

PRESENT:

APOLOGIES:

DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Calendar of Events	
August - September	
August	
28	Traffic Meeting @ 10am
28	Special Meeting Premiers Dept Reps 1pm
30	Corporate Services Committee GM Review
September	
TBA	Council
3	Euston Beautification Committee Meeting @9am
3	Tourism & Development Committee Meeting @ 5pm
4	Balranald Beautification Committee Meeting @ 7pm
9-11	LGNSW Water Management – Cr O’Halloran
11	Infrastructure & Development Meeting
11	Code of Conduct Training GM, Mayor & DCS
12	LEMC @ 10.30
24	Community Safety Precinct Meeting @ 2pm

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Recommendation:

That:

“The minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on Tuesday 16th July 2013 copies having previously been circulated to each Councillor be taken as read and confirmed”.

PRESENTATION/DELEGATIONS

MAYORAL MINUTE/REPORT

COMMITTEE REPORTS FOR ADOPTION

COMMITTEE & OTHER REPORTS FOR INFORMATION

DELEGATES REPORTS

NOTICES OF MOTION/RECISSION

	Info	Reply	Report	Decide
GM				AM
DID				
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NOTICE OF MOTION

That the Standing Orders be amended to allow the September Ordinary Meeting of Council to be held on 10 September 2013 commencing at 6.00pm.



Cr Purtill

18/07/2013

Balranald Shire Council
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MOTION: Any correspondence received by Council calling for Council input to Conferences is to be circulated to Councillors and included in next Council Agenda after receiving such correspondence.

Cr. Lynda Cooke

Balranald Shire.
Friday 9th August, 2013.

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DATE				9/8/13
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MOTION: For the Australian Local Government Association to return any ratepayers money to Balranald Shire Council re the non eventuation of political campaign to promote the yes vote to recognise Local Government in the Federal Constitution.

Cr. Lynda Cooke

Balranald Shire.
Friday 9th August, 2013

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GENERAL MANAGERS REPORTS (Incorporating all Staff Reports)

Corporate Services Division

Item C - 1	STATEMENT OF FUNDS	
Reporting Officer	DCS – Robert Rayner	File 85

Purpose of Report

Funds Report for the Month Ending 31st July 2013

Report

Bank Reconciliation

Balance B/F From Previous Month	694,310.09
ADD Receipts for Month:	
Debtors	214,930.66
Rates & Water	72,152.83
Hostel Subsidy	58,544.93
Repair Program - MR67	36,917.10
Other Revenue	93,449.89
	475,995.41
LESS Payments for the Month:	
Contractors Plant Hire	49,326.14
BAS - June 13	34,018.00
Insurance	259,536.86
NSW RFS & Emergency Service	50,234.25
Loan Repayment	7,405.25
Other Payments	689,699.38
	1,090,219.88
Cash Book Balance as at End of Month	80,085.62
LESS Outstanding Deposits as at end of Month	-
ADD Unpresented Cheques as at end of Month	81,424.63
Bank Balance as at End of Month	161,510.25

Funds Held

Funds	General	DWM	Water	Sewer	Combined
Bank	- 443,742.30	89,863.33	249,543.19	184,421.40	80,085.62
Investment	4,600,000.00	-	-	1,400,000.00	6,000,000.00
TOTAL	4,156,257.70	89,863.33	249,543.19	1,584,421.40	6,080,085.62
Restricted	1,520,703.44				1,520,703.44
Working Funds	2,635,554.26	89,863.33	249,543.19	1,584,421.40	4,559,382.18

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Investment Held:	Bankwest	\$	1,000,000.00
	Bendigo	\$	500,000.00
	Commonwealth	\$	500,000.00
	IMB Ltd	\$	1,000,000.00
	NAB	\$	1,000,000.00
	Suncorp	\$	1,000,000.00
	Westpac	\$	1,000,000.00
		\$	6,000,000.00

All investments shown have been made in accordance with Section 625 of the Local Government Act 1993, the regulations and council's investment policy.

Recommendation: For Information.

Item C - 2	LOANS INFORMATION.	
Reporting Officer	Director of Corporate Services - Robert Rayner	File 86

Purpose of Report

To provide information to Council regarding its loan portfolio.

Report

Council has requested details of its loan portfolio. All Local Authority Loans are currently held with the Westpac Bank.

The current balances from the General Ledger effective 1/7/13 are as follows:

General Fund Total **\$2,822,284.85**

LAL 131, Depot Improvements, Council Chambers, Pool, Race Track, Lake Benanee, Median Strips, Bores, Caravan Park and Information Centre. \$31,575.32

LAL 132 Flood Mitigation \$229,732.17

LAL 134 West Balranald Drainage \$865,541.80

LAL135 Flood Mitigation, Swimming Pool & Caravan Park \$106,402.95

LAL 137 Plant Program \$589,032.61

LAL 138 Heritage Park Development \$1,000,000.00

Water Fund Total **\$1,247,349.04**

LAL 130 Euston Water \$111,669.09

LAL 133 Euston Water \$586,958.66

LAL 136 Euston Water \$548,721.29

Total Borrowings **\$4,069,633.89**

Total planned borrowings for the 2013/14 year are \$610,000.00 which is made up of \$250,000 for an Executive House and \$360,000 for the Balranald Court House.

Council's debt service ratio in 2011/12 was 6.15% against an industry benchmark of 20%. The debt service ratio is calculated by dividing the debt service cost (amount of repayments) by the income from continuing operations excluding capital items and specific purpose grants/contributions.

If the income figure is constant and based on the new repayment amounts Council's ratio is likely to rise to 7.48% for 2013/14.

The planned borrowings will affect the ratio in the 2014/15 financial year but it is not likely to rise to more than 8.5%, dependent on the interest rate and term of the loan.

The planned borrowings are advised to the division once the Operational Plan is approved by the Council each year.

There is no way to determine the maximum level of borrowings that would be allowed by Council as it would depend on the amount borrowed, the interest rate and the term of the loan(s). At the 11/12 income figure used in the debt service ratio Council would have been able to repay \$1,395,000 in loan repayments before hitting the industry benchmark of 20%; this is 2.6 times more than the current loan repayments in 2013/14.

Budget Implications

Nil

Attachments

Nil

Recommendation

For the information of Council.

Item C - 3	STAFF HOUSING POLICY	
Reporting Officer	Director of Corporate Service – Robert Rayner	File 450

Purpose of Report

To advise Council that a Staff Housing Policy will be considered at Councils next meeting in September 2013

Report

Due to staff movements and changes of residences, it would be an opportune time to implement a staff housing policy.

A draft policy will be developed and presented to the next Council meeting in September 2013 for consideration.

Budget Implications

Nil

Attachments

Nil

Recommendation

For the information of Council.

Item C - 4	LAWN CEMETERIES RESERVATIONS	
Reporting Officer	Director of Corporate Service – Robert Rayner	File 404

Purpose of Report

That Council consider changing the policy for reservations in Lawn Cemeteries

Report

Council at its meeting on 16 July 2013 requested that a further report be provided to Council with the details of the lawn cemetery areas in Euston and Balranald.

