



COBAR SHIRE COUNCIL

ORDINARY MEETING AGENDA

THURSDAY, 22 OCTOBER 2020

~ ORDER OF BUSINESS ~

Business for the meeting will be as follows:

Message from the Chair:

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1. Apologies
 2. Declaration of Interests
 3. Condolences
 4. Public Access Forum
 - Nil.
 5. Confirmation of Minutes
 - Ordinary Meeting of Council – Thursday, 24 September 2020.
 6. Matters Arising from Minutes
 7. Notice of Motion
 8. Mayoral Report
 9. General Manager's Report – Part A (Action)
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 11. Matters of Urgency
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~ COUNCIL'S VISION ~

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

~ COUNCIL'S MISSION ~

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

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

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

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

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

~ COUNCIL'S CHARTER ~

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

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

NOTICE OF MOTION - COUNCIL TO REINVESTIGATE CARBON FARMING OPPORTUNITIES

FILE: C13-7

Councillor, Peter Yench

ATTACHMENT: YES

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RECOMMENDATION:

That Council investigate opportunities and possibilities for the Cobar region to participate in the Carbon Farming industry as a follow up from our presentation from Louisa Kiely of Carbon Farmers Australia.

Background

I believe there are rewards for a vibrant Cobar and Western Region District from Carbon Farming. A vibrant rural community means a vibrant rural town.

I don't see any difference between assisting our rural farmers, to assisting our tourism industry. Both industries are very important to the Cobar Shire.

Cobar Shire Council is a third tier of government and requests and initiatives coming from Council have more emphasis than individual farmers.

We need to be thinking about our grandchildren and safeguarding our land and world for the future generations.

CLAUSE 1A – MAYORAL REPORT

FILE: C13-1-5

AOP REFERENCE: 3.1

ATTACHMENT: NO

AUTHOR: *Mayor, Lilliane Brady OAM*

Report to be tabled.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council accepts the information contained in the Mayoral Report for the month of October 2020.

CLAUSE 2A – FUNDING DEED FOR THE INTEGRATED WATER CYCLE MANAGEMENT PLAN

FILE: W2-2-1

AOP REFERENCE: 3.3.3.1, 4.3.2.1, 4.1.3.3 & 4.4.4.2

ATTACHMENT: NO

AUTHOR: *Water and Sewer Manager, Victor Papierniak*

Purpose

To obtain approval to affix the Council seal to the Deed of Agreement between Council and the NSW Department of Planning, Industry and Environment for the Safe and Secure Water Program Integrated Water Cycle Management (IWCM) Strategy Co-Funding Program, reference SSWP259.

Background

Strategic planning is critical to the successful development and management of water supply and sewerage infrastructure, as well as the delivery of essential services to water utility customers.

Integrated Water Cycle Management (IWCM) is the integrated management of the water supply, sewerage and stormwater services within a whole-of-catchment strategic framework, having regard to land use and water management planning.

A 30-year IWCM Strategy addresses the complex linkages between elements of the urban water cycle (water supply, sewage and stormwater) and community expectations. This is done within the urban area and between its water related physical and legislative operating environment. This multi-level approach enables cost-effective integration of these urban water systems in consultation with the local community. It identifies infrastructure and non-infrastructure solutions as well as funding strategies and helps develop a long-term stable price path for these services.

Integrated systems often rely less on limited natural water sources, produce less pollutant loads to the environment, have strong pricing signals and demand management measures. They encourage water conservation and efficient water use, enable the implementation of cost-effective recycling of treated effluent and urban stormwater use options and satisfy the water-sensitive urban design and 'liveable cities and towns' objectives.

The 30-year IWCM Strategy ensures that any necessary capital works projects are appropriately sized and is essential for the provision of appropriate, affordable, cost-effective urban water services that meet community needs and protect public health and the environment.

The IWCM Strategy effectively provides an Options Report for any water and sewage treatment works, and recycling projects considered will streamline the subsequent section 60 approvals for future projects. The IWCM Strategy identifies the function, capacity, technology, the capital cost of the project and the required typical residential

bill for each of water supply and sewerage. The subsequent development of the project would therefore continue with concept design and further environmental impact assessment.

The adopted scenario from the final IWCM Strategy defines Cobar Shire Council's water and sewerage 30-year Total Asset Management Plan (TAMP) and includes a 30-year Financial Plan (FP).

Issue

The Cobar Shire Council has been issued with a Safe and Secure Water Program Funding Deed (SSWP259) to undertake an Integrated Water Cycle Management Plan for the Cobar Shire Council and Cobar Water Board. The Funding Deed is to be signed by Department of Planning, Industry and Environment and the Cobar Shire Council by the Mayor and General Manager, under the seal of Council.

On completion of an IWCM strategy that has the department's concurrence, risks and issues identified during the IWCM planning process (which have not been previously identified) may be eligible for funding consideration under Stream 1 of the Safe and Secure Water Program.

The IWCM project is a high-level strategic document that requires expertise in project management, previous IWCM development, total asset management plans (TAMP), financial management plans (FMP), drought management plans (DMP), etc. These documents require an in-depth knowledge of Cobar Shire Council and Cobar Water Board assets and unique needs to ensure success.

Mike Brearley and Associates (MBA) have a wide experience and knowledge in Cobar's specific needs and issues. MBA has completed several strategic documentations for both the Cobar Shire Council and Cobar Water Board to a high quality. During that time, MBA has acquired an in-depth knowledge of the Cobar system and its unique needs.

Due to the specialised nature of the IWCM, MBA was invited to provide a single invited quote to provide the following services for the development of the IWCM:

1. Project management
2. IWCM issues paper
3. Options assessments
4. Final IWCM strategy, including TAMP, FMP, DMP, workshops and community engagement.

The total cost for MBA to provide these services is \$125,800 (ex GST).

A price analysis to ensure that the price charged by MBA is reasonable and customary was undertaken using six (6) other suppliers from vendor panel. It is reasonable to expect that the number of hours required to gather and integrate the information required to develop the IWCM for the Cobar Shire Council and the Cobar Water Board would be on par or exceed the number of hours required in the MBA proposal. MBA resulted in the most competitive rate when compared against

the other senior consultant level rates for the same number of hours. Therefore, it is recommended that the single invited quote for MBA's component of the IWCM be accepted.

Financial Situation

The Cobar Shire Council and Cobar Water Board are eligible for 75% funding to undertake the IWCM with Cobar Shire Council and Cobar Water Board jointly co-contributing the remaining 25%. If the Cobar Shire Council proceeds with this deed, the Cobar Water Board will be expected to contribute to the development of the IWCM.

The total project estimate for the IWCM is \$472,107 (ex GST). This is composed of:

Cost (ex GST)	Recommended Provider	Task
\$125,800	Mike Brearley and Associates	Project management, issues paper, option assessments and development of the final IWCM strategy
\$55,250	TBC	Detailed asset condition assessment and valuation of the sewerage network including camera inspection of gravity mains
\$181,987	Public Works Advisory	Drought and emergency response contingency plan, issues paper, compiling historic data, options assessment and scenario analysis
\$70,400	Urban Water Services	Euabalong, Euabalong West, Nymagee, Mount Hope and Canbelego water supply secure yield analysis
\$38,670	Premise	Recycled water quality management plan and recycled water risk management plan. Section 60 approval pathway including design and costing for any infrastructure required

Council's anticipated contribution of \$59,013.38 (ex GST) is budgeted in the current adopted 2020/21 operating budget.

RECOMMENDATION

- 1. That Council resolve for the Mayor and General Manager to affix Council's seal on the Funding Deed between Cobar Shire Council and the NSW Department of Planning, Industry and Environment for the Integrated Water Cycle Management Plan.**
- 2. That Council engage Mike Brearley and Associates for the project management of the Integrated Water Cycle Management Plan for an estimated total cost of \$125,800 (ex GST).**

CLAUSE 1B – DEVELOPMENT APPROVALS: 19 SEPTEMBER 2020 – 13 OCTOBER 2020

FILE: T5-1

AOP REFERENCE: 1.6.3.1

ATTACHMENT: NO

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

Complying Development Approvals

There were no Complying Development Applications approved under delegated authority for the period 19 September 2020 – 13 October 2020.

The value of Complying Development approvals for 2020/2021 to date is \$0.00.

The value of Complying Development approvals for the similar period in 2019/2020 was **\$0.00**.

Local Development Approvals

The following Local Development Applications were approved under delegated authority for the period 19 September 2020 – 13 October 2020.

CERTIFICATE NO.	ADDRESS	DESCRIPTION	VALUE (\$)
2020/LD-00028	44 Marshall St, Cobar	Massage & Salon	\$19,900
2020/LD-00031	53 Monaghan St, Cobar	Slab & Shed	\$19,600
2020/LD-00032	13 Brough St, Cobar	Slab & Shed	\$19,600
2020/LD-00033	22 Kurrajong Cir, Cobar	Demolition of Existing Structures	\$37,000
2020/LD-00034	11 Denman St, Cobar	Shed	\$15,585
2020/LD-00035	4/8 Cowper St, Cobar	Carport	\$9,000
2020/LD-00030	29 Bradley St, Cobar	Manufactured Home	\$224,415
2020/LD-00026	1-5 Prince St, Cobar	TAFE Connected Learning Centre (Stage 1)	\$4,902,502
2020/LD-00037	2 Broomfield St, Cobar	Colourbond fence	\$3,285
2020/LD-00024	36299 Kidman Way, Cobar	Truck Wash	\$685,000

The value of Local Development approvals for 2020/2021 to date is \$8,612,341.40.

The value of Local Development approvals for the similar period in 2019/2020 was **\$5,521,630.60**.

Construction Certificates

The following Construction Certificates were issued for the period 19 September 2020 – 13 October 2020.

CERTIFICATE NO.	ADDRESS	DESCRIPTION
2020/CB-00014	53 Monaghan St, Cobar	Shed & Slab
2020/CB-00015	13 Brough St, Cobar	Slab & Shed
2020/CB-00017	11 Denman St, Cobar	Shed
2020/CB-00018	4/8 Cowper St, Cobar	Carport

RECOMMENDATION

That the information detailing the Local Development and Construction Certificate approvals for the period 19 September 2020 - 13 October 2020 be received and noted.

CLAUSE 2B – MONTHLY STATUS REPORT

FILE: C13-10

AOP REFERENCE: 3.1

ATTACHMENT: NO

AUTHOR: *General Manager, Peter Vlatko*

COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS 25 SEPTEMBER 2014					
NUMBER	ITEM	RESOLUTION NUMBER	ACTION BY	ACTION REQUIRED	OUTCOME
627	Council – Clause 10A – Adoption of Management Plan for Lot 18 DP213415	188.9.2014	GM	<p>That Council authorise the General Manager to negotiate a lease or licence for an appropriate term and conditions with the Cobar Bowling and Golf Club Ltd.</p> <p>That Council authorise the Mayor and General Manager to sign any lease or licence under the Common Seal of Council.</p>	<p>December 2017 target will not be met.</p> <p>Timeframe to be reviewed.</p> <p>Staff working on this subject to resources available.</p> <p>Discussions commenced with Club Board to resolve the issue, however the matter is on hold until resources are available.</p>

COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS 9 MARCH 2017					
NUMBER	ITEM	RESOLUTION NUMBER	ACTION BY	ACTION REQUIRED	OUTCOME
1007	Council – Clause 7B – Expenditure for Roads Network	59.3.2017	DES	<p>That a Rest Area be built along The Wool Track and that it be named after Duncan Gay.</p>	<p>The Wool Track application was submitted on 31/12/2019 – Rest Area incident in submission.</p> <p>May 2020 funding announcement expected (still awaiting announcement).</p> <p>Advised that the submission is still being considered.</p>

COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS 28 SEPTEMBER 2017

NUMBER	ITEM	RESOLUTION NUMBER	ACTION BY	ACTION REQUIRED	OUTCOME
1092	Council Meeting – Clause 12A – Minutes of Economic Taskforce Meeting	248.9.2017	DFCS	<p>That Council investigate options of providing street signage to locate key facilities, such as the pool, sports facilities and water recreation areas.</p> <p>That Council convene a meeting of major contractors to identify a list of ideas that could be undertaken to improve the efficiency of working across mine sites and reduce the costs of doing business in Cobar. Discuss options for implementing the ideas with the mines in Cobar Shire.</p>	<p>A complete audit of tourism and information signs is partially complete and will form the basis of a ten-year capex and opex submission during the budget talks.</p> <p>No action to date.</p>

COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS 22 MARCH 2018

NUMBER	ITEM	RESOLUTION NUMBER	ACTION BY	ACTION REQUIRED	OUTCOME
1141	Council Meeting – Notice of Motion – Government Incentive Programs for Attracting Health Care Professionals to the Region	46.3.2018	GM	That Council seek an urgent meeting with the Deputy Premier and the Minister for Health to seek a commitment from the NSW Government to establish and provide incentives and programs for the attraction and delivering Doctors, Specialists and other staff to rural communities such as Cobar	<p>Letters sent seeking support. Awaiting response in order to organise the meeting.</p> <p>Letters of support received and forwarded to Ministers Office.</p> <p>Mayor supported the Gwydir Council in providing representation to</p>

				and in particular the Western Area of NSW.	Canberra to raise the issue.
1142	Council Meeting – Notice of Motion – Installation of an Independent Pedestrian Crossing	47.3.2018	GM	That Council write to John Holland Rail, being the entity that maintains the RailCorp assets for Rural NSW, to increase the width to accommodate two vehicles crossing at same time on the level crossing on Bourke Road between Railway Parade South and Railway Parade North and install an independent pedestrian crossing.	Negotiations between John Holland Rail, RMS and Council has commenced. RMS have provided funding for the approaches – Council now seeking John Holland to contribute to the installation of pedestrian crossings. RMS being consulted to provide funding for the project. Matter raised again with RMS to seek funding given Council's commitment to provide footpath linkages.

COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS 28 JUNE 2018

NUMBER	ITEM	RESOLUTION NUMBER	ACTION BY	ACTION REQUIRED	OUTCOME
1180	Council Meeting – Notice of Motion – Arid Research Centre	140.6.2018	GM	That a submission be made to the Prime Minister of Australia and the Premier of NSW seeking their support and consideration of establishing an Arid Research Centre in Cobar for the Far Western NSW. That a letter and submission be made to the National Farmers Association that a letter of support be sought.	Submission being prepared when resources available.

COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS 28 FEBRUARY 2019

NUMBER	ITEM	RESOLUTION NUMBER	ACTION BY	ACTION REQUIRED	OUTCOME
1269	Council Meeting - Clause 13A – Raw Water Supply to Dalton Park Horse Complex	25.2.2019	GO	That Council resolve to seek grant funding for \$202,140 for the extension of a raw water pipeline to the Dalton Park Racecourse as outlined in Option 3 of the attached report.	Grant funding to be applied for. As yet, no suitable funding has become available.

COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS 24 APRIL 2019

NUMBER	ITEM	RESOLUTION NUMBER	ACTION BY	ACTION REQUIRED	OUTCOME
1277	Council Meeting – Notice of Motion – Fringe Benefits Tax (FBT) Including Living Away From Home Allowance Exempted for Remote Mining Community such as Cobar	63.4.2019	GM	<p>That Cobar Shire Council lobby both the Federal Government and the Association of Mining Related Councils to have Fringe Benefits Tax (FBT) including Living Away From Home Allowance exempted for remote mining communities such as Cobar.</p> <p>That Council have discussions about a percentage of miners and those who are working on specific projects who should legally be required to live in town, to be held with the State Government.</p>	Submission being prepared and discussions held with local mines.

COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS 27 JUNE 2019

NUMBER	ITEM	RESOLUTION NUMBER	ACTION BY	ACTION REQUIRED	OUTCOME
1299	Council Meeting – Clause 10A – Allocation Forecast and Ramifications	122.6.2019	WSM	Investigate the costs associated with purchasing raw water from upstream users.	An application to NRAR has been submitted on 29 th June 2020, requesting an increase of 1,300ML of allocation per year. The application is currently being assessed.

COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS 25 JULY 2019

NUMBER	ITEM	RESOLUTION NUMBER	ACTION BY	ACTION REQUIRED	OUTCOME
1304	Council Meeting – Notice of Motion – Supermarkets Dispensing Pharmaceuticals	142.7.2019	GM	That Local Government NSW be requested to seek to lobby both State and Federal Governments to maintain the status quo and refuse access of pharmaceutical products being sold through supermarkets.	No action to date.

COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS COUNCIL MEETING 13 DECEMBER 2019

NUMBER	ITEM	RESOLUTION NUMBER	ACTION BY	ACTION REQUIRED	OUTCOME
1345	Council Meeting – Clause 3A – Local Traffic Committee	267.12.2019	ADES	That Council resolve to adopt the following recommendations from the Local Traffic Committee: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ That Council write to RMS to change the pedestrian crossing at Cobar Public School to a children’s crossing during school times only; 	Concurrence received from Public School that pedestrian crossing on Blakey Street should be a children’s crossing during School times only.

				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> That Council in partnership with RMS investigate implementing a 40km/h High Pedestrian Activity Area (HPAA) in the CBD area of Cobar on Marshall Street. 	Letter to RMS sent for approval.
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COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS ADJOURNED COUNCIL MEETING 26 MARCH 2020 HELD ON 9 APRIL 2020

NUMBER	ITEM	RESOLUTION NUMBER	ACTION BY	ACTION REQUIRED	OUTCOME
1367	Council Meeting – Committee of the Whole Closed Council – Clause 1C – Section 713 – Sale of Land at Auction	59.3.2020 13COW.3.2020	OC	<p>That Council offer the land in the first instance to the adjoining owners at a price which is sufficient to cover the legal costs.</p> <p>That should the adjoining owners decline the offer, the General Manager and Mayor be authorised to sell them.</p> <p>That the details remain within the Committee of the Whole Closed Council until all parcels of land are sold.</p>	<p>Letters will be sent to adjoining owners to see if they wish to purchase the unsold items from Sale of Land Auction.</p> <p>Contracts have been sent for Shuttleton blocks and 24 Balowra Rd, Nymagee.</p> <p>Lot 12 Central Rd Mount Hope is due to settle next week.</p>

COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 23 APRIL 2020

NUMBER	ITEM	RESOLUTION NUMBER	ACTION BY	ACTION REQUIRED	OUTCOME
1369	Council Meeting – Clause 6B – Local Traffic Committee	70.4.2020	GM	That Council resolve to adopt the following recommendations from the Local Traffic Committee:	

	Minutes			<p>That Council adopt the recommendation from the Local Traffic Committee requesting that parking between Khans Supermarket in Linsley Street and to the Corner of Linsley Street and Marshall Street be changed from rear to kerb parking to parallel parking;</p> <p>That Council adopt the recommendation from the Local Traffic Committee to investigate three potential sites for a disabled parking spaces at the Western end of Marshall Street.</p>	<p>Work to be undertaken by end of November 2020.</p> <p>Investigations to be undertaken, action has also been listed as an action item in the Disability Inclusion Action Plan 2020-2024.</p> <p>Report to the December 2020 Council Meeting.</p>
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COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 28 MAY 2020

NUMBER	ITEM	RESOLUTION NUMBER	ACTION BY	ACTION REQUIRED	OUTCOME
1375	Council Meeting – Clause 6A – Council’s Annual Operational Plan, Budget, Fees and Charges and Revenue Policy	89.5.2020	DFCS	<p>That Council seek assistance from the Federal Government to be allocated ten new bed licenses immediately for the Lilliane Brady Village.</p> <p>That Council seek the NSW Government to provide ‘top up’ income to cover the holding costs of the extensions to the Lilliane Brady Village of approximately \$200,000 per annum from hand over date until ten new bed licenses are issued.</p>	<p>Submission in progress – no outcome advised but talks so far have been positive.</p> <p>Letter requesting assistance signed by Mayor and GM was sent on day of building handover hand over. It is to followed up at month end but will probably not be an easy project. It possibly has been made more difficult by the sudden long leave taken by the CEO of ‘Western Health’.</p>

COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 27 AUGUST 2020

NUMBER	ITEM	RESOLUTION NUMBER	ACTION BY	ACTION REQUIRED	OUTCOME
1400	Council Meeting – Clause 4A – Landfill Site Rehabilitation	161.8.2020	DPES	That Council introduce the liability for Landfill rehabilitation into the audited accounts at 30 June 2022 when enough information is available.	Noted – for future action.

COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 24 SEPTEMBER 2020

NUMBER	ITEM	RESOLUTION NUMBER	ACTION BY	ACTION REQUIRED	OUTCOME
1404	Council Meeting – Clause 1A – Election of Mayor and Deputy Mayor	177.9.2020	GM	<p>That the General Manager be appointed as the Returning Officer for the purpose of electing the Mayor and Deputy Mayor.</p> <p>That the period of appointment of the Deputy Mayor be consistent with the period of the appointment of Mayor, being one (1) year and those appointed will hold the position until the General Election on 4 September 2021.</p> <p>In the event of more than one (1) nomination that Council conduct the election of the Mayor and Deputy Mayor by ordinary ballot and in accordance with the Local Government (General) Regulations 2005.</p>	Election undertaken – No further action required.

				That following the election the ballot papers used in the election of the Mayor be destroyed.	
1405	Council Meeting – Clause 3A – Meeting Dates and Times	181.9.2020	GM	That the Ordinary Meetings of Council be held in the Council Chambers commencing at 5pm on the fourth Thursday of each month except for the December meeting which is to be held on the second Thursday of the month to stay clear of the Christmas period and January where no meeting is held.	Meeting dates set – No further action required.
1406	Council Meeting – Clause 4A – 2019/2020 Annual Report	182.9.2020	GM	That the information contained in the 2019/2020 Annual Report be received and noted. That Council endorses the 2019/2020 Annual Report. That a copy of Council's Annual Report be provided to the Minister and such other persons and bodies as the regulations may require.	Adopted – No further action required.
1407	Council Meeting – Clause 7A – Pensioners Rate Rebate 2020/2021 – Claim 137	185.9.2020	OC	That Council writes off rates in respect of eligible pensioners in the sum of \$105,346.91 as detailed in the summary listed below, subject to Council's Auditor's approval: As Tabled. That Council apply for a subsidy of \$57,940.80 summarised below and	Rates written off and subsidy applied for – No further action required.

				<p>further that Council undertake that in the event of a subsidy not being paid to Council in respect of the rates written off, then Council will not subsequently take proceedings for recovery thereof:</p> <p>As Tabled.</p>	
1408	Council Meeting – Clause 5B – Meeting Minutes	190.9.2020	EA – GM/ Mayor	<p>That the Minutes of the Rural Roads Advisory Committee, General Manager’s Performance Appraisal and Local Traffic Committee and their Status Reports be received and noted.</p> <p>That the General Manager’s Performance Appraisal be adopted.</p> <p>That following recommendations from the Rural Roads Advisory Committee be adopted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) That Council investigate and action raising sections of the Fifty Two Mile Road that isolated Tilpa from the end of February through to July after a recent rain event. b) That Council strongly consider securing funding to strategically sink bores to be utilised for road works as soon as possible. 	<p>Minutes received and noted – No further action required.</p> <p>Adopted – No further action required.</p> <p>Recommendations adopted – No further action required.</p>

				<p>That following recommendations from the Local Traffic Committee be adopted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Council to install no stopping signs along section of Woodiwiss Avenue directly in front of Hospital. Enforcement required. b) Council to arrange installation of reflectors to kerb to raise driver awareness of kerb height when entering supermarket driveway on Linsley Street. 	Recommendations adopted – No further action required.
1409	Council Meeting – Committee of the Whole Closed Council – Clause 1C – Call for Expressions of Interest for Building Upgrades to the Cobar Youth and Fitness Centre (T3-20-10)	198.9.2020 37COW.9.2020	PC	<p>The following companies who supplied submissions that meet the evaluation criteria are invited to Tender for the upgrades at the Cobar Youth and Fitness Centre:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. North Construction and Building (Dubbo, NSW); 2. Stanaway Pty Ltd TA David Payne Constructions (Dubbo, NSW); 3. J. Hutchinson Pty Ltd TA Hutchinson Builders (Coolangatta, QLD); 4. CD Commercial Projects Pty Ltd TA CD Construction Group (Botany, NSW); 5. Cynend Building and 	Companies invited to Tender – further report to be provided to December Council Meeting – No further action required.

				Construction (Cobar, NSW); 6. Maas Constructions Pty Ltd (Dubbo, NSW).	
1410	Council Meeting – Committee of the Whole Closed Council – Clause 2C – Cobar Heritage Centre Stage 1 Tender	198.9.2020 38COW.9.2020	PC	That the preferred tender by David Payne Constructions, for the tender amount of \$1,804,987.05 (exclusive of GST) be awarded and the Mayor and General Manager be authorised to sign the contract.	Tender awarded – No further action required.

RECOMMENDATION

That the information contained in the monthly status report be received and noted, with the following items to be removed: 1404, 1405, 1406, 1407, 1408, 1409 and 1410.

CLAUSE 3B – INVESTMENT REPORT AS AT 30 SEPTEMBER 2020**FILE: B2-7****AOP REFERENCE: 3.1.1.7****ATTACHMENT: NO****AUTHOR: *Financial Accountant, Sandra Davey*****Purpose**

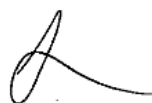
Section 625 of the Local Government Act 1993 and Clause 212 of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2005 and the Council's Investment Policy require Council's investments to be reported to the Council on a monthly basis.

Issues

The table below shows the balances of Council's Investments as at the end of September 2020. Term deposits have differing terms to spread the maturity dates throughout the year. The amount restricted in the Audited Financial Report for Employee Leave Entitlements is \$444,000.

Investments for October	Rate	Bank	Opening Balance	Transfers to Investment	Transfers from Investment	Interest Earned	Closing Balance
NAB Sweep Acct		NAB	\$ 7,216,321	\$ 2,239,456	\$4,917,736	\$ 1,086	\$ 4,539,127
May-21	0.73%	NAB	-\$ 0	\$ 2,000,000		\$ 920	\$ 2,000,920
Feb-21	0.80%	AMP	\$ 2,001,184			\$ 1,316	\$ 2,002,499
Dec-20	0.85%	NAB	\$ 2,002,516			\$ 1,399	\$ 2,003,915
Feb-21	0.80%	Auswide	\$ 2,000,833			\$ 1,316	\$ 2,002,149
May-21	0.80%	Auswide	\$ 2,000,307			\$ 1,315	\$ 2,001,622
Nov-20	1.15%	ME	\$ 3,009,083			\$ 2,844	\$ 3,011,928
Nov-20	1.25%	ME	\$ 2,007,064			\$ 2,062	\$ 2,009,126
Dec-20	0.90%	NAB	\$ 1,001,884			\$ 734	\$ 1,002,618
Feb-21	1.20%	AMP	\$ 1,002,052			\$ 978	\$ 1,003,030
May-21	0.80%	AMP	\$ 1,000,307			\$ 658	\$ 1,000,965
Feb-21	1.20%	AMP	\$ 1,002,072			\$ 988	\$ 1,003,060
TOTALS	Average Int	0.95%	\$24,243,622	\$4,239,456	\$4,917,736	\$15,616	\$23,580,958

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



Financial Accountant**RECOMMENDATION**

That Council receive and note the Investment Report as at 30 September 2020.

CLAUSE 4B – BANK RECONCILIATION, CASH FLOW & LOAN FACILITY SUMMARIES AS AT 30 SEPTEMBER 2020

FILE: B2-7

AOP REFERENCE: 3.1.1.5

ATTACHMENT: NO

AUTHOR: *Financial Accountant, Sandra Davey*

Purpose

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

Issues

Bank Reconciliation

Balance as per Bank Statement	10,000
Add Outstanding Deposits & Receipting	10,190
Less Unpresented Cheques	(-)
Reconciled Balance	20,190

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



Financial Accountant

Monthly Total Funds Available for the Last 12 Months

Month	Investment Balances	Operating Account	Total Available Funds
Oct 19	22,180,056	10,983	22,191,039
Nov 19	23,339,553	30,254	23,369,807
Dec 19	22,492,655	12,535	22,505,190
Jan 20	22,939,191	(21,346)	22,917,845
Feb 20	23,778,444	13,581	23,792,025
Mar 20	21,487,630	11,329	21,498,959
Apr 20	19,267,134	(5,826)	19,261,308
May 20	21,929,833	11,299	21,941,132
June 20	22,854,604	12,152	22,866,756
July 20	22,184,482	11,745	22,196,227
Aug 20	24,243,622	10,745	24,254,367
Sep 20	23,580,958	20,190	23,601,148

The amount restricted in the Audited Financial Report for Employee Leave Entitlements is \$444,000.

Cash Flow

Current Month		Description	Forecast
Forecast	Actual		Next Month
10,745	10,745	Bank Balance Forward	20,190
150,000	0	FAG / R2R / RMCC	150,000
14,637	15,506	RMS Agency	15,506
450,000	880,593	Rates /Water/User Charges	450,000
150,000	168,945	Private Works/Debtors	150,000
200,000	179,984	LBV – Residents Fees & Subsidies	200,000
50,000	34,220	Child Care/In Home Care (Net)	50,000
500,000	678,280	Net Movement of Investments	500,000
500,000	1,173,672	Sundry Income & Grants	500,000
		<i>Less</i>	
(3,000,000)	(2,364,484)	Creditors	(3,000,000)
(820,000)	(797,651)	Wages / Salaries	(820,000)
10,000	20,190	Bank Reconciliation Cr/(Dr)	10,000

Loan Facility Report as at 30 September 2020

Swimming Pool and Street Upgrade Loan (6.22%) <i>Principal and Interest = \$22,265</i>	(766,122.04)
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RECOMMENDATION

That Council receive and note the Bank Reconciliation, Monthly Total Funds Available, Cash Flow and Loan Facility Report as at 30 September 2020.

CLAUSE 5B – PURCHASING ANALYSIS OF CONTRACTORS

FILE: T3-15-6

AOP REFERENCE: 3.3.4

ATTACHMENT: NO

AUTHOR: *Financial Accountant, Sandra Davey*

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to provide information on the for works let over \$80,000 inclusive of GST.

Background

Throughout the year Council uses various contractors for the supply of plant and equipment and trades and miscellaneous services for many of Council's activities.

These Contractors and Suppliers are engaged by quotations for small projects and tenders for larger projects following Councils Procurement Policy.

Council has requested that a report be provided for works let over \$80,000 inclusive of GST.

The table below indicates the contractors and suppliers that were engaged for services over \$80,000 inclusive of GST for the period 1 June 2020 – 30 September 2020 and the method of procurement used:

Contractor	Description of Works and Method of Procurement	Current Month	2020/2021
Killard Infrastructure	Reticulation (Tender)	871,237	1,483,966
Crushrite	Gravel Crushing (Tender)	340,283	585,077
Central Darling Shire Council	Road Works	99,716	267,936
Country Mile Constructions	Girl Guide Hall (Tender)	155,172	249,872
Country Wide Asphalt Pty Ltd	Road Works	0	197,716
JR May Earthmoving	Plant Hire (Tender)	192,984	192,984
Urquhart Haulage Contractors	Haulage (Tender)	0	160,825
Inland Petroleum	Fuel (Tender)	17,252	113,818
Rollers Australia	Plant Hire (Tender)	108,840	108,840
JN Harbison	Plant Hire (Tender)	10,403	100,950
Broughton Contracting	Plant Hire (Tender)	82,979	82,979
Department of Regional NSW	Government Consulting Services	1,346	134,776

RECOMMENDATION

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

CLAUSE 6B – ENGINEERING WORKS REPORT

FILE: C6-20-2

AOP REFERENCE: 4.3.2

ATTACHMENT: NO

AUTHOR: *General Manager, Peter Vlatko*

Purpose

To inform Council of completed and ongoing Engineering Works for the period of September 2020.

Background

State Highways

Maintenance Work

- Sign and guidepost replacement work as required – **ongoing**;
- Pothole repairs – **ongoing**.

Urban Roads/Shire Roads/Regional Roads

Maintenance Work

- Flood damage works on SR7, SR12, SR46, SR10 and SR18;
- The April 2020 flood damage repairs are ongoing under Immediate Reconstruction Works;
- Clearing fire breaks around Cobar, Euabalong, Nymagee and Mt Hope;
- A schedule of works for flood damage repairs is now included in the Expenditure for Roads Network attachments.

Construction Work

- Buildup of low areas prone to flooding on Fifty Two Mile Road;
- 5km seal extension on MR416 (The Wool Track);
- 5km seal on MR7518 (Fifty Two Mile Rd);
- Crushing gravel at Narunga;
- Winning gravel on Merri Road.

Water and Sewer

Maintenance Work

- Hydrant inspection and minor maintenance completed. Identified defects currently being rectified;
- Sewer manhole inspection program commenced. Including: condition assessment, painting, cleaning, pest control and repair – **ongoing**;

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- Pest control within sewer reticulation network being carried out where necessary – **ongoing**;
 - Repairs are being undertaken to the Sewer Treatment Plant embankment – **ongoing**;
 - A chlorine installation audit and identified remedial works are being undertaken – **ongoing**;
 - Audit of high-risk trees that may cause significant damage to water mains and sewer lines is being undertaken.

Water Operations

- The Water Treatment Plant is producing approximately 1.7 ML per day. Water restrictions were completely lifted on 1 June 2020. Burrendong Dam level is at 46.4%.

Parks & Gardens:

- Interviews for 2 vacant roles have been completed and applicants are continuing on with medicals;
- Works at Inland Petroleum corner are continuing when possible. Redesign of crossings in area has been conceptualised with traffic committee;
- Replanting of ground cover has been completed in the main street;
- North/West corner of Drummond Park water system and turf has been installed. Barrier will be removed once turf is bedded properly;
- Ward Oval has been aerated and looking good. Old concrete pits are being removed;
- Heritage Park requires irrigation system to be replaced; with works to proceed on the Miners Memorial.

Waste Disposal Depot:

- Most of the waste being dropped off by the public is not being sorted or dropped in the correct waste section. There is a lot of metal in the general waste section and contaminants in the green waste. Ongoing issue.

Electrical:

- Two roles vacant. Electrical Supervisor/Electrical Tradesperson positions to be re-advertised at later date;
- New National Metering Identifier (NMI) allocated for electrical connection to the Depot rear compound for water pump, Truck Wash, emulsion tank. Public works have advised it will be 8 months until we have power.

Workshop (Mobile Fleet Maintenance):

- 2 roles vacant;
- New vehicle received for Roads Works Manager;
- New vehicle for newly recruited Director of Engineering ordered;
- New fuel truck chassis delivery has been revised to mid-October.

Depot Works:

- Truck Wash:
 - Components are on site;
 - Site has been cleared;
 - Roadworks to commence as team becomes available;
 - Pipe for water supply and sewer pump being installed;
 - Timeline has been pushed back and now looking at December before commissioning with generator. May be early 2021 depending on availability of roads crew;
 - Mains power will not be available until mid-2021.

- Emulsion Unit:
 - Tank is on site;
 - Civil Design to be finalised;
 - Roads team have started clearing and leveling of compound;
 - As per the Truck Wash, electrical supply will come from the new NMI/metering point and distribution board. Public Works is stating it will be 8 months until we have power.

Airport:

- Audit completed with report pending;
- Informed of new legislation coming in December regarding airport security categories changing from 7 to 4 categories in which assessment criteria indicates we would become an unmanaged airport;
- Main runway cracking was inspected. Advised that it should be resurfaced before damage occurs to structural layer below. Suggested a roller be used once or twice a month on the runway;
- Auxiliary run cracking was inspected. Advised that it may be salvageable with rolling;
- Install of watering system complete and roses planted.

RECOMMENDATION

That the information contained in the Engineering Works Report detailing maintenance on Shire and Regional Roads, State Highways, Water Sewer Mains, Resources for Regions Projects and other Major Grant Works be received and noted.

CLAUSE 7B – EXPENDITURE FOR ROADS NETWORK

FILE: R5-31

AOP REFERENCE: 4.3.2

ATTACHMENT: YES

(PAGE 50-58)

AUTHOR: *General Manager, Peter Vlatko*

Purpose

To provide Council with financial information on the expenditure on Council's Local and Regional Roads.

Background

A report detailing the Expenditure on Capital/R2R (orange), Council's Shire Local Roads (blue), Regional Roads Network (green) and Flood Damage Repairs (grey) is provided as an attachment to this agenda for Council's information.

RECOMMENDATION

That the information detailing the Expenditure for Council's Roads Network be received and noted.

CLAUSE 8B – UPDATE ON INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECT FINANCES**FILE: G4-29 AOP REFERENCE: 4.1.3.3 & 4.4.4.2 ATTACHMENT: NO****AUTHOR: *Water and Sewer Manager, Victor Papierniak*****Purpose**

To provide Council with an update on the infrastructure project budgets and expenditure as at 30 September 2020.

Background

Cobar Shire Council was successful in obtaining funding for three projects through the Resources for Regions Restart NSW provided by the NSW State Government. One project has been completed with two ongoing projects. Council also obtained Restart NSW Funding through the Safe and Secure Water Program.

Financial Implications

Projects	Restart NSW Funding	Cobar Shire Council Funding	Expended as at 30 September 2020	Project Status
Water Treatment Plant (WTP)	\$15,750,000	\$200,000	\$12,570,674	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) ordered more comprehensive testing to be undertaken on the soil in late 2019. LCW have provided the result of the testing in February 2020. The results are non-compliant against the Excavated Natural Material Order 2014. EPA's legal team is currently drafting a clean-up notice and it is expected to be released in October;- Several defects have been identified as part of the defect's liability period, Public Works Advisory and LCW are in discussion regarding the rectification of defects;- Construction of the road to the WTP is anticipated to be completed in January 2021 subject to

				<p>the EPA's clean up notice;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The WTP was officially opened by the Deputy Premier and Mayor 2 October 2019.
<p>Sewerage Scheme Refurbishments Expansion and upgrade</p>	\$2,100,000	\$500,000	\$736,336.00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Ward Oval Pump Station refurbishment and Lagoon upgrade have been completed; - Application to change scope of works to include upgrade of all sewer pump stations and pre-treatment screening for sewer influent has been approved; - Tender awarded to Precision Civil. Procurement for project is currently underway with Contractor on-site undertaking works. Completion date expected to be delayed from December 2020 to February 2021.
<p>Water Mains Cleaning and Replacement and Water Storage Refurbishment Project</p>	\$6,900,000	\$0	\$4,487,861.00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Killard Infrastructure Pty Ltd have been awarded the reticulation project. Killard have commenced work and expected to be completed in December 2020; - The Reservoir Roof Replacement project has proceeded to tender. Tender expected to be awarded in October 2020.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receive and note the updated financial information for the three Restart NSW Resources for Regions infrastructure projects.

CLAUSE 9B – GRANT FUNDING**FILE: G4-17****AOP REFERENCE: 3.1.1.3****ATTACHMENT: NO****AUTHOR: Grants Officer, Brytt Moore****Grant Update****Council Grants**

Grant and Department	Activity	Amount Applied For	Status	Council Funding Required	Deadline for project, comment
Grants Applied for					
Transport NSW	Construction of two new bus shelters: 1. Cobar High School – Mopone Street; 2. Cobar TAFE – Bathurst Street.	Total applied for - \$44,000	Pending	No co-contribution.	No forecasted outcome dates.
NSW Government – Transport for NSW, Fixing Local Roads	SR26 – completion of sealing Wilga Downs Road – 13.8km.	\$2,685,225	Pending	\$300,000	Council were notified that Pulpulla Road was successful – this was in the same round as this application however, as yet, Council have not been notified of this applications status.
Fixing Country Roads – (Tranche 2)	The Wool Track	\$51,362,500	Pending	\$1,500,000 Cobar Shire Council over three years. \$600,000 Central Darling Shire over three years.	Total project \$53,462,500 – outcome anticipated May 2020 (however Tranche 1 announcement was delayed; this may impact Tranche 2’s announcement). Contact has been made, the Outcomes have been decided and Councils are being advised

					that the Minister may make an announcement in the coming months.
Active Transport	Construction of Bathurst Street footpath – from the Caravan Park corner to Cobar TAFE.	\$166,057	Pending	\$60,000 from Council's footpath budget to be contributed if successful.	Outcome anticipated November 2020.
Active Transport	Construction of pedestrian refuge at the intersection of Maidens and Blakey Street.	\$52,924	Pending	\$10,000 from Council's footpath budget to be contributed if successful.	Outcome anticipated November 2020.
Showgrounds Stimulus Funding	Seal carpark, electrical upgrades in stabling area, demolish existing stables and install 90 new (compliant) stables.	\$668,314.20	Pending	Nil for this application.	Outcome expected November 2020.
Community Building Partnerships	Refurbishment of soft fall in the Splash Park area of Cobar Memorial Swimming Pool	\$8,119	Pending	Matching co-contribution required of \$8,119.	Outcome expected November 2020.
Crown Lands	To undertake demolition of unsafe structures on various Crown Land Reserves managed by Council.	\$10,617.00	Pending	Nil for this application.	Outcome expected November 2020.
Resources for Regions	Stage 1 – existing industrial estate, including roads and storm water upgrades.	\$1,375,921.00	Pending	\$134,423.50*	Cobar Shire Council has been allocated \$4,425,921 through the Resources for Regions funding stream. Application process still required. Anticipate outcome November 2020. * subject to tender results.
Resources for Regions	Water reticulation upgrade – stage 2	\$3,000,000.00	Pending	\$26,100.00 *	Cobar Shire Council has been allocated \$4,425,921 through the Resources for Regions funding stream. Application process still

					required. Anticipate outcome November 2020. * Already in current budget
Resources for Regions	Business Case study – Cobar Memorial Swimming Pool	\$50,000	Pending	Nil	Cobar Shire Council has been allocated \$4,425,921 through the Resources for Regions funding stream. Application process still required. Anticipate outcome November 2020.
Covid Safe Australia Day	Additional support to ensure a COVID safe event can be held for Australia Day.	\$20,000	Pending	Nil	Funding was available for additional resources to ensure a COVID safe Australia Day event can take place, application was submitted eligible items.

Community Assisted Grants

Grant and Department	Activity	Amount Applied For	Status	Council Funding Required	Comment
Grants Announced					
Tackling Tough Times Together	Council assisted the Cobar Girl Guides to apply for a grant through the TTTT scheme to hopefully gain funding for landscaping, fencing and other works not included in the current Girl Guides Hall upgrades.	\$33,236,36	Pending	Nil	Outcome expected December 2020.

Grant Outcomes

Grant and Department	Activity	Amount Applied For	Status	Council Funding Required	Comment
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Grants Announced					
Growing Local Economies Fund	Design and costing of new Industrial Estate for Cobar.	\$150,000	Successful	Nil	Monies allocated to develop a design and costing for the proposed new Industrial Estate.
Regional Arts NSW – CASP	Crafting Cobar Workshops – celebrating 150 years of our town.	\$5,000	Successful	In-kind \$2,280 for volunteers and venue.	Notified of successful application on 2 December 2019. We have been granted an extension due to COVID-19.
Regional Arts NSW – CASP	Metal Smithing in a Mining Town workshop.	\$1,990	Successful	In-kind \$1,880 for volunteers and venue.	Notified of successful application on 2 December 2019. We have been granted an extension due to COVID-19.
Australia Day Branding	Purchase of approved Australia Day Branded items	\$1000	Successful	Nil	This grant had an extremely quick turnaround, applied for on 9 October 2020 and notified of its success on 13 October 2020. Agreement executed. Once funding is received, we will purchase approved items for Australia Day.
Local Government Authorities Arts and Cultural Funding	Continued Museum Upgrades	\$426,414.00	Unsuccessful	Nil for this application.	Delayed due to COVID-19, outcome expected in November 2020.

Current Grant Opportunities:

- **Festivals Australia** - Festivals Australia provides funding to support one-off community events, such as a town's centenary celebration or opening of a major new community resource. Applications close 16 October 2020.
- **Everyone Can Play 2020-21 Grant (Round 3)** - In the 2020-21 round, as with previous grant rounds, \$4 million of grant funding will be open to applications from all NSW LGAs. This funding will be available to councils across NSW via a competitive grant process where councils will be required to match the funding granted on a dollar for dollar basis. Funding is available for the following projects - Inclusive Playspace - **Upgrades** (up to \$75,000 per project), Inclusive Playspace - **New** (up to \$300,000 per project). Applications Close on 3 November 2020.

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- **Remote Airstrip Upgrades** - Applications for Round 8 of the Remote Airstrip Upgrade Program have opened as part of the Morrison-McCormack Government's commitment to enhancing the safety and accessibility of airstrips in remote areas of Australia. The Government has worked with industry to change guidelines so that small local government projects of \$150,000 or less can now seek funding for 100 per cent of eligible project costs, helping to deliver critical airstrip upgrades at a time it is needed most. Alternatively, existing aerodromes in remote or very remote areas of Australia can apply for a grant of between \$150,000 and \$500,000 (however, this would require a 50% co-contribution), with \$7 million available in total. Applications close on 12 November 2020.
 - We have received an informal notice from our local Federal Member Hon Marc Coulton that we have received \$846,000.00 as part of the stimulus package through the Local Roads and Community Infrastructure (LRCI) Program. Formal advice is yet to be received.

Grant Funded Projects – Implementation

The following is a summary of works in progress for grant funded projects:

- **RCF Rd 1 Museum project** – The contract for the upgrades works has been awarded to David Payne Construction. Works are expected to commence on site on the 26 October. Project expected to be completed by June 30, 2021.
- **Heritage Near Me** – Museum accessibility project – being incorporated into above. Construction of the ramp has commenced and will be completed by 19 October 2020.
- **RCF Rd 2 Exhibition Upgrade** – as above for RCF Rd 1.
- **North West JO Tourism Fund** – as above for RCF Rd 1 and RCF Rd 2 Exhibition Upgrade.
- **Miners Memorial** – Works on site have commenced for the Miners Memorial. On target to be completed by end March 2021.
- **Stronger Country Communities Funding (SCCF) – Toilet Project** – Drummond Park Toilet installed. Shade structure still to be installed overhead.
- **SCCF – Girl Guides Hall** – Renovation of existing house at 9 Maidens Ave. Work commenced. On target to be completed by end December 2020.
- **SCCF – Youthie Upgrade** – DA has been lodged, and construction documents currently being developed. EOI for building works has closed and tender documents are to be released soon. The project is progressing
- **Growing Local Economies Fund & Building Better Regions Fund - Ward Oval Community Hub and Early Learning Precinct** – Architectural plans have been developed (for Ward Oval) and further expanded after community session and with the feedback received from the users. Council has provided further feedback on these plans and they are yet to be finalised. The successful BBRF grant for the Early

Learning Centre will now mean that the Ward Oval project will work collaboratively with the development of the ‘Ward Oval Community Hub including an Early Learning Precinct’ moving forward and likely go to tender as one package.

- **Museums and Galleries of NSW – Museum Advisor Program** – A qualified Curator for a 1-year duration will provide professional guidance and curatorial advice – for new exhibitions. Successful applicant appointed. Lynn has visited several times but due to COVID-19, is working with Council remotely.
- **Nymagee community toilets** – Location has been confirmed after extensive communications with the Nymagee community. Quotes were submitted, Council has sought an extension for this project and are awaiting to hear if it is successful or not.
- **Basketball After Dark – National Ice Action Strategy** – Through the Local Drug and Action Team (LDAT) this program aims to have youth off the street after dark. Program started on 24 January 2020, running each fortnight, Friday nights from 9pm – 12pm. For 12yrs and older. Very well attended. Currently on hold, to recommence for remainder weeks after COVID-19.
- **Drought Communities – Extension – Round 2 – \$1 million projects** – Funding deed has been signed and the scoping of approved projects has commenced.
- **BBRF – Community Investment Stream** – Inception Meeting and Project Planning completed Aug 19th. Data identification and Initial stakeholder introduction meetings 10-11 September (including the initial project intro to Councillor Workshop). Data collation and analysis in progress, with ongoing stakeholder communication taking place over the past month, including the local schools, local mining companies, local business association, and local sporting and community groups. A community survey will be released on 12 October 20 and will run until the 30 October 20. Stakeholder and community sessions planned for the week 16-20 November 20.
- **Combatting Social Isolation for Seniors** – Reach out to isolated seniors via outreach phone calls, delivery of books and craft. Cobar Shire & TAFE Library are delivering this project, commencing the phone calls component of the funding from Monday, 17 August 2020 between 11:00am–1:00pm, and Wednesday and Friday of the same week. This will continue until the funding is absorbed. The service has been advertised to connect with those not already in the Library database. Craft packs are in the final stage of being prepared for delivery.
- **Safe and Secure Water Fund** – Tender awarded to Killards Pty Ltd, was accepted to undertake the pipe replacement and has commenced the contract with additional extras being added. The expected completion date is December 2020. The Reservoir project is currently in tender phase and is expected to be in tender award stage in October 2020.
- **Restart NSW – Water Scoping Study, Euabalong, Euabalong West and Nymagee** – Draft reports have been received and are being reviewed.
- **SR6 – Pulpulla Road – Sealing Pulpulla Road from the Barrier Highway to the entrance into Mount Grenfell Reserve** – Deed yet to be signed.
- **Aged Care Workforce Retention Grant** - Two ‘bonus’ payment’s for eligible Aged Care Workers undertaking direct care services in residential aged care. The purpose of the grant is to provide eligible aged care providers (Cobar Shire Council on behalf of the LBV) with

funding to pay the retention bonus payments in hope to retain staff during COVID-19. Made in two separate payments, the first payment of \$17,120 has been received by council and paid onto eligible staff. An amendment was made for the second payment, council has received \$17,760 and this will be forwarded onto eligible staff in the next pay cycle. This second payment will conclude this grant, and it will be acquitted accordingly.

- **NSW Government - Stronger Country Communities Fund – Round 3 - Cobar Youth and Fitness Centre Upgrade – Stage 2**, works to be combined with stage 1 and be delivered as one package of works. Works schedule and Deed yet to be signed.
- **NSW Government - Stronger Country Communities Fund – Round 3 - Youth Development Officer – 18-month tenure** - Council are seeking a variation for this project due to COVID, the youth centre closure and the need for these funds to complete the Stage 2. Works schedule and Deed yet to be signed
- **NSW Government - Stronger Country Communities Fund – Round 3 - Euabalong Scenic Walking Trail** - Works schedule completed, deed signed, scoping to begin in the coming weeks.
- **Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program** – Project includes sealing of two car parks, CCTV, shade and Rotunda upgrades and town beautification projects. All are currently being scoped.
- **NSW Small Business Month Grant** - Grants to be used to deliver small group interactive session, benefiting small business owners, these will be delivered in the coming weeks, Council are in the process of trying to engage a facilitator.

RECOMMENDATION

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

CLAUSE 10B – RATES RECONCILIATION REPORT AS AT 30 SEPTEMBER 2020**FILE: R2-1****AOP REFERENCE: 3.1.1.6****ATTACHMENT: YES (PAGE 59-60)****AUTHOR: Office Coordinator, Jo-Louise Brown****Purpose**

To provide Council details of the Rate Reconciliation as at 30 September 2020.

FUND	LEVY 2020-2021	Pensioner Rebates	Abandoned Levy	Additional Levies	Sub Total 2020-2021	Arrears 30th Jun 20	Payments	Total Outstanding	Total Outstanding Previous Year	% Outstanding of Sub Total Plus Arrears
Business	459,383.60		550.00	80.00	458,913.60	79,204.05	240,933.12	297,184.53	279,744.70	55.23%
Farmland	727,675.49		-	-	727,675.49	51,190.73	281,239.26	497,626.96	455,746.23	63.89%
Mining	1,789,286.32		-	-	1,789,286.32	80,505.78	549,559.20	1,320,232.90	1,447,718.85	70.61%
Residential	1,192,833.76	46,144.67	-	520.00	1,147,209.09	183,638.97	409,559.94	921,288.12	947,597.79	69.23%
Overpayments					-	-170,530.76	- 119,145.48	-51,385.28	-46,325.07	30.13%
Legal Costs			-	-	-	33,919.11	5,188.08	28,731.03	53,275.59	84.70%
Interest			-	-	-	82,381.63	13,106.73	69,274.90	171,134.30	84.09%
General Rates	4,169,179.17	46,144.67	550.00	600.00	4,123,084.50	340,309.51	1,380,440.85	3,082,953.16	3,308,892.39	69.07%
Domestic Waste	652,348.00	17,730.33	488.00	427.00	634,556.67	60,953.30	268,136.61	427,373.36	388,462.95	61.45%
Sewerage	690,285.00	18,156.25	547.20	47,835.84	719,417.39	115,504.58	292,050.50	542,871.47	488,711.20	65.02%
Cobar Water	707,930.00	19,556.25	394.00	668.00	688,647.75	59,408.04	295,550.96	452,504.83	398,839.25	60.49%
Nymagee Water	28,308.00	525.00	-	-	27,783.00	9,779.30	9,232.75	28,329.55	29,701.19	75.42%
Euabalong Water	45,212.00	1,400.00	-	-	43,812.00	11,225.51	19,305.66	35,731.85	35,573.83	64.92%
Euab West Water	27,986.00	525.00	-	-	27,461.00	7,785.03	11,146.80	24,099.23	21,202.41	68.37%
Mt Hope Water	6,444.00	-	-	-	6,444.00	2,362.53	4,729.76	4,076.77	4,684.44	46.29%
Water Access	815,880.00	22,006.25	394.00	668.00	794,147.75	90,560.41	339,965.93	544,742.23	490,001.12	61.57%
Water Usage			-	247,399.33	247,399.33	309,565.18	342,778.61	214,185.90	431,844.64	38.46%
TOTAL	6,327,692.17	104,037.50	1,979.20	296,930.17	6,518,605.64	916,892.98	2,623,372.50	4,812,126.12	5,107,912.30	64.72%

RECOMMENDATION**That the Rates Reconciliation Report as at 30 September 2020 be received and noted.**



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