

PRESENT:

APOLOGIES:

DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Calendar of Events	
November - December	
December	
13	Mayors Christmas Party
14	Combined Churches Christmas Carols @ Theatre 6pm
15	Council Meeting @ 5pm
19	Discovery Centre Opening @ 5.30pm
24	Office Closed @ 3pm
January	
5	Office Re-Opens @ 8.30am
27	Community Safety Precinct Meeting @ 2pm
February	
2	Balranald Retirement Hostel Meeting @ 5pm
3	Euston Beautification & Tourism Committee Meeting @ 9am
3	Tourism Committee Meeting @ 5pm
4	Balranald Beautification Committee Meeting @ 7pm
12	LEMC Meeting @10.30
17	Council Meeting @ 5pm

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Recommendation:

That:

"The minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on Tuesday 18th November 2014 copies having previously been circulated to each Councillor be taken as read and confirmed".

PRESENTATION/DELEGATIONS

Presentation by Councils Auditors.

MAYORAL MINUTE/REPORT

COMMITTEE REPORTS FOR ADOPTION

COMMITTEE & OTHER REPORTS FOR INFORMATION

DELEGATES REPORTS

NOTICES OF MOTION/RESCISSION

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORTS (Incorporating all Staff Reports)

Corporate and Community Development Division

C-1 STATEMENT OF FUNDS

File number: 85

Reporting Officer: Elizabeth White Director of Corporate and Community Development

Operational Plan Objective: Pillar Six: Our Leadership – a community that values and fosters leadership, lifelong learning, innovation and good governance

Officer Recommendation:

For information

Purpose of Report

Funds Report for the Month Ending 30th November 2014

Report

Bank Reconciliation

Balance B/F From Previous Month	667,769
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ADD Receipts for Month:

Debtors	49,310	
Rates & Water	247,413	
Hostel Fees	29,357	
Caravan Park Fees	29,624	
Interest Received	8,762	
Donations	9,000	
Grants & Contributions	1,199,430	1,572,896

LESS Payments for the Month:

Investment movement	1,000,000	
Wages	231,040	
Plant lease payments	15,032	
Insurance	10,677	
Members payments	18,170	
Caravan Park Fees	25,391	
Plant purchases	24,331	
Capital Works / Roads Maintenance	195,063	
Contractors - Interp Centre	165,765	
Contractors	12,244	
ATO - BAS	116,999	
Utilities	17,522	
Internal Audit Bureau of NSW	12,363	
Other Payments	157,789	2,002,387

Cash Book Balance as at End of Month	238,278
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LESS Outstanding Deposits as at end of Month	23,657
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ADD Un-presented Cheques as at end of Month 15,879

Bank Balance as at End of Month **230,500**

Investment Held:

Bankwest	1,000,000
Bendigo	2,000,000
NAB	1,000,000
Westpac	1,000,000
	<u><u>5,000,000</u></u>

<u>FUNDS HELD</u>	Investment	Bank	Combined	Restricted	Balance
General	3,400,000	-460,125	2,939,875	1,487,000	1,452,875
DWM	0	60,803	60,803		60,803
Water	100,000	350,535	450,535		450,535
Sewer	1,500,000	279,286	1,779,286		1,779,286
Total	<u><u>5,000,000</u></u>	<u><u>230,500</u></u>	<u><u>5,230,500</u></u>	<u><u>1,487,000</u></u>	<u><u>3,743,500</u></u>

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

C-2 – ANNUAL REPORT 2013/2014

File number: 195

Reporting Officer: Director of Corporate & Community Development

Operational Plan Objective: Pillar 6: Our Leadership – Provide good governance, prudent financial management and effective support services for all its activities.

Officer Recommendation:

That Council receives and notes the Annual Report for the 2013/2014 year.

Purpose of Report

To advise Council of the completion of the annual report 2013/2014.

Report

The Annual report outlines Council's activities in accordance with statutory reporting requirements of the Local Government Act and Integrated Planning and Reporting Framework for the 2013/2014 financial year.

Councils' Annual report is available on the website and in hard copy from the Council Office.

A copy of the annual report will be provided at the meeting for Council's information.

A copy has been lodged with the Minister as per Statutory Requirements.

<u>Financial Implication</u>	Nil to this Report
<u>Legislative Implication</u>	Sec 428 (1)–(5) & Sec 406 (1)-(7) Local Government Act 1993.
<u>Policy Implication</u>	Nil
<u>Attachments</u>	Nil

C-3 REQUEST FOR “IN-KIND” DONATION – OUTBACK THEATRE FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

File number: 56

Reporting Officer: Director of Corporate & Community Development

Operational Plan Objective: Pillar 1: Our People – A Community that is proactive, engaged, inclusive and connected

Officer Recommendation:

That Council endorse the actions of the Officer in approving an “in-kind donation” of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) to the Outback Theatre for Young People.

Purpose of Report

To advise Council of a request for an “in-kind” donation for “The Sideshow Project” By Balranald Circus, from the Outback Theatre for young people.

Report

Council received an application from the outback Theatre for Young People for an “in-kind donation of \$5,000 dated 4th November 2014.

At the Councillor Workshop held on 25th November 2014 Council approved the Donation in Principal, and this report seeks to formalise the provision of this donation.

Council has provided an annual budget in 2014/15 of \$30,000 for Community Donations, and the request can be accommodated within that budget.

<u>Financial Implication</u>	\$5,000.00 From Donations Budget
<u>Legislative Implication</u>	Nil
<u>Policy Implication</u>	Nil
<u>Attachments</u>	Donation Application Form and associated support information.



Donations Application Form

Address applications to:

General Manager
Balranald Shire Council
PO Box 120
BALRANALD NSW 2715

Privacy Management

Information provided in this form is required in order to process the application. Provision of the information is voluntary; however, if insufficient information is provided, Council will be unable to process the application. The information will be available to authorised officers and may be made available to public enquiries under Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009.

GUIDELINES FOR APPROVAL OF COUNCIL DONATIONS

Council's donation program is an opportunity to give funding and recognition to individuals, community groups and organisations that play an important part in helping develop the region's environmental sustainability, community wellbeing, economic prosperity and cultural life.

Council donations generally do not apply to individuals however in certain circumstances donations may be provided.

Organisations will be eligible for a maximum of \$5,000 per financial year. Applications are required to meet eligibility criteria outlined in Council's Donations Policy.

More information regarding this funding can be requested by contacting Council's Director Corporate and Community Development on 03 5020 1300.

1. Community group or organisation details

Please note, to avoid duplication, the details provided below will become your organisation's principle contact for all correspondence relating to the Donations Programme.

Community group or organisation: Outback Theatre for Young People

Postal address: 49A Cally St, Balranald, NSW 2715

Contact person: Bec Cooen

Position: Project Manager and Artistic Director Telephone No: 0415 528 730

E-mail address: balranald.circus@gmail.com

2. Objectives of your community group or organisation:

OTYP engages with young people from regional and remote communities to create distinctive theatre projects through a collaborative process. In Balranald, we provide quality access to skilled training in circus, performance and theatre production.

3. Is your organisation not for profit? Yes / No

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4. Is your organisation registered for GST? Yes / No (please circle)

5. ABN Number (if applicable): 64 130 694 352

6. Project or Event Name: The Sideshow Project, by The Balranald Circus

7. Amount Requested \$: 5,000 via in-kind support

8. Is the project still viable if your community group or organisation receives less than the requested amount?
Provide reason

OTYP is committed to providing an intensive circus workshop program for 10 weeks. There will be a community performance outcome, however the activities we can offer and the scale of the production will be determined by the support we receive.

9. If income exceeds expenses what will happen to the excess funds?

Seeking in-kind support. Excess funds not applicable.

10. Project Details – please complete the section below or attach a copy of your event plan

Brief project description What are you going to do? When are you going to do it? Where are you going to do it? Who is involved? Why are you doing it?		Please see detailed event plan and project history attached.	
Start Date		Finish Date	
List each component of your project		Cost of component	Amount requested from Council
Please see detailed event budget attached.		\$	\$
		\$	\$
		\$	\$
		\$	\$
TOTAL (include gst)		\$	\$
Please list any funding your organisation has received in the past 18 months (Council and External)			
Date funding received	Amount of funding	Purpose of funding	Have you met all the acquittal conditions of previous funding?

Name: Bec Cooen

Position: Project Manager and Artistic Director

Signature: 

Date: 4.11.14

Name: Scott McBurnie

Position: Guest Coach and Artistic Director

Signature: 

Date: 4.11.14

Infrastructure and Development Reports

Item I-1 Construction Certificates

File number: 600

Reporting Officer: Director Infrastructure and Development – John Stevenson

Operational Plan Objective: Pillar 6

Officer Recommendation:

That the report be noted.

Purpose of Report

To advise Council of Certificates issued under delegated authority.

Report

The following Construction Certificates, Complying Development Certificates, Section 68 Certificates and / or Notices of Determinations have been issued since the November 2014 meeting of Council.

Application	Owner/Applicant	Locality	Description
DA 11/2015	Ms K. Anderson	144 Ballandella Street, Balranald	Demolition
S68 02/2015	Iluka	Nanda, Upson Downs	Temporary Crib Rooms

<u>Financial Implication</u>	Nil.
<u>Legislative Implication</u>	The approvals process.
<u>Policy Implication</u>	Nil.
<u>Attachments</u>	Nil.