A copy of the plans showing the details of the lawn cemetery for Euston and Balranald are attached for Council's consideration.

A draft policy on reservations in lawn cemeteries has also been compiled for Council's consideration

Budget Implications

Nil

Attachments

- 1) Draft policy provided under separate cover
- 2) Lawn Cemetery plans provided under separate cover

Recommendation

That:

- 1) Council determine the policy for reservations in the lawn cemeteries
- 2) the revised policy to be placed on public exhibition for 30 days
- 3) Council add an administration fee of \$50 for the renewal of plot reservations to Council's current fees and charges

Item C - 5	TRANSFER TO INTERNAL RESERVE	
Reporting Officer	Director Corporate Services – Robert Rayner	File 85

Purpose of Report:

To enable Council to consider the transfer of surpluses to internal reserves.

Report:

The business units of the Caravan Park and Retirement Hostel have both made a surplus last financial year of \$52,200 and \$14,440 respectively.

It is recommended that \$52,200 be transferred to the Caravan Park Reserve making a total of \$59,000 in that reserve and \$14,440 be transferred into the Retirement Hostel Reserve making a total of \$46,500 in that reserve. These funds will be allocated for future capital improvements in these respective business units.

Attachments: Nil

Budget Implications: Nil.

Recommendation: That the funds be appropriated and voted accordingly, with effect from 30 June 2013.

Item C - 6	CLASSIFICATION OF PUBLIC LAND	
Reporting Officer	Director of Corporate Services - Robert Rayner	File 188

Purpose of Report

To classify public land as per Division One of the NSW Local Government Act 1993.

Report

Council has undertaken a review of public land due to the different revaluation requirements of operating and community land and to ensure the Council's assets register reflects all land held under Council control.

Council minutes dated 17th June 1994 were reviewed which showed the original classification of Public Land held at that time. The following Schedule One identifies land owned, licenced or controlled since 17 June 1994, which requires classification or was omitted from the original resolution.

Schedule One

Community Land

- 1) Vacant Block adjacent to the Theatre Royal, 86 Market Street Balranald
Lot 1 DP 511952 (Subject to ROW)
- 2) Royal Theatre, 88-90 Market Street Balranald Lot A DP 156137 & Lot 2 DP 511952 (Subject to ROW)
- 3) Motocross Track, Balranald Part Lot 19 DP 848352
- 4) Euston Court House, 43 Murray Terrace Euston, Lot 59 DP 822092, Crown Reserve No.1001060
- 5) Vacant Land, Morris Road Euston, Lot 1 DP 1133417
- 6) Vacant Land Near Euston Memorial Park, Selwyn Street Euston, Lot 2 DP 818369
- 7) Vacant Land adjacent to the Sturt Highway Euston, Lot 53 DP 1123942
- 8) Vacant Land, part of the Euston/Robinvale Cycleway/Walkway, Euston, Lot 56 DP 1123942
- 9) Redbank Weir Camping Ground, Licence No.403263
- 10) Kyalite Foreshore Public Recreation Reserve, Kyalite Road Kyalite, Lot 6 DP 751228 Crown Reserve No.230097
- 11) Euston/Robinvale Cycleway/Walkway, Murray Terrace Euston, Licence No.407181
- 12) Vacant Land, Turandurey Street Balranald, Licence No.206309
- 13) Rear of Theatre Royal, 92 Market Street Balranald

Operational Land

- 1) Vacant Land, Cook Street Balranald, Lot 2 DP 507263
- 2) Balranald Golf Club, O'Connor Street Balranald, Lot 73, 74, 95 DP 751170 and Lots 1 to 4 Section 47 DP 758048 WLL 98536
- 3) Sewer Pump, 19 Cary Street Euston, Lot 10 DP 29334
- 4) Vacant Land near the Motocross Track, Balranald, Part Lot 19 DP 848352
- 5) Vacant Land adjoining the grape blocks (Cimino Road Ungazetted), Balranald, Lot 18 DP 848352
- 6) Land Surrounding Motocross Track, (School Ag Plot), Balranald, Part Lot 19 DP 848352
- 7) Gravel Pit, Spencer PH Balranald, Lot 4728 DP 769045 Licence No.307139
- 8) Gravel Pit, Boocathan PH Balranald, Lot 532 DP 761449 Licence No.324279
- 9) Part Balranald Rubbish Tip, Ivanhoe Road Balranald, Lot 11 DP 848352
- 10) Euston Sewerage Treatment Works, Morris Road Euston, Lot 1 DP 842636
- 11) Vacant Land behind Market Street Shops, part 89A & 89B Market Street Balranald, used for Car Park.

The details of the proposed resolution and description of land has been advertised and no public submissions have been received in the prescribed period.

Budget Implications

Nil

Attachments

Nil

Recommendation

That Council pursuant to Chapter 6, Part 2, Division 1 of the NSW Local Government Act 1993, resolve that the land described in Schedule One be classified as either community land or operational land.

Item C - 7	REVOTE OF EXPENDITURE FROM 2012/13	
Reporting Officer	Director of Corporate Service – Robert Rayner	File 85

Purpose of Report

Revotes of expenditure for year ending 30th June 2013

Report:

Project	Expenditure To 30/06/13 Revoted	Expenditure to be Monies	General Fund reqd	Notes
Euston Levee Recovery	\$902,829	\$228,184	Nil	Project near completion Grant \$228,184
Roads to Recovery	\$644,620	\$127,443	Nil	Works nearly complete External Res. \$127,443
Euston Cemetery	\$13,117	\$39,883	Nil	Some works not completed Reserve \$39,883.00
Urban Rd wks	\$238,771	\$54,306	\$54,306	Some works not completed
Eng Cons.	\$0	\$11,000	\$11,000	Consultancy Funds not spent
Planning DCP & Maps	\$0	\$16,000	\$16,000	DCP, GIS Maps
Bourpie Lane Beautification	\$6,368	\$6,922	Nil	Project Commenced Grant \$6,922
Drainage Rp NRMA Frnt	\$0	\$12,300	\$12,300	Project not started
Local Rural Roads Se	\$239,239	\$39,374	\$39,374	Most Projects Completed
Local Rural Roads Unse	\$458,509	\$92,520	\$92,520	Most Projects Completed
Bal. Water Mains Rep	\$12,066	\$7,934	Nil	Project commenced Water Fund \$7,934
Bal. Water Raw W Pump	\$332	\$21,098	Nil	Water Fund \$21,098
Eust Sewer Telem PS	\$0	\$15,000	Nil	Sewer Fund \$15,000
		Total	\$225,500	

Note: Some minor variations may occur due to outstanding invoices

Budget Implications

Nil, as all items listed were in last year's budget or were revoked from the previous budget in 11/12.

Attachments

Nil

Recommendation

That the above projects expenditure be revoked.

Economic & Community Development Reports

Item E - 1	PURCHASE OF IPADS - COUNCILLORS	
Reporting Officer	Director of Economic and Community Development Robyn Ryan	File 018(A)

Purpose of Report

To ascertain Councillor interest, in purchasing ipads.

Report

At Councils request, the staff has surveyed all Balranald Shire Councillors seeking interest in the purchase of ipads to assist in performing their duties.

Apple ipad 4 featuring:

- Wi Fi
- 16GB
- Retina display
- Black or white in colour

Cost per unit: \$530.00

The cost of ipad cases range from \$29.00 to \$150.00 depending on the style and additional features such as external Bluetooth keyboards.

Survey results:

Mayor O'Halloran	Yes
Cr Byron	Yes
Cr Mannix	Yes
Cr Cooke	No

Cr Campbell	Yes
Cr Barnes	No
Cr Jolliffe	No
Cr Purtill	No

Those Councillors interested in purchasing an ipad, can either arrange this for themselves, or Council will order through our own IT supplier once all order details have been confirmed.

The cost of each ipad could be deducted from the next Councillor payment if required.

Budget Implications

Councillors to fund individual ipads.

Attachments

Nil

Recommendation

For the consideration of Council.

Item E - 2	RIVERINA RED GUM PROJECT	
Reporting Officer	Director of Economic and Community Development Robyn Ryan	File 770

Purpose of Report

To provide Council with a break-down of the NSW Environmental Trust Riverina Red Gum Regional Employment and Community Development Fund projects as requested.

Report:

As reported at the July Meeting of Council, the NSW Environmental Trust Riverina Red Gum Regional Employment and Community Development Fund projects included the following components:

Project A - Construction of Motorhome and Caravan Parking

To increase visitor numbers by having an attractive accessible parking facility for long recreational vehicles within the town area.

Funding \$310,000

Project B - Tourism Capacity and Development

To improve engagement of operators, enhance operator skill base and development of marketing and training strategies.

Funding \$100,000

Project C - Marketing and E-Tourism

To increase the awareness of the tourism product on offer in the district and as a consequence, increase visitor nights.

Funding \$270,000

Project D - Upgrade of Market Street – Heritage Park frontage

To improve the visual appeal of the Heritage Park precinct.

Funding \$100,000

Project E - Construction of a Swing Bridge

To enhance the local tourism offering through the construction of a swing bridge over the Murrumbidgee River.

Funding \$200,000

All projects have been completed and final payments have been received by Council. Total Project Funding: \$980,000

Budget Implication

Nil

Attachments

Nil

Recommendation

For the information of Council.

Item E - 3	TOURISM PROMOTIONAL FOLDERS	
Reporting Officer	Director of Economic and Community Development Robyn Ryan	File 770

Purpose of Report

To advise Council on the production of new tourism promotional folders.

Report

A new tourism promotional folder has been produced by the Tourism and Economic Development Unit titled.... *Discover Balranald*.

The folder carries the Balranald Shire tourism branding and features some great photography and a series of one and two day itineraries under the following categories:

- Nature
- Art and Heritage
- Fishing and Rivers
- Birding

A town and regional map is included in the presentation folder which highlights trails, loops, rivers and points of interest.

The folder concept will provide an opportunity to further develop material that may include 4WD itineraries etc.

The folders will be disseminated through the visitor information centre and local operators.

Costings for poster frames and brochure stands to showcase the visitors guide and folder are currently being investigated.

Budget Implications

Funded under the NSW Environmental Trust Riverina Red Gum Employment and Community Development project.

Attachments

Copies of folders tabled at the Council Meeting.

Recommendation

For the information of Council.

Item E - 4	BALRANALD SHIRE TOURISM WEBSITE	
	Director of Economic and Community Development Robyn Ryan	File 770

Purpose of Report

To advise Council on the launch of the Balranald Shire tourism website.

Report

On Monday August 19, 2013 the Balranald Shire tourism website went ‘live’.
www.visitbalranald.com.au

The new website carries Council’s tourism branding and has been designed to be extremely user friendly. The site offers information on:

- Communities within the Shire
- Things to see and do
- Suggested itineraries
- Places to stay, eat and shop
- Maps and distances
- Events
- Contact forms
- Social media feeds

Whilst the website has a great deal of information derived from the new Balranald Visitors Guide, it is a living site that will continue to evolve. Over the next few months, Council staff will be adding new feature pages, expanding the business listings and events calendar and inserting additional images to enhance the site further.

The website is interactive with Facebook and Twitter activity feeds. Staff will use Twitter as a medium to provide “instant” information to visitors and the community. This will include the latest updates on road closures, weather conditions, events and emergency announcements.

The site has been developed using a ‘mobile responsive theme’ which means that the design will adapt and change to the size of the device that it is being used on – this includes mobile phones and tablet devices.

The use of Google analytics will allow staff to monitor website traffic and gather data to assist in future marketing.

Budget Implications

Funded under the NSW Environmental Trust Riverina Red Gum Regional Employment and Community Development project.

Attachments

Nil

Recommendation

For the information of Council.

Item E - 5	CMCA RALLY – ROBINVALE 2014	
Reporting Officer	Director of Economic and Community Development Robyn Ryan	File 770

Purpose of Report

To advise Council on the progress of the Robinvale Campervan and Motorhome Club of Australia (CMCA) Rally.

Report

The General Manager of the CMCA, Mr Richard Barwick advised Council on Wednesday July 17, that following extensive discussions and a presentation, Swan Hill Rural City Council has endorsed the staging of the 2014 CMCA 28th Anniversary Rally at Robinvale from 31st March – 6 April.

On Wednesday 10th July, 2013, Mayor O'Halloran, Deputy Mayor Byron, the General Manager and the Director of Economic and Community Development (DECD) met with Mr Barwick, Robinvale Rally Manager Ray Jones and Rally Secretary Karen Giffin to discuss the logistics of the proposed rally and opportunities for Balranald Shire businesses and community organisations to benefit from the rally flow-on.

To ensure that the communities within the Balranald Shire benefit from this event Council's DECD is currently developing an Event Plan which will include: a staging site identification and management plan, a marketing and communication strategy and a risk management assessment.

The major promotion of the Robinvale Rally will be undertaken at the 28th National Rally to be held in Narrabri from October 21 to October 27, 2013. The DECD has been working collaboratively with the Rally Manager and Swan Hill Rural City Council to co-ordinate a joint exhibit to showcase the region at this rally.

In the lead up to the Narrabri Rally the DECD will be making initial contact with chapter groups within the CMCA network to encourage group stays within the Shire leading up to, and following the Robinvale Rally. Further meetings with chapter executives will be scheduled during the Narrabri Rally.

Budget Implications

Participation at the Narrabri Rally will be funded through the tourism budget.

Attachments

Nil

Recommendation

For the information of Council.

Item E - 6	BALRANALD NETBALL COURTS	
Reporting Officer	Director of Economic and Community Development Robyn Ryan	File 555

Purpose of Report

To advise Council on the progress of the proposed upgrade to the Balranald Netball Courts.

Report

Council has committed funds in the 2013/2014 Operational Plan to undertake repairs and resurfacing work on the Balranald netball courts at the Greenham Park Sporting Complex.

Correspondence has been received from the Balranald Netball Club Inc. committing funding towards the cost of the repairs and resurfacing.

The correspondence also seeks a commitment, in writing from Council in relation to:

- The works being carried out at the immediate conclusion of the netball season, being August 10, 2013
- That the lines be marked on the resurfaced courts, and
- That Council pay the remaining cost of the repair and resurfacing works.

