



COBAR SHIRE COUNCIL

ORDINARY MEETING AGENDA

THURSDAY, 25 MAY 2023

~ ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF COUNTRY~

I wish to acknowledge the Wangaaypuwan (Wangaibon) people of the Ngiyampaa Nation, the traditional custodians of the land of which we gather today.

I wish to acknowledge their continued connection to the land, water and culture and I pay my respects to elder's past, present and emerging.

~ 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
 - John Grogan
 - Brian James Wells
 4. Public Access Forum
 5. Confirmation of Minutes
 - Ordinary Meeting of Council – Thursday, 27 April 2023
 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
 - Bulk Water Treatment Chemicals Tender (T0523240ROC)
 - Trade Waste Service
 - Supply and Delivery of Bulk Fuel (T3-22-10)
 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 – DETERMINATION OF FEES PAID TO MAYOR AND COUNCILLORS

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

ATTACHMENT: NO

AUTHOR: *General Manager, Peter Vlatko*

Purpose

To set the fees payable to the Mayor and Councillors for 2023/2024 financial year in line with the Local Government Remuneration Tribunal's Determination.

Background

Sections 248 and 249 of the Local Government Act require councils to fix and pay an annual fee to councillors and mayors from 1 July 2023 based on the Tribunal's determination for the 2023-24 financial year.

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

Cobar Shire Council currently pays the following annual fee as adopted in May 2021:

Mayor - \$27,060 p.a. monthly in arrears.

Councillor - \$12,400 p.a. monthly in arrears.

The Local Government Remuneration Tribunal has determined an increase of 3% to mayoral and councillor fees for the 2023-24 financial year, with effect from 1 July 2023.

The Tribunal is required to determine the remuneration categories of councils and mayoral offices at least once every three years under section 239 of the *Local Government Act 1993*.

The Tribunal undertook a review of the categories as part of its 2023 determination. The Tribunal has determined the creation of two (2) new remuneration categories, 'Metropolitan Major' and 'Rural Large'.

The Tribunal has also varied the criteria of several existing categories. As a result of the creation of the two new categories and changes to the criteria of some of the existing categories, the Tribunal has re-categorised twenty-six (26) councils into a higher existing category or into a new category.

In its determination, the Tribunal has acknowledged the issues raised in submissions about the remuneration received by mayors and councillors, including a lack of diversity in representation, the changing nature of work required to be undertaken and changed community expectations.

The Tribunal has suggested there would be merit in a comprehensive review of the framework for mayor and councillor remuneration. This will be considered as part of the Government's examination of the broader issues facing local government.

The level of fees paid will depend on the category the council is in.

A council cannot fix a fee higher than the maximum amount determined by the Tribunal.

If a council does not fix a fee, the council must pay the minimum fee determined by the Tribunal.

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

	Councillor/Member Annual Fee (\$) effective 1 July 2023		Mayor/Chairperson Additional Fee* (\$) effective 1 July 2023	
	Min \$	Max \$	Min \$	Max \$
Category: Rural	9,850	13,030	10,490	28,430

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

Financial Implications

The recommended changes are contained within the draft budgets for 2023/2024.

RECOMMENDATION

- 1. That Councillors fees are set at \$13,030 per annum paid monthly in arrears for the twelve months commencing 1 July 2023.**
- 2. That the Mayor's fee is set at \$28,430 per annum, paid monthly in arrears for the twelve months commencing 1 July 2023.**

CLAUSE 2 – MEETING MINUTES

FILE: R5-36 AOP REFERENCE: 3.1 ATTACHMENT: YES (TO BE TABLED)

AUTHOR: *General Manager, Peter Vlatko*

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

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

- Rural Roads Advisory Committee – Wednesday 10th May 2023

Recommendations to be considered by Council:

- Council to review Grid Policy for consideration, to address Grid responsibility and review university feedback.
- Council to review political approach in gaining approval for funding.
- Cobar Shire Council to examine critical areas of overgrown areas on the Neckarbo Road and within the Cobar Shire and work within available funding.
- Cobar Shire Council to invite Roy Butler to the next Rural Roads Meeting.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Minutes and the Recommendations of the Rural Roads Advisory Committee be received and noted.

CLAUSE 3– MONTHLY STATUS REPORT

FILE: C13-10

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. Timeframe to be reviewed. Staff working on this subject to resources available. Discussions commenced with Club Board to resolve the issue; however, the matter is on hold until resources are available.</p> <p>Staff has been allocated to prepare information to negotiate appropriate terms & complete lease or licence with Cobar Bowling & Golf Club.</p> <p>New Meeting to be arranged with the Club Board to discuss lease terms.</p> <p>Meeting held with the General Manager of Cobar Bowling & Golf Club and discussed licence, meeting to be held with Golf Club Board in the new year.</p> <p>Matter on hold at the moment due to resourcing Matter raised with the new Manager and appointment to be booked for further discussions.</p> <p>Meeting Scheduled 08/03/23- not attended new meeting request sent. - no reply following up</p>

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> <p>Still awaiting funding approval</p> <p>After meeting with the Minister, a letter requesting funding has been forwarded.</p> <p>Council received a letter from the Government confirming project is a high priority</p> <p>Transport for NSW have informed council that the pedestrian crossing at the railway line will be subject strategic design process this year</p> <p>Confirmed- development of the project with design is currently being undertaken to achieve funding allocation.</p> <p>Matter is still a priority for the work to be undertaken when funds are available.</p> <p>Transport have advised council that this crossing has been nominated for a trial that involves the installation of a RAXS system. Refer to Engineering Works Report for more details.</p>

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>	<p>Submission being prepared and discussions held with local mines.</p> <p>Met with accountant – draft position paper to be completed for Councils consideration.</p> <p>Council has engaged an Accountant to provide details of the Tax matters and meeting to be held on Wednesday 26 April 2023.</p>

COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 23 March 2023

NUMBER	ITEM	RESOLUTION NUMBER	ACTION BY	ACTION REQUIRED	OUTCOME
1466	Council Meeting- Clause 5- Supply of Trailers	32.03.2023	DES	Under clause 178 of the Regulation, Council resolves to enter into direct negotiations with any person or persons with the intention to enter a contract. Due to the lack of responses, Council has resolved not to invite fresh tenders.	Council staff are researching possible suppliers.

COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 27 April 2023

NUMBER	ITEM	RESOLUTION NUMBER	ACTION BY	ACTION REQUIRED	OUTCOME
1468	Council Meeting- Clause 1- Notice of motion housing and investment portfolio	49.04.2023	GM	<p>1. That Cobar Shire Council (CSC) established a dedicated housing and investment portfolio. The primary purpose of this portfolio is to grow and enhance CSC's current housing stock and grow CSC's housing infrastructure with a view to both bettering CSC's housing stock by selling / upgrading over time, and also having new housing stock available to meet the growing demands in both the CSC business, other areas whereby the shire and its ratepayers may benefit from CSC providing housing. E.g.: medical, childcare etc and also investment housing to provide the income required to fund growth of the portfolio.</p> <p>2. That Cobar Shire Councillors and staff workshop how the portfolio be funded (both initially and ongoing) as part of the normal budgeting process.</p> <p>3. That all current Cobar Shire Council owned housing stock and property assets which do not have existing zoning covenants or other overriding restrictions immediately become part of this portfolio.</p> <p>4. That the housing and investment portfolio be primarily managed /</p>	<p>Housing portfolio provided to Councillors; a more inclusive portfolio currently being prepared by staff.</p> <p>In progress</p> <p>In progress</p> <p>In progress</p>

				maintained by the commercial manager as part of that role, with monthly reports to council provided.	
1469	Council Meeting- Clause 2- Notice of motion FBT Change	50.04.2023	GM	That further to the already passed motion 63.4.2019 - That Cobar Shire Council lobby the federal government (primarily through the mining and energy related council - MERC) for a change in fringe benefits tax rules and concessions regarding credits for FIFO and DIDO workers.	In progress
1470	Council Meeting- Clause 3- Notice of motion Trades Roles	51.04.2023	GM	That Cobar Shire Council senior staff reviews its Organisational chart in relation to trades positions and reports its findings to council within 3 months, with a view to the possibility of combining roles in order to be more competitive in the open market to fill roles without impacting the bottom line of labour costs.	In progress
1471	Council meeting- Clause 4 Draft Cobar CBD masterplan and Grand Precinct	52.04.2023	GM	<p>1. That Council provides a draft Cobar CBD Masterplan and Grand Precinct for public viewing and submission up to the 30th of May 2023 and</p> <p>2. That Council consider the submission and draft Masterplan and Grand Precinct at the June Ordinary Council meeting for adoption</p>	Draft Cobar CBD masterplan and Grand Precinct currently on public viewing. Outcome & report to be presented at June Ordinary Council meeting

1472	Council Meeting- Clause 5 Meeting Minutes	53.04.2023	GM/DPES	<p>1. That Council Consider the following recommendations:</p> <p>a) Council staff to investigate funding opportunities to develop the Tilpa Weir site as a tourist location.</p> <p>b) Staff to complete Grid Policy for Council consideration and to address Grid responsibility.</p> <p>c) That Council introduce better communication channels between landholders in order for the production of more consistent Road Condition Reports.</p> <p>d) That Council seal both roads up to the Church and fire trail behind the Nymagee Pub.</p>	<p>In progress</p> <p>In progress</p> <p>Council have launched One Road State system to communicate road conditions to the public. This is the single, live source of truth and will replace the Road Condition Report that has been used up until this point.</p> <p>These roads have been sealed to the satisfaction of the community. Completed</p>
1473	Council Meeting- Clause 7 Truck Wash user fees	55.04.2023	DPES	<p>That truck wash user fees from 01 May 2023 be set as follows:</p> <p>1. Charge of \$27.50 (including GST) for the purchase of an AV Data key with no refunds offered.</p> <p>2. Charge of \$1 per minute (including GST) for timed usage of the truck wash</p> <p>3. User fees being subject to price escalation through the normal annual budget process.</p>	Completed

RECOMMENDATION That the information contained in the monthly status report be received and noted, with the following items to be removed: 1471 & 1473.

CLAUSE 4 – INTEGRATED PLANNING AND REPORTING SUITE OF DOCUMENTS (COUNCIL’S ANNUAL OPERATIONAL PLAN, BUDGET, FEES AND CHARGES AND REVENUE POLICY)

FILE: L5-22 AOP REFERENCE: 3.3 ATTACHMENT: YES (PAGE 44-163)

AUTHOR: *Finance Manager, Sandra Davey*

Purpose

For Council to place the draft 2023/2024 Annual Operational Plan, (including the Budget, Fees and Charges and Revenue Policy) on public exhibition for 28 days to gain feedback from the community so that appropriate comments can be considered prior to adoption.

Background

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

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

Council will hold a Public Meeting on Wednesday, 14 June 2023 at 6:00pm in the Council Chambers to explain the documents to those interested and to receive feedback.

Executive Summary – Whole of Council Operating

A surplus budget is proposed as follows.

FUND	**REVENUE \$000	EXPENDITURE \$000	SURPLUS/DEFICIT \$000
General	\$41,615	\$41,508	\$107
Water	\$4,522	\$4,701	(\$179)
Sewer	\$1,341	\$1,326	\$15
Total	\$47,478	\$47,535	(\$57)
	**Excluding Capital grants & contributions		

The General fund which forecasts a deficit of \$57k has been prepared on a conservative basis with only known factors being included. It is likely that the current level of grant activity will continue and provide much opportunity for an improved result. These opportunities will be included in the budget process via the quarterly reviews as they become known.

Higher Development Application income from the mining sector provides continued improvement to the Shire business model.

The Early Learning Centre is anticipated to open in mid-2024.

Forecast occupancy for the Lilliane Brady Village shows no growth and it still presents a challenge both financially and in attracting staff to the Western regions.

The Water Fund has been the subject of much review by Officers and Councilors leading up to this draft budget. It is the view of Council Officers that applying an increase to the access charge (fixed) assists to make the water fund income stream less volatile than relying on price increases in the usage component (variable).

The management team is comfortable in recommending a nominal surplus budget for the following reasons.

1. It appears to have no significant risks in the General Fund and Sewer Fund. Whilst inflationary pressures are entering the economic dialogue this budget has used a rate of 7% and this is considered safe.
2. Council has recorded surpluses over recent years and on a rolling performance has performed well.
3. The budget assumes all vacant positions will be filled for the entire year – this is unlikely to happen.
4. Stimulus grant activity will continue and will more than likely create some opportune on its deficit.
5. Council on balance is well managed financially and has the maturity to absorb a small deficit should it occur.
6. The Water Fund has been the subject of extensive discussions and Council is aware of the risks. The Water Fund ten-year plan provides for adequate recovery.

Executive Summary – Capital

A conservative approach has also been applied to capital projects. A capital expenditure forecast of \$30m is proposed but of this only \$2.2m is funded ‘by the rate payer’ with the remainder being grant dependent. Capital works will still be occurring at a very high level as the Ward Oval Development and Early Learning Precinct will be occurring in 23/24.

Executive Summary -Fees and Charges

Where possible fees and charges have been either not increased or the increase has been kept to a nominal percentage. Rates have increased to the rate peg level of 3.7%.

Executive Summary – Borrowings

No additional borrowings are required for this budget.

RECOMMENDATION

1. **That Council place the draft 2023/2024 Annual Operational Plan, Budget, Fees and Charges, Revenue Policy, and Ten-Year Financial Plan on public exhibition for 28 days.**
2. **That Council hold a public meeting on Wednesday, 14 June 2023 at 6:00pm to present the documents and seek community feedback.**

CLAUSE 5– THIRD QUARTERLY REVIEW OF THE ANNUAL OPERATIONAL PLAN 2022/2023 (Q3)

FILE: L5-22 AOP REFERENCE: 3.1 ATTACHMENT: YES (PAGE 164-223)

AUTHOR: *General Manager, Peter Vlatko*

Purpose

To provide Council with a detailed review of all actions outlined in the Annual Operational Plan 2022/2023 for the third quarter (i.e., January to March 2023).

Background

At the July 2022 Ordinary Council Meeting, Council adopted the 2022/2023 Annual Operational Plan (AOP) and Budget. Council is obligated to review the AOP and Budget each quarter, under the NSW Integrated Planning and Reporting legislation and guidelines. It should be remembered that this review is only for the period January to March 2023 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 Q3 of 2022/2023.

Issues

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

Legal Situation

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

Policy Implications

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

Financial Implications

Any financial implications are outlined in the budget review.

Risk Implication

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

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receives and notes the third quarterly review of the 2022/2023 Annual Operational Plan, covering the period January to March 2023.

CLAUSE 6 – GRANT FUNDING

FILE: G4-17

AOP REFERENCE: 3.1.1.3

ATTACHMENT: NO

AUTHOR: *Grants Officer, Bethany Smith***Grant Update****Council Grants**

Grants Applied For	Activity	Amount Applied For	Status	Council Funding Required	Outcome expected/ comments
NSW Children and Young People Wellbeing Recovery Initiative	Hold a community event in Euabalong including children amusement, fairy floss, BBQ, ice cream etc.	\$10,000	Pending	NIL	June 2023
Arts & Cultural Funding Program 2022/23	Installation of the Iron Ring beside the Miners Memorial.	\$15,600	Pending	NIL	July 2023, Iron Ringer Committee to provide a contribution \$10,400
Infrastructure Betterment Fund	Betterment of floodways on Balewa Road and culverts on Wool Track	\$4,985,000	Pending	NIL	June 2023
Volunteering Diversity and Inclusion Grants	To deliver training workshops to support community members with knowledge on how to start, build, engage, support, and manage volunteers.	\$24,150	Pending	NIL	June 2023
REPAIR	The Wool Track seal extension	\$450,000	Pending	\$450,000	June 2023
Regional Event Fund – Flagship	Grey Mardi Gras 2024	\$20,000	Pending	N/A	July 2023
Winter Holiday Break Funding 2023	Let's Roll and Glow 2-hour disco including learn to roller skate workshops at the Cobar Youth and Community Centre	\$7,000	Pending	N/A	June 2023

Grant Outcomes

Grants Applied For	Activity	Amount applied for	Status	Council funding required	Outcomes expected/comments
Outback Arts Country Arts Support Program (CASP)	Copper City copper work	\$3,000	Successful	N/A	Council received \$1,000

Council has committed \$200,000 in the 2022/2023 budget to put towards grant proposals as a co-contribution. \$12,500 has been committed to indoor lighting upgrade at the Cobar Youth and Community Centre. \$5,000 has been committed to NSW Women's Week Event. \$ 2,513 has been committed to Youth Week 2023. **Total co-contribution \$20,013.**

Current Grant Opportunities:

- **Growing Regions Program Round 1** – The Australian Government has announced a total of \$600 million over 3 years for the program. For round 1, \$300 million is available over 3 years. This program aims to deliver community and economic benefits by investing in community-focused infrastructure which revitalises regions and enhancement and liveability throughout the region. The minimum grant amount is \$500,000 and the maximum grant amount is \$15 million. Co-contribution is required. This program will be delivered through a two-stage selection process. The expression of interest (stage 1) opens in July 2023 and closes in August 2023. If successful applicants are invited to submit an application (stage 2) in November 2023.
- **Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Phase 4** - This program supports Councils to deliver priority local road and community infrastructure projects in their region, creating jobs and long-lasting benefits for the communities. The Australian Government has committed to \$750 Million to Phase 4 of the program which includes two components.

Part A: \$500 million to spend on priority local road and community infrastructure projects.

Part B: \$250 million to spend on road projects in rural, regional, and outer urban areas.

The Australian Government has released the funding allocations, Cobar Shire Council have been allocated \$1,085,211 in Part A and \$625,974 in Part B. Total funding allocation of \$1,711,185. The guidelines will be released in the coming months and applications open in July 2023.

- **Aged care infection prevention control** - This program was announced in the 2022-23 budget as part of the Australian Government's response to COVID-19 in aged care. The purpose of this grant is to provide support for more nurses in residential aged care to access infection prevention and control leadership training and ensure all aged care services are well prepared to prevent or manage future infectious disease outbreaks including influenza and COVID-19. Support is available of up to two suitable registered nurses or enrolled nurses in each residential aged care services.

Grant Funded Projects – Implementation

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

- **NSW Government - Stronger Country Communities Fund (SCCF) – Round 3 - Youth Development Officer – 18-month tenure** – This funding is now a priority of the Youth Development and Community Services Coordinator, assessing gaps and ensuring programs are well advertised and easy to access/attend. Program will close in June 2023.
- **NSW Government - Stronger Country Communities Fund (SCCF) – Round 3 Euabalong Scenic Walking Trail** – Project impacted by Lachlan River flooding, waiting until water subsides predicting works can start late April. Council is still awaiting on final planning approvals to be processed. Time extension approved for the completion in December 2023.
- **NSW Government – Stronger Country Communities Fund (SCCF) – Round 5 - New LED lighting Ward Oval Cobar** – Council will engage PWA to project manage this project along with all other projects at Ward Oval, council are considering including lights for the netball courts. Sourcing quotes for lights - **Euabalong Hall Revitalisation** – planning has commenced.
- **NSW Government – Regional Growth Fund & Federal Government - Building Better Regions Fund (Round 4) - Ward Oval Multi-Purpose Building and Early Learning Centre** – Construction has commenced. Project progressing well.
- **Showgrounds Stimulus Funding phase 2B – Sealing of the Ward Oval Car Park.** Project complete, completion report will be submitted before July 2023.
- **Resources for Regions round 7 (R4R7) - Stage 1 – existing industrial estate - including roads and storm water upgrades** – variation submitted for time extension please refer to the Engineering works report for project update **and Resources for regions round 8 (R4R8) Cobar Industrial Estate Road and Storm water Upgrades - Stage 2** – Variation submitted for a time extension. Please refer to Engineering works report for project update.
- **Resources for regions – round 8 (R4R8) Business Case Studies (BCS) Including: Activating Cobar's CBD (BCS)** Final draft document of the CBD masterplan and business case has been adopted and currently on public exhibition until 30th of May **and Dalton Park's Wetlands project (BCS)** Council has submitted a time extension, approved until January 2024.
- **Resources for regions round 8 - (R4R8) - Great Cobar Museum - Coach House and Landscaping - (Stage 2 works)** - Cost estimate received is well over budget, reviewed design. To progress the team agreed at this stage to remove landscaping and exhibitions from this budget. (This is now funded under RFR9) Applied for a time extension and scope change to not include landscaping works.
- **Resources for regions – round 8 (R4R8) - Early Intervention Outreach Program** – First initial assessments complete. Working with the engaged psychologist now to program phase 2.

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- **Resources for regions – round 8 (R4R8)- Ward Oval Multipurpose building – area kitchen, canteen, bar, stage, and office**– Construction has commenced. Project progressing well.
 - **Resources for regions – round 9 (RFR9) - Euabalong Pump Station Disaster Resilience and Safety Upgrades –Louth Road Reservoir Asset Renewal Project** - please refer to the Water and Wastewater report for update
 - **Resources for regions – round 9 (RFR9) Booberoi Road Bridge Replacement, Round Hill Road Bridge Replacement, Cobar Footpath connector and DDA project, and Cobar Airport Masterplan** – please refer to the Engineering works report for update.
 - **Resources for regions – round 9 (RFR9) - Cobar Early Intervention Program Phase 2** – Currently planning this phase with key stakeholders, funding will not be used until RFR8 is fully absorbed. **Youth services program phase 2** – planning has commenced however Council won't start delivering this project until we have absorbed all of the SCCF round 3 funding. **Cobar Museum Phase 2 & 3 redevelopment exhibition and object display project** – planning commenced.
 - **Crown Reserves Improvement Fund Program - Euabalong Sportsground and Racecourse** – Project is to purchase and erect a permanent showground arena and cattle yards. Steel has arrived construction to commence this month.
 - **School Zone Infrastructure Program Round 2 -Barton and Marshall Street, Cobar walking route upgrade** – please refer to the Engineering works report for update.
 - **Regional Tourism Activation Fund – Stream One - Unique and High Impact Visitor Experiences - Stage 3 of The Great Cobar Museum upgrades, including a Mine Walk and Underground Experience.** Cost estimate received is well over budget, currently reviewing design. Agreed with the funding body to stage this project. Approved time extension still waiting to receive funding deed.
 - **Bulk water metering project** - Please refer to the Water and Wastewater report for project update
 - **NSW Planning Portal API Grant Program** - To assist with integrating Councils new finance system, with the planning portal. The funding has been received and will be incorporated into the ERP implementation project to go towards the Planning Portal API component of the project. Councils' new ERP system provider are currently developing the API and hope to be delivered by May 2023.
 - **Reconnecting Regional NSW – Community Event Program** – Three events to be hosted by Cobar Shire Council. Council worked with ROEF to deliver 2 events, completed. Council will hold a 'Bands in the Bush' event. Time extension until January 2024 approved. Council to deliver this event in September 2023, planning preparation have commenced.

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- **Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Phase 3 – Airport runway sealing upgrades – (Est) \$1,000,000.00** – planning has commenced, REF has been arranged. Sealing works have been arranged works are scheduled. **99KW solar project at the Filtration plan - \$100,000.00.** Time extension approved until June 2024. Please refer to the Water and Wastewater report for project update **Industrial Estate – (Est) \$920,422.00,** please refer to the Engineering works report for project update.
 - **Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Phase 3 - Town Beautification – (Est) \$150,000.00** – Council has received approval from Essential Energy to paint an extra 2 electrical boxes within the CBD. Painting of the boxes will commence soon. Scoping session to plot the location of trees that will be planted through the CBD area, entrances to town and the ward oval is complete, trees are scheduled to be planted in a couple months. Engagement for an artist to complete a mural in the CBD has started. Approved time extension until June 2024.
 - **Female Friendly Community Sport Facilities and Lighting Upgrades – Indoor lighting upgrade and installation of security lights at Cobar Youth and Community Centre** – Received funding deed. Project has not started.
 - **Fixing Local Roads Round 4 – Seal extension on shire road 20 Grain Road** – deed received. Please refer to the Engineering works report for project update.
 - **Fixing Local Roads Pothole Repair – short term repairs of priority potholes and road repair on local and regional roads** - Please refer to the Engineering works report for project update.
 - **Flood damage from November 2021 Event (EPA)** – please refer to the Engineering works report for project update.
 - **Regional and Local Roads Repair Program – sealing and widening of Kiacatoo Road and the installation of culverts beneath Lachlan Valley Way** - Deed received, completing the work plan. Please refer to the Engineering works report for project update.
 - **NSW Local Government Recovery Grants Program – Replacement of feeder pipe at Euabalong West water supply and Euabalong & Euabalong West reservoirs epoxy coating** – Currently waiting on the program of works to be distributed to Council to complete. Please refer to the Water and Wastewater report for project update.
 - **Fixing Country Roads Round 6 – Wool track seal extension** – Currently waiting in the fully executed funding deed. Please refer to the Engineering works report for project update.
 - **Electronic National Residential Medication Chart Adoption Grant** - Implementation of an eNRMC system at the Lilliane Brady Village Hostel. Planning has commenced project will be complete before April 2024 as per funding agreement.
 - **Aged care Registered Nurses Payment to reward clinical skills and leadership - Round 1** – 4 registered nurses that were eligible for the payment receive \$6,000 each to reward clinical skills and leadership. Payment to each nurse is complete.

RECOMMENDATION

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

CLAUSE 7 – INVESTMENT REPORT AS AT APRIL 2023**FILE: B2-7****AOP REFERENCE: 3.1.1.7****ATTACHMENT: NO****AUTHOR: Finance Manager, 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 March 2023. Term deposits have differing terms to spread the maturity dates throughout the year. Further upfront grant funding from the Department of Regional NSW has been paid to Council. This provided for another significant increase in cashflow.

Investments	Rate	Bank	Opening Balance	Transfers to Investment	Transfers from Investment	Interest Earned	Closing Balance
NAB Sweep Acct	Variable	NAB	\$ 8,731,805	\$ 2,375,917	\$ 3,124,403	\$ 22,441	\$ 8,005,760
Aug-23	4.45%	AMP	\$ 2,059,776			\$ 7,534	\$ 2,067,310
Oct-23	4.50%	NAB	\$ 2,049,361	\$ 2,000,000	\$ 2,049,361	\$ 6,411	\$ 2,006,411
May-23	4.25%	NAB	\$ 5,059,052			\$ 17,672	\$ 5,076,724
May-23	4.55%	AMP	\$ 3,048,924			\$ 11,402	\$ 3,060,326
Sep-23	4.35%	AMP	\$ 5,060,447			\$ 18,093	\$ 5,078,540
Mar-23	4.50%	NAB	\$ 5,000,000			\$ -	\$ 5,000,000
Aug-23	4.39%	NAB	\$ 3,029,294			\$ 10,930	\$ 3,040,224
Oct-23	5.00%	NAB	\$ 5,019,863			\$ 20,630	\$ 5,040,493
TOTALS	Average Int	4.50%	\$39,058,522	\$4,375,917	\$5,173,764	\$115,112	\$38,375,787

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.

S Davey

Finance Manager**RECOMMENDATION**

That Council receive and note the Investment Report as of April 2023.

**CLAUSE 8 - BANK RECONCILIATION, CASH FLOW & LOAN FACILITY
SUMMARIES AS AT APRIL 2023**

FILE: B2-7

AOP REFERENCE: 3.1.1.5

ATTACHMENT: NO

AUTHOR: *Finance Manager, 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	-
Less Unpresented Cheques	-

Reconciled Balance	10,000
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In accordance with the requirements of the Local Government Act, 1993, I hereby certify that the Cash Book has been reconciled with the appropriate Bank Statements daily during the month and that the reconciliations have been recorded.

S. Davey

Finance Manager

Monthly Total Funds Available for the Last 12 Months

Month	Investment Balances	Operating Account	Total Available Funds
May 22	25,552,375	(13,646)	25,538,729
Jun 22	23,440,807	13,196	23,454,003
Jul 22	21,870,880	26,524	21,897,404
Aug 22	23,788,221	12,696	23,800,917
Sep 22	22,490,096	10,000	22,500,096
Oct 22	21,405,472	10,000	21,415,472
Nov 22	21,919,968	10,000	21,929,968
Dec 22	32,598,706	10,000	32,608,706
Jan 23	37,870,525	10,000	37,880,525
Feb 23	41,837,447	10,000	41,847,447
Mar 23	39,058,522	10,000	39,068,522
Apr 23	38,375,787	10,000	38,385,787

Cash Flow

Current Month		Description	Forecast
Forecast	Actual		Next Month
10,000	10,000	Bank Balance Forward	10,000
1,200,000	1,486,003	FAG / R2R / RMCC	500,000
15,043	15,043	Services NSW	15,043
650,000	64,821	Rates /Water/User Charges	650,000
200,000	89,388	Private Works/Debtors	200,000
400,000	349,389	LBV – Residents Fees & Subsidies	400,000
100,000	228,155	Children’s Services (net)	150,000
2,000,000	797,847	Net Movement of Investments	2,000,000
500,000	981,378	Sundry Income & Grants	500,000
		<i>Less</i>	
(3,000,000)	(3,209,881)	Creditors	(3,000,000)
(850,000)	(822,143)	Wages / Salaries	(850,000)
10,000	10,000	Bank Reconciliation Cr/(Dr)	10,000

Loan Facility Report as of April 2023

Swimming Pool and Street Upgrade Loan (6.22%)	(152,698)
Grids and Culverts Loan (3.44%)	(2,416,666)

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receive and note the Bank Reconciliation, Monthly Total Funds Available, Cash Flow and Loan Facility Report as of April 2023.

CLAUSE 9 – PURCHASING ANALYSIS OF CONTRACTORS**FILE: T3-15-6****AOP REFERENCE: 3.3.4****ATTACHMENT: NO****AUTHOR: *Finance Manager, 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, 2022 – April 30, 2023, and the method of procurement used.

CONTRACTOR	DESCRIPTION OF WORKS AND METHOD OF PROCUREMENT	CURRENT MONTH	2022/2023
CRUSHRITE PTY LTD	GRAVEL CRUSHING (TENDER)	360,395	2,844,987
COUNTRY WIDE ASPHALT PTY LTD	ROAD WORKS (TENDER)	54,807	1,997,331
KILLARD INFRASTRUCTURE PTY LTD	RETICULATION UPGRADE (TENDER)	0	1,608,679
DEPELER EARTHMOVING	PLANT HIRE (TENDER)	176,490	1,146,805
TOLBRA EARTHMOVERS & HAULAGE PTY LT	PLANT HIRE (TENDER)	692,610	1,099,141
STANAWAY PTY LTD T/AS DAVID PAYNE	COBAR HERITAGE CENTRE (TENDER)	135,291	1,033,879
WESTRAC EQUIPMENT	PLANT PURCHASE (TENDER)	1,021,467	1,021,467
VINIDEX PTY LTD	STORMWATER PIPES (TENDER)	1,807	905,998
DANPICK PTY LTD T/A ADELAIDE CUSTOM	CARAVANS (TENDER)	6,962	710,562
THE MINING PTY LTD	RMS CONTRACT (RFQ)	0	639,434
AS PER PLAN CONSTRUCTION	CONSTRUCTION WORK (TENDER/RFQ)	126,459	594,587
BRUNO ALTIN & CO PTY LTD	CULVERTS (TENDER)	56,546	479,152
JR MAY & JR MAY EARTHMOVING PTY LTD	PLANT HIRE (TENDER)	155,597	409,860

J.A MCCLURE & J.J MCCLURE & MCCLURE	PLANT HIRE (TENDER)	139,245	391,426
NOME'S TIDY HOMES	CLEANING SERVICES (RFQ)	54,757	375,776
TRONIC GROUP PTY LTD	IT SERVICES (RFQ)	51,022	362,573
DEPARTMENT OF REGIONAL NSW	GOVERNMENT CONSULTING SERVICES (GOV)	84,092	360,468
CASTLYN PTY LTD T/A INLAND PETROLEUM	FUEL (TENDER)	310	333,238
WATERTITE WATERPROOFING PTY LTD	BORE TANKS (RFQ)	0	327,097
COUNTRY MILE CONSTRUCTIONS	CONSTRUCTION WORK (RFQ)	0	322,310
AQUA WEST	WARD OVAL IRRIGATION (RFQ)	17,534	295,760
LEISURE & RECREATION GROUP	POOL MANAGEMENT (TENDER)	0	276,520
BROUGHTON CONTRACTING PTY LTD	PLANT HIRE (TENDER)	0	261,091
ZONDA PEOPLE HEALTHCARE RECRUITMENT	LABOUR HIRE (RFQ)	233,171	247,164
TAWSON PTY LTD T/AS WATSON DRILLING	BORE DRILLING (RFQ)	0	246,328
LACHLAN SHIRE COUNCIL	GRAVEL	0	236,500
EARTHMOVING EQUIPMENT AUSTRALIA PTY LTD	PLANT PURCHASE (TENDER)	210,067	210,067
WOODHAM PETROLEUM SERVICES	FUEL (TENDER)	172,530	208,389
DUNN & HILLAM ARCHITECTS	VARIOUS PROJECTS (YOUTH CENTRE, EARLY LEARNING CENTRE) (QUOTES)	1,386	206,468
I J CHASE GRADER CONTRACTING	PLANT HIRE (TENDER)	11,165	183,343
BTX GROUP	CHEMICALS	14,288	174,455
MAGIQ SOFTWARE LTD	ERP SOFTWARE (TENDER)	144,195	174,129
BLUEDOG FENCES AUSTRALIA PTY LTD	FENCING (RFQ)	0	166,001
FIELDFORCE4 PTY LTD	CONSULTANT SERVICES (RFQ)	0	164,031
ROLLERS AUSTRALIA PTY LTD	PLANT HIRE (TENDER)	11,318	157,787
BOB BRUCE EARTHWORKS PTY LTD	PLANT HIRE (TENDER)	38,554	153,928
COATES HIRE OPERATIONS	PLANT HIRE (TENDER)	26,216	153,750
AG BARKLIMORE PTY LTD T/A PARKES TO	PLANT PURCHASE (RFQ)	0	143,597
KML INDUSTRIES	TRADES SERVICE/HARDWARE	21,046	142,171
TOWN & COUNTRY WATER TANKS PTY LTD	PLANT PURCHASE (RFQ)	0	137,898
DM PARNABY & SW PARNABY T/A BALLIMO	EUABALONG SALE YARDS (RFQ)	0	137,130
APRILLA GRIDS PTY LTD	GRIDS (RFQ)	0	134,915

DAMAGE CONTROL PROJECT MANAGEMENT PTY LTD	LABOUR HIRE (RFQ)	75,129	125,259
BOUCHER ADVISORY	LABOUR HIRE (RFQ)	118,075	118,075
ROYLANCES	PLANT (RFQ)	0	114,915
SPIKYRHINO PTY LTD T/A MARK'S ENVIR	PLANT HIRE (RFQ)	114,334	114,334
MCINTOSH FENCING PTY LTD	RMS CONTRACT (RFQ)	0	107,703
STEELWORKS ENGINEERING PTY LTD	RESERVOIR ROOF UPGRADE (TENDER)	105,847	105,847
POLYFABRICATIONS	CONSTRUCTION WORK (RFQ)	62,401	101,510
MODUS AUSTRALIA	EUABALONG TOILET BLOCK (RFQ)	0	87,707
TRACSERV PTY LTD	PLANT PURCHASE (RFQ)	447	84,583
KILLEEN PLANT HIRE	ACRES BILLABONG (TENDER)	0	81,587
DUBBO CITY TOYOTA	PLANT PURCHASE (RFQ)	0	80,636
ENABLEU HEALTH SOLUTIONS PTY LTD	LABOUR HIRE (RFQ)	75,857	75,857

Local Suppliers	\$7,788,741
Non-Local Suppliers	\$14,585,460
Total purchases over \$80,000 2022/2023	<u>\$22,374,202</u>

RECOMMENDATION

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

CLAUSE 10 - TOURISM & EVENTS UPDATE REPORT

FILE: M5-1 & T4-1 AOP REFERENCE: 2.2.1.1

ATTACHMENT: YES

(PAGE 224-228)

AUTHOR: *Tourism Manager, Demi Smith*

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to provide Council with an update on Tourism, Events and the tourism teams activities carried out from January - April 2023.

Background

This report provides a quarterly update to Council as a status and activity report for January – April 2023 in relation to Tourism, Events and Projects carried out by the Tourism team at Cobar Shire Council.

RECOMMENDATION

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

CLAUSE 11 – DEVELOPMENT APPROVALS: 19 APRIL 2023 – 16 MAY 2023**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 19 April 2023 – 16 May 2023

The value of Complying Development approvals for 2022/2023 to date is \$21,000.00.

The value of Complying Development approvals for the similar period in 2021/2022 was **\$149,770.00**

Local Development Approvals

The following Local Development Applications were approved under delegated authority for the period 19 April 2023 – 16 May 2023

CERTIFICATE NO.	ADDRESS	DESCRIPTION	VALUE (\$)
DA23/016	Blakey St, Cobar	Pylon Sign Structure	35,000
DA23/014	Brough St, Cobar	Alts & Adds to Existing Dwelling, Construction of Detached Metal Shed & Installation of Inground Swimming Pool	450,000.00

The value of Local Development approvals for 2022/2023 to date is \$117,241,694.20

The value of Local Development approvals for the similar period in 2021/2022 was **\$45,973,303.00**

Construction Certificates

The following Construction Certificates were issued for the period 19 April 2023 – 16 May 2023

CERTIFICATE NO.	ADDRESS	DESCRIPTION
CC23/007	Lot 13 Longworth St, Cobar	Detached Metal Shed
CC23/004	Lot 40 Bradley St, Cobar	Lean-To Skillion Roof
2022/CB-0023	CSA Mine Access Rd, Cobar	SAG Mill No. 1

RECOMMENDATION

That the information detailing the Local Development and Construction Certificate approvals for the period 19 April 2023 - 16 May 2023 be received and noted.

CLAUSE 12 – ENGINEERING WORKS REPORT

FILE: C6-20-2

AOP REFERENCE: 4.3.2

ATTACHMENT: NO

AUTHOR: *Director Engineering Services - Charles Taveira*

Purpose

To inform Council of completed and ongoing Engineering Works for the period up to April 2023.

