

**REPORT OF THE MEETING OF BALRANALD SHIRE COUNCIL  
RETIREMENT HOSTEL COMMITTEE HELD AT THE BIDGEE HAVEN  
HOSTEL ON MONDAY 13<sup>th</sup> April 2015 COMMENCING AT 5.10 PM**

**PRESENT:** Cr Steve O'Halloran Cr Linda Cooke (Chair), Cr Elaine Campbell, (at 5.40 p.m.), Helen Edmonds, Cheryl McFarlane, Aaron Drenovski (G.M.) Tendai Makaripe (Acting Hostel Co-ordinator) and Elizabeth White (Director of Corporate Services).

**APOLOGIES:** Katherine Ferguson

**CORRESPONDENCE:** Nil.

The Committee Welcomed the Acting Hostel Co-Ordinator to Balranald

**DIRECTOR OF CORPORATE SERVICES REPORT:**

- 1) Extension to Hostel approved by Council Tenders for architect to be called.
- 2) The Committee was advised of the resignations of the Hostel Co-Ordinator, Gen Mc Connell and the RN, Pam Martin.
- 3) Council has set accommodation bonds at the Hostel at \$270,000. This is in line with other surrounding facilities.

**COORDINATORS REPORT:** Nil

**BUSINESS ARISING:**

- 1) Signs have been erected either side of the crossing advising pedestrians to give way to traffic
- 2) Suggestion to put a sign on the Hostel Bus (Bidgee Haven Retirement Village, Balranald). Acting co-ordinator, Tendai Makaripe to obtain quotes.
- 3) Resident representative to attend meetings – Acting co-ordinator to raise at residents meeting being held on 14<sup>th</sup> April 2015.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

**Questions without notice**

- 1) Respite Care – A question was raised regarding temporary care (Respite) ‘try before you buy’ and what the definition of respite is.
- 2) There was a concern raised by the GM that the gates where the Hostel bus is housed had been left open for long periods of time, creating a possible risk to both residents and staff.
- 3) A question was raised as to why the members of the committee were not notified of the resignations of the Hostel Co-ordinator and the RN. DCS advised his was an operational matter and it was not a requirement to notify the committee of any staff resignations.
- 4) There was a discussion regarding the Bidgee Haven Manor Units. The Committee requested information on the current arrangements and the monthly fee paid by residents. DCS advised this fee was \$85.00 per week, not 85% of the single aged pension as is the case for the Hostel.

It was requested that the DCS & GM investigate options for sale or rental of these units, and provide details of possible options for packages for residents. The committee was advised that staff members were occupying 2 of these units at the moment to generate some income.

- 5) The Acting Co-ordinator advised that ACS (Aged Care Services) would be conducting a review of staffing, funding and other matters at the Hostel on 7<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> of May.
- 6) The Committee asked for an update on the curtain replacement and also carpet replacement and were advised that Council is currently seeking quotes for these two items.
- 7) There was a request from the committee that the Co-ordinator provide a written report at each meeting on a high level basis for information.

Meeting closed 6.00 p.m.

**Recommendation:** That Council receive and note the minutes