Since the July Council Meeting, staff identified a funding opportunity that, if successful would provide Council with the funds to undertake a major upgrade of the Balranald netball complex.

An application has been submitted to the Regional Development Australia Fund – Round 5 to undertake the following works:

1. Removal of the two existing netball courts
2. Construction of two new netball courts
3. Resurfacing and line marking of courts
4. Construction of two new player interchange boxes and seating
5. Purchase of two portable grandstand seating units
6. Purchase of new rubbish bin surrounds
7. Turfing and landscaping of the complex
8. Installation of new signage to the complex
9. Minor repairs to lighting

Quotes for all components of this project were obtained, with the complex upgrade costed at \$172, 717. This figure includes a cash component of \$1,000 each from Council and the Balranald Netball Club Inc. for the Official Opening – Community Open Day.

The announcement of successful applications may be made in October 2013.

The President of the Balranald Netball Club Inc. has been advised of the application.

On August 1, 2013 correspondence was forwarded to the Balranald Netball Club Inc. thanking them for their generous contribution and advising that a progress report was being prepared for the August meeting of Council.

Budget Implications

Funding has been provided in the budget.

Attachments

Correspondence from the Balranald Netball Club Inc under separate cover.

Recommendation

That Council endorse the application for the construction of two new netball courts and facility upgrade submitted under the Regional Development Australia Fund – Round 5;

That Council send correspondence to the Balranald Netball Club Inc. thanking them for their contribution towards the works, and formally advising them of the grant application process and seek their support to await the outcome of the RDAF application.

That should the application be successful, a working group comprising of the Director of Infrastructure and Development, Director of Economic and Community Development and two representatives from the Balranald Netball Club Inc. be authorised to progress the upgrade of the Balranald Netball Complex as matter of urgency.

That should the applicant be unsuccessful, Council undertake the repair and resurfacing works previously endorsed by Council utilising funds in council's 2013/2014 Operational Plan and the contribution from the Balranald Netball Club Inc.

Item E - 7	REQUEST FOR SUPPORT – JOSEPH GERVASI	
Reporting Officer	Director of Economic and Community Development Robyn Ryan	File 056

Purpose of Report

To advise Council of a request for support for local athlete Joseph Gervasi.

Report

Council has received correspondence from Mrs Michelle Gervasi advising that her son Joseph has qualified for the State Athletics Championships to be held in Sydney on the 5th, 6th & 7th September 2013.

Due to the transportation and accommodation costs involved, financial support is being sought to defray costs. It is envisaged that the cost of Joseph attending the championships will be approximately \$2000.

Council's donations policy provides for a contribution up to \$150 for individuals competing at State or regional events at venues over 350km distance from their location within the Shire.

Budget Implications

Funds are available within the current budget.

Attachments

Copy of correspondence

Recommendation

That Council contribute an amount of \$150 towards participation at the State Athletics Championships and \$150 for representing at regional level a total of \$300.

Item E - 8	NAMING OF THE BALRANALD INTERPRETIVE CENTRE COMPLEX	
Reporting Officer	Director of Economic and Community Development Robyn Ryan	File 771(c)

Purpose of Report

To progress the naming of the new interpretive centre complex.

Report

In February 2013, Council resolved that the new visitor information centre pavilion be named the Leo Connellan MLC Visitor Information Centre, and that Council's Director of Economic and Community Development be authorised to coordinate the signage/plaque design and location.

With the construction of the new complex now underway it is timely for Council to consider the naming of the facility as a whole. This name will be featured on all lead in signage and all marketing collateral.

Contracted Designers *Creative Spaces* have compiled various options for Council's consideration. These include:

- Balranald Square
- Balranald Headquarters (HQ)
- Balranald Junction
- Balranald Waterhole
- Discover Balranald
- Plains Discovery Centre
- Bidgee Discovery Centre
- Balranald Riverbank

Given that Balranald has already incorporated the word *Bidgee* in the naming of *Bidgee Haven Hostel*, it would seem appropriate that this theme continue to other facilities within the community.

The name of the complex should be a marketable concept and generate curiosity. The *Bidgee Discovery Centre*, for example has the capacity to attract the attention of the visitor and to encourage them to stop and discover!

Budget Implications

Nil

Attachments

Nil

Recommendation

That Council name the new complex The *Bidgee Discovery Centre*.

Item E - 9	NAMING OF THE SWING BRIDGE AND NATURE WALK	
Reporting Officer	Director of Economic and Community Development - Robyn Ryan	File 770

Purpose of Report

To progress the naming of the new Murrumbidgee River swing-bridge and nature walk.

Report

With the construction of the new swing bridge completed, and the river walk nearing completion it is timely for Council to consider the naming of this attraction. This name will be featured on all lead in signage and all marketing collateral.

An invitation has been extended to the Hon. Robyn Parker MP. Minister for the Environment and Minister for Heritage to officially open the attraction in September 2013.

To ensure all signage and plaques are in place for the proposed Opening Council will need to progress the naming of the attraction as a matter of urgency.

In keeping with the *Bidgee* theme it is suggested that the bridge and walk be named the *Bidgee Nature Trail*.

Budget Implications

Signage funded within existing budget.

Attachments

Nil

Recommendation

That Council name the new swing-bridge and nature walk the *Bidgee Nature Trail*.

Item E - 10	RETAIL TRADING ACT 2008 – BOXING DAY TRADING	
Reporting Officer	Director of Economic and Community Development - Robyn Ryan	File 621

Purpose of Report

To advise Council of a request from Murray Shire in relation to Section 10 of the Retail Trading Act 2008 – Boxing Day Trading.

Report

Council has received correspondence from Murray Shire seeking support for Boxing Day Trading in all communities across NSW.

As stated in the attached correspondence, Murray Shire supported an application by Woolworths Limited with NSW Industrial Relations in 2012, seeking an exemption under the above Act to allow for the Moama Woolworths store within the Murray Shire to open on Boxing Day.

This application was rejected due to the decision maker not being convinced of any exceptional circumstances. (see attached correspondence).

The granting of exemptions does not appear to be fair given the number of communities that are approved for Boxing Day trading across the state. Exemptions have been granted for only 40 of the 152 Local Government Areas in NSW.

Murray Shire is seeking the support of Council by making representation to the Cross Benches in order to have the legislation changed in all NSW communities.

Budget Implications

Nil

Attachments

Correspondence from Murray Shire and NSW Industrial Relations.

Recommendation

That Council make representation to the Cross Benches in order to have the legislation changed to enable Boxing Day trading in all NSW communities.

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NSW Councils
Email: nswcouncils@dlg.nsw.gov.au

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ATTENTION: Mayors and General Managers

RE: SECTION 10 OF THE RETAIL TRADING ACT 2008 – BOXING DAY TRADING

Murray Shire Council has supported an application by Woolworths Limited with NSW Industrial Relations in 2012, seeking an exemption under the above Act to allow for the Moama Woolworths Store within Murray Shire to open on Boxing Day. The lack of Boxing Day trading in Moama causes significant inconvenience for local residents, as well as a swelling tourist population on arrival for holidays to the area.

Unfortunately, this application was not approved due to the decision maker not being convinced of any exceptional circumstances as per the attached letter.

Whilst the current application process applies, the granting of exemptions does not appear to be fair given the number of communities that are approved across the state. See attached table. Exemptions have been granted to 40 out of 152 Local Government Areas (LGAs) in NSW. Council is of the view that all LGAs should have access to Boxing Day trading.

In the case of Moama and Murray Shire, there is also an impact from Victoria due to Echuca being located just across the border and having access to Boxing Day trading.

The responsible Minister, the Treasurer Mike Baird, supports reform to the current legislation to allow all stores in the state to be able to open on Boxing Day if they wish to. However, to get the legislation through Parliament, the amendment needs to go through both Houses. There is no issue with the Lower House, as the Government has the numbers. In the Upper House it is a different matter, as the Government must gain the support of either the ALP or the Cross-Benches being the Shooters, Christian Democrats or Greens.

Allowing trading on Boxing Day benefits tourists and consumers and assists with local economic development. I trust your Council shares the concerns of Murray Shire Council and would request that your Council make representations to the Cross-Benches in order to have the legislation changed to enable Boxing Day trading in all NSW communities, not just some.

Should you require further information, please contact the undersigned on 03 5884 3302.

Yours sincerely

Greg Murdoch
General Manager
GJM/km



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Ack/ment Letter: Sent:

Mr Greg Marshall
General Manager
Murray Shire Council
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Dear Mr Marshall

I refer to Council's submission in relation to the application lodged by Woolworths Ltd with NSW Industrial Relations on 14 November 2012 seeking an exemption under section 10 of the *Retail Trading Act 2008* (the Act) for its Moama store to open on Boxing Day 2012, 2013 and 2014.

As the decision maker I carefully considered the submission when making my decision to refuse the application. I was conscious of the points made about likely impacts on visitors and residents; the very high demand for essential grocery supplies by visitors; all commercial outlets in Echuca Moama will be extremely busy and the consequences for traffic flow.

The decision on such applications involves determining whether 'exceptional' circumstances exist and the public interest. In 2010 the Administrative Decisions Tribunal (ADT) considered a particular matter (*Dwyer v Department of Services, Technology and Administration and Kmart Australia Limited* [2010] NSWADT 312 (*the Kmart decision*)). In this case, a decision was made to allow a store to open in a regional city on a restricted trading day as a major jazz festival was commencing on that day. The festival had not been held in that location for some years.

The ADT overturned the original decision holding that there is a general presumption against allowing trading on a restricted trading day, such as Boxing Day, and before an exemption can be granted a two-tiered 'test' must be satisfied: it is first necessary to consider whether there are exceptional circumstances before considering whether granting an exemption is in the public interest. It also held that the term 'exceptional' is set at a very high bar. The circumstances would have to be one of 'an unusual instance; unusual; extraordinary'.

Unfortunately, I had to refuse the application made by Woolworths Ltd about its Moama store. While I understand that Echuca Moama will be very busy, there is likely to be inconvenience with the store not being open and lost trade to the local economy, I was not convinced that 'exceptional' circumstances exist as required by the law and as guided by the earlier ADT decision. I have advised Woolworths of my decision and how to lodge an appeal.

If you wish to discuss this matter, please contact me on telephone 9020 4504.

Yours sincerely

Vicki Telfer
Executive Director
NSW Industrial Relations

14/12/12

Infrastructure & Development Reports

Item I - 1	BALRANALD WASTE DEPOT – MAINTENANCE	
Reporting Officer	Director Infrastructure & Development - John Stevenson	File 415

Purpose of Report: To advise of further maintenance at Balranald Waste Depot

Report: The March meeting of Council noted progress to complete a paper screen fence around the present landfill site for household waste, and the erection of more appropriate signage.

More recently Councils contractor has undertaken further works to eliminate the Green waste deposit and tidy up adjacent surfaces. Tyres will be placed in a ground cell as any possibility to relocate them off site is a direct cost outside Councils present budget.

A site enclosure is presently being located at a strategic vantage point for the supervisor to oversee relative tip use and act on inappropriate tipping. Metal deposits and tyres will be located closer to this new supervisors position.

Councils current budget for operations at this site is \$80,000 inclusive of the above Stage 2 improvements (sum \$15,000). The operational costs for the 2012-13 year broadly included \$11,200 Council works, \$28,930 supervisor, and \$60,400 landfilling by contractor.

Once finalised these works should result in a cleaner site and more concise material deposits resulting in a more cost effective operation.

Attachments: Nil.

Budget Implications: Management is within the allocated budget.

Recommendation: That the information be noted.

Item 1 - 2	MAINTENANCE & CONSTRUCTION PROGRAM	
Reporting Officer	Director Infrastructure & Development - John Stevenson	File:726

Purpose of Report: To provide Council with a progress report on works since the July Meeting.

Report:

1. **Councils Team 1**

Following maintenance grading on Euston Prungle and sections of Prungle Marma Roads, gravel patching of a 2 km section on Prungle Mail Road has commenced. Lack of water is an issue.

2. **Council Team 2**

Gravel reconstruction under Roads to Recovery, Mildura Ivanhoe Road, in the Mandleman region has been completed. Maintenance grading from this segment easterly to Melton Grove Dockerty has also been undertaken together with a patrol grade of Mulurulu access to the northern ramp.

This grader crew has commenced a maintenance grade of Turlee – Leaghur to provide better access to the park in readiness for the forthcoming school holidays. Currently southerly towards Joulmie. This team will eventually move to Marma – Box Creek and undertake construction work as per Councils program.

3. **Council Team 3**

This team has completed a patrol grade of 514 to Oxley and is currently assisting with patch repairs on Clare – Oxley Road in the Kitcho area. Patrol grading will soon commence from the MR67 crossroads westerly on Mildura Ivanhoe to Carinya Road and will include parts of Carinya Road prior to construction works starting in the area.

4. **Contractor M Cameron**

Has resumed flood damage restoration work on Tarwong – Freshwater Road. Lack of water is an issue.

5. **Contractor Garraways**

Contractor has completed a maintenance grade of the 6km section on MR431 Marma to the Prungle Marma intersection from the Wentworth boundary whilst working for Wentworth Shire Council in the area. Similarly Wentworth Shire Council plant have undertaken to maintenance grade the section through Leaghur to the Garnpang boundary whilst working in the Arumpo area.

6. **Grid Replacement**

The first of four new grids in the north area of the shire is currently being installed on the Clare – Oxley Road at Kitcho. This will be followed by a grid replacement of the first ramp crossing on the Carinya access.

7. **Gravel Exploration**

Samples from the Bellevue, Retreat and Manfred areas have been dispatched for testing in readiness for construction work in the area. Further exploration and testing will follow from samples in the Carinya area.

8. **Culvert Replacement, Natural Disaster Restoration Program**

Contractor R Potter has commenced culvert replacement northerly on MR67. Councils crew have commenced on the Clare – Oxley and Clare – Freshwater Roads. Contractor P Handford has commenced in the Woorandara Corrong, Nandum Corrong and Tarwong Freshwater area. Council staff will work in advance of all culvert jobs with survey investigation.

9. **Miscellaneous**

- a) In light of lack of road making water supply a review of bores and their locations and the need to drill additional bores will be directly pursued.
- b) Salt bush slashing on MR67 is commencing at this time.
- c) The gravel walkway / cycleway loop from the swing bridge to the caravan park has been extended adjacent to the caravan park to Court Street. Recent weather has hampered the final section adjacent to the bridge approach on the southern side. Minor works and landscaping is also being undertaken on the Court Street nature strip at the swing bridge.
- d) Maintenance of Greenham Park access roads was undertaken by Contractor M Fitzgerald whilst plant was in town.
- e) Drainage improvements are underway at the NRMA frontage.

Recommendation That the information be noted.

Item I - 3	CONSTRUCTION CERTIFICATES	
Reporting Officer	Director Infrastructure & Development - John Stevenson	File 600

Purpose of Report:

To advise Council of Certificates issued under delegated authority.

Report:

The following Construction Certificates have been issued since the July 2013 meeting of Council.

27/2013	Balranald Shire Council – Heritage Park, Balranald	Visitor and Interpretive Centre
19/2013	K Anderson – 61 Bank Street, Balranald	New Shed
20/2013	J Camin – 159 Market Street, Balranald	Garage and Skillion
01/2013-14	G.J. Gardner for Mattschoss – 12 Garreffa Parade, Euston	New Dwelling
03/2013-14	D Bowden for B.P. & J. Coates – Glen Avon, Balranald	New Dwelling

Recommendation: that the report be noted.

Item 1 - 4	PROPOSED SUBDIVISION 153 TURANDUREY STREET BALRANALD
Reporting Officer	Director Infrastructure & Development - John Stevenson
	File DA 05/2013-14

Purpose of Report:

To seek Councils consent for a 2 lot residential subdivision at 153 Turandurey Street, Balranald.

Report:

Mr N Dalton has lodged an application to subdivide his property Lot 2 DP 873408, 153 Turandurey St Balranald creating two (2) residential allotments of approximately equal area, one (1) with frontage to Turandurey St and one (1) with frontage to Moa St.

There are currently no residential buildings on the allotment. Council service infrastructure is available to service the two (2) proposed allotments.

The proposal complies with the development standards of the Balranald Local Environmental Plan 2010.

The proposal has been advertised with adjoining land owners in accordance with the provisions of section 88 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2000. The Notification Period closes on the 22nd of August 2013.

Attachments:

Sketch plan of proposal

Budget Implications:

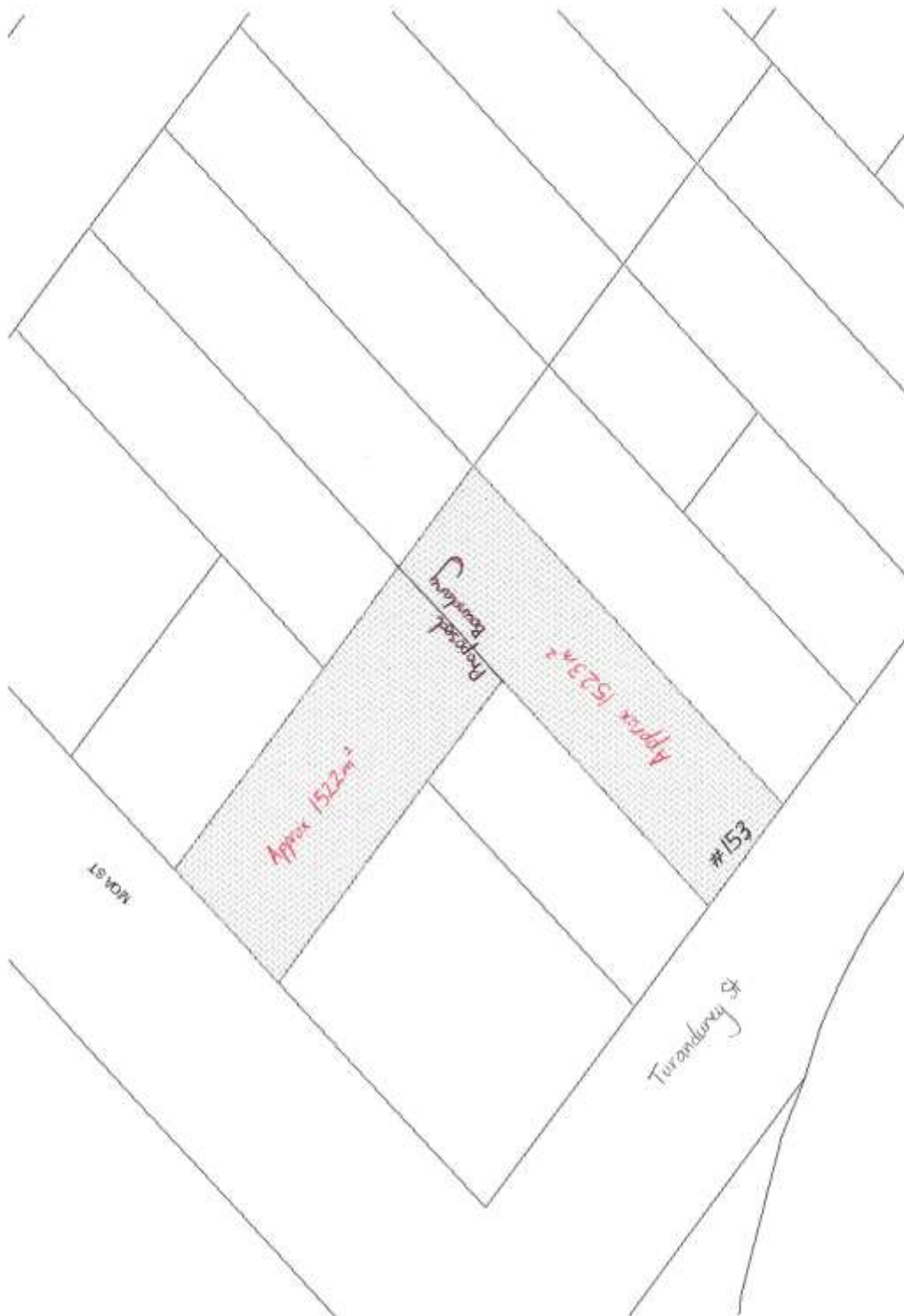
Nil

Recommendation:

- 1) That, subject to no submission/s being received, Council resolve to authorise the Director Infrastructure & Development to release the Notice of Determination to N Dalton for the subdivision of Lot 2 DP 873408, 153 Turandurey Street, Balranald into 2 parcels, subject to the following conditions:
 - a) The subdivision conforms strictly with the sketch plan as provided.
 - b) Subject to the concurrence of Essential Energy
 - c) All service alterations must be affected to the satisfaction of Council or its delegate and all fee's paid prior to the release of plans.
 - d) All new access driveways are at the land owners full cost and to be constructed to Councils standard.
 - e) This approval does not entitle the construction of a new dwelling, a separate application for any buildings on the land must be provided by either Council or a suitable accredited certifier.

- 2) Should any submission/s be received, the documentation be referred to the September meeting of Council for consideration.

Attachment 1: Sketch Plan of Proposal.



Item I - 5	DA 25/2013 - PROPOSED MILITARY TRAIL, BALRANALD	
Reporting Officer	Director Infrastructure & Development - John Stevenson	File DA 25/2013

Purpose of Report: To seek Councils consent towards the installation of a number of pedestals and plaques recognising the support of local residents in times of war.

Report: At the March and April meetings of Council it was resolved that the initial 10 plaques and pedestals would be installed on the nature strip, Court St between the Caravan Park and the River Street intersection. Following the adoption of the recent Traffic Committee's minutes regarding the further focus on this trail it is proposed that future plaques and pedestals will be installed on the southern nature strip of River Street between Court St and Market St. Any further installation of these plaques would be aligned on the western footpath in Market St in a northerly direction.

Notification of all nearby residents has been provided in accordance with the provisions of Section 88 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2000. Three queries have been answered and no objections have been received.

Attachments: Nil.

Budget Implications: Council have estimated that up to \$3000.00 from urban works may be apportioned to this installation. It is estimated that the initial 10 will only cost around \$1000.00 to install.

Recommendation: Council consent to the installation of "Military Trail" information pedestals and plaques to Court St, River St and Market St as the plaques are produced.

Item I - 6	SWIMMING POOL INSPECTION PROGRAM	
Reporting Officer	Director Infrastructure & Development - John Stevenson	File 565

Purpose of Report

For Council to give consideration to adopting a Policy for the inspection of private swimming pools.

Report

In accordance with new legislation, Council is required to develop an inspection program for swimming pools in consultation with the community.

At the June meeting, Council resolved to consult with known pool owners via personal correspondence and advise the wider community via the Council newsletter.

The period for making submission on the Inspection Policy has now closed.

No submissions were received.

Attachments:

Swimming Pool Inspection Policy 1.1

Budget Implications:

Swimming Pool inspection fees will be set by the NSW Government under the regulations.

Recommendation:

That Council:

- 1) That Council adopt the Swimming Pool Inspection Policy, Ver 1.1.

POLICY TITLE: Swimming Pool Inspection Policy 1.1

EXPIRY DATE: UNLIMITED

OBJECTIVES

POLICY STATEMENT

- 1) As if and from 29/4/2014, Council will inspect all swimming pools associated with tourist and visitor accommodation and multi-occupancy developments at a maximum interval of 3 (three) years.
- 2) As if and from 29/4/2014, where requested by the property owner or on behalf of the property owner, Council will inspect within a reasonable time, all properties which have a swimming pool prior to their sale or lease.
- 3) Council will inspect any swimming pool within a reasonable time that is subject to a customer, staff or owner request, to ensure the pool barrier is installed in accordance with legislative requirements.
- 4) Council will inspect and take appropriate regulatory action in respect of swimming pools that have been constructed without development consent, or that are installed or being used in contravention of development consent or other legislative requirements.
- 5) The program is not to require the inspection of a swimming pool that has a valid certificate of compliance or a relevant occupation certificate, which are generally considered valid for a period of 3 (three) years.
- 6) Council will inspect other non-mandatory residential properties that contain swimming pools as part of a pro-active program to improve the level of pool barrier compliance.

This is a proactive element will incorporate a risk based approach, whereby unauthorised pools or authorised pools without outstanding final inspection will have high priority.

Adopted by Council –

Minute No. –

General Managers Reports

Item G - 1	BALRANALD COURT HOUSE	
Reporting Officer	General Manager – Chris Littlemore	File 250

Purpose of Report:

A progress report on the Balranald Court's transfer to the Baby Health Centre.

Report:

Council has made a further approach to The Attorney General's Department.

The staff in charge of facilities have advised they will attend Balranald on 4 September to gain a better insight into the problems being experienced in Balranald.

Council will refine its proposal and re-present it during the visit.

Attachments: Nil

Budget Implications: Nil.

Recommendation: For information

Item G - 2	ANNUAL & LONG SERVICE LEAVE POLICY	
Reporting Officer	General Manager – Chris Littlemore	File 065

Purpose of Report: To bring forward for consideration a policy for Annual & Long Service Leave.

Report:

Council has a number of employees with large leave entitlements.

Not only is this a liability to Council which grows each year with rising wage rates, accumulation of leave is contrary to the purpose for which it is granted.

Budget Implications: Nil as Council has a leave liability reserve.

Attachments: As a separate document.

Annual & Long Service Leave Policy

Recommendation: that the draft policy lay on the table for consideration at the September Meeting of Council and policy be provided to the Consultative Committee for discussion and comment.

Item G - 3	MURRAY DARLING ASSOCIATION NATIONAL CONFERENCE	
Reporting Officer	General Manager – Chris Littlemore	File 316

Purpose of Report

To advise Council of the Annual MDA National Conference and Annual Meeting

Report

The Annual Murray Darling Association National Conference and Annual Meeting will be held in Goolwa South Australia from 8-11 October 2013.

The theme of the Conference is “Sharing our Basin’s resources - from the source to the mouth”.

Council’s delegate to the MDA is Mayor Cr O’Halloran.

While Council is considering whether to attend, it should also consider whether there any motions which should be put up for consideration. This applies to all conferences Council attends.

Budget Implications

Registration for whole conference is \$500 per delegate plus travelling and accommodation costs.

Attachments Nil

Recommendation That the Mayor be authorised to attend the 2013 MDA Conference.

Item G - 4	SUMMARY OF MEETINGS	
Reporting Officer	General Manager - Chris Littlemore	File 024

Purpose of Report

To advise Council of various meetings.

Report

6 August 2013

Mayor & GM met with Richard Bull from Riverina Community Firewood and Home Heating Taskforce in Deniliquin to discuss challenges faced by Balranald Shire in relation to the availability of firewood and inability to get permits to collect.

Mr Bull has some suggestions in relation to the problem at Euston and agreed to take the matter up with NSW NPWS.

Mayor & GM met with David Harris in Jerilderie to discuss the Nimmie Caira. Also represented were Hay and Wakool Shires.

Councils expressed concern that the approved offset projects are grossly inadequate. All recognised the need to do something ‘big’ in parallel with this project that will significantly stimulate local economies. David Harris offered to champion this and will commence discussions with the Commonwealth (SEWPaC). All agreed that there should be an attempt to secure a significant portion of the targeted assistance for Basin communities’ budget as announced by Simon Crean. This would be used to develop and implement a significant and coordinated regional development program, including tourism, educational and research components, that capitalises on the significant values of the Nimmie-Caira.

NOW must establish a Project Control Group and Project Advisory Committee. Each Council will receive invitations within the next two weeks to nominate their representative for the Project Advisory Committee. All noted the need to start involving young people in these forums.

6 August 2013

Mayor & GM attended a RAMROC meeting in Jerilderie. A motion was passed that RAMROC support the retention of the existing areas for Balranald and Wentworth Shires. In addition it was suggested that a submission be made on strengthening ROCs as opposed to County Council’s be pursued.

8 August 2013

Mayor, GM & DID met with 2 representatives from Cristal mining to discuss road maintenance primarily as they had allowed insufficient time for all issues on the agenda. They agreed to undertake a pavement study of the Ivanhoe Rd and have supplied a draft of a Voluntary Planning Agreement (VPA) for comment. Council's solicitor will be asked for comment.

Cristal were grateful that Council highlighted aspects of the project and its complexities that they had not considered and the overall tone of the meeting was extremely positive.

Budget Implications

Nil.

Attachments

Nil.

Recommendation

That Council nominate a representative for the Project Advisory Committee.

Item G - 5	COUNCILLOR TRAINING WORKSHOP
Reporting Officer	General Manager – Chris Littlemore File 25

Purpose of Report:

To advise the Council of the opportunity for training with LG Solutions (LGSA) in Wagga Wagga.

Report:

LG Solutions will be conducting a “Financial Issues in Local Government” workshop in Wagga on 26 September.

On this one day program participants will:

- Gain practical skills, knowledge and confidence in discharging the financial duties of a councillor.
- Gain a range of basic tools to understand, interpret, develop, plan and more effectively manage the financial resources of council.
- Know what questions to ask in relation to council’s finances.
- Understand your duties and responsibilities in regard to the financial management of council.
- Know the responsibilities of councillors in regard to council finances
- Understand basic accounting procedures
- Know how to read quarterly reviews
- Know how to interpret council balance sheets
- Know what depreciation is and how it affects council’s finances
- Understand how financial information fits into council planning
- Understand the concept of risk and how it fits into financial management issues
- Know what is expected of councillors during council audits
- Explore how probing questions can assist to make more informed decisions.

Attachments: Nil

Budget Implications: Cost to participants \$600 per participant.

Recommendation: That Council nominate councillors to attend the workshop.

Item G – 8	CORRESPONDENCE	
Reporting Officer	General Manager - Chris Littlemore	File

Purpose of Report:

To advise Council of recent correspondence of interest.

Report:

1) Letter provided by the MDA from the MDBA for Council's information

Budget Implications:

Nil

Attachments:

Copies of correspondence as listed above.

Recommendation

That the correspondence be noted.



Office of the Chair

TRIM Ref: D13/27167

Mr Ken Rogers
National President
Murray Darling Association
PO Box 81
DUBBO NSW 2830

Dear Ken

I am writing to thank you, Ray and the board of the Association for both your kind hospitality and the valuable discussions held recently at your meeting in Dubbo.

Once again, the Association demonstrated its importance to the work of the MDBA and the implementation of the Basin Plan. Your collective knowledge of Basin communities, regional development capability and environmental matters is clear and well grounded in the strong localised relationships that exist as a common feature of most Local Government organisations.

I want to stress how important the Murray Darling Association is for the ongoing implementation of the Basin Plan. While we are determined to consult widely and deal directly with local communities and stakeholders, it is also critical that Local Government is well represented at both a regional, as well as, Basin-wide level. In that sense, the Murray Darling Association, with its strong history of almost 70 years, is well placed to continue the leadership role it has already developed as we move into our implementation stages.

I am keen to have my Authority continue work that will strengthen our relationship. With that in mind I welcome your suggestion of a formal Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between our two organisations to ensure clear dialogue, regular communication and a direct opportunity to participate in the ongoing work of the Basin Plan.

I would be happy to discuss the detail of such an MOU and other opportunities for close collaboration with both you and Ray at your earliest convenience. Perhaps Ray could liaise with Genine Johnson in my office to organise a suitable time to meet.

Once again, many thanks for hosting my visit to Dubbo. It was both an enjoyable and productive visit.

Yours sincerely

Craig Knowles
Chair

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Item G - 9	ACTION REPORT JULY 2013 - COUNCIL MEETING		
Reporting Officer	General Manager – Chris Littlemore	File	120

Purpose of Report: to bring forward for Councillors information the Action Report with actions taken on previous council resolutions.



BALRANALD SHIRE COUNCIL
ACTION SHEET

JULY 2013

MINUTE	DIRECTOR/ FILE NO	SUBJECT	DATE INITIATED	COMMENTS CURRENT STATUS
07.13.3596	DCS/73A	Have GST Compliance Certificate signed	17 July 2013	Certificate Signed
07.13.3597	DCS/188	Public Land Classification public notice	16 July 2013	Advertisement completed report written
07.13.3599	DCS/404	Lawn Cemetery Reservations report detailing area.	9/8/13	Report & draft policy written
07.13.3603	DID/890	Commence a 5 year service agreement on behalf of NOW for BLALC		Initiated
07.13.3604	DID/624	Advise NSW Office of Planning & Infrastructure that Atlas-Campaspe Mineral Sands Project is supported.		Advised
07.13.3606	DID/DA22-13	Approve Subdivision of Lot 71, Sturt Hwy Euston – DA 22/2013		Approved
07.13.3607	DID/130	Proceed with Land Acquisition – Railway access laneway of Malcolm Street		Underway
07.13.3610	DID/DA 24-13	Approve DA 24/13 Proposed Visitor & Interpretive Centre, Balranald		Approved
07.13.3615	GM/025	Register Crs Byron, Cooke, Campbell, and O'Halloran and GM for LGNSW Conference		Registrations for 4 delegates
07.13.3616	GM / 025	Register Cr O'Halloran to LGNSW Water Management Conference		Registered
07.13.3617	GM/025	Register Crs Barnes, Byron, O'Halloran and Campbell & DID for ALGA National Roads & Transport Congress		Registrations for 4 delegates
07.13.3618	GM	Contribution – Central Murray Regional Transport Forum - \$2000		Paid
07.13.3619	GM/190	Send letter to Minister for Environment strongly advising about having no natural gas and high electricity costs.		Met with Riverina Community Firewood and Home Heating Taskforce
07.13.3622	DID	Have Common Seal affixed to licence R1514705 – Trade & Investment Crown Lands.		Seal affixed

Recommendation: For the information of Council.

Item G - 10	QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE	
Reporting Officer	General Manager - Chris Littlemore	File 030
Cr Cooke	Netball Club ask to send them a letter	Letter sent
	Fees & Charges, why can't public have a copy when went out for public viewing on 21 st May	Documents are usually on display copies will be provided on payment of relevant fee
	Newsletter and Guardian – Jessica Leggatt	
	\$55,000 home block of land for GM	See report
	Borrowings of \$250,000	Not borrowed
	What are we allowed to borrow by law?	See report
	What is Councils annual budget?	\$17M
	Council Code of Meeting Practice – questions 15 & 16?	
Cr Jolliffe	Vegetation on Ivanhoe Road	
	Vegetation on Windomal Road	
	Burke & wills signs dry road only	
	Employee and Contractor payments- GM authorised.	
Cr Byron	Ipads purchased - are councillors interested?	See report
	Exhaust breaks by trucks at Euston	To Traffic Cttee
	Overdue rates – Where are we up to?	
Cr Campbell	Feral pig bodies behind cemetery – put ad in paper mentioning of fines.	Ad in newsletter
	Where does the draft budget document go for display?	PO Euston, Clare School, Library and Council Office

CLOSED MEETING - CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS