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ORDINARY MEETING AGENDA

THURSDAY 26 MAY 2016

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11 MAY 2016

Our ref: Out - 24746

6 May 2016

Mr Peter Vlatko
General Manager
Cobar Shire Council
PO Box 223
COBAR NSW 2835

Dear Mr Vlatko

Request for Legal Assistance approved

The Local Government New South Wales (LGNSW) Board approved an application made by Bathurst Regional Council for legal assistance under the LGNSW Legal Assistance Policy & Guidelines in August 2015. The matter has now been resolved in the courts. The LGNSW Board considered the matter to be of importance to local government throughout the State, as the proceedings related to the ability of councils to enter into contracts that include fees for services.

Bathurst Regional Council defended the matter before the NSW Court of Appeal. The proceedings challenged Council's jurisdiction to fix fees for services under long-term contracts. The NSW Court of Appeal found against Bathurst Regional Council, identifying that:

'even when the Local Government Act confers a power in terms upon councils to reach an agreement or arrangement with a landowner, the price it can charge for work performed by it remains subject to Part 10 of Chapter 15. To that extent at least, the 'general power to contract' cannot permit a Council to escape the statutory restrictions upon it'.

LGNSW is considering the implications of this decision for NSW councils, and is likely to seek feedback from councils in the future to enable the issue to be adequately addressed in the next phase of the review of the *Local Government Act 1993*.

Financial contributions are now sought from councils as the costs of the proceedings have been determined as set out in the **enclosed** invoice.

You are reminded that there is no obligation for a council to provide assistance.

Please do not hesitate to contact me on (02) 9242 4125 if you have any questions on this matter.

Yours sincerely



Donna Rygate
Chief Executive

FILE No. L5-3	FOLIO No. 96065		
REF No. 2015-10-1			
a/m			
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TAX INVOICE
ABN Number: 49 853 913 882

Date: 6/05/16

Invoice Number: 74032

Invoice To:

Cobar Shire Council
PO Box 223
Cobar NSW 2835

Attn: The General Manager

Item Description	Amount	GST	Total
Legal Assistance Bathurst Regional CI for legal costs incurred in an appeal to the Supreme Court of NSW (please refer to attached letter)	\$ 530.86	\$ 53.09	\$ 583.95

Total Due: (Inc GST)	\$ 583.95
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Terms: 30 days from date of invoice

Payment to: Local Government NSW BSB No. 062005 Account No. 00090198

Local
Government
Remuneration
Tribunal

Annual Report
and
Determination

*Annual report and determination under sections 239
and 241 of the Local Government Act 1993*

29 March
2016

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Section 1 Background

1. Pursuant to section 239 of the *Local Government Act 1993* (the LG Act) the Tribunal determines the categories of councils and mayoral offices and the allocation of each council and mayoral office into one of those categories.
2. Pursuant to section 241 of the LG Act the Tribunal determines in each category of council, the maximum and minimum amount of fees to be paid to mayors and councillors of councils, as well as chairpersons and members of county councils.
3. In determining the maximum and minimum fees payable to office holders in each of the categories, the Tribunal is required, pursuant to section 242A of the LG Act, to give effect to the same policies on increases in remuneration as those that the Industrial Relations Commission is required to give effect to under section 146C of the *Industrial Relations Act 1996* (IR Act), when making or varying awards or orders relating to the conditions of employment of public sector employees.
4. The current policy on wages pursuant to section 146(1)(a) of the IR Act is articulated in the *Industrial Relations (Public Sector Conditions of Employment) Regulation 2014* (the Regulation). The effect of the Regulation is that public sector wages cannot increase by more than 2.5 per cent, and this includes the maximum and minimum fees payable to councillors and mayors and chairpersons and members of county councils.
5. The Tribunal's Report and Determination of 2015 (the 2015 Determination) provided a general increase of 2.5 per cent which was consistent with the Government's policy on wages.

Section 2 Local Government Reform

Background

6. The NSW Government has been working with councils since 2011 to help strengthen local communities. The Tribunal's 2015 Determination outlined the Government's significant reforms, beginning with the *Destination 2036* summit in 2011 up to the

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release of the Fit for the Future initiative in 2014. At the date of the making of the 2015 Determination the status of the reforms was noted by the Tribunal as follows:

“Councils have been asked to assess their current position and submit a Fit for the Future proposal by 30 June 2015. The proposals will be assessed by an independent expert panel which will make recommendations to the Minister for Local Government. It is expected that from October 2015 Fit for the Future councils will commence the implementation of their proposals.

The Tribunal also notes that a new local government act is expected to be introduced following the local government elections in September 2016.”

Progress since the last determination

7. On 28 April 2015 the Minister for Local Government (the Minister) announced that the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal (IPART) would undertake the role of the Expert Panel in assessing councils' Fit for the Future proposals. The Minister noted that the Terms of Reference for the Expert Panel were developed in consultation with Local Government NSW, Local Government Professionals Australia and the United Services Union.
8. The NSW Government released IPART's *Assessment of Council Fit for the Future Proposals* report on 16 October 2015. The IPART report found that nearly two-thirds of NSW councils are not fit for the future and found that savings of up to \$2 billion could be achieved through council mergers. Funding will be available for council mergers that are supported by merging partners and supported by the Government through a Stronger Communities Fund.
9. On 6 January 2016, the Minister for Local Government announced 35 proposals for council mergers. If approved, those proposals would reduce the number of councils in Greater Sydney from 43 to 25 and the number of regional councils from 109 to 87. The Minister referred those proposals to the Chief Executive of the Office of Local Government for examination and report under the LG Act. The Chief Executive delegated this function to a number of people (Delegates). The Delegates are required to report on the proposals against the factors in section 263(3) of the LG Act, having

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regard to written submissions and comments raised in public meetings. The Minister will consider the Delegates' reports and the comments of the Local Government Boundaries Commission on the Delegates' reports before determining the outcome of merger proposals. It is expected that the outcomes of the proposal examination and reporting processes will be known by around mid-2016.

10. In respect to the amendments to the LG Act, on 8 January 2016 the NSW Government announced the commencement of the first phase :

"...Consultation on phase 1 amendments to the Local Government Act 1993 has commenced. The proposed amendments will:

- clarify roles and responsibilities of councillors, mayors, administrators and general managers;*
- introduce new guiding principles for local government;*
- improve governance of councils and professional development for councillors;*
- expand on the framework for strategic business planning and reporting;*
- prioritise community engagement and financial accountability; and streamline council administrative processes, including in relation to delegations and community grants.*

While the fundamentals of the Local Government Act 1993 remain sound, both the Independent Local Government Review Panel and Local Government Acts Taskforce recommended changes to modernise the legislation and to ensure it meets the future needs of councils and communities.

Phase 1 of the reform program focuses mainly on changes to the governance and strategic business planning processes of councils. Phase 2 will focus on the way in which councils raise revenue and exercise their regulatory functions." (Source: Circular to Councils - No 16-01)

Section 3 2016 Review

11. It is not expected that a decision on, or implementation of structural or legislative reforms to local government will be finalised prior to the Tribunal making its determination on or before 30 April 2016.
12. On that basis, and given the limitations placed on the Tribunal in respect of determining increases in fees, mayors were advised on 20 January 2016 that general submissions from individual councils were not required for the 2016 review.
13. The Tribunal did however seek a submission from Local Government NSW (LGNSW) and subsequently met with the President and Chief Executive of LGNSW. The Tribunal wishes to place on record its appreciation to the President and Chief Executive for meeting with the Tribunal.

LGNSW Submission

14. The association's submission highlighted the areas of reform in local government in NSW and is of the view that the anticipated changes flowing from the reforms warrant, and provide the opportunity to introduce, a new remuneration structure that properly reflects the diverse and evolving roles of mayors and councillors. The association would like to commence a review of the remuneration structure as soon as possible.
15. Given the statutory limitations in place LGNSW has also requested that councillor and mayoral fees be increased by the full 2.5 percent for 2016/17. LGNSW continues to assert that councillor and mayoral fees should increase on the basis of a number of factors, including cost of living pressures, ongoing increase in workload and responsibilities and additional tasks relating to implementing the Government's reform process.

Tribunal's Findings

16. The Tribunal notes that the Government's significant program of local government reform, including proposed changes to the LG Act, is aimed at creating stronger councils and improving performance and governance of local councils. The Tribunal continues to

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support initiatives which will bring about improvements in the local government sector, in that those reforms should result in greater structural efficiencies and should contribute to the long term viability of local government in NSW.

Categorisation

17. The Tribunal notes that the process for determining merger proposals and creation of new councils, if any, is expected to be finalised in mid-2016, with consequent implications for categorisation of councils for the purposes of determining fees. If required the Minister may direct the Tribunal to make special determination(s) in accordance with s. 242 of the LG Act.
18. The Tribunal is still of the view that significant changes to the structure of councils should prompt a revision of the criteria for determining categories and fees as noted in the 2015 Determination:

“Any new categorisation model may need to have regard to a broader or different set of criteria than those currently provided for in section 240 of the LG Act.

In reviewing the LG Act the Government may wish to consider the range of factors any future Tribunal should have regard to in determining categories. As one example, the Government has released “A Plan for Growing Sydney” that will guide land use planning decisions in Metropolitan Sydney for the next 20 years. The Greater Sydney Commission will work with local councils to implement growth and infrastructure plans. The expertise and work load expected of councillors and mayors with responsibilities associated with “A Plan for Growing Sydney” may be factors which the Tribunal should have regard to in determining categorisation and remuneration. The Tribunal expects that similar pressures will be placed on rural and regional councils to drive economic and social growth throughout NSW.

The Tribunal also notes that any revision to the fees as a result of any new categorisation model would need to balance the need to attract and retain experienced and capable elected representatives with the ability of councils to afford any potential increases. While money is not the primary motivator for

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undertaking public office, fees should adequately recognise the roles and responsibilities of councillors and mayors and assist in attracting suitably qualified and experienced candidates.”

2016 Increase

19. The Tribunal is required to have regard to the Government’s wages policy when determining the increase to apply to the maximum and minimum fees that apply to the councillors and mayors. The public sector wages policy currently provides for a cap on increases of 2.5 per cent.
20. The Tribunal has reviewed the key economic indicators, including the Consumer Price Index and Wage Price Index, and finds that the full increase of 2.5 per cent available to it is warranted. On that basis, and after taking the views of the Assessors into account, the Tribunal considers that an increase of 2.5 per cent in the maximum and minimum fee for each category of councillor and mayoral office, including county councils, is appropriate and so determines.
21. The Tribunal notes that in the *Fit for the Future Progress Report – Stronger Councils, Stronger Communities* the Government has identified a number of strategies to strengthen local leadership. These include a review of councillor remuneration during 2016. In undertaking this review the Government may wish to consider the impact of the Government’s wages policy on increases in mayoral and councillor fees and the limitations this may impose on any future remuneration model.

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Signed

Dr Robert Lang

Dated: 29 March 2016

Section 4 Determinations

Determination No. 1- Determination Pursuant to Section 239 of
Categories of Councils and County Councils Effective From 1 July 2016

Table 1: General Purpose Councils

Table 1: General Purpose Councils (152)		
Category	Council	
Principal City (1)	Sydney	
Major City (3)	Newcastle Parramatta Wollongong	
Metropolitan Major (2)	Blacktown Penrith	
Metropolitan Centre (16)	Bankstown Campbelltown Fairfield Gosford The Hills Hornsby Hurstville Lake Macquarie	Liverpool North Sydney Randwick Ryde Sutherland Warringah Willoughby Wyong
Metropolitan (21)	Ashfield Auburn Botany Burwood Camden Canada Bay Canterbury Holroyd Hunters Hill Kogarah Ku-ring-gai	Lane Cove Leichhardt Manly Marrickville Mosman Pittwater Rockdale Strathfield Waverley Woollahra

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Table 1: General Purpose Councils (152)			
Category	Council		
Regional Rural (32)	Albury Armidale Dumaresq Ballina Bathurst Bega Valley Blue Mountains Broken Hill Byron Cessnock Clarence Valley Coffs Harbour Dubbo Eurobodalla Great Lakes Goulburn Mulwaree Queanbeyan	Greater Taree Griffith Hawkesbury Kempsey Lismore Maitland Orange Port Macquarie-Hastings Port Stephens Shellharbour Shoalhaven Tamworth Tweed Wagga Wagga Wingecarribee Wollondilly	
Rural (77)	Balranald Bellingen Berrigan Bland Blayney Bogan Bombala Boorowa Bourke Brewarrina Cabonne Carrathool Central Darling Cobar Conargo Coolamon Cooma-Monaro Coonamble Cootamundra Corowa Cowra Deniliquin Dungog Forbes Gilgandra Glen Innes Severn	Gloucester Greater Hume Gundagai Gunnedah Guyra Gwydir Harden Hay Inverell Jerilderie Junee Kiama Kyogle Lachlan Leeton Lithgow Liverpool Plains Lockhart Mid-Western Moree Plains Murray Murrumbidgee Muswellbrook Nambucca Narrabri Narrandera	Narromine Palerang Parkes Oberon Richmond Valley Singleton Snowy River Temora Tenterfield Tumbarumba Tumut Upper Hunter Upper Lachlan Uralla Urana Wakool Walcha Walgett Warren Warrumbungle Weddin Wellington Wentworth Yass Valley Young

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Table 2: County Councils

Table 2: County Councils (14)	
Category	Council
Water (5)	Central Tablelands Goldenfields Water MidCoast Riverina Water Rous
Other (9)	Castlereagh – Macquarie Central Murray Far North Coast Hawkesbury River New England Tablelands Richmond River Southern Slopes Upper Hunter Upper Macquarie

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Determination No. 2- Determination Pursuant to Section 241 of Fees for Councillors and Mayors

Pursuant to s.241 of the Local Government Act 1993, the annual fees to be paid in each of the categories to Councillors, Mayors, Members and Chairpersons of County Councils effective on and from 1 July 2016 are determined as follows:

Table 3: Fees for General Purpose and County Councils

Table 3: Fees for General Purpose and County Councils				
Category	Councillor/Member Annual Fee		Mayor/Chairperson Additional Fee	
	Minimum	Maximum	Minimum	Maximum
General Purpose Councils				
Principal City	25,670	37,640	157,030	206,620
Major City	17,110	28,240	36,360	82,270
Metropolitan Major	17,110	28,240	36,360	82,270
Metropolitan Centre	12,830	23,950	27,260	63,640
Metropolitan	8,540	18,840	18,180	41,090
Regional Rural	8,540	18,840	18,180	41,090
Rural	8,540	11,290	9,080	24,630
County Councils				
Water	1,700	9,410	3,640	15,460
Other	1,700	5,630	3,640	10,270

*This fee must be paid in addition to the fee paid to the Mayor/Chairperson as a Councillor/Member (s.249(2)).

The Local Government Remuneration Tribunal

Signed

Dr Robert Lang

Dated: 29 March 2016

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mail CSC

From: Katharine Marsh <kathmarsh1983@hotmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, 11 May 2016 11:17 PM
To: mail CSC
Subject: Mobile phone black spots and 000 call access
Attachments: Cobar Shire Council.pdf

12 MAY 2016

Dear General Manager and Councillors

Please find attached a letter and information package regarding the issue of mobile phone black spots and the inability to access '000' emergency calls. I have launched a campaign on this issue following the passing of my fiancé in a motorbike accident that occurred in a mobile phone black spot delaying emergency assistance.

I am seeking Council support in this matter.

Please contact me on 08 9833 2235 or kathmarsh1983@hotmail.com to discuss further.

I thank you for your consideration and support.

Yours sincerely
Katharine Marsh

T2-1 96081
GM

- Enclosed GM, SPD,
M & EASO.

Katharine Marsh
RMB 533
KOJONUP WA 6395
kathmarsh1983@hotmail.com

11 May 2016

Cobar Shire Council
PO Box 223
COBAR NSW 2835

Dear General Manager and Councillors

Re: Petition regarding mobile phone black spots and '000' emergency call access

I am seeking your support in an Australian wide campaign to the Federal government requesting further funding for mobile phone black spots with a focus on the inability to access '000' emergency numbers.

I initiated this campaign after my partner, Mick McInnes, tragically passed away following a motorbike accident in October 2015. The accident occurred in a mobile phone black spot, delaying emergency assistance by 20 – 30 minutes because '000' could not be dialed from the accident scene. This delay may have been the difference between life and death for Mick. Further details can be found at <https://au.news.yahoo.com/thewest/wa/a/30871433/hope-and-help-amid-grief/>

My story is sadly not an isolated incident. Similar incidents happen every year including most recently in late April 2016 in Walhalla, Victoria.

Where there is a mobile phone black spot there is no mobile network coverage and one cannot dial '000' to access emergency services. Alternative numbers such as '112' do not enhance the ability to access emergency services as mobile phones produced after 2002 already have the roaming capabilities that '112' unlocked in older phones. Mobile phones cannot utilise satellite networks to access '000'.

There are 10692 mobile phone black spots Australia wide, with 3419 across New South Wales and 19 in your local government area.

The Federal Budget handed down on 3 May 2016 sadly did not include any further funding for the Mobile Black Spot Program. Instead the discontinuation of the Program was listed as a savings measure in projections to 2020.

I appreciate the Federal government had previously committed \$160 million to mobile phone black spots with those towers still being rolled out or being announced in June/July 2016. However that funding will leave conservatively at least 3000 mobile phone black spots unaddressed. With no further funding currently forthcoming there is no guarantee as to when the remaining black spots will be addressed.

I appreciate that local governments across Australia have worked tirelessly for several years to improve mobile phone black spots. This campaign does not seek to undermine that work or existing relationships you have with the Federal government and Federal MPs, rather it seeks to enhance this work.

I am seeking your support by making the petition that forms part of the campaign available at your council's customer service counters for signing by the public.

If you would like to provide additional support, letters of support highlighting the inability to access '000' emergency numbers in mobile phone black spot areas and the need for further funding to the candidates in the Federal electorate of Parkes, which covers your local government area, would be greatly appreciated.

An information package is attached with details of the petition and the campaign website and facebook page which has further information.

Please contact me on 08 9833 2235 or kathmarsh1983@hotmail.com to discuss further.

I thank you for your consideration and support.

Yours sincerely

Katharine Marsh



TRIPLE ZERO EMERGENCY CALLS AUSTRALIA WIDE

INFORMATION PACKAGE

Thank you for deciding to participate in this petition campaigning for the Federal government to increase funding to improve mobile phone black spots and commit to a deadline by which all currently identified mobile phone black spots will be rectified.

The information package contains:

- Flyer which can be printed and handed out to people if desired (1)
- Complete wording of the petition (2)
- Form for signature collection (3) – print as many as necessary

IMPORTANT – ALL SIGNATURES MUST BE COLLECTED ON THE FORM FOR SIGNATURE COLLECTION. SIGNATURES COLLECTED ON BLANK PAGES OR ON THE BACK OF THAT FORM WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED BY THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT AS VALID SIGNATURES.

You are welcome to place this petition in a prominent place in your local area or individually ask people to sign the petition. If leaving the petition somewhere to be signed I recommend printing the complete wording of the petition so people can read more about what they are signing.

Please note when requesting people to sign the petition providing details of their address is voluntary and can be left blank if they choose, however, including a full address does give more weight to the petition as their names can be cross referenced on the electoral roll. Please note, they will not be contacted or sent junk mail if providing an address.

Signatures should be collected and returned to me by 30th June 2016.

The signatures will then be collated and sent to the Standing Committee on Petitions for presentation to the Federal government following the election on 2nd July 2016.

Please return your completed signature forms to:

Katharine Marsh
RMB 533
KOJONUP WA 6395

For further information or queries please email kathmarsh1983@hotmail.com

Thank you for your support and assistance. Remember it doesn't matter if you collect one signature or one thousand signatures – collectively we can make a difference.

Kind regards

Katharine Marsh



TRIPLE ZERO EMERGENCY CALLS AUSTRALIA WIDE

This campaign aims to lobby the Federal government to increase funding to improve mobile phone black spots and commit to a deadline by which all currently identified black spots will be rectified.

It also aims to raise awareness that if your life is in danger you may not be able to place a '000' emergency call in Australia, irrespective of where you are located, due to mobile phone black spots.

I am campaigning for this issue after my partner, Mick, tragically passed away following a motorbike accident which occurred in a mobile phone black spot, delaying emergency assistance for 20 – 30 minutes.

My experience is not an isolated incident - others have been affected in a similar way. Recent bushfires in late 2015 - early 2016 have also highlighted the problems of mobile phone black spots preventing access to emergency services.

There are 10692 identified mobile phone black spots throughout Australia, including near capital cities, along major highways and transport routes and in whole towns and villages.

Where there is a mobile phone black spot there is no mobile phone network coverage and you cannot make a '000' call.

Ultimately if you are faced with a life-threatening emergency and are in a mobile phone black spot area you will not be able to obtain emergency assistance. Delays in seeking emergency assistance could be the difference between life and death.

In 2016, citizens of Australia should be secure in the knowledge that they will be able to access emergency services no matter where they are located. The technology exists to eradicate mobile phone black spots – it is simply a matter of further funding.

A phone call that could save a life is of far greater importance than high speed internet connection. Yet \$160 million over 3 years allocated to upgrading mobile phone black spots appears a drop in the ocean compared to \$27 billion spent on rolling out the NBN.

What use is high speed internet connection to Australians when our country does not even have the basic technology in place to ensure that every Australian has access to '000' emergency calls when their life is in danger?

Thank you for taking time to become involved in this campaign and sign this petition.

Kind regards

Katharine Marsh
Kojonup, Western Australia
kathmarsh1983@hotmail.com

Further information:

Triple zero emergency calls Australia wide
<http://triple0foraustralia.wix.com/triple0foraustralia>

 Triple Zero Call Access for All Australians
<https://www.facebook.com/triple0foraustralia/>

Mobile Black Spot Programme:
<https://www.communications.gov.au/what-we-do/phone/mobile-services-and-coverage/mobile-black-spot-programme>

Triple zero (000):
<http://www.triplezero.gov.au/Pages/Usingotheremergencynumbers.aspx>

PETITION FOR IMPROVED FUNDING FOR MOBILE PHONE BLACK SPOTS

TO THE HONOURABLE THE SPEAKER AND MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

This petition of mobile phone owning citizens of Australia draws to the attention of the House the issue of mobile phone black spots and their implications on access to emergency services.

There are over 10000 nominated mobile phone black spots throughout Australia, including near capital cities, along major highways and transport routes and in whole towns and villages. Where there is a black spot there is no mobile network coverage and one cannot dial '000' to access emergency services. Alternative numbers such as '112' cannot access emergency services in a black spot area and mobile phones do not utilise satellite network coverage.

Ultimately if you are faced with a life-threatening emergency and are in a mobile phone black spot area you will not be able to obtain emergency assistance. Delays in seeking emergency assistance could be the difference between life and death.

The technology exists to eradicate mobile phone black spots – it is simply a matter of further funding. In 2016, we feel that citizens of Australia should be secure in the knowledge that they will be able to access emergency services no matter where they are located. We feel that a phone call that could save a life is of far greater importance than high speed internet connection.

We therefore ask the House to consider further funding for the improvement of mobile phone black spots and commit to a deadline by which all identified mobile phone black spots will receive mobile coverage.

Thanks for being involved with this petition. Please return completed forms by 30th June 2016 to:

Katharine Marsh
RMB 533
KOJONUP WA 6395

Please email kathmarsh1983@hotmail.com for further information

TO THE HONOURABLE THE SPEAKER AND MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

We therefore ask the House to consider further funding for the improvement of mobile phone black spots and commit to a deadline by which all identified mobile phone black spots will receive mobile coverage.

SIGNATURES OF OTHER PETITIONERS

FULL NAME	SIGNATURE	ADDRESS (VOLUNTARY)

**MINUTES OF THE RURAL ROADS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING HELD AT BERANGABAH STATION ON
4 MAY 2016 COMMENCING AT 11:10AM**

PRESENT

Mayor Lilliane Brady (Cobar Shire Council), Deputy Mayor Peter Abbott (Cobar Shire Council), Stephen Taylor (Cobar Shire Council), Councillor Bob Sinclair (Cobar Shire Council), Andrew Farnsworth (Innesowen), Diane Noble, Keith Norris (Coan Downs), Tiffany Tutt (Coan Downs), Graham Vagg (Winodino), Robert and Ann Vagg (Moolah), Barry and Pauline Oliver and Janette Booth (Cobar Shire Council).

APOLOGIES

RECOMMENDATION: That the apologies received from Justin and Julie McClure, George Millear, Glenn Rice, Bernard and Jenny Rogers, Andrew and Jenny Paul, Paul and Donna Whytcross, Mary Bruce, Lachy Datsun, Graham and Emma Barton and Maurice Bell (Cobar Shire Council) be accepted.

Peter Abbott / Diane Noble

CARRIED

ITEM 1 - CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

FILE: R5-36

Author: Director of Engineering Services, Stephen Taylor

RECOMMENDATION: That the Committee adopt the Minutes of the Rural Roads Advisory Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 3 February 2016 as a true and accurate reflection of the proceedings of that Meeting.

Peter Abbott / Bob Sinclair

CARRIED

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Nil.

ITEM 2 – RURAL ROADS ADVISORY COMMITTEE – STATUS REPORT

FILE: R5-36

Author: Director of Engineering Services, Stephen Taylor

RECOMMENDATION: That the Committee received and noted the information with item 80 to be removed.

Peter Abbott / Bob Sinclair

CARRIED

ITEM 3 - EXPENDITURE REPORT

FILE: R5-36

Author: Director of Engineering Services, Stephen Taylor

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

THIS IS PAGE 1 OF THE MINUTES OF THE RURAL ROADS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD AT BERANGABAH STATION ON WEDNESDAY 4 MAY 2016

GENERAL BUSINESS

RECOMMENDATION: That prior to money being allocated to a Shire or Regional road that consultation between property owners, road users and the Shire occur to determine the most appropriate location to complete works.

Andrew Farnsworth/ Diane Noble

CARRIED

FUTURE MEETINGS

The next Rural Roads Advisory Committee Meeting is scheduled to be held on Wednesday 3 August 2016 at Tilpa commencing at 11:00am. This will be confirmed by Julie and Justin McLure.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE MEETING CLOSED AT 12:46PM

RURAL ROADS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MATTERS STATUS REPORT

FILE: R5-36

AUTHOR: Director of Engineering Services, Stephen Taylor

COMMITTEE RESOLUTIONS 6 MAY 2013		
ITEM	ACTION REQUIRED	ACTION BY
36	Update location of all existing grids.	ESM
		Comments Ongoing. To be implemented.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTIONS 6 NOVEMBER 2013		
ITEM	ACTION REQUIRED	ACTION BY
46	All landholders to receive a copy of Councils Policy on grids, ramps and stock races.	ESM
		Comments Ongoing. To be implemented.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTIONS 7 MAY 2014		
ITEM	ACTION REQUIRED	ACTION BY
51	Seal on RR7518 (5km out of Tilpa) is lifting.	RM
		Comments Programmed for 2016/17.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTIONS 6 AUGUST 2014		
ITEM	ACTION REQUIRED	ACTION BY
56	Council to discuss with REMO Greg McMahon regarding the use of the highway for emergency airstrip use. He will also discuss with RFDS, RMS and CASA. Would need to modify guide posts; install a wind-sock and look at portable flares.	ESM
		Comments To be investigated.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTIONS 5 AUGUST 2015		
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73	Re investigate the approach on bridges and additional danger areas on MR68 and SR3, and complete repairs.	DES/RM	SR3 bridge is programmed for repairs 15/16. MR68 bridges will be programmed for 16/17.
75	Julie McClure has requested that Council investigate any funding opportunities for the upgrade of the Tilpa Weir campgrounds.	DES/SPO	Ongoing.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTIONS 26 NOVEMBER 2015			
78	Councillor Bob Sinclair has requested that Council approach the State Government to obtain funding for the upgrade or removal of grids due to dangerous conditions that they cause road users.	DES	Grant funding will be sought when suitable grant is available.

- * *DES = Director of Engineering Services*
- * *ESM = Engineering Support Manager*
- * *RM = Roads Manager*
- * *RMS = Roads and Maritime Authority*
- * *TCE = Trainee Civil Engineer*

**MINUTES OF THE WARD OVAL USERS GROUP COMMITTEE
MEETING HELD AT COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON TUESDAY 17 MAY
2016 COMMENCING AT 3:05PM**

PRESENT

Stephen Taylor (Cobar Shire Council), Wayne Mills (Cobar Shire Council), Gemma Bain (Cobar Shire Council), Gordon Hill (Mens Shed), Heather Christie (Show Society), Sandra Davey (Cobar Shire Council), Paul Sullivan (Cobar Shire Council) and Aaron Finn (Cobar Public School).

APOLOGIES

Clr Peter Abbott (Cobar Shire Council), Tanya Gilbert (Blues) Amie Hill (Cobar High School), Sharon Harland (Cobar Weekly) Graeme Craig and Mary Urquhart.

RECOMMENDATION: That the apologies from Clr Peter Abbott (Cobar Shire Council), Tanya Gilbert (Blues) Amie Hill (Cobar High School), Sharon Harland (Cobar Weekly) Graeme Craig and Mary Urquhart be accepted.

Stephen Taylor/Gordon Hill

CARRIED

FEES AND CHARGES

Cobar Show Society questioned the daily fee for exclusive rights to Ward Oval during hire. Other users are notified at the beginning of hire the dates that are not available due to the show; Cobar Show Society has the option to allow the other users continuous use of the oval.

RECOMMENDATION: That the information contained in the Draft Fees and Charges report be received.

RECOMMENDATION: That in the event of no Australian Rules team that a youth team fee for Auskick of \$210.00 apply.

RECOMMENDATION: That Council consider to re address the daily fee for the Cobar Show and to incorporate trade waste and electricity charges in the fee.

Stephen Taylor/Gordon Hill

CARRIED

GENERAL BUSINESS

Mens Shed has requested that more notification is given when water is being turned off, and perhaps consideration given to complete works when they are not using the shed.

Heather Christie has requested that all users be notified of any break-ins at Ward Oval so that users can check their own equipment.

Council to ensure there is a council employee on duty and available at the Show.

Ward Oval keys are required to be signed for and a fee to be introduced for lost keys.

FUTURE MEETINGS

Next meeting will be April 2017, further information will be provided closer to the date.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE MEETING CLOSED AT 3:40PM.