

BOGAN SHIRE COUNCIL

Business Paper

22 June 2017



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15 June 2017

COUNCIL MEETING NOTICE

The next Ordinary Meeting of Council will be held in the Council Chambers, Nyngan on Thursday 22 June 2017 at 9.30am.

At 10.15am, Miss Michelle Hall will address Council regarding the Orana Art Proposal to Bogan Shire Council to develop and exhibit space and gallery for local, regional and national exhibitions.

At 12 noon – Sergeant Tony Wood will address Council.

AGENDA

- 1. Opening Prayer
- 2. Remembrances
- 3. Apologies
- 4. Declarations of Interest
- Confirmation of the Closed and Confidential Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 25 May 2017
- 6. Engineering Services Confidential Report
 - 1. Annual Gravel Haulage Services Tender 2017/2
 - 2. Annual Road Base Crushing Tender 2017/3
 - 3. Annual Plant Hire Tender 2017/1

In accordance with the provision of Section 10A (2) (d) (i) of the Local Government Act 1993, the General Manager is of the opinion that consideration of this item is likely to take place when the meeting is closed to the public for the following reason: because information provided and discussed involves commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it.

- 8. Confirmation of the Minutes of Council Meeting held on 25 May 2017
- 9. Rescission Motion
- 10. Mayoral Minute
- 11. General Manager's Report incorporating reports from:-
 - Community Services
 - Corporate Services
 - Engineering Services
 - Development and Environmental Services
- 12. Correspondence
- 13. Grants and Funding

Your attendance at this meeting would be appreciated.

Yours sincerely

Cathy Ellison

Executive Assistant





Rescission Motion to the Ordinary Meeting of Bogan Shire Council held on 22 June 2017

RESCISSION MOTION

Below is a copy of a Rescission Motion received 30 May 2017 in relation to Motion 126/2017.

MOTION No. 126/2017 – RESOLVED that Council charge all farmland ratepayers half Waste Depot Fee and all farmland ratepayers be issued with 12 vouchers. **(Ryan/Douglas)**

29 May 2017

Mr Derek Francis General Manager Bogan shire Council NYNGAN NSW 2825

We give notice that a motion will be presented to Council to consider rescinding Motion No. 126/2017:-

RESOLVED that Council charge all farmland ratepayers half Waste Depot Fee and all farmland ratepayers be issued with 12 vouchers -

that was passed at Council's estimates meeting on 11 May 2017.

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Mayoral Minute to the Ordinary Meeting of Bogan Shire Council held on 22 June 2017

MAYORAL MINUTE

Councillors

I submit the following report for consideration:-

1 DRAFT ESTIMATES AND BUDGET FOR 2017/2018

The draft Estimates and Budget for 2017/2018 contained Block Grant State funding to seal 1km of Cockies Road, but no funding to reconstruct and seal any local roads with the main funding going towards gravel resheeting, maintenance, bitumen reseals and some seal reconstruction. I recommend we continue funding some local road sealing, and use some of the funds for roadworks held in reserve to reconstruct and seal 1 km of the Colane Road (estimate cost \$150,000). This local gravel road is the most expensive for maintenance as the black soil eats the gravel, hence our regular sealing program on the Colane Road over recent budgets.

I know some doubt exists as to the level of RTR Federal funding for the following financial year 2018/2019. However, our roadworks program gave us a lot of credibility from the reconstruction and sealing works we are able to do, and I think this should continue with the sealing of 1km of Colane Road.

1.1 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	13/12/2012 28/03/2013	418/2012 098/2013	Davidson Park Revitalisation Program	Establish paving pathways to the mural.	MDES	Work commenced.
2	22/06/2014	209/2014	Tourist Information Bay	On commencement of project, Council advise owners/apparent owners of existing highway signage that existing signs to be removed. Or maybe replaced by signs on the Information Bays. Council charge an annual fee and an initial fee.	GM	Affected business owners identified and engagement process commenced. Letters drafted.



3	26/09/2014	363/2014	Fire Safety Audit Program	Further report on progress of compliance with Program.		Fire Safety Audit Reports (FSARs) to all selected properties completed. Meetings held with several owners / Boards. Agreement on required works achieved with several owners / Boards.
	26/02/2015	033/2015		Legal proceedings including the issuing of Notices and Orders to commence against the owner/occupier of any premises who fails to confirm their agreement to comply with the findings of the FSAR.		Efforts still being made to have owners upgrade building voluntary.
4	26/11/2015	457/2015	Sports Insurance	Council continue to follow up correspondence with the Minister for Sport, Minister for Health, Minister for Finance, Dept of Fair Trading, Australian Competition & Consumer Commission and Icare Workers Insurance –	MPC	Ongoing. Letters sent 29 November 2016 to the following:- NSW Country Rugby League NSW Netball Association Cricket NSW



				concerning inadequate reply to Council's enquiry on what local sports insurance fees are spent on.		To date no replies have been received. All communication and documentation has been provided for submission to the CRL via Councillor Neill.
5	15/12/2016	481/2016	Bogan Bush Mobile	Delegation is planned to meet with Minister. Council works together with MCSA & other Councils in Parkes Electorate to formulate a combined response to the proposed BBF funding changes, expressing grave concerns that a valuable service to our rural families will be lost.	GM	Meeting held 1 December 2016. Council's response report sent to PwC, with a copy to Mark Coulton on 27 Jan 2017. Submission has been made to Senate Enquiry. BBM has been assured of ongoing funding but it is uncertain what form this will take. Awaiting follow up visit from consultants, PwC.



6	24/03/2016 15/12/2016	078/2016 485/2016	Bicentennial Wall & Ceramic Mural	The General Manager work with Peter Zanetti to undertake the necessary work to complete the reinstatement of the wall & mural.	GM	Peter Zanetti & his team have commenced the project. Broken tiles have been put together & now to be catalogued. Community workshop dates to be confirmed. Manufacture of blank tiles commenced.
7	28/04/2016	107/2016	Village Tour	Entrance Signs into villages be pursued in conjunction with the villages' communities. Costing to be part funded from village allocation & part funded by Council.	MES	Construction of signs still in progress. UPDATE: Delay in supply of steel name cut outs.
8	28/07/2016	266/2016	Signs at Ovals & Parks	Investigate the history of the former Nyngan residents and sportsmen, after whom parks and sportfields are named, with a suggested wording & cost for signage.	MPC	UPDATE: Signs are ready to be installed.



9	27/10/2016	423/2016	Seniors Living – Rental Units	Consult with community to gauge interest in the project before making a decision on which location & how many units to build & advise prospective tenants of what the highest rental payment will be & what they would receive for their payment.	GM	Public Information Meeting 14 December 2016. Community expressed a preference for the Cobar/Dandaloo site. A site plan is being prepared & will be costed & presented to Council for consideration at the April Council Meeting.
	27/04/2017	109/2017		Council approve \$7,000 in the current year's budget to have the construction plans complied.		A report be presented to Council detailing the estimated cost of the development once the construction plans have been received and quantified.
10	15/12/2016	491/2016	Mitchell Highway	As a priority, further urgent representation to the Minister for Transport & RMS concerning the conditions, safety & dangerous section of the Highway.	MES	Letter to Minister for Transport and RMS sent. COMPLETED



						
	25/05/2017	143/2017		Council forward another urgent letter to Minister for Transport & copy for RMS requesting upgrade of 8kms of road construction on Mitchell Highway.		UPDATE: Letter Sent. COMPLETED
11	23/02/2017	027/2017	Lions Park	Council investigate replacing the road base with sand or a suitable alternate at the cricket nets.	MDES	Remaining works still to be completed.
	23/03/2017	046/2017		Increase budget to replace the hard surface with sand or a suitable alternative at the cricket nets.		Adjacent road base material has been removed. Contractor engaged to lay additional concrete. Suitable surfacing (synthetic turf) being investigated. UPDATE: Additional concrete laid and synthetic turf ordered.



12	23/03/2017		Funding for Live Music Events in Regional NSW	Further investigation by staff.	MPC	Council to investigate participation in EOI process.
13	23/03/2017	042/2017	Rural Financial Counsellor Services	Council approach the local Federal Member & Minister for Agriculture & Water Resources to continue funding for four offices –	GM	Letters sent to Mark Coulton, local Federal Member & Barnaby Joyce, Federal Member for Agriculture & Water Resources.
				Nyngan, Mudgee, Walgett and Tottenham to remain open after 30 June 2017.		To date, no replies have been received.
	27/04/2017	086/2017		Council follow up with a stronger letters to both local member and Minister.		UPDATE: Precis refers. COMPLETED
14	23/03/2017	064/2017	Pangee Street Garden Beds	Reallocate funds of \$5,528 to the Pangee Street Garden beds – further report be presented to Council on the success of the trial garden bed.	MDES	UPDATE: Further report in late Spring / Early Summer once establishment of plants occurs. COMPLETED



15	27/04/2017		Industrial Estate	Seek public interest in naming of the estate.	MPC	Public Notice in local paper. Closing date 9 June 2017 for suggestions. UPDATE: Report to Council refers. COMPLETED
16	27/04/2017	090/2017	Flood Memorial Carpark	Signage be erected in the carpark advising campers free camping is permitted within the area for 24 hours and that no access to power is available, however, power is available at the two Caravan Parks.	MPC	UPDATE: Signage ordered – waiting on receival.
17	27/04/2017	110/2017	Bogan Shire Swimming Pool Inspection Program	Council place the BS Swimming Pool Inspection on public exhibit for 28 days.	MDES	Currently on public exhibition. COMPLETED
18	25/05/2017	156/2017	Walkway	Council hold an inaugural cycle/walk, inviting community and school children to participate.	MPC	UPDATE: Consultation under way with schools to gauge level/type of participation.



19	25/05/2017	162/2017	Western Slopes Gas Pipeline Major Project	Council object in principle to the project in our Shire, if project goes ahead request applicant to consider re-routing the pipeline along edges of public roads reserves to avoid private properties.	MDES	Note: Secretary's Environmental Assessment Requirements have been issued by Department of Planning and applicant has 2 years to lodge a formal application with supporting assessments in line with the SEAR's. Council would be involved at this stage to provide a submission on the proposal. COMPLETED
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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 NAMING OF INDUSTRIAL AREA

Summary:-

Council resolved to seek public interest in the naming of the Lawlor Street industrial area.

