

BOGAN SHIRE COUNCIL

Minutes

15 December 2022



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PRESENT: Councillors GRJ Neill (in the Chair), VJ Boag, Councillor KJ Bright, WG Deacon, JL Douglas, AJ Elias, GN Jackson, R Milligan

Also present were Mr Derek Francis (General Manager), Mr Graeme Bourke (Director of Engineering Services), Mrs Debb Wood (Director of People and Community Services), Mrs Stephanie Waterhouse (Director of Finance and Corporate Services), Mr James Boyce (Acting Director of Development and Environmental Services and Melissa Salter (Executive Officer)

APOLOGIES: Councillor DJ Menzies

305/2022 RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 24 November 2022, copies of which have been circulated to Councillors be taken as read and confirmed with the following amendment. **(Douglas/Boag)**

3 NYNGAN MUSEUM – SECTION 355 COMMITTEE

281/2022 RESOLVED that Council progress investigations and discussion to progress to Section 355 or an incorporated body for the functions of managing and operating the Nyngan Museum. **(Douglas/Milligan)**

Business Arising:

1 ADMINISTRATION OF THE 2024 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTIONS 306/2022 RESOLVED that Council resolves that:

- 1 Pursuant to s. 296(2) and (3) of the Local Government Act 1993 (NSW) ("the Act") that an election arrangement be entered into by contract for the Electoral Commissioner to administer all elections of the Council.
- 2 Pursuant to s. 296(2) and (3) of the Act, as applied and modified by s. 18, that a council poll arrangement be entered into by contract for the Electoral Commissioner to administer all council polls of the Council.
- 3 Pursuant to s. 296(2) and (3) of the Act, as applied and modified by s. 18, that a constitutional referendum arrangement be entered into by contract for the Electoral Commissioner to administer all constitutional referenda of the Council.

(Deacon/Milligan)



The following discussions and resolutions arose from decisions made in the Closed and Confidential Section of the Meeting, 15 December 2022:

297/2022 RESOLVED that the apology received from Councillor DJ Menzies be received and he be granted leave from both meetings. (**Boag/Jackson**)

<u>298/2022</u> **EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC: RESOLVED** that Council move into a closed session of Council with the public excluded, in accordance with the Local Government Act 1993, Clause 10A (d) (i) as involving commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it. (Jackson/Douglas)

299/2022 RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Confidential Meeting of Council held on 24 November 2022, copies of which have been circulated to Councillors be taken as read and confirmed (Milligan/Elias)

<u>300/2022</u> **RESOLVED** that Council confirms its acceptance and involvement in a regional contract with Netwaste and accept the tender for the Processing of Garden Organics, Wood and Timber with Davis Earthmoving Pty Ltd for their tendered price as set out in this report for the initial two year term with the option of two x 12 month available extensions. (Milligan/Bright)

<u>301/2022</u> **INCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC: RESOLVED** that the meeting move into open Council. **(Jackson/Deacon)**

<u>302/2022</u> **EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC: RESOLVED** that Council move into a closed session of Council with the public excluded, in accordance with the Local Government Act 1993, Clause 10A (d) (i) as involving commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it. (Milligan/Elias)

303/2022 RESOLVED that the tenders for provision of maintenance grading to Council for the period to 30 June 2023 (with a 12 month extension option) be accepted as submitted to form a panel of contractors to be engaged in the best interests of Council, subject to the contractors meeting Council's requirements. **(Deacon/Jackson)**

<u>304/2022</u> **INCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC: RESOLVED** that the meeting move into open Council. **(Douglas/Jackson)**



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

1 CHECKLIST

Item No.	Date	Minute No	Matter	Action Required	Officer	Status
1	23/09/2021	249/2021	Increase of train speed through Nyngan	Prior to the next state Election, Council raise the issue of the Hoskins Street Level Crossing & Train Speeds with Barwon candidates.	GM	Pending discussions closer to State Elections. Mayor and GM held site visit with Scott Barrett MLC on 13/07/2022. Email sent to Regional NSW for attention of Dugald Saunders, Minister for Western NSW 13/10/2022.



2	27/05/2022	122/2022	Nyngan Emergency Bore	Council seeks advice from the Minister for Water, as to a mechanism for periodic extraction of water for maintenance purposes, given that it is understood that Council is unable to extract water from the bore at this stage.	GM	Letter written to Minister for Water. Scott Barrett MLC requested on 11/08/22 and 13/09/2022 to follow up on letter to Minister for Water. Followed up 08/10/2022. Email sent to Regional NSW for attention of Dugald Saunders, Minister for Western NSW 13/10/2022.
3	28/11/2019	368/2019	Repairs to Nyngan & Cobar Emergency Water Storage	The General Manager be authorised to procure sufficient quantities Geosynthetic Clay Liner & Geotextile material to complete the remediation works, according to specifications provided by NSW	DES	Remediation work postponed due to wet weather and soft floor. Floor continues to be wet and soft from rain. Requires warm weather to dry out sub- base A contract variation has been issued to the Contractor for change of scope for



4	25/02/2021	012/2021	Nyngan Railway Wool Dump	Public Works. The procurement be carried out by way of quotations. A colour information sign be erected at the Nyngan Railway Wool Dump on stand adjacent to the dump.A cement path from the existing walkway to the sign be constructed, with available funding.	DES	repairs to inside batters. Pending commencement of grant- funded works.
5	27/05/2021	126/2021	Addressing Local Job Vacancies	Council delays the launch of the marketing campaign until progress is made with establishing more housing accommodation in Nyngan.	DPCS	Planning for new residential subdivision has commenced.



6	24/11/2022	281/2022	Section 355 Committee – Nyngan Museum	General Manager to proceed with discussions to formalise a constitution and associated delegations for Nyngan Museum Committee as a Section 355 Management Committee of Council with a further report to Council. Council to progress investigations and discussions to delegate the functions of managing and operating the Nyngan Museum to the	GM	Initial meeting held with Museum Committee. Draft delegations prepared for further discussions with Museum Committee. Referred to Audit & Risk Committee. In progress.
				discussions to delegate the functions of managing and operating the Nyngan		



7	25/11/2021	331/2021	Recycling Bins in Town Main Street	Recycling bins be made available in town main street.	DDES	Eight recycling bins received – considered in Council's best interest to delay installation until main street paving completed.
	24/03/2022	068/2022	Recycling Bin Waste Stickers	That Council, as part of the recycling education program that will be conducted through schools, supply students with a sticker and encourage to stick it to their household recycling bin.		UPDATE: Stickers dispatched for delivery to Council and will be distributed to students through the Gilgandra Waste/ Recycling student visits.



8	23/06/2022	126/2022	New Water Treatment Plant Site	A further report to Council be considered for location of the New Water Treatment Plant, including the location as presented to Council, as well as other options outside/adjacent to the levy bank.	DES	UPDATE: Public Works to discuss with Crown Lands regarding use of site
9	27/10/2022	246/2022	Pangee Street Paving	Council seek expressions of interest from interested parties to have old pavers delivered to an appropriate site of theirs for the public to collect, for a set time, then review the matter.	DES	when a construction schedule has been finalised.
	27/10/2022	258/2022		The new footpath paving in Pangee Street be constructed using cast in-situ concrete in lieu of		<u>UPDATE:</u> Report to December meeting refers.



				concrete pavers, subject to further advice on relative costs. A further report be brought to Council in November with recommended finishes, scope and updated costs.		
10	28/07/2022	171/2022	Hoskins Street Subdivision	Council approves the draft subdivision layout, with following amendments Inclusion of a laneway between lots 18-23 and lots 28-33. Accordingly reduce the number of affected blocks to retain an average size of around 1000m².	DES	Amended plan sent back to consultants. Meetings between Alliance of Western Council and NSW Government held of 17/08/22 and 19/08/22 to discuss.



				Strong representation is made to the Minister for Western New South Wales in relation to Biodiversity Fund contributions.		Strong representation made to Minister for the Environment and Heritage James Griffin, via Alliance of Western Councils as well as Country Mayor's Association. Chair of Alliance of Western Councils, Cr Craig Davies has also raised the matter with the Shooters, Fishers and Farmers Party, as well as the Labor Party, ahead of NSW elections. UPDATE: Consultant preparing engineering designs.
11	25/08/2022	207/2022	Removal of Athel Pines	Council removes all Athel Pines located adjacent to the airport. Council plants native species to replace the Athel Pines that will be removed, with funding	DDES	Scheduled for removal November/December 2022. Planting of replacement species schedule for March 2023.



				to be allocated at the next budget review.		
12	27/10/2022	260/2022	Kerbside Waste	Council trial the bulky kerbside collection, as a once of collection and the take-up be gauged, and a further report to Council.	DDES	UPDATE: Currently seeking quotations from contractors to complete the kerbside collection.



13	25/08/2022	209/2022	Subdivision of Land Below the Minimum Lot Size	The General Manager investigates the costs involved in a housekeeping amendment to the Bogan LEP 2011, and report back to a future Council Meeting	DDES	Consultant attended workshop with Councillors prior to October Council Meeting. COMPLETED
	27/10/2022	261/2022	Proposed Amendment to Bogan Local Environmental Plan	The General Manager investigates a process to identify suitable land, for large lot residential and undertakes community consultation, with a further report to Council.	GM	In Progress



14	24/11/2022	274/2022	Voluntary Planning Agreement – Aurelia Resources	The General Manager negotiates a VPA with Aurelia Resources in the best interest of Council in consultation with the Mayor and Deputy Mayor.	GM	In progress
15	24/11/2022	293/2022	Nyngan Show Society	Council investigates the best option to resolve the matter of the Nyngan Show/Expo advertising signage on the Mitchell Highway, that the hedge is blocking the signage.	DDES	UPDATE: Hedge trimmed by Council's Gardening Team. COMPLETED
16	24/11/2022	296/2022	Memorial Wall at Nyngan Cemetery	Council investigate the cost, options and suitable location for a new memorial wall at the Nyngan Cemetery	DES	<u>UPDATE:</u> Report to February meeting



<u>307/2022</u> RESOLVED that the report relating to the Monthly Checklist be received and those items marked as "Completed" be removed from the checklist. (Jackson/Deacon)

REPORT TO ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL - DIRECTOR PEOPLE AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

1 BOGAN SHIRE YOUTH AND COMMUNITY CENTRE

Summary:

The purpose of this report is to provide information to Council on the operations and statistics of the Bogan Shire Youth and Community Centre.

308/2022 RESOLVED that the Operational Report for the Bogan Shire Youth and Community Centre be received and noted. **(Douglas/Elias)**

2 BOGAN SHIRE EARLY LEARNING CENTRE EXTENSIONS

Summary:

The purpose of this report is to recommend to Council adoption of the Selective Tendering method in calling for tenders for the construction of the Bogan Shire Early Learning Centre extensions.

309/2022 RESOLVED that:

- That Council adopts the Selective Tendering method in calling for tenders for the construction of the Bogan Shire Early Learning Centre (ELC) extensions. (Jackson/Milligan)
- 2. That the decision as which applications progress to invitations to tender be delegated to the General Manager on the advice and recommendation of a panel of three comprising Council's Architect, Director Finance and Corporate Services and Director Development and Environmental Services.

(Elias/Deacon)



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

1 INVESTMENTS NOVEMBER 2022

Summary: The report is to outline the performance of Council's Investment Portfolio for the month of November 2022.

The Investment Report for November2022 is shown below.

At the 30th November 2022 Council had \$19.5 million invested. There has been an increase of \$500 thousand due to the second quarter rates instalment falling due and the second quarter Financial assistance grant payment being received.

310/2022 RESOLVED that the Investments Report be received and noted. (Boag/Jackson)



2 SUMMARY OF RATE & ANNUAL CHARGES COLLECTION

Summary:

This report is to provide a comparison of rate collections as at 30th November 2022, with the same period last year.

Total arrears have increased from \$669,773 as at the 30th November 2021 to \$688,411 as at 30th November this year.

The Director of Finance and Corporate Services reported at the meeting, that at the date of the meeting, current arrears had decreased to \$669,156.

Rate Collections	2022-2023	2021-2022
Arrears Prior to 30/06/2022	607,006	572,986
First Instalment arrears as at 30/11/2022	62,150	96,788
Second Instalment outstanding as at 30/11/2022	164,615	238,115
Third Instalment outstanding as at 30/11/2022	1,009,094	1,009,950
Fourth Instalment outstanding as at 30/11/2022	1,046,870	1,034,977
Total Arrears	669,156	669,773
Total Outstanding	2,889,737	2,952,816
Monthly Transactions		
Amount Levied & B/Fwd	6,043,811	5,870,430
Add: Adjustments	17,700	12,788
Less: Payments to end of May	-3,093,160	-2,852,312
Less: Rebates	-79,477	-78,090
Add: Postponed	0	0
Gross Total Balance	2,999,855	2,952,816
Arrears of total amount levied %	11%	11%

311/2022 RESOLVED that the Rates and Annual Charges collection report be received and noted. **(Douglas/Deacon)**

2 DEBT RECOVERY POLICY

Summary: The purpose of this report is to review and re-adopt Councils Debt Recovery Policy.

