

PRESENT:

Cr S O'Halloran (Mayor), Cr L Byron, Cr J Mannix, Cr L Cooke (Deputy Mayor), Cr T Jolliffe, Cr K Barnes and Cr E Campbell.

General Manager Aaron Drenovski, Director Infrastructure & Development John Stevenson and Director Economic & Community Development Robyn Ryan were also in attendance.

APOLOGIES:

Cr A Purtill

- 06.14.3881 RESOLVED** on the motion of Cr Mannix and Jolliffe that the apologies be accepted.

DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

Cr L Byron declared an interest in Item I-9

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Calendar of Events	
May - June	
June	
19	Progress Inspection – Balranald Discovery Centre 12noon
24	Briefing Session on population, household and dwelling rejections @ 11.30.
24	Citizenship Ceremony @ 3pm
24	Council @ 6pm
25	Grants Commission Meeting @ 9.30am
July	
1	Euston Beautification Meeting @ 9am
1	Tourism & Economic Development Meeting @ 5pm
2	Balranald Beautification Meeting @ 7pm
3	Roberts Farewell – Theatre Royal @ 6pm

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Recommendation:

That:

“The minutes of the Special Meeting of Council held on Tuesday 13th May 2014 copies having previously been circulated to each Councillor be taken as read and confirmed”.

“The minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on Tuesday 20th May 2014 copies having previously been circulated to each Councillor be taken as read and confirmed”.

“The minutes of the Confidential Meeting of Council held on Tuesday, 20th May 2014 copies having previously been circulated to each Councillor be taken as read and confirmed”.

06.14.3882 RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Cooke and Jolliffe that the minutes of the Special Meeting on 13th May 2014, Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting and Confidential Meetings held on 20th May 2014 be taken as read and confirmed.

PRESENTATION/DELEGATIONS

Item G - 1	ILUKA PRESENTATION	
Reporting Officer	General Manager – Aaron Drenovski	File 623

Purpose of Report:

To advise Council that Alan Kane and Gavin Swart from Iluka will be making a presentation at this meeting.

Report:

Iluka have requested to make a presentation at this Council meeting to provide an update on the mineral sands project.

Attachments: Nil.

Budget Implications: Nil.

Recommendation: That the presentation be received.

06.14.3883 RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Mannix and Cooke that the report be received and recommendation be adopted.

MAYORAL MINUTE/REPORT

- Citizenship Ceremony
- National General Assembly – Aaron & Mayor & Byron attended
- Federal Assistance Grant freezing
- Meeting in Wentworth – Population, housing and dwellings project

COMMITTEE REPORTS FOR ADOPTION

REPORT OF THE BALRANALD SHIRE COUNCIL COMMUNITY SAFETY PRECINCT MEETING HELD IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS, ON TUESDAY 27th MAY 2014 COMMENCING AT 2.05PM

PRESENT: Cr Mannix (Chair), Narelle Tucker, Steve Worthington, Jy Brown, Wyn Scott, Aaron Drenovski and the Director of Economic and Community Development (DECD) Robyn Ryan.

APOLOGIES: Paul Hadlow, Rev. Wally Johnson, Bes Murray, Clr Cooke and Mayor O'Halloran.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MINUTES

- a) Private Hire – Council facilities. DECD advised that other Councils do have event finishing times for their community venues. Narelle Tucker to write to Council requesting a review of Council's private hire (facilities) policy.
- b) Skate Park – No further action to date.
- c) CCTV in Balranald – Police will be undertaking an audit of CCTV in Balranald.

POLICE STATISTICS AND UPDATE:

During February, March and April the following incidents were reported:

February	3 malicious damage	no assaults
March	5 assaults	3 malicious damage
April	1 assault	1 malicious damage

Good proactive policing. Narelle and staff have worked hard to reduce the number of break and enters.

New highway patrol officer has commenced duties – Senior Constable Ray Wilson. The highway patrol covers Hay/Balranald/Euston/Gol Gol

Staffing is now at full strength.

Police are currently developing a business case from a mining aspect.

NAIDOC Week - 6th to 13th July Police are working with the community to hosts an event as per last year.

ROUND TABLE:

Aaron Drenovski

- Courthouse update

NEXT MEETING: 22nd July 2014 at 2pm

Closure There being no further business the meeting closed at 2.40pm.

Recommendation that the report be received.

06.14.3884 RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Mannix and Byron that the Minutes of the Community Safety Precinct Meeting be received and recommendation be adopted.

**REPORT OF THE MEETING OF BALRANALD SHIRE COUNCIL
RETIREMENT HOSTEL COMMITTEE HELD AT THE BIDGEE
HAVEN HOSTEL ON MONDAY 2nd JUNE 2014 COMMENCING AT
5.05 PM**

PRESENT: Cr Linda Cooke, Cr Elaine Campbell, Helen Ellis, Gen McConnell (Hostel Co-ordinator) and Robert Rayner (Director of Corporate Services).

APOLOGIES: Cr Steve O'Halloran, Helen Edmunds and Kathryn Ferguson

CORRESPONDENCE: Nil.

DIRECTOR OF CORPORATE SERVICES REPORT:

- GN Consulting have completed the design of the Fire Sprinkler system at the Hostel and the specifications for tender purposes. Tender has been advertised and will be assessed once the period closes. The approximate cost has been budgeted in the 2014/15 operational plan.
- David Wallace who has previously completed proposals for the Council for Aged Care Approval Rounds (ACAR) has been engaged to complete an application for a grant and bed licences. Staff are assisting David in completing the application. Council have approved in principal the extension.
- The annual ACAR closes at the beginning of July 2014.
- Reaccreditation of the Hostel commences on 17/6/14.

COORDINATORS REPORT:

- Blinds have been ordered for the office
- Accreditation commences 17/6/14

AGENDA ITEMS:

- 1) ACAR Application as detailed in the Director of Corporate Services report.
- 2) Progress on the Hostel sprinklers as detailed in the Director of Corporate Services report.
- 3) Questions without notice: Helen Edmunds suggested by message a pedestrian crossing be considered in the main street.
- 4) Suggested that a sign warning pedestrians that they must give way to motor vehicles at the crossing near the bakery be installed. Information on the subject to be given to the Hostel Residents, day care and through Council's newsletter.
- 5) Advertise for two new members of the community for the Hostel Committee as numbers are low.
- 6) The next meeting will be held on Monday, August 4th, 2014.

Meeting closed 5.27 pm.

Recommendation: that the report be received.

06.14.3885 RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Cooke and Byron that the Minutes of the Retirement Hostel Committee Meeting be received and recommendation be adopted.

**MINUTES OF THE BALRANALD SHIRE EUSTON
BEAUTIFICATION & TOURISM MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
MEETING HELD AT THE MULTI-PURPOSE BUILDING,
EUSTON ON TUESDAY 3rd JUNE 2014 COMMENCING AT
9.10AM**

PRESENT: Cr Ken Barnes (Chair), Cr Leigh Byron, Mr Barry Watts, Mrs Maureen Pupillo, Mrs Bev Harbinson and John Stevenson DID.

APOLOGIES: Mrs Vicki Barnes and Mrs Edna Price.

Business Arising from the Minutes:

1. The Committee commented that a Lake Benanee news article had appeared in the Hay Grazier newspaper. Chair Ken and Maureen P. also asked if it could be provided in the Robinvale Sentinel.
2. Cr Byron advised there was still a stray dog problem in the town area. DID to approach staff. DID to also address a nuisance at 21 Nixon Street.
3. DID advised the Committee that an attempt to clean Courthouse brickwork has been commenced with one trial patch. The Committee discussed options to clean brickwork. DID to pursue the matter as subject for a later meeting.
4. DID to provide a further meeting with possible Courthouse heritage colour scheme.

New Business:

Chairman Ken introduced the next stage of the Medley Park for discussion. Aspects involved: a history storyboard incorporating an early period town map (1900-1920) at the entrance, laser cut steel river trade history panel at the wharf area, and punt history storyboard to be established in the vicinity of the former punt location (river front reserve). Exact nature of each board text, images and lay out, to be discussed at the July meeting.

DID tabled a quote for the laser cut steel panel and indicated that Council staff are presently in discussion with parties capable of quoting on the story boards when the content is confirmed. Barry W. to provide images to the July meeting.

General Discussion:

- Chair Ken indicated that Medley Park gardens should incorporate low shrub type natives and ground cover.
- Maureen P. indicated that Berrett Park neighbours wish to have a part in the parks redevelopment. DID to approach the “Docklands” housing estate residents regarding Berrett Park assistance with improvements.
- Bev H. advised of discussions with Euston Station re the historic homestead and its potential as a local attraction. Bev to advise of future Historical Society site meeting on this subject. DID to attend.
- Barry W. and Cr Byron indicated on some street intersection maintenance required. DID to attend.
- DID to investigate hospital signage at Murray Valley Highway intersection, replacement of stolen Brett Rd sign, repair of damage or vandalism and theft of signs to walkway under Murray River approach bridge. DID to attend.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 10.30am.

Next Meeting to be held at 9am on 1st July 2014 at **Euston Courthouse**.

N.B: Meeting may take two hours.

Recommendation that the report be noted.

06.14.3886 RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Cooke and Barnes that the Minutes of the Euston Beautification and Tourism Management Committee Meeting be received and recommendation be adopted.

REPORT OF THE BALRANALD SHIRE COUNCIL TOURISM AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT THE BALRANALD SHIRE COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON TUESDAY 3rd JUNE 2014 COMMENCING AT 5:10PM

PRESENT:

Councillors Mannix, Byron, Barnes (Chair), Ken Spinks, Mayor O'Halloran and Robyn Ryan (DECD)

APOLOGIES:

Lynda Nelson, Silvana Keating, Myrtle Matarazzo, Peter Lawler, and Jo Gorman

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

- Nil

ACTION SHEET UPDATE: See separate document

AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

- Old homestead at Euston Station

All agenda items **must** be to the Director of Economic and Community Development **one week prior** to the meeting.

CLOSURE

There being no further business the meeting closed at 5.55pm.

NEXT MEETING – 1 July 2014.

Recommendation: That the report and recommendation be received.

06.14.3887 RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Barnes and Byron that the Minutes of the Tourism and Economic Development Committee Meeting be received and recommendation be adopted.



Balranald Shire Tourism and Economic Development Action Report (June 2014)

Meeting Date	Item	Action Required	Progress as at 01/06/2014	Outcomes from Meeting 03/06/2014
2 August 2011	Ben Scott Memorial Bird Trail	<p>Draft action plan implementation</p> <p>Winter clean-up/maintenance program with DID - ? working bee</p> <p>Specialist Birdwatchers visit for ideas to improve the hide/trail</p>	<p>Mid Murray Field Naturalists (MMFN) report will be submitted shortly</p> <p>Action Plan to be reviewed following the visit/report from the MMFN</p> <p>DECD investigating water allocation for birdhide</p>	Mayor advised that Paul Doyle is investigating the opportunity of a permanent water allocation for the birdhide – DECD to discuss with GM
7 August 2012	Town Entrance Signage	Upgrade entrance signage – Balranald	Concept designs currently being developed – will be displayed for comment	DECD advised that the windmills will remain at the town entrances. DECD to investigate if they are working
	Yanga Way Fencing	Liaise with National Parks to investigate the re fencing of a section on land on Yanga Way	Fence removal has been approved. Replacement being sought.	
12 November	Local History Trail/Plaques	Increase plaque numbers Funds allocation in 2013/2014 budget	DECD attending the next Local History Group meeting as last meeting was cancelled	

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12 November	Low level weir	Discuss and seek funding to enhance facilities at the weir	It was suggested by Mayor O'Halloran that a submission be made to Minister Humphries seeking funding for the weir. The Mayor advised that this should be from Council and not through RAMROC No further action to date	
	Airport Infrastructure - Provision for aviation fuel at airport	Continue to monitor the fuel requirements of the mining companies	Ongoing	
4 June 2013	Kingsford Smith Marker	Investigate access to, and promotion of the Kingsford Smith landing site marker with Ron McGill	DECD to discuss with Local History Group	DECD to investigate ownership
1 October 2013	Mayall Street Parking	Investigate parking options in conjunction with operators	DID to table at next Traffic Management Committee Meeting	
	Public Amenities - Senior Citizens Building	Upgrade of the public toilet facilities	Awaiting quotes	
	Disabled Parking – Market Street	Investigate disabled parking options in Market street	DID to table at next Traffic Management Committee Meeting	
	Rifle Butts	Information panels	DECD attending the next Local History Group meeting as last meeting was cancelled Item included in last newsletter	

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4 February 2014	Lions Park Toilets	Upgrade toilet facilities and signage	Designs currently being sourced	
6 May 2014	Kyalite Reserve	Upgrade	Cr Barnes to provide update Images tabled by Cr Barnes	Mayor advised that the GM was instrumental in the construction of the foreshore area in Deniliquin and would be able to provide advice on this project
	Welcome to Country	Mungo Man Mungo Lady – CMCA Rally Robinvale	DECD investigating	
	Old Gaol	Repair of kitchen floor	No budget, however quotes are being sought	
3 June 2014	Interpretive Centre	Open Day	Open Day is planned to show the community how the project is progressing	Open day planned for w/c 16 June TED endorsed the idea

**REPORT OF CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT
THE COUNCIL DEPOT STAFFROOM, ON THURSDAY 12 JUNE
2014 COMMENCING AT 2.35 PM**

PRESENT: Adam McCartney (Chairman), Dave Unicom, Cr. Trevor Jolliffe, Cr Jeff Mannix, Simon Overland, General Manager Aaron Drenovski and Tallis Stevenson

APOLOGIES:- Ian Fayle (USU Rep), Wayne Price and John Stevenson

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:

Moved David Unicom seconded Trevor Jolliffe that the minutes of the meeting of 3 April 2014 be accepted as a true record of that meeting.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES:

Nil.

NEW BUSINESS:

Aaron advised the committee that Marc Carter had tendered his resignation from this committee. Adam McCartney was nominated as chairperson by David Unicom. Adam accepted.

Aaron announced he has appointed Charlotte Stasiukynas to the role of executive assistant. Her appointment is on a casual basis at this stage.

Aaron informed the committee he is required to put forward a Council staff structure in the near future for adoption by Council. The executive assistant position will be included in this structure as a permanent position.

Aaron provided a summary of the issues discussed at the NSW Road Congress he recently attended in Sydney.

NEXT MEETING: 2.30p.m Thursday 11 September 2014 depot staff rooms.

CLOSE: The meeting closed at 3:00 p.m.

RECOMMENDATION: that the report be noted.

06.14.3888 RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Mannix and Jolliffe that the Minutes of the Consultative Committee Meeting be received and recommendation be adopted.

**REPORT & RECOMMENDATIONS OF WORK HEALTH & SAFETY
COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 12 JUNE 2014 AT
WORKS DEPOT COMMENCING AT 3.00 PM**

PRESENT: Cr Trevor Jolliffe, Cr Jeff Mannix, David Unicombe (Chairperson), Adam McCartney, Simon Overland, Aaron Drenovski (General Manager), Tallis Stevenson, Emma Serevi, Ashleigh Morris and Chris Midgley.

APOLOGIES: Mayor Steve O'Halloran, Wayne Price, Cassie Johnson and John Stevenson.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES: Moved Chris Midgley seconded Trevor Jolliffe that the minutes of the meeting of 3 April 2014 be accepted as a true record of that meeting.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES:

Skin cancer checks discussed.

Action: Council staff to investigate and report back to committee

HS&S Audits have not been completed recently.

Action: Locate audit lists/documents and schedule inspection/s prior to next meeting.

Breathing apparatus oxygen bottles still require testing and refilling.

Action: Send oxygen bottles away for testing and refill prior to next meeting.

Hearing test quotes not received.

Action: Investigate hearing test options and possible dates prior to next meeting.

GPS duress system for remote workers discussed.

Discussion regarding remote workers and knowing when they have returned. Emma to call Overseer and notify him when she has returned from working remotely by herself.

Action: Continue to investigate GPS duress system options and report back to the committee.

Investigate options for monitoring who has returned home each day eg. sign out sheet.

Aaron suggested GPS tracking technology could be utilised to monitor trips to and from remote work sites. There was a general consensus from the committee the tracking of vehicles for safety purposes is a good idea.

Action: Investigate GPS tracking options and report back to the committee.

NEW BUSINESS:

Aaron discussed the allowance in the draft 2014/15 budget for a Workplace Health & Safety Officer and Asset Officer. He is looking at combining these two functions into one full-time role. Any new position to this effect will be reflected in the future Council structure proposal.

A number of Council staff will be sent to cable locating courses in the near future. This training will give Council staff the ability to locate buried underground services with the aim to reduce the risk of harm to employees and damage to infrastructure. Training options have been investigated.

Action: Training dates to be confirmed subject to staff availability.

NEXT MEETING: 11th September 2014 commencing at 3:00 pm

CLOSE: There being no further business the Meeting closed at 3:35pm.

RECOMMENDATION: That the report be noted.

06.14.3889 RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Mannix and Cooke that the Minutes of the Work Health and Safety Committee Meeting be received and recommendation be adopted.

COMMITTEE & OTHER REPORTS FOR INFORMATION

DELEGATES REPORTS

- Cr Campbell - Drought Assistance for Farmers
- Cr Byron - National General Assembly
- Cr Jolliffe - Lower Western Bushfire Management Meeting
- Murrumbidgee Water Allowance Reference Group

NOTICES OF MOTION/RECISSION

GENERAL MANAGERS REPORTS (Incorporating all Staff Reports)

Corporate Services Division

Item C - 1		STATEMENT OF FUNDS	
Reporting Officer		Director Corporate Services – Robert Rayner	File 85

Purpose of Report

Funds Report for the Month Ending 31st May 2014

Report

Bank Reconciliation

Balance B/F From Previous Month 664,995.22

ADD Receipts for Month:

RMCC	142,554.94	
Rates & Water	323,877.95	
FAGS	412,490.25	
Roads to Recovery	406,729.00	
Natural Disaster Funding	380,600.00	
Other Revenue	186,095.78	1,852,347.92

LESS Payments for the Month:

Contractors Plant Hire	205,324.15	
Netball Court	95,205.00	
BAS Return	44,149.00	
Lease Payments	26,870.34	
Term Deposit Lodged	500,000.00	
Other Payments	743,095.70	1,614,644.19

Cash Book Balance as at End of Month 902,698.95

LESS Outstanding Deposits as at end of Month 17,388.57

ADD Unpresented Cheques as at end of Month 6,008.03

Bank Balance as at End of Month 891,318.41

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Funds Held

Funds	General	DWM	Water	Sewer	Combined
Bank	345,505.86	90,476.34	239,030.80	227,685.95	902,698.95
Investment	2,900,000.00	-	100,000.00	1,500,000.00	4,500,000.00
TOTAL	3,245,505.86	90,476.34	339,030.80	1,727,685.95	5,402,698.95
Restricted	1,977,516.49				1,977,516.49
Working Funds	1,267,989.37	90,476.34	339,030.80	1,727,685.95	3,425,182.46

Investment Held:		Bankwest	\$ 1,000,000.00
		Bendigo	\$ 500,000.00
		IMB Ltd	\$ 500,000.00
		NAB	\$ 500,000.00
		Suncorp	\$ 1,000,000.00
		Westpac	\$ 1,000,000.00
			\$ 4,500,000.00

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.

06.14.3890 RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Campbell and Cooke that the report be received and recommendations be adopted.

Item C - 2	OUTSTANDING COUNCIL RATES	
Reporting Officer	Director Corporate Services – Robert Rayner	File 130

Purpose of Report:

To update Council of the status of outstanding rates to Balranald Shire Council.

Report:

The total amount of rates outstanding as at 30 May 2014 was \$219,829.78 or 9.45%, and the outstanding water consumption charges totalled \$76,923.18.

A list of the assessments with arrears greater than \$5,000 and the action Council has taken to recover the debts is as follows:

Assessment	Outstanding Balance	Action Taken
2604793	\$5,071.59	Payment Agreement in place
2605100	\$5,157.04	Property currently on the market, awaiting sale for collection of rates
2605188	\$7,053.62	Payment Agreement in place
2605190	\$5,204.50	Payment Agreement in place
2605297	\$6,115.64	Legal action commenced via Debt Collection Agency
2605333	\$8,241.19	Payment Agreement in place
3254195	\$7,740.53	Payment Agreement in progress
2605737	\$5,302.15	Payment Agreement in place
2605756	\$5,659.81	Payment Agreement in place
2605777	\$6,375.31	Legal action via the Debt Collection Agency
2605566	\$6,588.98	Company in Administration
2605615	\$13,971.36	Payment Agreement in place

Attachments:

Nil

Budget Implications:

Nil.

Recommendation:

That the report be received.

06.14.3891 RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Cooke and Jolliffe that the report be received and recommendations be adopted.

Item C - 3	GST COMPLIANCE CERTIFICATE	
Reporting Officer	Director of Corporate Service – Robert Rayner	File 73A

Purpose of Report

To authorise signing of the GST Compliance Certificate

Report

The Council as part of GST compliance are required by the Department of Local Government to complete a GST Certificate. This certificate must be signed in accordance with a resolution of council.

Budget Implications

Nil

Attachments

Nil

Recommendation

That Council resolve to sign the 2013/2014 GST Certificate.

06.14.3892 RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Mannix and Byron that the report be received and recommendation be adopted.

Economic & Community Development Reports

Item E - 1	FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR THE BALRANALD INC. 5 RIVERS OUTBACK FESTIVAL	
Reporting Officer	Director of Economic and Community Development Robyn Ryan	File 771(C)

Purpose of Report

To advise Council of available funds to assist Balranald Inc. in hosting the 5 Rivers Outback Festival.

Report

At the May meeting of Council a report was tabled seeking financial assistance to host the 5 Rivers Outback Festival on 11th and 12th October 2014.

As reported to Council, \$8,000 for in-kind services has been included in the 2014/2015 draft Operational Plan. Balranald Inc. is seeking an additional \$15,000 cash contribution towards the festival.

At the May meeting Council resolved:

05.14.3863 RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Campbell and Mannix that this report be discussed further at the June Meeting.

This report is to advise Council that staff has reviewed the 2014/2015 draft Operational Plan and an allocation of \$5,000 is available should Council wish to provide additional assistance.

Budget Implication

Funds available in 2014/2015 draft Operational Plan

Attachments

Nil

Recommendation

That Council provide a \$5,000 contribution to Balranald Inc. to host the 5 Rivers Outback Festival in 2014.

