COBAR SHIRE COUNCIL



ORDINARY MEETING AGENDA

THURSDAY, 23 NOVEMBER 2017

~ ORDER OF BUSINESS ~

Business for the meeting will be as follows:

- 1. Apologies
- 2. Declaration of Interests
- 3. Condolences
- 4. Confirmation of Minutes
 - Ordinary Meeting of Council Thursday, 26 October 2017.
- 5. Matters Arising from Minutes
- 6. Notice of Motions
- 7. Mayoral Report
- 8. General Manager's Report Part A (Action)
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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

~ COUNCIL'S 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.

~ 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 – INDUSTRIAL LAND SUBDIVISION

FILE: A10-27 AOP REFERENCE: 3.1.1 ATTACHMENT: NO

AUTHOR: Councillor, Peter Abbott

RECOMMENDATION

That Cobar Shire Council as a matter of urgency provide a comprehensive report on the establishment of a new Industrial Subdivision for Cobar and to incorporate a business case for the construction of appropriate sheds on some of the blocks for rent for those seeking rental rather than outright purchase of industrial blocks.

Background

There has been considerable interest in industrial land, particularly in regard to the lease or rental of sheds. However, none are available at this time. A new subdivision would alleviate this problem and generate an income stream for Council. A small loan may be necessary to fund the shed construction necessary to supply some sheds as part of this proposal.

NOTICE OF MOTION – FREE CAMPING AT THE NEWEY

FILE: P1-7 AOP REFERENCE: 4.4.3.1 ATTACHMENT: NO

AUTHOR: Councillor, Peter Yench

RECOMMENDATION

That Cobar Shire Council immediately install no camping signs at the Newey Reservoir and that no camping be enforced by the General Manager until such time as the Council has approved the proposed Management Plan for the Newey which may allow camping to occur in the future.

NOTICE OF MOTION - FREE CAMPING GROUNDS IN COBAR

FILE: P1-7 AOP REFERENCE: 4.4.3.1 ATTACHMENT: NO

AUTHOR: Councillor, Peter Yench

RECOMMENDATION

That the General Manager provide a report to Council on a possible site for a free camping ground in Cobar.

NOTICE OF MOTION - INCREASED PENALTIES FOR VANDALISM

FILE: P4-1 ATTACHMENT: NO

AUTHOR: Councillor, Peter Yench

RECOMMENDATION

That Cobar Shire Council write to the Local Member and the Local Government Association to seek State Government support for an increase in penalties attributed to vandalism of public facilities.

CLAUSE 1A – MAYORAL REPORT

FILE: C13-1-5 AOP REFERENCE: 3.1 ATTACHMENT: NO

AUTHOR: Mayor, Councillor Lilliane Brady OAM

Report to be tabled.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council accepts the information contained in the Mayoral Report for the month of November 2017.

<u>CLAUSE 2A – PUBLICATION GUIDE – GOVERNMENT INFORMATION</u> (PUBLIC ACCESS) ACT 2009

FILE:A2-6-2 AOP REFERENCE: 3.1.5.2 ATTACHMENT: YES (PAGE 63-70) AUTHOR: General Manager, Peter Vlatko

Purpose

To report on a review of the Publication Guide in accordance with the *Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009*.

Background

Council at its meeting on the 28 May 2015 adopted an amended version of the Publication Guide in accordance with the *Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009* as Policy of the Council.

Council must review its Publication Guide at least once every twelve (12) months.

Issues

There has been no problems implementing the requirements of the Publication Guide over the past twelve (12) months.

Legal Situation

Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009.

Policy Implications

Only minor amendments have been made to the existing Policy to bring the new draft to be in accordance with legislative changes, current policies and processes, etc.

Financial Implications

Nil.

Options

The current Publication Guide has been reviewed and only minor amendments to correct information have been undertaken.

It is considered appropriate for Council to adopt as Policy the amended Publication Guide as attached.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council adopts the Publication Guide dated 25 June 2016 as the current Policy of Council.

CLAUSE 3A – QUARTER 1 2017/2018 BUDGET REVIEW

FILE: L5-22 AOP REFERENCE: 3.3

ATTACHMENT: YES

(UNDER SEPARATE COVER)

AUTHOR: Director of Finance and Community Services, Kym Miller

Purpose

To present Council the budget review for the first quarter of the 2017/2018 financial year and to recommend changes to the 2017/2018 Budget.

Background

Council is required to receive a budget review statement that shows the estimate of income and expenditure as set out in its Annual Operational Plan and a revised estimate of the income and expenditure for that year at the end of each quarter except the fourth quarter.

Appearing as attachments to this report are:

- Section 94 Contribution details;
- A report from the Director of Finance and Community Services indicating that he believes the financial position is satisfactory having regard to the adopted estimates for the 2017/2018 year;
- A schedule of movements in the capital budget from adoption up to and including the proposed amendments. This is identified as Attachment 1;
- A schedule of movements in the operating income and expenditure incorporating the recommended amendments. This is identified as attachment 2.

Executive Summary - Capital Expenditure

- \$200k has been introduced for footpath repair. This will be undertaken on a programed basis as well as a response basis where ratepayers have report trip hazards which represent a risk to users and consequently Cobar Shire Council. This will be funded by the existing allocation of the Special Rate Variation spending requirement and will not increase cash outlays for the financial year. It has been prompted by a number of serious falls and one claim in the current financial year.
- \$50k in addition to the amounts already adopted has been allocated for the truck wash. This was workshopped with Council recently and is justified by the need to spend at least \$300k on the existing depot wash bay to bring it to a compliant status.
- \$15k on a lightning conductor on Fort Bourke Hill. The lack of such an item resulted in a significant loss by lightning in the previous financial year. This will be funded by a recently received unbudgeted insurance claim of \$27k.
- \$100k to damp-proof the Great Cobar Heritage Centre this will only be called upon if a grant application fails and will be referred to Council prior to commencement.
- \$300K additional for a changed scope at Acres Billabong. This will be funded from Roads to Recovery and Fixing Country Roads.
- \$120k for an upgrade to Dalton Park. This will be funded by \$70k existing in the budget and \$50k grant income.

Executive Summary - Operating

General Fund:

Methodology notes: Significant items only are recommended for amendment. Minor under and overs on other individual budget lines will not provide a significant combined quantum to warrant amending.

Revenue adjustments

- Insurance income of \$27k to adjust for the Ft Bourke lightning strike. Some of this has been 'allocated' to acquire a lightning conductor rod for the location. Further insurances are expected for the 2016/2017 loss of water from the Swimming Centre on an ex-gratia basis. This is unable to be quantified at this point in time.
- Flood damage grants of \$593k which will fund additional operating (maintenance) expenditure.
- Grant income of \$147k from the Social Housing Improvement Fund (\$50k) which will be applied to the capital expenditure on Dalton Park and \$84k from the Innovation Fund which will assist in funding the Service Reviews.
- Grant and private sector income of \$25k to fund promotional material to encourage people to live in Cobar.
- Development Application income of \$120k based on known activity. Further negotiations are currently underway with the NSW government which could see this amount increase significantly either this financial year or next financial year. This will be reported upon as it develops.
- An increase in management fee to a related entity based on work performed of \$140k.
- An increase in Financial Assistance Grants of \$80k following the finalisation of the formulae for the NSW distribution.

Expenditure adjustments

- Expenditure on Service Reviews \$120k, noting from above that \$84k is grant funded.
- Expenditure on Cobar promotional video, noting from above that it is all externally funded.
- An estimated cost of \$100k to remedy the asbestos dumped behind the Depot and used on a road.
- A loss of \$100k in margin due to the reduction in anticipated RMS contract works. This is a conservative estimate.
- Engagement of a consultant and associated costs to develop the plan for the Newey Plan of Management is anticipated to cost \$40k.
- Inclusion of the cost for the consultant undertaking the Airport Master Plan of \$60k. This is grant funded with \$48k already received.
- Inclusion of \$593k additional roads maintenance under the flood damage scheme.

Water Fund – Operating Adjustments:

The cleaning of urban reticulation pipes using ice pigging methodology is anticipated to be approximately \$450k. This will be introduced into the costs of the water fund on a cost neutral basis as it is anticipated that it will be funded from grant money.

Sewer Fund:

No amendment is required.

Domestic Waste Fund:

No amendment is required.

Budget repair beyond 2017/2018

Because of reduced R2R income in the years beyond 2017/2018 the Ten Year Financial Plan has forecast deficits to the order of \$1m. Council is to consider each quarter actions to address this deficit so as to include any actions taken in future budgets. It is to be recognised that the Ten Year Plan as adopted was based on a worst case scenario and some 'natural' improvement will come due to the receipt of grants and other income.

However, in order to reduce the recurrent operating expenditure the following actions have already been put in place or planned. Council must still consider pursuing increased income.

- Directors have been committed to no over runs on a cost centre basis. Any
 individual line which overruns must be offset by a reduction within that cost
 centre.
- Automatic indexation of a number of cost lines has been removed from the modelling. For example the repairs and maintenance at the depot has been reduced and 'flattened' in the revised ten year plan. This should be achievable because of the capital renewal program resulting in a newer asset requiring fewer repairs.
- A detailed analysis of depreciation has been commenced with a view of reducing the amount without risking the assets. Road depreciation has already been reduced by \$400k per annum with no negative impact.
- The role currently held by Angela Shepherd has been reduced in scale from that of Director to Manager in the advertisements currently being run. This has the capacity to reduce operating costs by up to \$80k per annum. Council must acknowledge that there is a risk of attracting insufficient skill and expertise to the role.
- One middle management role has been removed from the structure. This will generate annualised savings to the order of \$170k. There will be some offset in the cost of outsourced services.
- A review of the light motor vehicle fleet is underway with an anticipated reduction of three vehicles. Further savings may come into effect as the type of vehicle required is reconsidered. This will require a greater use of executive vehicles to be used as pool vehicles. This process will be orderly in line with

- the replacement program but will not come to fruition until the above staffing alterations are finalised.
- A review of housing stock has been commenced with an expectation of some reduction. This will need some matters such as the appointment of a new provider to the Lilliane Brady Village to be finalised before it can be confidently undertaken. Such a rationalisation will see a reduction in internal rates and charges (with more being rated externally), depreciation, insurance and maintenance costs as well as yielding cash. A major gain will be in eliminating the cyclical refurbishment which is required for a properly managed portfolio and is costing heavily at the moment. Further considerations will be given to appropriate usage of some sites such as the house in Maidens Ave being used for community use because of the difficulty in selling it.
- A review of all buildings including their condition and usage to determine whether it is justified in retaining them. Currently all buildings as a minimum incur rates, depreciation and insurance premiums. Internally charged rates decrease the amount charged externally.

RECOMMENDATION

- 1. That the capital budget for 2017/2018 is revised by the amount detailed in the attachment to this report which is shown as attachment 1.
- 2. That the operating budget for 2017/2018 is revised by the amount detailed in the attachment to this report which is shown as attachment 2.
- 3. That the actions for budget repair beyond 2017/2018 be received and noted.

<u>CLAUSE 4A – PROVISION OF ROAD STABILSING SERVICES TENDER</u> FILE: T3-17-11 AOP REFERENCE: 4.3.2 ATTACHMENT: NO

AUTHOR: Director Engineering Services, Stephen Taylor

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to provide Council with an update on the status of the recently conducted Regional Procurement provision of road stabilising services (REGPRO251718).

Background

Regional Procurement called an open panel source tender for the provision of Road Stabilising Services to participating OROC member Councils. Tenders were called in accordance with Clause 166(a) of the *Local Government (General) Regulation 2005*.

The Tenders closed on 10 October 2017 at 10:00am.

The Tenders were advertised in the following media:

- Sydney Morning Herald; 16 September 2017;
- Uploaded to TenderLink;
- Western Magazine; 19 September 2017; and
- Northern Daily Leader; 19 September 2017.

Participating Councils in this tender which have signed a Letter of Participation are:

- Cobar Shire Council;
- Coonamble Shire Council;
- Narromine Shire Council;
- Bogan Shire Council;
- Warren Shire Council;
- Walgett Shire Council;
- Brewarrina Shire Council;
- Gunnedah Shire Council:
- Liverpool Plains Shire Council;
- Tamworth Regional Council.

Twelve tenders in total were received from:

- Accurate Asphalt and Road Repairs;
- Batterline Earthmoving Pty Ltd;
- BMR Quarries Pty Ltd t/as Roadwork Industries;
- Central West Civil Pty Ltd;
- Downer EDI Works Pty Ltd;
- Earth Plant Hire Pty Ltd;
- Hiway Stabilizers Australia Pty Ltd;
- Stabilcorp;
- Stabilfix Pty Ltd;

- Stabilised Pavements of Australia Pty Ltd;
- The Mining Pty Ltd;
- Stabilco Pty Ltd.

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

RECOMMENDATION

That the tenders received for the Provision of Road Stabilising be considered in Closed Council in the Committee of a Whole with the press and public excluded for the reason as stated in Section $10A\ (2)(d)(i)$ of the Local Government Act 1993, as discussions of this matter in open Council would prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it.

<u>CLAUSE 5A – DALTON PARK HORSE COMPLEX LICENCE</u> <u>AGREEMENTS</u>

FILE: P1-4-3 AOP REFERENCE: 3.3.4.2 ATTACHMENT: NO

AUTHOR: Environmental Supervisor, Melissa Gunn

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to recommend a new temporary licence arrangements for Cobar Rodeo Committee of Dalton Park Horse Complex from 1 July 2017 to 30 June 2018.

Background

On the 25 October 2017, Council received a letter from Cobar Rodeo Committee seeking to re-apply for a temporary licence for Dalton Park Racecourse Reserve.

Issues

Council acting as Trust Manager for the Reserve needs to renew the above licence for the period 1 July 2017 to 30 June 2018.

In accordance with Ministerial instructions, licences of 12 months or less do not require Ministerial consent on renewal.

As per Council's 2017/2018 Fees and Charges, fees for each licence are set at \$520 including GST and the committee needs to produce public liability insurance for \$20 million.

RECOMMENDATION

1. That Council acting as Trust Manager for the Dalton Park Racecourse (R630019) Reserve Trust, resolve to offer a 12 month temporary licence agreement to following organisation as detailed below:

Organisation / Individual	Purpose of licence		
Cobar Rodeo Committee	Exercising of horses for sporting		
	events and associated horse activities.		

- 2. That Council acting as Trust Manager for the Dalton Park Racecourse (R630019) Reserve Trust, resolve to affix the Trust seal to the 12 month temporary licence agreements for the following organisations and individuals to cover the period 1 July 2017 to 30 June 2018, if the offers are accepted:
 - Cobar Rodeo Committee.

<u>CLAUSE 6A – CREATION OF A 2020 CELEBRATION WORKING GROUP</u> FILE: D2-9 AOP REFERENCE: 2.2.2.1 ATTACHMENT: YES (PAGE 71-73)

AUTHOR: Projects Officer, Miranda Riley

Purpose

Cobar will celebrate its 150th Anniversary in 2020 and for such a large scale event it is suggested that Council creates a Working Group to conduct planning, preparation and coordination. It is proposed that Council nominate a Councillor to act as Chair for this group. Attached is a draft Terms of Reference for a 2020 Celebration Working Group as well as a draft skeleton timeline which can be used to guide the Working Group.

Background

Cobar was founded in late Winter-early Spring in 1870. Events will be planned from 2019 to 2020 to coincide with key historical dates and to showcase our rich culture and heritage and how Cobar has changed over the last 150 years.

Policy Implications

A Working Group will be formed over the next month with the aim to create a draft set of activities (costed) that will allow Council to set a budget for 2018/2019. It is hoped a report to Council on progress can be provided in March 2018. The Working Group will develop an Action Plan, coordinate activities and assist with their implementation.

Financial Implications

The Working Group itself does not have a financial implication for Council. The Working Group will develop a budget and preliminary proposals to be included in the 2018/2019 budget.

RECOMMENDATION

- 1. That Council form a 2020 Celebration Working Group to develop an action plan to celebrate Cobar's 150th anniversary.
- 2. That Council adopt the Terms of Reference for a 2020 Working Group to undertake the planning and implementation of Cobar's 150 year celebrations.
- 3. That Council Nominate Councillor Christopher Lehmann as Chair for this Working Group.

<u>CLAUSE 1B – DEVELOPMENT APPROVALS: 18 OCTOBER 2017 – 14 NOVEMBER 2017</u>

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 18 October 2017 – 14 November 2017.

The value of Complying Development approvals for 2017/2018 to date is Nil.

The value of Complying Development approvals for the similar period in 2016/2017 was Nil.

Local Development Approvals

The following Local Development Applications have been approved under delegated authority for the period 18 October 2017 – 14 November 2017.

CERTIFICATE NO.	Address	DESCRIPTION	VALUE (\$)
2017/LD-00043	19 Singleton Dr, Cobar	Shed and Septic	\$50,000
2017/LD-00044	53 Cornish St, Cobar	Bus Depot	N/A
2017/LD-00045	21 Bourke St, Cobar	Front Fence, Awning, Carport	\$9,400
2017/LD-00046	7 Bannister Crt, Cobar	Pool	\$60,000
2017/LD-00047	26 Linsley St, Cobar	Carport	\$9,400
2017/LD-00048	Hyandra Stn, Euabalong	Dwelling Extension	\$280,000
2017/LD-00050	3 Wood St, Cobar	Patio Cover	\$14,650

The value of Local Development approvals for 2017/2018 to date is \$2,030,597.00. The value of Local Development approvals for the similar period in 2016/2017 was \$496,410.00.

Construction Certificates

There were the following Construction Certificates approved under delegated authority for the period 18 October 2017 – 14 November 2017.

CERTIFICATE No.	Address	DESCRIPTION
2017/CB-00032	4 Annies Lane, Cobar	Dwelling
2017/CB-00038	19 Singleton Dr, Cobar	Shed and Septic

2017/CB-00039	21 Bourke St, Cobar	Front Fence, Awning, Carport
2017/CB-00040	7 Bannister Crt, Cobar	Pool
2017/CB-00041	26 Linsley St, Cobar	Carport
2017/CB-00042	Hyandra Stn, Euabalong	Dwelling Extension
2017/CB-00044	3 Wood St, Cobar	Patio Cover

RECOMMENDATION

That the information detailing the Local Development and Construction Certificate approvals for the period 18 October 2017 - 14 November 2017 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 22 MARCH 2012					
Number	Ітем	RESOLUTION NUMBER	ACTION BY	ACTION REQUIRED	Оитсоме	
162	Council – Clause 16A - Liquid Trade Waste Policy – Costs and Implementation Method	14.3.2012	DES/SM/DPES	Adopts option one (1) for the upgrading of the existing trade waste outlets and purchase the required pre-treatment units and complete the installation works on all trade waste premises with all costs to be funded out of the Sewer Fund Reserves with a no-interest three (3) year loan to local proprietors of businesses, and further that repayment will be a condition of approval on their Liquid Trade Waste licence agreement as per the NSW Office of Water regulations.	implementation of resolution. Discussions were being undertaken with Dubbo City Council through the LMWUA for Dubbo Trade Waste Officer to implement a Trade Waste Program for several Councils within the LMWUA. Change in Local Government	

COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS 24 APRIL 2013

Number	Ітем	RESOLUTION NUMBER	ACTION BY	ACTION REQUIRED	Оитсоме	
380	Committee of the Whole Closed Council – Clause 1C – Notice of Rescission Motion – Consideration of Tourism Cost Centre	95.4.2013	DCED	That in the year 2013/2014 that Council develops a tourism management plan that details appropriate commitments and plans that aid the tourist industry in Cobar.	Council is currently preparing a plan for the Great Cobar Heritage Centre, tourism and events. Expect draft plan to Council in November.	
		CO	UNCIL RESOLUT	TIONS 22 AUGUST 2013		
Number	ITEM	RESOLUTION NUMBER	ACTION BY	ACTION REQUIRED	Оитсоме	
435	Council – Clause 9A – Determination of Status of Mt Gap Road	187.8.2013	AM	That Mt. Gap Road within Mt. Gap Station shall be dedicated a public road and remain on the Roads Register as a Shire Road.	Waiting on gazettal by Western Lands.	
		COUN	NCIL RESOLUTIO	ONS 25 SEPTEMBER 2014		
Number	Ітем	RESOLUTION NUMBER	ACTION BY	ACTION REQUIRED	Оитсоме	
627	Council – Clause 10A – Adoption of Management Plan for Lot 18 DP213415	188.9.2014	DPES	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. That Council authorise the Mayor and General Manager to sign any lease or licence under the Common Seal of Council.	December 2017 target will be met. Timeframe to be reviewed.	
	COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS 23 APRIL 2015					

Number	Ітем	RESOLUTION NUMBER	ACTION BY	ACTION REQUIRED	Оитсоме
702	Council – Clause 8A – Maintenance of Stock Control Structures	60.04.2015	DES	That Council recompile a comprehensive Grid Register which is expected to take approximately 6 to 12 months to complete depending on resources available and location of grids with the Register including GPS coordinates, photos of the grid, an assessment on the condition of the grid and its associated infrastructure.	Staff being appointed to undertake project. Identification has commenced and register started. Anticipated work to be completed by December 2017.
		COUN	CIL RESOLUTIO	ONS 24 SEPTEMBER 2015	
Number	Ітем	RESOLUTION NUMBER	ACTION BY	ACTION REQUIRED	Оитсоме
793	Council – Clause 9A – O'Neill Road Water Supply	197.09.2015	SM/ DES	That Council undertakes flow and pressure testing on the existing main on Lerida Road during the summer peak demand to determine the availability of water. That a full report be provided to Council when available.	NSW Public Works have been engaged to undertaken a network analysis of the Cobar water supply reticulation to determine the pressure and availability of water in the entire network.

	COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS 22 OCTOBER 2015					
Number	Number Item Resolution Number Action By Action Required Outcome					
799	Finance and Policy Committee – Notice of	210.10.2015	DES/SM	That an investigation be undertaken into a water subsidy for the	No action to date.	

Motion – Services to	residents of O'Neill Road for the	Matter to be included in Network
O'Neill Road and	summer months similar to what we	Analysis.
Sutherland Drive	do for the Villages.	

	COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS 26 NOVEMBER 2015						
Number	ITEM	RESOLUTION NUMBER	ACTION BY	ACTION REQUIRED	Оитсоме		
817	Council – Clause 7A – Cobar Sewerage Treatment Land Being Lot 24 in DP837494, Application for Licence to Occupy Crown Land and Approval for Land Acquisition	236.11.2015	DES	That Council apply for a 12 month short term licence over crown land parcel Lot 24 in DP837494. That the Mayor and General Manager be authorised to execute the licence documents under the Common Seal of Council. That the costs associated with the licence be paid from operating expenses for the Cobar Sewerage Treatment Works. That Council acquire by compulsory acquisition the whole of the land contained in Lot 24 DP837494 Sewerage Works Road, Cobar (hereafter called the acquisition land).	Matter being reviewed given no action to date.		
				expenses for the Cobar Sewerage Treatment Works. That Council acquire by compulsory acquisition the whole of the land contained in Lot 24 DP837494 Sewerage Works Road, Cobar (hereafter called the			

and the Land Acquisition (Just
Compensation) Act 1991 for
commercial purposes for the
continued operation and
management of the Cobar
Sewerage Treatment Works.
That the acquisition land value be
paid upon completion of the
acquisition of the acquisition land,
to the Department of Primary
Industries on behalf of the Crown
in full and final payment of all
those interests including the rights
of the Crown pursuant to Section
104 of the Native Title (NSW) Act
1994 and Section 54(2) of the Land
Acquisition (Just Terms
Compensation) Act 1991.
That the survey plans and other
That the survey plans and other acquisition documents for the
acquisition of the acquisition land
be signed under the Common Seal
of Council.
of Council.
That the Council authorise the
Mayor and General Manager to
sign all acquisition documents.
That the acquisition land be
acquired as operational land
pursuant to the provisions of

	Section 31 of the Local Government Act 1993.	
	That pursuant to the provisions of Section 190 of the <i>Local Government Act 1993</i> all minerals are excluded from the acquisition.	
	That Council makes the necessary application to the Minister or Governor so that the acquisition can be completed.	
	That the costs associated with compulsory acquiring the land be paid from the Sewer Reserve Fund.	

	COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS 10 DECEMBER 2015									
Number	Ітем	RESOLUTION NUMBER	ACTION BY	ACTION REQUIRED	Оитсоме					
821	Council – Notice of Motion – Establishment of a Cobar Community Trust	251.12.2015	GM		Deputy Mayor to provide additional information to assist the progression					

COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS 28 APRIL 2016

Number	Ітем	RESOLUTION NUMBER	ACTION BY	ACTION REQUIRED	Оитсоме
865	Confirmation of the Minutes – Traffic Committee Meeting	53.4.2016	DES	That the works required on the Booroomugga Road and Barrier Highway intersection at Canbelego be prioritized as high and if funding is required that funding be sought.	RMS have advised they will undertake a full REF before any work is undertaken. Works are proposed to be funded by RMS in 2017/2018. A design for the removal of material required to improve visibility has been provided to RMS. RMS have included the work in the draft program for 2017/2018.
870	Committee of the Whole Closed Council - Report 1C - Analysis of Plant and Equipment Hire and Trades and Miscellaneous Services Register	58.4.2016	GM	That any future projects within Cobar Shire that we look at supporting the local businesses (where applicable) to ensure their viability and have a review of the Policy.	Policy to be reviewed and all purchases to have quotes provided and encourage the use of locals.
879	Council – Clause 6A – Raw Water Supply to Dalton Park Horse Complex	68.4.2016	DFCS	That the Raw Water Supply to Dalton Park Horse Complex be listed on Councils 10 Year Long Term Financial Plan and that Council seek any available grant funding in the interim.	In draft budget. Business Case to be considered.

COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS 26 MAY 2016

Number	Ітем	RESOLUTION NUMBER	ACTION BY	ACTION REQUIRED	Оитсоме					
880	Finance & Policy Committee – Report 4B – Grant Funding	81.5.2016	DFCS	That Staff investigate and report back to Council the possibility of utilising the existing facilities at the Cobar Regional Airport for flight training.	Matter to be addressed by Taskforc Included in discussions with consultant doing Masterplan.					
	COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS 23 JUNE 2016									
905	Council – Clause 3A – Occupancy at the Community Centre for the Cobar Mobile Children's Services Inc	113.6.2016	DPES	That Council commence planning for a permanent toilet so that consideration of a toilet can be undertaken by Council if grant applications fail.	-					

	COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS 22 SEPTEMBER 2016								
951	Council – Clause 10A – Dalton Park Horse Complex – Proposed Advisory Sign	180.9.2016	DPES	That Council approve the Director of Planning and Environmental Services to install an advisory sign at the Dalton Park Horse Complex confirming that use of the complex is available for use by licence holders only.					
	COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS 24 NOVEMBER 2016								

971	Council – Clause 4A –	228.11.2016	DFCS	That Council receive a further Report	Further Report to be provided to the	
	Internal Audit			on the (re) formation of the Internal	December Ordinary Council	
	Committee			Audit Committee by 31 March 2017.	Meeting. This is due to the	
					unavailability of Paul Manns. Initial	
					Meeting was held in June 2017.	
					Currently researching options to	
					carry out internal audit function.	
					Meeting set for Thursday, 23	
					November 2017.	

	COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS 8 DECEMBER 2016								
980	Council – Clause 3A – Cobar Sound Chapel	255.12.2016	DPES	That Council authorises the transfer of Lot 287 DP914515 to Cobar Shire Council for nominal consideration. That the Mayor and General Manager be authorised to execute the transfer documents under the Common Seal of Council.	activate transfer. Transfer documents being prepared by NSW Finance. Request with LPI to create a title for				

COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS 23 FEBRUARY 2017								
983	Council – Notice of	05.2.2017	DES	That Council seek funding for the				
	Motion –			establishment of a bore and associated	has been submitted.			
	Augmentation of			works in the Lachlan River aquifer				
	Water Supply			adjacent to Euabalong for the purpose				
	Euabalong/ Euabalong			of augmenting the raw water supply				
	West			for the two villages.				
996	Council – Clause 12A	20.2.2017	DCED	That Council increase lobbying efforts	Investigations being undertaken into			
	– Minutes of the			seeking government investment in	changing tourism landscape. A			
	Economic Taskforce			promotion of outback NSW in a	workshop planned for November for			

	February Meeting and Terms of Reference			similar manner to that undertaken in Queensland. That Council diversify the activities and expand the Festival of the Miners Ghost and form a 2020 Committee to develop an even larger and exciting festival program to celebrate the 150 year anniversary of Cobar.	Councillors. Draft 2017 Festival program now available. Work commenced on forming a 150 year anniversary planning committee and budget.
				That Council allocate sufficient funding to update the Cobar Shire Council webpage to increase the tourism focus to 'sell' Cobar to the tourism industry.	Bayside Solutions engaged and skeleton of site agreed to. Content being written. Photo competition currently being run to provide photos. Expect to launch in late 2017.
997	Committee of the Whole Closed Council - Clause 1C - Defective Building Work - Cobar Brigade Station, Lot 10 Railway Pde South, Cobar	36.2.2017	DPES	That Council authorises the General Manager to commence with a defects claim against Castlereagh Construction Group Pty Ltd. That Council authorises the General Manager to negotiate with the NSW Rural Fire Service funding	Advice provided to Council Solicitor – Matter ongoing in conjunction with damages claim. Contract in process of being terminated.
				opportunities for the demolition and rebuilding of the Cobar Brigade Station building from floor level up and report back to Council.	Details about fixing defects being worked out with NSW RFS.

	COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS 9 MARCH 2017									
1007	Council – Clause 7B –	59.3.2017	DES	That a Rest Area be built along the	Matter to be raised with funding					
	Expenditure for Roads			Wool Track and that it be named after	request for Wool Track.					
	Network			Duncan Gay.						

1009	Committee of the	67.3.2017	DPES	That Council authorise the Director of	Lease sig	gned	and	returned	to
	Whole Closed Council			Planning and Environmental Services	Solicitor fo	or regis	stratio	n.	
	– Clause 2C – Lease of			to enter into a new lease with Dr Indra					
	53 Linsley Street			Karalasingham in respect of 53					
				Linsley Street, Cobar being					
				substantially consistent with the					
				existing lease for a term of up to five					
				(5) years.					

	COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS 27 APRIL 2017						
1014	Council – Clause 4A – Cobar Sewer Upgrade Project	74.4.2017	DES	That Council applies to Infrastructure NSW for an amendment of the project scope for the Cobar Sewer Upgrade Project to include a refurbishment of Council's three other operating pump stations and to install a screen compactor at an estimated total cost of \$1,050,000. That Council notes that approximately \$600,000 of the available funding will be uncommitted and Council will consider options for those remaining funds once the pump stations and screen compactor projects have been completed.	NSW Public Works for assessment and preparation of a request for		
1021	Council – Clause 11A – Minutes of the Economic Taskforce April Meeting	81.4.2017	DCED	That Council resolves to further investigate the idea of a freight depot for Cobar and report back to the Taskforce.	Livestock and Bulk Carriers		

				That a Call for Expressions of Interest from businesses who would like to engage the services of a security company to monitor their premises and answer alarms to establish demand for such a service.	businesses have commenced to determine interest in such a venture.
				That Council resolves to approach Mr Hausler in regards to the future of his rail track and loco for use in a public space in Cobar.	No action to date.
1025	Council – Clause 7B – Expenditure for Roads Network	92.4.2017	DES	That RMS be contacted in relation to a turning lane being installed at the Meadow Glen Rest Area as a matter of urgency.	request improvements to entrance to
					work subject to available funding.

COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS 22 JUNE 2017					
Number	Ітем	RESOLUTION NUMBER	ACTION BY	ACTION REQUIRED	Оитсоме
1048	Clause 3B – Unsealed Road Stabilisation Trials Report	146.6.2017	DES	That an investigation be reported to Council in relation to bore costs on rural roads.	Report is being prepared and will be reported to December Ordinary Council Meeting.
1050	Committee of the Whole Closed Council – Clause 1C – Legal Documents to Incorporate the Lilliane	158.6.2017	DFCS	That the suite of documents as attached be approved in principle. That the Mayor and General	NSW Health has been advised and are now preparing the EOI Document. The expected conclusion of this task is 31 October 2017.

Brady Village into a Multi-Purpose (Hea Service	Manager be delegated to make minor amendments to the suite of documents as attached provided that these variations do not materially alter the intent of the documents.	documents which will be attached to the EOI document and preparing other information which will be
	That the commercial terms negotiated with the Provider be presented to Council for consideration and endorsement.	
	That the Mayor and General Manager be delegated to sign the documents as attached when finalised under seal.	
	That a 'tracked changes' copy of the final documents when signed be presented to Closed Council for noting.	

COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS 27 JULY 2017						
Number	Ітем	RESOLUTION NUMBER	ACTION BY	ACTION REQUIRED	Оитсоме	
1052	Council Meeting – Notice of Motion – Asbestos Within Cobar Shire	163.7.2017	DES	That Cobar Shire Councils Director of Engineering Services conducts an inspection of the Water Storage areas around Cobar for asbestos materials.	been removed from the area around	
1059	Council Meeting –	172.7.2017	DPES	That Cobar Shire Council and the	Advice received from NSW Crown	

	Clause 8A – Draft Land Use Master Plan for the Newey			community support free camping and appreciate the business that this activity brings to Cobar. That Cobar Shire Council develop a Plan of Management for the Newey Reserve. This Plan of Management should include a section to facilitate the use by campers and for this process to commence immediately.	Lands that there is no objection to Council proceeding with preparation of a Plan of Management and a Planning Proposal. Budget allowance in Q1 Budget Review to fund project.
1061	Council Meeting – Clause 11A – Dalton Park Horse Complex Licence Agreements	147.7.2017	ES	That Council acting as Trust Manager for the Dalton Park Racecourse (R630019) Reserve Trust, resolve to offer a 12 month temporary licence agreement to following organisations and individuals as detailed below for the period 1 July 2017 to 30 June 2018: - As Listed in Report. That Council acting as Trust Manager for the Dalton Park Racecourse (R630019) Reserve Trust, resolve to affix the Trust seal to the 12 month temporary licence agreements for the following organisations and individuals to cover the period 1 July 2017 to 30 June 2018, if the offers are accepted:	Four (4) Licence Agreements completed. Two (2) acceptances are being processed. One (1) acceptance of offer still outstanding.

				 Cobar Pony Club; Cobar Miners Race Club; Mr S Griffiths and Mrs C Griffiths; Ms Sharon Whitehurst; Ms Christie Wheeler, Mr Geoff Turton, Mr Kevin and Mrs Maree Wheeler; QS Outback; Mr Wayne Prisk. 	
1063	Council Meeting – Clause 13A – Minutes of the Economic Taskforce	176.7.2017	DCED	A report be presented to the next Taskforce meeting outlining the cost of sealing the Grand Hotel carpark and the carpark adjacent to the cinema.	Costing being prepared.

	COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS 24 AUGUST 2017							
Number	Ітем	RESOLUTION NUMBER	ACTION BY	ACTION REQUIRED	Оитсоме			
1065	Council Meeting – Confirmation of the Minutes	197.8.2017	GM	That Council provides a submission to APA Group as an alternative gas pipeline route through Cobar to Bourke to Narrabri and that Council contacts the appropriate Councils to support our submission.	Appropriate Councils have been written to for support and awaiting response. Bourke Shire Council have advised of their support for the alternate route. Council has received letters of support from Walgett, Brewarrina and Bourke. Submission sent to APA Group – awaiting response.			

1066	Council Meeting – Clause 2A – Review of Current Water Restrictions	200.8.2017	GM	That Council staff prepare a report in relation to water catchment damming in the Cobar area to increase water security for Cobar residents.	Currently seeking contractors to undertake the investigation through Department of Water.
1071	Council Meeting – Clause 6A – Sale of Land at Duffy Drive	205.8.2017	DFCS	That the two blocks of land which are the subject of this report be auctioned with the reserve to be determined by Council at the meeting preceding the advertised auction date.	These blocks will be offered early in 2018 with other unpaid rate properties.
1076	Council Meeting – Clause 5B – Meeting Minutes	215.8.2017	DES	That Council, in conjunction with landholders, seal the approaches of grids on regional roads on a program basis.	Investigation to be undertaken.
1077	Council Meeting – Clause 5B – Meeting Minutes	216.8.2017	DES	That Council write to our Minister and the Minister for Roads seeking their assistance on rectifying the anomaly in funding for regional roads.	Letter to be written.
1078	Council Meeting – Clause 5B – Meeting Minutes	217.8.2017	DES	That Council immediately investigate the sealing of the causeway at Brick Kiln Creek.	Investigation to be undertaken. Survey completed and draining work, headwall works and wingwalls only required. This work will be undertaken by December 2017.
1081	Council Meeting – Clause 5B – Meeting Minutes	220.8.2017	DES	That Council look into acquiring Public Stock Watering Points as a method of guaranteeing access to water for Council use.	Investigation to be undertaken.
1082	Council Meeting – Clause 13B – Grant Funding	229.8.2017	GM	That Council approves the updating of the previous report "Far West Regional Rehabilitation and Health	Further report was to be provided to the October Ordinary Council Meeting, however matter is still

		Centre" in order to consider	being investigated.
		appropriate funding models in	
		establishing a Mining and Sporting	
		Injury Rehabilitation Centre in	
		Cobar for the Region and provide a	
		report back to the October Ordinary	
		Council Meeting.	

	COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS 28 SEPTEMBER 2017							
Number	Ітем	RESOLUTION NUMBER	ACTION BY	ACTION REQUIRED	Оитсоме			
1089	Council Meeting – Clause 8A – Promotion of Cobar Memorial Swimming Pool and Cobar Youth and Fitness Centre	244.9.2017	DFCS	That the Director Finance and Community Services be authorised to introduce promotional packages for the Cobar Memorial Swimming Pool and Cobar Youth and Fitness Centre with a report to be presented to Council at the conclusion of the 2017/2018 swimming season	No action required until April 2018. Happy hour coordinated at pool with success. New spin class promoted with free admission with success.			
1091	Council Meeting – Clause 10A – Liquid Trade Waste Policy	246.9.2017	DES	That Council place the draft Liquid Trade Waste Policy (local policy) on public exhibition in accordance with section 77 of the Local Government (General) Regulations 2005.	Liquid Trade Waste Policy placed on public exhibition – No further action required.			
1092	Council Meeting – Clause 12A – Minutes of Economic Taskforce Meeting	248.9.2017	DCED	That Council resolves to accept the recommendations of the Economic Taskforce: That Council identify the Pulpulla Road as a high priority for its	Recommendations accepted. Initial discussions held with NPWS regarding upgrade of road (which is			

ability to contribute to tourism and currently being graded). economic development and that Council work with National Parks and Wildlife Service to establish a plan of action and budgets to maintain it to a standard suitable for all vehicle access. That Council investigate options of providing street signage to locate key facilities, such as the pool, sports facilities and water recreation areas. That the celebrations to mark Cobar's 150th Anniversary be an item on Council's agenda and that projects be scoped and indicative budgets developed. 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.

COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS 28 SEPTEMBER 2017

Number	Ітем	RESOLUTION NUMBER	ACTION BY	ACTION REQUIRED	Оитсоме
1099	Council Meeting – Notice of Motion	272.10.2017	GM	That in relation to the Review of the Carbon Farming Initiative and the Emissions Reduction Fund Cobar Shire Council provides a submission to the Climate Change Authority to remove the date end of June 2010 as a cut-off date to have Property Vegetation Management Plans in place. That Council writes to the Western Division Councils requesting their support by also providing a	Submission sent – No further action required. Letters sent – No further action required.
				submission to the Climate Change Authority.	
1100	Council Meeting – Clause 2A – Electricity Contract	274.10.2017	GM	That Public tenders not be invited for the supply of electricity for Council's street lighting and contestable sites in accordance with Section 55(3)(i) of the Local Government Act, 1993 as it is considered that a satisfactory result would not be achieved by Council due to the extenuating circumstances' as a result of the dynamic nature in electricity pricing exist in relation to this particular contract matter and for Council to act in an expedient manner to lock in short term	Matter being coordinated by OROC – No further action required.

				attractive price.	
				That Energy and Management Services be engaged to renegotiate Council's street lighting and contestable sites.	
				That the Mayor and General Manager be authorised to enter into a contract for the supply of electricity for both street lighting and contestable sites prior to 30 June 2018.	
				That any necessary documents be executed under the Common Seal of the Council.	
1101	Council Meeting – Clause 3A – Meeting Arrangements – Christmas and New Year (Including Notification of Staff Christmas Party) Closures	275.10.2017	GM	That the Mayor and General Manager be delegated authority, jointly, to deal with matters of an urgent nature for the period commencing 15 December 2017 to 22 February 2018 and that if any urgent matters are dealt with under this authority that they be reported	Arrangements made - No further action required.
				to the February 2018 Ordinary Meeting of Council.	
1102	Council Meeting – Clause 4A – Related Party Disclosure Policy	<mark>276.10.2017</mark>	DFCS	That Council adopt the Related Party Disclosure Policy.	Policy adopted – No further action required.
1103	Council Meeting – Clause 5A – Deed of Variation – Affixation	277.10.2017	DFCS	That Council approve the affixation of Council's seal on the Use Agreement between Cobar Shire	Seal affixed – No further action required.

	of Common Seal			Council and the Department of	
				Family and Community Services.	
1104	Council Meeting –	279.10.2017	DCED	That Council receives and endorses	
	Clause 7A – First			the first quarterly review of the	required.
	Quarterly Review of the			2017/2018 Annual Operational	
	Annual Operational			Plan, covering the period July to	
	Plan 2017/2018			September 2017.	
1105	Council Meeting –	280.10.2017	DCED	That the Council Senior Citizens	Date sent and arrangements in train –
<u></u>	Clause 8A – Senior			Christmas Party be held in the	No further action required.
	Citizens Christmas			Cobar Shire Council Chambers on	•
	Party 2017			Friday 15 December 2017.	
1106	Council Meeting –	281.10.2017	DCED	That Council resolve to continue to	Ongoing.
	Clause 9A – Project to			develop the design and refine the	
	Extend the Great Cobar			cost of the project and use this	
	Heritage Centre			work to seek government support	
				and ongoing funding for the project	
				to undertake a major extension at	
				the Great Cobar Heritage Centre.	
1107	Council Meeting –	294.10.2017	DES	That Council engages the	Contractors advised and contracts
1107	Committee of the	274.10.2017	DES	following companies to be	issued – No further action required.
	Whole Closed Council –				issued – No further action required.
				selected as a panel of preferred	
	Tender for Dry and Wet			suppliers for Dry and Wet Hire	
	Hire Plant and			Plant and Equipment:	
	Equipment			1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1	
				As listed in Minutes.	
				The engagement of the successful	
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				companies will be under contractual	
				conditions including the	
				requirement of the performance of	
				the works, rates, insurances and	
				other general conditions of the	
				Contract as executed under the	

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		agreement. The successful panel of
		suppliers will be selected on the
		basis of price, availability, and
		performance and funding.

RECOMMENDATION

That the information contained in the monthly status report be received and noted, with the following items to be removed: 1099, 1100, 1101, 1102, 1103, 1104, 1105 and 1107.

<u>CLAUSE 3B – CONSULTATION ON DRAFTS OF THE NEW MODEL CODE</u> OF CONDUCT AND ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES

FILE: P5-8 AOP REFERENCE: 3.1.4 ATTACHMENT: YES (UNDER SEPARATE COVER)

AUTHOR: General Manager, Peter Vlatko

Purpose

To advise Council of the proposed changes to the Model Code of Conduct and the Model Code of Conduct Administrative Procedures.

Background

A Council Circular from the Office of Local Government was received on Thursday, 23 October 2017 (Circular No 17-30/ 23 October 2017/ A565071) in relation to Consultation on drafts of the Model Code of Conduct for Local Councils in NSW and associated Procedures.

What's new or changing:

- The Office of Local Government (OLG) is consulting with councils and other stakeholders on changes to the Model Code of Conduct for Local Councils in NSW (the Model Code of Conduct) and the Procedures for the Administration of the Model Code of Conduct for Local Councils in NSW (the Procedures).
- The Phase 1 amendments made to the Local Government Act 1993 (the Act) last year will see the pecuniary interest provisions of the Act and the Local Government (General) Regulation 2005 incorporated into the Model Code of Conduct.
- Once commenced, these reforms will consolidate the prescription of all ethical standards for council officials into a single statutory instrument. They will also mean that breaches of pecuniary interest obligations by councillors are treated as misconduct under the Act and will be subject to the "three strikes" misconduct rules.
- As part of the process of implementing the Phase 1 amendments, OLG has undertaken a review of the Model Code of Conduct and the Procedures. In doing so, OLG has sought the views of councils and other stakeholders on the ethical standards prescribed under the Model Code of Conduct, the operation of the Procedures and the current regime for disclosure of interests under section 449 of the Act.
- Having considered submissions, OLG has prepared consultation drafts of the new Model Code of Conduct and Procedures. OLG is seeking the views of councils and other stakeholders on the consultation drafts prior to finalising the new Model Code of Conduct and Procedures.
- The proposed amendments to the Model Code of Conduct and Procedures are highlighted in **bold type** in the consultation drafts. These amendments are designed to update, clarify and enhance prescribed ethical standards, to address issues identified in the four years the current versions of the Model Code of Conduct and Procedures have been in force and to improve their operation.
- The new Model Code of Conduct and Procedures will also contain new provisions that are designed to improve ethical standards, more effectively deter non-compliance and lead to improved transparency and accountability.

Amendments to the Model Code of Conduct have been made in the following sections:

- General Conduct Obligations;
- Pecuniary Interests;
- Non-pecuniary Conflicts of Interest;
- Personal Benefits;
- Relationships between Council Officials;
- Access to information and Council Resources;
- Maintaining the Integrity of this Code;
- Disclosures of Interest;
- Form of Return Disclosure of Interest;
- Form of Special Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest.

Submissions should be made before Monday, 4 December 2017.

Legal Situation

Section 449 of the Local Government Act 1993.

Local Government (General) Regulation 2005.

Policy Implications

Once the consultation has been finalised, Council will be given a 6-month transitional period in which to adopt the new Model Code of Conduct and Procedures and to update their systems to align with the new requirements.

Options

- 1. That Council provide a submission to the OLG in relation to the proposed changes to the Model Code of Conduct and Procedures for the Administration of the Model Code of Conduct.
- 2. That Council does not provide a submission to the OLG in relation to the proposed changes to the Model Code of Conduct and Procedures for the Administration of the Model Code of Conduct.

RECOMMENDATION

That the information in relation to the Model Code of Conduct and Procedures for the Administration of the Model Code of Conduct be received and noted.

CLAUSE 4B - INVESTMENT REPORT AS AT 31 OCTOBER 2017

FILE: B2-7 AOP REFERENCE: 3.1.1.7 ATTACHMENT: NO

AUTHOR: Director Finance and Community Services, Kym Miller

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 report date. Term deposits have differing terms in order to spread the maturity dates throughout the year. The amount restricted in the unaudited Financial Accounts for Employee Leave Entitlements is \$619,174, which includes 100% LBV entitlements.

Investment	Opening Balance	Transfers to Investments	Transfers from Investment	Interest Earned	Closing Balance
NAB Sweep Acct	\$2,475,521	\$1,768,468	\$1,448,741	\$2,608	\$2,797,856
NAB Term Deposits					
2.40% (Dec) 4036	\$2,015,495			\$4,101	\$2,019,596
2.40% (Dec) 4039	\$2,002,499			\$4,101	\$2,006,600
AMP Bank					
2.50% (Dec) 4040	\$2,012,905			\$4,266	\$2,017,171
2.80% (Jan) 4044	\$2,001,411			\$2,051	\$2,003,462
2.80% (Jan) 4047	\$1,005,764			\$2,386	\$1,008,150
2.60% (Nov) 4048	\$1,007,083			\$2,223	\$1,009,306
Bank of Qld					
2.65% (Jan) <i>4046</i>	\$2,010,909			\$4,516	\$2,015,425
TOTALS	\$14,531,587	\$1,768,468	\$1,448,741	\$26,252	\$14,877,566

Annualised Average return on Investment for the Month: 2.18%

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.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receive and note the Investment Report as at 31 October 2017.

<u>CLAUSE 5B – BANK RECONCILIATION, CASH FLOW & LOAN FACILITY SUMMARIES AS AT 31 OCTOBER 2017</u>

FILE: B2-7 AOP REFERENCE: 3.1.1.5 ATTACHMENT: NO

AUTHOR: Finance Manager, Neil Mitchell

Report to be tabled.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receive and note the Bank Reconciliation, Cash Flow and Loan Facility Report as at 31 October 2017.

<u>CLAUSE 6B – UPDATE ON INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECT FINANCES</u> FILE: G4-29 AOP REFERENCE: 4.1.3.3 and 4.4.4.2 ATTACHMENT: NO

AUTHOR: Director of Engineering Services, Stephen Taylor

Purpose

To provide Council with an update on the infrastructure projects budgets and expenditure as at 31 October 2017.

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.

Financial Implications

	Restart NSW Funding	Cobar Shire Council Funding	Expended as at 31 August 2017	Project Status
Water Treatment Plant	\$15,550,000	\$200,000	\$1,311,461	 Site clearing has been completed. Construction of security fencing has commenced. Design review meeting is programmed for 29 November.
Sewerage Scheme Refurbishments Expansion and upgrade	\$2,100,000	\$100,000	\$466,153	 The Ward Oval Pump station refurbishment and Lagoon upgrade have been completed. Public Works Assessment Report for pump stations and STP inlet works has been received and is currently being reviewed.

RECOMMENDATION

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

CLAUSE 7B – EXPENDITURE FOR ROADS NETWORK

FILE: R5-31 AOP REFERENCE: 4.3.2 ATTACHMENT: YES

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AUTHOR: Director of Engineering Services, Stephen Taylor

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) and Regional Roads Network (green) 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 – ENGINEERING WORKS REPORT

FILE: C6-20-2 AOP REFERENCE: 4.3.2 ATTACHMENT: NO

AUTHOR: Director of Engineering Services, Stephen Taylor

Purpose

To inform Council of completed and ongoing Engineering Works for the period of October 2017.

Background

Shortage of water continues to remain an issue which is delaying the capital works program. Work has commenced on state highway heavy patching. This work is programmed to be completed by the end of November.

State Highways

Maintenance Work

- Sign replacement works as required ongoing;
- Pothole repairs ongoing.

Ordered Works

Heavy Patching work commenced early November.

Urban Roads/Shire Roads/Regional Roads

Maintenance Work

- Inspections on various roads;
- Maintenance grading SR1, SR2, SR3, SR6, SR20, SR31, SR32, SR46, MR419, MR 461, MR68;
- Guideposts SR15, SR25, SR27, SR33.

Construction Work

Resealing on MR423 and MR461.

Flood Damage

- Restoration work on SR6;
- Sealing of heavy patch on MR423.

Water and Sewer

Maintenance Work

- Pest control within sewer reticulation network being carried out where necessary – ongoing;
- Clearing and control of vegetation along the Nyngan to Cobar raw water pipeline easement (CWB) – ongoing;

- Preparation of tender documents for cleaning of the Cobar reticulation network – ongoing;
- Hydrant location and inspection and testing on the town reticulation network for future main replacement and works program **ongoing**.
- Replacement of the Ward Oval Pump Station flow meter **ongoing**.

Parks and Gardens

- General maintenance carried out within parks and reserves within the Shire as required – ongoing;
- Commencement of Stage 2 of Drummond Park playground upgrade ongoing;
- Footpath upgrades/ replacement in Barton St, Linsley St and Murray St;
- Footpath cleaning on Marshall St.

Resources for Regions

Construction of New Water Treatment Plant

The contract was let to Laurie Curran Water (LWC) on 23 June 2017.

Work completed to date:

- Detailed design 90% complete;
- Site and road reserve clearing.

Work in progress:

- Final design review meeting programmed for 29 November;
- Contractor on site to erect site security fence;
- LWC planning to commence main site work 27 November.

Construction of New Water Pipeline - Nyngan to Cobar

 The Cobar Water Board's Twin Pipeline Replacement Project is continuing, with the installation of crossovers and associated thrust blocks.

RECOMMENDATION

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

<u>CLAUSE 9B - ANALYSIS OF PLANT AND EQUIPMENT HIRE AND TRADES AND MISCELLANEOUS SERVICES REGISTERS</u>

FILE: T3-15-6 & P3-19-4 AOP REFERENCE: 3.3.4 ATTACHMENT: NO

AUTHOR: Director of Engineering Services, Stephen Taylor

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to provide information on the analysis and result of the engagement of Contractors under the Plant and Equipment Hire Rates 2015/2018 and Trade and Miscellaneous Services 2015/2018 Quotation Contracts 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 are usually engaged on a daily basis for small projects or by quotations for larger projects.

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

The table below indicates the contractors that were engaged for services over \$80,000 inclusive of GST for the period 1 July 2017 - 31 October 2017.

Contractor	Description of Works	October 2017	2017/2018
Clarke Concreting and	Construction Works	\$18,227	\$173,432
Excavation			
Rollers Australia	Equipment Hire	\$29,186	\$107,336

RECOMMENDATION

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

CLAUSE 10B – MEETING MINUTES

FILE: R5-36 & D2-17 AOP REFERENCE: 3.1 ATTACHMENT: YES

(PAGE 85-95)

AUTHOR: Executive Assistant General Manager/ Mayor, Janette Booth

Background

Councillors and Council Staff are required to represent Council at a variety of meetings.

Included in the attachments to this agenda are copies of the minutes and the Status Reports of those meetings which have been held recently for the information of Councillors. They include:

- Rural Roads Advisory Committee Wednesday, 8 November 2017 (Status Report);
- Economic Taskforce Committee Tuesday, 14 November 2017 (Status Report).

RECOMMENDATION

That the Minutes and Status Reports of the Rural Roads Advisory and Economic Taskforce Committees be received and noted.

<u>Please note:</u> That the following recommendation from the Rural Roads Advisory Committee will need to be provided to Council as a Rescission Motion:

"That the allocation of funds of \$300,000 in the 2017/2018 Budget for the Windara Bend Seal Extension on RR7518 be redirected to gravelling on RR7518 from Acres Billabong to Sand Hills."

CLAUSE 11B – STAFF CONFERENCE ATTENDANCE REPORT

FILE: Personnel AOP REFERENCE: 3.3.2 ATTACHMENT: NO

AUTHOR: Human Resources Manager, Summer Patterson

Purpose

The purpose of this Report is to advise Council of the conferences attended by Council employees in the month(s) prior.

Background

The following conferences were attended by Council Staff:

Conference Name:	NSW Weeds Conference 2017
Attendee:	Melissa Gunn – Environmental Supervisor
Date Attended:	16-19 October 2017
Total cost to Council:	Conference – \$750, Travel and Accommodation \$625
Summary of conference content:	It was hopeful that there would be discussions on the introduction of the new legislation, the <i>Biosecurity Act 2015</i> . Was hopeful to gain some answers for Weed Officers and Councils of their new responsibilities, sadly disappointed. Conference content gives an insight into new advancement in chemical control, development of biological control agents, community engagement, technology especially drone abilities and papers presented on weed control and public awareness programs. Very informative to see what is happening in the industry.

Conference Name:	LGNSW Human Resources Conference
Attendee:	Summer Patterson – Human Resources Manager
Date Attended:	15-17 November 2017
Total cost to Council:	Conference – \$1,070 plus Travel and Accommodation \$675
Summary of	Themed 'Brave New World' the 2017 National Local
conference content:	Government Human Resources Conference is aimed at HR professionals interested in the people issues facing local governments across Australia. Hosted by Local Government NSW and in partnership with all of the state associations around Australia, the conference was an opportunity to hear from a range of dynamic and experienced speakers while meeting like-minded colleagues from interstate. The conference featured expert local government, academic,
	corporate and government speakers, interactive workshops to exchange best practice across councils, provision of a range of case studies, forums and workshops to encourage stronger networks.

RECOMMENDATION							
RECOMMENDATION That the information provided above in relation to the conferences attended by Council staff be received and noted.							

<u>CLAUSE 12B – GRANTS REPORT</u> FILE: G4-17 **AOP REFERENCE: 3.1.1.4 ATTACHMENT: NO**

AUTHOR: Director Corporate and Economic Development, Angela Shepherd

Grant Update

Grant and Department	Activity	Amount Applied For	Successful?	Council Funding Required	Deadline for Project
Grants Applied for				•	,
Stronger Country Communities Fund	Drummond Park Adventure Playground.	\$345,820	Pending	Nil	Government informed us we will know the outcome by December 2017.
Stronger Country Communities Fund	Family BBQ and picnic area at the pool.	\$124,520	Pending	Nil	Government informed us we will know the outcome by December 2017.
CASP Grant	Yarn Bombing project – community arts project to create a 'garden' design celebrating 2020.	\$4,500	Pending	Nil	Awarded around November 2017.
Community Building Partnership program	To retile the library arcade and associated works.	\$11,880	Pending	\$11,880	
Fixing Country Roads – Roads and Bridges Construction	Widen and seal the Wool Track, in partnership with Central Darling and Balranald.	\$55,422,570	EOI pending	\$200,000	Put in as an application between three Councils over several years.
Resources for Regions	Water Reticulation upgrade.	\$5,212,207	EOI pending	\$400,000 from Water Fund	

Regional Flagship Fund	Assistance to market the 2018 Festival of the Miners Ghost.	\$20,000	EOI pending	Nil	
Regional Cultural Fund	Create a virtual reality mining experience at the GCHC.	\$31,930	EOI Pending	\$25,000	Successful projects notified 23 October. Final business case due 15 January 2018. Announcement 5 February 2018.
Regional Cultural Fund	Construction of the Miners Memorial.	\$190,000	EOI Pending	\$80,000 community donations received. \$10,000 Council contribution	As above.
Regional Cultural Fund	Replace roof (battens, fascia etc), windows and dampproofing to make the building water tight.	\$244,003	EOI Pending	\$100,000	As above.
Seniors Week Grants	To organise activities for seniors week 2018.	\$3,000	Pending	\$1,500	Announced by the end of 2017.
Safe and Secure Water Program	Nymagee Water Security Project - Scoping Study.	\$15,000	Pending	\$5,000 from Water Fund.	EOI submitted. Proposed to commence November and be completed by January 2018.
Safe and Secure Water Program	Euabalong and Euabalong West Water Quality & Security Project – Business Case.	\$37,500	Pending	\$12,500 from Water Fund.	EOI submitted. Proposed to commence November and be completed by January 2018.
Safe and Secure Water Program	Cobar Storage and Reticulation West Water	\$6,900,000	Pending	\$1,100,000 from Water Fund.	EOI submitted. Commence October 2017.

	Quality and Security Project.				Complete March 2019.
Anzac community grants	Erect signs outside the Town Hall cinema and the railway station and why these sites are significant for soldiers.	\$900	Pending	In-kind	

Grant and Department	Activity	Amount	Successful?	Council Funding	Comment
		Applied For		Required	
Grants Announced					
Transport Heritage Grants	Historical signage.	\$3,550	Unsuccessful	Some in-kind	etc.
Stronger Communities	Removal of fence, opening	\$14,050	Successful	\$14,050	EOI successful.
Program	up of arcade and installation				To be determined
	of noticeboard in front of				in 2018.
	optometrist near library.				
Armistice Day Grants	Conduct a series of	\$7,550	EOI successful,	\$650	Expected to know
	activities in Cobar and the		full application		success in
	villages to mark the 100		now being		February 2018.
	year anniversary.		prepared.		

Council has committed \$100,000 in the 2017/2018 Budget to put towards grant proposals as a co-contribution. This is used when there are no other sources to draw from within the budget.

To date: \$14,050 has been allocated towards the arcade project listed above. This leaves \$85,950 available to leverage grant funding.

Current Grant Opportunities

- Growing Local Economies projects over \$1m, open found, allocations to be made on a sub-regional level, projects to features in new regional plans. Major infrastructure projects. Currently working with DPC on our regional plan.
- Liquor and Gaming Infrastructure funds, considering a project to submit. Closes 20 November 2017. Another round will be in four months' time.
- Liveable Communities Grant 20 November 2017. Not submitting a project in this round.
- Create NSW Arts and Cultural Fund due 11 December. Application being considered.

• Building Better Regions Fund – 2 streams - closes 19 December. Infrastructure projects of between \$20,000 and \$10m. 25% co-contribution. Community Events stream, \$10,000 to \$10m, expect around \$100,000 max.

Grant Funded Projects - Implementation

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

- Nymagee Tennis Courts Works are completed. Project reporting underway.
- CASP grant for arts workshops. Workshops commenced in June across a range of art and craft areas, held at the Youthie or library on weekends. Aimed at encouraging more people to be involved in creative pursuits. Very high participation rates with all workshops held to date fully prescribed. Two more workshops held in November. Christmas craft workshops being planned for early December.
- Reconciliation Week grant commenced to produce a series of story boards.
- The ODGP was successful in obtaining \$200,000 of funding under the Rural General Practice Grants Program for the extension of the medical centre. Council's contribution will be \$123,000. Plans finalised. Construction to commence November.
- Service Reviews First round of interviews completed, two staff workshops completed. Service statements currently being finalised. Aiming for March completion of initial work, have until October 2018 to acquit the grant.
- Marketing and Promotion Fund Geagle Productions has undertaken film work now editing and in production phase. Expect draft films to be ready in November. Material currently being written for brochure. Developing advertising schedule.
- Library extension project works nearing completion. Furniture ordered. Works expected to be completed by Christmas. Some delays experienced in accessing tradesmen.
- Grandparents day grants interactive day held as part of Festival of the Miners Ghost. Some oral history work currently underway to complete the project and acquittal by Christmas.
- Social Housing grant for Dalton Park upgrade design work underway. Awaiting signed funding agreement. Have 12 months to complete the project once the funding agreement is completed.
- Mark Coulton will be in Cobar this month to present the 'cheque' for the Stronger Communities Program grant. A funding agreement has not yet been received. Design work is progressing.

RECOMMENDATION

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

CLAUSE 13B - RATES RECONCILIATION REPORT AS AT 31 OCTOBER 2017

FILE: R2-1 AOP REFERENCE: 3.1.1.6 ATTACHMENT: YES (PAGE 96-97)

AUTHOR: Office Coordinator, Jo-Louise Brown

Purpose

To provide Council details of the Rate Reconciliation as at 31 October 2017.

FUND	LEVY 2016-2017	Pensioner Rebates	Abandoned Levy	Additional Levies	Sub Total 2016-2017	Arrears 30th Jun 17	Payments	Total Outstanding	Total Outstanding Previous Year	% Outstanding of Sub Total Plus Arrears
Business	393,126.87		195.66	716.70	393,647.91	64,660.45	233,946.38	224,361.98	216,668.68	48.95%
Farmland	674,556.34		-	2,422.09	676,978.43	31,831.53	347,134.40	361,675.56	349,535.84	51.03%
Mining	1,618,398.06		-	-	1,618,398.06	172,984.33	511,276.79	1,280,105.60	839,915.51	71.46%
Residential	1,140,887.13	47,605.41	3,488.02	6,147.02	1,095,940.72	233,262.00	489,636.18	839,566.54	827,818.26	63.16%
Overpayments					•	-155,286.75	- 108,087.54	-47,199.21	-42,830.67	30.39%
Legal Costs			-	27,656.64	27,656.64	33,884.81	6,700.03	54,841.42	26,765.69	89.11%
Interest			-	5,833.00	5,833.00	118,774.48	16,546.75	108,060.73	90,095.61	86.72%
General Rates	3,826,968.40	47,605.41	3,683.68	42,775.45	3,818,454.76	500,110.85	1,497,152.99	2,821,412.62	3,254,214.45	65.33%
Domestic										
Waste	596,875.00	17,894.58	749.94	3,537.50	581,767.98	47,650.81	294,073.63	335,345.16	330,837.64	53.28%
Sewerage	597,350.00	18,440.63	220.31	49,626.14	628,315.20	100,078.77	324,778.90	403,615.07	398,790.06	55.41%
Cobar Water	653,140.00	20,037.50	-	1,240.00	634,342.50	40,449.25	326,758.70	348,033.05	326,816.86	51.58%
Nymagee Water	26,700.00	437.50	2,640.00	300.00	23,922.50	10,375.33	11,160.41	23,137.42	21,579.74	67.46%
Euabalong Water	42,600.00	1,137.50	449.63	1,049.63	42,062.50	12,052.41	20,461.77	33,653.14	29,541.00	62.19%
Euab West										
Water	26,400.00	437.50	-	-	25,962.50	6,087.01	14,547.35	17,502.16	16,907.80	54.61%
Mt Hope Water	6,300.00	-	-	-	6,300.00	982.02	2,781.50	4,500.52	2,715.88	61.80%
Water Access	755,140.00	22,050.00	3,089.63	2,589.63	732,590.00	69,946.02	375,709.73	426,826.29	465,289.77	53.18%
Water Usage			3,673.90	333,379.98	329,706.08	472,439.20	547,187.90	254,957.38	130,723.96	31.78%
TOTAL	5,776,333.40	105,990.62	11,417.46	431,908.70	6,090,834.02	1,190,225.65	3,038,903.15	4,242,156.52	4,579,855.88	58.26%

RECOMMENDATION

That the Rates Reconciliation Report as at the 31 October 2017 be received and noted.

ATTACHMENTS



ORDINARY MEETING AGENDA

THURSDAY 23 NOVEMBER 2017

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