PRESENT:

APOLOGIES:

DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

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CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Recommendation:
That:

“The minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on Monday 18th November 2013 copies having previously been circulated to each Councillor be taken as read and confirmed”.

“The minutes of the Confidential Meeting of Council held on Monday 18th November 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 17th December 2013.
PRESENTATION/DELEGATIONS

MAYORAL MINUTE/REPORT

COMMITTEE REPORTS FOR ADOPTION

COMMITTEE & OTHER REPORTS FOR INFORMATION

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NOTICES OF MOTION/RECISSION
GENERAL MANAGERS REPORTS (Incorporating all Staff Reports)

Corporate Services Division

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**Purpose of Report**
Funds Report for the Month Ending 30th November 2013

**Report**
Bank Reconciliation

Balance B/F From Previous Month 174,675.93

ADD Receipts for Month:
- Debtors 20,509.65
- Rates & Water 255,768.77
- Block Grant 271,750.00
- FAGS 412,490.25
- Hostel Bond 125,000.00
- Roads to Recovery 196,331.00
- Term Deposit Redeemed 500,000.00
- Other Revenue 489,963.56

**Total Receipts** 2,271,813.23

LESS Payments for the Month:
- Contractors Plant Hire 128,301.23
- Visitor Information Centre Construction 132,749.24
- BAS - August 22,136.00
- Lease Payments 13,478.65
- Other Payments 659,534.14

**Total Payments** 956,199.26

**Cash Book Balance as at End of Month** 1,490,289.90

LESS Outstanding Deposits as at end of Month 25,007.84
ADD Unpresented Cheques as at end of Month 57,085.02

**Bank Balance as at End of Month** 1,522,367.08
Funds Held

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Investment Held:

| Bankwest   | $1,000,000.00   |
| Bendigo    | $500,000.00     |
| IMB Ltd    | $1,000,000.00   |
| NAB        | $1,000,000.00   |
| Suncorp    | $500,000.00     |
| Westpac    | $1,000,000.00   |
|            | $5,000,000.00   |

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

**Recommendation:** For Information.
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**Purpose of Report:**
To advise Council that Council’s auditor, Carl Millington, will be unavailable to discuss the Annual Financial Statements at the December meeting.

**Report:**
Carl Millington will be unable to attend this meeting to discuss the Annual Financial Statements and has requested a special meeting in January 2014.

As the full Council will be conducting interviews for the General Managers position in January it is suggested the special meeting be held at this time.

**Attachments:** Nil

**Budget Implications:** Nil

**Recommendation:** That Council determine if a special meeting is to be held and possible dates.
Item C-3  EMERGENT EXPENDITURE REPORT

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**Purpose of Report**

To advise Council of pending expenditure which has not been budgeted.

**Report**

Last month Council was advised in the quarterly budget review that an amount of $210,000 will be received in additional general purpose financial assistance grants (FAGS) funding during the year.

A further report was recommended to Council to review emergent expenditure.

Council has reviewed its insurance declaration and has identified that Council has no Business Continuity Plan (BCP). This is an important part of Council’s Risk Management and a requirement of the insurance company to determine insurance risk and potential loss if an event occurs.

Council staff do not have the expertise to produce the BCP so two quotes have been obtained due to the amount of expenditure required.

Echelon has provided a quote for the development of a BCP, training and desktop test of $23,850.00 ex GST; which is inclusive of travel and out of pocket expenses for two visits.

Another quote was received from Risk Management Australia Pty Ltd for the development, training and testing of the BCP of $26,900.00 ex GST; plus travel and accommodation.

Council have also committed funds for the recruitment of the new General Manager by McArthur and no budget exists to meet the approx. $24,600.00 required.

Further details of expenditure have also been included in a confidential report and should be reviewed before any decisions are made for allocation of any surplus.

A copy of the deferred expenditure list has been included for Council information.

Council may wish to place the funds into reserve pending the decision on the sport and recreation grant for the netball courts, or utilise Council’s consolidated revenue to replace/fix one court pending the decision on funding from the grant application.
Budget Implications  
The above expenditure has not been budgeted

Attachments  
Deferred expenditure list

Recommendation  
That Council determine the allocation of expenditure from the additional FAGS
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| 3.5 | Balranald Oval      | Improve vehicle access around senior oval | Council | $10,000  
| 3.6 | Balranald Old Oval  | Field area facilities | Council | $8,000  
| 3.7 | Rest rooms          | Restoration of the rest rooms | Council | $35,000  

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Economic & Community Development Reports

Item E - 1  BALRANALD NETBALL COURTS

Director of Economic and Community Development Robyn Ryan  File 555

Purpose of Report
To advise Council on the progress of the Regional Development Australia – Round 5 funding application for the upgrade of the Balranald Netball Courts.

Report
At Councils request the following update is provided.

As reported previously, Council submitted an application under the Regional Development Australia Fund (RDAF) – Round 5 for $170,717 to undertake a major refurbishment at the Balranald netball complex.

With the recent change of government Council was advised through RAMROC that the Round 5 funding promised by the previous government may not be honoured. As noted in the November report Council has been working collaboratively with RAMROC to lobby the Federal Government to ensure applications under this round are funded. The Mayor and Acting General Manager have also lobbied The Hon. Sussan Ley MP Member for Farrer, with Ms Ley giving her personal assurance that she would peruse this matter on behalf of Balranald Shire Council.

A joint media release from The Hon. Warren Truss, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Infrastructure and Regional Development and The Hon. Jamie Briggs, Assistant Minister for Infrastructure and Regional Development on 4 December 2013 advised that “RDAF Round 5 and all subsequent rounds will not be proceeding as these were Labor election commitments and were not funded”. (see attached media release)

As a result of this decision, correspondence has been sent to The Hon. Sussan Ley MP seeking a meeting with The Hon. Warren Truss as matter of urgency.

To date there has been no announcement in relation to Councils application under the Sport and Recreation grant program.
Budget Implications
Not confirmed

Attachments
Media Release – Community Development Grants Programme

Recommendations
For the consideration of Council.
Joint Media Release

4 December 2013

Community Development Grants Programme

The Australian Government is delivering on its election commitments by providing up to $342 million toward around 360 community projects across Australia.

These projects will be funded through the new Community Development Grants Programme, as part of the regional community funding package committed to by the Coalition in the 2013 election.

The Australian Government will also fund projects that were left uncontracted under the former Labor Government’s Regional Development Australia Fund (RDAF) (Rounds 2, 3 and 4) and Community Infrastructure Grants Programme (CIG).

Many projects under the old RDAF (Rounds 2, 3 and 4) and the CIG had contracts ready to go but they were left in limbo by Labor before the election.

Communities should not be punished for Labor’s incompetence.

Through responsible management of the budget we have found additional funds for these uncontracted projects without a mining tax.

This is another example of the Australian Government having to fix the problems caused by six years of Labor chaos and mismanagement.