2.1 Introduction

Council resolved at the Meeting held on 27 April 2017 to seek public interest in the naming of the Lawlor Street industrial area near the Bogan Shire Depot.

2.2 Discussion

The following submissions have been received:-

- 1. Peter Murphy John Hoare Business Park.
- 2. Maureen Monaghan Monaghan's Corner. (Previously received in 2013 and verbally re-submitted for consideration on this issue).
- 3. RL Donald John Hoare OAM Estate.
- 4. Kay Taylor Stan White Place.
- 5. Betsy Donohoe Roy Donohoe Industrial Estate.

2.3 Attachments

Copies of submissions.

2.3 Recommendation

For Council's Consideration.

Derek Francis General Manager



From: Murphys Hardware Nyngan < murphyshw@bigpond.com>

Date: 7 June 2017 at 3:58:05 pm AEST **To:** <<u>derek.francis@bogan.nsw.gov.au</u>>

Subject: Industrial Area

Bogan Shire Council

Dear Derek,

I am writing to you in response to councils request for ideas as to the naming of the industrial area.

I would like council to consider naming the area,

JOHN HOARE BUSINESS PARK.

John is a very well respected member of our community having served a number of years as Mayor of Bogan Shire Council,

also being involved with several other groups and committees working to make Bogan Shire a better place over the years.

In my opinion naming the area after John would show an appropriate degree of recognition for the service he has given Bogan Shire.

Thank you for taking the time to read this submission and good luck with coming up with an appropriate name.

Yours sincerely

Peter J Murphy

Murphy's Hardware Nyngan Pty Ltd 63 Pangee St

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PO Box 198

NYNGAN NSW 2825

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

Dear Sir

In response to Bogan Shire Council seeking expression of interest from the public for the naming of the Nyngan Industrial Estate, I would like to suggest this area be called the:-

John Hoare OAM Estate

John is a former Bogan Shire Councillor (1977-91) and former Shire President (1980-91). He led the Council that established this Industrial Estate with sub-division and installation of services, and during his term on Council the building that is our Engineering Depot was constructed as a CRT and Farm Machinery Dealership. Lawlor Street was also constructed.

John was Shire President when Nyngan was flooded in April 1990, and led the Council during the initial recovery period from this major natural disaster. He did not stand for Council at the 1991 Local Government Elections.

I believe naming this Estate would be a fitting tribute and acknowledge the major contribution John has made to our Shire over many years.

Yours sincerely

RL Donald OAM

BOGAN SHIRE COUNCIL

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partly done with his invention The Digmore Scoop.) * Worked sometimes with Jack Kennedy supplying power to hyngan. * Built & designed several houses in nyngan including his own 8 bobar St which was the first two storey house in hyngan & has I foot foundations . + self designed & built cercular startcase. * Repaired aeroplanes at hyngan aisport during the war years (secretly at night). He even repaired Mancy Berd Walton's plane as mentioned in her book "Oh my God It's a Woman!" * Operated earth moving plant with Sons Jem & Ken, also tutored them in automotive, machine tool & electrical engineering * Employed many other people over the years.





Roy has probably done many other things for Thyngan of which I am not aware, but with what I have presented, I hope that you will consider "Roy Donohoe Industrial Estate" an appropriate name for this new area.

Yours faithfully ER Dondhoe (Betsy)

REPORT TO THE ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL - COMMUNITY SERVICES

Mayor and Councillors

The following reports are submitted for consideration:-

1 VISITOR INFORMATION CENTRE OPERATIONAL REPORT

Summary:

The purpose of this report is to provide information to Council on the operations of the Visitor Information Centre.

1.1 Introduction

The purpose of this report is to provide information to Council on the operations of the Visitor Information Centre.

1.2 Background

At its meeting on 27 October 2016, Council resolved to move towards obtaining Level 2 Accreditation (Resolution 414/2016). In order to meet Level 2 Accreditation, Council was required to develop and implement an Operations Manual / Business Plan, which Council adopted at its meeting on 23 March 2017 (Resolution: 051/2017).

On Friday 5 May 2017, the General Manager and staff met with Mark Greaves from The Tourism Group to discuss Council's application for Level 2 Accreditation. Following this visit, the Nyngan Visitor Information Centre was approved for Level 2 Accreditation, allowing it to use the trademark registered yellow "i" sign.

1.3 Discussion

Level 2 Accreditation

Production and cost of the yellow "i" signage, including the updating and installation of the highway signage currently advertising other accredited visitor information centres in the region is the responsibility of the VIC (Council). All signage must adhere to the Style Guide guidelines to preserve the integrity of the symbol.



The Tourism Group will contact the co-ordinator of the Regional Tourist Attraction Signposting Assessment Committee at Destination NSW to provide us with guidance on roadside signage.

The cost for Level 2 Accreditation is \$880 per annum including GST and once payment is received a certificate is sent for display in the VIC. The accreditation period commences on July 1 2017, but as it is so close, Nyngan VIC has been granted approval to operate as a fully accredited Centre displaying appropriate signage in the meantime.

We also need to install Eftpos facilities in keeping with Level 2 requirements.

Statistics

The total number of visitors through the Centre and / or enquiries for the March / April / May period is as follows:-

Visitors: 354

Phone: 26

Email: 15

Of those who called in, 86 utilised free camping, 14 stayed in motels and the remainder didn't reveal their place of stay.

1.4 Recommendation

That the Operational Report for the Visitor Information Centre be received and noted.



2 ORANA ARTS – PROPOSAL TO DEVELOP EXHIBITION SPACE AND GALLERY IN THE FORMER FIRE STATION

Summary:

The purpose of this report is for Council to consider a proposal from Orana Arts to apply for grant funding to convert the former Fire Station into a professional standard Exhibition Space.

2.1 Introduction

Orana Arts approached Council to convert the Town Hall Supper Room into a professional standard Exhibition and Gallery space, using grant funding and a financial contribution from Council. After this Orana Arts has a strong preference for using the former Fire Station instead.

2.2 Background

Representatives from Create NSW (formerly Arts NSW) visited Nyngan last month to investigate opportunities to establish a regional cultural hub in the town. They met with Councillors and community groups, and toured existing facilities including the Town Hall, Palais Theatre, the old Town Hall in Nymagee Street, and some main street buildings.

The Town Hall Supper Room was initially considered the best option for conversion into a semi-permanent Exhibition Space and Gallery to incubate and promote local and regional creative and activities. Subsequently the former Fire Station was found to be more suitable.

Orana Arts, which accompanied the Create NSW tour, has approached Council for permission to apply for grant funding to carry out necessary renovations.

Michelle Hall from Orana Arts met with the Mayor, General Manager, Manager of Development and Environmental Services, Manager of People and Culture and the Community Development Officer to explain the proposal in further detail.

Orana Arts plans to manage the space for the first year using its contacts to attract, hang and oversee exhibitions. It will also mentor local people to provide capacity for them to continue this work into the future either as volunteers or possibly in a part time paid capacity.



2.3 Discussion

Orana Arts plans to apply for funding from Arts NSW, which would include a contribution from Council. This would be used to convert the building into a professional gallery space.

If the Supper Room was to be used, whilst considered to be structurally sound, would require cosmetic changes to make it functional as an exhibition space.

The main works would include placing plasterboard onto the walls, in a way which would maintain the integrity of the original walls. The plasterboard would be painted, and a track lighting and hanging system installed.

The existing kitchen and toilets would also be renovated.

Plans are still being developed for what changes would be required for the Fire Station.

Under the proposal, Orana Arts would manage the renovation, and also the space for the first year. It would mentor local community members with the aim these people would continue to oversee the space after that.

Orana Arts proposes using the space to display local, regional and national exhibitions and also conduct workshops, school holiday programs, and artists in residency programs.

If the Supper Room was to be used, whilst the renovation would give it a new purpose and vitality, as well as foster the arts in our community, it would mean covering the original historic features of the room. Orana Arts has said the plasterboard and hanging systems could be removed at a later date without damaging the exiting walls.

Council has plans to display the historic Garford Fire Engine at the former Fire Station and this could still be accommodated in the shed at the station.

2.4 Attachment

Document from Michelle Hall, Orana Arts (Briefing Note: Orana Arts Proposal to Bogan Shire Council).



2.5 Recommendation

- 1. That Council supports, in principle, Orana Arts Grant application to convert the former Nyngan Fire Station into an exhibition space.
- 2. That this support is subject to a detailed proposal being submitted to Council, with costings of planned building works.
- 3. That Council be provided with full details of how the exhibition space will be managed and operated setting out Council's and Orana Arts' responsibilities in the start and medium term for further consideration.

Debb Wood

Manager People and Culture



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BRIEFING NOTE

ORANA ARTS PROPOSAL TO BOGAN SHIRE COUNCIL

OBJECTIVE

To develop and Exhibition Space and Gallery in the Town Hall Supper Room for Local, Regional and National exhibitions

CONTEXT

The Exhibition space will foster and support local and regional creative and entrepreneurial Visual Arts industries. Artist in residency, exhibitions, workshops, School holiday programs are some examples.

The Town Hall Supper room will be renovated and transformed from its current state into a functioning multifaceted Visual Arts space to incubate and promote local and regional creatives and activities. The building is structurally sound and the renovation will predominantly incorporate cosmetic changes to make the building functional as an exhibition space.

The main works will include

- o Placement of plaster board on the walls to maintain the integrity of the original walls
- o Painting of walls
- o Installing track lighting and a hanging system
- Repairs and updating of existing bathroom and kitchen.
- Signage

WHY IS IT NEEDED?

Research by Regional Arts NSW across the arts and cultural sector increasingly demonstrates that the arts are both socially and economically important and accessible across all community and cultural sectors.

Cultural programs are an indispensable component of a community's ability to sustain vitality and attract and retain population and services. The arts contribute to the sustainability of social capital and community wellbeing.

The exhibition space will further Nyngan's community wellbeing through its emphasis on local community development and engagement through a diversity of activities and programs. It will

also support the economic development within the Creative Industries which in turn assists the towns economic development.

PROJECT MANAGEMENT

Orana Arts will apply for the funds and manage the process.

Orana Arts will co-ordinate an annual exhibition program for the first year using their contacts locally, regionally and at a state and national level. They will mentor local people in the process then hand over to community to ensure ownership and sustainability of the program.

