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APOLOGIES:

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CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Recommendation:
That:

“The minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on Tuesday 16th September 2014 copies having previously been circulated to each Councillor be taken as read and confirmed”.

PRESENTATION/DELEGATIONS

Mr Colin Jacka spokesperson for the working group of Southern Cross Replica is seeking consent to elaborate on Item I-6 of the agenda.

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: 085

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:

1. For information

Purpose of Report
Funds Report for the Month Ending 30th September 2014

Report

Bank Reconciliation
Balance B/F From Previous Month 1,677,287.99
ADD Receipts for Month:

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Cash Book Balance as at End of Month 316,119.23

LESS Outstanding Deposits as at end of Month 1,350.35
ADD Unpresented Cheques as at end of Month 6,055.39

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| Working Funds    | 1,187,096.92 | 108,705.59 | 482,435.38 | 1,792,226.90 | 3,570,464.79 |

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All investments shown have been made in accordance with Section 625 of the Local Government Act 1993, the regulations and council’s investment policy.
Item C - 2  FINANCIAL STATEMENTS 2013/14

File number: 001

Reporting Officer: Director of Corporate & Community Development

Operational Plan Objective: Pillar Six: Our Leadership – 6.3.2 Provide good governance, prudent financial management and effective support services for all its activities.

1. That the Financial Statements for 2013/14 be referred for audit.

2. That the Council authorise the Mayor, Deputy Mayor, the General Manager and the Responsible Accounting Officer to sign the statement by Councillors and Management.

Purpose of Report

Audit of Financial Statements 2013/2014

Report

The draft 2013/14 Financial Statements have been prepared for audit and a copy is provided for Councillor Inspection. In accordance with Section 513(2) (c) of the Local Government Act 1993 the Financial Statements are required to be referred to the auditor by Council.

A statement by Councillors and Management has been prepared and requires the Council and the responsible officers to sign the documents to refer the financial statements for Audit.

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Item C - 3 PAYMENT OF EXPENSES & PROVISION OF FACILITIES FOR MAYOR AND COUNCILLORS POLICY

File number: 080

Reporting Officer: Director of Corporate & Community Development

Operational Plan Objective: Pillar 6: Our Leadership 6.3.2 (a) provide good governance, prudent financial management and effective support services for all its activities.

Officer Recommendation:

2. That Council adopt the policy as presented at the September meeting

Purpose of Report

To bring forward for consideration a draft policy considered at the September meeting of Council.

Report

Councils are required on an annual basis to review and submit their policy to the Director General of the Office of Local Government within 28 days of adoption by Council, even if they propose to adopt an unchanged policy.

The policy was presented to Council at its September meeting, and has been advertised for any public submissions.

No submissions have been received.

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Infrastructure and Development Reports

ITEM I – 1 CENTRAL MURRAY REGIONAL TRANSPORT FORUM

File number: 715

Reporting Officer: John Stevenson, Director Infrastructure & Development

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

Officer Recommendation:
1. Council note the forum groups approach to VIC Shadow Minister Natalie Hutchins with a strategy towards future funding submissions this 9th October in Melbourne.
2. Council host the December Forum meeting on Wednesday 3rd December commencing 11am.

Purpose of Report
To report on the forums progress towards a range of transport link upgrades within the stakeholder Councils regions and subsequent links to ports.

Report
This forum met in Buloke Shire Council at Wyndeproof on Wednesday 1st October.

- Buloke Shire presented an outcome reflection on the areas recovery following the 1 in 200, 2011 north Victoria floods.
- The National Heavy Vehicle Regulator representatives provided an update on permit processing for heavy vehicle routes. In summary the Victorian process is working satisfactorily through local government (65% of applications within the first week). The NSW model requires industry to lodge their applications to the regulator, then to RMS and ultimately to local councils. The NSW model still needs some improvement, particularly given the 4% over mass approval for harvest grain transport.
• Department of Transport Update – the Federal Government is moving towards a new funding model for roads in Australia with a desire to move to a more efficient road funding mechanism. A proposed method under consideration is for a proportion of local road funding to be managed by regional road groups who will have the responsibility to plan and fund local road projects across their region. To oversee this transition there will be an establishment of a regional road group co-ordination reference committee.

Unfortunately the RMS were not present to comment, however Balranald Council’s interest to maintain an improved freight link network for stock, foods and grain, together with emphasise on mineral sands, was reiterated.

Chairman Greg Cruickshank emphasised that constituent NSW Councils are active components of the forum group’s submission.

• The hosting of the next forum in Balranald in December will provide Council with a further opportunity to highlight the need to address both the southern port links through Victoria via Tooleybuc and in addition to Wooltrack links northerly.

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Item I - 2 NEW PUMP AND PIPELINE - D & R GIOFRELLE, TOL TOL

File number: DA 02/2015

Reporting Officer: Director Infrastructure and Development – John Stevenson

Operational Plan Objective: Pillar 5 – Our Infrastructure
5.3 Promote key infrastructure improvements.

Officer Recommendation:
That the issue of the above Notice of Determination with conditions, under delegated authority, be noted.

Purpose of Report
To endorse a Notice of Determination issued to Nicol Projects on behalf of D & R Giofrelle under delegated authority.

Report
Nicol Projects sought consent to install a new 3 pump suction pipeline system in the Murray River, at Tol Tol, forming part of the Giofrelle farm complex, near Robinvale.

Western Lands Commissioners consent has been provided for the new structure, opposite lot 2905 D P 765065, Meilman, on the southern bank of the Murray River.

The consent of NSW DPI Fisheries and NSW Maritime have been sought as integrated development. Controlled work permits from the NSW Office of Water will also be sought for the sliding rail supports. Due to the urgency to commission the pumps, approval encompassing all of the above agency requirements, was issued.

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Item I - 3 DA 10/2015 – PROPOSED SUBDIVISION
152 MARKET ST, BALRANALD

File number: DA 10/2015

Reporting Officer: Director Infrastructure and Development – John Stevenson

Operational Plan Objective: Pillar 5 Our Infrastructure
5.3 Undertake key infrastructure improvements.

Officer Recommendation:
Council consent to the subdivision of Lot 19 DP 820439, creating 2 allotments subject to the following conditions;
1) The subdivision complies strictly with the sketch plan as submitted.
2) Any new driveway to the newly created lot, or alteration of existing driveways is to be to the satisfaction of Council or its delegate, and at the applicants full cost.
3) Subject to the concurrence of Telstra and Essential Energy.
4) Separate application must be made for any development consent of any new dwelling on the vacant lot.
5) Plans will not be released before appropriate services fees and charges are made.

Purpose of Report
To seek Council's consent for a 2 lot subdivision on Lot 19 DP 820439, 152 Market Street, Balranald.

Report
Ms Karen Johnstone, owner of Lot 19 DP 820439, Balranald, has submitted an application to subdivide the 1864m² lot, 152 Market Street, to create a new title lot fronting Boynton St at the rear. The existing dwelling and outbuildings would be situated on the residue 1164m² lot facing Market St. Existing services to Market St will remain whilst new services can be provided off Boynton St. The resultant area exceeds Councils minimum lot size of 600m² under the RU5 zoning within the LEP.

The matter has been advertised in accordance with the provisions of Section 88 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2000. No submissions were received.
Financial Implication | Nil.
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Legislative Implication | Nil.
Policy Implication | Nil.
Attachments | Plan of Site

This is Page 11 of the Business Paper of the Ordinary Monthly Meeting of Balranald Shire Council held in the Council Chambers Market Street Balranald on Tuesday 28th October 2014.
Item I - 4 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 has recently completed maintenance grading of sections of Mildura Ivanhoe Rd, Binda Melton Grove Rd and Hatfield The Vale Rd. It is currently carrying out fire hazard reduction grading along the western side of MR67 to Ivanhoe. This work is being funded by the Rural Fire Service.

   At the time of writing a second grader is to be commencing a break on the eastern side of MR67 in accordance with FHR plans. It is anticipated available funds will complete the breaks for the entire length of MR67.

2. Council Team 2
   Team 2 recently completed patrol grading of Turlee Leaghur Rd. Following this the Magenta Wampo Rd was patrol graded.

3. Council Team 3
   This team recently completed patrol grading MR 514 gravel section towards Oxley. The team then undertook to grade a section at Tin Tin on the Burke and Wills Rd. Following this the team transferred south of Balranald to patrol grade Weimby Benongal. At the time of writing patrol grading Weimby Benongal Road and Weimby Kyalite Rd. is underway.
4. **Market Street Reconstruction Stage 2 – River to McCabe St**

RMS is scheduled to commence preliminary works on the next stage of the Market Street upgrade 13 October. The main road works will begin 20 October and take approximately seven days to complete. In preparation Council staff have carried out the following works:

- Tree trimming along Market St
- Removal of 50km/h traffic islands
- Replacement AC water mains
- Part removal of traffic Island at McCabe St intersection

Council employees are scheduled to undertake the traffic control for the duration of the main works. General assistance will be provided to RMS if and when required.

5. **Miscellaneous**

- Tree replacement to the Bank St median between Court and Market Streets, and Moa St. between Church and Dowling St. is underway.
- Information Centre works have been carried out in anticipation of the landscaping and playground installation.
  - Removal of old toilet block
  - Installation raw water main around site to feed landscaping irrigation system

**Patrol Grading – Binda Melton Grove Road**
6 Training

In recent days staff associated with RMS Market St. works have undertaken inductions and briefings.

Six staff have also undergone dog handling training and an introduction to the Companion Animals Legislation, for dog control duties.

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ITEM I - 5 A MOORING MANAGEMENT PLAN
File number: 317 & 318

Reporting Officer: John Stevenson, Director Infrastructure & Development

Operational Plan Objective: Pillar 2 – “Provide a range of recreational facilities”

Officer Recommendation:
Council place on public exhibit the Mooring Management Plan for a period of 21 days with any responses to be reported to the November Council meeting.

Purpose of Report
To implement a plan providing a pathway for river mooring approvals.

Report
Historically Council have been unable to issue mooring applications on the southern (VIC) bank of the Murray River due to the inability of Victorian agencies to generally formulate the approval process due to the tenure of land and ability to access the river. Council have received approx. 15 applications that have stalled awaiting a Victorian agency consensus.

Councils efforts to assist the approval process in recent times was to draft a mooring management plan encompassing the four (4) specific zones on the south bank provided by the agencies. Only now are the agencies responding.

Last week Council met with the RMS, and Victorian agency representatives, who have announced their acceptance of only two (2) mooring zones in the Robinvale area, i.e. “The Flat” adjacent to the Robinvale Cut and at Tol Tol (see plan attached). Any moorings out of town (Tol Tol and further upstream) will be considered on their merit.

To alleviate congestion on the NSW bank, the RMS are considering permission for further moorings adjacent to Mrs Tyack’s property (Euston Station) off the Ruel Lagoon.
The draft mooring plan is attached.

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Attachment: Draft Mooring Management Plan

BALRANALD SHIRE COUNCIL

MOORING PLAN

MOORING MANAGEMENT PLAN
Plan Background;
This mooring management plan is designed to cover all waterways and contributories within the area of the Murray River within the boundaries of the Swan Hill Rural Council and the Balranald Shire Council.

The policy has been agreed to by the Balranald Shire Council and Swan Hill Rural City council and various other NSW and Victorian agencies.
These Agencies have agreed to a standard policy that will enhance the waterways areas, both environmentally and visually, within the area specified above.

This policy is to comply with all other plans prepared and approved in accordance with any State Legislation or other current Commonwealth Legislation. This Policy is to be known as the Balranald Mooring Management Plan. As a River Management Plan under Murray REP No. 2, it can override other plans as designated under the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act, 1979 (EP&A Act).

**PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT**

**Aims and Objectives;**

The Balranald Mooring Management Plan aims to:

1. Set out guidelines for the establishment of Mooring Zones,
2. Set a standard for improving Mooring sites,
3. Encourage off river Mooring areas, such as Marinas,
4. Standardise and co-ordinate the issuing of Development/Mooring applications,
5. Improve existing Mooring standards (remove power lines, telephone cables, etc),
6. Complete the implementation of Mooring Management Zones
7. Operate as working document,
8. Provide a basis on which Mooring Management Zones in the Region are improved and developed.

**MOORING SITES**
What is a Mooring Site?

A Mooring Site is an area of river designated by the NSW Maritime where a registered vessel may be secured. For a vessel to occupy a mooring site, a Private or Commercial Occupation Licence is required from the Authority. In effect, a Mooring Occupation Licence is issued to authorise the obstruction of navigation on a particular part of the waterway.

How do I apply for a Mooring Site?

1. Contact your local Boating Safety Officer from NSW Roads and Maritime Services to determine an appropriate Mooring Site.

2. For sites on the Victorian (South) bank of the Murray River, Public Land Managers Consent is required from the Department of Environment and Primary Industries, prior to a Development Application being applied for.

3. A Development Application from the Balranald Shire Council needs to be obtained, completed and submitted.

New Mooring sites and the relocation of the existing mooring sites requires development Consent from Balranald Shire Council under the EP&A Act, and a Mooring Occupation Licence from the NSW Roads and Maritime Services. The Roads and Maritime Services will not issue a Mooring Occupation licence unless Consent is received from Council.

Mooring Sites NSW Bank:
All applications for development consent must have the written consent of the landowner on which the mooring is to be located adjacent to.

Mooring Sites Victorian Bank:
The Department of Environment and Primary Industries, Parks Victoria and the NSW Maritime have developed Mooring Management Zones, which are detailed later in the Plan. No Mooring Licences will be issued outside the Designated Mooring Zones. No Commercial Mooring Sites will be issued on the Victorian bank of the Murray River.

Once the Development Application for a Mooring site has been approved from the Balranald Shire Council then a Mooring Occupation Licence Application needs to be completed with the NSW Roads and Maritime Services, then a Mooring Licence will be issued.
THE MOORING SITE

Below are matters to consider when you have received Development Consent and an Occupation Licence for the Mooring.

NSW Roads and Maritime Services Requirements;

- An approved post, which must be painted white, must be placed on the land adjacent to the mooring site. The post (with a sign affixed) must have the Occupation Licence Number clearly painted or incised on it, in characters at least 150mm high.
- The Occupational Licence is confined to a particular vessel (more details later in the Plan). If it is desired to locate another vessel at the Mooring Site, the licence holder is to complete and lodge in person a “Substitute Vessel Application” form with the NSW Maritime.
- All changes to the original Licence details must be advised to the NSW Roads and Maritime Services in person (except for change of address and notification of Mooring Vacancy, which may be submitted to the NSW Roads and Maritime Services in writing and signed by the licence holder.)

The Vessel that is the subject of the Licence:

- Must be 5.2m in length or greater unless approval has been given by the Principal Manager.
- Must be Registered in the name of the Occupation Licence Holder.
- Must display appropriately sized and positioned registration name/number.
- Is to be secured to its mooring apparatus at all times, except when being navigated or while being repaired.
- NSW Roads and Maritime Services must be notified, IN WRITING if the vessel is to be absent from the Mooring for more than 28 consecutive days.
- Must not be used for Permanent living.
- No construction, alteration or major repair work may be conducted on a vessel at it’s mooring (unless NSW Roads and Maritime Services has given approval in writing).
- Must be maintained in a seaworthy condition and aesthetically maintained.

Council Requirements:

- Mooring licensees will be required to comply with conditions of development consent at all times. Failure to comply with these conditions may result in the removal of development consent.
- No rubbish, debris or storage facilities (except where approved in Development Consent) is permitted to be deposited on the river bank or public reserves.
- Vehicular access to sites is via existing tracks only. Where no access track currently exists approval will be required by the relevant agency for any works or removal of native vegetation.
- The vessel moored at the site is not to be used for permanent occupation.
- No vegetation shall be removed or damaged without the prior written approval of the relevant agency.
- Maintenance and servicing requirements associated with vessels must be carried out at approved facilities. Licensees should note that it is an offence to pollute waters and this includes paint scrapings, oil, grease or other impurities from repair or maintenance work.
- Any work on Crown Land will require the prior approval of the relevant agency.
- No development of any private structures/improvements/fixtures such as roads, fuel tanks, buildings, power/telephone lines erected on/connected to the vessel or on any Mooring site will be permitted.
- Long term parking of vehicles on the adjacent bank in Victoria is not permitted.
- No Commercial Moorings will be permitted on the South side of the Murray River.
- All mooring ropes must be tied to anchor pegs/posts and not to native vegetation.
- Materials and equipment must not be stored on the frontage.
- Planting of non indigenous species at the site is prohibited.
• The mooring site must comply with the *River Murray Floodplain Planning Guidelines Part 2, Marinas, Moorings and Pump Ashore Stations.*
• The mooring site must adhere to the standards set for moorings under the *District Mooring Management Plan.*
• The creation of earthen steps and any other earthworks are prohibited.

**MOORING MANAGEMENT ZONES**

The identified Mooring Management Zones on the Victorian Bank are:

**ROBINVALE FLAT: (Site 1)**
Site is located upstream of the Robinvale Cutting between the 1138km and 1140km River Markers.
Estimated length of site: 1.3 kilometers.

**TOL TOL: (Site 2)**
Site is located between the 1150km and 1152km River Markers.
Estimated length of site: 180 metres.

Each Mooring Management Zone will only contain the amount of boats capable of being moored safely. The number of boats in each mooring zone will be dependent on the size and width of the vessels. Vessels will be checked on a three monthly basis by the local Boating Safety Officer to verify that the correct vessel is occupying the correct site.
ITEM I - 6  SOUTHERN CROSS REPLICA

File number: 025

Reporting Officer: John Stevenson, Director Infrastructure & Development

Operational Plan Objective: Pillar 2 – Our Place
3.2 Tourism attractions

Officer Recommendation:
3. Council note the efforts of the working Committee towards fundraising for the project.
4. Council endorse a formal approach to the owner of the replica, Mr John Chase, for its acquisition at no cost.
5. Council appoint the working group as a Committee under Section 355, LGA, for the purposes of acquiring goods and services, and insurance cover.

Purpose of Report
To advise Council of progress towards this concept.

Report
Council will recall the presentation by working group members to the July meeting, particularly surrounding an offer of this replica plane at no cost, save for freight and incidentals.

Contact has been made with the owner Mr John Chase of Ballarat who has confirmed the offer. If Council agrees to the groups plan, this confirmation will be sought in writing. The group met on the 8th October and discussed a plan to implement numerous fund raising efforts. An initial quotation of $9,300 was provided to load and freight the plane to Balranald.

The working group discussed the following points:
- Efforts to minimise the freight costs using local initiatives and/or backload opportunities.
- Numerous avenues of fund raising involving sponsorship, auctions, raffles.
- Possible attachment to Council either as a Committee or a recognised group.
- Efforts to secure temporary storage on receipt of the plane for its renovation stage.
Mr Colin Jacka spokesperson for the working group is seeking consent to elaborate on this matter briefly at the meeting.

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General Manager’s Reports

Item G - 1 UNION PICNIC DAY

File number: 075

Reporting Officer: Aaron Drenovski, General Manager

Operational Plan Objective: Pillar Six: Our Leadership

Officer Recommendation:

For information

Purpose of Report

To invite Councillors to Union Picnic Day

Report

Union Delegate David Unicomb would like to invite Councillors and office staff to the Union Picnic Day on Monday November 3rd 2014.

The day will be held at Greenham Park Hall commencing at 11am and the cost will be $25 a head to cover food and drinks.

For this week the outdoor staff rostered day off will be Tuesday November 4th 2014 instead of Friday November 7th 2014.

The Council office will be closed on that Monday.

Budget Implications

Nil

Attachments

Letter from Union Delegate.

Recommendation

For information
2nd October 2014

David Unicomb
Union Delegate
Balanal Shire

Dear Aaron

We are applying for a day for the union picnic to be held on Monday 3rd November 2014 and moving our RDO to Tuesday 4th November 2014.

We will therefore work Friday 7th November. Hope this meets with your approval.

We would also like to invite office staff, Councillors and contractors to attend with a cost of $25.00 per head.

Thanking you

David Unicomb
Item G - 2 CHANGE OF VENUE FOR NOVEMBER MEETING

File number: 028

Reporting Officer: Aaron Drenovski, General Manager

Operational Plan Objective: Pillar Six: Our Leadership –

Officer Recommendation:

That Council hold the November Council Meeting at the Clare Public Hall at 1pm on 18 November 2014.

Purpose of Report

To request a change of Venue for the November Council Meeting.

Report

It is proposed to change the venue of the November Council meeting to the Clare Public Hall. From time to time Council holds its Council meeting at an alternative location. This provides the opportunity for Council to interact with community members at a location more accessible to that specific community.

Clare Sports will cater Morning tea, Lunch and afternoon Tea and a small bus will be hired should there be a need for it.

Financial Implication

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Legislative Implication

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Policy Implication

Nil

Attachments

Nil
Item G – 3  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
2. Letter Council forwarded to John Williams

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14th October 2014

Steve Walker
NSW Rural Fire Service
P O Box 341
DARETON NSW 2717

Dear Steve,

Re: Balranald Airport Water Supply for Wild Fire Suppression

I refer to our conversation in regard to the need for improved water access to enable fire-bombing aircraft to refill at the Balranald Aerodrome.

Council strongly supports the installation of a 250,000 litre (or greater) water storage tank to be installed at the Balranald Aerodrome for the primary purpose of wild fire suppression.

Balranald Shire Council recently installed a raw water pipeline connecting the Airport to the Balranald township raw water reticulation system along with a 27,000 litre tank for aerodrome usage. The supply line is a 50mm diameter poly pipe delivering 19L/min.

The need for such a facility has recently been highlighted by the development of the Nimmie-Caira project.

The Nimmie-Caira is part of the Lowbidgee floodplain, the largest remaining area of wetlands in the Murrumbidgee Valley.

The Nimmie-Caira project area covers about 86,000 hectares of predominantly Lignum wetlands and is a vital component of the Murrumbidgee floodplain and its ecosystems. Protection from wildfire will be critical to the future of this area and its flora and fauna.

The floodplain and wetlands systems within Nimmie-Caira are areas of national and international significance, providing habitat, breeding and nursery grounds for colonial water birds and migratory species listed under international agreements, populations of rare and endangered species of frogs and birds, and endangered and vulnerable plants.
The Nimmie-Cairns area combined with the large tracks of land in the Mungo and Yanga National Parks are potentially more susceptible to fire in the future due to the reduced level of grazing and cropping across the region.

I would be pleased to provide further information if necessary to support the installation of improved wildfire protection and suppression facilities at the aerodrome or indeed throughout the Shire.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any further queries on this matter.

Yours sincerely

Aaron Drenovski
GENERAL MANAGER
20th October 2014

Mr John Williams MP
Member for Murray Darling
228 Cressy St
Deniliquin NSW 2710

Dear Mr Williams,

I refer to our correspondence of 17 July 2014 in regard to the local court facilities in Balranald. Council was heartened to read that prior to any decision there would be community consultation in the coming months in accordance with Minister Hazzard’s correspondence of 6 September 2015 which stated; “The Department of Justice is committed to engaging with the local community to ensure the communities access to local court services. Accordingly, Mr David Blackman is to meet with key stakeholders and Council to discuss the Balranald Local Court proposal, listen to community concerns and consider alternative options.”

Recently Council has become aware that the Department of Justice has apparently already made a decision to close the Balranald Local Court in early 2015 and transfer hearings to Wentworth.

Council is dismayed at the Department of Justice handling of this process that is in contravention of Minister Hazzard’s commitment to community engagement clearly detailed in his letter of 6 September. There has been no community engagement within Balranald and no discussions on outcome of any analysis undertaken with stakeholders or Council as promised in the correspondence.
As previously advised Balranald Shire Council sought to enter into discussions with the Department of Justice in good faith on the basis of providing an improved service to both the Department of Justice and the local community.

Council were seeking to improve facilities and capability within Balranald and to have facilities that would continue to meet 21st Century needs. It would appear that this good faith has been misplaced by the Government to the detriment of our community.

In addition to Minister Hazzard’s commitment to undertake community engagement being broken, a decision to relocate to Wentworth would also be at odds with stated National Party Policy at Federal and State Level. At the Federal Level the Coalition Government committed to decentralisation and to take into account economic, environmental and social consequences of its policies on rural Australia. Similarly the NSW National Party has numerous policies in relation to delivering greater regional opportunity through a “Decade of Decentralisation.”

Some of the key National Party Policy Platforms include the following:
- Give back to local communities at all levels as much local decision making and participation as possible;
- Invite local communities to help identify more ways to shift decision making to regions cities and towns; and
- Actively pursue strategies and policies to encourage decentralisation.

None of the above policies are consistent with any decision that has been made to date by the Department of Justice relating to the Balranald court.

In addition to the lack of adherence to any policy framework a decision to relocate the service 200km away to Wentworth would have operational impacts on police and community workers. There is no public transport to Wentworth and the cost of travel, time off work and obtaining local representation will be prohibitive.

There is unlikely to be any departmental or government savings as a result of this decision as Balranald is already a very low cost venue. In fact there may be substantially higher costs for police travel, police cover, social workers and out of hours travel, should any relocation proceed. At a cross functional departmental level it is likely to increase whole of government costs rather than reduce them.

Balranald court also provides for proceedings involving indigenous members of the community. The cost to this community which is already socially disadvantaged ‘will be significant. This is likely to result in non-appearance at a venue that is over 2 hours’ drive away. The end result will be greater costs for enforcement and policing.

Balranald Shire Council is seeking an urgent meeting with yourself and Minister Hazzard to ensure that the future of this facility and service is preserved for a local community that too often has seen local services reduced on the basis of efficiency without an understanding of the real consequences.

I look forward to your response, representations and support of our local community.

Yours faithfully

Leigh Byron
MAYOR

Cc copies: Minister Hazard Office.
Item G - 4  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 actions taken on previous council resolutions.

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**BALRANALD SHIRE COUNCIL**  
**ACTION SHEET**  
**SEPTEMBER 2014**

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**Item G - 5  QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE**

File Number: 030

**Reporting Officer:** Aaron Drenovski, General Manager

**CLOSED MEETING - CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS**