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APOLOGIES:

DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

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CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Recommendation:
That:

“The minutes of the Special Meeting of Council held on Tuesday 17th December 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 17th December 2013 copies having previously been circulated to each Councillor be taken as read and confirmed”.

This is Page 1 of the Business Paper of the Ordinary Monthly Meeting of Balranald Shire Council held in the Councils Chambers Market Street Balranald on Tuesday 18th February 2014.
“The minutes of the Confidential Meeting of Council held on Tuesday, 17th December 2013 copies having previously been circulated to each Councillor be taken as read and confirmed”.

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PRESENTATION/DELEGATIONS

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Purpose of Report:
To advise Council that Andrew Minns and Tom Blackwell from Iluka will be making a presentation at this meeting.

Report:
Iluka have requested to make a presentation at this Council meeting regarding the mineral sands project.

Attachments: Nil.

Budget Implications: Nil.

Recommendation: That the presentation be received.
MAYORAL MINUTE/REPORT

COMMITTEE REPORTS FOR ADOPTION

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GENERAL MANAGERS REPORTS (Incorporating all Staff Reports)
Corporate Services Division

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Purpose of Report
Funds Report for the Month Ending 31st December 2013

Report
Bank Reconciliation

Balance B/F From Previous Month 1,490,289.90

ADD Receipts for Month:
- Debtors 37,337.49
- Rates & Water 179,406.38
- Natural Disaster Funding 420,609.84
- RFS Reimbursement 145,951.00
- Library Grant 18,924.00
- Hostel Subsidy 149,447.00
- Term Deposit Redeemed 500,000.00
- Other Revenue 180,549.27

Total Receipts 1,632,224.98

LESS Payments for the Month:
- Contractors Plant Hire 183,391.47
- Visitor Information Centre Construction 116,917.83
- BAS - November 129,659.00
- Term Deposit Lodged 500,000.00
- Sealing Works 949,606.16
- Loan Repayments 191,103.85
- Other Payments 720,072.71

Total Payments 2,790,751.02

Cash Book Balance as at End of Month 331,763.86

LESS Outstanding Deposits as at end of Month -
ADD Unpresented Cheques as at end of Month 64,522.42

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**Recommendation:** For Information.
**Item C - 2**  
**STATEMENT OF FUNDS**

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**Purpose of Report**

Funds Report for the Month Ending 31st January 2014

**Report**

**Bank Reconciliation**

Balance B/F From Previous Month 331,763.86

ADD Receipts for Month:
- Debtors 54,885.06
- Rates & Water 33,626.75
- Block Grant 308,825.00
- Interest Received 23,600.54
- Term Deposit Redeemed 500,000.00
- Other Revenue 115,634.76
  **1,036,572.11**

LESS Payments for the Month:
- Contractors Plant Hire 55,529.36
- Sealing Works 183,732.13
- Heritage Study 12,100.00
- Lease Payments 16,188.53
- Other Payments 566,468.70
  **834,018.72**

Cash Book Balance as at End of Month 534,317.25

LESS Outstanding Deposits as at end of Month 6,188.06
ADD Unpresented Cheques as at end of Month 53,068.00

**Bank Balance as at End of Month** 581,197.19

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**Purpose of Report**

To provide Council with a Quarterly Budget Review Statement

**Report**

Refer to the detailed statement provided under separate cover.

**Attachments**

Separate review document enclosed.

**Recommendation:** This has a negative effect on the General Fund of $172,000, therefore it is recommended that due to the nature of the expenditure the new funds be appropriated and voted accordingly.
**Purpose of Report**
To report on the progress of the Community Strategic Plan (Balranald Shire 2022).

**Report**
Council are required to undertake a 6 monthly review of the Community Strategic Plan based on the performance measures detailed in its Operation Plan for 2013/14.

The plan has been reviewed and a separate document has been provided with the results against the measurement indicated in red type.

Overall the outcomes delivered within this year’s Operational Plan appear to be on way to meeting some of the objectives from Balranald Shire 2022.

**Budget Implications**
Nil

**Attachments**
Separate review document enclosed.

**Recommendation**
For Information.
Item C - 5 | STAFF HOUSING POLICY
---|---
Reporting Officer | Director Corporate Services – Robert Rayner | File 450

**Purpose of Report**
To adopt the Policy for Staff Housing.

**Report**
The policy was presented to the Council at its November meeting.

The objective of the policy is to outline Council's guidelines for staff housing.

No further submissions have been received.

**Attachments:** Nil

**Budget Implications:** Nil

**Recommendation:**
That Council adopt the policy as distributed to the Council at its November meeting.
Economic & Community Development Reports

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Purpose of Report
To progress the naming of the new interpretive centre complex.

Report
In 2013 several reports were presented to Council to progress the naming of the new interpretive centre complex.

Council staff undertook extensive community consultation seeking naming ideas for the complex. This included:

- Promotion via the Council newsletter
- Media releases in/on the Guardian, Grazier, Sentinel and ABC radio
- Consultation with the Balranald Tourism and Economic Development Committee
- Advertisements in the local media

Over the past six months various names have been suggested by Creative Spaces and by the local community. These have included:

- Balranald Square
- Balranald Headquarters (HQ)
- Balranald Junction
- Balranald Waterhole
- Discover Balranald
- Plains Discovery Centre
- Bidgee Discovery Centre
- Balranald Riverbank
- Bidgee Hop in Centre
- Bidgee Visitors Corner
- Bidgee Active Centre
- The Bidgee Friendly Frog Centre
- The Bidgee Ridgie Didge Centre
- The Bidgee Court House Centre
- The Bidgee Do Drop In Centre
- Balranald’s 5 Rivers Outback Discovery Centre
- Balranald’s Gate
- Twin Palms

To ensure community ownership of the project Council staff propose to coordinate a mailbox drop in late February, followed by a street poll in early March to gain additional feedback to allow Council to make an
informed decision on an appropriate name for the complex. Several people (3) have already submitted their naming preference via email.

The outcomes of the street poll and mailbox drop will be presented in a report to the March meeting of Council.

**Budget Implications**
Nil

**Attachments**
Nil

**Recommendation**
That Council endorse the above actions with a further report to Council in March 2014.
**Item E - 2** | **INTERPRETIVE CENTRE CAFE**
---|---
Reporting Officer | Director of Economic and Community Development Robyn Ryan | File 771(c)

**Purpose of Report**
To provide Council with an update on the expressions of interest (EOI) process for the proposed Balranald Interpretive Centre Café.

**Report**
Council has twice called EOI for the lease of the interpretive café with one submission received, however this operator has now relocated.

With side panel design and signage work to commence shortly, it is necessary for Council to confirm the use of this pavilion space for a café.

To progress the café concept further, it proposed that the Director of Economic and Community Development make contact with each food retailer in town to discuss the café opportunities further.

**Budget Implications**
Nil

**Attachments**
Nil

**Recommendation**
That Council endorse the above actions, and that a report be presented to the March meeting of Council.
Item E - 3  INTERNATIONAL WOMEN’S DAY EVENT 2014

Reporting Officer  Director of Economic and Community Development Robyn Ryan  File 025

Purpose of Report
To advise Council of the proposed 2014 International Women’s Day event.

Report
In March each year, millions of women around the world gather to celebrate International Women’s Day. The event provides an opportunity for the community to recognise the achievements of women, and their contribution to society.

In previous years Council has been successful in securing funding from the Office for Women’s Policy to host a local International Women’s Day event in Balranald. In 2012, this funding program ceased and no event was held in 2013 due to lack of funds.

A committee of local women including representatives from Mallee Family Care, Balranald Primary Health, Council, Can Assist, Bess Murray Community Centre, Yarkuwa, Balranald Land Council and the community have joined forces to host an event this year.

In 2012, the Balranald International Women’s Day Committee hosted an extremely successful event with over 100 women joining in the celebrations.

It is proposed that the 2014 event be held on Saturday March 1st, at the Theatre Royal.

To ensure this event is again a success, the committee is seeking the support of Council by way of a financial contribution of $1,000. These funds will be utilised to pay Council for the hire of the Theatre Royal and for catering and entertainment.

Budget Implication
$1,000 is available from the donations vote.

Attachments
Nil

Recommendation
That Council support the hosting of a local International Women’s Day event in 2014 by providing a $1,000 donation.
Infrastructure & Development Reports

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

Report

1. **Council Team 1**
   Council Team 1 is progressing with gravel formation on the Euston Cemtery/Cowper St reconstruction in the lower watercourse area. Meilman Road gravel patching undertaken in first week of February. Tapalin Mail Road gravel patching was completed during January.

2. **Council Team 2**
   Following a maintenance grade of the gravel section of MR67 North Council Team 2 commenced gravel resheet and patch work on Mildura-Ivanhoe Road at the Carinya intersection.

3. **Council Team 3**
   Council Team 3 has commenced a maintenance grade of Weimby – Kyalite Road. Prior to this the team had been utilised to assist with the Market Street preparations.

4. **Market Street Reconstruction**
   Traffic control, removal of surface pavers, kerb items, lowering of services and assistance generally to the RMS has progressed during January for a commencement on reconstruction proper 10 February 2014.

5. **Water Bores**
   The drilling at Glen Tilt will soon commence. Equipping of the bores will also be planned to provide for future road works in the light of continued dry weather.

**Recommendation** that the report be noted.
Item I-2 | CONSTRUCTION CERTIFICATES
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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, Complying Development Certificates, Section 68 Certificates and/or Notices of Determinations have been issued since the December 2013 meeting of Council.

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**Recommendation:** that the report be noted.
Purpose of Report

To progress improved access arrangements for 133 Turandurey St.

Report

Mr and Mrs Thiele historically have had concerns regarding access to their property, principally for emergency services use due to their age and increasing need for doctor or ambulance services and more recently from a development potential point of view.

As Council is aware, present access to the land is via Purtill Court and informally over privately held land.

Previous budget deliberations have resulted in resources being allocated to other priorities within Council’s operations rather than progressing official formed access arrangements.

Mr & Mrs Thiele are looking to progress development of the vacant sections of their holding.

Currently, it would be difficult for Council to consent to residential development without appropriate ‘official’ access to the vacant areas of the holding.

In order for the access issue to be progressed, Council would need to determine what actions and budget allocation are appropriate in this situation.

Council last considered access issues in relation to this holding in February 2012 and resolved to:

1. Council formally re-address lot 17 in DP 758048 (Thiele’s property) as number 5, Purtill Court in lieu of 133 Turandurey Street, and similarly Lot 2 DP 758048 (Mann’s) as number 7 Purtill Court.
2. Mr Thiele be advised that Council intends to take no action to rename the access lane “Thiele Court”.
3. Council surrender the freehold title on lot 17 DP 758048 in lieu of public road.
It may also be prudent to reconfirm expectations with affected land owners which include:
   M Haley
   J Gervasi
   L Gervasi

Attachments: 1) Aerial Imagery of the allotments
               2) Earlier suggestion for access arrangement
               3) March correspondence to Mr & Mrs Thiele

Budget Implications: N/A.

Recommendation:

That Council determine appropriate action in progressing official access to Mr & Mrs Thiele’s holding.
Attachment 1: Aerial Imagery of Mr & Mrs Thiele's Holding
Attachment 2: Earlier suggestion for access arrangement

Attachment 3: March 2012 Correspondence to Mr & Mrs Thiele
8 March 2012

Mr & Mrs Ron Thiele
133 Turandurey Street
BALRANALD NSW 2715

Dear Sir/Madam,

Re: Your formal Address and Access to Your Property

Further to a meeting between yourselves and the undersigned recently I wish to inform you that Council at its most recent meeting resolved to formally re-address your property as number 5 Purtill Court, Balranald in lieu of 133 Turandurey Street.

The reasoning behind your address being number 5 is to provide for your two vacant properties, numbers 1 & 3, similarly Mr and Mrs Mann as number 7.

Council intends to take no action to rename the access lane from Purtill Court at this time, however Council will move directly to surrender the freehold title on this roadway/land being lot 17 DP 758048 as Public Road.

The other matters discussed including your wish to pursue a through road and further subdivision of adjoining lands are not progressing at this time but may well be a consideration for Council and land holders at a later date. You will be an integral part of any decision making on these matters.

Yours Faithfully,

John Stevenson
Director Infrastructure and Development
For the GENERAL MANAGER
Item 1 - 4  CRISTAL MINING – PROPOSED MINERAL SANDS MINE MAGENTA-WAMPO AREA.
ROAD USAGE AND MAINTENANCE AGREEMENTS

| Reporting Officer | Director Infrastructure & Development - John Stevenson | File 624 |

**Purpose of Report:** To note progress towards a Road Maintenance agreement for haulage between the mine site and the Ivahoe rail facility.

**Report:** Council has received a report from Cristal Mining’s consultant Tonkin which provides a calculated basis for the Developers contribution towards road maintenance. This is coupled with another consultants (GTA) report on existing road safety via an audit of existing circumstances on the route.

In short, the maintenance agreement is progressing satisfactorily with the key elements in readiness for a formal agreement in the near future:

- The Developer will provide a levy of $1.60/tonne of dry material hauled. This will include waste material hauled as a backload to the mine site from the separation plant, from year 5 or thereabouts.

- This levy equates to an $0.86 contribution for every dollar spent by Council via RMS grant funds. A recheck of traffic counts in the area is being undertaken to check the consultants calculations.

- The planning agreement will include the annual adjustment of developer contributions via the cost price index or similar method to maintain a precise ratio of Councils expenditure.

- Council will retain the right to sign off on all details and designs for local road upgrades on the haul route, and all costs associated with this aspect will be borne by the developer, in line with Councils earlier resolutions on the matter.

- Aspects of the safety audit identified in the GTA report have been ratified with the RMS and elements such as remarking centreline, and possibly incorporating fog lines, improving signage, installing visible clearance chevrons on some culverts and ramps, will be undertaken in line with other maintenance in the forthcoming programs.

In light of the positive progress towards a future road maintenance agreement it is recommended that Council work towards a submission to the Department of Planning and Infrastructure as soon as practical so as not to put the “Wool Track” funding pledge in jeopardy.
Attachments: Nil.

Budget Implications: As reported.

Recommendation: That Council note progress on the matter, and seek an appointment with Minister Duncan Gaye to provide advice that every effort is being made towards the DA process, and seek clarification that the Wool Track funding remains preserved.
**Item 1 - 5**

**PROPOSED STRATA SUBDIVISION – CORNER OF COWPER AND CARY ST’S EUSTON**

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**Purpose of Report:** To consider an application to provide a strata title subdivision to four existing town houses on an existing single title lot.

**Report:** Brian Mitsch, surveyor for W & H Castle owners of the property, has lodged an application for a strata title conversion, in accordance with the attached plan.

Council previously approved the construction of these four town houses in a configuration to accommodate this title conversion; hence electricity and water metres are appropriately located.

**Attachments:** Plan of strata subdivision.

**Budget Implications:** Nil.

**Recommendation:** The application to convert Lot 1 DP 1064307 corner Cary and Cowper St’s Euston to a Strata Scheme title be approved subject to the following conditions:

1. The proposal strictly conforms to the plan as submitted.
2. The concurrence of Essential Energy.
3. Any alteration to water services or sewer connections only be undertaken with the prior consent of Council.
Item 1 - 6  | MALCOLM STREET – SUPPLY OF FILTERED WATER
---|---
Reporting Officer | Director Infrastructure & Development - John Stevenson | File 850

**Purpose of Report:** To advise Council of a letter / petition received advising of disinterest in the service.

**Report:** Council considered a request in the last financial year for the installation of this water service to Malcolm Street residents following the poor water quality in the last flood. Provision was made for the installation in the current budget.

Council has since received a letter from one landowner in Malcolm St, co-signed by three other landowners in the street, and two other parties not identified as landowners of the Malcolm St area. The letter details some history on Malcolm St water and highlights a desire not to have the service installed.

The possible number of blocks in the street effected by the parties endorsing the request to disband the project is 6. This leaves a possible 12 lots in the area and the Caltex Service Station that request the filtered supply and would connect upon access being available.

**Attachments:** Nil.

**Budget Implications:** Council have provided $73,400.00 in the current budget for the project.

**Recommendation:**
1. The letter of request be tabled.
2. Council proceed with the project to supply a filtered water main to Malcolm St properties.
Item I - 7  OXLEY VILLAGE WATER SUPPLY

| Reporting Officer | Director Infrastructure & Development - John Stevenson | File 892 |

Purpose of Report: To relocate existing water supply tanks and erect a suitable delivery standpipe.

Report: The RFS are currently relocating the Oxley Fire Station, truck, water tank and standpipe, to Tupra Station following the recent sale of the Oxley property where it is situated.

In 2010, Council studied various options to provide a drinking water supply to Oxley in conjunction with the NSW Office of Water, resulting in the purchase of four 28,000ltr poly tanks and some fittings, sited on lot 7 corner Foster and Cunningham Streets, with the consent of the then owner.

Since the installation the property has been sold to a new party, and is currently being resold to a third party. As a result the original intent of the supply, and access by other village occupants for a drinking supply in times of drought has become impractical, with a perception of “ownership”.

Attachments: Plan of “Village” area.

Budget Implications: Cost of tank relocation and standpipe installation will be from the Water Services Management and Engineering Contribution budget.

Recommendation: Council relocate the village drinking water tanks off Lot 7 DP 820457 to crown reserve with a licensed purpose ‘Village Water Supply’.
General Managers Reports

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Purpose of Report
To review the Policy for Non Waiver of Theatre Royal fees and the fees for the Theatre Royal.

Report
The following policy was moved by the Council at its May 2013 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 were received by Council.

Council has received correspondence from Jan Lawler requesting Council revisit these arrangements.

Council resolved at the December meeting that staff review the fees and report back to Council.

Senior staff have reviewed the use and fee structure at the Theatre Royal and Greenham Park Hall. The Theatre has been used on a paying basis 3 times this financial year and Greenham Park 10.

Income from the Theatre for the first 7.5 months has been $1,531.81 against a budget of $3,000 and the Hall income has been $2,357.27 against a budget of $2,000.

It is proposed that Council make the following amendments to the fees and policy to encourage more use of the Theatre, and therefore generate more income from the volume of usage. The change in the policy and fees would also meet Council’s social obligation to provide facilities to community not for profit groups on a reasonable basis.

1) To reduce the Theatre Royal Fees by 20%. For example the hire of Greenham Park Hall including all facilities for a full day would be $273.00, with the reduction in fees for the Theatre, use of all facilities for the day would total $410.00

2) On top of this reduction in fees a suggested notation be added to the fee structure that the fees would be reduced by 50% for community not for profit organisations.
3) That the current policy be amended to include “Not for profit Community events held at the Theatre Royal be exempted from the normal fees and charges at the discretion and approval of the General Manager.”

**Budget Implications**
Nil.

**Attachments**
Nil

**Recommendation**
That Council approve the above amendments to the fees, charges and policy for the Theatre Royal effective the 1/7/14 subject to a further review in February 2015.
Item G - 3  INDEPENDENT LOCAL GOVERNMENT REVIEW PANEL REPORT

| Reporting Officer | Acting General Manager – Robert Rayner | File 25 |

**Purpose of Report:**
To provide Council with the correlation of information on the final report for the Independent Review Panel

**Report:**
Council have been advised that written submissions to the Division of Local Government on the report must be received by Friday 7 March 2014.

Council have been provided with a summary of recommendations and responses received from some Councillors and the Acting General Manager have been collected and are attached in a separate summary.

It is recommended that Council reviews the responses and formulates a final submission for the Division.

**Attachments:** Summary of recommendations under separate cover.

**Budget Implications:** Nil

**Recommendation:** That Council complete the submission for the report before the due date based on the responses received.
Item G - 4  NATIONAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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**Purpose of Report**
To advise Councillors of the forthcoming Australian Local Government Association Conference (National General Assembly) and the call for motions.

**Report**
The 2014 National General Assembly of Local Government will be held in Canberra between 15 and 18 June 2014.

Council has attended the National General Assembly in the past. The Australian Local Government Association is calling for motions by Thursday 17 April 2014 under the theme of the Assembly “Getting Down to Business”.

If Council wishes to be represented at the Assembly there is an opportunity for early bird registrations and this information will be provided when received.

Information and the discussion paper are included under separate cover.

**Budget Implications**
Nil

**Attachments**
Correspondence and discussion paper under separate cover

**Recommendation**
That Council:
1) Determine if Council wishes to be represented at the conference
2) Provide details of possible motions for discussion at the next Council meeting by Friday the 7th of March 2014.
Item G – 5  CORRESPONDENCE

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**Purpose of Report:**
To advise Council of recent correspondence of interest.

**Report:**
1. Thankyou letter from New Year’s Eve Committee
2. Letter from Western NSW & Far West Health Districts
3. Letter from Greg Camin
4. Circular from Premier & Cabinet 14-03 / 7 February 2014
5. Media Release from John Williams
6. Email from Local Government NSW

**Budget Implications:**
Nil

**Attachments:**
Copies of correspondence as listed above.

**Recommendation**
That the correspondence be noted.
The Balranald New Year’s Eve Committee would like to Thank You for your support/donation in making this Community Event possible once again. It was a great night for all who attended. We look forward to your support again for 2014.

NYE Committee.
Our Ref: D14/481

Mr Robert Rayner
Acting General Manager
Balranald Shire Council
PO Box 120
BALRANALD NSW 2715

Dear Mr Rayner

Re: Balranald Town Water Supply

Thank you for your letter to the Water Unit at the NSW Ministry of Health dated the 20 December 2013. In your letter you have outlined a resolution from the 17 December Balranald Shire Council meeting - "That Council ask the Department of Health to request for legislation to be introduced that permits only water treatment chemicals to be used in the treatment of public drinking water systems".

With regard to this request:

- NSW Health is satisfied that the NSW Public Health Act 2010 (the Act) and the Australian Drinking Water Guidelines provide for adequate protection of drinking water, including the use of appropriate water treatment chemicals.
- The Act requires all suppliers of drinking water to develop a quality assurance program (QAP). This QAP must address the 12 elements of the Framework for Management of Drinking Water Quality (Australian Drinking Water Guidelines, National Health and Medical Research Council NHMRC). The framework includes processes for ensuring the safety of chemicals used.
- As stated in the guidelines "Treatment chemicals are added to drinking water mainly to reduce or eliminate the incidence of waterborne diseases, for other public health measures, and to improve the aesthetic quality of the water".
- Chapter 8 (Table 8.2) of the ADWG lists those chemicals (including fluoride) considered by the NHMRC to be suitable for use in the treatment of drinking water. A quality assurance system for the management of the production, supply, delivery and use of these water treatment chemicals is also a requirement for the delivery of safe drinking water.

Should you have any further queries relating to this matter please do not hesitate to contact Mr Jason Harwood, Environmental Health Officer, on (08) 8090 1420 or email jason.harwood@health.nsw.gov.au

Yours sincerely

Ms Lyndal O’Leary
A/ Director Population Health
Western NSW & Far West Local Health Districts
20 January 2014
Dear Rob and Councillors,

I wish to formally tender my resignation from the end of work on June 27th 2014.
I would like to take this opportunity to thank all outdoor staff, indoor staff and councillors for the support and friendship shown to me over the past forty odd years.
I am finding the job is just getting harder and harder for me to keep up with, so its time for someone younger to step up and I wish Steve every success in the job.

Thanking you all once again.

With kind regards,

Greg Camin
Circular Details: 14-05 / 7 February 2014 / A327146
Previous Circular: 13-30 / 1 July 2013
Who should read this: Councillors / General Managers / All council staff
Contact: Investigations Team 4428 4100
Action required: Information

Improvement and Intervention Framework for NSW Councils

What's new or changing:
- An "Improvement and Intervention Framework for NSW Councils" has been developed to support the Minister for Local Government and Division of Local Government to identify appropriate intervention and improvement strategies for councils. This includes the use of the early intervention powers, as provided for in the Local Government (Early Intervention) Amendment Act 2013.
- The early intervention legislation is designed to assist councils to operate at a high level to deliver positive outcomes for their communities while ensuring compliance with legislation, standards and guidelines.

What this will mean for your council:
- Councils will now be able to more clearly understand when the Minister and Division will intervene, and what action will be undertaken to address issues of underperformance.

Key points:
- The Local Government Amendment (Early Intervention) Act 2013 has now commenced.
- The Local Government (General) Regulation 2005 now includes criteria that must be considered in determining whether to issue a performance improvement or suspension order.
- It is important that Councillors and council staff become familiar with these frameworks as well as the new legislation and associated resources.

Where to go for further information:
- Further information is available at the 'Improvement and Intervention Framework - Councils in NSW' webpage on the Division’s website at www.dlg.nsw.gov.au

Ross Woodward
Chief Executive, Local Government
A Division of the Department of Premier and Cabinet
GRAZIERS IN CENTRAL DARLING SHIRE AS WELL AS BROKEN HILL AND THE FAR WEST UNINCORPORATED AREA TO RECEIVE DROUGHT ASSISTANCE

John Williams The Nationals Member for Murray-Darling has today welcomed the announcement by the NSW Government that it has extended its drought assistance package to include the Central Darling Shire as well as Broken Hill and the Far West Unincorporated Area of NSW.

“Since the end of October last year, I have been in constant contact with Minister Hodgkinson’s Office regarding the plight of the people in these remote areas and seeking support for graziers/landholders. I am happy the Minister has listened and granted a drought assistance package,” John Williams said.

“People in these areas are still facing drought conditions with climatic conditions continuing to deteriorate. They are doing it tough in these ongoing hot, dry conditions. Large numbers of graziers are destocking and are being severely affected with the lack of adequate feed and ground water for livestock.

“The assistance applies until 30 June 2014 and will be backdated to 1 January 2014,” Mr Williams said.

Assistance measures include

- up to $20,000 per producer in the form of a Transport Assistance Reimbursement;
- up to $30,000 per producer for Emergency Water Infrastructure Grants; and
- the waiving of Western Lands Lease payments, Local Land Services rates and Wild Dog Destruction Board rates for a 12-month period, where applicable.

“The NSW Government’s temporary measures are funded through to 30 June 2014, and called on the Commonwealth Government to urgently release details of its proposed assistance package.

“The NSW Liberal & Nationals Government has taken the extra steps to ensure drought-affected communities and primary producers receive vital support,” Mr Williams said.

The Regional Assistance Advisory Committee and Local Land Services will continue to monitor seasonal conditions across NSW and will provide advice and recommendations to the NSW Government as required.

For more information, visit www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/agriculture/emergency/drought/managing

-ENDS-

Contact: John Williams 0438 808 722
Robert Rayner

From: Council
Sent: Thursday, 13 February 2014 10:03 AM
To: Robert Rayner
Subject: FW: Update on the Local Government Review Panel - submission deadline extended to 4 April
Importance: High

From: LGNSW [mailto:lgnsw@lgnsw.org.au]
Sent: Wednesday, 12 February 2014 3:54 PM
Subject: Update on the Local Government Review Panel - submission deadline extended to 4 April
Importance: High

Dear Mayor and General Manager,

Following representations on behalf of the sector by Local Government NSW, the NSW Government has now agreed to extend the time for submissions on the Local Government Review Panel’s report until 4 April 2014.

LGNSW will be holding a series of forums throughout NSW in March and early April to ascertain the views of member councils.

I will be writing separately to you about these forums. In the meantime, preliminary details including dates and how to register, can be found on the LGNSW website at http://www.lgnsw.org.au/events-training/leaders-forums

Yours sincerely,

[Signature]

Cr Keith Rhoades, AFSM
President

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**Item G - 6**  
**ACTION REPORT DECEMBER 2013 - COUNCIL MEETING**

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

**Recommendation:** For the information of Council.
Item G – 7  QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE

Reporting Officer  Acting General Manager - Robert Rayner  File 030

Cr Cooke  Can programs from DPI regarding Fruit Fly be put in Councils budget?

Cr Jolliffe  What is the progress of the Dog Catcher?

When is opening of Swing Bridge?

Roads that have not had graders on them for approximately 2 years?

CLOSED MEETING - CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS