPE COMMUNITY HALL ON  
WEDNESDAY 5 FEBRUARY 2014 COMMENCING AT 10.16AM.**

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**PRESENT**

Gary Woodman (General Manager, Cobar Shire Council), Kingsley Page (Works Manager, Cobar Shire Council), Justin McClure (Kallara Station), George Millear (Tiltagoona Station), Keith Norris (Coan Downs), Christine Norris (Coan Downs), Councillor Greg Martin, Chris Turrin (Peel Mining), Mark Ward (Burthong Station), Danni Ward (Burthong Station), Phillip Hague (Pine Ridge Station), Dean Hague (Tara Station), Bob Wynne (Black Range), Karen Baldacchim (Dine Downs), Councillor Peter Maxwell (Dine Downs), Bonnie Vagg (Wynwood Station), Nada Rees (Yarra Station), Councillor Bob Sinclair, Marlene Forsyth, Sue Prendergast (Executive Assistant to Engineering Services, Cobar Shire Council).

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Due to an apology from the Mayor Councillor Lilliane Brady OAM, Councillor Greg Martin was requested and agreed to chair the meeting.

**APOLOGIES**

**RECOMMENDATION:** That the apologies received from Mayor Lilliane Brady OAM, Julie McClure, Councillor Marsha Isbester, Councillor Jarrod Marsden, Andrew Farnsworth, Jacqui Mills (Cobar Rangeland Management Officer), Rod Forsyth and Peter Graf (Director of Engineering Services, Cobar Shire Council) be accepted.

*Clr Greg Martin/Keith Norris*

**CARRIED**

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**CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

**RECOMMENDATION:** That the minutes of the Rural Roads Advisory Committee held on Wednesday 6 November 2013 at the Cobar Shire Council Chambers be adopted as a true and correct record of the proceedings of that meeting.

*Gary Woodman/Clr Bob Sinclair*

**CARRIED**

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**MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

The issue of grid permits and permit holders was raised and Gary Woodman explained that the landholder is the permit holder. Councillor Bob Sinclair asked if there is any grant money available to seal either side (20 metres) of the grids. He also spoke of the state of disrepair of the grids on SR32 (Developmental Road) and the need to have these grids repaired to maintain the safety of road users. Bob also spoke about how grids had been built for smaller transport and that over the years we have progressed to bigger and

heavier transport trucks and that these vehicles are damaging roads and grids and he suggested that we may need to put a weight stipulation on each grid. He feels that the system of landholders repairing their grids is not working and that more action needs to be taken. Justin McClure questioned the definition of public gates and grids and feels that Cobar Shire Council's grid Policy "*The Approval, Installation and Maintenance of Stock Control Structures in Public Roads*" is archaic and out of touch and needs to be updated. George Milllear also expressed his frustration at the Grid Policy.

Justin McClure spoke of the legalities involved if someone has a serious accident on or near their grid. Gary Woodman explained that the grid owners public liability insurance should also cover the grid.

**RECOMMENDATION:** That the Rural Roads Advisory Committee and landholders seek support from Cobar Shire Council in contacting the NSW Roads Minister in regard to looking to the future status of grids on public roads and to take their plight to the Western Division Councils of NSW.

*Phillip Hague/Justin McClure*

**CARRIED**

Regional Road funding was again discussed and the issue of the size of Cobar Shires grant compared to other councils was again a topic. Councillor Bob Sinclair inquired into the lack of feedback on any lobbying for money that Council has done. He feels that Council needs to continue to push hard for more funding.

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#### **UPDATE ON THE OFFICIAL NAMING OF THE FIFTY TWO MILE AND THE SEVENTY EIGHT MILE ROADS**

The issue of naming The Fifty Two Mile and The Seventy Eight Mile Road was again raised and Cobar Shire Councils Works Manager explained that the two names had been sent to the Geographical Names Board (GNB) along with the Surveyor General and the Registrar General for review and both names have been rejected. In response Council has asked for a letter from the Tilpa Community Committee outlining given reasons why RR7518 and SR2 should be named The Fifty Two Mile Road and The Seventy Eight Mile Road respectively. This may help in overturning the Board's decision.

Kingsley Page, Cobar Shire Council's Works Manager explained that any potential damage done to RR7518 due to the excess traffic from the Carbon Sequestration Project will be repaired; unfortunately a lack of water is slowing the work down. Kingsley also explained that a lot of money has been spent on RR7518 but that road trains are constantly damaging the road. The Project is being done on George Milllear property "Tiltagoona Station".

## ACRES BILLABONG

Due to budgetary restrictions there is no current time frame for any works to begin on this section of MR7518.

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## SEALING (7KM) ON RR7518

Currently crushing road base and preparing stock pile to be surveyed for quantity. Awaiting water bore license approval and as access to water is causing the hold up to work, Council may have to source water from Cobar at an increased cost of approximately \$70,000.

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## RESIGNATION FROM COMMITTEE

Mr Martin Doyle has tendered his resignation from the Rural Roads Advisory Committee effective immediately. Martin and his family have relocated to Orange NSW.

**RECOMMENDATION:** That the Committee receive and note the resignation of Mr Martin Doyle from the Committee.

*Clr Greg Martin/Clr Bob Sinclair*

**CARRIED**

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## TRAFFIC COUNTS

Traffic counters are currently on The Fifty Two Mile Road (RR7518), 5km from the intersection with the Barrier Highway and another counter on Lachlan Street, Euabalong.

**RECOMMENDATION:** That the information contained in the traffic counter report be received and noted and traffic counters in future be placed on RR7518 to capture the heavy vehicle flow from the Carbon Sequestration Project. Counters should also be placed on SR20 and SR21 in early November 2014 during grain harvest.

*Gary Woodman/Kingsley Page*

**CARRIED**

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## EXPENDITURE REPORTS

**RECOMMENDATION:** That the information contained in the expenditure reports be received and noted.

*Gary Woodman/Kingsley Page*

**CARRIED**

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## STATUS REPORT

**RECOMMENDATION:** The information contained in the Rural Roads Status Report be received and noted and items 1, 12 and 40 be removed.

**GENERAL BUSINESS**

Phillip Hague discussed the possibility of landholders using a contractor to grade Shire Road 20 on a trial basis. They maintain to have their own machinery available to use. He explained that at the end of the trial period a survey could be sent around to all landowners to compare the results.

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

**RECOMMENDATION:** That Cobar Shire Council considers a trial using a contractor to maintain all of Shire Road 20 (Grain Road).

*Phillip Hague/Clr Bob Sinclair*

**CARRIED**

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The next meeting is to be held on Wednesday 7 May 2014 at Berangabah Station via the Wool Track commencing at 10.00am.

**THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE MEETING CLOSED AT 12.55 PM.**

# Minutes of the Cobar Youth Council Committee held at the Cobar Shire Council Chambers on 12 February 2014

**Meeting opened:** 4:10pm

**Present:** Debbie Parisi, Rebekka Manns, Cori-Laine Clarke, Brianna Watson, Hannah Young, Jalam Glossop, Mykaila Fleming, Codi Walker, Kayla Cohen, Nayab Dure, Gary Woodman.

**Apologies:** Sarah Barrett, Cody Ellison, Bree Keith, Thomas Jones, Pam Smith, Jarrod Marsden, Amanda Jeffrey and Harley Toomey.

## **MINUTES FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING 22 JANUARY, 2014**

That the Minutes of the Meeting held on 22 January 2014 be accepted as a true and correct record of that Meeting.

(Kayla Cohen/ Cori Clark)

**CARRIED**

## **BUSINESS ARISING:**

Nil.

## **ELECTION OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

### **Election of President**

Nominations:

- Brianna nominated Mykalia;
- Nayab nominated Rebekka;
- Debbie nominated Hannah.

The nominees were put to a vote and Rebekka was elected as President.

### **Election of Deputy President**

Nominations:

- Brianna nominated Mykalia;
- Cori nominated Hannah.

The nominees were put to a vote and Hannah was elected as Deputy President.

### **Election of Secretary**

Nominations:

- Gary nominated Rebekka.

As there were no other nominees, Rebekka was elected as Secretary.

### **Election of Treasurer**

Nominations:

- Gary nominated Cori.

As there were no other nominees, Cori was elected as Treasurer.

### **BRINGING OMAR DEAN TO COBAR – SATURDAY, 5 JUNE 2014 AT TOM KNIGHT OVAL**

- Final Cost of bringing Omar Dean to Cobar, including use of Tom Knight Oval (**Action – Mykaila**);
- Final Cost for the use of Tom Knight Oval for the day (**Action – Cori**);
- Security – is it required, cost if required and who is responsible;
- Non-alcoholic event;
- Available budget to be determined;
- Food Stalls;
- Advertisement;
- Development Application requirements to hold the event;
- Ticketing;
- Other acts.

### **YOUTH WEEK - APRIL**

The Youth Council determined the most suitable Logo for the Youth Week advertising/ banner.

- Ideas to be put forward at the next meeting for proposed activities;
- A budget of \$1,350.00 is available.

### **WORKSHOP ON ENGAGING YOUTH – SYDNEY TRIP**

- Debbie and Hannah would attend as Council employees, but funding support is only available for Debbie;
- The Youth Council agreed to pay for Hannah.

## **CLUB PROJECTS/ ACTIVITIES UNDERWAY**

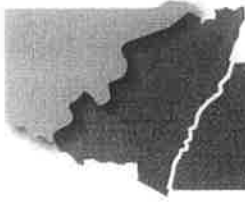
### **COBAR LITTLE BIG DAY OUT**

- Need to have more entertainment – noted for next year's event.

The next meeting of the Cobar Youth Council will be held at Cobar Shire Council Chambers at 4pm on Wednesday, 5 March 2014.

**Meeting closed:** 4:55pm.





## DRAFT Minutes

### Meeting to Discuss the “*Revitalising Local Government – The final report*” from the NSW Independent Local Government Review Panel

Cobar Shire Council Chambers , Wednesday, February 12, 2014 ,10am

**Present:** Council representatives: Balranald Shire Council Mayor Steve O’Halloran, Robert Rayner GM, Hay Shire Council Crs Mick Rutledge and Robert Howard, Bourke Shire Council Cr Cec Dorrington, Ross Earle GM; Brewarrina Shire Council Mayor Matthew Slacksmith and Dan Simmons, GM; Broken Hill City Council, Mayor Wincen Cuy, Crs Darriea Turley, Peter Black, David Gallagher, Therese Manns GM; Carrathool Shire Council Mayor Peter Laird, Ken Croskell GM; Walgett Shire Council Deputy Mayor David Lane, Don Ramsland GM; Wentworth Shire Council Mayor Don McKinnon, Peter Kowlaski GM; Cobar Shire Council Mayor Lillian Brady, Cr Jarrod Marsden, Cr Harley Toomey, Cr Peter Maxwell, Gary Woodman GM; Central Darling Shire Council, Mayor Ray Longfellow and Cr Clive Linnett

**Others Present:** Executive Officer Ruth Fagan, Peter Coulton, Senior Policy Adviser Local Government NSW, Graham Peak, Central Darling Shire

**Apologies:** Bogan Shire Council, Lachlan Shire Council and Moree Plains Shire Council

#### Discussion

President Peter Laird welcomed delegates and outlined the procedures for the day.

There were 10 Councils represented at the meeting, however Central Darling Shire representatives were suspended and unable to vote. Each Council was allowed **one** vote for motions put to the meeting.

He and the Executive Officer had met with the NSW Minister for Local Government to discuss the Report and the Minister was keen to hear suggestions from Western Division Councils. The Minister had stressed the importance of good financial management and recognised the recommendation to form a Western Regional Authority probably covered too much of the state.

President Laird said that all Councils needed to be aware of a previous recommendation from Western Division that Councils wanted to remain as individual councils and work with neighbouring shires to provide better services.

**Previous Recommendations from the Meeting of Western Division Councils of NSW held on July 17, 2013 at Cobar to the LGNSW and the State Government’s Independent Local Government Review Panel are:**

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1 To Reject Western Regional Authority model in the NSW Government's *Strengthening Remote Communities in NSW - The Options paper*.

2. That three or four groups of Councils, within the Western Division, with a strong community of interest, hold further discussion with regards more extensive strategic resource sharing and expansion of council/locally based NGO service delivery.

3. That the opportunity for Federal and State government funding bodies partner with these council groups for a more integrated service delivery model for remote communities be investigated.

4. That all Western Division Councils remain autonomous as elected Council representatives of their communities.

5. That opportunities for increased funding through abolishing rate pegging, changes to the Financial Assistance Grants funding formula/disability allowance distribution, subsidised infrastructure loans and integrated Government Service Delivery be further investigated.

The Meeting reinforced this stand.

**Motion: That Council's in the Western Division remain as full Local Government Councils and continue to improve services to their community by use of alliances, Regional Organisations of Councils and relationships with neighbouring councils.**

**Moved:** Cobar Shire Council, **Seconded:** Brewarrina Shire Council **Carried**

#### **TCORP**

There was some discussion about the TCorp Report on financial management of Councils and the modeling used.

**Motion: That Western Division Councils of NSW ask the NSW Division of Local Government to provide an opportunity to discuss the TCorp Report on Financial Management of Councils, methodology with Western Division Councils of NSW General Managers and Finance Officers.**

**Moved** Cobar Shire Council, **Seconded:** Brewarrina **Carried**

The meeting then went through a response table to the Recommendations from the Final Report from the NSW Independent Local Government Review Panel relevant to the Western Division and excluding city council recommendations. (attached)

There was general agreement on the response to most recommendations and formal debate was suspended.

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A formal debate was held on Recommendation 53 and the following motions were proposed and resolved.

**Recommendation 53: Agree in principle to the establishment of a Far West Regional Authority with the functions proposed in Box 39 and membership as proposed in Figure 9 (16.3)**

**Motion** Agree in principle to further investigation into whole of government collaboration for the Western Region to progress the advancement of the Western Region with the proviso:

1. Far Western Regional Authority too large an organisation.
2. Councils should remain as current Councils – form part of collaborative organisations based on different boundaries.
3. Establishment should not use Local Government or FAG funding.

**Moved** Broken Hill, **Seconded** Brewarrina

**Amendment to the Motion**

Western Division Councils of NSW need further information on the proposed Far Western Regional Authority.

**Moved:** Cobar; **Seconded:** Hay

**Carried 5-4**

**Other Business:**

**Extension of time**

During the Meeting the Minister for NSW Local Government Don Page announced a four week extension of time for the responses to the Report. The Submissions are now due by the Friday, April 4, 2014.

**Meeting**

The Division of Local Government also offered to hold a facilitated session with Western Division Councils in April to discuss further options.

The date and venue are to be decided but it was felt the meeting maybe held in Mid April.

**General Business**

**River Flows**

**Motion:** That Western Division Councils of NSW write to the Minister for Primary Industries, Katrina Hodgkinson, MP as a matter of urgency regarding the flow regime for the Lachlan and

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Murrumbidgee Rivers. The flow regime needs further monitoring to ensure that water is available for critical domestic water supply.

**Explanation note from Balranald Council**

Council are not critical of the Commonwealth environmental flows going to Yanga and the Nimmie Caira, but due to the timing of these flows and the levels in the rivers, both rivers are low.

Hay commented that the river was so low in Hay as to stop them pumping for the town water supply. The flow regime needs further monitoring to ensure that water is available for critical domestic water supply.

Surely there is sufficient water available in the system now to ensure environmental use and town water supply can both be assured.

**Moved Balranald, Seconded Broken Hill**

**Carried**

Meeting Closed at 3pm

**Ruth Fagan Executive Officer**

**February 12, 2014**

**Cobar Shire Council  
Economic Taskforce  
Meeting No.1  
14 February 2014**

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**MINUTES**

Attendance: Clrs Martin, Yench and Sinclair, Council staff Gary Woodman, Kym Miller, Peter Graf, Garry Ryman and Angela Shepherd.

Apologies: Peter Abbott

**1. Terms of Reference**

The attached Terms of Reference were adopted by the group and these will now be sent to Council for adoption. The three Councillors in attendance expressed their support for being the Councillor Representatives, with the need to recruit one more.

It was decided to hold the election of a Chairperson of the group over to the next meeting.

Future meetings will be held, where applicable, at 3.30-4.30pm on the day of a Council or Committee meeting to allow Councillors to attend.

Recommendation: That the attached Terms of Reference be adopted by Council and that Council notes the proposed meeting schedule.

Recommendation: That Council endorses the membership of Clrs Yench, Martin and Sinclair as the Councillor Representatives on the Taskforce and that one further member is also nominated.

**Actions**

<b>Action</b>	<b>Responsibility</b>	<b>Due Date</b>
Develop paper for February 2014 Council meeting to have the Terms of Reference adopted by Council.	SPO	18.2.14
Include the Election of Chairperson in the next agenda.	SPO	12.3.14

**2. Meeting Schedule**

The next meeting of the Taskforce will be held immediately following the meeting with Kevin Humphries MP on Wednesday 12 March 2014.

A further meeting will be held prior to the 24 April 2014 Council meeting.

