



COBAR SHIRE COUNCIL

ORDINARY MEETING AGENDA

THURSDAY, 26 OCTOBER 2023

~ ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF COUNTRY~

I wish to acknowledge the Wangaaypuwan (Wangaibon) people of the Ngiyampaa Nation, the traditional custodians of the land of which we gather today.

I wish to acknowledge their continued connection to the land, water and culture and I pay my respects to elder's past, present and emerging.

~ ORDER OF BUSINESS ~

Business for the meeting will be as follows: Message from the Chair:

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1. Apologies
 - Nil
 2. Declaration of Interests
 3. Condolences
 - Kaye Louise Saddler
 - Russell Dan Harry Johnson
 - Patricia Elizabeth Knight
 4. Public Access Forum
 5. Confirmation of Minutes
 - Ordinary Meeting of Council – Thursday, 28 September 2023
 6. Matters Arising from Minutes
 7. Notice of Motions
 - Nil
 8. Mayoral Report
 9. General Manager's Report – Action/Recommendation
 10. General Manager's Report – Confidential
 - Request not to invite tenders for works on SR26.
 - Active Transport footpath construction (T3-23-3)
 11. Matters of Urgency
 12. Correspondence
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~ COUNCIL'S VISION ~

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

~ COUNCIL'S MISSION ~

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

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

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

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

	Accountability	Communication	Effective Leadership	Integrity	Team Work
We Value	We are responsible for our actions, our behaviour and the satisfactory completion of allocated tasks	We communicate openly and respectfully, sharing timely and appropriate information with others	We lead by positive example, embodying all of Council's agreed Values	We are consistently honest, transparent, ethical and fair, regardless of the situation	We work collaboratively to achieve shared goals for Council and the community
My Behaviours	I actively participate in the organisation	I consider how I say it, why I say it, when I say it and where I say it	I act with courage, challenge the status quo and seek out ways to improve our organisation	I do and say the right thing, even when no one is watching	I share my knowledge, skills and experience with others
	I take full ownership of my role, including my mistakes, and learn from my actions	I listen actively and ask questions to gain a shared understanding	I support and encourage others to learn, develop and grow	I take personal responsibility for my own actions and behaviour	I support others to achieve goals and celebrate success
	I inspire excellence by performing my role with pride	I show empathy and consider things from others' point of view	I am approachable and treat others consistently and respectfully	I uphold strong moral principles and do what I say I am going to do	I consciously choose to work positively with others
	I acknowledge my actions and behaviour can impact and influence outcomes	I provide and receive timely, constructive feedback	I inspire and expect everyone to always do their best	I am professional, treating others just as I expect to be treated	I commit to working together to find solutions

~ COUNCIL'S CHARTER ~

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

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

CLAUSE 1– COUNCIL COMMITTEES/DELEGATES**FILE: C6-15****AOP REFERENCE: 3.2.2.2****ATTACHMENT: NO****AUTHOR: *General Manager, Peter Vlatko*****Purpose**

To appoint Councillors to committees.

Background

Due to the appointment of the new mayor, the resignation of Councillor Maxwell and Councillor Lea- Barrett being declined a position on the Cobar Water Board due to a conflict of interest there is an opportunity for the committee's structure to be reviewed.

Delegates to other Committees/Organisations

A Councillor position is currently vacant in the following Committees/Organisations.

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

Committee/Organisation	No. of Delegates	Current Delegate
Murray Darling Association	2 Councillors	Councillor Payne Vacant
Internal Audit	2 Councillors not being the Mayor, Independent Chair and Community Representative	Councillor Sinclair Vacant
Hera Mine Community Consultative Committee	1 Councillor	Vacant
Cobar Water Board	3 Councillors (elected for a 5-year term)	Councillor Abbott Councillor Neale Vacant
Lilliane Brady Village Management and Governance Committee	2 Councillors, General Manager & Director of Finance & Community Services	Councillor Simpson Vacant

RECOMMENDATION

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

CLAUSE 2- MONTHLY STATUS REPORT

FILE: C13-10

ATTACHMENT: NO

AUTHOR: *General Manager, Peter Vlatko*

COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS 25 SEPTEMBER 2014					
NUMBER	ITEM	RESOLUTION NUMBER	ACTION BY	ACTION REQUIRED	OUTCOME
627	Council – Clause 10A – Adoption of Management Plan for Lot 18 DP213415	188.9.2014	GM	<p>That Council authorise the General Manager to negotiate a lease or licence for an appropriate term and conditions with the Cobar Bowling and Golf Club Ltd.</p> <p>That Council authorise the Mayor and General Manager to sign any lease or licence under the Common Seal of Council.</p>	<p>December 2017 target was not met. Timeframe to be reviewed. Staff working on this subject to resources available. Discussions commenced with Club Board to resolve the issue; however, the matter is on hold until resources are available.</p> <p>Staff has been allocated to prepare information to negotiate appropriate terms & complete lease or licence with Cobar Bowling & Golf Club. New Meeting to be arranged with the Club Board to discuss lease terms. Meeting held with the General Manager of Cobar Bowling & Golf Club and discussed licence, meeting to be held with Golf Club Board in the new year. Matter on hold at the moment due to resourcing Matter raised with the new Manager and appointment to be booked for further discussions.</p> <p>Meeting Scheduled 08/03/23- not attended new meeting request sent. - no reply following up</p> <p>No response regarding new meeting time</p>

COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS 22 MARCH 2018

NUMBER	ITEM	RESOLUTION NUMBER	ACTION BY	ACTION REQUIRED	OUTCOME
1142	Council Meeting – Notice of Motion – Installation of an Independent Pedestrian Crossing	47.3.2018	GM	That Council write to John Holland Rail, being the entity that maintains the RailCorp assets for Rural NSW, to increase the width to accommodate two vehicles crossing at same time on the level crossing on Bourke Road between Railway Parade South and Railway Parade North and install an independent pedestrian crossing.	General Manager has raised with the new Minister the urgency of the work & confirmed that they are designing the work. Correspondence again forwarded to the Regional Director seeking confirmation of project timesframe.

COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 27 April 2023

NUMBER	ITEM	RESOLUTION NUMBER	ACTION BY	ACTION REQUIRED	OUTCOME
1468	Council Meeting- Clause 1- Notice of motion housing and investment portfolio	49.04.2023	GM	<p>1. That Cobar Shire Council (CSC) established a dedicated housing and investment portfolio. The primary purpose of this portfolio is to grow and enhance CSC's current housing stock and grow CSC's housing infrastructure with a view to both bettering CSC's housing stock by selling / upgrading over time, and also having new housing stock available to meet the growing demands in both the CSC business, other areas whereby the shire and its ratepayers may benefit from CSC providing housing. E.g.: medical, childcare etc and also investment housing to provide the income required to fund growth of the portfolio.</p> <p>2. That Cobar Shire Councillors and staff workshop how the portfolio be funded (both initially and ongoing) as part of the normal budgeting process.</p> <p>3. That all current Cobar Shire Council owned housing stock and property assets which do not have existing zoning covenants or other overriding restrictions immediately become part of this portfolio.</p> <p>4. That the housing and investment portfolio be primarily managed / maintained by the commercial manager as part of that role, with monthly reports to council provided.</p>	<p>Housing portfolio provided to Councillors; a more inclusive portfolio currently being prepared by staff.</p> <p>Position of asset manager now filled, full report to be prepared for Council.</p>

1469	Council Meeting – Notice of Motion – Fringe Benefits Tax (FBT) Including Living Away From Home Allowance Exempted for Remote Mining Community such as Cobar	63.4.2019	GM	That Cobar Shire Council lobby both the Federal Government and the Association of Mining Related Councils to have Fringe Benefits Tax (FBT) including Living Away from Home Allowance exempted for remote mining communities such as Cobar.	Submission being prepared and discussions held with local mines.
	Council Meeting- Clause 2- Notice of motion FBT Change	50.04.2023		That Council have discussions about a percentage of miners and those who are working on specific projects who should legally be required to live in town, to be held with the State Government.	Council has engaged an Accountant to provide details of the Tax matters. Status 1277 has now been combined into 1469. (1277 removed)
				That further to the already passed motion 63.4.2019 - That Cobar Shire Council lobby the federal government (primarily through the mining and energy related council - MERC) for a change in fringe benefits tax rules and concessions regarding credits for FIFO and DIDO workers.	Meeting held with Mayor & discussion ongoing with Accountant.

1470	Council Meeting- Clause 3- Notice of motion Trades Roles	51.04.2023	GM	That Cobar Shire Council senior staff reviews its Organisational chart in relation to trades positions and reports its findings to council within 3 months, with a view to the possibility of combining roles in order to be more competitive in the open market to fill roles without impacting the bottom line of labour costs.	Report being prepared for the July meeting. Delayed due to cancelled workshop. Due to the current review of Councils workshop and stores functions this matter will be undertaken after this.
1472	Council Meeting- Clause 5 Meeting Minutes	53.04.2023	GM/DPES	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That Council Consider the following recommendations: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Council staff to investigate funding opportunities to develop the Tilpa Weir site as a tourist location. b) Staff to complete Grid Policy for Council consideration and to address Grid responsibility. 	To be discussed at a future workshop

CLAUSE 3– QUARTER 1 – 2023/2024 BUDGET REVIEW**FILE: L5-22 AOP REFERENCE: 3.3 ATTACHMENT: YES (PAGE 39-43)****AUTHOR: *Finance Manager, Sandra Davey*****Purpose**

Clause 203 (1) of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2005 (the Regulations) requires a council's responsible accounting officer to prepare and submit a Quarterly Budget Review Statement (QBRS) to the governing body of council within two months of the end of the quarter.

Background

The QBRS must show, by reference to the estimated income and expenditure that is set out in the operational plan adopted by Council for the relevant year, a revised estimate of income and expenditure for that year.

The guidelines also require the budget review statement to include a report by the responsible accounting officer as to whether they consider the statement indicates Council to be in a satisfactory financial position (regarding its original budget) and if not, to include recommendations for remedial action.

Assessment***Legal Implications Including Directives and Guidelines***

Local Government (General) Regulation 2005 (the Regulations) clause 203 requires a Council's Responsible Accounting Officer to prepare and submit a quarterly budget review statement to the governing body of Council within two months of the end of the quarter.

Financial Implications/Considerations

Council's original budget was adopted as part of the 2023/2024 Operational Plan and reflected an overall deficit of \$57,475.

Strategic Implications – Implications for Long Term Plans/Targets

- Community Strategic Plan
- Delivery Program/Operational Plan

Discussion

The QBRS has been prepared for the September 2023 review period and is presented to Council for consideration. This review has been undertaken in consultation with the General Manager, Managers and other officers where applicable.

Overall Financial Position

The revised consolidated budget result following the September QBRS is estimated to be a deficit of \$557,475.

The break-up of the funds is detailed in the table below:

	General Fund	Water Fund	Sewer Fund	All Funds
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Revenue	88,814,651	9,345,235	1,340,973	99,500,859
Expenditure	44,750,025	4,700,578	1,325,815	50,776,418
Operating surplus/deficit before extraordinary items	44,064,626	4,644,657	15,158	48,724,441
Less capital grants and contributions	44,458,359	4,823,557	-	49,281,916
Less non recurrent items				
Add transfer from reserves				
Operating result	(393,7330)	(178,900)	15,158	(557,475)

Capital

Since the budget was adopted a schedule of items to be carried forward has been adopted by Council and incorporated into the budget.

In July by resolution, \$1,711,185 of grant funding under the Local Roads and Community Infrastructure grant was approved for four projects including LBV upgrades, town enhancement, bore replacement and the reinstatement of Marshall St footpath.

In August by resolution, \$100,000 was approved for remediation works on the old water treatment plant building.

Additionally potential Resources for Regions funded projects were included in the 2023/2024 budget. It is recommended these projects are removed pending further grant funding.

This quarterly review recommends further amendments to the capital budget.

1. Transfer the Councils internally funded budget of \$839,533 to the Local Roads and Community Infrastructure grant.
2. Reduce the plant replacement budget by \$1,000,000 due to overruns in past years plant recovery.
3. Miners Heritage Park car parking area \$100,000.
4. Regional Local Roads Repair Program - \$4,085,934.
5. Reduce the capital budget by \$15,850,000 due to pending grant funded projects that are unlikely to be funded in this financial year.

Operating

Historically Council has not carried forward grant revenue due to the materiality and previous accounting standards requiring revenue to be recognised in the year received. Due to an increase in contract liabilities in 2022/2023 it is recommended an increase be made to capital grants and contributions. Most of the capital expenditure is expected to be completed in 2023/2024. The remaining revenue will be carried forward into the next financial year.

Additional heavy patching has been acquired under the RMCC contract, and an increase has been made to the RMAP contract due to additional works added.

The Lilliane Brady Village requires an adjustment due to the increased agency staffing costs as we struggle to attract a permanent workforce. This will be further reviewed in the quarter two budget review.

RECOMMENDATION

- 1. That the report Quarter 1 2023/2024 Budget Review be received and noted, and the following capital expenditure adjustments be made to the adopted budget.**
 - a) Transfer internally funded budget of \$839,533 to the Local Roads and Community Infrastructure grant.**
 - b) Reduce Councils plant replacement budget by \$1,000,000.**
 - c) Introduce Miners Memorial Park – Adjacent Carpark of \$100,000.**
 - d) Introduce Regional Local Roads Repair Program of \$4,085,934.**
 - e) Reduce the capital budget by \$15,850,000 due to pending grant funded projects that are unlikely to be funded in this financial year.**

- 2. and that the following adjustments be made to the operating budget.**
 - a) Increase capital grants and contribution revenue by \$21,610,731.**
 - b) Increase RMMC Heavy Patching by \$2,000,000.**
 - c) Increase the RMAP contract by \$741,659.**
 - d) Increase the LBV agency staffing costs by \$500,000.**

CLAUSE 4 – MEETING MINUTES

FILE: R5-36 AOP REFERENCE: 3.1 ATTACHMENT: YES (PAGE 44-50)

AUTHOR: *General Manager, Peter Vlatko*

Councillors and Council Staff are required to represent Council at a variety of meetings.

Included in the attachments to this agenda are copies of the minutes and the Status Report of those meetings which have been held recently for the information of Councillors. They include:

- Rural Roads Advisory Committee – Wednesday 02nd August 2023
- Cobar Liquor Accord Committee – Tuesday 10th October 2023

No resolutions for Council adoption.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Minutes of the Rural Roads Advisory Committee and Cobar Liquor Accord Committee be received and noted.

CLAUSE 5 – GRANT FUNDING

FILE: G4-17

AOP REFERENCE: 3.1.1.3

ATTACHMENT: NO

AUTHOR: *Grants Officer, Bethany Smith***Grant Update****Council Grants**

Grants Applied For	Activity	Amount Applied For	Status	Council Funding Required	Outcome expected/ comments
Growing Regions Program – Round 1	<p>Cobar Sewer Treatment Plant Upgrade – delivers a series of critical improvements to the STP facilities.</p> <p>Cobar Caravan Park Accommodation Expansion – delivering a series of dual occupancy accommodation blocks designed and scoped to enable typical school groups, sporting teams, or commercial operators to visit the region.</p>	<p>\$2,465,400</p> <p>\$2,248,829</p>	Pending	<p>\$1,056,600</p> <p>\$481,892 (Council) \$481,892 (Sustainable Park solutions)</p>	November 2023
Seniors Week	Senior Week activities including a gala dinner, art workshops and a games day.	\$6,200	Pending	\$800	October 2023
eNRMC round 2	To implement an electronic national residential medication chart system at the LBV nursing home.	\$20,000	Pending	N/A	December 2023
NSW Women’s Week	Weekend of Women – WOW Event including activities for women to celebrate international women’s day including wellness sessions, creative art sessions and a networking night.	\$9,500	Pending	N/A	December 2023
2023/2024 Country Passenger Transport Infrastructure Grants Scheme	Installation of solar lights at the Linsley Street Bus Shelter	\$2,250		N/A	November 2023
Australia Day 2024 Community Grants	Australia Day 2024 at the Cobar Memorial Swimming Pool.	\$10,000		\$5,000	December 2023
Live Music Australia Program – Round 7	Bands in the Bush 2024 event	\$100,000		N/A	January 2024

Grant Outcomes

Grants Applied For	Activity	Amount applied for	Status	Council funding required	Outcomes expected/comments
Fixing Country Roads Round 6	Wool Track – Seal Extension	\$6,490,000	Successful	\$649,000	Waiting on Treasury for funding Deed
Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Phase 4	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Lilliane Brady Village Upgrades 2. Town Enhancement Program 3. Bore Placement Program 4. Footpath reinstatement in Marshal Street 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. \$885,211 2. \$200,000 3. \$275,000 4. \$350,974 	Successful	N/A	September 2023
Supportive Environment Grant – Western NSW Local Health District	Community garden at the Cobar Youth and Community Centre	\$5,000	Successful	N/A	December 2023

Council has committed \$319,469 in the 2023/2024 budget to put towards grant proposals as a co-contribution

Current Grant Opportunities:

- **Business Improvement District Pilot Program** – This program is an initiative led by the NSW Government, designed to fund trials of business-led, place-based partnerships and governance models across the state. The BID Pilot Program will promote collaborative place-making, involving property owners and local businesses in curating and growing local economies, whilst accelerating public-private collaboration in centres across NSW. This program is a two-stage process stage 1 EOI form and stage 2 formal application. Council have submitted a EOI form and stage 2 process will open shortly.
- **Regional Precincts and Partnerships Program:** – The Federal Government has allocated \$400 million to this program over 3 years with \$100 million available for 2023-24 and \$150 million for each of 2024-25 and 2025-26. The program is delivered through two streams supporting both the development of precincts and delivery of construction-ready precinct projects.
Stream one: Precinct development and planning - Grants of between \$500,000 and \$5 million are available for master planning, consultation, design, business cases and partnerships establishment.
Stream two: Precinct delivery – Grants of between \$5 million and \$50 million are available to help deliver one or more elements of a precinct. Applications are now open, and applications can be submitted at any time. Applications will be batched and assessed periodically.
- **Childcare and Economic Opportunity Fund:** - This fund will boost access to and affordability of early childhood education and care services for NSW families and children over the next 10 years. The **Flexible Initiatives Trail** is the first program under the Childcare and Economic Opportunity Fund and is designed to address concerns about choice and availability of quality early childhood education experiences. This program has pool of up to \$20 Million over 2 years and will provide grants to support existing ECEC service providers to trail new or adapted operating models to better meet the needs of children and families and allow parents to enter the workforce or increase their hours. Application for round 1 are open and close on the 1st of December 2023.
- **Heavy Vehicle Safety and Productivity Program** - The Australian Government has committed a total of \$140 million over 10 years to support new and upgraded heavy vehicle rest areas, through the Heavy Vehicle Rest Area initiative (HVRA) under the HVSP. Applications need to address the strategic need criterion as outlined in the guidelines in order to be eligible for and assessed under this initiative. Applications are now open and close 22nd of December 2023.
- **Regional Emergency Road Repair Fund** – Under the 2023-2024 budget a new Regional Emergency Road Repair Fund will deliver \$390 million to regional and rural councils for urgent road and pothole repairs. This fund builds on the \$280 million allocated to regional NSW Councils through the Regional and Local Roads Repair Program. Councils will receive a funding deed variation to top up their funding allocation provided through the RLRRP.

Grant Funded Projects – Implementation

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

- **NSW Government - Stronger Country Communities Fund (SCCF) – Round 3 - Youth Development Officer – 18-month tenure** – Project is nearing completion. Funding to be absorbed by the end of October.
- **NSW Government - Stronger Country Communities Fund (SCCF) – Round 3 Euabalong Scenic Walking Trail** – Variation has been submitted to change the location of the walking track due to outstanding planning approvals and costing and design issues. Still pending approval. Currently engaging with consultant to update REF to reflect the new location.
- **NSW Government – Stronger Country Communities Fund (SCCF) – Round 5 - New LED lighting Ward Oval Cobar** – Council have engaged PWA to project manage this project along with all other projects at Ward Oval, contract documents been collated to go to tender soon. **Euabalong Hall Revitalisation** – Contractor engaged works to start late October and completed by end of November.
- **NSW Government – Regional Growth Fund & Federal Government - Building Better Regions Fund (Round 4) - Ward Oval Multi-Purpose Building and Early Learning Centre** – Project is progressing well with both buildings starting to take shape. Construction of buildings is 45% complete to date.
- **Showgrounds Stimulus Funding phase 2B – Sealing of the Ward Oval Car Park.** Received a variation to include the Multipurpose Hall carpark. Carpark to be complete towards the end of the Ward Oval project by the contractor expected January or February. Funding to be expended before 30 June 2024.
- **Resources for Regions round 7 (R4R7) - Stage 1 – existing industrial estate - including roads and storm water upgrades – and Resources for regions round 8 (R4R8) Cobar Industrial Estate Road and Storm water Upgrades - Stage 2** – time extension variation approved. Design received. Please refer to Engineering works report for project update.
- **Resources for regions – round 8 (R4R8) Business Case Studies (BCS) and Master Planning:** A variation has been submitted to transfer the remaining funds that were originally allocated to the Dalton Parks wetlands project, to develop a masterplan and business case for the Royal Far West Train Carriage, and a future use plan for the Town Hall Cinema. Still pending approval.
- **Resources for regions round 8 - (R4R8) - Great Cobar Museum - Coach House and Landscaping - (Stage 2 works)** – Time extension has been approved. Project progressing well with DA documentation submitted.
- **Resources for regions – round 8 (R4R8) - Early Intervention Outreach Program** – A variation has been approved to use remaining funds to complete a need analysis for allied health services within our community.

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- **Resources for regions – round 8 (R4R8)- Ward Oval Multipurpose building – area kitchen, canteen, bar, stage, and office**– Project is progressing well with both buildings starting to take shape. Construction of building is 45% complete to date.
 - **Resources for regions – round 9 (RFR9) - Euabalong Pump Station Disaster Resilience and Safety Upgrades** – please refer to the water and wastewater report for update.
 - **Resources for regions – round 9 (RFR9) - Louth Road Reservoir Asset Renewal Project** - please refer to the Water and Wastewater report for update.
 - **Resources for regions – round 9 (RFR9) Booberoi Road Bridge Replacement, Round Hill Road Bridge Replacement,** please refer to the Engineering works report for project update
 - **Resources for regions – round 9 (RFR9) Cobar Footpath connector and DDA project** – please refer to the Engineering works report for update.
 - **Resources for regions – round 9 (RFR9) Cobar Airport Masterplan** – Reviewing and updating the old masterplan from JJR.
 - **Resources for regions – round 9 (RFR9) - Cobar Early Intervention Program Phase 2** – Council have engaged a clinical psychologist to complete on site assessments and referrals for children to commence in term 4.
 - **Resources for regions – round 9 (RFR9) - Youth services program phase 2** – Cobar Youth and Community Centre staff are currently observing the needs of the youth within our community and receiving input from the youth council to commence planning of programs delivered that will best fit the needs of our community. Plan to deliver funding towards to end of the year once SCCF round 3 funding is absorbed.
 - **Resources for regions – round 9 (RFR9) - Cobar Museum Phase 2 & 3 redevelopment exhibition and object display project** – The exhibition designer has done a site visit. Planning is progressing.
 - **Regional Tourism Activation Fund – Stream One - Unique and High Impact Visitor Experiences - Stage 3 of The Great Cobar Museum upgrades, including a Mine Walk and Underground Experience.** Funding Deed received. DA documentation submitted. Will have 75% of detailed design completed by end of the month.
 - **Bulk water metering project** - Please refer to the Water and Wastewater report for project update.

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- **NSW Planning Portal API Grant Program** – To assist with integrating Councils new finance system, with the planning portal. The funding has been received and will be incorporated into the ERP implementation project to go towards the Planning Portal API component of the project. The project has been delivered however a second stage of implementation is now in place due to the need to upgrade to version 2.
 - **Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Phase 3 – Airport runway sealing upgrades – (Est) \$1,000,000.00** –please refer to the engineering works report for project update **99KW solar project at the Filtration plan - \$100,000.00**. Time extension approved until June 2024. Please refer to the Water and Wastewater report for project update **Industrial Estate – (Est) \$920,422.00**, project is completed and included the purchase of road base, drainage, and specifications.
 - **Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Phase 3 - Town Beautification – (Est) \$150,000.00** – Council has received approval from Essential Energy to paint an extra 2 electrical boxes within the CBD, one box has been painted, the other will be completed in the next couple of weeks. Tree planting is continuing around town. Received approval for the Mural on NAB by building owner and NAB staff. Artist has been engaged and art has been approved.
 - **Female Friendly Community Sport Facilities and Lighting Upgrades – Indoor lighting upgrade and installation of security lights at Cobar Youth and Community Centre** – Received funding deed. Project investigations have commenced.
 - **Fixing Local Roads Round 4 – Seal extension on shire road 20 Grain Road** – Please refer to the Engineering works report for project update.
 - **Fixing Local Roads Pothole Repair – short term repairs of priority potholes and road repair on local and regional roads** - Please refer to the Engineering works report for project update.
 - **Flood damage from November 2021 Event (EPA)** – please refer to the Engineering works report for project update.
 - **Regional and Local Roads Repair Program** - Please refer to the Engineering works report for project update.
 - **NSW Local Government Recovery Grants Program – Replacement of feeder pipe at Euabalong West water supply**– completing program of works. Project has not yet commenced until program is approved from the funding body.
 - **Electronic National Residential Medication Chart Adoption Grant** - Implementation of an eNRMC system at the Lilliane Brady Village Hostel. Project is progressing will be implemented end of October.
 - **Telehealth Support Grant** – Purchased the software, waiting on delivery. Will be implemented by the end of the year in line with the grant agreement.

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- **Holiday Break Fund – Spring 2023** – School holiday program completed including pottery classes with Cobar Arts Council, Skateboarding workshops with Totem Skating and a youth night at the Cobar Youth and Community Center.
 - **Crown Reserves Improvement Fund Program - Euabalong Sportsground and Racecourse** – Project is to purchase and erect a permanent showground arena and cattle yards. Project is complete.
 - **Reconnecting Regional NSW – Community Event Program** – Project is complete. Council held the ‘Bands in the Bush’ event on the 23rd of September 2023 at the Ailsa Fitzsimmons Memorial Oval. Council also participated in the running on empty festival.

RECOMMENDATION

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

CLAUSE 6 – INVESTMENT REPORT AS OF 30 SEPTEMBER 2023**FILE: B2-7****AOP REFERENCE: 3.1.1.7****ATTACHMENT: NO****AUTHOR: Finance Manager, Sandra Davey****Purpose**

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

Issues

The table below shows the balances of Council's Investments as of 30 September 2023. Term deposits have differing terms to spread the maturity dates throughout the year.

Investments	Rate	Bank	Opening Balance	Transfers to Investment	Transfers from Investment	Interest Earned	Closing Balance
NAB Sweep Acct	Variable	NAB	\$ 10,213,581	\$ 8,432,619	\$ 5,031,483	\$ 38,637	\$ 13,653,353
Aug-24	5.25%	AMP	\$ 2,008,660			\$ 8,998	\$ 2,017,658
Oct-23	4.50%	NAB	\$ 2,037,010			\$ 7,534	\$ 2,044,545
Nov-23	5.05%	AMP	\$ 3,069,519			\$ 21,042	\$ 3,090,561
Sep-23	4.35%	AMP	\$ 5,141,158		\$ 5,141,158	\$ -	-\$ 0
Sep-23	4.50%	NAB	\$ 5,076,334	\$ 5,000,000	\$ 5,076,334	\$ 3,493	\$ 5,003,493
Feb-24	5.22%	NAB	\$ 3,013,300			\$ 12,928	\$ 3,026,228
Oct-23	5.00%	NAB	\$ 5,125,960			\$ 21,066	\$ 5,147,025
TOTALS	Average Int	4.84%	\$35,685,522	\$13,432,619	\$15,248,975	\$113,697	\$33,982,863

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

S Davey

Finance Manager**RECOMMENDATION**

That Council receive and note the Investment Report as of 30 September 2023.

**CLAUSE 7 - BANK RECONCILIATION, CASH FLOW & LOAN FACILITY
SUMMARIES AS OF 30 SEPTEMBER 2023**

FILE: B2-7

AOP REFERENCE: 3.1.1.5

ATTACHMENT: NO

AUTHOR: Finance Manager, Sandra Davey

Purpose

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

Issues

Bank Reconciliation

Balance as per Bank Statement	10,000
Add Outstanding Deposits & Receipting	-
Less Unpresented Cheques	-

Reconciled Balance	10,000
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In accordance with the requirements of the Local Government Act, 1993, I hereby certify that the Cash Book has been reconciled with the appropriate Bank Statements daily during the month and that the reconciliations have been recorded.

S. Davey

Finance Manager

Monthly Total Funds Available for the Last 12 Months

Month	Investment Balances	Operating Account	Total Available Funds	Total Monthly % Change
Oct 22	21,405,472	10,000	21,415,472	-5%
Nov 22	21,919,968	10,000	21,929,968	2%
Dec 22	32,598,706	10,000	32,608,706	49%
Jan 23	37,870,525	10,000	37,880,525	16%
Feb 23	41,837,447	10,000	41,847,447	10%
Mar 23	39,058,522	10,000	39,068,522	-7%
Apr 23	38,375,787	10,000	38,385,787	-2%
May 23	36,663,407	10,000	36,673,407	-4%
Jun 23	39,043,365	10,000	39,053,365	6%
Jul 23	36,085,418	10,000	36,095,418	-7%
Aug 23	35,685,522	10,000	35,695,522	-1%
Sep 23	33,992,863	10,000	33,992,863	-4%

Cash Flow

Current Month		Description	Forecast
Forecast	Actual		Next Month
10,000	10,000	Bank Balance Forward	10,000
400,000	121,848	FAG / R2R / RMCC / TNSW	400,000
15,043	15,402	Services NSW	15,043
650,000	497,558	Rates /Water/User Charges	650,000
200,000	530,183	Private Works/Debtors	200,000
300,000	388,579	LBV – Residents Fees & Subsidies	300,000
150,000	72,007	Children’s Services (net)	150,000
1,000,000	1,816,357	Net Movement of Investments	1,000,000
500,000	1,511,723	Sundry Income & Grants	500,000
		<i>Less</i>	
(3,000,000)	(4,013,342)	Creditors	(3,000,000)
(850,000)	(960,315)	Wages / Salaries	(950,000)
10,000	10,000	Bank Reconciliation Cr/(Dr)	10,000

Loan Facility Report as of September 2023

Swimming Pool and Street Upgrade Loan (6.22%)	(44,178)
Grids and Culverts Loan (3.44%)	(2,258,607)

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receive and note the Bank Reconciliation, Monthly Total Funds Available, Cash Flow and Loan Facility Report as of 30 September 2023.

CLAUSE 8 – RATES RECONCILIATION REPORT AS AT 31 AUGUST 2023**FILE: R2-1****AOP REFERENCE: 3.1.1.6 ATTACHMENT: NO****AUTHOR: *Customer Service Manager, Jo-Louise Brown*****Purpose**

To provide Council details of the Rate Reconciliation as at 30 September 2023.

Rate Type	Levy Plus Arrears	Adjustments	Nett Levy	Cash	Paid-Previous	Outstanding
General Rates - Cobar Resident	\$1,232,858.23	\$1,046.55	\$1,233,904.78	-\$313,586.53	-\$49,269.24	\$871,049.01
General Rates - Business	\$361,853.26	-\$4,272.30	\$357,580.96	-\$156,626.15	-\$5,341.89	\$195,612.92
General Rates- Business Cobar	\$173,229.93	\$1,360.26	\$174,590.19	-\$81,847.37	-\$4,979.36	\$87,763.46
General Rates - Farmland	\$859,116.62	\$0.00	\$859,116.62	-\$357,338.00	-\$6,997.35	\$494,781.27
General Rates - Mining	\$2,030,880.01	\$0.00	\$2,030,880.01	-\$158,707.39	-\$39.91	\$1,872,132.71
General Rates - Residential Vi	\$183,926.59	\$0.00	\$183,926.59	-\$26,259.20	-\$7,123.54	\$150,543.85
General Rates - Business Villa	\$80,674.22	\$0.00	\$80,674.22	-\$16,141.35	-\$548.72	\$63,984.15
General Rates - Rural Resident	\$107,993.52	\$0.00	\$107,993.52	-\$21,381.65	-\$12,681.59	\$73,930.28
Interest	\$34,153.34	\$13.04	\$34,166.38	-\$2,537.95	\$0.00	\$31,628.43
Overpayments	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$6,833.07	-\$50,193.15	-\$43,360.08
General Rates	\$5,064,685.72	-\$1,852.45	\$5,062,833.27	-\$1,127,592.52	-\$137,174.75	\$3,798,066.00
Domestic Waste	\$840,210.75	-\$765.00	\$839,445.75	-\$276,037.38	-\$30,935.35	\$532,472.82
Cobar Water	\$1,810,794.47	-\$2,275.00	\$1,808,519.47	-\$599,702.13	-\$69,476.57	\$1,103,700.27
Nymagee Water	\$69,001.97	-\$490.00	\$68,511.97	-\$16,808.59	-\$360.90	\$51,342.48
Euabalong Water	\$138,337.44	-\$980.00	\$137,357.44	-\$34,920.13	-\$12,856.86	\$89,580.45
Mount Hope Water	\$12,217.79	\$0.00	\$12,217.79	-\$3,869.20	-\$152.53	\$8,196.06
Water Access	\$2,030,351.67	-\$3,745.00	\$2,026,606.67	-\$655,300.05	-\$82,846.86	\$1,252,819.26
Sewerage	\$1,244,186.13	\$0.00	\$1,244,186.13	-\$339,667.57	-\$52,545.97	\$851,972.59
Total Rates & Charges	\$9,179,434.27	-\$6,362.45	\$9,173,071.82	-\$2,398,597.52	-\$303,502.93	\$6,435,330.67
Water Consumption	\$881,370.00	-\$20,607.55	\$860,762.45	-\$719,400.15	\$0.00	\$141,362.30

RECOMMENDATION**That the Rates Reconciliation Report as at the 30 September 2023 be received and noted.**

CLAUSE 9 – PURCHASING ANALYSIS OF CONTRACTORS**FILE: T3-15-6****AOP REFERENCE: 3.3.4****ATTACHMENT: NO****AUTHOR: *Finance Manager, Sandra Davey*****Purpose**

The purpose of this report is to provide information on works let over \$80,000 inclusive of GST.

Background

Throughout the year Council uses various contractors for the supply of plant and equipment and trades and miscellaneous services for many of Council's activities.

These Contractors and Suppliers are engaged by quotations for small projects and tenders for larger projects following Councils Procurement Policy.

Council has requested that a report be provided for works let over \$80,000 inclusive of GST.

The table below indicates the contractors and suppliers that were engaged for services over \$80,000 inclusive of GST for the period July 1, 2023 – September 30, 2023, and the method of procurement used.

CONTRACTOR	DESCRIPTION OF WORKS AND METHOD OF PROCUREMENT	TOTAL	LOCALITY
DAVID PAYNE CONSTRUCTION	COBAR HERITAGE CENTRE (TENDER)	\$2,334,947.13	NON LOCAL
COUNTRY WIDE ASPHALT PTY LTD	ROAD WORKS (TENDER)	\$1,040,496.58	LOCAL
NICHOLSONS OF NYMAGEE	ROAD WORKS (RFQ)	\$854,889.75	LOCAL
ENABLEU HEALTH SOLUTIONS PTY LTD	CONSULTANT SERVICES (RFQ)	\$632,918.44	NON LOCAL
CRUSHRITE PTY LTD	GRAVEL CRUSHING (TENDER)	\$570,284.70	NON LOCAL
SUPERIOR PAK PTY LTD	PLANT PURCHASE (TENDER)	\$474,754.00	NON LOCAL
THE STABILISING PTY LTD	RMS CONTRACT (RFQ)	\$363,312.96	NON LOCAL
REDSTONE NURSING PTY LTD	LABOUR HIRE (RFQ)	\$358,547.53	NON LOCAL
CYNEND	CONSTRUCTION WORK (TENDER/RFQ)	\$342,038.86	LOCAL
HOLCIM (AUSTRALIA) PTY LTD	CULVERTS (TENDER)	\$254,253.00	NON LOCAL
WESTRAC PTY LTD	PLANT PURCHASE (TENDER)	\$244,380.51	LOCAL
BROUGHTON CONTRACTING PTY LTD	PLANT HIRE (TENDER)	\$243,034.00	LOCAL
DEPPELER EARTHMOVING	PLANT HIRE (TENDER)	\$205,326.00	LOCAL
NSW PUBLIC WORKS	GOVERNMENT CONSULTING SERVICES (GOV)	\$203,456.88	NON LOCAL
360 ENGINEERING PTY LTD	CONSULTANT SERVICES (RFQ)	\$185,036.11	NON LOCAL
CASTLYN PTY LTD T/A INLAND PETROLEUM	FUEL (TENDER)	\$190,582.00	NON LOCAL
DUNN & HILLAM ARCHITECTS	VARIOUS PROJECTS (YOUTH CENTRE, EARLY LEARNING CENTRE) (QUOTES)	\$175,497.32	NON LOCAL
CADIA GROUP PTY LTD	WATER AND SEWER (TENDER)	\$167,291.09	NON LOCAL
MIDLAND PTY LTD	PLANT PURCHASE (TENDER)	\$148,153.00	NON LOCAL
NEPTUNE CORPORATION PTY LTD T/A LOCAL GOVT AP	LABOUR HIRE (RFQ)	\$142,556.08	NON LOCAL
TRONIC GROUP PTY LTD	IT SERVICES (RFQ)	\$136,596.70	LOCAL
ROAD CARE AUSTRALIA PTY LTD	CONSTRUCTION WORK (TENDER/RFQ)	\$129,575.60	NON LOCAL

CRANFIELD MEDICAL & HEALTHCARE PTY LTD	LABOUR HIRE (RFQ)	\$122,353.71	NON LOCAL
JONESYS EARTHWORXS PTY LTD	CONSTRUCTION WORK (TENDER/RFQ)	\$117,995.17	NON LOCAL
KALLARA PARTNERS	PLANT HIRE (TENDER)	\$114,841.65	LOCAL
ORION GROUP	PROJECT MANAGEMENT (RFQ)	\$109,100.89	NON LOCAL
JR MAY & JR MAY EARTHMOVING PTY LTD	PLANT HIRE (TENDER)	\$108,460.00	LOCAL
KILLARD INFRASTRUCTURE PTY LTD	RETICULATION UPGRADE (TENDER)	\$99,653.84	NON LOCAL
COBAR STEEL PTY LTD	TRADE SERVICES (RFQ)	\$98,978.00	LOCAL
ROLLERS AUSTRALIA PTY LTD	PLANT HIRE (TENDER)	\$97,240.47	NON LOCAL
ZONDA PEOPLE HEALTHCARE RECRUITMENT	LABOUR HIRE (RFQ)	\$92,124.56	NON LOCAL
BOB BRUCE EARTHWORKS PTY LTD	PLANT HIRE (TENDER)	\$90,228.50	LOCAL
I J CHASE GRADER CONTRACTING	PLANT HIRE (TENDER)	\$88,742.50	LOCAL
NOMES CUSTOM CLEANING	CLEANING SERVICES (RFQ)	\$80,411.38	LOCAL
LOCAL SUPPLIERS		\$3,648,424.43	
NON-LOCAL SUPPLIERS		\$6,969,634.48	
TOTAL PURCHASES OVER \$80,000 2023/2024		\$10,618,058.91	

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receive and note the information contained in this report.

CLAUSE 10 – ENGINEERING WORKS REPORT

FILE: C6-20-2

AOP REFERENCE: 4.3.2

ATTACHMENT: NO

AUTHOR: *Acting Director Engineering Services – Heinz Kausche*

Purpose

To inform Council of completed and ongoing Engineering Works for the period up to September 2023.

Background

State Highways

Major Maintenance Work

- Pothole patching of highway network using contract road maintenance truck ongoing.
- Shoulder grading sections of Barrier Highway West underway in preparation for reseals later in the year.

Construction Work

- Heavy Patching – continuing with the majority of patches along the Barrier Hwy East of Cobar completed. Patching of causeways will be delivered separately to the current heavy patching program.
- 78 Mile and Barrier Highway intersection – ongoing, contractor engaged to assist with the delivery of this project.

Urban Roads/Shire Roads/Regional Roads

- Cobar Industrial Estate Road and Stormwater Upgrades – final prices are currently being sought for stage 1 works. The designs for stages 2 and 3 are undergoing final review prior to issue for construction.
- Footpath Connector Project – tenders closed with outcomes to be reported to the Oct. Council meeting.
- Fixing Local Roads Round 4 – preliminary works including the crushing and running out of gravel completed in preparation for sealing 15km of the existing unsealed section of Grain Road.
- Fixing Country Roads – awaiting finalisation of the funding deed for sealing 40km of the Wool Track.
- Regional & Local Roads Repair Program – stabilisation of two floodways on Pulpulla Road complete. Gravel carting has commenced on Curranyalpa Road, Rosevale Road and 52 Mile Road in preparation for re-sheeting.

Cobar Airport Runway Sealing and Vegetation Clearance Works

- Vegetation clearance works within the fenced area of the airport underway.
- Sealing works have been rescheduled to be undertaken in Feb/March 2024.

Flood Damage

- Works continuing on the Restoration of Essential Public Assets funded through the Natural Disaster Funding Arrangements including pushing up of burrow pits and cleaning floodways on Developmental Road and flood damage grading on Rosevale Road. Stabilisation works have also commenced on Kiacatoo Road.
- Pothole repair and minor pavement patching on going across the LGA.

Road Maintenance

In addition to the above, crews are also working on the following:

- Maintenance
 - Buckanbe Road
 - Seventy-Eight Mile
 - Gidgee Road
 - Coomeratta Road
 - Developmental Road
 - Rosevale Road
 - Wool Track – Central Shire End
 - Booberoi Road
 - Tipping Way
 - Balowra Road

Asset and Fleet Management

- Vehicle/Plant Equipment Trackers – installation nearing completion.
- New Trade Waste Truck – tenders received for new truck; evaluations of tenders scheduled for October.
- New Road Maintenance Truck – procurement process finalised with delivery expected late 2024.

Water and Sewer

- Nyngan, Hermidale, and Cobar Pump Station Permanent Replacement - Concept design completed and preparation of tender documentation including technical specifications nearing finalisation.
- Water Treatment Plant – construction of new shed underway.

Water Storage Level Updates (18 Sept 2023)

- Cobar Water Storages are currently at 91% full (combined).
- Burrendong Dam is currently at 85% full.
- Level 1 water restrictions are triggered when the water level of the Burrendong Dam reaches 20%
- Level 5 water restrictions are triggered when the when the water level of the Burrendong Dam reaches 1% and the Cobar storages drop below 20%

Drought Triggers

Level		Cobar, Canbelego, Euabalong, Euabalong West, Mount Hope and Nymagee
Be Water Wise	1	To protect and secure our water supply
High	2	10
Very High	3	5
Severe	4	2.5.
Emergency	5	1%. Also applied when the effective storage percentage of the combined Cobar storages drops below 20%.

Demand Targets

Usage Type	1 Be Water Wise	2 High	3 Very High	4 Severe	EMERGENCY
Target Water Consumption	240L/ day/person 10% reduction	210L/ day/ person 20% reduction	180L/ day/ person 30% reduction	150L/ day/person 40% reduction	120L/day/person 55% percent

Depot Works

- Depot Masterplan – independent review of the store is nearing completion. The review includes safe day-to-day operations, on hand inventory, general workflow, store layouts, equipment, and activity profiles in order to determine an efficient site lay out design as it relates to the overall Depot Masterplan and to make inventory recommendations to reduce the stores inventory holdings to improve efficiencies.

RECOMMENDATION

That the information contained in the Engineering Works Report detailing construction and maintenance activities on Shire and Regional Roads, State Highways, Water and Sewer Mains, Parks and Gardens, and other Council assets be received and noted.

CLAUSE 11 – EXPENDITURE FOR ROADS NETWORK

FILE: R5-31 AOP REFERENCE: 4.3.2 ATTACHMENT: YES (PAGE 51-59)

AUTHOR: Acting *Director of Engineering, Heinz Kausche*

Purpose

To Provide Council with financial information on the expenditure on Council's Local and Regional Roads.

Background

A report detailing the Expenditure on Capital/R2R (orange), Council's Shire Local Roads (blue), Regional Roads Network (green) and Flood Damage Claim (Grey) is provided as an attachment for Council's information.

RECOMMENDATION

That the information detailing the Expenditure for Council's Roads Network be received and noted.

CLAUSE 12 – DEVELOPMENT APPROVALS: 20 SEPTEMBER 2023 – 17 OCTOBER 2023

FILE: T5-1

AOP REFERENCE: 1.6.3.1

ATTACHMENT: NO

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

Complying Development Approvals

There were no Complying Development Certificates approved under delegated authority for the period 20 September 2023 – 17 October 2023.

The value of Complying Development approvals for 2023/2024 to date is \$60,000.00

The value of Complying Development approvals for the similar period in 2022/2023 was Nil.

Local Development Approvals

The following Local Development Applications were approved under delegated authority for the period 20 September 2023 – 17 October 2023

CERTIFICATE NO.	ADDRESS	DESCRIPTION	VALUE (\$)
DA23/026	36 Tindera St, Cobar	Detached Metal Shed	30,000.00
DA23/044	30 Marshall St, Cobar	Internal Alterations to Existing Food Premises	120,000.00
DA23/046	10 Acacia Dr, Cobar	Metal Carport	27,667.92
DA23/047	45 Elizabeth Cres, Cobar	Free Standing Patio Cover	25,210.00

The value of Local Development approvals for 2023/2024 to date is \$45,008,636.92.

The value of Local Development approvals for the similar period in 2022/2023 was \$44,806,152.00.

Construction Certificates

The following Construction Certificates were issued for the period 20 September 2023 – 17 October 2023

CERTIFICATE NO.	ADDRESS	DESCRIPTION
CC23/026	10 Acacia Dr, Cobar	Metal Carport
CC23/029	36 Tindera St, Cobar	Metal Shed
CC23/027	45 Elizabeth Cres, Cobar	Free Standing Patio Cover

RECOMMENDATION

That the information detailing the Local Development and Construction Certificate approvals for the period 20 September 2023 – 17 October 2023 be received and noted.

CLAUSE 13- REQUEST NOT TO INVITE TENDERS FOR WORKS ON SR26

FILE: SR26

AOP REFERENCE: 4.3.1.1

ATTACHMENT: NO

AUTHOR: *Reba Nicholson, Cadet Engineer*

Purpose

To resolve to negotiate a contract for the construction of floodway one on SR26 Wilga Downs Road with a local supplier and not invite tenders due to extenuating circumstances.

Background

Council was awarded funding under the 20/21 FLR2 Wilga Downs Rd to complete sealing and the construction of crucial floodways along Wilga Downs Road. The works were originally completed by 17 December 2021 with an extension given to 30 November 2023.

The remaining unsealed sections of Wilga Downs Road have been sealed with the floodways remaining to construct. To complete the works within the required timeframe the floodways need to be constructed. The work is scheduled to be undertaken over the next two months.

As a result of the large amount of roadworks currently being undertaken, Councils internal crews are fully committed with delivering heavy patching program and urgent flood damage related works across the Local Government Area.

It is recommended that Council resolve in accordance with Section 55 (3)(i) of the Local Government Act 1993, to not invite tenders for the construction of floodway for the Wilga Downs Road (SR26) because of extenuating circumstances and engage a local supplier to deliver the work.

Legal Situation

Given the sensitive nature of the information provided it is recommended that Council considers a further report in the Committee of the Whole Closed Council with the press and public excluded.

RECOMMENDATION

That a further report regarding the contract for the construction of a floodway on SR26 be considered in Closed Council with the press and public excluded for the reason as stated in Section 10A (2)(d)(i) of the *Local Government Act 1993*, as it contains commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed in open Council, prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it.

CLAUSE 14- ACTIVE TRANSPORT FOOTPATH CONSTRUCTION (T3-23-3)**FILE: T3-23-3****ATTACHMENT: NO****AUTHOR: *Reba Nicholson, Cadet Engineer*****Purpose**

To consider the tender submissions received for the Active Transport Footpath Construction. The tender was issued to seek responses from suitably qualified and experienced parties to construct concrete footpaths in Cobar.

Background

The Request for Tender (RFT) for the tender was prepared and issued on Friday 30 June 2023 through advertising in the local paper and through Tenderlink. The deadline for the lodgement of tenders was 10:00am on Friday 28 July 2023.

In total three (3) tender submissions were received electronically via Tenderlink:

- As Per Plan Construction
- Smartin Building Pty Ltd
- Ryan Construction Group

Legal Situation

Council has complied with the requirements of Section 55 of the Local Government Act 1993 and of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2005 Part 7.

Given the sensitive nature of the information provided it is recommended that Council considers a further report in the Committee of the Whole Closed Council with the press and public excluded.

RECOMMENDATION

That a further report regarding the Active Transport Footpath Construction (T3-23-3) be considered in Closed Council with the press and public excluded for the reason as stated in Section 10A (2)(d)(i) of the *Local Government Act 1993*, as it contains commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed in open Council, prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it.



ATTACHMENTS

ORDINARY MEETING AGENDA

THURSDAY, 26 OCTOBER 2023

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