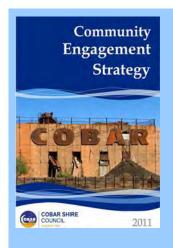
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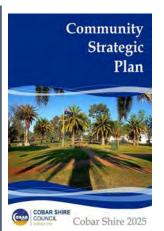




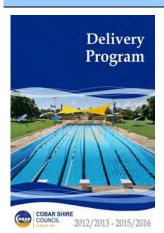
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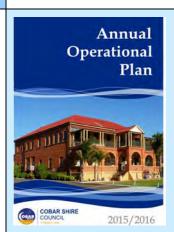
The Community **Engagement Strategy** outlines how Council will engage with its community and relevant stakeholders in developing and finalising the Community Strategic Plan. Over time it will be reviewed to outline how Council will ensure regular engagement and discussion with our community about their needs and aspirations for the town.



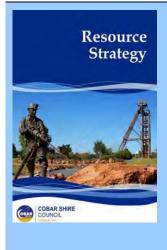
The Community Strategic Plan identifies the long term aspirations for our community. The Strategic Plan stretches beyond the next ten years, identifying the outcomes and long term strategic responses needed to achieve the agreed directions and meet the community's values. It demands strong leadership from Council in working with others to grow our Shire into the future.



The 4 Year Delivery Program links the 'planning' in the long term Strategic Plan with the 'implementing' in the Annual Operational Plan. It is the strategic document that guides the organisation's work program over the Councillor's four year elected term. The **Delivery Program sets out** clear priorities, ongoing activities and specific actions Council will undertake, within its responsibilities and capacity, towards achieving the community's outcomes.



The Annual Operational Plan is the 'implementing' part of Council's key strategic documents, and outlines all of Council's services and infrastructure activities and tasks for the year. Both ongoing activities and specific tasks contribute to the implementation of Council's Delivery Program.



The Resource Strategy outlines Council's capacity to manage assets and deliver services over the next ten years. The **Resource Strategy** includes three key elements - a Long Term Financial Plan, a Workforce Plan and Asset Management Plans. To prepare the Resource Strategy, Council determines its capacity and how to effectively manage its finances, the sustainability of its workforce, and the overall costs of its community assets.

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Message from the Mayor and General Manager

Planning for Cobar Shire's Future

Council is responsible for delivering a comprehensive range of services to the community as well as contributing to environmental management and economic prosperity in the Shire. To ensure that Council is able to meet the community needs effectively and efficiently, Council has implemented a short, mid and long term planning process. These plans set out our goals, programs, and performance indicators for the delivery of Council's services.

Our Shire faces a number of challenges. Our economy is based on mining and agriculture and is heavily dependent on the economic climate affecting those two industries. Our mining industries are changing and are very dependent on international markets. Our population is transient, due to the nature of mining. This impacts on the social fabric of our community. There are challenges in sourcing appropriate skills both within Council and our major industries so we need to be innovative to ensure our employers are able to attract and retain an adequate workforce.

Council too faces a number of challenges. We have an extensive road network - much of which is unsealed, ageing community infrastructure, increasing demand for the provision of community services, and limited resources. Due to the limited rate base, Council is dependent on grants and fees and charges in order to be able to provide the range of services and infrastructure the community demands.

Council has been striving hard to improve ITS economic sustainability over recent years, with changes in work practices, tight budget controls and detailed prioritisation of projects. Council will continue to focus on increasing income from grants — particularly the Regional Road funding - where Cobar Shire receives one of the lowest rates in the state to maintain its road network. Council will continue to lobby for adequate funding under the Resources for Regions Program and Fixing Country Roads program to increase investment in assets and infrastructure. On the expenditure side, Council will continue to minimise operational costs to be able to further improve service and infrastructure provision in the future.



Clr Lilliane Brady, OAM Mayor



Mr Gary Woodman General Manager

A Summary - 2015 / 2016

2015/2016 is another year of consolidation as Council aims to continue to reduce the budget deficit, to build cash reserves and formulate a more sustainable budget into the future. The activities proposed in the Annual Operational Plan reflect this. Council will continue to improve operations and to seek efficiencies and productivity gains in 2015/2016.

Infrastructure Renewal

In 2015/2016 Council will spend \$11.11m on capital expenditure across all funds (up from \$8.7m the year before). This includes \$4.8m from the General Fund, \$4.3m from the Water Fund and \$1.9m from the Sewer Fund. Successful projects under the Resources for Regions program have again greatly impacted the capital budget in 2015/2016 as it did the year before.

2015/2016 will be a busy year with projects that include:

- Completion of design work and commencement of construction for the new Water Treatment Plant total funding \$8m, of which \$7.8m is Resources for Regions funds. This project will take place over three years and \$3.96m has been allocated this year.
- Upgrade works to the sewer system and expansion of the sewer system into the East Cobar Industrial Estate. Works include chlorination of reuse water, lagoon pond bank stabilisation, Ward Oval pump station refurbishment and expansion of the sewer system. Total project cost - \$2.2m, \$2.1m is Resources for Regions funding. This project will be completed this year with the remaining \$1.8m to be spent.
- In addition, Council will be managing the Cobar Water Board's pipeline renewal project worth around \$15m over three years.
- Council will undertake upgrade works to the Cobar Waste Depot and develop and implement the Waste Strategy for the Shire.

Council will undertake \$1.52m of work under the Roads to Recovery program during the year, a doubling of the usual expenditure due to increased funding from the Federal Government. Council will continue to spend \$200,000 on Shire and town road reseals and \$176,000 on gravel resheeting as per the Special Rate Variation agreement from 2013/2014. A further \$800,000 of capital works will be undertaken on the road network under the Regional Repair Program.

Council has spent \$1.2m on the Plant Replacement Program in 2015/2016.

Council has allocated \$135,000 towards further IT capital projects as Council strives to bring its IT resources up to an appropriate standard. This will include new programs to improve efficiency, including a major upgrade to CivicView — Council's primary accounting software. Council will also investigate the implementation of an electronic document management system this year, with funding allocated to implement it in future years.

Land and Buildings

There are a number of Council owned buildings that require significant works to be undertaken due to a lack of investment over the last decade. This year \$210,500 has been allocated across various buildings, including \$80,000 for the balcony at the Great Cobar Heritage Centre. From 2016/2017 onwards, \$150,000 has been allocated each year to undertake critical works in other community buildings.

Council has allocated \$100,000 to upgrade Drummond Park playground in 2015/2016, with a similar allocation the following year for other parks. The playgrounds require a renewal program to maintain appropriate standards and safety.

Council will continue to work with NSW Health and the Cobar Health Council in the development of a Multi-Purpose Health Service that will incorporate the Lilliane Brady Village and the Cobar Hospital onto the one site. This project aims to undertake the necessary capital works to the Lilliane Brady Village to meet current standards, such as reducing the number of beds per room and redoing the bathrooms. This project will be funded by the NSW Government with an initial \$15m allocated to the project. During 2015/2016 planning and design work will be undertaken.

Cobar Shire Council

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.

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: The Wool Track, Louth Road and Tilpa Road.

Values

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

- Continually strive for improvement in every aspect of Council's activities and recognise initiative;
- All activities are to be customer focused and provide equity for all;
- Involve the community in decision making through open government and consultative processes;
- Foster and promote sustainable ecological and economic development, rural pursuits and industries that contribute to the wealth of the region and in keeping with the environment and residents lifestyle;
- Conserve and protect the natural beauty of the area;
- Promote a spirit of regional cooperation particularly in regard to planning, infrastructure, economic development, tourism and employment.

Cobar Shire Community

'Cobar Shire 2025' Values

Values are beliefs we have that provide a basis for choices we make. They ultimately determine the quality of our lives. During the strategic planning consultations, the community has identified the following values that are important to them as residents of Cobar Shire:

- A community that is generous, engaged and participative and that welcomes new residents and encourages them to stay.
- Vibrant and valued industries with a strong social conscious that participate in the community.
- A well funded and well governed Council that is engaged with the community and encourages their participation in decision making.
- Access to quality and well maintained infrastructure.

These values have formed the basis of the Community Strategic Plan – *Cobar Shire 2025*. The Four Year Delivery Program and this Annual Operational Plan 2015/2016 are derived from the Community Strategic Plan.

Our Strategic Direction

Our response to the community's values has been to formulate a set of activities based around the five themes identified in the Community Strategic Plan – *Cobar Shire 2025*. Each theme outlines the long term goals and community outcomes and then the strategies that Council, partner organisations and individuals can undertake to work towards them.

1. Community

- 1.1 Strong coordination between government agencies, Council and NGOs to ensure efficient service delivery, avoid duplication of services and build the capacity of the community.
- 1.2 Young people are able to reach their full potential, are encouraged to stay in the region and have a wide range of opportunities available to them locally.
- 1.3 Families are supported, social inclusion is valued and families who relocate to Cobar stay in Cobar.
- 1.4 A generous, engaged and participative community with a strong community spirit.
- 1.5 A healthy and active community.
- 1.6 A safe and clean community

4. Infrastructure

- 4.1 A clean and reliable water supply.
- 4.2 Good communications networks with services equal to the metropolitan areas.
- 4.3 Good transport networks that increase the accessibility of Cobar and markets.
- 4.4 Good quality and affordable community facilities and infrastructure

2. Economy

- 2.1 A vibrant shire that promotes and supports business growth and retention, development and investment.
- 2.2 A strong and diverse tourist industry with a focus on customer service.
- 2.3 A strong business hub operating out of the Cobar airport.

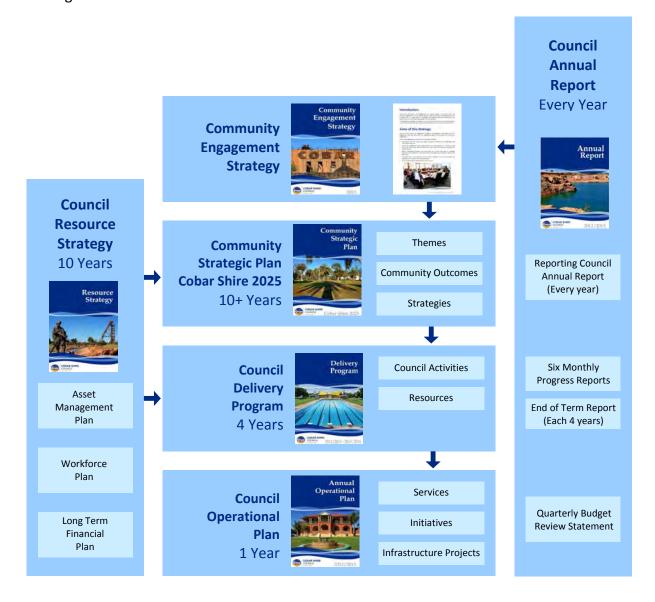
3. Governance

- 3.1 A well funded Council that is well managed and well governed.
- 3.2 An engaged community that participates in decision making.
- 3.3 A well functioning Council that focuses on strategic planning, provides good customer service and secures value-formoney goods and services

5. Environment

- 5.1 Ability to adapt to climate change and benefit from climate change initiatives
- 5.2 Well managed public and private land.
- 5.3 Clean air in the community

Councils Delivery Program and the Annual Operational Plan have been prepared to reflect the Themes, Outcomes and Objectives of the Cobar Shire Council's Community Strategic Plan. Cobar Shire 2025 outlines future aspirations for the Shire. It does this by defining five strategic themes for the period. The Delivery Program sets out the programs that Council will run over the next four years (2012/2013 – 2015/2016) to work towards achieving the outcomes identified in the Community Strategic Plan. The Annual Operational Plan outlines the actions Council will undertake during 2015/2016 to achieve the outcomes under the strategic themes.



About Our Annual Operational Plan 2015/2016

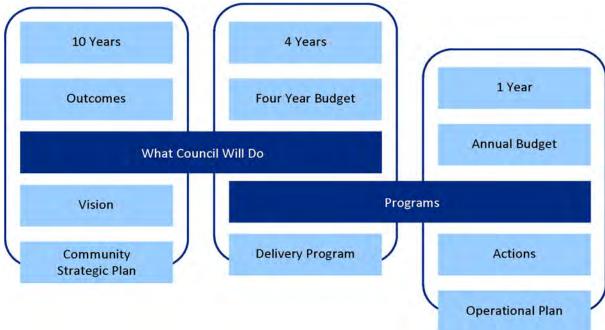
The Annual Operational Plan actions are assigned responsibility at the manager level. For each activity mentioned in the Delivery Program at least one action will be performed in the financial year 2015/2016 as outlined in the Annual Operational Plan. While developing the Annual Operational Plan, the main focus has been to address all the principal activities of Council. Also, cross links and references from other Council plans and documents has been captured at the operational level.

How to Navigate through the Annual Operational Plan

The Community Strategic Plan reflects aspirations of the community through the five strategic themes: Community, Economy, Governance, Infrastructure and Environment. The outcomes are the end result that Council and the community are aiming for over the next 10 years. Each outcome then lists strategies that the community can undertake to reach the outcome.

In the Delivery Program, under each strategy a number of council activities are listed that Council will undertake over the next four years starting from 2012/2013 to 2015/2016, and a Council Officer is assigned the responsibility for undertaking each activity.

The Annual Operational Plan picks up each of the Council's activities and further defines the actions which will be carried out by each responsible officer to achieve the program targets for the current year 2015/2016. In order to monitor and measure the progress we are making, the Annual Operational Plan includes a column on the qualitative and quantitative performance indicators. These performance indicators will form the basis for six monthly and annual reporting.



Consultation and Engagement

This Draft Annual Operational Plan will be exhibited for 28 days seeking community input. At the end of this period, comments and suggestions will be incorporated into the Plan prior to going back to Council for adoption. Once adopted, the Plan and associated documents will be sent to the Office of Local Government.

How Will Progress Be Reported

Implementation of the Annual Operational Plan is reported to Council quarterly. The quarterly reports track how Council are going with each action outlined in the Annual Operational Plan. Detailed financial reports and updates on Council's Capital Works Program are included.

Implementation of the Delivery Program is reported to Council every six months.

Annual Report

In addition to the above, Council will also prepare an Annual Report for the community which will focus on Council's implementation of our Delivery Program and the Annual Operational Plan. The Annual Report will also outline achievements in implementing the Community Strategic Plan. Also, audited financial reports will be made available to the Community.

Every four years Council will provide an End of Term report outlining the achievements in implementing the Community Strategic Plan over the previous four years. The report will also include a State of Environment Report on the environmental objectives in the Community Strategic Plan. These reports will align with Council elections and terms.

Abbreviations and Acronyms

The following acronyms are used in the Annual Operating Plan 2015/2016 and relate to positions within Cobar Shire Council. They indicate the officer responsible for ensuring each action is implemented.

GM General Manager

DCCS Director of Corporate and Community Services
DPES Director of Planning and Environmental Services

DES Director of Engineering Services

SPO Special Projects Officer

RO Rates Officer

MYFC Manager Youth and Fitness Centre

MCS Manager Children's Services

MTPR Manager Tourism and Public Relations

SM Services Manager

DON Director of Nursing (Lilliane Brady Village)

RM Roads Manager PM Project Manager

MPES Manager Planning and Environmental Services

HRO Human Resource Officer

ESM Engineering Support Manager
MLS Manager Library Services
LMO Land Management Officer

RBMS Ranger/Building Maintenance Supervisor

Manex Management Executive, consisting of the General Manager and three Directors

Other acronyms:

NGO's Non-government organisations

CSC Cobar Shire Council

Annual Operational Plan

1. Community Strategies

COMMUNITY OUTCOME

1.1 Strong coordination between government agencies, Council and NGOs to ensure efficient service delivery, avoid duplication of services and build the capacity of the community

COUNCIL STRATEGY

1.1.1 Strong and participative interagencies

Council Activities

Council Activities				
Activities/Services	Actions	Performance Targets & Measures	Funding Source	Responsibility
1.1.1.1 Cobar Interagency	Determine effectiveness and appropriateness of Cobar interagency and undertake secretarial services as required.	Minutes and agendas sent out on time. Guest speakers arranged as determined by Interagency.	Revenue	SPO
1.1.1.2 Murrin Bridge and Lake	Represent Cobar Shire Council at the	Attend every second Interagency	Revenue	SPO
Cargelligo Interagency	Interagency Meeting.	Meeting.		

COMMUNITY OUTCOME

1.2 Young people are able to reach their full potential, are encouraged to stay in the region and have a wide range of opportunities available to them locally

COUNCIL STRATEGY

1.2.1 Implement the actions outlined in the Youth Development Plan

Activities/Services	Actions	Performance Targets & Measures	Funding Source	Responsibility
1.2.1.1 Undertake School Holiday	Seek funding to undertake School	A number of school holidays	Grants	DCCS
Activities through the Cobar	holiday activities.	undertaken.		

Youth and Fitness Centre		
	With a number of participants.	

COUNCIL STRATEGY A greater range of youth activities are organised and coordinated 1.2.2 **Council Activities** Responsibility **Activities/Services** Actions **Performance Targets & Measures Funding Source** 1.2.2.1 To provide youth services Undertake activities under Family and Grant applications submitted each MYFC Revenue and a facility that provide Community Services grant. year and grant successful. Grants recreational, sporting and User Fees and cultural activities and support Charges Activities undertaken. services for the youth and the Hold regular youth activities at the The Centre continues to provide MYFC Revenue community of Cobar. centre and enter and maintain activities and "drop in" services. Grants partnerships to aid and enhance the Including: Through partnerships with User Fees and Barnardos, PCYC Bluelight, Mission provision of Youth Services. Charges Australia, local schools, Yarrabin Outreach, Far West Family Day Care Services, COOSH, local sporting bodies. Library staff, community members If Library fully staffed, activities Revenue MLS and/or volunteers plan and provide offered during one week of each User Fees and craft and other fun activities for small school holiday period. Charges groups of children with a charge applied to recover cost of materials. Christmas activities offered before Library staff, community members Revenue MLS and/or volunteers plan and provide Christmas break. User Fees and Christmas craft and other fun Charges activities for small groups of children with a charge applied to recover cost of materials. Youth week activities week 1.2.2.2 Organise Youth Week Youth Week activities to be organised Revenue/ **MYFC**

Activities	in conjunction with Cobar Youth	patronised	Grants	
	Council			

COUNCIL STRATEGY							
1.2.3	Increased educational opp	Increased educational opportunities provided locally					
Counc	il Activities						
Activit	ies/Services	Actions	Performance Targets & Measures	Funding Source	Responsibility		
1.2.3.1	Work with organisations	To be involved in the Schools Business	To have input into progress that	Revenue	GM		
to incr	ease the quality and	Community Partnership Governing	increase education diversification and				
diversi	ty of educational	Committee to increase educational	opportunities.				
opport	tunities available locally	diversification and opportunities.					
1.2.3.2	Provide educational	Library staff provides basic instruction	Instruction offered on a weekly basis	Revenue	MLS		
opport	tunities at Cobar Shire &	in the use of computers and the	during school terms.				
TAFE L	ibrary	internet to small groups of adults.					

COMMUNITY OUTCOME

1.3 Families are supported, social inclusion is valued and families who relocate to Cobar stay in Cobar

COUNCIL STRATEGY

1.3.1 Parents are supported in their role to raise their children and services are available to assist them to build their parenting skills

Activities/Services	Actions	Performance Targets & Measures	Funding Source	Responsibility
1.3.1.1 Cobar Shire & TAFE	Hold story time sessions, Library	Story time sessions offered on a	Revenue	MLS
Library staff support parents via	staff provide activities for children	weekly basis.		
library services and outreach	aged 6 months to 5 years, and			
	model early literacy for parents.			
	Library staff liaises with local parent	Library staff liaises with groups on a	Revenue	MLS
	groups to develop appropriate	monthly basis.		
	library services and develop the			

1.3.2 Increase the supply of childcare and preschool places and options

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Council Activities	Actions	Douformones Torgets & Messures	Funding Course	Dognoncibility
Activities/Services		Performance Targets & Measures	Funding Source	Responsibility
1.3.2.1 Administer and	Administration of CCB & CCR for all	Completion of relevant paperwork	User Fees and	MCS
Coordinate Children Services	eligible families in accordance with	and data submissions.	Charges	
(FDC, COOSH, IHC)	Federal Legislation.		Grants	
	Maintain and update policies,	All documents available to interested	User Fees and	MCS
	manuals, procedures, quality	parties and government bodies.	Charges	
	improvement plans and family		Grants	
	information packages for FDC and			
	COOSH to comply with changes to			
	National Regulations and Quality			
	Framework concepts and new			
	information.			
	Support Implementation of "Early	Checks of progress made at home	User Fees and	MCS
	Years Learning Framework" and the	visits and Educator Meetings and via	Charges	
	"My Time our Place" into Educator	contact calls.	Grants	
	Curriculum.			
	Write and distribute quarterly	Written and emailed or sent to	User Fees and	MCS
	newsletters to Families and	Families and Educators.	Charges	
	Educators.		Grants	
	Monitor implementation of National	Check this during visits and with	User Fees and	MCS
	In Home Care Standards.	regular newsletters and articles on	Charges	
		standards.	Grants	
	Provide craft & activity packs to In	Orders placed in time, packs put	User Fees and	MCS
	Home Care Educators four (4) times	together and sent to Educators.	Charges	
	per year.		Grants	
1.3.2.2 Facilitate the availability	Investigate the options and	Number of vacation care places are	User Fees and	MCS

of childcare and preschool places	implement if appropriate a vacation	used as they become available.	Charges	
and options	care program.		Grants	

COUN	COUNCIL STRATEGY						
1.3.3	Increase the knowledge of the community on the range of services available in Cobar Shire and how to access them						
Counc	il Activities						
Activit	ies/Services	Actions	Performance Targets & Measures	Funding Source	Responsibility		
availak	L Have information readily ble to the community and esidents	Have an easy to access and navigate Council Website that is relevant and a useful resource for residents and visitors.	All community services are listed and the information is up-to-date. Council's Website is updated and relevant.	Revenue	GM		
update	Properties that the services are readily available	Update the Community Services Directory and have it easily available online and distribute it through New Resident Packs.	Directory updated twice a year. Copies available on request and online.	Revenue	GM		

1.3.4 Have family orientated activities to encourage families to socialise in the community

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	Activities

Council Activities					
Activities/Services	Actions	Performance Targets & Measures	Funding Source	Responsibility	
1.3.4.1 Plan, organise and	Organise Australia Day celebrations	Celebrations are well attended and	Revenue	MTPR	
promote festivals, celebrations	and Senior Citizen's Week events.	successful.	Grants		
and activities in the Shire			Sponsors		
	Manage the successful conduct of the	Successful conduct of the Miner's	Revenue	MTPR	
	Festival of the Miner's Ghost through	Ghost Festival that includes an	Grants		
	the Tourism Advisory Committee.	appropriate community based	Sponsors		
		program and development of a			
		sustainable strategy to give the			
		festival a broader appeal to people			
		outside of Cobar with a view of			
		injecting increased recognition,			
		tourism and commercial activity.			

COMMUNITY OUTCOME

1.4 A generous, engaged and participative community with a strong community spirit

COUNCIL STRATEGY

1.4.1 Support volunteer organisations by encouraging volunteerism across all age groups and supporting organisations with professional assistance, advice and services

Activities/Services	Actions	Performance Targets & Measures	Funding Source	Responsibility
1.4.1.1 Provision of information	Distribute information on available	Information distributed.	Revenue	SPO
on grant availability and	grants to community organisations			
assistance in accessing grants to	through the Community Services			
community groups	Database.			

COUNCIL STRATEGY Business supports local events, organisations and activities 1.4.2 **Council Activities Activities/Services** Actions **Performance Targets & Measures Funding Source** Responsibility **1.4.2.1** Work with local Assist sporting, community and Number of groups worked with. MTPR Revenue Enhancement of commercial and organisations to build on current business groups to promote major activities hospitality activity and enhancement events. of Cobar's branding.

COUN	COUNCIL STRATEGY					
1.4.3	1.4.3 Develop initiatives to maximise the benefits and minimise the negative impact of shift work and FIFO/DIDO on the community					
Counc	il Activities					
Activit	ties/Services	Actions	Performance Targets & Measures	Funding Source	Responsibility	
and go identif made	Work with local business overnment agencies to by where changes can be or initiatives developed to be the negative impacts	Liaise with local business and government organisations to reduce the potential negative impacts of shift changes to mining rosters, absentee workers and mining closures to reduce the community impact.	Reduction in level of FIFO/DIDO and their negative impacts.	Revenue	GM	

1.4.4 Support Aboriginal people and organisations to increase the broader community's awareness ad recognition of local Aboriginal cultural identity in Cobar and to assist in meeting the targets set out under the current government policy of 'Closing the Gap'.

Council Activities					
Activities/Services	Actions	Performance Targets & Measures	Funding Source	Responsibility	
1.4.4.1 Undertake activities to	Liaison with Aboriginal stakeholders	Meetings held of Aboriginal	Revenue	GM	
increase awareness of Aboriginal	to determine and undertake	stakeholders and action plans			
culture in the Cobar Shire and	appropriate activities that increase	implemented to increase cultural			
Improved coordination of Local	awareness of Aboriginal culture.	awareness within the community.			
Aboriginal Groups					

COUNCIL STRATEGY 1.4.5 Support arts and cultural organisations, activities and facilities Council Activities Activities/Services Actions Performance Targets & Measures Funding Source Responsibility

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1.4.5.1 Support Outback Arts and	Provide annual funding and support	Annual report to Council.	Revenue	SPO
cultural activities in the Shire	to Outback Arts, Regional Arts			
	Development Officer and the Local			
	Arts Council.			
1.4.5.2 Provision of curatorial	Arrange and update exhibitions and	Annual update achieved.	Revenue	MTPR
services at Great Cobar Heritage	displays at the Great Cobar Heritage		Sponsors	
Centre	Centre and promote exhibitions.	New displays arranged on a regular		
		basis.		
	Receive, document and store objects	Objects conserved and stored safely	Revenue	MTPR
	at the Great Cobar Heritage Centre	as per the collection policy.	Sponsors	
	that are relevant to Cobar's history		Grants	
	and are compliant with the			
	Collections Policy.			

COMMUNITY OUTCOME

1.5 A healthy and active community

COUNCIL STRATEGY

..5.1 Provide appropriate health care options and services both within the Shire and the region

Activities/Services	Actions	Performance Targets & Measures	Funding Source	Responsibility
1.5.1.1 Lobby NSW Government and Federal Government to ensure high quality health care services, including those offered out of Cobar Hospital and aged care are available in Cobar Shire or are easily accessible where it is not possible to have them provided locally	Participation in the Cobar Hospital Services and Facilities Upgrade Committee.	Liaison and monitoring to ensure a program of improvement at the Cobar Hospital and of Regional Centres.	Revenue	GM
	Participate in the Cobar Health Council.	Liaison for Cobar Hospital and other Health Services providers to improve health services and their advertisement and communication to the Community.	Revenue	GM

1.5.2 | Support for the Cobar Primary Health Care Centre model to ensure that it remains viable

Council Activities					
Activities/Services	Actions	Performance Targets & Measures	Funding Source	Responsibility	
1.5.2.1 When appropriate, assist	Participation in the Cobar Integration	Increased allied health care services	Revenue	GM	
financially and lobby to support	Project, CHAMP and other health	and appropriate monitoring to ensure			
the CPHCC model to ensure good	initiatives to help identify and	appropriate provision.			
access to local medical	improve the level of allied health care				
practitioners and to increase the	services provided locally.				
level of allied health care services					
provided locally					

COUNCIL STRATEGY

1.5.3 Increase the use of Council owned and other sporting and recreational facilities across the community

Council Activities Actions Activities/Services Performance Targets & Measures Responsibility **Funding Source** Increased usage and revenue at the **1.5.3.1** Increase the use of the Increase utilisation of the Cobar Youth MYFC Revenue Cobar Youth and Fitness Centre. Cobar Youth and Fitness Centre and Fitness Centre. Strengthen community partnerships Acquiring partners and funding and Revenue DCCS with a view to offering more participation rates. structured after school youth activities. Maintain and upgrade gym Gym equipment maintained and fully MYFC Revenue equipment and seek ways to secure functional. additional services to deal with the demand (where space permits). Run local sporting competitions at the Increased participation. MYFC Revenue Centre and the Skate Park. No reasonable criticism of pool 1.5.3.2 Contract management of Supervision of pool operations SM Revenue

the Cobar Memorial Swimming Pool	ensuring safety and convenience for all patrons is paramount and Pool Contract Management undertaken.	operations. No major injuries or incidents. No pool closures as a result of testing conducted on behalf of NSW Health.	User Fees and Charges	
1.5.3.3 Maintain all Council parks and reserves, including plants, trees and public facilities, the Skate Park and the Miners	Inspect and rectify defects of physical assets.	All defects rectified/repaired within five (5) working days (including furniture, playground equipment and irrigation systems).	Revenue	SM
Memorial	Tree pruning and husbandry of trees.	Trees maintained in a safe condition.	Revenue	SM
	Provision of a regular gardening and turf maintenance service.	Gardens kept tidy.	Revenue	SM
	Maintenance of sporting ground and associated facilities.	Fields and facilities are in good condition for sporting events.	Revenue User Fees and Charges	SM
	Appropriate signage erected to indicate prohibited activities in parks and reserves.	Only permitted activities are undertaken in parks and reserves.	Revenue	SM
	Carry out regular patrols of parks and reserves.	Appropriate level of patrols to inhibit in-appropriate use of parks and reserves.	Revenue	SM
	Complete the design and undertake the installation of the Miners Memorial in the Heritage Park.	Design completed and the installation completed.	Revenue Grants	SPO
1.5.3.4 Purchase and install a mobile ablutions block as per the Sport and Recreation Grant	Purchase and install a mobile ablutions block as per the Sport and Recreation Grant.	Grant requirements met and works completed.	Grants	DPES

1.5.4 Provide adequate infrastructure to care for older residents locally

Council Activities				
Activities/Services	Actions	Performance Targets & Measures	Funding Source	Responsibility
1.5.4.1 Provide appropriate	Develop, implement and review	Monitor legislation and develop/	Commonwealth	DON
services for residents at the	systems to ensure services are	modify policies and procedures to	Subsidies and	
Lilliane Brady Village	provided according to the needs of	reflect current legislative	resident fees	
	residents.	requirements.	and charges	
	Develop annual budget to ensure	Monitor income and expenditure	Commonwealth	DON
	adequate resources to enable	quarterly.	Subsidies and	
	appropriate services are maintained.		resident fees	
		Ensure appropriate resident	and charges,	
		assessments completed to maximise	Council	
		funding.	contribution	
		Occupancy of the facility maintained.		
	Maintain health and personal care of	Maintain Accreditation Standards	Commonwealth	DON
	all residents according to their needs	with a satisfactory outcome at all	Subsidies and	
	and maintain resident lifestyle, rights	scheduled and non scheduled audits	resident fees	
	and choices.	for both Hostel and Nursing Home.	and charges	
	Promote community awareness and	Keep residents informed of	Commonwealth	DON
	encourage ongoing resident	community events and include events	Subsidies and	
	involvement in community events.	in LBV activity program.	resident fees	
			and charges	
		Encourage community visitation and		
		involvement.		
	Ensure adequate and appropriately	Maintain staffing levels as per master	Commonwealth	DON
	skilled and qualified staff to ensure all	roster and organisational structure.	Subsidies and	
	services are delivered in line with		resident fees	
	facility mission statement and policies	Fill staff vacancies promptly.	and charges	

		Provide appropriate orientation and training for all staff.		
	Monitoring of levels of aged care provided at the Lilliane Brady Village.	100% utilisation levels at the Lilliane Brady Village and investigations undertaken for any required increase in aged care services in Cobar.	Revenue	DON
	Provide a transparent mechanism for concerns and complaints management from all stakeholders.	All complaints recorded and actioned according to policy/procedures.	Commonwealth Subsidies and resident fees and charges	DON
1.5.4.2 Undertake Lounge Extension Project	Complete Lounge Extension Project at the LBV.	Project completed within time and budget constraints.	Grant	DCCS

COMMUNITY OUTCOME

1.6 A safe and clean community

COUNCIL STRATEGY	COUNCIL STRATEGY				
1.6.1 A more visible and engage	ed police presence				
Council Activities					
Activities/Services	Actions	Performance Targets & Measures	Funding Source	Responsibility	
1.6.1.1 Work with police and licensed premises to promote a	Provide secretariat services for the Cobar Liquor Accord.	Provision of secretariat services.	Revenue	GM	
safe community	Attendance and commitment to the Cobar Police Community Precinct Committee.	Attendance of Police Community Precinct Committee Meetings.	Revenue	GM	
1.6.1.2 Work with Police, Cobar Business Association and the Crime Prevention Committee to undertake a Community Safety Audit.	Undertake a Community Safety Audit.	Provision of secretariat services and coordinate with the relevant stakeholders and police the completion of a Community Safety Audit.	Revenue	GM	

1.6.2 | Implementation of the Cobar Crime Prevention Plan and Strategy

Council Activities					
Activities/Services	Actions	Performance Targets & Measures	Funding Source	Responsibility	
1.6.2.1 Removal of graffiti and recording of graffiti incidents	Supervise the removal of graffiti and ensure all evidence is taken and recorded appropriately.	Less long term graffiti damage within town and surroundings.	Revenue	SM	
		Graffiti register kept up to date so it			
		becomes a valuable resource to help			
		cut graffiti removal costs.			
1.6.2.2 Implementation of	Update the action list for the Crime	Report on the progress of the action	Revenue	SPO	
actions outlined in the Cobar	Prevention Plan and Strategy.	plan for the Crime Prevention Plan			
Crime Prevention Plan and		quarterly.			
Strategy					
1.6.2.3 Work with the Cobar	Input to monthly Domestic Violence	Run a Reclaim the Night Awareness	Revenue	SPO	
Domestic Violence Action Group	Action Group Meetings and actively	Activity, participate in White Ribbon			
to undertake local initiatives to	participate in local initiatives.	Day as an organisation participant.			
reduce domestic violence in					
Cobar					

COUNCIL STRATEGY						
1.6.3	.3 Encourage safe and sustainable development					
Counc	Council Activities					
Activit	ies/Services	Actions	Performance Targets & Measures	Funding Source	Responsibility	
1.6.3.1	L Undertake legislated	Development Applications assessed	Applications (when submitted in	Revenue	DPES	
obligat	tions in relation to building	and approved in accordance with	correct form) are processed and	User Fees and		
and de	evelopment	statutory standards and requirements	determined within 40 working days,	Charges		
		and Council Codes.	with no referrals.			
		Complying Development Applications	Applications (when submitted in	Revenue	DPES	
		assessed and approved in accordance	correct form) are processed and	User Fees and		

with statutory standards requirements and Council Codes.	determined within 10 working days.	Charges	
Inspect all development when required by approval so as to ensure compliance.	Inspections undertaken within 48 hours. Results issued within 3 working days.	Revenue User Fees and Charges	DPES
Process applications for Section 149 Certificates.	Certificates issued within 7 days.	Revenue User Fees and Charges	DPES
Carry out critical stage and other progress inspections required to ensure completed projects complies.	Certificates issued within legislative time frames. All required inspections carried out within 48 hours notice.	Revenue User Fees and Charges	DPES
Provide approval and inspection services for the installation of sewage and drainage services.	100% applications determined within 5 working days. All inspections carried out within 48 hours of notification.	Revenue User Fees and Charges	DPES
Provide registration, approval and inspection for applications to install and operate On-Site Sewage Management Systems.	100% of applications determined within 20 working days. All inspections carried out within 48 hours of notification.	Revenue User Fees and Charges	DPES
Assess and determine all relevant applications as outlined under Section 68 of the Local Government Act 1993.	100% of applications determined within 20 working days. All inspections carried out within 48 hours of notification.	Revenue User Fees and Charges	DPES
Develop an On-site Sewage Management Register for existing systems in priority areas.	On-Site Sewage Management Register for priority areas completed.	Revenue	DPES

1.6.3.2 Implement the Cobar LEP and development control plans	Identify if Development Control Plans will be required to support Cobar LEP 2012 once the current NSW Planning Reforms are finalised.	Development Control Plan developed and adopted by Council if required. Redevelopment of Development Applications Procedures Manual.	Revenue	DPES
1.6.3.3 Implement and maintain an appropriate register for leases, licences and land	Maintain the Lease, Licence & Land Register.	Register maintained in accordance with the requirements of the Local Government Act.	Revenue	LMO

COUNCIL STRATEGY					
1.6.4 Provide and maintain safe and serviceable public facilities and infrastructure					
Council Activities					
Activities/Services	Actions	Performance Targets & Measures	Funding Source	Responsibility	
1.6.4.1 To provide the community with an aesthetically pleasing and clean urban environment	Mechanically and manually clean the streets in the urban area to provide suitable environment for the community.	CBD area cleaned on a regular basis.	Revenue	SM	
	Review the Street Sweeping Program and implement an improvement action plan.	Improvement action plan implemented by September 2015.	Revenue	SM	
	Regularly clean and maintain amenities building in accordance with frequency of use.	Frequently used amenity buildings cleaned daily eg: public toilets.	Revenue	SM	
1.6.4.2 Maintain Council Buildings to an appropriate standard to ensure that buildings are occupiable	Maintenance and repair of Council building undertaken with available resources.	Repairs carried out as required and within budget.	Revenue	DPES	
1.6.4.3 Improve disability access to Council buildings and facilities to improve their accessibility by	Install disability access to Council buildings as funding becomes available.	Disability access to Council buildings improved.	Grants	DPES	

older people and people with a

disability				
	Implement Disability Action Plan.	Disability Action Plan developed and	Revenue	SPO
		implement.	Grants	

1.6.5 Provide protection from fire, natural disasters, public health and other threats to the community

Council Activities				
Activities/Services	Actions	Performance Targets & Measures	Funding Source	Responsibility
1.6.5.1 Have systems in place	To maintain an organisation to provide the	All personnel appropriately and	Revenue	DES
to allow a rapid response to	human and physical resources to assist	adequately trained to respond to fire	Grants	
a fire emergency within the	with the control of rural fire threats.	threats.		
Rural Fire District				
	To have a rural community develop an	Facilitate biannual meetings of the	Revenue	DES
	approach to hazard management to	Cobar District Bush Fire Management	Grants	
	minimise the threats of uncontrolled fire.	Committee (BFMC) in accordance		
		with Bush Fire Coordinating		
		Committee requirements and policies.		
		In conjunction with the BFMC the		
		Bush Fire Risk Management Plan is		
		maintained.		
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		The plans associated treatments		
		relevant to the Rural Fire Service,		
		including hazard reduction activities,		
		asset protection zone maintenance,		
		strategic fire advantage zone		
		maintenance and associated activities		
		are addressed.		
	Have a response system, which will allow a	All fire calls are taken in accordance	Revenue	DES
I	response to an emergency within a	with service guidelines and actioned	Grants	

reasonable timeframe.	within 20 minutes.		
	All RFS equipment and vehicles are		
	maintained to the NSW Rural Fire		
	Service and RMS standards.		
	An ongoing program to replace old or		
	unreliable equipment is developed		
	and implemented.		
	All communications systems and		
	procedures are operational,		
	maintained and upgraded as required.		
	Including PMR radio, GRN radio and		
	UHF radio repeaters,		
	telecommunications systems, paging		
Davidonment reporting and	and other callout systems.	Davanua	DES
Development, reporting and implementation of Rural Fire Service (RFS)	RFS Facilities Asset Management Plan developed, and approved by the Rural	Revenue Grants	DES
facilities Asset Management Plan and a	Fire District Liaison Committee.	Grants	
minimum five (5) year Rolling Works	The District Liaison Committee.		
Program.	Plan to include projected funding		
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	and individual project issues.		
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	Plan developed and presented to		
	NSW Rural Fire District Liaison		
	Committee Annual Meeting.		
	Planning procedures and		
	requirements are completed in		
	accordance with the approved plan.		

	Development, reporting and implementation of Rural Fire Service plant and equipment replacement program.	Plan updated and presented to the NSW Rural Fire District Liaison Committee Annual Meeting for approval. Implement requirements of the plan in accordance with the strategic requirements of the local Rural Fire Service Organisation.	Revenue Grants	DES
	Assist RFS with Project Management for construction and commissioning of new RFS Headquarters in Cobar.	New headquarters built on time and within Budget.	Revenue	DES
1.6.5.2 Have contingency plans in place to minimise the damage from threats from natural disasters	To establish an effective and relevant Local Emergency Management Committee to co-ordinate Emergency services with the community.	To have multi-organisational committee which is able to deal with all recognised risks identified in the Local Emergency Disaster Management Plan. The organisations respond in an appropriate fashion with sufficient equipment and personnel to handle the disaster.	Revenue	DES
	To ensure reasonable strategic planning is made to establish local disaster management plans which consider the risks to local communities and have in place relevant disaster management plans which cover the reasonably foreseeable risks within the community.	To have a review of the adequacy of the EMPLAN annually. Hold an annual exercise and find any deficiencies and have them corrected. The Local Emergency Management Committee (LEMC) to ensure that a reasonable response capacity is available and to have an emergency co-ordination centre identified and available for use as required for	Revenue	DES

		incidents.		
		No significant complaints by the		
		community about emergency		
		responses.		
	Develop Rural Addressing Program.	Rural Addressing program completed.	Grant	DES
			User Fees and	
			Charges	
1.6.5.3 Preserve and enhance environmental health by regulating and	Prepare and provide appropriate reports and information for administration and budget.	Information available on time.	Revenue	MPES
inspecting all relevant	All food shops and licensed premises	Satisfy Food Authority Partnership	Revenue	MPES
premises	inspected as per Food Authority	obligations.	User Fees and	
	Partnership.		Charges	
	Public swimming places inspected and water samples taken.	Inspections and sampling program for public accessible swimming places established.	Revenue User Fees and Charges	MPES
	Investigation of public health incidents.	Investigations carried out within 24 hours of report.	Revenue	MPES
	Swimming pool safety barriers inspected.	To be completed in accordance with the Pool Inspection Barrier Safety Program.	User Fees and Charges	MPES

2. Economic Strategies

COMMUNITY OUTCOME

2.1 A vibrant shire that promotes and supports business growth and retention, development and investment

COUN	COUNCIL STRATEGY					
2.1.1	Provision of business services locally					
Counc	il Activities					
Activit	ties/Services	Actions	Performance Targets & Measures	Funding Source	Responsibility	
2.1.1.1	L Facilitate business	Facilitate business opportunities	Increase Business opportunities	Revenue	GM	
develo	pment in the Shire	within Cobar and promote the region.	within Cobar and the region.			

COUNCIL STRATEGY					
2.1.2 Skills attraction	Skills attraction initiatives				
Council Activities					
Activities/Services		Actions	Performance Targets & Measures	Funding Source	Responsibility
2.1.2.1 Work with relevant government organisation including Regional Development Australia – Orana, and North Industry and Investment attract skilled people to work.	ns, lopment ISW t to	Work with Regional Development Australia – Orana Inc and Industry and Investment (I&I) on economic development issues within Cobar Shire.	Number of projects progressed through these contacts, such as funding opportunities identified and reports prepared.	Revenue	SPO

2.1.3 Develop and implement an Economic Development Strategy

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Activities/Services	Actions	Performance Targets & Measures	Funding Source	Responsibility
2.1.3.1 Implement the action	Report on the implementation of the	Quarterly reports provided to Council.	Revenue	SPO
plan outlined in the Economic	Economic Development Strategy and			
Development Strategy and	facilitate the Economic Taskforce.	Actions are implemented in a timely		
facilitate the Economic Taskforce		fashion and action adopted		
		recommendations of the Economic		
		Taskforce are completed.		
2.1.3.2 Promote economic	Work with neighbouring Councils to	Number of Economic Development	Revenue	SPO
development within Cobar Shire	promote economic development	Officers meetings attended.		
	across the region.			
		Presentation of a report for the Shire		
		given at each meeting.		

COUNCIL STRATEGY

2.1.4 Encourage people to shop locally

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Activities/Services	Actions	Performance Targets & Measures	Funding Source	Responsibility
2.1.4.1 Administer the Cobar	Monitor, dispense and reconcile	All Quids accounted for.	Revenue	RO
Quids program	Cobar Quids and report the economic			
	impact.			
2.1.4.2 Be an active member of	Work with the Cobar Business	Running of annual local business	Revenue	SPO
the Cobar Business Association	Association to support local business	awards carried out in a timely and		
	initiatives such as the Great Cobar	efficient fashion.		
	Business Awards, shop local			
	promotions and other activities and	Preparation of minutes from meetings		
	undertake the secretarial role for the	distributed in a timely fashion and are		
	Association.	an accurate record of that meeting.		

	Newsletter provided in a timely fashion.		
Strive to bring affordable, quality training and workshop opportunities to Cobar business operators through the activities of the Association.	Number of training opportunities brought to Cobar for business operators.	Revenue Grants	SPO

COUNCIL STRATEGY						
2.1.5	.5 Diversify the business base of the Shire and strengthen local businesses					
Council Activities						
Activiti	ies/Services	Actions	Performance Targets & Measures	Funding Source	Responsibility	
	Continued support for the Enterprise Facilitation	Work with the Cobar Enterprise Facilitation Group to progress the CEF project by sitting on the Board of	Enterprise facilitation project successfully operating in Cobar.	Revenue	SPO	
		Management and assisting with fundraising activities, particularly by working with government agencies	Number of grants identified and applied for.			
		and attracting government funding.	Amount of funding attracted from government sources.			

2.1.6 Support mining and agricultural industries to keep them strong

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Council Activities				
Activities/Services	Actions	Performance Targets & Measures	Funding Source	Responsibility
2.1.6.1 Undertake regulatory	Assist the mining industry with	Strong professional relationship	User Fees and	DPES
requirements in regards to the	Development proposals.	developed.	Charges	
mining industry				
2.1.6.2 Facilitate provision of	Submit applications for road	Adequate funding sourced.	Revenue	DES
additional funding to improve the	improvements for appropriate			
road network	funding providers.			
	Seek Regional Road funding at levels	Regional Roads funding at adequate	Revenue	DES
	comparable to neighbouring shires.	level.		

COMMUNITY OUTCOME

2.2 A strong and diverse tourist industry with a focus on customer service

COUNCIL STRATEGY

2.2.1 Develop and implement a Tourism Attraction and Development Strategy

Council Activities				
Activities/Services	Actions	Performance Targets & Measures	Funding Source	Responsibility
2.2.1.1 Implement a Tourism	Implement Tourism Management	Tourism Management Plan is	Revenue	MTPR
Attraction & Development	Plan.	reported to and adopted by Council.		
Strategy				
		Implementation of Tourism		
		Management Plan.		
	Attend consumer shows, travel and	Shows and expos attended and	Revenue	MTPR
	holiday expos to disseminate	promotional material distributed as		
	information on Cobar Shire.	directed.		

Regular media releases and exposure through national, state, regional and local radio, television and print media.	Weekly media releases/radio talks.	Revenue Grants	MTPR
Direct mailing campaigns.	Data base maintained and relevant material distributed.	Revenue	MTPR
Meetings with tour and coach operators.	Cobar used as a stopover for coach tours.	Revenue	MTPR
Provide education packages to schools and universities.	Packages distributed annually to schools.	Revenue Grants	MTPR
Participate in Tourism based organisations, eg Kidman Way Promotional Committee, Inland Tourism, Outback NSW Tourism and Tourism NSW.	Increased promotion and visitor numbers through Regional Promotions.	Revenue Grants	MTPR

2.2.2 Develop a diverse range of interesting annual events and promote the activities that are on and the cultural experiences that are available in Cobar to locals and tourists

Council Activities

Council Activities					
Activities/Services	Actions	Performance Targets & Measures	Funding Source	Responsibility	
2.2.2.1 Manage the Tourism Information Centre	Manage the "Visitor Information Centre", admissions to Museum and	Promotion booklets and "Mud Maps" distributed.	Revenue	MTPR	
	souvenir shop at the Great Cobar				
	Outback Heritage Centre.	Increase in visitation to and sales at			
		the "Visitor Information Centre",			
		Museum and Souvenir Shop.			
2.2.2.2 Develop and implement	Prepare bids to host relevant	New conferences held each year.	Revenue	MTPR	
new ideas to bring people to Cobar	conferences.				
	Advertise the advantages of the area	Advertising placed in a number of	Revenue	MTPR	
	in conjunction with private sector	relevant tourism based magazines	Grants		
	operators.	and websites.			

COUNCIL STRATEGY

2.2.3 Diversify tourism activities and increase the utilisation of current attractions

Council Activities

Activities/Services	Actions	Performance Targets & Measures	Funding Source	Responsibility
2.2.3.1 To encourage the	Oversee the lease and assist the	Lease conditions met.	Revenue	LMO
development and utilisation of the Cobar Caravan Park	leasee as required.			

COUNCIL STRATEGY

2.2.4 Increase the range and degree of accommodation in the Shire

Activities/Services	Actions	Performance Targets & Measures	Funding Source	Responsibility
2.2.4.1 Investigate the need to	Estimate market & land availability for	Draft Cobar Residential and Industrial	Revenue	DPES
the develop the next stage of	future Residential Land Development.	Land Strategy prepared.		
Pioneer Estate and undertake				
development if required				

2.3 A strong business hub operating out of the Cobar airport

COUN	COUNCIL STRATEGY						
2.3.1	Develop a business case to attract businesses to Cobar Airport						
Counc	il Activities						
Activit	ties/Services	Actions	Performance Targets & Measures	Funding Source	Responsibility		
opport	LActively seek out business tunities to enhance the tions at Cobar Airport	Promote the airport to interested parties to establish business enterprises.	Enquiries followed up. Include opportunities at the Airport in any Cobar prospectus or advertising.	Revenue	DES		
		Providing Secretariat to the Airport Advisory Committee to the Cobar Regional Airport	Secretariat support provided and minutes provided to Council.	Revenue	DES		

3. Governance Strategies

COMMUNITY OUTCOME

3.1 A well funded Council that is well managed and well governed

COUNCIL STRATEGY

3.1.1 Increase Council's income stream

Council Activities					
Activities/Services	Actions	Performance Targets & Measures	Funding Source	Responsibility	
3.1.1.1 Reassess all rates, fees	Sound revenue management plan in	Revenue and income targets are met	Revenue	GM	
and charges	place including rate recovery and debt recovery.	as per the Budget/Operational Plan.			
		Increased revenue from grant allocations.			
3.1.1.2 Undertake private works	Undertaken private works for	Private works undertaken.	Fees and	DES	
	property owners, mines, contractors and RMS.		Charges		
3.1.1.3 Increase grant funding received	Apply for grants to assist Council to undertake activities outlined in the Annual Operational Plan and to access additional grant opportunities as they become available.	Number of grant opportunities investigated and applied for.	Revenue	GM	
3.1.1.4 Regular monitoring and	Major elements of the Budget or	Appropriate development of design,	Revenue	GM	
reporting of expenditure	Delivery Plan/ Annual Operational	capital and maintenance works			
	Plan are achieved.	programs and reporting			
		systems/programs.			
	Appropriate process in place to report	Appropriate reporting of significant	Revenue	GM	
	to and consult Council on significant	projects, programs and strategic			
	proposed variations of the Budget or	matters to satisfy Council to ensure its			
	Delivery Plan/Operational Plan.	awareness and involvement in			

		ongoing strategic management of the Plan and Budget.		
3.1.1.5 Undertake rating functions of Council	Recovery of outstanding rates.	Utilise debt recovery procedures to ensure the optimum recovery of arrears.	Revenue User Fees and Charges	RO
	Undertake sale of land under Section 713.	Land sale undertaken, 100% clearance.	Revenue	RO
3.1.1.6 Effectively manage Council investments	Optimum investment of Council's surplus funds in accordance with Council's Investment Policy.	Maximise investment returns and report to council on a monthly basis.	Revenue	MFA
3.1.1.7 Seek efficiency through shared services	Investigate in conjunction with neighbouring Councils, LMWUA, OROC and Western Division of Council's of NSW areas of improved efficiencies due to resource sharing.	Cooperation and liaison with relevant organisation and consultants to find areas for appropriate shared services and implement those programs.	Revenue	GM
3.1.1.8 Undertake the new requirements as per services NSW Contract	Undertake the new requirements as per Services NSW Contract	Services NSW Contract adhered to.	Revenue	RO

COUN	COUNCIL STRATEGY						
3.1.2	2 Implement the Section 94 Plan and Section 64 Plan to fund future infrastructure through developer contributions						
Counc	il Activities						
Activit	ties/Services	Actions	Performance Targets & Measures	Funding Source	Responsibility		
from t	L Manage income received he Section 94 Plan and the n 64 Plan.	Appropriately report on contributions received and works programming required for projects contained within the contributions plan and Council's Community Enhancement Program.	Developer Contributions Plan and Community Enhancement Plan contributions reported to Council for appropriate works allocation.	Revenue	LMO		

COUNCIL STRATEGY Investigate how to reduce the cost of Council's community facilities through partnerships with other organisations 3.1.3 **Council Activities Activities/Services** Actions **Performance Targets & Measures Funding Source** Responsibility **3.1.3.1** Investigate partnership Seek and initiate discussions with Preparation of a business case for DCCS Revenue options, including the MPHS potential appropriate partners. Council when an appropriate model for the Lilliane Brady opportunity is investigated.

COUNCIL STRATEGY					
3.1.4 Minimise risk for Council a	ind the community				
Council Activities					
Activities/Services	Actions	Performance Targets & Measures	Funding Source	Responsibility	
3.1.4.1 Develop and implement a risk management strategy	Develop and implement a Corporate Risk Management Strategy.	Risk Management Strategy developed and implemented.	Revenue	DCCS	
suitable for council operations	Co-ordinate the development of Council's Business Continuity Plan and Disaster Recovery Plan.	Development of Council's Business Continuity and Disaster Recovery Plan.	Revenue	DCCS	
	Refine the Event Management Plan that will identify any risk or hazard to Council whilst planning any activities or events.	A risk assessment, contained within the Event Management Plan, is carried out as part of the planning process of any Council activity or event.	Revenue	DCCS	
3.1.4.2 Develop and implement suitable internal audit processes for Council operations	Carry out Internal Audits.	Internal Audits Carried out on a monthly basis.	Revenue	GM	
3.1.4.3 WHS obligations are met and safe work practices are promoted and undertaken	Refinement and implementation of Councils' WHS Management System in conjunction with WHS Committee	Adoption of updated WHS System and associated documentation.	Revenue	GM	

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and employees.	Implementation of WHS System and associated documentation, and education of staff in systems. Annual internal reviews and (subject to Council allocating funds) every five years an external review.		GM
Consult with WHS Committee to take a proactive stance in promoting a healthy and safe work environment.	Refinement and implementation of Council's WHS Management System in conjunction with WHS Committee and employees.	Revenue	GIVI
WHS Policy Development and Maintenance.	Review policies in accordance with the policy register.	Revenue	GM
Provide a safe working environment through advice, safety programs, audits and staff involvement.	Provide Work Health and Safety services to staff.	Revenue	GM
	Implement and monitor safety programs to ensure the organisation meets its legislative requirements.		
	Coordinate an audit program that ensures safety programs are being implemented to enable the organisation to meet the requirements of the Work Health and Safety Act.		
	Encourage employees to participate in initiatives that create safer and healthy working environments.		
Reduce workplace incidents by	Provide a Workers Compensation and	Revenue	GM

	providing return to work services, supporting the Health and Safety Committee, providing adequate training and appropriate procedures.	Injury Management service to all Departments and Sections of Council. WHS Consultative Committee is active and proactive. Coordinate regular WHS audits of the workplace and monitor implementation of audit recommendations. All workers are appropriately trained for their tasks and are inducted into the workplace or job site. Ensure that Safe Work Method Statements (SWMS) have been prepared and are implemented.		
3.1.4.5 Ensure that documentation and records management provide a framework for easy retrieval and	Compliance with Records Management obligations.	Compliance with Records Management requirements as set down in the State Records Management Act.	Revenue	DCCS
reference	Effective records administration systems and protocols in place	Records administrative systems in place and operating to the requirements of the organisation.	Revenue	DCCS
3.1.4.6 Reduce workplace accidents and incidents	Facilitate/coordinate regular WHS audits of the workplace and monitor implementation of audit recommendations.	WHS inspections carried out and recommendations considered by Manex and WHS Committee.	Revenue	GM
	Train all workers for their tasks and induct all workers into the workplace or job site.	All workers appropriately trained and inducted.	Revenue	GM

Coordinate development and train	SWMS developed and relevant staff	Revenue	GM
staff in Safe Work Method Statements	trained.		
(SWMS).			

COUNCIL STRATEGY 3.1.5 Strong governance measures in place **Council Activities Performance Targets & Measures** Responsibility **Activities/Services** Actions **Funding Source 3.1.5.1** Councillors are well Training provided to Councillors. Annual Councillor Training Plan/s in GM Revenue trained and informed on their place and reflective of organisational priorities and needs. roles and responsibilities Councillor satisfaction with training provided. Feedback to Councillors on progress 3.1.5.2 Strategic policy setting Regular progress reports on GM Revenue resolutions and Councillor requests undertaken by the elected with resolutions and Councillor representatives are provided. requests. Necessary advice and policy Legislative changes are advised within Revenue GM recommendations provided to Council required timeframes. in relation. Mayor and Councillor requests are All reasonable requests responded to GM Revenue met within Council policy. within appropriate timeframes. Assistance in the administrative GM Obligations under the act are met. Revenue management of Council Meetings. 3.1.5.3 Improve Dashboard Improved Dashboard reporting to be Dashboard reporting system **DCCS** Revenue **Reporting Systems** compliant for the DLG (Fit for the implemented and reported to Future) Council.

COUNCIL STRATEGY Fit for the Future 3.1.6 **Council Activities Actions** Responsibility **Activities/Services Performance Targets & Measures Funding Source 3.1.6.1** Continue to formulate the Formulate and progress ideas in Attend Meetings undertake Revenue GM Far West Initiative in conjunction conjunction with other participants in responsibilities that are assigned. with other Councils and the Far West Initiative to improve service delivery and coordination in Communicate outcomes and potential governments Cobar Shire. impacts to Council and the Community. Continuing to liaise with Office of 3.1.6.2 Implement Fit for the Fit for the Future Proposal approved Revenue GM Local Government (OLG) to have by OLG. Future proposal Cobar's Fit for the Future Proposal approved and being implementation.

COMMUNITY OUTCOME

3.2 An engaged community that participates in decision making

COUNCIL STRATEGY						
3.2.1 Implementation	1 Implementation of Council's Community Engagement Strategy					
Council Activities						
Activities/Services		Actions	Performance Targets & Measures	Funding Source	Responsibility	
3.2.1.1 Engage with the sectors of the communit required and to a level t	y as	Dissemination of information to the media and staff.	Appropriate advice in accordance with Council Policy.	Revenue	GM	
adequately addresses th			Appropriate positive image created			
complexity of the issues			within General Managers and			
			Management Executives ability to			
			influence.			

	Media reports cover major Council initiatives and are accurate, timely and visible.		
Maintain community engage regarding Council's Fit for the obligations.	•	Revenue	GM

COUNC	IL STRATEGY						
3.2.2	Encourage more direct par	ticipation and interaction between Cour	ncil and the community				
Council	Council Activities						
Activiti	es/Services	Actions	Performance Targets & Measures	Funding Source	Responsibility		
relevan	Provide up-to-date and t information to the public ncil's activities	Prepare a Council newsletter and prepare electronic updates.	Preparation of a quality, informative and accurate newsletter and electronic updates completed.	Revenue	SPO		
with co such as	Maintain partnerships mmunity organisations, Business Groups, Council ttees and Council Alliances	Appropriate networking with the local government industry and professional organisations.	Attendance and commitment to Regional bodies such as the Orana Regional Organisation of Councils (OROC) Board and General Managers Advisory Committee (GMAC), State and Regional Group Meetings of the Institute Public Works Engineering Australia, Local Government Engineers Association (LGEA) and the Local Government Managers Australia (LGMA).	Revenue	GM		
		Coordinate and support the Traffic Committee and the Rural Roads Advisory Committee.	Meetings regularly held, reported to Council and participated in.	Revenue	DES		
		Participation in Lower Macquarie Water Utilities Alliance (LMWUA).	Best Practice reached in identified areas.	Revenue	SM		

COUNCIL STRATEGY Increase the participation of youth in community leadership 3.2.3 **Council Activities Activities/Services** Actions Responsibility **Performance Targets & Measures Funding Source** MYFC **3.2.3.1** Provide administration Provide administration and support to Convene the Cobar Youth Council. Revenue the Cobar Youth Council and maintain and support to the Cobar Youth Council. Regular contact and interaction contact with similar organisations in arranged with Youth Council's in other Local Government areas so as

other Local Government areas.

COMMUNITY OUTCOME

3.3 A well functioning Council that focuses on strategic planning, provides good customer service and secures value-for-money goods and services

to provide interaction.

COUN	COUNCIL STRATEGY						
3.3.1	Good customer service provided by all Council Officers						
Counc	Council Activities						
Activit	ies/Services	Actions	Performance Targets & Measures	Funding Source	Responsibility		
	on the provision of good ner service by all Council	Qualitative measures on response and processing times in relation to queries face to face, by phone, letter or email.	A quarterly report is provided – as part of a Council 'dashboard' report.	Revenue	DCCS		
		Continually improve the customer service ethos of all Council staff.	Customer service improved.	Revenue	DCCS		

3.3.2 Staff are valued, well trained and able to undertake their roles and functions

Activities/Services	Actions	Performance Targets & Measures	Funding Source	Responsibility
•		•		<u> </u>
3.3.2.1 Human Resources	Undertake biennial Staff Attitude	Survey undertaken, results	Revenue	HRO
	Survey.	disseminated, action plan		
		implemented.		
	Develop a Staff Recognition and	Program developed and	Revenue	HRO
	Reward Program	implemented		
	Staff consultation by a continuing	Provide advice and support to	Revenue	GM
	process through Consultative	Consultative Committee at bi-monthly		
	Committee.	meetings.		
	Employees paid accurately and on	Award provision changes	Revenue	HRO/ Payroll
	time.	implemented and progression		
		through the skill steps in Council's		
		Salary System managed in a timely		
		manner.		
	To be an employer of choice including	Work with staff to prepare individual	Revenue	HRO
	the development of an attraction and	training plans that reflect legislative		
	Retention Strategy, training plans,	requirements and personal career		
	succession plans and Traineeships.	paths.		
		Continue to foster the growth of a		
		local workforce through traineeships,		
		apprenticeships and ongoing training.		
		apprenticesings and ongoing truining.		
		Identify and implement initiatives		
		that assist in attracting and retaining		
		Council staff and develop an		
		Attraction, Engagement and		
		Attraction, Engagement and		<u> </u>

	Retention Strategy. Develop mechanisms that will facilitate effective succession planning with Council.		
Develop Staff and promote their inclusion in decision making through consultation through measures such as the Staff Suggestion Program, regular team meetings and site visits by Manex.	Increase the level of personal interaction and information dissemination within Council. Increase the level of consultation with employees during the development of Council projects and initiatives. Actively involve employees in problem-solving and decision-making activities within Council.	Revenue	HRO
Develop and Implement an Attraction, Engagement and Retention Strategy, including a succession plan.	Provide recruitment services to all Departments and sections of Council that is professional, confidential and carried out in a timely manner. Identify ways to retain key staff, through the development of an Attraction, Engagement and Retention Strategy to improve recruitment practices. Undertake a review of the Salary Administration and Performance	Revenue	HRO

		Management Systems. Provide coaching and encouragement through the probationary period and ongoing support as required. Review Council's corporate induction session content and other compulsory training programs for new employees.		
	Implementation of an electronic performance appraisal system, with updated skills matrices and position descriptions.	New electronic performance appraisal system implemented.	Revenue	HRO
	To build productivity, maintain industrial harmony and increase employee satisfaction.	Provide advice to management on industrial matters.	Revenue	HRO
		Biennially review the Equal Employment Opportunity Management Plan.		
		Continue to build productive relationships with unions.		
3.3.2.2 Good recruitment and selection processes that promote the philosophy of 'recruit for attitude, train for skills'	Ensures the Organisational Structure is appropriate to achieving the Budget or Delivery Program/Annual Operational Plan.	Council advised on any required changes to the Organisational Structure. Delegations required annually.	Revenue	GM
	Provide appropriate accommodation for key positions.	Develop, report and implement a Staff Housing Strategic Plan.		DPES
3.3.2.3 Implement and manage	Oversee and promote Council's	Staff aware of and accessing the	Revenue	HRO

an Employee Assistance Program for Council staff	Employee Assistance Program.	Employee Assistance Program.		
3.3.2.4 Maintain and actively use the City of Canterbury relationship	Prepare for and undertake Staff exchanges where a need is identified.	Staff exchange takes place with a report, including recommendations, produced for and addressed by management.	Revenue	SPO
	Prepare a Council team to attend the annual Corporate Leadership Cup.	Council sends a team to the challenge that has undertaken some training prior to going. The leadership skills of those attending are improved.	Revenue	SPO
3.3.2.9 Staff are provided with up-to-date and relevant tools to undertake their roles	Effective Information Technology administration systems and protocols in place.	IT and records administrative systems in place and operating to the requirements of the organisation.	Revenue	DCCS
	Computer system support – Training of Users in Software Products.	Users trained in the utilisation of new products as required.	Revenue	DCCS
	Implementation of Computer Support Strategic Plan.	Implementation of IT Strategic Action Plan from the Strategic Plan.	Revenue	DCCS
	Implement the new IT Service Provider Contract.	Contract requirements implemented.	Revenue	DCCS
	Roll out version 9 of CivicView.	Version 9 implemented and staff experts identified.	Revenue	DCCS
	Finalise the feasibility study for an electronic document management system.	Feasibility study finalised and fully costed. Included in the 2016/2017 if appropriate.	Revenue	DCCS
	Roll out Customer Management System (Complaints System).	Appropriate CMS System identified, purchased, and implemented.	Revenue	DCCS
		Customer enquiries addresses in a timely fashion.		

	Roll out and implement an Intranet for Cobar Shire Council.	Creation and implementation of an Intranet completed and all staff are	Revenue	DCCS
	Tor cobar stille council.	competent.		
	Enhance all employees IT skills by making champions, in programs/ applications such as Civic View, Power Budget, MS Project, MS Office etc.	Staff experts identified in all programs and applications as identified.	Revenue	DCCS
	Create operating procedures and guidelines for all user functions in all user suites.	All operating procedures and guidelines for all user functions and suites created, implemented and complete staff competency.	Revenue	DCCS
	Review plant requirements; undertake asset management and maintenance of plant fleet.	Reviews carried out annually in accordance with Plant Replacement Program.	Revenue	ESM
		Data collected on fortnightly basis (entry into computer system).		
		Bi-monthly reviews of plant operations.		
		Plant repairs prioritised to ensure least delay to works programmed.		
	Review and update 15 Year Plant Rolling Replacement Program.	Plant Replacement Program updated by April 2015.	Revenue	ESM
3.3.2.10 Maintain and actively use the Public Libraries NSW Membership	Identify opportunities for information share and services development.	Attend quarterly Central West zone meetings.	Revenue	MLS
		Regularly share and access knowledge via email network.		

3.3.3 Council undertakes adequate strategic planning activities and meets all legislative reporting requirements

Council Activities	Council Activities						
Activities/Services	Actions	Performance Targets & Measures	Funding Source	Responsibility			
3.3.3.1 Council updates the Integrated Planning and Reporting framework documents as required	Compliance with Integrated Planning and Reporting (IPR) Framework Requirements as outlined by the DLG.	Renewal of IPR Framework documents within agreed timeframe: Resource Strategy involving: Minimum Ten (10) Year Financial Plan; Asset Management Plans for Building Assets; Annual Operational Plan.	Revenue	GM			
	Development and implementation of a minimum 10 Year Financial Plan for inclusion in the Resourcing Strategy to support the Cobar Shire 2025 Community Strategic Plan.	Implementation of minimum 10 Year Financial Plan with relevant funding scenarios.	Revenue	DCCS			
	Works Program developed for Shire and Regional roads, drainage, signs and traffic facilities.	Road Maintenance Programme to be updated on a monthly basis.	Revenue	ESM			
	Implementation of Council's Community Engagement Strategy.	Adequate opportunities are provided to the public to input into Council's decision making process. Number of community consultation activities undertaken.	Revenue	SPO			
	Renew the Revenue Policy 2015/2016.	Policy renewed.	Revenue	DCCS			
	Produce Quarterly Budget Review for Council.	Quarterly Budget Review completed by due date.	Revenue	DCCS			
	Completion of Annual Financial	Financial statements are completed	Revenue	DCCS			

	Statements.	and lodged to the Office of Local		
		Government by the due date.		
	Workforce Management Strategy, as	Workforce Plan developed and	Revenue	HRO
	part of Resourcing Strategy,	reviewed as required.		
	developed and maintained.			
3.3.3.2 Service level provision	Review and amend the Corporate	Completion of up-to-date Corporate	Revenue	DCCS
planning undertaken as required	Asset Register including CivicView	Asset Register that is available as a		
	integration.	resource for all Departments.		
3.3.3.3 Undertake legislative	Implementation of OLG Best Practice	Improved Governance, finance, policy	Revenue	GM
reporting requirements	Improvement Action Plan.	development, strategies		
		requirements communicated within		
		the organisation.		

COUN	COUNCIL STRATEGY						
3.3.4	Good procurement proces	ses in place to ensure the most advanta	geous provision of goods and services to	Council			
Counc	Council Activities						
Activit	ties/Services	Actions	Performance Targets & Measures	Funding Source	Responsibility		
manag	L Good contract gement and procurement ces are employed	Contracts Register updated.	Contracts Register managed and updated.	Revenue	DES		
agreer	2 Leases and management ments monitored, mented and adhered to	Swimming pool and airport agreements monitored and implemented.	All Leases and Management agreements are current, billed correctly, annual review and increase advised.	Revenue	DES		
		Cinema building, Dentist and Doctors surgeries and commercial building agreements monitored and implemented.	All Leases and Management Agreements are current, billed correctly, annual review and increase advised.	Revenue	LMO		
Board	Provision of Cobar Water Administration and ial Services	Undertake administration and financial services for the Cobar Water Board as per the Agreement.	Undertaken as per Agreement.	Cobar Water Board	DCCS		

4. Infrastructure Strategies

COMMUNITY OUTCOME

4.1 A clean and reliable water supply

COUNCIL STRATEGY Pipe the Albert Priest Channel Council Activities Activities/Services Performance Targets & Measures Responsibility Actions **Funding Source** Facilitate the construction of the Facilitation of the Albert Priest **4.1.1.1** Facilitate the construction Revenue GM Albert Priest Channel Pipeline of the Albert Priest Channel **Channel Pipeline Augmentation** User Fees and Pipeline Augmentation Project Augmentation Project. Project undertaken (Stage 1 – Nyngan Charges Storage Facility). Grants

COUN	COUNCIL STRATEGY						
4.1.2	Increase Cobar's water allocation						
Counci	Council Activities						
Activit	ies/Services	Actions	Performance Targets & Measures	Funding Source	Responsibility		
4.1.2.1	Lobby the NSW	Attend meetings with relevant	Provide reports to Council pending	Water Fund	GM		
Govern	nment to have Cobar's	Government personnel	outcome of the meeting.				
town water supply increased		demonstrating the need for the town					
		water licence to be increased.					

COUNCIL STRATEGY						
4.1.3	4.1.3 Improved water treatment systems for the provision of potable water to the villages					
Counci	Council Activities					
Activities/Services Actions Performance Targets & Measures Funding Source Responsible				Responsibility		

4.1.3.1 Investigate options to improve	Investigate and prepare a report	Report on investigations to Council	Water Fund	SM
the water quality and consistency of	on upgrading non-potable	by March 2016.		
water supply in the villages of the Shire	water.			

COUNCIL STRATEGY						
4.1.4	Improved water infrastruc	ture across the Shire				
Council Activities						
Activit	ies/Services	Actions	Performance Targets & Measures	Funding Source	Responsibility	
4.1.4.1 Maintenance and repairs of water mains and water filtration system	Implement Water Supplies Asset Management Plan with 5 Year Rolling Works Program.	Plan implemented effectively and updated as required.	Water Fund	SM		
		Implement the Works Program, determined by the Water Main, Valve and Hydrant Audit.	Program of achievement approved within budget.	Water Fund	SM	
_	Undertake Resources for as Water Treatment Plant t	Undertake the actions outlined in the Project Management Plan for the Cobar Water Treatment Plant Replacement Project.	Targets met as outlined in Project Management Plan.	Water Fund Grant	PM	

COUNCIL STRATEGY					
Provide Contract Services to Cobar Water Board					
Council Activities					
Activities/Services	Actions	Performance Targets & Measures	Funding Source	Responsibility	
4.1.5 Provide contract services to	Provide technical advice and	Works undertaken in accordance with	Cobar Water	DES	
Cobar Water Board	maintenance activities to the Cobar	instruction requirements provided by	Board		
	Water Board.	the Cobar Water Board.			
	Develop Cobar Water Board Asset	Cobar Water Board Asset	Cobar Water	DES	
	Management Plan, Financial Plan and	Management Plan, Financial Plan and	Board		
	Strategic Business Plan.	Strategic Business Plan developed.			
4.1.6 Undertake Resources for	Investigate design and construct the	Milestones met and the works	Cobar Water	PM	

Regions program for the pipeline	replacement of the Pipeline as per the	completed within the projects	Board	
replacement	project plan.	timeline and budget.	Grants	

4.2 Good communications networks with services equal to the metropolitan areas

COUNCIL STRATEGY

4.2.1 | Improved access to telecommunications, radio, TV and broadband services

Council Activities

Activities/Services	Actions	Performance Targets & Measures	Funding Source	Responsibility	
4.2.1.1 Lobby the government for	Maintenance of radio base stations	Effective communications available in	Revenue	DES	
improved communications	and licences.	Shire for staff.			
networks					
4.2.1.2 Lobby the government	Monitor opportunities for increased	All opportunities recognised and	Revenue	GM	
and business to increase the	reliability.	assessed for suitability.			
reliability of energy provision					
within the Shire					

COMMUNITY OUTCOME

4.3 Good transport networks that increase the accessibility of Cobar and markets

COUNCIL STRATEGY

4.3.1 Seek ways to expand the sealed road network and improve and maintain the unsealed road network

Activities/Services	Actions	Performance Targets & Measures	Funding Source	Responsibility
4.3.1.1 Road works undertaken	Street maintenance and sign	Annual maintenance carried out in	Grants	RM
according to priority, weather	maintenance, including alcohol free	accordance with adopted program.		
conditions and availability of	signage.			
resources		Respond to community complaints.		

		Regular pothole patching.		
	Undertake the Street Sign Audit and implement the Action Plan.	Complete action plan works priorities by June 2015.	Revenue Grants	RM
	Inspections by Council staff on a routine basis to identify maintenance works and report any urgent works to minimise public liability risk to Council.	Inspection reports checked and actioned accordingly.	Grants	RM
	Undertake routine and supplementary works on State Roads in accordance with the RMS Contract.	All contract conditions are met within budget parameters.	User Fees and Charges	RM
	Undertake ordered works on behalf of RMS within the agreed budget.	Works undertaken in accordance with standards and specifications and with approved margins.	Grants	RM
	Construction and maintenance works carried out on Regional and Shire Road Network in accordance with approved programs and standards.	Construction and maintenance work carried out within budget and on time.	Grants	RM
	Complete the Fixing Country Roads Project to realign the Kangaroo Springs bend and upgrade the floodway pavement.	Grant requirements met and works completed.	Grants	DES
	Complete the Fixing Country Roads project the install culverts at the Acres Billabong floodway on RR 7518.	Grant requirements met and works completed.	Grants	DES
4.3.1.2 Undertake fair valuation of footpaths, roads, bridges, drainage and bulk earth works	In conjunction with Councils Asset Management team and Auditor undertake revaluation of Council's major transport assets.	Revaluation of transport Assets by 30 June 2016.	Revenue	DES
4.3.1.3 Oversee quarrying activities and ensure an adequate	Licences for all existing and new quarries progressively obtained.	Extraction of gravel material carried out in accordance with relevant stake	Grants	DES

supply of good quality gravel for use on the road network		holder requirements.		
	Review and update the Quarry Safety	Quarry Safety Plan updated.	Grants	DES
	Management Plan.			
	Establishment and use of reserve for	Completion of appropriate	Grants	RM/DES
	the rehabilitation and restoration of	rehabilitation and restoration work in		
	disused gravel pits and quarries.	accordance with the Gravel Pit		
		Restoration Program.		

4.3.2 Provide and maintain safe and serviceable transport infrastructure including roads, footpaths, bike paths and airport

Council Activities	·			
Activities/Services	Actions	Performance Targets & Measures	Funding Source	Responsibility
4.3.2.1 Provide and maintain a safe and adequate footpath and bike path network	Develop and implement a Footpath and Bike Path Maintenance Works Program.	Respond to community complaints. Undertake maintenance on bike path and footpath on annual basis.	Revenue Grants	SM/RM
	Obtain grant funding to install lighting in the Linsley Street taxi rank.	Lighting installed at taxi rank.	Grants	DES
	Kerb & Gutter maintenance.	Annual maintenance carried out in accordance with adopted program. Respond to community complaints. Regular pothole patching. Develop a Kerb & Gutter Program for Cobar.	Revenue Grants	RM
	Implement the Pedestrian Access Mobility Plan (PAMP) and Bike Plan Action Plan for Cobar.	Priority Actions implemented.	Revenue Grants	RM
4.3.2.2 Cobar airport maintained and available for RPT and general	Undertake regular maintenance programs at the Cobar Airport,	Maintenance carried out within budget and on time.	Revenue User Fees and	ESM

aviation to meet the needs of the	according to the adopted budget.		Charges	
Cobar community	Conduct regular and statutory maintenance program in accordance with adopted plan at the Cobar Airport.	Cobar airport passes the CASA Safety Audit. Cobar airport conforms to CASA requirements, outlined in the Cobar Airport Transport Security Program. No reasonable criticism of the standard of facilities.	Revenue User Fees and Charges	ESM
	Provision of services to key stakeholders such as Airlines and Charters.	Services provided efficiently.	Revenue	ESM
	Develop and implement the Cobar Aerodrome Strategic Plan.	Action Plan implemented through the Airport Committee.	Revenue User Fees and Charges Grants	DES
4.3.2.3 Landing strips at Nymagee, Euabalong and Mt hope adequately maintained	To maintain runways in a state that is acceptable for dry weather operation. To ensure that the airstrips comply with the minimum standards for operation.	Surface is free of obstacles and holes. That the Obstacle Limitation Gradient meets the standard required.	Revenue User Fees & Charges	ESM
	Undertake a Strategic Plan for the Nymagee Airstrip.	Strategic Plan developed and implemented.	Revenue User Fees & Charges Grants	DES

	COUNCIL STRATEGY						
	4.3.3	Maintain the rail network in the Shire to maximise the benefits to the community and to provide an alternative to road freight.					
Ì	Council Activities						
	Activities/Services		Actions	Performance Targets & Measures	Funding Source	Responsibility	

4.3.3.1 Lobby the NSW Government	Continually lobby NSW	NSW Government lobbied.	Revenue	GM
to ensure that the rail network is well	Government to maintain rail			
maintained, safe, affordable and well	network.			
used, particularly for freight				
movements to reduce the impact of				
road movements on the community.				

4.4 Good quality and affordable community facilities and infrastructure

COUNCIL STRATEGY

4.4.1 Develop well designed and expanded playgrounds catering for all age groups

Council Activities

Activities/Services	Actions	Performance Targets & Measures	Funding Source	Responsibility
4.4.1.1 Provide and maintain safe	Inspection of playground facilities	No major accidents and incidents	Revenue	SM
and adequate playground	ensuring safety and convenience for	reported at any playground facilities.		
facilities	all users with the aim for gradual			
	upgrade of playground equipment to	Minimal complaints or negative		
	meet Australian Standards.	feedback delivered to Council in		
		regards to Playground facilities.		
	Establish a Community Playground	Committee established and input	Revenue	SPO
	Committee	used to develop new playground		
		designs.		

COUNCIL STRATEGY

4.4.2 Increase the range of community facilities and maintain those that we have to an appropriate standard

Activities/Services	Actions	Performance Targets & Measures	Funding Source	Responsibility
4.4.2.1 Implement the Ward Oval	Work with government agencies to	Number of funding sources identified	Grants	SPO
Masterplan	attract funding for the project.	and funding attracted.		
4.4.2.2 Undertake Council's	Keep stock of pre-dug graves in	Appropriate number of pre-dug	Revenue	SM
cemetery operations in an	reserve.	graves available.		
appropriate and dignified manner	Develop appropriate Improvement	Implementation of Improvement	Revenue	SM/ RO
	Action Plan to undertake	Action Plan.		
	improvements to the Cemetery.			

		Cemetery Lighting and Security System Project complete.	Grants Revenue	SM
4.4.2.3 To provide quality and readily accessible library services to Cobar and villages	The Library acquires, processes, maintains and lends library materials that are up to date and appropriate.	Minimum of 500 items added to the library collection per quarter.	Grants Revenue	MLS
3		Collection continually weeded – number and value of items weeded reported quarterly.		
		Minimum of 5,000 items circulated per quarter.		
	The Library provides public access to the internet service where possible.	Minimum of 1,500 hours use of library computer per quarter.	Revenue	MLS
		Wireless access provided.		
		IT issues reported promptly to relevant service provider.		
	To ensure that the Library service is utilised by Cobar Shire residents of all	Minimum of 1,500 members.	Revenue	MLS
	ages and community groups.	Minimum of 8,000 visits to the main branch per quarter.		
		Actively promote library services and resources to public and community groups.		
	To ensure that well trained, professional and highly motivated staff are responsible for serving the needs of the community.	Staff receive appropriate training and on-going skills development to ensure adequate library and customer service.	Revenue	MLS
	Offer high quality and relevant library services for five (5) hours per week at both Nymagee and Euabalong.	Village libraries stock updated on a regular basis.	Revenue	MLS

	Participate in State and National events that promote literacy.	Encourage local participation in Summer Reading Club, National Simultaneous Story Time and Library Lovers Day.	Revenue	MLS
4.4.2.4 Maintain all Council land and buildings to an appropriate standard and use them	Prepare Plans of Management for Council's controlled Land.	Plans of Management for Council's controlled Community Land reported to and adopted by Council.	Revenue	LMO
appropriately.	Development of Staff Housing Strategic Plan.	Development and approval of a Staff Housing Strategic Plan.	Revenue	DPES
	Commercial building maintenance.	Maintenance is carried out on time and within budget.	Revenue	DPES
	Maintenance of Buildings Asbestos Register.	Maintain the buildings Asbestos Register.	Revenue	DPES
	Review Buildings Asset Management Plan.	Asset Management Plan updated.	Revenue	DPES
	Refurbishment and preventative maintenance of the Cobar Youth and Fitness Centre and the Great Cobar Heritage Centre.	Works undertaken, condition preserved.	Grants Revenue	DPES

COUN	COUNCIL STRATEGY						
4.4.3	3 Improve recreational facilities at the water reserves						
Counci	Council Activities						
Activit	ies/Services	Actions	Performance Targets & Measures	Funding Source	Responsibility		
recrea ^a	Maintain and improve tional facilities that are ble at the Newey and Old roir reserves	Continue to work with the Newey improvement Committee and implement identified actions where appropriate.	Create an attractive environment for users of the water reserves.	Revenue Grants	SM		

4.4.4 Maintain and expand where necessary, the stormwater and sewer networks

I Allbei	l Activities

Activities/Services	Actions	Performance Targets & Measures	Funding Source	Responsibility
4.4.4.1 Maintain suitable stormwater network including kerb and guttering	Maintenance of CBD and older areas of town, where overland flow is the only means of runoff, annually, including removal of obstructions.	Asset register, valuation and development of asset management plan completed by 30 June annually, as required by AAS27 and Local Government Act.	Revenue	SM
4.4.4.2 Provide, maintain and operate a sewer network and disposal system and treatment	Implement the Sewerage Services Asset Management Plan with 5 year rolling works program.	Sewerage Services Asset Plan implemented.	Sewer Fund	SM
works	Ensure EPA licence completed annually and at a minimal cost.	EPA licence costs kept at a minimum.	Sewer Fund	SM
	Implement Liquid Trade Waste Policy and program.	Liquid Trade Waste Policy implemented.	Sewer Fund	SM
	Implement the Resources for Regions Sewer Upgrade and Expansion Project.	Project Implemented by Grant and Sewer fund deadline.	Sewer Fund Grant	PM
	Implement the Works Program, determined by the Sewer System Audit.	Program of achievement approved within budget.	Sewer Fund	SM

COUNCIL STRATEGY

4.4.5 Maintain and service villages

Activities/Services	Actions	Performance Targets & Measures	Funding Source	Responsibility
4.4.5.1 Maintain and improve	Regularly maintain parks, streets and	Ground maintained at an appropriate	Revenue	SM
village facilities and services	footpaths in all villages.	standard.		

5. Environmental Strategies

COMMUNITY OUTCOME

5.1 Ability to adapt to climate change and benefit from climate change initiatives

COUN	COUNCIL STRATEGY						
5.1.1	Develop an alternative energy industry in Cobar						
Counc	il Activities						
Activit	ies/Services	Actions	Performance Targets & Measures	Funding Source	Responsibility		
goverr develo	Lobby business and need the perment to encourage the perment of an alternative rindustry in Cobar	Monitor opportunities for development of an alternative energy industry in Cobar.	All opportunities recognised and assessed for suitability.	Revenue	GM		
	•	Apply for funding to undertake energy efficiency programs within Council buildings when available.	Apply for funding if available and appropriate to encourage solar energy use and the efficient use of energy within Council buildings.	Revenue	LMO		

COUN	COUNCIL STRATEGY						
5.1.2	.1.2 Develop community leadership on becoming leaders in resource use, reuse and recycling						
Counc	Council Activities						
Activit	ies/Services	Actions	Performance Targets & Measures	Funding Source	Responsibility		
5.1.2.1 Undertake kerbside garbage collection and recycling in Cobar and kerbside garbage collection in		Provide a once weekly domestic waste collection and transportation service for residents located within the waste collection area of Cobar.	No services missed.	Waste Fund	MPES		
the rel	evant villages	Provide service to empty street bins in central business district twice weekly and other street bins and parks once weekly.	All bins in central business district are emptied twice per week and once per week for other street bins and parks.	Waste Fund	MPES		

	Provide a trade waste collection service	All trade waste bins are emptied as	Waste Fund	MPES
	to all customers on a fee for service.	required and in a timely manner.		
	Prepare Waste Services Strategy that	Strategy reported to Council for	Revenue	MPES
	includes Cobar recycling for consultation.	approval and implementation.		
5.1.2.2 Maintain the town and	Carry out surveillance of waste depot	Waste Disposal Depot inspected at	Revenue	MPES
village tips to an acceptable	and access roads to minimise the spread	least twice per week	Waste Fund	
standard	of waste from vehicles and surrounding			
	areas so as to detect unauthorised waste	Reduce level of illegal dumping.		
	disposal and undertake appropriate			
	enforcement action.			
	Provide for the management of the	Waste Disposal Depot is maintained	Waste Fund	MPES
	Cobar Waste Disposal Depot so as to	in accordance with the relevant		
	comply with statutory obligations.	legislation.		
	Provide waste disposal facilities for	All waste is cleaned into trenches at	Waste Fund	MPES
	Nymagee, Mt Hope, Canbelego,	least twice per year.		
	Euabalong and Euabalong West.			
5.1.2.3 Encourage efficient	Promote efficient water use by Shire	Positive results being displayed by the	Water Fund	SM
water use by Shire residents	residents.	community in regards to efficient		
		water use.		

5.2 Well managed public and private land

COUN	COUNCIL STRATEGY						
5.2.1	Develop a grazing industry that is based on managed, not feral, stock to improve pasture management						
Counc	il Activities						
Activit	ies/Services	Actions	Performance Targets & Measures	Funding Source	Responsibility		
indust	L Provide support to ry bodies for improved g management practices	Maintain an awareness of government land management incentives and programs.	Communicate knowledge of incentive and programs to industry bodies and individual graziers during the course	Revenue	LMO		
			of daily Council activities.				

COUN	CIL STRATEGY
5.2.2	Have a planting program for Cobar and villages and encourage the schools and businesses to participate
Counc	ril Activities

Council Activities				
Activities/Services	Actions	Performance Targets & Measures	Funding Source	Responsibility
5.2.2.1 Develop and instigate a	Prepare a program for planting in the	Program created and used correctly	Revenue	SM
planting program	whole Shire utilising correct plant	by all Staff and greenhouse at depot		
	material.	stocked with relevant plant material		
		as so upon acts of vandalism		
		replacement times of materials are		
		short.		

5.2.3 Manage the crown land and commons

Manage the crown land and commons					
Council Activities					
Activities/Services	Actions	Performance Targets & Measures	Funding Source	Responsibility	
5.2.3.1 Provide ranger services to	Implement provisions of the	Promotion of responsible ownership	Revenue	RMBS	
control animals in public places	Companion Animals Act and promote	of dogs and cats by bi-annual press	User Fees and		
and to manage the common	community awareness and	releases.	Charges		
areas and crown land	responsibilities of dog and cat				
	ownership.	Register all released impounded			
		animals.			
		Require all animals, the subject of any			
		complaint to be registered.			
		Reduce number of companion			
		animals found unregistered.			
		Impound companion animals found			
		unattended in public places.			
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		Dog and Cat registration database			
		kept up to date.			
	Impound dogs and cats found on a	Impounding register is maintained	Revenue	RBMS	
	public place and surrendered animals	and kept up to date.	User Fees and		
	and undertake appropriate		Charges		
	enforcement action.		_		
	Operate and maintain a pound for the	Pound is kept clean and well	Revenue	RBMS	
	keeping of seized dogs and cats.	maintained in accordance with	User Fees and		
		industry standards.	Charges	DD146	
	Provide services for the euthanasia of	Euthanasia services provided where	Revenue	RBMS	
	dogs and cats that have been seized	required.	User Fees and		

or surrendered.		Charges	
Provide services for the registration and micro-chipping of dogs and cats.	Registration and micro-chipping services provided.	Revenue User Fees and Charges	RBMS
Carry out monthly patrols of the Common.	Patrols of the Common are carried out monthly.	Revenue	RBMS
Register all stock on Common.	All stock on the Common are registered.	Revenue	RBMS
Impound straying stock.	Respond to straying stock events.	Revenue	RBMS
Maintain pound yards.	Pound yards are maintained and available for use when needed.	Revenue	RBMS

Council Activities

5.2.4 Long term management of noxious weeds

Activities/Services Actions Funding Source Responsibility **Performance Targets & Measures** LMO **5.2.4.1** Monitor noxious weed Continue Implementation of Inspection of: Revenue • 6,500km of roadsides inspected infestations, provide advice, Regional Inspection Plan to meet Grants the inspection targets of roadsides, undertake spraying on public annually; areas and complete appropriate • 37 high risk TSRs; TSRs, water courses etc. • 210km of high risk water courses; reports • 150km of high risk railway corridors; • 1 nurseries; • 5 sale yards; • 1 pet shop (targeting aquatic weeds);

Private property inspections to

manage invasive weeds effectively.

• 1 other identified high risk site.

25 properties (re-inspections);
All landholders provided with relevant extension information.

Inspection of:

• 125 properties;

LMO

Revenue

Grants

Attend toolbox mo	_	coolbox meetings and Reversation materials. Gran		ИО
Prompt containme and ongoing moni incursions of invas	nt or eradication oring of new ve weeds. Requires: Rapid Res if requires: Developm programs accordance Plan; Implement	ponse Plan in place for use Grar	enue LM	ЛО
On-Ground Sprayi prioritised to give benefit.	ng Programs Requires: he greatest Implemen	·		ИО
Public property in manage invasive v	eeds effectively. • 1 Inspecti • 1 Inspecti	on of Council owned land; on of land owned/managed Bodies eg vacant crown		ЛО
Implement a Region Communications S	• 1 Article of local new • 1 Displays	or advertisements placed in Gran		ЛО
Increased particip community group	Maintaini volunteer	ng a database of existing Grars eg Landcare; contact with these groups.		ИО
Develop an introd information pack owners.	or new property • Packs to k	be sent to all new property ithin 12 months of property		ИО

Develop a centralised data set of weed distribution and abundance information.	Information to be sent quarterly.	Revenue Grants	LMO
An increase in the number of weed awareness program run (eg weed warriors).	Encourage use of existing weed awareness programs in local schools.	Revenue Grants	LMO
Improve/Update knowledge of Weeds Inspector.	Attendance at training (competency based) as defined by regional benchmarks.	Revenue Grants	
Implementation of the Mapping, Photo Point and re-inspection program.	 Requires: Mapping of infestations accurately; Use photo points where appropriate; Continue re-inspection program for relevant sites. 	Revenue Grants	LMO

COUN	COUNCIL STRATEGY							
5.2.5	Vibrant and well run natio	Vibrant and well run national parks that are accessible and well used						
Counci	l Activities							
Activit	ies/Services	Actions	Performance Targets & Measures	Funding Source	Responsibility			
govern	Lobby the NSW ment to ensure the local al parks are vibrant and n	Monitoring of services provided for local National Parks.	Liaison undertaken to ensure appropriate services provision.	Revenue	GM			

5.3 Clean air in the community

5.3.1 Manage the externalities of mining and other industries operating close to towns and villages to minimise air pollution

Activities/Services	Actions	Performance Targets & Measures	Funding Source	Responsibility
5.2.5.1 Communicate and	Communicate and complaints or	Identified pollution events reported	Revenue	DPES
complaints or concerns or air	concerns or air pollution to the mines	to the appropriate regulatory		
pollution to the mines and or	and or relevant state regulatory	authority.		
relevant state regulatory	authority			
authority				

Conclusion

The Annual Operational Plan is made up of four documents:

- This Plan, which outlines the actions that Council will undertake during 2015/2016, who is responsible for ensuring the actions are undertaken, the source of funding the action and performance indicators which will allow Council to determine the success of each action and to view progress on its implementation;
- The annual Fees and Charges document, which outlines the fees and charges for the
 use of Council equipment and facilities, charges on Council services, charges such as
 rates, water, sewer and waste and development and regulatory fees;
- The Revenue Policy, which outlines how rates, water, sewer and waste charges are calculated, possible revenue sources for 2015/2016 and Council's pricing policy;
- The Annual Budget, which shows Councils expenditure by line item for 2015/2016.

These four documents all form the Annual Operational Plan for 2015/2016 and should be read together. Council will provide a quarterly report on the implementation of the Plan and a budget review.

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