At each meeting, representatives from the Cobar Business Association and Tourism Advisory Committee will be asked to provide a summary of their activities and issues.

### 3. Next Steps

The Taskforce discussed a number of issues that will be presented to local member Kevin Humphries MP, including:

- *Mobile Phone Coverage*

A number of sites were identified where there are existing Telstra towers that could allow for mobile phone service equipment to be installed. These were:

- \* Tilpilly
- \* Leopardwood Hill, Tambua
- \* Coreo (on the pipeline)

Further sites were identified where towers are needed to extend the coverage:

- \* The Peak (Kidman Way)
- \* Mount Hope (village reception, but very limited)

Recommendation: That Council approaches Telstra and the government seeking an information and subsidy plan promoting equipment that can be used to enhance reception levels for mobile phone users across the Shire. Eg external aerials, patch leads, hand sets etc.

Action	Responsibility	Due Date
Write to those parties that have responded to Council's letters regarding mobile phone coverage with suggestions as outlined to Kevin Humphries and included in Council's submission to the government inquiry into mobile phone coverage.	SPO	12.3.14

- *Seed Funding for Projects*

The next meeting will further discuss the proposed prospectus for Cobar, including prospective industries to attract to Cobar, an overview of the Cobar economy, inhibitors to attracting industry to the shire etc.

Recommendation: That Council writes to the NSW Government seeking seed funding of \$30,000 for the Economic Taskforce to allow a business case/prospectus for doing business in Cobar to be developed to counteract the down turn in the mining industry.

Action	Responsibility	Due Date
Write to the NSW Treasurer seeking seed funding of \$30,000 for the Taskforce's activities.	SPO	18.3.14

- *Carbon Credits*

The issuing of carbon credits has great potential for increasing the viability and sustainability of landowners in the Shire. However, to date there has been little input in the decision making process from landowners when determining the construction of the scheme. Clr Yench will be attending a conference on the subject in Canberra in March.

Action	Responsibility	Due Date
Clr Yench to provide a report to the Taskforce on the carbon farming conference held in Canberra in March 2014.	Clr Yench	27.4.14

**Next Meeting: Wednesday 12 March, Noon, Council Chambers.**

## **TERMS OF REFERENCE – COBAR SHIRE COUNCIL ECONOMIC TASKFORCE**

### **Introduction**

The Taskforce has been established for the purpose of advising Council on economic development matters and to identify processes and projects that will assist in broadening and improving the economic base of Cobar Shire.

In October 2013, Council resolved:

*That a Senior Marketing Team of Councillors, staff and two key community representatives be formed to identify opportunities to improve the economic stability of Cobar Shire.*

### **Taskforce Status**

The Taskforce is an advisory group to Council and Councillors and staff are bound by the usual rules of Council, including the Code of Conduct. The Taskforce may elect to put forward recommendations to Council for consideration.

### **Membership**

Membership shall consist of at least 10 representatives from the following groups:

- Five senior staff of Cobar Shire
- Four Councillors
- Two Community Representatives.

Other Councillors, community and staff members are encouraged to attend. A meeting will not proceed if there are less than four members present (including at least two Councillor/Community representatives). The Taskforce can elect to include additional members at their discretion. Decisions and recommendations will be made based on consensus with one vote per member.

### **Economic Development Framework**

The Taskforce will be guided by Council's Economic Development Strategy which can be reviewed from time to time should the group wish to do so.

### **Term of Office**

The Taskforce can be dissolved at any time by Council. Members will focus on improving the economic development of Cobar Shire and will attend meetings as required and provide information and advice as agreed.

### **Office Bearers**

The Taskforce will elect a Chairperson and Council will provide secretarial support.

### **Meeting Frequency and Duration**

The Committee will meet at least three times a year.

### **Objectives and Scope**

The key objectives and activities of the Taskforce are:



- To provide expertise to develop and implement Council's Economic Development Strategy
- To identify strategies to achieve the nominated outcomes in that Strategy
- To identify ways that Council can assist business development generally in the Shire
- To identify opportunities to encourage business development, regional co-operation and private/Government sector participation in economic development that benefits the Shire
- To lobby other levels of government to remove barriers restricting economic development in Cobar Shire
- To determine if further marketing materials are required to promote Cobar Shire as a place to do business.

**Variations to the Terms of Reference**

These Terms of Reference can be altered at any time by consensus of the Taskforce members and with the agreement through resolution of the Council.