Item I-2 MAINTENANCE AND CONSTRUCTION PROGRAM

File number: 726

Reporting Officer: Director Infrastructure and Development – John Stevenson

Operational Plan Objective: Pillar 5 – Our Infrastructure
5.3 Undertake key transport improvements

Officer Recommendation:

That the report be noted.

Purpose of Report

To provide Council with a progress report on works.

Report

1. Council Team 1

Council Team 1 Have completed base course preparation of a 2km section on Mildura – Ivanhoe Road from Gol Gol towards Leaghur, 71.2km west of MR67. Gravel carting is well advanced, and water is being sourced from the new bore located on Baymore, close by. It is anticipated this project will be completed in January.

The gravel team worked on tree removal on approx. 30km roads in the Boree Plains and Binda areas following a storm event on 23rd November.

2. Council Team 2

Council Team 2 have completed maintenance to gravel failure sections on Weimby-Kyalite Rd in the last week. This team has just undertaken some small private works projects in the area before moving to Tillara Rd for maintenance grading in readiness for grape harvest season. This work will be completed in the next 5 days.

Team 2 will then move to the Prungle Marma Rd to undertake maintenance to gravel failure sections north of Prungle. This work is limited to the failure sections only as an emergency repair to remove safety hazards. Council's rural roads maintenance budget is limited to this nature of repair.

3. Council Staff – Town Works

Staff have provided support to the following projects in recent weeks:

- Landscaping around military trail
- Signage improvements
- Assistance to Skate Park construction
- Assistance to various aspects of the Balranald Discovery Centre development
- Putting up Christmas decorations in Market St and Murray Terrace
- Commencement to Malcolm St water supply on east side of river

Malcolm St Water



Balranald Discovery Centre



<u>Financial Implication</u>	As per budgeted works program.
<u>Legislative Implication</u>	Nil.
<u>Policy Implication</u>	Rural Roads Policy.
<u>Attachments</u>	Nil.

ITEM I-3 EUSTON TIP COMPULSORY ACQUISITION

File number: 433

Reporting Officer: John Stevenson, Director Infrastructure & Development

Operational Plan Objective: Pillar 5 – Our Infrastructure

Officer Recommendation:

Council resolve that:

1. Council proceed with the compulsory acquisition of the land described as Lot 63 DP 823883 for the purpose of establishing the Euston Waste Depot in accordance with the requirements of the Land Acquisition (Just Terms Compensation) Act 1991.
2. Council make an application to the Minister and the Governor for approval to acquire Lot 63 DP 823883 by compulsory process under section 186(1) of the Local Government Act.
3. This application be made under Council's seal.
4. That the land is to be classified as operational land.

Purpose of Report

To include references to both the Minister for Local Government and the Governor in Councils resolution towards the Compulsory Acquisition process for this land.

Report

In November 2013 Council resolved to compulsory acquire Lot 63 DP 823883, being Euston Waste Depot from the greater parcel of Crown Reserve.

“Council resolve to make application to the Minister for Local Government seeking consent to compulsorily acquire Lot 63 DP 823883, Euston, for waste depot purposes. Pre-acquisition procedures via a notice in accordance with Section 14 of the Land Acquisition (Just Terms Compensation) Act 1991 will be followed. This resolution is made under Council seal.

11.13.3670 RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Byron and Cooke that the report be received and recommendations be adopted.”

Council's solicitor has now informed that, for the process to proceed a new resolution including reference to the Governor needs to be made, under Councils seal.

<u>Financial Implication</u>	Nil.
<u>Legislative Implication</u>	Nil.
<u>Policy Implication</u>	Nil.
<u>Attachments</u>	Nil.

General Manager's Reports

Item G-1 SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

File number: 25

Reporting Officer: Aaron Drenovski, General Manager

Operational Plan Objective: Pillar Six: Our Leadership – a community that values and fosters leadership, lifelong learning, innovation and good governance

Officer Recommendation:

For information

Purpose of Report

To advise Council of a summary of meetings held.

Report

The Deputy Mayor and General Manager met with Inspector Steve Worthington and Superintendent Paul Condon on Wednesday 19 November. The purpose of the meeting was to be introduced to Paul Condon who is the new Superintendent for the district and discuss any issues Council may have.

Councillors and senior staff attended a workshop on Tuesday 25 November to discuss and progress the issue of a voluntary planning agreement with Iluka. An Iluka representative provided a presentation on the progress of the development application at the meeting.

The Mayor attended the Mayoral weekend seminar in Sydney on Saturday 29 and Sunday 30 November. Over 34 delegates attending with a number of representatives from the Riverina.

The Mayor, Deputy Mayor and General Manager attended the Far West Local Government Forum held at Cobar on Tuesday 2 December. Representatives from the far west eight councils were in attendance along with representatives from Department of Premier and Cabinet, Office of Local Government and Minister for Local Government. The Hon Paul Toole MP outlined the NSW Government's strategic vision for Local Government in NSW. There were a number of sessions held: What works well now, Building the principles and characteristics of good service delivery, Next steps- far west initiative, Challenges facing local government in the Far West and Becoming Fit for the Future.

The Central Murray Riverina Transport Forum was held at the Theatre Royal on Wednesday 3 December. Councillor O'Halloran and Jolliffe along with the Director Infrastructure and Development attended the meeting. Iluka Resources provided a presentation to the Forum with discussion taking place regarding the replacement of the Tooleybuc Bridge along with other agenda items.

The Mayor and General Manager attended a joint meeting with other RAMROC Mayors and General Managers in Griffith on Thursday 11 December with Adrian Piccoli Member for Murrumbidgee. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the challenges of the NSW local government reform package.

<u>Financial Implication</u>	Nil
<u>Legislative Implication</u>	Nil
<u>Policy Implication</u>	Nil
<u>Attachments</u>	Nil

Item G-2 CORRESPONDENCE

File Number: 712

Reporting Officer: Aaron Drenovski, General Manager

Operational Plan Objective: Pillar 1: Our People – A community that is proactive, engaged, inclusive and connected

Officer Recommendation:

For information

Purpose of Report

To advise Council of recent correspondence of interest.

Report

1. Copy of letter from The Hon. Kevin Humphries MP.
2. Media Release from John Williams MP.
3. Letter from DL Tydd – Association of Mining Based Councils Inc.
4. Letter from NSW Health.
5. Thank you card from Rhonda Leahy.
6. Letter from ERNWAG WRNWAG.
7. Christmas wishes from Jerilderie Shire Council
8. Letter from Senator John Fifield.
9. Letter from RMS.

<u>Financial Implication</u>	Nil
<u>Legislative Implication</u>	Nil
<u>Policy Implication</u>	Nil
<u>Attachments</u>	Yes

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The Hon Kevin Humphries MP

Minister for Natural Resources, Lands and Water
Minister for Western New South Wales

MF14/7108

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

Dear Mr. Williams

Thank you for your representations of 9 September 2014 on behalf of Mr Aaron Drenovski, General Manager of Balranald Shire Council regarding the "Save the Euston Lakes Petition".

The Euston Lakes water savings proposal has been under consideration for a number of years. I am advised by the NSW Office of Water that, given the community opposition, it is not intended to take the proposal further as a potential water savings project to contribute to the recovery targets under the Basin Plan.

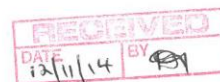
I am aware that in 2006 when inflows into the Murray River were the lowest on record, a range of emergency measures were implemented to secure the limited supplies for critical water needs. This included the construction of a temporary regulator to prevent inflows into the Euston Lakes system and a temporary domestic and stock supply, which were removed once conditions improved.

I acknowledge the strong community interest in ensuring the lakes are maintained for amenity and recreational purposes. However, it cannot be ruled out that emergency measures similar to those described above may be required if there is a return to critical drought conditions.

Yours sincerely


Kevin Humphries MP
Minister for Natural Resources, Lands and Water
Minister for Western NSW

6 NOV 2014



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Member for Murray-Darling

MEDIA RELEASE

Thursday 6 November 2014

NSW GOVERNMENT BACKS LOCAL COMMUNITY ON EUSTON LAKES

A proposal to dry the Euston Lakes will not be supported by the NSW Government following a campaign by the local community, Minister for Natural Resources, Lands and Water Kevin Humphries and Member for Murray-Darling John Williams said today.

Mr Humphries said the NSW Government will not pursue the proposed water savings project following vocal support from the local community for the lakes to be maintained for recreational and amenity purposes.

"The proposal to dry the lakes has been on the table for a number of years and has caused considerable angst to the local community," Mr Humphries said.

"The NSW Government has listened to the local community and agrees the proposal to periodically divert water from entering Dry Lake, Lake Benanee and Lake Caringay does not deliver the required triple bottom line outcomes.

"As the predicted water savings do not appear to deliver the social, economic or environmental returns to justify the project the NSW Government will not support it at this time.

"However, it cannot be ruled out that in the event of critical drought conditions emergency measures will be implemented to secure town water supply."

Mr Williams said the announcement would be welcomed by the Euston community.

"The residents of Euston have been staunch advocates for this course of action and the NSW Government has listened to their concerns," Mr Williams said.

"The Lakes are an extremely important recreational resource for the community and the many tourists who visit the region every year, and this move will ensure that continues to be the case in the years ahead."

MEDIA: Jeremy Scott (Minister Humphries) – 0467 741 200
John Williams – 0438 808 722

Mr Aaron Drenovski
General Manager
Balranald Shire Council
P O Box 120
BALRANALD NSW 2715

	Info	Reply	Report	Discuss
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GM	Correspondence			
DID				
Received	21 NOV 2014			
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File No.	115			
ATTN No.	32653			



Dear Mr Drenovski,

Reference: Membership of the Association

The Association is currently following up on preliminary expressions of interest made by delegates at the recent Local Government NSW conference in becoming a member of the Association. This organisation currently represents twenty three (23) councils across NSW with mining in or, near their local government areas.

The Association is currently regarded as the leading local government organisation in NSW for inquiries and representations relating to mining at the local and regional level. It is contacted on a regular basis by NSW Government Departments with responsibilities for mining issues and the NSW Minerals Council representing mining companies.

An invitation is therefore extended to Council based on mining activity in its area to join the Association. The current annual fee is \$7630. If Council joins during the financial year, the fee is calculated on a monthly basis from the date of joining.

Any further information can be obtained from the undersigned or, the Association's web site www.miningrelatedcouncils.asn.au.

Yours sincerely

D L Tydd
Executive Officer
17 November 2014

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Armidale NSW 2350
AUSTRALIA
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Web: www.miningrelatedcouncils.asn.au

Friday, 7 November 2014



Health
Western NSW
Local Health District

Robert Rayner
Acting General Manager for Balranald Shire Council
70 Market Street
Balranald
NSW 2715

	Info	Reply	Report	Discuss
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GM	Correspondence			
DID				
Received 24 NOV 2014				
DCCD				
File No.	255			
LETTER No.	32058			

Dear Robert,

Thank you for your letter and for inviting the Public Health Unit to speak to the Balranald Shire Council in July this year about cancer. As I mentioned in the meeting, unfortunately cancer is common and it is becoming more common in Australia. We have got much better at treating and preventing many diseases, meaning people live longer and healthier lives. Because cancer is more common with age, and because we are living longer, more and more people are getting diagnosed with cancer. Also, we are getting better at detecting and treating cancer meaning more people now live with cancer for many years. So it would appear right across Australia that not only are there more cases of people getting cancer, but there is also more cancer present in the community.

There was some concern from the Balranald community that the number of people with cancer was high and the Far West Local Health District was asked to investigate. The Public Health Unit investigated this concern in a number of ways. It looked at data available to the public from the Cancer Registry, the Australian Bureau of Statistics and made requests for data from the community itself.

In public health, we expect to see cancer in the community because it is one of the most common diseases. So when someone from a community expresses concern about cancer, in public health, what we are looking for is whether the number of cancer cases is more than what we would expect. The reason we do this is because we are considering whether or not there is a cancer cluster. That is to say whether there is a certain type of cancer that is occurring over a certain time period, in a certain area at rates higher than what is expected. Because suspected cancer clusters are of a concern to public health, they are always investigated.

The investigation in Balranald looked at information available to determine whether a cancer cluster was present. It also investigated the possible causes proposed by the community for a cluster. There are state and national databases on cancer diagnoses, however, this data takes years to collect and is usually well out of date. A review of this data available, did not show any cancers occurring at unexpected rates in Balranald. However, a review of bowel screening and bowel cancer did show that Balranald had higher than average rates of bowel cancer deaths.

Nevertheless, the bowel cancer rates were average compared to other parts of NSW. So the issue is not the number of new cases, but that on average people are more likely to die of bowel cancer in Balranald. Bowel cancer deaths can be prevented if we detect bowel cancer early and treat it quickly which is why there is a national bowel cancer screening program. Statistics revealed that although residents of Balranald eligible to participate in the screening program are invited, only a few are taking up the offer and providing a sample.

Population Health covering Western NSW and
Far West Local Health Districts
PO Box 457, Kincumber House, Morgan St
Broken Hill NSW 2880
Telephone: 08 8080 1420
Facsimile: 08 8088 2126



Health
Western NSW
Local Health District

To get more up to date information about cancer diagnoses, we spoke with the local GP. He reported recently diagnosing cases of a rare type of brain tumour; glioma. The number of cases of glioma reported to us was higher than the average number usually diagnosed in a population the size of Balranald. However we expect this to happen from time to time and it is not cause for alarm, because communities can often experience a run of rare cancers that have resulted from natural fluctuations in diagnosis of the disease. We ran some calculations to see how often we might see this happen in Balranald. What we found is that there is more than an 80% chance that this many people would be diagnosed with glioma so close together in any 40 year period. In other words, this is bound to happen in Balranald from time to time and not be a cause for alarm.

Residents also identified some concerns about possible causes of cancer around town. There was one suggestion that a telecommunications tower might pose risk on the community. NSW Health has reviewed that research and concluded that at this time there is no evidence to suggest that telecommunication towers pose a risk to the community. There was also concern that the river water may be contaminated. As a part of drinking water programs, sampling of the river was done between 2011 and 2012 looking for chemicals including pesticides. No pesticides were detected. Given these samples were taken to include a time of flooding, when pesticide run off would have been at its highest, this finding is reassuring that both the drinking water and river water is not affected by chemicals of concern. Finally, it was suggested that spray drift from local properties may pose a risk. Pesticides are carefully regulated in Australia and no reports of non-occupational exposures to permitted pesticides were found to be linked to glioma. The causes of glioma are poorly understood, but thought to be mostly related to genetics and possibly radiation.

Based on the information provided about the number of cases, and no likely environmental issue of concern, the Public Health Unit feels reassured that there is no unexpected cancer cluster in Balranald, nor does there seem to be anything in the environment that would lead us to be concerned. However, there are times we would become alarmed. For example, if the number of people diagnosed with glioma was more than is likely to occur in a town the size of Balranald from time to time. To be certain, we will continue to monitor cancer rates in Balranald and should new information arise, or further cases suggest an unexpected cluster, we will investigate further.

I do appreciate the overall concern in the community about all cancer types. Although this is not grounds for further investigation, it is an opportunity to talk about what we know causes cancer and what we can do to protect ourselves. I have prepared for you a small article should you wish to publish in a local newsletter talking about our investigation, and what people can do to reduce their risk of cancer.



Kind regards
Dr Naomi Gough
Public Health Registrar

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Health
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Local Health District

Balranald Cancer Investigation by the Public Health Unit

The Far West Public Health Unit has undertaken an investigation of the Balranald community cancer rates following concern from the community that many people had been diagnosed with cancer recently. The investigation looked at data on the cancers of concerns and their possible causes. Looking at NSW Cancer Registry records, it was found that Balranald did not appear to have high rates of cancer overall. However, the recent data for the community is not yet up to date. To get more up to date information, discussions were held with local health service providers.

The investigation also looked into possible environmental causes of cancer identified by the community including telecommunication towers, river water and pesticides. These issues were researched. To date NSW Health has found no evidence to suggest that telecommunication towers are detrimental to human health. River water samples previously taken from times of low and high river levels looked for chemicals including pesticides. The samples did not detect any chemicals or pesticides. Finally, no evidence could be found that pesticides permitted in Australia are associated with any cancer of concern in Balranald.

The investigation into the types of cancers in Balranald did find although the numbers of bowel cancer were the same as elsewhere, the number of bowel cancer deaths is high. This suggests that bowel cancers are not being detected and treated as early as they could. The best way to protect ourselves from bowel cancer is to prevent it, and if it does occur, detect it and treat it early. Changes in lifestyle reduce the risk of bowel cancer, particularly a healthy diet with plenty of fruit and vegetables. It has been found that processed meats (such as salami) and diets high in red meat are more closely linked to bowel cancer. Cutting down your red meat intake and eating more fruit and vegetables is not just good for your waistline, it is also good for your bowel. Finally, if bowel cancer is detected early, removal of the cancer and treatment is more likely to be successful. The national bowel screening program sends out packs to individuals eligible to participate (eligibility is based on age). Participating is a great way to detect the cancer early and treat it. Another way to detect bowel cancer early is to see your doctor if you notice any changes in your bowel habit.

The investigation also found a higher than average number of cases of a certain type of brain cancer. When cancers are rare, even one or two cases is unusual especially if they occur close together. However, it is common for this to happen from time to time. Our calculations found that it is almost certain that this would happen in Balranald in any given 40 year period, and almost 100% likely to occur in any given year somewhere in NSW. So this is most likely the result of cancer randomly occurring. Based on the information provided, the Public Health Unit is satisfied that there is no unexpected cancer cluster in Balranald at this time. However the records of cancers will continue to be closely monitored and should further information be cause for alarm, further investigation will be undertaken.

Unfortunately cancer is common and it is becoming more common in Australia. We have got much better at treating and preventing many diseases, meaning people live longer and healthier lives. Because cancer is more common with age, and because we are living longer, more and more people are getting diagnosed with cancer. Also, we are getting better at detecting and treating cancer meaning more people now live with cancer for many years. So it would appear right across Australia that not only are there more cases of people getting cancer, but there is also more cancer present in the community.

What can I do to reduce my risk of cancer?

Quit smoking	Smoking increases your risk of developing many cancers
Healthy Diet	Diets high in meat and processed foods increase your risk of bowel cancer
Health weight	Being overweight, physically inactive and not eating well causes nearly one third of all cancers
Be SunSmart	Skin cancers are caused by excess sun exposure
Limit alcohol	Alcohol increases your risk of developing many cancers
Move your body	Exercise reduces your risk of many cancers
Get checked - men	See you GP for health concerns and when invited, do your bowel cancer screening
Get checked – women	See you GP for health concerns and when invited, do your bowel, breast and cervical cancer screening

For more information visit the Cancer Council <http://www.cancer.org.au>

Population Health covering Western NSW and
Far West Local Health Districts
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Broken Hill NSW 2880
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Rhonda Leahy
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Dear Sir / Madam,

I just wanted to let
you know how much
we have enjoyed staying
at the Balranald
caravan park.

It has been an absolute
pleasure staying here.

The grounds and amenities
are fantastic and
beautifully maintained.

We are grey nomads
and have been on the

road for 4 months - so
have stayed in many
caravan parks.
We have found the
managers at Balranald
to be the nicest,
friendliest and most
courteous we have met
on our travels.

Well done,

Regards,

Rhonda and Peter.



macquarie and lachlan valley weeds advisory committees



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368 words

4th December 2014

RED GUIDE POST PROJECT WINS STATE WEED MANAGEMENT AWARD

33 partnering councils across the Riverina & Central Western NSW have won the State Weed Management Category at this year's Local Government Excellence in the Environment Awards for their Red Guide Post Project.

Paula Bosse, Riverina's Noxious Weeds Project Officer accepted the award on behalf of Greater Hume Shire Council (host agency), ERNWAG & WRNWAG (project manager) and all 33 partnering councils. "The RED guide post concept was born from a gathering of Riverina agencies discussing the best option for identifying roadside weeds", she said.

In 2013, Eastern & Western Riverina Noxious Weeds Advisory Groups (ERNWAG & WRNWAG) teamed up with the Lachlan & Macquarie Valley Weeds Advisory Committees (LVWAC & MVWAC) to promote their red guide post initiative.

Red Guide Posts are being installed along roadsides throughout NSW (by weed officers) to identify known locations of high risk noxious weeds. The posts alert road users to the "START" and "END" of the area they need to avoid to prevent further spread of noxious weeds along roadsides and other high risk pathways.

A major component of the project was an extensive awareness campaign to ensure consistent state-wide delivery. This campaign was made possible through partnerships & collaboration with NSW DPI (WAP Innovation Grant), Murray LLS, ERNWAG, WRNWAG, LVWAC & MVWAC.

Murray Local Land Services also partnered with this project to trial a new advertising medium displayed on service station fuel nozzles. Our 2nd campaign will be launched in the coming weeks with new creatives on display at Woolworths/Caltex service stations across Riverina.

Partnering Councils are: Albury City, Balranald Shire, Bland Shire, Bourke Shire, Cabonne Shire, Carrathool Shire, Castlereagh Macquarie County, Central Murray County, Coolamon Shire, Cootamundra Shire, Corowa Shire, Cowra Shire, Forbes Shire, Greater Hume Shire, Griffith City, Gundagai Shire, Hay Shire, Jerilderie Shire, Junee Shire, Lachlan Shire, Leeton Shire, Lockhart Shire, Murrumbidgee Shire, Narrandera Shire, Parkes Shire, Temora Shire, Tumbarumba Shire, Tumut Shire, Urana Shire, Wagga Wagga City, Wakool Shire, Weddin Shire and Wentworth Shire.

Further information on the Red Guide post initiative can be found at www.riverinaweeds.org.au
More details on the awards at <http://www.lgns.gov.au/events-training/environment-awards>

* By avoiding Red Guide Posted areas we can all help stop the spread of weeds. *

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WEEDS ACTION PROGRAM



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CR KEITH RHOADES AFSM
President, LGNSW

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*Warmest Wishes for a Merry Christmas
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Balranald Shire Council
PO Box 120
BALRANALD NSW 2715

Dear Provider

I am pleased to advise you of the results of the 2014 Aged Care Approvals Round (ACAR) and your organisations **successful** application. The attached schedule outlines the detail(s) of the aged care places offered to your organisation.

The Department of Social Services will be writing to you separately about the conditions of allocation that will apply to these new allocations, which you will need before you commence providing care.

Details of all successful applicants are available on the Department of Social Services website at www.dss.gov.au/2014ACAR.

Any other application(s) you submitted, for residential aged care places, home care places and/or a capital grant that are **not** listed in the attached schedule(s) have been unsuccessful. The Department will publish a set of documents on the ACAR website that provide a summary of how unsuccessful applications for residential or home care places could have been strengthened, including suggested areas of improvement against each of the relevant assessment criteria. In addition to these summary documents, the Department is also offering unsuccessful applicants the opportunity to receive written feedback. Information on how to register for individualised feedback will be available at www.dss.gov.au/2014ACAR.

Overall the ACAR has allocated:

- **11,196** new residential aged care places worth an estimated **\$660.5 million** in annual recurrent funding;
- **6,653** new home care places worth an estimated **\$173.1 million** in annual recurrent funding; and
- **\$103 million** in capital grants to enable new or existing providers to undertake necessary capital works programs.

As you know, the ACAR is a highly competitive process and each application is subject to a rigorous assessment process based on criteria prescribed in the *Aged Care Act 1997*, such as the applicant's ability to deliver care, and management experience and expertise.

This year there were two places sought for every available residential care place and seventeen places sought for every available home care place.

If you have any questions regarding this letter or the attached schedule(s), please contact the appropriate state or territory office of the Department directly. A list of the relevant Departmental contact telephone numbers is attached.

Thank you for your application(s) and congratulations on your success. I wish you well in your efforts to deliver quality care and support for older Australians.

Yours sincerely



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Encl.

04 DEC 2014

Balranald Shire Council

Capital	Total Capital Grant in Balranald Shire Council :	\$1,999,000.00
Residential Care New	Total Residential Care Places Recommended in Balranald Shire Council :	12

Balranald Shire Council
Agenda – Ordinary Meeting – 15th December 2014



28 November 2014
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Aaron Drenovski
General Manager
Balranald Shire Council
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PO Box 120, Balranald NSW 2715

Dear Aaron,

Re: RMS Depot Cary St, Euston

Thank you for your letter dated on the 4 September 2014 in relation to the proposal of using the Roads and Maritime Services (RMS) depot on Cary St, Euston as a parking area for trucks.

RMS has investigated this request and has come up with the following outcomes:

The RMS depot at Euston has been flagged for disposal. It is still with Corporate Property following a contamination report on the site which has identified a couple of hot spots which will require remediation prior to disposal. However a recent report on the level of contamination indicated that the level is acceptable for ongoing commercial/industrial use such as heavy vehicle parking area.

If RMS is to proceed with the proposal and develop the site, the property will need to be removed from the Disposal Register with the agreement of the Regional Maintenance Delivery Manager. RMS also need to consider if there is a need for a rest area at this location or nearby and how does a rest area at this site fit within the strategy for rest areas along the Sturt Highway.

Should Council wish to own and develop the site themselves they will need to purchase the property at market value from RMS.

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact Fazlul Hoque on 02 6938 1145.

Yours sincerely

✓ Lindsay Tanner
Regional Manager
South West Region

Roads and Maritime Services

1 Simmons Street, Wagga Wagga NSW 2650 | PO Box 484 Wagga Wagga NSW 2650 | www.rms.nsw.gov.au | 131 782

Item G-3 ACTION SHEET

Reporting Officer: Aaron Drenovski, General Manager

File Number: 120

Officer Recommendation:

For information

Purpose of Report

To bring forward for Councillors information the Action Report with



BALRANALD SHIRE COUNCIL **ACTION SHEET**

NOVEMBER 2014

MINUTE	DIRECTOR/ FILE NO	<u>SUBJECT</u>	<u>DATE</u> COMPLETED	<u>COMMENTS</u> CURRENT STATUS
11.14.3440	D CCD	<u>Notify the churches of Councils decision to waive the theatre fees.</u>	<u>06/12/14</u>	<u>Complete</u>
11.14.3441	DCCD	<u>Notify DADFA's Team of Councils decision of sponsorship package.</u>	<u>11/12/14</u>	<u>Complete</u>
11.14.3446	GM	<u>Advertise change of Council Meeting December Date.</u>	<u>12/12/14</u>	<u>Complete</u>
11.14.3447	DID	<u>Report Mooring Management Plan to December meeting?</u>		<u>Awaiting Response from RMS</u>
11.14.3449	DID	<u>Have RMS remove all dead trees along highways?</u>		<u>Messaged Conveyed</u>
	DID	<u>Have the toilet in Greenham Park investigated before Race Day?</u>		<u>Completed</u>
	GM	<u>Solar Project, what is happening?</u>		<u>In Progress</u>
	GM	<u>Can Councillors meet with new senior staff?</u>		<u>Arranged</u>
	DID	<u>Give Tree Trimming Programme to Councillors</u>		<u>Arranged</u>

Item G-4 QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE

File Number: 030

Reporting Officer: Aaron Drenovski, General Manager

Cr Jolliffe	Can Council arrange with RMS to remove the dead trees along the highway?	Notified RMS
	Toilets at Greenham Park Hall need investigating.	Completed
	Investigate Truck Hub, National Heavy Vehicles Permit.	Raised at Central Murray Regional Transport Forum
	R2R Funding to be extended beyond 2019.	Confirmed by Minister at Roads Conference.
Cr Campbell	What is the progress with the Pool Managers position?	One Expression of Interest received.
Cr Barnes	What is the progress of the Maritime Projects?	Awaiting Response from RMS
	What is happening with the Solar Project?	In Progress
	Can Councillors meet with new senior staff?	Arranged
Cr Purtill	Can the Tree trimming program be run passed Councillors prior to beginning?	Arranged

CLOSED MEETING - CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS