

**Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Balranald Shire Council held in the Council Chambers, Market Street, Balranald on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2015, commencing at 5pm.**

**PRESENT:** Cr A Purtill (Deputy Mayor), Cr J Mannix, Cr L Cooke, Cr T Jolliffe, Cr S O'Halloran, Cr K Barnes, Cr E Campbell.

General Manager Aaron Drenovski, Director Infrastructure & Development John Stevenson were also in attendance.

**APOLOGIES:** Cr L Byron (Mayor), Director Corporate & Community Development Elizabeth White.

### **DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS**

### **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

Calendar of Events March - April	
<b>March</b>	
17	Council Meeting
31	CSP Meeting
<b>April</b>	
1	Balranald Beautification Committee Meeting
7	Euston Beautification & Tourism Committee Meeting
7	Balranald Tourism Committee Meeting
10-19	National Youth Week
13	Hostel Committee Meeting
21	Council Meeting
25	Anzac Day

## **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

### **Recommendation:**

That:

“The minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> February 2015 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 17<sup>th</sup> February 2015 copies having previously been circulated to each Councillor be taken as read and confirmed”.

**03.15.3510 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Jolliffe and Barnes that the minutes of the Ordinary and Confidential Meetings held on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> February 2015 be accepted.

## **PRESENTATION/DELEGATIONS**

Presentation from the local police regarding Council Venues and Closing times.

## **MAYORAL MINUTE/REPORT**

In the absence of the Mayor the report was read by Aaron Drenovski.

- February 17<sup>th</sup>* -The General Manager and I met with Vernon Knight (Mallee Care) and he informed us he was retiring in June.
- February 20<sup>th</sup>* -Cherie Murphy and I attended St Joseph's assembly to present Nicholas Hodgson with his Young Sportsperson of the Year Certificate.
- February 21<sup>st</sup>* -Balranald Races a very warm day except I didn't pick a winner.
- February 22<sup>nd</sup> - 24<sup>th</sup>* - GM and I travelled to Condobolin for the Western Division Conference
- February 25<sup>th</sup>* -GM and I attended the RAMROC meeting at Jerilderie
- February 26<sup>th</sup>* -Robinvale/Euston Alliance meeting (Glen Stewart to give a report on this to Councillors at workshop).
- February 27<sup>th</sup>* -Attended the farewell for John Williams at Deniliquin.
- February 28<sup>th</sup>* - Attended the Pasta Party at the Euston Club for the Grand Prix Triathlon.
- March 3<sup>rd</sup>* - Euston Beautification meeting.
- March 5<sup>th</sup>* - Caravan Park meeting.
- March 6<sup>th</sup>* - Opened the Robinvale/Euston Ski Race weekend (unfortunately a skier was killed on the Saturday).
- March 8<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup>* GM, DCCD and I went to Albury for a conference on Integrity Management.
- March 10<sup>th</sup>* - Workshop – presentations from Iluka, Robinvale/Euston Alliance and Robinvale and District Health Services.
- March 14<sup>th</sup>* - Attended the South West Arts meeting at Kyalite.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS FOR ADOPTION**

### **REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE TRAFFIC COMMITTEE DISTRIBUTED ELECTRONICALLY MONDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> FEBRUARY 2015**

#### **BUSINESS**

Two matters before Council namely the;

1. Coomealla Triathlon held in Euston on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2015; and
2. Balranald Anzac Day March proposed for Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> April 2015;

Both of these required Councils prompt attention to maintain the appropriate lead time for police and RMS approval.

As the timeframe for the triathlon was already inside the desirable lead time an electronic vote with conditions, for these events was called for.

Both events were approved by consensus, and as such the Euston event was held. All arrangements for Anzac Day are in place.

There being no further business a further Traffic Committee meeting will be set for a future time and date as the agenda arises.

**RECOMMENDATION** that the electronic meeting towards these matters be endorsed;

**MINUTES FROM THE BALRANALD SHIRE COUNCIL CULTURAL COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF BALRANALD ON MONDAY FEBRUARY 23<sup>RD</sup> 2015 COMMENCING AT 11AM.**

**PRESENT:** Doreen Greenham (Chair), Cr Elaine Campbell, Jan Lawler, Margaret Butler, and the Finance Co-Ordinator Theresa Haley.

**APOLOGIES:** Mayor Leigh Byron, Cr Allan Purtill, Cr Steve O'Halloran, Linda Nelson, Michelle Greenham, Aaron Drenovski and Elizabeth White.

**ELECTION OF CHAIR:** Doreen Greenham nominated Jan Lawler, Mrs Jan Lawler declined. Jan Lawler nominated Doreen Greenham seconded by Marg Butler. No further nominations received. Doreen Greenham declared Chair.

The minutes of the Meeting held on Monday November 25<sup>th</sup> 2013 were read and accepted.

**Moved** Margaret Butler

**Seconded** Cr Elaine Campbell

**BUSINESS ARISING:**

**Ann Frank Exhibition –**

Went really well, plenty of visitors to view the exhibition.

Jan Lawler asked whether the \$2000 from Council for the purchase of public art is ongoing, or whether a letter needs to be written to council. Theresa replied with yes it is ongoing, there is no need to write a letter.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Wendy Shorthouse has set up faces of the South West, this is currently being exhibited at the Art Gallery.

Jan suggested that we seek information on movies and have movie day for kids in next school holidays at theatre.

It was also suggested that we collect old family movies from local people, eg weddings, deb balls etc. and have them put on a disk and arrange a Nostalgia evening to show them.

Jan also suggested that we contact Arts Mildura and Swan Hill Regional Art Gallery to have them put us on a mailing list for events and happenings in the area.

Elaine asked if the school has a music teacher and perhaps the school kids could put a music night together. Elaine will follow up.

It was recommended that Connie be invited to join the committee.

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David Eastburn – bringing photos depicting Independence of New Guinea and displaying at the Art Gallery from 24<sup>th</sup> April to the end of May 2015. Jan advised that an Art Antique and collectables fair has been arranged to coincide with the 5 rivers festival.

It was also suggested that an antique fair be organised for the end of the year.

Margaret Butler advised the committee that she is still passionate about her pursuit to secure funding to purchase a baby grand piano for the Theatre Royal.

Doreen enquired about the Kapooka Army Band and suggested that we continue with the request to host them.

**NEXT MEETING:** 16<sup>th</sup> March 2015 at the Council Chambers commencing at 11 am.

**MEETING CLOSED:** There being no further business the discussions was declared closed at 11.40am.

**RECOMMENDATION:** That the report be noted.

**REPORT OF CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT THE COUNCIL DEPOT STAFFROOM, ON THURSDAY 26<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2015 COMMENCING AT 2.30PM**

**PRESENT:** Adam McCartney (Chairman), David Unicomb, Tallis Stevenson, John Stevenson (DID), Aaron Drenovski (GM)

**APOLOGIES:-** Wayne Price & Elizabeth White (DCCD)

**CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:**

Moved Tallis Stevenson, seconded Aaron Drenovski, that the minutes of the meeting of 16<sup>th</sup> December 2014 be accepted as a true and correct record of that meeting. Carried.

**BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES:**

GPS distress system - Aaron explained that costs indicated to be approximately \$900.00 per unit and \$80.00 per month running costs. Elizabeth White was unavailable to provide information regarding system updates.

DID to investigate what systems are operated by other bodies such as Essential Energy and report back.

Tallis S tabled an option utilising a mobile phone adaptation known as satellite sleeve. Costs and practicalities to be investigated and reported.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Wayne F. to investigate options for Union members not to be on the on-call roster on Union Picnic Day (as was case last year).

DID advised that annual staff reviews have been finalised. GM also advised that anyone subject to a salary review will be backdated to end October 2014. Future review anniversaries will be adjusted to coincide with the financial year from July 1<sup>st</sup>.

There being no further business meeting closed at 2:50pm. Next meeting to be held at Council's Depot, date and time to be advised.

**RECOMMENDATION:** That the report be noted.

**REPORT OF WORK HEALTH & SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD  
AT THE COUNCIL DEPOT STAFFROOM, ON THURSDAY 26<sup>TH</sup>  
FEBRUARY 2015 COMMENCING AT 3.00PM**

**PRESENT:** David Unicomb (Chairman), Tallis Stevenson, Adam McCartney, Chris Midgley, Ashley Morris, Ema Serevi, Alan Lodge (Acting WH&S Officer), John Stevenson (DID) and Aaron Drenovski (GM)

**APOLOGIES:-** Nil.

**CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:**

Moved Adam McCartney, seconded Tallis Stevenson, that the minutes of the meeting of 16<sup>th</sup> December 2014 be accepted as a true and correct record of that meeting. Carried.

**BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES:**

**Site Inspections**

Alan Lodge indicated that the standard format for site audits under Work Health & Safety will continue at this time. Following round table discussion, the following inspection program was organized.

<b>Site</b>	<b>Inspectors</b>
Balranald Cemetery	David U. & DID J.S.
Depot & Yards	Ash M. & Ema S.
Library	Tallis S. & Chris M.
Administrative Office	Alan L. & Adam M.
Parks & Gardens	David U. & GM. A.D.

These inspections to be completed and results provided to Alan Lodge prior to the next meeting.

**Committee Training**

Ashley Morris asked on progress towards Committee member training. GM Aaron advised that Committee training is likely to align with adjoining Councils for the economic benefit. However as the budget is currently depleted training will likely take place in the next financial year?

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Adam McCartney raised the matter of open excavation and other work sites requiring perimeter webbing to restrict access rather than just cones. DID to action.

Adam McCartney advised the meeting that younger members of staff have not been inducted to undertake works on Yanga Way. Alan Lodge to liaise with Simon Overland, Infrastructure Engineer, to arrange.

GM Aaron advised that Golf Club volunteer staff are covered by separate insurance and are not volunteers working under Councils umbrella despite the Golf grounds being on a reserve under Councils control.

Alan Lodge advised the meeting that safe work method statements are in the process of revision. Further, he stated that competency based plant operation should be subject to regular testing and liaison with other Councils will take place to arrange plant operator testing prior to the 9<sup>th</sup> month operator ticket expiration.

Adam McCartney raised the issue of forklift operation being a high risk plant operation and that insufficient staff held forklift operator tickets. Alan Lodge to liaise with Works Co-ordinator Wayne.

Alan Lodge to also investigate the requirement for dogman's qualifications relative to the tying down of larger loads i.e. earthmoving plant on floats.

There being no further business meeting closed at 3:30pm.

Next meeting to be held at Councils Depot immediately following the Consultative Committee Meeting - date to be advised.

**RECOMMENDATION:** that the report be noted.



**MINUTES OF THE BALRANALD SHIRE EUSTON  
BEAUTIFICATION & TOURISM MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE  
MEETING HELD AT MEDLEY PARK, EUSTON ON TUESDAY 3<sup>RD</sup>  
FEBRUARY 2015 COMMENCING AT 12:30PM**

**PRESENT:** Mayor Leigh Byron, Mr Barry Watts, Mrs Maureen Pupillo, Mrs Bev Harbinson, Mrs Edna Price and Ray Mitchell (HDO).

**APOLOGIES:** Cr Ken Barnes (Chair), and Mrs Vicki Barnes. Mrs Vivienne McMahon and John Stevenson DID

**SPECIAL GUEST:** Wendy Shorthouse (South West Arts)

**BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:**

1. Mallee Fowl Art discussion: the Committee welcomed Wendy Shorthouse from South West Arts (SWA), who has recently taken up the position as Regional Arts Development Officer/Executive Officer and provides support to our area.

Wendy indicated that financial support from SWA no longer includes direct financing of public artwork and is focused more towards providing workshops, assisting with design briefs and assisting with networking in an effort to improve local capacity.

Some other Council's that Wendy is working with are looking to secure private sponsorship from local businesses and organisations.

The Committee discussed the form of the sculpture, consensus being a low mound with a mallee fowl form on top at a slightly smaller proportion than the eagle at Balranald, with the location being slightly set back from the road side and History Sign.

Wendy indicated that she would meet with the Sculptor of the eagle to discuss the design and possibilities of the Euston project.

This may allow for a concept model, such as the initial mock up to be based in Balranald creating a linkage to the Euston sculpture. Additionally, ensuring similar design for signage and interpretation is important for creating linkages between Euston and Balranald.

Wendy also suggested Acquisition Competition/s in association with other local events as a method of economically populating the park further.

Bev suggested that hide and seek mini sculptures could be incorporated into the park as an element for the kids.

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Wendy advised the committee to be on the lookout for left field funding opportunities, such as better mental health and crown lands that may, with some lateral thinking, be of benefit to the park.

2. HDO advised the meeting that the History Sign amendments have been furnished to the design company, a proof is due to be returned Council for final approval in the very near future.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Bev indicated that consideration should be given to embellishing the Sturt Hwy round-a-bout. Discussions included the need to maintain traffic sight lines using low plantings, which also would not be a danger in the event of a drive over. Committee members present suggested art work incorporating fish set flush in existing pavement may also be a treatment.

2. Maureen suggested that some trees be planted in Medley Park to provide shade to the newly installed seating, with all in agreement.

3. Maureen suggested that the Committee look at installing exercise equipment in some of the public areas (parks and along walking tracks). The Committee will give consideration to this and existing projects and prioritise as funding becomes available.

There being no further general business the meeting closed at 1:20pm.

Next Meeting to be held at 9am on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2015 at the Euston Courthouse.

**RECOMMENDATION** that the report be noted.

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BALRANALD  
BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE HELD AT THE COUNCIL  
CHAMBERS, ON 4<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2015, COMMENCING AT  
7:00PM**

**PRESENT:** Cr Steven O'Halloran, Cr Elaine Campbell, Vicki Burke, Mary Grisdale, Greg Camin, Marg Vanzanten, Karen Norfolk and DID John Stevenson.

**APOLOGIES:** Mayor Leigh Byron, Cr Jeff Mannix, Gaye Renfrey and Jill Bath.

**The minutes of the February meeting were read and confirmed.  
Moved by consensus.**

**BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

1. Major Project – Greenham Park Gateway  
General discussion on commencement of works to be undertaken by Council staff. That is, remove bottlebrush and stone surface together with some pine railing and some branches of the overshadowing Sugar Gum.  
  
Mary G & Greg C elaborated on their plan for the left hand side adjacent to the toilet block (Mop Tops & Roses with sprinkler system).  
Cr Steve O'Halloran raised the necessity to remove the park entrance gates and have them cleaned and repainted.
2. The matter of the location of the St Vincent De Paul donations bin was raised. K Norfolk informed the Committee that St Vincent de Paul has agreed to it remaining at the rear providing foundation slab is placed. DID to pursue these concrete works.
3. General discussion on the establishment of footpath gardens under the pine tree near Foodworks. Committee wish to extend communities appreciation of the finished standard to the staff involved. DID to action.
4. General discussion on the standard of the landscaping around the Discovery Centre buildings. DID advised that discussions are currently underway with the landscape contractors for reestablishment of dead plants.  
  
Moved Marg V. seconded Greg C. that the Beautification Committee seek permission from Council to undertake the rectification of these gardens as working bee projects on the understanding that Council provide all plants and miscellaneous materials. Carried by consensus.
5. DID to provide hose taps in the Balranald Discovery Centre area for emergency garden watering.

**GENERAL BUSINESS:**

1. Vicki Burke tabled a list of native species suitable for infill trees on medians. Vicki and Gaye Renfrey to liaise with Steve Haines.
2. Cr Campbell requested that more seating be provided to Market St. DID to include in budget submission.
3. Mary G. presented plans on the use of tiered masonry block to the proposal for Greenham Park entrance. The Committee agreed to this proposal.
4. Cr O'Halloran mentioned the number of complimentary comments being received on the general Market St appearance. The visual street scape improvements are noticeable. Staff to be complemented.
5. Cr O'Halloran also asked if the Bills Trough at the old gaol could be relocated as a planter feature as per its former use. DID to action.
6. Greg C. / Cr O'Halloran raised the need for a planting strategy in the rear area of the lawn cemetery to create a shade canopy as the lawn area grows. DID to inspect site with Greg and report back with a plan.
7. Cr O'Halloran raised the need to revitalise the office entrance garden by way of removal of the weed mat and upper soil area. DID to liaise with Greg C. and Mary G. to establish a plan of action.
8. Cr O'Halloran asked if River bend improvements could eventuate. DID advised that the Health and Development Officer is currently liaising with relevant agencies to establish an improvement plan.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.45pm.

**NEXT MEETING:** Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> April 2015 at **7pm** at Council Chambers.

**RECOMMENDATION** that the report be noted.

**03.15.3511 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs O'Halloran and Campbell that the late committee reports be inserted into the agenda.

**REPORT OF THE BALRANALD SHIRE COUNCIL TOURISM  
COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT THE BALRANALD SHIRE  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON TUESDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> MARCH 2015  
COMMENCING AT 5.00PM**

- 1. PRESENT:** Mayor Leigh Byron, Cr Ken Barnes (Chairman) Cr Steve O'Halloran, Cr Jeff Mannix, Elizabeth White (Director of Corporate & Community Development), Ken Spinks, Simone Carmichael, Peter Lawler, Linda Nelson, Wayne Whitby, Sue O'Halloran
- 2. APOLOGIES:** Connie Mallet (Tourism Coordinator), Myrtle Matarazzo, Dinitee Haskard, Jo Gorman, Bronwyn Brougham, Dylan Walsh, Silvana Keating  
**Note:** Tourism Coordinator was away at the LGA Tourism Conference in Bathurst
- 3. MINUTES FROM LAST MEETING:**
  - It was suggested that the Schools need to be approached re a Volunteers program
  - We need to investigate who is responsible for the cleaning of the gaol
  - Investigate touch screen issues at the Interpretive Centre
- 4. TOURISM REPORT FOR FEBRUARY 2015**  
**Note:** The Tourism Coordinator, Connie Mallet had submitted her Tourism Report for February to Elizabeth White (Director of Corporate & Community Development)
- 5. NEW BUSINESS ARISING**
  - It was suggested that we investigate the use of anti-graffiti paint over the engraved names on the gaol walls to preserve the content
  - **Access to Redbank Weir:** Investigate how the key will be accessed  
*At the time of writing these minutes, the Tourism Coordinator commented that this had been discussed with the GM & it was suggested that the process could be put in place at the Visitor Information Centre for access, recording & monitoring of the Key to the Weir. This suggestion has also been included in the Tourism Strategy Plan.*
  - **Kyalite Regional Park:** To add as a Tourism Asset  
*At the time of writing these minutes, the Tourism Coordinator commented that the Kyalite Regional Park has been included in the Tourism Strategy Plan as a Shire attraction.*
  - Ken Spinks mentioned a trail within the town of Balranald that can be marketed as a Bird trail. – Tourism coordinator to research further with Mr Spinks.
  - Director of Corporate & Community Development to investigate penalty rates over the weekend.

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- Donation boxes to be erected near RV 24hr parking facilities (at the Discovery Centre & at Greenham Park)  
**At the time of writing these minutes, the Tourism Coordinator commented that there are also plans to have donation boxes at Gaol (and School when it is ready for viewing) for upkeep & maintenance.**
- Investigate the logistics/process of erecting a fence around the playground at the Discovery Centre.
- It was suggested that a sign be erected identifying the “Twin Palms” at the Discovery Centre.
- It was suggested that a large sign re Public Toilets be erected at the Senior Citizens building.
- A request was made for a “Get Well” card be sent to Ray Jones at the hospital in Adelaide  
**At the time of writing these minutes a card was sent to Ray Jones at his home address as he had already been discharged from the hospital**
- **A motion was moved by Cr Steve O’Halloran** that we get in touch with the Fisheries Dept to clean out the fishing ladder. This motion was **seconded by Mayor Leigh Byron**
- Wayne Whitby announced that the Good Friday Appeal was to take place at the Club.  
**At the time of writing these minutes, the Tourism Coordinator commented that the Good Friday Appeal at the Club is to be promoted as part of the Easter Activities taking place in Balranald over Easter.**
- The need to follow up the placement of soap dispensers & hand towels in the Discover Centre toilets – Tourism Coordinator to follow up.
- It was suggested that a risk-assessment be conducted in reference to the trees at the Discovery Centre playgroup that may be in danger of falling.
- Having a shade over the Discovery Centre playground is essential. –  
**It is a priority item given the recent announcement of funding for the playground & skate park.**

**6. CLOSURE:**

The meeting closed at 6.25pm

**7. NEXT MEETING: Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> April (due to Easter)**

**The meeting will be a full day workshop for the Tourism Strategy Plan. An Agenda & Workshop framework will be emailed to all committee members.**

**RECOMMENDATION that the report be noted.**

**MINUTES FROM THE BALRANALD SHIRE COUNCIL CARAVAN  
PARK COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT THE BALRANALD SHIRE  
COUNCIL CARAVAN PARK ON THURSDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2015  
COMMENCING AT 2PM**

**PRESENT:** Mayor Leigh Byron, Cr O'Halloran, Cr Joliffe, Cr Campbell, Cr. Jeff Mannix, General Manager Aaron Drenovski, Mrs Dee Jess, Mr Matt Jess and the Director of corporate and Community Development Elizabeth White.

**APOLOGIES:** NIL

**BUSINESS ARISING:**

**1. Water Tank & Slab**

Water Tank has been removed, Slab needs to be removed.

**2. Men's Shower Block**

Bench seats in shower block needs to be replaced with steel shelves. (4 Men's and 3 Ladies.)

Doors in shower cubicles are peeling from water.

Silicone is coming away from shower, and water in behind. Take backing off and place aluminium underneath.

Aaron Drenovski to ensure this work is completed before the fishing classic.

**3. Cabins**

a) Budget cabins 8 & 9 to be refurbished.

b) Need more standard 2 bedroom en-suite cabins, possibly 5 or 6 at an approximate cost of \$85,000 each – funds to be provided from reserves for the purchase of new cabins. Quotes to be obtained by Matt & Dee for consideration in the 2015/2016 budget.

**4. Grass Area**

Level and top dress grassed area at back of park to accommodate more powered sites, best time between now and February.

No urgency at this stage, Matt & Dee to advise when this should occur.

Wayne Friedberger (Works Co-Ordinator) to organise removal of stumps.

**Rotunda**

Request for built in BBQ fitted in Rotunda with power if possible.

Matt & Dee to provide quote and pricing for power.

Cabin on left across from office 6-11 require Shade Sails (strong ones like the Club Motel) Matt & Dee to provide quotes for consideration in the 2015/2016 budget.

Mattresses in cabins need replacement (Queen) Matt and Dee to provide quote for 10, to be approved by DCCD.

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Not enough Blankets and pillows etc. for extras - Linen to be purchased as per quote received.

Investigate re-instatement of water pump at Caravan Park

Extension to current lease be placed on the agenda for the next meeting

Council to follow up with the Men's shed re the oiling of the verandas on cabins. Cabins 18 and 19 have been completed

**CLOSURE:** Meeting concluded at 2.10 p.m.

**RECOMMENDATION** that the report be noted.

**03.15.3512 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Mannix and Campbell that the Committee Reports be received.



## **COMMITTEE & OTHER REPORTS FOR INFORMATION**

### **DELEGATES REPORTS**

Cr O'Halloran – Ouyen mines trip with DID. Suggest we write to Allan Kane to show our appreciation for the tour and bus.

Cr Mannix – Balranald Inc.

Cr Purtill – Adrian Picolli, when he announced the success of grants for Council and Central School.

### **NOTICES OF MOTION/RESCISSION**

**GENERAL MANAGER’S REPORTS (Incorporating  
all Staff Reports)**

**Corporate and Community Development Division**

**ITEM C - 1      STATEMENT OF FUNDS**

**File number:** 85

**Reporting Officer:** Elizabeth White Director of Corporate and Community Development

**Operational Plan Objective:** Pillar Six: Our Leadership – a community that values and fosters leadership, lifelong learning, innovation and good governance

**Officer Recommendation:**

For information

**03.15.3513 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Mannix and Jolliffe that the report be received.

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**Bank Reconciliation**

Balance B/F From Previous Month 460,381

**ADD Receipts for Month:**

149 Certificate Total	254	
603 Certificate Total	420	
Apprentice Board Total	2,250	
Block Grant Total	285,750	
Caravan Park Total	25,883	
DA Total	1,679	
Debtors Total	177,849	
Discovery Centre Total	6,462	
Dog Rego Total	353	
FAG Total	827,715	
Hostel Total	76,782	
Interest Total	12,027	
LSL Levy Total	1,603	
Pool Fees Total	518	
Rates & Water Total	139,433	
Rent Total	460	
RMCC	157,727	
RMS Agency Fee Total	4,613	
Work Cover Total	8,561	
		1,730,338

**LESS Payments for the Month:**

Admin Total	-23,699	
ATO Total	-31,784	
Bank Fees Total	-716	
Caravan park Total	-22,692	
Contractors Total	-13,200	
Debt Collections Total	-1,627	
Discovery Centre Total	-137,265	
Electricity Total	-47,724	
Hostel Total	-13,873	
Insurance Total	-28,834	
Investments Total	-500,000	
Leases Total	-15,032	
LGS Total	-13,319	
Other Total	-12,944	
R&M Total	-40,956	
Roads Total	-103,480	
Salary Total	-229,319	
Telstra Total	-3,960	
Water Total	-6,651	
		-1,247,073

**Cash Book Balance as at End of Month 943,647**

Less Outstanding Deposits as at end of Month -6,543

Plus Un-presented Cheques as at end of Month 13,999

**Bank Balance as at End of Month 951,102**

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**Investment**

**Held:**

Bankwest	1,000,000
Bendigo	1,500,000
NAB	1,000,000
Westpac	1,000,000
	<u><b>4,500,000</b></u>

<b><u>FUNDS HELD</u></b>	<b>Investment</b>	<b>Bank</b>	<b>Combined</b>	<b>Restricted</b>	<b>Balance</b>
<b>General</b>	2,900,000	229,730	3,129,730	1,179,000	1,950,730
<b>DWM</b>	0	59,835	59,835		59,835
<b>Water</b>	100,000	303,668	403,668		403,668
<b>Sewer</b>	1,500,000	313,561	1,813,561		1,813,561
<b>Total</b>	<u><b>4,500,000</b></u>	<u><b>906,794</b></u>	<u><b>5,406,794</b></u>	<u><b>1,179,000</b></u>	<u><b>4,227,794</b></u>

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

**Item C – 2      TOURISM REPORT AS AT FEBRUARY 2015**

**File number: 774**

**Reporting Officer:** Director of Corporate & Community Development

**Operational Plan Objective:** Pillar 3: Our Economy – 3.2.1 Tourism

**Officer Recommendation:**

**For Council Information**

**03.15.3514 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Mannix and Campbell that the report be received.

**Purpose of Report**

To provide Council with a progress report on Tourism.

**Report**

Attached to this report is the Tourism Monthly Reporting Dashboard for the month of February 2015.

The following is a summary of the Statistics provided in this report;

Walk-In increased by 188% compared to February 2014. Although there was a decrease of 45% in comparison to January 2015, this was mainly due to the end of school holidays. Nevertheless, the comparative annual increase is substantial. As per last month's figures, the largest percentage of visitors is coming from within NSW. The largest percentage of interstate visitors was from Victoria, followed by Queensland and South Australia. International visitors made up 8% of visitors, with highest numbers coming from Germany, followed by the USA, Korea and Finland.

Income increased by 103% compared to February 2014. Although there was a decrease of 18% in comparison to the previous month, this is mainly due to the end of school holidays. Nevertheless, the comparative annual increase is substantial.

As per the previous month (Jan 2015) food, dressings and oils was the largest seller, followed by Balranald Postcards, Frog car stickers, frog magnets and pens.

<b><u>Financial Implication</u></b>	Nil
<b><u>Legislative Implication</u></b>	Nil
<b><u>Policy Implication</u></b>	Nil
<b><u>Attachments</u></b>	Tourism Monthly Reporting Dashboard.



**TOURISM MONTHLY REPORTING DASHBOARD: FOR THE MONTH OF: FEBRUARY 2015**

**INCOME**

**Yearly Comparison**

February 2014	February 2015	Percentage Difference
\$ 1,139.40	\$2,317.00	103% ↑ (increase is continuing)

**Month to Month Comparison**

January 2015	February 2015	Percentage Difference
\$2,827.60	\$2317.00	18% ↓*

\* Although there was a drop in walk-ins in February due to the end of the school holidays, nevertheless the income was still strong & encouraging. The team is working hard in continuously reviewing and measuring what visitors are purchasing and what is popular.

**Top 5 Merchandise/Souvenir Sellers for the Month**

January 2015	February 2015
1. Food Dressings & Oils 2. Frog Car Stickers 3. Fly Catchers 4. Sand Frogs 5. Pens	1. Food Dressings & Oils 2. Balranald Postcards (new ones with new images are currently being organised) 3. Frog Car Stickers 4. Frog & Balranald Magnets 5. Pens

**ITEM C - 3      REPORT ON EASTER ACTIVITIES IN BALRANALD**

**File number:**

**Reporting Officer:** Director of Corporate & Community Development

**Operational Plan Objective:** Pillar 3: Our People – A Community that is pro-active, engaged, inclusive and connected.

**Officer Recommendation:**

**For Council Information.**

**03.15.3515 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Mannix and Barnes that the report be received.

**Purpose of Report**

To advise Council of planned Easter activities in Balranald.

**Report**

The Tourism Team are currently organising Easter activities in Balranald.

Activities will include an Easter Colouring competition leading up to Easter within the schools. All drawings will be displayed on the wall in the Discovery centre cafe. The winners will be announced on Easter Sunday at the planned Easter egg hunt.

Other activities will include a Balranald market day on Saturday, a twilight market in the evening and a full-moon tour of Yanga National Park, followed by festivities on Sunday, A jumping castle, face painting, helium balloons, and chalk art will be provided at the Discovery Centre as part of the festivities.

Business in Balranald will support the event by the provision of vouchers.

A flyer, plus a voucher flyer will be sent to all Shire Residents next week. Other advertising will include media releases, promotional ads in the local papers and promotion on Council's website and Facebook page.

<b><u>Financial Implication</u></b>	Nil
<b><u>Legislative Implication</u></b>	Nil
<b><u>Policy Implication</u></b>	Nil
<b><u>Attachments</u></b>	Easter Flyer



# EASTER in BALRANALD

## Don't miss all the FUN!

**FRI 3rd April:** **GOOD FRIDAY APPEAL** @ The Balranald Ex-Servicemen's Club  
116 Market Street, Balranald from **Noon**. Raffles, Chocolate Wheel & Special Members Draw.

**YANGA TOUR** with **Outback Geo Adventures** includes **Morning Tea** @ Yanga Homestead & **Fish + Chips** Lunch overlooking Yanga Lake – **9.00am – 1.00pm**. Call German on 0407 267 087 for bookings

**SAT 4th April:** **BALRANALD MARKET DAY!** Great deals & goodies to be had!  
**SHOP TILL YOU DROP** Starting @ **9.00am** in the main street of Balranald!

**TWILIGHT MARKET** @ The Balranald Discovery Centre Complex  
83 Market Street Balranald **6.00pm – 9.00pm**. Wonderful stalls with locally home made/grown produce, goods & crafts. A **Gourmet BBQ** will be served at the **Discovery Café** (call Jo on 0409 487 993 for **BBQ bookings**)

**FULL MOON TOUR** of **MUNGO NATIONAL PARK** with **Outback Geo Adventures!** **2.00pm – 11pm**. Call German on 0407 267 087 for bookings

**SUN 5th April:** **EASTER EGG HUNT!!** @ The Balranald Discovery Centre Complex  
83 Market Street Balranald **10.30am – 1.30pm** with Jumping castles, face painting, helium balloons, chalk art + MORE!



## **Infrastructure and Development Reports**

### **Item I - 1 MAINTENANCE AND CONSTRUCTION PROGRAM**

**File number:** 726

**Reporting Officer:** Director Infrastructure and Development – John Stevenson

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

#### **Officer Recommendation:**

That the report be noted.

**03.15.3516 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Barnes and Mannix that the report be received.

#### **Purpose of Report**

To provide Council with a progress report on works, since the February meeting.

#### **Report**

##### **1. Road Maintenance**

- Crack and patch sealing of areas due for reseal in this programme is well advanced, and will be completed well before the contractors arrive.
- Burke and Wills Rd. maintenance works are soon to commence on sections regularly travelled by Iluka. Contractors engaged by the miners will undertake the work to Councils standard requirements. Grid cleaning will also be included in this work.

##### **2. Roads to Recovery Program**

###### **Euston – Prungle Rd**

Construction works are advancing on a 2km extension of the road northerly from the end of the existing bitumen. The project involves formation earthworks, gravel construction, new drains and a bitumen seal, 9.62km to 11.62km from the Sturt Highway. As reported elsewhere, a further program to tie in the remaining 3km section to the northerly bitumen is being finalised via grant funding. It is anticipated these additional works will commence this financial year.

**Marma Box Creek Road**

Preliminary investigations and survey have commenced in readiness for a 1.5km extension of the road westerly from the end of the existing bitumen. Water supply in the area, for the purpose is also being negotiated.

**Balranald Ivanhoe Road**

Preliminary investigations and survey have been completed in readiness for a 2.2km extension of the sealed road southerly from the end of the existing bitumen seal at the northern border. Preliminary earthworks have commenced.

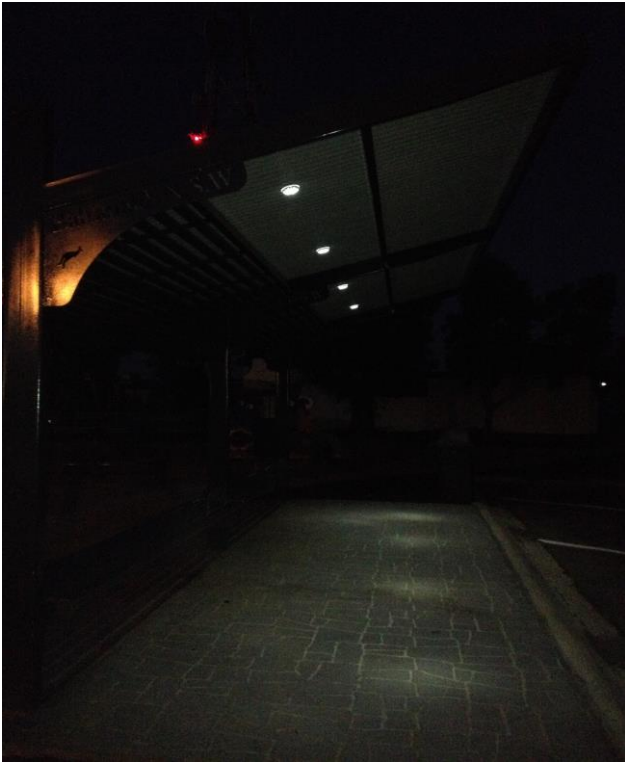
**3. Miscellaneous Works**

- Malcolm Street area filtered water – main installation 90% complete at time of writing, including river undercrossing. The only outstanding items, air valve installation, are currently underway.
- Culvert and grid maintenance, Treatment has continued on various shire roads.
- Fire Hazard reduction – table drain grading and shoulder vegetation spraying MR514 from MR67 to Oxley is nearing completion.
- Installation of additional lighting at Discovery Centre.
- Remove old concrete wastewater tank and slab at caravan park.
- Place new concrete pathway to cabin at caravan park.

<b><u>Financial Implication</u></b>	As per budgeted works program.
<b><u>Legislative Implication</u></b>	Nil.
<b><u>Policy Implication</u></b>	Rural Roads Policy.
<b><u>Attachments</u></b>	Nil.



Discovery Centre Lighting



Euston Prungle Road Construction



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MR514 Fire Hazard Reduction Works



**Item I - 2 CONSTRUCTION CERTIFICATES**

**File number: 600**

**Reporting Officer:** Director Infrastructure and Development – John Stevenson

**Operational Plan Objective:** Pillar 6

**Officer Recommendation:**

That the report be noted.

**03.15.3517 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Barnes and Mannix that the report be received.

**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 February 2015 meeting of Council.

Application	Owner/Applicant	Locality	Description
DA 21/2015	Mr Gordon Dickie	3953 Murray Valley Highway, Robinvale	Mooring Zone 2 at Tol Tol
DA 20/2013-14	Mark Tyrell	27 Murray Terrace, Euston	Mooring adjacent Lot 7 DP 758402 Euston Caravan Park
DA 22/2015	William Ross Stevens	128 Ajax Rd, Hepburn Springs	Mooring Zone 2 at Tol Tol
DA 23/2015	Leonard Hopcroft	19 Rowe St, Robinvale	Mooring Zone 1 at Lawrence Rd
DA 24/2015	John Grimm	PO Box 382, Robinvale	Mooring Zone 1 at Lawrence Rd
DA 25/2015	John Katis	57 George St, Robinvale	Mooring Zone 1 at Lawrence Road
DA 26/2015	Bruce Ginn	14 Higgins Rd, Robinvale	Mooring Zone 1 at Lawrence Road

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DA 27/2015	Matthew McWilliam	153 Malaya Rd, Robinvale	Mooring Zone 2 at Tol Tol
DA 28/2015	Joseph H. Bond	42 Ronald St, Robinvale	Mooring Zone 1 at Lawrence Rd
DA 29/2015	Ian Reynolds	265 Sheffield Rd, Montrose	Mooring Zone 1 at Lawrence Rd
DA 30/2015	Wayne Donehue	PO Box 193, Robinvale	Mooring Zone 1 at Oliver Rd
DA 31/2015	Kane Millard	PO Box 1050, Robinvale	Mooring Zone 1 at Oliver Rd

<b><u>Financial Implication</u></b>	Nil.
<b><u>Legislative Implication</u></b>	The approvals process.
<b><u>Policy Implication</u></b>	Nil.
<b><u>Attachments</u></b>	Nil.

**ITEM I – 3 WEEDS ADVISORY COMMITTEE REGION**

**File number:** 295

**Reporting Officer:** John Stevenson, Director Infrastructure & Development

**Operational Plan Objective:**

Pillar 5 – “Our Infrastructure” 5.1 To Preserve our Natural Environment.

**Officer Recommendation:**

That;

1. Council endorse their inclusion in the Macquarie Valley Weeds Advisory Committee region (specifically in the Western sub region); and,
2. Council provide support towards the forming of the WAP 2015-2020 funding submission.

**03.15.3518 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Jolliffe and Campbell that the report be received and recommendation be adopted.

**Purpose of Report**

To endorse the inclusion of Balranald Local Government area in the new Weeds Advisory Committee region incorporating the Western, Central Western and Central Tablelands, local lands service regions (known as the Macquarie Valley Weeds Advisory Committee).

**Report**

Both Balranald and Western councils have been advised of their removal from the Riverina area Weeds Management Group as part of the NSW Department Primary Industry Strategy to replace the existing 14 regional weed advisory Committees with 11 statutory regional weed committees, aligned with the local lands service borders.

Council’s Weeds Officer, Ema Serevi will report to a regional project officer based at Cabonne Council (Molong).

Funding arrangements will follow an evaluation of project submissions due by 1<sup>st</sup> May, and Councils support towards 3 submissions for the region is sought.

A two year transition period is planned during which the Macquarie Valley WAC propose to form appropriate projects for each local land service. Council’s Weeds Officer, and possibly Council’s delegate will attend a workshop in Dubbo soon, to formulate the 2015-2020 WAP funding submissions



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<b><u>Financial Implication</u></b>	Nil. Council's weeds funding will remain.
<b><u>Legislative Implication</u></b>	Nil
<b><u>Policy Implication</u></b>	Nil.
<b><u>Attachments</u></b>	1. Letter from Macquarie Valley Weeds Advisory Committee; and 2. Map with new area.



**MACQUARIE VALLEY WEEDS ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

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Nyssa Smith  
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Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2015

**RE: WAP 2015-2020 Participation in Western Region Project Submission**

Dear MVWAC/WRNWAG member,

The NSW Weeds Action Program 2015-2020 Guidelines have just been released and are available on the DPI Extranet website.

As you are aware there are a number of significant changes in the new WAP. These reflect the government's response to the 2013-2014 NSW Natural Resources Commission weeds review recommendations. The most significant change is **'the replacement of the existing 14 regional weed advisory committees with 11 statutory regional weed committees aligned with LLS borders'**. Under the new guidelines each LLS region must submit one (only) project, however 'one organisation may submit a project on behalf of another LLS region'.

Macquarie Valley WAC covers three LLS regions: Central Tablelands, Central West and Western. MVWAC propose to coordinate three projects, one for each of these regions. A two year transition is planned during which time MVWAC will work with each of the three LLS regions to establish the new regional weed committees. Once these new groups are established, MVWAC may continue as a consultative group but will not co-ordinate regional WAP funding.

One lead organisation (TBA) will be responsible for the three projects. The lead organisation will collate and submit submissions on behalf of the partners, receive and distribute the funds, and collate and submit reports, as occurred under the previous WAP (2010-15). The Regional Project Officer position will continue to manage the funding programs and act as central contact. The position will continue to be funded jointly by membership contributions and funding provided through the NSW Weeds Action Program.

**We are seeking your support and participation in the WAP2015-2020 Western Region project**, coordinated by MVWAC and submitted by their nominated lead agency. Participating organisations include: Western LLS, Balranald, Bourke, Brewarrina, Broken Hill, Cobar and Wentworth councils, and Western Lands (Unincorporated area). Your



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response is required **in writing** indicating your participation no later than **Monday 2nd March 2015**. A successful funding submission will only occur with the support of participating organisations.

If you have any queries regarding the new arrangements please do not hesitate to contact me or Mr Bryson Rees, Chair MVWAC (Ph 6840 1757).

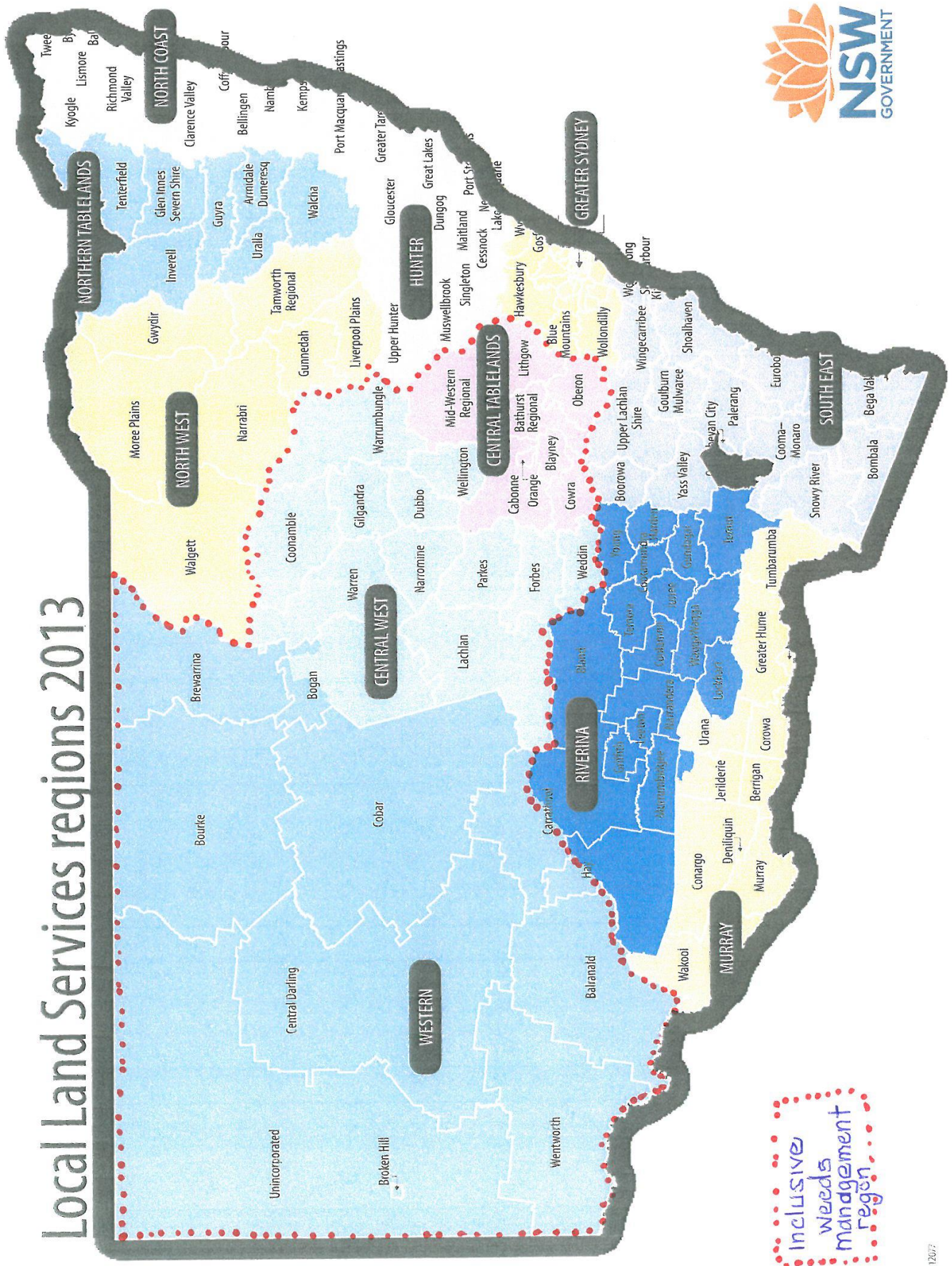
Regards,



Lis Arundell  
Regional Project Officer  
Ph: 6390 7128



# Local Land Services regions 2013



**ITEM I – 4      FIXING COUNTRY ROADS**

**File number:** 726

**Reporting Officer:** John Stevenson, Director Infrastructure & Development

**Operational Plan Objective:** Pillar 5 – “Our Infrastructure”  
5.3 Undertake key transport improvements

**Officer Recommendation:**

Council provide the necessary deed of agreement with NSW Transport Freight and Regional Development, to secure the \$344,000 towards Euston-Prungle reconstruction.

**03.15.3519 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Mannix and Campbell that the report be received and recommendation be adopted.

**Purpose of Report**

To advise of Councils success in gaining \$344,000 under the above program towards the Euston Prungle extension of sealed pavement.

**Report**

Earlier this year, Council was invited to submit a number of applications to improve freight or supply of produce access points to improve farm to market efficiency. Essentially the program aims to improve access to and from produce concentration points such as grain silos or saleyards.

Council was successful with the extension of the Euston – Prungle Rd on the basis that it served as a collector road for potatoes, grain, livestock and wool.

Minister Duncan Gay announced Councils success on the basis that the total project cost of \$627,600 to link the existing bitumen seal areas between Mendook and Benanee, will be funded \$344,000 and supported by Council's contribution of \$283,600 via the current Roads to Recovery budget.

Indications are that the acceptance process via a deed of agreement with the Department Transport NSW, will allow funding to be released prior to 30<sup>th</sup> June.

<b><u>Financial Implication</u></b>	Council's component of this project will be funded via Roads to Recovery out of the current year.
<b><u>Legislative Implication</u></b>	Nil.
<b><u>Policy Implication</u></b>	Nil.
<b><u>Attachments</u></b>	Letter of advice.



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**The Hon. Duncan Gay MLC**  
Minister for Roads and Freight  
Minister for the North Coast  
Leader of the Government  
Legislative Council

FG15/01369

Tuesday, 24 February 2015

Clr Leigh Byron  
Mayor  
Balranald Shire Council  
PO Box 120  
BALRANALD NSW 2715

Dear Cr Byron

I'm pleased to advise you the following project submitted by Balranald Shire Council under *Fixing Country Roads* will receive funding from the state's dedicated infrastructure fund, *Restart NSW*.

Project	Project Cost (\$)	<i>Fixing Country Roads</i> Funding (\$)	Council Contribution (\$)	<i>Infrastructure NSW</i> qualification
Euston Prungle Access Upgrade.	627,600	344,000	283,600	None

*Fixing Country Roads* was introduced by the NSW Liberals & Nationals Government to ensure our local and regional road network supports regional producers, growers and businesses. I congratulate Balranald Shire Council for working closely with the local community, industry and the NSW Government.

Under the inaugural round of the NSW Government's \$42.85 million *Fixing Country Roads* program, 77 projects on council-owned roads will be largely funded from *Restart NSW*, with co-funding also from regional councils and in many other instances from the Commonwealth.

The NSW Government recognises a strong regional economy is important for a strong NSW and we're committed to supporting regional infrastructure projects which help get goods from 'paddock to port' more efficiently.

Transport for NSW's Freight and Regional Development Division invites two delegates from Balranald Shire Council to attend a *Fixing Country Roads* Grants Information Briefing, during which councils with successful projects will receive important information about the payment of the grants and project management.

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Level 17, 52 Martin Place, Sydney NSW 2000  
Phone: (61 2) 8574 5500 Fax: (61 2) 9339 5534 Email: [www.nsw.gov.au/contact-minister-roads-freight](http://www.nsw.gov.au/contact-minister-roads-freight)

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Further details about meeting times and locations, and the registration process for these briefings can be found in the enclosed schedule.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Duncan Gay', with a small dot at the end.

**The Hon. Duncan Gay MLC**  
Minister for Roads and Freight  
Minister for the North Coast  
Leader of the Government Legislative Council

*Enclosed: Grants Information Briefing Schedule for Successful Fixing Country Roads  
Projects 2014/15*

**Item I –5      DA 15/2015 – PROPOSED SUBDIVISION  
11 & 13 MURRAY TERRACE, EUSTON**

**File number: DA 15/2015**

**Reporting Officer:** Director Infrastructure and Development – John Stevenson

**Operational Plan Objective:** Pillar 5 Our Infrastructure

**Officer Recommendation:**

Consent be granted to Jan O'Connor for the subdivision of Lot 2 DP 758402, Lot 1 DP 912959 & Lot 3 DP 667748, Murray Terrace, Euston, via boundary realignment, subject to the following conditions:

- 1) The subdivision conform strictly with the sketch plan as submitted.
- 2) The concurrence of Essential Energy and Telstra.
- 3) All new access driveways are to be constructed to the satisfaction of Council, or its delegate, and at the applicants full cost.
- 4) This approval does not extend to any structures on the lots(s). A separate application must be made for any dwelling(s) on the lot(s).
- 5) Any additional, or alteration, to water meter location and supply services, together with sewer boundary connections, are at the applicants full cost.

**03.15.3520 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Barnes and Mannix that the report be received and recommendation be adopted.

**Purpose of Report**

To seek Council's consent to the subdivision of the above three (3) lots, fronting Murray Terrace Euston via a boundary realignment.

**Report**

Application has been lodged by Richard T. Oliver, on behalf of Ms Jan O'Connor, to realign the boundaries of the above three (3) lots (see sketch attached) creating three (3) lots, each with equal frontage and similar area, through to Murray River water frontage (see second sketch attached).

The adjoining property landholders have been notified in accordance with Sect 88 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2000. No submissions were received.

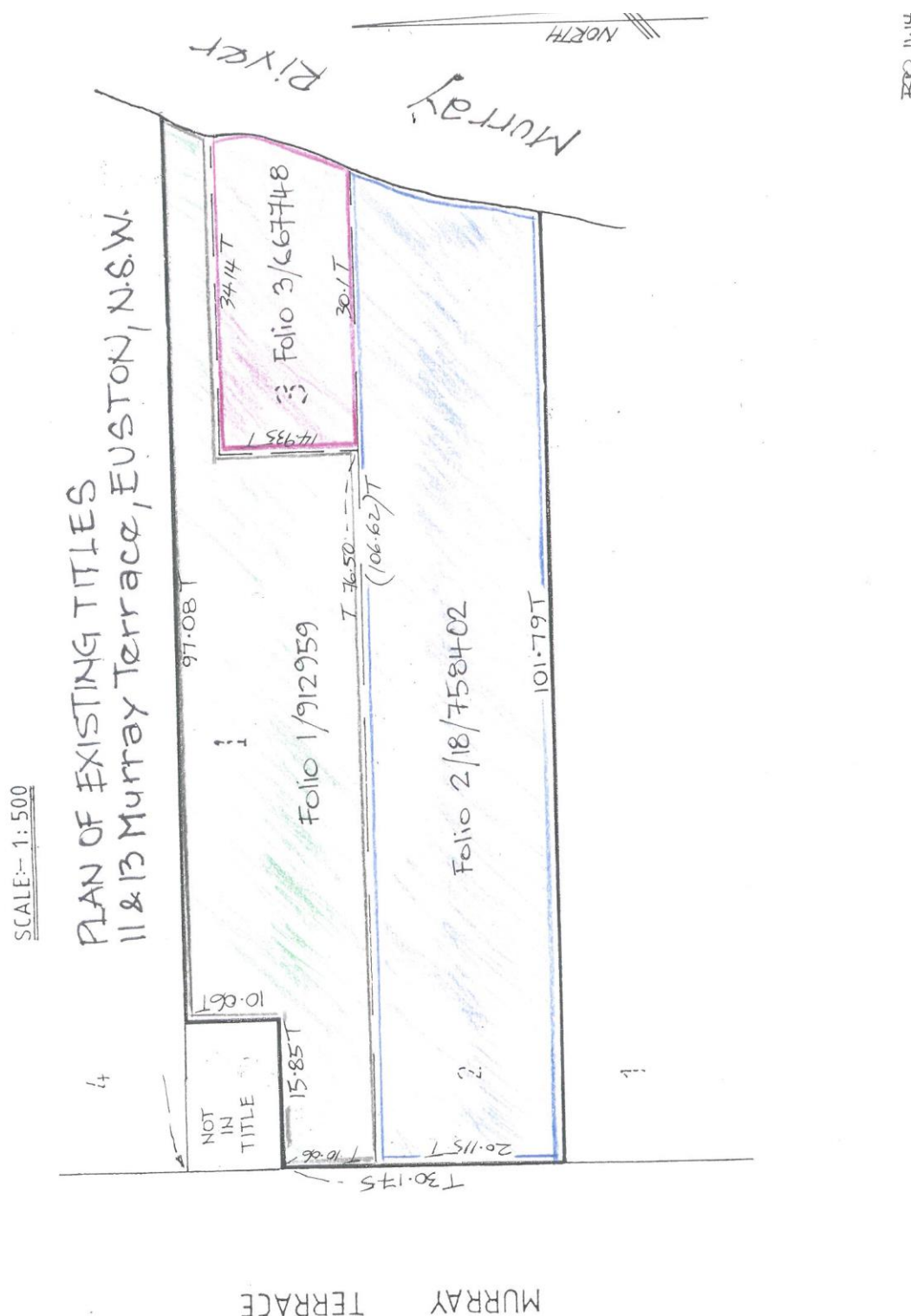
The proposed lot shapes are acceptable and resultant areas well above that required by Council's LEP.

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<b><u>Financial Implication</u></b>	Nil.
<b><u>Legislative Implication</u></b>	Nil.
<b><u>Policy Implication</u></b>	Nil.
<b><u>Attachments</u></b>	1. Plan of current boundaries 2. Plan of Proposed Realigned Boundaries

Attachment 1: Plan of current boundaries







**ITEM I - 6      GRANT FUNDING FOR BETTER BOATING FACILITIES**

**File number:** 542

**Reporting Officer:** John Stevenson, Director Infrastructure & Development

**Operational Plan Objective:** Pillar 5 – “Our Infrastructure”

**Officer Recommendation:**

Council authorise the General Manager to formalise funding agreements with Transport NSW, to provide three (3) boat docking sites at existing launching facilities (Kyalite, Balranald Caravan Park & Euston Riverside Reserve) and a strategic plan for future foreshore improvements at Lake Benanee.

**03.15.3521 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs O’Halloran and Barnes that the report be received and recommendation be adopted.

**Purpose of Report**

To advise Council of the Murray-Riverina Regional Boating Plan and the successful inclusion of three (3) boat launching facility upgrades within the Shire and funds for a facility study.

**Report**

Council, earlier this year lodged four (4) project applications under the Murray Region Boating Plans with NSW Transport Maritime Management Centre.

\$403,000 total grant funding for the four projects was sought and has been included in the Priority Regional Projects list. The only matching funds are management in kind, and will be factored into 15/16 budget considerations. The funding will be made available over the next 3 financial years.

<b><u>Financial Implication</u></b>	Councils contribution essentially management of the project in kind.
<b><u>Legislative Implication</u></b>	Nil.
<b><u>Policy Implication</u></b>	Nil.
<b><u>Attachments</u></b>	Grant Application Table

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NAME OF REGION: MURRAY

NAME OF LOCAL COUNCIL: BALRANALD SHIRE COUNCIL

**REGIONAL BOATING PLANS (RBP)**

**COUNCIL PROPOSED PRIORITY PROJECTS**

PROJECT	DESCRIPTION / COMMENTS	ESTIMATED PROJECT COST	COUNCIL CONTRIBUTION (INCLUDING MANAGEMENT AND IN-KIND)	FUNDS SOUGHT	TIME FRAME	PROGRESS TO DATE
1. Balranald Caravan Park Boat Docking Facilities	Improve the docking capabilities on the Murrumbidgee River adjacent to the existing boat ramp, with the installation of 2 x 8m pontoon style wharf structures and the provision of 2x unisex disabled amenities on the perimeter of the upper level trailer / vehicle parking area, on lot 7023 DP 1028233, a public reserve for recreation occupied by Council as a Caravan Park and Camping Ground at Balranald.	2 Pontoon structures incl. locating piles and access ramps \$90,000 Toilet Facilities \$70,000 Total Cost - \$160,000	\$15,000	\$145,000	Estimated Procurement time is 24 weeks from approval.	Design process commenced.
2. Kyalite Reserve Boat Docking Facilities	Improve the docking capabilities adjacent to the existing Kyalite reserve boat ramp into the Wakool River off public reserve, #230097, lot 6 DP 751228 at Kyalite. Improvements include 2x 8m pontoon style wharf structures and improvements to adjacent picnic facilities.	2 pontoon structures incl. locating piles and access ramps \$90,000 Improvements to seating, BBQ, and landscaping at picnic grounds \$15,000 Total Cost - \$105,000	\$10,000	\$95,000	Estimated procurement and construction time 16 weeks from approval.	Design process commenced.

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<b>3.</b> Euston Reserve – Boat Docking Facilities and Boat Launching Improvements	Improve the docking capabilities adjacent to the existing boat ramp on Euston recreation reserve, #81860, lot 1 DP 92442 on the Murray River with the installation of 2x 8m pontoon style wharf structures and the 3m widening of the existing boat ramp on the upstream side to cater for double loading / unloading.	2 Pontoon structures incl. locating piles and access ramps \$90,000 Widening of existing boat ramp by 3m \$75,000  Total Cost - \$165,000	\$15,000	\$150,000	Estimated procurement and construction time 26 weeks from approval.	Design process commenced and planning strategy for overall reserve improvements completed.
<b>4.</b> Lake Benanee Foreshore Improvements	To develop a strategic plan for the foreshore improvements off Crown Reserves 64605 and 80909 Lake Benanee Recreation Reserve lot 6873 DP 48198 off Sturt Highway at Lake Benanee 15km east of Euston.	To develop a strategic plan and preliminary design incorporating boat launching facilities off the foreshore beach \$15,000  Total Cost - \$15,000	\$2,000	\$13,000	Source a consultant and execute a strategic plan / design – 8 weeks from approval.	Council manage the site which currently involves ‘no fee’ camping with toilet facilities, BBQ and beach / picnic facilities.

**ITEM I – 7      BALRANALD COMMON – APPOINTMENT OF  
COUNCIL AS TRUST MANAGERS**

**File number:** 190

**Reporting Officer:** John Stevenson, Director Infrastructure & Development

**Operational Plan Objective:**

Pillar 2 – Our Place - Create opportunities to assist community members

**Officer Recommendation:**

Council advise the NSW Trade and Investment Crown Lands Office – West Region that it is keen to be reappointed as Managers of the Balranald Common Trust, under Section 7 of the Commons Management Act 1989.

**03.15.3522 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs O'Halloran and Jolliffe that the report be received and recommendation be adopted.

**Purpose of Report**

To advise Council that the former trust appointment expired 31<sup>st</sup> December 2014, and to seek re-appointment.

**Report**

Crown Lands advised that Council's Commons Trust appointment for Balranald Common requires renewal. Written concurrence is required in order that the Minister may reappoint.

<b><u>Financial Implication</u></b>	Nil
<b><u>Legislative Implication</u></b>	Nil.
<b><u>Policy Implication</u></b>	N/A
<b><u>Attachments</u></b>	Nil

**ITEM I – 8      ACTIVE TRANSPORT FUNDING NSW RMS**

**File number:** 713

**Reporting Officer:** John Stevenson, Director Infrastructure & Development

**Operational Plan Objective:**  
Pillar 5 – “Our Infrastructure”

**Officer Recommendation:**

That Council accept this funding offer for the Shared footpath/cycleway improvements during the 2015 /2016 year.

**03.15.3523 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs O’Halloran and Barnes that the report be received and recommendation be adopted.

**Purpose of Report**

To advise Council of the successful granting of \$90,000 by the RMS towards footpath improvements in 2015/16, subject to matching funds.

**Report**

Council was recently invited to submit a project under the above “Pedestrians and Cycling – Connecting Centres” program. A submission was lodged to construct a concrete shared pathway from the Mungo Street proposed mining accommodation area north westerly past the golf club, tennis courts to Church Street and eventually via upgraded paving to market Street.

This project is estimated to cost \$180,000 and will be funded 50%. The matching \$90,000 will be required for the 2015/16 year. Given that this project is considered to have merit as a Voluntary Planning Agreement project for Iluka, it is appropriate that council accept the RMS offer and proceed to include the pathway as part of VPA planning.

<b><u>Financial Implication</u></b>	Nil. Councils budgeted pedestrian path works at other sites may remain unaffected by this proposal if the mining VPA supports the RMS offer.
<b><u>Legislative Implication</u></b>	Nil.
<b><u>Policy Implication</u></b>	In accordance with Councils Pedestrian Access Management Plan.
<b><u>Attachments</u></b>	Letter of advice.

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6 March 2015

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PO Box 120  
BALRANALD NSW 2715

Dear Sir

**Active Transport Funding 2015/16 Financial Year**

Roads and Maritime Services is pleased to advise Council of projects that have been approved for funding in the 2015/16 Active Transport Program.

Roads and Maritime Services values the partnership with Local Government to jointly plan and deliver infrastructure and programs to further enable walking and cycling in our communities. In response to feedback from Local Government the announcement of successfully funded projects is occurring earlier than in previous years. This is specifically to maximise the time available for councils to plan and deliver projects during 2015/16.

A *Letter of Offer* will be provided to Council shortly outlining Roads and Maritime's requirements, from Council, to accept this funding offer including forecasting, reporting and programming of works.

The approved projects are as follows:

Program	RMS Reference No.	Project Description	Funding Arrangement	Funding Offered 15/16
Cycling Connecting Centres	T/07186	CYCLEWAY - Balranald 15/16 Construct a 2.4m wide concrete shared path along O'Connor Street, We Street and Church Street from Mayall Street to Cally Street (920m)	50%	\$90,000

Roads and Maritime Services looks forward to working with Council to deliver these projects in the 2015/16 financial year.

Should you have any enquiries in regards to this funding proposal please don't hesitate to contact Michael Buckley, Network and Safety Services Manager, on (02) 6923 3427.

Yours faithfully

  
Mr Lindsay Tanner  
Regional Manager  
South West Region



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**ITEM I – 9      BALRANALD GOLF CLUB MACHINERY BREAKDOWN**

**File number:** 558

**Reporting Officer:** John Stevenson, Director Infrastructure & Development

**Operational Plan Objective:** Pillar 2 – Our Place 2.3 To provide a range of recreation and sport facilities

**Officer Recommendation:**

That Council purchase the Toro mower parts to a value of \$500 for the Golf Club Committee.

**03.15.3524 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs O'Halloran and Barnes that the report be received and recommendation be adopted.

**Purpose of Report**

To consider a request for Council's financial assistance towards mower repairs.

**Report**

The Chairman of the Golf Club Committee has approached Council seeking assistance towards the repair of their Toro slasher-mower, an essential component towards keeping the Golf Club in order. The request asks Council to assist with the purchase of transfer box parts to a value of \$500. The volunteers have disassembled the mower, and are willing to refit the components.

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 unserviceable mowers may well see a lowering of the standard and Council being required to provide mowing assistance.

Council will recall assisting to repair another slasher last year, and as the Golf Club equipment is aging it may be prudent to pass on existing parks and reserves plant at their time of replacement for Golf Club usage in lieu of trade in.

<b><u>Financial Implication</u></b>	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 Council's Civic Services donations.
<b><u>Legislative Implication</u></b>	Nil.
<b><u>Policy Implication</u></b>	N/A
<b><u>Attachments</u></b>	Nil



**ITEM I – 10 NSW RMS HEAVY PATCHING COMPONENT  
OF THE ROAD MAINTENANCE COUNCIL  
CONTRACT (RMCC) – YANGA WAY**

**File number:** 705.1

**Reporting Officer:** John Stevenson, Director Infrastructure & Development

**Operational Plan Objective:** Pillar 5 – Our Infrastructure

**Officer Recommendation:**

That Council note we have declined to proceed with the heavy patching component of the Road Maintenance Council Contract at this time.

**03.15.3525 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Barnes and Mannix that the report be received and recommendation be adopted.

**Purpose of Report**

To advise Council of discussions with RMS and that Council is not proceeding with this maintenance contract at this time.

**Report**

Recent discussions with RMS Officers have conveyed the message that Council is not in a position to put the complex project studies and plans in place in a timely fashion to allow this heavy patching contract to commence. Council does not have the resources to be able to comply with the requirements for procedures, (documents including native vegetation, heritage and Project Safety Plans) required for approval in the short time frame placed on Council.

The nature of the work, i.e. segments of small pavement heavy patching, also requires specific plant to place, stabilise and compact each surface. Save for road graders, Council would be outsourcing this equipment.

Not proceeding with the RMCC contract has no bearing on Council continuing with the remainder of maintenance works under the contract.

<b><u>Financial Implication</u></b>	Council has limited end profit from this RMCC process given the time to research and provide documentation, and source contractors.
<b><u>Legislative Implication</u></b>	Nil.
<b><u>Policy Implication</u></b>	N/A
<b><u>Attachments</u></b>	Nil

## **General Manager's Reports**

### **Item G – 1 SUMMARY OF MEETINGS**

**File number:** 25

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

**Operational Plan Objective:** Pillar Six: Our Leadership – a community that values and fosters leadership, lifelong learning, innovation and good governance

#### **Officer Recommendation:**

For information

**03.15.3526 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Mannix and Barnes that the report be received and recommendation be adopted.

#### **Purpose of Report**

To advise Council of a summary of meetings held.

#### **Report**

The Mayor and General Manager attended the Western Division Conference held Sunday 22 to Tuesday 24 of February at Condobolin. Representatives from all 10 member Councils were present. There were a number of key presenters such as Kevin Humphries MP (Minister for Natural Resources, Land and Water), Keith Rhoades (President Local Government NSW), Steve Orr (Acting Director General NSW Office of Local Government) and Naamon Eurell (Executive Officer of Statewide Mutual). A total of 28 motions were carried and can be found in the minutes of the conference that has been forwarded to all Councillors.

The Mayor attended the Robinvale Euston Community Alliance meeting held in Robinvale on Thursday 26 February. Community leaders from both sides of the river attended and resolved to adopt a community partnership to be known as Robinvale Euston Community Alliance (RECA). The group's purpose is to provide governance and integrated planning for health, education and social well-being for the 0-24 year old age group of Euston and Robinvale.

The Mayor and General Manager attended the Robinvale Euston 80 Ski Race Welcome night held at the Robinvale Civic Centre. Hundreds of Participants were in attendance and the Mayor provided the official welcome.

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The Mayor, General Manager and Director of Corporate and Community Development attended a one day Integrity Management in Local Government Workshop held on Monday 9 March in Albury. The workshop focused on Leadership, Governance and Risk, Integrity Management Framework & Internal Controls.

Councillors and senior management attended a Councillor Workshop on 10 March. Iluka representatives attended the meeting and provided an update on their mining project. Representatives from Robinvale District Health provided an update on the Robinvale Euston Community Alliance and the delivery of Health Services into Balranald and possible changes with the new Primary Health Networks. Other matters discussed included senior citizen luncheon, RV Overnight parking, military trail additional plaques, Cristal Mining progress and completion of the six month organisation review.

<b><u>Financial Implication</u></b>	Nil
<b><u>Legislative Implication</u></b>	Nil
<b><u>Policy Implication</u></b>	Nil
<b><u>Attachments</u></b>	Nil

**Item G – 2      INTEGRITY IN LOCAL GOVERNMENT WORKSHOP**

**File number: 001**

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

**Operational Plan Objective:** Pillar Six: Our Leadership – a community that values and fosters leadership, lifelong learning, innovation and good governance.

**Officer Recommendation:**

That Council accept the offer from Statewide Mutual to undertake a complimentary audit of Council's Risk Management Systems.

**03.15.3527 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Cooke and O'Halloran that the report be received and recommendation be adopted.

**Purpose of Report**

To advise Council of our recent attendance at the Integrity in Local Government Workshop and the opportunity to receive a complimentary review of Council's Risk Management System.

**Report**

The Mayor, General Manager and Director of Corporate and Community Development attended a one day Integrity Management in Local Government Workshop held on Monday 9 March in Albury. The workshop focused on Leadership, Governance and Risk, Integrity Management Framework & Internal Controls.

The workshop was organised by Statewide Mutual and provided sponsorship for 2 representatives from each Council. The workshop was presented by the Australian Institute of Company Directors.

The initial sessions focussed on the roles and responsibilities of the Mayor, General Manager, Senior Staff, Councillors and Council. The later sessions concentrated on Risk with the 6 potential risk exposures being: Code of Business conduct, WH&S, Political contributions and donations, Conflict of interest, Employment practices, Bribery and corruption.

At the workshop, Statewide Mutual offered to undertake at no cost a complimentary audit of each of the Councils Risk Management Systems. It is suggested that Council accept the offer of the free audit.

<b><u>Financial Implication</u></b>	Nil
<b><u>Legislative Implication</u></b>	Nil
<b><u>Policy Implication</u></b>	To be developed
<b><u>Attachments</u></b>	Nil

**Item G – 3        CORRESPONDENCE**

**File Number:** 712

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

**Operational Plan Objective:** Pillar 1: Our People – A community that is proactive, engaged, inclusive and connected

**Officer Recommendation:**

For information

**03.15.3528 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Mannix and Campbell that the report be received and recommendation be adopted.

**Purpose of Report**

To advise Council of recent correspondence of interest.

**Report**

1. Letter from Howard Glen Maritime Management Centre for Transport NSW



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

Dear Mr Rayner

**Regional Boating Plans and Funding for Priority Regional Projects**

I am writing to inform you about the release of the Murray-Riverina Regional Boating Plan which was developed following an extensive consultation process in 2014, including input from Balranald Shire Council. The Plan is one of 11 Regional Boating Plans that have been developed across the major waterways of NSW and is available at [www.transport.nsw.gov.au/mmc](http://www.transport.nsw.gov.au/mmc).

The final Regional Boating Plans identify the priority boating safety, access and storage actions to be delivered in each Region by the NSW Government over the next five years in partnership with Councils and other stakeholder groups. Importantly, the Plan also includes a funding allocation to support the delivery of boating infrastructure projects that have been identified as being a priority to boost the boating experience in each Region (Priority Regional Projects).

These funds have been allocated out of the NSW Boating Now program announced by the Minister for Roads and Freight in August 2014. In total, \$37.5 million has been allocated across the 11 Regional Boating Plans to support the delivery of 192 Priority Regional Projects.

The identification of Priority Regional Projects was informed by feedback received from Councils, boating stakeholders and the general public as well as advice from maritime infrastructure experts and local Roads and Maritime Services (RMS) staff. For the Murray-Riverina Region a total of \$3.64 million has been allocated to support delivery of 28 priority projects, including the following projects for which Balranald Shire Council has been identified as the relevant delivery partner:

- Install pontoons at Balranald Caravan Park boat ramp, Balranald
- Install pontoons at the Kyalite Reserve boat ramp, Kyalite
- Install pontoons and widen boat ramp at Euston Reserve, Euston
- Support investigations into improved boating access at Lake Benanee, Euston

The funding allocation is based on initial estimates of project costs and the proposed financial contributions that Councils or other delivery partners have indicated that they can make towards each project.

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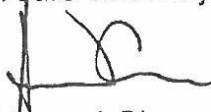
The next steps will involve staff from the Maritime Management Centre (MMC) meeting with Council to confirm the scope of individual projects and discuss the process for formalising a funding agreement. I anticipate that these meetings will take place in late February/early March 2015.

A key consideration in negotiating the funding agreement is the need to ensure that the delivery approach for each project helps maximise value for money, for the overall Boating Now program. To this end, MMC would like to discuss ways that the Government can assist Council to achieve efficiencies.

A representative from MMC will be in contact shortly to discuss possible meeting dates, times and locations and provide details of the process and the additional information that will be required to finalise a funding agreement for delivery of the project(s).

If you would like to discuss this issue in more detail please contact Andrew Mogg on 02 8265 7413 or by email at [andrew.mogg@transport.nsw.gov.au](mailto:andrew.mogg@transport.nsw.gov.au).

Yours sincerely



Howard Glenn  
General Manager, Maritime Management Centre

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**Item G - 4      ACTION SHEET**

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

**File Number:** 120

**Officer Recommendation:**

For information

**03.15.3529 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Cooke and Mannix that the report be received and recommendation be adopted.

**Purpose of Report**

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



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<b>MINUTE</b>	<b>DIRECTOR/ FILE NO</b>	<b>SUBJECT</b>	<b>DATE COMPLETED</b>	<b>COMMENTS CURRENT STATUS</b>
12.14.3459	DID	Investigate likely future public recreation area for improvements in the Chinese Cemetery.		In Progress
12.14.3459	DID	Investigate trees lifting concrete paths around the Shamrock Hotel.		In Progress
12.14.3459	DID	Pursue with armsigns regarding the historic town storyboard in Euston.		In Progress
12.14.3459	DID	Sought other sites in Main Street for the relocation of St Vincent De Paul's clothing bin.		Completed
12.14.3465	DID	Euston Tip compulsory Acquisition, Make application to Governor under Councils seal,		Completed
12.14.3469	GM	Arrange for letter to Business Owners regarding parking off Market Street	.	Not Proceeding With



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12.14.3459	DID	Arrange Tree removal around the old gaol and replacement.		Ongoing
02.15.3474	HDO	WHS Minutes – Bidgee Haven Repairs.		In Progress
02.15.3476	DCCD	Note, Australia Day Awards Citizen of the Year be awarded to both Balranald and Euston for 2016.		Noted
02.15.3485	DCCD	Commence Sale proceedings of properties for unpaid rates.		In Progress
02.15.3490	DCCD	Provide hire of Greenham Park Hall and a donation of \$415 for Balranald Interagency Group towards the hire of jumping castle.		Noted, Before June 2015 per Council resolution
02.15.3491	DCCD	Arrange for the increase of hostel accommodation payments.		Completed
02.15.3492	DCCD/GM	Have the Grant paper work signed and sent back to department, and bank loans arranged for hostel funding.		Completed – Quote received, paperwork for bank loan application be completed when required.
02.15.3497	DID	Consent to subdivision DA 12/2015 – Tillara Road Euston		Completed
02.15.3498	DID	Prepare lease for Balranald Motorcross Club.		In Progress
02.15.3500	GM	Notify NSW Electoral Commission of Council resolution.		Completed
02.15.3501	GM	Arrange sponsorship of \$700 to Robinvale 80 Ski Race.	3.3.2015	Cheque given
02.15.3502	GM	Write to local Minister regarding Senior Citizens Week Funding		
02.15.3503	DCCD	Staff training for dementia to be included in budget.		No additional costs to council
02.15.3506	DID	Notify of winning tenderer for Bitumen sealing.		Completed

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**Item G - 5      QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE**

**File Number: 030**

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

Cr Barnes	Commented on Hostel Grant article in the newspapers!	
Cr O'Halloran	Can letter be written to Vernon Knight for all his contributions to shire over the years?	
	Can a letter be written to Government/State Water regarding water flow in Murrumbidgee River?	
Cr Jolliffe	Have we caught the dogs involved in the horse attack?	
	Is the Discovery Centre Precinct completed and within the budget?	
Cr Cooke	What is the interest rate for loan monies for the hostel?	
	International Women's day monies, what has happened to the money as the event did not eventuate?	

**03.15.3530 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Mannix and Jolliffe that the meeting go into Closed Committee to discuss confidential matters.

**CLOSED MEETING - CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS**

03.15.3531 **RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Mannix and Barnes that the meeting resume into open Council and the General Manager report the recommendations of the closed committee.

**ITEM CI – 1 BITUMEN SEALING TENDERS**

**Officer Recommendation:**

That

1. Council endorse the request of Twin City Asphaltting to withdraw their tender from the process.
2. Council accept the sealing/resealing tender of Primal Surfacing for the sum of \$1,520,350 for the next two years.

03.15.3532 **RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Jolliffe and O'Halloran that the Confidential report be received and recommendation be adopted.

**CLOSURE:** There being no further business the meeting closed at 6.55pm.

Confirmed, Chairman of the Ordinary Meeting of the Balranald Shire Council held on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> April 2015 at which the meeting the signature was subscribed hereto:



Chairman



General Manager