



ATTACHMENTS

ORDINARY MEETING AGENDA

THURSDAY 25 JUNE 2020

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Indicative carried forward capex from 2020

General Fund

Spent to date **Budget** **% Expended** **Projected Spend to 30.06.2020** **Projected Carried Forward at 01.07.2020**

Plant purchases	1,368,208	2,911,556	47%	1,368,208	1,543,348
Library Books	30,020	40,000	75%	40,000	0
Library Special Project	10,598	10,000	106%	10,598	0
Youthie Kitchen Upgrade and Extension	27,194	1,436,458	2%	40,000	1,396,458
Youth Centre Equipment	10,422	20,000	52%	10,422	0
Administration Building Capital	0	292,130	0%	0	292,130
Lilliane Brady Village	318,262	720,000	44%	332,000	260,000
Great Cobar Heritage Centre - Damp Proc	155,142	2,359,388	7%	15,000	2,204,246
Medical Centre Extensions	0	83,392	0%	0	83,392
Miners' Memorial inc Link to Heritage Pai	36,076	831,597	4%	36,076	795,521
Main Street - Beautification	1,000	50,000	2%	1,000	49,000
IT	52,098	75,000	69%	75,000	0
Building Conservation Works - Cinema	0	50,000	0%	0	50,000
Euabalong Bus Shelters	20,337	20,337	100%	20,337	0
Mount Hope Toilets - Income 91083	99,920	77,293	129%	99,920	0
Dalton Park Gould St Upgrade	8,880	9,000	99%	8,880	0
Housing Renewal	74,893	143,673	52%	75,000	25,000
Purchase 2 houses	0	700,000	0%	0	700,000
Drummond Park Upgrade	4,810	41,000	12%	21,000	20,000
Swimming Pool Plant Renewal	14,400	45,000	32%	0	45,000
MR 7518 Barnato-Tilpa Rd Acres Billabong	232,851	60,000	388%	330,000	0
MR 407 Mulya Rd G/R	0	246,830	0%	0	246,830
SR 7 - Mt Gap - Causeway Stabilisation	0	250,000	0%	50,000	190,000
Girl Guide Accommodation (91082)	22,255	375,000	6%	30,000	345,000
Nymagee VPA	0	32,000	0%	0	32,000
Truck Wash (New) 91733	165,764	573,964	29%	250,000	408,200
Heritage Signage	0	10,000	0%	0	10,000
Cobar Depot Upgrade	14,588	828,197	2%	14,588	813,609
Euabalong Playground	38,318	38,318	100%	38,318	0
Grant Contributions	0	80,000	0%	0	0

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General Fund	Spent to date	Budget	% Expended	Projected Spend to 30.06.2020	Projected Carried Forward at 01.07.2020
Purchase 2-8 Marshall St - Carpark	13,636	13,636	100%	13,636	0
Drummond Park Toilets - Income 91083	236,800	246,542	96%	236,800	0
Bores project	0	50,000	0%	0	50,000
Ward Oval Upgrade	51,383	5,000,000	1%	0	4,948,617
Early Learning Precinct	73,312	100,000	73%	73,312	0
Nymagee Toilet	0	34,500	0%	0	34,500
Footpath Renewal Program	27,849	239,831	12%	39,831	200,000
MR407 - Mulya Road Reseal	194,580	190,000	102%	194,580	0
MR 411 Tipping Way - Bend Alignment	0	240,000	0%	50,000	190,000
MR 411 Tipping Way - Reseal	208,078	175,000	119%	208,078	0
MR416 - The Wool Track - Reseal	210,468	210,000	100%	210,468	0
MR 461 - Priory Tank Rd - Reseal	155,382	155,000	100%	155,382	0
MR 7518 Fifty Two Mile Road Seal Extens	300,675	800,000	38%	300,675	499,325
SR10 Belarabon Rd - Reseal	93,674	140,000	67%	93,674	0
SR31 - Moolah Rd - Resheet	6,975	150,000	5%	150,000	0
SR19 Burthong Road	102,133	201,000	51%	201,000	0
SR20 Grain Road 12km Seal Extension Prc	2,387,025	2,315,209	103%	2,455,000	0
SR24 Mt Grace Rd - Sealing Bridge Appro:	39,641	45,000	88%	39,641	0
SR32 Developmental Road - Resheet	0	227,500	0%	0	227,500
SR 36 Palesthan Road - Gravel Re-sheetin	779	200,000	0%	200,000	0
SR45 Garbage Tip Road reseal	11,564	2,500	463%	11,564	0
Street Lighting Upgrade	252,026	420,000	60%	420,000	0
Urban Street Reseals	114,062	97,000	118%	114,062	0
Industrial Area - Design and Construct	31,595	31,166	101%	31,595	0
Euabalong & E. West Reseals	417	61,219	1%	61,219	0
Total General Fund	7,218,089	23,755,237	30%	8,126,864	15,659,676

Water Fund

Reservoir Refurbishment	29,000	1,500,000	2%	100,000	1,400,000
Pipe Replacement	1,422,265	5,212,101	27%	2,100,000	3,112,101
Cobar Storages Pump Station	194,400	2,500,000	8%	25,000	2,250,000
WTP Road	0	100,000	0%	0	100,000

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Indicative carried forward capex from 2020

<i>General Fund</i>	<i>Spent to date</i>	<i>Budget</i>	<i>% Expended</i>	<i>Projected Spend to 30.06.2020</i>	<i>Projected Carried Forward at 01.07.2020</i>
Total Water Fund	1,645,665	9,312,101	18%	2,225,000	6,862,101
<i>Sewer Fund</i>					
Sewer Pump Station and Inlet Works	61,092	1,825,000	3%	175,000	1,650,000
Pump Station and Mains Improvement	0	50,000	0%	25,000	25,000
Telemetry System	0	30,000	0%	0	30,000
Sewerage Works Improvements	47,009	50,000	94%	50,000	0
Total Water Fund	108,101	1,955,000	6%	250,000	1,705,000
Whole of Council Total	8,971,855	35,022,338	26%	10,601,864	24,226,777
Amount of above grant funded					19,009,498

Regional Roads Maintenance as at 31 May 2020	2018/19	Actual MTD	Actual YTD	Commitment
Gravel Pit Licencing		16364	38897	10182
Road Inspections Regional Roads	17083	0	14524	132289
Traffic Facilities	4086	4243	8366	0
Gravel Pit Licencing		16364	16364	10182
MR 228 - General Maintenance - CLOSED	0	0	0	0
MR 228 Whitbarrow Way - Pavement Mtnce	1069	1734	11523	0
MR 228 Whitbarrow Way - Vegetation Maintenance	3044	0	0	0
MR 228 Whitbarrow Way - Maintenance Grading	0	0	0	0
Regional Road Signage	392	0	0	0
MR 407 Mulya Road - General Maintenance	91726	0	28718	54545
MR 407 Mulya Road - Pavement Maintenance	39688	922	8382	488
MR 407 Mulya Road - Gravel Resheeting	0	0	3273	0
MR 407 Mulya Road - Vegetation Maintenance	8742	0	6307	0
MR 407 Mulya Road - Maintenance Grading	186913	0	97652	0
MR 407 Mulya Road - Sealing	0	1641	2282	0
MR 411 Tipping Way - General Maintenance	14300	0	12339	0
MR 411 Tipping Way - Pavement Maintenance	13411	1923	15679	0
MR 411 Tipping Way - Gravel Resheeting	0	0	0	0
MR 411 Tipping Way - Vegetation Maintenance	5595	0	606	0
MR 411 Tipping Way - Maintenance Grading	0	0	535	0
MR 411 Tipping Way - Sealing	0	0	0	0
MR 416 The Wool Track - General Maintenance	4484	1493	3946	0
MR 416 The Wool Track - Pavement Maintenance	10305	510	16370	732
MR 416 The Wool Track - Gravel Resheeting	0	0	1513	0
MR 416 The Wool Track - Vegetation Maintenance	0	0	6525	0
MR 416 The Wool Track - Maintenance Grading	38423	3343	163158	0
MR 416 The Wool Track - Sealing	0	0	0	0
MR 419 Glenwood Road - General Maintenance	851	0	0	0
MR 419 Glenwood Road - Gravel Resheeting	0	0	0	0
MR 419 Glenwood Road - Vegetation Maintenance	0	0	0	0
MR 419 Glenwood Road - Maintenance Grading	127783	1005	61321	0
MR 423 Lachlan Valley Way - General Maintenance	11501	0	4293	0
MR 423 Lachlan Valley Way - Pavement Maintenance	6921	188	3708	0
MR461 Priory Tank/Balowra Road - General Maintenance	3219	0	7718	0
MR461 Priory Tank/Balowra Road - Pavement Mntnce	6099	7433	27261	488
MR461 Priory Tank/Balowra Road - Vegetaion Maintenance	2722	5264	5264	0
MR461 Priory Tank/Balowra Road - General Maintenance	58791	776	57905	0
MR7518 Fifty Two Mile Road - General Maintenance	7556	0	6047	0
MR7518 Fifty Two Mile Road - Pavement Maintenance	4615	0	5845	0
MR7518 Fifty Two Mile Road - Gravel Resheeting	0	0	3273	0
MR7518 Fifty Two Mile Road - Vegetation Maintenance	1600	0	0	0
MR7518 Fifty Two Mile Road- Maintenance Grading	101540	0	239458	1818
MR7518 Fifty Two Mile Road- Sealing	0	0	0	0
MR7521 Kiacatoo Road - General Maintenance	8614	0	8727	0
MR7521 Kiacatoo Road - Pavement Maintenance	5295	334	5971	0
MR7521 Kiacatoo Road - Gravel Resheeting	0	0	0	0
MR7521 Kiacatoo Road - Vegetation Maintenance	7914	0	2134	0
MR7521 Kiacatoo Road - Maintenance Grading	1033	0	0	0
MR7522 The Wool Track - General Maintenance	6590	0	555	0
MR7522 The Wool Track - Gravel Resheeting	0	0	0	0
MR7522 The Wool Track - Vegetation Maintenance	0	0	0	0
MR7522 The Wool Track - Maintenance Grading	18320	0	34611	0
MR 461 Priory Tank/Balowra Road - General Maintenance	160	0	7071	0
MR 461 - Pavement Maintenance	0	0	0	0
MR 61 - Vegetation Maintenance	0	0	0	0
MR 61 - Resealing	0	0	0	0
MR 68 Curranyalpa Road - General Maintenance	0	0	0	0
MR 68 - Gravel Resheeting	0	0	0	0
MR 68 - Vegetation Maintenance	0	0	0	0
MR 68 Curranyalpa Road - Maintenance Grading	0	0	0	90909
MR 7524 Frederick St - Highway to Louth Rd	0	0	0	0
Total	\$ 820,386	\$ 47,172	\$ 899,223	\$ 291,451
Total Including Commitments				\$ 1,190,674
Budget 2019/20				\$ 1,374,800
Balance				\$ 184,126

Shire Roads Maintenance as at 31 May 2020	2018/19	Actual MTD	Actual YTD	Commitment
Road Inspections Shire Roads	24616	6735	78084	0
SR1 Buckanbe Road/Budda Road - Gravelling	24	0	174	0
SR1 Buckanbe Road/Budda Road - Maintenance Grading	0	0	0	9818
SR1 - Vegetation Maintenance	0	0	0	0
SR2 Seventy Eight Mile Road - Gravelling	0	0	0	0
SR2 Seventy Eight Mile Road - Maintenance Grading	3273	23193	132479	11437
SR2 - Vegetation Maintenance	0	0	0	0
SR3 Nelyambo Bridge Road - General Maintenance	0	0	0	0
SR3 Nelyambo Bridge Road - Maintenance Grading	193774	0	0	0
SR3 - Vegetation Maintenance	0	0	0	0
SR4 - Gravelling	0	0	0	0
SR4 Gidgee Road - Maintenance Grading	42279	0	32208	545
SR4 - Vegetation Maintenance	0	0	0	0
SR5 - General Maintenance	0	0	0	0
SR5 - Maintenance Grading	0	0	0	0
SR5 - Vegetation Maintenance	0	0	0	0
SR6 - Gravelling	0	0	0	0
SR6 Pulpulla Road - Maintenance Grading	0	16	67241	0
SR6 - Vegetation Maintenance	0	0	0	0
SR7 Mount Gap Road - Gravelling	0	0	0	0
SR7 Mount Gap Road - Maintenance Grading	30140	0	29912	0
SR7 - Vegetation Maintenance	0	0	0	0
SR8 - General Maintenance	0	0	0	0
SR8 Coomeratta Road - Maintenance Grading	0	3636	3636	3375
SR8 - Vegetation Maintenance	0	0	0	0
SR9 - Gravelling	0	0	0	0
SR9 Neckarbo Road - Maintenance Grading	19549	28352	53694	0
SR9 - Vegetation Maintenance	0	0	0	0
SR10 - Gravelling	0	0	3273	0
SR10 Belarabon Road - Maintenance Grading	18434	8255	117415	1052
SR10 - Vegetation Maintenance	0	0	0	0
SR11 - General Maintenance	0	0	0	0
SR11 Bloomfield Road - Maintenance Grading	144	0	0	0
SR11 - Vegetation Maintenance	0	0	0	0
SR12 Yathong Road - Gravelling	18	0	0	0
SR12 Yathong Road - Maintenance Grading	156391	214	32536	545
SR12 - Vegetation Maintenance	1057	0	0	0
SR13 - Gravelling	0	399	399	0
SR13 Bedooba Road - Maintenance Grading	1280	449	2018	0
SR13 Lerida Road - Vegetation Maintenance	18084	0	1114	0
SR13 Lerida Road - Maintenance Sealed Length	7262	1408	10209	488
SR14 Manuka Road - General Maintenance	0	0	0	0
SR14 Manuka Road - Maintenance Grading	0	0	0	0
SR14 Manuka Road - Vegetation Maintenance	0	0	0	0
SR15 Shuttleton Road - General Maintenance	558	0	0	0
SR15 Shuttleton Road - Maintenance Grading	288	0	25765	0
SR15 Shuttleton Road - Vegetation Maintenance	0	0	0	0
SR16 - General Maintenance	0	0	0	0
SR16 Sandy Creek Road - Maintenance Grading	28949	0	0	0
SR16 - Vegetation Maintenance	0	0	0	0
SR17 - Gravelling	0	0	0	0
SR17 Merri Road - Maintenance Grading	1175	0	100280	0
SR17 - Vegetation Maintenance	0	0	0	0
SR18 - Gravelling	0	0	0	0
SR18 Bruce Cullenward Road - Maintenance Grading	199	0	14394	0
SR18 - Vegetation Maintenance	0	0	0	0
SR19 Burthong Road - Gravelling	0	300	300	0
SR19 Burthong Road - Maintenance Grading	117068	0	40864	0
SR19 - Vegetation Maintenance	1532	0	0	0
SR20 - Gravelling	0	0	0	0

Shire Roads Maintenance as at 31 May 2020	2018/19	Actual MTD	Actual YTD	Commitment
SR20 Grain Road - Maintenance Grading	101000	0	48678	22743
SR20 Grain Road - Vegetation Maintenance	2310	0	1199	0
SR20 Grain Road - Maintenance Sealed Length	3100	0	646	0
SR21 - General Maintenance	979	0	0	0
SR21 Tallebung Road - Maintenance Grading	12571	73	67163	0
SR21 - Vegetation Maintenance	0	0	0	0
SR22 - Gravelling	0	0	0	0
SR22 Round Hill Road - Maintenance Grading	21990	262	7479	0
SR22 - Vegetation Maintenance	722	0	0	0
SR23 Booberoi Road - General Maintenance	4104	0	2185	0
SR23 Booberoi Road - Maintenance Grading	34397	3904	51708	0
SR23 - Vegetation Maintenance	987	0	549	0
SR24 Mount Grace Road - Gravelling	0	0	0	0
SR24 Mount Grace Road - Maintenance Grading	72843	257	58831	0
SR24 - Vegetation Maintenance	0	0	0	0
SR25 Wilgaroon Road - General Maintenance	0	0	815	0
SR25 Wilgaroon Road - Maintenance Grading	504	0	52066	0
SR25 - Vegetation Maintenance	0	0	0	0
SR26 - Gravelling	358	0	0	0
SR26 Wilga Downs Road - Maintenance Grading	75788	586	17329	0
SR26 - Vegetation Maintenance	402	0	0	0
SR27 Cooneybar Road - Gravelling	0	0	0	0
SR27 Cooneybar Road - Maintenance Grading	683	233	85240	0
SR27 - Vegetation Maintenance	0	0	0	0
SR28 - General Maintenance	0	0	0	0
SR28 Yimkin Road - Maintenance Grading	0	315	315	0
SR28 - Vegetation Maintenance	0	0	0	0
SR29 - Gravelling	153	0	0	0
SR29 Booroomugga Road - Maintenance Grading	0	408	54628	0
SR29 Booroomugga Road - Vegetation Maintenance	1215	0	8123	0
SR30 - Gravelling	0	0	0	0
SR30 Canbelego Road - Maintenance Grading	3431	0	8244	0
SR30 - Vegetation Maintenance	730	0	0	0
SR31 - Gravelling	0	0	3273	0
SR31 Moolah Road - Maintenance Grading	10440	11634	26038	727
SR31 - Vegetation Maintenance	0	0	0	0
SR32 - Gravelling	0	0	0	0
SR32 Developmental Road - Maintenance Grading	0	0	16314	0
SR32 - Vegetation Maintenance	0	0	0	0
SR33 - General Maintenance	0	0	0	0
SR33 Nymagee Station Road - Maintenance Grading	1931	14	38407	0
SR33 - Vegetation Maintenance	429	0	0	0
SR34 - General Maintenance	0	0	0	0
SR34 Wallacevale Road - Maintenance Grading	360	0	0	0
SR34 - Vegetation Maintenance	0	0	0	0
SR35 - General Maintenance	0	0	0	0
SR35 Osterly Downs Road - Maintenance Grading	288	0	0	0
SR35 - Vegetation Maintenance	0	0	0	0
SR36 - General Maintenance	1156	0	0	0
SR36 Palesthan Road - Maintenance Grading	63067	13348	17770	0
SR36 - Vegetation Maintenance	0	0	0	0
SR37 - General Maintenance	1055	0	274	0
SR37 Bimbella Road - Maintenance Grading	1770	0	2845	0
SR37 - Vegetation Maintenance	0	0	0	0
SR38 - General Maintenance	2532	0	0	0
SR38 CSA Access Road - Grader Maintenance	0	0	0	0
SR38 - Vegetation Maintenance	1530	0	0	0
SR38 - Sealed Maintenance	596	0	0	0
SR39 - General Maintenance	0	0	0	0
SR39 Coombie Road - Maintenance Grading	0	0	4333	0

Shire Roads Maintenance as at 31 May 2020	2018/19	Actual MTD	Actual YTD	Commitment
SR39 - Vegetation Maintenance	0	0	0	0
SR40 Filtration Plant Road - General Maintenance	0	0	0	0
SR40 Filtration Plant Road - Grader Maintenance	0	0	0	0
SR40 - Vegetation Maintenance	0	0	0	0
SR40 - Sealed Maintenance	0	0	0	0
SR41 - General Maintenance	0	0	0	0
SR41 Tilpa Weir Road - Maintenance Grading	0	0	0	0
SR41 - Vegetation Maintenance	0	0	0	0
SR42 Endeavor Mine Road - General Maintenance	200	0	0	0
SR42 Endeavor Mine Road - Grader Maintenance	1033	0	290	0
SR42 Endeavor Mine Road - Vegetation Maintenance	500	0	0	0
SR42 Endeavor Mine Road - Sealed Maintenance	2813	0	1552	0
SR43 - General Maintenance	0	0	0	0
SR43 Sewerage Works Road - Maintenance Grading	0	0	0	0
SR43 - Vegetation Maintenance	0	0	0	0
SR44 - General Maintenance	0	0	0	0
SR44 Old Reservoir Road - Maintenance Grading	0	0	0	0
SR44 - Vegetation Maintenance	0	0	0	0
SR45 - General Maintenance	0	0	0	0
SR45 - Grader Maintenance	0	0	0	0
SR45 - Vegetation Maintenance	0	0	0	0
SR45 - Sealed Maintenance	0	0	0	0
SR46 - Gravel & Seal	0	0	0	0
SR46 Rosevale Road - Maintenance Grading	133725	0	35536	0
SR46 - Vegetation Maintenance	842	0	0	0
SR48 Euabalong Tip Road - Maintenance Grading	0	109	109	0
	<u>\$ 1,228,627</u>	<u>\$ 104,098</u>	<u>\$ 1,357,931</u>	<u>\$ 50,730</u>
Total Including Commitments				\$ 1,408,661
Budget 2019/20				\$ 1,325,470
Balance				-\$ 83,191

Roads Capital as at 31 May 2020	2018/19	Budget	Actual MTD	Actual YTD	Commitment
	Actual	2019/20			
MR 7518 Barnato-Tilpa Rd Acres Billabong Stg 1	316754	60000	0	232851	80240
MR 407 Mulya Rd G/R		226261	0	0	0
SR 7 - Mt Gap - Causeway Stabilisation		229167	0	0	0
MR407 - Mulya Road Reseal		174167	194580	194580	0
MR 411 Tipping Way - Bend Alignment		220000	0	0	0
MR 411 Tipping Way - Reseal		160417	208078	208078	0
MR416 - The Wool Track - Reseal		0	210468	210468	0
MR 461 - Priory Tank Rd - Reseal		142083	155382	155382	0
MR 7518 Fifty Two Mile Road Seal Extension		733333	0	300675	91475
SR10 Belarabon Rd - Reseal		128333	93674	93674	0
SR31 - Moolah Rd - Resheet		137500	0	0	0
SR19 Burthong Road		184250	25922	25922	0
SR20 Grain Rd - R2R - Gravel Resheeting		0	0	242	0
SR20 Grain Road 12km Seal Extension Project	34791	2315209	458962	2385332	5860
SR24 Mt Grace Rd - Sealing Bridge Approaches		45000	0	39641	0
SR 31 Moolah Road		0	0	6975	0
SR32 Developmental Road - Resheet	22534	227500	0	0	0
SR 36 Palesthan Road - Gravel Re-sheeting		183333	359	779	0
SR45 Garbage Tip Road reseal		2292	11564	11564	0
Urban Street Reseals		88917	114062	114062	0
Industrial Area - Design and Construct	18834	28569	3245	31595	84470
Euabalong & E. West Reseals	58781	61219	417	417	0
	\$ 451,694	\$ 5,347,549	\$ 1,476,714	\$ 4,012,237	\$ 262,045



TOURISM REPORT

COBAR SHIRE COUNCIL

**SUBMITTED BY: DEMI SMITH
TOURISM MANAGER
JUNE 2020**

OVERVIEW

Tourism report consist of Tourism and Events activities that have been carried out from December 2019 to May 2020 across Cobar Shire Council. This report provides council with an updated status report over six months, relating to the Great Cobar Heritage Centre activities.

TOURISM

The Great Cobar Heritage Centre status over six months is a total of 3044 visitors to the Museum and Visitors Information Centre. Due to COVID-19 restrictions forcing the centre to shut down to the public this has affected our visitors' stats, March prior to COVID-19 was tracking to be one of our best months at the Centre.

Coach bookings were looking strong for our peak season with 8 coaches booked for the months May through to July. Unfortunately, all these booking had to be cancelled due to COVID-19. As the museum is now closed for access we remain to promote and grow the coach group market with providing on board town tours whilst the museum is under renovation to secure our coaches to visit Cobar, these bookings will start when group travel resumes.

Great Cobar Heritage Centre visitors and shop figures December 2019 to May 2020

Month	Museum Visitors	VIC Enquiries	Total	Museum	Sales	Miscellaneous	Total
December	193	706	899	\$1956.00	\$3573.70	-	\$5529.70
January	147	499	646	\$1475.00	\$2724.80	\$10.00	\$4209.80
February	155	436	591	\$1230.00	\$1800.45	-	\$3030.45
March	122	786	908	\$1275.00	\$2040.30	\$15.00	\$3330.30
April	Closed	Closed	-	-	-	-	-
May	Closed	Closed	-	-	-	-	-
Total	617	2427	3044	\$5936.00	\$10,139.25	\$25.00	\$16,100.25

Museum Closure due to COVID-19: March 17, 2020

Visitors Centre Closure due to COVID-19: March 24, 2020

Temporary Visitors Information Centre

The temporary Visitors Information Centre has now opened and operating out of 43 Linsley Street, a shared space with the family day care staff. The centre will be operating at this temporary space until the museum renovations are complete. The centre consists of visitor's information services and small shop display.

TRADESHOWS

Great Cobar Heritage Centre staff attended the Melbourne Caravan & Camping Super Show at the Melbourne showgrounds in February 2020, from the 20th-25th. The trade show was attended by 45,726 people over the five-day period. Staff representative from the Great Cobar Heritage Centre attended the tradeshow with the Kidman Way committee who attended the exhibition as exhibitors to promote the Kidman Way "backtrack to the outback". Staff hand delivered local marketing materials promoting Cobar tourist attractions, events and festivals as well with promoting the Kidman Way tourism route.

The Exhibit consisted of promotional material of Kidman Way brochure “backtrack to the outback”, local brochures from Kidman Way towns, local area flyers and activities brochures, digital media advertising, videography display and local produce giveaways from around the region. Grey Mardi Gras marketing material was handed delivered and advertised at the shows.

The purpose of attendance to attract target market travellers, capture travelling trends, grow tourism for Cobar, increase visitation to Cobar and promote tourism attractions. Couples aged 60+ were the main visitors to the stand throughout the week with more family groups and younger crowds visiting on the weekend, 87% of interactions were people from Melbourne and surrounding areas. People confirmed for touring the Kidman Way this year were pre-dominantly traveling from April-July.

Other tradeshows planned were Sydney Royal Easter show at Sydney Show ground, exhibiting with the Far North West Joint Organisation, Sydney Caravan and Camping Super Show in Rosehill and Melbourne Leisurefest at Sandown Melbourne exhibiting the Kidman Way promotional committee. All these shows were cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

FESTIVALS AND EVENTS

Australia Day

Australia Day celebrations were carried out on Sunday 26th January 2020 at Cobar Memorial Swimming Pool. Dr Clio Cresswell was this year’s Australia Day Ambassador, Clio PH. D is an Australian mathematician, author, TED Talk and YouTube success. Clio thoroughly enjoyed her time in Cobar as she extended her stay for four extra days to soak up as much as she could out of Cobar and surrounding areas. Australia Day celebrations consisted of a full day program of events and activities which included triathlon, business house swimming relays, duck race, naturalization ceremony, Australia day awards & novelty events. Seven people were naturalised on Australia Day and a fantastic response this year for Australia Day Awards nominations with 62 nominations received. Deputy Mayor Peter Abbott conducted the official ceremonies and officially opened the 150 Years celebration of Cobar with the unveiling of the 150 Years logo.

A full program of activities and events were held across the day with the CATS running the Triathlon, the Cobar Senior Men’s Swimming Club the Yabbies hosting the Business House swimming relay events, Cobar Youth Council hosted the Great Duck Race and Deputy Mayor Peter Abbott, Janette Booth and Demi Smith conducted the Australia Day Awards and naturalization ceremonies. Cobar Rotary Club kindly donated their time once again to cooking and serve the BBQ provided by Cobar Shire Council and Cobar Youth Council and Cobar Youth & Fitness Centre Manager Narelle Kriz ran a variety of games and activities for everyone to enjoy throughout the day.

62 nominations received for this year’s awards ceremony and the judging panel consisted of five members representatives included Cobar Shire Council Councillors, Staff & Community Member.

Citizen of the Year: Barry Knight, Young Citizen of the Year: Coinda Home-school Group, Sports Person of the Year: Ben Griffiths, Kerrigundi Award: Hannah Carroll, Service to Sport: Narelle Kriz, Community Event of the Year: Cobar’s Grey Mardi Gras and Service to the Community “Bossie Mitchell” Award: Cobar Army Cadets.

Seniors Week

Cobar Seniors Week was celebrated from the 9-13 March 2020. A full program over the five-day period was planned for all seniors to participate in with a range of different events and activities that were held at different venues around the Cobar community. All events on the program were well attended by members of the Cobar and surrounding communities. All events were free to attend to and there was something for everyone to enjoy from social activities, active skills, entertainment and inter-generation activities. Seniors week 2020 was designed to encourage seniors, families and friends to get involved, be socially active and enjoy themselves.

Program - Seniors Week opening morning tea at Lilliane Brady Village with entertainment by John Peebles at 10am. Morning tea, Arts & Crafts at Cobar Shire & Tafe Library 2020 10.30am. Bingo, Carpet Bowls & Games at Cobar Memorial Services Club 10.30am. Seniors Week Cabaret Gala Dinner at Cobar Bowling & Golf Club 6pm (2 Course Meal, Live Entertainment by John Peebles and Dance performance by Copper City Dance Centre & Western Studio Performing Arts). Garden Picnic Party at Great Cobar Heritage Centre 11am.

Grey Mardi Gras

Grey Mardi Gras was planned for the 3-6 April 2020 a full 4-day program was designed to promote and increase tourism to Cobar. The program included Stomp, Jive & Bump Dinner Dance, Street Parade, Markets, Show & Show Car show, Mr & Miss Mardi Gras competition, Bob Awards, Busking, Gig on the Grass with 6 Hours of entertainment, kids amusement, food vendors, markets and live performances, bus tour, Trivia, Bingo, Bowls, Golf and lots of novelty events over the course of the weekend. This year's Grey Mardi Gras attracted new visitors, caravan groups and tour group that had booked into all events across the weekend. Unfortunately, this event was cancelled due to the COVID-19 crisis.

150 Years of Cobar

A full program of activities and events had been planned to celebrate the 150 years of Cobar celebration. The committee had worked together to create a program that each month of the calendar year of 2020 there was a celebration, event or activity. The 150 years logo was unveiled the Australia Day celebration and was marketed on all marketing material for the 150 years celebration along with local sporting jerseys of different codes of the Cobar community. Due to the current COVID-19 crisis some events have been cancelled and all future events on the 150 years calendar have been postponed until further notice.

The Big Beer Can – Voted Best Big Attraction

In May "Lets go Caravanning and Camping" ran a competition to determine Australia's Best Big Attraction. The competition was hosted on Facebook and 16 competitors were selected for the competition. Approximately over 44,000 votes were received throughout the competition and Cobar received almost 15,500 of them. Cobar advanced through four rounds to take out the Win and being voted Australia's Best Big Attraction.

Voting rounds consisted of Round One the Can winning against the Boxing Croc (75% to 25% Votes), Round Two winning against the Big Bogan (51% to 49%, Round Three- winning against Ned Kelly (62% to 38%) and the Grand Final win against the Lobster (50.1% to 49.9%). Every round Cobar lead the entire votes tally the competition was a big win for Cobar and showed the competitiveness and passion of our little community, attracting lots of attention from all over Australia.

MUSEUM UPGRADES

The Projects team has been working closely with the Architects with the development of the upcoming project. Lynn Collins has been appointed from the Museum Advisory council to assist with curatorial consultation. Lynn is working closely with the projects team and curator during the planning process and for curatorial advice and exhibition upgrades during the project. Gabrielle Tydd has been appointed as the Graphic designer for the Museum and is working closely with the project team.

Detailed consultations with architects, Dunn and Hillam, are ongoing. These have involved a great deal of negotiation around issues such as legislative requirements for disability access, which not only influences entry to the building but also flow and movement through the spaces. Progress has been made in envisioning display spaces in terms of lighting and power needs, potential use of technology, and visual presentation. Colour schemes have been delivered to review and approve.

The community has also been consulted. Workshops with the Mt Grenfell Board were very useful in developing ideas with the Ngiyampaa Wangaaybuwaan people. The general community were invited to "Future Tours" of the proposed museum journey; comments were extremely positive. Unfortunately, only two of the four future tours planned went ahead due to COVID-19 shutdowns.

Staff are currently video graphing the current museum exhibition space for future historical documentation and online media and exhibition content.

The Museum is now fully closed to the Public and the decant process been under way for removal of all existing exhibition and fixtures inside the building. Museum to be fully vacant by July and ready for construction.

TOURISM COMMITTEE

The Tourism Committee continued to meet on a monthly basis to discuss, organise, and promote tourism, plan festivals and events. The committee were currently organising the Grey Mardi Gras and 150 year of Cobar celebrations for 2020 prior to the COVID-19 pandemic. Committee meetings are currently on hold until further COVID19 restrictions are lifted.

COLLABORATION

The Great Cobar Heritage Centre continues to work with neighboring Visitors Centre's to cross promote and increase tourism. Staff continue to update ATDW website and work with local business to help promote and update information.

Tourism Staff continue to collaboration with community groups such as the Market committee, Cobar Business association, Cobar Arts Council, Dust Bowl Fuel Burners, Mining representatives from CSA and Aurelia, Youth council, Roy Butlers office and Cobar Public & Cobar High School. Collaboration with the Cobar Business Association continues with regular communication and continually working together to engage and support local business in

business growth. Unfortunately, due to COVID-19 we are unable to meet on a monthly basis but remain to keep ongoing contact via email and phone.

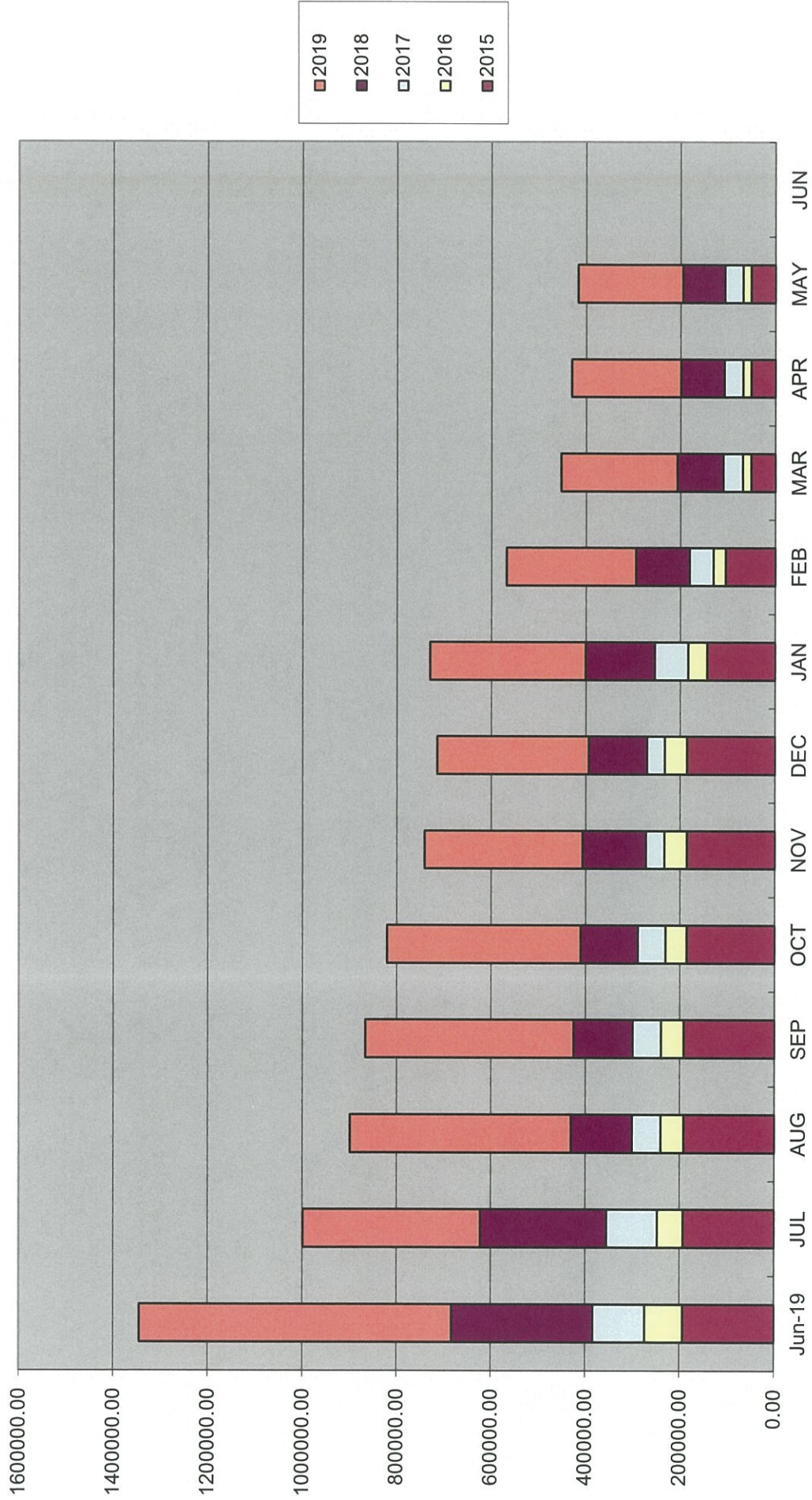
Cobar Shire Council staff continue to collaborate with the Cobar Business Association with regular communication, planning workshops and attend events and meetings hosted by both parties. Recently council staff worked with Cobar Business Association in engaging a consultant from “retail revamp” to engage and assist Cobar Shop owners to improve, transform and work on creating an amazing customer experience and optimal sales environment in the local Businesses in Cobar. This service included assisting with retail design, visual merchandising education and inspiring creativity within their shop displays and space.

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Rate Arrears 2019-2020
General Rates, Water Access, Sewer, Domestic Waste, Interest & Legal Costs



Total Rates Outstanding General Rates, Water Access, Sewer Access, Domestic Waste, Legal Costs, Interest

