

**PRESENT:** Cr O'Halloran (Mayor), Cr Purtill, Cr Mannix, Cr Cooke, Cr Byron, Cr Barnes, Cr Campbell.

General Manager C Littlemore, DID J Stevenson, DECD R Ryan & DCS R Rayner were also in attendance.

**APOLOGIES:** Cr Jolliffe

**06.13.3543** **RESOLVED** on the motion of Cr Byron and Mannix that the apology from Cr Jolliffe be received.

### **DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS**

### **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

<b>Calendar of Events</b>	
June - July	
<b>June</b>	
26	Interagency Services Expo
27	Consultative Committee
27	Work Health & Safety Meeting
<b>July</b>	
2	Euston Beautification & Tourism Committee
2	Tourism & Economic Development
3	Balranald Beautification

### **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

**Recommendation:**

That:

“The minutes of the Special Meeting of Council held on Tuesday 21st May 2013 copies having previously been circulated to each Councillor be taken as read and confirmed”.

“The minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> May 2013 copies having previously been circulated to each Councillor be taken as read and confirmed”.

“The minutes of the Special Meeting of Council held on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> June 2013 copies having previously been circulated to each Councillor be taken as read and confirmed”.

**06.13.3544** **RESOLVED** on the motion of Cr Byron and Mannix that the minutes of Special Meeting on 21<sup>st</sup> May, Ordinary Meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> May and Special Meeting of Council held on 4<sup>th</sup> June 2013 be taken as read and confirmed.

## **PRESENTATION/DELEGATIONS**

### **MAYORAL MINUTE/REPORT**

Deputy Mayor, DCS Robert Rayner, DECD Robyn Ryan, DID John Stevenson and myself met with CEO of Euston Club, Ray Jones to discuss upcoming events. We as shire will no doubt be involved with Mr John Craven's half marathon event. Also to start discussions in relations to next years scheduled Motorhome Rally for Robinvale and to get an early idea of what might be required in our shire.

A tremendous honour I had, to have the privilege to preside at the launch of a New Business for Balranald Shire. Outback Venture GEO and Shuttle Bus, Congratulations German and Paulina Ugarte for providing this needed service, all the best with your venture.

General Manager and I met with Mayor and General Manager of Wakool Shire Council at Moulamein Office. We released a Press Release that we maintain our existing Local Government areas agreeing that if any opportunities that we can resource share we will work together. Wakool Shire have written to RMS Minister expressing frustration that only crossing on Murray River at this time, that has all approvals ticketed off is Murray Downs but continues to be in limbo.

Local Lands Services boundaries are now set in place. General Manager and I attended Western Division meeting in Hillston. There was plenty of debating about the future of Local Government in Western Division. Since our formation, in 1957, our Shire can be proud of delivery and achievements for our ratepayers and visitors.

Chairman and CEO of Minerals Council spoke in relation to the increasing mining activities in western Division offer their services if required.

Western Lands Commissioner, Andrew Bell, has agreed to visit, and address golf club land and other matters we passed with him, no doubt a more positive approach from Western Lands. Satisfactory outcome for Rural Fire Service Land, Aerodrome land and land known as Chinese cemetery

I attended Central Murray Regional Transport Forum meeting, discussion centred on Economic & Business opportunities, Mineral Sands Transport and in particular general freight transport. Intermogul Hub location was also discussed although no location was finalised. Increased passenger trains on Swan Hill lineless freight on this line with improvements to Swan Hill Station for passengers.

National General Assembly, Mayor's dinner gave me the opportunity to meet with Ministers & senior PA's of Ministers. Thanks to Mr Albanese MP for the idea and concept.

Deputy Mayor, General Manager and I met with Susan Ley and Senator Bill Heffernan. RAMROC, Water forum was also at Parliament House, in National Party Rooms, Barnaby Joyce and Warren Truss were among those who addressed the Forum.

National General Assembly was heavily focused on absolute importance of YES Vote. Many, very good presentations, I felt Mr Fred Channey, who is currently working for Northern Territory government, gave his address that captivated lack of focus in Governments in rural Australia. Thanks to councillors for opportunity to attend.

On Wednesday I flew to Sydney for 2 days of board training for Far West Area Health, five different facilitators took the training. Board members from all over NSW attended, it gave me the opportunity to out Balranald is located in NSW and what we have to offer if they visit.

While in Sydney I met a very despondent and disappointed John Williams who had just found out his fate with the new boundaries. He informed me that the Attorney's response was not what was agreed to and that he will be following this up with the Minister.

John took me to the party room where I had the opportunity to talk with Minister for Arts, George Serious. I asked him if he had any more funding for Theatre Royal, he said didn't but would like to visit.

Minister Katrina Hodgkinson, Minister Don Page and Minister Duncan Gay who requested us to discuss with Andrew Huckell from his staff about getting money reallocated for Mungo access study to our Shire.

Duncan emphasised that Andrew Huckell will oversee money if forthcoming on MR67 North.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS FOR ADOPTION**

### **REPORT OF THE BALRANALD SHIRE COUNCIL COMMUNITY SAFETY PRECINCT MEETING HELD IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS, ON TUESDAY 28TH MAY 2013 COMMENCING AT 2.05PM**

**PRESENT:** Cllr Mannix (Chair), Mayor Steve O'Halloran, Cllr Cooke, Paul Hadlow, Myrtle Matarazzo, Lauren Polkinghorne, Rev. Wally Johnson, Nathalie Prentice, Kay Dowdy and Director of Economic and Community Development (DECD) Robyn Ryan.

**APOLOGIES:** Sgt Narelle Tucker, Inspector Bob Tunks, Cr Allan Purtill, Steve Smith, Dale Pope, Robyn Johnson and Omeni Ndlovu.

#### **BUSINESS ARISING:**

- a) Skate Park – Balranald Inc. is currently undertaking a project review and will meet with Council in July to progress the project.
- b) Juvenile Justice – A representative from Juvenile Justice will be attending the July 23 Committee meeting. Agenda items to be with the DECD two weeks prior to provide a brief to the representative before the meeting.

#### **POLICE STATISTICS AND UPDATE:**

Police Statistics were tabled for discussion. One person involved in the spate of break and enters in March/April.

The Mayor raised the use of anklets for repeat offenders – this matter is to be placed on the agenda for discussion with Juvenile Justice at the July Meeting.

Four firearms stolen earlier in the year have all been recovered following a search by the Police and VRA.

Community Safety Awareness articles have been placed in the Council newsletter over the past two months to encourage the community to report all crime.

Two new fulltime Police Officers have settled into Balranald.

**ROUND TABLE:**

Paul Hadlow:

- Speeding vehicles in Mayall Street (noted by Police for referral to Highway Patrol).
- Truck drivers using mobile phones whilst driving through Market Street (noted by Police for referral to Highway Patrol).

Mayor Steve O' Halloran:

- Response required from Police in relation to follow-up of incident involving a local woman (noted by Police for follow up).
- Police radio system – are the Police looking at changing the system.

**NEXT MEETING:** 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2013 commencing at 2pm

**Closure** There being no further business the meeting closed at 2.25pm.

**Recommendation** that the report be received.

**06.13.3545** **RESOLVED** on the motion of Cr Mannix and Campbell that the report of the Community Safety Precinct Meeting held on 28<sup>th</sup> May 2013 be received.

**REPORT OF THE BALRANALD SHIRE COUNCIL TRAFFIC COMMITTEE MEETING HELD IN SENIOR CITIZENS CENTRE, ON WEDNESDAY 29<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2013 COMMENCING AT 11AM.**

**PRESENT** Mayor S O'Halloran, Craig Gibbins RMS, S/Cst Mark Goeths, Margie Vanzanten, General Manager C Littlemore, and Director Infrastructure & Development John Stevenson (Chair).  
N Manning-Rayner as secretary.

**APOLOGIES:** Cr Trevor Joliffe and Cr Lynda Cooke (observers).

**Previous Minutes:** The Minutes from November 7<sup>th</sup> 2012 were read and confirmed.

**New Business**

**1. Euston Marathon Day – November 2013**

Discussion took place over the traffic plan management plan for the events:

Craig Gibbins stated that the RMS supports the events of the day in principal subject to the provision of an acceptable traffic management plan. As a guide he expects all traffic control points to be physically manned (no lights) and the through traffic movement on the Sturt Highway to be managed via an escort vehicle.

DID explained that a detailed traffic management plan for the events and other traffic movement around the town will be provided within the following fortnight to enable the approval process to proceed.

NSW Police would require overtime payments to be present in a traffic control sense and whilst a police presence will be at the event on the day Mark indicated that suitable qualified traffic control staff would suffice.

**2. Military Trail**

General Manager explained the proposal for memorial plaques on a trail generally between the RSL Club and Court Street ANZAC Park. It was also explained that Council have endorsed the installation of the first ten on the river side nature strip in Court Street.

Images of the future installations were presented for both Court St and Market St. The DID informed the meeting of a Development Application process to approve the alignment of the trail both in Market St and on grass verges in other streets to ANZAC Park.

The General Manager confirms the necessity to recommend a route to Council in order that the Development Application may be processed and the installation firmly planned.

Moved, by Marge Vanzanten that the Military Trail follow Market Street from the RSL Club to River Street as per the original concept images. Then to have the route on the grass verge of River St in the front of the present information centre and old former dental clinic meeting Court Street at the frog sculpture, then southerly on the grass verge at Court Street as previously adopted by Council.

Seconded by Mayor Steve O'Halloran  
Carried



Indicative positioning of individual story-stop signs looking east along Market Street/ Sturt Highway approximately between the Balaranald District Ex-Servicemen's Memorial Club and Mayall Street.



Indicative positioning of individual story-stop signs looking west along Market Street/ Sturt Highway approximately between the Theatre Royal (meeting point of Stages A and B) and Mayall Street.



**3. Burke and Wills Commemorative Plaque – Theatre Royal Frontage**

The DID presented an image re installation of Burke and Wills Commemorative Plaque to the Theatre Royal Frontage. Consensus of the meeting was that it be located in this position (see picture below) so as to remain in keeping with the proposed DA for the Military Trail pedestals.



**4. Bus Parking Bay- Early Learning Centre, Harben St.**

The DID informed the meeting of a request from the centre to provide a bay for bus pickup and drop-off, to avoid the present safety risk, due to congestion. The RMS advised that early learning centres are not considered eligible for school frontage speed restrictions and signage. DID to arrange a single bus bay with signage to the Harben St. centre frontage.

**5. Random Truck Parking Sturt Highway, Euston.**

The DID noted the continued parking in the Pickerings frontage area, and the disruption to adjoining landowners and damage to Telstra cable piers. The committee support an approach to Pickerings to undertake frontage improvements in conjunction with further works programmed by Council. RMS will investigate the likely development of a formal truck park bay off the highway on Crown Reserve westerly of Morris Road intersection. DID to liaise with Craig Gibbins.



**Items for General Discussion**

1. DID to follow up RMS progress on likely sale of Euston RMS depot site.
2. Unfenced roads within the Shire – DID informed the meeting that warning signs advising of stock on unfenced rural roads within the shire will be erected in conjunction with the 23 Shire entry point signs advising of “Dry Weather Access Only”.
3. RMS to pursue or follow up the reconstruction of Morris Road intersection with the Sturt Highway and its likely inclusion on the current highway road works in the area.
4. RMS to investigate routine maintenance to rest stop park area at the old bridge site at Yanga Creek.
5. RMS raised the issue of Market Street pavement upgrade and the likely consultation with business houses around September of this year. It is recommended that Council consider the removal of the median islands to simplify the pavement replacement. DID to liaise with RMS on an eventual design which retains blisters and pedestrian crossings with safety but moves traffic closer to the centre line away from parked vehicles.
6. DID raised the issue of abandoned vehicles on roadsides. Police indicated that following an infringement circumstance or an actual break down and abandonment the RMS are involved in removing the vehicle off the traffic lanes and shoulder. The present system does not provide a clear path for cost recovery in the event of eventual vehicle removal by Council.
7. M Vanzanten questioned why the 50k zone did not move westerly of the Endeavour Drive intersection. Craig Gibbins and the General Manager informed the meeting that Council did not support the issue. DID advised the meeting that a driver education Visual Message Board program is currently in place in the locality.
8. Mayor Steve O'Halloran thanked the RMS on behalf of Council for their prompt action and funding for the walkway / cycleway off the swing bridge.

**NEXT Meeting:** Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> August 2013 commencing at 11.00am  
There being no further business the Meeting **closed** at 12.50pm.

**Recommendation** that the Report be received.

**06.13.3546 RESOLVED** on the motion of Cr Barns and Campbell that the report of the Traffic Committee Meeting held on 29<sup>th</sup> May 2013 be received.

**MINUTES OF THE BALRANALD SHIRE EUSTON BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT THE MULTI-PURPOSE BUILDING, EUSTON ON TUESDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> JUNE, 2013 COMMENCING AT 9:20AM**

**PRESENT** Cr Leigh Byron (Chair), Cr Ken Barnes, Cr Lynda Cooke, Maureen Pupillo, Barry Watts and Edna Price.

**APOLOGIES:** Vicki Barnes, Bev Harbinson, Paula Rodger, Ann Gill, Helen Robertson, Faye Watts, Jim & Vivienne McMahon, Ron Mengler and John Stevenson (Director Infrastructure & Development).

**Lake Benanee**

A discussion took place regarding the Lake Benanee Action Plan in regards to notes appearing on the Balranald Tourism Agenda. Request that in the future a copy of the notes be attached to the Euston Beautification Meeting Agenda.

Disappointment was expressed with the lack of communication with the CMA Murray (Mildura) over proposals with future water management for the lake.

**Cowper Street**

A discussion took place regarding some screening trees for the horse yards off unmade Broughton Street. DID John Stevenson to follow up with lease holder.

**Sturt Highway North-Eastern Town Approach**

Discussions took place in regards to the continuing issue of trucks parking in the town approach area. DID John Stevenson to advise of negotiations with Pickerings and pursue discussions with the RMS for formal truck parking on the west side of town on Crown Reserve. Plans to be presented to the next meeting.

**Medley Drive**

DID to report back on progress with minor repairs to the wharf and extensions of the drip system and tree planting.

DECD Robyn to supply suggestions and possible plans for an Art Park Design for the Medley Wharf Reserve to the next meeting for further discussion.

**Euston Cemetery**

Barry Watts moved motion

‘To Allow Pre Purchase and Reservation of Plots within the Euston Lawn Cemetery.’

Seconded: Maureen Pupillo. Carried.

**Note: this will mean an alteration to Councils general policy with respect to reservations in lawn cemetery’s. Motion rejected due to policy**

**Euston Courthouse**

Maureen Pupillo reported that the purchase of \$107.10 for plants to replace those damaged in the grounds has been undertaken. Recommend Mrs Pupillo be reimbursed.

DID to proceed directly with plaster repairs to the 'Euston Room' to enable the room to be utilised as soon as possible (Historical Society request).

**General:**

- Works to Cary Street shoulders west of Cowper Street have commenced but are hampered by wet weather.
- A discussion took place in regards to re-entering the Tidy Towns competition. Council is asked to enter the relevant forms required. Councillor Ken Barnes to discuss with DID John Stevenson.
- Discussion took place in regards to signage possibilities along the Euston – Robinvale Bridge walk to the weir. DID and DECD to report back.

There being no further discussion the Meeting **closed** at 10:10am.

**Next meeting** to be held on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2013 commencing at 9.00am at the football grounds.

**Recommendation** That the report be received.

**06.13.3547** **RESOLVED** on the motion of Cr Byron and Cooke that the report of the Euston Beautification & Tourism Committee Meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> June 2013 be received.

**REPORT OF THE BALRANALD SHIRE COUNCIL TOURISM &  
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT THE  
BALRANALD SHIRE COUNCIL CHAMBERS MARKET STREET  
BALRANALD ON TUESDAY JUNE 4, 2013 COMMENCING AT 5.07PM**

**1. PRESENT:**

Crs Byron, Mannix, Purtill and Barnes (Chair), Mrs Silvana Keating, Mr Peter Lawler, Mr Ken Spinks, and Director of Economic and Community Development (DECD) Robyn Ryan.

**2. APOLOGIES:**

Mayor O'Halloran, General Manager Chris Littlemore, Mrs Sue O'Halloran, Ms Connie Mallet, Mrs Linda Nelson, Mrs Shirley Matarazzo, Myrtle Matarazzo and Ms Jo Gorman.

Deputy Mayor Byron chaired the meeting, and at 5.15pm Councillor Barnes resumed the role of Chair.

**3. BUSINESS ARISING:**

As per attached Action Sheet

**Ben Scott Memorial Bird Trail**

**RECOMMENDATION:** that Council continue with the tidy – up of the bird trail and that the water supply be turned on as soon as possible.

***Moved: Cllr Purtill  
Seconded: Peter Lawler***

**4. NEW BUSINESS:**

*5 Rivers Outback Festival* – update deferred to next meeting due to an apology from Ms Connie Mallet.

*Yanga Interpretation* – Silvana Keating provided the Committee with an update on the new interpretive technology to be used for self- guided tours in the homestead and ipad kiosks for the woolshed.

*Frog Sculptures* – Ken Spinks suggested inserting cable into the bodies of the frogs to minimise damage and theft.

*Interpretive Centre* – DECD advised the Committee that Council had called tenders for the construction of the centre, however Council resolved not to accept any of the tenders. Council is now investigating options to progress the project within the allocated budget.

**5. AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING**

All agenda items **must** be to the Director of Economic and Community Development **one week prior** to the meeting.

**6. CLOSURE** There being no further business the meeting closed at 6.10pm.

**7. NEXT MEETING** - 2<sup>nd</sup> July, 2013

**Recommendation:** That the report be received.

**06.13.3548** **RESOLVED** on the motion of Cr Purtill and Mannix that the report of the Balranald Tourism & Economic Development Meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> June 2013 be received.



## Balranald Shire Tourism and Economic Development Action Report (June 2013)

Meeting Date	Item	Action Required	Progress as at 3/06/2013	Outcomes from Meeting 04/06/2013
2 August 2011	Ben Scott Memorial Bird Trail	Draft action plan implementation	<p>Works Underway</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hides cleaned out</li> <li>• Hides sprayed for spiders</li> <li>• Carpark area cleaned up</li> <li>• Naming signage ordered</li> <li>• Seats repaired</li> <li>• Boardwalk cleared</li> <li>• Track improved</li> <li>• General tidy up</li> <li>• Log barriers for vehicle access</li> </ul>	
		Water into the bird trail	Nil	<p><b>RECOMMENDATION:</b> that Council continue with the tidy – up of the bird trail and that the water supply be turned on as soon as possible Moved: Clr Purtill Seconded: Peter Lawler</p>
		Specialist Birdwatchers visit for ideas to improve the hide/trail	Mid Murray Field Naturalists contacted and will be visiting in July – DECD coordinating.	

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		Improvement budget 2013/2014	\$10,000 included in draft budget for 2013/2014	
		Mr Geoff Scott to be invited to participate in Bird Trail project		
	Solar Lighting at Swan Hill Road Information Bay	Investigate the cost of solar lighting for Swan Hill Road Information Bay	Lighting units purchased with installation expected by 31/5/2013. Total cost \$120	Completed
	Brochure stands for businesses	Investigate options, costs and interest	No further action to date	
	Birdwatching	Investigate opportunities	Ongoing	
7 August 2012	Town Entrance Signage	Upgrade entrance signage – Balranald	Design being developed	
	Yanga Way Fencing	Liaise with National Parks to investigate the re fencing of a section on land on Yanga Way	GM to provide update	NP investigating
4 September 2012	Lake Benanee Beautification	Action Plan developed	<p>Concept Plan - works undertaken:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bollards installed</li> <li>• All weather footway Constructed</li> <li>• Plants ordered for planting July/August</li> <li>• Section of watering system installed</li> <li>• Solar lights installed in toilets</li> </ul>	<p>Clr Barnes gave an update on the project and requested further information on the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Plant order</li> <li>• Bollards used</li> <li>• Consultation with Euston Beautification Committee</li> </ul> <p>DECD to arrange for project co-ordinator Ray Mitchell to contact Clr Barnes.</p>



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			\$10,000 CMA funding	Clr Barnes also tabled a plan that was developed for the CMA funding and the DECD is to obtain a copy and disseminate to the TED Committee
9 October 2012	Proposed development signage	Design and erect a sign in Heritage Park showcasing the new visitor and interpretive centre development	Awaiting adoption of final plan by Council. June Meeting	
12 November	Local History Trail/Plaques	Increase plaque numbers	Budget allocation made in 2013/2014 draft budget	
12 November	Low level weir	Discuss and seek funding to enhance facilities at the weir	Budget allocation made in 2013/2014 draft budget	
	Airport Infrastructure - Provision for aviation fuel at airport	Investigate provision of aviation fuel at airport. Committee requested further investigation into the supply of avgas, and that an action plan be developed and put on file for future ventures	Continue to monitor the fuel requirements of the mining companies	
	Information board at airport	Investigate the provision of an information board at the airport	Signage developed – installation mid-June	Ordered
	Airport beautification	Enhance the appearance of the airport	Works completed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Spray painting waiting area</li> <li>- Toilet tidy up</li> <li>- Improved entrance and signage</li> </ul>	Completed Completed Ordered
4 June 2013	Kingsford Smith Marker	Investigate access to, and promotion of the Kingsford Smith landing site marker with Ron McGill		

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BALRANALD  
BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE HELD AT THE COUNCIL  
CHAMBERS, ON 5<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2013, COMMENCING AT  
7:00PM**

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**PRESENT:** Cr Jeff Mannix, Gaye Renfrey, Mary Grisdale, Jill Bath, Greg Camin, Marg Vanzanten, Karen Norfolk, Robyn Ryan DECD and John Stevenson - Chair (Director Infrastructure & Development)

**APOLOGIES:** Mayor Steve O'Halloran, Cr Elaine Campbell, Cr Allan Purtill and Vicki Burke

**Minutes Endorsed by Consensus**

**Business**

**1. Bank Street Island**

General discussion relating to previous recommendations of the Committee re the island section Market St to Court St. Where is it up to? DID informed the meeting that there is no specific improvement budget for the work, rather it will be undertaken from beautification votes and town area improvement monies. General discussion on pruning the existing trees, establishing a raised kerb, grass seeding and replanting as and when funds are available.

2. Jill Bath wished for the Committee to thank Council staff for the efforts put towards the watering system for new trees to the multipurpose health centre frontage. Agreed by consensus.

**New Business:**

1. DECD Robyn explained Red Gum Funding Program to the Committee involving the streetscape to Heritage Park Frontage, Market & River Streets and the need to acquit this work by the 30<sup>th</sup> June 2013. DECD advised of the preparation of plans to improve driveways, remove an existing driveway at the Malcolm building, improve pedestrian access and provide a standard of landscaping at the street intersection.

2. General discussion took place around the removal of three (3) nature strip trees in Market Street and two (2) Mallee trees in River St. These trees will be replaced with advanced sized appropriate plantings. Accepted by consensus.

3. DECD Robyn raised the issue of the elevated concrete block anchors at the Swing Bridge in Court Street and the opportunity to incorporate gardens and/or seating beside this structure. Beautification Committee will focus a working bee on the issue when the next year budget is available. DID to prepare a plan.

G. Renfrey suggested that the existing gravel walkway on the Court St nature strip should be re-sheeted in conjunction with the above work. DID to programme the work.

4. Committee working bee is arranged to improve main street plantings on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> June commencing at 8:30am. G Camin to complete the multipurpose health centre planting work as part of this work bee.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7:50pm.

**Next Meeting:** Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2013, at 7:00pm

**Recommendation:** That the report be received.

**06.13.3549** **RESOLVED** on the motion of Cr Purtill and Mannix that the report of the Balranald Beautification Committee Meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> June 2013 be received.

**MINUTES OF THE BALRANALD SHIRE LOCAL  
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE HELD AT THE  
BALRANALD SHIRE DEPOT ON THURSDAY 13 JUNE 2013  
COMMENCING AT 10.40AM**

**PRESENT:** Chris Littlemore (GM), REMO Scott Fullerton, Cr Leigh Byron, Annette Vaarzon Morel FWLHD, Wyn Scott (FWLHD), Wayne Phillips (NSW Fire & Rescue), Graham Manning (VRA), Paul Hadlow & Karen Norfolk (VRA observers), Steve Walker & Scott Connor (RFS), Narelle Tucker, Insp Bob Tunks, Les Hine NSW Police, Kathryn Ferguson & James Kydd NSW Ambulance, Margaret Nowers BMCC and Paul Murphy (SES)

**APOLOGIES:** Nil

**BUSINESS ARISING:** Nil

**NEW BUSINESS:**

The committee undertook a desktop rescue exercise with complication of catastrophic fire warning and subsequent fire outbreak in the vicinity of the search.

Lessons learned.

1. As the LEMC had not been activated for some years, stationery was out of date or missing.
2. Updated SOP's needed in LEMC
3. Alternate LEMC should be considered (next meeting).
4. After-hours access to depot and emergency generator needed.
5. Emergency contact at Telstra required.
6. Same for Power, State Works and RMS

All agreed the exercise was a valuable tool and Insp Tunks offered to organise another exercise involving senior personnel in a full mock activation.

Insp Tunks also praised the VRA for an excellent job in recovering stolen weapons.

There being no further discussion the meeting closed at 12.15pm.

**Recommendation:** that the report be received

**06.13.3550** **RESOLVED** on the motion of Cr Byron and Barnes that the report of the Local Emergency Management Committee Meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> June 2013 be received.

**REPORT OF THE MEETING OF BALRANALD SHIRE COUNCIL RETIREMENT HOSTEL COMMITTEE HELD AT THE BIDGEE HAVEN HOSTEL ON MONDAY 17th JUNE 2013 COMMENCING AT 5.05 PM**

**PRESENT:** Kathryn Ferguson (Chair), Joan Dalton, Helen Edmunds, Helen Ellis, Pam Martin (Hostel RN) and Robert Rayner (Director of Corporate Services).

**APOLOGIES:** Cr Lynda Cooke, Gen McConnell and Cr Steve O'Halloran.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** Nil.

**DIRECTOR OF CORPORATE SERVICES REPORT:**

- Pam Martin won the Aged Care Services 2013 Employee Winner STATE AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE
- Jessica Leggatt won the Riverina Region Section in the NSW Training Awards for the School Based Trainee Award.
- No Policy for Donations received, except Model Code of Conduct.

**COORDINATORS REPORT:**

- Staff Awards
- New Shuttle bus is being used for outings
- Chooks are going well
- Staff training and levels of staffing
- Spring garden fair

**AGENDA ITEMS:**

- 1) Meeting frequency is to remain at every 2 months, with urgent meetings called if the need arises.
- 2) Committee procedures and function discussed.
- 3) Inward donations to the Hostel discussed
- 4) Questions without notice. Policies and how they are reviewed. Pam Martin gave an overview on Hostel Policies. Spring Garden Fair. The Hostel are going to hold a Spring Garden Fair.
- 5) The next meeting will be held on Monday, August 5th 2013.

Meeting closed 5.40 pm.

**Recommendation:** that the report be received. Purtill/Cooke

**06.13.3551 RESOLVED** on the motion of Cr Purtill and Cooke that the report of the Hostel Committee Meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> June 2013 be received.

## **COMMITTEE & OTHER REPORTS FOR INFORMATION**

### **DELEGATES REPORTS**

Purtill: School Bowlers taken away  
Byron: DID & I met with Pickering's about business frontage  
Byron: Attended National General Assembly  
Barnes: Historical Group update

### **NOTICES OF MOTION/RECISSION**

### **GENERAL MANAGERS REPORTS (Incorporating all Staff Reports)**

## Corporate Services Division

Item C-1	STATEMENT OF FUNDS	
Reporting Officer	Director Corporate Services – Robert Rayner	File 85

### Purpose of Report

Funds Report for the Month Ending 31<sup>st</sup> May 2013

### Report

#### Bank Reconciliation

Balance B/F From Previous Month 560,068.04

#### ADD Receipts for Month:

Hostel Subsidy	57,672.82	
Rates & Water	308,542.98	
Natural Disaster Funing	276,100.00	
FAGS	321,222.25	
Roads to Recovery	396,773.00	
Block Grant	303,875.00	
Other Revenue	420,836.07	1,781,147.12

#### LESS Payments for the Month:

Contractors Plant Hire	68,432.06	
BAS - April 13	90,909.00	
Bitumen Sealing Works	385,580.62	
Heavy Patching Works	198,193.05	
Loan Repayment	101,275.39	
Other Payments	968,875.46	1,813,265.58

**Cash Book Balance as at End of Month 527,949.58**

LESS Outstanding Deposits as at end of Month 24,083.29

ADD Unpresented Cheques as at end of Month 404,076.39

**Bank Balance as at End of Month 907,942.68**

#### Funds Held

Funds	General	DWM	Water	Sewer	Combined
Bank	- 2,087.20	81,614.55	285,039.87	163,382.36	527,949.58
Investment	2,100,000.00	-	-	1,400,000.00	3,500,000.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2,097,912.80</b>	<b>81,614.55</b>	<b>285,039.87</b>	<b>1,563,382.36</b>	<b>4,027,949.58</b>

Restricted 1,634,203.97 1,634,203.97

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<b>Investment Held:</b>	Bankwest	\$	1,000,000.00
	Bendigo	\$	500,000.00
	IMB Ltd	\$	500,000.00
	NAB	\$	500,000.00
	Suncorp	\$	500,000.00
	Westpac	\$	500,000.00
		<b>\$</b>	<b>3,500,000.00</b>

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.

**06.13.3552** **RESOLVED** on the motion of Cr Campbell and Byron that the report be received and recommendation be adopted.

<b>Item C - 2</b>	<b>VOLUNTEERS POLICY</b>	
Reporting Officer	Director Corporate Services – Robert Rayner	File 77(C)

**Purpose of Report**

To adopt a Policy for Council's Volunteers in line with new Work Health & Safety Policies and Procedures.

**Report**

The policy was presented to the Council at its May meeting. The objectives of the policy are to provide Council with a systematic process to enable utilisation of Volunteers.

No submissions have been received.

**Attachments:** Nil

**Budget Implications:** Nil

**Recommendation:**

That Council adopt the policy as distributed to the Council at its May meeting.

**06.13.3553** **RESOLVED** on the motion of Cr Barnes and Mannix that the report be received and recommendation be adopted.

<b>Item C - 3</b>	<b>JOURNEY COVER INSURANCE</b>	
Reporting Officer	Director Corporate Services – Robert Rayner	File 104

### **Purpose of Report**

To advise Council of a new insurance coverage for employees.

### **Report**

With changes to the Workers Compensation Legislation employees are no longer covered for travel from home to work and return under Council's Workers Compensation Insurance.

Council's Insurance Account Manager Greg Averkos has recommended a Journey Cover Insurance Policy to cover Council's employees. The annual premium would be \$2,118.10.

The Weekly benefit paid under the policy would be 85% of salary to a maximum cost of \$2,500.00 per week. Death and Capital benefits under the policy would be \$250,000. There is a 7 day deductible/excess.

Currently if employees injure themselves on the way to work they would receive sick leave.

The positive aspects for Council in providing this insurance would be as follows:

- To provide a safety gap for employees who may be injured
- To provide a benefit to employees families if an employee is severely injured or killed
- To return employees benefits that have been eroded with the change of legislation
- Staff attraction and retention with this employee benefit
- Reduction in Council sick leave benefit payments for this type of injury

The negative aspects for Council in providing this insurance would be as follows:

- Cost to Council
- Minimal reported incidents of this type in past Council records

Councillor's travel is covered under Council's Personal Accident policy.

**Attachments:** Nil

**Budget Implications:** There is no budget for this insurance

**Recommendation:** For Council's consideration

**06.13.3554** **RESOLVED** on the motion of Cr Purtill and Byron that Council pay for this insurance premium.

<b>Item C- 4</b>	<b>LGNSW REQUEST FOR CONTRIBUTIONS</b>	
Reporting Officer	Director of Corporate Services - Robert Rayner	File 160

### **Purpose of Report**

To advise of a contribution request towards legal costs.

### **Report**

Council has received a request from Local Government NSW for assistance towards legal costs.

Mid-Western Regional Council currently has a matter before the Land and Environment Court challenging Council's categorisation of land as mining for ratings purposes.

The Associations Board considered that this matter is of importance to all local government and are seeking a contribution of \$1,581.80 towards Mid-Western Regional Council's legal costs.

This request deserves support based on the principles of the case as Balranald may be affected into the future with regard to Mineral Sands Mining.

Council has been reminded by the Association that there is no obligation to provide assistance.

### **Budget Implications**

The Legal expenses vote has only \$800 remaining to meet the expense.

### **Attachments**

1. Copy of the letter from LGNSW.

### **Recommendation**

That due to the importance of this legal matter to Council, with regard to possible future revenue, that Council resolves to pay the full amount requested.

**06.13.3555** **RESOLVED** on the motion of Cr Purtill and Byron that the report be received and recommendation be adopted.

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Our ref: R90/0240-02-out 21478

14 May 2013

Mr Chris Littlemore  
General Manager  
Balranald Shire Council  
PO Box 120  
BALRANALD NSW 2715

Dear Mr Littlemore,

**Advice re: Contribution to Legal Assistance**

The Association recently wrote to your Council outlining the successful application for legal assistance by Mid-Western Regional Council.

As set out in that letter, Mid-Western Regional Council currently has a matter before the Land and Environment Court challenging Council's categorisation of land as mining for ratings purposes.

The Association's Board considered that this matter is of importance to all local government especially taking into consideration the recent Coal Seam Gas issues that have occurred throughout the State.

Your financial contribution is now sought in this matter. Please find attached an invoice with your contribution amount of \$1581.80.

You are reminded that there is no obligation for a council to provide assistance.

Please do not hesitate to contact me on (02) 9242 4125 if you have any questions on this matter.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'F/Loveridge'.

Frank Loveridge  
Legal Officer

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<b>Item C - 5</b>	<b>BALRANALD CAN ASSIST REQUEST</b>	
Reporting Officer	Director of Corporate Services - Robert Rayner	File 25

### **Purpose of Report**

Consideration of a request by Balranald Can Assist to occupy the old Mallee Family Care Office.

### **Report**

Council has received a request from Balranald Can Assist to occupy the old Mallee Family Care Office in the Theatre Royal Precinct.

Balranald Can Assist currently occupies a section of Turps Butchery in Market Street and utilise the building for a shop front (sale of books) and storage. Turps wishes to extend his shop front and has requested Can Assist to vacate the premises.

I met with representatives of Balranald Can Assist on Thursday June 6, 2013 to discuss the use of this office. As part of the discussions I advised that if Council found a commercial tenant for the office they would be required to vacate the premises and Council would look for an alternative if available.

The main concern at the moment was to vacate the old premises to allow Turps to commence his renovations. I offered the office as a stop gap measure for storage if required, pending a report to Council.

Balranald Can Assist currently provides assistance to 17 people in the Shire. The charity cannot afford commercial rent on the premises and the only other significant cost would be the electricity.

### **Budget Implications**

Rent has not been allowed for in the 2013/14 budget or the expense of electricity on the office.

### **Attachments**

Nil.

### **Recommendation**

That Council 1) Allow Balranald Can Assist to occupy the building rent free until a commercial tenant is found.

2) Request Balranald Can Assist pay for the electricity consumption if they wish to occupy the office.

**06.13.3556** **RESOLVED** on the motion of Cr Purtill and Mannix that the report be received and recommendation be adopted.



<b>Item C - 6</b>	<b>AUTHORITY TO AFFIX SEAL – LOAN DOCUMENTS.</b>		
Reporting Officer	Director of Corporate Services - Robert Rayner	File 86	

**Purpose of Report**

To seek Council's approval to affix the Council seal on loan documents.

**Report**

Council has obtained quotes for the \$1,000,000 loan for Heritage Park Development and has accepted Westpac's offer. The loan documentation has been prepared and it requires Council to affix its common seal to the loan agreement.

**Budget Implications**

Nil

**Attachments**

Nil

**Recommendation**

That Council authorise the common seal of Council be affixed to the loan agreement.

**06.13.3557** **RESOLVED** on the motion of Cr Byron and Barnes that the report be received and recommendation be adopted.

<b>Item C - 7</b>	<b>SIGNS FOR REMOTE SUPERVISION</b>	
Reporting Officer	Director Corporate Services – Robert Rayner	File 535

**Purpose of Report**

To adopt the Policy for Council's Signs for Remote Supervision responsibilities in accordance with Council's Insurers, Statewide Mutual guidelines.

**Report**

The policy was presented to the Council at its May meeting. The objectives of the policy are to provide Council with a systematic process of developing appropriate signage for Council properties.

No submissions have been received.

**Attachments:** Nil

**Budget Implications:** Nil

**Recommendation:**

That Council adopt the policy as distributed to the Council at its May meeting.

**06.13.3558** **RESOLVED** on the motion of Cr Purtill and Campbell that the report be received and recommendation be adopted.

<b>Item C - 8</b>	<b>WATER RATES ISSUE DUE TO A LEAK</b>	
Reporting Officer	Director of Corporate Services – Robert Rayner	File 130

### **Purpose of Report**

To bring to Councils attention a water rates issue due to a leak

### **Report**

Council have received correspondence from a business owner in relation to their large filtered water rates. This business used on average 3.68KL per day in the first quarter of the year which is typical for this business. The second quarter average usage rose to 5.56KL per day. The business owner raised concerns with Council staff, which had the meter and the meter reading checked for accuracy. The business owner was also advised to have the premises checked for water leaks. The normal procedure suggested, is to check to ensure all water is off on the premises, and the meter is then checked for movement.

The business owner had the premises checked by a licenced plumber which resulted in some minor adjustments to some water fittings. The subsequent water account for the third quarter averaged 8.74KL per day. This prompted the business owner to have a licenced plumber again inspect the property revealing an external underground pipe leakage, with minimal above ground moisture, which was immediately repaired.

The water meters are normally read at the end of the quarter and take approximately 2 weeks to complete. The water accounts are processed with actual readings not estimates. During this year the accounts have been processed within a 7.33 day average after the readings have been entered into the accounting system. There was a 2 week delay in the reading of meters for the third quarter due to staffing issues.

Other advice to business owners that could be given, is that if these issues arise and a plumber is unable to find anything, to check the meter weekly/daily yourself to identify the possibility of a leak.

The correspondence did not specifically request any refund but for Council to look at some procedural changes in the water bill process to alleviate water wastage.

Council officers have not been negligent in the performance of their duties and the business owner acknowledges that the licenced plumber did not identify the leak in the first instance. Therefore Council should not be held responsible for any refund.

Council officers will look at a Council Policy in relation to water leaks and review the administration procedures in relation to water readings and accounts.

**Budget Implications**

Nil

**Attachments**

Nil

**Recommendation**

That the report be noted.

**06.13.3559** **RESOLVED** on the motion of Cr Byron and Mannix that the report be received and recommendation be adopted.

<b>Item C - 9</b>	<b>INTERPRETATIVE CENTRE ESTIMATED INCOME &amp; EXPENDITURE</b>	
Reporting Officer	Director of Corporate Services - Robert Rayner	File 771(C)

### **Purpose of Report**

To advise Council of estimated income and expenditure for the new Interpretative Centre

### **Report**

Council has requested an estimate of possible income and expenditure from the new Interpretative Centre.

Income		Expenditure	
Souvenir Sales	\$32,000	Salaries (9 to 5)	\$83,148
Rental Café	\$ 5,200	Electricity	\$ 6,000
		Insurance	\$ 5,200
		R & M Building	\$ 2,500
		Cleaning Toilets	\$ 5,115
		Cleaning Building	\$ 4,000
		R & M Grounds	\$14,000
		Telephone	\$ 1,000
		Internet & PA	\$ 2,500
		Merchant Fees	\$ 700
		Souvenirs	\$16,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$37,200</b>		<b>\$140,163</b>

The list of income is the barest minimum; other avenues for revenue may include a booking feature, guided tours and donations.

### **Budget Implications**

This is an anticipated increase of approx. \$30,000 expenditure for the 2014/15 budget, offset by the rental on the Café.

### **Attachments**

Nil.

### **Recommendation**

That the report be noted.

**06.13.3560** **RESOLVED** on the motion of Cr Purtill and Cooke that the report be received and recommendation be adopted.

**06.13.3561** **RESOLVED** on the motion of Cr Byron and Mannix that the report C10 Authority to Affix Seal – Loan Documents be inserted into the Agenda.

<b>Item C- 10</b>	<b>AUTHORITY TO AFFIX SEAL – LOAN DOCUMENTS.</b>	
Reporting Officer	Director of Corporate Services - Robert Rayner	File 86

**Purpose of Report**

To seek Council's approval to affix the Council seal on loan documents.

**Report**

Council has an existing loan for Euston Water Fund of approximately \$108,000 which matures from its fixed rate term on 30/06/13. Council has obtained rates from Westpac to fix the loan for a further 5 years and to repay the loan within this period.

Westpac have been requested to complete the loan documentation and it requires Council to affix its common seal to the loan agreement.

**Budget Implications**

Nil

**Attachments**

Nil

**Recommendation**

That Council authorise the common seal of Council be affixed to the loan agreement.

**06.13.3562 RESOLVED** on the motion of Cr Barnes and Mannix that the report be received and recommendation be adopted.

## **Economic & Community Development Reports**

<b>Item E - 1</b>	<b>ESSENTIAL ENERGY COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS TREES</b>	
Reporting Officer	Director of Economic and Community Development Robyn Ryan	File 094

### **Purpose of Report**

To advise Council of funding received to construct community Christmas trees.

### **Report**

Earlier in the year Council submitted an application under the Essential Energy Community Support Program for funding to assist in the creation of two Christmas trees for the Balranald and Euston communities.

Council has been advised that the application was successful, and that \$400 has been made available to assist with this project.

Council staff will be liaising with the Balranald Beautification and Euston Beautification and Tourism Committees in the coming months to develop plans for the design, construction and purchase of appropriate Christmas decorations/trees for each community.

### **Budget Implications**

Nil

### **Attachments**

Correspondence from Essential Energy

### **Recommendation**

For the information of Council.

**06.13.3563** **RESOLVED** on the motion of Cr Cooke and Campbell that the report be received and recommendation be adopted.



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File 094.

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7 June 2013

Robyn Ryan  
PO Box 120  
BALRANALD NSW 2715

Dear Robyn

Community Support Application: Essential Energy Community Christmas Trees

Thank you for your recent application for Essential Energy's Community Support program.

Having considered your proposal, I am pleased to advise that your application has been successful. Essential Energy will support your activity through the sponsorship of \$400 in accordance with the terms and conditions outlined in the enclosed Sponsorship Contract.

Following your review and acceptance, please sign and return one copy of the contract, along with a tax invoice for the above amount by 14 June 2013. Please ensure purchase order 606068 is written on your invoice for efficient processing.

A reply paid envelope has been provided for your convenience along with a second copy of the contract for your records.

It is important to note that the abovementioned sponsorship is not valid until Essential Energy receives a returned, signed copy of the Sponsorship Contract.

Should you have any questions about the sponsorship or contract, please don't hesitate to contact me on 08 8082 5421. I look forward to discussing your program and our support with you soon.

Yours sincerely

Fran Parker  
Manager Community Relations Far West

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<b>Item E - 2</b>	<b>POLICY FOR NON WAIVER OF THEATRE ROYAL FEES</b>	
Reporting Officer	Director of Economic and Community Development, Robyn Ryan	File 56

**Purpose of Report**

To adopt the Policy for Non Waiver of Theatre Royal Fees.

**Report**

The following policy was moved by the Council at its May meeting.

“The Council resolved that on the motion of Crs Purtill and Barnes that Council adopt a draft policy, that from 1 July 2013 fees for the Theatre Royal facilities will not be waived and that the draft policy be placed on public exhibition for a period of 30 days with any submissions being reported to the June Meeting.”

No submissions regarding the Policy have been received by Council.

**Budget Implications**

Nil.

**Attachments**

Nil.

**Recommendation**

That Council adopt the policy as moved at its May meeting.

**06.13.3564** **RESOLVED** on the motion of Cr Purtill and Barnes that the report be received and recommendation be adopted.

<b>Item E - 3</b>	<b>OUTBACK THEATRE FOR YOUNG PEOPLE – REQUEST FOR FUNDING</b>	
Reporting Officer	Director of Economic and Community Development Robyn Ryan	File 380

### **Purpose of Report**

To advise Council of a request for funding from the Outback Theatre for Young People.

### **Report**

Council has received a request for financial assistance from the Outback Theatre for Young People to assist in the delivery of *The Slideshow Project*.

*The Slideshow Project* will work with young people from both the Balranald and Hay communities, to develop a new work based on the themes and characters of the classic sideshow.

This project will build on the existing relationships with the Balranald community developed through the *Waterways project in 2009 -2010*, and *BYO Grownup 2012*.

During *The Slideshow Project*, there will an opportunity for a shared process, where young people from Balranald and Hay will work together towards a shared small outcome in 2013, and a major touring work in 2014.

The eight (8) week program will run from October 15 to December 6 will include physical theatre, circus skills development and character and narrative development.

The project will be managed by Bec Cooen, who has developed a strong relationship with the young people of the Balranald community. Scott Burnie will be working with Ms Cooen on *The Slideshow Project*.

Outback Theatre for Young People has secured funding from the Country Area Support Program and the Department of Sport and Recreation.

This program will provide the young people of Balranald Shire with an opportunity to develop new skills, expand their social networks and develop an appreciation for art and culture.

### **Budget Implications**

Funds are available within the current youth activities budget.

**Attachments**

Correspondence from Outback Theatre for Young People.

**Recommendation**

That Council support the Outback Theatre for Young People program for 2013/2104 with a contribution of \$2500.

**06.13.3565** **RESOLVED** on the motion of Cr Campbell and Purtill that the report be received and recommendation be adopted.

**Outback Theatre for Young People Presents:**

**THE SIDESHOW PROJECT**

**OUTBACK  
THEATRE  
FOR YOUNG  
PEOPLE**

**Introduction:**

*The Sideshow Project* will work with young people from both the communities of Balranald and Hay, to develop a new work based on the themes and characters of the classic sideshow. Drawing on the sideshow to also create interactive elements, and games, that the show will wrap itself around, where the audience is able to participate and experience the world created by the young performers and also watch a narrative unfold.

The project will build on existing relationships with both communities, initiated by the *Waterways* project 2009 – 2010, and *BYO Grownup* in 2012 in Balranald, and *Alive and Kicking* 2011 – 2012 and *BYO Grownup* 2012 in Hay. Two simultaneous processes across each town will see skills development, the devising of the new work, and professional experience in stage design, lighting and sound.

There will be the opportunity for a shared process, where young people from each town can work together towards a shared small outcome in 2013, and a major touring work in 2014.

The project has been designed in direct response from initial conversations with the Hay Show Society, Hay Shire Council, Hay War Memorial High School, Balranald Central School and Balranald Shire Council. Hay Show and Deniliquin Show are interested in potential presentation of the work in 2014, both aiming at catering better for young people and encouraging participation.

For 8 weeks in November and December, young people will participate in skills development, character and narrative development, script writing, and production support (where there is interest). The project will recommence in

**Outcomes / Benefits:**

- Building on the existing circus culture in Balranald, and the enthusiasm for participation by previous OTYP projects: *Waterways*, *BYO Grownup*, and the follow up week at the central school in December 2012.
- Skills development across circus, theatre, production
- Accessible project design with workshops in school and after school
- Leadership development, with the opportunity for young people who display commitment to be involved as assistant directors and

Outback Theatre for Young  
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Deniliquin NSW 2710



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- production assistants
- Professional arts experience for regional young people with limited access to arts and cultural activities
- Pathways to potential future production roles across other OTYP events
- Broaden networks for young people / inter town collaborations
- Presentation Opportunities at local major events in 2014, Hay Show, Deniliquin Show

**Funding:**

We currently have \$3000 confirmed from the Country Area Support Program for the Hay arm of the project, and the Council have indicated potential financial support. We are awaiting a response from Department of Sports and Recreation, for \$10,000 towards the Balranald arm, and will be also applying for The Australia Council Community Partnerships funding, and the FRRR CATCH grant.

We are requesting, if possible that the Balranald Shire Council contribute \$2,500 to the project would indicate to other potential funding partners that the project has local support.

**Timeline:**

15<sup>th</sup> October 2013 – 6<sup>th</sup> December 2013

8 weeks in 2013 Physical Theatre and Circus skills development (Balranald), character development (Balranald), Stage Design (Hay), Narrative Development (Balranald / Hay).

13<sup>th</sup> January 2014 – 7<sup>th</sup> March 2014

8 weeks in 2014 – Casting (working out who is committed to performing in the show), Rehearsal, Production Design,

**Artists:**

Project Director: Bec Cooen  
Trainer: Scott Burnie  
Production and Design Mentor: TBC

**Contact:**

Mandy Field  
Creative Producer  
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**06.13.3566 RESOLVED** on the motion of Cr Barnes and Campbell that the meeting adjourn at 7.15pm for dinner.

## **Infrastructure & Development Reports**

<b>Item I - 1</b>	<b>BURIALS ON PRIVATE LAND</b>	
Reporting Officer	Director Infrastructure & Development - John Stevenson	File 400

**Purpose of Report:** To consider a Policy for the burial of persons on private land, in accordance with Public Health (Disposal of Bodies) Regulation 2012.

### **Report**

Council has certain regulatory responsibilities under the Public Health Regulation 2012, Part 8, Disposal of Bodies. These generally relate to the operation of cemeteries, internment of deceased persons and approvals for these activities.

In order to ensure consistency and transparency in approval processes this policy has been drafted to apply to all applications to bury bodies on private land not being a public or an approved private cemetery.

**Attachments:** Draft Burials on Private Land Policy Document.

**Budget Implications:** Nil

### **Recommendation:**

That Council place the Draft Policy Document: Burials on Private Land, on public exhibition for a period of 30 days with any submissions being reported to the August Meeting.

**06.13.3567** **RESOLVED** on the motion of Cr Campbell and Cooke that the report be received and recommendation be adopted.



**POLICY TITLE:** Burials on Private Land  
**VERSION:** Draft 1.0  
**EXPIRY DATE:** UNLIMITED

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*Adopted by Council –*

*Minute No. –*

Policy Number:

Policy Section:

Policy Title: Burials on Private Land

File reference: File 400

**OBJECTIVES:**

To allow burials on private land.

To protect public health.

**POLICY STATEMENT**

Balranald Shire Council is the approval authority under the Public Health (Disposal of Bodies) Regulation 2012 for applications for burial on private land in the Balranald Local Government area. This policy is intended to provide guidance to applicants of Councils requirements in fulfilling this role.

**1. Preamble**

The operation of cemeteries and internment of deceased persons on private land must be approved by Council in accordance with the conditions outlined below and the provision of the Public Health Regulation 2012, Part 8, Disposal of Bodies.

No interment can take place on private land unless approval for establishment of a cemetery and a permit for burial have been issued by Council.

This policy will apply to all applications to bury bodies on private land not being a public or private cemetery.



## 2. ESTABLISHMENT OF A CEMETERY ON PRIVATE LAND

Whilst Council would prefer a person to be buried in a public cemetery, Council does recognise that it will, on occasions, be requested to allow a family member to be buried on private land for various personal reasons.

Establishment of a cemetery on private land may be made to Council from the owner/s of the land.

Any proposal for a private burial/cemetery will require the submission of a Development Application.

Development Application accompanied by a site plan showing the location of the proposed burial site in relation to existing buildings, permanent existing observable landmarks, all boundaries of the site, watercourses, dams and drainage depressions, together with payment of the appropriate fee (\$110 as at 17/05/13).

The burial site must be used for private purposes relating only to the burial of family members. A separate Development Application is required to be submitted to Council for any subsequent burial if a separate site.

Accurate details to an approved scale showing the layout of the cemetery including each grave site and proposed dimensions of same.

The land on which the cemetery is to be located must have a minimum area of five (5) hectares.

The proposed cemetery must be sited a minimum of 100 meters from the boundary of the land and any habitable buildings (other than the applicant's dwelling) on the land.

The boundaries of the cemetery must be permanently marked with posts, fencing or other approved method.

The cemetery must not be within 100 metres of any natural watercourse, in an area where it may impact on a drinking water catchment or groundwater supply or within an area excluded by the provisions of any other authority.

The existence of a cemetery is to be designated on the land title as a permanent record. A copy of the amended title or planning instrument is to be provided to Council for its records.

It is the responsibility of the applicant to ensure future maintenance and rights of access to the cemetery site in the event of a change of ownership of the land.

The Application Fee will apply for establishment of a cemetery on private land. This fee includes registration, approval and site inspection and is payable by the applicant.

The burial site is to be located above the 1 in 100 year flood level.

A register of burials must be kept and immediately after a burial has been carried out, enter into such register. The following details must be provided to Council.

- Name, age and last address of the person whose body or remains have been buried.
- Date of the person's death;
- Date of the burial;
- Identification of the allotment where the burial has been made;
- Name of the undertaker who transported the body to the cemetery;
- Name of the person, if any, who conducted any ceremony at the burial.

A geotechnical report of the area proposed to be used as a burial site may be required by Council to establish the depth of soil to enable burial at an appropriate depth, if the water table of the area and the potential to pollute ground waters or surface waters.

A plan or map, prepared by a Registered Land Surveyor, showing the location of the cemetery/burial plot in relation to the boundaries of the property, and the position of the allotments within that cemetery must be prepared and kept with the register at all times.

A Restriction to Use of the land pursuant to Section 88B of the Conveyancing Act, or a Solicitors Dealing and containing the following or similar wording, is to be submitted to Council within three (3) months of the use of the burial site: "Within the area shown so burdened on the attached plan, a grave site is located and no construction or excavation is permitted without prior written consent of the Council."

A Restriction to Use of the land pursuant to Section 88B of the Conveyancing Act, or a Solicitors Dealing, containing the following or similar wording, and submitted to Council within three (3) months of the use of the burial site.

"The owner must not restrict the reasonable access to the grave site by the most suitable route. Further, the owner must not interfere or damage the grave site, provided that any person visiting the grave site must not interfere with the operations of the property and must leave all farming infrastructure as it is found."

### 3. CONDITIONS RELATING TO BURIALS ON PRIVATE LAND

The operation of the cemetery and handling and internment of deceased persons on private land must be carried out in accordance with the provision of the Public Health (Disposal of Bodies) Regulation 2012.

No internment must take place unless a “Burial Permit” is issued by Council. A copy of the Death Certificate or coroner’s advice is to be certified as sighted by a registered undertaker or to accompany the application for a Burial Permit.

Graves are to be identified by permanent markers giving full name and date of birth and death

Should seepage or subsurface water be encountered during excavation of the burial site, the coffin is to be lined with lead or a similar, approved lining material.

No internment must take place until council’s authorised officer has inspected the excavated grave.

Once placed within the grave the upper surface of the coffin must be placed at least 900mm below the natural level of the soil where it is buried.

A register of burials must be kept and immediately after a burial has been carried out, enter into such register. The following details must be provided to Council:

- Name, age and last address of the person whose body or remains have been buried;
- Date of the person’s death;
- Date of the burial;
- Identification of the allotment where the burial has been made;
- Name of the undertaker who transported the body to the cemetery;
- Name of the person, if any, who conducted any ceremony at the burial.

Application Fee will apply for each burial permit issued for private land. This fee includes registration, approval and inspection of the excavated grave.

<b>Item I - 2</b>	<b>SWIMMING POOL INSPECTION PROGRAM</b>	
Reporting Officer	Director Infrastructure & Development	File 565

### **Purpose of Report**

To inform Council of changes to the Swimming Pool Legislation.

### **Report**

In 2012 a comprehensive review of the Swimming Pools Act 1992 was finalised. This review identified a number of amendments designed to enhance the safety of children under the age of five years around private ('backyard') swimming pools in NSW.

The amendments to the Swimming Pool Act include requiring private pool owners to register their pools on the State Governments online database and to have a valid compliance certificate prior to leasing or sale.

In accordance with new legislation, Council is required to develop an inspection program for swimming pools in consultation with the community, including pools associated with the following accommodation types:

- backpackers
- bed and breakfast
- hotel
- motel
- serviced apartments and
- residence of more than 2 occupancies

The following could form the basis of Council's Draft Inspection Program to undertake community consultation.

- 1) As of 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 three (3) years.
- 2) As of 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 three (3) years.

These are considered the minimum legislated inspection requirements.

The following element may be included as optional inspection criteria should Council deem necessary following community consultation:

- 1) As of and from 29/10/2013, 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 proactive element of the program will incorporate a risk based approach, whereby unauthorised pools or authorised pools without outstanding final inspection will have high priority.

**Attachments:** Nil

**Budget Implications:** Swimming Pool inspection fees will be set by the NSW Government under the regulations.

**Recommendation:**

That Council:

- 1) Review the Draft Swimming Pool Inspection Program.
- 2) Commence community consultation with known swimming pool owners/managers contacted via written communication and place Draft Swimming Pool Inspection Program on public exhibition.

**06.13.3568 RESOLVED** on the motion of Cr Campbell and Cooke that the report be received and recommendation be adopted.

<b>Item I - 3</b>	<b>JANELLE MASTERS POOL COMPLEX</b>	
Reporting Officer	Director Infrastructure & Development - John Stevenson	File 565

**Purpose of Report:**

To provide Council with a general estimate of cost to extend the 33m pool to 50m and to advise on the next stage to finalise the indoor pool for use.

**Report:**

**An extension of the 33m pool by 17m** would involve utilising the vacant place generally towards the Tennis Courts so as not to destroy the wading pool or confuse access to the indoor pool.

A main pool extension would involve the removal of the existing fibre glass shell, the sealing of the present concrete structure, removal of the north eastern end, suitable joining and reinforced concrete extension. An upgrade of the filter system would be necessary for the additional water volume and a concourse modification would be necessary.

Without refined calculations and based on the experience of others the estimated cost for this project could range from \$750,000 to in excess of \$1M depending on a number of variables such as the integrity of the existing pool structure after removal of the fibre glass liner, pool lining/tiling and filter system design.

Generally speaking there is limited support funding pathways for ventures of this kind.

**Indoor pool** - Council is presently awaiting the outcome of a grant application for a portable lift chair for this pool to expand access options beyond the aluminium portable steps or the inbuilt steps.

On roof solar heating mats supply a water temperature of approximately 30 degrees. It is anticipated that an expansion of this matting of an equal area will increase the weeks that this temperature is maintained.

In February of this year Council resolved to accept the responsible person / supervisor system for indoor pool users. This buddy system is subject to suitable endorsement by Councils insurer and a booking / arrangement with Council staff for gate entry.

**Attachment:** Nil

**Budget Implications:** Council has a \$30k provision for the pool completion and commissioning in the current budget considerations.

**Recommendation:**

1. The estimated cost to extend the main pool be noted.
2. Council note the progress to commission the indoor pool.

**06.13.3569** **RESOLVED** on the motion of Cr Campbell and Mannix that the report be received and recommendation be adopted.

<b>Item I - 4</b>	<b>EUSTON TOWN AREA – FILTERED WATER CONNECTIONS</b>	
Reporting Officer	Director Infrastructure & Development - John Stevenson	File 871

**Purpose of Report:**

To advise Council of the number of premises in Euston still unconnected to the filtered water supply.

**Report:**

Euston town area has 252 rated residential properties with a water access, and a further 14 businesses. Of these 266 properties, 68 remain vacant blocks and 184 are connected to the filtered supply.

This means that of the possible 198 connections only 14 remain unconnected at this time. These will be investigated for likely connection in the near future.

**Attachment:** Nil

**Budget Implications:** Connection fees apply, currently \$656.00 per household.

**Recommendation:** That the Information be noted.

**06.13.3570** **RESOLVED** on the motion of Cr Campbell and Barnes that the report be received and recommendation be adopted.



<b>Item I - 5</b>	<b>PLUMBING INSPECTIONS</b>	
Reporting Officer	Director Infrastructure & Development – John Stevenson	File 600

### **Purpose of Report**

To give consideration to the Department Of Fair Trading's intention to delegate plumbing regulatory function to Council.

### **Report**

Recent changes to the Plumbing & Drainage legislation has resulted in the Dept. Fair Trading (The Dept.) becoming responsible for the regulatory functions of the Plumbing & Drainage Act 2011.

The Dept. intends to delegate certain functions to Council's, these being:

1. To monitor compliance with the Plumbing & Drainage Act 2012
2. To ensure that any plumbing and drainage work carried out does not threaten public health or safety
3. To undertake any other function conferred or imposed on the plumbing regulator by the Act.

The acceptance of the delegation will allow Council to continue our role in relation to plumbing and drainage.

### **Attachments:**

Dept. Fair Trading correspondence and Instrument of Delegation

### **Budget Implications:**

Acceptance of the Dept's. Delegation will allow to continue to draw income (albeit small) from inspection fees.

Rejection of the delegation will remove this income stream.

### **Recommendation:**

That Council:

- 1) Accept the Department of Fair Trading's delegation to Council of functions under the Plumbing & Drainage Act 2012.
- 2) That Council authorise the Common Seal to be affixed to the Instrument of Delegation.

**06.13.3571** **RESOLVED** on the motion of Cr Mannix and Byron that the report be received and recommendation be adopted.

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Attachment: Dept. Fair Trading Correspondence & Instrument of Delegation.



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File: 025

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LETTER NO. 29747				

Dear Mr Littlemore

***Delegation to Council of functions under the Plumbing and Drainage Act 2012***

As you will be aware, the *Plumbing and Drainage Act 2011* (the Act) was passed by Parliament on 9 November 2011. The Act established a single scheme of regulation of on-site plumbing and drainage work in NSW and established NSW Fair Trading as the NSW plumbing regulator.

The legislation is being implemented in stages. In the first stage, the Act commenced on 1 July 2012 and implemented the *Plumbing Code of Australia* as the new technical standard across all of NSW. Fair Trading became the plumbing regulator in areas that, immediately before commencement of the Act, were within the areas of operations of the Sydney Water Corporation, Hunter Water Corporation and other licensed utility operators under the *Water Industry Competition Act 2006*. Local councils in other areas continued to retain compliance and inspection roles in relation to plumbing and drainage work.

In the second stage from 1 January 2013, Fair Trading will become the single regulator across NSW. However, Fair Trading has always intended to delegate certain functions back to local councils in order to continue the important regulatory role of councils in their local areas. Fair Trading has recently completed a series of roadshows, to which all councils were invited, to explain the new system and the role of councils.

Section 21 of the Act allows the plumbing regulator to delegate any of the plumbing regulator's functions to a local council, or any other person the regulator considers has the necessary skills, knowledge or experience to exercise the function. The council may, in turn, subdelegate any of these functions but only as set out in the Act.

Fair Trading proposes to delegate the functions of plumbing regulator to councils outside of the Sydney Water Corporation and Hunter Water Corporation areas of operation. The attached instrument of delegation has been prepared and is now provided to your council for this purpose. Similar instruments are being provided to other local councils throughout New South Wales.

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I ask that you now submit the delegation for your council's consideration. Acceptance of the delegation is required to enable your council to continue to undertake activities in the regulation of on-site plumbing and drainage work.

I also ask that you advise Fair Trading, by completing and returning the attached 'Acknowledgement of Delegation', of your council's acceptance of the delegation.

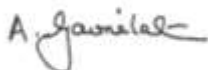
If you have any questions concerning the content or exercise of the enclosed instrument of delegation, please contact Mr Michael Cooper, Director of Mediation Services and Compliance, on (02) 9895 0861 or via email at [Michael.Cooper@services.nsw.gov.au](mailto:Michael.Cooper@services.nsw.gov.au).

So that Fair Trading may be certain of the effectiveness of the delegation being provided to your council, I would appreciate receiving your response by close of business on Friday 29 November 2012.

Fair Trading, as the plumbing regulator, is committed to working closely with all councils to support and maintain the important role carried out by local councils in the conduct of plumbing regulatory functions under the new arrangements. The Delegation notes that the regulatory function is to be exercised in accordance with the requirements of the Act and guidelines, if any, issued by the plumbing regulator. At present there are no guidelines in force and Fair Trading will work with councils in developing any such guidelines in the future.

Fair Trading looks forward to working with you and other councils throughout New South Wales.

Yours sincerely



Andrew Gavrielatos  
Acting Commissioner  
On behalf of Rod Stowe, Commissioner for Fair Trading

**Instrument of delegation**

under section 21 of the *Plumbing and Drainage Act 2011*

Section 21 of the *Plumbing and Drainage Act 2011* (Plumbing and Drainage Act) provides that:

- (1) The plumbing regulator may delegate any of the plumbing regulator's functions under this Act, other than this power of delegation, to:
  - (a) a local council, or
  - (b) any other person whom the regulator considers has the necessary skills, knowledge or experience to exercise the function.
- (2) A local council may sub-delegate any function delegated to it by the plumbing regulator to:
  - (a) the general manager of the council, or
  - (b) a person engaged as a contractor by the local council whom the council considers has the necessary skills, knowledge or experience to exercise the function.

In accordance with this provision, I, Andrew Gavrielatos, Acting Commissioner for Fair Trading, the plumbing regulator for the purposes of the Plumbing and Drainage Act, hereby delegate the exercise of the following functions to the Balranald Shire Council in the council's area of operations. These functions are to be undertaken by an officer or employee of council holding the necessary skills, knowledge or experience to exercise the functions.

Function	Conditions
To monitor compliance with the Plumbing and Drainage Act (s19 (a))	This function is to be exercised in accordance with the requirements of the Plumbing and Drainage Act, <i>Plumbing and Drainage Regulation 2012</i> (Plumbing and Drainage Regulation) and guidelines (if any) issued by the plumbing regulator.
To ensure that any plumbing and drainage work carried out does not threaten public health or safety (s19 (b))	This function is to be exercised in accordance with the requirements of the Plumbing and Drainage Act, Plumbing and Drainage Regulation and guidelines (if any) issued by the plumbing regulator.
To undertake any other functions conferred or imposed on the plumbing regulator by the Plumbing and Drainage Act (s19 (c)) other than: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Receiving notices of work and other documentation required to be submitted to the plumbing regulator concerning proposed</li></ul>	The exercise of any function by the council as a delegate of the plumbing regulator under the Plumbing and Drainage Act is to be in accordance with the requirements of the Plumbing and Drainage Act, Plumbing and Drainage Regulation and

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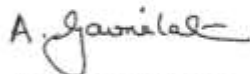
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alternative solutions (s9 (3) of the Plumbing and Drainage Act and clause 10 of the Plumbing and Drainage Regulation), <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Authorising fittings for use in plumbing and drainage work (s20), and</li><li>• Initiating criminal or other proceedings as provided for in Part 5 of the Plumbing and Drainage Act.</li></ul>	guidelines (if any) issued by the plumbing regulator.
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**Commencement:**

This delegation commences on 1 January 2013 and continues until revoked or replaced by the Commissioner for Fair Trading.

SIGNED:



**Andrew Gavrielatos**  
**ACTING COMMISSIONER FOR FAIR TRADING:**  
Date: 8 November 2012

**Acknowledgment of Delegation**

The Balranald Shire Council hereby acknowledges the delegated responsibilities and agrees to act in accordance with the delegation.

The Common Seal of the	)	
Balranald Shire Council	)	.....(signature)
was hereunto affixed on the	)	
.....day of.....2012	)	.....(title of position)
in pursuance of a resolution	)	
made by the Council on the	)	.....(signature)
.....day of.....2012	)	
	)	.....(title of position)

<b>Item I - 6</b>	<b>ROADS TO RECOVERY PROGRAM</b>	
Reporting Officer	Director Infrastructure & Development - John Stevenson	File 706.3

**Purpose of Report:**

To advise Council of the pre-determined program for these works for next year 13/14, and to flag considerations for the following 5 years.

**Report:**

The attached table highlights the 5 year program for these works, next year being the fifth year with councils previously elected program including:-

- Marma – Box Creek (Mungo Loop) - gravel and seal 1 km.
- Euston - North entry to Roundabout - improve road and kerb / gutter 200m, to Pickering's frontage.
- Mildura-Ivanhoe - gravel construction 2 km.
- Clare – Freshwater Rd - Replace 3 single grids.

The following 5 year program 2014/15 to 2018/19 will be presented to Council early in the New Year for consideration and priority.

**Attachment:** Program Table

**Budget Implications:** Funding under this program has traditionally increased slightly on an annual basis.

**Recommendation:** Council note the intention of the 2013/14 Roads to Recovery program and the presentation of the next 5 years for consideration early in the New Year.

**06.13.3572** **RESOLVED** on the motion of Cr Purtill and Byron that the report be received and recommendation be adopted.

**06.13.3573** **RESOLVED** on the motion of Cr Purtill and Byron that a Special Infrastructure Committee meeting be held with setting the program for next 5 years with RTA Funding be on the agenda.

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ROADS TO RECOVERY PROGRAM 2009/2010 TO 2013/2014									
End of report Date 31-Dec-12 Printed 21/03/2013									
REPORT TO FEDERAL GOVERNMENT									
Road Name	Description	Location		Lgh (km)	Estimated Budget	Start Date	Date of Comple.		
		From	To					09/10	10/11
1 Mainman Rd.	Gravel Construction and Seal	8.79	11.29	1.50	277,280			12/13	13/14
Sub-Total				1.50	277,280				
2 Tapalin Mail	Gravel Construction and Seal	10.79	11.84	1.05	172,272	Oct-08	May-10	172,272	
Sub-Total		11.84	12.84	1.00	207,030			207,030	
3 Euston Pringle	Gravel Construction and Seal	14.17	17.02	2.85	279,370	Oct-11	Jun-11	279,370	
Sub-Total				2.85	279,370				
4 Duryea Street	Reconstruction	0.00	1.20	1.20	179,430	Sep-11		154,781	
Sub-Total				1.20	179,430				
5 Sydney Street	Gravel Construction and Seal From Channon to Downing	0.00	0.22	0.22	84,340	Sep-11	Mar-12	48,053	
Sub-Total				0.22	84,340				
6 Cary Street	Kerb & Gutter and seal east of Cole Street	0.00	0.10	0.10	34,017	Nov-09	Jun-10	34,017	
Sub-Total				0.10	34,017				
7 Morris Rd. (JF)	Gravel topup and Seal	0.00	1.70	1.70	159,485	Oct-09		159,485	
Sub-Total				1.70	159,485				
8 Marima Box Creek	Gravel Construction and Seal	2.48	3.49	1.00	175,660			175,660	
Sub-Total				1.00	175,660				
9 Weirby Kyallie	Gravel Construction and Seal	5.08	6.08	1.00	159,606	Aug-11		101,660	
Sub-Total				1.00	159,606				
10 Euston Entry NIM	Widened road Kerb & Gutter and Seal	0.00	0.20	0.20	117,470			117,470	
Sub-Total				0.20	117,470				
11 Mildura Ivanhoe	Formation & Gravel Construction	38.38	41.08	1.70	140,583	Nov-09	Dec-09	140,583	
Sub-Total		41.08	42.78	1.70	179,853	Apr-11	Jun-11	179,853	
12 Gully Lane	Grid Replacement (4 single grids) Grid Replacement (3 single grids)	42.78	44.78	2.00	191,850	Apr-12		150,325	
Sub-Total		44.78	46.78	2.00	200,160			200,160	
13 Market Street (JF)	Kerb & Gutter and seal East of McCabe Street North side only	0.00	0.20	0.20	57,475	Apr-10	Mar-12	57,475	
Sub-Total				0	57,475				
14 Gully School Road (JF)	Gravel Construction and Seal	0.00	0.30	0.30	22,516	Feb-11	Jun-11	22,516	
Sub-Total				0	22,516				
TOTAL PROJECTS				20	2778701				
Total of all projects 2778701									
Total per Year 562832 481739 463009 562050 657890									
Allocation per Year 662731 481739 463009 562050 657890									



<b>Item I - 7</b>	<b>WATER CONSUMPTION AND COSTING REGIME</b>	
Reporting Officer	Director Infrastructure & Development - John Stevenson	File 890

**Purpose of Report:**

To advise Council of the current State Water and NSW Office of Water charges for both Balranald and Euston, \$/Mega litres.

**Report:**

Council pays water charges in accordance with IPART price determinations for regulated bulk water with fixed quantity allocations for public utilities, Euston off the Murray at a slightly differing rate to Balranald off the Murrumbidgee.

Quarterly bills are broken into four (4) categories:-

- State Water High Security Entitlement. These fixed charges (currently \$2.81/ML Balranald and \$2.98/ML Euston) are associated with the cost of water delivery.
- State Water regulated water usage is based on metered usage (currently \$3.72/ML Balranald and \$4.90/ML Euston).
- NSW Office of Water Management Access Charge, which is a fixed charge to provide water management (currently \$1.18/ML in Balranald and \$1.44/ML in Euston).
- NSW Office of Water – usage charges based on metered usage (currently \$0.75/ML in Balranald and \$0.93/ML in Euston).

Over the past five (5) billing periods, or 15 months, Council has consumed approximately half of the allocation in Euston and only exceeded the allocation in Balranald in the first quarter of this year, due to the extreme heat.

Urban area water usage costs can be summarised:-

	Period 1/1/12 to 31/3/12	Period 1/4/12 to 30/6/12	Period 1/7/12 to 30/9/12	Period 1/10/12 to 31/12/12	Period 1/1/13 to 31/3/13
Balranald	\$2073.00	\$1680.00	\$1704.00	\$2416.00	\$3010.00
Euston	\$913.00	\$744.00	\$722.00	\$1032.00	\$1049.00

**Attachment:** Nil

**Budget Implications:** Fixed into water supply outgoings.

**Recommendation:** That the information be noted.

**06.13.3574** **RESOLVED** on the motion of Cr Barnes and Campbell that a that the report be received and recommendation be adopted.



<b>Item I - 8</b>	<b>CONSTRUCTION CERTIFICATES</b>	
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 or Notice of Determination have been issued since the May 2013 meeting of Council.

CC 14/2013	B McNiven – 64 Bank Street, Balranald	Extension of Verandah
NOD 08/2013	B Dalton – Everton Park, Balranald	Pipeline (Low Impact – Agricultural Development)
NOD 15/2013	Ivy Matarazzo – 109 Market Street, Balranald	Operation of Food Premises

**Recommendation:** that the report be noted.

**06.13.3575** **RESOLVED** on the motion of Cr Mannix and Cooke that the report be received and recommendation be adopted.

<b>Item I - 9</b>	<b>WOOLTRACK FUNDING ADVICE – MR67</b>	
Reporting Officer	Director Infrastructure & Development - John Stevenson	File 624

**Purpose of Report:**

To advise of a \$1million separate grant towards completion of the remaining unsealed section of MR67.

**Report:**

Roads and Maritime Services have provided Council with advice of an initial \$1m separate grant towards the completion of MR67 seal under the Wooltrack. This follows funding for the coming year assessment made by Minister Hon. Duncan Gay MLC for \$4.7m over 5 years, to assist completion of these works in conjunction with the development proposal of Cristal Mining, in August of last year.

Understandably, it has been stressed that these funds are entirely dependent on the mining development proceeding.

In essence, there is 19.43km of MR67 remaining to be reconstructed and sealed. Council's annual regional road repair program envisages a budget of \$426,000 in 13/14, which will complete approx. 2.4km southerly from the end of existing seal at the shire boundary end.

If the mining development proceeds and the wooltrack funding is forthcoming, Council will undertake an additional 5.5 km northerly from the end of seal at Claremont.

If this is achieved in the 1<sup>st</sup> year, then a remaining 11.5km gravel section remains unsealed.

**Budget Implications:** RMS funded separately to Councils annual programs.

**Attachments:** Nil

**Recommendation:** that the foregoing grant forecast be noted.

**06.13.3576** **RESOLVED** on the motion of Cr Barnes and Mannix that the report be received and recommendation be adopted.

<b>Item I - 10</b>	<b>ATLAS – CAMPASPE MINERAL SANDS PROJECT – CRISTAL MINING PTY LTD.</b>	
Reporting Officer	Director Infrastructure & Development - John Stevenson	File 624

**Purpose of Report:**

To advise Council of the lodgement of the above DA with the NSW Office of Planning and Infrastructure, and the requirement to provide comment and/or input by Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2013.

**Report:**

The Process

As this development is State significant in terms of the scope and time frame of the mining, approval or otherwise will be issued by the Department with the respective Councils providing requirements which, if considered reasonable, if in the opinion of the Department will be included within conditions of consent.

The Department advises that the proposal involves;

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- *developing an open cut mineral sands mine and associated infrastructure;*
  - *Extracting and processing up to 109 million tonnes of ore at a rate of 7.2 million tonnes per annum over 20 years;*
  - *Constructing and operating a rail load out facility at Ivanhoe;*
  - *Transporting processed ore from the mine to the Ivanhoe rail facility via road, then via rail to the existing Broken Hill mineral separation plant for further processing market;*
  - *Transportation and emplacement of process waste from the mineral separation plant to the Atlas-Campaspe site;*
- and*
- *Progressively rehabilitating the site. (from Year 12 onwards).”*

The Application and Environmental Impact Statement will be exhibited from 11 June 2013 until the 23 July 2013. Accordingly, we invite our assessment and comments to be submitted to the Department by **Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2013.**

Council has both a hard and disc copy of the Environmental Impact Statement on exhibit for any interested party to study.

Considerations:

Councils main issue is the transport route to and from the Ivanhoe Rail Siding from the mine and the impact laden vehicles will have on both the local and main road network. In late April the Mayor and DID met with the staff and mayor of Central Darling Shire to formulate a common approach to likely conditions of consent, particularly a formula to arrive at a predetermined levy for ongoing road maintenance. From this meeting Council provided the Department with notes covering transport issues, stock control and fencing, bores and water table effects, accommodation camp and health/safety issues, MPS waste material return to site and disposal and bushfire prone lands management.

Whilst the conclusion of the road transport assessment includes a comment “the significant impacts on the performance, capacity, efficiency and safety of the road network are expected to arise as a result of the project” – there will undoubtedly be an ongoing effect on the MR67 pavement from B-triple and/or road train configurations operating at Heavy mass limits. In response to Councils earlier submission the summary of transport issues does state “*Cristal Mining would enter into road maintenance agreements with Balranald Shire Council (and the RMS and Central Darling Shire Council) to address the ongoing (road) maintenance.*”

Over and above these agreements there needs to be a direct link in the conditions of consent to a levy towards MR67 upkeep, no other “agreement” is considered technically sound or realistic.

Central Darling Shire will consider a monetary contribution of \$1.30/tonne product transported on MR67. This is based on formula provided by Ausroads 1992 – pavement design, and over approx. 30Km of MR67

Given the 100.4km section of MR67 within Balranald and the current costs of \$65/m<sup>2</sup> for heavy patch repair, \$5.20/tonne, MSP transported is determined to be appropriate. This would also apply to waste product return freighted from year 12 (if it eventuates.)

If the development were to progress without this monetary contribution, it would have a dire consequence for the ability to maintain the pavement under Councils current budget. To this end the department of Planning and Infrastructure should be advised that if a reasonable and material monetary contribution is not secured to address the development impact on MR67 – the development is formally opposed.

At the time of writing comment was still outstanding from the RMS relating to likely conditions to be imposed on the developer towards existing pavement strength tests and safety deficiencies, to be undertaken or studied. This information will be tabled at the meeting.

**Budget Implications:**

As per the context of the report and subsequent recommendations- in order that the Development has a Nil financial impact on Councils road network.

**Attachments:**

Plan of proposed local road upgrade. Figure 4

Plan of haulage routes. Figure 5

**Recommendation:**

Council advise the NSW Office of Planning and Infrastructure that the Development of the Atlas – Campaspe Open Cut Mineral Sands Project is supported, subject to the following conditions being directly affixed to any determination issued for approval.

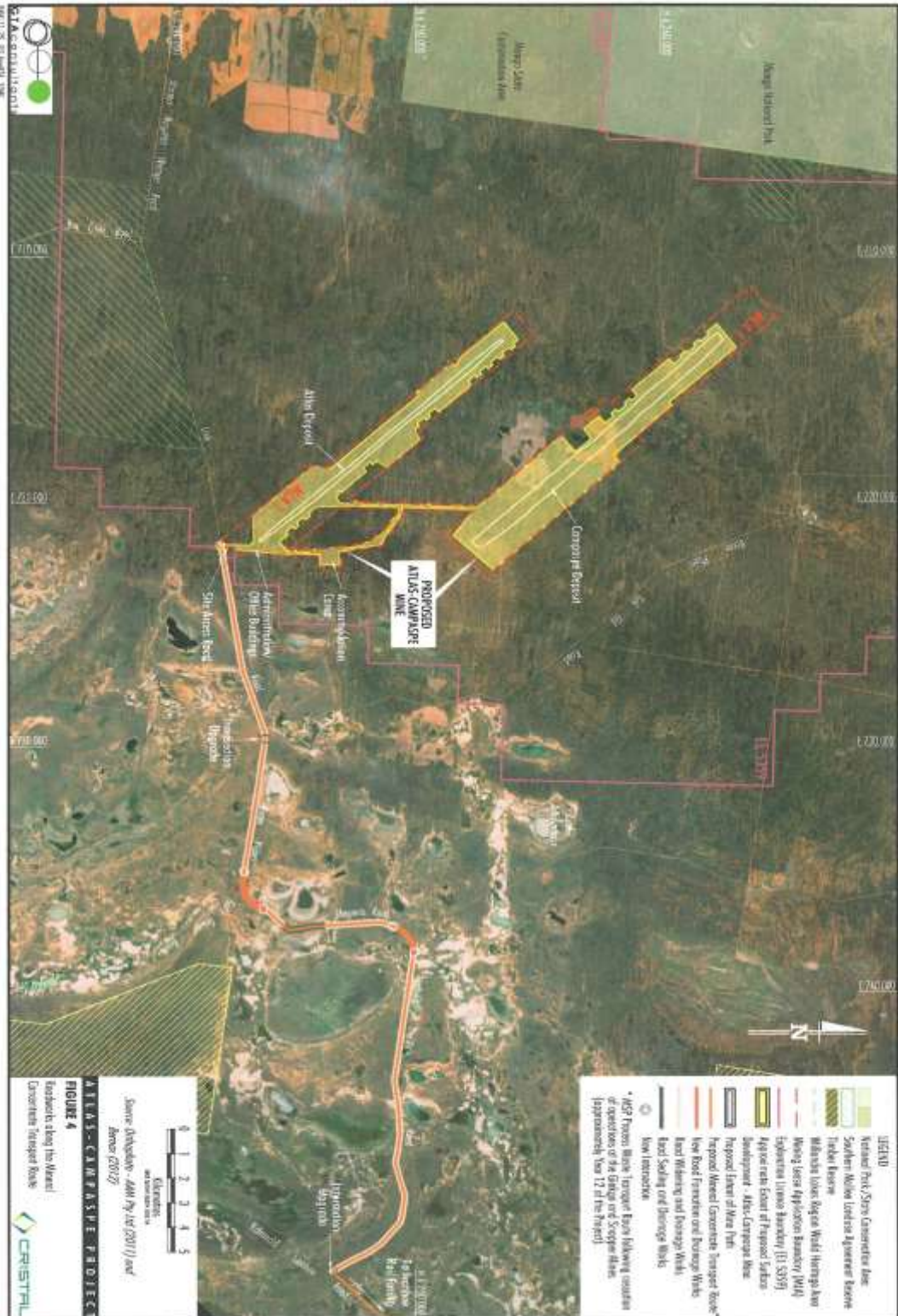
1. A road maintenance contribution of \$5.20/tonne be levied against all Mineral Sands Product transported from the Atlas Campaspe Mine site northerly on main road No.67 and all mineral sands product process waste material transported southerly to the mine site, within Balranald Local Government area. Such levy is to increase annually in line with the cost price index. Further, such levy is to be based on weighbridge or similar freight records and remitted to Balranald Shire Council on regular intervals as deemed appropriate.
2. Councils current annual block grant repair funds will remain as an upkeep budget for MR67 separate and in addition to the developer contribution referred to in (1) above.
3. The developer is to submit a design for the reconstruction of a 37 km section of part Magenta – Wampo Rd, and part Hatfield-The Vale Rd between the mine site and the Main Rd 67 intersection, in accordance with figure 4 appendix D of the EIS, for Councils endorsement, prior to any upgrade.
4. The full cost of these local road upgrades, realignments and intersection treatments, will be borne by the developer.
5. Balranald Shire Council reserves the right to close these local roads when deemed impassable or unsafe due to a significant rain event, and in consultation with the developer, re-open the roads when pavements are suitable for use.

6. Regular watering of the local roads on the mine haul route is to be undertaken at the developers full cost, in dry times, to suppress dust hazards the resultant safety risk.
7. Pavement rutting, dusting, or other collapse from haulage patterns resulting in a surface difficult to traverse in light vehicles, on the local roads will be immediately rectified at the developers full cost, and to the satisfaction of Balranald Shire Council.
8. All construction proposals for the accommodation camp, including water supply, electricity, waste water disposal, on site sewerage treatment, vehicle parking, building construction detail and waste removal, is to be the subject of an approval, either by Balranald Shire Council or a suitably accredited private building certifier, prior to any works commencing.

**06.13.3577** **RESOLVED** on the motion of Cr Purtill and Mannix that the report be received and recommendation be adopted.

In accordance with Section 375A of the Local Government Act 1993, the Mayor called for a Division

**ALL COUNCILLORS VOTED IN FAVOUR OF THE MOTION.**





**LEGEND**

- National Park, Regional Park or State Conservation Area
- Willandra Lakes Region World Heritage Area
- Local Government Area Boundary
- Mining Lease Application Boundary (MLA)
- Existing Mineral Concentrate Transport Route
- NSP Process Waste Transport Route
- Proposed Mineral Concentrate Transport Route\*
- Traffic Forecast Locations
- Proposed Balranald Mineral Sands Project
- Proposed Balranald Mineral Sands Project
- Mineral Concentrate Transport Route Corridor Options
- Light Vehicle Transport Route

\* NSP Process Waste Transport Route following cessation of operations at the Ginkgo and Snapper Mines (approximately Year 12 of the Project)

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Source: DPY-CBL (CUB) (2011) and Sumax (2012)

**ATLAS-CAMPASPE PROJECT**

**FIGURE 5**  
Location of Traffic Forecasts

**CRISTAL**



<b>Item I - 11</b>	<b>MAINTENANCE &amp; CONSTRUCTION PROGRAM</b>	
Reporting Officer	Director Infrastructure & Development - John Stevenson	File:726

**Purpose of Report:** To provide Council with a progress report on works.

**Report:**

1. **Councils Team 1**

Team 1 has completed maintenance grading in the Weimby - Benongal area, and are currently assisting contractors on Yanga Way shoulder restoration and table drain reshaping. Staff have also assisted with the swing bridge construction during wet weather.

2. **Council Team 2**

Team 2 has undertaken grading of Tillara Road under a private works job for Macquarie Ag, commenced private hire grading of Waldaira Road and are presently grading Prungle Mail Road using natural moisture.

3. **Council Team 3 – Tapalin Mail Road / Meilman Road**

Team 3 has commenced works on the Mildura Ivanhoe Road in the Mandleman area for gravel reconstruction of approx. 2km under Roads to Recovery funding. The team is also patrol grading on the Mildura Ivanhoe Road and Mulurulu Road utilising natural moisture.

4. **Information Centre Precinct**

Line marking has been completed on both car parks, landscaping and other minor works are commencing.

5. **Culvert Cleaning and Replacement Work**

Culvert pipes have been delivered on site for MR515 and MR67 North roads. Culverts which were scheduled to be replaced in MR514 on unsealed section have been completed. Due to recent rain events and a deadline on MR694 (Yanga Way), the culvert installation program has been delayed until July.

6. **Pedestrian Footbridge Riverside Development**

Works are continuing on the Footbridge as both the main cable and the spanning cable have been installed. The installation of the bridge hanger and deck is taking place at the time of writing. The ramp and the bridge approaches will be completed by the 30<sup>th</sup> June despite delays due to recent rain events.

7. **Riverside Walking Trail (In Conjunction With Swing Bridge)**

Works have been delayed on this project due to the recent rain events, however a recommencement on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> June, is anticipated, with completion by Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June.

8. **Miscellaneous**

- a) Minor shoulder upgrade works have commenced with involvement by Contractors, Potters and Matt Fitzgerald, at various locations along Yanga Way.
- b) Contractor Malcolm Cameron has completed patrol grading of Weimby - Kyalite Road. The contractor is currently working at the Yanga Way Fruit Fly Stop, Kyalite, preparing the pavement for sealing.

**Recommendation:** that the report be noted.

**06.13.3578** **RESOLVED** on the motion of Cr Byron and Mannix that a that the report be received and recommendation be adopted.

## **General Managers Reports**

<b>Item</b>	<b>G - 1</b>	<b>WATER FLUORIDATION</b>
Reporting Officer	General Manager - Chris Littlemore	File 850

### **Purpose of Report**

To advise Council of correspondence received.

### **Report**

Council has received correspondence from Mrs Spinks in relation to fluoride in the water supply.

Council resolved in December 2011 "That Council take no further action on the matter of Fluoride."

### **Budget Implications**

Nil

### **Attachments**

Nil

**Recommendation:** Council confirm its previous resolution.

**06.13.3579** **RESOLVED** on the motion of Cr Cooke and Purtill that council rescind the previous resolution in December 2011.

<b>Item G - 2</b>	<b>DRAFT OPERATIONAL PLAN 2013/14</b>	
Reporting Officer	Acting General Manager - Robert Rayner	File 156

### **Purpose of Report**

To present Council's 2013/14 Draft Operational Plan for adoption.

### **Report**

Council's 2013/14 Draft Operational Plan has been on public exhibition for the prescribed period and at the time of preparing this report no submissions were received. Any submissions subsequently received will be tabled at the meeting for Council's consideration.

An error was found in calculating the Caravan Park Reserve and a saving of \$30,000 was discovered. Another minor adjustment was also made to the budget returning the General Fund to a balanced result.

To better describe the expenditure of the Economic & Community Development Division the heading Tourism & Economic Development will be amended to Economic & Community Development.

Councillors are requested to bring the Draft Reports provided at the May Special Meeting held on 21st May 2013.

### **Budget Implications**

The Adoption of the Operational Plan will provide the financial resources for 2013/14.

### **Attachments**

Nil

### **Recommendation**

That

1. The 2013/14 Draft Operational Plan incorporating the variations as detailed in the General Manager's report be adopted as the 2013/14 Operational Plan.
2. The expenditure detailed in the Estimates of Income and Expenditure within the 2013/14 Operational Plan be approved and the money voted to meet such expenditure in accordance with Section 211 of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2005.

**06.13.3580 RESOLVED** on the motion of Cr Purtill and Byron that the report be received and recommendation be adopted.

<b>Item G - 3</b>	<b>CONSTITUTIONAL RECOGNITION</b>	
Reporting Officer	General Manager - Chris Littlemore	File 160

### **Purpose of Report**

That Council consider its position on the matter.

### **Report**

The Joint Select Committee on Constitutional Recognition of Local Government was established by the passing of a Resolution of Appointment through the Federal Parliament on 1 November 2012.

The Committee has taken compelling evidence from local governments around Australia about their appetite and preparedness to campaign for the referendum. Mayors, shire presidents, councillors, council staff and people who use local government facilities will together be a powerful grass-roots movement to lead the referendum campaign at a local level.

President of the ALGA, Felicity-Ann Lewis, stated that:  
*ALGA will support and campaign for a referendum to amend [section 96] of the Constitution to support direct funding of local government, as soon as it is proposed by the Federal Government.*

The proposal

The amendment of section 96 which was supported by the Expert Panel proposed (amendment in italics):  
the Parliament may grant financial assistance to any State *or to any local government body formed by State or Territory legislation* on such terms and conditions as the Parliament sees fit.

The Case For:

There are four major arguments in support of the financial recognition of local government:

- 1.removing uncertainty;
- 2.codifying government practice;
- 3.acknowledging the contemporary role of local government;  
and
- 4.supporting the financial sustainability of local government.

The Case Against:

1. Pre-conditions for success highlighted by the Export Panel and other stakeholders such as ALGA have not yet been met.
2. It would lead to the eclipse of the States and their eventual irrelevance as a balance against the centralised power of the Commonwealth
3. It would distort the federal structure.
4. The question has been put on two previous occasions and a third referendum would be a waste of taxpayers funds.

Councils have been requested to support the yes case financially and in their dealings with their constituents.

When the Legislation for the Referendum was before the Federal Government's House of Representatives, it was passed with a vote of 148 to 2.

**Budget Implications**

Through the Special Levy, NSW contribution will be about \$2.7M and using the standard formulae, Balranald would be expected to contribute \$8167.70. The LGSA has elected that the levy should be paid in 3 annual instalments commencing 1 July 2012.

The first instalment was paid per a Council resolution in Feb 2012. The next instalment has been provided in the forthcoming budget.

**Recommendation** That Council support the "yes case" at a local level through its monthly newsletter and website

**06.13.3581** **RESOLVED** on the motion of Cr Purtill and Mannix that the report be received and recommendation be adopted.

Cr Cooke voted against this resolution.

<b>Item G – 4</b>	<b>CORRESPONDENCE</b>	
Reporting Officer	General Manager - Chris Littlemore	File

**Purpose of Report:**

To advise Council of recent correspondence of interest.

**Report:**

1. Letter from Returned & Services League
2. Letter from Mrs June Spinks
3. Copy of letter from Attorney General & Justice
4. Copy of letter from Geoff Provest MP
5. Letter from St Joseph's Family Group
6. Letter from Wendy Dick
7. Postcard from the Balranald Central School Bowling Team

**Budget Implications:**

Nil

**Attachments:**

Copies of correspondence as listed above.

**Recommendation**

That the correspondence be noted.

**06.13.3582** **RESOLVED** on the motion of Cr Barnes and Mannix that the report be received and recommendation be adopted.

**Balarald Shire Council**  
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SERVICES LEAGUE

PRESIDENT. WILLIAM MOORE

NEW SOUTH WALES BRANCH  
INCORPORATED

BALRANALD.. SUB BRANCH

HON. TRES. NOEL CAMIN

"The Price of Liberty is Eternal Vigilance"  
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HON. SEC. NOEL CAMIN

..PO BOX 242 BALRANALD 2715..

THE MANAGER  
BALRANALD SHIRE COUNCIL  
DEAR SIR,

I AM WRITING TO YOU TO INFORM THE SHIRE OF TWO NEW INTERIM POSITION TAKE BY W. MOORE & N CAMIN .ALL FUTURE CORRESPONDENCE IS TO BE FORWARDED TO THE ABOVE ADDRESS PLEASE. THANK YOU

YOURS FAITHFULLY  
NOEL CAMIN  
SECRETARY

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**Balranald Shire Council**  
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87 Dowling Street  
Balranald 2715  
28/5/13

Mrs Robyn Ryan  
Director of Tourism and Economic Development  
Balranald Shire Council

Dear Robyn,

The CWA wishes to thank you for your assistance towards the Dr Sandra Cabot evening and for your kind gift that was presented by the Mayor to Dr Cabot.

With the added generosity of our other supporters, we were able to raise \$1713 that will be shared with the Early Learning Centre, and Can- Assist.

It was a splendid effort from all concerned and we felt that the evening was of great benefit to those who attended. Many availed themselves of the opportunity to have an individual consultation with Dr Sandra Cabot.

The proceeds from this evening will have the added benefit of staying within our community for community needs, and it is wonderful to be able to make this happen.

We appreciate very much the valued support of the Shire.

Yours sincerely,

June Spinks (Hon. Sec.)

Balranald CWA

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Mr J D Williams MP  
Member for Murray-Darling  
1/142 Argent Street  
BROKEN HILL NSW 2880

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30 April 2013

Dear Mr Williams

The Office of the Attorney General has asked me to acknowledge receipt of your correspondence dated 16/04/2013 on behalf of Cr Steve O'Halloran, Mayor, Balranald Shire Council of PO Box 120, Balranald, NSW 2715.

The matters you raise have been noted and are presently receiving attention. A response will be provided as soon as possible.

Yours faithfully

**Community Relations Unit  
for Director**

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**Mr Geoff Provest MP**

Parliamentary Secretary for Police and Emergency Services

MIN13/001335-02

8 MAY 2013

Mr John Williams MP  
Member for Murray-Darling  
228 Cressy Street  
DENILQUIN NSW 2710

Dear Mr Williams

Thank you for your representations to the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, the Hon Michael Gallacher MLC, on behalf of Councillor Steve O'Halloran, Mayor, Balranald Shire Council regarding policing in Balranald. The Minister has asked me to reply on his behalf.

The concerns expressed by Mayor O'Halloran and other members of the Balranald community about crime and anti-social behaviour are noted.

I have taken this opportunity to forward a copy of your correspondence to the Deniliquin Local Area Command, which polices the Balranald area, for consideration during its regular tasking meetings. The information Mayor O'Halloran has provided will be used as intelligence so that police can address this issue.

The Balranald community can be assured that this Government is determined to give police the powers, resources and backing they need to fight crime effectively and keep our community safe.

The NSW Government is committed to high visibility policing and will boost the authorised strength of the NSW Police Force by a total of 859 police officers. This significant commitment will see the authorised strength of the NSW Police Force reach a record 16,665 officers in August 2015.

I am pleased to advise that since December 2011, eight probationary constables have been allocated to the Deniliquin Local Area Command.

I am also pleased to advise that many of the Ministerial Audit's key recommendations have already been implemented, in whole or in part. This includes the NSW Government's commitment to maintain operational strength at 90% at commands throughout the State.

Operational strength is a measure of officers available to work, not just those officers who are attached to a Local Area Command, whether they are on long-term sick leave, other leave, or suspended from duty.

I can advise that as at 14 December 2012, the Deniliquin Local Area Command was operating at 98% operational capacity.



The NSW Police Force uses intelligence driven rostering and strategies to target known offenders and crime "hot spots" by deploying police to those places and at those times where crime may be expected to occur.

Local Area Command Senior Management Teams are responsible for ensuring that there are always an adequate number of police officers rostered on duty to match expected demand. The appropriate allocation and tasking of policing resources within the Command is achieved, on a daily basis, using the intelligence-based identification of crime trends and "hot spots". This practice is a valid and valuable crime reduction technique.

The latest crime statistics for the 24 months to December 2012, as advised by NSW Bureau of Crime Statistics and Research (BOCSAR), reveal that in the Balranald Local Government Area all major crime categories have remained stable.

Police rely heavily on community support and I encourage constituents to continue to report any incidents of antisocial behaviour and/or criminal activity in Balranald to police to ensure an appropriate response.

Police endeavour to respond to all calls for assistance at the earliest opportunity. However, they are required to prioritise their workload and coordinate their response according to the circumstances and degree of urgency of each call, ensuring that emergencies and life threatening situations get the first response. If any incident arises in which any of your constituents is in immediate danger and requires urgent police assistance, they should call the 000 emergency number.

In the case of any incident which does not require a police attendance constituents can make a report to the NSW Police Force using the Police Assistance Line on 131444. Crime can also be reported anonymously by contacting Crime Stoppers on the national toll free number 1800 333 000, or by accessing [www.crimestoppers.com.au](http://www.crimestoppers.com.au).

The NSW Police Force 'eyewatch' program brings neighbourhood watch online. Using Facebook, Local Area Commands have created forums for community engagement and participation with police activities focusing on crime prevention and community safety. Constituents can access the Deniliquin Local Area Command *eyewatch* online at <https://www.facebook.com/DeniliquinLAC>.

Should any of your constituents wish to further discuss any aspect of policing in Balranald, they may contact the Deniliquin Local Area Command on telephone number (03) 5881 9437.

Yours sincerely



**Geoff Provest MP**  
Parliamentary Secretary for Police and Emergency Services

**Balranald Shire Council**  
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**St Joseph's Catholic Primary School Balranald**  
**family Group**

106 Church Street  
BALRANALD NSW 2715  
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F 03 5020 1922

Friday 7 June 2013

Balranald Shire Council  
Market Street  
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Att: Mr Chris Littlemore, Mr Mayor and Shire Councillors

On behalf of the Family Group Committee we would like to offer a sincere thank you for your generous \$1000 donation towards the creation of a school garden area in the playground of St Joseph's.

We have purchased the garden beds and will begin setting up the area at our upcoming working bee. The pavers have been ordered and we will soon have a wonderful area for students to relax in as well as spend time learning about gardening and recycling.

Your contribution was greatly appreciated by the school and the students of St Joseph's.

We thank you for your continued support of our school.

Yours sincerely

  
Nadine Matarazzo  
Family Group Secretary



Wendy Dick  
418 Pembroke Rd  
Pembroke NSW 2446  
10 June 2013

Dear Counsellors,

May I congratulate your council on providing caravaners and tourists with an excellent park. My husband and I and my sister-in-law and husband have thoroughly enjoyed our stay at Balranald. Your park is lovely and grassy, with beautiful maintained gardens and excellent roomy caravan sites, which are so easy to get in and out of. The park is a credit to your new managers Matt and Dee. They are extremely friendly and helpful and do a wonderful job maintaining the park. The amenities are clean and perfect, although we did notice a few building issues, such as the flaking ceiling and some loose tiles in a shower recess. Apart from this we can find no fault.

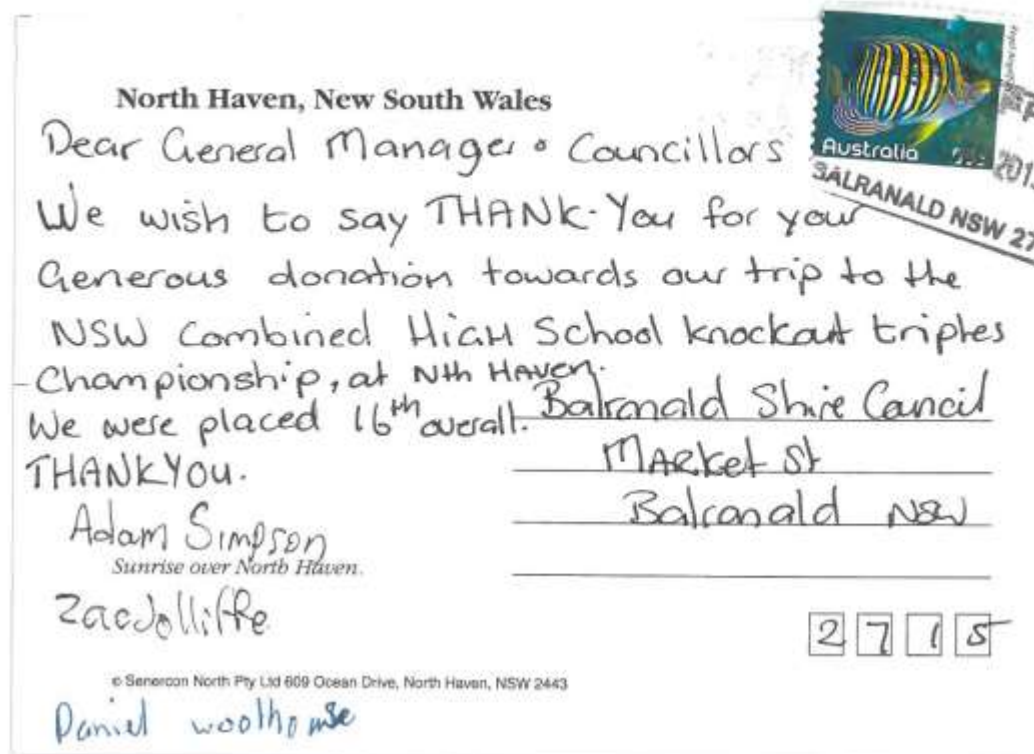
We enjoyed the Gazebo and campfire spot. It attracted a crowd each night. We loved the fact that we could walk to town to shop and dine out. Everyone was friendly and helpful. Your park is an ideal spot for relaxing and there are plenty of sights to see. Hopefully you will keep up the good work in attracting tourists to your region. We shall certainly recommend your caravan park to fellow travellers.

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Very satisfied tourists and caravaners.

Wendy Dick



<b>Item G - 5</b>	<b>ACTION REPORT MAY 2013 - COUNCIL MEETING</b>	
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**

**MAY 2013**

<b>MINUTE</b>	<b>DIRECTOR/ FILE NO</b>	<b>SUBJECT</b>	<b>DATE INITIATED</b>	<b>COMMENTS CURRENT STATUS</b>
05.13.3523	DCS	Public Display - Draft Policy: Volunteers	28/5/2013	On Display
05.13.3524	DCS	Public Display – Draft Policy Document Signs for Remote Supervision	28/5/2013	On Display
05.13.3525	DCS	Lawn Bowls Team contribution	23/5/2013	Letter & Cheque Sent
05.13.3527	DECD	Draft Policy – Theatre Royal Fees		Reported
05.13.3532	DID	Request to Minister for Police & Emergency Services to expedite the RFS Budget confirmation.		Completed
03.15.3535	GM/ Mayor	Affix Councils Seal to transfer documents relating to acquisition & Sale of Cook Street property		Partially Completed
05.13.3538	DCS	Appoint new panel of conduct reviewers, supplied by RAMROC and terminate existing panel	29/5/2013	Email Sent

**Recommendation:** For the information of Council.

**06.13.3583** **RESOLVED** on the motion of Cr Barnes and Campbell that the report be received and recommendation be adopted.



<b>Item G - 6</b>	<b>QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE</b>	
Reporting Officer	General Manager - Chris Littlemore	File 030

Cr Cooke	Access to Solar Funding Agreement	Association advises there is no general right of access to Council documents.
Cr Purtill	Young artist in residence – write for support	Yes action taken
Cr Jolliffe	Signs for parking area for caravans and campervans needs improvement, signs need completion	RMS Referral
Cr Purtill	Caravans bottoming out in driveway	
Cr Jolliffe	North of Homebush clearance of vegetation.	
	Burke & Wills dry weather road only	
Cr Purtill	TV Reception problem	
Cr Cooke	Unit at the Hostel – Staff Rental	
Cr Byron	Petition requested with regard to TV reception at Euston very poor	Contact S. Ley
Cr Barnes	Guardian Wetlands and Paika Lake. Wetting and drying regime for Lake Benanee	Raised at Canberra

**06.13.3584** **RESOLVED** on the motion of Cr Mannix and Byron that council move into closed committee.

**CLOSED MEETING - CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS**

**06.13.3589** **RESOLVED** on the motion of Cr Cooke and Campbell that the meeting resume into open Council and the General Manager report the recommendations of the closed meeting.

**06.13.3590** **RESOLVED** on the motion of Cr Cooke and Campbell that the recommendations of the Closed Meeting be adopted.

**CLOSURE:** There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.40pm.

Confirmed, Chairman of the Ordinary Meeting of the Balranald Shire Council held on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> July 2013 at which the meeting the signature was subscribed hereto:

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Chairman

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General Manager