



COBAR SHIRE COUNCIL

ORDINARY MEETING AGENDA

WEDNESDAY, 24TH APRIL 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
 - Nancy Elizabeth Shanahan
 - Thelma Caroline Powyer
 4. Public Access Forum
 5. Confirmation of Minutes
 - Ordinary Meeting of Council – Thursday, 28th March 2024
 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
 - Nil
 11. Matters of Urgency
 12. Correspondence
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~ COUNCIL'S VISION ~

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

~ COUNCIL'S MISSION ~

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

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

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

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

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

~ COUNCIL'S CHARTER ~

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

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

CLAUSE 1– 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. The recent meeting with Minister Aitchison confirmed that the project is still being designed and funding being considered.

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>Next phase to be workshopped in a future 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. 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 28 March 2024

NUMBER	ITEM	RESOLUTION NUMBER	ACTION BY	ACTION REQUIRED	OUTCOME
1479	Council Meeting-Clause 1 Draft Cobar Town Hall Master Plan and Business Case	03.03.2024	GM	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 accepted until Wednesday 1 May 2024.	The Draft Cobar Town Hall Master Plan and Business Case and notes that the plan have been released to the public for viewing and formal feedback, report to May Ordinary Council Meeting.
1480	Council Meeting- Clause 5- Councils annual operational plan, budget, fees and charges and revenue policy	07.03.2024	GM	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. That Council hold a public meeting on Wednesday, 17 April 2023 at 6:00pm to present the documents and seek community feedback	Draft 2024/2025 Annual Operational Plan, Budget, Fees and Charges, Revenue Policy, and Ten-Year Financial Plan currently on public exhibition, public meeting scheduled for Wednesday, 17 April 2023 at 6:00pm, report to be provided at May Ordinary Council Meeting.
1481	Council Meeting- Clause 9 Draft Stock Control Device Policy	11.03.2024	DES	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.	Draft Stock Control Device Policy currently on public exhibition, report to Council at May Ordinary Council Meeting.

1482	Clause 1C- Euabalong River Walk Project	23.03.2024	DES	<p>1) Endorse proceeding with the delivery of the full scope of works for the Euabalong River Walk Project as described in this report.</p> <p>2) Endorse allocating part of the unallocated funding available through the 'Active Transport Construction Project', to the Euabalong River Walk Project enabling for the full scope of works to be delivered.</p> <p>3) Resolve in accordance with Section 55 Clause (3)(i) of the Local Government Act to not invite tenders for the Euabalong River Walk Project for the following reasons:</p> <p>i) ten quotations were received through Vendor Panel demonstrating a competitive procurement process providing value for money.</p> <p>ii) inviting tenders will incur additional costs and time delays.</p> <p>iii) requirement that the component of the works funded through Stronger Country Communities Fund is fully expended by the end of April 2024</p> <p>4) Delegate the General Manager to undertake negotiations and enter into a contract for the delivery of Euabalong River Walk Project.</p> <p>5) That the information contained within this report remains confidential within the Closed Council.</p>	Contract awarded & work commenced. No further action
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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: 1479,1480,1481,1482.

CLAUSE 2 – DRAFT BORROWING POLICY

FILE: B2-7 AOP REFERENCE: 3.1.1.7 ATTACHMENT: YES (PAGE 42-46)

AUTHOR: *Finance Manager, Sandra Davey*

Background

The Local Government Act requires that Council regularly review and update the borrowing Policy as necessary. Council last updated the policy in 2015.

There have been no material changes to the policy, except the addition of the subsection on overdraft facilities.

In this instance it is not considered necessary to exhibit this policy, the proposed amendments are simply an addition of ongoing business activities with the view to enhance transparency.

Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to ensure that the use and management of Council borrowings (including overdraft facilities):

- Complies with the Ministerial Revised Borrowing Order dated 13 May 2009.
- Is undertaken with due regard for Council's role as a custodian of public funds.
- Is undertaken with the care, diligence, and skill that a prudent person would exercise in managing the affairs of other persons; and
- Complies with Council's overall risk management philosophy.

Issues

The policy has been updated to reflect Council's current objectives and guiding principles. The policy has been revised to include a section on overdraft facilities, an excerpt is provided below.

An overdraft facility is a flexible line of credit providing access to funds to manage the day to day cash flow needs of the Cobar Shire Council. The overdraft facility is designed for business with short-term working capital requirements, to fund operational needs to an agreed amount.

Cobar Shire Council may establish a bank overdraft facility for a maximum pre-agreed limit, as approved by Council, available from Council's banking institution.

The bank overdraft facility may be utilised during the course of the financial year only as a cash management tool to smooth out seasonal or temporary fluctuations in cash flows.

This facility is a form of borrowing that is a high cost alternative relative to other forms of funding. The bank overdraft facility shall be limited to minimal use under delegation by the General Manager.

It is not appropriate for overdraft facilities to be used for medium or long term financing purposes (for example, to purchase assets) and is not to be used as an alternative to borrowing.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council adopt the attached Borrowing Policy.

CLAUSE 3 – OVERDRAFT FACILITY

FILE: B2-7 AOP REFERENCE: 3.1.1.7

ATTACHMENT: NO

AUTHOR: *Finance Manager, Sandra Davey*

Purpose

The purpose of this report is for Council to consider the establishment of an overdraft facility to use as a cash management tool to smooth out seasonal or temporary fluctuations in cash flows.

Background

Council receives a considerable amount of grant funding in advance, for projects that are yet to commence. This creates a large amount of externally restricted funds within Council, and places pressure on the cash flow and meeting legislative requirements.

External Restrictions over cash, cash equivalents and investments are those where there is a legislative obligation to use the funds for the purpose for which they were paid to Council.

Under section 409(3) of the Local Government Act 1993 they are of three categories

- I. Money received because of levying a special rate of charge for a particular purpose (e.g. Domestic Waste Management charges)
- II. Money that is required by legislation to be set aside of a specific purpose (e.g. developer contributions)
- III. Money received from Federal or State Government for a specific purpose (e.g. specific purpose grant funding)

Throughout the year, Council receives revenue for both operational and capital works, often these projects are paid in arrears, placing an impact on Councils cash flow and externally restricted funds position.

Finance staff believe the best way to manage the potential shortfalls in externally restricted funds and unrestricted funds is to implement an overdraft facility.

Policy Implications

The recent policy updates put forward to Council facilitate the option of having an overdraft facility to meet the needs of the business.

Financial Implications

This facility is a form of borrowing that is a high-cost alternative relative to other forms of funding. The bank overdraft facility shall be limited to minimal use under delegation by the Council's General Manager.

It is not the intention for the overdraft facility to be used for medium- or long-term financing purposes (for example, to purchase assets) and is not to be used as an alternative to borrowing.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council delegate the General Manager authorisation to request the NAB to provide an overdraft facility up to the amount of \$5,000,000 as a cash management tool to smooth out seasonal or temporary fluctuations in cash flows.

CLAUSE 4 – MEETING MINUTES

FILE: R5-36 AOP REFERENCE: 3.1 ATTACHMENT: YES (PAGE 47-)

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:

- Cobar Liquor Accord- Tuesday 26th March 2024

RECOMMENDATION

That the Minutes of the Cobar Liquor Accord be received and noted.

CLAUSE 5 – GRANT FUNDING**FILE: G4-17****AOP REFERENCE: 3.1.1.3****ATTACHMENT: NO****AUTHOR: Grants Officer, Bethany Smith****Grant Update****Council Grants**

Grants Applied For	Activity	Amount Applied For	Status	Council Funding Required	Outcome expected/ comments
Growing Regions Program – Round 1	Cobar Sewer Treatment Plant Upgrade – delivers a series of critical improvements to the STP facilities. 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.	\$2,465,400 \$2,248,829	Pending	\$1,056,600 \$481,892 (Council) \$481,892 (Sustainable Park solutions)	Stage 1 Application successful. Stage 2 application submitted. Will be notified in May 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
Aged Care Capital Assistance Program Thin Markets, Multiple Streams	Development of aged care staff accommodation	\$10,500,250	Pending	N/A	May 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
Regional Precincts and Partnerships Program – Stream 1 Precinct development and planning	Detailed design for the Grand Hotel, Town Hall Cinema, Brennan Centre, and the streetscapes. Concept design for the library arcade.	\$3,466,2023	Pending	N/A	June 2024
Regional Event Fund – Incubator Stream	Grey Mardi Gra 2024 stage production and security costs	\$20,000	Pending	N/A	May 2024

Grant Outcomes

Grants Applied For	Activity	Amount applied for	Status	Council funding required	Outcomes expected/comments
Department of Health and Aged Care	Payment to reward clinical skills and leadership round 2	\$6,000	Successful	N/A	
2023/2024 Country Passenger Transport Infrastructure Grants Scheme	Installation of solar lights at the Linsley Street Bus Shelter	\$2,250	Successful	N/A	

Current Grant Opportunities:

- **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 – Contract** issued; works have commenced onsite to be completed end of April.
- **NSW Government – Stronger Country Communities Fund (SCCF) – Round 5 - New LED lighting Ward Oval Cobar** – Awarded contract. Inground infrastructure works completed the poles and lights to be installed after the Cobar Show. Works to be completed by 30 June. **Euabalong Hall Revitalisation** – Contract issued; initial works have been completed. Additional works to the Hall have commenced. To be completed by 30 of June.
- **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 & Resources for regions round 8 (R4R8) Cobar Industrial Estate Road and Storm water Upgrades - Stage 2** - Contract has been issued. Orion Project Manager onsite regularly, finalizing plans with Essential Energy and Telstra. Works to commence soon. Variation submitted to reduce scope to only stage 1 works, still pending approval.
- **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. Draft documents adopted by Council at March meeting, currently on public exhibition and closes on the 1st of May.

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- **Resources for regions round 8 - (R4R8) - Great Cobar Museum - Coach House and Landscaping - (Stage 2 works)** –Project progressing well, Tender to be issued before end of April.
 - **Resources for regions – round 8 (R4R8) - Early Intervention Outreach Program** –Completed needs analysis, completion report will be submitted end of the April to close out project.
 - **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** – Please refer to the Engineer works report for project update.
 - **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 public works.
 - **Resources for regions – round 9 (RFR9) Cobar Footpath connector and DDA project** – Contract has been awarded; Cobar footpath works to commence towards the end of 2024. Euabalong footpaths works to be completed by June 2024. All works to be completed by December 2025.
 - **Resources for regions – round 9 (RFR9) Cobar Airport Masterplan** – Council has awarded the contract. Contractor to attend site visit end of April, waiting on survey and Geotech reports before project schedule is confirmed. Works to be completed by 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. Assessments to commence again towards the end of Term 2 and Term 3 .
 - **Resources for regions – round 9 (RFR9) - Youth services program phase 2** – Delivery and development of programs have commenced. Community event held at the centre with live entertainment occurred in November 2023. Creative arts opportunity to be delivered in April 2024.
 - **Resources for regions – round 9 (RFR9) - Cobar Museum Phase 2 & 3 redevelopment exhibition and object display project** – Variation to be submitted to reduce scope to only exhibition display, no storage. Tender to be released by the end of April.

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- **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.** Tender on track to be released by the end of April. Received 2 draft soundscapes, Consultant to attend site in July to film for the multimedia aspect.
 - **Bulk water metering project** – Meters have been purchased and are all onsite. Construction has commenced.
 - **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** – Project completed. **99KW solar project at the Filtration plan - \$100,000.00** Project completed. **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 commence. Project to be completed 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. Contractor engaged, work to be completed after the Autumn school holidays.
 - **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** – Crushing, carting and gravel spread completed. Works have stopped until mid-July to focus on other road works. Project estimated to be completed end of August 2024.
 - **Fixing Local Roads Pothole Repair – short term repairs of priority potholes and road repair on local and regional roads** – Works have been completed on various roads within the shire. All funds consumed, final report to be submitted.
 - **Flood damage from November 2021 Event (EPA)** – Submitted first claim, waiting on a response from Transport NSW. Second claim being prepared by consultant.
 - **Flood damage from October 2022 Event (EPA)** – Final claim has been submitted waiting on a response from Transport NSW.

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- **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.
 - **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** – Awaiting on a proposal from Public Works to project manage. Planning has commenced **Town Enhancement Program** – planning has commenced, will focus once Phase 3 funding has been absorbed and completed. **Bore Placement Program** – 7 tanks have been ordered, 2 have arrived, one placed at Glenwood, and another placed at Tilpa. 3/4 Bores have been drilled at Musheroo, Dunoak and Pine Hill. Hartwood bore to be drilled in the next couple of months. **Footpath reinstatement in Marshal Street** – Project has not commenced, will need to procure a detailed design. All Projects will need to be completed by June 2025.
 - **Supportive Environment Grant Western NSW Local Health District-Community - Garden at the Cobar Youth and Community Centre** –Site decommissioned, and clean-up of outdoor area has started. 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.
 - **Roads to Recovery 2023/2024 – Linsley Street Asphalt Overlay** – Works to commence end of April early May. 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 has commenced with engagement of 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.
 - **NSW Youth Week** -Youth programs delivered through Youth Week, 11th of April until the 21st of April 2024. The programs delivered involve creative art workshops to paint a mural within the centre and Council is partnering with the Youth Homelessness to cater for their event.

RECOMMENDATION

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

CLAUSE 6 – QUARTER 2 – 2023/2024 BUDGET REVIEW

FILE: L5-22 AOP REFERENCE: 3.3 ATTACHMENT: YES (PAGE 49-51)

AUTHOR: *Finance Manager, Sandra Davey*

Purpose

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

Background

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

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

Assessment

Legal Implications Including Directives and Guidelines

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

Financial Implications/Considerations

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

Strategic Implications – Implications for Long Term Plans/Targets

- Community Strategic Plan
- Delivery Program/Operational Plan

Discussion

The QBRS has been prepared for the March 2024 review period and is presented to Council for consideration. This review has been undertaken in consultation with the General Manager, Managers, and other officers where applicable.

Overall Financial Position

The revised consolidated budget result following the March QBRS is estimated to remain the same as September, a deficit of \$1,302,229.

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

	General Fund	Water Fund	Sewer Fund	All Funds
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Revenue	88,583,211	6,891,678	3,853,624	99,328,513
Expenditure	39,512,017	4,800,576	1,376,688	45,689,281
Operating surplus/deficit before extraordinary items	49,071,194	2,091,102	2,476,936	53,639,232
Less capital grants and contributions	50,071,461	2,370,000	2,500,000	54,941,461
Operating result	(1,000,267)	(278,898)	(23,064)	(1,302,229)

Capital

This quarterly review recommends no further amendments to the capital budget; however, the status of capital projects will be reported in July.

Operating

This quarterly review recommends no further amendments to the operating budget and again staff will maintain pressure to reduce operational where possible.

RECOMMENDATION

That the report Quarter 2 2023/2024 Budget Review be received and noted.

CLAUSE 7 – INVESTMENT REPORT AS OF 31 MARCH 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 31 March 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	\$ 5,063,140			\$ 21,931	\$ 5,085,071
Aug-24	5.25%	AMP	\$ 2,063,093			\$ 9,552	\$ 2,072,645
Apr-24	5.10%	NAB	\$ 2,041,418			\$ 8,842	\$ 2,050,261
May-24	5.20%	AMP	\$ 3,052,050			\$ 13,479	\$ 3,065,529
Sep-24	5.05%	NAB	\$ 5,109,954	\$ 5,000,000	\$ 5,109,954	\$ 3,459	\$ 5,003,459
Feb-24	5.22%	NAB	\$ 3,079,814			\$ -	\$ 3,079,814
Jul-24	5.05%	NAB	\$ 5,254,375	\$ 5,000,000	\$ 5,254,375	\$ 21,445	\$ 5,021,445
NAB Sweep Acct	Variable	NAB	\$ 8,586,251	\$ 3,295,213	\$ 4,961,500	\$ 25,853	\$ 6,945,816
TOTALS	Average Int	5.14%	\$34,250,097	\$13,295,213	\$15,325,829	\$104,561	\$32,324,041

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

S Davey

Finance Manager

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receive and note the Investment Report as of 31 March 2024.

CLAUSE 8 - BANK RECONCILIATION, CASH FLOW & LOAN FACILITY SUMMARIES AS OF 31 MARCH 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

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
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%
Mar 24	32,324	10	32,334	-5%

Cash Flow

March		Description	Forecast
Forecast \$'000	Actual \$'000		Next Month \$'000
10	10	Bank Balance Forward	10
1,200	2,061	FAG / R2R / RMCC / TNSW	2,000
15	15	Services NSW	15
500	967	Rates /Water/User Charges	500
200	29	Private Works/Debtors	200
450	529	LBV – Residents Fees & Subsidies	450
150	-	Children’s Services (net)	150
3,000	2,031	Net Movement of Investments	1,500
500	515	Sundry Income & Grants	500
		<i>Less</i>	
(4,500)	(5,447)	Creditors	(4,500)
(950)	(720)	Wages / Salaries	(750)
10	10	Bank Reconciliation Cr/(Dr)	10

Loan Facility Report as of 31 March 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								2,259

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receive and note the Bank Reconciliation, Monthly Total Funds Available, Cash Flow and Loan Facility Report as of 31 March 2024.

CLAUSE 9 – RATES RECONCILIATION REPORT AS AT 31 MARCH 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 31 March 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	-779,696.38	-49,269.24	403,464.12
Business	349,230.30	10,902.69	360,132.99	-242,759.83	-5,341.89	112,031.27
Business Cobar CBD	169,120.91	5,469.28	174,590.19	-126,565.47	-4,979.36	43,045.36
Farmland	858,972.81	834.63	859,807.44	-632,324.98	-6,997.35	220,485.11
Mining	2,030,880.01	0.00	2,030,880.01	-1,394,767.51	-39.91	636,072.59
Residential Village	183,926.59	0.00	183,926.59	-62,554.38	-7,123.54	114,248.67
Business Village	80,674.22	0.00	80,674.22	-26,667.18	-548.72	53,458.32
Rural Residential	102,974.16	5,019.36	107,993.52	-58,594.58	-12,681.59	36,717.35
Interest	34,153.34	67,565.70	101,719.04	-30,717.18	0.00	71,001.86
Legal Costs	0.00	7,539.40	7,539.40	-3,213.33	0.00	4,326.07
Overpayments	0.00	0.00	0.00	-77,898.40	-50,193.15	-128,091.55
General Rates	4,983,811.10	155,882.04	5,139,693.14	-\$3,435,759.22	-\$137,174.75	\$1,566,759.17
Domestic Waste	840,210.75	-765.92	839,444.83	-563,527.94	-30,935.55	244,981.34
Cobar Water	1,810,794.47	1,761.00	1,812,555.47	-\$1,268,056.82	-\$69,476.57	\$474,739.50
Nymagee Water	\$69,001.97	-\$980.00	\$68,021.97	-\$35,369.74	-\$360.90	\$32,291.33
Euabalong Water	\$138,337.44	-\$980.00	\$137,357.44	-\$70,779.34	-\$12,856.86	\$53,721.24
Mount Hope Water	\$12,217.79	\$0.00	\$12,217.79	-\$4,883.05	-\$152.53	\$7,182.21
Water Access	\$2,030,351.67	-\$199.00	\$2,030,152.67	-\$1,379,088.95	-\$82,846.86	\$567,934.28
Sewerage	\$1,244,186.13	\$0.00	\$1,244,186.13	-\$818,239.92	-\$52,545.97	\$373,400.24
Total Rates & Charges	\$9,098,559.65	\$154,917.12	\$9,253,476.77	-\$6,196,616.03	-\$303,503.13	\$2,753,075.03
Water Consumption	\$2,262,036.51	-\$70,734.50	\$2,191,302.01	-\$1,973,707.50	\$0.00	\$217,594.51

RECOMMENDATION**That the Rates Reconciliation Report as at the 31 March 2024 be received and noted.**

CLAUSE 10 – 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 – March 31, 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)	4,828	NON LOCAL
STANAWAY PTY LTD T/A DAVID PAYNE CONSTRUCTION	WARD OVAL CONSTRUCTION (TENDER)	4,183	NON LOCAL
CRUSHRITE PTY LTD	GRAVEL CRUSHING (TENDER)	3,379	NON LOCAL
DAVID PAYNE CONSTRUCTION	WARD OVAL CONSTRUCTION (TENDER)	3,152	NON LOCAL
NICHOLSONS OF NYMAGEE	ROAD WORKS (RFQ)	1,561	LOCAL
THE STABILISING PTY LTD	RMS CONTRACT (RFQ)	1,290	NON LOCAL
JONESYS EARTHWORXS PTY LTD	ROAD WORKS (RFQ)	1,024	NON LOCAL
ENABLEU HEALTH SOLUTIONS PTY LTD	CONSULTANT SERVICES (RFQ)	839	NON LOCAL
BROUGHTON CONTRACTING PTY LTD T/A BROUGHTON F	PLANT HIRE (TENDER)	775	LOCAL
DEPELER EARTHMOVING	PLANT HIRE (TENDER)	773	LOCAL
REDSTONE NURSING PTY LTD	LABOUR HIRE (RFQ)	668	NON LOCAL
CRANFIELD MEDICAL & HEALTHCARE PTY LTD	LABOUR HIRE (RFQ)	548	NON LOCAL
MIDLAND PTY LTD	PLANT PURCHASE (RFQ)	505	NON LOCAL
NSW PUBLIC WORKS	GOVERNMENT CONSULTING SERVICES (GOV)	487	NON LOCAL

SUPERIOR PAK PTY LTD	PLANT PURCHASE (TENDER)	475	NON LOCAL
CASTLYN PTY LTD T/A INLAND PETROLEUM	FUEL (TENDER)	465	NON LOCAL
CYNEND	CONSTRUCTION WORK (TENDER/RFQ)	438	NON LOCAL
VINIDEX PTY LTD	STORMWATER PIPES (TENDER)	411	NON LOCAL
TRONIC GROUP PTY LTD	IT SERVICES (RFQ)	402	LOCAL
JLE ELECTRICAL	TRADE SERVICES (RFQ)	389	NON LOCAL
DUNN & HILLAM ARCHITECTS	VARIOUS PROJECTS (YOUTH CENTRE, EARLY LEARNING CENTRE) (QUOTES)	381	NON LOCAL
AS PER PLAN CONSTRUCTION	CONSTRUCTION WORK (TENDER/RFQ)	380	LOCAL
NOMES CUSTOM CLEANING	CLEANING SERVICES (RFQ)	310	LOCAL
WESTRAC PTY LTD	PLANT PURCHASE (TENDER)	293	LOCAL
LEISURE & RECREATION GROUP PTY LTD	POOL MANAGEMENT (TENDER)	292	NON LOCAL
SMART COMMERCIAL SOLAR PTY LTD	WTP SOLAR	286	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
LOCAL GOVERNMENT APPOINTMENTS	LABOUR HIRE (RFQ)	259	NON LOCAL
HOLCIM (AUSTRALIA) PTY LTD	CULVERTS (TENDER)	254	NON LOCAL
JNJ CONTRACTING PTY LTD	PLANT HIRE (RFQ)	254	LOCAL
PARKES AUTOMOTIVE GROUP PTY LTD	PLANT PURCHASE (RFQ)	244	NON LOCAL
360 ENGINEERING PTY LTD	CONSULTANT SERVICES (RFQ)	240	NON LOCAL
ORION CONSULTING ENGINEERS PTY LTD	PROJECT MANAGEMENT (RFQ)	235	NON LOCAL
COBAR STEEL PTY LTD	TRADE SERVICES (RFQ)	226	LOCAL
ROLLERS AUSTRALIA PTY LTD	PLANT HIRE (TENDER)	223	NON LOCAL
CADIA GROUP PTY LTD	WATER AND SEWER (TENDER)	214	NON LOCAL
DAMAGE CONTROL PROJECT MANAGEMENT PTY LTD	LABOUR HIRE (RFQ)	213	NON LOCAL
I J CHASE GRADER CONTRACTING	PLANT HIRE (TENDER)	212	LOCAL
BOB BRUCE EARTHWORKS PTY LTD	PLANT HIRE (TENDER)	206	LOCAL
AUSROAD PLANT SERVICES PTY LTD	LABOUR HIRE (RFQ)	190	NON LOCAL
ACCESS ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING PTY LTD	BORE LICENCING	188	NON LOCAL
REDOX LTD	CHEMICALS	174	NON LOCAL
KENWAY AND CLARK GUNNEDAH PTY LTD	PLANT PURCHASE (RFQ)	161	NON LOCAL
ORANA MOTOR GROUP PTY LTD T/A SAINSBURY AUTOM	PLANT PURCHASE (RFQ)	153	NON LOCAL

TREE OF US TREE SERVICES	TREE SERVICES (TENDER)	149	NON LOCAL
JR MAY EARTHMOVING PTY LTD	PLANT HIRE (TENDER)	143	LOCAL
COLLAR TALENT GROUP PTY LTD	LABOUR HIRE (RFQ)	141	NON LOCAL
KILLARD INFRASTRUCTURE PTY LTD	RETICULATION UPGRADE (TENDER)	129	NON LOCAL
MIKE BREARLEY & ASSOCIATES PTY LTD	CONSULTANT SERVICES (RFQ)	123	NON LOCAL
COUNTRY MILE CONSTRUCTIONS	CONSTRUCTION WORK (RFQ)	121	LOCAL
KALLARA PARTNERS	PLANT HIRE (TENDER)	115	LOCAL
COPPER CITY TYRE SERVICE	TYRE SERVICES (RFQ)	111	LOCAL
SITECH SOLUTIONS PTY LTD	PLANT HIRE (TENDER)	101	NON LOCAL
KML INDUSTRIES PTY LTD	TRADES SERVICE/HARDWARE	100	LOCAL
VALLEY OUTDOORS SCONE	PLANT PURCHASE (RFQ)	99	NON LOCAL
TILT AUTOMOTIVE PTY LTD	TRADE SERVICES (RFQ)	94	LOCAL
KPMG AUSTRALIA	CONSULTANT SERVICES (RFQ)	94	NON LOCAL
ZONDA PEOPLE HEALTHCARE RECRUITMENT	LABOUR HIRE (RFQ)	93	NON LOCAL
BETTERAIM	CONSULTANT SERVICES (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 GEOSURE	PLANT PURCHASE (RFQ)	84	NON LOCAL

**TOTAL
\$'000**

LOCAL SUPPLIERS

\$6,078

NON-LOCAL SUPPLIERS

\$28,864

TOTAL PURCHASES OVER
\$80K 2023/2024

\$34,942

RECOMMENDATION

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

CLAUSE 11 – ENGINEERING WORKS REPORT

FILE: C6-20-2

AOP REFERENCE: 4.3.2

ATTACHMENT: NO

AUTHOR: *Acting Director Engineering Services – Kane Kreeck*

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.
- Heavy patching on Kidman Way North completed.
- Heavy patching on Barrier Highway East completed.
- Heavy Patching on Barrier Highway West completed.

Major Maintenance Work - Ongoing

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

Construction Work

- Heavy patching works on Kidman Way commenced.
- Resealing on State Highways has commenced.
- Gilgunnia Rest Area upgrade works proposal submitted.

Others

- ISO audit completed. Still waiting for formal report to be received.

Urban Roads/Shire Roads/Regional Roads

Completed Works

- Bore on Dunoak, 78 Mile Rd (SR2), completed. Flow rate is 7 L/s.

Major Maintenance and Construction Work - Ongoing

- Spreading of gravel on 52 Mile Road continuing in conjunction with culvert installation. Stabilization to commence after heavy patching.
- Spreading and shaping gravel on Grain Road continuing.
- Concrete floodway renewal on Wilga Downs Road (SR26) has commenced.
- Euabalong River Walk Project – Works underway on stage 1. Stage 2 works temporarily halted whilst council determine an optional route as requested by the Euabalong community.
- Shire Wide Culverts Program ongoing, approximately 75% 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.
- Linsley Street – preliminary works underway on replacing and repairing valve/hydrant and pit covers. The asphalt overlay works are currently scheduled for early May subject to contractor availability. Barton Street (between Marshall and Blakey) will now be included in the asphalting from a separate funding source.
- Fixing Country Roads Round 4 – works continuing extracting and crushing gravel for the 40km seal extension of the Wool Track. Paddington pit is completed, and crushing is now focused at the Kia-Ora pit.
- Regional Emergency Road Repairs Fund – works program to be finalised, includes regional road maintenance and renewals, Wool Track and urban asphalt overlays.

Cobar Airport

- New automated sliding main gate has been ordered. Installation is expected in early June.
- Airport Masterplan underway. Site visit by consultants JJ Ryan will take place on 30th April for proposed new hangers.
- Lidar inspection survey of entire aerodrome will be undertaken in the coming weeks by council staff. This is to better facilitate asset maintenance in line with CASA requirements across the facility.

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 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

- 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 59% 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 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 12 – EXPENDITURE FOR ROADS NETWORK

FILE: R5-31 AOP REFERENCE: 4.3.2 ATTACHMENT: YES (PAGE 52-61)

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 – DEVELOPMENT APPROVALS: 19 MARCH 2024 – 15 APRIL 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 19 March 2024 – 15 April 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 19 March 2024 – 15 April 2024.

CERTIFICATE NO.	ADDRESS	DESCRIPTION	VALUE (\$)
DA24/008	Lot 100 Cornish St, Cobar	Detached Metal Shed	\$41,000
DA24/010	6 Linsley St, Cobar	Dwelling and Detached Metal Shed	\$400,400
DA24/013	11 Singleton Dr, Cobar	Inground Swimming Pool	\$52,545
DA24/009	30 Barton St, Cobar	Alterations & Additions to Existing Memorial Hostel Hall for Use as a Childcare and Community Facility	\$278,300

The value of Local Development approvals for 2023/2024 to date is \$49,246,737.92.

The value of Local Development approvals for the similar period in 2022/2023 was **\$116,756,694.20.**

Construction Certificates

The following Construction Certificates were issued for the period 19 March 2024 – 15 April 2024.

CERTIFICATE NO.	ADDRESS	DESCRIPTION
CC24/006	30 Barton St, Cobar	Alterations & Additions to Existing Memorial Hostel Hall for Use as a Child Care and Community facility.

RECOMMENDATION

That the information detailing the Local Development and Construction Certificate approvals for the period 19 March 2024 – 15 April 2024 be received and noted.



ATTACHMENTS

ORDINARY MEETING AGENDA

WEDNESDAY, 24TH APRIL 2024

~ REFERENCE TO ATTACHMENTS ~

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