



COBAR SHIRE COUNCIL

ORDINARY MEETING AGENDA

THURSDAY, 14TH DECEMBER 2023

*Merry
Christmas*

~ 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
 - Shirley Patricia Rice
 - Richard Stephen Roberts
 4. Public Access Forum
 5. Confirmation of Minutes
 - Ordinary Meeting of Council – Thursday, 23rd November 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
 - Outstanding Contractor Payment
 - Lighting Upgrade – Oval One, Two & Netball Courts at Ward Oval, Cobar
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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 – SUBMISSIONS TO THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT
REMUNERATION TRIBUNAL**

FILE: C12-1

ATTACHMENT: NO

AUTHOR: *General Manager, Peter Vlatko*

Purpose

To provide Council with information regarding the Local Government Remuneration Tribunal submissions for the annual determination of fees payable to Councillors and Mayors.

Discussion

As per *section 241* of the Local Government Act 1993 (LG Act), the Tribunal is required to make an annual determination, on the fees payable to Councillors and Mayors.

The determination is to take effect from 1 July 2024.

The minimum and maximum fee levels for each category will be assessed by the Tribunal as part of the 2024 review process.

The Tribunal invites submissions from individual councils as part of this review. It is expected that submissions are endorsed by their respective council.

In 2023 the Tribunal undertook a review of the categories and the allocation of councils into each of these categories as required under the LG Act.

The Tribunal is only required to determine categories at least once every three years and will next consider the model, the criteria applicable to each category and the allocation of councils in detail in the 2026 review.

As part of the annual review the Tribunal will seek to meet with Local Government NSW, as it does each year, to receive a sector wide view for local government in NSW.

It has been Councils previous position not to make a submission on this matter.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receives and notes this report and does not submit a submission the Local Government Remuneration Tribunal.

CLAUSE 2 – LOCAL TRAFFIC COMMITTEE

FILE: C6-14 AOP REFERENCE: 3.1 ATTACHMENT: YES (PAGE 46-49)

AUTHOR: *General Manager, Peter Vlatko*

Purpose

To inform Council of Local Traffic Committee recommendations from the November 2023 meeting.

Background

Councillors and Council Staff are required to represent Council at Local Traffic Committee Meetings.

Attached to this report are November 2023 Minutes.

RECOMMENDATION

- 1. That the minutes of the Local Traffic Committee be received and noted.**

- 2. That Council consider the following recommendation from the Local Traffic Committee:**
 - Council to explore funding options to complete a study and analysis on truck parking within Cobar town streets.**

CLAUSE 3- ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING STATIONS – FEASIBILITY ASSESSMENT

FILE:3011 & S7-10-1 AOP REFERENCE: 4.3.2 ATTACHMENT: YES (PAGE 50-71)

AUTHOR: *Heinz Kausche – Director Engineering*

Purpose

To report on the outcomes of the Electric Vehicle Charging Feasibility Assessment for Cobar and resolve to:

- commence negotiations with fast charging providers to install and operate additional fast chargers in the Bloomfield Street Carpark in Cobar
- encourage local accommodation providers and businesses in Cobar to consider applying for grant funding. Noting that installing charging infrastructure at a motel will be the most convenient charging solution for electric vehicle drivers staying in Cobar.

Background

Chargeworks Pty Ltd were engaged through the NSW Sustainable Councils Program to assist Councils with assessing suitable council owned destination charging sites for electric vehicles along with leasing car spaces for fast charging providers. This engagement also extends to assisting Councils with destination charging grant applications.

Sustainable Councils Program is a partnering arrangement with regional councils and Joint Organisations to identify, plan and implement investment-ready energy and resource-saving initiatives.

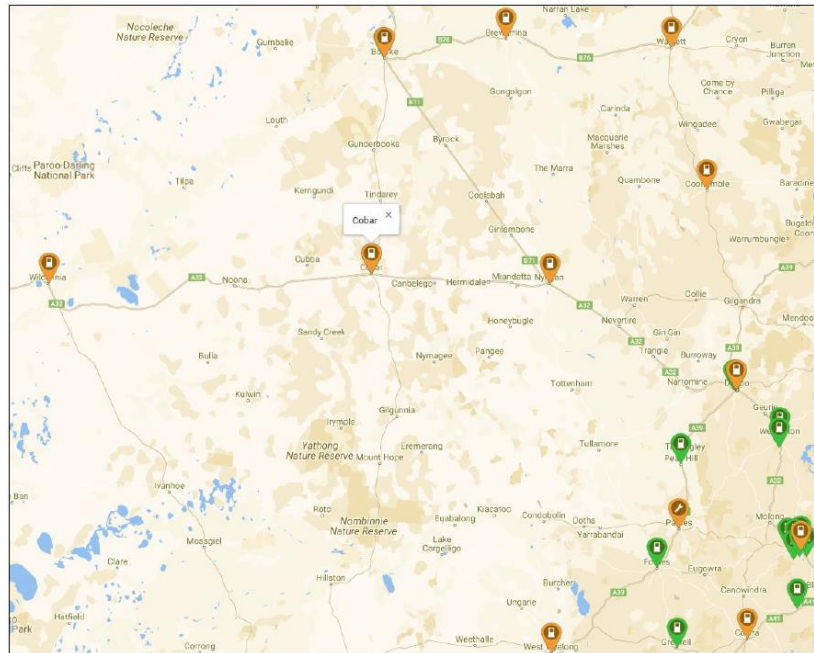
The Electric Vehicle Charging Feasibility Assessment Report for Cobar provides a general overview of electric vehicle charging and recommendations for sites suitable for electric vehicle charging in Cobar.

The report identified that all electric vehicles travelling through Cobar currently rely on a single fast charger located in the Bloomfield Street Carpark and that this infrastructure will quickly become insufficient as the adoption of electric vehicles increases.

Figure 1 below, extracted from the report, shows fast charging (orange) and destination charging (green) infrastructure in and around Cobar.

A copy of the full report is attached under separate cover.

Figure 1



Noting the limited availability of electric vehicle charging stations in Cobar, Charge works made the following recommendations:

That Council:

- *submit an expression of interest to host additional fast charging providers in the Bloomfield Street Carpark.*
- *strongly encourage local accommodation providers and businesses in Cobar to consider applying for grant funding. Installing charging at a motel will be the most convenient charging solution for EV drivers staying in Cobar. Council may also assist private businesses by engaging an electrician to provide quotations or providing additional grant funding.*
- *invest in destination charging infrastructure in up to 3 locations so that tourists, and locals, may charge their electric vehicles whilst visiting a range of shops, restaurants and attractions.*

The locations identified and assessed for charging stations are shown in the table 1 below.

Table 1

Site Description	Site Type	Priority
Bloomfield St Carpark (NRMA)	Fast	High
Drummond Park	Destination	Medium
The Great Cobar Museum and Visitor Information Centre	Destination	Medium
Barrier HWY - Truck Parking Bays	Fast	Low
Ward Oval	Destination	Low
Heritage Park (Opposite Museum/MIC)	Destination	Low
Heritage Park (future carpark)	Destination	Low
Free camping area (Barrier HWY/Kidman Way)	Destination	Low

Financial Implications

Grant funding is available to Councils and businesses for electric vehicle destination charging stations.

However, it should be noted, if successful in securing funding, this funding doesn't cover the full cost of installation or the ongoing maintenance and operation of the charging infrastructure.

Table 2 below provides a summary of the costs associated with the installation and ongoing operation of the identified high and medium priority charging stations.

Table 2

Location	Capital Cost for the charger – supply and install	Grant funding Contribution for charger supply and install	Capital Cost to Council	Ongoing Operational Cost
Bloomfield St Carpark – negotiate with providers for the installation and operation of additional fast chargers.	All capital and operational costs will be paid by the fast charging provider.	Nil	Nil	Nil
Encourage local accommodation providers and businesses to apply for grant funding to install charging solutions for electric vehicle drivers	Businesses can access the same grant funding as Council to install charging stations.	To be negotiated by the subject business.	Council may offer to assist private businesses by engaging an electrician to provide quotations for grant funding.	Nil
Drummond Park – 1 x 7kW dual port destination charger for 2 cars	\$19,633	\$11,175	\$13,458*	\$4,590**
Cobar Museum and Visitor Information Centre - 1 x 22kW dual port destination charger to service 2 cars.	\$29,704	\$11,925	\$22,779*	\$4,590**
Totals	\$49,337	\$23,100	\$36,237*	\$9,180 per year**

*Capital cost to Council comprises of the following:

- \$8,458 – contribution towards charger and installation
- \$5,000 – bay painting, bollards, wheel stops, signage etc.

**Ongoing operational costs comprises of the following:

- \$150 - \$390 per year – software
- \$100 - \$200 per year – 4G sim
- \$150 -200 per year maintenance. charger
- \$800 – per year extended warranty for charger
- \$2,000 per year electricity (4hr per day usage)
- \$1,000 per year general maintenance

Sustainability Assessment

The table below provides a summary sustainability assessment for the recommended electric vehicle charging solutions.

