



COBAR SHIRE COUNCIL

ORDINARY MEETING AGENDA

THURSDAY, 28 MARCH 2024.

~ 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
 - Marilyn Anne Starr
 - Edna Vera Neale
 - Elsie Ann Weckert
 4. Public Access Forum
 5. Confirmation of Minutes
 - Ordinary Meeting of Council – Thursday, 22nd February 2024
 6. Matters Arising from Minutes
 7. Notice of Motions
 - Nil
 8. Mayoral Report
 9. General Manager's Report – Action/Recommendation
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 - Euabalong River Walk Project
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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- DRAFT COBAR TOWN HALL MASTER PLAN AND BUSINESS CASE

**FILE: 3182 AOP REFERENCE: 1.6.4.1, 2.1.1.1 ATTACHMENT: YES
(PAGE 53-142)**

AUTHOR: *Acting Project Coordinator, Meike Griffiths*

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to seek Council approval to adopt the draft master plan and business case for the Cobar Town Hall redevelopment and proceed with public exhibition for a period of 28 days. The Cobar Town Hall Redevelopment Master Plan and Business Case outlines a comprehensive analysis and proposal for the rejuvenation of this significant historical and cultural asset.

Background

The Cobar Town Hall, constructed in 1893, holds immense historical and cultural importance for our community. Over the years, it has served as a central venue for local events and gatherings, reflecting the town's rich heritage and social fabric. However, due to neglect and disuse, the building now requires urgent attention and thoughtful intervention to restore its vitality.

DunnHillam and Morris Piper were engaged to develop a Master Plan and Business Case for the Cobar Town Hall. The proposed redevelopment initiative is grounded in a thorough understanding of the Town Hall's significance to the Cobar community. It aims not only to address the building's physical deterioration but also to reignite its role as a hub for arts, culture, and community engagement. This aligns with broader strategies aimed at enhancing Cobar's appeal as a dynamic urban center, thereby contributing to its liveability and economic sustainability.

During the development of the Draft Cobar Town Hall Master Plan and Business Case, DunnHillam undertook onsite community consultation in February 2024. Three community consultation sessions were held; two targeting the general community and one session held with SRC students at Cobar High School.

Key Features of the Draft Master Plan and Business Case:

1. **Historical Preservation:** The plan emphasises the preservation of the Town Hall's historical features while integrating modern amenities and accessibility standards.
2. **Multi-Purpose Use:** The redesigned space will accommodate a range of activities, including cultural events, performances, exhibitions, community gatherings, and civic functions.
3. **Arts and Culture Focus:** The revitalisation project prioritises the promotion of arts and culture, fostering creativity, and providing opportunities for local artists and performers.
4. **Community Engagement:** Extensive consultations with the community have highlighted their strong support for the project, with a focus on inclusivity, sustainability, and community benefit.

The draft master plan and business case is set to be released for public viewing on Wednesday 3 April 2024, with formal feedback welcome until Wednesday 1 May 2024.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council adopts the Draft Cobar Town Hall Master Plan and Business Case and notes that the plan will be released to the public for viewing and formal feedback will be accept until Wednesday 1 May 2024.

CLAUSE 2- HOUSING AND INVESTMENT PORTFOLIO

**FILE: H5-1, A10-1, 2001 AOP REFERENCE: 3.4.1 ATTACHMENT: YES
(PAGE 143-157)**

AUTHOR: *Heinz Kausche – Director Engineering*

Purpose

To provide advice on Council owned property available in the Cobar township suitable for inclusion in a housing and investment portfolio.

Background

At its meeting held 27 April 2023, Council resolved the following:

- 49.04.2023 RESOLVED:** 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.
2. That Cobar Shire Councillors and staff workshop how the portfolio be funded (both initially and ongoing) as part of the normal budgeting process.
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.
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.

Clr Marsden / Clr Payne

CARRIED

In relation to the resolution of Council, stage one is to provide details on some of the land and housing currently owned by Council in the Cobar township suitable for inclusion in a dedicated housing and investment portfolio.

Report

As workshopped with Councillors in February 2024 and described in the attachment to this report, Council owns a number of properties in the township of Cobar suitable for inclusion in a dedicated housing and investment portfolio.

This land is generally classified as Community or Operational Land under the Local Government Act 1993.

The main effect of classification is to determine the use of the land.

Operational” land has no special restrictions other than those that may apply to any piece of land.

Community land is different as it reflects the importance of the land to the community because of its use or special features. Generally, it is land intended for public access and use, or where other restrictions applying to the land create some obligation to maintain public access.

Budget

Council has again allocated in the draft 2024/25 Budget \$600,000 for housing purchases to support this initiative.

Council has also applied for \$10,500.250 in grants for potential aged care self-accommodation.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receive and note the information provided in this report on the property available in the Cobar township suitable for inclusion in a housing and investment portfolio.

CLAUSE 3 – APRIL COUNCIL MEETING DATE CHANGE REQUEST

FILE: C12-1

AOP REFERENCE: 3.1.5

ATTACHMENT: NO

AUTHOR: *General Manager, Peter Vlatko*

Purpose

To request a change in meeting date for the April Ordinary Council Meeting due to the Anzac Day Public Holiday falling on the same date.

Background

The Local Government Act 1993 (NSW) provides that Council is required to hold a minimum of ten (10) meetings per year (each in a different month).

Normally Ordinary Meetings of Council are currently held on the fourth Thursday of each month commencing at 5pm except the December Meeting which would be held on an earlier Thursday of the month to stay clear of the Christmas period (Thursday 12 December 2024) and January where no meeting is held.

In accordance with Council's current Code of Meeting Practice Council shall, by resolution, set the time, date and place of Ordinary Meetings of Council in September each year.

Also, in accordance with the current Code of Meeting Practice, agendas for the Ordinary Council Meetings are prepared and distributed on the Thursday afternoon seven (7) days prior to the meeting day.

With the Anzac Day Public Holiday falling on the fourth Thursday of the month (Thursday, 25 April 2024), Council will need to change the meeting date.

RECOMMENDATION

- 1. That the 2024 April Ordinary Meeting of Council be held in the Council Chambers commencing at 5pm on Wednesday, 24 April 2024.**
- 2. That the Agendas for the meeting be distributed seven (7) days prior to the meeting on the Wednesday afternoon.**

CLAUSE 4 – LOCAL ROADS CONGRESS 2024

**FILE: L5-5.2 AOP REFERENCE: 3.1.5.1, 3.2.2.1 ATTACHMENT: YES
(PAGE 158-164)**

AUTHOR: *General Manager, Peter Vlatko*

Purpose

To report on the proposed attendance of the Local Roads Congress to be held at Parliament House Sydney on Monday 03rd June 2024 commencing at 9am and conclude at 5pm.

Background

The Congress primarily targets Mayors, Councillors, General Managers and Directors of Engineering within local governments with a focus on policy-oriented discussions under the theme 'Planning for the Future'. This theme underscores our commitment to addressing the evolving challenges and opportunities in local road and transport infrastructure, and to ensure the local road network is prepared for the challenges ahead.

An outcome of the congress discussion is to produce a Communiqué outlining key actions for change, as well as helping shape the advocacy framework of the Roads and Transport Directorate. The 2023 Congress Communiqué is provided for your reference.

Some of the topics this year are:

- Future Freight
- Streets as Shared Spaces
- Disaster Recovery Funding
- Electric Vehicles
- Integrated Network Planning
- AI and Asset Management

By attending the congress, you can engage directly with NSW State Ministers, who will provide insights on current issues impacting local roads. Additionally, you will benefit from presentations by a range of technical experts, each offering specialised knowledge and perspectives on various aspects of road and infrastructure management.

These sessions are designed to give you an understanding of the political and practical dimensions of local road challenges and advancements in New South Wales.

Issues

Council needs to approve the attendance of Councillors to the congress.

Financial Implications

The cost per delegate is expected to be as follows.

- Registration, \$480.00
- Plus, accommodation, airfares, and meals

Sufficient funds have been provided in the 2024/2025 Budget.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Council authorise Councillors to attend the Local Roads Congress 2024.

CLAUSE 5 – COUNCIL’S ANNUAL OPERATIONAL PLAN, BUDGET, FEES AND CHARGES AND REVENUE POLICY

**FILE: L5-22 AOP REFERENCE: 3.3
UNDER SEPARATE COVER)**

ATTACHMENT:(YES

AUTHOR: *Finance Manager, Sandra Davey*

Purpose

For Council to place the draft 2024/2025 Annual Operational Plan, (including the Budget, Fees and Charges and Revenue Policy) on public exhibition for 28 days to gain feedback from the community so that appropriate comments can be considered prior to adoption.

Background

Under the Integrated Planning and Reporting framework, Council is required to adopt the Annual Operational Plan (including Revenue Policy, Fees and Charges, Budget and Ten-year Financial Plan) by 30 June each year to allow the sending of rates notices within the required time, this will be tabled under separate cover. Prior to adoption, Council must exhibit the draft documents for a minimum of 28 days to seek community input and consider any submissions.

Discussion

Section 8C of the Local Government Act 1993 provides the following principles for Integrated Planning and Reporting that apply to Councils:

- a) Councils should identify and prioritise key local community needs and aspirations and consider regional priorities.
- b) Councils should identify strategic goals to meet those needs and aspirations.
- c) Councils should develop activities, and prioritise actions, to work towards the strategic goals.
- d) Councils should ensure that the strategic goals and activities to work towards them may be achieved within council resources.
- e) Councils should regularly review and evaluate progress towards achieving strategic goals.
- f) Councils should maintain an integrated approach to planning, delivering, monitoring, and reporting on strategic goals.
- g) Councils should collaborate with others to maximize achievement of strategic goals.
- h) Councils should manage risks to the local community or area or to the council effectively and proactively.
- i) Councils should make appropriate evidence-based adaptations to meet changing needs and circumstances.

The draft documents will be placed in the Shire Libraries, the Administration Building and on Council's Website. The community will be alerted to the release of the draft documents through the media and Council's Website.

Council will hold a Public Meeting on Wednesday, 17 April at 6:00pm in the Council Chambers to explain the documents to those interested and to receive feedback.

Following the end of the public exhibition period of 28 days the final version of the Operational Plan is scheduled to be provided to Council's Ordinary Meeting on 23 May 2024.

RECOMMENDATION

- 1. That Council place the draft 2024/2025 Annual Operational Plan, Budget, Fees and Charges, Revenue Policy and Ten-Year Financial Plan on public exhibition for 28 days.**
- 2. That Council hold a public meeting on Wednesday, 17 April 2023 at 6:00pm to present the documents and seek community feedback.**

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

- **Purchase of Hospital Land**
Council is negotiating the contract conditions for the purchase of the land.
- **Councillor Training**
Training for Councillors on understanding Local Government Financials will be undertaken on 4th April 2024.
- **War Memorial Hostel**
Council has investigated options for the War Memorial Hostel and vacant land.
- **Industrial Land Update**
Contracts have been signed and work on stage one of the Industrial Estate Road and drainage upgrades are to commence in April 2024. Preliminary work is underway with pipe and culverts already on site.
- **Dalton Park War Memorial**
Work commenced with the upgrade of the memorial and will be ready for the instillation of the new memorial prior to ANZAC day.
- **Works Program**
Pressure is still being experienced to deliver our works program due to the significant flood damage emergency and restoration which to date is in the order of \$13 million.

RECOMMENDATION

That the General Managers Operational Report be received and noted.

CLAUSE 7- PRIVACY MANAGEMENT PLAN

**FILE: A2-7-19 & 16351 AOP REFERENCE: 3.3.3.1 ATTACHMENT: YES
(PAGE 165-230)**

AUTHOR: *Records and Information Supervisor, Christine Baker*

Purpose

The revised draft Privacy Management Plan is presented to Council for adoption.

Background

As part of the introduction of the NSW mandatory data breach scheme, Council's Privacy Management Plan has been updated as follows:

- The Privacy Management Plan should set out the agency's obligations with respect to data breach and notification.
- It should set out the agency's procedures and practices in the event of a suspected or real data breach.
- The Privacy Management Plan should also include a reference to the agency's Data Breach Policy
- The Privacy Management Plan has been updated to include the Health Privacy Principles.

Cobar Shire Council has added a section from the Data Breach Policy to the Privacy Management Plan related to the abovementioned requirements.

The Data Breach Policy was added to "Associated policies/documents", and section 4 explains Council's obligations with respect to the collection and management of health information.

The final draft of the Privacy Management Plan is attached for consideration.

Issues

Nil.

Legal Situation

The *Privacy and Personal Information Protection Act 1998* ("PPIPA") requires all councils to prepare a Privacy Management Plan

Policy Implications

Nil.

Financial Implications

Nil.

Risk Implication

The Policy aims to reduce the risks associated with the collection, use, storage, and disposal of personal information and protect the privacy of individuals.

RECOMMENDATION

That the attached Privacy Management Plan be adopted.

CLAUSE 8– 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.	<p>General Manager has raised with the new Minister the urgency of the work & confirmed that they are designing the work.</p> <p>Correspondence again forwarded to the Regional Director seeking confirmation of project timeframe.</p> <p>The recent meeting with Minister Aitchison confirmed that the project is still being designed and funding being considered.</p> <p>No further action update provided</p>

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> <p>Report to Council at the March Ordinary Meeting.</p> <p>Report Submitted in March Ordinary Agenda</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) Meeting held with Mayor & discussion ongoing with Accountant. No further action to date.

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 in June 2024.
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COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS 14 DECEMBER 2023

NUMBER	ITEM	RESOLUTION NUMBER	ACTION BY	ACTION REQUIRED	OUTCOME
1473	Council Meeting – Clause 2 Local Traffic Committee	223.12.2023	GM	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.	This matter is placed on hold due to the current pressure on resources .

COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS 22 February 2024

NUMBER	ITEM	RESOLUTION NUMBER	ACTION BY	ACTION REQUIRED	OUTCOME
1476	Council Meeting – Clause 1 – Mayoral Minute Cost Shifting onto Local Government	03.02.2024	GM	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Council receive and note the findings of the LGNSW Cost Shifting report for the 2021/2022 financial year; and 2. A copy of the cost shifting report be placed on Council’s website so that our communities can access it; and 3. Council writes to the Premier, the NSW Treasurer and the NSW Minister for Local Government seeking that they urgently seek to address these costs through a combination of regulatory reform, budgetary provision and appropriate funding. 	Completed
1477	Council Meeting Clause 5- Quarter 2 – 2023/2024 Budget Review	07.02.2024	DCCS	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That the report Quarter 2 2023/2024 Budget Review be received and noted, and the following capital expenditure adjustments be made to the adopted budget. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Introduce \$250k for the Early Learning Centre interior fit out and transfer the amount of \$109k out of externally restricted funds. b) Reduce the depot upgrade budget by \$140k and introduce \$140k of expenditure for the 	Completed

				<p>Lilliane Brady Village air conditioning upgrade.</p> <p>c) Introduce \$25k of expenditure for the Euabalong Cricket Pitch project.</p> <p>d) Introduce \$35k for the Drummond Park War Memorial and transfer the amount of \$35k out of externally restricted funds.</p> <p>e) Introduce \$60k of expenditure in the Domestic Waste Fund for the Oil Waste Disposal compliance upgrade.</p> <p>f) Introduce \$40k of expenditure for the Commercial Waste Bins refurbishment.</p> <p>g) Allocate an additional \$5.7m to the Regional Local Roads Repair Program.</p> <p>2. and that the following adjustments be made to the operating budget.</p> <p>a) Increase the Lilliane Brady Village Income and Expenditure by a net total of \$844k.</p> <p>b) Reduce the shire road operational budget by \$100k.</p> <p>c) Introduce \$5.7m of additional revenue for the Regional Local Roads Repair Program.</p>	
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1478	Council Meeting Clause 6- Section 356 Donations 2024/2025	08.02.2024	DCCS	<p>1. That Council grants donations for the financial year ended June 30, 2025, as follows.</p> <p>Cobar Pony Club Inc \$2,000 Cobar Amateur Pistol Club Inc \$2,000 Cobar Clay Target Club Inc \$2,000 Cobar Arts Council Inc \$2,000 Cobar Rugby Union Club Inc \$2,000 Cobar Girl Guides \$2,000 Nymagee CWA \$2,000</p> <p>2. That Council donates to each of the schools within Cobar \$200 of Cobar Quid's to assist with their end of year awards ceremonies.</p> <p>3. That Council donates to the Euabalong West Public School \$200 cash to assist with its end of year awards ceremony.</p> <p>4. That Council notes the contribution towards water at the Tom Knight Oval to a ceiling of \$25,000 for the year ended 30 June 2025</p>	Completed
1479	Council Meeting Clause 1C – Linsley Street Asphalt Overlay Project	23.02.2024	DES	<p>That Council:</p> <p>1. Resolve in accordance with Clause 178 1(b) of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2021, to decline to accept any of the submissions received though LGP.</p> <p>2. Resolve in accordance with Clause 178 3(e) of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2021 to enter into negotiations with any person (whether or not the person was a tenderer) with a view to entering into a contract for the</p>	Completed works currently scheduled for end of March/ early April.

				<p>upgrade of Linsley Street with an Asphalt Overlay.</p> <p>3. Delegate the General Manager to undertake negotiations and enter into a contract for the upgrade of Linsley Street with an Asphalt Overlay Project.</p> <p>4. That the information contained within this report remains confidential within the Closed Council.</p>	
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RECOMMENDATION That the information contained in the monthly status report be received and noted, with the following items to be removed: 1142, 1476,1477,1478, 1479.

CLAUSE 9- DRAFT STOCK CONTROL DEVICE POLICY

**FILE: P5-111,R5-9 & 14428AOP REFERENCE:4.3.2 ATTACHMENT: YES
(PAGE 231-239)**

AUTHOR: *Heinz Kausche, Director of Engineering Services*

Purpose

To consider and place the updated Draft Stock Control Device Policy on public exhibition for a minimum of 28 days for members of the public to provide comment and feedback before finalising the policy.

Background

Councils' road infrastructure includes more than 300 livestock grid crossings with a number being in poor condition due to age and lack of maintenance.

Although the benefiting landowner is the owner of the grid and responsible for ongoing maintenance, the condition of grids is also an issue for Council as the road authority responsible for road safety.

Discussion

For reasons of road safety, legalities around responsibility and maintenance of grids, Council Officers have been actively working with landowners to remove grids that are no longer required and replace grids with alternate stock control devices.

The purpose of this updated policy is primarily to safely manage stock control devices on public roads. The policy sets out the parameters for the management of existing stock grids and their repair, renewal and replacement.

The updated policy also provides for the replacement of stock grids with property boundary fencing only or fencing, stock race and dingo siren combinations, to control the movement of livestock within the road reserves without causing adverse effects on road access and safety.

Budget Implications

Under this policy, Council may allocate funding as part of the annual budget process to assist landowners with the replacement of stock grids with property boundary fencing only, or fencing, stock race and dingo siren combinations.

If Council is performing road reconstruction work in the vicinity of a stock grid, Council may fund the upgrade of the stock grid to meet the new road design standard funded through the road reconstruction project.

Council may also undertake urgent repairs or remove stock grids that are no longer required as part of its road maintenance program, If these costs are not reasonably recoverable from the landowner they may be funded from the road maintenance budget.

Risk Implications

Risk exposure has been considered in the development of this policy, whether it be related to road safety, or the requirement for public to perform work on their assets within the road reserve.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

- a) **Receive the Draft Stock Control Device Policy**
- b) **Endorse placing the Draft Stock Control Device Policy on public exhibition for a minimum of 28 days.**
- c) **Receive a further report following the public exhibition addressing any submissions made in respect to the draft policy.**

CLAUSE 10 – MEETING MINUTES

FILE: R5-36 AOP REFERENCE: 3.1ATTACHMENT: YES (PAGE 2240-246)

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:

- Local Traffic Committee – Wednesday 21st February 2024
- Rural Roads Advisory Committee - Wednesday 20th March 2024

No resolutions for Council adoption.

RECOMMENDATION

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

CLAUSE 11 – INVESTMENT REPORT AS OF 29 FEBRUARY 2024

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 29 February 2024. 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
Jun-24	5.10%	NAB	\$ 5,043,409			\$ 19,731	\$ 5,063,140
Aug-24	5.25%	AMP	\$ 2,054,502			\$ 8,591	\$ 2,063,093
Apr-24	5.10%	NAB	\$ 2,033,463			\$ 7,956	\$ 2,041,418
May-24	5.20%	AMP	\$ 3,039,493			\$ 12,558	\$ 3,052,050
Mar-24	5.10%	NAB	\$ 5,090,040			\$ 19,914	\$ 5,109,954
Feb-24	5.22%	NAB	\$ 3,079,814			\$ -	\$ 3,079,814
Mar-24	5.00%	NAB	\$ 5,234,298			\$ 20,077	\$ 5,254,375
NAB Sweep Acct	Variable	NAB	\$ 5,871,764	\$ 8,450,185	\$ 5,765,927	\$ 30,229	\$ 8,586,251
TOTALS	Average Int	5.14%	\$31,446,782	\$8,450,185	\$5,765,927	\$119,056	\$34,250,097

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 29 February 2024.

**CLAUSE 12 - BANK RECONCILIATION, CASH FLOW & LOAN FACILITY
SUMMARIES AS OF 29 FEBRUARY 2024**

FILE: B2-7

AOP REFERENCE: 3.1.1.5

ATTACHMENT: NO

AUTHOR: *Finance Manager, Sandra Davey*

Purpose

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

Issues

Bank Reconciliation

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

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

S. Davey

Finance Manager

Monthly Total Funds Available for the Last 12 Months

Month	Investment Balances \$'000	Operating Account \$'000	Total Available Funds \$'000	Total Monthly % Change
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	35,463	10	35,473	-13%
Jan 24	31,447	10	31,457	-11%
Feb 24	34,250	10	34,260	8%

Cash Flow

Feb		Description	Forecast
Forecast \$'000	Actual \$'000		Next Month \$'000
10	10	Bank Balance Forward	10
400	3,678	FAG / R2R / RMCC / TNSW	1,200
15	15	Services NSW	15
500	350	Rates /Water/User Charges	500
200	353	Private Works/Debtors	200
450	575	LBV – Residents Fees & Subsidies	450
150	146	Children’s Services (net)	150
3,000	(2,684)	Net Movement of Investments	3,000
500	3,741	Sundry Income & Grants	500
		<i>Less</i>	
(3,000)	(5,486)	Creditors	(4,500)
(950)	(708)	Wages / Salaries	(950)
10	10	Bank Reconciliation Cr/(Dr)	10

Loan Facility Report as of 29 February 2024

Fund	Purpose	Amount \$'000	Funding Institute	Period		Rate	Payable	\$'000
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 29 February 2024								2,259

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receive and note the Bank Reconciliation, Monthly Total Funds Available, Cash Flow and Loan Facility Report as of 29 February 2024.

CLAUSE 13 – RATES RECONCILIATION REPORT AS AT 29 FEBRUARY 2024**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 29 February 2024.

Rate Type	Levy Plus Arrears	Adjustments	Nett Levy	Cash	Paid-Previous	Outstanding
Cobar Residential	1,173,878.76	58,550.98	1,232,429.74	-584,122.93	-49,269.24	599,037.57
Business	349,230.30	12,402.56	361,632.86	-211,039.90	-5,341.89	145,248.22
Business Cobar CBD	169,120.91	5,469.28	174,590.19	-111,045.20	-4,979.36	58,565.63
Farmland	858,972.81	489.31	859,462.12	-520,800.21	-6,997.35	331,664.56
Mining	2,030,880.01	0.00	2,030,880.01	-490,871.36	-39.91	1,539,968.74
Residential Village	183,926.59	0.00	183,926.59	-50,216.40	-7,123.54	126,586.65
Business Village	80,674.22	0.00	80,674.22	-20,465.82	-548.72	59,659.68
Rural Residential	102,974.16	5,019.36	107,993.52	-44,257.30	-12,681.59	51,054.63
Interest	34,153.34	67,571.29	101,724.63	-11,897.53	0.00	89,827.10
Legal Costs	0.00	3,587.00	3,587.00	-15.00	0.00	3,572.00
Overpayments	0.00	0.00	0.00	-48,235.36	-50,193.15	-98,428.51
General Rates	4,983,811.10	153,089.78	5,136,900.88	-\$2,092,967.01	-\$137,174.75	\$2,906,756.27
Domestic Waste	840,210.75	-765.59	839,445.16	-444,551.45	-30,935.55	363,957.83
Cobar Water	1,810,794.47	1,761.00	1,812,555.47	-\$1,004,130.64	-\$69,476.57	\$738,945.68
Nymagee Water	\$69,001.97	-\$980.00	\$68,021.97	-\$29,122.28	-\$360.90	\$38,538.79
Euabalong Water	\$138,337.44	-\$980.00	\$137,357.44	-\$57,763.79	-\$12,856.86	\$66,736.79
Mount Hope Water	\$12,217.79	\$0.00	\$12,217.79	-\$4,568.19	-\$152.53	\$7,497.07
Water Access	\$2,030,351.67	-\$199.00	\$2,030,152.67	-\$1,095,584.90	-\$82,846.86	\$851,718.33
Sewerage	\$1,223,143.67	\$0.00	\$1,223,143.67	-\$605,219.33	-\$52,545.97	\$565,378.37
Total Rates & Charges	\$9,077,517.19	\$152,125.19	\$9,229,642.38	-\$4,238,322.69	-\$303,503.13	\$4,687,810.80
Water Consumption	\$2,262,036.51	-\$70,734.50	\$2,191,302.01	-\$1,446,682.36	\$0.00	\$744,619.65

RECOMMENDATION**That the Rates Reconciliation Report as at the 29 February 2024 be received and noted.**

CLAUSE 14 – 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 – February 29, 2024, and the method of procurement used.

CONTRACTOR	DESCRIPTION OF WORKS AND METHOD OF PROCUREMENT	TOTAL \$'000	LOCALITY
COUNTRY WIDE ASPHALT PTY LTD	ROAD WORKS (TENDER)	3,618	NON LOCAL
DAVID PAYNE CONSTRUCTION	WARD OVAL CONSTRUCTION (TENDER)	3,152	NON LOCAL
STANAWAY PTY LTD T/A DAVID PAYNE CONSTRUCTION	WARD OVAL CONSTRUCTION (TENDER)	2,991	NON LOCAL
CRUSHRITE PTY LTD	GRAVEL CRUSHING (TENDER)	2,650	NON LOCAL
NICHOLSONS OF NYMAGEE	ROAD WORKS (RFQ)	1,560	LOCAL
THE STABILISING PTY LTD	RMS CONTRACT (RFQ)	1,244	NON LOCAL
JONESYS EARTHWORKS PTY LTD	ROAD WORKS (RFQ)	1,024	NON LOCAL
ENABLEU HEALTH SOLUTIONS PTY LTD	CONSULTANT SERVICES (RFQ)	834	NON LOCAL
BROUGHTON CONTRACTING PTY LTD T/A BROUGHTON F	PLANT HIRE (TENDER)	670	LOCAL
DEPELER EARTHMOVING	PLANT HIRE (TENDER)	663	LOCAL
REDSTONE NURSING PTY LTD	LABOUR HIRE (RFQ)	614	NON LOCAL
MIDLAND PTY LTD	PLANT PURCHASE (RFQ)	504	NON LOCAL
CRANFIELD MEDICAL & HEALTHCARE PTY LTD	LABOUR HIRE (RFQ)	480	NON LOCAL
SUPERIOR PAK PTY LTD	PLANT PURCHASE (TENDER)	475	NON LOCAL
CYNEND	CONSTRUCTION WORK (TENDER/RFQ)	438	NON LOCAL
CASTLYN PTY LTD T/A INLAND PETROLEUM	FUEL (TENDER)	412	NON LOCAL
VINIDEX PTY LTD	STORMWATER PIPES (TENDER)	411	NON LOCAL

NSW PUBLIC WORKS	GOVERNMENT CONSULTING SERVICES (GOV)	406	NON LOCAL
TRONIC GROUP PTY LTD	IT SERVICES (RFQ)	360	LOCAL
AS PER PLAN CONSTRUCTION	CONSTRUCTION WORK (TENDER/RFQ)	358	LOCAL
DUNN & HILLAM ARCHITECTS	VARIOUS PROJECTS (YOUTH CENTRE, EARLY LEARNING CENTRE) (QUOTES)	353	NON LOCAL
JLE ELECTRICAL	TRADE SERVICES (RFQ)	326	NON LOCAL
NOMES CUSTOM CLEANING	CLEANING SERVICES (RFQ)	310	LOCAL
WESTRAC PTY LTD	PLANT PURCHASE (TENDER)	288	LOCAL
SMART COMMERCIAL SOLAR PTY LTD	WTP SOLAR	280	NON LOCAL
PPT INVESTMENTS T/A KLOSTER FORD	PLANT PURCHASE (RFQ)	268	NON LOCAL
ROAD CARE AUSTRALIA PTY LTD	ROAD WORKS (RFQ)	259	NON LOCAL
HOLCIM (AUSTRALIA) PTY LTD	CULVERTS (TENDER)	254	NON LOCAL
LEISURE & RECREATION GROUP PTY LTD	POOL MANAGEMENT (TENDER)	247	NON LOCAL
LOCAL GOVERNMENT APPOINTMENTS	LABOUR HIRE (RFQ)	245	NON LOCAL
PARKES AUTOMOTIVE GROUP PTY LTD	PLANT PURCHASE (RFQ)	242	NON LOCAL
JNJ CONTRACTING PTY LTD	PLANT HIRE (RFQ)	235	LOCAL
360 ENGINEERING PTY LTD	CONSULTANT SERVICES (RFQ)	235	NON LOCAL
COBAR STEEL PTY LTD	TRADE SERVICES (RFQ)	226	LOCAL
ORION CONSULTING ENGINEERS PTY LTD	PROJECT MANAGEMENT (RFQ)	220	NON LOCAL
DAMAGE CONTROL PROJECT MANAGEMENT PTY LTD	LABOUR HIRE (RFQ)	213	NON LOCAL
CADIA GROUP PTY LTD	WATER AND SEWER (TENDER)	208	NON LOCAL
ROLLERS AUSTRALIA PTY LTD	PLANT HIRE (TENDER)	203	NON LOCAL
I J CHASE GRADER CONTRACTING	PLANT HIRE (TENDER)	193	LOCAL
AUSROAD PLANT SERVICES PTY LTD	LABOUR HIRE (RFQ)	190	NON LOCAL
BOB BRUCE EARTHWORKS PTY LTD	PLANT HIRE (TENDER)	185	LOCAL
ACCESS ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING PTY LTD	BORE LICENCING	182	NON LOCAL
KENWAY AND CLARK GUNNEDAH PTY LTD	PLANT PURCHASE (RFQ)	161	NON LOCAL
JR MAY EARTHMOVING PTY LTD	PLANT HIRE (TENDER)	143	LOCAL
COLLAR TALENT GROUP PTY LTD	LABOUR HIRE (RFQ)	130	NON LOCAL
KILLARD INFRASTRUCTURE PTY LTD	RETICULATION UPGRADE (TENDER)	129	NON LOCAL
MIKE BREARLEY & ASSOCIATES PTY LTD	CONSULTANT SERVICES (RFQ)	117	NON LOCAL
KALLARA PARTNERS	PLANT HIRE (TENDER)	115	LOCAL
REDOX LTD	CHEMICALS	110	NON LOCAL
COPPER CITY TYRE SERVICE	TYRE SERVICES (RFQ)	101	LOCAL
VALLEY OUTDOORS SCONE	PLANT PURCHASE (RFQ)	99	NON LOCAL
KML INDUSTRIES PTY LTD	TRADES SERVICE/HARDWARE	97	LOCAL
COUNTRY MILE CONSTRUCTIONS	CONSTRUCTION WORK (RFQ)	95	LOCAL
KPMG AUSTRALIA	CONSULTANT SERVICES (RFQ)	94	NON LOCAL

ZONDA PEOPLE HEALTHCARE RECRUITMENT	LABOUR HIRE (RFQ)	93	NON LOCAL
BARRIER SIGNS PTY LIMITED	SIGNS (TENDER)	91	NON LOCAL
BITUPAVE LTD T/A BORAL ASPHALT	ROAD WORKS (RFQ)	91	NON LOCAL
MCINTOSH FENCING PTY LTD	RMS CONTRACT (RFQ)	90	NON LOCAL
DOWNER EDI WORKS	ROAD WORKS (TENDER)	87	NON LOCAL
TRANSPORT FOR NSW	ROAD WORKS (RFQ)	85	NON LOCAL
PAGNELL ASSOCIATES PTY LTD T/A GEOSECURE	PLANT PURCHASE (RFQ)	84	NON LOCAL
TILT AUTOMOTIVE PTY LTD	TRADE SERVICES (RFQ)	82	LOCAL

	Total
	\$'000
Local suppliers	\$5,682
Non-local suppliers	\$24,636
Total purchases over \$80k	\$30,318
2023/2024	

RECOMMENDATION

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

CLAUSE 15 – 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	Successful	\$1,056,600	Stage 1 Application successful.
	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	Pending	\$481,892 (Council) \$481,892 (Sustainable Park solutions)	Stage 2 application submitted. Will be notified in April 2024 of an outcome.
Crown Reserves Improvement Fund 24/25	Tennis Court Upgrades	\$564,874	Pending	N/A	May 2024
Get NSW Active	Update of the Active Transport Plan	\$81,600	Pending	N/A	May 2024
Department of Health and Aged Care	Payment to reward clinical skills and leadership round 2	\$6,000	Pending	N/A	April 2024

Aged Care Capital Assistance Program Thin Markets, Multiple Streams	Development of aged care staff accommodation	\$10,500,250	Pending	N/A	April 2024
2023/2024 Country Passenger Transport Infrastructure Grants Scheme	Installation of solar lights at the Linsley Street Bus Shelter	\$2,250	Pending	N/A	April 2024
Festival Australia Program	To work with a local artist to create visual elements inspired by the eras of the 1950s, 60s, and 70s to line the streets of Cobar for the Grey Mardi Gras Festival parade. They will be co-created with the Cobar community through a series of workshops	\$30,846	Pending	N/A	June 2024
2024 Outback Arts Country Arts Support Program	To hold community workshops for 18 plus to complete a mural within the Cobar Youth and Community Centre	\$3,000	Pending	N/A	June 2024

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.

- **Regional Event Fund** – This fund supports events in regional NSW to grow visitation and increase economic benefits to destinations. This fund comprises 3 individual funding streams providing a development pipeline for events from inception, through emergence, to their establishment as tourism events in Regional NSW.
Incubator Event Stream: supports the establishment of new events.
Flagship Event Stream: supporting the marketing of emerging events to increase their profile and encourage visitation.
Event development Stream supports the strategic development of established events as divers of tourism.
Applications close the 9th of April 2024.

- **Regional Youth Winter/Spring 2024 Holiday Break Fund** – The holiday break program provides young people in Regional NSW opportunities to connect, socialise, learn new skills, and have fun at free activities, including recreation camps, creative activities, and more during the school holidays. Grants of up to \$7,000 are available and close on the 22nd of March 2024.

- **Play Our Way Program** – The Australia Government is providing \$200 million for this program, and it will run over 3 years from 2024-25 to 2026-27. This program will provide funding for local solutions and improvements that address participation barriers faced by women and girls. This program is delivered through two streams, stream one ‘facilities’ provide funding to support modifying, upgrading, or building facilities, play areas and spaces for sport and physical activity. Stream two ‘participation and equipment’ provide funding to support modifying and or developing new, sustainable, and enduring programs to reduce discrimination and inequity, and increase women and girls’ participation in sport and physical activity. Applications close on the 29th of April 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 approved for the new realigned walking track. REF completed. Council have received quotes from suppliers, currently reviewing with the aim to award the contract before the end of the month. Works will need to be complete by end of April as per the funding requirements.
- **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. Awarded contract. Inground infrastructure works to be completed before Cobar Show, lights to be installed after. **Euabalong Hall Revitalisation** – Contract award, builders have commenced on site. Both projects to be completed by June 2024 as per the funding requirements.
- **NSW Government – Regional Growth Fund & Federal Government - Building Better Regions Fund (Round 4) - Ward Oval Multi-Purpose Building and Early Learning Centre** –Construction is 75% complete.
- **Showgrounds Stimulus Funding phase 2B – Sealing of the Ward Oval Car Park.** Overflow carpark completed. Carpark for Multipurpose Hall has commenced, additional linkage works will commence towards the end of the Ward oval Project. 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** Variation submitted to reduce scope to only stage 1 works, pending approval. Contract award for construction works. Please refer to Engineering works report for project update.
- **Resources for regions round 8 (R4R8) Cobar Industrial Estate Road and Storm water Upgrades - Stage 2** – Variation submitted to reduce scope to only stage 1 works, pending approval. Contract award for construction works. Please refer to Engineering works report for project update.
- **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. Community consultation completed mid-February. Draft documents to be adopted at March Council meeting.
- **Resources for regions round 8 - (R4R8) - Great Cobar Museum - Coach House and Landscaping - (Stage 2 works)** –Project progressing well, DA approved. Currently preparing tender documents, Tender to be released end of March.
- **Resources for regions – round 8 (R4R8) - Early Intervention Outreach Program** –Research and investigating allied health services within our LGA is completed. Engaged a psychologist, currently developing the needs analysis. To be completed end of March 2024.

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- **Resources for regions – round 8 (R4R8)- Ward Oval Multipurpose building – area kitchen, canteen, bar, stage, and office**– Project is progressing well. Construction is 75% complete.
 - **Resources for regions – round 9 (RFR9) - Euabalong Pump Station Disaster Resilience and Safety Upgrades** – Project proposal is on hold pending site selection. Site selection is on hold, pending land acquisition, which is being negotiated with Local Aboriginal Lands Council.
 - **Resources for regions – round 9 (RFR9) - Louth Road Reservoir Asset Renewal Project** - Please refer to the Engineering works report for project update.
 - **Resources for regions – round 9 (RFR9) Booberoi Road Bridge Replacement, Round Hill Road Bridge Replacement** – Public works has been engaged to project manage both projects. Tender for the design has closed. Currently reviewing submissions and awaiting recommendation from PWA.
 - **Resources for regions – round 9 (RFR9) Cobar Footpath connector and DDA project** – Contract has been awarded, works to commence towards the end of this year. Project to be completed by December 2025.
 - **Resources for regions – round 9 (RFR9) Cobar Airport Masterplan** – Council has awarded the contract. Project inception meeting has been held, awaiting a project schedule. Works to be completed by 31st of December 2025.
 - **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. 7 out of 20 visits have been completed.
 - **Resources for regions – round 9 (RFR9) - Youth services program phase 2** – Delivery and development of programs have commenced. To be completed by December 2025.
 - **Resources for regions – round 9 (RFR9) - Cobar Museum Phase 2 & 3 redevelopment exhibition and object display project** – Project is progressing, design completed for exhibits. DA approved. Tender to be released end of March.
 - **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 approved. Tender documents being prepared to be released end of March.
 - **Bulk water metering project** – Meters have been purchased and 25% are onsite. Construction has commenced with large concrete pits to house the flowmeters.
 - **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.

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- **Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Phase 3 – Airport runway sealing upgrades – (Est) \$1,000,000.00** –Works have been completed. **99KW solar project at the Filtration plan - \$100,000.00** Solar has been installed and commissioned. Final defect remediation is underway and electrical authority sign off is pending. **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** – Mural completed on NAB wall. Electrical boxes completed. Tree planting continuing, landscaping upgrades for front of Youth Centre to be completed. Funds to be expended before 30 June 2024.
 - **Female Friendly Community Sport Facilities and Lighting Upgrades – Indoor lighting upgrade and installation of security lights at Cobar Youth and Community Centre** –Time extension approved. Currently engaging contractor to complete works.
 - **Fixing Local Roads Round 2 – Wilga Downs Road sealing 12km** – Seal extension completed, Contractor building floodway, expected to be finished by April 2024.
 - **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** – Works have been completed on Priory Tank Rd, and Whitborrow Way, Council has received a time extension to spend remaining funds. Please refer to the Engineering works report for further information.
 - **Flood damage from November 2021 Event (EPA)** – please refer to the Engineering works report for further information.
 - **Flood damage from October 2022 Event (EPA)** - please refer to the Engineering works report for further information.
 - **Regional Emergency Repair Program Fund** – Funds to be spent before October 2027. Funds will be distributed between several road projects, including Wool Track, and Fifty-Two Mile. Please refer to the Engineering works report for further project information.
 - **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** - planning has commenced. **Town Enhancement Program** – planning has commenced. **Bore Placement Program** – 7 tanks have been ordered, 2 arrived. Have procured a drilling company to drill the new bores. **Footpath reinstatement in Marshal Street** – Project has not commenced, will need to be designed. Projects will need to be completed by June 2024.

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- **Supportive Environment Grant Western NSW Local Health District-Community - Garden at the Cobar Youth and Community Centre** – planning has commenced, clean-up of outdoor area to has commenced. Works to be completed by May 2024.
 - **Fixing Country Roads Round 6 – Wool Track Extension** – Crushing has commenced, once the crushing is complete the carting will commence. Please refer to Engineering works report for further information.
 - **Roads to Recovery 2023/2024 – Linsley Street Asphalt Overlay** – Works to commence end of March/ Early April. Working towards completing the delivery plan will be communicated internally and externally once completed.
 - **Summer & Autumn Holiday Break Fund 23-24 – School Holiday Activities** – Summer school holidays completed, creative art workshops delivered, science experiments/workshops and cooking experiences. Autumn school holidays, planning has commenced with engagement on contractors to deliver programs including a roller disco, cooking lessons and virtual reality.
 - **Electronic National Residential Medication Chart (eNRMC) – Adoption Round 2** - To implement an electronic national residential medication chart system at the LBV nursing home. Planning has commenced. Works to be completed by January 2025.

RECOMMENDATION

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

CLAUSE 16 – 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 works underway up to 29 February 2024.

Background

State Highways

Completed Works

- Shoulder grading Kidman Way completed.

Major Maintenance Work - Ongoing

- Pothole patching and sign maintenance of highway network ongoing.
- Tree trimming Barrier Hwy commenced.
- Culvert cleaning of highways commenced.

Construction Work

- Heavy patching works on Kidman Way commenced.

Others

- ISO audit of the RMCC management system completed.

Urban Roads/Shire Roads/Regional Roads

Completed Works

- Tipping Way and Lachlan Valley Way – stabilization and sealing of patches completed.

Major Maintenance and Construction Work - Ongoing

- Spreading of gravel on 52 Mile Road continuing.
- Spreading and shaping gravel on Grain Road continuing.
- Euabalong River Walk Project – 10 x price submissions received for the delivery of this project. Outcomes of the procurement process to be considered by Council in a separate report.
- Shire Wide Culverts Program ongoing, approximately 65% complete. Culvert works continuing on 52 Mile Road (RR 7518)
- Cobar Industrial Estate Road and Stormwater Upgrades:
 - contract negotiations finalised and contract has been signed by both parties.
 - contractor will start on the major culverts and swale drains.

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- Essential Energy to provide requirements for supporting the power poles impacted by the works.
 - Linsley Street – preliminary works underway on replacing and repairing valve/hydrant and pit covers. The asphalt overlay works are currently scheduled for end of March/early April subject to contractor availability.
 - Fixing Country Roads Round 4 – works continuing on extracting and crushing gravel for the 40km seal extension of the Wool Track.
 - Regional Emergency Road Repairs Fund –works program to be finalised, includes regional road maintenance and renewals, Wool Track and urban asphalt overlays.

Cobar Airport

- Sealing of runway and apron completed. However, CASA requirements increased the scope of works in order to meet the new regulations.
- Review and updating of the Masterplan for the Cobar Aerodrome underway. This includes detailed design for the proposed hangers.

Flood Damage

- Works continuing on the Restoration of Essential Public Assets funded through the Natural Disaster Funding Arrangements in response to the November 2022 flood event.
- Flood damage restoration works on causeway on Wilga Downs Road underway.
- Flood damage restoration works on Developmental Road ongoing.
- The application for the January 2024 flood event to be declared a Natural Disaster has been approved by the State. This declaration enables for Council to recover the costs associated with emergency works to reopen roads impacted by event.
- Emergency Works following the January 2024 flood event is continuing on various roads across the LGA.
- Full assessment of the damages and associated costs for flood restoration works following the January 2024 flood event are continuing.

Asset and Fleet Management

- Property portfolio for Cobar presented to the Councillor Workshop in February. Report to be considered by Council at the March 2024 meeting.
- Fleet Management – development of new 10 year plant replacement program completed.
- Fleet Management - development of whole of life costings for major plant and equipment underway.

Water and Sewer

- Nyngan, Hermidale, and Cobar Pump Station Upgrade Project – tenders currently being evaluated.
- 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 continuing including upgrades to the Fort Burke Balance Tank, water reticulation network and associated infrastructure.

Water Storage Level Updates

- Cobar Water Storages are currently at 80% full (combined).
- Burrendong Dam is currently at 57% full.
- Level 1 water restrictions are normally 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 continue to be implemented.

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 and other Council assets be received and noted.

CLAUSE 17 – EXPENDITURE FOR ROADS NETWORK

FILE: R5-31 AOP REFERENCE: 4.3.2 ATTACHMENT: YES (PAGE 247-256)

AUTHOR: *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 18 – DEVELOPMENT APPROVALS: 14 FEBRUARY 2024 – 19 MARCH 2024

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 February 2024 – 19 March 2024.

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 **\$21,000.00.**

Local Development Approvals

The following Local Development Applications were approved under delegated authority for the period 14 February 2024 – 19 March 2024.

CERTIFICATE NO.	ADDRESS	DESCRIPTION	VALUE (\$)
DA24/001	70 Monaghan St, Cobar	Detached Metal Shed	\$40,425
DA24/006	21 Bradley St, Cobar	Front Boundary & Side Boundary Fencing	\$8,000
DA24/007	1 Bourke Rd, Cobar	Demolition of Dwelling Destroyed by Fire	\$38,000
DA24/002	5 Wood St, Cobar	Detached Metal Carport	\$39,210
DA24/003	Lot 1 Bathurst St, Cobar	Replacement of Existing Luminaires with New LED Luminaires	\$164,035
DA24/008	Lot 100 Cornish St, Cobar	Detached Metal Shed	\$410,000

The value of Local Development approvals for 2023/2024 to date is \$48,474,492.92.

The value of Local Development approvals for the similar period in 2022/2023 was **\$116,748,694.20.**

Construction Certificates

The following Construction Certificates were issued for the period 14 February 2024 – 19 March 2024.

CERTIFICATE No.	ADDRESS	DESCRIPTION
CC24/003	70 Monaghan St, Cobar	Detached Metal Shed
CC24/004	5 Wood St, Cobar	Detached Metal Carport

RECOMMENDATION

That the information detailing the Local Development and Construction Certificate approvals for the period 14 February 2024 – 19 March 2024 be received and noted.

CLAUSE 19-EUABALONG RIVER WALK PROJECT

FILE: P1-22, 16070 AOP REFERENCE: 4.3.2

ATTACHMENT: NO

AUTHOR: *Heinz Kausche, Director Engineering Services*

Purpose

To consider the submissions received for the Euabalong River Walk Project.

Background

Council has received funding of through Stronger Country Communities Fund of \$222,500 along with a donation of \$50,000 for the design and construction of a scenic walking trail adjacent to the Lachlan River in Euabalong.

The scope of works includes the following elements:

- 280m x 1.8m wide concrete pathway (stage 1)
- 220m x 1.8m wide concrete pathway (stage 2)
- Upgrade of the existing footpath in Lachlan Street into the community hall and library
- seating and picnic tables at 3 x selected points along the pathway.
- bollards, or other vehicle control measures (where needed to exclude unauthorised vehicles from driving along or crossing the pathway)
- short pedestrian footbridge (planned as a prefabricated or modular bridge) over a concave drainage gutter.
- way finding/orientation and advisory signage.
- the installation of road safety signs, warning of pedestrians, on Lachlan Valley Way (within and just beyond the boundary of the subject site);

Figure 1 shows the location of the proposed works.

A request for prices to deliver the project on behalf Council closed on the 29 February with 10 submissions being received.

Figure 1 – Locality Map



Legal Situation

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

RECOMMENDATION

That a further report regarding the Euabalong River Walk Project be considered in the 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, 28 MARCH 2024.

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