The Australian Government will fund the RDAF (Rounds 2, 3 and 4) and CIG projects on the condition that contracts are finalised within six months.

The new Community Development Grants Programme funding will support needed infrastructure that promotes stable, secure and viable local and regional economies. The Australian Government is committed to providing long-term improvements in social and economic infrastructure for communities across Australia.

The programme will be administered by the Department of Infrastructure and Regional Development, which will undertake a value-for-money assessment against the programme guidelines to ensure transparency in decisions about funding election commitments.

In order for an assessment to be undertaken, funding recipients will be required to provide detailed project information, including project outcomes and benefits, planning and costs and delivery timeframes.

RDAF Round 5 and all subsequent rounds will not be proceeding as these were Labor election commitments and were not funded.

Media Contacts

For Mr Truss: Brett Heffernan 0467 650 020
For Mr Briggs: Andrew Ockenden 0429 877 721
Infrastructure & Development Reports

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**Purpose of Report:** To advise Council of announcements towards these initiatives.

**Report:** Council has received advice through John Williams MP that Council has received positive communication from the Hon. Andrew Stoner MP Deputy Premier Minister for Regional Infrastructure and Services of the following grant approvals;

1. Public Reserves Management Fund Program - $15,000 to Balranald War Memorial Park Reserve as a contribution towards the installation of three memorial sites
2. Public Reserves Management Fund Program - $15,200 to the Greenham Park Reserve for the upgrading of disabled access and heating of the hydrotherapy pool, and the construction of football ground interchange boxes.

Council has also received advice from Katrina Hodgkinson Minister for Primary Industries for the approval of $25,041 towards Councils Weeds Action Plan.

This amount forms Council’s component of the Riverina WAP grant of $1,322,841.

**Attachments:** Nil

**Budget Implications:** As above.

**Recommendation:** That Council note the receipt of these assistance grants.
Balranald Shire Council  
Agenda - Ordinary Meeting – 17th December 2013

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Item I - 2  | CONSTRUCTION CERTIFICATES

| Reporting Officer | Director Infrastructure & Development - John Stevenson | File 600 |

**Purpose of Report:**
To advise Council of Certificates issued under delegated authority.

**Report:**
The following Construction Certificates, Complying Development Certificates, Section 68 Certificates and / or Notices of Determinations have been issued since the November 2013 meeting of Council.

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**Recommendation:** that the report be noted.
Item I - 3  TOOLEYBUC BRIDGE REPLACEMENT

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**Purpose of Report:** To advise Council of the outcomes from the 1st Steering Committee meeting for the Tooleybuc bridge replacement.

**Report:** The Mayor and DID attended this 1st meeting on Tuesday 26th November with representatives of the RMS senior projects team, Swan Hill and Wakool Council Engineers, and VIC Roads representative.

A proposed design investigation and construction timetable was presented indicating that the investigation and finalisation of designs, incorporating the Community and stakeholders opinions, will be completed in the 2014/15 year. A construction phase is anticipated to be finalised in the 2016/17 year.

$8.5 million has already been allocated towards the initial stage with considered opinion that construction funds will follow via the announced ‘Bridges for the Bush’ programmes.

Public opinion is against the option of a low level lift span crossing hence the alignment option #1 on the attached plan is preferred to accommodate an incline to the raised deck level. RMS indicate that this option may be preferred with minimal village impact.

**Attachments:** Proposed replacement bridge alignments.

**Budget Implications:** Nil.

**Recommendation:** That Councils attendance at the Tooleybuc Bridge Steering Committee 1st meeting be noted.
Attachment: Proposed replacement bridge alignments.
Purpose of Report
To provide Council with a progress report on works.

Report

1. **Council Team 1**
   Works have commenced with gravel patching on Tapalin Mail Rd. Following this work some gravel patching and a maintenance grade will be undertaken on Tillara Rd in readiness for the forthcoming grape harvest. Other minor works will be undertaken around Euston including maintenance to the Cowper Street extension (cemetery access).

2. **Council Team 2**
   This crew is currently undertaking graded fire breaks on MR67 North in accordance with the Rural Fire Service Hazard Reduction Program. Lack of available water has temporarily ceased road maintenance progress in the Mossgiel area.

3. **Council Team 3**
   This crew is undertaking gravel sheeting maintenance on Mildura Ivanhoe Rd. Upon completion RFS fire break works on Mildura Ivanhoe Road will be undertaken.

4. **Grid Maintenance**
   Windblown sand deposits are progressively being removed from grids on a number of roads.

5. **Culvert Replacement Program**
   Contractor R Potter has re-commenced culvert replacement work, under the flood damage program, on Mildura Ivanhoe Rd. This program will be followed by works on Turlee - Leaghur Rd, Marma – Box Creek Rd and Marma – Prungle Rd.
6. **Miscellaneous**
   a) Two new bores have been installed to assist council road works, one at the intersection Marma – Box Creek and Magenta Wampo Rds and the other at Hatfield the Vale within Glentilt. Further investigations are taking place to ascertain future bore sites. A comprehensive management of all bores involving land owners is being reviewed.
   b) Council staff are undertaking a survey on the standard and replacement where necessary of road signage.
   c) Council's Weeds Officer has provided an issues paper to the Natural Resources Commission (Weed Management Review) on behalf of Council in relation to possible new directions for public education and land owner co-operation. This is part of a WRNWAG initiative (copy available at meeting).

   **Recommendation** that the report be noted.
**Item I - 5**  
**SUBDIVISION 09/13-14, PROPOSED SUBDIVISION – WAMPO STATION**

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**Purpose of Report:** To seek Councils consent to a 2 Lot subdivision of ‘Wampo’ Station, Balranald.

**Report:** Ray Roberts on behalf of Cristal Mining Australia has submitted an application to subdivide Lot 4727 DP 767893 together with land owners Mr A.M. & Mrs T.L. Curran.

The subdivision will create a new lot 1 approximately 8580ha on the north eastern side of the property in accordance with the attached sketch. This new lot will be transferred to Cristal Mining Australia as part of the future mineral sand mine area. Owners consent has been provided by the Department Lands Western Division for this application.

As Council is aware the eventual development of a mine complex on this newly created lot 1 will be the subject of a future development consent issued by the Crown under State significant environmental planning policy, and embody the conditions provided by Council in relation to access and transport.

Nevertheless Council has the opportunity to provide additional comment at the public exhibit period of this DA despite the comments already made on requirements towards transport routes for this mine product. This boundary realignment proposal has been notified to adjoining land owners under the provisions of Section 88 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2000. No submissions were received.

Access to this newly created lot 1 will be directly off the Magenta Wampo Rd in the south corner. The proposal satisfies the requirements of Councils LEP Clause 4.1, and consent has been provided by the Western Lands Commission.

**Attachments:** Sketch plan of proposal.

**Budget Implications:** Nil
Recommendation: That consent be provided to Cristal Mining Australia Limited to subdivide Lot 4727 DP 767893 subject to the following conditions:

1. The subdivision conforms strictly with the sketch plan as submitted.
2. This approval carries a dwelling entitlement on each allotment.
3. This development does not consent to the erection of any structures nor any activity other than pastoral purposes and grazing. A separate application for any other activity must be sought.
4. Subject to the concurrence of Essential Energy.
5. Any new roads within the subject land will not transfer to Council as public access, and remain the responsibility if the landowner/occupant.
6. Points of entry/exit to the subject lands from Shire roads are to be located, designed and constructed to the satisfaction of Council or its delegate, at the applicants full cost.
7. Traffic generation from the subject lands onto both Shire Roads and Main Road 67 will require an upgrade of these roads to address usage impact. Prior to the commencement of any heavy vehicle haulage on the roads Council and the Roads and Maritime Services NSW requires a detailed plan for upgrading works which will produce a standard acceptable to Council or its delegate and the RMS, and at the applicants full cost.
8. Prior to the commencement of any heavy vehicle haulage the above mentioned upgrading works are to be completed to the satisfaction of Council and the Roads and Maritime Services, and at the applicants full cost.
Item I - 6  | DA 13/13-14, PROPOSED BOUNDARY REALIGNMENT – LESLIE DRIVE, EUSTON
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Reporting Officer | Director Infrastructure & Development - John Stevenson

| Purpose of Report: | To seek Council’s consent to a boundary realignment of Lot 2 DP 1110915 with adjacent Lot 205 DP 703889. |
| Report: | Mr Brett Hammet, Leslie Drive has lodged an application to realign the boundary of his Lot 2 DP 1110915 and Mr L.J. & Mrs K.A. Zaffina’s Lot 205 DP 703889 per the attached sketch plan. An approximate area of 1.156Ha will be consolidated with Mr & Mrs Zaffina’s property. |

The proposal satisfies the intent of Councils L.E.P. insofar as no new lot is being created, further the objectives of the RU4 (Rural Small Lots) zone are upheld under Clause 4.1 (1) with no appreciable variation in either parcel size.

The application has been referred to adjoining landowners under the provisions of Section 88 Land & Environment Assessment Regulation 2000. No submissions have been received.

No new infrastructure, or access is required as part of this consolidation.

Attachments: Sketch plan of proposal.

Budget Implications: Nil

Recommendation: Consent be granted to Mr Brett Hammet on behalf of Mr L.J. and Mrs K.A. Zaffina to consolidate part Lot 2 DP 1110915 with adjacent Lot 205 DP 703889 subject to the following conditions;

1) The boundary realignment conforms strictly with the plan as submitted.

2) Any new access drives are to be constructed to the satisfaction of Council or its delegate, and at the landowners full cost.

3) A separate approval via a Development Application must be sought for any dwelling on the lands, together with a Construction Certificate, provided by Council or an approved Private Certifier.
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Item I - 7  
DA 19/2013-14 APPLICATION TO SUBDIVIDE LOT 86 DP 751203 – 205 WINDOMAL RD, BALRANALD

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**Purpose of Report:** To consider an application to subdivide ‘Kinross’, Lot 86 DP 751203 Windomal Rd, Balranald.

**Report:** Brian V O’Haire on behalf of Mr Travis & Mrs Glenice Dalton has lodged an application to subdivide lot 86 creating two parcels in accordance to the attached sketch. This property has been the subject of earlier DA 70/2006 to subdivide lot 86 into 2 parcels, segregating the dwelling, this was not proceeded with.

The application has been referred to adjoining landowners under the provisions of Section 88 Land & Environment Assessment Regulation 2000. No submissions have been received.

The proposal complies with the requirements of Councils LEP Clause 4.1 (lot sizes and the respective dwelling entitlements). Access to the newly created lot 2 is via an easement for the purpose over lot 1 from the public lands (TSR) off Windomal Road.

**Attachments:** Sketch Plan of proposal

**Budget Implications:** Nil

**Recommendation:** That Council approve the application to subdivide Lot 86 DP 751203 205 Windomal Road, Balranald subject to;

1. The subdivision conforms strictly with the sketch plan as provided.
2. Subject to the concurrence of Essential Energy.
3. This approval does not entitle the construction of any new dwellings, separate applications for any buildings on the land must be made to Council.
4. All new access driveways are at the land owners full cost and to be constructed to Councils standard.
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General Managers Reports

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<td>Acting General Manager - Robert Rayner</td>
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Purpose of Report
To advise Council of correspondence received.

Report
Council has received correspondence from Mrs Spinks in relation to fluoride in the water supply, which was supplied to Council at its last meeting.

Budget Implications
Nil

Attachments
Correspondence from Mrs Spinks and previous two reports from previous minutes attached.

Recommendation: For the consideration of Council.
Mr Robert Rayner,
Acting General Manager,
Balranald Shire Council
Balranald NSW 2715

Dear Sir,

Please will you withdraw my previous correspondence from the Agenda of the Business Papers for Council’s next meeting and replace it with this letter.

I ask Council to please request for legislation to be introduced that permits only water treatment chemicals to be used in the treatment of public drinking water systems.

I remain,

Yours sincerely,

June Spinks (on behalf of Balranald Community Against Fluoridation)

Email: junespinks@dodo.com.au

Ph. 50201774
Item G-1  WATER FLUORIDATION

Reporting Officer  General Manager - Chris Littlemore

Purpose of Report
To advise Council of correspondence received.

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

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

Budget Implications
Nil

Attachments
Nil

Recommendation: Council confirm its previous resolution.

06.13.3579 RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Cooke and Purtill that council rescind the previous resolution in December 2011.
**Purpose of Report**
To advise Council of correspondence received.

**Report**
Council has received correspondence from Mrs Spinks in relation to fluoride in the water supply. Her letter states that she has supplied copies to Councillors.

The essence of her request is that Council pursue the outcome that Queensland Councils have achieved and that is autonomy to make the decision to retain fluoride or otherwise locally.

**Background:**
Queensland has done considerable work on the issue and much of the following is related to that work.
Queensland Health and other areas of the scientific community make the following comments with regards to fluoridation:

- More than 150 major health organisations including the World Health Organisation, the Australian Medical Association (AMA), and the Australian Dental Association (ADA) support water fluoridation (Queensland Health Facts on Water Fluoridation in Queensland, June 2011);
- The addition of fluoride to water is similar to the addition of vitamins to foods. In Australia, for example, vitamin B1 is added to flour, vitamins A and D to margarine, as well as folic acid and other nutrients to most breakfast cereals. Water fluoridation simply supplements the level of fluoride found naturally in the water supply and should be considered no differently (Australian Dental Association, www.ada.org.au/OralHealth/FLN/FAQs.aspx);
- Queensland Health no longer recommends the routine use of fluoride supplements, as they do not provide the same health benefit as fluoridated water, and may increase the risk of dental fluorosis (Queensland Health Facts on Water Fluoridation in Queensland, June 2011);
- Evidence of improvements in oral health within five years of implementation (Queensland Health Facts on Water Fluoridation in Queensland, June 2011);
- Recent reviews of water fluoridation found an average of 2.25 times less decayed teeth per child (Queensland Health Facts on Water Fluoridation in Queensland, June 2011);
- For each $1 invested in water fluoridation, the estimated saving for an individual is between $12.60 - $80.00, with greatest benefit to the most disadvantaged (Queensland Health Facts on Water Fluoridation in Queensland, June 2011);
- No credible evidence exists to link optimal community water fluoridation to any adverse health effect (Australia Dental Association (Queensland Branch) Position Statement Water Fluoridation in Queensland, April 2007).
- ADAQ believes the evidence supporting the safety and efficacy of fluoridating water supplies in order to reduce the incidence of dental caries to be overwhelming. (Australian Dental Association (Queensland Branch) Position Statement Water Fluoridation in Queensland, April 2007).

There are a range of people and bodies against the introduction of fluoride to the water supply. These positions are summarised by the Queenslanders for Safe Water, Air and Food Inc. The top 10 arguments against Water fluoridation are detailed below and sourced from www.fluoridealert.org/top-10-reasons-against-fluoride.aspx:

- Fluoridation is a violation of the individual's rights to informed consent to mediation;
- Fluoride is not essential nutrient;
- Children in fluoridated countries are greatly over-exposed to fluoride;
- The chemicals used to fluoridate water supplies are largely hazardous by-products of the fertilizer industry;
- There is mounting evidence that swallowing fluoride causes harm;
- Swallowing fluoride provides little or no benefit to the teeth;
- Human breast milk is very low in fluoride;
- Once fluoride is added to water, there is no way to control who gets the drug or how much is ingested;
- Certain subgroups are particularly affected by fluoride;
- Fluoridation discriminates against those with low incomes.

In NSW, the NSW Health policy states that water fluoridation should be extended to as many people as possible in NSW, to prevent tooth decay.

In relation to a possible inquiry SMH 15 June wrote

*Waste of money*: calls for fluoridated water inquiry rejected

"NSW Health Minister Jillian Skinner expressed concern at the suggestion of an inquiry.

"I believe the public of NSW benefits greatly from fluoridated water and I would not support any review that intimated any unsubstantiated health risk from its use," she told Fairfax Media on Saturday."
The state Labor opposition flat-out rejected the idea, with health spokesman Andrew MacDonald labelling such an inquiry a "waste of money".

"Anti-fluoride campaigners do use tactics like this as a vehicle for their views," he said.

"It would just just give oxygen to the contrarians." End Quote.

**Budget Implications**

Nil

**Attachments**

Nil. Correspondence previously circulated to Councillors.

**Recommendation:** That based on the fact that the NSW State Government’s Policy supports that fluoride is added into the water supply that Balranald Shire Council continues to provide fluoridated water to Balranald residents.

**07.13.3614 RESOLVED** on the motion of Cr Cooke and Jolliffe that this matter be deferred until Councillors have a chance to digest the letter and information provided from Mrs June Spinks.
**Item G - 2 POLICY FOR NON WAIVER OF THEATRE ROYAL FEES**

| Reporting Officer | Acting General Manager – Robert Rayner | File 56 |

**Purpose of Report**
To review the Policy for Non Waiver of Theatre Royal Fees.

**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.

**Budget Implications**
Nil.

**Attachments**
Correspondence from Jan Lawler

**Recommendation**
For the consideration of Council.
Dear Robert,

Last month I attended a meeting of the Cultural Committee and one issue which arose was the hiring of our Theatre Royal. There seems to be a great deal of confusion and dissatisfaction in the community with some grey areas in the current arrangements.

One example was the historic display at the recent 5 Rivers Festival Weekend. This was an excellent exhibition, well received by all. However, it was short lived as the committee could not afford the fees required to continue for a longer period. This is the case where special consideration needs to apply.

Perhaps in similar situations a minimum daily fee could be considered for not for profit community groups, or fees offset against council’s donation rates.

I urge council to revisit these arrangements so that community groups can afford to use this great facility.

Yours sincerely,

[Signature]
**Summary of Meetings**

**Purpose of Report**
To advise Council of a summary of meetings held and planned future meetings.

**Report**
The Mayor Cr O'Halloran and the Acting General Manager (AGM) travelled to Sydney on Wednesday 20th of November to attend meetings with the Hon. Kevin Humphries Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Healthy Lifestyles and Minister for Western NSW and Warwick Pelly, a staff member from Minister Hodgkinsons office to discuss the Nimmie-Caira, Mineral Sands Mining and Crown Lands.

A meeting was also held with the Hon. Michael Stanley Veitch, MLC, Member of the Legislative Council Shadow Minister for Trade and Investment, Shadow Minister for Regional Infrastructure and Services, Shadow Minister for Regional and Rural Affairs to discuss Crown Lands. A further discussion was also held with Tara Black, a staff member from Deputy Premier of NSW Andrew Stoner’s office also to discuss the Crown Lands Bill.

The night before our arrival the Crown Lands Bill was actually passed but we still discussed our concerns with the Minister and Andrew Stoner’s office.

Whilst discussing our concerns about the Nimmie-Caira Council took the opportunity to discuss the Low Level Weir, Yanga Regulator and the joint water licence for the common with Minister Humphries and Warwick Pelly.

Minister Humphries advised that no sign off in relation to the compensation for the Nimmie-Caira had taken place. Minister Humphries also requested we write to him on the Yanga Regulator and advised he would contact NSW Industry and Investment to have them provide support in our negotiations with the Mineral Sand Mining companies.

Whilst attending parliament house we had the opportunity to speak to Minister Katrina Hodgkinson, Minister Duncan Gay, Minister Adrian Piccoli, Minister Don Page and Minister George Souris and our local member John Williams.

Cr O’Halloran and the AGM have also attended meetings with the Balranald RSL Sub-Branch, and Tim Agius Regional Director Primary Health Services Maari Ma Health Aboriginal Corporation. Cr O’Halloran and the AGM also attended the Balranald Central School presentation night.
The AGM has also attended meetings with Tim Williams from Robinvale Waste, Balranald Men's Shed and the Balranald SLA Meeting.

**Budget Implications**
Nil

**Attachments**
Nil

**Recommendation**
For the Information of Council.
Item G - 4  WESTERN DIVISION CONFERENCE 2014

| Reporting Officer | Acting General Manager - Robert Rayner | File 180 |

Purpose of Report: To advise Council of the dates for the 2014 Western Division Councils of NSW Annual Conference.

Report: The Annual Western Division Councils of NSW Conference will be held in Hillston from Sunday 2nd March to Tuesday 4th March 2014.

Advice is requested from Councillors interested in attending.

Budget Implications: Costs to be met from the Conference/Delegates Vote.

Attachments: Letter from the Mayor of Carrathool Shire Council

Recommendation: That Council nominate delegates to attend the conference.
29 November 2013

Mr Robert Rayner
Acting General Manager
Balranald Shire Council
PO Box 128
BALRANALD NSW 2715

Dear Robert,

WESTERN DIVISION COUNCILS OF NSW ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2014

THEME – LEADING THE CHANGE

Carrathool Shire Council is hosting the Western Division Councils NSW Annual Conference at Hillston from Sunday March 2 to Tuesday March 4 2014.

This annual conference brings together Mayors, General Managers, Councillors and Staff from the thirteen Western Division Councils and provides a forum for robust discussion and consideration of key matters relevant to all Councils represented.

The Conference will commence with a welcome reception on Sunday evening and conclude at lunch time on the Tuesday.

To register please visit http://www.westerndivisioncouncils.nsw.com.au/ All registrations are to be submitted online.

Details of accommodation are also available on the Western Division Councils website. Please make arrangements with your chosen establishment directly. You are encouraged to make your bookings early.

The conference will be held in the Hillston Community Centre, Corner High and Keats Streets Hillston with the welcome reception to be held at the newly opened Council Offices also in High Street Hillston.

Council looks forward to welcoming all delegates and visitors to Hillston. General conference enquiries should be directed to Bradley Hayden 02 6923 6306. Enquiries regarding Hillston, contact Penny Davies Community Development officer 02 6965 1900.

Yours faithfully,

KEN CROSKELL
GENERAL MANAGER

Promoting our future through diversity

This is Page 37 of the Business Paper of the Ordinary Monthly Meeting of Balranald Shire Council held in the Councils Chambers Market Street Balranald on Tuesday 17th December 2013.
**Item G – 5 CORRESPONDENCE**

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

**Report:**
1. Circular 13-50/20 from NSW Premier & Cabinet
2. Circular 13-51/21 from NSW Premier & Cabinet
3. Media Release - Murray-Darling Community Encouraged To Nominate Inspirational Women
4. Media Release – Auxiliaries Raise Funds for Local Hospitals
6. Media Release – John Williams Delivers over $1million in Crown Reserves funding for Murray-Darling
7. Letter from Sussan Ley Re: RDAF Round 5 Funding
8. Letter from Cr Keith Rhoades Local Government NSW
9. Letter from The Hon. Andrew Stoner Re; NSW Government Secures Certainty for Communities Across NSW
10. Email from Mrs Wendy Murphy
11. Letter from Mrs June Spinks
12. Letter from Murray Darling Association Re; Abstract re MDA Proposed Annual Socio-Economic Study.
13. Email from Kevin Schultz

**Budget Implications:**
Nil

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

**Recommendation**
That the correspondence be noted.
Building a New Local Government Performance Measurement Framework

What’s new or changing?
- The Division of Local Government, with local government sector representatives, has commenced work on a new Local Government Performance Measurement Framework and would like feedback on a Discussion Paper. A supporting survey will also be issued to General Managers for completion.

What this will mean for your council
- The closing date for submissions is Friday 24 January 2014. Councils are asked to:
  o read the discussion paper and provide comment on the proposed principles, objectives, draft Framework and approach to developing core sets of performance measures across four key areas. Feedback is invited from councils and the community on the key questions throughout the discussion paper; and
  o ensure General Managers complete a short online survey to inform this work, including consideration about whether there should be a move to a state-wide community satisfaction survey. An email is being sent to all General Managers with the link to the online survey, the login and password.

Key points
- The new Framework aims to move away from compliance reporting to focus on a small set of core, comparable indicators that will help councils drive continuous improvement and communities understand their council’s performance.
- This follows calls from both councils and the NSW Government for a better, more consistent approach to measuring council performance through Destination 2036. This need has also been recognised independently by the NSW Auditor General and the Independent Local Government Review Panel.
- The performance measurement framework will be built in close collaboration with the sector. Local Government NSW, Local Government Managers Australia (NSW) and a number of councils are participating on a steering committee for this project as well as working groups to develop the performance measures.

Where to go for further information

Rose Woodward
Chief Executive, Local Government
A Division of the Department of Premier and Cabinet

NSW Premier & Cabinet
Division of Local Government
Circular to Councils

Circular Details  13-50 / 20 November 2313 / A350885
Previous Circular  N/A
Who should read this  Councillors, General Manager and Divisional Managers
Contact  Innovation Team (02) 4428 4100
Action required  For feedback
Circular Details: Circular No 13-51 / 21 November 2013 / 0357550
Who should read this: General Managers, Councillors, and Council Staff
Contact: Erika Misingham, (02) 4428 4211, womensawards@dlg.nsw.gov.au
Action required: Information and Nomination

2014 Ministers' Awards for Women in Local Government

What this will mean for your council:
- Nominations for the 2014 Ministers' Awards for Women in Local Government close soon.
- Councils are encouraged to promote the Ministers' Awards to council staff and councillors and consider possible nominees in their council. Nominations close 5.00pm on Friday, 6 December 2013. The nomination form is available here.

Key points:
- The Ministers' Awards for Women in Local Government celebrate the contribution of women to local government in NSW. The awards aim to encourage more women to take on leadership roles in local government in NSW.
- The 2014 Awards recognise achievements across four categories:
  1. Elected Representative
  2. Senior Staff Member - senior staff positions, as defined by councils in the Local Government Directory
  3. Non-Senior Staff Member - aimed at women who have demonstrated significant achievement
  4. Women in Non-Traditional Roles - to recognise women working in trades and other male-dominated areas within the Local Government sector.
- The Awards will be presented as part of the International Women's Day celebrations at Parliament House on 5 March 2014. Please note, the nominee or their council is responsible for covering the cost of attendance at the Awards presentation.

Where to go for further information:
- Further information about the Awards is available on the Division's website at www.dlg.nsw.gov.au.
- Further queries can be directed to Erika Misingham on telephone 02 4428 4211 or by email to womensawards@dlg.nsw.gov.au.

Ross Woodward
Chief Executive, Local Government
A Division of the Department of Premier and Cabinet
MURRAY-DARLING COMMUNITY ENCOURAGED TO NOMINATE INSPIRATIONAL WOMEN

Member for Murray-Darling, John Williams today called on the Murray-Darling community to recognise the important role and achievements of women by nominating them for an award in the 2014 NSW Women of the Year Awards.

“The Women of the Year Awards are a fantastic opportunity for the Murray-Darling community to get behind the inspirational women in our lives and nominate them for an award,” Mr Williams said.

“There are plenty of special women in our community who all deserve recognition, and these awards are a perfect opportunity to do just that.

“For the first time, the NSW Government has added an award to recognise the achievements of young women in our community. This will add to the existing awards; the NSW Premier’s Award and the Community Hero Award,” Mr Williams said.

Awards will be presented in three categories this year:

- The NSW Premier’s Award for Woman of the Year – a woman who has demonstrated excellence in her career, field or passion; or an inspirational role model for women in NSW; or a significant achiever in a traditionally male-dominated field.
- A.H. Beard’s Community Hero Award – a local hero and/or volunteer; or a quiet achiever who has made an outstanding contribution to her local community.
- Harvey Norman’s Young Woman of the Year Award – a young woman aged 18 to 30 who has demonstrated excellence in her career, field or passion, particularly in a male-dominated field; or has made a significant contribution to her community.

Nominations can be made at www.women.nsw.gov.au and close on Thursday 9 January 2014 at 11.00pm.

Winners will be announced at a reception hosted by the NSW Premier on Friday 7 March 2014 at Parliament House, on the eve of International Women’s Day.

-ENDS-

Contact: John Williams 0438 808 722
AUXILIARIES RAISE VITAL FUNDS FOR LOCAL HOSPITALS

John Williams The Nationals Member for Murray-Darling today congratulated and acknowledged the work of the United Hospital Auxiliaries (UHA) in the Murray-Darling Electorate.

Mr Williams said the UHA of NSW recently held their 80th Annual State Conference.

The following Auxiliaries have worked tirelessly in the Murray-Darling to fundraise and purchase equipment for their local health service and the community:

- Balranald Auxiliary raised $4,050.59
- Barham-Koondrook Auxiliary raised $19,892.96
- Berrigan Health Services Auxiliary raised $2,473.60
- Finley Hospital Auxiliary raised $353.00
- Jerilderie Hospital Auxiliary raised $10,761.45
- Mathoura Auxiliary raised $4,007.17
- Moulamein Community Health Centre Auxiliary raised $4,300.21
- Naponda Hospital Auxiliary (Deniliquin) raised $38,709.00
- Tocumwal Auxiliary raised $1,145.44
- Urana Auxiliary raised $9,292.70
- Wentworth Auxiliary raised $1,639.20
- Hay Hospital Auxiliary raised $25,901.00
- Broken Hill Hospital Auxiliary raised $119,127.10
- Ivanhoe Auxiliary raised $4,763.90
- Wilcannia Hospital Auxiliary raised $727.00

Mr Williams said this is a massive achievement by our Murray-Darling auxiliaries to raise these amounts, especially when you take in consideration how small some of these communities are.

"The Auxiliaries raise funds to purchase equipment and/or services for their local hospitals. Without the hard efforts of the volunteers in the Auxiliaries, health services in the Murray-Darling would not be as well off.

"I extend my thanks to all volunteers for their great work in raising these funds," Mr Williams said.

-ENDS-

Contact: John Williams 0438 808 722
NSW GOVERNMENT SECURES FUTURE FOR MURRAY-DARLING COMMUNITY GROUPS, LOCAL BUSINESSES & FARMERS

The NSW Liberal & Nationals Government has secured certainty for thousands of community groups, businesses and farmers who operate on Crown reserves, Member for Murray-Darling, John Williams said today.

Mr Williams said the Government’s Crown Lands Amendment (Multiple Land Use) Bill 2013 had successfully passed the Legislative Council earlier this week.

“This Bill secures the future of community organisations, local businesses and farmers operating on Crown reserves in the Murray-Darling Electorate,” Mr Williams said.

“The tenancies of up to 7,000 of these groups and facilities were called into question after a recent Court decision.

“The NSW Liberals & Nationals Government introduced a Bill to secure these tenancies to ensure facilities like surf clubs, CWA Halls, sports clubs, Girl Guides Halls, Scout Halls, commercial facilities like cafes, kiosks and restaurants, as well as farmers, would remain valid.

‘Over the last two months NSW Labor, the Greens and the Shooters & Fishers party seemed determined to stall and frustrate this common sense Bill – spreading misinformation and playing political games with thousands of community groups, businesses and farmers.

‘I was deeply frustrated by these political games, especially from NSW Labor who initially opposed the Bill, spoke out against it, and then only decided to support it at the very last minute – despite being briefed over two months ago.

“This opposition created unnecessary uncertainty for local community groups, businesses and farmers who were impacted by the Bill.

“NSW Labor’s actions also unnecessary jeopardised over 4,000 graziers whose licenses were affected by this matter, including 491 in the Murray-Darling electorate.

“Unlike NSW Labor, the NSW Liberals & Nationals are committed to strengthening Murray-Darling communities and ensuring that community groups, businesses and farmers who use Crown land have certainty,” Mr Williams said.

-ENDS-
Contact: John Williams 0438 808 722
JOHN WILLIAMS DELIVERS OVER $1 MILLION IN CROWN RESERVES FUNDING FOR MURRAY-DARLING

Member for Murray-darling, John Williams today announced that the latest round of NSW Government funding for Crown reserves has delivered over $1 million to the Murray-Darling region.

Mr Williams said funding applications for the Public Reserves Management Fund (PRMF) had been assessed and he was pleased to announce this overwhelming response for the Murray-Darling electorate.

“The PRMF grants will go towards maintaining and upgrading local reserves that support community activities and events,” Mr Williams said.

“Offers are well spread over the region, from Tibooburra to Finley. This announcement includes the four grants that were announced on 15 November 2013,” Mr Williams said.

Grants are offered to the following local reserve trusts:

- $15,000 to Balranald War Memorial for the contribution towards memorials in the park,
- $12,500 to Wakool Council Crown Reserves Reserve Trust to paint internal Show Pavilion ceiling and walls,
- $48,968 to Berrigan Sportsground as the Old Show Red Shed will be replaced with a new Multipurpose,
- $36,025 to Lode Reserve Trust for the installation of safety glass and fencing on “Soldiers Memorial” walkway,
- $14,700 to the Police and Community Youth Club NSW Ltd for the repairs and repainting of walls and installation of vinyl flooring of a room to be used for vacation care at the Broken Hill Police and Community Youth Club,
- $15,000 to the Deniliquin Council Crown for contribution towards providing disabled access to toilet block at the Deniliquin Showground,
- $22,996 to the Finley Golf Club Trust for the upgrade of the kitchen,
- $200,000 to the Berrigan Council Crown Reserves Reserve Trust for the building of current social and change rooms and development of community hub at the Finley Recreation Reserve,
- $45,000 to the Bottle Bend Reserve Trust to develop a Plan of Management for Gol Gol Forest Reserve,
- $15,200 to the Greenham Park Reserve Trust (Balranald) for the upgrade of disabled access and heating to the hydrotherapy pool and construct football ground interchange boxes,
Friday, 15 November 2013

The Hon. Warren Truss MP
Deputy Prime Minister
MG-41
Parliament House
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Deputy Prime Minister,

Re: RDAF Round Five funding

On Wednesday 6th November, I met with representatives from the Riverina and Murray Regional Organisation of Councils (RAMROC) in Canberra to discuss, amongst other things, the status of funding under the previous Government’s Regional Development Australia Fund – Round Five program.

The unanimous view amongst representatives at the meeting was that the Coalition should honour all Round Five agreements entered into with the previous Labor Government. Representatives expressed the view that all agreements were entered into in good faith and that the ‘approved’ funding was critical to deliver much needed infrastructure.

Those present at the meeting also expressed the view that the funding model for round five was their preferred model – i.e. smaller councils with lower value projects could attract funding that was not as accessible under the earlier rounds. This is a sentiment that I share.

As you would appreciate, it has long been the case that small rural councils with smaller value projects experience great difficulty in attracting Federal Government funding. Previous Governments have had a tendency to develop regional funding programs which provide preferential funding opportunities to larger regional cities with ‘big ticket’ projects, often leaving very little opportunity to smaller councils. I believe this is an area of public policy that should be addressed.

It is fair to say that all of the projects put forward in the electorate of Farrer which were earmarked for funding under RDAF Round 5 are extremely worthwhile and beneficial projects.

Members present at the RAMROC meeting requested that I express their strong view to you as the responsible Minister, that all agreements entered into under Round Five, should be honoured as a matter of good faith. For your information, I have enclosed a copy of a letter from RAMROC Executive Officer, Mr Ray Stubbs, which outlines in detail, the sentiments I have expressed above.

In addition to the representations made to me by RAMROC, I have also received a letter from the Riverina Eastern Regional Organisation of Councils (also enclosed), which represent two LGA’s in my electorate.

Reference: SUAW

Sussan Ley MP
Federal Member for Farrer

In addition to the representations made to me by RAMROC, I have also received a letter from the Riverina Eastern Regional Organisation of Councils (also enclosed), which represent two LGA’s in my electorate.
electorate of Farrer; Lockhart Shire Council and Uriarra Shire Council. The sentiments expressed by
REID reflect those of RABROOC.

Could you please provide me with advice on the states of those funds which were “approved” by the
previous Government under RDAF Round Five, and what plans the Coalition Government has to
progress with regional infrastructure funding going forward.

Yours sincerely,

SUSSAN LEY MP
Federal Member for Farrer

Cr Stephan O'Halloran
Mayor
Balranald Shire Council
PO Box 120
BALRANALD NSW 2715

Dear Cr O'Halloran,

It is extremely disappointing that the current Australian Government is continuing to refuse to honour the previous Government's commitment of $150 million in funding for Local Government Projects approved under the last round of the Regional Australia Development Fund (RDAF round 5).

The Government has taken the view that those were effectively election commitments of the previous Government and that as no funding agreements had actually been signed with councils, there is no obligation to honour those commitments.

Local Government NSW (LGNSW) and the Australian Local Government Association (ALGA) have made numerous representations to the Minister for Infrastructure and Regional Development, the Hon Warren Truss MP, but the Government remains steadfast in its position. I believe that this is unreasonable.

There are many councils in NSW that have been left in limbo about the future of their projects. These are projects which have been painstakingly put together by councils and their communities. They have involved a large investment of time and resources. They have also involved local funding commitments by councils and other project partners.

Councils submitted applications in good faith under a legitimate long established program. There can be no justification for denying funding on the basis of the timing of the election.

I believe that there is a moral obligation for the new Government to honour the successful project applications.

There are times when it is important for Local Government to make its voice heard and I believe this is one of them. While not all councils have been affected by the Government's intransigence in this instance, any council could find itself in this position at some time.

I therefore encourage all councils to individually write to the Minister requesting that funding be granted to all successful council applications under RDAF round 5.

For further information please contact Shaun McBride, Senior Strategy Manager on 9242 4072 or email shaun.mcbride@lgnsw.org.au.

Yours sincerely,

Cr Keith Rhoades AFSM
President

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25 November 2013

Cllr Stephen O’Halloran
Mayor
Balranald Shire Council
PO Box 120
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NSW GOVERNMENT SECURES CERTAINTY FOR COMMUNITIES ACROSS NSW

Dear Cllr O’Halloran

I am pleased to advise you that on 20 November 2013 the NSW Government secured the passing of the Crown Lands Amendment (Multiple Land Use) Bill 2013. This means that the uncertainty regarding secondary tenures issued by councils over Crown reserves has now ended.

I was deeply frustrated by the political games from the Labor Party, who initially opposed the Bill in the NSW Parliament, spoke out against it, and then only decided to support it at the very last minute – despite being briefed over two months ago. The Greens opposed the Bill until the very end.

The Bill was introduced in response to uncertainty about the legal validity of secondary tenures over Crown reserves as a result of a court case last year (known as the "Goomaloo" case). The Court decision created concerns about the legal validity of particular tenures on Crown reserves where the tenure had not been granted for the very same purpose as the reserve. The NSW Government had identified around 7,000 tenures that were in jeopardy, ranging from grazing to community groups and small businesses. The NSW Government was advised that the best way to fix this problem was to introduce this Bill, which we have now successfully negotiated through the NSW Parliament.

The NSW Government is committed to strengthening our communities and ensuring that community groups, businesses and farmers who use Crown land have ongoing certainty.

Should you have any further questions regarding the Bill, please contact your local Member of Parliament.

Yours sincerely

The Hon. Andrew Stoner MP
Deputy Premier

For information on Crown Lands visit www.crownland.nsw.gov.au or 1300 886 235

Co: General Manager

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Mr Robert Rayner  
Acting General Manager  
Balranald Shire Council


Dear Mr Rayner,

The Balranald CWA would like to express our appreciation for the installation of the ramp and handrail at the CWA building.

Our members thought it was absolutely wonderful to have such an easy access for our handcarts and wheel chairs, and were full of praise.

Please pass on our appreciation to the staff involved in the installation.

Yours sincerely,

June Spinks  
(Hon. Sec. Balranald CWA)
November 26th 2013

To all CEO’s, General Managers, Mayors and Elected members

I am honoured to have been elected National President of the Murray Darling Association. My aim is to help steer the organisation to continue to grow as a strong and valued voice in the development of land and water policy across the Murray-Darling Basin.

I would like to acknowledge the excellent work done by Mr Ken Rogers of Dubbo during his time in the chair, and thank him for his generous time and support in handing over the reins. I would also like to acknowledge the contribution and continuing support of our Local Government councils, the strength of this Association.

I must also thank the staff of the MDA for their efforts in what has been a tumultuous year.

With a change at the helm, I feel now is an opportune time for the Association to add to its focus and activities. Water continues to be the lifeblood of the Basin and the key focus of the Association. However, our family farms and agri-business enterprises are its heart and soul. At the moment, so many farmers and family businesses are carrying an unreasonable burden of debt in order to feed the both the economy and the stomachs of the nation.

We need to get a fair price for what we produce, and we have every right to expect manageable costs, improved food labelling, security of production and reliable availability of water, our primary input.

Family farms and local enterprises are the ones that stay connected to our local communities, who re-invest in our local economies, and who keep our local schools, hospitals and businesses open. They pay the local rates and deliver on our local views and visions. And while the big corporations have a part to play, it is the local farmers who are flexible and responsive, and who need our support and advocacy.

A strong and competitive farming sector can continue to feed the nation and grow the economy but only if our producers have access to quality water at reasonable prices.
As we move forward, I will be seeking to ensure that our governance, our organisation and our membership are well-placed to build on the historical strengths of the MDA; to grow into a strong and powerful voice of advocacy for our communities, farmers, and Local Government. We must be a reliable and respected point of reference for policy makers, and continue developing a united Association of influence in land and water issues affecting the Murray-Darling Basin.

I look forward to working with you all to achieve these objectives.

For further information on our current programs, please the General Manager on 08 8362 1761 or the Upper Catchment Manager on 02 6021 3656.

Yours sincerely,

Cr Greg Toll
National President

Ray Najar
General Manager

Enclosed:
Abstract re MDA Proposed Annual Socio-Economic study (setting a base line)

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Abstract re MDA Proposed Annual Socio-Economic study (setting a baseline)

(Dr Jonathan Sobels - Uni SA)
The Association is currently involved in discussions with University of South Australia to examine the key social and economic forces shaping communities in the Basin as to the effects of the Basin Plan can be put into context.

It’s not only water management that’s changing, but also issues such as ageing demographic, town identities, migration, fuel prices, land ownership, social and infrastructure impacts of droughts and floods, access to health, education and government services, the changing Australian dollar, and export food markets. The study is planned to be an annual report on the socio-economic trends affecting Basin communities for use by individual councils and their networks as well as the MDBA. It will be an essential grass roots document to assist the Authority in its Basin Review in 2015 – 2016 and beyond.

The Association has opened discussions with the University of New England, the Northern Basin Community Committee per Mr Geoff Wise and proposes to approach the Universities of Charles Sturt and the Southern Queensland University in Toowoomba.

- The MDA needs to resolve that, even if some other Group seeks to also do this Socio economic Basin Plan Report, the MDA is determined to independently proceed to establish & publish its Report (Based on information & data obtained from all individual Municipalities-MDA Region By Region – across the M.D Basin – whether MDA member Councils or otherwise!!).

- Are the current incumbents willing to be proactive or in line with much of the past simply spectators & expecting it to just happen & let Council by Council simply just consider involvement or otherwise without direct & continuing MDA encouragement??

- To Fund such a project is well beyond the means and resources of the Association, however by setting up a Trust Account within the Murray Darling Foundation- “The MDA Socio Economic Study”, it will provide donors with a Tax deductible incentive and assist to maintain the independence of the study.

- I would expect not to require high level (expensive) academic staff & be something of the order of .5 time allocation annual – spread across the year. It will not be an easy job in the early years & the right institution partner & faculty will need to be as enthusiastic, as the MDA, & properly committed to such Report as something of considerable measure value going forward.

This is Page 52 of the Business Paper of the Ordinary Monthly Meeting of Balranald Shire Council held in the Council’s Chambers Market Street Balranald on Tuesday 17th December 2013.
The MURRAY DARLING ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED FOR CONSERVATION AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT is a focus for community participation in the major issues of the MURRAY-DARLING BASIN. We provide information, facilitate debate and aim to influence the policies of Governments.

The MURRAY DARLING ASSOCIATION has a growing network of individuals and groups, and provides a link between this community network and Local, State and Federal Governments, as well as their agencies.

The Association seeks to unite the people of Australia’s largest river system, and give communities a sense of belonging, a common focus and a willingness to work together for their own good and for the Basin’s future.

Background Notes - Origin

The Murray Darling Association Incorporated for “Conservation and Sustainable Development”, was formed at Cowra in 1944 from a Local Government initiative as the Murray Valley Development League.

The Association was formed by Local Government and recognises its special relations with Local Government. The continuing support of Local Government is central to achieving the objectives of the Association.

The original purpose was to unify the people of the Murray Valley and to encourage development. Originally representing New South Wales and Victoria, South Australia became involved in December of the same year.

The Organisation reinvented itself in 1988 to become the Murray Darling Association and include all the Darling River tributaries including Southern Queensland which makes up 25% of the total Basin area.

Role

The Association’s main roles are to:
- Provide representation for our members
- Act as an advocate on Murray-Darling Basin issues
- Identify Opportunities to ‘make a difference’
- Manage projects that will enhance the Association and more importantly benefit the long-term sustainability of the Murray-Darling Basin.
- Facilitating and being a Catalyst
- Being a Watchdog “the Honest Broker”
- The Association recognises the Murray-Darling Basin as its focus and seeks to ensure that the environmental integrity of the Basin is conserved and protected while sustainable development is protected and encouraged.
- The Association is a focus for community participation in the Basin and will provide information, facilitate debate and seek to influence the policies of governments.
Attention Robyn Ryan,

On a recent caravanning vacation, touring western NSW I stopped at Balranald for supplies. I had no intention of staying the night there; however the sight of the well kept green grassed caravan park caught the eye of both my wife and myself. This prompted us to book in for a night. We were pleasantly surprised by the friendliness of the park operators and their willingness to explain what Balranald had to offer. I have sent this message to you to acknowledge what a wonderful job the Balranald Shire Council has done in providing such an excellent caravan park in what appeared to be a place short on attractions. We stayed seven nights, spent money in town, eating at most venues or purchasing goods from various shops, such as the butchers (I think Balranald has the finest butcher in NSW. Great service). We also discovered enough attractions and simply relaxation time at the caravan park.

When I was leaving town to continue my trip, I actually called in at the shire offices to personally acknowledge the obvious progress and actions of the council staff. I was given your name as a contact, as you were not available at the time.

I am home now and back at work. Both my wife and I agree that Balranald caravan was by far the best park for all the right reasons that we have stayed at in some time. It is so refreshing to see a country town shire council supporting that part of the tourist industry. During my trip I advised fellow travellers headed in your direction to stay at this park on their trip.

Please pass on our thanks to the park operators for running the park beyond the expectations of this seasoned caravanner.

Kelvin and Karen Schultz
Yackandandah Vic.
15/11/2013
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Purpose of Report: to bring forward for Councillors information the Action Report with actions taken on previous council resolutions.

**BALRANALD SHIRE COUNCIL**

**ACTION SHEET**

**NOVEMBER 2013**

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

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Cr Cooke  Can rubbish bins be placed either end of the swing bridge  Arranged

Street lights in We Street on Harben and Church Street intersections  Night Inspection to be arranged

Cr Jolliffe  Can the Church of England sign be changed to Anglican Church  Arranged

Cr Barnes  Theatre Royal fees for 5 Rivers  Tax Invoice sent.

Cr Campbell  Landfill information – report.  Verbal report to be provided

Miss Male’s information be sent to Alice Springs to be inserted on Hall of Fame.

CLOSED MEETING - CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS