



COBAR SHIRE COUNCIL

ORDINARY MEETING AGENDA

THURSDAY, 26 AUGUST 2021

~ ORDER OF BUSINESS ~

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

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1. Apologies
 - Nil
 2. Declaration of Interests
 3. Condolences
 - George Frederick Floyd
 - Raymond Arthur Pike
 4. Public Access Forum
 5. Confirmation of Minutes
 - Ordinary Meeting of Council – Thursday, 22 July 2021
 6. Matters Arising from Minutes
 7. Notice of Motions
 - Nil
 8. Mayoral Report
 9. General Manager's Report – Action/Recommendation
 10. General Manager's Report – Confidential
 - Regional Procurement Tenders
 11. Matters of Urgency
 12. Correspondence
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~ COUNCIL'S VISION ~

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

~ COUNCIL'S MISSION ~

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

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

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

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

	Accountability	Communication	Effective Leadership	Integrity	Team Work
We Value	We are responsible for our actions, our behaviour and the satisfactory completion of allocated tasks	We communicate openly and respectfully, sharing timely and appropriate information with others	We lead by positive example, embodying all of Council's agreed Values	We are consistently honest, transparent, ethical and fair, regardless of the situation	We work collaboratively to achieve shared goals for Council and the community
My Behaviours	I actively participate in the organisation	I consider how I say it, why I say it, when I say it and where I say it	I act with courage, challenge the status quo and seek out ways to improve our organisation	I do and say the right thing, even when no one is watching	I share my knowledge, skills and experience with others
	I take full ownership of my role, including my mistakes, and learn from my actions	I listen actively and ask questions to gain a shared understanding	I support and encourage others to learn, develop and grow	I take personal responsibility for my own actions and behaviour	I support others to achieve goals and celebrate success
	I inspire excellence by performing my role with pride	I show empathy and consider things from others' point of view	I am approachable and treat others consistently and respectfully	I uphold strong moral principles and do what I say I am going to do	I consciously choose to work positively with others
	I acknowledge my actions and behaviour can impact and influence outcomes	I provide and receive timely, constructive feedback	I inspire and expect everyone to always do their best	I am professional, treating others just as I expect to be treated	I commit to working together to find solutions

~ COUNCIL'S CHARTER ~

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

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

CLAUSE 1 – MAYORAL REPORT

FILE: C13-1-5

AOP REFERENCE: 3.1

ATTACHMENT: NO

AUTHOR: *Mayor, Peter Abbott*

Report to be tabled.

RECOMMENDATION

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

CLAUSE 2 –CREATING ECONOMIC RESILIENCY 2021/2027 REPORT

FILE: D2-18 AOP REFERENCE: 2.1.2 ATTACHMENT: YES (PAGE 47-78)

AUTHOR: *General Manager, Peter Vlatko*

Purpose

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

Background

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

Discussion

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

Strategy One- Create a thriving and engaged community.

Strategy Two- Retain the 10-Year-Old Child.

Strategy Three- Embrace FIFO and DIDO workers.

Strategy Four- Secure the regions water reliability.

Strategy Five- Grow Regional Tourism.

Strategy Six- Support Cobar Business Community.

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

This is now an opportunity for Council to consider and amend the report if necessary before it is out for public display

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

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

Budget

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

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

RECOMMENDATION

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

CLAUSE 3 – UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS 2020/2021

**FILE: A12-2 & F2-2-24 AOP REFERENCE: 3.1 ATTACHMENT: YES
(UNDER SEPARATE COVER)**

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

Purpose

To approve the referral of the draft Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2021 to the Audit Office of New South Wales for audit and to authorise the signing of a statement as to Council's opinion of the General-Purpose Financial Report.

Background

Section 413 (1) of the Local Government Act 1993 requires that the Annual Financial Statements be referred for audit by Council.

Section 413 (2)(c) requires that Council by resolution includes in the Annual Financial Statements a statement as to its opinion on the General-Purpose Financial report.

Draft Financial Statements have been prepared. Contract Audit staff on behalf of the Audit Office of New South Wales staff are expected to commence the audit in early September.

The key pages of the draft statements and the statement of opinion are attached.

RECOMMENDATION

- 1. That Council in accordance with *Section 413 (1) of the Local Government Act 1993* Council refer the draft Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2021 for Audit.**
- 2. That Council in accordance with *Section 413 (2) (c)* Mayor Peter Abbott, a Councillor, General Manager Mr. Peter Vlatko and the Responsible Accounting Officer sign the required statement as to Council's opinion of the accounts.**

CLAUSE 4– DISPOSAL OF SURPLUS PROPERTY

FILE: P5-109

ATTACHMENT: YES (PAGE 79-84)

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

Purpose

To adopt a policy to appropriately dispose of property and materials which are either surplus to Council's needs or are beyond their economic life. The policy specifically excludes land and buildings other than temporary structures or portable buildings.

Background

The local Government Act 1993 imposes obligations on Councils to ensure that property which is surplus to its needs or is beyond its economic life to be disposed of in a transparent manner in such a way that corrupt behavior is prevented and value to Council is maximised.

The Independent Commission against Corruption holds very strong views on the matter and their view is demonstrated in attachment two of this report.

Council has several items which have previously been used at various locations, including the community centre and the museum that will shortly be assessed for either dumping or for sale. Enquiries have already been received on some of those items.

The depot upgrade will potentially initiate another round of disposals.

It is therefore timely that a formal policy be adopted.

The policy specifically excludes land and buildings other than portable buildings as they will generally be subject to a Council resolution.

Financial Implications

Having a formal policy and procedure may or may not impact the financial outcome of disposal transactions. However, it will ensure transparency with public assets.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council adopt the Disposal of Surplus Property policy which appears as attachment 1 to this report.

CLAUSE 5 – MEETING MINUTES

FILE: R5-36 AOP REFERENCE: 3.1 ATTACHMENT: YES (PAGE 85-90)

AUTHOR: *General Manager, Peter Vlatko*

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

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

- General Managers Performance Review- Friday 30 July 2021
(Under Separate Cover)
- Liquor Accord Meeting- Tuesday, 10 August 2021
- Lilliane Brady Village Management & Governance Committee- Steering Committee- Thursday, 24 June 2021.

No resolutions for Council adoption.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Minutes of the General Managers Performance Review, Liquor Accord Meeting, Lilliane Brady Village Management & Governance Committee- Steering Committee be received and noted.

CLAUSE 6 – FOURTH QUARTERLY REVIEW OF THE ANNUAL OPERATIONAL PLAN 2020/2021 (Q4)

FILE: L5-22

AOP REFERENCE: 3.1

**ATTACHMENT: YES
(UNDER SEPARATE COVER)**

AUTHOR: *General Manager, Peter Vlatko*

Purpose

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

Background

At the June 2020 Ordinary Council Meeting, Council adopted the 2020/2021 Annual Operational Plan (AOP) and Budget. Council is obligated to review the AOP and Budget each quarter, under the NSW Integrated Planning and Reporting legislation and guidelines. It should be remembered that this review is only for the period October to December 2020 and does not cover actions or activities that have occurred since then. However, the attachment to this report aims to highlight major issues that may arise in Q4 of 2020/2021.

Issues

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

Legal Situation

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

Policy Implications

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

Financial Implications

Any financial implications are outlined in the budget review.

Risk Implication

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

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receives and notes the forth quarterly review of the 2020/2021 Annual Operational Plan, covering the period April to June 2021.

CLAUSE 7 – 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 was not met.</p> <p>Timeframe to be reviewed.</p> <p>Staff working on this subject to resources available.</p> <p>Discussions commenced with Club Board to resolve the issue; however the matter is on hold until resources are available.</p> <p>Staff have been allocated to prepare information to negotiate appropriate terms & complete lease or licence with Cobar Bowling & Golf Club.</p>

COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS 9 MARCH 2017

1007	Council – Clause 7B – Expenditure for Roads Network	59.3.2017	DIS	That a Rest Area be built along The Wool Track and that it be named after Duncan Gay.	<p>The Wool Track application was submitted on 31/12/2019 – Rest Area incident in submission.</p> <p>May 2020 funding announcement expected – Council was not successful for this round.</p> <p>Advised that the submission is still being considered.</p> <p>New round of funding to be called soon. Preliminary discussions on application have been held by staff.</p> <p>Draft application almost complete for review by Wool Track working group.</p>
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COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS 22 MARCH 2018

NUMBER	ITEM	RESOLUTION NUMBER	ACTION BY	ACTION REQUIRED	OUTCOME
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.	<p>With footpath complete Council is applying to Department of Transport for funding.</p> <p>Transport for NSW has applied for funding & Council will know more after the 30 September 2021.</p>

COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS 28 FEBRUARY 2019

NUMBER	ITEM	RESOLUTION NUMBER	ACTION BY	ACTION REQUIRED	OUTCOME
1269	Council Meeting - Clause 13A – Raw Water Supply to Dalton Park Horse Complex	25.2.2019	GO	That Council resolve to seek grant funding for \$202,140 for the extension of a raw water pipeline to the Dalton Park Racecourse as outlined in Option 3 of the attached report.	Grant funding to be applied for, as yet no suitable funding has become available. Suitable funding has been elsewhere prioritised.

COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS 24 APRIL 2019

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

COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS 27 JUNE 2019					
NUMBER	ITEM	RESOLUTION NUMBER	ACTION BY	ACTION REQUIRED	OUTCOME
1299	Council Meeting – Clause 10A – Allocation Forecast and Ramifications	122.6.2019	WSM	Investigate the costs associated with purchasing raw water from upstream users.	Application has progressed to DPIE for assessment. DPIE to provide feedback in August 2021. CSC applied for specific purpose access licence of 1300ML in June 2020. Application still with DPIE CSC staff continue to follow up.

COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS COUNCIL MEETING 13 DECEMBER 2019					
NUMBER	ITEM	RESOLUTION NUMBER	ACTION BY	ACTION REQUIRED	OUTCOME
1345	Council Meeting – Clause 3A – Local Traffic Committee	267.12.2019	ADES	That Council resolve to adopt the following recommendations from the Local Traffic Committee: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ That Council write to RMS to change the pedestrian crossing at Cobar Public School to a children’s crossing during school times only; ▪ That Council in partnership with RMS investigate implementing a 40km/h High Pedestrian Activity Area (HPAA) in the CBD area of Cobar on Marshall Street. 	Concurrence received from Public School that pedestrian crossing on Blakey Street should be a children’s crossing during School times only. Letter to RMS sent for approval. RMS has approved HPAA and secured funding; to be completed this financial year. Proposal to be finalised for public consultation to commence. Public consultation competed. Formal application to RMS lodged Followed up in June and still waiting for outcome.

					Drawing of signage set out is being completed and will be presented to the LTC.
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COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 23 APRIL 2020					
NUMBER	ITEM	RESOLUTION NUMBER	ACTION BY	ACTION REQUIRED	OUTCOME
1369	Council Meeting – Clause 6B – Local Traffic Committee Minutes	70.4.2020	DIS	<p>That Council resolve to adopt the following recommendations from the Local Traffic Committee:</p> <p>That Council adopt the recommendation from the Local Traffic Committee requesting that parking between Khans Supermarket in Linsley Street and to the Corner of Linsley Street and Marshall Street be changed from rear to kerb parking to parallel parking;</p> <p>That Council adopt the recommendation from the Local Traffic Committee to investigate three potential sites for a disabled parking spaces at the Western end of Marshall Street.</p>	<p>Spoken with Line Marker, to follow up for confirmation of date for completion depending on line Markers availability.</p> <p>There is only one line marker in town who is unavailable due to mine work at present. Out of town contractors would charge significant mobilization costs and also unavailable at present due to COVID.</p>

COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 25 MARCH 2021

NUMBER	ITEM	RESOLUTION NUMBER	ACTION BY	ACTION REQUIRED	OUTCOME
1432	Council Meeting- Clause 7- Landfill Operations – Cobar Landfill	50.04.2021	DES	That Council proceed with Community & Industry Consultations using the approach of the LTPoM as proposed by Bob Bailey & Robert Amaral.	The matter now to be forwarded to new Council to be workshopped.

COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 27 MAY 2021

NUMBER	ITEM	RESOLUTION NUMBER	ACTION BY	ACTION REQUIRED	OUTCOME
1435	Council Meeting Clause 2C- Future of Kubby House Childcare Centre and Early Learning Facility	9COW.5.2021	GM	Council authorise the General Manager and Mayor negotiate with Kubby House Childcare Centre regarding the future management and transfer of service approval to Cobar Shire Council.	Negotiations commenced, the matter is progressing and is agreed in principle by both parties. Council is currently providing assistance to Kubby and addressing the marginal deficit the existing model is incurring. Council has applied for the transfer licence.

COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 22 JULY 2021

NUMBER	ITEM	RESOLUTION NUMBER	ACTION BY	ACTION REQUIRED	OUTCOME
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1439	Council meeting Clause 2- Ward Oval Draft Management Plan	117.07.2021	GM	The draft management plan be placed on Public Exhibition for not less then 28 days & a further 42 days to allow for submissions to be made to Council for Consideration	Placed display & public hearing set for Wednesday 25 August 2021 No Further Action
1440	Council meeting Clause 3- Extension of the existing swimming pool management contract	118.07.2021	DFCS	That Council extend the period of management of the Cobar Memorial Swimming pool to L&R Group for a further two seasons in accordance with the terms in the contract currently in place.	Contractor advised No Further Action
NUMBER	ITEM	RESOLUTION NUMBER	ACTION BY	ACTION REQUIRED	OUTCOME
1441	Council meeting Clause 4- Additional Hangars at Aerodrome	119.07.2021	DFCS	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That Council award by way of a lease a 25-metre x 20 metre footprint for the construction of a hangar to Messrs Joe Jeffrey and Chris Bruce with the annual fee to be determined annually. 2. That Council award by way of a lease a 25-metre x 20 metre footprint for the construction of a hangar to Messrs Dean Brookman and Garry Loughran with the annual fee to be determined annually. 	Awaiting Plans – No Further Action

1442	Council Meeting Clause 7- Service NSW for business	122.07.2021	DFCS	Council delegates authority to the General Manager to enter into an agreement with Service NSW; and Any necessary documents be authorised for execution under the Common Seal of Council	Completed

RECOMMENDATION

That the information contained in the monthly status report be received and noted with item numbers 1439, 1440, 1441 & 1442 to be removed.

CLAUSE 8 – INVESTMENT REPORT AS AT 31 JULY 2021**FILE: B2-7****AOP REFERENCE: 3.1.1.7****ATTACHMENT: NO****AUTHOR: *Financial Accountant, Sandra Davey*****Purpose**

Section 625 of the Local Government Act 1993 and Clause 212 of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2005 and the Council's investment policy require Council's investments to be reported to the Council monthly.

Issues

The table below shows the balances of Council's Investments for July 2021. Term deposits have differing terms to spread the maturity dates throughout the year. The amount restricted in the Audited Financial Report for Employee Leave Entitlements is \$459,000.

Investments	Rate	Bank	Closing Balance	Transfers to Investment	Transfers from Investment	Interest Earned	Closing Balance
NAB Sweep Acct	Variable	NAB	\$13,000,072	\$ 2,247,447	\$5,195,893	\$ 962	\$ 10,052,588
Jan-22	0.30%	NAB	\$ 2,011,093			\$ 510	\$ 2,011,602
Aug-21	0.80%	AMP	\$ 2,005,722			\$ 1,192	\$ 2,006,914
Dec-21	0.30%	NAB	\$ 2,004,697			\$ 510	\$ 2,005,207
Nov-21	0.55%	NAB	\$ 3,010,866			\$ 1,406	\$ 3,012,273
Aug-21	0.70%	Auswide	\$ 1,001,919			\$ 425	\$ 1,002,345
Oct-21	0.20%	Auswide	\$ 2,000,405			\$ 340	\$ 2,000,745
Jun-22	0.35%	NAB	\$ 3,000,547			\$ 892	\$ 3,001,439
Feb-22	0.55%	AMP	\$ 1,000,663			\$ 467	\$ 1,001,131
TOTALS	Average Int	0.47%	\$29,035,984	\$2,247,447	\$5,195,893	\$6,705	\$26,094,243

I hereby certify that the above investments have been made in accordance with Section 625 of the Local Government Act 1993 and Clause 212 of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2005 and the Council's Investment Policy.



Financial Accountant**RECOMMENDATION****That Council receive and note the Investment Report as of 31 July 2021.**

CLAUSE 9 - BANK RECONCILIATION, CASH FLOW & LOAN FACILITY SUMMARIES AS AT 31 JULY 2021

FILE: B2-7

AOP REFERENCE: 3.1.1.5

ATTACHMENT: NO

AUTHOR: *Financial Accountant, Sandra Davey*

Purpose

Council has requested that the following financial information be presented to each meeting of Council: reconciled bank balance, cash flow statement, and loan facility.

Issues

Bank Reconciliation

Balance as per Bank Statement	10,000
Add Outstanding Deposits & Receipting	6,886
Less Unpresented Cheques	(1,084)
Reconciled Balance	15,802

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



Financial Accountant

Monthly Total Funds Available for the Last 12 Months

Month	Investment Balances	Operating Account	Total Available Funds
July 20	22,184,482	11,745	22,196,227
Aug 20	24,243,622	10,745	24,254,367
Sep 20	23,580,958	20,190	23,601,148
Oct 20	26,181,133	11,343	26,192,476
Nov 20	24,357,782	(82,340)	24,275,442
Dec 20	22,398,378	9,963	22,408,341
Jan 21	22,752,150	(954)	22,751,196
Feb 21	22,415,822	15,564	22,431,386
Mar 21	20,260,553	(38,280)	20,222,273
Apr 21	19,494,375	9,021	19,503,396
May 21	24,904,316	11,500	24,915,816
June 21	29,035,984	(3,314)	29,032,670
July 21	26,094,243	15,802	26,110,045

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

Cash Flow

Current Month		Description	Forecast
Forecast	Actual		Next Month
(3,314)	(3,314)	Bank Balance Forward	15,802
500,000	1,040,828	FAG / R2R / RMCC	1,000,000
14,926	14,926	Services NSW	14,926
750,000	850,681	Rates /Water/User Charges	550,000
250,000	223,404	Private Works/Debtors	250,000
300,000	216,279	LBV – Residents Fees & Subsidies	300,000
50,000	128,570	Child Care/In Home Care (Net)	50,000
3,000,000	2,948,446	Net Movement of Investments	2,000,000
500,000	149,691	Sundry Income & Grants	500,000
		<i>Less</i>	
(3,500,000)	(4,750,753)	Creditors	(3,500,000)
(850,000)	(834,560)	Wages / Salaries	(850,000)
10,000	15,802	Bank Reconciliation Cr/(Dr)	10,000

Loan Facility Report as of 31 July 2021

Swimming Pool and Street Upgrade Loan (6.22%) <i>Principal and Interest = \$22,265</i>		(578,750.71)
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RECOMMENDATION

That Council receive and note the Bank Reconciliation, Monthly Total Funds Available, Cash Flow and Loan Facility Report as of 31 July 2021.

CLAUSE 10– RATES RECONCILIATION REPORT AS AT 31 JULY 2021

FILE: R2-1

AOP REFERENCE: 3.1.1.6

ATTACHMENT: YES (PAGE 91-92)

AUTHOR: *Customer Service Manager, Jo-Louise Brown***Purpose**

To provide Council details of the Rate Reconciliation as at 31 July 2021.

RATE RECONCILIATION 31 July 2021

FUND	LEVY 2021-2022	Pensioner Rebates	Abandoned Levy	Additional Levies	Sub Total 2021-2022	Arrears 30th Jun 21	Payments	Total Outstanding	Total Outstanding Previous Year	% Outstanding of Sub Total Plus Arrears
Business	465,700.78		-	-	465,700.78	93,120.23	108,409.37	450,411.64	453,692.68	80.60%
Farmland	733,736.95		-	305.37	734,042.32	67,466.52	61,364.29	740,144.55	741,020.05	92.34%
Mining	1,841,821.80		-	-	1,841,821.80	19,723.01	19,723.01	1,841,821.80	1,789,286.33	98.94%
Residential	1,211,059.72	40,931.69	-	756.15	1,170,884.18	194,859.68	141,705.43	1,224,038.43	1,249,419.66	89.62%
Overpayments					-	-184,838.33	- 149,452.01	-35,386.32	-175,477.06	19.14%
Legal Costs			-	-	-	26,237.43	157.69	26,079.74	32,203.01	99.40%
Interest	-		-	477.23	477.23	66,297.65	1,657.73	65,117.15	74,810.86	97.52%
General Rates	4,252,319.25	40,931.69	-	1,538.75	4,212,926.31	282,866.19	183,565.51	4,312,226.99	4,164,955.53	95.92%
Domestic Waste	673,560.00	16,443.31	-	236.81	657,353.50	69,628.38	117,133.70	609,848.18	610,187.87	83.89%
Sewerage	711,713.00	16,668.75	-	387.17	695,431.42	136,477.87	90,917.96	740,991.33	721,180.59	89.07%
Cobar Water	886,374.00	17,893.75	-	322.33	868,802.58	69,941.09	155,557.95	783,185.72	654,420.86	83.43%
Nymagee Water	28,970.00	350.00	-	-	28,620.00	13,435.76	6,072.98	35,982.78	33,108.57	85.56%
Euabalong Water	45,890.00	1,137.50	-	-	44,752.50	12,572.30	8,768.92	48,555.88	50,555.10	84.70%
Euab West Water	28,420.00	525.00	-	-	27,895.00	8,675.20	6,487.34	30,082.86	31,848.18	82.26%
Mt Hope Water	6,570.00	-	-	-	6,570.00	357.69	2,364.00	4,563.69	5,676.85	65.88%
Water Access	996,224.00	19,906.25	-	322.33	976,640.08	104,982.04	179,251.19	902,370.93	775,609.56	83.43%
Water Usage			7,633.09	-	- 7,633.09	513,653.84	279,812.37	226,208.38	103,946.56	44.70%
TOTAL	6,633,816.25	93,950.00	7,633.09	2,485.06	6,534,718.22	1,107,608.32	850,680.73	6,791,645.81	6,375,880.11	88.87%

RECOMMENDATION

That the Rates Reconciliation Report as at the 31 July 2021 be received and noted.

CLAUSE 11– GRANT FUNDING

FILE: G4-17

AOP REFERENCE: 3.1.1.3

ATTACHMENT: NO

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

Grants Applied For	Activity	Amount Applied For	Status	Council Funding Required	Deadline for Project. Comment
Building Better Regions Fund – Round 5	This round had a focus of Tourism related infrastructure, with 100 million committed to this. Major upgrades to the Caravan Park were applied for.	\$2,128,511.00	Pending	\$1,247,611.00 from a combination of CSC and Sustainable Park Solutions (which includes turnover % and investment)	Outcome expected September 2021; however, delays are now expected due to COVID.
Resources for regions – round 8	Early Intervention Outreach Program	\$120,000.00	Pending	\$10,000.00 in-kind, project management, advertising time/ print material etc.	Outcome expected September 2021; however, delays are now expected due to COVID.
Resources for regions – round 8	Business Case Studies (BCS) and Master Planning – Including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Activating Cobar's CBD (BCS) - Dalton Park's Wetlands project (BCS) - Master plan for the Cobar Memorial Swimming Pool. 	\$200,000.00	Pending	NIL	Outcome expected September 2021; however, delays are now expected due to COVID.
Resources for regions – round 8	Cobar Youth and Fitness Centre - upgrades to services and Harry Marshall Gym	\$500,000.00	Pending	NIL	Outcome expected September 2021; however, delays are now expected due to COVID.
Resources for regions – round 8	Ward Oval Refurbishment & Additions to Existing Pavilions and New Poultry Pavilion	\$1,375,134.00	Pending	NIL	Outcome expected September 2021; however, delays are now expected due to COVID.

Resources for regions – round 8	Great Cobar Museum - Coach House and Landscaping - (Stage 2 works)	\$1,395,000.00	Pending	NIL	Outcome expected September 2021; however, delays are now expected due to COVID.
Resources for regions – round 8	Cobar Industrial Estate Road and Storm water Upgrades - Stage 2	\$4,129,942.00	Pending	NIL	Outcome expected September 2021; however, delays are now expected due to COVID.
Regional Tourism Activation Fund – Stream One - Unique and High Impact Visitor Experiences	The Great Cobar Museum Mine Walk and Underground Experience – Stage 3 & 4.	\$2,126,400.00	Pending	\$708,801.00 subject to Council approval if the grant is successful.	Outcome expected December 2021; however, delays are now expected due to COVID.
Fixing Local Roads – Tranche 3	Yathong Rd (SR12) – Gravel Re-sheet	\$2,920,640.00	Pending	\$730,160.00 (over two financial years – from Roads to Recovery funding)	Outcome expected November 2021; however, delays are now expected due to COVID.

Total Resources for Regions Round 8 funding applied for: \$7,720,076.00 (this is in line with Cobar’s allocation).

Grant Outcomes

Grant and Department Grants Announced		Activity	Amount Applied For	Status	
Refresh and renew	To assist tourism operators to update their product or experience to better meet consumer expectations. Council applied for infrastructure and content for the museum VIC entrance.	\$10,000 (maximum amount that could be applied for)	Unsuccessful	\$6000	Outcome expected August 2021

Council has committed \$200,000 in the 2021/2022 budget to put towards grant proposals as a co-contribution.

Current Grant Opportunities:

- **Regional Events Funding** - Stream 1 offers support between \$50,000 - \$200,000 for major event operations and infrastructure, stream 2 is focused on major event attraction and enhancement and offers support from \$100,000, with no upper limit on the request that can be made – however stream 2 is focused on major event attraction and enhancement and offers support from \$100,000, with no upper limit on the request that can be made. Applications are open and will be assessed on a rolling basis until December 2021 or until the funding is fully allocated.
- **The Country Passenger Transport Infrastructure Grants Scheme (CPTIGS)** - provides subsidies to support the construction or upgrade of bus stop infrastructure generally owned and maintained by local councils across regional NSW. The subsidies represent Transport for NSW's (TfNSW) financial contribution towards improving the accessibility and quality of kerbside passenger transport infrastructure in regional areas. A new shelter has a maximum total grant value of \$11,500 – which includes the shelter and associated works. An upgrade has a maximum total grant value of \$2,500. Closes 30 September 2021.

Grant Funded Projects – Implementation

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

- **RCF Rd 1 Museum project** – Main buildings works complete.
- **RCF Rd 2 Exhibition Upgrade** – A Exhibition plan has been developed. All exhibition procurement has been ordered. Final install and completion has been put on hold due to COVID.
- **North West JO Tourism Fund** – as above for RCF Rd 1 and RCF Rd 2 Exhibition Upgrade.
- **Museums and Galleries of NSW – Museum Advisor Program** – A qualified Curator for a 1-year duration will provide professional guidance and curatorial advice – for new exhibitions. Lynn has visited several times but due to COVID-19, is working with Council remotely. Lynn's funding has been extended for a further 12 months for 2021 and he will play an important role in the delivery of the new exhibitions at the Heritage Centre.
- **SCCF Round 2 – Youthie Upgrade** – Dunn & Hillam have finished the schematic design. DA submitted 11 June 2021. Cobar Shire Council representatives met with State representatives regarding the extensive extension required for SCCF Rd 2. Procurement packages have been set to enable some works to start prior to the main building works. Design progressing.
- **NSW Government - Stronger Country Communities Fund – Round 3 - Cobar Youth and Fitness Centre Upgrade – Stage 2** - works to be combined with stage 1 and be delivered as one package of works, extension requires, however this is within the 'program end date' and state are comfortable with Council's position that round 3 will be delivered within the program end date (being March 2023).

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- **NSW Government - Stronger Country Communities Fund – Round 3 - Youth Development Officer – 18-month tenure** - Council is working with the department to see what we can deliver in line with the guidelines. Additional information has been supplied to the Grants Management Office as requested; this will help form the deed. Deed is progressing (last update was 12.08.21) but is yet to be released for signing.
 - **NSW Government - Stronger Country Communities Fund – Euabalong Walking Trail - Round 3** – Surveyor has been on site in August, would expect to see plans towards the end of August. Design expected to be complete by August/ September.
 - **NSW Government – Drought Stimulus Package (previously known as the Growing Local Economies Fund) & Building Better Regions Fund** - Ward Oval Community Hub and Early Learning Precinct – A lead Architect has been engaged and Master Plan for Ward Oval has been completed. Plans for the ELP are progressing, with the DA submitted on 11 August 2021. The Multi-purpose plans are also progressing well, DA for the multi-purpose building is expected to be submitted in November.
 - **Drought Communities – Extension – Round 2 – \$1 million projects and Active transport funding (Bathurst Street footpath)** – The Dalton Park shade structure has been completed. Dalton Park Horse complex toilets are complete. The design for both CWA Hall ramp has been finalised and quotes received. The concept for the bus shelter upgrades has been received, although further investigation into the concept design is being undertaken. The footpath construction has commenced, and works are progressing well. Belagoy Street is now complete. Bathurst Street is 95% complete; with the remainder to be completed once the Telstra pit is lifted (on the corner of the caravan Park). Louth Road works have re-commenced after contractors were moved to complete paths at the Miners Memorial as a priority. Work on Goold street is to commence shortly. Main street speaker system is complete with a successful (well received) test run completed on 3 July 2021. Shade structure at the Cobar Memorial Swimming Pool is underway, poles are ready, and sail has been made, installation date unknown. Caravan Park photo fence is complete. An extension for this funding has been received which will allow time for the CWA hall ramp, bus shelter, remainder of footpaths and shade sail to be completed.
 - **BBRF – Community Investment Stream** – The Cobar Economic Resiliency Strategy Final Report was tabled at the May Council Meeting. Councillors resolved to refer this project back to a Councillor Workshop for further input. Following a further workshop on this project, it is intended to have the Final Report approved to be put out for Public Display and formal presentations back to the key stakeholder groups to seek feedback and input from the Cobar Community into the proposed Strategies. This feedback will then assist Council in the appointment of an Advisory Committee which is recommended to be established as the next stage once the Report is accepted and adopted by Council.

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- **Safe and Secure Water Fund** – The cast-iron pipe replacement is complete. Work as executed drawings are currently being produced. The Reservoir roof replacement project is currently on hold due to COVID-19, however, construction is anticipated to be completed by October 2021.
 - **Restart NSW – Water Scoping Study, Euabalong, Euabalong West, and Nymagee** – The final draft has been delayed due to DPIE and PWA comments, the draft will be issued for Council review upon resolution of comment,. Integrated water cycle management plan this project has been integrated with the water, sewer & water board for the whole shire.
 - **SR6 – Pulpulla Road – Sealing Pulpulla Road from the Barrier Highway to the entrance into Mount Grenfell Reserve** – Works on Pulpulla Road have commenced; 1000,000 cubic metres of gravel has been crushed. 30kms formed to level and 30kms of gravel is spread.
 - **Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program RD 1** – This program includes sealing of two car parks, construction has commenced however has been put on hold due to contractor’s location/ COVID. CCTV has been installed. Shade structures in Drummond Park have been installed. The rotunda works are complete. Town beautification program projects have also nearly finished, with the installation of a town entrance sign on the Northern entrance of Cobar complete and painting of Essential Energy boxes almost complete (one box left to paint – on hold due to COVID lockdown). Wet weather and COVID restrictions have delayed the projects and an extension has been sought.
 - **Showgrounds Stimulus Funding** – Horse Stables Fabrication and Installation tender has been awarded. Council received an extension for the Stable Upgrades until 30 September 2021 (this was to try and not interrupt the show). Electrical upgrades also included in this grant are still being scoped an extension has also been received for this, until the 30 September 2021. It is likely another extension will be required due to COVID.
 - **Showgrounds Stimulus Funding phase 2B** – Sealing of the Ward Oval Car Park. To be completed in conjunction with other works at Ward Oval.
 - **Resources for Regions - Stage 1 – existing industrial estate - including roads and storm water upgrades.** Deed has been signed by CSC and executed by the department. However, there was an error in the executed agreement and due to this a variation had to be applied for (the error was in within the milestone dates). This variation was submitted on 11 May 2021 – we have supplied additional information required by the department and are hopeful the variation will be finalised in the coming weeks. CSC have been advised to continue with works while the variation is being finalised. Milestone 1 payment has been received.
 - **Resources for Regions - Water reticulation upgrade – stage 2.** Deed has been signed by CSC and executed by the department. Milestone 1 payment has been received. The tendering stage for the project is expected to be completed by September.
 - **Resources for Regions - Business Case study for the Upgrading of Ageing Infrastructure at Cobar Memorial Swimming Pool** – Council is currently

procuring for these works to take place; milestone 1 payment has been received. No further update supplied by project manager.

- **Local Roads and community infrastructure Phase 2** - \$845,918 – Deed signed – Work schedules have been approved, projects approved are - additional funding for the stables at Ward Oval (tender has now been awarded), a lift to be installed at the Cobar Youth and Fitness Centre (Project Manager is scoping this project), Euabalong toilet replacement (currently procuring and working with stakeholders), entrance road and off-road carpark works at the Sound Chapel (currently being scoped). Works required to be completed by 31 December 2021, however due to COVID lockdowns and current restrictions in place limiting construction works etc we have applied for an extension for the lift aspect – we may look at applying for an extension for all works if restrictions don't ease in time for projects to be completed.
- **Sealing of Wilga Downs Road** – Gravel is pushed up and crushing has commenced. Council has successfully rehabilitated a bore to give us water for this project – this bore is on private property, but supply has been secured
- **Bus Shelters** – Council is currently scoping these and will re-engage with key stakeholders prior to any works commencing.
- **Crown Lands – Removal of unsafe structures** – works have been completed at all Crown Land reserves that were funded through this stream. This included Nymagee - Wilkinson Park, Mt Hope racecourse, Canbelego community and Canbelego recreational area.
- **Basketball After Dark – National Ice Action Strategy combined with Empowering Family Connections funding** – Through the Local Drug and Action Team (LDAT) this program aims to have youth off the street after dark. Program started on 24 January 2020, running each fortnight, Friday nights from 9pm – 12pm. For 12yrs and older. Very well attended. This was on hold for a short time before being extended and changing the venue to the Cobar High School on a Thursday night. Very well attended at the High School also. Now completed.

RECOMMENDATION

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

CLAUSE 12– PURCHASING ANALYSIS OF CONTRACTORS

FILE: T3-15-6

AOP REFERENCE: 3.3.4

ATTACHMENT: NO

AUTHOR: *Financial Accountant, Sandra Davey*

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to provide information on works let over \$80,000 inclusive of GST.

Background

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

These Contractors and Suppliers are engaged by quotations for small projects and tenders for larger projects following Councils Procurement Policy.

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

The table below indicates the contractors and suppliers that were engaged for services over \$80,000 inclusive of GST for the period July 1, 2021 – July 31, 2021, and the method of procurement used. End of year balances are not finalised; therefore, the below totals are subject to change.

CONTRACTOR	DESCRIPTION OF WORKS AND METHOD OF PROCUREMENT	CURRENT MONTH	2021/2022
CRUSHRITE PTY LTD	Gravel Crushing (Tender)	316,815	316,815
CENTRAL DARLING SHIRE COUNCIL	Road Works (Gov)	701,404	701,404
COUNTRY MILE CONSTRUCTIONS	Construction Work (RFQ)	244,224	244,224
SMARTIN BUILDING PTY LTD	Construction of Footpaths (Tender)	239,300	239,300

RECOMMENDATION

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

CLAUSE 13 – ENGINEERING WORKS REPORT

FILE: C6-20-2

AOP REFERENCE: 4.3.2

ATTACHMENT: NO

AUTHOR: *Director of Infrastructure Services, Scott Casey*

Purpose

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

Background

State Highways

Maintenance Work

- Maintenance activities continue at rest areas and along the highway despite the COVID restrictions.
- Sign and guidepost replacement work has been deferred except for urgent repairs as resources have been allocated to Musheroo East project.
- Environmental representative TfNSW visited Meadow Glen to determine whether identified tress can be removed.
- Dismantled the old unsafe structure at Bulla Park Rest Area and replaced the concrete water tanks with new Poly tanks.

Construction Work (Private Works)

- Musheroo East shoulder widening, and pavement overlay project is currently on hold as per TfNSW instructions. Contractors required for work to progress are Sydney based.
- Currently investigate bend widening works which can be delivered utilizing CSC staff.

Urban Roads/Shire Roads/Regional Roads

Maintenance Work

- Maintenance grading works being undertaken across the Shire as needed and as resources allow.

Construction Work

- SR6 – Pulpulla Road – Sealing Pulpulla Road from the Barrier Highway to the entrance into Mount Grenfell Reserve - Construction is continuing on Pulpulla Rd project has continued despite COVID-19 restrictions. 100,000 cubic metres of gravel has been crushed. 30kms of road formed to level and 30kms of gravel spread. Culvert installation has commenced and delivery of sealing aggregate has commenced. Sealing on hold due to COVID movement restrictions.

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- Sealing of Wilga Downs Road – Gravel is pushed up and crushing has commenced for 14km seal extension. Council has successfully rehabilitated a bore to give us water for this project – this bore is on private property, but supply has been secured.

Flood Damage

- Damage inspections ongoing for flood damage, 100% of roads have been inspected.
- Repair work for flood damage has continued on SR1A, SR2, SR11, SR12, SR13B, SR34, SR36, SR46 and Seventy Eight Mile Rd.

Water and Sewer

Maintenance Work

- Erosion protection is currently being installed in Polisher ponds 2 and 5.
- Flow meters are currently being installed at the Sewer Treatment Plant.
- Water and Sewer crew have responded to numerous customer service requests to repair and replace meters which will assist with more accurate meter reads.
- Sewer main inspections have been undertaken in high-risk areas as tree roots are having a significant negative impact on the network.

Water and Sewer Operations

- The water treatment plant has produced an average of 1.5ML/day in July with no water quality incidents.
- Burrendong Dam level is at 86.6%.
- SkillTech have been engaged to undertake an additional trial to read all water meters for September.

Parks & Gardens

- Drummond Park upgrade works complete including landscaping of street frontage to Linsley Street.
- Cobar northern approach sign complete.
- Parisi's garden bed revitalisation well underway. Irrigation has been installed and footpath replaced. Just awaiting delivery of plants to complete the project.

Waste Disposal Depot

- Investigation of excessive waste at Canbeligo have been undertaken and are being followed up.

Electrical/Maintenance

- Electrical Supervisors role has been filled and successful candidate commenced on 5th July and assisting with previous role as needed.

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- Ward Oval eastern most DB supply cables from overhead lines to down pole connection blown off (pole fuses removed). Being replaced/upgraded with project to install new cables. Revising quoted works.
 - Test & tag and RCD injection testing across all sites. New Test Tagger received and basic set up completed.
 - Nyngan river pontoon pumps – secured cable tray to prevent rolling over.
 - Poor condition panel and wiring in many installations:
 - Euabalong River pump installation: New panel in depot 90% ready. Cables, glands, terminals, conduits, etc due for delivery around 20th July. Expecting to install in September.
 - A number of sewer pumps installations around town, these have been upgraded with new electrical switchboards which are great improvements.
 - Airport ALS, 3 x Metering Panels, Terminal
 - Water Storages
 - Park metering panels
 - Part have been ordered for works to commence on Council houses and buildings.
 - Replacement of power points and light fittings has commenced in the administration building.

Workshop (Mobile Fleet Maintenance)

- Vermeer S924TX mini skid steer has been delivered and is in use.
- Vehicle registrations are in progress.

Depot Works

- Truck Wash:
 - Water recycling system has been delivered.
 - Roadworks and pads are complete.
 - Initial pipework for water supply and sewer discharge installed nearby.
 - Electrical submain supply materials on site.
 - Electrical main supply being arranged by Public Works along with pump station in later half of 2021.
 - Installation by Enviroconcepts was planned for September but may be further delayed due to COVID restrictions.

Airport

- Funding for the reseal of both runways has been approved by Council and included in the FY2122 budget.

RECOMMENDATION

That the information contained in the Engineering Works Report detailing maintenance on Shire and Regional Roads, State Highways, Water Sewer Mains, and works on other Council assets be received and noted.

CLAUSE 14 – EXPENDITURE FOR ROADS NETWORK

FILE: R5-31 AOP REFERENCE: 4.3.2 ATTACHMENT: YES (PAGE 93-100)

AUTHOR: *Director of Infrastructure Services, Scott Casey*

Purpose

To provide Council with financial information on the expenditure on Council's Local and Regional Roads.

Background

A report detailing the Expenditure on Capital/R2R (orange), Council's Shire Local Roads (blue), Regional Roads Network (green) and flood damage report (grey) is provided as an attachment to this agenda for Council's information.

RECOMMENDATION

That the information detailing the Expenditure for Council's Roads Network be received and noted.

CLAUSE 15 – UPDATE ON WATER AND SEWER INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS

FILE: G4-29

AOP REFERENCE: 4.1.3.3 AND 4.4.4.2

ATTACHMENT: NO

AUTHOR: *Water and Sewer Manager, Victor Papierniak*

Purpose

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

Background

Cobar Shire Council was successful in obtaining funding for three projects through the Resources for Regions Restart NSW provided by the NSW State Government. One project has been completed with two projects ongoing. Council also obtained Restart NSW Funding through the Safe and Secure Water Program.

Project Update

Water Treatment Plant		
Project background:	Construction of a new Water Treatment Plant commenced in June 2017 and reached practical completion in July 2019. The plant is capable of producing 8ML/day of potable water.	
Budget overview:	Grant funding: Cobar Shire Council funding: Expended to date:	\$15,750,000 \$200,000 \$14,865,838 <i>(Current as of 31 July 2021)</i>
Issue history:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) ordered comprehensive testing of fill material at the project location to be undertaken. The Contractor provided the result of the testing and the results are noncompliant against the Excavated Natural Material Order 2014. A land contamination expert has been engaged to undertake a risk assessment and supply recommended remedial actions. This report has been provided to EPA to review.• The completion of the access road to the water plant has been delayed.• Several major defects have been identified as part of the defect's liability period, PWA and LCW are in discussion regarding the rectification of defects.• PWA has been engaged to determine and recommend a resolution to the cause of increased turbidity in the treated water reservoirs.	

<p><u>Risk overview:</u></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clean up of the non-complying fill material is estimated at \$2million in a worst-case scenario and is expected to be an ongoing issue with resolution in late 2021. • The construction of the road to the WTP is delayed due to non-complying fill. • The steel corrosion issue is a complex issue that is being referred to an independent specialist to determine the cause and rectification. The resolution of the issue is anticipated to be in early 2022. The Tender process is expected to be closed out in July 2021. • The lagoons were inspected by the supplier and Contractor and an assessment report provided in May 2021. The supplier has provided that the installation of the liner is in accordance with the manufacturer’s installation guidelines and no evidence damage was detected. CSC does not agree with the report provided and a response has been provided to LCW outlining that only 4m² or 0.124% of the total area of the ponds was tested and that the testing is insufficient to guarantee the entire installation was adequate. Additionally, that the area of concern was not tested. There are two lagoons at the WTP and given there is limited time to conduct further tests due to the online lagoon that is reaching sludge capacity, it is recommended that the lagoon be brought back online for hydrostatic testing. As no remediation has been undertaken by the Contractor, it is expected the leakage will continue and negotiations for remediation will be delayed further. • The water treatment plant project funding is linked with the storage’s replacement pump station project. Overrun of this projects funding may negatively impact the storages pump station project. Additional funds are likely to be required to cover variations on the WTP and storages pump station projects. The storages pump station project is currently out for Tender. • There is a current COVID-19 outbreak in the region, with the State in lockdown. Contractors are unable to visit site and therefore it is expected there will be delays to this project.
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<p>Sewerage Scheme Refurbishments, Expansion and Upgrade</p>	
<p>Project background:</p>	<p>The refurbishment, expansion, and upgrade of the sewer infrastructure includes upgrades to all four sewer pump stations, refurbishment to the sewer treatment plant lagoons and upgrading the inlet at the sewer treatment plant.</p> <p>The Ward Oval Pump Station refurbishment and lagoon upgrade have been completed. Application to change scope of works to include upgrade of all sewer pump stations and pre-</p>

	treatment screening for sewer influent was approved. Precision Civil was awarded the Contract to undertake the remaining scope.	
Budget overview:	Grant funding: Cobar Shire Council funding: Expended to date:	\$2,100,000 \$500,000 \$2,180,631 <i>(Current as of 31 July 2021)</i>
Issue history:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Completion date expected to be delayed from December 2020 to November 2021. Delays to the project are due to COVID-19, design reconsiderations, construction defects, and delivery issues. • The Contractor is responsible for remediating the pumps due to damage caused through construction and testing. • Building modifications have been undertaken to allow for the installation of a new switchboard at the sewer treatment plant 	
<u>Risk overview:</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Project time overrun of approximately 11 months. • Pumps have been damaged and may fail prematurely until Contractor repairs/replaces them. • Additional project management and design costs associated with the delay of the project. Liquidated damages will be applied to cover these additional costs. • There is a current COVID-19 outbreak in the region, with the State in lockdown. Contractors are unable to visit site and therefore it is expected there will be delays to this project. 	

