



# **COBAR SHIRE COUNCIL**

## **ORDINARY MEETING AGENDA**

**THURSDAY, 27 MAY 2021**

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## ~ ORDER OF BUSINESS ~

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Business for the meeting will be as follows: Message from the Chair:

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1. Apologies
    - Nil.
  2. Declaration of Interests
  3. Condolences
    - Keven Arthur Brown
    - Robin Ann Pagett
    - Keith Leslie Buckman
    - Malcolm Thornton
    - Donald Le Lievre
    - Christopher Ian Johnson
  4. Public Access Forum
  5. Confirmation of Minutes
    - Ordinary Meeting of Council – Thursday, 22 April 2021.
  6. Matters Arising from Minutes
  7. Notice of Motions
    - Nil
  8. Mayoral Report
  9. General Manager's Report – Action/Recommendation
  10. General Manager's Report – Confidential
    - Request for Tender ERP Software (T3-20-15)
    - Future Management of Kubby House Childcare Centre and Early Learning Facility.
  11. Matters of Urgency
  12. Correspondence
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## ~ COUNCIL'S VISION ~

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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.

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## ~ COUNCIL'S MISSION ~

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

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

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

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

	<b>Accountability</b>	<b>Communication</b>	<b>Effective Leadership</b>	<b>Integrity</b>	<b>Team Work</b>
<b>We Value</b>	<b>We are responsible for our actions, our behaviour and the satisfactory completion of allocated tasks</b>	<b>We communicate openly and respectfully, sharing timely and appropriate information with others</b>	<b>We lead by positive example, embodying all of Council's agreed Values</b>	<b>We are consistently honest, transparent, ethical and fair, regardless of the situation</b>	<b>We work collaboratively to achieve shared goals for Council and the community</b>
<b>My Behaviours</b>	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

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## ~ COUNCIL'S CHARTER ~

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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.

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**CLAUSE 1 – MAYORAL REPORT**

**FILE: C13-1-5**

**AOP REFERENCE: 3.1**

**ATTACHMENT: NO**

**AUTHOR: *Mayor, Peter Abbott***

Report to be tabled.

**RECOMMENDATION**

**That Council accepts the information contained in the Mayoral Report for the month of May 2021.**

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**CLAUSE 2 – DETERMINATION OF FEES PAID TO MAYOR AND COUNCILLORS**

**FILE: C12-2 & L5-1 AOP REFERENCE: 3.1.5**

**ATTACHMENT: NO**

**AUTHOR: *General Manager, Peter Vlatko***

**Purpose**

To set the fees payable to the Mayor and Councillors for 2021/2022 in line with the Local Government Remuneration Tribunal's Determination.

**Background**

Section 248 of the *Local Government Act 1993* requires that:

- 1) A council must pay each councillor an annual fee.
- 2) A council may fix the annual fee and, if it does so, it must fix the annual fee in accordance with the appropriate determination of the Remuneration Tribunal.
- 3) The annual fee so fixed must be the same for each councillor.
- 4) A council that does not fix the annual fee must pay the appropriate minimum fee determined by the Remuneration Tribunal.

Cobar Shire Council currently pays the following annual fee as adopted in May 2019:

Mayor - \$26,530 p.a. monthly in arrears.

Councillor - \$12,160 p.a. monthly in arrears.

The Tribunal granted a 2.0% increase in the fees payable to Councillors and Mayors, which is 0.5% less than the maximum allowable increase under the Government's wages policy. The increase will take effect on and from 1 July 2021.

The Tribunal received 18 submissions – 17 from individual councils and a submission from Local Government NSW. The Tribunal also met with the President and Chief Executive of Local Government NSW. All submissions were discussed at length with the assessors and the Tribunal acknowledged the difficulties imposed by COVID-19, bushfires, floods and the unique challenges of connectivity and travel experienced by mayors and councillors in regional and remote locations.

The Tribunal did not undertake a broad review of the categorisation of councils and considered only those requests where an individual submission was made. The Tribunal considered nine requests for re-categorisation, with four of these requests seeking the creation of new categories. In each of these requests the Tribunal considered the case put forward and the criteria for each category. However, it determined that the current categories and allocation of councils to these categories remained appropriate.

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Cobar Shire Council remains a Rural Council, the fee determination levels are as follows:

	<b>Councillor/Member Annual Fee (\$) effective 1 July 2021</b>		<b>Mayor/Chairperson Additional Fee* (\$) effective 1 July 2021</b>	
	Min \$	Max \$	Min \$	Max \$
Category: Rural	9,370	12,400	9,980	27,060

\*This fee must be paid in addition to the fee paid to the Mayor/Chairperson as a Councillor/Member (s.249(2)).

### **Financial Implications**

The recommended changes are contained within the draft budgets for 2021/2022.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

- 1. That Councillors fees are set at \$12,400 per annum paid monthly in arrears for the twelve months commencing 1 July 2021.**
- 2. That the Mayor's fee is set at \$27,060 per annum, paid monthly in arrears for the twelve months commencing 1 July 2021.**

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**CLAUSE 3 – THE LOCAL ROADS AND COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE GRANT \$845,918**

**FILE: G4-47, G4-17 AOP REFERENCE: 3.1.1.3**

**ATTACHMENT: NO**

**AUTHOR: *General Manager, Peter Vlatko***

**Purpose**

The purpose of this report is to approve the projects suitable for the Local Roads and Community Infrastructure grant.

**Background**

Council was allocated a \$845,918 grant under the Local Roads and Community Infrastructure funds which was originally identified to be made available for the potential additional costs of the upgrade of the Youth and Fitness Centre. The Youth and Fitness Centre project timeline has extended recently due to the change in design and in budget. The \$845,918 grant is required to have this project completed by 31 December 2021.

**Discussion**

Due to the change in circumstances with the Youth and Fitness Centre project the grant funds now need to be allocated to the projects that can be and must be delivered by 31<sup>st</sup> December 2021.

The projects that are considered to be achieved and still meet the requirements of the grant funding are:

- Euabalong toilet replacement at the Racecourse (Est.) \$250,000.
- Cobar Youth & Fitness Centre lift installation (Est.) \$245,918.
- Additional funds required to meet the cost of upgrading the horse stables at Ward Oval given the tender indication recently undertaken for the grant for the Show Grounds (Est.) \$150,000.
- Providing a gravel road and car park for the new Sound Chapel project (Est.) \$200,000

If Council adopts these projects the funds for approval will be sought from the Federal Government.

**Budget**

The funds are available to Council and must be spent by 31<sup>st</sup> December 2021.

**RECOMMENDATION**

**That Council approves the allocation of \$845,918 under the Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Grant to the following projects:**

- **Euabalong toilet replacement \$250,000.**
- **Cobar Youth & Fitness Centre lift installation \$245,918.**
- **Current Ward Oval horse stable upgrade project \$150,000.**
- **Sound Chapel gravel road and car park upgrade \$200,000.**

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**CLAUSE 4 –CREATING ECONOMIC RESILIENCY 2021/2027 REPORT**  
**FILE: D2-18 AOP REFERENCE: 2.1.2 ATTACHMENT: YES (Pages 56-87)**  
**AUTHOR: *General Manager, Peter Vlatko***

**Purpose**

The purpose of this report is to place on public display the final report on Creating Economic Resiliency 2021/2027.

**Background**

Council received a Grant to develop a Cobar Economic Resiliency strategy involving extensive research and community consultation. Stakeholders included Cobar Shire Councillors and staff, the business community, schools, sporting and volunteer groups and the Mining Companies. An online survey drew over 400 responses and connected with four principal groups, the general community, business owners, FIFO and DIDO workers and people who were previous residents of Cobar.

**Discussion**

The report has provided Council and the Community of Cobar with six strategies to consider, the strategies are:

- Strategy One- Create a thriving and engaged community.
- Strategy Two- Retain the 10-Year-Old Child.
- Strategy Three- Embrace FIFO and DIDO workers.
- Strategy Four- Secure the regions water reliability.
- Strategy Five- Grow Regional Tourism.
- Strategy Six- Support Cobar Business Community.

These strategies are limited directly to the opportunities that have been identified in the research undertaken by the consultant and now provides a path forward for Council and together with the community to make sure the Cobar Shire and its region has a strong, stable, and attractive place to live into the long term.

These strategies will be difficult to implement and will take time and investment by the Council should any of the strategies be implemented.

It is recommended that the report be now put on public display, provide public meetings and formal presentations to the various stakeholder groups.

**Budget**

Council current and future budgets will be required to provide funds or resources to address the actions required to implement any strategies and will require the support of the State and Federal Governments.

Public meetings and stakeholder group meetings will be funded from the budget.

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## **RECOMMENDATION**

- **1. That Council receive and note the Creating Economic Resiliency 2021/2027 report.**
- **2. That the report be made available for public display and**
- **3. That the General Manager organise formal presentations of the report to the various stake holder groups and a public meeting.**
- **4. That the General Manager provide a further detailed report on the process and resources required to further progress the vision – Cobar Surviving and Thriving as identified through the six strategies.**

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**CLAUSE 5 – THIRD QUARTERLY REVIEW OF THE ANNUAL OPERATIONAL PLAN 2020/2021 (Q3)**

**FILE: L5-22 AOP REFERENCE: 3.1**

**ATTACHMENT: YES(Page 88-180)**

**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 third quarter (i.e., January to March 2021).

**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 January to March 2021 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 Q4 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.

**RECOMMENDATION**

**That Council receives and notes the third quarterly review of the 2020/2021 Annual Operational Plan, covering the period January to March 2021.**

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**CLAUSE 6 – MEETING MINUTES**

**FILE: R5-36      AOP REFERENCE: 3.1ATTACHMENT: YES (PAGE 182-189)**

**AUTHOR: *General Manager, Peter Vlatko***

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

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

- Rural Roads Advisory Committee – Wednesday, 05 May 2021

No resolutions for Council adoption.

**RECOMMENDATION**

**That the Minutes of the Rural Roads Advisory Committee of 05 May 2021 and its Status Report be received and noted.**

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**CLAUSE 7 – MONTHLY STATUS REPORT****FILE: C13-10****AOP REFERENCE: 3.1****ATTACHMENT: NO****AUTHOR: *General Manager, Peter Vlatko***

<b>COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS 25 SEPTEMBER 2014</b>					
<b>NUMBER</b>	<b>ITEM</b>	<b>RESOLUTION NUMBER</b>	<b>ACTION BY</b>	<b>ACTION REQUIRED</b>	<b>OUTCOME</b>
627	Council – Clause 10A – Adoption of Management Plan for Lot 18 DP213415	188.9.2014	<b>GM</b>	<p>That Council authorise the General Manager to negotiate a lease or licence for an appropriate term and conditions with the Cobar Bowling and Golf Club Ltd.</p> <p>That Council authorise the Mayor and General Manager to sign any lease or licence under the Common Seal of Council.</p>	<p>December 2017 target was not met.</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>
<b>COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS 9 MARCH 2017</b>					
1007	Council – Clause 7B – Expenditure for Roads Network	59.3.2017	<b>DIS</b>	That a Rest Area be built along The Wool Track and that it be named after Duncan Gay.	<p>The Wool Track application was submitted on 31/12/2019 – Rest Area incident in submission.</p> <p>May 2020 funding announcement expected – Council was not successful for this round.</p> <p>Advised that the submission is still being considered.</p>

					New round of funding to be called soon. Preliminary discussions on application have been held by staff.
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<b>COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS 22 MARCH 2018</b>					
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<b>NUMBER</b>	<b>ITEM</b>	<b>RESOLUTION NUMBER</b>	<b>ACTION BY</b>	<b>ACTION REQUIRED</b>	<b>OUTCOME</b>
1141	Council Meeting – Notice of Motion – Government Incentive Programs for Attracting Health Care Professionals to the Region	46.3.2018	<b>GM</b>	That Council seek an urgent meeting with the Deputy Premier and the Minister for Health to seek a commitment from the NSW Government to establish and provide incentives and programs for the attraction and delivering Doctors, Specialists and other staff to rural communities such as Cobar and in particular the Western Area of NSW.	<p>Letters sent seeking support. Awaiting response in order to organise the meeting.</p> <p>Letters of support received and forwarded to Ministers Office.</p> <p>Mayor supported the Gwydir Council in providing representation to Canberra to raise the issue.</p> <p>Mayor held meeting with NSW Government Agency to discuss ensuring Doctors are available in Cobar.</p> <p>Staff provided submission to Local Government NSW for their action in supporting Rural Council.</p>
1142	Council Meeting – Notice of Motion – Installation of an Independent Pedestrian Crossing	47.3.2018	<b>GM</b>	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	<p>Negotiations between John Holland Rail, RMS and Council has commenced.</p> <p>RMS have provided funding for the approaches – Council now seeking John Holland to contribute to the installation of pedestrian crossings.</p>

				North and install an independent pedestrian crossing.	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. Once Council footpath has been constructed staff will again raise matter.
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**COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS 28 JUNE 2018**

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

**COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS 28 FEBRUARY 2019**

<b>NUMBER</b>	<b>ITEM</b>	<b>RESOLUTION NUMBER</b>	<b>ACTION BY</b>	<b>ACTION REQUIRED</b>	<b>OUTCOME</b>
1269	Council Meeting - Clause 13A – Raw	25.2.2019	<b>GO</b>	That Council resolve to seek grant funding for \$202,140 for the	Grant funding to be applied for. As yet, no suitable funding has become

	Water Supply to Dalton Park Horse Complex			extension of a raw water pipeline to the Dalton Park Racecourse as outlined in Option 3 of the attached report.	available. Suitable funding has been elsewhere prioritised.
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### COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS 24 APRIL 2019

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

### COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS 27 JUNE 2019

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

**COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS COUNCIL MEETING 13 DECEMBER 2019**

<b>NUMBER</b>	<b>ITEM</b>	<b>RESOLUTION NUMBER</b>	<b>ACTION BY</b>	<b>ACTION REQUIRED</b>	<b>OUTCOME</b>
1345	Council Meeting – Clause 3A – Local Traffic Committee	267.12.2019	<b>ADES</b>	<p>That Council resolve to adopt the following recommendations from the Local Traffic Committee:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ That Council write to RMS to change the pedestrian crossing at Cobar Public School to a children’s crossing during school times only;</li> <li>▪ 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.</li> </ul>	<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> <p>Public consultation completed. Formal application to RMS to be lodged.</p>

**COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 23 APRIL 2020**

<b>NUMBER</b>	<b>ITEM</b>	<b>RESOLUTION NUMBER</b>	<b>ACTION BY</b>	<b>ACTION REQUIRED</b>	<b>OUTCOME</b>
1369	Council Meeting – Clause 6B – Local Traffic Committee Minutes	70.4.2020	<b>GM</b>	<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</p>	<p>Line marker has been busy with other works and has suffered an injury. Anticipate work to be done in May.</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>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>Preferred disabled parking bay was included as part of the recommendations from the Local Traffic Committee regarding predestination access on the Northern side of Barton street &amp; was adopted by Council 25 February 2021.</p>
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**COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 25 MARCH 2021**

<b>NUMBER</b>	<b>ITEM</b>	<b>RESOLUTION NUMBER</b>	<b>ACTION BY</b>	<b>ACTION REQUIRED</b>	<b>OUTCOME</b>
1421	Council Meeting – Clause 4- Management of Council Run Services.	26.03.2021	<b>GM</b>	That Councilor's are issued with all successful grant outcomes and what they were used for over the previous two (2) year period.	Report being prepared.
1423	Council Meeting – Clause 8- Additional Hangars at Aerodrome	30.03.2021	<b>DFCS</b>	That Council in-principal agree to the granting of two foot- prints for the construction of further hangars at the Cobar Airport.	Awaiting interest perspective occupants.

1424	Council Meeting – Clause 18- Cobar Landfill Operations	40.03.2021	<b>DES</b>	That Council proceed with the development of a comprehensive waste management strategy for the Cobar Landfill site which addresses the issues and risks presented, to be adopted at a future Council meeting.	Report presented to April Ordinary Meeting. Refer to item 1432.
1427	Council Meeting- Clause 2- Model Code of Meeting Practice	45.04.2021	<b>GM</b>	That the Council adopt The Model Code of Meeting Practice with amendment to removing ten (10) business days to six (6) business days for Giving Notice of business to be considered at Council Meetings clause 3.10.	
1428	Council Meeting – Clause 3- Draft Ward Oval Master Plan	46.04.2021	<b>GM</b>	That Council adopts the Draft Ward Oval Master Plan for the purpose of providing public consultation.	Exhibition underway 2x successful public meetings. Still on exhibition at time of this report,
1429	Council Meeting- Clause 4- Tender for Heavy Tipper Trucks T3-20-13	47.04.2021	<b>DIS</b>	That Council approve that the contract to purchase two heavy tipper trucks should not be awarded at this time.	No Further action

1430	Council Meeting – Clause 5- Tender for Landfill Compactor	48.04.2021	<b>DIS</b>	That Council approve that the contract to purchase a landfill compactor should not be awarded at this time.	No Further Action
1431	Council Meeting- Clause 6- Allocation of Roads to Recovery Funding	49.04.2021	<b>DIS</b>	That Council approve the use of R2R funding for the remainder of FY2021 as follows:  SR13 – Lerida Rd - \$381,314 SR31 – Moolah Rd - \$300,000 SR37 – Bimbella Rd – \$104,907	Now in works program will be completed
1432	Council Meeting- Clause 7- Landfill Operations – Cobar Landfill	50.04.2021	<b>DES</b>	That Council proceed with Community & Industry Consultations using the approach of the LTPoM as proposed by Bob Bailey & Robert Amaral.	To be actioned.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

**That the information contained in the monthly status report be received and noted with item numbers 1427,1429,1430,1431 to be removed.**

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## **CLAUSE 8 – QUARTER 3 – 2020/2021 BUDGET REVIEW**

**FILE: L5-22      AOP REFERENCE: 3.3      ATTACHMENT: YES (Page 190-193)**

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

### **Purpose**

To present to Council the budget review for the third quarter of the 2020/2021 financial year. The resolved changes will be made to the budget which was adopted in June 2020 and adjusted with carried forward items and the first two quarterly budget reviews. The end of year statutory reports report against the originally adopted 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:

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 third 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).

### **Capital**

No new changes are recommended to the capital budget. There will be timing differences with much of the grids program being only partly completed this financial year and the Pulpulla Road project similarly crossing into next financial year.

A vigorous review of capital works not completed as at 30 June 2021 will be conducted and presented to Council in July to determine the carried forward items. This review may see items removed from the current capital budget, but it is considered prudent to leave the budget intact until this review has been conducted.

A final allocation of the existing roads budget is recommended with the yet unallocated amount of \$500k being expended on Lerida Road (\$300k) and SR1 (\$200k). This reaps the synergies of extending the existing allocation of \$382k on Lerida Rd.

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### **Operating – General Fund**

Two significant variations are recommended.

1. Increase operating revenue by \$400k. This is the balance of the Repair program paid for last financial year by Transport NSW but recorded as revenue this financial year under the relevant accounting standard and some minor outstanding works from last year. The transaction does not generate additional cash this year.

2. Increase revenue by \$664k by way of a ‘paper entry’ to recognise the increased value of the assets which Council now has taken into its asset register for the R.F.S. under the N.S.W. scheme. Again, this generates no cash and increases our ongoing depreciation significantly. Whilst this will be treated as operating income it is best segregated from our operating budget because it has ‘acquired’ assets and is effectively a capital contribution which does not assist with financing day to day costs.

### **Operating – Water Fund and Sewer Fund**

No further changes are recommended to the Water or Sewer funds. The Q2 write down of the Water fund may not be as severe as indicated in the Q2BR as water sold is higher than expected. It is prudent to wait for the Q4 meter readings to make any adjustment.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

- 1. That the operating budget for the General Fund 2020/2021 be varied by increasing income by \$1.064 Mil.**
- 2. That no amendments be made to the capital budget in the quarter 3 budget review.**
- 3. That the works program be amended to expend a further \$300k on Lerida Rd and \$200k on SR 1.**

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**CLAUSE 9 – COUNCIL’S ANNUAL OPERATIONAL PLAN, BUDGET, FEES AND CHARGES AND REVENUE POLICY**

**FILE: L5-22    AOP REFERENCE: 3.3    ATTACHMENT: YES(Page 194-235)  
(UNDER SEPARATE COVER)**

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

**Purpose**

For Council to place the draft 2021/2022 Annual Operational Plan, (including the Budget, Fees and Charges and Revenue Policy) on public exhibition for 28 days to gain feedback from the community so that appropriate comments can be considered prior to adoption.

**Background**

Under the Integrated Planning and Reporting framework, Council is required to adopt the Annual Operational Plan (including Revenue Policy, Fees and Charges, Budget and Ten-year Financial Plan) by 30 June each year to allow the sending of rates notices within the required time. Prior to adoption, Council must exhibit the draft documents for a minimum of 28 days to seek community input and consider any submissions.

The draft documents will be placed in the Shire Libraries, the Administration Building and on Council’s Website. The community will be alerted to the release of the draft documents through the media and Council’s Website.

Council will hold a Public Meeting on Wednesday, 16 June 2021 at 6:00pm in the Council Chambers to explain the documents to those interested and to receive feedback. Social distancing rules will apply.

**Executive Summary – Whole of Council Operating**

A deficit budget is proposed as follows.

<b>FUND</b>	<b>**REVENUE \$000</b>	<b>EXPENDITURE \$000</b>	<b>SURPLUS/DEFICIT \$000</b>
General	\$37,807	\$38,082	-\$275
Water	\$4,291	\$4,838	-\$547
Sewer	\$971	\$1,163	-\$192
Total	\$43,069	\$44,083	-\$1,014
	**Excluding Capital grants & contributions		

The General fund deficit of \$275k is an improvement of \$1.1m on the forecast prepared a year ago. The major change in the business model is the increased depreciation due to developments and revaluations. The community centre will continue to be closed for most of the year – this of course reduces the deficit. The new beds at the Lilliane Brady Village

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are not being occupied as quickly as needed and that is having a negative impact on the short to medium term impact of that facility.

Whilst radical changes are to be introduced to the Landfill operation it is not expected that these will impact until 2022/2023.

The major unknown variable over which Council has no control is whether the Financial Assistance Grants will continue to be paid 50% in advance. This timing issue can influence the net recorded result significantly. Our assumptions include the continued early payment with any prepayment being shown in restricted cash as at year end.

The management team is comfortable in recommending a deficit budget for the following reasons

1. It is marginal.
2. Council has recorded surpluses over recent years and on a rolling performance has performed well.
3. The budget assumes all vacant positions will be filled for the entire year – this is unlikely to happen.
4. Stimulus grant activity will continue and will more than likely offset this marginal deficit.
5. Council on balance is well managed financially and has the maturity to absorb a small deficit.

The Water fund has forecast a deficit of \$547k. This has been workshopped with Councilors and the water fees and charges have been set to accommodate the deficits over more than one year. The key driver of the deficit is the higher cost of raw water. Restrictions due to a poorly performing Nyngan to Cobar pipeline have exacerbated the situation.

The Sewer fund has forecast a deficit of \$192k. It can easily accommodate this.

### **Executive Summary – Capital**

A \$34m capital budget is proposed if our application for funding on The Wool Track is successful. Without this occurring the capital expenditure is likely to be in the vicinity of \$14m.

There will also be grant funded projects from the current year which will carry over into the year being forecast.

The capital expenditure is a mix of new projects and renewals. It is exciting to have already been advised of grant funding to enable \$2.8m to be spent on the Wilga Downs Road.

Other key proposals include:

A lift suitable for disabled access to the first floor at the community centre. This will integrate with the already planned works.

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Replacement of the software which has been forced by the existing package no longer being supported.

An upgraded toilet facility at the Euabalong racecourse

An upgrade of the auxiliary runway at the airport

\$3m of much needed renewals and upgrades to the water system. This will complement the new water treatment plant and pipe network which has been replaced.

**Executive Summary -Fees and Charges**

Where possible fees and charges have been either not increased or the increase has been kept to a nominal percentage equivalent to the rate peg percentage.

**Executive Summary – Borrowings**

It is recommended that the infrastructure capital budget be supported by a loan of \$1.25m – \$2.5m to allow the much-needed upgrade to culverts and grids network across the Shire. Formal support for this loan will be included in the budget adoption session.

**RECOMMENDATION**

- 1. That Council place the draft 2021/2022 Annual Operational Plan, Budget, Fees and Charges, Revenue Policy and Ten-Year Financial Plan on public exhibition for 28 days.**
- 2. That Council hold a public meeting on Wednesday, 16 June 2021 at 6:00pm to present the documents and seek community.**

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**CLAUSE 10 – NATIONAL AUSTRALIA BANK BUSINESS LETTER OF VARIATION**

**FILE: B2-14      AOP REFERENCE: 3.1.1.4 & 3.1.1.5 ATTACHMENT: YES  
(Page 236-238)**

**AUTHOR: *Director of Corporate and Community Services***

**Purpose**

To formally approve the extension of the Council’s banking facility with the National Australia Bank and to approve the application of the seal on the agreement.

**Background**

The National Australia Bank has been the Shire’s lead banker for nine years and has performed satisfactorily. The current facility is;

<b>FACILITY TYPE</b>	<b>LIMIT</b>
Bank Guarantee Facility	\$10,000.00
NAB Business Markets Loan (Zero Drawn down)	\$1,000,000.00
NAB Business Markets Loan	\$654,774.00
Credit Cards	\$60,000.00

This is considered adequate at the moment. There is no reason to not expect yearly extensions at no cost to the Council.

**RECOMMENDATION**

- 1. That the Cobar Shire Council extend its existing banking facility with the National Australia Bank until 31 March 2022.**
- 2. That the common seal be applied to the extension of the facility agreement and that the agreement be signed by the General Manager or his nominee and the Mayor.**

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**CLAUSE 11 – INVESTMENT REPORT AS AT 30 APRIL 2021****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 monthly.

**Issues**

The table below shows the balances of Council's Investments for April 2021. 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	Rate	Bank	Closing Balance	Transfers to Investment	Transfers from Investment	Interest Earned	Closing Balance
NAB Sweep Acct		NAB	\$ 4,220,575	\$1,586,691	\$2,361,202	\$ 346	\$ 3,446,410
May-21	0.73%	NAB	\$ 2,008,214			\$ 1,205	\$ 2,009,419
Aug-21	0.80%	AMP	\$ 2,002,225			\$ 1,152	\$ 2,003,377
Jun-21	0.45%	NAB	\$ 2,002,812			\$ 741	\$ 2,003,553
Nov-21	0.55%	NAB	\$ 3,006,742			\$ 1,359	\$ 3,008,101
Aug-21	0.70%	Auswide	\$ 1,000,671			\$ 411	\$ 1,001,083
May-21	0.80%	Auswide	\$ 2,009,620			\$ 1,321	\$ 2,010,941
Jun-21	0.46%	ME	\$ 3,004,729			\$ 1,136	\$ 3,005,865
May-21	0.80%	AMP	\$ 1,004,964			\$ 661	\$ 1,005,625
<b>TOTALS</b>	Average Int	<b>0.66%</b>	<b>\$20,260,553</b>	<b>\$1,586,691</b>	<b>\$2,361,202</b>	<b>\$8,332</b>	<b>\$ 19,494,375</b>

*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.*



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**Financial Accountant****RECOMMENDATION****That Council receive and note the Investment Report as at 30 April 2021.**

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**CLAUSE 12– BANK RECONCILIATION, CASH FLOW AND LOAN FACILITY  
SUMMARIES AS AT 30 APRIL 2021**

**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	2,505
Less Unpresented Cheques	(3,484)
<b>Reconciled Balance</b>	<b>9,021</b>

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



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Financial Accountant

**Monthly Total Funds Available for the Last 12 Months**

Month	Investment Balances	Operating Account	Total Available Funds
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	26,181,133	11,343	26,192,476
Nov 20	24,357,782	(82,340)	24,275,442
Dec 20	22,398,378	9,963	22,408,341
Jan 21	22,752,150	(954)	22,751,196
Feb 21	22,415,822	15,564	22,431,386
Mar 21	20,260,553	(38,280)	20,222,273
Apr 21	19,494,375	9,021	19,503,396

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The amount restricted in the Audited Financial Report for Employee Leave Entitlements is \$459,000.

### **Cash Flow**

<b>Current Month</b>		<b>Description</b>	<b>Forecast</b>
<b>Forecast</b>	<b>Actual</b>		<b>Next Month</b>
(38,280)	(38,280)	Bank Balance Forward	9,021
200,000	250,000	FAG / R2R / RMCC	1,800,000
14,926	14,926	Services NSW	14,926
550,000	332,934	Rates /Water/User Charges	350,000
150,000	506,563	Private Works/Debtors	200,000
200,000	353,884	LBV – Residents Fees & Subsidies	200,000
50,000	122,943	Child Care/In Home Care (Net)	50,000
500,000	774,510	Net Movement of Investments	500,000
1,000,000	1,986,961	Sundry Income & Grants	500,000
		<i>Less</i>	
(3,000,000)	(3,511,840)	Creditors	(3,000,000)
(850,000)	(801,622)	Wages / Salaries	(850,000)
10,000	9,021	Bank Reconciliation Cr/(Dr)	10,000

### **Loan Facility Report as of 30 April 2021**

Swimming Pool and Street Upgrade Loan (6.22%) <i>Principal and Interest = \$22,265</i>	(635,969.25)
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### **RECOMMENDATION**

**That Council receive and note the Bank Reconciliation, Monthly Total Funds Available, Cash Flow and Loan Facility Report as at 30 April 2021.**

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**CLAUSE 13 – RATES RECONCILIATION – 30 APRIL 2021****FILE: R2-1****AOP REFERENCE: 3.1.1.6****ATTACHMENT: YES (PAGE 239-240)****AUTHOR: Customer Service Manager, Jo-Louise Brown****Purpose**

To provide Council details of the Rate Reconciliation as at 30 April 2021. Water usage was levied late and is not due until May 2021.

**RATES RECONCILIATION 30 APRIL 2021**

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		1,374.00	80.00	458,089.60	79,204.05	406,865.10	130,428.55	116,371.60	24.28%
Farmland	727,675.49		2,398.66	1,988.22	727,265.05	51,190.73	602,590.57	175,865.21	148,449.70	22.59%
Mining	1,789,286.32		-	-	1,789,286.32	80,505.78	1,434,085.21	435,706.89	376,716.16	23.30%
Residential	1,192,833.76	46,752.57	16,265.05	520.00	1,130,336.14	183,638.97	953,803.51	360,171.60	331,783.68	27.41%
Overpayments					-	-170,530.76	- 43,813.30	-126,717.46	-117,056.12	74.31%
Legal Costs			-	-	-	33,919.11	8,053.08	25,866.03	40,391.88	76.26%
Interest	-		10,730.73	2,344.37	- 8,386.36	82,381.63	21,387.65	52,607.62	60,554.67	71.10%
General Rates	4,169,179.17	46,752.57	30,768.44	4,932.59	4,096,590.75	340,309.51	3,382,971.82	1,053,928.44	957,211.57	23.75%
Domestic Waste	652,348.00	17,997.44	800.66	427.00	633,976.90	60,953.30	544,541.25	150,388.95	132,617.79	21.64%
Sewerage	690,285.00	18,309.39	992.25	177,106.49	848,089.85	115,504.58	726,377.64	237,216.79	205,630.22	24.62%
Cobar Water	707,930.00	19,709.38	667.62	668.00	688,221.00	59,408.04	592,757.31	154,871.73	135,494.12	20.72%
Nymagee Water	28,308.00	525.00	-	-	27,783.00	9,779.30	20,550.80	17,011.50	12,562.53	45.29%
Euabalong Water	45,212.00	1,553.13	-	-	43,658.87	11,225.51	36,115.26	18,769.12	15,484.20	34.20%
Euab West Water	27,986.00	525.00	-	-	27,461.00	7,785.03	23,370.24	11,875.79	10,586.05	33.69%
Mt Hope Water	6,444.00	-	-	-	6,444.00	2,362.53	7,912.61	893.92	2,604.80	10.15%
Water Access	815,880.00	22,312.51	667.62	668.00	793,567.87	90,560.41	680,706.22	203,422.06	176,731.70	23.01%
Water Usage			33,578.87	1,497,004.53	1,463,425.66	309,565.18	1,128,955.23	644,035.61	318,313.71	36.32%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>6,327,692.17</b>	<b>105,371.91</b>	<b>66,807.84</b>	<b>1,680,138.61</b>	<b>7,835,651.03</b>	<b>916,892.98</b>	<b>6,463,552.16</b>	<b>2,288,991.85</b>	<b>1,790,504.99</b>	<b>26.15%</b>

**RECOMMENDATION:****That the information contained in the rates reconciliation as at 30 April 2021 be received and noted.**

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**CLAUSE 14 – GRANT FUNDING****FILE: G4-17****AOP REFERENCE: 3.1.1.3****ATTACHMENT: NO****AUTHOR: *Grants Officer, Brytt Moore*****Grant Update****Council Grants**

<b>Grants Applied For</b>	<b>Activity</b>	<b>Amount Applied For</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Council Funding Required</b>	<b>Deadline for Project. Comment</b>
Regional Sports Fund	Additional works to the Youth Centre Project were applied for in this funding round, including works to both the indoor and outdoor multi-purpose courts. Applications needed to be DA exempt or DA approved, so works applied for were items that were DA exempt.	\$870,098.00	Pending	NIL	Outcome expected June 2021
Building Better Regions Fund – Round 5	This round had a focus of Tourism related infrastructure, with 100 million committed to it. Major upgrades to the Caravan Park were applied for.	\$2,128,511	Pending	\$1,247,611.00 from a combination of CSC and Sustainable Park Solutions.	Outcome expected August 2021
Refresh and renew	To assist tourism operators to update their product or experience to better meet consumer expectations. Council applied for infrastructure and content for the museum VIC entrance.	\$10,000 (maximum amount that could be applied for).	Pending	\$6000.00	Outcome expected July 2021

## Grant Outcomes

Grant and Department Grants Announced	Activity	Amount Applied For	Status	Council Funding Required	Comment
Showgrounds Stimulus Funding - Phase 2B	Seal 100 place carpark at Ward Oval.	\$344,790.47	Successful	Nil	Initially we were unsuccessful in the sealing of the carpark through this funding stream, however, they announced a 'Phase 2B' - that considered all previously unsuccessful projects and we were then successful with this project.
Transport NSW	Construction of two new bus shelters: 1. Cobar High School – Mopone Street x 2 2. Cobar TAFE – Bathurst Street x 2	\$44,000 (\$11,000 each)	Successful	Nil	This was applied for in 2019 and announced May 2021. We have until November 2022 to complete. However, as it was applied for so long ago, more stakeholder consultations will need to take place prior to installation – and this may result in applying for a variation etc.

Council committed \$200,000 in the 2020/2021 budget to put towards grant proposals as a co-contribution. Currently \$60,000 is spent – Bathurst Street footpath upgrades. Co-contribution of \$6,000 has been committed to the Refresh and Renew fund if successful.

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## Current Grant Opportunities:

- **Regional Events Funding** - Stream 1 offers support between \$50,000 - \$200,000 for major event operations and infrastructure, stream 2 is focused on major event attraction and enhancement and offers support from \$100,000, with no upper limit on the request that can be made – however stream 2 is focused on major event attraction and enhancement and offers support from \$100,000, with no upper limit on the request that can be made. Applications are open and will be assessed on a rolling basis until December 2021 or until the funding is fully allocated.
- **Everyone Can Play** - Everyone Can Play is not a new standard but a commitment to the future of play in NSW. This is a set of best practice recommendations designed to encourage more people to create more inclusive playspaces. An inclusive playspace invites people of all ages, abilities, and cultures to come together. Funding available - Inclusive playspace – Upgrade – up to \$75,000, Inclusive playspace – New – up to \$200,000. Grant must be matched dollar for dollar by council. Closes 25<sup>th</sup> June 2021.
- **Stronger Country Communities – Round 4** - \$784,190.00 available for projects in the Cobar Local Government Area (LGA). Round Four will provide an additional \$100 million for community projects in regional NSW, including up to \$50 million for projects that increase female participation in sport and enhance female sporting facilities. Community groups can also apply, and Council are to start consulting with the community and preparing applications for Round Four as early as possible. Co-contribution not required. Closes 25<sup>th</sup> June 2021.
- **Resources for Regions – Round 8** - \$7,720,076.00 available for Cobar LGA. A full application needs to be submitted per project if there is more than one project making up the total funding allocation. Any project over \$5,000,000 requires a business case study for submission as supporting documentation. Up to \$300,000 can be applied for, for the delivery of programs. \$200,000 can be applied for to develop business cases/ future project planning. Co-contributions strongly encouraged – however not mandatory. Applications close on 12 July 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 at the Great Cobar Heritage Centre has been awarded to David Payne Construction. Works are nearing completion and on target to be completed by 30 June 2021.
- **RCF Rd 2 Exhibition Upgrade** – A Exhibition plan has been developed and further design elements and content writing currently underway, with help from external consultants. The development of the exhibitions will continue, and final fit out is scheduled to occur in June and might possibly run into July 2021 at the latest.
- **North West JO Tourism Fund** – as above for RCF Rd 1 and RCF Rd 2 Exhibition Upgrade.

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- **Miners Memorial** – Works on site at the Miners Memorial are nearing completion. Landscaping complete and final internal components to be fit out in May. This includes the Premiers Grant, which was awarded for - Shotcreting of the Miners Memorial.
  - **SCCF Round 2 – Youthie Upgrade** – Dunn & Hillam have finished the schematic design. They are now progressing into the DA documentation. Cobar Shire Council representatives met with State representatives regarding the extensive extension required for SCCF Rd 2, we are currently working on an early package of works to hopefully enable us to complete parts of round 2 works first.
  - **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, extension requires, however this is within the ‘program end date’ and state are comfortable with Council’s position that round 3 will be delivered within the program end date (being March 2023).
  - **NSW Government - Stronger Country Communities Fund – Round 3 - Youth Development Officer – 18-month tenure** - Council tried various avenues to seek a variation for this project due to COVID and the youth centre closure to move these funds to the Youth Centre upgrades. This has been unfortunately denied due to this being a ‘program’ and the other being a ‘project’. Council is now working with the department to see what we can deliver in line with the guidelines. Council is also attempting to recruit a Youth Development Officer for the second time. Deed yet to be signed.
  - **NSW Government - Stronger Country Communities Fund – Euabalong Walking Trail - Round 3** – Funding deed signed October 2020. Extension has been applied for and approved.
  - **NSW Government – Drought Stimulus Package (previously known as the Growing Local Economies Fund) & Building Better Regions Fund - Ward Oval Community Hub and Early Learning Precinct** – A lead Architect has been engaged and is currently updating the overall master plan for Ward Oval. The plans for the ELP are progressing. The aim for 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. Lynn has visited several times but due to COVID-19, is working with Council remotely. Lynn’s funding has been extended for a further 12 months for 2021 and he will play an important role in the delivery of the new exhibitions at the Heritage Centre.
  - **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, Council is hoping this can be collated with NSW Government - Stronger Country Communities Fund – Round 3 - Youth Development Officer – 18-month tenure once the details of that ‘program’ is finalised.

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- **Drought Communities – Extension – Round 2 – \$1 million projects and Active transport funding (Bathurst Street footpath)** – The Dalton Park shade structure has been completed. The toilets at the Dalton Park Horse complex are complete. The design for both CWA Hall ramp has been finalised and quotes received. The concept for the bus shelter upgrades has been received, although further investigation into the concept design is being undertaken. The footpath construction has commenced, and works are progressing well. Belagoy Street is now complete. Bathurst Street is 95% complete; permanent survey mark to be relocated by surveyor. Louth Road works have commenced. Main street speaker system is in the final stage of installation and configuration. The DA for the shade structure at the Cobar Memorial Swimming Pool has been submitted, poles are ready, and sail has been made. All projects need to be completed by 30 June 2021.
  - **BBRF – Community Investment Stream** – The Cobar Economic Resiliency Strategy Final Report was issued to Cobar Shire Council on Friday 14/5/2021. A report will be prepared for the May Council Meeting to seek approval for the Final Report to be put out for Public Display and seek feedback and input from the Cobar Community into the proposed Strategies.

A facilitated session is also proposed for the specific focus group stakeholders that were involved in the development and consultation throughout the project. This is suggested to be a single session, with invited representatives from the stakeholder groups - the Mining representatives (Mine site General Managers and Human Resources Managers), Education representatives (School Principals and the TAFE), Business Community (Cobar Business Association representatives and individual Businesspersons) and Cobar Shire Council (Manex). This session would assist in the development and suggestions for appointment of an Advisory Committee which is recommended to be established as the next stage once the Report is accepted and adopted by Council.

- **Safe and Secure Water Fund** – The cast-iron pipe replacement is complete. Defects are currently being rectified and work as executed drawings being produced. The Reservoir roof replacement project is currently under construction with expected completion in June 2021.
- **Restart NSW – Water Scoping Study, Euabalong, Euabalong West and Nymagee** – The final draft has been delayed due to DPIE and PWA comments, the draft will be issued for Council review upon resolution of comments.
- **SR6 – Pulpulla Road – Sealing Pulpulla Road from the Barrier Highway to the entrance into Mount Grenfell Reserve** – Works on Pulpulla Road have commenced; 80,000 cubic metres of gravel has been crushed. 15,000 cubic metres has been stockpiled along the road. Grader is currently forming road and side tippers are carting gravel to location.
- **Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program RD 1**– This program includes sealing of two car parks, both surveys have been completed for these; design to be submitted by mid-April. Construction likely to commence mid-May. CCTV –Equipment has been purchased by supplier and is on route to Cobar. Currently in lead time for delivery. Works on track to be completed by 30th June

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- 2021. The shade structures in Drummond Park have been designed and contract has been awarded. Shades will be installed in May. The rotunda has been scoped and procurement for the works has commenced. The town beautification program projects have been finalised and works will commence soon and will include a town entrance sign on the North, further improvements adjacent to the new Miners Memorial, further planting of colour in the CBD.
  
  - **Showgrounds Stimulus Funding – Horse Stables Fabrication and Installation** tender has closed and currently being reviewed. Council received an extension for the Stable Upgrades until 30 September 2021 (this was to try and not interrupt the show). Electrical upgrades also included in this grant are still being scoped an extension has also been received for this, until the 30 September 2021.
  
  - **Showgrounds Stimulus Funding phase 2B -**
  
  - **Crown Lands – Removal of unsafe structures –** Procurement complete, works to begin in June 2021.
  
  - **Resources for Regions - Stage 1 – existing industrial estate - including roads and storm water upgrades.** Deed has been signed by CSC and executed by the department. However, there was an error in the executed agreement and due to this a variation has had to be applied for (the error was in within the milestone dates). This variation was submitted on 11 May 2021 – and we would expect the turnaround time for this to be assessed to be 4-6 weeks (however, we envisage no problems with this variation). Milestone 1 payment has been received.
  
  - **Resources for Regions - Water reticulation upgrade – stage 2.** Deed has been signed by CSC and executed by the department. Milestone 1 payment has been received. Works can begin (officially – procurement guidelines etc will still need to be followed).
  
  - **Resources for Regions - Business Case for the Upgrading of Ageing Infrastructure at Cobar Memorial Swimming Pool –** Deed signed, and Council received the co-signed executed agreement on 13 April 2021. Works can now begin (officially – procurement guidelines etc will still need to be followed).
  
  - **Local Roads and community infrastructure Phase 2 -** \$845,918 – Deed signed – Work schedules yet to be completed/ submitted. Works required to be completed by 31 December 2021.
  
  - **Sealing of Wilga Downs Road –** Deed signed and returned by CSC, awaiting the executed deed before works to begin.

## **RECOMMENDATION**

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

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**CLAUSE 15 – PIPELINE EASEMENT DEED**

**FILE: SR1-12**

**AOP REFERENCE: 4.3.1.1**

**ATTACHMENT: NO**

**AUTHOR: *Director of Infrastructure Services, Scott Casey***

**Purpose**

The purpose of this report is to seek Council approval to sign and affix the Council Seal to all documentation regarding the easements associated with the APA Group at Yathong Road Pipeline Easement deed.

**Background**

APA have approached Council for an easement over a 5m wide strip of land in the road reserve along Yathong Rd.

Council Officers have assessed this request and determined that the easement and subsequent installation of a cathodic protection system for the gas pipeline will not be detrimental to the ongoing operations and maintenance of Yathong Road.

In compensation for Council granting the easement, APA will pay \$5,750.

To execute the easement deed, documents are required to be signed by Council and have the Council Seal affixed.

**RECOMMENDATION**

**That Council authorise the Mayor and the General Manager to sign all relevant documentation under the Common Seal of Council.**

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## **CLAUSE 16 – 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 July 1, 2020 – April 30, 2021 and the method of procurement used.

<b>CONTRACTOR</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION OF WORKS AND METHOD OF PROCUREMENT</b>	<b>CURRENT MONTH</b>	<b>2020/2021</b>
KILLARD INFRASTRUCTURE PTY LTD	RETICULATION (TENDER)	0	2,526,150
CRUSHRITE PTY LTD	GRAVEL CRUSHING (TENDER)	0	1,749,476
COUNTRY WIDE ASPHALT PTY LTD	ROAD WORKS (TENDER)	0	1,621,697
PRECISION CIVIL INFRASTRUCTURE P/L	SEWER UPGRADES (TENDER)	321,692	1,115,286
STANAWAY PTY LTD T/AS DAVID PAYNE C	COBAR HERITAGE CENTRE (TENDER)	299,504	995,585
AS PER PLAN CONSTRUCTION	CONSTRUCTION WORK (TENDER/RFQ)	311,913	971,605
CASTLYN PTY LTD T/A INLAND PETROLEU	FUEL (TENDER)	131,249	854,808
CENTRAL DARLING SHIRE COUNCIL	ROAD WORKS (GOV)	0	841,531
DEPELER EARTHMOVING	PLANT HIRE (TENDER)	128,411	724,636
URQUHART HAULAGE CONTRACTORS	HAULAGE (TENDER)	0	711,299
COUNTRY MILE CONSTRUCTIONS	GIRL GUIDE HALL (TENDER)	135,886	658,233
DEPARTMENT OF REGIONAL NSW	GOVERNMENT CONSULTING SERVICES (GOV)	161,356	628,930
STABILISED PAVEMENTS OF AUSTRALIA	PAVEMENT STABILISING (TENDER)	36,029	601,300

STEELWORKS ENGINEERING PTY LTD	RESERVOIR ROOF UPGRADE (TENDER)	455,071	601,192
JR MAY & JR MAY EARTHMOVING PTY LTD	PLANT HIRE (TENDER)	86,779	461,901
WEBTURN PTY LTD(SAINSBURY AUTOMOTIV	VEHICLE PURCHASES (TENDER/RFQ)	367,930	367,930
LC WATER PTY LTD	WATER TREATMENT PLANT (TENDER)	6,446	347,689
ROLLERS AUSTRALIA PTY LTD	PLANT HIRE (TENDER)	19,692	323,698
TRACSERV PTY LTD	FUEL TRUCK (TENDER)	1,782	323,365
LEISURE & RECREATION GROUP	POOL MANAGEMENT (TENDER)	0	259,727
MODUS AUSTRALIA	DALTON PARK RACECOURSE TOILETS (RFQ)	165,195	229,682
BROUGHTON CONTRACTING PTY LTD T/A B	PLANT HIRE (TENDER)	51,182	193,013
BOB BRUCE EARTHWORKS PTY LTD	PLANT HIRE (TENDER)	28,028	188,487
COLDALE CONSULTING PTY LTD	PROJECT MANAGEMENT (RFQ)	33,302	180,373
THE TRUSTEE FOR JOSH CROOK FAMILY T	PLUMBING WORK (RFQ)	18,040	167,685
MAAS CONSTRUCTIONS (DUBBO) PTY LTD	MUSEUM RAMP (RFQ)	0	150,180
AG BARKLIMORE PTY LTD T/A PARKES TO	VEHICLE PURCHASES (TENDER/RFQ)	0	142,445
DOWNER EDI WORKS	ROAD WORKS (TENDER)	15,400	128,246
AC & JC PAUL	GRADING WORK (RFQ)	0	126,192
STEVEN BARLOW T/A TREE OF US TREE S	TREE SERVICES (RFQ)	19,800	123,880
JANOWIJA PTY LTD T/A NORTH EASTERN	ROAD WORKS (RFQ)	122,865	122,865
SITECH SOLUTIONS PTY LTD	SURVEY EQUIPMENT	40,384	113,252
BRINDISI IMPORTERS PTY LTD T/AS ILL	COBAR HERITAGE CENTRE (TENDER)	55,648	110,491
HARBISON CONSOLIDATED ENTERPRISES P	PLANT HIRE (TENDER)	0	100,950
DUNN & HILLAM ARCHITECTS	VARIOUS PROJECTS (YOUTH CENTRE, EARLY LEARNING CENTRE) (QUOTES)	99,641	99,641
DUNCAN PRIESTLEY CIVIL ENGINEERING	ROAD WORKS (RFQ)	87,340	98,494
BLOOMFIELD ELLIOTT ARCHITECTS PTY L	ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES (RFQ)	0	94,137
BARRIER SIGNS PTY LTD	ROAD WORK EQUIPMENT (TENDER)	55,869	93,334
TA BOOTH TRANSPORT	WATER CART HIRE (TENDER)	0	92,969
MURRAY HARLAND ELECTRICAL (COBAR) P	ELECTRICAL SERVICE (RFQ)	91,197	91,197
MICHAEL J & JM NICHOLSON	FENCING (VPA) EARTHWORKS	0	90,910

TELLEN SYSTEMS AUSTRALIA PTY LTD	LBV (RFQ)	10,881	87,167
TCTJ PTY LTD T/AS WESTERN AUTO & EN	MECHANICAL SERVICE (RFQ)	3,317	86,506
WESTRAC EQUIPMENT PTY LTD	PURCHASE OF GRADERS/MECHANICAL SERVICE (RFQ)	86,450	86,450
NOME'S TIDY HOMES	CLEANING SERVICES (RFQ)	3,808	86,267
CADIA GROUP PTY LTD	WATER AND SEWER (TENDER)	8,979	84,496
LOOKNOFURTHER.COM.AU PTY LTD	LABOUR HIRE (RFQ)	0	83,581
SMARTIN BUILDING PTY LTD	CONSTRUCTION OF FOOTPATHS (TENDER)	82,654	82,654
DATA SIGNS PTY LTD	ROAD WORK EQUIPMENT (RFQ)	0	82,630

### **RECOMMENDATION**

**That the information contained in the Purchasing Analysis of Contractors report be received and noted.**

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## **CLAUSE 17 – ENGINEERING WORKS REPORT**

**FILE: C6-20-2**

**AOP REFERENCE: 4.3.2**

**ATTACHMENT: NO**

**AUTHOR: *Director of Engineering, Scott Casey***

### **Purpose**

To inform Council of completed and ongoing Engineering Works for the period of April 2021.

### **Background**

#### **State Highways**

##### **Maintenance Work**

- Sign and guidepost replacement work as required – **ongoing**.
- Pothole repairs – **ongoing**.
- Edge break and edge drop-off repairs on entire network.
- Contractor availability is impacting improvement works at rest areas.
- Tree trimming of overhead branches on HW8 East.
- Slashing has been commenced by contractors on the highway network.

##### **Construction Work (Private Works)**

Musheroo East shoulder widening, and pavement overlay project is progressing. Works approximately 40% complete and will continue through June 2021.

#### **Urban Roads/Shire Roads/Regional Roads**

##### **Maintenance Work**

- Maintenance grading currently underway on RR7518 Fifty Two Mile Road, SR29 Booroomugga Rd, SR31 Moolah Rd and SR37 Bimbella Rd.
- SR 20 Grain Rd has been re-graded after damage from a car rally following wet weather.

##### **Construction Work**

- Construction is underway on the Pulpulla Rd project. Initial delays incurred due to equipment issues. Access to water is an ongoing issue and an application has been lodged to install a new bore.

#### **Water and Sewer**

##### **Maintenance Work**

- Stage 2 of the embankment repairs at the sewage treatment plant have commenced; posts and mesh are installed awaiting backfill with ballast.
- Pest control within the sewer reticulation network is being carried out as necessary – ongoing.
- Desilting of the STP polisher pond 4 has commenced.

##### **Water and Sewer Operations**

- The water treatment plant has produced an average of 2.1ML/day in April with no water quality incidents.
- Burrendong Dam level is at 57.5%. Water in the Nyngan Weir Pool is rising due to a water allocation release via Burrendong Dam.

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- Works are underway at the Million Gallon Tank to replace the roof structure.
  - Cobar Storages are undergoing a telemetry update and new level sensors are going to be installed this month.

### **Parks & Gardens:**

- 1 x casual labourer role vacant for cemetery. A round of advertising just closed.
- 1 x casual labourer signed in place of vacant permanent role.
- Works at Inland Petroleum corner. Centre island design reconfigured to avoid powerline poles. Redesign of crossings area has been conceptualized with Local Traffic Committee and approved to progress to a detailed design. Being surveyed as part of 40km/h high pedestrian activity area and crossing to be completed in the same contract.
- Works in front of Council Offices began in December to replace the uneven paving in and incorporate a disabled access ramp. Grind and seal completed in March. Watering system and plants installed in March. Mark out of new parking bays, disabled parking bays and no parking areas started 11<sup>th</sup> May 2021. Vendor Panel RFQ for stainless handrail closed and to be awarded 14<sup>th</sup> May 2021.
- Irrigation and turfing over the Miners Memorial completed. Internal light mounting and lighting to be installed once access is granted – Likely Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> May.
- Museum water meter plans have changed, currently revising plan with project managers. Landscaping to follow.
- Installing water lines and irrigation system at cemetery as time permits.
- Cobar sign concept for north entry to town has been drafted, accepted by RMS and progressing to construction drawings.

### **Waste Disposal Depot:**

- Tender process for landfill compactor is now on hold while the proposed operating plan is reviewed and evaluation of contracting out Waste Depot operations is completed. All tenders now void.
- Work has started on installation of new outer boundary fence to north, south and east sides of the landfill site where 80% of the existing fence had been cut, removed and/or stolen.
- Ongoing issues with control of the waste being dropped off at the facility. This is an issue with public and commercial customers not separating waste and disposing in the correct areas.
- Green waste shredder is arriving in May.

### **Electrical/Maintenance:**

- Cannot attract electrical personnel, position re-advertised.
- Euabalong river pump installation raised as an urgent electrical safety issue.
- Ward Oval/Show:
  - HWS, only one of three working. Repaired prior to Show
  - Sewer blockage on prior show, cleared
  - Number of toilets repaired, from cistern replacement to S-bend seals
  - Relocatable toilet walls patched, and smashed fittings replaced to enable power and lights to be turned back on for show.
  - Eastern most DB supply cables from overhead lines to down pole connection blown off during last storm. Generator used for horse competitors/campers.
- Electrical work currently required:
  - Testing and tagging across all sites
  - Testing of RCD injections
  - Boom gates at cemetery and airport

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- Cemetery solar power systems
  - Poor condition panel and wiring in many installations.

**Workshop (Mobile Fleet Maintenance):**

- 3 mechanic roles vacant.
- 1 mechanic on extended leave due to personal/medical reasons.
- Works on vehicles, plant and trucks are being contracted out with no mechanics in workshop.
- Roads Supervisor DMax due for delivery in May/June.
- Roads Inspector DMax due for delivery in May/June.
- Vermeer S924TX mini skid steer on order due for delivery in June.
- 1 x Mower delivered to Euabalong.

**Depot Works:**

- Truck Wash:
  - Base components are on site.
  - Engineering and drawings for water recycling system have been received.
  - Application for Construction Certificate is underway.
  - Roadworks and pads are 85% complete.
  - Initial pipework for water supply and sewer discharge installed nearby.
  - Electrical submain supply materials on site.
  - Electrical main supply being arranged by Public Works along with pump station in later half of 2021.

**Airport:**

- The airport terminal building wiring and supplying boards need replacement or considerable upgrade. Experiencing some intermittent issues with security gate between terminal and airside.
- A new aerodrome manual has been drafted and submitted.

**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.**

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**CLAUSE 18 – EXPENDITURE FOR ROADS NETWORK**

**FILE: R5-31 AOP REFERENCE: 4.3.2 ATTACHMENT: YES (PAGE 241-249)**

**AUTHOR: *Director of 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.**

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**CLAUSE 19 – UPDATE ON WATER AND SEWER INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS**

**FILE: G4-29 AOP REFERENCE: 4.1.3.3 AND 4.4.4.2 ATTACHMENT: NO**

**AUTHOR: *Water and Sewer Manager, Victor Papierniak***

**Purpose**

To provide Council with an update on the grant funded infrastructure projects for the water and sewer department.

**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 projects ongoing. Council also obtained Restart NSW Funding through the Safe and Secure Water Program.

**Project Update**

<b>Water Treatment Plant</b>							
Project background:	Construction of a new Water Treatment Plant commenced in June 2017 and reached practical completion in July 2019. The plant is capable of producing 8ML/day of potable water.						
Budget overview:	<table border="1"><tr><td>Grant funding:</td><td>\$15,750,000</td></tr><tr><td>Cobar Shire Council funding:</td><td>\$200,000</td></tr><tr><td>Expenditure to date:</td><td>\$13,204,904 <i>(Current as of 30 April 2021)</i></td></tr></table>	Grant funding:	\$15,750,000	Cobar Shire Council funding:	\$200,000	Expenditure to date:	\$13,204,904 <i>(Current as of 30 April 2021)</i>
Grant funding:	\$15,750,000						
Cobar Shire Council funding:	\$200,000						
Expenditure to date:	\$13,204,904 <i>(Current as of 30 April 2021)</i>						
Issue history:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) ordered comprehensive testing of fill material at the project location to be undertaken. The Contractor provided the result of the testing and the results are noncompliant against the Excavated Natural Material Order 2014. A land contamination expert has been engaged to undertake a risk assessment and supply recommended remedial actions.</li><li>• The completion of the access road to the water plant has been delayed.</li><li>• Several major defects have been identified as part of the defect's liability period, Public Works Advisory (PWA) and Laurie Curran Water (LCW) are in discussion regarding the rectification of defects.</li><li>• CSC and the Contractor have agreed to jointly engage an independent specialist to determine the cause and remediation measures for the steel corrosion issues.</li><li>• PWA has been engaged to determine and recommend a resolution to the cause of increased turbidity in the treated water reservoirs.</li><li>• CSC and the contractor have agreed the remediation method for leakage at the lagoons. This matter is being treated as a defect.</li></ul>						

<u>Risk overview:</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Clean up of the non-complying fill material is estimated at \$2million in a worst-case scenario and is expected to be an ongoing issue with resolution in late 2021.</li> <li>• The construction of the road to the WTP is delayed due to non-complying fill.</li> <li>• The steel corrosion issue is a complex issue that is being referred to an independent specialist to determine the cause and rectification. The resolution of the issue is anticipated to be in early 2022. Four Independent Consultants will be engaged in selected tender process.</li> <li>• The cause of the leaking lagoons has not been confirmed and indicators suggesting additional leaking through embankments has been observed. The supplier is recommending remedial actions.</li> <li>• The water treatment plant project funding is linked with the storage's replacement pump station project. Overrun of this projects funding may negatively impact the storages pump station project. Additional funds are likely to be required to cover variations on the WTP and storages pump station projects.</li> </ul>
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#### Sewerage Scheme Refurbishments, Expansion and Upgrade

Project background:	<p>The refurbishment, expansion, and upgrade of the sewer infrastructure includes upgrades to all four sewer pump stations, refurbishment to the sewer treatment plant lagoons and upgrading the inlet at the sewer treatment plant.</p> <p>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 was approved. Precision Civil was awarded the Contract to undertake the remaining scope.</p>	
Budget overview:	Grant funding:	\$2,100,000
	Cobar Shire Council funding:	\$500,000
	Expenditure to date:	\$2,021,670 <i>(Current as of 30 April 2021)</i>
Issue history:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Completion date expected to be delayed from December 2020 to June 2021. Delays to the project are due to COVID-19, design reconsiderations, construction, and delivery issues.</li> <li>• Inlet works have been delivered but there was some damage in transit which will need to be repaired on site prior to installation.</li> <li>• Replacement pumps are required due to damage caused through construction and testing.</li> </ul>	
<u>Risk overview:</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Project time overrun of approximately six months.</li> <li>• Replacement pumps have been damaged and may fail prematurely until Contractor replaces them.</li> </ul>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The new switchboard for the sewer treatment plant does not fit with the current layout and building modifications are required.</li> <li>• Additional project management and design costs associated with the delay of the project. Liquidated damages will be applied to cover these additional costs.</li> </ul>
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<b>Water Mains Replacement and Water Storage Refurbishment Project</b>		
<b>Project background:</b>	This project seeks to replace the potable water cast-iron pipework with uPVC pipework and replace the steel roof and supporting structure on the potable water reservoir.	
<b>Budget overview:</b>	Grant funding:	\$6,900,000
	Cobar Shire Council funding:	Nil
	Expenditure to date:	\$5,017,203 <i>(Current as of 30 April 2021)</i>
<b>Issue history:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Killard Infrastructure Pty Ltd were awarded the reticulation project. The project reached practical completion in December 2020. Drawings, defects and ITP's are being finalised to close out the reticulation project.</li> <li>• Tender for the water storage refurbishment project has been awarded to Steelworks Engineering with works commenced on site 18/2/21.</li> <li>• The Million Gallon Tank was blasted clean and assessed, and it was determined that there were failed joint sections and concrete degradation. A variation will be required to epoxy coat and repair the joint sections.</li> </ul>	
<b><u>Risk overview:</u></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Not all the cast-iron pipework in town could be located and removed. This is due to the location of cast-iron pipework across state highways and the misidentification of pipework in the survey.</li> <li>• The old water treatment plant clarifier will be used as a temporary reservoir while the million-gallon tank is offline. The capacity of the temporary reservoir is lower than the potable tank and increased water filtration operations may be required to ensure pressure remains at satisfactory levels.</li> <li>• The pipework at outlet of the tank is not represented correctly on drawings and will require additional funds to survey and resolve issues found.</li> </ul>	

## **RECOMMENDATION**

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

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**CLAUSE 20 – DEVELOPMENT APPROVALS: 15 APRIL 2021- 18 MAY 2021**

**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 15 April 2021 – 18 May 2021.

**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 15 April 2021 – 18 May 2021.

<b>CERTIFICATE NO.</b>	<b>ADDRESS</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>VALUE (\$)</b>
2021/LD-00013	10 Belagoy St, Cobar	Dwelling extension	\$334,000
2021/LD-00014	16 Leah St, Cobar	Garage extension	\$2,132.50
2021/LD-00011	37 Murray St, Cobar	Shade Structure	\$109,120
2021/LD-00012	37 Murray St, Cobar	Verandah & gaming room refurbishment	\$195,000
2021/LD-00015	2/8 Marshall St, Cobar	Kitchen refurbishment	\$90,000
2021/LD-00016	44 Sutherland Dr, Cobar	Transportable Dwelling	\$50,000
2021/LD-00017	10 Carr St, Cobar	Shed & Slab	\$37,000

**The value of Local Development approvals for 2020/2021 to date is \$36,092,856.00.**

The value of Local Development approvals for the similar period in 2019/2020 was **\$7,068,957.00**.

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### **Construction Certificates**

The following Construction Certificates were issued for the period 15 April 2021 – 18 May 2021.

<b>CERTIFICATE NO.</b>	<b>ADDRESS</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>
2021/CB-00007	16 Leah St, Cobar	Garage extension
2020/CB-00024	4 James Pl, Cobar	Shed & Slab

### **RECOMMENDATION**

**That the information detailing the Local Development and Construction Certificate approvals for the period 15 April 2021 - 18 May 2021 be received and noted.**

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**CLAUSE 21 – REQUEST FOR TENDER ERP SOFTWARE (T3-20-15)**

**FILE: T3-20-15**

**AOP REFERENCE: 3.3.2.5**

**ATTACHMENT: NO**

**AUTHOR: *Financial Accountant, Sandra Davey***

**Purpose**

To resolve to accept a solution for the Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) Software Replacement.

**Background**

In October 2020, a Request for Tender (RFT) for the ERP Software went out to five (5) companies who had been derived from the EOI process that took place earlier in the year.

Four (4) RFT's were received from:

- IT Vision Australia
- Magiq Software Pty Ltd
- Open Office
- SolOrient Pty Ltd

The RFT's were evaluated by Cobar Shire Council staff. All responses to the Expression of Interest were evaluated based on compliance with the evaluation criteria set out in the RFT document (attached). In March 2021 Council resolved to accept none of the tenders and enter direct negotiations with IT Vision and Magiq Software.

Given the sensitive nature of the information to be 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.

**Legal Situation**

Council has complied with the requirements of the *Local Government Act 1993*, Section 55 of the *Local Government (General) Regulation 2005* Part 7.

**RECOMMENDATION**

**That the report regarding the ERP Software Replacement be considered in the Committee of the Whole Closed Council with the press and public excluded for the reason as stated in Section 10A (2) (d) of the *Local Government Act 1993*, as discussions of this information in Open Council would prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it.**

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**CLAUSE 22 – FUTURE MANAGEMENT OF KUBBY HOUSE CHILDCARE CENTRE AND EARLY LEARNING FACILITY**

**FILE:**

**AOP REFERENCE:**

**ATTACHMENT: NO**

**AUTHOR:** *General Manager, Peter Vlatko*

**Purpose**

To update Council with information on the future management of the Early Learning Facility and the involvement of Kubby House Child Care Centre.

**Legal Situation**

Council has complied with the requirements of the *Local Government Act 1993*, Section 55 of the *Local Government (General) Regulation 2005* Part 7.

**RECOMMENDATION**

**That the report regarding the Future Management of Kubby House Childcare Centre be considered in the Committee of the Whole Closed Council with the press and public excluded for the reason as stated in Section 10A (2) (a) (c) of the *Local Government Act 1993*, as discussions of this information in Open Council would prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it.**



# **ATTACHMENTS**

## **ORDINARY MEETING AGENDA**

**THURSDAY, 27 MAY 2021**

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