



COBAR SHIRE COUNCIL

ORDINARY MEETING AGENDA

THURSDAY, 23 NOVEMBER 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
 - Arthur Bruce Lawrence
 - Elsie Olive Dawn Pike
 4. Public Access Forum
 5. Confirmation of Minutes
 - Ordinary Meeting of Council – Thursday, 26 October 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
 - Front Lift Trade Waste Truck
 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 – VOLUNTARY PLANNING AGREEMENT – FEDERATION MINE PROJECT (SSD-24319456)

FILE: M4-22

AOP REFERENCE: 3.1.1.7

ATTACHMENT: YES (PAGE 47-69)

AUTHOR: *General Manager, Peter Vlatko*

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to approve the negotiated Voluntary Planning Agreement (VPA) of Federation Mine and provide information detailing the proposed Voluntary Planning Agreement (VPA) with Cobar Shire Council and Hera Resources Pty Limited for the Federation Mine Project (SSD-24319456).

Background

In accordance with DA approval there was a choice of \$2 million dollars or a negotiated Voluntary Planning Agreement (VPA).

Voluntary Planning Agreements (VPA's) are voluntary and can only be entered into where both parties are in agreement on the terms and benefits of such an agreement. Voluntary Planning Agreements (VPA's) cannot be entered into unless public notice has been given and an explanatory note is made available for inspection for at least 28 days.

The negotiated Voluntary Planning Agreement (VPA) between Cobar Shire Council and Hera Resources Ltd is as follows.

Under delegated authority the General Manager has negotiated agreed terms with Hera Resources Pty Limited for a Planning Agreement in relation to the recently approved Federation Mine Project, near Nymagee.

The key terms are:

1. An initial payment of \$250,000 to be made upon commencement of construction, expected approx. 1 July 2025 (CPI applied from date of signing the Planning Agreement); and
2. Payment of \$40,000 per year to the Nymagee Enhancement Fund, for allocation locally. Commencing one year after payment No 1 above; and
3. Payment of \$210,000 per year to a Cobar LGA Enhancement Fund, for projects that benefit the wider Cobar LGA. Commencing one year after payment No 1 above; and
4. Payment of Annual Road Maintenance Contributions for Burthong Road and Priory Tank Road. These Contributions will be determined in accordance with the Cobar Local Infrastructure Contributions Plan 2012. Payment will be based on actual ore truck movements in the previous 12 months.

The Planning Agreement will run for the life of the project, currently expected to be 12 to 14 years.

Council is required to provide an annual performance report to Hera Resources and the general public (as per the EP&A Act).

Under the Planning Agreement Hera Resources has also agreed to provide Council with a Licence to access Lots 31, 33 and 34 DP 1128958 and Lot 1 DP 34286 near the Cobar sewage treatment plant.

This is now required to be exhibited for a twenty-eight (28) day period commencing from Friday, 24th November 2023 until COB Thursday 21st December 2023.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council endorse and place the proposed Voluntary Planning Agreement (VPA) with Hera Resources Pty Limited for the Federation Mine Project (SSD-24319456) on public display for 28 day period

CLAUSE 2 –COUNCILLOR VACANCIES

FILE: C12-1

ATTACHMENT: NO

AUTHOR: *General Manager, Peter Vlatko*

Purpose

To seek approval from the Minister to dispense with the by-elections.

Background

Under the *Local Government Act Section 294* a casual vacancy within 18 months before the date specified for the next election (that being September 2024) the Minister may, on application of the Council “294 (2) (a) order that the vacancy not be filled”.

Discussion

Councillor Peter Abbott sadly passed away in October 2023 and Councillor Kain Neale will resign following the November Council meeting and therefore requires Council to consider having a by-election.

Given the Local Government Act allows for the casual vacancy not to be filled within the 18 months it is recommended that Council make an application to the Minister for the vacancy not to be filled.

Councillor Abbott has been a Councillor for 9 years he served as the Deputy Mayor from 2015 until 2021 and as Mayor from 2021 to September 2023 stepping down as mayor and sadly passing in October 2023.

Councillor Neale has been a Councillor for 2 years and has made a significant contribution to Council and the Cobar Shire, we thank him for his passion and commitment.

RECOMMENDATION

- 1. That the Council makes an application under *Section 294 (2)* seeking the Minister to order that the vacancy of Councillor Abbott Passing away and Councillor Neale resigning not be filled as it is within the 18 months before the next ordinary election of Council.**
- 2. That Councillor Neale be thanked for this contribution of the past 2 years for the people of Cobar Shire Council in his role as Councillor.**

CLAUSE 3 – REGIONAL DROUGHT RESILIENCE PLAN

FILE: D6-1, 6847

ATTACHMENTS: (YES PAGE 70-70)

AUTHOR: *General Manager, Peter Vlatko*

Purpose

To consider the next stage of the preparation of the Regional Drought Resilience Plan

Background

The Far North West JO have engaged Belinda Collins as a Project Officer for the development of the plan and has provided the following report for Councils consideration.

At the beginning of 2020, 100 per cent of New South Wales was in drought. Between 2017 and 2020, many regions faced the lowest rainfall and driest conditions in 120 years – 2019 was the driest and warmest year on record for NSW and rainfall was 55 per cent below average. It also followed in quick succession from the Millennium drought and left little time for primary producers to recover and protect themselves against future crises, exacerbating the social and economic impacts.

But drought is unpredictable, recurring and more importantly a hallmark of the Australian climate. It is slow moving and people are not sure if they are in one until it is well and truly happening. The event, its impacts and the recovery are long and cyclical in nature.

Therefore, we need a long-term view of the cycle of drought and non-drought years and with recent events stark in memory, now is the time to take stock and intensify a coordinated approach across three levels of government to ensure regional areas are better prepared for the next drought.

To mitigate the devastating social and economic impacts of drought, the NSW Government has set in motion a planning program to help communities and economies survive. The NSW Government in partnership with the federal Future Drought Fund, regional drought resilience plans (RDR Plans) are being prepared across the State, funded by this partnership, as a first step to understanding drought resilience actions for future funding.

The aim of the project is to direct continuous funding for drought resilience initiatives which reflect local need and context of drought.

The RDRP's objective is to help communities develop a holistic, community-wide view of how they become more resilient to future droughts. This is achieved through improving underlying community strength, economy and environmental aspects of a region.

Communities need long term strategies to improve baseline resilience which transcends the cyclical nature of drought.

Links to other strategies, discovering and enlightening local meanings of resilience and recognising synergies in existing work that can enhance resilience rather than growing the scope of regional projects is a key principle.

The Narrative

Change the “Drought” narrative from “Crisis” to “Proactive Management - We can’t stop it, but we can manage it”.

Drought management is similar to personal health management; we don’t wait for a health crisis that will threaten our being; instead, we manage our health with regular health checks, access to improved information and technologies and implement strategies to reduce risk through planning, reviewing and re-evaluating.

We need to manage drought, like our health and not wait for CRISIS when it’s too late.

We need to normalise drought by ensuring there are pre-drought, drought and post drought strategies in place – we can’t eliminate drought BUT we can eliminate CRISIS.

FNWJO Project Delivery – Two Drought Plans

After consultation with Councils in the region, Far North-West Joint Organisation lodged 2 applications to the Regional Drought Resilience Planning Program, Round 1

- Consortia RDRP 004 (Bourke, Brewarrina, Cobar and Walgett)
- Consortia RDRP 016 (Coonamble, Warren and Bogan)

The applications were successful, with funding secured to create two (2) Regional Drought Plans for RDRP 004 and RDRP 016.

Each drought plan will have regional and local actions specific to each region that promote self-reliance and drought resilience of regional communities, improve the natural capital of agricultural landscapes to optimise environmental outcomes & strengthen the wellbeing and social capital of rural, regional & remote community.

Each Drought Plan will have its own budget allocations however economies of scale will be found in consultant recruitment, consultation processes and engagement by applying similar delivery strategies across the development of both RDRP 004 and RDRP 016 Regional Drought Plans.

Funding / Timeline Summary

Consortia RDRP 004 (Bourke, Brewarrina, Cobar and Walgett) Details - \$560,000

	Activity	Milestone Payment	Due Date
Milestone 1	Executed Funding Deed Copies of certificates of currency for insurance policies	\$105,000	June 2023 ✓
Milestone 2	Development – Project Plan Developed and Agreed	\$105,000	6 th November 2023
Milestone 3	Draft RDR Plan to the Department for the Department will supply RDR plan to CSIRO for independent review		26 th March 2024
Milestone 4	Incorporate CSIRO's feedback and provide the final RDR Plan and final report to the Department		29 th May 2024
Milestone 5	Implement Plan approved by the Department, containing agreed activities to be delivered and estimated costs, timings other details of those activities.	\$300,000	30 th June 2024
Milestone 6	Final Report and acquittal	\$50,000	30 th April 2025

TOTAL \$560,000

Consortia RDRP 016 (Coonamble, Warren and Bogan) \$450,000

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TOTAL \$450,000

RDRP Objectives

Consistent with the strategic priorities and objectives of the Future Drought Fund Agreement, the objectives of the RDRP process are to:

- grow self-reliance and performance of the agricultural sector.
- improve the natural capital of agricultural landscapes for better environmental outcomes.
- strengthen the wellbeing and social capital of rural, regional and remote communities.

Strong community and diverse regional economies are core objectives of the NSW Government, providing both short and long term opportunities to strengthen drought resilience.

Council Support required to deliver Regional Drought Resilience Plan

To ensure the success of the Regional Drought Resilience Plan for the Cobar Shire Council LGA;

1. Nominate *Councillor* to attend with the General Manager the FNWJOC launch, meetings and act as a “Council Representative” for the Project.
2. Nominated Director of Engineering as a local information conduit to work with the FNWJOC Drought Project Officer to source local contacts, information and plans (this might be a PA or Economic Development practitioner). Local Plans (Council or otherwise) that refer or are impacted by drought; Plans might include; Community Strategic Plans, Economic Development Plans, Local Environmental Plans, Regional Infrastructure Plans, Water Security Plans – anything that may inform the development of a drought plan relevant to your LGA.
3. Provide localised media support for the Regional Drought Resilience Plan by;
 - a. Attending the launch of the plan to be held at (tentatively Cobar on or about the 13th December).
 - b. Undertake local media promotion of the Regional Drought Plan Development for your area through promotion in electronic, print and radio media releases to elevate the importance of the plan (media pack to be supplied)

RECOMMENDATION

- 1. Cobar Shire Council accept this report as information.**
- 2. Nominate two representatives to participate in the RDRP process on behalf of Council being the General Manager and one Councillor.**
- 3. Nominate the Director of Engineering as the contact as a local information conduit to work with the FNWJOC Drought Project Officer.**
- 4. Council to supply local plans relevant to Cobar Shire to the Drought Project Officer for review.**
- 5. Council to undertake local media promotion of the RDRP process to promote the launch of the consultation process in January 2024**
- 6. Council to adopt the RDRP Project Plan for RDRP 004 for implementation by the FNWJO as attached.**

CLAUSE 4– 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 timeframe.

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>

<p>1469</p>	<p>Council Meeting – Notice of Motion – Fringe Benefits Tax (FBT) Including Living Away From Home Allowance Exempted for Remote Mining Community such as Cobar</p> <p>Council Meeting- Clause 2- Notice of motion FBT Change</p>	<p>63.4.2019</p> <p>50.04.2023</p>	<p>GM</p>	<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>	<p>Submission being prepared and discussions held with local mines.</p> <p>Council has engaged an Accountant to provide details of the Tax matters.</p> <p>Status 1277 has now been combined into 1469. (1277 removed)</p> <p>Meeting held with Mayor & discussion ongoing with Accountant.</p>
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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	1. That Council Consider the following recommendations: 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

COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS 28 September 2023

NUMBER	ITEM	RESOLUTION NUMBER	ACTION BY	ACTION REQUIRED	OUTCOME
1477	Council Meeting- Mayoral Minute	152.09.2023	GM	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That the Mayor make appropriate representations requesting the continuation of the Resource for Regions Program in its current format as an acknowledgement of the significant economic contribution our community makes to the prosperity of NSW and the daily impact we are required to live with. 2. Cobar Shire Council collaborate with the Mayors of other affected Councils regarding the reinstatement of the Resources for Regions funding. 	<p>In progress</p> <p>The Mayor is attending with the MERC meeting with Minister Moriarty regarding the Resources for Regions funding & its future on Tuesday 28th November 2023 in Sydney.</p>

COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS 26 October 2023

NUMBER	ITEM	RESOLUTION NUMBER	ACTION BY	ACTION REQUIRED	OUTCOME
1478	Council Meeting-Clause 3 Quarter 1 – 2023/2024 Budget Review	180.10.2023	DCCS	<p>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.</p> <p>Transfer internally funded budget of \$839,533 to the Local Roads and Community Infrastructure grant.</p> <p>a) Reduce Councils plant replacement budget by \$1,000,000.</p> <p>b) Introduce Miners Memorial Park – Adjacent Carpark of \$100,000.</p> <p>c) Introduce Regional Local Roads Repair Program of \$4,085,934.</p> <p>d) Reduce the capital budget by \$15,850,000 due to pending grant funded projects that are unlikely to be funded in this financial year.</p> <p>2. and that the following adjustments be made to the operating budget.</p> <p>a) Increase capital grants and contribution revenue by \$21,610,731.</p> <p>b) Increase RMMC Heavy Patching by \$2,000,000.</p> <p>c) Increase the RMAP contract by \$741,659.</p> <p>d) Increase the LBV agency staffing costs by \$500,000.</p>	Completed
1479	Clause 1C- Request not to invite Tenders for Works on SR26	193.10.2023	DES	<p>1. Resolve in accordance with Section 55 (3)(i) of the Local Government Act 1993 not to invite</p>	Completed

				<p>tenders for the construction of one floodway along SR26 Wilga Downs Road because of the following extenuating circumstances:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Remoteness of the locality of the worksite. b. Short timelines associated with the availability of the funding to complete the works. c. Poor condition of the roadway and need to rehabilitate the roadway for reasons of road safety. <p>2. Resolve to engage Cynend Building & Construction Pty Ltd for the construction of Floodway one for the amount of \$ 349,975.00 excluding GST.</p> <p>3. Authorise the General Manager to enter into a contract with Cynend Building & Construction Pty Ltd for the construction of Floodway one located along SR26 Wilga Downs Road.</p>	
1480	Clause 2C- Active Transport Footpath Construction (T3-23-3)	194.10.2023	DES	That Council award the contract for Active Transport Footpath Construction to As Per Plan Construction to the value of \$515,705 plus GST (\$51,570.50) and authorise the General Manager and Mayor to sign the contract.	Completed

RECOMMENDATION That the information contained in the monthly status report be received and noted, with the following items to be removed: 1477, 1478,1479 & 1480.

CLAUSE 5 – MEETING MINUTES

FILE: R5-36 AOP REFERENCE: 3.1 ATTACHMENT: YES (PAGE 71-74)

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 – Thursday 09th November 2023

No resolutions for Council adoption.

RECOMMENDATION

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

CLAUSE 6– GENERAL MANAGERS OPERATIONAL REPORT

FILE: C6-20-2

AOP REFERENCE: 4.3.2

ATTACHMENT: NO

AUTHOR: *General Manager, Peter Vlatko*

Purpose

To provide Council with an update on strategic operational matters.

Discussion

Mayor to attend meeting with Minister Moriarty regarding Resources for Regions

- Mayor Marsden will be attending a meeting with the Mining & Energy Related Councils NSW (MERC), Roy Butler MP, Member for Barwon and the Hon. Tara Moriarty, Minister for Agriculture, Minister for Regional NSW and Minister for Western NSW to discuss the Resources for Regions Funding and its future in Sydney on Tuesday 28th November 2023 at 3.45pm.

Purchase of the Grand Hotel & Cafe

- The settlement of the purchase of the Grand Hotel and Café (34 & 36 Marshall Street Cobar) has taken place on Monday 13th November 2023. Council has now secured the building appropriately.

The Wool Track (MR416)

- Council is delighted to have received the signed deed for the Wool Track (MR416) for \$6,490,000.00 after a long wait.

Senior Citizens Christmas Party

- The Senior Citizens Christmas Party will be held on Thursday 30th November 2023 at 12 noon at the Cobar Youth & Community Centre.

Upcoming Council Dates

- No Councillor workshop to be held in December.
- Next Ordinary Council meeting is scheduled for Thursday 14th December 2023 at 5pm.
- No Council meetings to be held in January 2024.
- First Councillor Workshop is scheduled for Thursday 08th February 2023 at 2pm.

RECOMMENDATION

That the General Managers Operational Report be received and noted.

CLAUSE 7– 2022/2023 ANNUAL REPORT

FILE: A2-2 AOP REFERENCE: 3.3.3

**ATTACHMENT: YES
(TO BE TABLED)**

AUTHOR: *General Manager, Peter Vlatko*

Purpose

For Council to receive and note the 2022/2023 Annual Report.

Background

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

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

The 2022/2023 Annual Report has now been provided to Councillors for perusal and information.

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

RECOMMENDATION

That the information contained in the 2022/2023 Annual Report be received and noted.

CLAUSE 8-AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

**FILE: A12-2 & F2-2-17 AOP REFERENCE: 3.3.3.3 ATTACHMENT: YES
(PAGE 75-173)**

AUTHOR: *Finance Manager, Sandra Davey*

Purpose

The Financial Reports for the year ended 30 June 2023 have been completed. The Council's auditors conducted their final audit and Council has received their Audit Report.

A full set of the Financial Reports including the Auditor's Report is tabled at this meeting and is also available on Council's website. Consideration of this report means that Council is complying with the Local Government Act 1993.

Background

The Financial Reports for the year ended 30 June 2023 have been prepared in accordance with the Local Government Act 1993 and the Regulations made there under, the Australian Accounting Standards and Professional Pronouncements and the Local Government Code of Accounting Practice and Financial Reporting.

Copies of the reports have been provided to the Chief Executive Officer of the Office of Local Government within the required timeframe. Responsibility for the audit has been with the Audit Office of New South Wales (AONSW) and Prosperity Advisers was the subcontract agent and carried out the on-site work.

Section 418 to Section 421 of the Local Government Act 1993 outlines the procedures that Council must follow with regards to the presentation of its Financial Reports.

In accordance with Section 418 Council is required to hold a public meeting to present the Financial Reports. Notification of the meeting was advertised on Council's website on 1st November 2023 and in the Cobar Weekly on the 1st November 2023.

In accordance with section 420 "any person may make submission to the Council with respect to the Council's audited financial statements".

At the time of writing this report, no submissions had been received.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Audited Financial Statements and Auditor's Reports for the year ended 30 June 2023 be received and noted.

CLAUSE 9 – INVESTMENT REPORT AS OF 31 OCTOBER 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 31 October 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	\$ 13,654,253	\$ 2,506,788	\$ 3,763,395	\$ 46,173	\$ 12,443,818
Aug-24	5.25%	AMP	\$ 2,017,658			\$ 9,339	\$ 2,026,997
Apr-24	5.10%	NAB	\$ 2,044,545	\$ 2,000,000	\$ 2,044,545	\$ 7,545	\$ 2,007,545
Nov-23	5.05%	AMP	\$ 3,090,561			\$ 21,834	\$ 3,112,395
Mar-24	5.10%	NAB	\$ 5,003,493			\$ 21,673	\$ 5,025,166
Feb-24	5.22%	NAB	\$ 3,026,228			\$ 13,417	\$ 3,039,645
Mar-24	5.00%	NAB	\$ 5,147,025			\$ 21,857	\$ 5,168,882
TOTALS	Average Int	5.12%	\$33,983,763	\$4,506,788	\$5,807,940	\$141,838	\$32,824,449

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 31 October 2023.

**CLAUSE 10 - BANK RECONCILIATION, CASH FLOW & LOAN FACILITY
SUMMARIES AS OF 31 OCTOBER 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

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 \$'000	Operating Account \$'000	Total Available Funds \$'000	Total Monthly % Change
Nov 22	21,919	10	21,929	2%
Dec 22	32,598	10	32,608	49%
Jan 23	37,870	10	37,880	16%
Feb 23	41,837	10	41,847	10%
Mar 23	39,058	10	39,068	-7%
Apr 23	38,375	10	38,385	-2%
May 23	36,663	10	36,673	-4%
Jun 23	39,043	10	39,053	6%
Jul 23	36,085	10	36,095	-7%
Aug 23	35,685	10	35,695	-1%
Sep 23	33,992	10	34,002	-4%
Oct 23	32,824	10	32,834	-3%

Cash Flow

Current Month		Description	Forecast
Forecast \$'000	Actual \$'000		Next Month \$'000
10	10	Bank Balance Forward	10
400	934	FAG / R2R / RMCC / TNSW	400
15	15	Services NSW	15
650	206	Rates /Water/User Charges	500
200	47	Private Works/Debtors	200
300	330	LBV – Residents Fees & Subsidies	300
150	76	Children’s Services (net)	150
1,000	1,301	Net Movement of Investments	1,000
500	1,199	Sundry Income & Grants	500
		<i>Less</i>	
(3,000)	(3,196)	Creditors	(3,000)
(950)	(932)	Wages / Salaries	(950)
10	10	Bank Reconciliation Cr/(Dr)	10

Loan Facility Report as of 31 October 2023

Fund	Purpose	Amount \$'000	Funding Institute	Period		Rate	Payable	31-Oct-23 \$'000
General Fund	Swimming Pool and Street Upgrade	2,000	NAB (business markets loan)	1/11/2013	30/11/2023	6.22%	Monthly	22
General Fund	Shire Road Culverts	2,500	NAB (business markets loan)	27/04/2022	31/03/2025	3.44%	Quarterly	2,259
Total Principal Balance as of 31 October 2023								2,281

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receive and note the Bank Reconciliation, Monthly Total Funds Available, Cash Flow and Loan Facility Report as of 31 October 2023.

CLAUSE 11– RATES RECONCILIATION REPORT AS AT 31 OCTOBER 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 31 October 2023.

Rate Type	Levy Plus Arrears	Adjustments	Nett Levy	Cash	Paid-Previous	Outstanding
General Rates - Cobar Resident	1,173,878.76	59,980.57	1,233,859.33	-356,871.97	-49,269.24	827,718.12
General Rates - Business	349,230.30	8,350.66	357,580.96	-171,210.20	-5,341.89	181,028.87
General Rates- Business Cobar	169,120.91	5,469.28	174,590.19	-85,153.40	-4,979.36	84,457.43
General Rates - Farmland	858,972.81	143.81	859,116.62	-365,644.01	-6,997.35	486,475.26
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	-33,745.25	-7,123.54	143,057.80
General Rates - Business Villa	80,674.22	0.00	80,674.22	-16,585.78	-548.72	63,539.72
General Rates - Rural Resident	102,974.16	5,019.36	107,993.52	-26,185.78	-12,681.59	69,126.15
Interest	34,153.34	33,596.43	67,749.77	-4,553.22	0.00	63,196.55
Overpayments	0.00	0.00	0.00	-57,524.61	0.00	-57,524.61
General Rates	4,983,811.10	112,560.11	5,096,371.21	-\$1,276,181.61	-\$86,981.60	\$3,733,208.00
Domestic Waste	\$840,210.75	-\$641.97	\$839,568.78	-304,338.75	-30,935.55	504,294.48
Cobar Water	1,810,794.47	-2,275.00	1,808,519.47	-\$693,295.52	-\$69,476.57	\$1,045,747.38
Nymagee Water	\$69,001.97	-\$490.00	\$68,511.97	-\$21,237.25	-\$360.90	\$46,913.82
Euabalong Water	\$138,337.44	-\$980.00	\$137,357.44	-\$41,216.04	-\$12,856.86	\$83,284.54
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	-\$759,618.01	-\$82,846.86	\$1,184,141.80
Sewerage	\$1,244,186.13	\$0.00	\$1,244,186.13	-\$384,065.09	-\$52,545.97	\$807,575.07
Total Rates & Charges	\$9,098,559.65	\$108,173.14	\$9,206,732.79	-\$2,724,203.46	-\$253,309.98	\$6,229,219.35
Water Consumption	\$1,405,733.15	-\$21,655.38	\$1,384,077.77	-\$868,811.13	\$0.00	\$515,266.64

RECOMMENDATION**That the Rates Reconciliation Report as at the 31 October 2023 be received and noted.**

CLAUSE 12 – 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	Cobar Sewer Treatment Plant Upgrade – delivers a series of critical improvements to the STP facilities.	\$2,465,400	Pending	\$1,056,600	November 2023
	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.	\$2,248,829		\$481,892 (Council) \$481,892 (Sustainable Park solutions)	
Seniors Week	Senior Week activities including a gala dinner, art workshops and a games day.	\$6,200	Pending	\$800	November 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
Summer & Autumn Holiday Break Fund 23-24	School holiday activities	\$25,000		N/A	December 2023

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	Received deed.

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

Current Grant Opportunities:

- **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.

- **Get NSW Active Program** – This program funds local council projects that encourage more people across NSW to incorporate walking and bike riding into their everyday travel. There is \$60 Million in total grant funding available, and \$10 million is for projects that enable walking or bike riding to school with the remaining funding for broader active transport projects. Funding is available for strategy/plans, project design and project construction. Application closes 12th of December.

- **Crown Reserve Improvement Fund 2023-2024** - This fund provides financial support for the maintenance, improvement, or development of Crown Reserves. The funding aims to benefit the community, boost the economy, and contribute to the cultural, sporting, and recreational life of NSW. Applications closes 17th of November.

- **Aged Care Capital Assistance Program Thin Markets, Multiple Streams** – this program provides aged care infrastructure grants aimed at maintaining or increasing access to quality aged care services in thin market settings. The intended outcomes of the program are to

- maintain or increase access to quality aged care services.
- improve service environments and resident amenities.
- improve access to culturally safe aged care services.
- increase access to innovative service offerings.

This grant is provided through four funding streams each with specific objectives and funding amounts available. \$95 million combined across both stream 1 – staff accommodation and stream 2 – upgrades, expansions, or new builds. \$30 million across stream 3 for specialised homeless and \$10 million across stream 4 for NATSIFAC minor projects and equipment. Separate applications are required for each stream and applicants can apply for multiple streams. Applications are open and close 12 January 2024.

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 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 updating 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, tender has been released and closed 7th of November, will go to December Council Meeting to award. **Euabalong Hall Revitalisation** – contractor engaged, works commenced.
- **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. Construction is 60% complete.
- **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** – Please refer to Engineering works report for project update. Variation required to extend timeline.
- **Resources for regions – round 8 (R4R8) Business Case Studies (BCS) and Master Planning:** A variation has been approved 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. Currently engaging consultants to begin works.
- **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. Research and investigating allied health services have begun.
- **Resources for regions – round 8 (R4R8)- Ward Oval Multipurpose building – area kitchen, canteen, bar, stage, and office**– Project is progressing well. Construction is 60% complete.

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- **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** – Tender has been awarded. Tree removal has been completed and consultation to residents have been distributed.
 - **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. Assessments have commenced.
 - **Resources for regions – round 9 (RFR9) - Youth services program phase 2** – Delivery and development of programs have commenced.
 - **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**. DA documentation submitted. 75% of detailed design completed currently under review by PWA. Variation submitted for a time extension currently awaiting approval.
 - **Bulk water metering project** - Please refer to the Water and Wastewater report for project update.
 - **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**. Please refer to the Water and Wastewater report for project update
 - **Industrial Estate – (Est) \$920,422.00**, project is complete and included the purchase of road base, drainage, and specifications.

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- **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, 75% completed. Tree planting is continuing around town. Received approval for the Mural on NAB by building owner and NAB staff. Artist commences onsite in early December.
 - **Female Friendly Community Sport Facilities and Lighting Upgrades – Indoor lighting upgrade and installation of security lights at Cobar Youth and Community Centre** –preparing RFQ documents and investigating solar light options.
 - **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**–Program of works submitted. Project has not yet commenced until program is approved from the funding body.
 - **Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Phase 4 - Lilliane Brady Village Upgrades** - Project planning has commenced. **Town Enhancement Program** – planning has commenced. **Bore Placement Program** – Consultant engaged to complete REF, sourcing quotes for purchase of tanks. Please refer to the engineering works report for project update. **Footpath reinstatement in Marshal Street** – please refer to the engineering works report for project update.
 - **Supportive Environment Grant Western NSW Local Health District-Community - Garden at the Cobar Youth and Community Centre** – planning has commenced, onsite construction will not commence until the new year.
 - **NSW Government - Stronger Country Communities Fund (SCCF) – Round 3 - Youth Development Officer – 18-month tenure** – Project is complete.
 - **Telehealth Support Grant** – software has been installed and implemented at the LBV project is complete.
 - **Electronic National Residential Medication Chart Adoption Grant** - Implementation of an eNRMC system at the Lilliane Brady Village Hostel. Project is complete with the commencement of the MedSig electronic medication management system.

RECOMMENDATION

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

CLAUSE 13 – 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 – October 31, 2023, and the method of procurement used.

CONTRACTOR	DESCRIPTION OF WORKS AND METHOD OF PROCUREMENT	TOTAL \$'000	LOCALITY
DAVID PAYNE CONSTRUCTION	WARD OVAL CONSTRUCTION (TENDER)	\$3,152	NON LOCAL
COUNTRY WIDE ASPHALT PTY LTD	ROAD WORKS (TENDER)	\$1,040	NON LOCAL
NICHOLSONS OF NYMAGEE	ROAD WORKS (RFQ)	\$888	LOCAL
CRUSHRITE PTY LTD	GRAVEL CRUSHING (TENDER)	\$772	NON LOCAL
ENABLEU HEALTH SOLUTIONS PTY LTD	CONSULTANT SERVICES (RFQ)	\$727	NON LOCAL
SUPERIOR PAK PTY LTD	PLANT PURCHASE (TENDER)	\$475	NON LOCAL
REDSTONE NURSING PTY LTD	LABOUR HIRE (RFQ)	\$380	NON LOCAL
THE STABILISING PTY LTD	RMS CONTRACT (RFQ)	\$363	NON LOCAL
CYNEND	CONSTRUCTION WORK (TENDER/RFQ)	\$342	NON LOCAL
BROUGHTON CONTRACTING	PLANT HIRE (TENDER)	\$258	LOCAL
HOLCIM (AUSTRALIA) PTY LTD	CULVERTS (TENDER)	\$254	NON LOCAL
WESTRAC PTY LTD	PLANT PURCHASE (TENDER)	\$253	LOCAL
CASTLYN PTY LTD T/A INLAND PETROLEUM	FUEL (TENDER)	\$235	NON LOCAL
NSW PUBLIC WORKS	GOVERNMENT CONSULTING SERVICES (GOV)	\$233	NON LOCAL

DUNN & HILLAM ARCHITECTS	VARIOUS PROJECTS (YOUTH CENTRE, EARLY LEARNING CENTRE) (QUOTES)	\$216	NON LOCAL
DEPELER EARTHMOVING	PLANT HIRE (TENDER)	\$205	LOCAL
TRONIC GROUP PTY LTD	IT SERVICES (RFQ)	\$199	LOCAL
360 ENGINEERING PTY LTD	CONSULTANT SERVICES (RFQ)	\$185	NON LOCAL
JONESYS EARTHWORXS PTY LTD	ROAD WORKS (RFQ)	\$179	NON LOCAL
CADIA GROUP PTY LTD	WATER AND SEWER (TENDER)	\$174	NON LOCAL
MIDLAND PTY LTD	PLANT PURCHASE (RFQ)	\$148	NON LOCAL
LOCAL GOVERNMENT APPOINTMENTS	LABOUR HIRE (RFQ)	\$141	NON LOCAL
CRANFIELD MEDICAL & HEALTHCARE PTY LTD	LABOUR HIRE (RFQ)	\$138	NON LOCAL
ROAD CARE AUSTRALIA PTY LTD	ROAD WORKS (RFQ)	\$130	NON LOCAL
ORION CONSULTING ENGINEERS PTY LTD	PROJECT MANAGEMENT (RFQ)	\$121	NON LOCAL
AUSROAD PLANT SERVICES PTY LTD	LABOUR HIRE (RFQ)	\$117	NON LOCAL
KALLARA PARTNERS	PLANT HIRE (TENDER)	\$115	LOCAL
JR MAY EARTHMOVING PTY LTD	PLANT HIRE (TENDER)	\$108	LOCAL
KILLARD INFRASTRUCTURE PTY LTD	RETICULATION UPGRADE (TENDER)	\$100	NON LOCAL
COBAR STEEL PTY LTD	TRADE SERVICES (RFQ)	\$99	LOCAL
ROLLERS AUSTRALIA PTY LTD	PLANT HIRE (TENDER)	\$97	NON LOCAL
NOMES CUSTOM CLEANING	CLEANING SERVICES (RFQ)	\$96	LOCAL
ZONDA PEOPLE HEALTHCARE RECRUITMENT	LABOUR HIRE (RFQ)	\$92	NON LOCAL
BOB BRUCE EARTHWORKS PTY LTD	PLANT HIRE (TENDER)	\$90	LOCAL
I J CHASE GRADER CONTRACTING	PLANT HIRE (TENDER)	\$89	LOCAL
TRANSPORT FOR NSW	ROAD WORKS (RFQ)	\$85	NON LOCAL
JNJ CONTRACTING PTY LTD	PLANT HIRE (RFQ)	\$74	LOCAL
		\$'000	
	LOCAL SUPPLIERS	\$2,475	
	NON-LOCAL SUPPLIERS	\$9,896	
	TOTAL PURCHASES OVER \$80,000 2023/2024	\$12,371	

RECOMMENDATION

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

CLAUSE 14 – 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 31 October 2023.

Background

State Highways

Major Maintenance Work

- Pothole patching of highway network 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 – formation and sealing complete. Line marking by TfNSW.

Urban Roads/Shire Roads/Regional Roads

- Cobar Industrial Estate Road and Stormwater Upgrades – final prices are currently being sought for stage 1 works. The submission of prices closes 22 November 2023.
- Footpath Connector Project – tender awarded. Construction schedule to be confirmed. New footpaths include:
 - Louth Road – link between Becker to Bradley Streets
 - Goold Street – link between Louth Road and Bathurst Street
 - Bathurst Street – link between Cobar High School and Tom Knight Oval
 - Blakey Street (Council Depot) – starting at Linsley Street link between Cobar High School and Newey Reservoir walking track.
 - Blakey Street (Cobar Golf Course) – link along Woodiwiss Ave to Tindara Street, linking the town center to the hospital.
 - Cobar CBD – pram ramp upgrades (approx.20), around the township to meet current standards and improve safety.
- Fixing Local Roads Round 4 – works continuing on running out of gravel (11km completed) in preparation for sealing 15km of the existing unsealed section of Grain Road.
- Fixing Country Roads Round 4 – funding deed executed. Scope, budget and timelines for 40km seal extension of the Wool Track currently being reviewed.
- Regional & Local Roads Repair Program – gravel carting and spreading continuing 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 completed.
- 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 been completed on Kiacatoo Road.
- Pothole repair and minor pavement patching ongoing across the LGA.

Road Maintenance

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

- Maintenance
 - Gidgee Road
 - Coomeratta Road
 - Developmental Road
 - Rosevale Road
 - Wool Track – Central Shire End

Asset and Fleet Management

- Vehicle/Plant Equipment Trackers – installation nearing completion.
- New Trade Waste Truck – tender evaluation completed. Report to Council this month.

Water and Sewer

- Nyngan, Hermidale, and Cobar Pump Station Upgrade Project – Currently out to tender.
- Cobar Water Treatment Plant – construction of new shed underway.
- Cobar Sewerage Treatment Plant Upgrades – scope of works for funding application currently being finalised.

Water Storage Level Updates (18 Sept 2023)

- Cobar Water Storages are currently at 90% full (combined).
- Burrendong Dam is currently at 79% 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 complete. Recommended actions and outcomes of the review being assessed.
- Prices currently being sought for an independent review of Councils fleet and mechanical workshop.

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 15– EXPENDITURE FOR ROADS NETWORK

FILE: R5-31 AOP REFERENCE: 4.3.2 ATTACHMENT: YES (PAGE 174-184)

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 16 – AUTHORITY TO CLOSE WESTERN DIVISION ROADS
REDEFINED IN NEW SURVEY PLANS**

**FILE: R5-7, 2912 AOP REFERENCE: 4.3 ATTACHMENT: YES
(UNDER SEPARATE COVER)**

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

Report to be tabled.

**CLAUSE 17 – RELINQUISH MANAGEMENT OVER PART OF THE
KALOOGELGUY RESERVE**

**FILE: A9-17,2475 AOP REFERENCE: 5.2
(UNDER SEPARATE COVER)**

ATTACHMENT: YES

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

Report to be tabled.

CLAUSE 18– DEVELOPMENT APPROVALS: 18 OCTOBER 2023 – 13 NOVEMBER 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 18 October 2023 – 13 November 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 18 October 2023 – 13 November 2023.

CERTIFICATE NO.	ADDRESS	DESCRIPTION	VALUE (\$)
DA23/051	27 Louth Rd, Cobar	Cosmetic Tattoo Parlour	0
DA23/048	3878 Developmental Rd, Cobar	Dual Occupancy Dwelling	896,850.00
DA23/052	7 Frederick St, Cobar	Metal Carport	19,500

The value of Local Development approvals for 2023/2024 to date is \$45,924,986.92.
The value of Local Development approvals for the similar period in 2022/2023 was \$71,507,133.42.

Construction Certificates

There were no Construction Certificates issued under delegated authority for the period 18 October 2023 – 13 November 2023.

RECOMMENDATION

That the information detailing the Local Development and Construction Certificate approvals for the period 18 October 2023 – 13 November 2023 be received and noted.

CLAUSE 19 – FRONT LIFT TRADE WASTE TRUCK

FILE: VP-373836

AOP REFERENCE:3.3.2.4

ATTACHMENT: NO

AUTHOR: *Brett Richards, Asset Manager*

Purpose

To consider the submission received for a Front Lift Trade Waste Truck Request for Quote (RFQ). The RFQ was issued to seek responses from suitably qualified parties to supply one (1) Front Lift Trade Waste Truck.

Background

The RFQ for the tender was prepared and issued on Thursday 10th August 2023 through advertising on VendorPanel. Responses were requested through the Local Government Procurement Specialised Trucks (NPN115-2) Supplier List. The deadline for the lodgement of responses was 5:00pm on Tuesday 19th September 2023.

The request was issued to eight suppliers with seven (7) responses received from three suppliers; Superior Pak Pty Ltd, Garwood International Pty Ltd and Bucher Municipal Pty Ltd.

Legal Situation

Council has complied with the requirements of the Local Government Act 1993 and Section 55 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 Closed Council with the press and public excluded.

RECOMMENDATION

That a further report regarding the Supply of one (1) Front Lift Trade Waste Truck (VP-373836) be considered in the Whole 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, 23 NOVEMBER 2023

~ REFERENCE TO ATTACHMENTS ~

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