



BOGAN SHIRE COUNCIL

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25 June 2020



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COUNCIL MEETING NOTICE

The next Ordinary Meeting of Council will be held in the Engineering Department Training Room on Thursday 25 June 2020 at 9.30am.

Mrs Alma Cooney and friend have been invited to lunch, in recognition of Alma's services to the Hermidale community and Council.

AGENDA

1. Opening Prayer
2. Remembrances
3. Apologies
4. Declarations of Interest
5. Confirmation of the Closed and Confidential Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 28 May 2020
6. Engineering Services' Closed and Confidential Report
 1. Tender for Annual Plant Hire
 2. Tender for Annual Gravel Haulage Services
 3. Tender for Road Base

The General Manager is of the opinion that consideration of these items is likely to take place when the meeting is closed to the public for the following reason: in accordance with the Local Government Act 1993, Clause 10A (d) (i) as involving commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it.

7. Confirmation of the Ordinary Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 28 May 2020
8. Committee Meeting Minutes
9. Mayoral Minute
10. General Manager's Report incorporating reports from:-
 - People and Community Services
 - Finance and Corporate Services
 - Engineering Services
 - Development and Environmental Services
11. Correspondence

Your attendance at this meeting would be appreciated.

Yours sincerely

Cathy Ellison

Executive Assistant



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COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

1 ORANA JOINT ORGANISATION EXTRAORDINARY MEETING

Attached are the Minutes of the Orana Joint Organisation Meeting held via Zoom Video Conference on 29 May 2020.

1.1 Recommendation

That the Minutes of the Orana Joint Organisation Meeting held via Zoom Video Conference on 29 May 2020 be received and noted.

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MEETING OF: Orana Joint Organisation
DATE: 29 May 2020
TIME: 12.00 Midday
VENUE: Via ZOOM Video Conference

ATTENDEES:

Cr C Davies (Chair)	Narromine Shire Council
Cr D Batten	Gilgandra Shire Council
Cr D Todd	Warrumbungle Shire Council
Cr D Kennedy	Mid-Western Regional Council
Cr M Quigley	Warren Shire Council
Cr G Neill	Bogan Shire Council (Deputy Mayor)
David Neeves	General Manager, Gilgandra Shire Council
Roger Bailey	General Manager, Warrumbungle Shire Council
Jane Redden	General Manager, Narromine Shire Council
Brad Cam	General Manager, Mid-Western Regional Council
Derek Francis	General Manager, Bogan Shire Council
Peter Evans	Office of Local Government
Belinda Barlow	Executive Officer Orana Joint Organisation
Carolyn Marchant	(Minute Taker) Narromine Shire Council

GUEST

Ken Harrison Deputy Director, Regional Resources Central West and Far West Regional NSW

1. WELCOME:

The Chair declared the meeting open at 12.06pm.

2. APOLOGIES:

Nil

3. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Nil

3.1 PRESENTERS

Office of Drought Response – update on drought matters Ken Harrison Deputy Director Regional Resources - Central West – Far West Regional NSW Regions, Industry, Agriculture and Resources,

The Chair thanked Mr Harrison for his time.
Mr Harrison left meeting at 12.16pm.

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4. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

2020/026 RESOLVED Crs Todd/Batten that the Minutes of the Extra Ordinary Meeting held 24 April 2020 be adopted as a true and correct record of the meeting.

CARRIED

Belinda Barlow and Brad Cam left the meeting at 12.17pm.

6.1 APPOINTMENT OF AN EXECUTIVE OFFICER

6.2 RECRUITMENT OF AN INTERIM EXECUTIVE OFFICER

2020/027 RESOLVED Crs Batten/Kennedy that the Orana Joint Organisation Board resolve to move into Closed Meeting in accordance with Section 10(2)(a) of the Local Government Act 1993, to consider:

1. The remuneration for (if any) and responsibilities of the Interim Executive Officer.
2. The expressions of interest for the position of an Interim Executive Officer.
3. Appointment of the successful Interim Executive Officer.

CARRIED

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OPEN MEETING

Resolution from Closed Meeting

6.2 RECRUITMENT OF AN INTERIM EXECUTIVE OFFICER

2020/028 RESOLVED Crs Kenedy/Neill that the Orana Joint Organisation:

1. Appoints the General Manager of MidWestern Council as the Interim Executive Officer of the Orana Joint Organisation commencing from 14 June 2020 until recruitment for the Executive Officer is finalised.
2. Determine that as Interim Executive Officer of the Orana Joint Organisation, there will be no payment made by the Orana Joint Organisation to the General Manager (or their member Council) who undertakes the additional role of Interim Executive Officer, in recognition of the financial constraints of the Orana Joint Organisation.
3. That the Delegations to the Executive Officer be retained for the Interim Executive Officer.

Belinda Barlow and Brad Cam returned to meeting at 12.26pm.

CARRIED

5. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

5.1 Orana JO Membership 2020/2021

2020/030 RESOLVED Crs Batten/Kennedy that the information be noted.

CARRIED

Milton Quigley joined the meeting at 12.30pm.

7. EXECUTIVE OFFICER – REPORTS PART A (ACTION)

7.1. DRAFT ORANA JO BUDGET 2020/2021 and MEMBERSHIP CONTRIBUTIONS 2020/2021

2020/031 RESOLVED Crs Batten/Kennedy that the draft 2020/2021 Expenditure budget presented to the Orana JO Board be adopted and placed on public exhibition for 28 days prior to adoption of the final documents at the next meeting of the Orana JO to be held on 6 July 2020.

CARRIED

7.2 ORANA JO DRAFT STATEMENT OF REVENUE POLICY 2020/2021

2020/032 RESOLVED Crs Kenendy/Neil that the Draft 2020/2021 Statement of Revenue Policy presented to this meeting be accepted and placed on public exhibition for 28 days prior to the adoption of the final documents at the Ordinary Meeting of the Orana Joint Organisation to be held on 6 July 2020.

CARRIED

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7. EXECUTIVE OFFICER – REPORTS PART A (ACTION) (Cont'd)

7.3 ORANA JOLT MEETING and ORANA JO GOVERNANCE REPORTING ITEMS

2020/033 RESOLVED Crs Neil/Kennedy that the Orana JO Board note the JOLT minutes 4 May 2020 and accepts the Orana JO's outstanding actions and responsibilities in Tables 1 and 2.

CARRIED

7.4 FINANCE REPORT – BUDGET REVIEW

2020/034 RESOLVED Crs Batten/Todd that the document entitled Budget Review – 22 May 2020 as attached to the report be noted.

CARRIED

7.5 ROADS OF STRATEGIC IMPORTANCE

2020/035 RESOLVED Crs Kennedy/Neil that the information supplied in Table 1 is acknowledged by the Orana JO Board and forwarded to Roads of Strategic Importance initiative for further consideration.

CARRIED

8. EXECUTIVE OFFICER – REPORTS PART B (INFORMATION)

8.1. ORANA JO RESOURCE SHARING – CROWN LANDS PLANS OF MANAGEMENT

2020/036 RESOLVED Crs Batten/Todd that the information be noted.

CARRIED

8.2 GIG STATE PILOT PROJECT

2020/037 RESOLVED Crs Batten/Kennedy that the information be noted and that a General Manager from a member council write to the Digital Connectivity Team, requesting for Orana JO to be considered and included in further community consultation in respect to the Gig State Pilot Project.

CARRIED

8.3 STRONG LOCAL GOVERNMENT RESPONSE TO COMMUNITY DURING COVID-19

2020/038 RESOLVED Crs Kennedy/Quigley that the information be noted.

CARRIED

8.4 DELIVERY PROGRAM PROGRESS REPORT MARCH TO MAY 2020

2020/039 RESOLVED Crs Todd/Neil that the Delivery Program Progress Report from March to May 2020 be noted.

CARRIED

9. EXECUTIVE OFFICER – REPORTS PART C (CONFIDENTIAL)

Nil

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10. NOTICES OF MOTION

Nil

11. MATTERS OF URGENCY

Nil

12. CORRESPONDENCE

2020/040 RESOLVED Crs Quigley/Batten that the Orana JO Board note the correspondence report.

CARRIED

13. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Nil

LATE ITEMS:

- Orana JO Executive Officer informed the meeting that Mr Ashley Albury, Director Western NSW Department Regional NSW had sent through a late apology.
- Orana JO Executive Officer provided a verbal update regarding Orana Water Utilities Alliance.
- Orana JO Executive Officer presented a late correspondence item received from Bogan Shire Council in respect to the extreme complexity of the funding formula used by Grants Commission to distribute FAGs to rural based councils.
- Action: That Orana JO Board writes to Minister for Local Government The Hon Mark Coultton seeking clarification of the funding formula used to determine the expenditure disabilities within the general purpose component of FAGs.
- Action: That Orana JO writes to Department of Regional NSW in respect to the large geographic area administered by the Department of Regional NSW - Western NSW staff.

14. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on 6 July 2020 via videoconference.

15. CLOSURE OF MEETING

There being no further business the meeting closed 1.10pm.

The Minutes (pages 1 to 6) were confirmed at a meeting held on the day of 2020, and are a full and accurate record of proceedings of the meeting held on 29 May 2020.

Chair



Mayoral Minute to the Ordinary Meeting of Bogan Shire Council held on 25 June 2020

REPORT TO ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL – MAYORAL MINUTE

Councillors

The following report are submitted for consideration:-

1 SUBMISSION TO THE MANAGEMENT PLAN

Over the last two years Councillors have donated their allowable remuneration increase to a local charity. Due to the pandemic and other adverse economic conditions the situation for our ratepayers has hardly improved and as a gesture to recognise this I suggest we again continue to make the same donation as currently.

1.1 Recommendation: For Council's Consideration.

2 CLOSURE OF THE CENTRELINK AND MEDICARE OFFICES IN NYNGAN

Mr Tim West from Westhaven advised me by phone yesterday that they would not be taking out the contract to operate these two offices in Nyngan. The lady who had previously been employed at this office has resigned. Both offices closed at the start of the pandemic. According to Mr West the foot traffic through this office has reduced over recent times and they consider it uneconomic to advertise the position for approximately 10 hours per week. He also indicated they believe a lot of these transactions are now done electronically. I am very disappointed about this as it relates to the closure of this service for local residents in Nyngan. I suggest we contact Hon Sam Faraway the National Party Upper House Representative for this area to see if the office of Service NSW could take on these two agencies, even though one is a Federal Service.

2.1 Recommendation: For Council's Consideration.

**RL Donald OAM
Mayor**

REPORT TO ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL – GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

Mayor and Councillors

The following report is submitted for consideration:-

1 CHECKLIST

Item No.	Date	Minute No	Matter	Action Required	Officer	Status
1	27/10/2016	423/2016	Seniors Living – Rental Units	Ensure compliance with Stronger Communities grant milestones.	DDES	Internal fit out almost complete. Driveways and fencing are the only works remaining. Estimated completion date of July 2020.
	28/11/2019	376/2019		All applications for tenancy of the Bogan Shire Seniors Living Units shall be assessed by a Tenancy Approvals Committee.	DPCS	UPDATE: Units have been readvertised for occupancy until 3 July 2020. Committee to meet week commencing 6 July 2020.

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2	28/09/2017	283/2017	Medical Centre	The General Manager in consultation with PHN proceeds to recruit & engage a second doctor for the BSMC.	GM	Recruitment agencies engaged to source locum / permanent second doctor. UPDATE: Locums secured until 31/12/2020. Renewed recruitment effort underway for permanent doctor with the Rural Doctors Network.
3	21/12/2017	392/2017	Increase of train speed through Nyngan	Strong letter of concern & a request to address Council be sent to the relevant rail authorities & a copy to local member.	GM	Letter sent to Minister for Transport & Infrastructure, with copy to Kevin Humphries.
	21/06/2018	293/2018		Council seek further follow up from the responsible Minister, reiterating Council's safety concerns for pedestrians & road users due to the nature of the crossing & variation of speeds.	DES	406 Petitions received. On-site meeting held with Deputy Premier. Met with Minister for Regional Transport & Roads in Bourke on 25 November 2019.

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				<p>The best control measures would be to erect flashing lights at the Hoskins Street Crossing.</p>		<p>Council advised that this crossing is not a priority for John Holland Rail.</p>
	28/05/2020	110/2020		<p>Council engage a Safety Consultant to inspect the Hoskins Street Level Crossing & to provide a report documenting the safety factors of the Crossing which can then be forwarded to the John Holland Rail & Minister for Regional Transport & Roads.</p>		<p><u>UPDATE:</u></p> <p>In Progress.</p>

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4	24/04/2019	117/2019	Cobar Water Board	Whilst Council is prepared to have discussion with CWB to explore options for delivery of water to minor users within the Bogan Shire LGA, it does not agree to the Board's proposal at this stage.	GM	<p>Further correspondence sent to CWB.</p> <p>Following meeting with CWB held on 11 January 2020, further agreements are to be negotiated.</p> <p>Agreed with Secretary CWB on the need for a further meeting to negotiate arrangements.</p> <p>Meeting on hold in current pandemic circumstances.</p>
5	22/08/2019	264/2019	Stronger Country Communities Fund – Round 3	Council works with community orgs who deliver youth and other community support services to investigate methods of funding for ongoing employment of a part-time Youth Worker & further upgrading to the facility.	DPCS	<p>Discussions yet to commence – reprioritised due to current pandemic circumstances.</p> <p>No further updates – unable to meet due to COVID-19.</p>

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6	26/09/2019	292/2019	Garford Fire Engine	<p>Council proceed with the respray of the Garford Fire Engine, with funds to be provided from the Historical Society \$5,224, Community Arts & Culture Fund \$15,362 & Accumulated Funds \$9,414.</p> <hr/> <p>Council examine options on the best way forward.</p>	DES	<p>Quotes for the Garford to be resprayed and the exterior restored have been requested.</p> <hr/> <p>Verbal report to be given at meeting.</p>
	24/10/2019					

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7	28/11/2019	359/2019	Burrendong Dam	Council contact the relevant departments to request that as a matter of priority, a system be put in place which would have trigger points as to the level of Burrendong Dam and the release of water for use for fodder crops.	GM	Letter sent.
8	28/11/2019	360/2019	Weirs along Bogan River	Council approach the relevant departments that, as a matter of urgency, landholders along the Bogan River where weirs were previously located be allowed to reinstate these immediately and be subsidised for the work under a drought strategy plan.	GM	Letter sent.

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9	28/11/2019	366/2019	Regional Water Supply Pipe Network	Council supports in principle the investigation of a Regional Water Supply Network servicing the communities currently supplied by the Macquarie River downstream of Burrendong Dam.	GM	<p>Water NSW is progressing investigation for pipeline from Narromine bore fields to Nyngan.</p> <p>Water NSW presenting an update to Council at this meeting.</p> <p>UPDATE: Water NSW investigating bores in the Warren Shire and will notify land owners in the surrounding area.</p>
10	28/11/2019	368/2019	Repairs to Nyngan & Cobar Emergency Water Storage	The General Manager be authorised to procure sufficient quantities of Geosynthetic Clay Liner & Geotextile material to complete the remediation works, according to specifications provided by NSW Public Works.	DES	<p>Remediation work in progress.</p> <p>Remediation work postponed due to wet weather and soft floor.</p>

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				The procurement be carried out by way of quotations.		
11	26/03/2020	038/2020	Drought Affected Local Government Services Grant	Council send the draft letter concerning Local Govt Drought Affected Services Grant to the Federal Member for Parkes, Mark Coulton, & make mention of Council's current total rates & services charges arrears of 12%.	GM	Letter has been sent.

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12	26/03/2020	047/2020	<p>Crown Land to convert the Perpetual Special Lease 78218 (Saleyards) to freehold & transfer title to Council.</p>	<p>GM be authorised to proceed with an investigation as to the possible economic value to Council in purchasing the land for development, redevelopment or sale to commercial interests & report back to Council for a decision.</p>	<p>DFCS</p>	<p>Report underway, will be presented to June Council meeting.</p> <p>UPDATE: Report to June Council 2020 Council meeting refers.</p>
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13	23/04/2020	084/2020	LG Grants Commission	Council forward a copy of the letter to Orana JO pointing out the comments stated in the correspondence received back from the Government Grants Commission in response to Council's submission to apply for expenditure disabilities funding, particularly the allocation methodology for the Government Grants Funding.	GM	Letter sent. COMPLETED
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				2. Council asks that the Orana JO puts forward a joint submission to the Deputy Premier, and local Federal and State Members requesting the allocation methodology formula to Councils in the regional areas be reassessed.		
14	23/04/2020	086/2020	ACM – Rural Press Publications	Council respond to the Australian Community Media correspondence acknowledging the Covid-19 Pandemic and also requesting assurance that the Nyngan Observer will resume publication when current restrictions have been lifted.	GM	<u>UPDATE:</u> Report to June 2020 Council Meeting refers.



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15	28/05/2020	126/2020	Speed limit in Nyngan CBD	Council engage in public consultation prior to reducing the speed limit in the Nyngan CBD to 40km/hr between Terangion and Dandaloo Streets.	DES	<u>UPDATE:</u> In Progress.
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1.1 Recommendation

That the report relating to the Monthly Checklist be received and those items marked as "Completed" be removed from the checklist.

2 NYNGAN NEWSPAPER

Summary:-

This report is to put forward options for consideration should the Nyngan Observer not resume publication, including the potential for supporting the publication of a local newspaper.

2.1 Introduction

The purpose of this report is to put forward options for consideration should the Nyngan Observer not resume publication, including the potential for supporting the publication of a local newspaper.

2.2 Background

Council was advised in April 2020 by Australian Community Media (ACM) that the impacts of COVID-19 had had a serious impact on their business and that production of a number of their publications, including the Nyngan Observer, would be suspended for three months. Local concerns have been expressed about whether or not publication of the Observer would, in fact, resume.

2.3 Discussion

As reported to Council in May, management of ACM had been contacted to determine what their future plans were for the print version of the Nyngan Observer. At the time of writing this report (16 June) ACM advised that no decision had yet been made.

It has been suggested that Council may wish to look at supporting the publication of some form of community newspaper to replace the Nyngan Observer should it not resume publication. Council has spent an average of \$21,232 per year on advertising in the Nyngan Observer and on the Council Column and Mayor's Column. These funds could be used as the basis for supporting a local initiative that produced a local paper with relevant content. Council could decide on whether or not to supplement this amount to help make it financially viable.

Options for publication could include online content and/or print. If the paper was printed it could be a standalone publication distributed locally or it could be, like the Nyngan Observer was, the cover sheet of another inserted newspaper.

Council could invite expressions of interest from local residents for this proposal.

An alternative could be to support and encourage the distribution of another newspaper circulating in the region.

Should Council see merit in any of these suggestions it is recommended that the General Manager makes further enquiries into the feasibility of the proposal and provides a further report to Council for consideration.

2.4 Recommendation

For Council's Consideration.

3 COVID-19

Summary:-

This report is to provide Council with updated information in relation to the impact of the Covid-19 Pandemic.

3.1 Introduction

The purpose of this report is to provide Council with updated information in relation to the impact of the Covid-19 Pandemic.

3.2 Background

The General Manager's reports to Council in April and May 2020 refer.

On 12 June a revised Public Health Order (COVID-19 Restrictions on Gathering and Movement) was published to ease certain restrictions contained in the original Order published in March.

3.3 Discussion

The new Order allows for the following changes to the use of Council's facilities:-

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- Community Centres, including the Nyngan Town Hall and village halls may now be used subject to social distancing requirements and completion of a COVID-19 Safety Plan.
- Information and education facilities, including the Nyngan Museum, Visitor Information Centre and Library may now be reopened subject to social distancing requirements and completion of a COVID-19 Safety Plan.

Dancing classes are resuming at the Nyngan Town Hall subject to the provisions of a COVID-19 Safety Plan and village representatives are being assisted to develop a plan for these facilities.

The Nyngan Museum is still undergoing a reorganisation of its collection, associated with the extension to the Museum in the former SES space and is not likely to be in a position to open for some weeks yet.

The General Manager is reviewing the possibility of reopening the Visitor Information Centre but, as it is staffed by Museum volunteers in the mornings who have expressed an understandable preference for not exposing themselves to the risk of infection, is likely to be only open for restricted hours by Council staff initially.

Council's library has reopened with a COVID-19 Safety Plan in place which restricts the use of certain facilities including computers.

In line with the provisions of the Public Health Order various sporting organisations have been permitted to resume their use of Council's facilities again subject to social distancing requirements and completion of a COVID-19 Safety Plan.

Two staff who have been unable to perform their normal duties at their normal place of work as a result of closures have been assigned alternative duties. No staff have been stood down or placed on special COVID leave.

Social distancing and hygiene measures are still in force in Council's workplace in accordance with the Public Health Order and Workplace Health and Safety requirements.

With the easing of restrictions Council meetings can now be open the public subject to social distancing and hygiene requirements. Consequently meetings do not have to be webcast live and Council can resume the previous system of recording meetings to be placed on our website to comply with the requirement of the Local Government Act.

3.4 Recommendation

That the Covid-19 Report June 2020 be received and noted.

4 COUNCILLOR AND MAYORAL FEES

Summary:-

This report is to advise Council of the determination of the Local Government Remuneration Tribunal and to recommend that Council fixes Councillor and Mayoral Fees for the 2020/21 financial year based on this determination.

4.1 Introduction

The purpose of this report is to advise Council of the determination of the Local Government Remuneration Tribunal and to recommend that Council fixes Councillor and Mayoral Fees for the 2020/21 financial year based on this determination.

4.2 Background

Section 241 of the Local Government Act 1993 requires the Local Government Remuneration Tribunal to determine each year the maximum and minimum amounts of annual fees payable during the following year to Mayors and Councillors.

Sections 248 and 249 of the Act require Councils to fix and pay fees based on the Tribunal's determination. If Council does not fix a fee, Council is required to pay the minimum fee determined by the Tribunal.

4.3 Discussion

The following fees were approved for 2019/20 financial year:

Councillor		Mayor (Additional Fee) *	
Minimum	Maximum	Minimum	Maximum
\$9,190	\$12,160	\$9,780	\$26,530

* - This fee must be paid in addition to the fee paid to the Mayor as a Councillor (s.249(2))

The current Government Policy on wages pursuant to section 146(1) (a) of the Industrial Relations Act 1996 is articulated in the Industrial Relations (Public Sector Conditions of Employment) Regulation 2011. The effect of the Regulation is that public sector wages cannot increase by more than 2.5 per cent, and this includes the minimum and maximum fees payable to Councillors and Mayors.

The Tribunal reports that it received submissions for consideration during the annual review in late 2019. Those submissions were made prior to the COVID-19 pandemic and overwhelmingly supported a 2.5 per cent increase in the ranges of fees which was consistent with the Government's wages policy at the time.

Since receiving and considering those submissions there have been a number of factors which have influenced the Tribunal's views in regard to the annual increase. These include the impact of the bushfires and the current COVID-19 pandemic on the state and federal economies and the wellbeing of communities.

While the Tribunal is required to give effect to the Government's wages policy in the making of this determination, it is open to the Tribunal to determine an increase of up to 2.5 per cent or no increase at all.

Given the current economic and social circumstances, the Tribunal has determined that there be no increase in the minimum and maximum fees applicable to each existing category.

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Therefore the Tribunal has determined, pursuant to section 241 of the Local Government Act, 1993 that the fees payable to Councillors and the Mayor of Bogan Shire Council, effective from 1 July 2020, are as follows:

Councillor		Mayor (Additional Fee) *	
Minimum	Maximum	Minimum	Maximum
\$9,190	\$12,160	\$9,780	\$26,530

* - This fee must be paid in addition to the fee paid to the Mayor as a Councillor (s.249(2))

Previously, Bogan Shire Council has resolved to pay Councillors the minimum fee and 75.7% of the maximum Mayoral Fee with this being split 80% to the Mayor and 20% to the Deputy Mayor. Taking into account the Tribunal's determination, this would translate into the following for 2020/21:

	Councillor Fee	Mayor Fee	Total Fee
Councillors	\$9,190	-	\$9,190
Deputy Mayor	\$9,190	\$4,017	\$13,207
Mayor	\$9,190	\$16,066	\$25,256

At the Extraordinary Meeting of Council, 8 May 2019, *Councillors resolved to donate their 2019/2020 remuneration increase to a local charity to be determined.*

4.4 Recommendation

That Council considers the fees payable to Councillors, Deputy Mayor and Mayor of Bogan Shire Council, effective from 1 July 2020, as determined by the Tribunal.

Derek Francis
General Manager



People and Community Services' Report to the Ordinary Meeting of Bogan Shire Council
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REPORT TO THE ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL – DIRECTOR PEOPLE AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

Mayor and Councillors

The following reports are submitted for consideration:-

1 BOGAN SHIRE EARLY LEARNING CENTRE

Summary:-

The purpose of this report is to advise Council of the activities and statistics of the operation of the Bogan Shire Early Learning Centre.

1.1 Introduction

The purpose of this report is to advise Council of the activities and statistics of the operation of the Bogan Shire Early Learning Centre.

1.2 Discussion

Statistics

- Total children enrolled as at 10/06/2020: 85
- Total children scheduled to attend for the week ending 12/06/2020: 123

Usage Capacity

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Ave.
July 19	50%	76%	70%	62%	44%	61%
August 19	40%	72%	63%	65%	50%	58%
September 19	39%	72%	63%	67%	51%	64%
October 19	41%	76%	67%	71%	52%	61%
November 19	56%	79%	51%	83%	62%	66%
December 19	64%	80%	58%	80%	65%	70%
January 20	31%	43%	38%	55%	49%	44%
February 20	45%	56%	58%	70%	45%	55%
March 20	49%	51%	53%	60%	39%	51%
April 20	62%	77%	69%	76%	52%	68%
May 20	51%	63%	57%	63%	52%	57%
June 20 (until 14/06/20)	52%	65%	58%	64%	53%	59%

COVID-19

The COVID-19 pandemic along with the announcement of a national emergency, caused a knee-jerk reaction across the Childcare sector with parents cancelling enrolments and removing their children from care to both safeguard their health and to avoid having to pay fees for non-attendance. The ELC was not immune to this, experiencing 75% of permanent bookings cancelled over a three week period in March. With the announcement of the Early Childhood Education and Care Relief Package (Relief Package), meaning fee free childcare for all families, the Early Learning Centre was able to recover almost all cancelled bookings.



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The Relief Package comprised of the JobKeeper payment and a Business Continuity Payment (BCP), calculated at 50% of the service's total unsubsidised fee revenue, based on a time period before parents starting withdrawing their children in large numbers (weekly average from the fortnight 17 February – 1 March 2020), and paid to services on a weekly basis with the condition that they remain open and do not charge fees to families.

The initial BCP was received on 6 April. Local Government operated Childcare Centres were not eligible to receive the JobKeeper payments to top up the other 50%.

In response to this, the State Government announced their own \$82 million package to support Council-operated long day care and OSHC services which has now been paid.

The Relief Package caused increased demand for the ELC and a waiting list has developed for the Puggles room (0-3 years).

The Relief Package has been extended until 12 July 2020, in line with the start of the 2020/21 Child Care Subsidy (CCS) financial year. The CCS and Additional CCS system will recommence from 13 July 2020.

In preparation for the recommencement of the CCS, Bogan Shire Early Learning Centre has advised families to complete claims for assessment and/or update their information with Centrelink to ensure there are no delays in accessing their subsidies.

All necessary measures have been put in place at the ELC to address COVID-19 safety directives and requirements and staff have been in regular communication with parents about any changes or additional procedures that need to be followed.

EASTER

During the last school holidays, staff and children celebrated Easter. Educators programmed for this culturally significant event, providing an opportunity for children to be involved through many art and craft experiences. Due to the COVID-19 Public Health Orders and subsequent restrictions on public gatherings, the Community Easter Party and Easter Hat Parade, which are traditionally enjoyed by the ELC children, had to be cancelled. The ELC arranged an Easter egg hunt around the outdoor environment which was greatly enjoyed by all children.

COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

Due to the COVID-19 Public Health Orders and subsequent restrictions on movement, non-essential travel and social gatherings, Bogan Shire Early Learning Centre has not been able to access the community as readily as under normal conditions, but educators have adapted to the new circumstances, connecting with families via the online platform; Storypark to share educational content and support families who were self-isolating. Regular check-in phone calls also proved effective in maintaining relationships with families over the lock-down period.

1.3 Recommendation

That the Early Learning Centre Report be received and noted.

2 BOGAN SHIRE YOUTH AND COMMUNITY CENTRE

Summary:-

This report is to provide Council with information relating to the Bogan Shire Youth and Community Centre (BSYCC):-

- cost of proposed future extension; and
- position of BSYCC, showing linkages to the rest of the precinct.

2.1 Introduction

The purpose of this report is to provide Council with the following information relating to the Bogan Shire Youth and Community Centre (BSYCC):-

- cost of proposed future extension
- position of BSYCC, showing linkages to the rest of the precinct

2.2 Background

Council considered a report at its May meeting on the overall concept design for the BSYCC and approved the design and location of the Centre.

At that meeting Councillors requested an estimate of costs for the proposed extension of the open multipurpose area, with a view to accommodating the full range of indoor sports, as well as consideration of the linkages between the BSYCC and other nearby facilities.

3.3 Discussion

In consultation with the project's architect it has been determined that the cost of the proposed extension is estimated to be \$92,000 including slab.

In relation to the linkages between the BSYCC and other facilities, discussions had already been held with the architect as part of the concept design. These have now been formalised into the attached Masterplan document.

Key elements of the Masterplan include:-

- a. BSYCC carpark;
- b. Construction of extension to access road past the skate park, around the tennis club house and joining up with a carpark (shown in yellow);
- c. Construction of a linking access road past the water tower to Warren Street (shown in yellow);
- d. Construction of pathway from Warren Street, past the water tower and along the side of the new access road (shown in salmon);
- e. Construction of pathway from opposite water treatment plant to skate park (shown in salmon);
- f. Construction of pathway from skate park to BSYCC between tennis court and pool – involves removal of a section of fence (shown in salmon);
- g. Construction of pathway from dog park past the northern side of the BSYCC towards the Oval (shown in salmon);
- h. Construction of footpath along Cannonbar Street (shown in salmon);
- i. Construction of extension of Oval access road past the Bogan Bull's Clubhouse to link with Cannonbar Street (shown in white);
- j. Moving the fence to the west of the tennis clubhouse to accommodate the new road and footpath (shown in blue);
- k. Removing the fence to the south-west of the BSYCC which currently links to the tennis courts (shown in red); and
- l. Installing a new fence to the east of the BSYCC from the corner of the pool to the existing fence on Cannonbar Street, with gates, to allow for securely enclosing the Oval when required – eg for matches. (shown in blue)

No cost estimates have been obtained for these elements and no budget has been allocated for them apart from a minor allowance for pathways from grant funds.



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Should Council wish to do so, it would be worthwhile to consider each element – and any others that Councillors propose - and prioritise them so that cost estimates can be obtained in preparation for budgeting and/or grant funding opportunities.

3.4 Attachment

Masterplan – Larkin Oval Precinct.

3.5 Recommendation

1. That the Bogan Shire Youth and Community Centre Report be received and noted.
2. That Council consider which of the Masterplan features to endorse and then list these in priority order so that cost estimates can be obtained in preparation for budgeting and/or grant funding opportunities.

3 HERITAGE PRECINCT TOURISM MASTERPLAN

Summary:-

This report is to provide Councillors with an overview of some suggested future projects which could benefit tourism as part of the Nyngan Heritage Precinct and to seek Council support for future grant applications.

3.1 Introduction

The purpose of this report is to provide Councillors with an overview of some suggested future projects which could benefit tourism as part of the Nyngan Heritage Precinct and to seek Council support for future grant applications.

3.2 Background

Over the years several attractions have been developed that encourage travellers and others to stop a while in Nyngan and our villages. This has obvious benefits for all local business and also displays a sense of pride in our community.

The Bogan River and Rotary Park have long been an attraction for visitors and local people, drawing people in numbers for fishing, bird watching, water-skiing or even just enjoying the natural surrounds. Also, the heritage-based attractions in Nyngan centred around the Nyngan Museum appeal to many visitors. The recently completed recreational and exercise pathway now links the river precinct with the heritage precinct, tying in the overnight free camping area. The attached Precinct Plan has been developed to show these linkages and is presented for discussion.

The last few years, in particular, have seen the development of many attractions for visitors and local people in the Heritage Precinct. These include:-

- Heritage Park (Stages 1 and 2);
- Nyngan Museum extensions;
- Visitor Information Centre;
- Iroqius Helicopter – restoration and mounting;
- Big Bogan;
- Heritage Wool Ramp – preservation works;
- Teamsters Rest Coach House; and
- Recreational Pathway.

3.3 Discussion

Opportunities still exist for improvement of some of these attractions including, for example signage at the Wool Ramp and lighting of the pathways.

Other opportunities which could be pursued include:-

- Pangee Street - additional parking / turntable viewing platform / railway cottage;
- Davidson Park – conversion of CWA Hall into Tourism Centre;
- Flood Memorial Park / Shearing Shed Museum - repairs and improvements;
- Heritage Railway Overpass Bridge – repairs;
- Pathway - enhancements (signage, lighting, water, exercise equipment);
- Nyngan Museum – enhancements and repairs;
- Pathway linkage to Nyngan Golf Club; and
- River trail pathways.

The Nyngan CWA had previously indicated an interest in selling their building to Council when they were ready to do so. Obviously any development of the Hall would be contingent on this and the sale would be entirely at their discretion.

The attached shows existing and potential future attractions on a map of Nyngan.

These and other ideas which Councillors or the community may wish to put forward could potentially be funded from future tourism / economic development grants.

3.4 Attachment

Nyngan Heritage Precinct Masterplan

3.5 Recommendation

1. That the Heritage Precinct Tourism Masterplace Report be received and noted.
2. That the General Manager pursue suitable grant funding opportunities for the attractions listed above.



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4 GRANT FUNDING

Summary:-

This report is to advise Council of grant funding approvals.

4.1 Introduction

The purpose of this report is to advise Council of grant funding approvals.

4.2 Background

Council has in recent years received considerable funding from both State and Federal Governments towards the improvement of infrastructure within the Shire.

Application was made to the Federal Building Better Regions Fund for funding towards extensions for the main Bogan Shire Medical Centre building to accommodate four new consulting rooms to cater for the expansion of allied health services at the Centre as determined by Council in May 2019. Council also applied for funding from the Federal Drought Communities Program for a range of projects prioritised by Council at its meeting in December 2019.

4.3 Discussion

Drought Communities Program

Council has been advised that it has been successful in obtaining funding of \$1 Million under this program based on projects previously nominated by Council:-

- Nyngan Pool – Resurfacing, basketball court shade sail and pool blanket;
- Bogan Shire Medical Centre – Sonography and fit out of extensions;
- Bogan Shire Youth and Community Centre – Solar panels, fit out and outdoor area;
- Nyngan Junior League Oval – Lighting;
- Hermidale – Park upgrades or public toilet; and
- Collierreina – Hall upgrades.

Planning is well underway for all of these projects with a funding deadline of 30 June 2021.



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Building Better Regions Fund

Council has been advised that it has been successful in obtaining funding of \$350,218 for extensions to the main Bogan Shire Medical Centre building. Council is required to make a contribution of \$116,739 towards this project.

Council's initial resolution was to fund the extension itself from proceeds of the sale of 25 Ellen Street with the remainder from loan funds.

Now that grant funding has been received for both these projects it is not necessary to fund the construction in this way. Also, with the receipt of grant funding for the Bogan Shire Youth and Community Centre some of Council's own funds which were previously earmarked for this project (\$200,000) can be used to cover Council's contribution of \$116,739 for the Medical Centre extensions. The remainder of the \$200,000 will still be required to fund the salary of a Youth Worker for 12 months, which was part of Council's original decision, and cost of cleaning services for 12 months.

Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program

Council has also been advised that it is eligible for \$911,524 from the Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program. Full details of the Program's guidelines have not yet been released but the attached Fact Sheet has been published.

A further report will be submitted to Council once these details become available.

4.4 Attachment

Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program Fact Sheet.

4.5 Recommendation

That the Grant Funding Report be received and noted and that adjustments to the 2020/21 Operating Plan and Budget be made accordingly.



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Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program

As the closest tier of government to the community, local governments have a critical role in delivering vital services and ensuring the quality of life for communities across Australia. Local governments are now also playing a key role in protecting the community from the impacts of COVID-19.

The Australian Government has committed \$500 million to the Local Road and Community Infrastructure Program (LRCI Program) to support jobs, businesses and the resilience of local economies.

From 1 July 2020, councils will be able to access funding to support delivery of priority local road and community infrastructure projects.

Who will receive funding?

All local councils will be eligible for funding under the LRCI Program.

State governments and the shires of Christmas Island, Cocos (Keeling) Islands and Norfolk Island and the Lord Howe Island Board that deliver council services to unincorporated areas in their jurisdiction will also be eligible for funding.

In addition, the Northern Territory Government will be eligible for funding for roads in areas which until 2008 were unincorporated and for which responsibility has not been transferred to relevant councils.

How much funding will each council receive?

Each council will receive a share of funding under the Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program (see *Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program: Funding Allocations*).

A council's share of funding has been calculated in a similar way to how the Roads to Recovery Program and the road component of the Financial Assistance Grants works. This formula takes into consideration road length and population and is based on recommendations of Local Government Grants Commissions.

How can councils apply for funding?

Councils will be able to select the projects to be funded in their community according to priorities at the local level.

Similar to the Roads to Recovery Program, councils will need to submit a Work Schedule that outlines the project(s) they plan to undertake.

As long as these projects are eligible local road or community infrastructure projects, they will receive funding.

What projects will be eligible for funding?

Funding is available for local road and community infrastructure projects that involve the construction, maintenance and/or improvements to council-owned assets (including natural assets) that are generally accessible to the public.

Projects will need to deliver benefits to the community, such as improved accessibility, visual amenity and safety benefits.

Eligible local road projects could include works involving any of the following associated with a road:

- traffic signs;
- traffic control equipment;
- street lighting equipment;
- a bridge or tunnel;
- a facility off the road used by heavy vehicles in connection with travel on the road (for example, a rest area or weigh station);
- facilities off the road that support the visitor economy; and
- road and sidewalk maintenance, where additional to normal capital works schedules.

Eligible community infrastructure projects could include works involving:

- Closed Circuit TV (CCTV);
- bicycle and walking paths;
- painting or improvements to community facilities;
- repairing and replacing fencing;
- improved accessibility of community facilities and areas;
- landscaping improvements, such as tree planting and beautification of roundabouts;
- picnic shelters or barbeque facilities at community parks;
- playgrounds and skateparks (including all ability playgrounds);
- noise and vibration mitigation measures; and
- off-road car parks (such as those at sporting grounds or parks).

When will funding be available?

Funding will be available from 1 July 2020.

Are there any conditions that apply to funding?

Councils will need to complete all project works by 30 June 2021 to receive their full nominal share of funding.

Councils will also need to demonstrate that projects are additional to their pre-COVID-19 work program for 2020-21. If a project has been brought forward from a future work program it will be eligible for funding.

Additional conditions, such as signage requirements, will be outlined in program guidelines, which are currently being finalised.

What are the next steps?

The Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Communications will be consulting with local government organisations to finalise implementation arrangements for the LRCI Program.

Councils will then be asked to agree to the program arrangements and identify local projects in their area.

5 2020 MACQUARIE MARSHES TOURISM PROJECT

Summary:-

Proposal for Bogan Shire Council to erect directional signage to the Macquarie Marshes wetlands and also install a prefabricated tourism shelter.

5.1 Introduction

The purpose of this report is for Council to approve the location of directional signage to the Macquarie Marshes as well as a shelter containing educational / informational material and to install these on behalf of RiverSmart Macquarie.

5.2 Background

RiverSmart Macquarie was successful in obtaining NSW Government Regional Environmental and Tourism Grant funding in 2018 to build a boardwalk near Gibson's Way in the Macquarie Marshes so tourists have a place to see the marshlands at close proximity and also study the birdlife.

Bogan Shire, along with other Councils which border or contain Macquarie Marsh land, were asked to write a letter supporting the grant application. Included in this letter from the General Manager was an undertaking to provide in kind support to install some directional signage and two interpretive panels.

Although the Macquarie Marshes is not in the Bogan Shire, Nyngan Visitor Information Centre records show there is strong interest in finding and visiting the site.

5.3 Discussion

Now that the grant has been successful RiverSmart has asked Bogan Shire to approve the location for, and undertake the erection of, directional signage to the Macquarie Marshes within Bogan Shire.

The signs are a combination of brown on white TASAC signs saying "Macquarie Marshes - Maliyanga Ngurra" (the Wayilwan words) and white on blue directional signs.

There are several routes to the Gibson Way section of the Marshes through Bogan Shire however it would be beneficial to our own tourism economy if visitors were to pass through Nyngan.

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The most direct route from Nyngan (via bitumen road) would be: Canonba Road; Colane Road; Buckiinguy Road; Lemon Grove Road (Warren Shire); Carinda Road (Warren Shire).

Therefore it would be appropriate to place blue and white directional signage at:-

- The intersection of Pangee and Moonagee Roads.
- The intersection of Canonba and Colane Roads.
- The intersection of Colane and Buckiinguy Roads.
- The intersection of Buckiinguy and Lemongrove Roads (the responsibility of Warren Shire).

No locations have been identified for the brown on white TASAC signage.

In addition to signage, Bogan Shire is being asked to erect a 3.5 square metre prefabricated shelter, which contains eight interpretive panels to educate tourists about the marshes. The location of the shelter is a matter for Bogan Shire to decide although RiverSmart has a preference for a location near our Visitor Information Centre, if feasible. This is one of many similar shelters, which will be placed in surrounding Shires.





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Bogan Shire Council would be responsible for the cost and manpower to erect this shelter, which would involve sinking cement footings. Cost to be determined.

The shelter is quite a substantial structure and not fit well outside the Visitor Information Centre. Other possible locations would be in at the eastern Tourist Information Bay on the highway, Flood Memorial Park or Rotary Park.

5.4 Recommendation

1. That white on blue directional signage be installed at:-
 - The intersection of Pangee and Moonagee Roads
 - The intersection of Canonba and Colane Roads
 - The intersection of Colane and Buckiinguy Roads

2. That Council consider an appropriate location for the shelter.

Debb Wood
Director People and Community Services



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REPORT TO THE ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL – DIRECTOR OF FINANCE AND CORPORATE SERVICES

Mayor and Councillors

The following reports are submitted for consideration:-

1 INVESTMENTS MAY 2020

Summary:-

The report is to outline the performance of Council's Investment Portfolio for the month of May 2020.

At 31 May 2020 Council had \$14.6 million invested. There has been an increase of \$3.1 million due to receiving the first milestone payment for the Youth and Community Centre, the final quarterly R2R payment and the final quarterly Financial Assistance Grant (FAG) as well as 50% of 2020/2021 FAG paid in advance.

1.1 Introduction

The purpose of this report is to outline the performance of Council's Investment Portfolio for the month of May 2020.

1.2 Background

In accordance with Clause 212 of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2005 a report must be presented to the Council setting out details of all the money that the Council has invested under section 625 of the Act.

1.3 Discussion

The Investment Report for May 2020 is shown below. At 31 May 2020 Council had \$14.6 million invested. There has been an increase of \$3.1 million due to receiving the first milestone payment for the Youth and Community Centre, the final quarterly R2R payment and the final quarterly Financial Assistance Grant (FAG) as well as 50% of 2020/2021 FAG paid in advance. This payment in advance is not additional funding and will only help with Council's cash flow as it will need to be restricted to be utilised in 2020/2021.



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Consideration of this report means that Council is complying with the Local Government (General) Regulation 2005.

Investment Movements for May 2020.

REF	Source	Maturity	Days	% rate	Bal Apr 20	Bal May 20
3204	NAB	8/06/2020	181	1.550%	2,000,000.00	2,000,000.00
4608	NAB	25/02/2021	365	1.450%	2,000,000.00	2,000,000.00
3994	NAB	2/03/2021	365	1.370%	2,800,000.00	2,800,000.00
9467	NAB	13/07/2020	180	1.600%	1,000,000.00	1,000,000.00
6894	NAB - Professional Funds	At Call		0.650%	3,667,091.31	6,815,926.75
	Balance securities held				11,467,091.31	14,615,926.75
	Balance Ledger 19010.8200.8200				11,467,091.31	14,615,926.75
	Summary by institution					
	Commonwealth				0.00	0.00
	NAB				11,467,091.31	14,615,926.75
					11,467,091.31	14,615,926.75

It is hereby certified that these investments have been made in accordance with the Local Government Act 1993 and the Regulations thereto.

1.4 Recommendation

That the Investments Report for the month of May 2020 be received and noted.

2 SUMMARY OF RATE & ANNUAL CHARGES COLLECTION

Summary:-

The report is to provide a comparison of rate collections as at 31 May 2020, with the same period last year.

Total arrears have increased from \$560,741 as at 31 May 2019 to \$1,039,254 as at 31 May this year.

2.1 Introduction

The purpose of this report is to provide a comparison of rate collections as at 31 May, 2020, with the same period last year.

2.2 Discussion

This report is provided for the information of Councillors.

Rate Collections	2019-2020	2018-2019
Arrears Prior to 01/07/2019	330,076	169,076
First Instalment in arrears as at 31/5/2020	9,170	42,240
Second Instalment in arrears as at 31/5/2020	99,482	50,957
Third Instalment Outstanding as at 31/5/2020	105,741	69,843
Fourth Instalment Outstanding as at 31/5/2020	494,784	228,625
Total Arrears	1,039,253	560,741
Total Outstanding	1,039,253	560,741
Monthly Transactions		
Amount Levied & B/Fwd	5,510,223	5,301,033
Add: Adjustments	45,442	19,495
Less: Payments to end of May	-4,438,594	-4,683,345
Less: Rebates	-80,847	-79,457
Add: Postponed	3029	3015
Gross Total Balance	1,039,253	560,741
Arrears of total amount levied %	11%	10%

Total arrears have increased from \$560,741 as at 31 May 2019 to \$1,039,253 as at 31 May this year.



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Each instalment amounts to approximately \$1,377,000.

(Total Rates, Waste, Water & Sewer Access Charges)

As at 31 May 2020 Council had collected \$244,751 less than at the same time last year however, an additional \$167,435 had been collected at the time of writing this report.

0.6% of rates were unpaid on the first instalment.

7.2% of rates were unpaid on the second instalment.

8 % of rates were unpaid on the third instalment.

35 % of rates were unpaid on the fourth instalment.

This percentage has improved to 24.5% at the time of writing this report.

2.3 Recommendation

That the Rates and Annual Charges Collection Report for the month of May 2020 be received and noted.

3 NYNGAN SALE YARDS

Summary:-

This report is following on from a report to Council at the 26 March 2020 Ordinary Meeting where Council resolved that the General Manager be authorised to proceed with an investigation as to the possible economic value to Council in purchasing the land for development, redevelopment or sale to commercial interests and report back to Council for a decision.

3.1 Introduction

This report is following on from a report to Council at the 26 March 2020 Ordinary Meeting where it was resolved that the General Manager be authorised to proceed with an investigation as to the possible economic value to Council in purchasing the saleyards for development, redevelopment or sale to commercial interests.

3.2 Background

Crown Lands have offered to convert the perpetual special lease 78218 (Saleyards) to freehold and transfer the title to Council.

In July 2018 the NSW Department of Planning, Industry and Environment (DPIE) wrote to Council informing them there was a voluntary process to convert Council's lease to freehold, it was estimated that the cost to do this would be \$35,100 being the unimproved land value. Nothing was considered at this stage.

In January 2020 Council received further correspondence from the DPIE stating that as previously advised this is a voluntary process and Council is under no obligation to purchase the lease and should Council choose not to apply, the lease would continue under its current terms and conditions with the exception of possible changes to the rent Council pays which is currently \$506 per year.

Council has been advised that the lease currently has a statutory "right to apply" that will be preserved until 1 July 2020 at which time a "purchase enquiry" with the possible sale being dealt with as part of the Crown Land sales program and things such as public competition, community engagement, legislation and policy will need to be considered by the Department.

3.3 Discussion

As per Council's resolution 047/2020 investigations have been undertaken to try and determine what, if any, economic value the purchasing of the land would have to Council.

As part of this process a reasonable person assessment of the current use, being a Saleyards, has been undertaken by Council staff with the assistance of Statewide Mutual, Council's insurers, who have previous experience with active saleyards in this Region.

The importance of doing this assessment was to give Council an idea of the current risks that we face by having the facility as a saleyards even if it is not currently being used commercially. It seems that the facility is currently being used to hold stock and there has also been use of the truck wash facilities without notice to or consent being provided by Council. This was evidenced by fresh manure in the holding yards as well as water in the troughs and water laying around the truck wash facility as well as the recorded use of water at the facility from meter readings.

The following is a list of the risks and hazards, associated with the operation of the stock holding facility and truck wash, identified during the assessment that Council has to consider and address even if it is not used as a commercial sale yard:-

- Signs to be placed at each entrance of the facility to indicate no unauthorised access. Fencing and gates should be considered to stop unauthorised access. If access to the site is then authorised by Council, users of the site need to be known and site supervision undertaken. For management of risk at the site there would need to be dedicated trained staff assigned to inspect and monitor this.
- Signage would need to be added to the site in relation to prohibitions, hazards.
- Signage in relation to the National Heavy Vehicle Transport, Chain of Responsibility. (Two Councils in this Region have been taken to Court by the RMS for breaches in relation to Chain of Responsibility)
- The facility is in a poor general condition and additional materials, labour and plant costs will be required to get the facility to an acceptable standard and then to keep it maintained if Council is to allow access to the site.
- Council would need to develop a Site Management Plan along with policies and procedures to go with the plan and trained Council staff would then need to ensure these were adhered to if the site was being used.

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- On inspection of the stock ramps it was noted that raising and lowering apparatus was non-functional and they were in a poor condition. Council would need to ensure these were upgraded and maintained.
- Restrictions would need to be placed on areas which may be used for holding stock within the facility.
- There is poor effluent management at the site. Effluent could run-off into dams/water ways, possibly contaminating on-site dams and off-site waterways and become a issue with the Environment Protection Authority (EPA).
- Lighting needs to be checked to ensure it is adequate as the facility may be used during the night for loading and unloading stock. Electricity has currently been locked so there is no access by the public.
- Shade over holding yards is now a requirement for stock during high temperatures, which Nyngan is prone to. (Australian Animal Welfare Standards and Guidelines – Livestock at Saleyards and Depots February 2018).
- It was noted that facility has damaged / deteriorating infrastructure due to low use and no maintenance. Yards, gates and gate fastenings all need maintenance, concrete flooring needs rectification in raceways and yards and water troughs require cleaning and maintenance.
- There are also no “all weather roads” access to facility, which is probably not a priority unless being used as a saleyard.
- Access to amenities block is not obvious and amenities block needs upgrading and regular maintenance.

As a first step towards addressing these concerns, signs have been ordered to be placed at both entrances to the saleyards facility stating “No Unauthorised Access”. This should assist in mitigating Council’s risk in terms of unauthorised use and any corresponding potential liability. If Council authorises access to the facility some of the above steps would need to be put in place relatively quickly as all responsibility would come back to Council for the risk management of the facility in regards to risks to property (public and private), livestock, humans, the environment and bio-security. Council would also be responsible for Chain of Responsibility for any vehicles entering the premises as operator of the facility.

For Council’s information a Standard from the Australian Animal Welfare Standards and Guidelines for saleyards and depots is included as Attachment 1.

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Council has limited financial or human resources allocated for site management and/or maintenance. As far as using the facility as a stock holding facility or saleyards, Council needs to consider whether they are willing to allocate funds to firstly upgrade the facility and then to allocate human resources to the site. No costs have been put together at this stage however the size of the facility and its current condition could mean substantial funds will need to be found as well as additional (trained) staff allocated to at least carry-out essential inspections when in use and to carry out maintenance programs regularly.

Surveys were sent on 7 May to all three agents in town to try and ascertain ways the disused Saleyards may be brought back into use or repurposed for rural or business activities. To date no response has been received by any of the agents indicating that the interest to use the facility is low and the ability for Council to recoup funds is non-existent.

According to Council's records the last livestock sale held at the Nyngan Saleyards was 9 September 2014 where 58 head were sold and Council received \$167 from the sale. Prior to this 11 September 2012 where 387 head were sold and Council received \$740.50 including GST from the sale. There has been some minor interest shown by an Agent recently in holding a sale as other regional saleyards, such as Dubbo and Forbes, have been closed due to Covid-19. Livestock sales have been occurring online during this time and this could be continued into the future. Another transport agent bringing livestock from Western Australia also recently enquired wanting to hold cattle overnight which did not eventuate to Council's knowledge however prior to that minimal to no enquiries have been received and Council has no record of anyone using the facility. Council has hired the show ground livestock yards in 2015, 2016, 2017 and 2018 for ram sales earning an average of \$160 per sale.

It is clear that Council will be unable to generate enough revenue to make the saleyards profitable as there would need to be guaranteed revenue from sales or holding yards on a regular basis and with no interest shown from any of the agents in town this is unlikely to eventuate. The amount of risk involved in the operation of a saleyard, together with the costs seems to suggest that it is not viable to continue their operation.

Council has received no revenue from the Nyngan Saleyards since the last sale in 2014 however Council has spent the following over the past five years at the site:-

- an average of approx \$6,000 per year water usage;
- an average of \$500 per year on electricity;
- approximately \$1,500 per year on rates and charges; and
- rent is currently \$506.

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No major work of any kind has been undertaken in the past five year and no maintenance of the site except for minor water repairs when required.

The land is Zoned RU1 Primary Production with restrictions on what it can be used for. Attachment 2 is an extract from the Bogan LEP which details land use.

In addition to the above the following also applies:-

- The land is bushfire prone, so this will need to be taken into account for any development on the site.
- A dwelling/rural workers dwelling will not be able to be built on the site as it does not meet the minimum lot size and does not have an existing dwelling on-site, therefore ruling out any dwellings. A worker's cottage could be built but this needs to be associated with a primary production business.
- Nyngan Local Aboriginal Lands Council will have to provide comment for any development on the site.

The RMS have recently shown interest in the site for an uncoupling bay for heavy vehicles and road trains and have told the Roads Manager that they will come back to Council in the near future however the details of this are yet unknown and may not come to fruition.

3.4 Attachment

1. Extract from the Australian Animal Welfare Standards and Guidelines for saleyards and depots.
2. An extract from the Bogan LEP which details land use.
3. Aerial shot of land at Nyngan Saleyards.



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3.5 Recommendation

1. That Council purchases the land from the Crown for an estimated amount of \$35,100 to be taken from cash reserves.
2. That Council decommissions the Nyngan saleyards and advertise for sale the yards themselves for dismantling and removal from the site.
3. That the General Manager be authorised to negotiate the lease of the site to NSW Roads and Maritime Services in the best interests of Council for an uncoupling site for heavy vehicles and a truck wash bay with any improvements to be at RMS expense.
4. That in the event of lease negotiations with the NSW Roads and Maritime Services not being successfully concluded by 31 December 2020, the General Manager be authorised to sell the site in the best interest of Council.

Attachment 1.

Extract from the Australian Animal Welfare Standards and Guidelines for saleyards and depots.

S1.1 A person must exercise a duty of care to ensure the welfare of livestock under their control and compliance with these saleyard welfare standards.

The responsibilities of persons involved in the saleyard process are as listed below:

(i) Saleyard and depot operators, including saleyard managers and superintendents are responsible for:

- a) overall responsibility for welfare, care and handling of livestock at the saleyard;
- b) provision of suitable and maintained facilities;
- c) provision of water for livestock;
- d) provision of feed for livestock when not in the care of owner or the owner's appointed agent;
- e) regular inspection of all livestock when not in the care of owner or the owner's appointed agent;
- f) overall responsibility for penning density in the saleyard through the provision and allocation of appropriate holding, selling and post-sale pens;
- g) arrangements for appropriate care, treatment or humane killing of identified weak, sick or injured livestock including livestock assessed as unfit for sale or further transport;
- h) arrangements for the disposal of dead animals;
- i) management of an animal welfare issues register system;
- j) contingency planning and arrangements for the saleyard;
- k) displaying contact details including emergency contacts for receipt of stock outside operating hours;



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- l) ensuring persons responsible for handling or managing livestock in the saleyard have the relevant knowledge, skills and experience to perform their duties, or are supervised by such a person.
- (ii) Stockpersons (includes livestock agents, agency staff, saleyard staff).



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Attachment 2

Bogan Local Environmental Plan 2011

Current version for 17 April 2020 to date (accessed 9 June 2020 at 17:05)

[Land Use Table](#) [Zone RU1](#)

Zone RU1 Primary Production

1 Objectives of zone

- To encourage sustainable primary industry production by maintaining and enhancing the natural resource base.
- To encourage diversity in primary industry enterprises and systems appropriate for the area.
- To minimise the fragmentation and alienation of resource lands.
- To minimise conflict between land uses within this zone and land uses within adjoining zones.

2 Permitted without consent

Environmental protection works; Extensive agriculture; Forestry; Home-based child care; Home occupations; Roads

3 Permitted with consent

Air transport facilities; Airstrips; Animal boarding or training establishments; Aquaculture; Bed and breakfast accommodation; Boat launching ramps; Boat sheds; Building identification signs; Business identification signs; Camping grounds; Cellar door premises; Cemeteries; Community facilities; Correctional centres; Depots; Dwelling houses; Eco-tourist facilities; Environmental facilities; Extractive industries; Farm buildings; Farm stay accommodation; Freight transport facilities; Hazardous industries; Heavy industrial storage establishments; Helipads; Home businesses; Home industries; Home occupations (sex services); Industrial training facilities; Information and education facilities; Intensive livestock agriculture; Intensive plant agriculture; Jetties; Mooring pens; Moorings; Offensive industries; Open cut mining; Recreation areas; Recreation facilities (major); Recreation facilities (outdoor); Roadside stalls; Rural industries; Rural workers' dwellings; Veterinary hospitals; Water recreation structures; Water supply systems

4 Prohibited

Any development not specified in item 2 or 3

Attachment 3

22.36 hectares in area or 55 acres





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4 ADOPTION OF THE 2020/2021 OPERATIONAL PLAN AND BUDGET

Summary:-

The report is to present present the draft 2020/2021 Operational Plan and Budget for adoption.

At the time of writing, no public submissions relating the Operating Plan and Budget had been received.

4.1 Introduction

The purpose of this report is to present the draft 2020/2021 Operational Plan and Budget for adoption.

4.2 Background

The legislative requirements for Council's Operational Plan and Budget are set out in Section 405 of the Local Government Act and may be summarised as follows:-

- Council must have an Operational Plan in place, adopted before the beginning of each financial year, outlining the activities to be undertaken by Council during that year, as part of the Delivery Program.
- The Operational Plan must include a statement of Council's Revenue Policy for the year covered by the Operational Plan.
- Council must prepare a draft Operational Plan and give public notice of the draft indicating that submissions may be made to Council at any time during the period (not less than 28 days) that the draft is to be on public exhibition. Council must publicly exhibit the draft Operational Plan in accordance with the notice.
- In deciding on the final Operational Plan to be adopted, Council must consider any submissions that have been made concerning the draft plan.

4.3 Discussion

Council approved the draft 2020/2021 Operational Plan and Budget for public exhibition at an Extraordinary Meeting on 14 May 2020. The exhibition period closed on 18 June 2020.

4.3.1 Public Submissions

At the time of writing, no public submissions relating to the Operational Plan and Budget had been received.

Current Year Deficit

Council's draft budget indicated a 2020/2021 deficit of \$413,847 in the General Fund which has been offset by a transfer from previous years accumulated cash reserves to produce a balanced budget for the year.

4.4 Fees and Charges

It should also be noted that the following changes have been put into the fees and charges:-

- Page 70 The Ad Valorems have changed for some categories due to the receipt of supplementary changes from the Valuer General.
- Page 96 Council has received notification on 5 June that from 1 July 2020 the Government will introduce annual permits for owners of non-desexed cats, restricted dog breeds and dogs declared to be dangerous. Therefore the following fees have been added to Companion Animals and are in addition to the lifetime registration fees:-
 - Cats not desexed by four months of age – Annual Permit \$80
(exemptions apply to cats registered before 1/7/2020, cats kept for breeding purposes by members of recognised breeding bodies and cats that cannot be desexed for medical reasons)
 - Dogs of a restricted breed or declared dangerous – Annual Permit \$195
(this fee applies to dogs that are already registered)

4.5 Recommendation

That following consideration of the submissions and any amendments, the 2020/2021 Draft Operational Plan and Budget be adopted.

5 MAKING OF RATES AND CHARGES FOR 2020/2021.

Summary:-

The report is to make the Rates and Charges for 2020/2021.

Proposed Rates and Charges for 2020/2021 were included in the Draft Operational Plan and Budget approved by Council at its meeting on 14 May 2020. The Draft Operational Plan was on public display and advertised from 21 May – 18 June 2020.

Rates and Charges as listed in the Draft Operational Plan for 2020/2021 are listed below.

5.1 Introduction

Following Council's compliance with sections 404,405 and 406 relating to the public display of the draft Operational Plan for 2020/2021 financial year, Council must now make the following rates and charges for the 2020/2021 financial year in accordance with sections 494,533,534,535 and 543 of the Local Government Act, 1993.

5.2 Background

Proposed Rates and Charges for 2020/2021 were included in the Draft Operational Plan and Budget approved by Council at its meeting on 14 May 2020. The Draft Operational Plan was on public display and advertised from 21 May – 18 June 2020.

Rates and Charges are the primary source of revenue for Council. Such revenue is critical for funding operational expenditure used for service delivery to the community in addition to the funding of the maintenance and renewal of Council's Infrastructure assets.

The Local Government Act requires that the Rates and Charges be made by Resolution of Council, after adoption of the Draft Operational Plan, pursuant to Sections 534 and 535 of the Local Government Act 1993.



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5.3 Recommendation

1. That Council authorise the General Manager to prepare and serve the rate notices or in his absence they may be served by the Revenue Accountant.
2. That pursuant to the Local Government Act, 1993, Council hereby resolves to make the ordinary rates for the 2020/2021 period as laid out below.
3. That Council applies the maximum allowable interest rate in accordance with Section 566 of the Local Government Act 1993. Council has been notified for the 2020/21 year the interest rate will be 0.0% from 01/07/ 2020 to 31/12/2020 and then 7.00% from 01/01/2021 to 30/06/2021.

Making of Rates and Charges

1. General Rates

Farmland Rate

Farmland rate (to apply to all land categorised as Farmland within Bogan Shire Council) of 0.00332880 cents in dollar having a minimum rate of \$264.00 yielding a total income of approximately \$1,809410.00 in compliance with Council's allowable Notional Income.

Residential Urban Rate

Residential Rate (to apply to all land sub - categorised as Residential Nyngan within Bogan Shire Council) of .009904600 cents in the dollar having a minimum rate of \$275.00, applied to Land Value of \$22371190 yielding a total income of approximately \$28258.00 in compliance with Council's allowable Notional Income.

Residential Rural

Residential Rural Rate (to apply to all land sub - categorised as Residential Rural within Bogan Shire Council) of .0044647 cents in the dollar having a minimum rate of \$166.00, applied to Land Value of \$2,126,300 yielding a total income of approximately \$ 9,493.00 in compliance with Council's allowable Notional Income.



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Residential

Residential Rate (to apply to all land sub - categorised as Residential within Bogan Shire Council) of .0067535 cents in the dollar having a minimum rate of \$166.00, applied to Land Value of \$636100, yielding a total income of approximately \$ 4,614.00 in compliance with Council's allowable Notional Income.

Residential – Small Villages - Hermidale

Residential – Small Villages Rate (to apply to all land sub - categorised as Residential – Small Villages - Hermidale) of .0058380 cents in the dollar having a minimum rate of \$168.00, applied to Land Value of \$266000, yielding a total income of approximately \$8,232.00 in compliance with Council's allowable Notional Income.

Residential – Small Villages – Girilambone

Residential – Small Villages Rate (to apply to all land sub - categorised as Residential – Small Villages - Girilambone) of .0049001 cents in the dollar having a minimum rate of \$168.00, applied to Land Value of \$189600, yielding a total income of approximately \$8904.00 in compliance with Council's allowable Notional Income.

Residential – Small – Villages – Coolabah

Residential – Small Villages Rate (to apply to all land sub - categorised as Residential – Small Villages - Coolabah within Bogan Shire Council) of .0326390 cents in the dollar having a minimum rate of \$168.00, applied to Land Value of \$58633, yielding a total income of approximately \$4,536.00 in compliance with Council's allowable Notional Income.

Business

Business Rate (to apply to all land categorised as Business within Bogan Shire Council) of .00643650 cents in the dollar having a minimum rate of \$307.00, applied to Land Value of \$1869530, yielding a total income of approximately \$19,69100 in compliance with Council's allowable Notional Income.

Business - Nyngan

Business Nyngan Rate (to apply to all land sub - categorised as Business Urban within Bogan Shire Council) of .04987250 cents in the dollar having a minimum rate of \$307.00, applied to Land Value of \$4409542, yielding a total income of \$221,508.00 in compliance with Council's allowable Notional Income.



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Business – Villages – Hermidale

Business Hermidale Rate (to apply to all land sub - categorised as Business Village – Hermidale within Bogan Shire Council) of .00956740 cents in the dollar having a minimum rate of \$171.00, applied to Land Value of \$ 64400, yielding a total income of approximately \$2,223.00 in compliance with Council's allowable Notional Income.

Business – Villages - Girilambone

Business Girilambone Rate (to apply to all land sub - categorised as Business Village – Girilambone within Bogan Shire Council) of .0008294 cents in the dollar having a minimum rate of \$171.00, applied to Land Value of \$ 42500, yielding a total income of approximately \$1,026.00 in compliance with Council's allowable Notional Income.

Business – Villages - Coolabah

Business Coolabah Rate (to apply to all land sub - categorised as Business Village – Coolabah within Bogan Shire Council) of .0357352 cents in the dollar having a minimum rate of \$171.00, applied to Land Value of \$11700, yielding a total income of approximately \$863.00 in compliance with Council's allowable Notional Income.

Business – Unknown

Business Unknown Rate (to apply to all land categorised as Business Unknown within Bogan Shire Council) of .0000011 cents in the dollar having a minimum rate of \$2.00, applied to Land Value of \$58989, yielding a total income of approximately \$114.00 in compliance with Council's allowable Notional Income.

Mining

Mining Rate (to apply to all land categorised as Mining within Bogan Shire Council) of .1002872 cents in the dollar having a minimum rate of \$393.00, applied to Land Value of \$6895000 yielding a total income of approximately \$691,480.00 in compliance with Council's allowable Notional Income.

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1. Water Supply and Annual and User Charges:

- (i) Water Supply charges: That Council, in accordance with Section 535, and pursuant to Sections 501 and 539(1) of the Local Government Act 1993, hereby makes the following Water Supply Charges for the financial year 1 July 2020 to 30 June 2021 as set out below.
- (ii) A Water Access Charge shall be made and levied based upon the size, volume factor and number of water services connected to an individual assessment.

Service Size	Volume Factor	Water Access Charge 2020/2021
20mm	1.00	\$591
25mm	1.56	\$951
32mm	2.56	\$1,561
40mm	4.00	\$2,440
50mm	6.25	\$3,815
100mm	25.00	\$15,253
20 CSO	1.00	\$158
Meter Reading Charge for Connections with nil reads up to 10kl consumption	\$22.50 per per reading period.	\$90

- (iii) Other Rateable Water Charges shall be made and levied on non-metered properties in the locations described.

Rateable Water Charge	Charge 2020/2021
Hermidale – Raw Water Access	\$698
Girilambone – Raw Water Access	\$480
Coolabah – Raw Water Access	\$480
Nyngan – Raw Water Access	\$480

- (iv) Other Non-Rateable Water Charges shall be made and levied on non-metered properties in the locations described.

Non-Rateable Water Charge	Charge 2020/2021
Girilambone	\$481
Hermidale	\$698

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- (v) Other Water Charges shall be made and levied on properties as appropriate, being:

Water Charge	Charge 2020/2021
Albert Priest Channel - Access	\$25.48 per ML allocation
Albert Priest Channel - Usage	\$40.30 per ML of usage

- (vi) Water Consumption Charges: That Council, pursuant to Sections 502, 539 and 540 of the Local Government Act, make and levy Water Consumption Charges, based on the appropriate tariff charge per measure, or estimate of measure, as shown in the table below, during 2020/2021, being for Reading Cycle Periods 1, 2, 3 and 4

Charge for treated Water for 2020/21 per kl shown	Charge for Other (Raw) Water for 2020/2021 per kl shown
\$2.00/kl	\$0.67/kl

2. Sewer Supply Annual and User Charges

- i) Sewer Supply Charges: That Council, in accordance with Section 535, and pursuant to Section 501 of the Local Government Act 1993, hereby makes the following Annual Sewer Access Charges for the financial year 1 July 2020 to 30 June 2021 as set out below.
- ii) Residential Sewerage Annual Charge *will be made and levied on all residential properties which have sewer supply available to it.*

Residential Sewer Access Charge	Charge 2020/2021
Residential	\$425 per meter
Residential Flat Sewer	\$415 per flat
Residential Vacant	\$540 per meter

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- iii) Non-Residential Sewerage Access Charge will be made and levied on all non-residential properties which have sewer supply available to it.

Service Charge Type			Water Service Size	Discharge Factor	Annual Access Sewer Charge 2020/2021
Non-Residential Charge	Sewer	Access	20/25mm	10%	\$540
Non-Residential Charge	Sewer	Access	40mm	10%	\$648
Non-Residential Charge	Sewer	Access	50mm	10%	\$1013
Non-Residential Charge	Sewer	Access	100mm	10%	\$4050
Non-Residential Charge	Sewer	Access	20/25mm	30%	\$540
Non-Residential Charge	Sewer	Access	40mm	30%	\$648
Non-Residential Charge	Sewer	Access	50mm	30%	\$1,013
Non-Residential Charge	Sewer	Access	100mm	30%	\$4,050
Non-Residential Charge	Sewer	Access	20/25mm	50%	\$540
Non-Residential Charge	Sewer	Access	50mm	50%	\$1,688
Non-Residential Charge	Sewer	Access	20mm	90%	\$540
Non-Residential Charge	Sewer	Access	25mm	90%	\$759
Non-Residential Charge	Sewer	Access	40mm	90%	\$1,944
Non-Residential Charge	Sewer	Access	50mm	90%	\$3,038
Non-Residential Charge	Sewer	Access	100mm	90%	\$12,150
Effluent Disposal Charge					\$333

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- iv) Sewer Usage Charges: That Council, pursuant to Sections 502, 539 and 540 of the Local Government Act, make and levy Sewer Usage Charges as detailed below.
- v) Non-Residential Sewer Usage Charges will be made and levied on all **rateable** non-residential properties which have sewer supply available to it, under best practice guidelines, and will be charged on a quarterly basis in accordance with the following pricing structure:

$$B = SDF \times (AC + C \times UC)$$

Where, B = Sewerage charge non residential

SDF = Sewerage Discharge factor**

$AC = \left(\frac{AC_{20} \times D^2}{400} \right)$ Access Charge

D = Water Supply Service Connection Size

C = Annual Water Consumption

UC = Usage Charge \$1.96

- vi) Non-Residential Sewer Usage Charges will be made and levied on all **non-rateable** non-residential properties which have sewer supply available to it, under best practice guidelines, and will be charged on a quarterly basis in accordance with the following pricing structure:

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$$B = SDF \times (AC + C \times UC)$$

Where, B = Sewerage charge non residential

SDF = Sewerage Discharge factor**

$$AC = \left(\frac{AC_{20} \times D^2}{400} \right) \text{ Access Charge}$$

D = Water Supply Service Connection Size

C = Annual Water Consumption

UC = Usage Charge \$2.07

- vii) Non-Residential Sewer Usage Charges will be made and levied on all **multi-use properties** which have sewer supply available to it, under best practice guidelines, and will be charged on a quarterly basis in accordance with the following pricing structure:

$$B = SDF \times (AC + C \times UC)$$

Where, B = Sewerage charge non residential

SDF = Sewerage Discharge factor**

$$AC = \left(\frac{AC_{20} \times D^2}{400} \right) \text{ Access Charge}$$

D = Water Supply Service Connection Size

C = Annual Water Consumption

UC = Usage Charge \$2.07

*****And that Sewerage Discharge Factors in each of the above be applied according to the following table:***

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Discharger	Discharge Factor	Discharger	Discharge Factor
Aged Care Facility	.90	Medical Centres	.90
Bakery	.90	Mixed Business	.90
Caravan Parks	.50	Home Based Small	.50
Church's	.90	Motel	.90
RSL Club	.90	Motor Repairers	.90
Bowling Club	.10	Multiple Units	.90
Golf Club	.10	Nurseries	.10
Cottage Industry	.50	Office Based	.90
Butchers	.90	Other (default category)	.90
Dental Surgery	.90	Parks & Gardens	.10
Doctor	.90	Panel Beater	.90
Engineering Services	.90	Public Amenities	1.0
Hardware Store	.90	Restaurant	.90
Hospital	.50	Schools, Pre-Schools	.30
Florist	.50	Service Stations	.90
Guest House	.90	Supermarkets	.90
Halls	.90	Swimming Pool Complex	.50
Hairdressers	.90	Takeaway Shop	.90
Hotel/Tavern	.90	Utility Services	.90
Laundromat	.90	Veterinary Clinic	.90
Library	.90		

3. Waste Management Charges

- i) Domestic Waste Management Charges and Recycling Charges: That Council, in accordance with Section 535, and pursuant to the provisions of Sections 496, 502, and 504 of the Local Government Act 1993, hereby makes the following Domestic Waste and Recycling Charges upon each parcel of rateable land for which the service is available, for the financial year 1 July 2020 to 30 June 2021, as set out below.

ii)

Service Charge Type	Charge 2020/2021
Domestic Waste Management Collection Charge	\$359
Domestic Waste Collection Other	\$239
Domestic Waste Management Additional Collection Charge	\$126
Domestic Kerb Side Recycling Charge	\$142
Domestic Kerb Side Recycling Additional Bin Charge	\$74

- (ii) Waste Management Charges – Other: That Council, in accordance with Section 535, and pursuant to the provisions of Section 501 and 502, of the Local Government Act 1993, hereby makes the following Waste Charges upon each parcel of rateable land for which the service is available, for the financial year 1 July 2020 to 30 June 2021, as set out below:

Service Charge Type	Charge 2020/2021
Business Waste Management - Collection Charge	\$239
Business Waste Management – Additional Collection Charge	\$126
Waste Management - Depot Charges Nyngan	\$341
Waste Management - Depot Charges Business	\$341
Business Waste Recycling Collection Charge	\$142
Business Waste Additional Recycling Collection Charge	\$74



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- 4. Trade Waste Charges:** That Council adopt the Trade Waste Charges for 2020/21 as advertised in the draft Operational Plan and Budget 2020/21.
- 5. Fees and Charges:** That Council adopt the Fees and Charges for 2020/2021 as advertised in the draft Operational Plan and Budget 2020/2021 (Fees and Charges) with additional changes as reported.
- 6. Interest on Overdue Rates and Charges:** That Council, in accordance with the provisions of Section 566 (3) of the Local Government Act 1993, make the interest rate, to be charged on overdue rates, charges and arrears, for the period 1 July 2020 to 31 December 2020 0.00% and from the 1st January 2021 to 30th June 2021 at 7.0% per annum on a daily basis.

Stephanie Waterhouse
Director Finance and Corporate Services

REPORT TO THE ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL – DIRECTOR OF ENGINEERING SERVICES

Mayor and Councillors

I submit the following report for consideration:-

1 OPERATIONAL REPORT

1.1 Roads

The road work undertaken for the reporting period 18 May 2020 to 12 June 2020 consisted of the following:

No.	Name	Comments
	Local Roads	
60	Whiterock Road	Causeway repairs and maintenance grading commenced.
5	Peisley Road	Causeway repairs completed.
20	Murrawombie Road	Causeway repairs completed.
67	Paynes Road	Causeway repairs completed.
13	Bourkes Road	Maintenance grading & causeway repairs continuing.
17	Booramugga Road	Maintenance grading continuing.
92	Colane Road	Maintenance grading commenced.
51	Currans Road	Re-sheeting & causeway repairs continuing.
	Sealed local roads	Roadside slashing continuing.
	Regional Roads	
MR7514	Cockies Road	Maintenance grading continuing.
MR461	Condobolin / Cobar Road	Maintenance grading & causeway repairs completed.
MR228	Hermidale/Nymagee Road	Causeway repairs continuing.

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	State Highways	
HW7	Mitchell Highway	Wilgaree shoulder widening commenced.
HW7	Mitchell Highway	Slashing completed.
HW8	Barrier Highway	Slashing completed.
MR70	Arthur Hall VC Way	Slashing completed.

Council's jet patching truck has completed work on the following roads.

- Tottenham Road
- Canonbar Road
- Mitchell Highway
- Town Streets
- Colane Road
- Hermidale Nymagee Road

The upcoming works program for Council's Rural Works teams includes, but is not limited to the following works:-

- Completion of the Wilgaree Shoulder Widening Project on the Mitchell Highway north of Nyngan.
- Commencing asphalt work on the Moonagee Street level crossing.
- Continuing slashing, and vegetation control on our rural, and state road network.
- Continuing maintenance grading, re-sheeting or emergency repairs of the following roads: Doney's Road, Bourke's Road, Coffill's Road, Gilgai Road, Curran's Road, Glengariff Road, Shannonvale Road, Drummy's Road, Dandaloo Road and Whiterock Road.

1.2 Works and Services

The work undertaken for the reporting period 18 May 2020 to 12 June 2020 consisted of the following:-



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Civil Works

- Carrying out asbestos removal Girilambone Railway Station.
- Installing garbage bin holders in BP truck parking area to replace existing 44 gallon drums.
- Completing construction of the new footpath along Nymagee Street.
- Commencing installation of seating and garbage bins.
- Carrying out repairs on fence surrounding Larkin Oval.
- Completing repairs at Council residence 19 Derrybong Street.
- Completing repairs to a ramp on the Canonba Road.
- Completing repairs on Council's storm water network.

Community Facilities

- Mowing and maintenance of ovals, reserves and highway approaches to Nyngan.
- Cleaning of town facilities.
- Cleaning and sweeping of the Nyngan CBD.
- Cleaning and maintenance of town streets and nature strips.
- Cleaning of town streets gutters and culverts.
- Painting of picnic tables and chairs town parks.
- Slashing inside the Nyngan Racecourse and Showground / Pony club area.
- Maintenance of old fuel depot site beside Heritage Park.
- New pad lock series fitted to Council's public convenience buildings.
- Tree trimming and removal.
- Assisting in Council's Bark/ Mulch giveaway.

Water & Wastewater

- Completing Albert Priest Channel de-silting and crossing replacement program through Brooklyn.
- Relaced pipe work and overhead water supply tanks at Hermidale Village.
- Continuing mains replacement along Oxley Street and Tottenham Road.
- Installation of SCADA automatic control and monitoring of Council's sewer pump stations being undertaken.
- Repairs of Council's water reticulation system carried out.
- Installed water service to Woodham's petroleum site in Lawlor Street.



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1.2 Recommendation

That the Operational Report for the reporting period 18 May 2020 to 12 June 2020, including Roads, Civil Works, Community Facilities Water and Wastewater be received and noted.

2 SHOWGROUND GRANTS

Summary:-

The purpose of this report is to advise Council of the projects applied for, and funding received, for Showground and Racecourse improvements.

2.1 Introduction

The purpose of this report is to advise Council of the projects applied for, and funding received, for Showground and Racecourse improvements.

2.2 Background

Council received a request from the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment – Crown Lands in early May to nominate projects under the 2019-2020 Showgrounds Stimulus Funding Program.

2.3 Discussion

Crown Lands requested projects that could be commenced within three months and completed in a short period of time.

The projects listed below have been nominated by user groups of the Showground and Racecourse and comprise new projects, along with projects they have previously included in grant funding applications.

Notification was received this month of seven successful projects totalling \$146,000 that are required to be completed within three months. These projects are:-

Construction of a showground arena administration building	\$22,117
Remove disused jockey rooms under grandstand	\$20,000
Installation of aluminium grandstand seating	\$43,303
Replace racecourse northern boundary fence	\$ 5,000
Replace racecourse mounting yard fence	\$18,000
Replace racecourse home straight fence	\$20,000
Construction of a racetrack starting barriers shed	<u>\$18,000</u>
	Total \$146,420



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Other projects that were submitted but unsuccessful on this occasion were:-

Re-sealing of bitumen pavements within the showground	\$51,717
Installation of racecourse retractable awnings	\$20,000
Installation of agricultural related figurines	\$ 7,863
Showground kiosk kitchen appliances	\$ 3,930
Repairs and maintenance at the Hermidale sports ground	\$25,000

Total \$108,510

Unsuccessful projects from the 2019-2020 stimulus proposals have been included in the 2020-2021 program with the following additional projects:-

Awning along front of the Pony Club building	\$20,000
Concrete slab under the racecourse grandstand	\$11,000
Secure shelter for arena ring events	\$ 7,800

Total \$38,800

The 2020-2021 Showground stimulus submissions closed on 12/06/2020 and Crown Lands has now also opened the 2020-2021 Crown Reserves Improvement Fund Program (CRIFP) for submissions. The (CRIFP) supports Crown Land managers by providing funding for repairs and maintenance projects, pest and weed control, new recreational infrastructure or environmental initiatives. The funding aims to benefit the community, boost our economy and contribute to the cultural, sporting and recreational life of NSW.

Projects from the above list that do not receive funding could also be included in the CRIFP, along with other eligible projects that Council and community organisations wish to nominate.

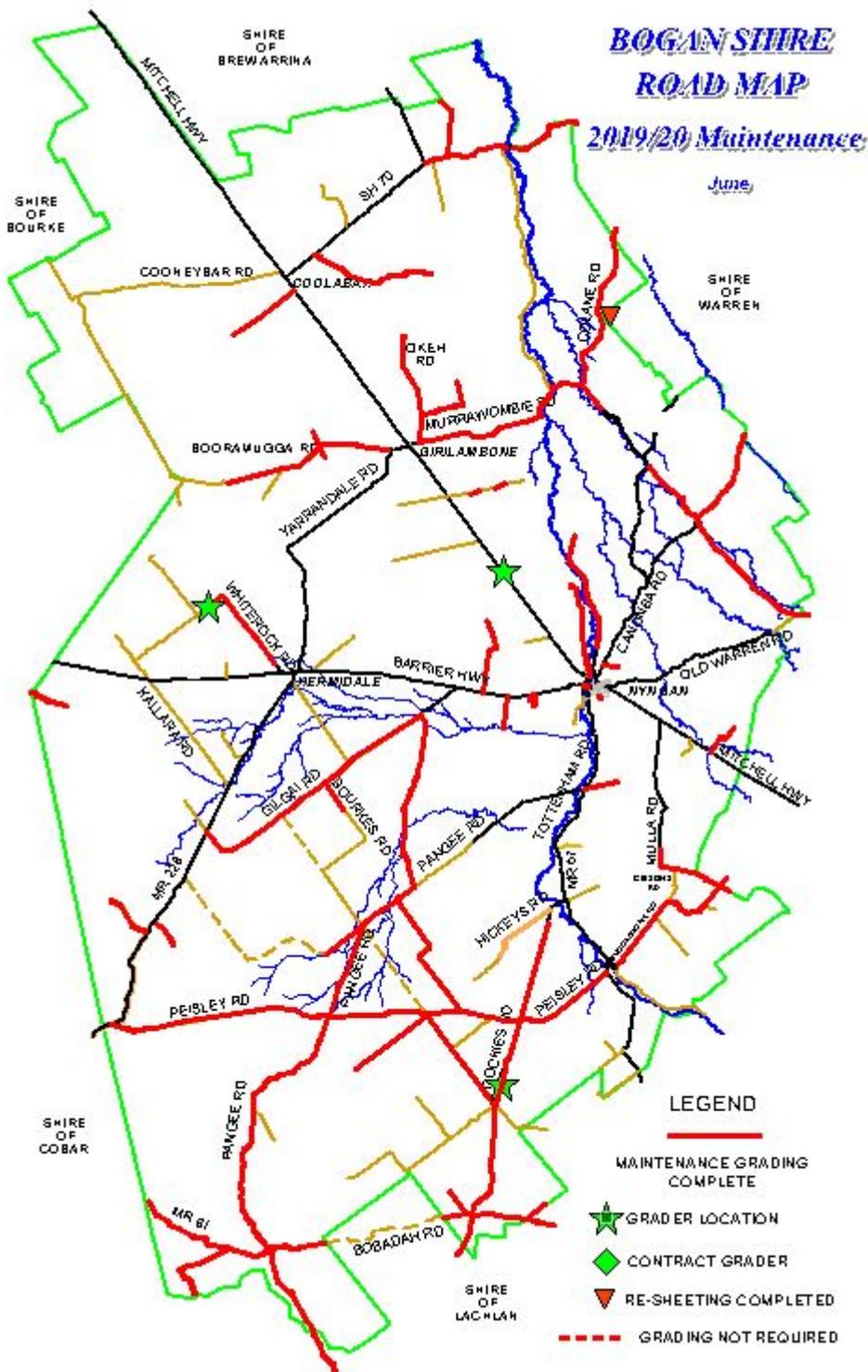
2.4 Recommendation

For Council's Consideration.

Graeme Bourke

Director Engineering Services

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REPORTS TO ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL – DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT & ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES REPORT

Mayor and Councillors

I submit the following reports for consideration:-

1 DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS

1.1 Introduction

Four (4) applications have been under assessment since Council's meeting of 28 May 2020 as indicated in the table below.

DA NUMBER	APPLICANT	ADDRESS	DESCRIPTION	VALUE (\$)	PROGRESS
2020/006	Mr Jacob Homer	1 Dalton Street, Nyngan	New Private Shed	\$20,000	For Council's Determination. Report Attached.
2020/007	ITP Development Pty Ltd	Pt Lot 2 DP 222408 Moonagee Road, Nyngan	5MW Solar Farm	\$6,600,000	On Public Exhibition. Referrals sent to relevant authorities.
2020/008	Mr Brian Morison	68 Hoskins Street, Nyngan	Demolition	\$5000	Under assessment
SSD-10415	BayWare Projects Australia Pty Ltd	Lot 21 DP 704061 Mitchell Highway, Nyngan	State Significant Development – Solar Farm	\$42,000,000	Under Assessment

1.2 Recommendation

That the Development Applications Report since Council's Meeting 28 May 2020 be received and noted.

2 OPERATIONAL REPORTS

2.1 Introduction

The purpose of this report is to outline key works undertaken for the reporting period 18 May 2020 to 12 June 2020 by Council's Gardening Team, Ranger and Noxious Weeds Officer.

2.2 Discussion

Key works undertaken by Council's Gardening Team consisted of the following:-

- Routine upkeep and maintenance duties including manual watering, whipper snipping, mowing and weed removal at Nyngan Cemetery, Davidson Park, Vanges Park, Medical Centre, Teamsters Rest, Town Hall/Senior Citizens Area, Flood Memorial Rest Area, Council Administration building, Early Learning Centre, Pioneer Park, Centenary Park and Council Doctor's housing.
- Laying and maintaining new turf at 25 Ellen Street, Nyngan.

Key works undertaken by Council's Ranger consisted of the following:-

- Moving on unauthorised campers at Rotary Park.
- Seizure of 4 Dogs to assist Nyngan Police.
- Investigation of dog on dog attack x 2.
- Asbestos removal at the Girilambone Railway site.
- Setting of multiple feral cat traps.
- Assisting at Nyngan Waste Facility with waste compaction.

Key works undertaken by Council's Noxious Weeds Officer consisted of the following:-

- Boundary and road side inspections.
- Property inspections as required under the *Biosecurity Act 2015*.
- Spraying of highways under RMS contract.
- Assisting with internal weed audit required by NSW DPI.
- Preparation of the 2021 – 2025 Weed Action Plan (WAP).

2.3 Recommendation

That the Operational Report, including Council's Gardening Team, Ranger and Noxious Weeds Officer for the reporting period 18 May 2020 to 12 June 2020 be received and noted.

3 OBJECTION TO PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT DA2020/006 – DOMESTIC SHED

Summary:-

This report is to seek Council's decision on a Development Application lodged with Council for a proposed domestic shed that fails to satisfy the current outbuilding side boundary setback requirements of Bogan Development Control Plan 2012.

3.1 Introduction

The purpose of this report is to seek Council's decision on a Development Application lodged with Council for a proposed domestic shed that fails to satisfy the current outbuilding side boundary setback requirements of Bogan Development Control Plan 2012.

3.2 Background

Council's Delegations of Authority to the General Manager allows for the following:-

"To approve plans of subdivision and other development applications that comply with sound planning practice, appropriate standards, legislation and Council policy. Applications expected to have significant unresolved social, economic or environmental impacts, designated developments and all assessments that result in a recommendation for refusal are to be reported to Council for determination"

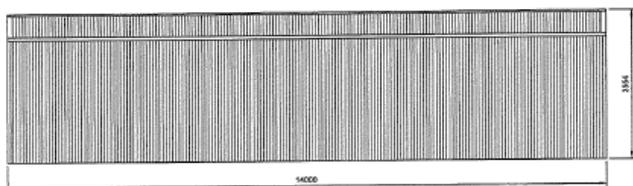
As the subject application does not comply with Council's current DCP outbuilding requirements (until the amendments on public exhibition are formally adopted), the application is forwarded to Council for determination in accordance with the above delegation.

3.2 Discussion

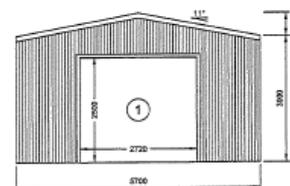
At Council's Ordinary Meeting held on 28 May 2020 it was resolved to place a revised version of Bogan Development Control Plan 2012 (DCP) on public exhibition for a period of 28 days in accordance with the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*. The revisions to the DCP related to domestic outbuilding setbacks, heights and floor areas.

On 20 May 2020 Council received a Development Application for a 79.8m² domestic shed to be located at 1 Dalton Street, Nyngan (DA2020/006). The shed is proposed to be located 150mm from the adjacent side boundary common to 195 and 193 Pangee Street, Nyngan.

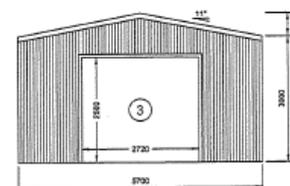
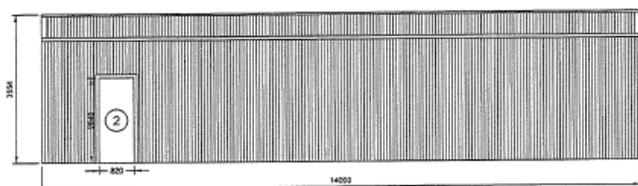
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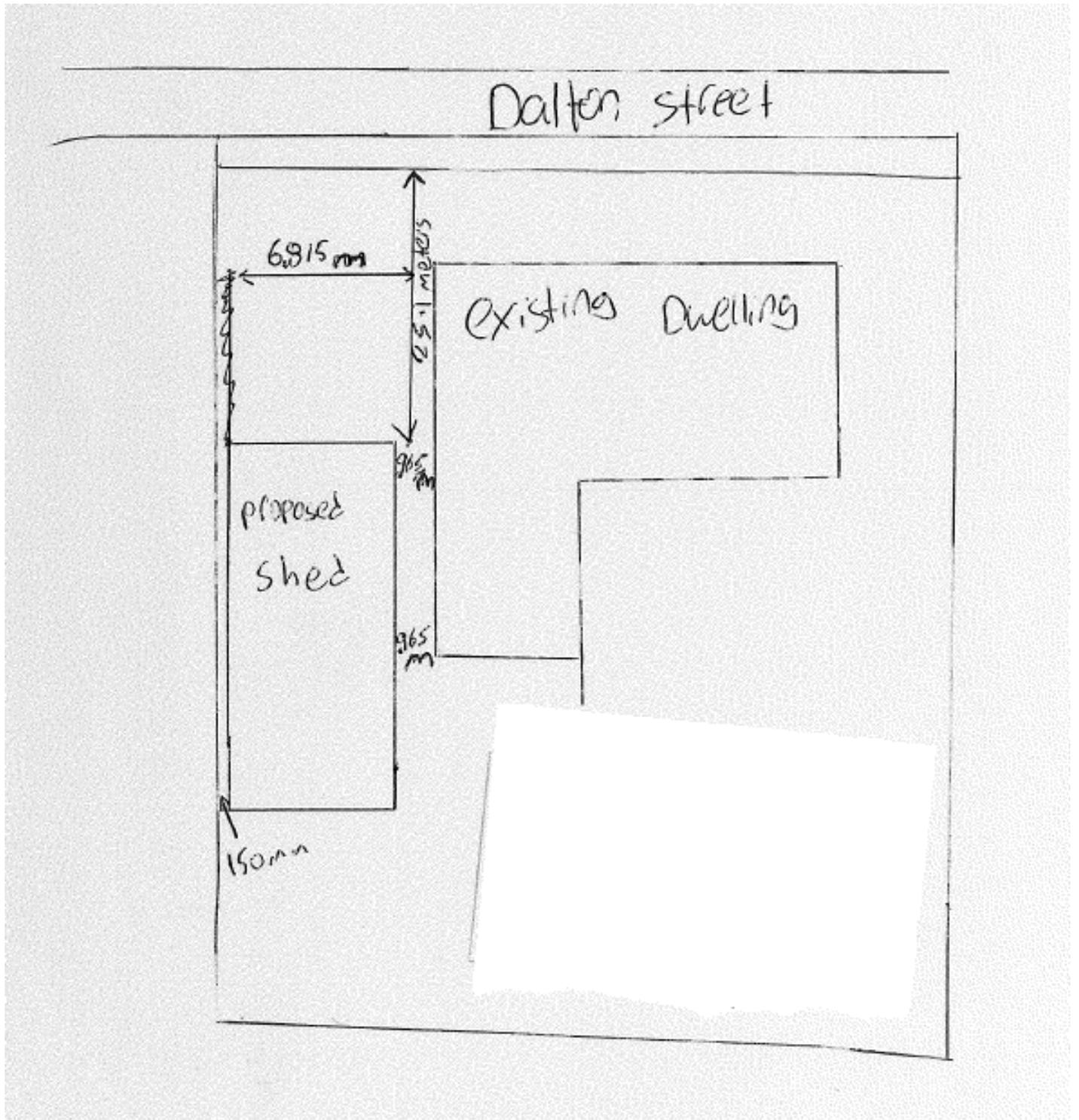
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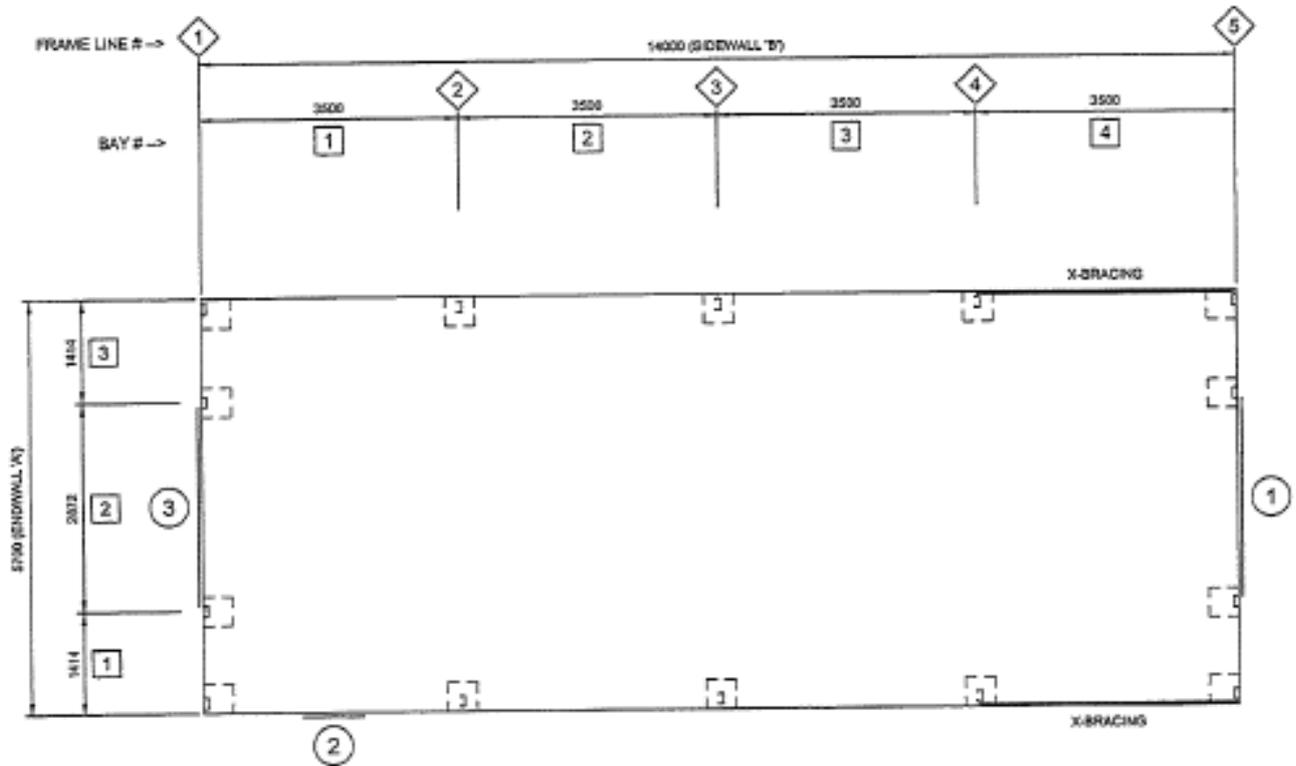


Site Plan



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Floor Plan



Aerial Photo



Under the current DCP, the shed is required to be set back at least 3m from all side and rear boundaries. Under the amended DCP (which is currently on public exhibition) the proposed setback would be compliant.

As the proposal does not comply with the current DCP setback requirements, the application was notified to the affected neighbouring property owners at 193 and 195 Pangee Street, Nyngan.

An objection was received from the property owners of 195 Pangee St which raised the following concerns:-

- Construction of footings too close to boundary fence.
- Ability to construct shed without removing fence.
- Damage to boundary fence during construction.
- Overflow of roofwater.
- Noise from the shed.
- Devaluation of property.

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Council assessment staff's response to the objection is as follows:

- Boundary fencing is considered to be a civil matter between property owners as Council has no jurisdiction under the *Dividing Fences Act 1991*.
- All roofwater is required to be connected to the existing stormwater disposal system. This is a standard condition of Development Consent that can be enforced prior to and post issue of Occupation Certificate.
- The application is for a domestic storage shed which would not result in any excessive noise being generated. A standard condition of Development Consent will be added to ensure that the shed is not used for any commercial, industrial or habitable use. The applicant has written to Council as part of the application advising that the shed is to be used for storage and exercise purposes.
- Devaluation of property is not a matter for consideration under the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* and cannot therefore form part of the assessment of the application.

3.3 Recommendation

That Council approve the application in its current form and that the objector be notified accordingly.

4 WASTE FACILITY HOURS OF OPERATION

Summary:-

This report is for Council to consider alternative operational hours at the Nyngan Waste Facility.

4.1 Introduction

The purpose of this report is for Council to consider alternative operational hours for the Nyngan Waste Facility in accordance Minute 095/2020 from Council's Estimates Meeting held on 14 May 2020.

4.2 Background

Council resolved at its meeting of 27 June 2019 to close the Nyngan Waste Facility on Mondays based on usage statistics which demonstrated that the Waste Facility was used substantially less on Mondays than the other days the Facility was open. This resulted in annual savings to Council of approximately \$15,500.

At Council's Budget Estimates Meeting held on 14 May 2020 it was resolved that Council consider amending the Nyngan Waste Facility opening hours to 6 days per week (including either Saturday and/or Sunday) for 4 hours per day, prior to the final budget being adopted (see Minute 095/2020).

4.3 Discussion

Evidence suggests the Nyngan Waste Facility should be open over the entire weekend and closed on Mondays based on the statistics that were presented at the 27 June 2019 Ordinary Council Meeting.

The statistics identified minimal use of the Facility on Mondays, which led to Council resolving to close the Waste Facility on Mondays going forward (Resolution 216/2019). Additional cost savings were also projected to occur when Public Holidays fell on Mondays.

As an alternative to this arrangement however, Council may consider the following options as requested at the May 2020 Budget Meeting:-

Option 1 – Waste Facility open Monday to Saturday inclusive

With the Nyngan Waste Facility being open Monday through to and including Saturday for 4 hours per day, it is estimated that staff wages would be reduced by \$491.45 per week as overall operating hours would be reduced from 26 hours to 24 hours per week.

Option 2 – Waste Facility open Sunday to Friday inclusive

With the Nyngan Waste Facility being open Sunday through to and including Friday for 4 hours per day, it is estimated that staff wages would be reduced by \$351.10 per week. These savings are as a result of reduced weekend penalty rates and the fact that overall operational hours would be reduced from 26 hours to 24 hours per week.

Option 3 – Waste Facility open Wednesday to Sunday inclusive.

With the Nyngan Waste Facility being open over the entire weekend plus Wednesday, Thursday and Friday for 4 hours per day, staff costs (even with penalty rates taken into account) would be reduced by approximately \$210 per week as overall operating hours would be reduced from 26 hours to 24 hours per week.

Staff issues

It is important to note that whilst it is possible for staff to work 6 days per week at reduced hours, consideration needs to be given to job appeal in order to attract and retain suitable staff.

Waste staff are part time and therefore accrue leave at a slower rate than fulltime employees. Having 2 consecutive days off makes the role more attractive and allows for staff to spend a night away from home.

Complaint

Council should also note that only one official complaint has been received regarding the current Waste Facility operating hours since changes were implemented on 1 August 2019 following Council Resolution 216/2019.

4.4 Recommendation

That the Nyngan Waste Facility operational hours remain unchanged as resolved at Council's Ordinary Meeting held on 27 June 2019 (Resolution 2016/2019).

5 NYNGAN CENTENARY FOUNTAIN

Summary:-

This report is to seek Council's direction in relation to the operation of the Nyngan Centenary Fountain.

5.1 Introduction

The purpose of this report is to seek Council's direction in relation to the operation of the Nyngan Centenary Fountain.

5.2 Background

At Council's Budget Estimates Meeting held on 14 May 2020 it was resolved to remove proposed security cameras from the Draft Budget for the Nyngan Centenary Fountain.

5.2 Discussion

The request for security cameras was aimed at combating the ongoing vandalism that the fountain receives, which more often than not has rendered it inoperable.

With cameras being removed from the budget, Council must consider whether it is appropriate to continue repairing the fountain each time it is vandalised or look into an alternative design that is effectively vandal proof.

The existing stone design is quite fragile as it is assembled in multiple parts that are only loosely connected. Once the parts are vandalised by physical force, the copper piping inside the fountain becomes 'kinked' which in turn causes damage to the water pump and other internal components.

The existing design is also a custom build, so apart from being quite expensive to manufacture, it takes considerable time to source replacement parts. It also requires Council resources to continually diagnose each act of vandalism and to order and fit replacement parts.

An initial investigation has shown that a heavy cast iron fountain of similar design (indicative image below) to the existing structure would cost between \$1200 and \$2500 to purchase, however it would be money well spent as it is envisaged that physical vandalism would be much more difficult with the internal water infrastructure being fully encased and protected by a single, sturdy unit.



Indicative image of a cast iron fountain with similar design to existing fountain.

5.3 Recommendation

That Council allocate funds for the replacement of the existing fountain with a heavy duty, vandal proof alternative.

Tony Payne

Director Development and Environmental Services

PRECIS OF CORRESPONDENCE

1 THE HON. MELINDA PAVEY MP, MINISTER FOR WATER, PROPERTY AND HOUSING

Attached is a copy of correspondence from The Hon. Melinda Pavey, MP Minister for Water, Property and Housing in response to Council's letter of 23 March 2020 concerning funding to connect Nyngan's water supply to the newly established town test-bore. The Minister was pleased to hear of Council's success with the recently installed test bores and that a possible new water source might now be available and that the NSW Government has made emergency funding available to Council to enable the completion of this important project. The Government funding to this project is \$4.03million and Council's contribution will be \$270,000.

1.1 Recommendation: That the correspondence from The Hon. Melinda Pavey, MP Minister for Water, Property and Housing in response to Council's letter of 23 March 2020 concerning funding to connect Nyngan's water supply to the newly established town test-bore be received and noted.

2 NYNGAN SHOW SOCIETY

Attached is a copy of correspondence received from the Nyngan Show Society advising the Society had received \$5000 to construct an awning along the front of the kiosk and on the north side of it across to the bar. The Society is requesting Council's approval to construct the awning and for Council staff to carry out the work. The Show Society will provide Council with the \$5,000 grant funding for the work to be carried out.

General Manager's Note: If Council was to construct the awning, the cost to Council would be approximately \$5,000.

2.1 Recommendation: For Council's Consideration.

3 REVIEW OF ELECTORAL DISTRICTS

Attached is an extract from Weekly Circular dated 5 June 2020 concerning a review of electoral districts. The NSW Electoral Commission is reviewing the 93 State electoral districts in NSW to ensure equal number of voters in each district. Suggestions and comments on the redistribution of NSW Electoral districts are invited from the public, community groups, political participants and other stakeholders. Suggestions close Wednesday 1 July 2002.



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A redistribution is a collaborative process involving input from the public, political participants and other stakeholders.

In deciding where the boundaries should be drawn, many factors are taken into consideration. These include:-

- demographic trends;
- community interests including economic, social and regional interests;
- means of communication and travel;
- physical features and area;
- mountains and other natural boundaries; and
- boundaries of existing districts.

At the time of the redistribution, the number of enrolled voters in each district must not vary by more than 10 per cent (up or down) from the quota or average number. The Redistribution Panel also endeavours to ensure that, as far as practicable, the number of enrolled voters in each district does not vary by more than 10 per cent (up or down) from the quota at the relevant future time.

The 'relevant future time' is four years from the day of the return of the writs advising the election of the Assembly that exists at the time the distribution is carried out. The writs for the Legislative Assembly elected at the 2019 NSW State election were returned Wednesday, 17 April 2019. Therefore, the relevant future time is 17 April 2023.

The Electoral Districts Redistribution Panel must base its decisions primarily on achieving an equal number of electors across all districts. Wherever possible the Redistribution Panel needs to take into account:-

- economic, social and regional communities of interest;
- means of communication and travel;
- physical features and area of the electoral district;
- natural boundaries (such as mountains or rivers); and
- the boundaries of existing electoral districts.



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A whole-of-State process

While the needs of individual districts and the communities within them are considered and wherever possible taken into account, the Redistribution Panel must have a whole-of-state perspective so that the electorates fit together and have approximately the same number of voters.

At the time of the redistribution, the number of enrolled voters in each district may vary by up to 10 per cent (up or down) from the 'quota' or average number. At a specified projection time, that is 17 April 2023, the enrolment figures should not, as far as practicable vary from the average projected quota by more or less than 10 per cent.

Acceptable variation

Voters move and new people enrol every day. Natural boundaries and communities of interest must be taken into account. The NSW Parliament has decided that a variation of plus or minus 10 per cent is an acceptable figure to work with, and allows some flexibility to the Redistribution Panel when making decisions about boundaries. A State Electoral Districts Map is enclosed in the mailout.

3.1 Recommendation: For Council's Consideration.

4 WEEKLY CIRCULARS

Weekly Circulars dated 22 May 2020, 29 May 2020, 5 June 2020 and 12 June 2020 have been emailed to Councillors for information.

4.1 Recommendation: That the Local Government Weekly Circulars dated 22 May 2020, 29 May 2020, 5 June 2020 and 12 June 2020 be received and noted.

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The Hon. Melinda Pavey MP
Minister for Water, Property and Housing

Derek Francis
General Manager
Bogan Shire Council
81 Cobar Street
NYNGAN NSW 2825


Dear Mr Francis

BOGAN SHIRE COUNCIL	
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ASSIGNEE:	

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Thank you for your letter of 23 March 2020 concerning funding to connect Nyngan's water supply to the newly established town test-bore.

Given the location of Nyngan and the impacts that the drought is having on your community, I was pleased to hear of Council's success with the recently installed test bores and that a possible new water source might now be available.

I am also pleased the NSW Government has made emergency funding available to Council to enable the completion of this important project. This funding will allow for constructing the pipeline and associated equipment to link this bore to the town's Water Treatment Plant.

Thank you for the details provided in your letter indicating the cost estimate for these works is \$3.8 million. Given the opportunity of developing a larger bore field in this area into the future, it was recommended to me that I make available an additional \$0.5 million for a larger pipe size to be installed so that a larger flow can be pumped.

This additional scope brings the total project cost to \$4.3 million. The NSW Government will fully fund this aspect of the project as it has the potential to benefit water users beyond Bogan Shire Council. The Department will be in contact with you regarding the specific design elements of this larger project.

I am aware work on rehabilitating the off-river storage is now well advanced albeit delayed by the recent wet weather. I am expecting these works will be completed and the storage filled at a final cost of less than \$2.9 million. On this basis I have requested that the likely surplus funding of \$1.1 million from this project be used on the bore pipeline project as the projects share the same outcome – enhancing the water security for Bogan Shire Council.

I am pleased to advise that in addition to this funding, an amount of \$2.93 million in new NSW Government funding is also available to complete this project. This new funding brings the total NSW Government funding to this project to \$4.03 million that includes

- \$1.1 million of savings from the off-river storage rehabilitation project
- \$0.5 million for larger pipe size that is fully funded by the NSW Government, and,
- \$2.43 million being 90 per cent of remaining \$2.7 million consistent with the NSW Government's Emergency relief for regional town water supplies policy.

Council's contribution for this project will be \$270,000.

Thank you for your interest in this matter and for bringing it to my attention. If you require additional information or wish to discuss this matter further, please contact Mr David Swan, Regional Manager – west on 0419 947 024.

Yours sincerely


Melinda Pavey MP
Minister for Water, Property and Housing

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President: Mr Rodney Robb
Treasurer: Miss Emily Pitt
ABN: 23 533 966 730



Secretary: Ms Kathy Korn
Telephone: 0439749814
Address: P O Box 163
NYNGAN NSW 2825

10 June 2020

General Manager
Bogan Shire Council
Mr Derek Francis
81 Cobar Street
NYNGAN NSW 2825

Dear Derek

The Nyngan Show Society applied for a 2020 RASF Community Futures grant in January 2020 seeking funding to purchase kitchen appliances for the showground kiosk and to construct an awning along the front of the kiosk and on the north side of it across to the bar.

We have been advised that although unsuccessful for the kitchen upgrade, we have received \$5,000 in funding to construct the awning.

The purpose of this letter is to request Council's approval to construct the awning and to request that Council staff carry out the work. The Show Society will transfer the \$5,000 in funds to Council before work commences if we are given approval.

This addition to the kiosk will not only benefit the Show Society, but also the other users of these facilities. A plan of the proposed structure is attached for Council's information.

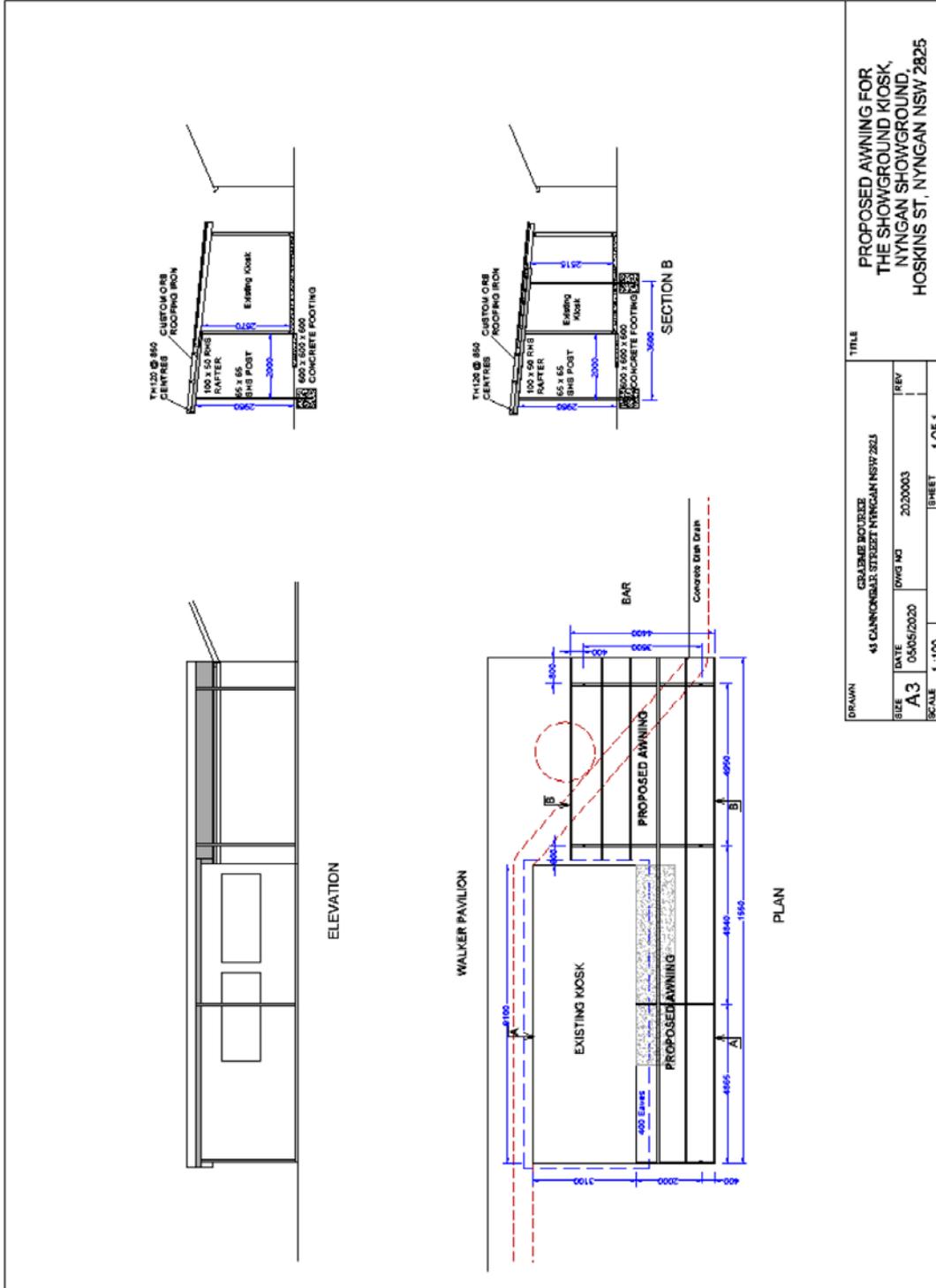
Thank you for considering this request.

Yours Sincerely

Kathy Korn
SHOW SECRETARY

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Review of electoral districts

The NSW Electoral Commission is reviewing the 93 state electoral districts to ensure equal numbers of voters in each district. Suggestions and comments on the redistribution of NSW electoral districts are invited from the public, community groups, political participants and other stakeholders. Examples of topics that might be included in a suggestion include:

- Projected population changes in a district will require the moving of a portion of the district to another district
- a current boundary cuts through a particular community and separates them from their social or cultural facilities
- a change of name of a current electoral district.

The key dates for redistribution process:

- Monday, 1 June 2020 – Suggestion period opens
- Wednesday, 1 July 2020 – Suggestion period closes
- Thursday, 2 July 2020 – Comments period opens (to comment on suggestions received)
- Wednesday, 15 July 2020 – Comments period closes.

The process is being administered by an independent panel and is required by legislation.