312/2022 RESOLVED that Council adopt the revised Debt Recovery Policy FIN001 to be reviewed again in December 2025. (Jackson/Douglas)



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

1 DEPARTMENTAL ACTIVITY REPORT

Summary: The purpose of this report is to provide Council with information that is both statistical and informative in regards to the activities of the Engineering Services Department.

313/2022 RESOLVED that the Engineering Services Departmental Activity Report be received and noted. **(Elias/Boag)**

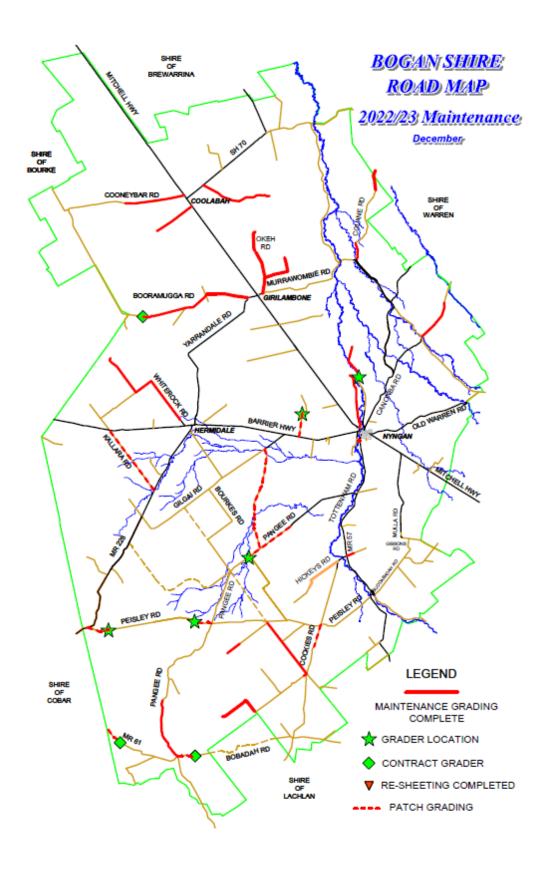
2 PANGEE STREET PAVING

Summary: The purpose of this report is to provide Council with estimated costs for the reconstruction of the Pangee Street CBD footpaths using a traditional poured concrete in lieu of laid pavers.

314/2022 RESOLVED that:

- 1. The Pangee Street CBD footpath be completed with a coved trowel finish including rows of pavers installed across the path at regular intervals to break up the large areas of concrete. (Jackson/Deacon)
- 2. \$66,553 be allocated to the project from the current LRCI footpath replacement funding to complete the original scope of works including the pedestrian crossing. (**Douglas/Elias**)
- 3. That the additional areas be included in the scope of works for the proposed tender document as optional extras for Council to consider when determining the tender. (Douglas/Milligan)







REPORT TO THE ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL - DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT & ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

1 DEPARTMENTAL ACTIVITY REPORT

Summary:

The purpose of this report is to provide Council with information that is both statistical and informative in regards to the activities of the Development and Environmental Services Department.

315/2022 RESOLVED that the Development and Environmental Services Departmental Activity Report be received and noted. (Bright/Elias)

Meeting adjourned at 10.03am for morning tea and resumed meeting at 10.30am.

Meeting returned to Closed and Confidential Section of Council Meeting for discussion on matter that was deferred.



PRECIS OF CORRESPONDENCE

- 1 THE HON. SAM FARRAWAY MLC
 316/2022 RESOLVED that correspondence received from The Hon. Sam Farraway MLC be received and noted. (Jackson/Bright)
- 2 FUNDING FOR NSW PUBLIC LIBRARIES
 317/2022 RESOLVED that correspondence received from NSW Government for NSW Public Libraries be received and noted. (Elias/Boag)
- 3 NSW RURAL FIRE SERVICE

 318/2022 RESOLVED that correspondence received from NSW Fire Service be received and noted. (Bright/Deacon)



GENERAL MANAGER	MAYOR
These minutes were confirmed by resolution signed as a true record.	on at a meeting on and were
There being no further business, the meeting	ng closed at 10.38am



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