06.14.3893 RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Cooke and Campbell that Council support the 5 Rivers Outback Festival in 2014 by funding the event insurance and agreed marketing to a value of \$5000.00 with all associated invoices paid directly by Council to the above value.

Item E - 2	BALRANALD SKATE PARK UPDATE	
	Director of Economic and Community Development Robyn Ryan	File 380

Purpose of Report

To provide an update to Council on the progress of the Balranald Skate Park project.

Report

On Thursday June 12, 2014 the General Manager and Director of Economic and Community Development met with the representatives from Balranald Inc. to discuss the progression of the proposed Balranald Skate Park.

Discussion was held in relation to:

- Project outcomes to date
- Project timeline extensions
- Community consultation
- Funding
- Alternate concepts

Agreed outcomes of the meeting that:

- Balranald Inc. contact the funding body to confirm a project extension to early 2015
- Council provide a letter of support to the funding body supporting the construction of a skate park
- Balranald Inc. and the SK8 Committee provide written confirmation to Council on the proposed location - Balranald Discovery Centre complex
- Council, Balranald Inc. and the SK8 Committee work collaboratively with the young people of the community to develop a staged concept design

Funds held:

Balranald Inc. Community Building Partnership Funding	\$26,000
SK8 Committee	\$ 7,500
Balranald Shire Council	\$ 3,000

Total	\$36,500
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Budget Implications

Nil

Attachments

Nil

Recommendation

That Council:

1. Endorse the skate park concept.
2. Endorse the skate park location within the Balranald Discovery Centre complex.
3. Provide the General Manager with delegated authority to progress the skate park project in conjunction with Balranald Inc. and the Sk8 Committee.

06.14.3894 RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Cooke and Mannix that:

1. Endorse the skate park concept.
2. Endorse the skate park location within the Balranald Discovery Centre complex.
3. Provide the General Manager with delegated authority to progress the skate park project in conjunction with Balranald Inc. and the Sk8 Committee.
4. Investigate steel and concrete options.

Item E - 3	NEW YEAR'S EVE COMMITTEE REQUEST FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE	
Reporting Officer	Director of Economic and Community Development Robyn Ryan	File 56

Purpose of Report

To advise Council of a request from the Balranald New Year's Eve Committee for financial assistance.

Report

Council has received correspondence from the Committee Coordinator/Secretary Mrs Kylie Jolliffe seeking financial support to host the celebrations again this year.

For the past three years Council has committed funds towards the fireworks spectacular at the event.

This small Committee of three work tirelessly throughout the year to raise the funds to bring this fantastic event to residents and visitors.

The night includes activities for the young, and not so young and concludes with a spectacular fireworks display to welcome in the New Year.

Budget Implications

Funds are normally made available through the Section 355 donations.

Attachments

Correspondence attached.

Recommendation

That Council support the Balranald New Year's Eve Committee with a contribution of \$3,000 towards the cost of fireworks at the 2014 event, and approve the use of Greenham Park football grounds and multipurpose centre as in previous years.

06.14.3895 RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Cooke and Campbell that:

1. That Council support the Balranald New Year's Eve Committee with a contribution of \$3,000 towards the cost of fireworks at the 2014 event, and approve the use of Greenham Park football grounds and multipurpose centre as in previous years.
2. That all invoices associated with the above \$3,000.00 be paid directly by Council.

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file 56

	Info	Reply	Report	Other
				NYE COMMITTEE
GM				GM
DD				C/O 169 CHURCH STREET
Received	27 FEB 2014			BALRANALD NSW 2715
DCS				
DECU				
LETTER No.				31534

Dear General Manager and Councillors

We are writing to "THANK YOU" Balranald Shire for the donation of \$3000.00 which assisted us in the smooth running of the NEW YEARS EVE Community event which was held at Greenham Park.

We are a small committee of 3 ladies who try and raise money each year to hold the "Community New Years Eve" Party. This is a terrific event for our whole community to come together to welcome in each New Year. We have kids activities, music, food, great family fun and of course the main attraction is the great fireworks display at midnight. These fireworks cost our committee \$4000.00 plus GST each year. For all activities and the whole night to be a success we need to raise \$7000.

We are writing to you in hope that you can once again support this event and help us. Also if you know of any grants that we can apply for, it would be greatly appreciated if you could inform us of them.

Thank you for your time.

Yours Sincerley

Kylie Jolliffe

Kylie Jolliffe

Co-Ordinator/Secretary

Balranald NYE Committee.

Item E - 4	NIMMIE-CAIRA FUNDING – BALRANALD DISCOVERY CENTRE MODULE	
Reporting Officer	Robyn Ryan	File 784(g)

Purpose of Report

To advise Council on the progress of the Nimmie-Caira funding for the Balranald Discovery Centre module.

Report

On June 18, 2014 Council received correspondence from the NSW Office of Water advising that \$100,000 had been approved to fund the development and construction of the Balranald Discovery Centre Nimmie-Caira module.

This module is one of three local community offset projects funded under the Commonwealth Funding Agreement with NSW to implement a Nimmie-Caira System Enhanced Environmental Water Delivery Project.

Disbursement of the funds will be attached to project milestones as follows:

- | | |
|-------------|---|
| 1. \$20,000 | Execution of Deed |
| 2. \$20,000 | Provision of detailed workplan/design/contracts |
| 3. \$40,000 | Progress report |
| 4. \$10,000 | Construction completed |
| 5. \$10,000 | Final Report and financial statements |

The funding agreement has been signed by the General Manager and executed by the department.

Budget Implications

Nil

Attachments

Correspondence from the NSW office of Water

Recommendation

For the information of Council.

06.14.3896 RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Barnes and Byron that the report be received and recommendation be adopted.



**Department of
Primary Industries**
Office of Water

BN14/3200

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

Dear Mr Drenovski

I am pleased to offer Balranald Shire Council up to \$100,000 (exclusive of GST) to fund development, construction and reporting outcomes of a Balranald Discovery Centre Nimmie-Caira Module.

This Module is one of three local community offset projects funded under a Commonwealth Funding Agreement with NSW to implement a Nimmie-Caira System Enhanced Environmental Water Delivery Project.

Enclosed are two signed Funding Deeds that set out the terms and conditions of this grant. To help NSW meet its commitments this financial year please sign both copies and return one to Ms Michelle Roe at NSW Office of Water, PO Box 829, Albury NSW 2640, at your earliest convenience.

If you have any questions please contact Ms Roe via email address: michelle.roe@water.nsw.gov.au or on 02 6024 8835.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Michael Bullen", written over a horizontal line.

Michael Bullen
Acting Deputy Director General Water

Encl.

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Infrastructure & Development Reports

Item I - 1	MAINTENANCE & CONSTRUCTION PROGRAM	
Reporting Officer	Director Infrastructure & Development – John Stevenson	File: 726

Purpose of Report

To provide Council with a progress report on works.

Report

1. Council Team 1

Council Team 1 recently completed flood damage repair works on Abbots Tank Road. This team is currently carrying out flood damage works on Tammit Road. Works to be completed by end of June.

2. Council Team 2

Team 2 recently completed flood damage restoration works on Hatfield - The Vale Road. This team is now patrol grading D-Block Road as part of the flood damage works. Following this the team is scheduled to patrol grade Marma Box Creek Road.

3. Council Team 3

Council Team 3 recently completed maintenance grading of the Tarwong Freshwater Road. The team is currently constructing a further 2km gravel section on the Mildura to Ivanhoe Road under the Roads to Recovery Program, at the Clare Bank / Hartshorn boundary. This work is scheduled for completion end of June.

4. Market Street Reconstruction

Construction of the traffic islands is complete. Blisters and footpath section repaving is commencing at this time. Gardens and plantings have now been completed. Essential Energy has completed the installation of the lighting and banner poles to the Theatre frontage.

5. Water Bores

The installation of bores on Marma Box Creek Rd at Magenta Wampo intersection and Glen Tilt on Hatfield – The Vale have now been completed for future road works. A portable bore pump has been purchased and is currently being tested. Plans to drill a new bore at The Peppers are also currently underway. Preliminary discussions have also been held with the landholders in the Gol Gol area to consider gravel and water sourcing in that region.

6. Balranald Netball Courts

The new acrylic surface and line marking has now been completed. The existing shelter shed has being installed back in the middle of the courts as a stopgap facility pending discussions between Council and the Netball Club to consider additional shelters and seating.

7. Miscellaneous

- Works to improve the Church St frontage at Greenham Park is underway via repairs to the gates. Council will negotiate the possibility of a reserves trust grant, for improvements to the perimeter fencing.
- Lining and equipping the interior of the Heated Pool is almost complete at the time of writing.
- Euston entrance beautification on the Balranald side is nearing completion with the assistance of Pickerings Transport. Staff and contractors have commenced drainage works in the vicinity. Scheduled to be completed by end of June.
- All rural road culverts that were not replaced under the Natural Disaster roadworks program are currently being de-silted with attention to inlet and outlet drains as part of the Natural Disaster program.

Recommendation

That the report be noted.

06.14.3897 RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Cooke and Jolliffe that the report be received and recommendation be adopted.

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 May 2014 meeting of Council.

Application	Owner/Applicant	Locality	Description
DA 38/2013-14	J & L Scholten Super Fund Pty Ltd	91 Court St, Balranald	Shed

Recommendation:

That the report be noted.

06.14.3898 RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Mannix and Byron that the report be received and recommendation be adopted.

Item I - 3	DRAFT KEEPING OF ANIMALS POLICY	
Reporting Officer	Director Infrastructure & Development – John Stevenson	File: 201

Purpose of Report:

For Council to consider a Keeping of Animals Policy

Report:

A Draft Keeping of Animals Policy was presented to the April meeting of Council.

Council resolved to:

Place the Draft Policy on public exhibition with any submissions being reported to the June Meeting of Council.

The public submission period for the Draft Policy closed on the 28th May 2014 with one submission being received from Wyn Scott.

Wyn Scott's submission indicates:

1. The majority of owners of animals identified in the Policy are responsible and keep their animals appropriately.
2. Imposing restrictions on the keeping of animals may cause discomfort to owners.
3. That Council should have flexibility and individual assessment rather than an all-encompassing policy.

The Draft Policy is generally in keeping with the spirit of Mrs Scott's submission in that the Policy is only intended to be used in circumstances where animals are *not* being kept responsibly and formal complaint(s) are submitted to Council. This is detailed in the Notes Section on the Contents page:

"this policy should provide guidance about the criteria Balranald Shire Council will use when determining whether to issue an order when it becomes aware that animals are causing some form of undesirable impact on the community."

All complaints submitted to Council are handled on a case by case basis and on their own merits.

Council does not intend for the Policy to extinguish an existing use right that current animal owners may enjoy, rather, in line with Council's education and promotional responsibilities, advertise, through a policy process, the actions and circumstances that Council will consider in the event that a formal complaint is lodged with Council.

Attachments:

Submission by Mrs W Scott

Budget Implications:

The Draft Policy reflects Council's responsibilities in accordance with the LGA 1993 and are currently being undertaken within the current budgetary constraints.

Recommendation:

That Council adopt the Keeping of Animals Policy.

06.14.3899 RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Barnes and Byron that the report be received and recommendation be adopted.

Cr Campbell and Cooke requested that their vote be recorded against this motion.

Attachment 1: Submission by Wyn Scott

File 201

86 Moor st
Balranald 2715
27/5/14
Attachment to report

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LETTER No. 31804				

General Manager
Shire Council
Balranald

Dear Aton,

I wish to lodge a comment on the keeping of Animals Policy, currently on public exhibit.

As a responsible owner of family equestrian horses and other smaller animals I wish to say that there are a majority of the public who have such animals and do keep them in the town in a responsible manner.

If a policy were to be adopted stipulating restrictions in the main then this would impose a great discomfort on residents in a small rural town environment.

I understand that council has the power to manage undesirable factors, such as noise, hygiene and overcrowding and also respect that common sense must be applied (ie no piggery near a residence). I believe that rather than an all encompassing policy there must be flexibility and individual assessment of circumstance.

I keep riding horses in my back yard & continue to keep them responsibly. Please contact me directly on 0407 461 802 if you wish to clarify any of the above.

Yours Faithfully

Wyn Scott
Moor st Balranald.

Item I - 4	CRISTAL MINING – DEVELOPMENT CONSENT	
Reporting Officer	Director Infrastructure & Development - John Stevenson	File 624

Purpose of Report: To update Council on progress since the last meeting.

Report: As Council is aware, NSW Planning issued this consent on Friday the 6th June. Discussions between Council and the Department to ensure all road maintenance aspects have been held over the past two months. Council will recall endorsing the engagement of legal advice to ensure all of these matters were correctly embodied in the approval documents by way of both conditions of consent and an annexure Voluntary Planning Agreement (VPA) between Council and the Developer.

Prior to the issue of approval the Department advised that it was going to incorporate all aspects of the agreement within the conditions of consent, and as such render to VPA unnecessary. Council was offered the opportunity to view the draft document and made two minor alterations on the timing of contributions which were agreed to prior to the release of the document. A copy of the consent will be tabled at the meeting.

Cristal Mining staff have contacted Council this week and wish to place on record their thanks for Councils continued support and efforts to bring this development to this approval stage. Cristal look forward to meeting with Council in the near future to discuss the next phase of the project, which will involve certain improvements to safety aspects on the main road to be carried out under a shared financial arrangement over the next two financial years.

Attachments: Nil.

Budget Implications: As pertaining to the road maintenance agreements for MR67.

Recommendation:

1. Council note the approval of this development.
2. Legal assistance sought towards this development (road maintenance) be finalised at this time.

06.14.3900 RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Jolliffe and Byron that the report be received and recommendations be adopted.

Item I - 5	DA 35/13-14, PROPOSED BOUNDARY REALIGNMENT – Sturt Hwy, EUSTON	
Reporting Officer	Director Infrastructure & Development - John Stevenson	File DA 35/13-14

Purpose of Report: To seek Council's consent to a boundary realignment of Lots 1 & 3 DP 835340.

Report: J & T Turner, Brett Rd, Euston has lodged an application to realign the boundary Lots 1 & 3 DP 835340 per the attached sketch plan.

The proposal satisfies the intent of Council's 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 land being consolidated into a larger horticultural holding and the remainder being described as able to cater for intensive greenhouse, nursery or the like type production.

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 adjustment.

Attachments:

Sketch plan of proposal.

Budget Implications:

Nil

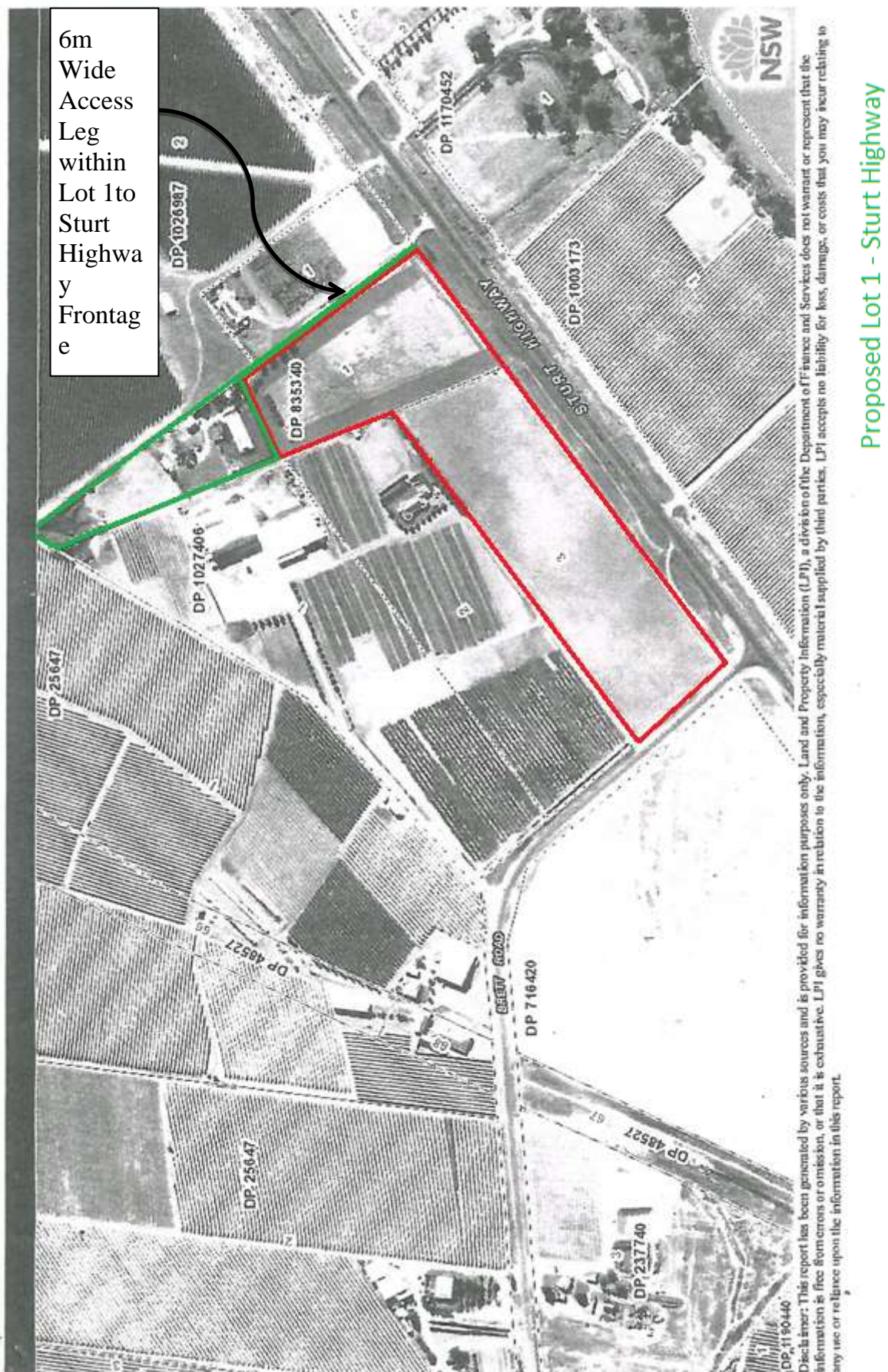
Recommendation:

Consent be granted to J & T Turner to create a boundary adjustment between Lots 1 & 3 DP 835340 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 and the Roads and Maritime Service or their delegates, 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.

06.14.3901 RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Byron and Jolliffe that the report be received and recommendations be adopted.

Attachment: Sketch Plan of Proposal



Item I - 6	MURRUMBIDGEE FISHING CLASSIC LOG CABIN REQUEST	
Reporting Officer	Director Infrastructure & Development - John Stevenson	File 755

Purpose of Report: To consider a budget provision for the construction of an access ramp into the Fishing Club Log Cabin.

Report: The relocation of the Log Cabin building to the Caravan Park in late 2012 was completed but access to the interior is still to be undertaken.

The building was intended to be a multipurpose facility that the Murrumbidgee Classic Fishing Competition Committee utilised for their annual competition; however the height of the floor above ground level necessitates steps and an access ramp. This is yet to be finalised, however the fishing club do not have the funds (estimated \$3000) for the works.

Mr Brian Shirley from the Classic Committee has sourced a quote from RL Myers for installation of an Australian Standards compliant ramp, and offers volunteer labour towards the project.

It may be prudent for Council to decline Mr Shirley's generous offer of volunteer labour and engage a licence builder to complete the project, to ensure that liability issues are not clouded.

Attachments:

1. Letter from Balranald Murrumbidgee Classic
2. Plan of Proposed Access
3. Quote from RL Myers

Budget Implications:

\$3000 above Draft 2014-15 Operational Plan.

Recommendation:

That Council give consideration to allocating \$3000 in the 2014-15 Operational Plan for the construction of an access ramp into the Fishing Club Log Cabin.

06.14.3902 RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Jolliffe and Campbell that Council

1. Give consideration to allocating \$3000 in the 2014-15 Operational Plan for the construction of an access ramp into the Fishing Club Log Cabin.
2. Obtain an internal competitive quote for the works.

Attachment 1: Letter from Balranald Murrumbidgee Classic

Balranald Murrumbidgee Classic

ABN: 21703635504

PO Box 221,

Balranald NSW 2715

Ray Mitchell

Balranald Shire Council

Market Street

Balranald NSW 2715

file 056

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Received 26 MAY 2014				
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rec by Ray
3/6/14

26th May 2014

Dear Ray

Please find enclosed quote as requested for a ramp at the Balranald Community Building situated in the Balranald Caravan Park.

Council would be aware that we run the Murrumbidgee Classic Fishing Competition in March each year to bring 200 fisherpersons to our town to help the economy, as this is a very expensive competition to run we are unable to offer any monetary value towards this project but are more than willing to contribute labour in kind under builders instruction.

We hope the above meets with Councils earnest consideration.

Yours faithfully,



Brian Shirley

Attachment 2: Plan of Proposed Access



Item I - 7	TRANSITION OF SBS BROADCAST SERVICE FROM COUNCIL TO SBS	
Reporting Officer	Director Infrastructure & Development - John Stevenson	File 198

Purpose of Report:

To authorise the fixing of the Common Seal of Council to the Digital Television Service Transition Deed.

Report:

Council currently holds the broadcast licence and owns the broadcasting equipment for the Special Broadcasting Service Corporation (SBS) television service for the Balranald Community. This includes all running costs associated with the service.

In late 2013 Council was contacted by Julie Spencer of SBS to discuss transitioning the SBS service from Council to a fully SBS funded service.

To that end, SBS has furnished a Digital Television Service Transition Deed to progress the change of ownership to Council.

Attachments: Correspondence to Julie Spencer.
Digital Television Service Transition Deed.

Budget Implications:

Nil.

Recommendation:

That Council resolve to affix the Common Seal of Council to the Digital Television Service Transition Deed as supplied by the Special Broadcasting Service Corporation.

06.14.3904 RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Cooke and Barnes that the report be received and recommendation be adopted.

Attachment 1: Letter to Julie Spencer



BALRANALD SHIRE COUNCIL

ALL COMMUNICATIONS
MUST BE ADDRESSED TO
THE GENERAL MANAGER

Contact: JS:NMR:412

70 Market Street, Balranald NSW 2715
PO Box 120, Balranald NSW 2715
Tel: 03 5020 1300
Fax: 03 5020 1620
Email: council@balranald.nsw.gov.au
Web: www.visitbalranald.com.au

4 December 2013

Special Broadcasting Service
Att: Julie Spencer
Locked Bag 028
Crows Nest NSW 1585

Dear Julie,

Re: SBS Digital Television Service in Balranald

The SBS television and radio services provided to the Balranald area are a valuable source of multicultural media communication.

Council is very keen to see these services continue into the future and would accede to the SBS proposal to transition from current arrangements to a SBS fully managed service, provided that service levels are to be, at the least, maintained at current levels.

Please forward details about any foreseeable service level changes, if any, and appropriate documentation for the transitioning the service from Council to SBS at your convenience.

Should you require any further information regarding this matter, please contact Ray Mitchell of Council's staff on 03 5020 1300 during normal office hours.

Kind Regards,

Robert Rayner
Acting GENERAL MANAGER



Attachment 2: Digital Television Service Transition Deed.

DIGITAL TELEVISION SERVICE TRANSITION DEED

Balranald (2005)

THIS DEED IS DATED 2014
BETWEEN
SPECIAL BROADCASTING SERVICE CORPORATION (ABN 91 314 398 574) of 14 Herbert Street, Artarmon, New South Wales 2064, a statutory corporation established pursuant to the *Special Broadcasting Services Act 1991* ("SBS")
and
BROADCAST AUSTRALIA PTY LIMITED (ABN 99 086 048 562) of Level 10 Tower A, 799 Pacific Highway, Chatswood, New South Wales 2067 ("BA")
and
BALRANALD SHIRE COUNCIL (ABN 74 678 751 581) of 70 Market Street, Balranald ("Council")

RECITALS

- A. SBS and Council agreed by the Self Help Transmission Deed for Council to retransmit SBS services, using Council owned transmission assets and being responsible for covering ongoing costs.
- B. As a consequence of the decision of the Commonwealth to add or enhance digital television services, SBS is in a position to transition the Service to a fully funded SBS service.
- C. SBS has agreed with BA arrangements to manage the transition and the future operation of the Service.

In this Deed:

1. DEFINITIONS

- 1.1 In this Deed, unless the contrary intention appears:
 - "Effective Date" means the date of execution of this Deed.
 - "Radcom Licences" means all licences under the *Radiocommunications Act CTH 1992* held by Council for the operation of the Service
 - "Self Help Transmission Deed" means the Deed and/or other agreements between SBS and Council for the operation of the Service.
 - "Balranald Site" means the premises at Council Water Tower, Church Street, Balranald on which the transmission facilities for the operation of the Service are located.
 - "Services" means the following digital television transmission services: SBS Digital Television
 - "Transition Deed" means this Deed
 - "Transmission Assets" means the assets listed in Schedule 1 to the Deed.

2. TERMINATION OF SELF HELP TRANSMISSION DEED

- 2.1 The Self Help Transmission Deed is terminated and SBS and Council release each other from all further obligations under it.
- 2.2 SBS and Council release each other from all liability past, present or future relating to the Self Help Transmission Deed.

3. COUNCIL TO ASSIGN RADCOM LICENCES TO SBS

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- 3.1 At SBS' expense, Council will transfer to SBS or surrender the Radcom Licence or Licences it currently holds for the Services and will no longer be responsible for paying the ongoing licence fees.
4. **TRANSFER OF TRANSMISSION ASSETS AND THEIR OPERATIONS TO BA**
- 4.1 Subject to clause 4.4, at no cost to BA, Council transfers to BA free and clear title to the Transmission Assets. Council confirms to BA that it is the absolute legal and beneficial owner of the Transmission Facilities and that there are no encumbrances of any kind (including any registered interests under the Personal Property and Securities Act 2009) over or affecting the Transmission Assets.
- 4.2 On and from the Effective Date, BA has become the transmission service provider for the Services.
- 4.3 BA has entered into arrangements with Council or other relevant third parties to permit it to continue to occupy space at the <site name> Site and to enable it to operate and maintain the Transmission Assets.
- 4.4 BA will be responsible for any transfer duty payable for the transfer of the Transmission Assets pursuant to this clause 4.
5. **MAINTENANCE CONTRACTS**
- 5.1 If Council has contracted a maintenance provider to operate and maintain the existing Services, Council is responsible for the termination of those services. Alternatively, BA and Council will discuss in good faith any agreed transition of existing maintenance services to BA.
6. **INDEMNITY**
- 6.1 Each party agrees to indemnify the other party for any breach by that party of the terms of this Deed, except to the extent that the same is caused or contributed to by a wilful or negligent act or omission of the other party or its employees, officers, agents, contractors sub-contractors, consultants and sub-consultants.
7. **COSTS**
- 7.1 Each party is to bear its own costs of preparing, negotiating and executing this Deed.
8. **GENERAL**
- 8.1 This Deed shall be governed by the laws of New South Wales, and the parties submit to the non-exclusive jurisdiction of its courts.
- 8.2 This Deed may be executed in any number of counterparts all of which taken together shall constitute one and the same Deed.
- 8.3 Each indemnity, obligation of confidence and other term capable of taking effect after the expiration or termination of this deed, remains in force after the expiration or termination of this Deed.

Balranald Shire Council
Minutes – Ordinary Meeting – 24th June 2014

Executed as a DEED in Sydney

The seal of the Special
Broadcasting Service Corporation)
was duly affixed and the same was)
delivered in the presence of:)

Signature

Signature

Name

Name

Designation

Designation

Date

Date

Signed sealed and delivered by)
Broadcast Australia Pty Limited)
(ABN 99 086 048 562):)

Director Signature

Director / Secretary Signature

Name

Name

Date

Date

Signed sealed and delivered by)
BALRANALD SHIRE COUNCIL (ABN)
74 678 751 581):)

Authorised Officer

Authorised Officer

Name

Name

Date

Date

Schedule 1 – Transmission Assets

- existing 1.8m Satellite Dish
- Ericsson RX8200 satellite decoder
- 50W Harris Transmitter Maxiva (op at 5W)
- Kingfisher telemetry
- UPS - Powerward (PSCER2000)
- Adjacent Channel Combiner by RYMSA
- RFS MTV4 antenna
- Any other existing ancillary equipment necessary for the operation of the services

Item I - 8	LEGAL ROADS NETWORK – WESTERN DIVISION	
Reporting Officer	Director Infrastructure & Development - John Stevenson	File 726

Purpose of Report:

To advise Council of the pending commencement of a program to provide formal dedication to public roads and the creation of formal easements to all leases within the Shire.

Report:

Messrs Rex Miller and Maurice Cenzato of the Property Services and Natural Resources division of Crown Lands, Western Region, met with Council to introduce this program. Balranald and four other local government areas are yet to undertake this program, all other western division shires and the unincorporated area have completed their legal roads network project.

Essentially this process is broken into two aspects:

- the dedication of all public roads
- the creation of formal easements to all Western Lands Leases to avoid land locking of properties.

The Dedication of Public Roads:

As Council is aware the majority of Shire roads contain only segments of their length within dedicated reserves where a formal process or Councils own works have created same in the past.

Only roads currently maintained by Council will be dedicated, and when a road within a property is proposed to be dedicated the landholder will be notified from NSW Trade and Investment – Crown Lands of the impending withdrawal of that affected area from the lease. On withdrawal of the new road reserve the lease area will be amended and the annual rent reduced accordingly.

This new road will be a defined legal access but it will not prevent private arrangements being made between neighbours to utilise alternative access routes. Mr Miller explained that the process will allow for the removal of the present lease condition that refers to the use of tracks by any person, that is landholders being confronted with random person's off-roading on properties without prior notice.

Road casement widths will be 100m for main roads and 60m for shire roads. Fencing will not be mandatory. Existing fences will not be required to be moved to new boundaries, however any new fencing will reflect the new road width.

All costs associated with this process will be borne by the Crown.

NSW Trade and Investment - Crown Lands have also advised that the new dedication process will involve the closing of earlier public roads created in a less accurate way under the Western Division Road System. This will avoid duplication of roads in some areas and it is intended that these closed roads will be added to the adjoining Western Lands Leases in compensation for the opening and dedication of these new more accurately defined road reserves. Council's concurrence as the roads authority, for these closures is required under the Roads Act 1993.

The Creation of Formal Easements:

Part of the legal roads network also involves creating a series of easements in the form of a "right of way" providing legal access across a WLL to an otherwise landlocked WLL. Easements can only be created with the agreement of both landholders and will limit access to the benefitted landholder and those parties directly associated with the landholders operations, thus restricting access to the general public.

A landholder that benefits from an easement over an access track on a neighbours lease most likely will be required to maintain the condition of that track.

It is anticipated that the roll out of the Legal Roads Network in Balranald Shire will progress over the next 12 months and with individual property holder consultations by Crown Officers or their surveyor / representatives.

Attachments:

Letter from Trade & Investment – Crown Lands

Budget Implications:

Nil. Council will publicise this process by way of newsletter and via Councils website.

Recommendation:

1. Council note the pending commencement of a legal roads network project in the Balranald Shire.
2. Council consent to the closing of duplicated public roads, where applicable under Section 34, Roads Act 1993.

06.14.3905 RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Barnes and Byron that the report be received and recommendations be adopted.

Attachment: Letter from Trade & Investment – Crown Lands



**Trade &
Investment**
Crown Lands

Our Ref: 08/2056

The General Manager
Balranald Shire Council
PO Box 120
BALRANALD NSW 2715

Dear Sir,

CLOSING OF DUPLICATED PUBLIC ROADS IN BALRANALD SHIRE

As you may be aware the Legal Roads Network Project (LRN) will be identifying Council public roads in Balranald Shire in the near future.

This new road identification project will replace an older system referred to as the Western Division Roads (WDR) system that was introduced in Balranald Shire in the 1970's. The WDR roads system used a less accurate method of identifying roads and these roads were dedicated by notification in the Government gazette.

As the road system will be "duplicated" it will be necessary for the old WDR roads to be closed under the Roads Act. It is intended that the closed roads will be added to the adjoining Western Lands Leases in compensation for the opening and dedication of the re-defined roads under the LRN Project.

For the road closing action to proceed the Department will need a letter of concurrence from Balranald Shire Council as the roads authority under the Roads Act 1993.

If you have any questions regarding this correspondence please contact me on 02 68835420.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Rex Miller'.

REX MILLER
Group Leader
Property Services & Natural Resources
Crown Lands Division (West Region)
rex.miller@lands.nsw.gov.au

5 June 2014

General Managers Reports

Item G - 2	DRAFT OPERATIONAL PLAN 2014/15	
Reporting Officer	General Manager - Aaron Drenovski	File 156

Purpose of Report

To present Council's 2014/15 Draft Operational Plan for adoption.

Report

Council's 2014/15 Draft Operational Plan has been on public exhibition for the prescribed period and up to the time of preparing this report 3 submissions were received. Any submissions subsequently received will be tabled at the meeting for Council's consideration.

Councillors are requested to bring the Draft Reports provided at the May Meeting held on 20th May 2014.

The following submissions have been made:

Submitter	Issue	Current Situation
Chris Midgley	New footpath in River Street	There was initially \$35,000 towards this project in the program when Council was preparing the draft budget, however it was removed at a workshop where \$1M had to be removed from the budget to make it balance. This project will be placed on the list for consideration next financial year.
Deanne Jones	New footpath in River Street	There was initially \$35,000 towards this project in the program when Council was preparing the draft budget, however it was removed at a workshop where \$1M had to be removed from the budget to make it balance. This project will be placed on the list for consideration next financial year.
Mandy Haley	Street drainage and water pooling on the footpath in Harben Street	Council recently replaced some of the low footpath panels in Harben Street in front of the Balranald Early Learning Centre. The road drainage issue in Harben Street will require a brief design and costing for consideration for the following Capital Works Budget.

The major issue that has transpired since the Draft Operational Plan was reported to Council in May is the Federal Government's decision to freeze the indexation of Financial Assistance Grants to councils. There will be no increase for CPI, indexation or population growth for the next three years. This has an impact on the 2014/2015 budget of \$67,725.

The following changes have been made to the 2014/15 Draft Operational Plan that was reported to the May Ordinary Meeting:

Civic Services

- 1) \$5,000 brought forward from 13/14 budget unspent in the donations vote.
- 2) \$5,000 increase in 14/15 budget for the donations vote for the Five Rivers Festival, if Council choose to vote accordingly.

Finance and Administration

- 3) \$36,111 reduction in General FAGS for the 14/15 budget due to the Federal Budget and no CPI increases for the next three years.

Economic and Community Development

- 4) \$20,000 increase in internal reserve transfers from savings in repairs and maintenance and tourism special events to cover some of the reduction in FAGS.

Transport Infrastructure

- 5) \$2,000,000 income and expense from RMS works to Market Street removed from the budget, as all funds are handled by RMS.
- 6) \$201,000 increase in internal reserve made up of the following:
Additional Roads FAGS \$96,000 received in 2013/14 allocated to Roads budget to meet resealing program, \$85,000 in reseal program savings in 2013/14 budget brought forward to meet reseals and part reduction in Road FAGS. \$20,000 savings in staff training budgets in the 2013/14 budget brought forward to meet the part reduction in Road FAGS and the Golf Club transfer of Land.
- 7) \$31,614 reduction in Road FAGS for the 14/15 budget due to the Federal Budget and no CPI increases for the next three years.
- 8) \$121,280 rural reseals increased to return Weimby Benongal Road reseal to the program for the 14/15 budget.
- 9) \$42,800 town reseals increased to return, part Church St, Harben St and We St to the reseal program for the 14/15 budget.

Emergency Services

- 10) \$20,000 increase in VASS funding as it was underestimated (RFS funding). Covers partially the reduction in General FAGS.

Parks, Sporting and Recreation

- 11) \$9,000 Capital expenditure required for the transfer of the Golf Club Land.

Net Change to the General Fund Budget of \$195, giving a new surplus of \$7,169.

Budget Implications

The Adoption of the Operational Plan will provide the financial resources for 2014/15.

Attachments

3 submissions.

Recommendation

That

1. The 2014/15 Draft Operational Plan incorporating the variations as detailed in the General Manager's report be adopted as the 2014/15 Operational Plan.
2. The expenditure detailed in the Estimates of Income and Expenditure within the 2014/15 Operational Plan be approved and the money voted to meet such expenditure in accordance with Section 211 of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2005.

06.14.3906 RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Campbell and Barnes that:

1. The 2014/15 Draft Operational Plan incorporating the variations as detailed in the General Manager's report as well as \$3,000 towards the Murrumbidgee Fishing Classic log cabin ramp be adopted as the 2014/15 Operational Plan.
2. The expenditure detailed in the Estimates of Income and Expenditure within the 2014/15 Operational Plan be approved and the money voted to meet such expenditure in accordance with Section 211 of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2005.

Balranald Shire Council
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The General Manager
Balranald Shire Council
P.O Box 120
Balranald NSW 2715

To The General Manager:

Re: Shire operation plan 2014/2015

File 156 27 May 2014

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I would like to add a submission for the Shire Operation Plan 2014/2015 for a footpath to be constructed in river St. I think the street is in real need of one not only am myself in a wheelchair and find it hard pushing on the cambered road I know there are other mobility impaired residents who would really benefit from having one. Most streets in Balranald have at least one side of the street with a footpath yet River St has none.

There are always plenty of kids about on bikes and mothers with prams etc, all not a good mix on a road as I have seen plenty cars speed down River St, throw in poor lighting and visibility at night and it is actually quite dangerous.

Lastly being the site of the new Information Centre and the main way to the Bird walk and motocross track I think it would be a great improvement both functionally and aesthetically to the town.

I hope you take all this into consideration thanking you for your time.

Chris Midgley
92 River St
Balranald NSW 2715

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28th May 2014

General Manager

Balranald Shire Council

Po Box 120 Balranald NSW 2715

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at attach to budget report

Re: Submission for the shire operation plan 2014/2015

To General Manager,

This letter is a submission for a footpath to be considered for River Street in the next Construction area of the Budget.

As a rate payer and resident of River Street, I would like to request that a footpath be put down River Street.

As a mother of three I'm often walking with a pram on the road and find it quiet busy with all types of vehicles using this road, this is very dangerous at time and hard to move the pram on the rough uneven surface of the road almost tipping the pram over on many occasions.

I have been in contact with my neighbours and other residents in River Street and have their full support in writing this letter of request.

We have residents that require wheelchairs or gofers as their form of transport and they have stressed their concern with safety.

The River Street Neighbourhood is happy to follow any proceedings necessary.

River Street also lend visitor from the new information centre towards the Ben Scott Bird walk, a footpath down River Street would help with connection of the two.

With thanks



Deanne Jones

88 River Street Balranald NSW 2715

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Balranald Shire Council
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Mandy Haley
88 Church Street
BALRANALD NSW 2715

26 May 2014

The General Manager
Balranald Shire Council
PO Box 120
BALRANALD NSW 2715

Dear Sir,

Re: Submission –Balranald Operational Plan 2014/2015

The street drainage in Harben Street outside the Early Learning Centre is a problem.

Every time it rains the water pools in the gutters and at the front gate of the Centre making accessing the Centre with small children a real challenge.

I've attached photos taken on 2 May 2014 at 1pm when I had to collect my children from the Centre.

If Council could set aside funds in this year's budget to address this problem it would be much appreciated.

Regards



Mandy Haley

File: 015

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Item G - 3	AUTHORITY TO AFFIX SEAL	
Reporting Officer	General Manager – Aaron Drenovski	File 119

Purpose of Report:

To obtain authority to affix Council Seal to legal documents.

Report:

Council has renewed the lease for the property identified as the Caltex Service Station on the Sturt Highway Balranald.

The renewed lease requires the Council to sign and seal the document.

Budget Implications:

Nil

Attachments:

Nil

Recommendation: that the Mayor and General Manager be authorised to affix the Council Seal to the lease.

06.14.3907 RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Cooke and Campbell that this report be deferred to the July meeting and that further information be provided.

Item G - 4	DONATIONS & FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE POLICY REVIEW	
Reporting Officer	General Manager – Aaron Drenovski	File 56

Purpose of Report

To place on exhibition the revised Donations & Financial Assistance Policy

Report

Council at its meeting in May 2014 resolved to amend the Donations & Financial Assistance Policy.

The policy has been amended and will be placed on public exhibition for 28 days.

The current donations application form has also been amended and a copy is attached to this report.

Budget Implications

Nil

Attachments

Revised Policy Document and draft the Donations Application Form under separate cover

Recommendation

That Council place the Draft Donations & Financial Assistance Policy Document on public exhibition for a period of 28 days with any submissions being reported to the August Meeting.

06.14.3908 RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Byron and Barnes that the report be received and recommendation be adopted.

Item G - 5	SUMMARY OF MEETINGS	
Reporting Officer	General Manager - Aaron Drenovski	File 025

Purpose of Report

To advise Council of a summary of meetings held.

Report

The Hon. Paul Fletcher MP Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Communications and the Member for Farrer, Sussan Ley MP visited Balranald on Thursday 22 May. The visit was part of a fact finding tour to discuss specific concerns relating to the local performance of mobile phone services. There were 30 people in attendance at the meeting including representatives from Clare School, the farming community, emergency services, service providers, the mining industry, the Mayor Cr O'Halloran and Councillors Cook and Jolliffe.

The Federal Government has committed \$100M to a regional mobile coverage program rollout to rural and outer metropolitan areas of Australia over a three year period. There is up to 2,000 submissions that have been received requesting improved mobile coverage. On average it costs in the order of \$600,000 to install a new mobile phone tower and make it operational. A new tower at Clare was strongly supported by the community as the number one priority for the Shire.

The Mayor Cr O'Halloran and the General Manager (GM) met with Paul Doyle from the Murray Darling Basin Authority on Thursday 29 May. The purpose of the meeting was to view and discuss plans that show the extent of flooding that will result give a certain release of environmental flows in the region. A positive outcome of the meeting is that Council have been put in contact with the Commonwealth Environmental Water Office to be considered for a 10ML environmental water allocation for the bird hide.

The Mayor Cr O'Halloran and the General Manager attended the NSW Local Roads & Transport Congress in Sydney on Monday 2 June. Over 120 delegates met to discuss the budget cuts to infrastructure funding and the impact this is likely to have on the sustainability of Local Councils in the short term. The Mayor was quoted in the press release which the congress released, which is attached for information along with the Congress Communique.

The Mayor Cr O'Halloran and General Manager attended the Western Division Councils of NSW Meeting at Hillston on Tuesday 10 June. The meeting comprised a facilitated half day workshop titled – Determining our own future. There was healthy debate and discussion on how we reinvigorate the Western Division so that it is a group of Councils to be reckoned with.

Budget Implications

Nil

Attachments

Roads Congress Press Release

Roads Congress Communique

Recommendation

For the Information of Council.

06.14.3909 RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Byron and Jolliffe that the report be received and recommendation be adopted.

MEDIA RELEASE

Tuesday 3 June 2014
Sydney

Parliament House,

Local Mayor supports NSW Local Roads Congress Calls for Immediate Action on Infrastructure Funding

Over 120 delegates met in State Parliament House on Monday to discuss the budget cuts to infrastructure funding and the impact this is likely to have on the sustainability of Local Councils in the short to medium term.

Over 30 Mayors and Councillors from Councils across the State, along with 90 infrastructure managers, took the opportunity to question Graham Sansom, Chair of NSW Independent Local Government Review Panel and an expert panel of presenters, on the courses of action available to Councils to ensure that their local infrastructure continues to sustain their local communities.

The NSW Parliamentary Secretary for Transport and Roads, and State Member for Hawkesbury, Mr Ray Williams MP, provided a stirring keynote address to delegates. Mr Williams highlighted the State Government's commitment to NSW roads. "If we untie the road network, we release economic development across the whole state whether it be in metropolitan or regional areas."

"The road network is a major asset to NSW and requires considerable infrastructure investment to renew and maintain" Mr Williams stated.

Balranald Shire Council Mayor, Councillor Stephen O'Halloran who attended the 2014 NSW Roads Congress supported the outcomes of the discussions summarised in the Communique released at the end of the Congress.

Warren Sharpe OAM, Chairman of the NSW Roads & Transport Directorate was delighted with the attendance at the Congress but warned that action needs to be taken without delay to ensure that our transport infrastructure does not fall into decay. "Local & regional roads are under-funded in NSW by more than \$600M per annum, without accounting for works to meet demand from growth or upgrades to meet the increasing pressures to support higher productivity trucks. This shortfall is inclusive of existing Federal Assistance Grants and Roads to Recovery programs" Mr Sharpe explained.

"In NSW this means accepting further decline in the condition of road & bridge infrastructure, with worsening road safety outcomes, negative impacts on business and the NSW and regional economies, increasing maintenance costs and litigation, and reduced ability to meet the extra demands of growth in population and provide for higher productivity vehicles" Mr Sharpe added.

Councillor Stephen O'Halloran says the critical points contained in the Congress Communique include:

- a recognition of the importance of NSW Local Roads to the economic development of NSW Communities
- seeking changes to allow the redistribution of Federal Assistance Grants to assist the areas of highest need in regional NSW and to modify rating arrangements on high density developments to promote sustainable rate income levels for urban councils

Speaking at the NSW Local Roads Congress yesterday, President of Local Government NSW, Cr Keith Rhoades AFSM, said NSW councils now face a four-year projected shortfall of \$287.7 million thanks to the Australian Government's decision not to increase Financial Assistance Grants in line with CPI and population increases.

"The freeze on these vital grants will have a significant impact on the lives of everyday Australians who are used to, and expect, quality services, roads and facilities from their local councils."

"Unfortunately the communities hardest hit will be those in rural and regional council areas, which rely more heavily on Financial Assistance Grants due to their small rate bases and extensive road networks.

"Councils are responsible for 90 per cent of NSW's roads by length and it's essential that every kilometre of our transport network is in a satisfactory condition, as the nation heavily relies on our road infrastructure to move goods, produce and people.

"While it's relieving to hear that the Australian Government is maintaining the R2R funding and is investing in our bridge network, these grants are tied to that funding and councils will now need to consider how to fill the funding void left by the indexation freeze on Financial Assistance Grants."

The NSW Local Roads Congress is hosted by the NSW Roads and Transport Directorate, a long established initiative of Local Government NSW and The Institute of Public Works Engineering Australasia (NSW Division) bringing elected representatives and engineers to provide better roads and transport solutions for the community.

The full Communique can be downloaded from the Roads & Transport Directorate website at: www.roadsdirectorate.org.au

Ends

For more Information

Councillor Stephen O'Halloran

Greg Moran, President IPWEA (NSW) 0427 456 030

Warren Sharpe, Director IPWEA (NSW) 0409 398 358

Mick Savage, Manager Roads & Transport Directorate 0418 808 085

NSW Local Roads Congress
2nd June 2014
Congress Communiqué

The NSW Roads & Transport Directorate, a partnership between the Institute of Public Works Engineering Australia (IPWEA) and Local Government NSW in holding the 2014 NSW Local Roads Congress resolved to announce the following communiqué. Local & regional roads are absolutely critical to the social and economic well-being of communities across NSW, and particularly in regional NSW where alternate transport options are limited. These same roads are also critical to the efficient movement of freight including delivering loads via high productivity trucks to/from point of source over the 'first mile'.

The Congress notes government advice that the freight task is predicted to double in the next 20 years and acknowledges many local & regional roads were not designed to cater for higher productivity vehicles. In addition, the State Government must review the increased use of the rail network the increased freight task.

Local & regional roads are under-funded in NSW by more than \$600M per annum, without accounting for works to meet demand from growth or upgrades to meet the increasing pressures to support higher productivity trucks. This shortfall is inclusive of existing Federal Assistance Grants and Roads to Recovery programs.

The Australian government is to be congratulated for continuing Roads to Recovery (\$349.8M/yr across Australia) and introducing a fund to assist with bridges (\$60M/yr) through to June, 2020.

However, greatly increased funding is still required for timber bridges to address the access problem.

The flatlining of Federal Assistance Grants announced in the recent Budget means this funding is being significantly eroded (\$95.8M, \$200.4M, \$307.8M & \$321.1M from 2014/15 to 2018/19 respectively). This represents a major loss of much needed funding.

The NSW Local Road Construction Cost Forecast 2010-2020 (February, 2011) highlights the increasing cost of construction as being over 4.1% per annum over this decade. This far exceeds the rate pegging limit for NSW of 2014/15 of 2.3%, resulting in a decline in available funding in real terms.

In NSW this means accepting further decline in the condition of road & bridge infrastructure, with worsening road safety outcomes, negative impacts on business and the NSW and regional economies, increasing maintenance costs and litigation, and reduced ability to meet the extra demands of growth in population and provide for higher productivity vehicles.

The NSW Congress therefore calls on the State and Australian governments to take the following measures:

NSW government

The NSW government should:

- i) immediately direct IPART to increase the rate pegging limit by a further 2.5% (total 4.8%) for the 2014/15 financial year to account for the decreased Financial Assistance Grants (FAG) announced in the May, 2014 Federal Budget and the real cost of construction increases
- ii) in the longer term, remove rate pegging in NSW and allow Councils to determine appropriate rating increases in conjunction with their own communities using the Integrated Planning and Reporting framework . Failing that, the NSW Government should set rate pegging to take account of the real costs of undertaking construction and service provision to the community

iii) implement changes to allow the re-distribution of Financial Assistance Grants to assist the areas of highest need in regional NSW and modify rating arrangements on high density development to permit urban Council's to sustain current rate revenue levels. This proposal must be part of a total package based on the development of asset management plans based on auditable data.

IV) the Department of Planning develop strategies to determine and mitigate the cumulative impact of State Significant Development on communities and transport infrastructure beyond the immediate development area.

NSW & Australian Government

The Congress calls on the State and Australian governments to work together to provide:

- i) a National Local Government Finance Authority (NLGFA) to source lower interest borrowing for Local Government across NSW & Australia
- ii) produce guidelines for Local Government on effective use of borrowing to address short and long term funding needs including renewal and upgrade of local and regional roads
- iii) increased funding arrangements to facilitate increased productivity in road transport and works designed to meet future growth
- iv) greater support for rail in regional NSW to reduce the increasing freight loads on local and regional roads, including resolving institutional impediments for access to existing rail
- v) recognition of Local Government in the Australian Constitution
- vi) consider and address the cumulative impact of increasing road and rail freight on communities and initiate infrastructure improvements, such as rail overpasses to improve transport efficiency.

Australian Government

The Congress calls on the Australian government to:

- i) Restore the CPI increase in Financial Assistance Grants to Local Government
- ii) Progressively increase funding to Local Government tied to a percentage of the GST equivalent to 1% of national GDP.

Australian Local Government Association

The NSW Congress seeks the support of ALGA to further the case for improved funding and recognition of Local Government as outlined in this communique.

NSW Local Government

The Congress calls on Local Government in NSW to:

- i) support the Congress outcomes by writing to the relevant Ministers and their local State and Australian government MPs seeking their support for the outcomes outlined herein
- ii) support the expenditure of all FAG-Roads Component Funding on roads
- iii) Continue to pursue improved asset management across all Council's through capacity building and peer support
- iv) Continue to strive for gains in efficiency in service delivery

Further enquiries:

Greg Moran, President IPWEA (NSW) 0427 456 030

Warren Sharpe, Director IPWEA (NSW) 0409 398 358

Mick Savage, Manager Roads & Transport Directorate 0418 808 085

Item G – 6	CORRESPONDENCE	
Reporting Officer	General Manager - Aaron Drenovski	File

Purpose of Report:

To advise Council of recent correspondence of interest.

Report:

1. Email from Iven Spicer.
2. Letter of appreciation from BCEF.
3. Letter from Stacey Marsh regarding peace Run.
4. Letter from Greyhound Australia.

Budget Implications:

Nil

Attachments:

Copies of correspondence as listed above.

Recommendation

That the correspondence be noted.

06.14.3910 RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Barnes and Mannix that the report be received and recommendation be adopted.

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Council

From: Iven Spicer <ivenspicer@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, 17 May 2014 5:36 PM
To: Council
Subject: Compliments

Greetings

My partner and I have overnighted in Balranald for our last two trips from Canberra to Adelaide (November last year and this month). We've walked by the river and wandered around the town and enjoyed the coffee in the cafes. We've been particularly delighted with the artwork around the place, the wrapped trees, painted bikes and so on. Prior to last year we actually avoided stopping in Balranald as it didn't feel particularly welcoming (and good coffee was hard to come by!). To us it seems a changed place and I just wanted to say there are two visitors to your town who now like it very much - and we recommend it to our friends.

Kind regards

Iven Spicer (Ms)

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Balranald Country Education Fund

Murrundi
Balranald 2715

The General Manager
Balranald Shire Council
PO Box 120
Balranald NSW 2715

29th May 2014

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Dear Mr Drenovski,

On behalf of the Balranald Country Education Fund I would like to sincerely thank both yourself and all Councillors of the Balranald Shire Council for the incredibly generous donation of \$10,000.00 to the Balranald Country Education Fund (BCEF).

Balranald Shire Council has been an unfailing supporter of the BCEF, and by default of all young people across the Municipality, since our inception in 2008. Your ongoing commitment of \$5,000 as an annual donation to our fundraising efforts realises you as both our most significant and enduring contributor – a fact we make known through all publications, reporting and most importantly to all young people accessing our support.

As you would be aware, employment, training and further education are seminal in keeping our young people engaged, active and healthy citizens. However for many young people the costs of training and further education especially, but also the 'tools of the trade' required in apprenticeships, are becoming increasingly prohibitive as they attempt to realise their career dreams. In partnership BCEF and the BSC are breaking down these barriers for local youth. In fact since delivering our first round of grants to local youth in 2009, the BCEF has awarded a total of \$34,875 in grants alone to Shire residents aged 21 years and under.

Thank you once again for the faith you show in all young residents of the Balranald Shire Council by supporting the BCEF in providing these annual grants. As chair of the BCEF I speak for all our members when I reiterate how much I value our partnership.

Yours sincerely,



Rachael Williams, Chair, Balranald Country Education Fund



Mr Stephen O'Halloran
Mayor, Balranald Shire Council
PO Box 120
BALRANALD NSW 2715

My dear Mayor

Re: Peace Run, invitation to meeting at NGA in Canberra next week

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I write to seek your support for a remarkable event which will pass through Balranald in November this year. The **Sri Chinmoy Oneness-Home Peace Run** is a global torch relay spanning 100 nations on six continents, a dynamic expression of the comity of mankind. Founded in 1987 by Sri Chinmoy, the purpose of the Run is purely inspirational. It is non-political, non-religious and non-commercial.

Along its route, the Peace Run visits schools, community groups, and government organisations. This year in Australia, a one-month journey will bring together a team of runners from sixteen countries to trace a 3,600 kilometre route from Uluru to Canberra. As they pass a flaming torch from hand to hand, so the runners pass the message of peace from heart to heart across deserts, farmland, city streets and country lanes, uniting people from many sectors of this great land in an eloquent expression of hope for a better world. The Peace Run has enjoyed the support of prominent Australians such as Sir William Deane, Dame Quentin Bryce, Bob Randall, Ron Clarke, Alan Border, Manduwoy Yunupingu, Robert de Castella, Gough Whitlam, Bob Hawke, John Howard, Paul Keating, Cathy Freeman and Mal Meninga.

Our humble invitation:

In preparation for the Peace Run's visit to Balranald, we would be honoured to meet with you briefly during the National General Assembly of Local Government meeting in Canberra, any time from 16 – 18 June. We would invite you to hold the Peace Torch for a photo, introduce the Peace Run and discuss possibilities for the visit in November.

If you are able to spare a few minutes, please contact me any time on 0406 058 369 to arrange a time to meet in Canberra. I eagerly look forward to your response.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Stacey Marsh".

Stacey Marsh
National Coordinator

National Office: GPO BOX 3127, Canberra City, ACT 2601
Mob: 0406 058 369
australia@peacerun.org

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GREYHOUND AUSTRALIA PTY LTD
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19 May 2014

Cr S. O'Halloran, Mayor of Griffith
PO Box 120
Balranald, NSW 2715

Dear Mayor,

I wish to formally advise Greyhound Australia will change its passenger services between Sydney and Adelaide via Mildura as of 10 June 2014. We will be increasing our frequency between Mildura and Adelaide to 7 days a week, however discontinuing operations between Mildura and Canberra.

For the past decade, Greyhound has tried to make this route commercially viable including reducing frequency from seven to five and currently operating four days per week, as well as offering numerous discounted fares.

Forward bookings are very poor on this service with only 25 people reserving seats for the remainder of the year. Greyhound will provide full refunds to those booked to travel after 10 June 2014.

Key Facts – Sydney<->Adelaide via Mildura

- Some sector loads have dropped to as low as six passengers per month.
- Customer numbers for some stops have reduced to zero in the past 6 months.
- The Mildura to Wagga Wagga sector has as little as 6 people on the bus.
- This journey takes twenty one hours by coach and multiple airlines service this daily with a significantly reduced travel time, making it difficult for Greyhound to compete for customers.

Greyhound empathises with passengers, local communities and businesses affected by this decision but we simply cannot continue to subsidise routes with very few passengers.

If any of your constituents has concerns about this change they are welcome to email Greyhound directly at marketing@greyhound.com.au.

Greyhound will work with those staff directly affected by the closure of the Sydney<->Adelaide route to explore redeployment opportunities.

Overall, Greyhound's future in ACT, New South Wales, Victoria and South Australia looks bright with increased daily services between Adelaide and Mildura, continuing daily services to Wagga Wagga and increased frequency between Sydney and Canberra.

Kind Regards,

Kevin Lyons
Greyhound Australia General Manager Sales
19 May 2014

Item G - 7	ACTION REPORT MAY 2014 - COUNCIL MEETING		
Reporting Officer	General Manager – Aaron Drenovski	File	120

Purpose of Report:

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

MINUTE	DIRECTOR/ FILE NO	SUBJECT	DATE INITIATED	COMMENTS CURRENT STATUS
05.14.3857	DID	Press Release regarding 3 rd approach bridge Euston.		Completed
		Policy for Euston Lawn Cemetery Monuments		In Progress
		Provide permanent marking numbers in Euston Lawn Cemetery.		In Progress
		Liaise with Men's Shed regarding works in Euston		In Progress
		Plaques from Cenotaph Park be removed or replaced.		In Progress – being cleaned
		Advise RMS of sign damage at roundabout.	14.5.2014	Completed
		Erect No Truck Parking signs at Pickering's frontage		Pending Traffic Committee Decision
		Approach semi-permanent campers at Lake Benanee	27.5.2014	Completed
		Recommence regular dog patrolling	7.5.2014	Completed
		Consider replacement of pavers in Murray Terrace		No budget provisions
05.14.3864	DECD	Insert the variation to Caravan Park contract	6/6/2014	Completed and Lessees advised
05.14.3867	DID	Engage legal assistance towards planning approval with Cristal Mining		Completed
05.14.3868	DID	Commence with works to supply filtered water to Malcolm Street		In Progress
05.14.3869	DID	Place Draft Lawn Cemetery Policy on display		In Progress
05.14.3870	DID	Place Draft Companion Animals Management Plan on display		In Progress
05.14.3871	DCS	Draft policy and donations application form & present to June Meeting	5.6.2014	Report done, policy amended for report & donation application form drafted

05.14.3872	DCS	Display the Operational Plan to public	21.5.2014	Sent out for public display
05.14.3876	DCS	Write to Moulamein Retirement Village regarding bus donation.	4.6.2014	Letter sent
05.14.3880	DID	Liaise with Messrs Barrett & Smithers regarding trailer parking area	22.5.2014	Letter Sent
05.14.3880	DID	Advise landowners that their request cannot be acceded to.	22.5.2014	Letter Sent

Recommendation: For the information of Council.

06.14.3911 RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Jolliffe and Campbell that the report be received and recommendation be adopted.

06.14.3912 RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Jolliffe and Campbell that the Regional Manager of the Roads and Maritime Service be approached regarding a confirmed price for running water pipes under the bridge to Malcolm Street.

Item G – 8	QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE	
Reporting Officer	General Manager - Aaron Drenovski	File 030

Cr Cooke	The grass growing up between the trees at the Turandurey St Park needs removing. Can this be attended to?	
	Can truck companies and other organisations be contacted regarding the viability or need for a transport hub?	
	South West Arts Annual Report – Does Balranald have any applications in?	
Cr Jolliffe	Is there any progress yet on the appointment of someone into the Ranger position?	
Cr Byron	Can consideration be put towards NRMA membership for Council vehicles?	
	Can a grant be considered for a boat ramp below the weir at Euston?	
Cr Barnes	Can a letter be sent to Mr Humphries regarding feedback on the Lake Benanee Petition?	
	Can more regular information be given to Councillors regarding Council matters i.e. staff? Maybe in an email, once a week in dot point format?	
Cr Campbell	Can the barriers on the footpath near the Theatre Royal be cleared?	
	Can the broken board on the dance floor at the Theatre Royal be fixed or replaced prior to the Deb Ball?	
	Can the Theatre Royal be given a clean before the Deb Ball as debris has blown into the Theatre?	
	Dumping of tyres at tip. Where is tip management report up to?	
	Demolition of house – where was the material disposed of?	Report back to Council
	Main Street – B.V. O'Haire staff are unable to enter the driveway from across the street. Why is the centre island over the driveway?	

06.14.3913 RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Campbell and Jolliffe that the Late Report items be inserted into the Agenda.

Cr Byron left the meeting at 8:47pm.

Item I - 9	EUSTON RIVERSIDE PUBLIC RESERVE	
Reporting Officer	Director Infrastructure & Development - John Stevenson	File 189

Purpose of Report: To consider an opportunity to submit a Club Grant for the purpose of improvements to this reserve.

Report:

Council has had discussions with the Euston Club Manager regarding possible improvement works to the Euston Riverside Public Reserve that could be considered for a Club Grant.

The attached plan indicates the key elements;

- Improve bitumen sealed area with delineated parking, kerb edging and drainage
- Terraced and landscaped riverfront with BBQ facilities to increase the ability to enjoy the riverfront grassed area
- Modified and improved boat ramp to cater for side by side loading / unloading
- New unisex disabled public toilet facility

It is estimated that this overall project may cost in the vicinity of \$400,000 and this initial grant may commence the project with one of the above four components, depending on Councils priority.

Council's requirements towards the public consultation process in line with the Community Strategic Plan can also take place at this time. This project and the outcomes it will achieve, if supported by the community as a priority will form part of the Euston Action Plan already adopted by Council via the Euston Beautification & Tourism Management Committee. This club grant is required to be lodged by this June 30th.

Attachments: Euston River Reserve Concept Design

Budget Implications: The Club Grant is total project funding void of any matching funds. Council's only budget of \$3,000 covers miscellaneous maintenance on this reserve.

Recommendation:

1. Council endorse the submission of a \$120,000.00 Club Grant for the reserve improvements.
2. Council place on public exhibition the concept design seeking comment and a report be submitted to the August Council meeting.

06.14.3914 RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Cooke and Barnes that the report be received and recommendations be adopted.

Cr Byron returned to the meeting at 9:00pm.

Item I - 10	BALRANALD GOLF CLUB – MACHINERY BREAKDOWN	
Reporting Officer	Director Infrastructure & Development - John Stevenson	File 558

Purpose of Report: To consider a request for Council's financial assistance towards mower repairs.

Report:

Chairman of the Golf Club Committee has written to Council (letter attached) seeking assistance towards the repair of this mower, an essential component towards keeping the Golf Club in order. Essentially the request asks Council to assist with the purchase of driveshaft, mounting housing and transfer box parts to value \$2,200. The volunteers have disassembled the mower, and are willing to refit the components.

As the Chairman has indicated the amount of volunteer labour towards the upkeep of the golf course is immense and its appearance is a credit to the Committee. Inability to keep this standard up with mowers may well see a lowering of the standard and Council being required to provide mowing assistance.

Attachments: Letter from Golf Club Committee

Budget Implications: Council has no specific golf course maintenance vote in the management plan. Assistance for repairs may be drawn from Greenham Park reserve verge area maintenance and/or Councils Civic Services donations.

Recommendation:

That Council purchase the Kubota mower parts to a value of \$2,200 for the Balranald Golf Club Committee.

06.14.3915 RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Cooke and Barnes that the report be received and recommendation be adopted.

Attachment: Letter from Golf Club Committee

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Balranald Golf Club,
C/o Richard White,
04 Ballandella St.,
Balranald 2715

17th June 2014

General Manager,
Balranald Shire Council,
Balranald.

RE. Kubota Slasher front deck gear box.

Dear Sir,

Balranald is extremely privileged to have all the sporting activities in one area and close to the town centre. The golf course is part of this complex and for many years has been maintained by voluntary labour.

The club is proud of its work in keeping the course in good and playable condition and this has been done with two or three volunteers.

In the past the club has paid for all maintenance work on the machinery, most chemicals and for all fuel requirements.

The breakdown of this gear box is a major issue for the club as the slasher is used on fairway, tees and general work on a continuous basis. It is also a major financial issue for the club.

As you are aware the Shire owns the course but the club has and will continue to maintain and keep the course in good condition. This obviously saves the Shire many thousands of dollars a year.

It is worth noting the very favourable comments we get from visitors from numerous locations.

Recently some 8 or 10 players were here from Loxton. We do have bird and some rabbit issues that we are working on.

We therefore respectfully ask the Shire to fund and to obtain the parts or replace this piece of equipment. If parts we will put the gearbox back together and re-bolt back on etc.

Thanking you for your co-operation,



Richard White Chairman

06.14.3916 RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Byron and Campbell that the meeting go into closed committee.

CLOSED MEETING - CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS

Item	CG - 1	BALRANALD DISCOVERY CENTRE INTERPRETATION
Reporting Officer	Aaron Drenovski General Manager	File 771(c)

Reason for Confidentiality

*This report is CONFIDENTIAL in accordance with Section 10A (2) (c) of the Local Government Act 1993, which permits the meeting to be closed to the public and press for business relating to the following: -
(c) information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business.*

- 06.14.3917 RESOLVED** on the motion of Cr Cooke and Byron that the resolution passed in relation to Council resolution 09.12.3297 11th October 2012 Special Council meeting, “That Council accept the floor plans and design concept for the interpretive building”, be rescinded.
- 06.14.3918 RESOLVED** on the motion of Cr Cooke and Campbell that Council terminate the current contract.
- 06.14.3919 RESOLVED** on the motion of Cr Cooke and Mannix that Council:
- a) Adopt the concept design plans provided by Armsign.
 - b) Waiver the requirement for Council Purchasing Policy to apply to this project only, with the requirements of the Local Government Act & Regulations to be adhered to.
 - c) Authorise the Project Management Team to make decisions on minor alterations that may arise during the delivery of the project.
- 06.14.3920 RESOLVED** on the motion of Cr Barnes and Campbell that the meeting resume back into open council and the Mayor reported the recommendations of the closed committee.

COUNCIL'S ORGANISATIONAL STRUCTURE

06.14.3921 RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Byron and Barnes that Council's Organisational Structure be discussed at the July meeting and that the next meeting commence at 5pm.

CLOSURE: There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.17pm.

Confirmed, Chairman of the Ordinary
Meeting of the Balranald Shire Council
held on Tuesday 15th July 2014 at which
the meeting the signature was subscribed
hereto:


Chairman


General Manager