Water Mains Replacement and Water Storage Refurbishment Project		
Project background:	This project seeks to replace the potable water cast-iron pipework with uPVC pipework and replace the steel roof and supporting structure on the potable water reservoir.	
Budget overview:	Grant funding: Cobar Shire Council funding: Expended to date:	\$6,900,000 Nil \$5,976,381 <i>(Current as of 31 July 2021)</i>
Issue history:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Killard Infrastructure Pty Ltd were awarded the reticulation project. The project reached practical completion in December 2020. Drawings, defects and ITP's are being finalised to close out the reticulation project. 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tender for the water storage refurbishment project has been awarded to Steelworks Engineering with works commenced on site 18/2/21. • The Million Gallon Tank was blasted clean and assessed, and it was determined that there were failed joint sections and concrete degradation. A variation has been accepted for an epoxy recoat and joint repair.
<p><u>Risk overview:</u></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not all the cast-iron pipework in town could be located and removed. This is due to the location of cast-iron pipework across state highways and the misidentification of pipework in the survey. • The old water treatment plant clarifier will be used as a temporary reservoir while the million-gallon tank is offline. The capacity of the temporary reservoir is lower than the potable tank and increased water filtration operations may be required to ensure pressure remains at satisfactory levels. • The pipework at outlet of the tank is not represented correctly on drawings and will require additional funds to survey and resolve issues found. • There is a current COVID-19 outbreak in the region, with the State in lockdown. Contractors are unable to visit site and therefore it is expected there will be delays to this project.

RECOMMENDATION

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

CLAUSE 16 – DEVELOPMENT APPROVALS: 14 JULY 2021 – 18 AUGUST 2021**FILE: T5-1****AOP REFERENCE: 1.6.3.1****ATTACHMENT: NO****AUTHOR: *Director of Planning & Environmental Services, Garry Ryman*****Complying Development Approvals**

There were no Complying Development Applications approved under delegated authority for the period 14 July 2021 – 18 August 2021.

The value of Complying Development approvals for 2021/2022 to date is \$0.00.

The value of Complying Development approvals for the similar period in 2020/2021 was Nil.

Local Development Approvals

The following Local Development Applications were approved under delegated authority for the period 14 July 2021 – 18 August 2021.

CERTIFICATE NO.	ADDRESS	DESCRIPTION	VALUE (\$)
2021/LD-00022	9 Annies Lane, Cobar	Shed	\$30,000
2021/LD-00024	Ward Oval, Cobar	Demolition of existing Horse stables & construction of new stables	\$280,000
2013/LD-00055REV01	3 Beersheba Crt, Cobar	Modification	N/A
2021/LD-00019	35/37 Marshall St, Cobar	Refurbishment of existing food business	\$164,450
2021/LD-00026	19 Lamrock St, Cobar	Freestanding garage	\$21,353
2021/LD-00027	9 Murray St, Cobar	Freestanding Garage	\$32,664

The value of Local Development approvals for 2021/2022 to date is \$38,283,110.00

The value of Local Development approvals for the similar period in 2020/2021 was **\$2,661,454.40.**

Construction Certificates

The following Construction Certificates were issued for the period 14 July 2021 – 18 August 2021.

CERTIFICATE NO.	ADDRESS	DESCRIPTION
2021/CB-00017	Cobar Memorial Swimming Pool	Shade structure
2021/CB-00019	10 Belagoy St, Cobar	Dwelling extension
2021/CB-00015	10 Carr St, Cobar	Shed
2021/CB-00020	9 Murray St, Cobar	Freestanding garage
2021/CB-00021	19 Lamrock St, Cobar	Freestanding garage

RECOMMENDATION

That the information detailing the Local Development and Construction Certificate approvals for the period 14 July 2021 – 18 August 2021 be received and noted.

CLAUSE 1C – REGIONAL PROCUREMENT TENDERS

FILE: T3-20-18

AOP REFERENCE: 4.3.2

ATTACHMENT: NO

AUTHOR: *Director of Infrastructure, Scott Casey*

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to consider the Regional Procurement Tenders for the following:

1. Provision of Tree Maintenance
2. Provision of Line marking
3. Supply and delivery of culvert components to site

Background

1. Regional Procurement (a Division of Strategic Services NSW) called an open Panel Source Tender for the Provision of Tree Maintenance

This tender was advertised on Tenderlink on 1 June 2021. Seven (7) sets of tender documents were downloaded from the Tenderlink Portal. Tenders closed at 10.00am on 22 June 2021.

Five (5) tenders in total were received from:

- A1 Tree Service (NSW) Pty Ltd
- Asplundh Tree Expert Pty Ltd t/a Summit Open Space Services
- ETS Infrastructure Management Pty Ltd
- Steven Barlow t/a Tree of Us Tree Services
- O.S Trees Pty Ltd

2. Regional Procurement (a Division of Strategic Services NSW) called an open Panel Source Tender for the Provision of Line marking.

This tender was advertised on Tenderlink on 4 May 2021. Ten (10) sets of tender documents were downloaded from the Tenderlink Portal. Tenders closed at 10.00am on 28 May 2021.

Six (6) tenders in total were received from:

- ACT Linemarking Pty Ltd
- Central West Linemarking Pty Ltd t/a Central West Linemarking
- Complete Linemarking Services Pty Ltd
- Country Wide Asphalt and Civil Pty Ltd
- Jenalad Pty Ltd t/a Whiteline Road Services
- Y- Not Linemarking

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3. Regional Procurement (a Division of Strategic Services NSW) called an open Panel Source Tender for the Supply, Deliver and Unload Concrete Products (on site).

This tender was advertised on Tenderlink on 11 May 2021. Five (5) sets of tender documents were downloaded from the Tenderlink Portal. Tenders closed at 10.00am on 1 June 2021.

Three (3) tenders in total were received from:

- CIA Precast & Steel Pty Ltd t/a Advanciv (Late Submission)
- BR Durham & Sons Pty Ltd
- Bruno Altin & Co Pty Ltd

Given the sensitive nature of the information to be provided by the tenderers in accordance with the *of the Local Government Act 1993* 10A (2)(d)(i) as it contains commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed in open Council, prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it. It is recommended that Council considers a further report in Committee of the Whole Closed Council with the press and public excluded.

RECOMMENDATION

That a further report concerning the Regional Procurement Tenders received for the Provision of Tree Maintenance, Provision of Line marking and supply and delivery of culvert components to site be considered in the Committee of a Whole Closed Council with the press and public excluded for the reason as stated in Section 10A (2)(d)(i) of the *Local Government Act 1993* as it contains commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed in open Council, prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it.



ATTACHMENTS

ORDINARY MEETING AGENDA

THURSDAY, 26 AUGUST 2021

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