Table 3

Proposal	Negatives	Positive
Bloomfield St Carpark – negotiate with providers for the installation and operation of additional fast chargers.	<p>Low usage – currently single car charger only.</p> <p>Fast charger providers may not be interested in providing additional chargers – may not be commercially viable.</p> <p>Fees and charges apply for users.</p> <p>Takes up addition carparking spaces.</p>	<p>No cost to Council</p> <p>Some income may be negotiable for the lease of additional car spaces.</p> <p>Ample car parking spaces available in carpark.</p> <p>Fast charger – can fully charge an electric vehicle in approx. 1hr depending on the size of the car battery.</p> <p>Encourages electric vehicle drivers to stop in town and access nearby shops, cafes and businesses.</p> <p>Environmental benefits from increase of electric vehicle usage through the provision of charging infrastructure.</p>
Encourage local accommodation providers and businesses to apply for grant funding to install charging solutions for electric vehicle drivers	<p>Businesses may incur capital and ongoing maintenance and operational costs for the charging station.</p> <p>Allocating space for the charging station/s.</p> <p>May dissuade private providers from establishing more fast chargers in town.</p>	<p>Encourage electric vehicle drivers to stop in town for longer periods/overnight benefiting businesses particularly accommodation providers.</p> <p>Costs associated with the installation and ongoing operation of the charging station may be recoverable by the business by applying fees/charges to the user.</p> <p>Environmental benefits from increase of electric vehicle usage through the provision of infrastructure for electric vehicle charging.</p>
Drummond Park – 1 x 7kW dual port destination charger for 2 cars.	<p>Requires capital cost contribution by Council.</p> <p>Council will incur ongoing maintenance and operational costs.</p> <p>Will take up two existing carparks in a high demand parking area.</p> <p>Slow charging – approx. 1hr to partially charge a car battery</p>	<p>Encourages electric vehicle drivers to stop at the park and access nearby facilities, shops, cafes and businesses.</p> <p>Access for users to free electric vehicle charging.</p> <p>Environmental benefits from increase of electric vehicle usage through the provision of</p>

	<p>(approx. 40 km range per hour of charging depending on the size of the vehicle battery)</p> <p>Expected low usage – users may prefer to use fast charger if available.</p> <p>Distances between chargers in the area requiring for an electric vehicles to be fully charged to be able to travel to the next charging point.</p> <p>May dissuade private providers from establishing more fast chargers in town.</p> <p>Infrastructure may become obsolete as commercial providers expand their network of fast chargers.</p>	<p>infrastructure for electric car charging.</p>
<p>Cobar Museum and Visitor Information Centre - 1 x 22kW dual port destination charger to service 2 parking spaces.</p>	<p>Requires capital cost contribution by Council.</p> <p>Council will incur ongoing maintenance and operational costs.</p> <p>Will take up two existing carparks in the museum carpark. Space in the carpark is limited.</p> <p>Slow charging – approx. 1hr to partially charge a car battery (approx. 40 - 130km range per hour of charging depending on size of car battery)</p> <p>Expected low usage – users may prefer to use fast charger if available.</p> <p>Distances between chargers in the area requiring for an electric vehicle to be fully charged to be able to travel to the next charging point.</p> <p>May dissuade private providers from establishing more fast chargers in town.</p> <p>Infrastructure may become obsolete as commercial providers expand their network of fast chargers.</p>	<p>Encourages electric vehicle drivers to stop at the museum and visit the museum whilst their car is charging.</p> <p>Access for users to free electric vehicle charging.</p> <p>Environmental benefits from increase of electric vehicle usage through the provision of infrastructure for electric car charging.</p>

Legal Implications

Nil

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

- a) **Receive and note the Electric Vehicle Charging Feasibility Assessment Report for Cobar.**
- b) **Resolve to negotiate with providers for the installation and operation of additional fast chargers in the Bloomfield Carpark.**
- c) **Resolve to encourage and support local accommodation providers and businesses to apply for grant funding to install charging solutions for electric vehicle drivers visiting Cobar.**
- d) **Endorse not progressing with the installation of destination charges at Drummond Park and Cobar Museum and Visitor Information Centre at this time.**

CLAUSE 4 –STATISTICS ON THE CODE OF CONDUCT COMPLAINTS ABOUT COUNCILLORS AND THE GENERAL MANAGER

FILE: C12-1

ATTACHMENT: NO

AUTHOR: *General Manager, Peter Vlatko*

Purpose

To report to Council the statistics on the code of conduct complaints about the Councillors and the General Manager.

Background

As per the Administration of the Model Code of Conduct Policy 11.1 the complaints coordinator must arrange for the following statistics to be reported to the council within 3 months of the end of September of each year:

- a) the total number of code of conduct complaints made about councillors and the general manager under the code of conduct in the year to September (the reporting period);
- b) the number of code of conduct complaints referred to a conduct reviewer during the reporting period;
- c) the number of code of conduct complaints finalised by a conduct reviewer at the preliminary assessment stage during the reporting period and the outcome of those complaints;
- d) the number of code of conduct complaints investigated by a conduct reviewer during the reporting period;
- e) without identifying particular matters, the outcome of investigations completed under these procedures during the reporting period;
- f) the number of matters reviewed by the Office during the reporting period and, without identifying particular matters, the outcome of the reviews, and
- g) the total cost of dealing with code of conduct complaints made about councillors and the general manager during the reporting period, including staff costs.

The council is to provide the Office with a report containing the statistics referred to in clause 11.1 within 3 months of the end of September of each year.

Discussion

For the reporting period Cobar Shire Council recorded Nil complaints about the Councillors and the General Manager.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receive and note the report on Statistics on the Code of Conduct Complaints about Councillors and the General Manager.

CLAUSE 5– 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>Currently being prepared to be provided at the next workshop</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	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 Funding to be sourced

RECOMMENDATION That the information contained in the monthly status report be received and noted, with the following items to be removed: 1472.

CLAUSE 6 – INVESTMENT REPORT AS OF 27 NOVEMBER 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 27 November 2023. Term deposits have differing terms to spread the maturity dates throughout the year.

Investments (maturity date)	Rate	Bank	Opening Balance	Transfers to Investment	Transfers from Investment	Interest Earned	Closing Balance
Feb-24	5.22%	NAB	\$ 3,039,645			\$ 13,417	\$ 3,053,061
Mar-24	5.10%	NAB	\$ 5,025,166			\$ 21,673	\$ 5,046,838
Mar-24	5.00%	NAB	\$ 5,168,882			\$ 21,857	\$ 5,190,740
Apr-24	5.10%	NAB	\$ 2,007,545			\$ 7,545	\$ 2,015,090
May-24	5.20%	AMP	\$ 3,112,395	\$ 3,000,000	\$ 3,112,395	\$ 13,146	\$ 3,013,146
Aug-24	5.25%	AMP	\$ 2,026,997			\$ 9,339	\$ 2,036,337
NAB Sweep Acct	Variable	NAB	\$ 12,443,818	\$ 1,188,457	\$ 5,597,029	\$ 29,881	\$ 8,065,127
TOTALS	Average Int	5.15%	\$32,824,449	\$4,188,457	\$8,709,424	\$116,858	\$28,420,339

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 27 November 2023.

**CLAUSE 7 - BANK RECONCILIATION, CASH FLOW & LOAN FACILITY
SUMMARIES AS OF 30 NOVEMBER 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%
Nov 23	28,420	10	28,430	-13%

Cash Flow

Current Month		Description	Forecast
Forecast \$'000	Actual \$'000		Next Month \$'000
10	10	Bank Balance Forward	10
400	373	FAG / R2R / RMCC / TNSW	400
15	15	Services NSW	15
500	372	Rates /Water/User Charges	500
200	114	Private Works/Debtors	200
300	521	LBV – Residents Fees & Subsidies	300
150	145	Children’s Services (net)	150
1,000	4,521	Net Movement of Investments	1,000
500	776	Sundry Income & Grants	500
		<i>Less</i>	
(3,000)	(5,923)	Creditors	(3,000)
(950)	(934)	Wages / Salaries	(950)
10	10	Bank Reconciliation Cr/(Dr)	10

Loan Facility Report as of 30 November 2023

Fund	Purpose	Amount \$'000	Funding Institute	Period		Rate	Payable	30-Nov-23 \$'000
General Fund	Swimming Pool and Street Upgrade	2,000	NAB (business markets loan)	1/11/2013	30/11/2023	6.22%	Monthly	0
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 30 November 2023								2,259

RECOMMENDATION

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

CLAUSE 8 – 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 – November 27, 2023, and the method of procurement used.

CONTRACTOR	DESCRIPTION OF WORKS AND METHOD OF PROCUREMENT	TOTAL	LOCALITY
DAVID PAYNE CONSTRUCTION	WARD OVAL CONSTRUCTION (TENDER)	3,151,921	NON LOCAL
COUNTRY WIDE ASPHALT PTY LTD	ROAD WORKS (TENDER)	1,553,271	LOCAL
CRUSHRITE PTY LTD	GRAVEL CRUSHING (TENDER)	1,395,129	NON LOCAL
NICHOLSONS OF NYMAGEE	ROAD WORKS (RFQ)	924,074	LOCAL
THE STABILISING PTY LTD	RMS CONTRACT (RFQ)	862,010	NON LOCAL
ENABLEU HEALTH SOLUTIONS PTY LTD	CONSULTANT SERVICES (RFQ)	785,523	NON LOCAL
STANAWAY PTY LTD T/A DAVID PAYNE CONSTRUCTION	WARD OVAL CONSTRUCTION (TENDER)	774,471	NON LOCAL
JONESYS EARTHWORXS PTY LTD	ROAD WORKS (RFQ)	732,035	NON LOCAL
SUPERIOR PAK PTY LTD	PLANT PURCHASE (TENDER)	474,754	NON LOCAL
REDSTONE NURSING PTY LTD	LABOUR HIRE (RFQ)	459,622	NON LOCAL
DEPELER EARTHMOVING	PLANT HIRE (TENDER)	431,222	LOCAL
BROUGHTON CONTRACTING	PLANT HIRE (TENDER)	377,559	LOCAL
CYNEND	CONSTRUCTION WORK (TENDER/RFQ)	356,628	NON LOCAL
NSW PUBLIC WORKS	GOVERNMENT CONSULTING SERVICES (GOV)	293,121	NON LOCAL
VINIDEX PTY LTD	STORMWATER PIPES (TENDER)	291,627	NON LOCAL
CASTLYN PTY LTD T/A INLAND PETROLEUM	FUEL (TENDER)	286,018	NON LOCAL
WESTRAC PTY LTD	PLANT PURCHASE (TENDER)	257,688	LOCAL
HOLCIM (AUSTRALIA) PTY LTD	CULVERTS (TENDER)	254,253	NON LOCAL

DUNN & HILLAM ARCHITECTS	VARIOUS PROJECTS (YOUTH CENTRE, EARLY LEARNING CENTRE) (QUOTES)	246,969	NON LOCAL
CRANFIELD MEDICAL & HEALTHCARE PTY LTD	LABOUR HIRE (RFQ)	214,740	NON LOCAL
360 ENGINEERING PTY LTD	CONSULTANT SERVICES (RFQ)	207,036	NON LOCAL
LOCAL GOVERNMENT APPOINTMENTS	LABOUR HIRE (RFQ)	205,163	NON LOCAL
TRONIC GROUP PTY LTD	IT SERVICES (RFQ)	198,592	LOCAL
CADIA GROUP PTY LTD	WATER AND SEWER (TENDER)	185,858	NON LOCAL
ORION CONSULTING ENGINEERS PTY LTD	PROJECT MANAGEMENT (RFQ)	181,734	NON LOCAL
ROLLERS AUSTRALIA PTY LTD	PLANT HIRE (TENDER)	165,053	NON LOCAL
NOMES CUSTOM CLEANING	CLEANING SERVICES (RFQ)	160,345	LOCAL
BOB BRUCE EARTHWORKS PTY LTD	PLANT HIRE (TENDER)	153,440	LOCAL
COBAR STEEL PTY LTD	TRADE SERVICES (RFQ)	148,467	LOCAL
MIDLAND PTY LTD	PLANT PURCHASE (RFQ)	148,153	NON LOCAL
JR MAY EARTHMOVING PTY LTD	PLANT HIRE (TENDER)	143,495	LOCAL
ACCESS ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING PTY LTD	BORE LICENCING	137,688	NON LOCAL
ROAD CARE AUSTRALIA PTY LTD	ROAD WORKS (RFQ)	129,576	NON LOCAL
AUSROAD PLANT SERVICES PTY LTD	LABOUR HIRE (RFQ)	125,910	NON LOCAL
I J CHASE GRADER CONTRACTING	PLANT HIRE (TENDER)	122,815	LOCAL
JNJ CONTRACTING PTY LTD	PLANT HIRE (RFQ)	118,168	LOCAL
KALLARA PARTNERS	PLANT HIRE (TENDER)	114,842	LOCAL
LEISURE & RECREATION GROUP PTY LTD	POOL MANAGEMENT (TENDER)	106,922	NON LOCAL
KILLARD INFRASTRUCTURE PTY LTD	RETICULATION UPGRADE (TENDER)	99,654	NON LOCAL
AS PER PLAN CONSTRUCTION	CONSTRUCTION WORK (TENDER/RFQ)	98,735	LOCAL
KPMG AUSTRALIA	CONSULTANT SERVICES (RFQ)	93,500	NON LOCAL
ZONDA PEOPLE HEALTHCARE RECRUITMENT	LABOUR HIRE (RFQ)	92,714	NON LOCAL
MCINTOSH FENCING PTY LTD	RMS CONTRACT (RFQ)	89,906	NON LOCAL
TRANSPORT FOR NSW	ROAD WORKS (RFQ)	85,007	NON LOCAL
DAMAGE CONTROL PROJECT MANAGEMENT PTY LTD	LABOUR HIRE (RFQ)	80,829	NON LOCAL

Local suppliers **\$4,802,711**
Non-local suppliers **\$12,713,521**
Total purchases over \$80,000 **\$17,516,232**
2023/2024

RECOMMENDATION

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

CLAUSE 9 – 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 30 November 2023.

Rate Type	Levy Plus Arrears	Adjustments	Nett Levy	Cash	Paid-Previous	Outstanding
General Rates - Cobar Resident	1,173,878.76	59,366.28	1,233,245.04	-477,986.97	-49,269.24	705,988.83
General Rates - Business	349,230.30	11,983.33	361,213.63	-199,648.72	-5,341.89	156,223.02
General Rates- Business Cobar	169,120.91	5,469.28	174,590.19	-103,571.04	-4,979.36	66,039.79
General Rates - Farmland	858,972.81	489.31	859,462.12	-488,015.59	-6,997.35	364,449.18
General Rates - Mining	2,030,880.01	0.00	2,030,880.01	-159,843.88	-39.91	1,870,996.22
General Rates - Residential Vi	183,926.59	0.00	183,926.59	-42,724.77	-7,123.54	134,078.28
General Rates - Business Villa	80,674.22	0.00	80,674.22	-18,267.35	-548.72	61,858.15
General Rates - Rural Resident	102,974.16	5,019.36	107,993.52	-37,233.19	-12,681.59	58,078.74
Interest	34,153.34	33,584.15	67,737.49	-7,674.36	0.00	60,063.13
Overpayments	0.00	0.00	0.00	-74,630.77	0.00	-74,630.77
General Rates	4,983,811.10	115,911.71	5,099,722.81	-\$1,609,596.64	-\$86,981.60	\$3,403,144.57
Domestic Waste	\$840,210.75	-\$765.59	\$839,445.16	-380,679.53	-30,935.55	427,829.75
Cobar Water	1,810,794.47	-2,275.00	1,808,519.47	-\$866,308.97	-\$69,476.57	\$872,733.93
Nymagee Water	\$69,001.97	-\$980.00	\$68,021.97	-\$26,792.93	-\$360.90	\$40,868.14
Euabalong Water	\$138,337.44	-\$980.00	\$137,357.44	-\$49,862.49	-\$12,856.86	\$74,638.09
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	-\$4,235.00	\$2,026,116.67	-\$946,833.59	-\$82,846.86	\$996,436.22
Sewerage	\$1,244,186.13	\$0.00	\$1,244,186.13	-\$507,981.37	-\$52,545.97	\$683,658.79
Total Rates & Charges	\$9,098,559.65	\$110,911.12	\$9,209,470.77	-\$3,445,091.13	-\$253,309.98	\$5,511,069.33
Water Consumption	\$1,405,733.15	-\$21,655.38	\$1,384,077.77	-\$1,160,833.59	\$0.00	\$223,244.18

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

CLAUSE 10 – 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 Stage 1 Application successful. In the process of completing stage 2 application
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	Pending	N/A	November 2023

Live Music Australia Program – Round 7	Bands in the Bush 2024 event	\$100,000	Pending	N/A	January 2024
Crown Reserves Improvement Fund 24/25	Tennis Court Upgrades	\$564,874	Pending	N/A	May 2024

Grant Outcomes

Grants Applied For	Activity	Amount applied for	Status	Council funding required	Outcomes expected/comments
Australia Day 2024 Community Grants	Australia Day 2024 at the Cobar Memorial Swimming Pool.	\$10,000	Successful	\$5,000	December 2023
Seniors Week	Senior Week activities including a gala dinner, art workshops and a games day.	\$6,200	Unsuccessful	\$800	November 2023
Summer & Autumn Holiday Break Fund 23-24	School holiday activities	\$25,000	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:

- **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.

- **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.
- **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.

- **National Water Grid Fund** – NSW Government is making funding available for priority water infrastructure projects to improve the reliability and security of water for Australia’s regional and remote towns, agricultural and primary industry sectors. Expressions of interests closed 5th of December.
- **NSW Disaster Ready Fund Round 2 (2024-25)** – This fund provides investment in disaster mitigation across infrastructure and systemic disaster risk reduction projects to address any or multiple natural hazards including extreme weather events, and geological hazards. Expression of interests are open until 8th of December.

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- **Community Energy Upgrades Fund** – The Australian Government is partnering with local governments to deliver the \$100 million Community Energy Upgrades Fund (CEUF). This is a targeted competitive grant program that provides co-funding for energy upgrades at existing local governments facilities. This fund aims to support local governments to make their facilities more energy efficient, lower their greenhouse emissions and energy bills. Grant guidelines will be released mid-December and round 1 will commence in January 2024.
 - **Aged Care Registered Nurses' Payment to reward clinical skills and leadership – Round 2** – Australia Government has opened round 2 of the Aged Care registered nurse's payment to reward clinical skills and leadership. Eligible registered nurses working in aged care during the period of 1st of November 2022 to 31 October 2023 can receive payments of up to \$6,000(GST not applicable) Applications close 20th of December 2023.

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.** 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** – consultants engaged to complete Royal Far West Train Carriage and Town Hall Cinema future use plan. Startup meetings completed. Community consultation aimed to occur within the new year.

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- **Resources for regions round 8 - (R4R8) - Great Cobar Museum - Coach House and Landscaping - (Stage 2 works)** –Project progressing well, DA submitted awaiting approval. Tender to be released in the new year.
 - **Resources for regions – round 8 (R4R8) - Early Intervention Outreach Program** –Research and investigating allied health services have begun to complete the needs analysis.
 - **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.
 - **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. Please refer to Engineering works report for project update.
 - **Resources for regions – round 9 (RFR9) Cobar Airport Masterplan** – Reviewing old masterplan from JJR. Investigating the eligibility for a variation to include the detailed design of the hangers at the airport.
 - **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** – Project is progressing, design completed for exhibits.
 - **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, awaiting approval. Variation submitted for a time extension currently awaiting approval. Tender to be released in the new year.

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- **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.
 - **Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Phase 3 - Town Beautification – (Est) \$150,000.00** – 2 more electrical box artwork within the CBD have been 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. Variation submitted for time extension.
 - **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.

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- **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.
 - **Fixing Country Roads Round 6 – Wool Track Extension** – please refer to Engineering works report.
 - **Australia Day 2024 Community Grant** – Planning has commenced for Australia Day 2024 event. Applications for Australia Day awards are open and will close January 12.

RECOMMENDATION

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

CLAUSE 11- TOURISM & EVENTS UPDATE REPORT

FILE: M5-1 & T4-1 AOP REFERENCE: 2.2.1.1ATTACHMENT: YES (PAGE 72-83)

AUTHOR: *Tourism Manager, Demi Smith*

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to provide Council with an update on Tourism, Events and the tourism teams activities carried out from September – November 2023.

Background

This report provides a quarterly update to Council as a status and activity report for September to November 2023 in relation to Tourism, Events and Projects carried out by the Tourism team at Cobar Shire Council.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receives and notes the information contained within this report.

CLAUSE 12– EXPENDITURE FOR ROADS NETWORK

FILE: R5-31 AOP REFERENCE: 4.3.2 ATTACHMENT: YES (PAGE 84-91)

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 13 – ENGINEERING WORKS REPORT

FILE: C6-20-2

AOP REFERENCE: 4.3.2

ATTACHMENT: NO

AUTHOR: *Director Engineering Services – Heinz Kausche*

Purpose

To provide Council with an update of completed works for the financial year to date and ongoing engineering works for the period up to 31 November 2023.

Background

State Highways

Completed Works

- Majority of heaving patching completed along the Barrier Hwy (HW8) both East and West of Cobar.
- Upgrade of the Barrier Hwy (HW8) and 78 Mile Road (SR2) intersection.



- Sealing of Bulla Park Rest Area on the Barrier Hwy (HW8).



Major Maintenance Work - Ongoing

- Pothole patching of highway network ongoing.
- Shoulder grading sections of Barrier Highway and Kidman Way underway in preparation for reseals scheduled later in the financial year.

Construction Work

- Heavy Patching – continuing with the majority of patches along the Barrier Hwy East and West of Cobar completed. Patching of causeways will be delivered separately to the current heavy patching program.

Urban Roads/Shire Roads/Regional Roads

Completed Works

- Buckanbe Road (SR1A), maintenance grading.
- Seventy Eight Mile Road (SR2), maintenance grading and resheeting.
- Gidgee Road (SR4), maintenance grading.
- Pulpulla Road (SR6), stabilising two floodways.
- Curranyalpa Road (MR68), carting and spreading gravel, lifting 100m low lying area, flood damage grading.
- Mulya Road (MR407), maintenance grading.
- 52 Mile Road, maintenance grading and resheeting.
- Coomeratta Road (SR8), maintenance grading.
- Neckarbo Road (SR9), maintenance grading.
- Belarabon Road (SR10), maintenance grading.
- Yathong Road (SR12), installation of guard rails and seal road at the new culvert locations.



- Bedooba Road (SR13B), maintenance and grid removal.
- Merri Road (SR17), maintenance and grid removal.
- Developmental Road (SR32), Pushing up burrow pits and cleaning floodway.
- Rosevale Road (SR46), flood restoration maintenance grading.
- Wool Track (MR7522), maintenance grading
- Booberoi Road (SR23), maintenance grading and resheeting.
- Whitbarrow Way (MR228), heavy patching.
- Tipping Way (MR411), vegetation removal.
- Glenwood Road (MR419), grid repairs.
- Kiacatoo Road (MR7521), stabilisation and shoulder widening.

Major Maintenance and Construction Work - Ongoing

- Cobar Industrial Estate Road and Stormwater Upgrades – final prices received for stage 1 works and currently being evaluated. Stage 1 works scheduled to commence early in the new year.
- Fixing Country Roads Round 4 – funding deed executed. Scope, budget and timelines for 40km seal extension of the Wool Track currently being reviewed.
- Regional Emergency Road Repairs Fund – works to be programmed, includes regional road maintenance, Wool Track and urban asphalt overlays.
- Tipping Way and Lachlan Valley Way – stabilisation works underway
- Fire break maintenance – works nearing completion, includes Cobar, Canbelego, Euabalong and Nymagee.
- Belarabon Road (SR10) – maintenance grading and resheeting.
- Rosevale Road (SR46) – maintenance grading and resheeting
- Grain Road (SR20) - stabilising, 2km flood recovery works completed.
- Balowra Road (MR461) – maintenance grading and resheeting
- Kiacatoo Road (MR7521) – rail crossing signage ordered.

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.
- Pothole repair and minor pavement patching ongoing across the LGA.

Asset and Fleet Management

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

Water and Sewer

- Nyngan, Hermidale, and Cobar Pump Station Upgrade Project – Community consultation and tender process currently underway.
- Cobar Sewerage Treatment Plant Upgrades – scope of works for funding application currently being finalised.
- Development of the Integrated Water Cycle Management (IWCM) Strategy continuing. The strategy is intended to provide Cobar with a 30-year resourcing strategy for the provision of appropriate, affordable, cost-effective and sustainable urban water services that meets community needs and protects public health and the environment.
- Multiple water and sewer improvement projects underway including upgrades to the Fort Burke Balance Tank and associated infrastructure.

Water Storage Level Updates (18 Sept 2023)

- Cobar Water Storages are currently at 95% full (combined).
- Burrendong Dam is currently at 76% 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 and implemented.
- 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 14 – DEVELOPMENT APPROVALS: 14 NOVEMBER 2023 – 5 DECEMBER 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 14 November 2023 – 5 December 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 14 November 2023 – 5 December 2023.

CERTIFICATE NO.	ADDRESS	DESCRIPTION	VALUE (\$)
DA23/053	8 Belah Cres, Cobar	Shed	30,000
DA23/056 (MOD)	465 CSA Access Rd, Cobar	Railway Dam Pit	6014.54

The value of Local Development approvals for 2023/2024 to date is \$45,954,986.92.

The value of Local Development approvals for the similar period in 2022/2023 was \$74,564,213.42

Construction Certificates

The following Construction Certificates were issued for the period 14 November 2023 – 5 December 2023.

CERTIFICATE NO.	ADDRESS	DESCRIPTION
CC23/030	7 Frederick St, Cobar	Detached Metal Carport

RECOMMENDATION

That the information detailing the Local Development and Construction Certificate approvals for the period 14 November 2023 – 5 December 2023 be received and noted.

CLAUSE 15- OUTSTANDING CONTRACT PAYMENT

FILE: 2842, B2-14 & I2-17 AOP REFERENCE:2.1.3.2 ATTACHMENT: NO

AUTHOR: *Kylie Smith, Director Corporate and Community Services*

Purpose

This report is to consider the implications of a request for payment of an invoice where the supplier has not received the funds due to socially engineered misdirection. This matter is under consideration of Councils insurance at this time and contains information not able to be publicly disclosed.

RECOMMENDATION

That a further report regarding the Outstanding Contract Payment be considered in the Closed Council with the press and public excluded for the reason as stated in Section 10A (2)(a)(g) 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 16- LIGHTING UPGRADE – OVAL ONE, TWO & NETBALL COURTS AT WARD OVAL, COBAR

FILE: T3-23-6 AOP REFERENCE: 4.4.2.1

ATTACHMENT: NO

AUTHOR: *General Manager, Peter Vlatko*

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to consider the tenders submitted for the Lighting Upgrade for Ovals One, Two and Netball Courts at Ward Oval.

Background

Funding was received through Stronger Country Communities Fund Round Five to install new energy efficient lighting at the recently realigned Ovals at the Ward Oval Precinct. The lighting upgrade project includes new light poles and LED lights to illuminate oval number one, reusing the existing poles from oval number one on oval number two with new LED lights and new poles and LED lights at the netball courts.

Tenders were called on 29 September 2023 through Public Works Australia's tendering process. Tenders closed on 7 November 2023 and five tenders were received.

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 Committee of the Whole Closed Council with the press and public excluded.

RECOMMENDATION

That a further report regarding the Ward Oval Lighting Upgrade (T3-23-6) be considered in the Committee of 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 the Confidential report will be tabled.



ATTACHMENTS

ORDINARY MEETING AGENDA

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