FUNDING

Create NSW Regional Infrastructure fund

Applications open: 3 July 2017 Applications close: 14 August 2017 (5pm, AEST - Sydney time)

BUDGET

FUNDING

Funding requested from NSW Government	\$35,000
Funding requested from Local Government	\$19,500
EXPENDITURE	
Project Manager (Orana Arts)	\$5,000
Painting - internal only	\$3,000
Signage	\$2,000
Bathroom repairs and fit out	\$15,000
Carpenter – materials	\$10,000
and installation of plaster board	
Furniture and fit out	\$2.000
Hanging system for exhibition space	\$9,200
Track lighting	\$8,000
TOTAL COST	\$54, 200



REPORT TO THE ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL - CORPORATE SERVICES

Mayor and Councillors

The following reports are submitted for consideration:-

1 BANK RECONCILIATION

Summary:-

The report is to present the reconciliation of Council's Cash Book, Bank Statements and Ledger Bank Account as at 31 May 2017.

1.1 Introduction

The purpose of this report is to present the reconciliation of Council's Cash Book, Bank Statements and Ledger Bank Account as at 31 May 2017.

1.2 Background

The presentation of the reconciliation of Council's Cash Book, Bank Statements and Ledger Bank Accounts is not a requirement of any Act, however historically it has been provided for the information of Councillors.

Bank Reconciliation for May 2017	
Council General Fund	
Bank Statement Balance	\$100,000.00cr
Add Deposits not yet receipted	\$ 1,201.25cr
Less Unpresented Payments	\$ 59,694.15dr
Balance as per Council	\$ 41,507.10 cr
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Difference	\$ 0.00



1.3 Recommendation

That the Bank Reconciliation Report as at 31 May 2017 be received and noted.

2 INVESTMENTS MAY 2017

Summary:-

- The report is to outline the performance of Council's Investment Portfolio for the month of May 2017.
- At the 31 May 2017 Council had \$10.8 million invested. There has been an increase of \$1,175,000 to Council's investments since the April 2017 report due to the fourth quarter FAG Grant instalment, R2R quarterly payment, RMCC ordered works claim and Council's fourth instalment of rates being received.

2.1 Introduction

The purpose of this report is to outline the performance of Council's Investment Portfolio for the month of May 2017.

2.2 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.

2.3 Discussion

The Investment Report for May 2017 is shown below. At the 31 May 2017 Council had \$10.7 million invested. There has been a increase of \$1,175,000 to Council's investments since the April 2017 report due to the fourth quarter FAG Grant instalment, R2R quarterly payment, RMCC ordered works claim and Council's fourth instalment of rates being received. All money has been invested in accordance with Council's Investment Policy.



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

Investment Movements for May 2017

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

Bogan Shire - Investment movements for May 2017							
						Bal	Bal
REF	Source	Maturity	Days	% rate	Interest	30/04/2017	31/05/2017
3204	NAB	11-Jun-17	270	2.650%	19,603	1,000,000.00	1,000,000.00
4608	NAB	1-Sept-17	180	2.600%	26,000	2,000,000.00	2,000,000.00
7985	NAB	08-Aug-17	365	2.850%	79,800	2,800,000.00	2,800,000.00
516	NAB	29-Aug-17	365	2.760%	27,600	1,000,000.00	1,000,000.00
300023	C'WEALTH	27-Jan-18	270	2.670%	19,750	1,000,000.00	1,000,000.00
6894	NAB Professional Funds		At	2.0000/		1 922 275 00	2 007 190 02
0094	NAB Professional Fullus		Call	2.000%		1,822,275.09	2,997,189.92
	Balance securities held					9,622,275.09	10,797,189.92
	Balance securities field					3,022,213.03	10,737,103.32
	Ledger Balance					9,622,275.09	10,797,189.92
	-					-	
	Summary by institution						
	C'Wealth					1,000,000.00	1,000,000.00
	NAB					8,622,275.09	9,797,189.92
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2.4 Recommendation

That the Investments Report for the month of May 2017 be received and noted.



3 SUMMARY OF RATES & ANNUAL CHARGES COLLECTION

Summary:-

- The report is to provide a comparison of rate collections as at 31 May, 2017, with the same period last year.
- Total arrears have increased from \$401,115 at the 31 May 2016 to \$499,256 as at 31 May this year.
- Council has some of its long term debts for rates in the hands of our Debt Collection agency in order to try and reduce these arrears. This is in line with Council's Debt Collection Policy. If these long term debts remain outstanding Council will need to proceed to Sale of Land for rates.

3.1 Introduction

The purpose of this report is to provide a comparison of rate collections as at 31 May 2017 with the same period last year.

3.2 Discussion

This report is provided for the information of Councillors.

Rate Collections	2016-2017	2015-2016
Arrears Prior to 01/07/2016	207,959	182,038
First Instalment Outstanding as at 31/05/2017	34,295	17,399
Second Instalment Outstanding as at 31/05/2017	43,824	24,815
Third Instalment Outstanding as at 31/05/2017	60,291	36,141
Fourth Instalment Outstanding as at 31/05/2017	152,887	140,722
Total Arrears	499,256	401,115
Total Outstanding	499,256	401,115
Monthly Transactions		
Amount Levied & B/Fwd	5,002,958	4,955,755
Add: Adjustments	31,736	17,699
Less: Payments to end of May	-4,458,111	-4,492,046
Less: Rebates	-80,310	-83,386
Add: Postponed	2,983	3,093
Gross Total Balance	499,256	401,115
Arrears of total amount levied %	10%	8%



Total arrears have increased from \$401,155 at the 31 May 2016 to \$499,256 as at 31 May this year. As at 14 June 2017 this amount has reduced to \$467,165. The timing of the last instalment being due on the same day as this report is one of the reasons for the increase. The arrears percentage of the total amount levied is now 9%.

Instalment notices were sent to ratepayers one month prior to the final instalment being due. In addition to this reminder, notices for the fourth instalment were sent out on the 5 June 2017.

Council has some of its long term debts for rates in the hands of our Debt Collection Agency in order to try and reduce these arrears. This is in line with Council's Debt Collection Policy. If these long term debts remain outstanding Council will need to proceed to Sale of Land for rates.

Each instalment amounts to approximately \$1,251,000.

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

3% of rates were unpaid on the first instalment.

4% of rates were unpaid on the second instalment.

5% of rates were unpaid on the third instalment.

12% of rates were unpaid on the fourth instalment.

3.3 Recommendation

That the Rates and Annual Charges Collection Report as at 31 May 2017 be received and noted.



4 INTEGRATED PLANNING AND REPORTING – 2017/2018 TO 2020/2021 DELIVERY PROGRAM

Summary:

This report is for Council to consider adoption of the 2017/2018 to 2020/2021 Delivery Program.

4.1 Introduction

The purpose of this report is for Council to consider adoption of the 2017/18 to 2020/21 Delivery Program.

4.2 Background

In accordance with the Integrated Planning and Reporting Framework prescribed by the New South Wales Government, Council adopts a long-term (10 year) Community Strategic Plan and a medium-term (4 year) Delivery Program in addition to its annual Operational Plan and Budget.

Whilst the Community Strategic Plan runs until 2027, the Delivery Program sets out the activities that will be carried out between 2017/2018 and 2020/2021 towards achieving the strategies and goals specified in Council's Community Strategic Plan.

4.3 Discussion

The draft 2017/2018 to 2020/2021 Delivery Program was considered by Council on 11 May 2017 and approved for exhibition. The exhibition period ran until 14 June 2017 with no submissions having been received by Council at that date.

4.4 Recommendation

That the 2017/2018 to 2020/2021 Delivery Program be adopted.



5 ADOPTION OF THE 2017/2018 OPERATIONAL PLAN AND BUDGET

Summary:-

- The report is to present the draft 2017/2018 Operational Plan and Budget for adoption.
- At the time of writing, twenty eight submissions relating the Operating Plan and Budget had been received. No submissions relating to the Delivery Program had been received.

5.1 Introduction

The purpose of this report is to present the draft 2017/2018 Operational Plan and Budget for adoption.

5.2 Background

The following is a summary of the Operational Plan requirements contained in section 405 of the Local Government Act:-

- Council must have an Annual Operational Plan, adopted before the beginning of each financial year, outlining the activities to be undertaken that year, as part of the Delivery Program covering that year.
- The Operational Plan will include the Statement of Revenue Policy.
- The draft Operational Plan must be publicly exhibited for at least 28 days and public submissions can be made to Council during the period.
- The exhibition must be accompanied by a map showing where the various rates will apply within the Local Government area.
- Council must consider any submissions made on the draft Operational Plan before its adoption.



 That Council must post a copy of its Operational Plan on its web site within 28 days of adoption.

5.3 Discussion

Council approved the draft 2017/2018 Operational Plan and Budget for public exhibition at an Extraordinary Meeting on 11 May 2017. The exhibition period closed on 14 June 2017.

At the time of writing, twenty eight public submissions relating the Operational Plan and Budget had been received. All submissions relate to the proposed All Rural Land Waste Management Fee.

5.3.1 Waste Fund

The Waste Fund is contained within the General Fund and should be run in such a way that it breaks even financially so that other income such as rates and operating grants are not subsidising the Fund, nor is it making an undue surplus.

Income for the Fund is derived mainly from two sources:-

- 1. Kerbside collection in Nyngan (General Waste and Recyclable) \$198 and \$112 in 2016/17 respectively.
- 2. Waste Management Depot Charges (Residential & Business) \$287 in 2016/17.

Many of the writers of the submissions mention the kerbside collection service, not being aware that this is a separate charge to the depot charge and Nyngan ratepayers are liable for both charges.

In 2017 Council was required to comply with a number of licence requirements, imposed by the EPA, to enable the continued operation of the Nyngan Waste Facility.

These requirements include:-

1. Staff operation of the waste facility between the approved operating hours under the licence (no more than 7am to 6pm Monday to Sunday).



- 2. Payment of the administrative fee for the Environment Protection Authority (EPA) enforcement of the conditions of the approved licence each year, payable amount in January 2017 was \$3,800.
- 3. Once the first new landfill cell and leachate dam is constructed (which will involve significant costs in the vicinity of \$350,000), methane gas, leachate, noise and ground water monitoring (including laboratory testing at quarterly and yearly intervals) is required and data results provided in an Annual Return to the EPA \$16,500 per year minimum cost to Council.
- 4. Waste and waste storage management onsite (no more than 50 tonnes or 5,000 tyres permitted onsite or 200kg of clinical waste per load) to comply with conditions of licence including software licence fees of \$7,200 for transaction processing and screening for wastes only permitted to be accepted at the facility.
- 5. Ensuring that Council complies with the Landfill Environmental Management Plan, Erosion and Sediment Control Plan, Stormwater Management Plan and Pollution Incident Response Plan.
- 6. Maintaining, every 6 months, a filling plan to determine the remaining volume or 'life' of each cell constructed.
- 7. Daily cover of 150mm of soil over all exposed landfilled waste within the extension area along with material stockpiles maintained onsite for at least 2 weeks coverage.

Complying with these requirements comes at a significant cost compared to the previous operations of the Waste Facility including licence, monitoring and testing fees, waste and waste storage management onsite, daily cover of landfill by the waste facility operator including additional plant costs and additional employee wages to keep the facility open during lunch times and to allow the operator to carry out landfill duties during opening hours.

2017/18 will be the first full year of operations and the operational costs budgeted, whilst based on best estimates given available data, may be more or less than actually required.

It has been estimated that, in 2017/18, costs to run the facility including loan repayments (excluding the kerbside collection service) would be \$538,462. Income generated by Depot Charges, without any increase from 2016/17 would be \$367,073 leaving a shortfall of \$171,389.



Therefore, in order for the Waste Fund to break even in 2017/18, existing Depot Charges would need to increase substantially (25%), or alternative sources of revenue found.

At the Extraordinary Council Meeting held on 11 May 2017 to discuss the 2017/18 Operational Plan and Budget, Council debated the option of introducing an All Rural Land Waste Management Fee such as charged by Narromine and Lachlan Shires to recognise that the Waste Facility is a shared community facility available to all residents. The debate also centred on the extent to which it would be practically possible for many of the rural residents to access the Facility. The introduction of such a fee would generate \$100,014 and limit the increase of existing Depot Charges to 10%. Council resolved at this meeting to introduce an All Rural Land Waste Management Fee.

Council has received a significant number of objections from rural ratepayers to this resolution and the General Manager has received a notice of rescission in this regard.

Should the Rescission Motion be passed, Council is left with two options:-

- 1. Increase existing Depot Charges from \$287 to \$316 (proposed in Draft Budget) by another 15% to \$359 for 2017/18.
- 2. Operate the Waste Fund at a loss (in effect using rates and operating grants to subsidise it) to the extent of \$89,597 in 2017/18.

Whilst this is possible in 2017/18, given the projected surplus of \$122,300 in the General Fund, this is not sustainable in the long term as costs will increase and the extent of the subsidisation will erode Council's ability to provide other services / maintenance and capital works out of the General Fund.

Should Council adopt this approach, a detailed analysis of the Waste Fund will need to be undertaken in 2017/18 - following the first year of operations for the new Facility - to determine whether savings are possible or other income streams can be identified.

If the All Rural Land Waste Management Fee remains there are several ratepayers that have multiple assessments and they would incur the charge per assessment. Statistics for the number of assessment per ratepayer is as follows:-



Number of Assessments	Number of Ratepayers		
1	303		
2	79		
3	23		
4	8		
5	2		
6	4		
7	3		
13	1		

These statistics were done on a name basis and do not take into account ratepayers who may have their assessments in company names or other names.

4.3.2 Fees and Charges

It should also be noted that the following changes need to be put into the fees and charges:

Page 69 the rate structure wording for 2017/2018 has been changed to state the following:-

Rate Structure for 2017/2018

Council proposes to use the allowable rate pegging limit to be distributed evenly across all rating categories and sub-categories. Minimum rates will increase by an average of 2% which is more than the rate pegging limit of 1.5%.

- Page 70 The maximum allowable interest rate in accordance with Section 566 of the Local Government Act 1993 for the 2017/2018 year has been added at 7.5%.
- Page 94 603 Certificates have increased to \$80, this is a legislated increase.
- Page 70 The number of assessments and Ad Valorems have changed due to the receipt of supplementary changes from the Valuer General.

It is recommended that after consideration of submissions Council adopt the Draft 2017/2018 Operational Plan and Budget.



5.4 Attachment

The following submissions to the Operating Plan and Budget have been received:

- 1. Objection Waste Charges for Farmland Ratepayers Proposal John and Lynette Rope.
- 2. Objection Waste Charges for Farmland Ratepayers Proposal George Easey estate Balgay Bobadah Road Tottenham.
- 3. Objection Waste Charges for Farmland Ratepayers Proposal PA and LV Hooper Gwandoban Nyngan.
- 4. Objection Waste Charges for Farmland Ratepayers Proposal Klante Nominees Wilga Mount Peisley Road Nyngan.
- Objection Waste Charges for Farmland Ratepayers Proposal Brian Plummer -Trigoona – Tottenham.
- 6. Objection Waste Charges for Farmland Ratepayers Proposal Rob Cummings and Geraldine Hando Amaroo Nyngan.
- 7. Objection Waste Charges for Farmland Ratepayers Proposal Kia-Ora Tottenham H O Weber and Son.
- 8. Objection Waste Charges for Farmland Ratepayers Proposal Warrick Elderidge Charlotte Plains.
- 9. Objection Waste Charges for Farmland Ratepayers Proposal TV AP Larkings- Rallen Tottenham.
- 10. Objection Waste Charges for Farmland Ratepayers Proposal Sandra Noonan- Nangerybone Bobadah.
- 11. Objection Waste Charges for Farmland Ratepayers Proposal Michael Noonan- Nangerybone Bobadah.
- 12. Objection Waste Charges for Farmland Ratepayers Proposal Kathleen Watson 8/45 Merilba Street Tottenham.
- 13. Objection Waste Charges for Farmland Ratepayers Proposal Kartika Kerrie Crockett.



- 14. Objection Waste Charges for Farmland Ratepayers Proposal Andrew Cook Cook Partnership.
- 15. Objection Waste Charges for Farmland Ratepayers Proposal Donald Hamblin Callingera.
- Objection Waste Charges for Farmland Ratepayers Proposal Ian Hamblin Buddabadah.
- 17. Objection Waste Charges for Farmland Ratepayers Proposal John and Dione Carter Innaminna.
- 18. Objection Waste Charges for Farmland Ratepayers Proposal Euloglen CT LR MCT Armstrong.
- 19. Objection Waste Charges for Farmland Ratepayers Proposal Charlotte Plains- Kristine Beattie.
- 20. Objection Waste Charges for Farmland Ratepayers Proposal Wilga Park Shan Gasparini.
- 21. Objection Waste Charges for Farmland Ratepayers Proposal Pine Grove Linda Young.
- 22. Objection Waste Charges for Farmland Ratepayers Proposal Talgong Tottenham Jeffrey Fragar.
- 23. Objection Waste Charges for Farmland Ratepayers Proposal Trigoona Tottenham Maree Plummer.
- 24. Objection Waste Charges for Farmland Ratepayers Proposal Clare McConochie.
- 25. Objection Waste Charges for Farmland Ratepayers Proposal Joseph Holmes.
- 26. Objection Waste Charges for Farmland Ratepayers Proposal CG Simpson Kapunda.
- 27. Objection Waste Charges for Farmland Ratepayers Proposal Nigel and Mackinley Wass.



28. Objection – Waste Charges for Farmland Ratepayers Proposal – Philip Mills.

A copy of all submissions is included in the mailout for Councillors which are available for inspection at the Council Chambers.

5.5 Recommendation

That following consideration of the submissions and amendments, the 2017/2018 Draft Operational Plan and Budget be adopted.

6 MAKING OF RATES AND CHARGES FOR 2017/2018

Summary:-

- The report is to make the Rates and Charges for 2017/2018.
- Proposed Rates and Charges for 2017/2018 were included in the Draft Operational Plan and Budget approved by Council at its meeting on 11 May 2017. The Draft Operational Plan was on public display and advertised from 17 May – 14 June 2017.
- Rates and Charges as listed in the Draft Operational Plan for 2017/2018 are listed below.

6.1 Introduction

The following Rates and Charges Resolutions will, if adopted, implement the Council's intended rating model to achieve an overall permissible increase to Ordinary Rate income of approximately 1.5%. The increase in annual and user charges vary according to the required revenue income required.



6.2 Background

Proposed Rates and Charges for 2017/2018 were included in the Draft Operational Plan and Budget approved by Council at its meeting on 11 May 2017. The Draft Operational Plan was on public display and advertised from 17 May – 14 June 2017.

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.

The Recommendations are numbered in 5.3.1 - 5.3.8 below.

6.3 Recommendation

1. That Council authorise the General Manager to prepare and serve the rate notices.

2. Rates:

- i) Ordinary Rates: That Council, pursuant to Sections 494, 497, 534, 535 and 543 of the Local Government Act 1993, hereby makes the following Ordinary Rates for the financial year 1 July 2017 to 30 June 2018 as set out below.
- ii) Ordinary Rate, Ad Valorem and Minimum Amount: That Council make and levy Ordinary Rates based on the following Ad Valorems, subject to the associated minimum rates as shown in the table below:-



ORDINARY Rate Category/Sub Category	Ad Valorem (cents per \$ of Land Value)	Minimum Rate
RESIDENTIAL NYNGAN	1.07552	\$255
RESIDENTIAL	0.62449	\$155
RESIDENTIAL RURAL	0.81125	\$155
FARMLAND	0.50329	\$245
RESIDENTIAL HERMIDALE	0.00570	\$155
RESIDENTIAL GIRILAMBONE	0.04790	\$155
RESIDENTIAL COOLABAH	0.03190	\$155
BUSINESS NYNGAN	5.43844	\$285
BUSINESS	0.85337	\$285
BUSINESS HERMIDALE	1.04889	\$160
BUSINESS GIRILAMBONE	0.91005	\$160
BUSINESS COOLABAH	3.44000	\$160
MINING	7.94235	\$360
BUSINESS UNKNOWN	0.00011	\$1

3. Water Supply and Annual and User Charges:

- (i) <u>Water Supply Charges:</u> 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 2017 to 30 June 2018 as set out below.
- (ii) A <u>Water Access Charge</u> 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 2017/2018
20mm	1.00	\$563
25mm	1.56	\$906
32mm	2.56	\$1,487
40mm	4.00	\$2,324
50mm	6.25	\$3,633
100mm	25.00	\$14,527
20 CSO	1.00	\$150

