



COBAR SHIRE COUNCIL

ORDINARY MEETING AGENDA

THURSDAY, 26 NOVEMBER 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
 - Prosperity Auditors Presentation – Unaib Jeffrey.
 5. Confirmation of Minutes
 - Ordinary Meeting of Council – Thursday, 22 October 2020.
 6. Matters Arising from Minutes
 7. Mayoral Report
 8. General Manager's Report – Part A (Action)
 9. General Manager's Report – Part B (Information)
 10. General Manager's Report – Part C (Confidential)
 11. Matters of Urgency
 12. Correspondence
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~ COUNCIL'S VISION ~

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

~ COUNCIL'S MISSION ~

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

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

- Ivanhoe Road
- Louth Road
- Tilpa Road

~ 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.

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 November 2020.

CLAUSE 2A – ASSIGNMENT OF THE COBAR CARAVAN PARK LEASE

FILE: C1-2-1 AOP REFERENCE: 2.1.1.1 ATTACHMENT: YES (PAGE 48-52)

AUTHOR: *General Manager, Peter Vlatko*

Purpose

To consider the request from the current Lessee of the Cobar Caravan Park for assignment of the lease to Cobar Holiday Park Pty Ltd.

Background

The current lease with Anvera Pty Limited commenced on 1 November 2011 with the approved variation taking into effect from 1 July 2020.

The variation was to increase the term from 20 years to 27 years and a replacement of the program of works to reflect 5% contribution of Park Operating Revenue and the introduction of a yearly “Detailed Program of Works”.

Discussion

The lessee have formally advised Council that they have negotiated to assign the lease to Cobar Holiday Park Pty Ltd which is owned by Sustainable Park Holidays.

The current lease states “20.1 The Lessee may not sublet, assign this lease or part with possession of the Premises or any part of them without consent of the Lessor. The Lessor will not unreasonably withhold its consent”.

They have requested settlement be on the 1st December for the Deed of Assignment to be signed.

The proposed lessee has provided the financials and structure of the company and is looking forward to working with Council on further developing the Park and meeting the current lease conditions.

A copy of the Deed is attached.

Budget Implication

As the current revised lease will continue with the current conditions there is no budget implication.

Legal Issues

Council lawyers have reviewed the Deed.

RECOMMENDATION

- 1. That Council approve the Assignment of the current lease to Cobar Holiday Park Pty Ltd.**
- 2. That the Mayor and General Manager be authorized to sign the Deed under Council Seal.**

CLAUSE 3A – GENERAL PURPOSE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS, SPECIAL SCHEDULES AND AUDITOR’S REPORTS FOR 2019/2020

FILE: A12-2 & F2-2-17 AOP REFERENCE: 3.3.3.3

**ATTACHMENT: YES
(PAGE 53-139)**

AUTHOR: *Financial Accountant, Sandra Davey*

Purpose

For Council to receive its Annual Audited Financial Statements and Auditor’s Reports for the year ended 30 June 2020 pursuant to Section 419 (1) of the *Local Government Act 1993*.

Background

Council’s financial statements have been prepared and audited in accordance with Sections 415 and 416 of the *Local Government Act 1993*.

Copies of the reports have been provided to the Chief Executive Officer of the Office of Local Government within the required timeframe. Responsibility for the audit has been with the Audit Office of New South Wales (AONSW) and Prosperity Advisers was the subcontract agent and carried out the on-site work.

The schedules contained in the document and the commentary is self-explanatory and limited commentary is therefore provided in this report.

	2020 Actual	2020 Budget	2019 Actual
Operating result from continuing operations	\$3.9M	\$7.4M	\$14.6M
Operating result from continuing operations before grants and contributions provided for capital purposes	(\$1.7M)	(\$623K)	\$3.9M

The operating result from continuing operations for the year ended 30 June 2020 is a surplus of \$3.9M. After deducting grants and contributions provided for capital purposes, the net operating result is a deficit of \$1.7M. This compares to an operating surplus of \$3.9M in year ended 30 June 2019. The net operating result when not considering the net share of interest in the Far North West Joint Organisation using the equity method is a surplus of \$1.3M.

The summary results are as follows:

KEY OPERATING DATA	2020	2019
	\$'000	\$'000
Income statement		
Total income from continuing operations	38,035	49,778
Total expenses from continuing operations	<u>(34,115)</u>	<u>(35,148)</u>
Operating result from continuing operations	<u>3,920</u>	<u>14,630</u>
Net operating result for the year		
Net operating result before grants and contributions provided for capital purposes	(1,733)	3,929
Statement of Financial Position		
Total current assets	28,499	28,337
Total current liabilities	(6,630)	(5,623)
Total non-current assets	335,885	346,306
Total non-current liabilities	<u>(835)</u>	<u>(980)</u>
Total equity	<u>356,919</u>	<u>368,040</u>
Other financial information – consolidated		
Unrestricted current ratio >1.5x	6.99x	4.75x
Operating performance ratio > 0%	4.43%	1.98%
Infrastructure renewal ratio > 100%	72.11%	43.41%
Debt service cover ratio >2.00x	26.35x	25.72x
Rates & annual charges outstanding percentage < 10%	10.05%	10.21%

Section 418 of the *Local Government Act 1993* prescribes the public notice requirements for the presentation of financial reports. These requirements have been complied with.

Pursuant to Section 420 of the *Local Government Act 1993* any person may make submissions within 7 days after the date of this meeting. Any submissions received must be referred to the Auditor.

Copies of the financial reports are available for public inspection on Council's Website, at the Council Offices and the Cobar, Nymagee and Euabalong Libraries.

RECOMMENDATION

- 1. That the Audited Financial Statements and Auditor's Reports for the year ended 30 June 2020 be received and noted.**
- 2. That copies of Council's Annual Audited Financial Statements be provided to such persons and bodies as the regulations require.**

CLAUSE 4A – LILLIANE BRADY VILLAGE MANAGEMENT AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

FILE NUMBER: C6-36 AOP REFERENCE: 1.5.4 ATTACHMENT: NO
AUTHOR: Director Finance & Community Services, Kym Miller

Purpose

To establish a Management and Governance Committee for the *Lilliane Brady Village*.

Background

Cobar Shire Council is committed to delivering value to its community through living its corporate values of Accountability, Communication, Effective Leadership, Integrity and Teamwork.

As the licenced owner and operator of *The Lilliane Brady Village* one of our major accountabilities is the provision of quality and safe clinical care to the residents of the Lilliane Brady Village.

Clinical care is health care that encompasses the prevention, treatment and management of illness or injury, as well as the maintenance of psychosocial, mental and physical wellbeing. Clinical care should be best practice and guided by the needs, goals and preferences of our residents. Implementation of effective clinical governance can identify and manage clinical risks for residents, prevent harm, and improve the processes of clinical care, leading to better clinical outcomes and improved wellbeing.

Good clinical governance is an integrated set of leadership behaviours, policies, procedures, responsibilities, relationships, planning, monitoring and improvement mechanisms that are implemented to support safe, quality clinical care and good clinical outcomes for each resident. It is timely to apply increased attention to the governance model as the facility transitions to a 43-bed facility in a very demanding regulatory environment.

There has been a major spotlight on aged care in recent times including a Royal Commission. It is not unreasonable to expect more review following the high number of deaths in Victoria arising from the Covid-19 pandemic.

There are eight regulated quality standards in Aged Care with two requiring a high focus in the governance model - consumer dignity and choice and organisational governance. This framework for quality and safety in aged care, including clinical care, is set by the Aged Care Quality Standards. Cobar Shire Council has overall responsibility and ultimate accountability for this.

It is anticipated that the capacity of the facility will soon increase by one third. Current demand indicates that at least five of the new beds will be taken up very quickly.

It is recommended that a high-level committee should focus on key clinical and managerial matters and it should not be intended for it to get involved in day to day matters. It will be very much like a Board of a private sector facility.

Persons offering themselves to the committee should be prepared to spend considerable time understanding the sector and acknowledge that the committee is highly accountable. Agendas will be strategic and not operational.

Being undertaken simultaneously with the establishment of this committee is an overhaul of the management structure at the facility. The objectives of this overhaul are to accommodate the increased size of the facility as well as to ensure that the new standards are met. To date significant change has been made at administration level to free the Director of Nursing from administration matters and the kitchen is mid-way through a review. Within the immediate period the menu planning will be much better integrated into the supply chain and the structure will be amended to ensure accountability within the kitchen and free the Director of this function to allow that role to focus on clinical care. Further reviews of the Assistant Director of Nursing role are intended to accommodate the increase in residents and assist with succession planning.

The proposed composition of the committee is:

- General Manager of Cobar Shire Council
- Relevant Director for the facility
- One or two Councillors
- Resident's family x 1
- One independent community member
- As observers: Director of Nursing and Assistant Director of Nursing.

The Chair should come from one of the elected members.

The inclusion of a resident's family and a community member is to reflect the importance of the facility as a community asset and to ensure that balanced feedback is available.

Terms of Reference and meeting format would be developed by the committee and brought back to Council by 30 June 2021.

RECOMMENDATION

- 1. That an advisory committee to be known as the Lilliane Brady Village Management and Governance Committee be established.**
- 2. That one or two Councillors be the Council representatives on the steering committee and the first committee when formed.**
- 3. That the General Manager and Director Finance and Community Services be delegated to form the committee following the guidelines in this report by initially establishing a steering committee comprising of them and the members elected in 2 above.**
- 4. That the steering committee be endorsed to appoint the family representative and community member to the first committee.**
- 5. That an update be provided to Council when available or if not before to the June 2021 Ordinary Meeting of Council.**

CLAUSE 5A – QUARTER 1 – 2020/2021 BUDGET REVIEW

FILE: L5-22 AOP REFERENCE: 3.3 ATTACHMENT: YES (PAGE 140-143)

AUTHOR: *Director of Finance and Community Services, Kym Miller*

Purpose

To present to Council the budget review for the first quarter of the 2020/2021 financial year. The resolved changes will be made to the budget which was adopted in June 2020.

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:

1. Section 94 Contribution details (Attachment 1);
2. 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 2020/2021 year (Attachment 2);

Summary

A robust review of operating and capital expenditure for the first quarter of this financial year has been conducted. The outlook for the remaining portion of this financial year has also been reviewed.

Councilors receive monthly reports on expenditure on major projects and roads (operating and capital).

Only significant items are required to be adjusted. As with any complex business most income and expense lines will have minor variations but on balance, they do not influence the budget position significantly.

Capital

It is generally too early in Q1 to get a bearing on the major projects included in the budget and any changes arising will more than likely be timing differences. However, the following matters have been identified.

The works program will be altered to re-allocate money from SR31 to SR13. This is not a variation to the funds allocated to infrastructure in the adopted budget.

Pulpulla Road was adopted as a funded \$2.5m project but funding has been received for \$5m – this will be a budget neutral adjustment to both capital grants and capital expense. Delays are expected with regulatory requirements and it is doubtful whether the project will be completed this financial year. It is prudent to leave it in the budget and if required carry over any portion not completed. Council should note that \$3.5m has already been received and this is contributing to the high cash balances.

Repair program as reported to Council in the August Ordinary Meeting of Council funding has been received for The Wool Track under this stream. It is unusual for this grant to be received in successive years. The Shires contribution towards this capital expenditure will come from the maintenance vote, thereby reducing the Regional Roads maintenance expenditure by \$400k this financial year.

Council was advised in July of being granted \$1,085k from the Local Roads and Community Infrastructure fund and \$4.4m from the Resources for Region program. These were allocated as follows:

- \$300k Drummond Park Toilets
- \$350k CCTV
- \$175K Sealing car park off Linsley St
- \$115k Sealing Town Hall Cinema car park
- \$145k Town beautification
- \$3m for the reticulation program
- \$1,375k for drainage works at the 'old industrial estate'
- \$50k to prepare a business plan for the upgrade of the Cobar Swimming Pool toilets and kiosk.

These amounts will also now be formally included in the budget.

Operating

Councilors have already been appraised of the cost of the fire at the landfill. A budgetary allowance of \$200k is required.

Following previous discussion in the chamber it is prudent to incorporate \$20k as Council's contribution via the FNWJO for a Contaminated Lands Officer.

An omission from the adopted budget was an allowance of \$25k in the Sewerage Fund for reservoir repair.

Following the cancellation of the 2021 Grey Mardi Gras \$100k needs to be removed from the relevant income and expenditure lines in the budget i.e. income neutral.

As per the report to the August Ordinary Meeting of Council under Regulation 202 the RMCC contract revenue and expenditure will be both increased by \$600k – this is budget neutral.

Operating forward advice

Depending on the progress of bed licenses at the Lilliane Brady Village the income and expenditure lines may have to be significantly revised in the Q2 review. The worst-case scenario is having unrecovered depreciation of \$200k.

Income from Development Applications is behind target and will also be visited in the Q2 review.

The amounts are summarised in the tables attached and now need to be included in the budget.

RECOMMENDATION

- 1. That the operating budget for 2020/2021 be varied by the amounts shown in Table 1 as attached.**
- 2. That the capital expenditure budget for 2020/2021 be varied by the amounts shown in Table 2 as attached.**

CLAUSE 1B – DEVELOPMENT APPROVALS: 14 OCTOBER 2020 – 17 NOVEMBER 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 14 October 2020 – 17 November 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 Nil.

Local Development Approvals

The following Local Development Applications were approved under delegated authority for the period 14 October 2020 – 17 November 2020.

CERTIFICATE NO.	ADDRESS	DESCRIPTION	VALUE (\$)
2020/LD-00036	1–5 Prince St, Cobar	TAFE Learning Centre (Stage 2)	\$1,771,380.60
2020/LD-00043	39 Prince St, Cobar	Shed	\$18,000
2020/LD-00042	5 Frederick St, Cobar	Demolition of existing dwelling	\$30,000
2020/LD-00041	18 Yarran Cir, Cobar	Demolition of existing dwelling	\$20,000
2020/LD-00040	22 Kurrajong Cir, Cobar	Demolition of existing dwelling	\$20,000
2020/LD-00038	1025 Mount Grace Rd, Euabalong	Subdivision	NA
2020/LD-00010	CSA Mine, Cobar	Installation of Jameson Cells	\$2,876,000
2020/LD-00011	CSA Mine, Cobar	Installation of Bulk Air Cooler	\$59,400
2020/LD-00012	CSA Mine, Cobar	Installation of Surface Vent Fan	\$5,810,000
2020/LD-00013	CSA Mine, Cobar	Diesel Generator	\$264,000

The value of Local Development approvals for 2020/2021 to date is \$19,481,122.00.
The value of Local Development approvals for the similar period in 2019/2020 was \$5,921,630.60.

Construction Certificates

The following Construction Certificates were issued for the period 14 October 2020 – 17 November 2020.

CERTIFICATE NO.	ADDRESS	DESCRIPTION
2020/CB-00020	39 Prince St, Cobar	Shed
2020/CB-00019	2 Broomfield St, Cobar	Fence

RECOMMENDATION

That the information detailing the Local Development and Construction Certificate approvals for the period 14 October 2020 – 17 November 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>New signage installation has commenced throughout the town.</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	<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>

				Doctors, Specialists and other staff to rural communities such as Cobar and in particular the Western Area of NSW.	Mayor supported the Gwydir Council in providing representation to Canberra to raise the issue. Mayor held meeting with NSW Government Agency to discuss ensuring Doctors are available in Cobar.
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	Submission being prepared when resources available.

				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.	
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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	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. That Council have discussions about a percentage of miners and	Submission being prepared and discussions held with local mines.

				those who are working on specific projects who should legally be required to live in town, to be held with the State Government.	
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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; ▪ 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. 	<p>Concurrence received from Public School that pedestrian crossing on Blakey Street should be a children's crossing during School times only.</p> <p>Letter to RMS sent for approval. RMS has approved HPAA and secured funding; to be completed this financial year. Proposal to be finalised for public consultation to commence.</p>
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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 Minutes	70.4.2020	GM	<p>That Council resolve to adopt the following recommendations from the Local Traffic Committee:</p> <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>Line marker has been busy with other works and wet weather has impacted availability. Attempts to complete work ongoing.</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>

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	That Council seek assistance from the Federal Government to be allocated ten new bed licenses immediately for the Lilliane Brady Village.	<p>Submission in progress – no outcome advised but talks so far have been positive.</p> <p>Letter requesting assistance signed</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.	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'.
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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 22 OCTOBER 2020

NUMBER	ITEM	RESOLUTION NUMBER	ACTION BY	ACTION REQUIRED	OUTCOME
1411	Council Meeting – Clause 2A – Funding Deed for the Integrated Water Cycle Management Plan	202.102020	WSM	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. That Council engage Mike Brearley and Associates for the project management of the Integrated	No further action required.

				Water Cycle Management Plan for an estimated total cost of \$125,800 (ex GST).	
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RECOMMENDATION

That the information contained in the monthly status report be received and noted, with the following items to be removed: 1411.

CLAUSE 3B – INVESTMENT REPORT AS AT 31 OCTOBER 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 October 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 \$459,000.

Investments for October	Rate	Bank	Opening Balance	Transfers to Investment	Transfers from Investment	Interest Earned	Closing Balance
NAB Sweep Acct		NAB	\$ 4,539,127	\$ 5,284,718	\$2,700,748	\$ 889	\$ 7,123,986
May-21	0.73%	NAB	\$ 2,000,920			\$ 2,379	\$ 2,003,299
Feb-21	0.80%	AMP	\$ 2,002,499			\$ 1,361	\$ 2,003,860
Dec-20	0.85%	NAB	\$ 2,003,915			\$ 1,447	\$ 2,005,362
Feb-21	0.80%	Auswide	\$ 2,002,149			\$ 1,360	\$ 2,003,509
May-21	0.80%	Auswide	\$ 2,001,622			\$ 1,360	\$ 2,002,982
Nov-20	1.15%	ME	\$ 3,011,928			\$ 2,942	\$ 3,014,869
Nov-20	1.25%	ME	\$ 2,009,126			\$ 2,133	\$ 2,011,259
Dec-20	0.90%	NAB	\$ 1,002,618			\$ 759	\$ 1,003,377
Feb-21	1.20%	AMP	\$ 1,003,030			\$ 33	\$ 1,003,063
May-21	0.80%	AMP	\$ 1,000,965			\$ 680	\$ 1,001,645
Feb-21	1.20%	AMP	\$ 1,003,060			\$ 33	\$ 1,003,093
TOTALS	Average Int	0.95%	\$23,580,958	\$5,284,718	\$2,700,748	\$15,375	\$26,180,303

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 31 October 2020.**

CLAUSE 4B – BANK RECONCILIATION, CASH FLOW & LOAN FACILITY SUMMARIES AS AT 31 OCTOBER 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	1,343
Less Unpresented Cheques	(-)

Reconciled Balance	11,343
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In accordance with the requirements of the Local Government Act, 1993, I hereby certify that the Cash Book has been reconciled with the appropriate Bank Statements 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
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
Oct 20	26,180,303	11,343	26,191,646

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
20,190	20,190	Bank Balance Forward	11,343
150,000	596,663	FAG / R2R / RMCC	1,000,000
15,506	14,926	Services NSW	14,926
450,000	581,761	Rates /Water/User Charges	450,000
150,000	215,183	Private Works/Debtors	150,000
200,000	218,479	LBV – Residents Fees & Subsidies	200,000
50,000	142,750	Child Care/In Home Care (Net)	50,000
500,000	(2,583,970)	Net Movement of Investments	2,000,000
500,000	4,078,826	Sundry Income & Grants	500,000
		<i>Less</i>	
(3,000,000)	(2,484,126)	Creditors	(3,500,000)
(820,000)	(812,025)	Wages / Salaries	(820,000)
10,000	11,343	Bank Reconciliation Cr/(Dr)	10,000

Loan Facility Report as at 31 October 2020

Swimming Pool and Street Upgrade Loan (6.22%) <i>Principal and Interest = \$22,265</i>	(747,774.19)
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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 31 October 2020.

CLAUSE 5B – MEETING MINUTES

FILE: A12-4 & L5-26

AOP REFERENCE: 3.1

ATTACHMENT: YES

(PAGE 144-155)

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:

Risk and Audit Committee – Thursday, 27 June 2020 (no Status Report);

Far North West Joint Organisation – Wednesday, 28 October 2020 (Draft Minutes and no Status Report).

RECOMMENDATION

That the Minutes of the Risk and Audit Committee and the Draft Minutes of the Far North West Joint Organisation be received and noted.

CLAUSE 6B – 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 June 1, 2020 – October 31, 2020 and the method of procurement used.

Contractor	Description of Works and Method of Procurement	Current Month	2020/2021
Killard Infrastructure	Reticulation (Tender)	511,801	1,995,767
Crushrite	Gravel Crushing (Tender)	255,683	840,760
Country Wide Asphalt Pty Ltd	Road Works	237,647	435,363
Urquhart Haulage Contractors	Haulage (Tender)	207,488	368,313
Stabilised Pavements of Australia	Pavement Stabilising (Tender)	64,480	319,270
Department of Regional NSW	Government Consulting Services	1,346	278,004
Central Darling Shire Council	Road Works	0	267,936
Country Mile Constructions	Girl Guide Hall (Tender)	440	250,312
JR May Earthmoving	Plant Hire (Tender)	52,734	245,718
Deppeler Earthmoving	Plant Hire (Tender)	87,896	184,635
Rollers Australia	Plant Hire (Tender)	56,757	165,597

Inland Petroleum	Fuel (Tender)	37,288	151,106
Maas Constructions (Dubbo) Pty Ltd	Museum Ramp (Tender)	150,180	150,180
AC & JC Paul	Grading Work	0	126,192
LC Water	Water Treatment Plant (Tender)	0	109,161
JN Harbison	Plant Hire (Tender)	0	100,950
Broughton Contracting	Plant Hire (Tender)	6,912	89,891
Bob Bruce Earthworks Pty Ltd	Plant Hire (Tender)	32,796	87,235
Precision Civil Infrastructure P/L	Sewer Upgrades (Tender)	55,545	83,428

RECOMMENDATION

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

CLAUSE 7B – ENGINEERING WORKS REPORT

FILE: C6-20-2 AOP REFERENCE: 4.3.2

ATTACHMENT: NO

AUTHOR: *Director Infrastructure Services, Scott Casey*

Purpose

To inform Council of completed and ongoing Engineering Works for the period of November 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

- Gravelling on The Wool Track;
- Gravelling on SR18;
- Maintenance grading on SR12.

Construction Work

- Lifting road on SR13 and 13B;
- 5km seal extension on MR416 (The Wool Track) is complete. Finishing off shoulders and batters;
- Crushing gravel at Mount Hope;
- Winning gravel on SR10.

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 and repair – **ongoing**;
- Pest control within sewer reticulation network being carried out where necessary – **ongoing**;

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- Repairs to the Sewer Treatment Plant embankment have been completed. Stage 2 has now commenced which includes upgrades to the embankment to avoid further erosion in the future.
 - A chlorine installation audit was undertaken and identified remedial works are underway – **ongoing**;
 - The roof on the Million Gallon Tank has been repaired.

Water Operations

- The Water Treatment Plant is producing approximately 3ML per day. There are currently no water restrictions in place.
- Burrendong Dam level is at 45.0%. Water into the Nyngan Weir Pool is being sourced from the natural flow in the Bogan River.

Parks & Gardens:

- Two vacant roles have now been filled;
- Works at Inland Petroleum corner are continuing. Centre island design has been reconfigured to avoid powerline poles. Redesign of crossings in the area has been conceptualised with Traffic Committee;
- Reclaiming of the North/West corner of Drummond Park and footpath have been completed;
- Ward Oval is looking good. Still some bare patches in turf where old concrete pits were removed and where it had died off in January;
- Heritage Park irrigation system replacement, with 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;
- Members of the public continue to cut the fence to access the site.

Electrical:

- Electrical Supervisor position re-advertised, closing 23rd November;
- Meter locks have been purchased and several already installed. These allow access for meter readers, Essential Energy and Cobar Shire Council via one lock.

Workshop (Mobile Fleet Maintenance):

- 2 trades roles vacant;
- New vehicle for Roads Works Manager;
- New vehicle for Director of Infrastructure Services;
- New fuel truck chassis delivery has been revised to 30 November;
- P4521 Backhoe suffered a drive shaft failure with damage to engine sump and gearbox – currently being repaired;
- P4531 Backhoe needs repairs to air filter housing assembly once P4521 is repaired;
- Reviewing P3042, P3052, P3071 and P3102 Grader Service Agreements, with air and oil filters and oil changes to occur every 250hrs;

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- Invite for tenders gone out on Caravans, Landfill Compactor and 2 x Heavy Rigid Tippers;
 - Light vehicles ordered: 6 x DMAX, 1 x MUX, estimated time of arrival is January 2021;
 - Kangaroo damage repaired on P0058 and P0303.

Depot Works:

- Truck Wash:
 - Components are on site;
 - Site has been cleared;
 - Pipe for water supply and sewer pump being installed;
 - Timeline has been revised with commissioning expected December or early 2021 depending on availability of roads crew;
 - Commissioning will initially be undertaken using a generator for power;
 - Mains power will not be available until mid-2021.
- Emulsion Unit:
 - Tank is on site;
 - Civil Design to be finalised;
 - Roads crew have started clearing and leveling of compound;
 - As per the Truck Wash, the electrical supply will come from the new NMI/metering point and distribution board. Public Works is stating it will be eight months until we have power to the site.

Airport:

- Audit completed and report finalised, the main point of note being the condition of the runways;
- Council received a confirmation letter regarding re-categorisation of airports and that our airport will no longer be a security-controlled airport in line with the latest regulations;
- The main runway cracking was inspected. Advice is that it should be resurfaced before damage occurs to structural layer below. It is suggested a roller be used once or twice a month on the runway to give longevity to the new surface once complete;
- Auxiliary runway cracking was inspected. This has been rolled with multi-tyre roller and looks to have achieved desired result. Patch spraying will be arranged and further rolling with a small unit will be completed when the Paveline Team are available. This should achieve a short-term fix that will allow us to carry out resealing on the main runway first;
- An irrigation sprinkler failed in mid-November with some run-off water into the carpark area.

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 8B – EXPENDITURE FOR ROADS NETWORK

FILE: R5-31

AOP REFERENCE: 4.3.2

**ATTACHMENT: YES
(PAGE 156-163)**

AUTHOR: *Director Infrastructure Services, Scott Casey*

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 10B – FIRST QUARTERLY REVIEW OF THE ANNUAL OPERATIONAL PLAN 2020/2021 (Q1)

FILE: L5-22

AOP REFERENCE: 3.1

ATTACHMENT: YES

(UNDER SEPARATE COVER)

AUTHOR: *General Manager, Peter Vlatko*

Purpose

To provide Council with a detailed review of all actions outlined in the Annual Operational Plan 2020/2021 for the first quarter (ie July to September 2020).

Background

At the June 2020 Ordinary Council Meeting, Council adopted the 2020/2021 Annual Operational Plan (AOP) and Budget. Council is obligated to review the AOP and Budget each quarter, under the NSW Integrated Planning and Reporting legislation and guidelines. It should be remembered that this review is only for the period July to September 2020 and does not cover actions or activities that have occurred since then. However, the attachment to this report aims to highlight major issues that may arise in Q2 of 2020/2021.

Issues

Each responsible officer has provided the attached review of their operations. All actions outlined in the AOP have been addressed and statistics are provided where appropriate.

Legal Situation

Council must review the AOP six monthly and the budget quarterly as per the NSW Integrated Planning and Reporting guidelines. Council chooses to review the AOP in line with the budget.

Policy Implications

The report outlines what has been achieved to date, what has not been achieved and why, and highlights any concerns regarding the actions in the AOP. Councillors are encouraged to read through the report to get an understanding of where each of the actions has progressed to and to understand any possible issues that may need addressing in future quarters.

Financial Implications

Any financial implications are outlined in the budget review.

Risk Implication

Any risks to achieving outcomes are listed in the report attachment.

COVID-19 has had a significant impact in Council's operation in Q1 and it is unknown as to when the impact of the pandemic will be relieved.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receives and notes the first quarterly review of the 2020/2021 Annual Operational Plan, covering the period July to September 2020.

CLAUSE 11B – 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 31 October 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 31 October 2020	Project Status
Water Treatment Plant (WTP)	\$15,750,000	\$200,000	\$12,704,760	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- The new Water Treatment Plant is operational and Council staff are operating the plant. The completion of the access road to the water plant has been delayed;- 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 November;- Several defects have been identified as part of the defect's liability period, Public Works Advisory and LCW are in discussion regarding the

				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - rectification of defects; - Construction of the road to the WTP is anticipated to be completed in January 2021 subject to the EPA's clean up notice; - The WTP was officially opened by the Deputy Premier and Mayor 2 October 2019.
Sewerage Scheme Refurbishments Expansion and upgrade	\$2,100,000	\$500,000	\$762,336.00	<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.
Water Mains Cleaning and Replacement and Water Storage Refurbishment Project	\$6,900,000	\$0	\$4,460,356.05	<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; - Reservoir roof repairs have proceeded to tender. Tender expected to be awarded in November 2020.

RECOMMENDATION

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

CLAUSE 12B – GRANT FUNDING

FILE: G4-17

AOP REFERENCE: 3.1.1.3

ATTACHMENT: YES (PAGE 164-167)

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					
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 – Correspondence received on the 17 November 2020 indicated announcements would be made by the end of 2020.
Active Transport	Construction of pedestrian refuge at the intersection of Maidens Avenue and Blakey Street.	\$52,924	Pending	\$10,000 from Council's footpath budget to be contributed if successful.	Council were notified that Bathurst Street footpath was successful – this was in the same round as this application however, as yet, Council have not been notified of this applications status.
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 December 2020.
Crown Lands	To undertake demolition of unsafe structures on various Crown Land Reserves managed by Council.	\$10,617	Pending	Nil for this application.	Outcome expected December 2020.
Resources for Regions	Stage 1 – existing industrial estate, including roads and	\$1,375,921	Pending	\$134,423.50*	Cobar Shire Council has been allocated \$4,425,921

	storm water upgrades.				through the Resources for Regions funding stream. Application process still required. Anticipate outcome December 2020. * subject to tender results.
Resources for Regions	Water Reticulation Upgrade – Stage 2.	\$3,000,000	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 December 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 December 2020.
Festivals Australia	Festivals Australia provides funding to support one-off community events, such as a town's centenary celebration. Council applied for funding to help fund the '150 years' celebrations that couldn't occur this year due to COVID – in hope they will go ahead in 2021.	\$40,000	Pending	\$40,000 from Council's festival budget.	Outcome expected May 2021.

Community Assisted Grants

Grant and Department	Activity	Amount Applied For	Status	Council Funding Required	Comment
Grants Announced					
Tackling Tough Times Together (TTTT)	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
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.
Covid Safe Australia Day	Additional support to ensure a Covid safe event can be held for Australia Day.	\$22,000	Successful	Nil for this application.	Funding successful for additional resources to ensure a COVID safe Australia Day event can take place, application was submitted

					eligible items.
Showgrounds Stimulus Funding	Electrical upgrades in stabling area, demolish existing stables and install 90 new (compliant) stables.	\$322,421	Successful	Nil for this application.	To be completed by 30 June 2021.
Transport NSW	Construction of four new bus shelters for school students.	\$44,000	Successful	Nil for this application	Installation of four new bus shelters for school students.
Active Transport	Construction of Bathurst Street footpath – from the Caravan Park corner to Cobar TAFE.	\$166,057	Successful	\$60,000 from Council's grant co-contribution's budget to be contributed.	This project was incorporated with Council's footpath Tender, which is currently out.

Council committed \$200,000 in the 2020/2021 budget to put towards grant proposals as a co-contribution. Currently: \$60,000 spent on Bathurst Street footpath upgrades. Remaining: \$140,000.

Current Grant Opportunities:

- **Regional Airports Program – Round 2** – Round 2 of the Regional Airports Program has now opened as part of the Federal Government's commitment to enhancing the accessibility and safety of regional airports and aerodromes across Australia. Owners and operators of airports or aerodromes in regional areas of Australia can apply for a grant of between \$20,000 and \$5 million, with \$58.8 million available in total. The grant amount will be up to 50% of eligible project costs, unless the project is equal or less than \$300,000 in which case the grant amount can be up to 100% funded. Applications close on 15 December 2020.
- **NSW Fixing Local Roads Program – Round 2** – Fixing Local Roads is a grant-based program where councils can apply for funding to repair, patch, maintain and seal priority local council roads. Applications can be made for a 100 per cent contribution from the NSW Government for specific works. Councils are encouraged to co-contribute to any projects with funds or in-kind contributions. There is a fact sheet attached that outlines eligible and ineligible works that can be applied for through this stream. Applications close on 11 December 2020.
- **Your High Street** – The Department of Planning Industry and Environment is inviting local councils to apply for up to \$1 million in grants as part of the \$15 million 'Your High Street' program to make permanent changes that improve the amenity of a high street in their area. The purpose is to support councils across NSW to enhance high streets in strategic centres by providing grant funding for projects that improve amenity and high street functionality to support local business trading by June 2022. Applications close 29 January 2021.

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 have commenced on site and are progressing very nicely so far. Project expected to be completed by 30 June 2021.
- **Heritage Near Me** – Museum accessibility project – Ramp has been completed. Landscaping to occur towards of the building works.
- **RCF Rd 2 Exhibition Upgrade** – as above for RCF Rd 1.
- **Far 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. Base slab laid and culverts in place. On target to be completed by end March 2021.
- **Stronger Country Communities Funding (SCCF) – Toilet Project** – Nymagee toilet to be completed by 25 November 2020. All toilets from this funding will then be complete.
- **SCCF – Girl Guides Hall** – Renovation of existing house at 9 Maidens Ave. Work are progressing well. On target to be completed by end December 2020.
- **SCCF – Youthie Upgrade** – Tender closes on Wednesday, 18 November 2020. All going well onsite works expected to start in January 2021.
- **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.
- **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. Dalton Park shade structure complete. The other projects in this funding round are progressing.
- **BBRF – Community Investment Stream** – Inception Meeting and Project Planning completed 19 August. Data identification and Initial stakeholder introduction meetings 10-11 September (including the initial project introduction to Councillor Workshop). Data collation and analysis has continued over September and October, including the Cobar Community Survey which returned 377 responses. Stakeholder and community sessions are booked for the week 16-20 November 2020. Advertising has taken place in The Cobar Weekly and on social media, individual invitations have been sent via email to businesses, community and sporting groups, and other specific stakeholder groups. A flyer invitation has also been delivered to the business community to maximise our opportunity for good attendance at the 12 consultation sessions.

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- **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, and eligible seniors have been contacted both via phone and mail to connect and assess their need for further support. The craft packs were launched and have been enthusiastically received in Cobar, Nymagee and Euabalong. Extra packs have been ordered to match demand.
 - **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. Road remediation is currently underway. 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** – Final draft will be issued for Council review shortly.
 - **SR6 – Pulpulla Road – Sealing Pulpulla Road from the Barrier Highway to the entrance into Mount Grenfell Reserve** – Deed signed, consultant appointed to undertake the Review of Environmental Factors (REF) and the licensing of the gravel pit. Road design is completed, and we will start formation grading after Christmas. Cannot cart or lay gravel until REF is finalised. This process could take 3 months.
 - **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.
 - **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 has begun.
 - **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 developed.

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 2020**FILE: R2-1****AOP REFERENCE: 3.1.1.6****ATTACHMENT: YES (PAGE 168-169)****AUTHOR: Office Coordinator, Jo-Louise Brown****Purpose**

To provide Council details of the Rate Reconciliation as at 31 October 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	275,991.49	262,126.16	262,741.76	48.71%
Farmland	727,675.49		296.68	-	727,378.81	51,190.73	352,174.26	426,395.28	419,935.16	54.77%
Mining	1,789,286.32		-	-	1,789,286.32	80,505.78	584,489.97	1,285,302.13	1,447,718.85	68.74%
Residential	1,192,833.76	46,324.30	1,843.16	520.00	1,145,186.30	183,638.97	515,832.82	812,992.45	905,276.35	61.18%
Overpayments					-	-170,530.76	- 114,247.43	-56,283.33	-52,255.35	33.00%
Legal Costs			-	-	-	33,919.11	5,361.93	28,557.18	50,860.67	84.19%
Interest			1,411.45	-	- 1,411.45	82,381.63	15,442.33	65,527.85	170,562.78	80.93%
General Rates	4,169,179.17	46,324.30	4,101.29	600.00	4,119,353.58	340,309.51	1,635,045.37	2,824,617.72	3,204,840.22	63.34%
Domestic Waste	652,348.00	17,800.71	488.00	427.00	634,486.29	60,953.30	325,363.27	370,076.32	367,762.33	53.21%
Sewerage	690,285.00	18,243.75	547.20	47,835.84	719,329.89	115,504.58	370,606.22	464,228.25	413,644.28	55.61%
Cobar Water	707,930.00	19,643.75	394.00	668.00	688,560.25	59,408.04	356,745.56	391,222.73	376,379.85	52.30%
Nymagee Water	28,308.00	525.00	-	-	27,783.00	9,779.30	11,266.07	26,296.23	27,993.34	70.01%
Euabalong Water	45,212.00	1,400.00	-	-	43,812.00	11,225.51	22,491.85	32,545.66	33,512.58	59.13%
Euab West Water	27,986.00	525.00	-	-	27,461.00	7,785.03	14,879.89	20,366.14	19,690.78	57.78%
Mt Hope Water	6,444.00	-	-	-	6,444.00	2,362.53	5,227.01	3,579.52	4,684.44	40.65%
Water Access	815,880.00	22,093.75	394.00	668.00	794,060.25	90,560.41	410,610.38	474,010.28	462,260.99	53.58%
Water Usage			111.00	247,399.33	247,288.33	309,565.18	463,508.43	93,345.08	186,998.51	16.76%
TOTAL	6,327,692.17	104,462.51	5,641.49	296,930.17	6,514,518.34	916,892.98	3,205,133.67	4,226,277.65	4,635,506.33	56.87%

RECOMMENDATION**That the Rates Reconciliation Report as at 31 October 2020 be received and noted.**



ATTACHMENTS

ORDINARY MEETING AGENDA

THURSDAY 26 NOVEMBER 2020

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