



COBAR SHIRE COUNCIL

ORDINARY MEETING AGENDA

THURSDAY, 28 NOVEMBER 2019

~ ORDER OF BUSINESS ~

Business for the meeting will be as follows:

Message from the Chair:

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1. Apologies
 2. Declaration of Interests
 3. Condolences
 4. Public Access Forum
 - Nil.
 5. Confirmation of Minutes
 - Ordinary Meeting of Council – Thursday, 24 October 2019 adjourned to Thursday, 14 November 2019.
 6. Matters Arising from Minutes
 7. Notice of Motions
 8. Mayoral Report
 9. General Manager's Report – Part A (Action)
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~ COUNCIL'S VISION ~

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

~ COUNCIL'S MISSION ~

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

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

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

Council's values represent who we are as an organisation.
They are the guiding principles for how we carry out our duties.

Accountability – We are responsible for our actions, our behaviour and the satisfactory completion of allocated tasks.

Communication – We communicate openly and respectfully, sharing timely and appropriate information with others.

Effective Leadership – We lead by positive example, embodying all of Council's agreed values.

Integrity – We are consistently honest, transparent, ethical and fair, regardless of the situation.

Teamwork – We work collaboratively to achieve shared goals for Council and the community.

~ COUNCIL'S CHARTER ~

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

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

NOTICE OF MOTION – MANAGING DROUGHT RELIEF FUNDING

FILE: D6-1

AOP REFERENCE: 1.4.1.2

ATTACHMENT: NO

AUTHOR: *Councillor, Peter Yench*

RECOMMENDATION

That Council call a public meeting to formulate a plan on the way forward to manage and drought relief funding it receives with a facilitator to conduct a brainstorming workshop to identify possible projects and then prioritise them.

Explanation

The Prime Minister, Scott Morrison has recently announced funding for a stimulus package for drought-affected Councils. How will we spend it? We should let the community decide what it needs, not only farmers but local businesses, residents and ratepayers.

We need to get direction from the local community as to what the community requires, not just for now, but into the future. What will the shire look like in 10-20 years? The Regional Development organisation has indicated big things for Cobar into the future in the mining industry. Water is essential. Some ideas that may be considered at a public meeting and workshop are:

- Lobby the government to introduce a build-up scheme to make farms viable by providing additional Western Lands Leases;
- Establish a Co-operative to set up an Arid Zone Research Centre and nursery with a focus on edible scrub and saltbush. A Co-operative could acquire equipment to:
 - Pelletise mulga, saltbush and other edible scrubs for stockfeed (these grow plentifully in the Cobar peneplain).
 - Sink tanks and clean drains.
- A Co-operative could employ all locals affected by the drought to do the work, providing the farmers with an income right now and their work would be assisting their neighbours and drought-proofing the shire into the future.

There would be many people in Cobar who would add to and enhance these ideas.

CLAUSE 1A – MAYORAL REPORT

FILE: C13-1-5

AOP REFERENCE: 3.1

ATTACHMENT: NO

AUTHOR: *Mayor, Councillor Lilliane Brady OAM*

Report to be tabled.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council accepts the information contained in the Mayoral Report for the month of November 2019.

CLAUSE 2A – GIFTS AND BENEFITS POLICY

FILE: P5-106

AOP REFERENCE: 3.1.5.2

ATTACHMENT: YES

(PAGE 58-68)

AUTHOR: *General Manager, Peter Vlatko*

Purpose

The purpose of this Report is to provide Council with the information it requires to adopt the draft Gifts and Benefits Policy.

Background

The Policy provides a clear understanding of Councillors and Employees responsibilities in relation to receiving or being offered gifts or benefits.

In carrying out their role for Cobar Shire Council, a Council official may be offered gifts or benefits in the course of their employment. The gift or benefit may be offered in good faith or to establish a business relationship or to display appreciation for an ongoing business relationship.

Given the potential for acceptance of gifts and benefits to be misinterpreted and to cause reputational damage to Council and Council officials involved, it is necessary that Council officials conduct themselves in accordance with Council's Gift and Benefits Policy in-conjunction with Council's Code of Conduct Policy.

The amended draft Gifts and Benefits Policy has been endorsed by Manex.

Legal Situation

The action undertaken in respect of gifts or benefits pertaining to elected members and employees is referenced in legislation in several areas. These areas are listed as follows, as well as an extract from Council's Code of Conduct Policy:

Local Government Act 1993

Section 56B of the *Local Government Act 1993* refers to the gifts and donations register.

- (1) The general manager is to keep a register of the gifts and donations referred to in [section 56A\(1\)](#) that have been received by councillors.
- (2) The register is to include the following information:
 - (a) the name of the councillor;
 - (b) a description of the gift or donation;
 - (c) any other information required by the regulations to be included.
- (3) The register is to be –
 - (a) available for public inspection at the relevant council's office; and
 - (b) available on the relevant council's website; and
 - (c) updated at least monthly.

Criminal Code Act 1924

Section 83 of the *Criminal Code Act 1924* provides for Criminal action on behalf of public officers.

83. Corruption of Public Officers

Any person who –

- (a) being a public officer, corruptly solicits, receives, or obtains, or agrees to receive or obtain, any property or benefit of any kind for himself or any other person on account of anything done or omitted, or to be done or omitted, by him in or about the discharge of the duties of his office; or
- (b) corruptly gives, confers, or procures, or promises or offers to give, confer, or procure, or attempt to procure, to, upon, or for any public officer, or any other person, any property or benefit of any kind on account of anything done or omitted, or to be done or omitted, by such officer in or about the discharge of the duties of his office – is guilty of a crime.

Charge:

- (a) Official corruption.
- (b) Bribery of a public officer.

Councillors and Council employees are considered 'public officers' under the Criminal Code Act 1924 which has provision for the imposition of severe penalties, including imprisonment.

Code of Conduct Policy – “Improper and Undue Influence”

Section 6.14: You must not use your position to influence other council officials in the performance of their official functions to obtain a private benefit for yourself or for somebody else. A councillor will not be in breach of this clause where they seek to influence other council officials through the proper exercise of their role as prescribed under the LGA.

Section 6.15: You must not take advantage (or seek to take advantage) of your status or position with council, or of functions you perform for council, in order to obtain a private benefit for yourself or for any other person or body.

Policy Implications

Cobar Shire Council Code of Conduct Policy.

Financial Implications

Any financial implications have been considered in the preparation of the 2019/2020 Budget.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council adopts the draft Gifts and Benefits Policy.

CLAUSE 3A – STATE GOVERNMENT FUNDING FOR NSW PUBLIC LIBRARIES - RENEW OUR LIBRARIES CAMPAIGN

FILE: L1-1

AOP REFERENCE: 4.4.2.3

ATTACHMENT: NO

AUTHOR: *General Manager, Peter Vlatko*

Purpose

To seek Council approval to support the Renew our Libraries Campaign Phase Two.

Background

The NSW Public Libraries Association's 2018/019 Renew Our Libraries campaign was a spectacular success, delivering an increase of \$60m in state funding for NSW public libraries over the quadrennial period 2019/2020 to 2022/2023. This is the largest single increase in state funding since the NSW Library Act was introduced in 1939.

This outcome was achieved as a result of the remarkable support of Councils, Libraries and communities across the state. Over 80% of NSW Councils formally endorsed Renew Our Libraries through council resolutions.

The NSW Public Libraries Association has requested the support of NSW Councils in its advocacy to State Government to develop a sustainable funding model for NSW Libraries.

Renew Our Libraries Phase Two has recently been launched <https://renewourlibraries.com.au/> Well known media and advocacy company Essential Media has been engaged to administer the campaign, the objectives of which are to:

- **Index the total increased state funding contribution** to the Consumer Price Index (CPI) in perpetuity. Without indexation the actual value of state funding for NSW libraries will decline over time, leaving NSW councils to either meet the shortfall or reduce services.
- **Protect the new funding commitment** by including all elements of the new state funding model in legislation through the Library Act and/or the Library Regulation. Currently, only the per-capita component of the funding model (increasing from \$1.85 per capita to \$2.85 per capita over the 4-year period 2019-20 to 2022-23) is included in library legislation, **leaving 46% of the total funding for NSW libraries at risk.**

Index the Funding → Protect the Funding

These two simple measures will ensure that NSW councils continue to receive a significantly increased state government contribution to the operation of public libraries across the state, which will be protected by legislation and will not be subject to cost of living attrition over time.

This will also mean that the NSW Public Libraries Association, its member councils and libraries across the state can direct their funds and efforts to the ongoing support and development of high-quality library services for NSW communities, rather than engaging in expensive and time-consuming future funding campaigns.

This is our opportunity to lock in the historic 2019 state funding increase for NSW libraries once and for all, thereby ensuring the future prosperity of the NSW public library network.

Cobar Shire Council previously supported the Renew our Libraries Campaign.

Financial Implications

Nil.

RECOMMENDATION

- 1. That Council resolve to support the Renew our Libraries Campaign Phase Two.**
- 2. That Council make representation to the local State Member(s), Roy Butler, in relation to the need for a sustainable state funding model for the ongoing provision of public library services.**
- 3. That Council write to the Hon. Don Harwin, Minister for the Arts and the Hon. Walt Secord, Shadow Minister for the Arts, calling for bipartisan support for Consumer Price Index (CPI) indexation of state funding for NSW public libraries, as well as legislation of all elements of the 2019-20 to 2022-23 NSW state funding model.**
- 4. That Council take a leading role in lobbying for sustainable state government funding for libraries.**
- 5. That Council endorse the distribution of the NSW Public Libraries Association NSW library sustainable funding advocacy information in Council Libraries, as well as involvement in any actions proposed by the Association.**

CLAUSE 4A – REGIONAL WATER SUPPLY PIPELINE NETWORK

FILE: W2-1 AOP REFERENCE: 4.1.3

ATTACHMENT: NO

AUTHOR: *General Manager, Peter Vlatko*

Purpose

To join with Regional Councils to support Regional Water Supply Pipeline proposal.

Background

The following Councils: Narromine Shire, Bogan Shire, Warren Shire, Dubbo Regional and Cobar Shire are considering the recommendation put forward by Dubbo Regional Council to provide a Regional Water Supply Pipe Network to enhance the long term security of urban water to all communities currently supplied by the Macquarie River downstream of Burrendong Dam.

The report provides the following information:

The current drought has highlighted the lack of water security for many urban centres along the Macquarie River downstream of Burrendong Dam. With the record low inflows into Burrendong, and very low prospects of significant inflows into the dam in the short to medium term, Water NSW, under its Extreme Events Policy, has identified the Macquarie River as being at Level 4 – Critical Drought, the highest criticality level under its incident response guide. This has required Water NSW to develop of a range of responses within the catchment to extend, for as long as possible, the remaining water supplies to meet the critical needs of local water utilities. At the same time many of these communities have responded by activating their Demand Management Plans and progressively implementing water restrictions to reduce demand whilst also exploring additional localized supply options, particularly groundwater where appropriate.

The current situation highlights the high level of dependence most of these communities have on continued flows within the Macquarie River to provide sufficient water to meet town water needs. For the majority of the time the inflows into the system and the volume of water in the storages enables the system to be operated to satisfy the needs of all users within the catchment. However, as the availability of water decreases and critical supply situations develop, as is currently being experienced, the ability of the system to meet the highest priority needs of local water utilities comes under greater scrutiny. With Burrendong Dam at around 4% of capacity, and the water sharing plan providing town water supplies with the highest priority access to this remaining water, the need to efficiently deliver this diminishing source of water to towns becomes critical in order to for them to continue to function until the drought breaks.

At the current time the river is the only conduit available to supply water to towns and while significant management strategies have been already put in place, and further initiatives are being developed to extend flows in the river for as long as possible, the currently projections are that the river will stop flowing around May next year.

The development of a regional pipeline, as an alternative means of delivering water to towns along the lower Macquarie River, has been proposed on numerous occasions, particularly during times of drought. However, as has often been the case, once the drought breaks and the river system returns to normal operations, the focus on the need for such a pipeline diminishes. A key message coming out from the NSW Government in response to the current drought is that this past practice of not following through on such initiatives must not occur again. Lessons learnt from this drought need to drive solutions which not only help communities get through the current crisis, but, most importantly, will deliver long term resilience and capacity within communities to manage future droughts more effectively

The development of a regional water supply pipeline network along the lower Macquarie, between Burrendong Dam and Nyngan, including a new branch to Warren and upgrading of the existing pipeline from Nyngan to Cobar, would provide a critical linkage between urban centres and the various water supplies in this region. In addition to providing a means of distributing water from Burrendong Dam with virtually no transmission losses, the pipe network could also link various groundwater supplies throughout the catchment, with the system designed to enable two-way flow to create a catchment-wide water supply grid which would deliver significant resilience to all communities connected to the network. This critical infrastructure project could deliver significant regional economic benefits, by not ensuring the long term reliability of water supply to existing towns and therefore removing the constant threat of reduced water supply during drought, but also potentially promoting increased economic development on the back of a very reliable and resilient water supply.

In order to progress this initiative a significant amount of work needs to be undertaken as a matter of urgency, given the current drought situation.

A detailed business case needs to be developed to understand the various operating models which could be implemented, as well as fully understand the costs and benefits associated with such a project. As well this analysis should explore various scenarios to fully understand the potential opportunities arising from such a significant project, with the aim of optimising the size and scale of the network to deliver the most effective long term outcome.

The ongoing ownership and operation of the pipe network also needs to be fully examined to ensure its continued effective operation at a level which is financially sustainable for water users.

At the same time a project plan for the delivery of the project needs to be developed as a priority. This will enable a full understanding of the actual capital cost of the project and the ongoing whole-of-life operational costs to be established. As well this plan will identify how the project can be delivered in a manner which potentially provides significant benefits during the current drought as well as much greater long term benefits. With the potential of a less onerous project approval regime, the key to delivering at least the first stage of this project lies with the project development plan. Issues such as route selection, land access, environmental and archaeological impacts, constructability as well as technical design issues need to be fully addressed. Preliminary work on possible pipe sizes, material type, pump station capacity and potential alignments has already commenced within the Dubbo Regional Council area, with the same methodology able to be applied to the whole potential network in the short term to fully understand the scale and cost of this project. Initial costings

indicate the project could be delivered at least in line with similar sized projects completed recently in NSW, in regards to cost and delivery time.

In conjunction with the development of the project plan for this pipe network, options need to be examined for extending flows in the Macquarie River for as long as possible in collaboration with the NSW Regional Town Water Supply Coordinator, Water NSW and DPIE Water. If this can be achieved the opportunity potentially exists to undertake construction of the first stage of the pipeline network before flows in the river cease at a point where no further water can be supplied to towns at the end of the system, such as Cobar, Nyngan and Warren. While such an outcome cannot be guaranteed, with all communities working to reduce demand and develop a range of alternative water supply options, coupled with a concerted focus to fully resource the development of the first stage of the pipe network project, a fast-track project delivery approach should be adopted at the outset to provide maximum opportunity to complete key elements of the project as soon as possible.

To achieve this financial support needs to be sought from the NSW Government as a matter of priority, ideally through a joint delegation of all Councils to the Minister for Water as soon as possible. Prior to this it is essential that all Councils consider a report on this matter at their earliest opportunity and, if in agreement, resolve to pursue this project as a priority.

This project offers a unique opportunity to the Councils in the lower Macquarie to work collaboratively on an inter-generational infrastructure project which could significantly enhance the current level of service to their communities as well as deliver very long term sustainable water supplies and associated economic prosperity. This project would build on the vision for reliable urban water supplies in the lower Macquarie region which commenced with the construction of the Albert Priest Channel, between Warren and Nyngan in 1942, the installation of the first water supply pipeline to Cobar in 1963, the construction of Burrendong Dam in 1967 (a project which actually started in 1946 but was delayed due to financial constraints) and the completion of Windamere Dam in 1984. The connection of these key water infrastructure elements via a regional pipe network would not only be a fitting final element to regional water security goals commenced almost 80 years ago, but would also secure a very positive future for the region, built on sustainable and reliable water infrastructure and a spirit of genuine regional co-operation.

Financial Implications

At this stage the Recommendation is that State Government funds the project.

RECOMMENDATION

- 1. That Council support, in principle, the development of a Regional Water Supply Pipe Network to enhance the long term security of urban water to all communities currently supplied by the Macquarie River downstream of Burrendong Dam;**
- 2. That Council seek funding assistance from the NSW Government, as a matter of urgency, in conjunction with Narromine Shire/ Bogan Shire/ Warren Shire/ Cobar Shire/ Dubbo Regional Councils to:**

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- 1. Undertake a comprehensive business case assessment of the Regional Water Supply Pipe Network project;**
 - 2. Develop a long term financial model for the project which is sustainable for Council;**
 - 3. Develop a governance model for the development and operation of the pipeline project based on regional collaboration amongst associated Councils; and**
 - 4. Progress the technical development of the project to a “shovel ready” stage by April 2020; and**
 - 5. Engage a suitably qualified consultant to act for the group of Councils in developing each stage of the project planning process.**
- 3. That Council examine options, in collaboration with DPIE Water and Water NSW, to extend critical urban water supplies in the lower Macquarie River catchment and fast-track delivery of the project, including staged construction options, with the aim of ensuring a continued supply of water to all urban centres supplied by the Macquarie River downstream of Burrendong Dam.**

CLAUSE 5A – QUARTER 1 (Q1) 2019/2020 BUDGET REVIEW

FILE: L5-22

AOP REFERENCE: 3.3

ATTACHMENT: YES

(UNDER SEPARATE COVER)

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

Report to be Tabled.

CLAUSE 6A – DROUGHT COMMUNITY PROJECTS ROUND 1 - UPDATE
FILE: G4-1 & G4-41 AOP REFERENCE: 3.1.1.4 ATTACHMENT: NO
AUTHOR: *General Manager, Peter Vlatko*

Report to be Tabled.

CLAUSE 1B – DEVELOPMENT APPROVALS: 16 OCTOBER 2019 – 19 NOVEMBER 2019

FILE: T5-1 AOP REFERENCE: 1.6.3.1 ATTACHMENT: NO
AUTHOR: *Director of Planning & Environmental Services, Garry Ryman*

Complying Development Approvals

No Complying Development Applications have been approved under delegated authority for the period 16 October 2019 – 19 November 2019.

The value of Complying Development approvals for 2019/2020 to date is Nil.

The value of Complying Development approvals for the similar period in 2018/2019 was Nil.

Local Development Approvals

The following Local Development Applications have been approved under delegated authority for the period 16 October 2019 – 19 November 2019.

CERTIFICATE NO.	ADDRESS	DESCRIPTION	VALUE (\$)
2019/LD-00032	752 Yimkin Rd, Canbelego	Subdivision	N/A
2019/LD-00034	2 Eleventh St, Cobar	Dwelling Addition	\$20,000
2019/LD-00035	35/39 Linsley St, Cobar	Commercial Kitchen Installation	\$30,000
2019/LD-00036	813 Cooneybar Rd, Tindarey	Dwelling	\$350,000

The value of Local Development approvals for 2019/2020 to date is \$5,921,630.60.

The value of Local Development approvals for the similar period in 2018/2019 was \$25,484,050.

Construction Certificates

The following Construction Certificates have been approved under delegated authority for the period 16 October 2019 – 19 November 2019.

CERTIFICATE NO.	ADDRESS	DESCRIPTION
2019/CB-00015	2 Eleventh St, Cobar	Dwelling Addition

RECOMMENDATION

That the information detailing the Local Development and Construction Certificate approvals for the period 16 October 2019 – 19 November 2019 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>

COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS 28 APRIL 2016

NUMBER	ITEM	RESOLUTION NUMBER	ACTION BY	ACTION REQUIRED	OUTCOME
870	Committee of the Whole Closed Council – Report 1C – Analysis of Plant and Equipment Hire and Trades and Miscellaneous Services Register	58.4.2016	GM	That any future projects within Cobar Shire that we look at supporting the local businesses (where applicable) to ensure their viability and have a review of the Policy.	Policy to be reviewed and all purchases to have quotes provided and encourage the use of locals.

COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS 9 MARCH 2017

1007	Council – Clause 7B – Expenditure for Roads Network	59.3.2017	DES	That a Rest Area be built along the Wool Track and that it be named after Duncan Gay.	Matter to be raised with funding request for Wool Track. An updated funding application for sealing of the Wool Track is being prepared.
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COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS 27 APRIL 2017

1021	Council – Clause 11A – Minutes of the Economic Taskforce April Meeting	81.4.2017	GM	<p>That Council resolves to further investigate the idea of a freight depot for Cobar and report back to the Taskforce.</p> <p>That a Call for Expressions of Interest from businesses who would like to engage the services of a security company to monitor their premises and answer alarms to establish demand for such a service.</p> <p>That Council resolves to approach Mr Hausler in regards to the future of his rail track and loco for use in a public space in Cobar.</p>	<p>Council is currently discussing milestones for inclusion in the Funding agreement for the new Industrial Estate. Once timeframes have been allocated and a scope of works finalised, further discussions will be conducted with those companies which showed interest in this venture, especially Livestock and Bulk Carriers Association and freight companies.</p> <p>One on one visits to potential businesses commenced to determine interest in such a venture. Strong interest so far.</p> <p>No action to date.</p>
1025	Council – Clause 7B – Expenditure for Roads	92.4.2017	DES	That RMS be contacted in relation to a turning lane being installed at the	Letter has been sent to RMS to request improvements to entrance to

	Network			Meadow Glen Rest Area as a matter of urgency.	Meadow Glen Rest Area. At this stage RMS has not allocated funds to the project.
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COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS 24 AUGUST 2017

NUMBER	ITEM	RESOLUTION NUMBER	ACTION BY	ACTION REQUIRED	OUTCOME
1071	Council Meeting – Clause 6A – Sale of Land at Duffy Drive	205.8.2017	DFCS	That the two blocks of land which are the subject of this report be auctioned with the reserve to be determined by Council at the meeting preceding the advertised auction date.	One block now sold, one block to be auctioned.
1081	Council Meeting – Clause 5B – Meeting Minutes	220.8.2017	DES	That Council look into acquiring Public Stock Watering Points as a method of guaranteeing access to water for Council use.	Investigation to be undertaken. Lack of staff resources has restricted progress.

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	PC	That Council identify the Pulpulla Road as a high priority for its ability to contribute to tourism and economic development and that Council work with National Parks and Wildlife Service to establish a plan of action and budgets to maintain it to a standard suitable for all vehicle access.	Initial discussions held with NPWS with positive feedback. Discussion held with Destination NSW - there are possible funding options, success more likely if more developments undertaken at Mt Grenfell. Council awaiting to see what developments the Mt Grenfell Board progress prior to seeking this funding.

				<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 the celebrations to mark Cobar's 150th Anniversary be an item on Council's agenda and that projects be scoped and indicative budgets developed.</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>Location and type of signs currently being investigated – orders to be placed in May.</p> <p>New Tourism Manager currently investigating work already done, how to reinvigorate this committee etc and this will form part of a future presentation to Council on events and festivals.</p> <p>No action to date.</p>
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COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS 14 DECEMBER 2017

NUMBER	ITEM	RESOLUTION NUMBER	ACTION BY	ACTION REQUIRED	OUTCOME
1116	Council Meeting – Clause 3A – RMS Repair Program for 2018/2019	325.12.2017	DES	That Council nominate RR7518 Fifty Two Mile Road for funding for \$400,000 from the 2018/2019 REPAIR Program for seal extension.	Funding application has been submitted for 2018/2019. Application for 2018/2019 was unsuccessful.

				That if funding is not obtained that council continues to nominate RR7518 Fifty Two Mile Road in subsequent years until funding is obtained.	Funding application has been submitted for 2019/2020. Application for 2019/2020 was successful. General Manager has signed Funding Deed in November 2019.
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COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS 22 FEBRUARY 2018

NUMBER	ITEM	RESOLUTION NUMBER	ACTION BY	ACTION REQUIRED	OUTCOME
1124	Council Meeting – Notice of Motion – Re-Location of Western Division Office	05.2.2018	GM	That Cobar Shire Council request the NSW Government to re-locate the Western Division Office from Dubbo to Cobar.	No action to date.
1131	Council Meeting – Clause 5A – Development Application 2018/LD-00004	13.2.2018	DPES	That Council establishes a Policy for Fencing in Urban Areas in Cobar.	Resources are not available for this at this time.

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	Letter's sent seeking support. Awaiting response in order to organise the meeting. Letters of support received and forwarded to Ministers Office.

				Doctors, Specialists and other staff to rural communities such as Cobar and in particular the Western Area of NSW.	Mayor to meet with Minister Brad Hazzard in Albury on 21 October 2018. Minister was an apology. Mayor supported the Gwydir Council in providing representation to Canberra to raise the issue.
1142	Council Meeting – Notice of Motion – Installation of an Independent Pedestrian Crossing	47.3.2018	GM	That Council write to John Holland Rail, being the entity that maintains the RailCorp assets for Rural NSW, to increase the width to accommodate two vehicles crossing at same time on the level crossing on Bourke Road between Railway Parade South and Railway Parade North and install an independent pedestrian crossing.	Negotiations between John Holland Rail, RMS and Council has commenced. Awaiting RMS funding allocation.

COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS 26 APRIL 2018

NUMBER	ITEM	RESOLUTION NUMBER	ACTION BY	ACTION REQUIRED	OUTCOME
1153	Council Meeting – Notice of Motion – Policy Development for Development Applications for Mining Operations	76.4.2018	GM	That Council develops a Policy to assist in the determination of Development Approvals (DA's) for Mining Operations in order to reduce the impact of Fly-in, Fly-out (FIFO) and Drive-in, Drive-out (DIDO) on our community.	Item being addressed in the draft Local Strategic Planning Statement.

COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS 28 JUNE 2018

NUMBER	ITEM	RESOLUTION NUMBER	ACTION BY	ACTION REQUIRED	OUTCOME
1180	Council Meeting – Notice of Motion – Arid Research Centre	140.6.2018	GM	That a submission be made to the Prime Minister of Australia and the Premier of NSW seeking their support and consideration of establishing an Arid Research Centre in Cobar for the Far Western NSW. That a letter and submission be made to the National Farmers Association that a letter of support be sought.	Submission being prepared when resources available. To be completed by August 2019.

COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS 24 SEPTEMBER 2018

NUMBER	ITEM	RESOLUTION NUMBER	ACTION BY	ACTION REQUIRED	OUTCOME
1219	Council Meeting – Clause 9A – Minutes of the Economic Taskforce Meeting – Tuesday, 14 August 2018	242.9.2018	GM	That Council resolve to accept the recommendation of the Economic Taskforce that: Council investigate the possibility of the local mining companies setting up a buy local scheme for their employees.	Discussion held with General Managers of the Mines in Cobar. Matter to be considered and a further report to be provided.

COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS 28 FEBRUARY 2019

NUMBER	ITEM	RESOLUTION NUMBER	ACTION BY	ACTION REQUIRED	OUTCOME
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1252	Council Meeting – Notice of Motion – Date Change for Clearing Consent	03.2.2019	GM	That Council together with RDA Orana, Far North West Joint Organisation and the Western Division Councils lobby the Federal Government to have the methodology changed that all farms in the Western area have the same opportunity to participate in the emission reduction fund as currently stands for some properties at present and seek the State Government support.	Letter sent to RDA Orana seeking support.
1253	Council Meeting – Notice of Motion – Lobby for Water Security	04.2.2019	GM	That the Cobar Shire Council lobby the State and Federal Government to provide alternative and viable solutions to provide water security for our towns and villages in the Western Region and seek the support of the Far North West Joint Organisation, RDA Orana and the Western Division Association.	Letter sent to RDA Orana seeking support.
1269	Council Meeting - Clause 13A – Raw Water Supply to Dalton Park Horse Complex	25.2.2019	GWSE	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.

COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS 24 APRIL 2019

NUMBER	ITEM	RESOLUTION NUMBER	ACTION BY	ACTION REQUIRED	OUTCOME
1277	Council Meeting – Notice of Motion –	63.4.2019	GM	That Cobar Shire Council lobby both the Federal Government and	Submission being prepared and discussions held with local mines.

	Fringe Benefits Tax (FBT) Including Living Away From Home Allowance Exempted for Remote Mining Community such as Cobar			<p>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>	
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COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS 23 MAY 2019

NUMBER	ITEM	RESOLUTION NUMBER	ACTION BY	ACTION REQUIRED	OUTCOME
1291	Council Meeting – Clause 9A – The Newey Plan of Management – Community Engagement	96.5.2019	DPES	That the Newey Plan of Management be implemented as written, with Option 2 accepted.	<p>Newey Plan consultation document being amended to a draft Plan of Management based on option 2.</p> <p>Further action pending receipt of approval of initial Crown Reserve categorization by Crown Lands.</p>

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	AWSM	Investigate the costs associated with purchasing raw water from upstream users.	Investigations being undertaken.

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 22 AUGUST 2019

NUMBER	ITEM	RESOLUTION NUMBER	ACTION BY	ACTION REQUIRED	OUTCOME
1312	Council Meeting – Notice of Motion – Support for the Introduction of FIFO Legislation	170.8.2019	GM	That Council write to the Premier and the Minister to seek their support in introducing legislation similar to the Queensland Government in relation to the new FIFO laws which reinforce local jobs for communities (Strong and Sustainable Resources Community Act QLD).	No action to date.
1313	Council Meeting – Notice of Motion – Requests for Additional Water Storage	171.8.2019	GM	That Cobar Shire Council investigate the cost associated with deepening the Old Reservoir for the water to be used for Council's Parks and Gardens. That Cobar Shire Council seek approval from the Peak Gold Mine	No action to date. Informed discussion held at CWB Meeting. Nothing formal done as yet.

				to allow the deepening of the Newey Reservoir for storage of water for the purpose of watering the Golf Course and for Council's Parks and Gardens.	
1315	Council Meeting – Clause 4A – Risk and Audit Committee	175.8.2019	DFCS	<p>That the Risk and Audit Committee be increased to six members comprising three independent community members and three Councillors.</p> <p>That Council advertise for expressions of interest from the community in the position.</p> <p>That the matter, including the appointment of a Councillor, be further considered at a future Council meeting when the expressions of interest for the independent community member have been received.</p>	No response. Will move to appoint one more Councillor at November Council Meeting.
1317	Council Meeting – Clause 6A – Sealing The Wool Track Status Update	177.8.2019	ADES	That Council wait for further funding opportunities and update the previous business case using same growth figures.	Application being prepared for current round of Fixing Country Roads.

COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS 26 SEPTEMBER 2019

NUMBER	ITEM	RESOLUTION NUMBER	ACTION BY	ACTION REQUIRED	OUTCOME
1321	Council Meeting – Clause 5A – Procedures	196.9.2019	AGM	That the draft Procedures for the Administration of the Model Code	Draft Procedures for the Administration of the Model Code of

	for the Administration of the Model Code of Conduct Policy			of Conduct be placed on public exhibition for 28 days and if no submissions received it be adopted.	Conduct be placed on public exhibition.
1324	Council Meeting – Clause 8A – Capital Works Program 2019/2020	199.9.2019	ADES	That the \$402,000 is withdrawn from Shire Road 24 and that it remains in the budget until workshopped at the October Meeting and that the remaining Capital Works Program for the year ended 30 June 2020 be adopted.	\$402,000 is withdrawn from Shire Road 24 and Workshopped at December Councillor Workshop.
1325	Council Meeting – Clause 9A – Dalton Park Horse Complex Licence Agreements	200.9.2019	ES	That Council acting as Crown Land Manager for the Dalton Park Racecourse (R630019) Reserve, resolve to renew 12 month short term license agreements for the following organisations and individuals to cover the period 1 July 2019 to 30 June 2020: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Mr S Griffiths & Ms C Yench; ▪ Ms Sharon Whitehurst; ▪ Cobar Pony Club; ▪ Cobar Miners Race Club; ▪ Cobar Rodeo Committee; ▪ Mulchara Partnership; ▪ Wayne Prisk. 	License agreements sent.
1326	Council Meeting – Clause 10A – Bathurst Street Reserve Licence Agreement	201.9.2019	ES	That Council acting as Crown Land Manager for the Bathurst Street Reserve (R64199), resolve to renew a 12 month short term license agreement to Cobar Tennis Club to cover the period 1 July 2019 to 30 June 2020.	License agreement sent.

1327	Council Meeting – Clause 12A – Cobar Water Board Storages – Construction of Additional Storage Capacity	203.9.2019	WS	That the Cobar Water Board be advised that Council will not be proceeding with investigation of additional storage capacity at the Cobar storages.	Discussion with consultants, proposal being developed.
1329	Council Meeting – Committee of the Whole Closed Council – Clause 1C – Request for Quote – Supply Two Motor Graders	216.9.2019 30COW.9.2019	PO	That Council approve the purchase of two (2) 140M Caterpillar Motor Graders from WesTrac Pty Ltd with one (1) installed with 2D Satellite Grading and one installed with 3D Satellite Grading System and both being fitted with a 14ft blade.	Graders purchased – awaiting delivery.

COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS ADJOURNED COUNCIL MEETING 24 OCTOBER 2019 HELD ON 14 NOVEMBER 2019

NUMBER	ITEM	RESOLUTION NUMBER	ACTION BY	ACTION REQUIRED	OUTCOME
1330	Council Meeting – Clause 2A – Casual Councillor Vacancy Cobar Shire Council Report	219.11.2019	GM	That Council note with regret the resignation as a Councillor of Christopher Lehmann effective 26 September 2019 and thank Councillor Lehmann for her tenure. That Councillor Christopher Lehmann resignation be advised in writing to the Minister of Local Government, with a request that no by election be required.	Noted – No further action required. Minister of Local Government advised – No further action required.
1331	Council Meeting – Clause 3A – Council Committees/ Delegates	220.11.2019	GM	That Council determine its delegates for each of the listed Committees/ Organisations and	Council delegates determined – No further action required.

				where an election is required it be by open voting by show of hands. As tabled.	
1332	Council Meeting – Clause 4A – 2018/2019 Annual Report	221.11.2019	GM	That the information contained in the 2018/2019 Annual Report be received and noted. That Council endorses the 2018/2019 Annual Report. That a copy of Council's Annual Report be provided to the Minister and such other persons and bodies as the regulations may require.	2018/2019 Annual Report received and noted – No further action required. Council endorses the 2018/2019 Annual Report – No further action required. Copy sent – No further action required.
1333	Council Meeting – Clause 5A – Meeting Arrangements – Christmas and New Year (Including Notification of Staff Christmas Party)	222.11.2019	GM	That the Mayor and General Manager be delegated authority, jointly, to deal with matters of an urgent nature for the period commencing 13 December 2019 to 27 February 2020 and that if any urgent matters are dealt with under this authority that they be reported to the February 2020 Ordinary Meeting of Council.	Arrangements in train – No further action required.
1334	Council Meeting – Clause 7A – Auction of Vacant Land held for Sale 21 Duffy Drive	225.11.2019	OC	That Council endorse the actions of the General Manager for setting the reserves for the sale of land for unpaid rates.	Actions endorsed – No further action required.
1335	Council Meeting – Clause 9A – General Purpose Financial Statements, Special	226.11.2019	AFA	That the Audited Financial Statements and Auditor's Reports for the year ended 30 June 2019 be received and noted.	Audited Financial Statements and Auditor's Reports received and noted – No further action required.

	Schedules and Auditor's Reports for 2018/2019			That copies of Council's Annual Audited Financial Statements be provided to such persons and bodies as the regulations require.	
1336	Council Meeting – Clause 10A – Tender for Dry and Wet Hire Plant and Equipment (T3-17-9)	227.11.2019	PO	That Council approves the extension of the current, established Panel of preferred Suppliers for Dry and Wet Hire Plant and Equipment on a month by month basis until a new Panel is established or until 01 st November 2020, whichever occurs first.	Extension for the Panel of preferred Suppliers for Dry and Wet Hire Plant approved – No further action required.
1337	Council Meeting – Clause 5B – Investment Report as at 30 September 2019	228.11.2019	AFA	That Council support the Mayor and General Manager in their decision to accept the \$4.4 million for the Ward Oval upgrade.	Public consultation meetings have been held – No further action required.
1338	Council Meeting – Committee of the Whole Closed Council – Clause 1C – Lease of Town Hall Cinema Building	241.11.2019 33COW.11.2019	GM	That Council authorise the General Manager to enter into a new lease with Western Studio of Performing Arts, in respect of the Town Hall Cinema Building being substantially consistent with the existing lease for a term of up to two (2) years with an option for a third year, with the rental increased to \$820.00 monthly (with annual CPI Increases) at the start of the new lease term. That Council authorise the Mayor and General Manager to sign all relevant lease Agreement documentation for Town Hall	Lease documents being prepared.

				Cinema, 5 Barton Street, Cobar under the Common Seal of Council.	
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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: 1116 Part 1, 1330, 1331, 1332, 1333, 1334, 1335 Part 1, 1336 and 1337.

**CLAUSE 3B – LOCAL GOVERNMENT REMUNERATION TRIBUNAL
ANNUAL DETERMINATION ON FEES PAID TO MAYOR AND
COUNCILLORS FOR 2020**

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

ATTACHMENT: YES

(PAGE 69-76)

AUTHOR: *General Manager, Peter Vlatko*

Purpose

To provide Council with the correspondence received from the Local Government Remuneration Tribunal.

Background

Cobar Shire Council on Tuesday, 29 October 2019 received correspondence from the Local Government Remuneration Tribunal advising that they have commenced their review for the 2020 annual determination on fees paid to mayors and councillors.

They are currently seeking submissions on the following four matters:

Submissions

The Tribunal invites submissions from individual councils addressing the following four matters:

1. Proposed classification model and criteria

Comments on the proposed classification model outlined in **Attachment 1**, including the titles and criteria for each category.

2. Allocation in the proposed classification model

Comments on the appropriate allocation for their individual council in the proposed classification model outlined in **Attachment 2**, having regard to the proposed criteria for each category.

3. Range of fees payable in the proposed classification model

Comments on the ranges of fees for the proposed classification model, having regard to the Tribunal's obligations under section 242A of the LG Act as outlined above. Any recommendations in respect of the proposed new category of Regional Centre, if determined, should have regard to the capacity of their individual council to pay any increase in fees (**Attachment 2**).

4. Other matters

Councils may wish to address other matters within the Tribunal's jurisdiction under the LG Act.

Cobar Shire Council will remain as a Rural Council.

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

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

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

The correspondence received is attached to this report.

Legal Situation

Pursuant to Section 241 of the *Local Government Act 1993* (LG Act), the Tribunal is required to make an annual determination, no later than 1 May 2020, on fees payable to Councillors and Mayors to effect from 1 July 2020.

Section 239 of the *Local Government Act 1993*, requires the Tribunal to determine categories of councils and mayoral offices at least once every three years.

In accordance with Section 242A of the Local Government Act the Tribunal is required to apply the Government's public sector wages policy to the determination ranges of fees for Councillors and Mayors. The public sector wages policy currently provides for a cap on increases of 2.5 per cent.

Financial Implications

The recommended changes will be contained within the draft budgets for 2012/2021.

RECOMMENDATION

- 1. That Council receive and note the information contained within this report.**
- 2. That Council do not provide a submission to the Tribunal.**

CLAUSE 4B – FIRST QUARTERLY REVIEW OF THE ANNUAL OPERATIONAL PLAN 2019/2020

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 2019/2020 for the first quarter (ie July to September 2019).

Background

At the June 2019 Ordinary Council Meeting, Council adopted the 2019/2020 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 2019 and does not cover actions or activities that have occurred since then. However, this paper aims to highlight major issues that may arise in Q2 of 2019/2020.

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.

A summary of the major projects undertaken in Q1 in 2019/2020 and the emerging concerns for Q2 in 2019/2020 are as follows:

Governance and Economic Development

- Council together with the Business Association held the 2019 Cobar Business Awards, which will be held in September 2019. Along with the supporting the Shop Local Campaign and Cobar Quids.
- FNWJO – Council has maintained the financial obligations. Greg Lamont has been appointed as Executive Officer and replaces Interim Executive Officer, Peter Vlatko. Mark Riley has finished up. FNWJO are in the process of recruiting a Contaminated Lands Officer.
- LDAT (Local Drug Alcohol Taskforce) Grant applied for – to run Basketball After Dark on a Friday night at the Youthie. Grant outcome to be advised in early Q2.
- Business Continuity Plan has been developed and presented to IRAC for review and adoption. Once adopted Council will run a mock disaster to test the strength of the plan.
- Manual handling training for staff will be held in Q2.
- Major audit of security users including respective access levels for Council's Administration Building to ensure accurate records of staff access.
- Next Staff Satisfaction Survey will be undertaken in Q2.
- In Q1, Council has written to Mark Coulton's Office in regards to Mobile Black Spots.
- A Liquor Accord Meeting was a meeting held in Q1. A Life Time Ban to all pubs and clubs was awarded, Lifetime bans will now be given when a patron commits a criminal act or offence against a staff member(s) or emergency services personnel.

Corporate and Community Services

- No Q1 comments from the Director of Nursing for the Lilliane Brady Village, due to staffing availability and other conflicting deadlines.
- Grant submitted under Stronger Country Communities Fund for a Youth Development Officer or youth events.
- Library held pre-school story time, rhyme and craft sessions – 75 children attended with parents/carers.
- Family Day Care had one (1) new Educator start.
- Tourism Committee has been established and meets monthly. In Q1, they focused on organising the Festival of the Miners Ghost, Grey Mardi Gras and 150 years of Cobar events for 2020.
- The Festival of the Miners Ghost was held in early Q2. Festival of the Miners Ghost events include Cobar Arts Councils art exhibition at the Cobar Railway Station, cemetery tours, Lost Miners Memorial Event and Rotary BBQ with entertainment by Shane Josephson, Peak Gold Mine surface tours, Miners Reunion, Markets in the Park with over thirty confirmed stalls, kids amusement, show and shine cars show, Mick Green and Cobar Dance Studios entertainment, CSA Glencore fireworks display over the open cut mine, Mini mining exhibition with mines rescue and rock drilling demonstrations. Festival of the Miners Ghost has been advertised on all social and digital media marketing platforms within the Cobar Shire Council. Newspaper displays and articles in Cobar and Dubbo, booklets and programs distributed to neighbouring visitors information's centres.
- Library Arcade meeting room has been well utilised with 54 bookings.
- The Museum celebrated their 50th Anniversary and the Museum Extension plans were placed on public display.
- Great Cobar Heritage Centre (GCHC) received a large amount of valuable collection items.
- Great Cobar Heritage Centre Master plan has been released to the public for consultation. Architects have been working closely with Museum Curator, Tourism Manager and Projects Officer on the stages and development of upcoming projects. Interviews have been conducted for assistance curatorial consultant and Lynn Collins has been appointed the position. Lynn will work with the projects team during the upgrades for curatorial advice and exhibition upgrades. Projects team to meet with Lynn and Architects in early Q2.
- GCHC – visitor numbers for July, were the highest on record.
- Miners Memorial - Meeting held with the only Tenderer on 16/08/2019 and follow up on 29/08/2019. Review currently underway to find cost saving opportunities in the original design. Proposed alternatives to be presented back to Council by 27/09/2019 for review. At that point, the architect and structural engineer will have to review and approve any proposed design changes and issue updated plans. Updated final costs will then be submitted by contractor and a draft contract can be prepared with the final costs and designs.
- CCTV – Council has applied for funding un My Communities Program for Drummond Park, however was unsuccessful.
- Internal Audit Committee were scheduled to meet in Q1, but the meeting did not proceed due to lack of quorum.
- IT Department have now rolled Council's email system over to Office365.
- A regular passenger air service from Cobar to Sydney is being provided by FlyPelican.
- Old Drummond Park Playground equipment will be potentially removed in Q2.
- Library enrolled 39 new members.

Engineering

- Graffiti has been removed from Drummond Park playground equipment. Dalton Park was vandalised and cleaned immediately.
- One LEMC Meeting held in Q1.
- Annual Induction Day held.
- Traffic Committee and Rural Roads Committee Meetings held.
- Tenders have closed for replacement of the cast iron pipework. Tenders to be considered and awarded in Q2.
- Cobar Water Board is undertaking an options study report for upgrading the Nyngan and Hermidale Pump Stations.
- Scoping Study for Nymagee and Euabalong Villages has commenced.
- Grain Road project has commenced.
- Repaired 20m of footpath on the corner of Linsley and Harcourt Street.

Planning and Environmental Services

- The Cobar Youth and Fitness Centre Upgrade – the project is progressing through the design and planning stage.
- No public health incidents occurred in Q1.
- No water samples taken of public pools as no test equipment available. Inspections were undertaken focusing on pool operator testing regimes
- Depot upgrade works – rear laydown is being completed in accordance with Master Plan. Acid shed is almost complete
- Draft Waste Management Strategy has been developed.
- Due to drought conditions straying stock numbers have increased.
- Spraying on Mulya and Wool track has been conducted. Little spraying has occurred due to drought conditions.

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.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receives and notes the first quarterly review of the 2019/2020 Annual Operational Plan, covering the period July to September 2019.

CLAUSE 5B – MEETING MINUTES

FILE: T4-3 AOP REFERENCE: 3.1 ATTACHMENT: YES (PAGE 77-80)

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:

- Tourism Advisory Committee Meeting – Wednesday, 16 October 2019 (no Status Report).

RECOMMENDATION

That the Minutes of the Tourism Advisory Committee be received and noted.

CLAUSE 6B – INVESTMENT REPORT AS AT 31 OCTOBER 2019**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 2019. Term deposits have differing terms to spread the maturity dates throughout the year. The amount restricted in the Audited Financial Report for Employee Leave Entitlements is \$444,000.

Investments for October	Rate	Bank	Opening Balance	Transfers to Investment	Transfers from Investment	Interest Earned	Closing Balance
NAB Sweep Acct		NAB	\$ 4,686,017	\$ 3,712,074	\$ 3,808,132	\$ 3,320	\$ 4,593,279
Mar-20	1.65%	NAB	\$ 1,001,221			\$ 1,403	\$ 1,002,624
Feb-20	2.10%	AMP	\$ 2,006,334			\$ 3,578	\$ 2,009,912
Oct-19	2.60%	Auswide	\$ 2,025,061		\$ 2,026,071	\$ 1,010	\$ 0
Feb-20	1.70%	NAB	\$ 3,005,871			\$ 4,340	\$ 3,010,211
Feb-20	2.72%	Auswide	\$ 2,034,537			\$ 4,700	\$ 2,039,237
Feb-20	1.66%	ME	\$ 2,001,001			\$ 2,821	\$ 2,003,822
Jan-20	1.60%	NAB	\$ 0	\$ 1,500,000		\$ 986	\$ 1,500,986
Oct-19	2.50%	Auswide	\$ 1,011,423		\$ 1,012,397	\$ 974	\$ 0
Jan-20	1.85%	NAB	\$ 2,006,799			\$ 3,153	\$ 2,009,952
Jan-20	1.70%	NAB	\$ 1,001,910			\$ 1,447	\$ 1,003,357
Jun-20	2.75%	AMP	\$ 1,020,244	\$ 1,000,000	\$ 1,020,342	\$ 1,481	\$ 1,001,383
Feb-20	2.00%	AMP	\$ 1,002,225			\$ 1,685	\$ 1,003,910
Jun-20	2.75%	AMP	\$ 1,020,244	\$ 1,000,000	\$ 1,020,342	\$ 1,481	\$ 1,001,383
TOTALS	Average Int	2.12%	\$23,822,886	\$7,212,074	\$8,887,285	\$32,381	\$22,180,056

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.



Acting Financial Accountant**RECOMMENDATION****That Council receive and note the Investment Report as at 31 October 2019.**

**CLAUSE 7B - BANK RECONCILIATION, CASH FLOW & LOAN FACILITY
SUMMARIES AS AT 31 OCTOBER 2019**

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	983
Less Unpresented Cheques	(-)
Reconciled Balance	10,983

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.



Acting Financial Accountant

Monthly Total Funds Available for the Last 12 Months

Month	Investment Balances	Operating Account	Total Available Funds
Oct 18	18,088,990	18,099	18,107,089
Nov 18	18,361,800	(163,625)	18,198,175
Dec 18	17,009,717	18,601	17,020,318
Jan 19	15,870,216	(11,175)	15,706,591
Feb 19	15,980,048	(5,842)	15,974,206
Mar 19	18,000,631	9,011	18,009,642
Apr 19	19,443,263	9,382	19,452,645
May 19	18,397,880	12,261	18,410,141
June 19	23,661,843	14,072	23,675,915
July 19	24,031,003	18,852	24,049,855
Aug 19	24,556,636	17,069	24,573,705
Sep 19	23,822,866	15,272	23,838,158
Oct 19	22,180,056	10,983	22,191,039

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

Cash Flow

October		Description	Forecast
Forecast	Actual		November
15,272	15,272	Bank Balance Forward	10,983
150,000	0	FAG / R2R / RMCC	1,000,000
14,366	14,637	RMS Agency	14,366
750,000	474,975	Rates /Water/User Charges	750,000
150,000	196,773	Private Works/Debtors	150,000
280,000	184,877	LBV – Residents Fees & Subsidies	280,000
190,000	176,976	Child Care/In Home Care	190,000
1,000,000	1,675,211	Net Movement of Investments	1,000,000
400,000	225,388	Sundry Income & Grants	400,000
		<i>Less</i>	
(2,500,000)	(1,952,632)	Creditors	(2,500,000)
(790,000)	(1,022,460)	Wages / Salaries	(790,000)
10,000	10,983	Bank Reconciliation Cr/(Dr)	10,000

Loan Facility Report as at 31 October 2019

Swimming Pool and Street Upgrade Loan (6.22%) <i>Principal and Interest = \$22,265</i>	(961,003.44)
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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 2019.

CLAUSE 8B – ANALYSIS OF DRY AND WET PLANT AND EQUIPMENT CONTRACT

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 analysis and result of the engagement of Contractors under the Dry and Wet Plant and Equipment Contract for works let over \$80,000 inclusive of GST.

Background

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

These Contractors are usually engaged on a daily basis for small projects or by quotations for larger projects.

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

The table below indicates the contractors that were engaged for services over \$80,000 inclusive of GST for the period 1 July 2019 – 31 October 2019.

Contractor	Description of Works	October	2019/2020
Broughton Contracting	Plant Hire	\$55,583	\$141,970
Urquhart Haulage Contractors	Haulage	\$0	\$179,759

Due to recent legislation changes regarding the tender threshold it is recommended Council amend the amount from \$80,000 to \$120,000 and to extend the report to include analysis all procurement over the prescribed amount.

RECOMMENDATION

- 1. That Council receive and note the information contained within this report.**
- 2. That Council amend the Dry and Wet Plant and Equipment Contract for works let over \$80,000 inclusive of GST to \$120,000 to align with the recent tender threshold change and to extend the report to include analysis of all procurement over the prescribed amount.**

CLAUSE 9B – ENGINEERING WORKS REPORT

FILE: C6-20-2

AOP REFERENCE: 4.3.2

ATTACHMENT: NO

AUTHOR: *Acting Director of Engineering, Simon Pradhan*

Purpose

To inform Council of completed and ongoing Engineering works for the period of October 2019.

Background

State Highways

Maintenance Work

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

Ordered Works

- Heavy Patching on HW8, MR421 and MR410 completed.

Urban Roads/Shire Roads/Regional Roads

Maintenance Work

- Maintenance/Spot Grading – SR17, SR29, SR30, SR46, MR416 and MR419.

Construction Work

- SR20 Grain Road 12km Seal Extension Project – works have commenced on site. The subbase pavement layer is being shaped up in preparation for stabilising works.

Water and Sewer

Maintenance Work

- Complete town hydrant maintenance and repair works – **ongoing**;
- Pest control within sewer reticulation network being carried out where necessary - **ongoing**;
- Six water faults were reported during the month and were resolved;
- Repairs are being undertaken to the Sewer Treatment Plant embankment – **ongoing**;
- A chlorine installation audit and identified remedial works are being undertaken – **ongoing**.

Water Operations

The Water Treatment Plant is producing approx. 2.1 ML per day. Odds and evens day water restrictions with hand watering only between 5pm and 8pm have been introduced for Cobar to ensure demand is controlled. Burrendong Dam levels (3.4%) continue to fall and future restrictions on High Security Town Water are a possibility.

Parks and Gardens

- Pre digging graves that are reserved;
- Fertilize Ward Oval and Drummond park to minimise water usage;
- Install Louth Road and Linsley Street intersection pram ramp;
- Clean up Golf Club drain;
- Upgrade to Euabalong park and sports ground oval irrigation system;
- Ongoing maintenance works.

Resources for Regions

Construction of New Water Treatment Plant

The New Water Treatment Plant is operational and Council staff are operating the plant. The contractor, Laurie Curran Water is providing ongoing training for council operators. The completion of the access road to the water plant has been delayed.

Expenditure to end of June on the contract by LWC is \$10,679,636 (96.7% of the contract). The EPA have requested further soil testing for contaminated fill be carried out and the contractor has been instructed to carry out the testing. It is expected that test results will be available in early 2020.

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 10B – UPDATE ON INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECT FINANCES**FILE: G4-29 AOP REFERENCE: 4.1.3.3 and 4.4.4.2****ATTACHMENT: NO****AUTHOR: *Water and Sewer Manager, Eric Poga*****Purpose**

To provide Council with an update on the infrastructure projects budgets and expenditure as at 31 October 2019.

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

	Restart NSW Funding	Cobar Shire Council Funding	Expended as at 31 October 2019	Project Status
Water Treatment Plant (WTP)	\$15,750,000	\$200,000	\$11,529,656	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- The WTP is operational. Minor defects will be fixed by the contractor, operator training is ongoing.- EPA have requested additional soil testing of the imported fill. The contractor LCW has been instructed to carry out the additional testing and it is expected that the results will be available early 2020.- Construction of the road to the WTP has been delayed pending results of EPA testing.- The WTP was officially opened by the Deputy Premier and Mayor on 2 October 2019.

Sewerage Scheme Refurbishments Expansion and upgrade	\$2,100,000	\$100,000	\$552,555	<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. - Public Works Advisory have completed designs and tender documentation, tenders were called on 16 September 2019 and closed 17 October 2019 and are under review.
Water Mains Cleaning and Replacement and Water Storage Refurbishment Project	\$6,900,000	\$0	\$387,138	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Tenders closed 24 September 2019 and are currently under review. - Treasury has approved the reservoir scope of work and the design options are currently under review.

RECOMMENDATION

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

**CLAUSE 11B – MAINTENANCE GRADING AND CAPITAL WORKS REPORT
2019/2020**

FILE: R5-15 & R5-16 AOP REFERENCE: 4.3.1 ATTACHMENT: YES (PAGE 81)

AUTHOR: *Acting Director of Engineering Services, Simon Pradhan*

Purpose

To inform Council of activities conducted by the Engineering Department in comparison to the work schedule provided to Council.

Background

This report reflects the activities done up to the 31st of October 2019 and the upcoming works to the 30th November 2019.

The actual cost incurred until 31st October 2019 is for Maintenance Grading and Capital jobs only.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receives and notes the information contained within this report.

CLAUSE 12B – GRANT FUNDING

FILE: G4-17

AOP REFERENCE: 3.1.1.4

ATTACHMENT: NO

AUTHOR: *Grants Officer, Brytt Moore***Grant Update**

Grant and Department	Activity	Amount Applied For	Successful?	Council Funding Required	Deadline for project, comment
Grants Applied for					
Regional Arts NSW – CASP	Crafting Cobar workshops – celebrating 150 years of our town	\$5,000	Pending	In-kind \$2,280 for volunteers and venue.	Outcome expected December 2019.
Regional Arts NSW – CASP	Metal smithing in a Mining Town workshop	\$4,000	Pending	In-kind \$1,880 for volunteers and venue.	Outcome expected December 2019.
Start Strong Capital Works Program	Cobar’s Mobile Children Services Building construction	\$1,373,368	Pending	CMCS contribution \$68,668.	Outcome expected January/ February 2020.
Transport for NSW – Freight, Strategy and Planning	EOI – Electric Vehicle Charging Location. Council to partner with NRMA	NRMA to incur costs for the design, installation, insurance and associated costs of the charging station \$15,000.	Pending	Council to contribute parking space and area for installation.	Invited to submit detailed business case into Second Round – outcome anticipated November 2019.
Transport NSW	Construction of two new bus shelters: 1. Cobar High School – Mopone Street 2. Cobar TAFE – Bathurst Street	New shelter – max. grant value \$11,000. Upgrade Shelter – max grant value \$2,200.	Pending	No co-contribution.	Outcome advised in December 2019.

Grant and Department	Activity	Amount Applied For	Successful?	Council Funding Required	Deadline for project, comment
Grants Applied for					
NSW Government Stronger Country Communities Fund – Round 3	Cobar Youth and Fitness Centre Upgrade – Stage 2	\$388,147	Pending	No co-contribution.	Outcome expected January 2020.
NSW Government Stronger Country Communities Fund – Round 3	Youth Development Officer – 18 month tenure	\$165,647	Pending	No co-contribution.	Outcome expected January 2020.
NSW Government Stronger Country Communities Fund – Round 3	Euabalong Scenic Walking Trail	\$222,500	Pending	No co-contribution.	Outcome expected January 2020.

Grant Outcomes

Grant and Department	Activity	Amount Applied For	Successful?	Council Funding Required	Comment
Grants Announced					
North West JO Tourism Fund	Upgrade exhibitions at GCHCC.	\$1,425,000	Successful	Nil	Money paid, scope of works underway.
Infrastructure NSW – Fixing Country Roads	Sealing the Grain Road	\$1,000,000	Successful	\$350,000 project (Total cost)	Funding agreement awaiting execution.

				\$2,350,000 including previous approval by Federal Government for \$1,000,000)	
Restart NSW – Safe and Secure Water Program.	Nymagee Water Security Scoping Study - Carry out scoping study to identify the provision of water to the residents of Nymagee to improve future water security.	\$43,500	Successful	Nil	Funding agreement executed 21 June 2019.
Restart NSW – Safe and Secure Water Program.	Euabalong and Euabalong West Scoping Study - Carry out scoping study to identify options for the provision of water to the residents of Euabalong to improve future water security.	\$29,250	Successful	Nil	Funding agreement executed 21 June 2019.
Growing Local Economies Fund	Design of new Industrial Estate for Cobar.	\$150,000	Successful	Nil	Public Works have been engaged to develop a design for the new Industrial Estate.
Growing Local Economies Fund	Ward Oval Facility upgrades.	\$4,255,000	Successful	\$745,000 co-contribution.	
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.	\$7,000	Successful	\$7,000 through funding already obtained for the exhibition upgrades.	Interviewed applicants, successful applicant has already visited once.
Transport NSW – Bike Week September 2019	Tour de Cobar Celebration.	\$500 + \$500 donation from RMS	Successful	Nil	Completed.
Basketball After Dark – National Ice Action	Through the Local Drug and	\$24,500	Successful	In-kind support to the value of \$23,000,	Basketball after Dark is a program

Strategy	Action Team (LDAT) this program aims to have youth off the street after dark.			consisting of marketing and promotion of program, facility use, and wages.	aimed at getting the youth off the streets. This program will run twice a month, from 9pm – 12pm. Starting date TBA.
NSW Seniors Festival 2020	Cobar Seniors Week – Let’s Celebrate Together from 9 March to 13 March 2020.	\$2,050	Successful	\$1,500 cash contribution for catering; \$800 in-kind for venue and entertainment.	9 March to 13 March 2020 – draft program completed.
Youth Opportunities Program	Preparing Cobar’s Youth for the Future – providing Year 11 and 12 students mental health and cyber safety workshops, qualifications and cooking cultural cuisine.	\$23,250	Unsuccessful	Nil	
Tackling Tough Times Together Grants	Accessibility to CWA building via accessible ramps and footpaths.	\$17,499	Unsuccessful	CWA Contribution of \$3,000.	

Council committed \$200,000 in the 2019/2020 Budget to put towards grant proposals as a co-contribution. This money is yet to be allocated.

Current Grant Opportunities

- **Infrastructure Grant through the NSW Club Grants** – is funding for infrastructure that is accessible and available to the general public the majority of the time. This funding is broken into 3 categories, being Arts and Culture; Disaster Readiness and Community Infrastructure, and Sport and Recreation. Liaising with Cobar Miners Race Club for a toilet block and raw water to Dalton Park. This round of funding closes 9 December 2019.
- **Regional Airports Program** – aimed to improve the safety and accessibility of airports or aerodromes in regional areas of Australia by supporting critical air infrastructure that will improve the safety of aircraft, operators and passengers using regional airports or aerodromes. There is a total of \$45 million available for this grant round and there will be other grant rounds (dates to be advised). Minimum grant amount \$20,000, maximum grant amount \$5 million. The grant amount will be up to 50%, Council would be required to contribute the remaining 50%. Applications close on the 9 December 2019.

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- **Drought Communities Program – Extension** – \$1 million has been allocated to 122 eligible councils. Application process still required (applications have not yet opened yet). This grant is designed to provide an immediate economic stimulus to drought-affected communities by investing in projects that support jobs and business income. This money must be spent both locally and by December 2020. Please refer to documents sent on 18 November 2019 for information on what projects will be considered under this funding.
 - **Safer Communities Fund – Round 5 – Infrastructure Grants** – minimum of \$10,000 with the maximum amount being \$1 Million. The grant amount will be up to 100% of eligible project costs. Project must be completed by 30 June 2023. Applications close 10 December 2019.
 - **The Everyone Can Play (ECP) Grant program** – a NSW Government commitment to support councils to renew, renovate and build inclusive play spaces across all of NSW. The 2019/2020 Grant program valued at \$4 million is now available to assist Councils to design and construct new inclusive play spaces or upgrades of existing play spaces to improve inclusion. Up to \$50,000 is available for upgrades to an existing play space (to make the area inclusive), or up to \$200,000 is available for new inclusive projects. Successful councils will be required to match the funding, dollar for dollar. Applications close on 11 December 2019.
 - **Building Better Regions Fund – Infrastructure Projects Stream – Round 4 – Drought Support** – The Infrastructure Projects Stream supports projects that provide economic and social benefits to regional and remote areas. The projects can be either construction of new infrastructure or the upgrade or extension of existing infrastructure. Round 4 is focused on supporting drought-affected regions by targeting projects that will benefit communities affected by drought. Minimum grant amount \$20,000, maximum amount being \$10 million. Cobar is classified as ‘very remote’, so council is eligible to apply for 75% of total eligible project costs, requiring council to contribute 25% of costs. We also have the opportunity to apply for exceptional circumstances, as Cobar is drought declared. However, if we do this and our application is deemed ineligible for any reason, there will be no opportunity to resubmit the application in the same funding round. Applications close 19 December 2019.
 - **Building Better Regions Fund – Community Investments Stream – Round 4 – Drought Support** – The Community Investments Stream will fund new or expanded local events, strategic regional plans, or leadership and capability strengthening activities that provide economic and social benefits to regional and remote areas. Grants of between \$5,000 and \$1 million are available. However, given the nature of eligible projects we expect most grants will be under \$100,000. The project will need to deliver economic and social benefits to a regional or remote community. For small projects with a total grant amount of equal to or less than \$20,000, grant funding will be up to 100 per cent of eligible project costs. Cobar is classified as ‘very remote’, so council is eligible to apply for 75% of total eligible project costs, requiring council to contribute 25% of costs. We also have the opportunity to apply for exceptional circumstances, as Cobar is drought declared. However, if we do this and our application is deemed ineligible for any reason, there will be no opportunity to resubmit the application in the same funding round Applications close 19 December 2019.

Grant Funded Projects – Implementation

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

- **RCF Rd 1 Museum project** – Site visit and project team workshops with Project Architect and Museum Advisor completed 13-15 November. Stage 2 – (Development Application drawings and preparation) now underway and Gantt chart (timeline) in draft to show process from DA, Tendering, Construction to reopening. On budget, on time. Progressing well.

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- **Heritage Near Me** – Museum accessibility project – being incorporated into above. Progressing well. Development application due to be lodged in December 2019.
 - **RCF Rd 2 Exhibition Upgrade** – plan of works being developed as per master plan and progress reported above. Museum advisor now engaged and completed first visit. Excellent progress. Gantt chart (timeline) in draft.
 - **Miners Memorial** – Working with the Contractor, Architect and Engineer to update the design package with identified cost savings. After the plans are updated, the Contractor will be asked to requote based on the changes. Internal design meeting held while Museum Advisor was on site 14/11/19. Progressing slowly.
 - **SCCF – Toilet project** – Drummond Park Toilet block manufacture complete. Photographs for exterior have been completed by professional photographer and sent to the supplier. Artwork design for confirmation due this week before printing. Delivery date awaiting confirmation – trying for 4 December 2019 (dependent on availability of plumber, builder and electrician).
 - **SCCF – Girl Guides Hall** – Renovation of existing house. Architectural Design complete. Awaiting cost estimate from Quantity Surveyor so that Development Application can be lodged. On budget, on time. Progressing well.
 - **SCCF – Youthie Upgrade** – Architect on hold from completing plans for Development application until after the Councillor Workshop (completed 14 November 2019) and Community Consultation Session scheduled for 27 November 2019. Intention is to have the tender package ready and out before end of 2019 so contracts can be awarded in Q1 2020 and works can start Q2 2020. On budget, progressing slowly due to change in scope (removed upstairs accessibility).
 - **Public Reserves** – Boxthorn Removal Euabalong Common – Project for Reserve Trust – extension provided due to drought.
 - **Safe and Secure Water Fund** – Pipe replacement and tank refurbishment – PWA undertaking pipeline design work. Business case has been endorsed for reservoir refurbishment. Funding deed has been executed.
 - **Drought Projects** – Majority projects now complete and ready for acquittal. Extensions applied for Main Street Shade Structure until end of March 2020.
 - **Mt Hope Community Hall Toilets** – Contractor selected. Development Application lodged. Construction contract to be drafted and proposed works plan to be submitted by Contractor. Contractor working with Council’s Director of Planning and Environmental Services, Garry Ryman and Manager of Planning and Environmental Services, Stephen Poulter.

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 2019**FILE: R2-1****AOP REFERENCE: 3.1.1.6****ATTACHMENT: YES (PAGE 82-83)****AUTHOR: *Office Coordinator, Jo-Louise Brown*****Purpose**

To provide Council details of the Rate Reconciliation as at 31 October 2019.

FUND	LEVY 2019-2020	Pensioner Rebates	Abandoned Levy	Additional Levies	Sub Total 2019-2020	Arrears 30th Jun 19	Payments	Total Outstanding	Total Outstanding Previous Year	% Outstanding of Sub Total Plus Arrears
Business	436,811.02		-	1,335.00	438,146.02	97,520.20	272,924.46	262,741.76	265,907.46	49.05%
Farmland	698,230.15		1,144.53	4,092.75	701,178.37	73,559.35	354,802.56	419,935.16	404,145.41	54.20%
Mining	1,735,921.14		-	-	1,735,921.14	400,201.22	688,403.51	1,447,718.85	1,490,542.19	67.77%
Residential	1,179,217.90	44,091.72	763.40	435.97	1,134,798.75	271,211.66	500,734.06	905,276.35	889,991.38	64.39%
Overpayments					-	-151,345.91	- 99,090.56	-52,255.35	-40,350.47	34.53%
Legal Costs			-	8,682.08	8,682.08	56,474.67	14,296.08	50,860.67	49,237.97	78.06%
Interest			13.89	8,045.70	8,031.81	178,709.75	16,178.78	170,562.78	131,369.25	91.34%
General Rates	4,050,180.21	44,091.72	1,921.82	22,591.50	4,026,758.17	926,330.94	1,748,248.89	3,204,840.22	4,526,693.30	64.70%
Domestic Waste	633,814.00	16,845.78	409.50	711.00	617,269.72	56,740.45	306,247.84	367,762.33	352,822.98	54.56%
Sewerage	648,400.00	17,565.62	637.50	48,581.61	678,778.49	123,076.03	388,210.24	413,644.28	424,324.33	51.59%
Cobar Water	687,053.00	18,878.13	462.00	4,316.00	672,028.87	52,566.28	348,215.30	376,379.85	372,321.70	51.94%
Nymagee Water	28,308.00	525.00	-	-	27,783.00	14,193.81	13,983.47	27,993.34	26,706.55	66.69%
Euabalong Water	45,212.00	962.50	-	-	44,249.50	12,473.16	23,210.08	33,512.58	31,467.97	59.08%
Euab West Water	27,371.00	437.50	-	-	26,933.50	6,694.55	13,937.27	19,690.78	19,346.10	58.55%
Mt Hope Water	6,444.00	-	-	-	6,444.00	1,526.90	3,286.46	4,684.44	4,097.15	58.77%
Water Access	794,388.00	20,803.13	462.00	4,316.00	777,438.87	87,454.70	402,632.58	462,260.99	723,672.43	53.45%
Water Usage			16,593.75	298,942.81	282,349.06	603,711.64	699,062.19	186,998.51	356,218.34	21.10%
TOTAL	6,126,782.21	99,306.25	20,024.57	375,142.92	6,382,594.31	1,797,313.76	3,544,401.74	4,635,506.33	6,819,905.63	56.67%

RECOMMENDATION**That the Rates Reconciliation Report as at the 31 October 2019 be received and noted.**



ATTACHMENTS

ORDINARY MEETING AGENDA

THURSDAY, 28 NOVEMBER 2019

~ REFERENCE TO ATTACHMENTS ~

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