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

Rateable Water Charge	Charge 2017/2018	
Hermidale – Raw Water Access	\$665	
Girilambone – Raw Water Access	\$457	
Coolabah – Raw Water Access	\$457	
Nyngan – Raw Water Access	\$457	

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

Non-Rateable Water Charge	Charge 2017/2018
Girilambone	\$458
Hermidale	\$665



(v) Other <u>Water Charges</u> shall be made and levied on properties as appropriate, being:

Water Charge	Charge 2017/2018
Albert Priest Channel - Access	\$12.74 per ML allocation
Albert Priest Channel - Usage	\$36.66 per ML of usage

(vi) <u>Water Consumption Charges:</u> 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 2017/2018, being for Reading Cycle Periods 1, 2, 3 and 4

Charge for treated Water for 2017/2018 per kl shown	Charge for Other (Raw) Water for 2017/2018 per kl shown	
\$1.97/kl	\$0.66/kl	

4. Sewer Supply Annual and User Charges

- i) <u>Sewer Supply Charges:</u> 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 2017 to 30 June 2018 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 2017/2018
Residential	\$540 per meter
Residential Flat Sewer (per flat)	\$415 per flat

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	Туре		Water Service Size	Discharge Factor	Annual Access Sewer Charge 2017/2018
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



- iv) <u>Sewer Usage Charges:</u> 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**

$$AC = \begin{pmatrix} AC_{20} \times \frac{D^2}{400} \end{pmatrix} Access Charge$$

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:-

$$B = SDF x (AC + C x UC)$$

Where, B = Sewerage charge non residential

SDF = Sewerage Discharge factor**

$$AC = \begin{pmatrix} AC_{20} \times \frac{D^2}{400} \end{pmatrix}$$
 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 x (AC + C x UC)

Where, B = Sewerage charge non residential

SDF = Sewerage Discharge factor**

 $AC = \begin{pmatrix} AC_{20} \times \frac{D^2}{400} \end{pmatrix} Access Charge$

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:

Discharger	Discharge Factor	Discharger	Discharge Factor
Aged Care Facility	.90	Library	.90
Bakery	.90	Mixed Business	.90
Caravan Park	.50	Mixed Development	
Church	.90	(home based small business)	.50
Club	.90	Motel	.90
Cottage Industry	.50	Motor Repairer	.90
Butcher	.90	Office Based Businesses	.90
Dental Surgery	.90	Other (default category)	.90
Doctor	.90	Panel Beater	.90
Engineering Services	.90	Public Amenities	1.0
Hardware	.90	Restaurant	.90
Hospital	.50	Schools	.30
Florist	.50	Service Station	.90
Guest House	.90	Supermarkets	.90
Halls	.90	Swimming Pool Complex	.50
Hairdresser	.90	Takeaway Shop	.90
Hotel/Tavern	.90	Utility Services	.90
Laundromat	.90	Veterinary Clinic	.90



5. Waste Management Charges

i) <u>Domestic Waste Management Charges and Recycling Charges:</u> 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 2017 to 30 June 2018, as set out below:-

Service Charge Type	Charge 2017/2018
Domestic Waste Management Collection Charge	\$218
Domestic Waste Management Additional Collection Charge	\$115
Domestic Kerb Side Recycling Charge	\$125
Domestic Kerb Side Recycling Additional Bin Charge	\$65

(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 2017 to 30 June 2018, as set out below:

Service Charge Type	Charge 2017/2018
Business Waste Management - Collection Charge	\$218
Business Waste Management – Additional Collection Charge	\$115
Waste Management - Depot Charges Nyngan	\$316
Waste Management - Depot Charges Business	\$316
All Rural Land Tip Management Charge	\$158
Business Waste Recycling Collection Charge	\$125
Business Waste Additional Recycling Collection Charge	\$65



- **6. Trade Waste Charges:** That Council adopt the Trade Waste Charges for 2017/18 as advertised in the draft Operational Plan and Budget 2017/2018.
- **7. Fees and Charges:** That Council adopt the Fees and Charges for 2017/2018 as advertised in the draft Operational Plan and Budget 2017/2018 (Fees and Charges) with additional changes as reported.
- **8. 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 2017 to 30 June 2018 at 7.5% per annum on a daily basis.

Stephanie Waterhouse Finance Manager



REPORT TO THE ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL - ENGINEERING SERVICES

Mayor and Councillors

I submit the following report for consideration:-

1 OPERATIONAL REPORT

1.1 Civil Works

Work undertaken during the reporting period of 14 May 2017 to 9 June 2017 consisted of the following:-

- Completing repairs to 2 culverts on the Mitchell Highway.
- Completing repairs and maintenance to the Racecourse in preparation for the Duck Creek Races.
- Completing repairs and maintenance at the Nyngan Showground in preparation for the Annual Show.
- Assisting with repairs to Council Works Depot in Nymagee Street.
- Commencing construction of new headwalls and aprons on an existing culvert on the Mitchell Highway west of Nyngan.
- Completed maintenance at the Nyngan Cemetery.

1.2 Community Facilities

Work undertaken by Council's Community Facilities during this reporting period consisted of the following:-

- Cleaning up of the Nyngan Showground after the Annual Show.
- Preparation of the Nyngan Racecourse and Showground for the Duck Creek Races.
- Mowing and maintenance of ovals and reserves.
- Cleaning of town facilities.
- Cleaning and sweeping of the Nyngan CBD.
- Preparing for private functions.
- Cleaning and maintenance of town streets and nature strips.
- Cleaning of town streets gutters and culverts.
- Digging and backfilling of graves.



1.3 Roads

The work undertaken during this reporting period by Works Crews consisted of the following:-

No.	Name	Comments		
98	Elmore Road	Maintenance grading completed.		
78	Okeh Road	Re sheeting completed.		
10	Pangee Road	Re sheeting completed.		
MR 424	Monkey Bridge Road	Maintenance grading continuing.		
13	Bourkes Road	Maintenance grading completed.		
79	New Bogan Road	Maintenance grade completed.		
22	Mulla Road	Intersection works commenced.		
24	Canonba Road	600m of rehabilitation completed.		
92	Colane Road	3km of reseals completed.		
92	Colane Road	1.7km of rehabilitation completed.		
	Rotary Park	Road work completed.		
HW7	Mitchell Highway	2km of rehabilitation completed.		
HW7	Mitchell Highway	1km of rehabilitation commenced.		
HW8	Barrier Highway	Highway slashing completed.		
46	Drummeys Road	Maintenance grading commenced.		
	Coolabah Waterline	Grading of waterline completed.		
HW7	Mitchell Highway	Highway slashing completed.		
HW7	Mitchell Highway	Shoulder grading commenced.		
HW7	Mitchell Highway	Construction of School Bus Stop at Priors Road commenced.		



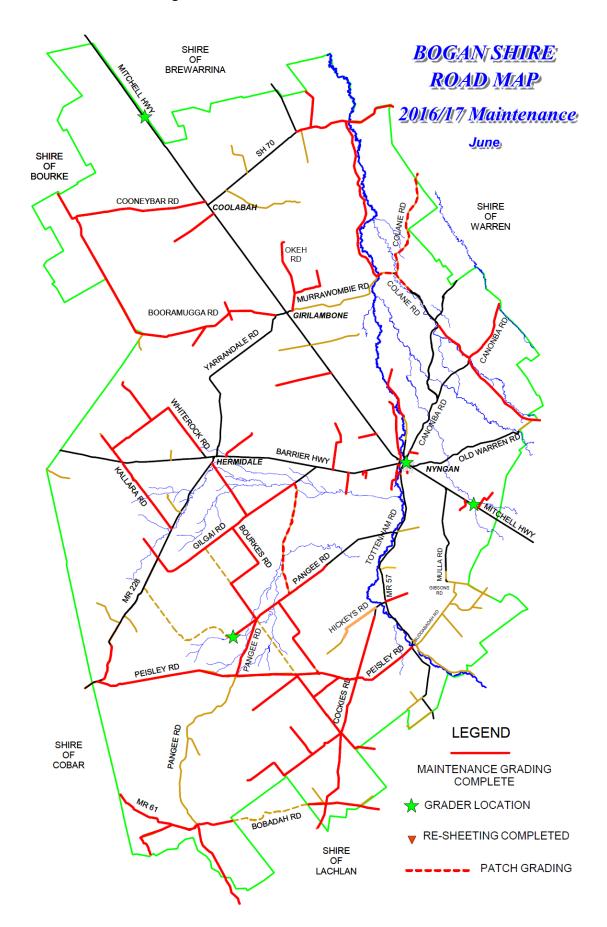
The works program for the remainder of June and the beginning of July includes but is not limited to the following works:-

- Completing construction of the new dressing sheds at Larkin Oval.
- Completing construction of footpaths surrounding new dressing sheds at Larkin Oval.
- Completing the rehabilitation of 1km of the Mitchell Highway near the Singleton's Road Intersection on the Mitchell Highway.
- Shoulder grading on the Mitchell Highway at Coolabah.

1.4 Recommendation

That the Operational Report for the reporting period 14 May 2017 to 9 June 2017 be received and noted.







2 TRAFFIC COMMITTEE MEETING RECOMMENDATIONS

Summary:-

The purpose of this report is to present the discussions of the Traffic Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 24 May 2017 and for Council to consider their recommendations.

2.1 Introduction

The purpose of this report is to present the discussions of the Traffic Committee meeting held on Wednesday 24 May 2017 and for Council to consider their recommendations.

2.2 Background

The Traffic Committee meets quarterly to discuss traffic and pedestrian facilities and related issues, and to make recommendations to Council.

2.3 Discussion

The following issues were discussed:-

Mitchell Highway Work East of Albert Priest Channel

RMS had advised that this work would commence in May 2017 although it was noted at the meeting that this work had not yet started. The work has since commenced on the 5 June 2017.

Mitchell Highway Bus Stop at Priors Road

The meeting was advised that Council would be constructing the Priors Road bus stop in conjunction with proposed rehabilitation works commencing on 5 June 2017.

Nyngan Industrial Site Signage

Council has been requested to erect advisory signage on the highway to direct motorists to the businesses and services in the Nyngan industrial estate. Council to request RMS to provide a design for the appropriate signage.



Barrier Highway Intersection with the Nymagee Road at Hermidale

Concern was raised at the Hermidale Village Meeting that the Barrier Highway intersection with the Nymagee Road maybe a safety hazard when trucks are turning onto the highway.

A de-acceleration lane and speed reduction were discussed but the committee felt that the section of highway had adequate sight distance in both directions and were not aware of previous instances of accidents or near misses at this intersection.

It was recommended that larger "Trucks Turning" signs be installed 300 metres either side of the intersection.

Nyngan Truck and Travel – "No Stopping" Mitchell Highway Frontage

The committee discussed the issue of poor sight distance when entering the Mitchell Highway from Derrybong Street at Nyngan Truck and Travel. Vehicles parked on the shoulder between the highway entrance and the Derrybong Street intersection obstructs the view of east bound traffic.

It was recommended that that "No Stopping" signs be installed on the northern side of the Mitchell Highway between the Nyngan Truck and Travel Driveway and the Derrybong Street intersection.

Pedestrian Access to Early Learning Centre

Pedestrian access to the Early Learning Centre is currently via the Dandaloo Street road shoulder south of Cathundril Street as there is no concrete footpath along the nature strip.

It was recommended that the Manager Engineering Services presents a report to Council with estimates for a footpath and stormwater drain crossing.



2.1 Recommendation

That:-

- 1. The Traffic Committee Meeting Recommendations Report be received and noted.
- 2. Larger "Trucks Turning" signs be installed on the Barrier Highway, 300 metres either side of the Nymagee Road intersection.
- 3. "No Stopping" signs be installed on the northern side of the Mitchell Highway between the Nyngan Truck and Travel Driveway and the Derrybong Street intersection.
- 4. The Manager Engineering Services presents a report to Council with estimates for a footpath and stormwater drain crossing.

3 ROAD SHOULDER GARDEN - 76A & 76B PANGEE STREET

Summary:

The purpose of this report is for Council to consider an alternate Garden Design for the road shoulder in front of the Bogan Coffee Shop and Nyngan Observer in Pangee Street.

3.1 Introduction

The purpose of this report is for Council to consider an alternate Garden Design for the road shoulder in front of the Bogan Coffee Shop and Nyngan Observer in Pangee Street.

3.2 Background

Council allocated funds in the 2016/17 budget for the construction of a further two gardens on the northern side street shoulder of Pangee Street. The proposed garden locations, based on the original design by Moir Landscape Architecture, have a garden located either side of the now Medical Centre Carpark.



3.3 Discussion

Council has been approached by one of the owners of the Bogan Coffee Shop to reduce the size of the proposed garden in front of the shop to allow for additional parking.

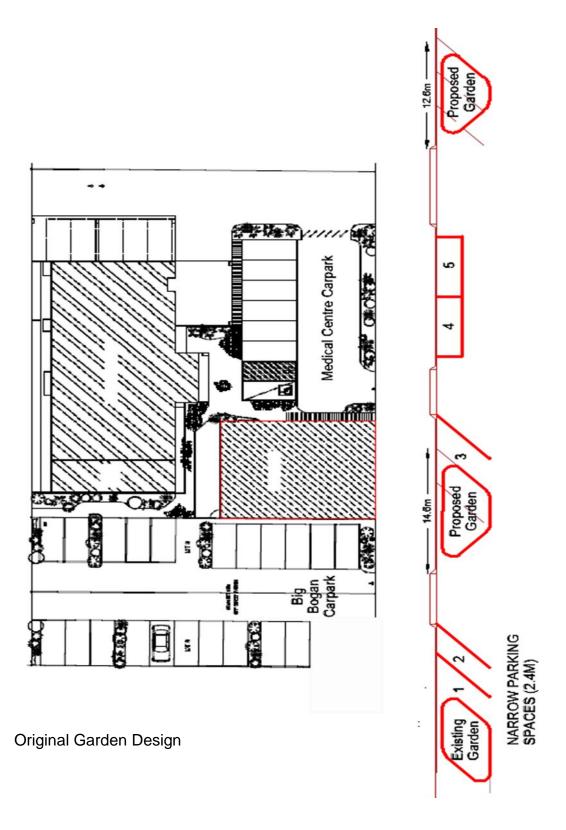
The attached plans show the original design, which provides one parking space in front of the Nyngan Observer and an alternative as requested by the Bogan Coffee Shop. The parking spaces have been reduced in width in the alternative from 2.8 to 2.4 metres. The garden in the original design uses an additional 2.8 metres of kerb frontage as this space is insufficient for parking.

The adjoining Big Bogan Carpark has the capacity for 18 to 21 vehicles depending on the parking space width.

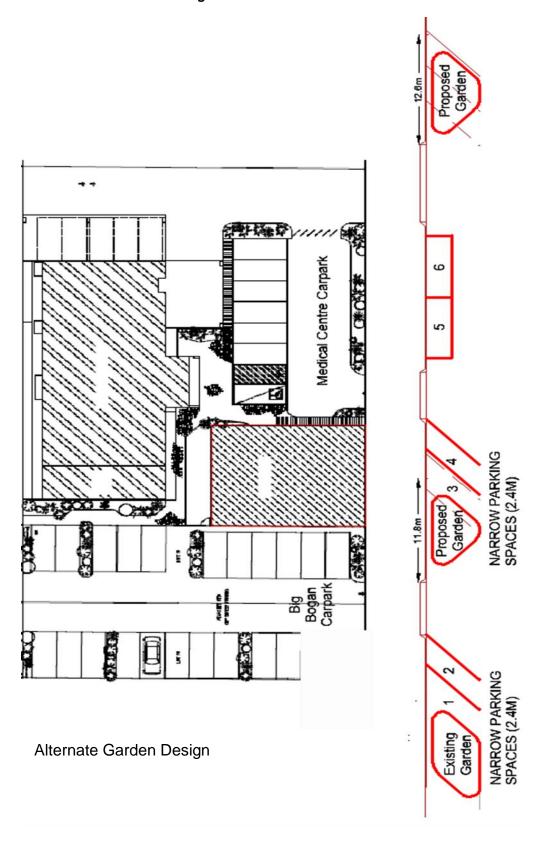
3.4 Recommendation

For Council's Consideration.











4 NATURE STRIP IMPROVEMENTS – TRUCK AND TRAVEL STOP

Summary:-

The purpose of this report is for Council to consider a proposal to beautify the nature strip at the Truck and Travel Stop on the Mitchell Highway.

4.1 Introduction

The purpose of this report is for Council to consider a proposal to beautify the nature strip at the Truck and Travel Stop on the Mitchell Highway.

4.2 Background

Council has been approached by the Manager of the Nyngan Truck and Travel Stop, Manus Upadhyay, to consider improvements to the nature strip in front of the business. Letter attached.

4.3 Discussion

The estimated cost for Council to prepare the site, set up and pour concrete, strip the formwork and tidy up is \$10,000.

The suggestion to concrete the nature strip is supported as it is a highly trafficked path where lawn does not grow well and it would improve the look of the area by making it easier to keep clean and tidy.

If the Nyngan Truck and Travel Stop wish to provide footpath dining as other businesses in town have done, then, this could be permitted subject to Council approval.

4.4 Attachment

Letter from Manus Upadhyay.

4.5 Recommendation

For Council's Consideration.

Graeme Bourke

Manager Engineering Services



ATTN:- General Manager - Derek Francis

Subject: - Application for footpath development & sheltered seating area.

Due to high demand of travellers, truck drivers, and locals, we would like to apply for footpath development and developed seating area in front of Nyngan truck and travel stop. For that we would like to get concrete done on that area, so it will be easy to keep the area clean and tidy all the time. One seating bench is there at this stage. But it is not in good condition. So we would like to ask council if they can provide two new benches for public. If it is possible and approved by council, than sheltered seating area will be better. For concreate the area, we will be more than happy to bear all expenses.

We will partially contribute in cost of new benches or sheltered seating area. Or we would bear full coast of seating area expenses, if needed.

Thanks, Manas Upadhyay Manager Nyngan Truck and Travel Stop

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Development and Environmental Services' Report to the Ordinary Meeting of Bogan Shire Council held on 22 June 2017

REPORT TO THE ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL – DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

Mayor and Councillors

I submit the following reports for consideration:-

1 DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS

1.1 Introduction

Two (2) Applications have been approved since Council's May 2017 Meeting.

DA NUMBER	APPLICANT	ADDRESS	DESCRIPTION	VALUE (\$)	PROGRESS
2014/001	Dr Ryan Heggie	Canonba Road, NYNGAN	Hangar	64,000	Applicant advises that the DA will continue subject to lease negotiations.
2016/015	WR Nominees	Lot 101 Lawlor Street, NYNGAN	Change of Use	15,000	Additional report provided on Fire Safety Upgrades prior to Christmas. Under Assessment. Additional Information required.
2016/016	Terry Lyons	Lot 2 DP 939430 Nyngan Street, Hermidale	Refurbishment of shed and extension	100,000	Advice from Applicant that the application will be withdrawn / amended to reduce scope of project.
2017/007	Evolution Planning	39-41 Pangee Street, Nyngan	Replacement Business Signage	45,000	1 objection received regarding lighting impacts on home, applicant to provide further information and report prepared to July Meeting.
2017/009	Mr M R Young	23 Oxley Street, Nyngan	Shed	8,000	Approved.
2017/010	Mr J C & Mrs N J Cassin	Cobar Street, Hermidale	New Dwelling	185,000	Approved.



2017/11	Geolyse Pty Ltd	Rutherglen Road, Nyngan	Transportable Dwelling for Rural Workers Accommodation	212,000	Under assessment.
2017/014	Ms J M Thompson	25 Cannonbar Street, Nyngan	Shed	7,500	Under assessment.
2017/015	Mr C L Martin	18 River Street, Nyngan	Shed and New Deck to Front of Dwelling	16,000	Recently lodged.
2017/016	Mr J G Leek	54 Oatley Street, Nyngan	Shed	8,000	Recently lodged.

1.2 Recommendation

That the Development Applications Report since the May 2017 Council Meeting be received and noted.



2 OPERATIONAL REPORTS

2.1 Introduction

The purpose of this report is to outline the key works undertaken since Council's May 2017 meeting by the Parks and Gardens Team and the Noxious Weeds Officer.

2.2 Discussion

Key works that have been undertaken by the Parks and Gardens Team consisted of the following:-

Routine maintenance duties including whipper snipping, mowing, weed removal, edging of Heritage Park, Nyngan Cemetery, Davidson Park, Vanges Park, Medical Centre, Teamsters Rest Area, Flood Memorial Car Park, Council Administration Building, Moonagee Street Park, Early Learning Centre and Rotary Park.

Additional task undertaken include:-

- Trimming of Cedar Trees within Flashman Avenue;
- Heavy pruning of all rose gardens to prepare for regrowth in spring;
- Removal of pavers in Davidson Park in preparation for Capital Work improvements;
- Installation of water lines in Teamsters Rest for Capital Work improvements;
 and
- Improvements to the Flood Memorial Rest Area irrigation and tree plantings for Capital Work improvements.

Key works that have been undertaken by the Noxious Weeds Officer consisted of the following:-

- Spraying of Nyngan Cemetery;
- Spraying of Nyngan Tennis Courts;
- Spraying on Mulla Road;
- Removal of Coolatai Grass from Barrier Highway;
- Road inspections; and
- Tree spraying Arthur Hall VC Way.

2.3 Recommendation

That the Operational Report, including Parks and Gardens and Noxious Weeds since the May 2017 Council Meeting be received and noted.



3 LITTER MANAGEMENT AND CONTROL – COMMUNITY PILOT PROJECT – ROTARY PARK

Summary:-

- The report is provided to Council to provide information on a litter management pilot program being undertaken in collaboration with Netwaste, other Central West/Western Councils and the EPA for Rotary Park.
- The program is consistent with the theme of Managing Our Environment within the Community Strategic Plan 2026 and Delivery Program (Strategy 3.3.2 & 3.3.4).

3.1 Introduction

The purpose of this report is to provide Council with information on the Litter Management Pilot Project being conducted in collaboration with Netwaste, funded by the Environment Protection Authority (EPA) and the steps involved in the program for community intervention and engagement.

3.2 Discussion

Earlier this year, the opportunity was presented to be involved in a pilot project funded by a grant in collaboration with Netwaste, other Councils and the EPA on how litter can be reduced in recreational areas in line with the EPA's "Hey Tosser" litter campaign. The other Councils involved in the project include Dubbo, Bourke, Broken Hill and Forbes and the pilot project is all funded by the EPA through Netwaste.

Bogan Shire staff investigated recreational areas where community use and litter was observed to be highest, coinciding with where complaints had been received in the past few years. Additionally, Council staff considered that the Capital Work Program would also tie well into the community intervention stage of the pilot program. The recreational area selected was Rotary Park for the pilot project, primarily focusing on the weir, pontoon and boat ramp area.



The objectives of the pilot project is consistent with the Community Strategic Plan 2026 (Managing Our Environment – strategy 3.3.2 & 3.3.4) which state Council shall:

- 3.3.2 Improve the amenity of the river corridor to enhance and increase utilisation for a range of recreational activities.
- 3.3.4 Implement programs which foster responsible and protective behaviours towards reducing waste and litter pollution.

The first stage of the project required baseline data on litter to be obtained, including litter behaviour, at each Council site. Our area was required to be unmaintained for 2 weeks and then a contractor attended the site to obtain the baseline data results. This has been completed by Impact Environmental and our site was observed to contain a high level of cigarette butts being left on the ground as well as bottles / food wrappers and the like with 5 bags of waste collected.

The second stage of the project requires determination of the best community intervention and engagement strategy, with each Council trialling a slightly different approach that would be relevant for their selected site – this is the current stage.

The last stage of the project includes litter enforcement activities, if required.

For Rotary Park, it is proposed that a temporary onsite display bin (including a toughen perspex front, bolted to a steel stand and signposted) would be a positive visual aid in order to trial the change in litter behaviour and attitude, with all litter collected by Parks and Gardens staff for a 4 week period and be placed in the bin display. It has been suggested that this could be supported by a media campaign "Be a good Bogan!" and signage onsite stating: "Look what you left behind!! Please keep your areas and waterway clean – no one likes a tosser!" - funded by the Pilot Project / EPA. This method may encourage the community to discuss the issue of littering more broadly, including the fine amounts for basic littering of items, also enabling possible greater feedback for the pilot program results.

During the time the display is used, a competition is also to be run with advertising in the Observer, Facebook, and Council Website, and also in promotional material in the community. It is proposed that a photography competition that is aimed towards two (2) age categories (school aged and adult), titled "Capture the Beauty of the Bogan Photography Competition". Prizes to include a fishing rod and tackle box, picnic rug and esky along with food vouchers, funded by the Pilot Project. Each entry must also provide a short explanation to accompany their photo stating why they are a good Bogan and don't litter in Rotary Park.



Lastly, follow up data is obtained and a final report is drafted by the consultant including the details of the results for each site and success of community engagement / enforcement undertaken. The report is then returned to the EPA to assist in developing future strategies around litter management.

It is also anticipated that this pilot program will provide great community education on littering and the potential for fines, reducing litter at Rotary Park and progressing into the recreational weir into the future. This will be further emphasised by the capital work improvements at Rotary Park including the new pathway, seating and additional bin enclosures.

3.3 Recommendation

For Council's Consideration

Ty Robson

Acting Manager of Development and Environmental Services



PRECIS OF CORRESPONDENCE

1 THE TOURISM GROUP PTY LTD

Attached is a copy of correspondence received from the Tourism Group Pty Ltd advising Council that its application to Level 2 Accreditation – Nyngan Visitor Information Centre has been successful and approval has been granted to use the trade mark registered *i* sign branding.

1.1 Recommendation: That the correspondence received from the Tourism Group Pty Ltd advising Council that its application to Level 2 Accreditation – Nyngan Visitor Information Centre has been successful and approval has been granted to use the trade mark registered *i* sign branding be received and noted.

2 DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AMD WATER RESOURCES

Attached is a copy of correspondence received from the Department of Agriculture and Water Resources, Farm Assistance Branch on behalf of the Deputy Prime Minster, the Hon. Barnaby Joyce MP in reply to Council's letter about the Government funding for the Rural Financial Counselling Services. Council is advised the Australian Government does not prescribe where providers will locate offices or base Counsellors and is encouraged to engage directly with the board of RFCS Central NSW on this important matter. In September 2016 the Minister announced the Government will provide additional Rural Financial Counselling Services funding and on 16 May 2017 further funding had been allocated to RFCS Central NSW. The Department has been working closely with RFCS NSW Central to ensure the funding available to them is sufficient to meet the demand for their services.

2.1 Recommendation: That the correspondence received from the Department of Agriculture and Water Resources, Farm Assistance Branch on behalf of the Deputy Prime Minster, the Hon. Barnaby Joyce MP in reply to Council's letter about the Government funding for the Rural Financial Counselling Services be received and noted.



3 NYNGAN NAIDOC COMMITTEE

Attached is a copy of correspondence received from the Nyngan NAIDOC Committee advising of National NAIDOC week being planned for 14 August 2017 to 18 August 2017. As in previous years, the Committee would like to hold an opening ceremony at the Chambers at 10.00am on 14 August 2017. A River Lunch will be held on Friday 18 August 2017 and the Committee has requested the use of Rotary Park, tables, chairs, portable toilets and access to power. A request is made to Council to waive the fees and charges for the use of the equipment. A poster is attached.

3.1 Recommendation: For Council's Consideration.

4 LIFELINE CENTRAL WEST NSW

Attached is a copy of correspondence received from Lifeline Central West NSW advising of Yarnup Confidential, a new strategy to address the increasingly entrenched epidemic of both Aboriginal / Regional Suicide, Domestic Violence and related issues, focusing specifically on the Central West & Western Region of NSW. The Executive Director of Lifeline Central West NSW will be leading a delegation to Canberra to seek funding assistance of \$12.5 million over 5 years for a pilot program to be known as Yarnup Confidential. Attached to the correspondence were several documents relating to the strategy and will be available at the Council Meeting.

4.1 Recommendation: That Council support the Yarnup Confidental Program with Lifeline Central West NSW.

5 WEEKLY CIRCULARS

Weekly Circulars 19/17 to 22/17 are tabled for Council's information. Copies of the Circulars Indices and Summary of Items have been dispatched to Councillors.

5.1 Recommendation: That the Local Government Weekly Circulars be noted.







29th May 2017

Abigail McLaughlin Community Development Officer Bogan Shire Council PO Box 221 Nyngan NSW 2825

Dear Abigail,

Level 2 Accreditation - Nyngan Visitor Information Centre

Thank you for our recent meeting to discuss the upgrade of accreditation for the Nyngan Visitor Information Centre. I am pleased to inform you that your application has been successful and that you have been granted approval to use the trade mark registered *i* sign branding.

Enclosed with this letter is an extract of the Style Guide showing graphical specifications for use of the new symbol. Production and cost of signage at your physical location is the responsibility of each Centre and I will be contacting David Douglas, Co-ordinator, Regional TASAC & Drive at Destination New South Wales on 9931 1483 or david.douglas@dnsw.com.au who will contact you to provide guidance with roadside signage. Please adhere to the Style Guide guidelines at all times when reproducing the symbol to preserve its integrity. In the next few weeks the complete and updated Style Guide will be distributed to all Centres after having undergone updates from Destination New South Wales – but in the meantime these extracts will assist with your signage.

The cost for Accreditation is \$880 per annum inc GST with the accreditation period operating from the 1st July to the 30th June each year. An Accreditation Certificate to be displayed in your Centre will be sent once payment has been received; however, considering we are close to the end of this period we will not invoice you until June but in the meantime you are able to operate as a fully accredited Centre displaying appropriate signage and receiving all the benefits of accreditation.

Congratulations on achieving the policy standards and we look forward to your continued commitment to high quality, genuine information provision within New South Wales.

Kind Regards

Mark Greaves Managing Director

The Tourism Group Pty Ltd

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Mr Derek Francis General Manager Bogan Shire Council PO Box 221 NYNGAN NSW 2825

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Dear Mr Francis

Thank you for the letter of 6 April 2017 to the Deputy Prime Minister, the Hon. Barnaby Joyce MP, Minister for Agriculture and Water Resources, about Australian Government funding for the Rural Financial Counselling Service (RFCS) NSW Central Region offices at Mudgee, Nyngan, Tottenham and Walgett. The Deputy Prime Minister has asked me to reply on his behalf.

The RFCS provides a critical service to farming communities and I am aware that many farmers across central and western New South Wales have had to manage the effects of drought and floods. The government is committed to helping farmers prepare for, manage through and recover from drought, flood and other business impacts and the RFCS is a vital assistance measure designed to support this recovery and resilience.

The design of the programme allows for service providers to make resource allocation decisions based on their individual circumstances and gives them funding certainty of core funds over a four year period. The current funding contract runs until 30 June 2019 and \$3.8 million has been approved over that period for RFCS Central NSW.

The Australian Government does not prescribe where providers will locate offices or base counsellors. These are decisions appropriately left to the consideration of the boards and management of each service. I encourage you to engage directly with the board of RFCS Central NSW on this important matter. Feedback from the communities they service is important in deciding how to best allocate resources and I encourage you to make them aware of any issues in your shire.

In addition to the core funding the government delivered an extra \$7.1 million in the 2016 Federal Budget to continue the RFCS drought funding over the forward estimates. In September 2016, the Minister announced the government would provide a further \$180,000 to RFCS NSW Central from this funding to support the provision of additional rural financial counselling services for farmers in drought affected regions in the 2016-17 financial year.

You may also be aware of the Minister's announcement on 16 May 2017 that a further \$210,000 has been allocated to RFCS Central NSW this financial year to help meet the expected extra demand as some Farm Household Allowance recipients end their three years of payment.

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The department has been working closely with RFCS NSW Central to ensure that the funding available to them is sufficient to meet the demand for their services.

Thank you for bringing your concerns to my attention. I trust this information will be of assistance.

Yours sincerely

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Greg Williamson

First Assistant Secretary Farmer Assistance Branch

22May 2017







C/O: NYNGAN LOCAL ABORIGINAL LAND COUNCIL ABN: 67 669 167 656

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1st June 2017

Bogan Shire Council P.O. Box 221 Nyngan NSW 2825

Dear Mr Francis, Mayor Donald and Councillors,

Nyngan NAIDOC Committee & Community Member's would like to thank you for their continued assistance over the past few years. This committee is currently planning the annual event for 2017 and are hoping that you would be able to be involved.

In the past Bogan Shire Council has support us in waived the fees and charges and we ask for this to be able to happen again as this is a non-profit organisation trying to pull the community together and to work as one for this annual event.

We would like to have an Opening Ceremony at Bogan Shire Council Chambers Intersection. We also ask if Mayor Donald, Deputy O'Neill or yourself would like to speak on behalf of Bogan Shire Council in relations to NAIDOC.

During the Opening Ceremony the children from the Nyngan High School, Public School, St Joseph's and also the Nyngan Pre-School Children and Bogan Shire ELC will be attending, therefore we would ask if the Intersection leading into the Streets of Cobar and Tabratong and Cobar and Tabratong could be closed to traffic during these times 9.30am to 11.30am, we would like to hold the event across the whole intersection in a circle formation like 2016, to create a yarning circle, and allows everyone to see.

We would like to ask Bogan Shire Council if we could use the speaker system, microphone and chairs, for Elders and Councillors.

Our plans so far are:

On Monday the 14th August 2017 at 10.00am an Opening Ceremony for Nyngan NAIDOC Week Celebrations will be held at Bogan Shire Council chambers, 81 Cobar St Nyngan

- Guest Speaker, dancing, performances from local schools, & flag raising ceremony
- Morning Tea at Nyngan Preschool, straight after the Ceremony.
- Afternoon Tea at Bogan Shire Early Learning Centre, at 2.30pm



On Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday we will be at the local school, please see attached poster, and you are all welcome to attend any of the events.

On Friday 18th August- "River lunch" 10.00am to 2.00pm
We would like to ask Bogan Shire Council if we could use the Rotary Park at the
River to hold a BBQ and some activities for the families.
We would like to invite some service, such as Aboriginal Housing, Main Roads,
home care and legal aid who can assist families on the day etc.
We will be asking Parents to bring their own children as it is Mid Term Break and be
responsible for them.

We are aiming to have a very informal relaxed lunch, with some casual music (singalong) event, games, dancing, Johnny Cakes.

If Council could please consider the following items for River lunch this would be most appreciated:

- Ensure the ground is mowed, no sprinklers on the night before or that morning please
- Use of 15 Tables and 60 Chairs
- 3 extra bins
- Portable toilets
- Access to power for a tea & Coffee station

Due to weather concerns over the last few years we would like to have back up plans.

Monday Opening Ceremony the use of the Town Hall if it is raining Friday Community Day the use of O'Reilly Park if flooded, or Town Hall if raining

We again thank you for your assistance in making this possible for our whole Community

Please call 02 68 322 639 or email nynganlalc@bigpond.com to advise us if you can assist. Thank you for your time, looking forward to hearing from you soon.

Kind Regards

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CEO

Nyngan Local Aboriginal Land Council



Nyngan NAIDOC Week is 14-18th August 2017

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Monday 14 th	Tuesday 15 th	Wednesday 16 th	Thursday 17 th	Friday 18 th	
Opening Ceremony	Nyngan Public School Showcase Day	Nyngan High School Showcase Day	St Joseph's Showcase Day	COMMUNITY DAY out the River at Rotary Park	
10.00 am at Bogan Shire Council					
Chambers	11.30am Ceremony	Ceremony and Activities	Full Day starting with a	 If floods move to O'Reilly 	
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	the day from 9.30 to	Free BBQ lunch	Free Morning Tea	 If rain move to Town Hall 	
11.30-11.45 am	2.30pm		Activities	Cultural Activities	_
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Nyngan Preschool			Free Lunch	Aboriginal Art	
	Free Lunch supplied	Phone 68 321 004 for	Phone 68 321 558 for	Fishing Competition	
2	Phone 68 321 605 for	more details	more details	Johnny Cakes	
2.30pm Bogan Shire	more details		Community Hith Disco	Phone: 02 68 322 639 for	
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26th May 2017

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

Dear Mr Francis

For the past 9 years I have run Lifeline Central West which incorporates 13 11 14 crisis tele centres in Bathurst, Orange and Dubbo. Over that period, I have been appalled at the loss of life through self-harm, Suicide. There are always a raft of contributing factors such as domestic violence, drug and alcohol abuse, relationships, issues pertaining to sexuality, money, cyber bullying and mental health just to name a few.

On Thursday next, I will be leading a delegation to Canberra to meet with the Federal Minister for Aboriginal Health, Mr. Ken Wyatt. The purpose of that meeting is to ask his government for the funding assistance of \$12.5m over 5 years for a pilot program to be known as Yarnup Confidential.

Whatever the reason or combination of reasons, Lifeline Central West now believes that the incidence of self-harm leading to death in the central west and western districts of NSW is in the order of 7 to 10 deaths per week. If our communities where dying at this rate on the states roads there would be uproar. The statistics tell the story. Male deaths account for about 78% of the 3,027 recorded deaths in the latest figures (2015). With every completed suicide it is estimated that there are 30 attempts. Suicide is the largest cause of death for both male and female generally between the ages of 16-40. These figures are conservative. The Bureau doesn't start recognising suicide until 16 years of age, and there is the ambiguity about the deaths associated with farm accidents, single vehicle accidents etc.

Whichever way you look at it. We have a huge problem.

In regional anywhere, suicide will occur at about 3 times the rate of deaths in the cities. Aboriginal deaths occur at twice the rate of non-Aboriginals. It is these two statistics that have driven the development of Yarnup Confidential which is purposely skewed towards the issues raised in Aboriginal communities but are common right across our regional society.

We have all been to the funeral of an individual that has taken his or her life, therefore we all recognise the complete devastation, grief and in many cases anger of loved ones, colleagues, team mates and in smaller communities, the whole town who are left. The rhetorical questions are why? and, could I have done more?

So, we all know the issues. What is the solution? The subject has been researched comprehensively but the suicide rate keeps rising. In the design of the Yarnup Confidential strategy, we have recognised that we need a structure that recognises the unique nature of inland NSW, its people, the challenges and the tyranny of distance.

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Attached to this letter are several documents:

- A map of the proposed area of the pilot program which is aligned to NSW Police Commands.
- 2. A process map
- 3. A Yarnup Confidential description.
- Letters of support from Assistant Commissioner Geoff McKecknie, Commander of the Western districts and Dubbo Regional Council.

As you can see, a significant amount of work has gone into this strategy.

Simply, what we need is a community wide conversation which recognises the issues we all have surrounding the prevalence of suicide and related societal issues. We must stop the stigma attached to these issues and start to talk about them in plain English, recognising that our communities are not perfect in terms of assisting those that from time to time struggle with life generally.

In many ways, it is easy to wright a letter. However, through the circulation of this letter to your Councillors, it is hoped that we, as a broad community, can elevate these issues to mainstream conversations and action. An example of a local response is Lithgow Council. Faced with the deaths of 7 people in a 6 month period, Council instigated a task force and has held several events focussed on young men while supporting conversations within sporting groups and the community generally. Very proactive and commendable.

We believe that there are 29 LGA's in the Yarnup pilot footprint. There is no intention to ask for money. What we want is your physical support as the strategy develops and to participate in a conversation with your community which carries the message that "we recognise that from time to time everyone struggles with issues but our community is here to help. Please come forward so we can see you and start the recovery process". As part of the Yarnup Confidential strategy, there will be a discrete telephone service. We expect the strategy to be up and running within 4 months of the receipt of funding.

This letter and attachments will raise many questions. There will be those that say that involvement in this social issue is not a responsibility of Council. I would disagree. Council is the democratically elected controlling structure of the LGA. The Mayor is the practical head of the community. In the absence of Councils involvement and leadership, who else is there to lead the community through this epidemic?

If the Federal Government chooses not to fund Yarnup Confidential, it will simply disappear. In the absence of any other structure that could address the issues raised in this letter, we could reasonably expect the current rate of self-harm and associated issues to continue unabated.

If, after your processes, your council would like to become a strategic partner in the Yarnup Confidential conversation, please send me a note. There will be time to address your council in following months but simply, to address the issues stated earlier in this letter, we will need to start a region wide conversation. No other single action or program will work.

Yours sincerely

Alex Ferguson
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Grants and Funding to the Ordinary Meeting of Bogan Shire Council held on 22 June 2017

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LG Weekly 20/17 - 26 May 2017

Youth Opportunities \$1.1 Million Funding Round

NSW Councils and Non-Government organisations are invited to apply for grants (of up to \$50,000) for youth-led community projects (by Monday 26 June 2017).

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