Background

State Highways

Major Maintenance Work

- Heavy Patching work orders have been received from Transport for NSW. Council has approximately 150 patches to complete, with the majority being flood related damage. These works will commence April/May.
- The stabilising and sealing of the car park area for Bulla Park rest area will be undertaken during the Heavy Patching program.
- Resealing program cannot commence along Kidman Way South and Barrier Highway West until heavy patching has been completed.
- Council is awaiting a Works Order for the replacement of a deteriorated ARMCO pipe under the Barrier Highway, approximately 9.6km west of Cobar.

Construction Work

- 78 Mile and Barrier Highway intersection – As an initial stage for the upgrade of this intersection, culverts have now been installed. The physical road construction work will commence immediately after the heavy patching works have been completed.
- The Australian Pipeline Authority (APA) is undertaking inspections of their gas pipeline under roads within the Shire. Council has completed the construction of a sidetrack on the Barrier Hwy, approximately 117km west of Cobar.

Urban Roads/Shire Roads/Regional Roads

- 52 Mile Road Sealing – the sealing of the 52 Mile Rd under the REPAIR Program is well underway with gravel crushing, gravelling, formation grading and stabilising works. Under the revised scope, it is planned to have approximately 12km of sealed road constructed.
- Cobar Industrial Estate Road and Stormwater Upgrades – Council has engaged a consulting project manager to administer the project for Council and to complete a re-design to assess whether achieve cost-savings can be achieved. We are waiting on proposals from civil construction companies for separable construction works. A geotechnical firm is preparing a proposal to complete pavement designs. Box culvert deliveries and steadily flowing in.

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- Euabalong Bore – Council has received a quote for the creation of a new bore at Hercules St, Euabalong. The drilling contractor has been booked in to commence drilling in May.
 - Shire-wide culvert and grid replacement program – Tenders have been awarded for the removal and replacement of damaged culverts across the shire. These works are progressing well. In addition to this, the installation of major culverts at Angels Pass and Sandy Creek have been installed. Road works will commence in the coming weeks.
 - Fixing Local Roads Round 4 – Council has successfully obtained \$3M funding under this grant opportunity. Council will be sealing 15km of the existing unsealed road along Grain Rd, including the concrete stabilisation of five flood ways. Preliminary survey work has been arranged.
 - Fixing Country Roads – Council has submitted the funding deed to secure \$6.49M to seal 40km of the Wool Track. The Deed is currently with the State to finalise.
 - Regional & Local Roads Repair Program – Council has successfully obtained \$4.085M funding under this program. A works schedule is being developed for this program with the funds to be directed at corrective maintenance.
 - Fixing Local Roads Pothole Repair – Council has successfully obtained \$769K funding under this program. Works have commenced across numerous sites across the shire.
 - Resource for Regions - Council has successfully obtained \$1.135M funding for the Cobar Footpath Connector and DDA Project. Project is currently being scoped with a view for it to be tendered by June 2023. These works will be completed in accordance with Council’s Active Transport Plan.
 - Resource for Regions – Council has been successful in obtaining \$5.5M for the replacement of the Booberoi Rd and Round Hill Rd bridges. These sites are currently being surveyed in preparation for design work to commence. Council is proposing to engage a project manager to oversee the two bridges.
 - Bourke Rd Level Crossing – Transport for NSW will be trialing new technology at the Old Bourke Rd level crossing. This technology is known as Rail Activated Crossing Safety System (RAXS) and is a solar powered and wireless crossing system that allows for not only fast and cost-effective installation and operation but includes trigger detection to alert motorists of approaching trains. The timing of this installation is yet to be confirmed.

Cobar Airport Runway Sealing and Vegetation Clearance Works

- Sealing works are scheduled to occur in October/November 2023 as this is a more suitable time for the rubber binder. In conjunction with these works, vegetation clearance works within the airport will also be conducted as identified via a recent audit. Council is currently awaiting the submission of the REF before works commence.

Flood Damage

- Council has successfully received funding for emergency flood damage works to urgently restore assets in localised areas that were severely impacted by the recent October 2022 storms. These works have included stabilising, sealing, widening, gravelling, culvert replacement, drainage maintenance and gravel crushing. These works must be completed by 30 June 2023 in accordance with grant conditions. Discussions have commenced with TfNSW to look at moving some of the flood damage works not completed by 30 June 2023 into EPA.
- EPA (Essential Public Assets) – Council is undertaking repair of flood damaged assets which were scoped by a consultant on behalf of council following the March 2022 flood event. Council has two years to repair the roads with a budget of \$2.8M in accordance with grant conditions. In the interest of efficiencies, Council is undertaking these works in conjunction with emergency works.

Water and Sewer

- Nyngan, Hermidale, and Cobar Pump Station Permanent Replacement - Concept design and Geotech was awarded to SMEC late 2022. The concept design is currently underway and anticipated to be completed in June 2023. The 95% design review has been completed.
- Nyngan and Hermidale Temporary Replacement Pump Stations - Hermidale temporary pump station is progressing to final design with the safety in design workshop concluded in March 2023.
- Nyngan to Cobar 110km Replacement Pipeline - The business case for pipeline funding is being refined and will be submitted in September 2023 for assessment.
- 8ML Water Treatment Plant - Defects that are outstanding are continually being discussed with contractor. Substantial completion has been achieved.
- Water Treatment Plant Shed - The shed is exempt from development application. The Review of Environmental Factors was signed off in March 2023. The construction contract was executed in March 2023.
- Water Treatment Plant Solar Arrays - Tender for WTP Solar array construction was accepted in April 2023. Construction pending the completion of the WTP Shed.

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- Reticulation Replacement Stage 1 and Million Gallon Tank Refurbishment - Phase 1 reticulation replacement and million gallon tank refurbishment is complete
 - Integrated Water Cycle Management Plan - IWCM is currently considering the options proposed.
 - Bulk Water Metering - Bulk water metering areas have been determined. Installation is now underway.
 - Leak Detection and Pressure Monitoring - Pressure management areas have been determined and data logging is underway. Pressure monitoring is integrated with SCADA. Early indications suggest pressure reduction valves need to be installed for customers downstream of hospital.
 - Euabalong Pump Station Replacement – Consultants have been engaged to undertake the concept design, with a site visit completed in March 2023.
 - Euabalong Pipeline Replacement – Phase 1 - 2km of temporary pipework have been installed and the pump station has restored supply to Euabalong West. Concept design and survey for the permanent upgrade is underway.
 - Green Tank '7ML' Refurbishment and Pressure Pump Station - Detailed design is underway with an alternative option that will aim reduce ongoing operational expense.
 - Cobar Water Reticulation Upgrade Stage 2 - Reticulation replacement is complete.

Depot Works

- Depot Truck Wash – the facility is operational and has been commissioned. Council is currently awaiting the receipt of the occupancy certificate from the building certifier. Council has also received notification that Essential Energy will be undertaking the connection of mains power to this facility with the date yet to be determined.
- Depot Masterplan – a development approval process is to commence shortly for the construction of a consolidated storage shed that services all work groups. The construction of this shed will allow for the removal of other storage facilities that have reached the end of their serviceable life. Consultation with stakeholders and scoping of the shed has commenced.

RECOMMENDATION

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

CLAUSE 13 – EXPENDITURE FOR ROADS NETWORK

FILE: R5-31 AOP REFERENCE: 4.3.2 ATTACHMENT: YES (PAGE 229-238)

AUTHOR: *Director of Engineering, Charles Taveira*

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 Claim (Grey) is provided as an attachment for Council’s information.

RECOMMENDATION

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

**CLAUSE 1C – BULK WATER TREATMENT CHEMICALS TENDER
(T052324OROC)**

FILE: T3-2

ATTACHMENT: NO

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

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to consider the tenders received for the procurement of Bulk Water Treatment Chemicals (T052324OROC).

Background

Request for tenders for the procurement of Bulk Water Treatment Chemicals was called by Regional Procurement on behalf of Cobar Shire Council and 8 other Councils. This tender was published on Tenderlink on 21 February 2023. Tenders closed at 10.00am on 14 March 2023.

Nine (9) tenders in total were received from:

- BTX Group Pty Ltd
- Chemiplas Australia Pty Ltd
- Colonial Chemicals Australia Pty Ltd
- Formula Chemicals (NSW) Pty Ltd
- Ixom Operations Pty Ltd
- James Cumming and Sons Pty Ltd
- Chemprod Nominees Pty Ltd t/a Omega Chemicals
- SNF (Australia) Pty Ltd
- Redox Ltd

Given the sensitive nature of the information provided by the tenderers it is recommended that Council considers a further report in the Committee of the Whole Closed Council with the press and public excluded.

Legal Situation

The tender has been conducted in accordance with Clause 166(a) of the *Local Government (General) Regulation 2005* (NSW).

RECOMMENDATION

That a further report concerning the tenders received for the procurement of Bulk Water Treatment Chemicals (T052324OROC) 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.

CLAUSE 2C- TRADE WASTE SERVICE

FILE: W1-3

AOP REFERENCE:

ATTACHMENT: NO

AUTHOR: *Director of Engineering Services, Charles Taveira*

Purpose

To consider the future of the trade waste service currently being delivered by Council.

Background

Council currently delivers a trade waste service for the Cobar and Canbelego communities. Trade waste collections is considered a critical service predominantly for the business communities but not one traditionally undertaken by local governments. Cobar Shire has however, delivered this service for many years in the absence of any alternative service provider within this region.

In recent years, the landscape has somewhat changed with the attraction of two (2) service providers into the local area who are fully equipped and capable to deliver this service should council resolve to cease collecting and disposing of trade waste into the future. In fact, these service providers have delivered this service on behalf of Council when it could not undertake their collections.

Alternatively, council may choose to retain this service as it can attract a significant ongoing income but, will need to acknowledge that there will need to be an investment in this area to make this proposition viable.

It is now an opportune time to consider whether council continues to deliver this service into the future.

Legal Situation

Given the sensitive nature of the information provided it is recommended that Council considers a further report in the Committee of the Whole Closed Council with the press and public excluded, in accordance with Section 10A (2)(d)(i) of the Local Government Act 1993.

RECOMMENDATION

That a further report regarding the future of the council's trade waste service be considered in the Committee of the Whole Closed Council with the press and public excluded for the reason as stated in Section 10A (2)(d)(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.

CLAUSE 3C- SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF BULK FUEL (T3-22-10)

FILE: T3-22-10

AOP REFERENCE:

ATTACHMENT: NO

AUTHOR: *Director of Engineering, Charles Taveira*

Purpose

To consider council's participation in a regional contract for the Supply and Delivery of Bulk Fuel.

Background

The contract with Castlyn (Inland Petroleum) for the Supply and Delivery of Bulk Fuel expired on 30 September 2021.

At its Ordinary Council meeting in December 2022, council resolved to participate in Regional Procurement's contract T481920OROC for the Supply and Delivery of Bulk Fuel until its end date of 30 June 2023. This contract is now approaching its end and a new contract needs to be considered by council.

Regional Procurement has called for tenders for the Supply & Delivery of Bulk Fuel (T042324OROC) on behalf of eleven (11) local government authorities to attract economies of scale.

The following Councils participated in this Tender process:

- Bogan Shire
- **Cobar Shire**
- Gunnedah Shire
- Warren Shire
- Bourke Shire
- Coonamble Shire
- Narromine Shire
- Warrumbungle Shire
- Brewarrina Shire
- Gilgandra Shire
- Walgett Shire

This tender was published on Tenderlink on 21 February 2023.

Tenders closed at 10.00am on 14 March 2023.

Eight (8) tenders in total were received from:

- Castlyn Pty Ltd t/a Inland Petroleum
- Lidocole Pty Ltd t/a Hopes Fuel Supplies
- K&S Freighters Pty Ltd t/a Aero Refuellers
- Liberty Oil Australia Pty Ltd
- Ocwen Energy Pty Ltd t/a Lowes Petroleum Services
- Woodham Petroleum Pty Ltd t/a Woodham Petroleum Services
- World Fuel Services (Australia) Pty Ltd
- Park Pty Ltd

This contract will run for 24 months from 1 July 2023 to 30 June 2025. A 12-month option may be taken up based on satisfactory performance by the contractor/s.

Legal Situation

Council has complied with the requirements of the Local Government Act 1993 and the Local Government (General) Regulation 2005 Part 7.

Given the sensitive nature of the information provided it is recommended that Council considers a further report in the Committee of the Whole Closed Council with the press and public excluded.

RECOMMENDATION

That a further report regarding the Regional Procurement contract T042324OROC for the Supply and Delivery of Bulk Fuel be considered in the Committee of the Whole Closed Council with the press and public excluded for the reason as stated in Section 10A (2)(d)(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, 25 MAY 2023

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