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MINUTES OF THE WEDDIN SHIRE COUNCIL ORDINARY MEETING HELD THURSDAY, 20 NOVEMBER 2014 COMMENCING AT 8.30 AM

13 November 2014

Dear Councillor

NOTICE is hereby given that an **ORDINARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE SHIRE OF WEDDIN** will be held in the Council Chambers, Grenfell on **THURSDAY NEXT, 20 NOVEMBER 2014**, commencing at ***8.30 AM** and your attendance is requested.

Note: Council's Auditor Mr John O'Malley from Intentus Pty Ltd will conduct a presentation in regards to the 2013/2014 financial statements at 10:00am.

Yours faithfully

GLENN CARROLL
GENERAL MANAGER

B U S I N E S S

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PRESENT: The Mayor Cr M Liebich in the Chair, Crs J C Niven, A C Griffiths, G B Halls, N W Hughes, C Brown, J E Parlett and P H Best.
General Manager (G Carroll), Director Engineering (W Twohill), Director Corporate Services (L Gibson) and Director Environmental Services (B Hayes)

APOLOGY: Nil

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:

232 **RESOLVED:** Cr Hughes and Cr Griffiths that the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting, held on 16 October be taken as read and **CONFIRMED.**

QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

Council has resolved that a ten minute “question time” be allowed at the beginning of each meeting, where members of the public can put their concerns before Council for discussion on the following basis:

Requests to speak to be submitted in writing at least ten (10) days prior to the meeting.

Requests to be accompanied by a copy of any questions.

Each speaker to be allowed three minutes.

The following requests have been received:-

Nil

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

A Declaration of Interest form has been forwarded with the Business Paper, for completion prior to the meeting.

Completed forms may be declared and handed in at this point.

Nil

Cr McClelland entered the meeting at this point 8.31 am.

CORRESPONDENCE TO BE PRESENTED TO THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE WEDDIN SHIRE COUNCIL HELD, 20 NOVEMBER 2014.

SECTION A - Matters for Information

- A1. Local Government NSW, A3.9.1: Forwarding Weekly Circular numbered 39/2014.
- A2. The Hon Katrina Hodgkinson MP, C2.1.3: Writing to offer you my congratulations on your re-election as Mayor of Weddin Council.
- A3. Local Government NSW, A3.18.3: Writing regarding a number of issues/motions your Council suggested for consideration at the 2014 Local Government NSW Conference. While they cover legitimate concerns and are listed in the Conference business paper, the Board has decided that these not be discussed as they are covered by existing policy and/or recent action.
- A4. Gordon Garling Moffitt, E3.6.4: Re: Your purchase from Central Tablelands County Council. Property: Bogolong Dam Grenfell.
- A5. Southern Phone, U1.2.5: Reporting that 2013/2014 was another successful year for your Southern Phone Company. Our revenue grew by more than 13% to \$85.2 million and our profit rose by 6.2% to \$8.2 million. As a consequence, the Board has declared an increased total shareholder dividend of \$3,000,000.
- A6. Central NSW Councils, T1.8.7: Advising Centroc member Councils currently procure electricity through the Local Government Procurement (LPG) process. We recognise that the process is often confusing and cumbersome considering the number of forms General Managers are asked to sign during the duration of the procurement process.
- A7. NSW Environmental Protection Authority (EPA), G2.4.1: Announcing that round 1 of the Landfill Consolidation and Environmental Improvements grants are now open.
- A8. Quandialla Swimming Pool, P2.3.2: Advising at our annual pool meeting on 7 August 2014 the following positions were upheld for the upcoming season.
- A9. Sandra Feehan, R2.4.15: Advising my husband and I recently had a most enjoyable stop at Grenfell. We camped in the caravan park in our campervan. This was a fantastic spot to stay and the caravan park was beautifully clean and well looked after. We found the town of Grenfell was welcoming and we were particularly happy with a parking area for vans and cars upon our arrival so that we could park and find out about the town and surrounds before checking in at the van park.
- A10. Local Government NSW, A3.9.1: Forwarding Weekly Circular numbered 40/2014.
- A11. Office of Local Government, C2.10.9: Writing to let you know that the Fit for the Future Facilitator Panel has been announced today by the Minister for Local Government, the Hon Paul Toole MP. This delivers on a key Government commitment to make available fully funded facilitators who can assist groups of Councils to identify and explore the option of merging.

- A10. Federal Member for Hume, the Hon Angus Taylor MP, A3.19.3: Inviting interested local land managers, conservation groups, schools, Councils and other organisations to apply for funding in Round One of the *20 Million Trees Program*.
- A11. Department of Human Services, C1.7.8: Advising the Australian Government Department of Human services accepts the offer from Weddin Shire Council to provide the Access Point Services at Grenfell, from 25 August 2014 to 30 June 2015.
- A12. Councillor Ken Keith OAM, Parkes Shire Council, C2.1.3: On behalf of the Parkes Shire Council may I extend my sincere congratulations on your re-election as Mayor. I look forward to working with you on issues of mutual interest, and through regional organisations such as CENTROC.
- A13. Councillor Ken Keith OAM, Parkes Shire Council, C2.1.2: On behalf of the Parkes Shire Council may I extend my sincere congratulations on your re-election as Deputy Mayor. I look forward to working with you on issues of mutual interest, and through regional organisations such as CENTROC.
- A14. Councillor Marianne Saliba, Shellharbour City Council, C2.1.3: Congratulations on your appointment as Mayor of Weddin Shire Council.
- A15. Councillor Marianne Saliba, Shellharbour City Council, C2.1.2: Congratulations on your appointment as Deputy Mayor of Weddin Shire Council.
- Wishing you all the success for the coming year.
- A16. Office of Local Government, A3.6.4/P2.12.17: Referring to your application for a 3% loan interest subsidy under the NSW Government's Local Infrastructure Renewal Scheme (LIRS) Round Three for the Grenfell Medical Centre.
- A19. Local Government NSW, A3.9.1: Forwarding Weekly Circular numbered 41/2014.
- A20. The Hon Katrina Hodgkinson MP, C2.10.9: Advising it is important for you to have access to as much information as possible during this vital stage of assessing your response and formulating your submission to *Fit for the Future*. Accordingly, I have invited the Minister for Local Government, the Hon Paul Toole MP, to Grenfell for a roundtable meeting to discuss *Fit for the Future*.
- A21. Lachlan Valley Weeds Advisory Committee, G2.3: Advising the Minister for Primary Industries has announced the fifth round for the Weeds Action Program, approving the Lachlan Regional Weed Management Project for 2014/2015. A total of \$326,800.00 has been allocated to the region and these funds will be administered by Cowra Shire Council.
- A22. Gail Weekes, Western NSW Local Health District, C2.6.35: Advising on behalf of the attending residents and I, may I sincerely thank you Carly, volunteers and Anne for the beautiful visit to the Art Gallery to see the Christine McMillan exhibition.
- A23. Local Government NSW, A3.9.1: Forwarding Weekly Circular numbered 42/2014.

- A24. NSW Government, Transport for NSW, T3.8.5: Writing to update you on the status of evaluation on tenders received for restoration, maintenance and operation of Cowra Lines.
- A25. Central Tablelands Water, U1.6.7: Advising Council's meeting dates and venues for your information.
- A26. Caragabal Public School, C1.8.10: Advising the Caragabal Public School would like to thank you for your donation of \$100 towards our end of year Presentation Day.
- A27. The Henry Lawson High School, C1.8.3: On behalf of the staff and students of The Henry Lawson High School, thank you for your generous donation of \$100.00 towards our Presentation Day for 2014.
- A28. John and Margaret Nowlan-Jones, R2.10.018: Thanking the Weddin Shire Council for doing works on the Caragabal Road allowing us all access into our property.
- A29. Local Government NSW, A3.9.1: Forwarding Weekly Circular numbered 43/2014.
- A30. Statewide Mutual, A3.11.2: Advising that Statewide Mutual Board of Management are pleased to enclose a cheque for \$19,257.43 (including GST).
- A31. Office of Local Government, A3.9.3: Inviting you to a regional workshop to discuss the process of preparing your Council's Fit for the Future Proposal, following the recent release of the Fit for the Future Self-Assessment Tool and Templates.
- A32. Office of Local Government, A3.9.3: Advising from 29 April, 2015 properties with a swimming pool that are to be sold or leased must have a certificate of compliance.
- A33. Health, Western NSW Local Health Network, H1.7.10: Grenfell voices against violence committee thanks you for your kind donation towards resources for the Year 10 Lovebites Program 2014.
- A34. NSW Government, Roads and Maritime Services, T3.4.2: Advising the NSW Government has committed to installing a set of school zone flashing lights at every school in NSW by December 2015.
- A35. StateCover, A3.11.1: Advising Council has achieved a reduction in significant claims for the period 2013/2014 compared to 2012/2013 and accordingly, is eligible for a performance incentive payment.
- A cheque for \$3,802.18 is enclosed.
- A36. The Hon Katrina Hodgkinson MP, A3.19.2: The member for Burrinjuck, the Hon Katrina Hodgkinson MP has announced that the NSW Footy Facilities Fund is now open for applications.

SECTION B

Matters for Report

- B1. Hannah Troth, Landcare Support Officer, Weddin Landcare, E3.6.4: Writing regarding Bogolong Dam and understand that the Weddin Shire now own the facility. This is great news for the committee and the Weddin Shire.
- B2. Weddin Community Native Nursery, E3.7.5: Attaching a copy of a letter regarding the old weather shed as discussed at the Landcare AGM.
- B3. Department of Primary Industries Office of Water, U1.6.12: Re: Integrated Water Cycle Management (IWCM) Detailed Strategy.
- B4. Mr R Walsh, T5.30.2012: As you are aware when we first put in our application and paid the fees for the units at 72 East Street Grenfell we were going to build 6 units. A new application was then put in to decrease the number of units to 5.
- B5. Roads & Maritime Services, R2.51.18: Writing requesting proposals for projects for inclusion in the 2015/2016 Regional Roads REPAIR Program.
- B6. NSW Environment Protection Authority (EPA), S1.1.4: Referring to the licence variation application for the Grenfell sewage treatment plant (STP) received by the Environment Protection Authority (EPA) on 28 August 2014.
- B7. NSW Environment Protection Authority (EPA), A3.4.17: Writing to advise you that after an extensive review and public consultation process, the new *Protection of the Environment Operations (Waste) Regulation 2014 (Waste Regulation)* will commence on 1 November 2014.
- B8. Intentus Chartered Accountants, A1.2.2: Advising we have completed our audit of Council's financial statements for the period ended 30 June 2014.
- B9. Cathy Gutterson, H1.7.1: Advising the BreastScreen Mobile Van is due to visit Grenfell again in 2015.
- B10. Office of Local Government, A3.9.3: Advising the Fit for the Future Self-Assessment Tool, Templates and Guidance material to help Councils prepare their Fit for the Future Proposals have been released.
- B11. Grenfell Mens Shed, C1.3.31: Advising on Wednesday 29 October 2014 some contractors to John Holland were at the railway precinct doing some slashing and spraying in the lead up to summer.

233 **RESOLVED:** Cr Brown and Cr Parlett that Correspondence sections A and B be noted.

SECTION C - Matters for consideration

A précis of correspondence to be considered at the meeting is as follows:

1. Office of Local Government, A3.9.3

Advising the Minister for Local Government has announced the regional groupings of Councils that will assist the NSW Government to pilot Joint Organisations, a key component of the Fit for the Future package to strengthen local government.

The five groups of Councils that will pilot Joint Organisations throughout 2015 are: the Central West, Hunter, Illawarra, Namoi and Riverina regions. All Councils outside of Greater Sydney will be a member of a Joint Organisation from September 2016.

Eleven applications, covering 14 regions, were received from across regional NSW. The pilots will commence shortly, with a series of workshops to be held to help initiate the process.

Noted

2. Jenny Bennett, Centroc, C2.10.9

Forwarding correspondence regarding Centroc's successful EOI for the pilot JO made on behalf of Councils in the region to pilot a Joint Organisation, a key component of the NSW Government's Fit for the Future package.

I am delighted to advise that your Expression of Interest has been successful and I would like to offer you the opportunity to work with the NSW Government on this exciting project.

Joint Organisations will enable Councils to work together more effectively within their regions, as well as transforming the way state and local government collaborate on key community priorities that cut across traditional boundaries such as jobs, planning and infrastructure.

Given the importance of this initiative, the NSW Government is committed to working closely with and supporting your pilot to ensure the Joint Organisations are designed in such a way to best meet the needs of your communities.

Thank you for your interest in helping to shape the future of Joint Organisations in NSW and congratulations on your successful proposal.

Noted

3. NSW Rural Fire Service, E1.3.4

Advising the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, the Honourable Stuart Ayres MP, has recently approved allocations for the 2014-15 Rural Fire Fighting Fund.

The Rural Fire Fighting Fund for 2014-2015 is \$285.4m.

As in previous years, payments to Council for reimbursable items will be made towards the end of the second quarter provided Council has made all Rural Fire Fighting Fund contributions.

Note: Weddin Shire Council's total budget is \$1,533,793 and Council pays 11.7% of this figure less the VASS reimbursement of \$51,766.

Council's net contribution is \$127,688.

Noted

4. The Hon Katrina Hodgkinson MP, A3.19.2
Advising a proposal to rename the Mid Western Highway to recognise Aboriginal culture and heritage is being considered after representation to the NSW Government by Wiradjuri Elders.

Copy forwarded to Councillors

RECOMMENDATION:

For Council's consideration

234 RESOLVED: Cr Halls and Cr Griffiths that Council object to the proposed renaming of the Mid-Western Highway for the following reasons:-

- i) Cost factor
- ii) Funds could be better utilised on other indigenous programmes
- iii) Renaming could lead to possible declassification of highway in the future
- iv) If the road is declassified this would have a detrimental effect on business and tourism in the Weddin Shire.

5. Southern Phone, U1.2.5
Advising since 2002 Southern Phone Company has delivered affordable telecommunication services to regional communities and dividends to its local government shareholders.

This year, Southern Phone will extend its support for regional communities with the introduction of the Southern Phone Grants Scheme.

The Southern Phone Grants scheme will provide up to \$25,000 to fund community-based projects within your Council area. The provision of this grant is in line with our ongoing commitment to developing thriving regional communities.

A member of our Southern Phone Grants team will contact you to co-ordinate logistics.

Note: The grant funding scheme has been advertised inviting interested community groups to apply.

Applications will then be referred to Council for prioritisation as a late report by the General Manager before being submitted to Southern Phone for their consideration.

Noted

6. Gold Trails Inc, T4.3.7

The Annual General Meeting of Gold Trails Inc. was held in Young on 29 October, 2014 and the newly elected executive is:

President	Trevor Lobb	Weddin
Vice President	Louise Halsey	Tumut
Secretary/Treasurer	John Wade	Weddin
Committee	Auburn Carr	Weddin
	David Newberry	Young
	Sean Haylan	Yass Valley
	Melanie Ford	Boorowa

Three members of the executive are community members, not employees, which means that the organisation would need to take out an expensive insurance policy to cover their attendance at meetings, which are held about six times a year.

In lieu of this, Gold Trails Inc cordially requests your Council to consider approving Messrs Lobb and Wade as official delegates and including them on your list of volunteer workers so that they fall under Council's insurance cover.

We thank Weddin Shire for its support and ask you to consider this request.

RECOMMENDATION: that Mr Trevor Lobb and Mr John Wade be approved as Council Gold Trails delegates and be added to Councils list of volunteer workers for insurance purposes.

235 **RESOLVED:** Cr Halls and Cr McClelland that Mr Trevor Lobb and Mr John Wade be approved as Council Gold Trails delegates and be added to Councils list of volunteer workers for insurance purposes.

7. Grenfell Lions Club Inc, P2.1.1

Advising the above committee has set aside Friday December 19, 2014 for this year's Combined Services' Club Christmas Carnival.

We seek approval from Council to conduct the carnival in Vaughn Park as in previous years. The time involved would be between 6pm – 10pm.

We also seek Council's assistance in providing extra Otto bins as well as barricades to block off the park side of Melyra Street to accommodate the SES vehicle etc.

Could we also ask that the toilet facilities remain open until 10pm?

Thanking you in anticipation.

RECOMMENDATION: that approval and assistance be granted as requested and the Grenfell Lions Club be advised accordingly.

236 **RESOLVED:** Cr Parlett and Cr Niven that approval and assistance be granted to the Grenfell Lions and Rotary Clubs as requested and they be advised accordingly.

237 **RESOLVED:** Cr Niven and Cr Griffiths that the Correspondence be noted except where otherwise resolved.

13 November 2014

The Mayor and Councillors
Weddin Shire Council
GRENFELL NSW 2810

Dear Councillors

I wish to report as follows: -

1. Local Government Reform– ‘Fit for the Future’ Proposal, C2.10.9

The meeting with the Minister for Local Government the Hon Paul Toole MP to discuss the ‘Fit for the Future’ proposal held at the Grenfell Bowling Club on Friday 7 November, 2014 went very well with approximately 30-40 people attending.

Attendees travelled from Council’s such as Young, Temora, Forbes, Coolamon, Boorowa and Junee to hear Minister Toole outline his vision for the future of Local Government and the \$1 billion ‘Fit for the Future’ proposal. The Minister advised that there is genuine commitment from the Government to work together with Councils to initiate the reforms required to make Councils stronger and ‘Fit for the Future’.

Minister Toole advised that the ‘Fit for the Future’ tool, templates and guidance material have been released to assist Councils in preparing their ‘Fit for the Future’ proposals.

Council will initially have to conduct a self-assessment in regards to being ‘Fit for the Future’ in terms of scale and capacity. Scale and capacity refers to Councils ability to become and remain financially sustainable, manage and maintain our assets and provide quality services to our residents in an efficient and cost effective manner. If we are deemed to be ‘fit’ we then have to prepare a Council improvement proposal and outline how we will satisfy the above ‘Fit for the Future’ criteria with our limited financial, human and physical resources and this will probably be best done through the Regional Joint Organisation (JO).

If the outcome of the self-assessment is that Council is deemed not to have the scale and capacity to become ‘Fit for the Future’ then Council has to investigate other options to become ‘Fit for the Future’ being a Council merger proposal or a Rural Council proposal.

As Council has previously vehemently rejected amalgamations the only option that would then be available to Council is the Rural Council Model. Council’s Mayor Mark Liebich and myself attended a workshop in Dubbo on Wednesday 5 November, 2014 to assist the Division of Local Government develop this model.

The Rural Council model proposed at the Dubbo workshop was that Councils like Weddin Shire would essentially stay as we are in the Central West Regional Joint Organisation (JO) (Council meetings and Councillor numbers to be determined) with reduced red tape, regulations and reporting requirements. This would help us retain our identity, jobs, representation and services as well as maintain the social fabric of our community. This proposal will need to be further developed by the Division of Local Government and submitted to the Minister for his approval.

The Rural Council template is expected to be developed by the end of December 2014 which by then we should have undertaken our ‘Fit for the Future’ self-assessment and be in a position to make a decision on the direction our ‘Fit for the Future’ proposal will take which is to be submitted by 30 June, 2015.

THE GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

To assist Council in preparing our 'Fit for Future' proposal a further workshop for senior staff is to be held in Dubbo on Wednesday 3 December, 2014 and it is proposed that the Director Corporate Services and myself attend.

RECOMMENDATION: that:

- i) the General Manager and Director Corporate Services be authorised to attend the 'Fit for the Future' workshop to be held in Dubbo on Wednesday 3 December, 2014.
- ii) Council's 'Fit for the Future' self-assessment be conducted and reported back to the December 2014 Council Meeting.

238 **RESOLVED:** Cr Halls and Cr McClelland that:

- i) the General Manager and Director Corporate Services be authorised to attend the 'Fit for the Future' workshop to be held in Dubbo on Wednesday 3 December, 2014.
- ii) Council's 'Fit for the Future' self-assessment be conducted and reported back to the February 2015 Council Meeting.
- iii) the General Manager be authorised to obtain external assistance in submitting Council's 'Fit for the Future' proposal if required.

2. Annual Report 2013/2014, C2.3.1

The 2013/2014 Annual Report is required to be submitted to the Department of Local Government by 30 November 2014.

The report has been finalised in draft form and a copy will be on display at the Council meeting as well as being forwarded to Councillors. A copy of the final Annual Report will be provided to Councillors after adoption.

The supplementary State of Environment Report has been prepared as an Appendix to the Annual Report.

The Financial Statements for 2013/2014 have also been prepared as an Appendix.

Copies of the State of Environment Report and the Annual Statements will be available on request.

RECOMMENDATION: that the Annual Report for 2013/2014 including the State of Environment Report be adopted, with the Annual Statements to be separately considered.

239 **RESOLVED:** Cr Hughes and Cr Parlett that the Annual Report for 2013/2014 including the State of Environment Report be adopted, with the Annual Statements to be separately considered.

3. Rail Branch Lines, T3.8.5

As previously reported the Hon Duncan Gay Minister for Roads and Ports approved the calling of open tenders for the restoration, operation and maintenance of the Demondrille to Blayney and Koorawatha to Greenethorpe rail lines with tenders closing on 25 July, 2014.

Two tenders were received and the Tender Evaluation Committee (TEC) and the General Manager of Cowra Shire Council recently undertook an evaluation of the tenders received. In the process, the TEC identified one of the tenders, whose tender response met the evaluation criteria, as the preferred tenderer at this stage.

However, the TEC also concluded that there are still potential issues and risks in a number of evaluation criterion areas which need to be resolved prior to undertaking any lease negotiations with a preferred tenderer.

Subsequently, the TfNSW Tender Review Panel (TRP) has now decided that given the complex nature of the issues involved in a number of areas advice is required from an independent consultant to enable TfNSW to complete the tender evaluation process. The consultant will be required to advise TfNSW on the approach to be taken to resolve the issues.

The time impact of this further review by the consultant on the Cowra Lines tender process has been estimated to be around 12 weeks which unfortunately will delay the process.

For Information

Noted

4. Bogolong Dam Committee, C2.6.44

To facilitate the operation of Bogolong Dam it is proposed to develop a Strategic (planning), Policy Development and Advisory Sec 355 Committee of Council.

To be a Sec 355 Committee of Council the committee must have a Council purpose or function and as the proposed use of Bogolong Dam is for recreational purposes the criteria to be a committee of Council would be satisfied.

The Charter has been developed and is forwarded separately for Councillors information.

RECOMMENDATION: that:-

- i) Council approve the Bogolong Dam Committee to be a Sec 355 Committee of Council for recreational purposes.
- ii) the draft Bogolong Dam Committee Charter be adopted.

240 **RESOLVED:** Cr McClelland and Cr Hughes that:-

- i) Council approve the Bogolong Dam Committee to be a Sec 355 Committee of Council for recreational purposes.
- ii) the draft Bogolong Dam Committee Charter be adopted.

THE GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

5. **Bogolong Dam Committee – Appointment of Council Committee Members, C2.6.44**

If the above resolution is passed Council will have to appoint three committee members under clause 260 of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2005.

The Mayor and other Councillors have the right to attend as observers if they so desire. These arrangements apply to committees with staff or community members. Council will be now required to appoint its committee members and staff member (General Manager) with the community representative vacancies to be advertised and the other staff member (Director Engineering) to be appointed by the General Manager. It is proposed to establish this committee for the interim period between November 2014 – September 2015.

Advertising for community representatives will then be conducted again in conjunction with other committees to be effective from September 2015 for the ensuing twelve months.

Bogolong Dam Committee:

Structure:	3 Councillors, 3 community representatives, 2 staff members
Current appointees:	Nil
Comment:	This committee is established to plan and co-ordinate the operation of Bogolong Dam.

RECOMMENDATION: that:

- i) Council appoint its committee members,
- ii) the General Manager or delegate be appointed as a staff member,
- iii) the Director Engineering be appointed by the General Manager,
- iv) the community representative vacancies be advertised.

241 **RESOLVED:** Cr Brown and Cr Hughes that:

- i) Crs Liebich, Halls and Best be Council's representatives on the Bogolong Dam Committee,
- ii) the General Manager or delegate be appointed as a staff member,
- iii) the Director Engineering be appointed by the General Manager,
- iv) the community representative vacancies be advertised.

6. **Citizenship Ceremony, A3.3.1**

A citizenship ceremony for Mr Deepanraj Madhava Kannan was carried out by the Mayor in conjunction with the General Manager on Wednesday, 29 October 2014. The ceremony was attended by various friends and invoked a delighted response from the new citizen.

For Information

Noted

THE GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

7. December Council Meeting, C2.8.1

Councillors are reminded that it was resolved at the February 2014 Council Meeting that the December Meeting be a morning/day meeting.

Commencement of the meeting in the morning will allow Councillors still involved in harvesting to make best use of the day. It will also allow Council staff to complete their administrative requirements emanating from the Council meeting prior to the office closing on Christmas Eve.

The meeting will commence at 8.30am on the 18 December, 2014 and the change will be advertised.

For Information

Noted

THE GENERAL MANAGER'S LATE REPORT

RECOMMENDATION: that the General Manager's late report be received and dealt with because of the urgency of the matter.

242 RESOLVED: Cr Niven and Cr Best that the General Manager's late report be received and dealt with because of the urgency of the matter.

8. Southern Phone Grant Funding Scheme, U1.2.5

Correspondence Item No. 5 refers.

The Southern Phone Grants Scheme was advertised and closed on Tuesday 18 November 2014 with five (5) applications received which are detailed below together with the proposed grant funding allocations.

Table 1:

APPLICANT	AMOUNT ALLOCATED	REASON
Grenfell Senior Rugby League Club	\$5,500	Upgrade canteen amenities
Grenfell Senior and Junior Rugby Union Club	\$5,500	Upgrade canteen facilities
Caragabal Memorial Hall	\$5,500	Community Hall restoration
Grenfell Kart Club	\$5,500	Upgrade existing on-site effluent disposal system
Grenfell Amateur Swimming Club	\$3,000	Purchase secure lockers
TOTAL	\$25,000	

If Council adopts the above table as presented Council will then have to submit a grant funding application to Southern Phone with the Mayor as the proposed grant administrator.

RECOMMENDATION: that:-

- i) the Mayor be appointed as the grants administrator for the Southern Phone Grants Scheme.
- ii) Table 1 be adopted as presented.
- iii) the grant funding application be submitted to the 2014/2015 Southern Phone Grant Scheme as per Table 1.

243 RESOLVED: Cr McClelland and Cr Best that:-

- i) the Mayor be appointed as the grants administrator for the Southern Phone Grants Scheme.
- ii) Table 1 be adopted as presented.
- iii) the grant funding application be submitted to the 2014/2015 Southern Phone Grant Scheme as per Table 1.

GLENN CARROLL
GENERAL MANAGER

244 RESOLVED: Cr Griffiths and Cr Niven that except where otherwise dealt with the General Manager's Report be adopted.

THE DIRECTOR CORPORATE SERVICES' REPORT

13 November 2014

The General Manager
Weddin Shire Council
GRENFELL NSW 2810

Dear Sir

I wish to report as follows: -

1. Statement of Bank Balances as at 31 October 2014:

Bank Account	
Westpac	\$135,233.67
Investments	
Westpac	<u>5,500,000.00</u>
Total Investments	<u>\$5,500,000.00</u>

CERTIFICATE OF RECONCILIATION

I certify that the Cashbook for each Bank Account has been reconciled with the appropriate Bank Statement as at 31 October 2014.

The investments shown above are made with the Westpac Bank. I certify that these investments have been made in accordance with the Local Government Act, 1993, the Regulations and Council's investment policies.

For Information

Noted

2. A Summary of Income for The Month of October follows:

Rates Receipts	54,569.36
Accounts Receivable	56,225.17
Credit Union Agency Commission	607.20
Interest on Investments	11,344.94
RMS Income	307,013.11
Government Grants	184,250.00
Diesel Fuel Rebate	29,476.00
Development & Building Application Fees	3,768.50
CTC Income	8,368.86
Caravan Park Income	8,688.00
Grenfell Baths Entry Fees	6,130.30
Other	10,962.62
Total	<u>\$681,404.06</u>

For Information

Noted

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3. Roads and Other Expenditure 2014/2015:

Following are the up to date maintenance figures as at 31 October 2014.

ITEM	VOTE	EXPENDITURE
Rural Roads Maintenance	667,505	245,978
Grenfell Town Streets Maintenance	159,137	25,111
Village Maintenance - Caragabal	6,138	4,240
Village Maintenance - Greenethorpe	8,609	2,288
Village Maintenance - Quandialla	6,138	8,297
Garbage / Recycling Collection	120,873	44,426
Quandialla Recycling Station	8,000	157
Greenethorpe Collections	8,000	1,562
Commercial Waste Collection	18,000	4,852
Grenfell Waste Depot Manning / Plant Hire	130,000	43,032
Tips Working Expenses	35,000	17,702
Grenfell Tip Green Waste Processing	20,000	0
Grenfell Cemetery Maintenance	29,000	4,453
Grenfell Lawn Cemetery Maintenance	40,000	2,883
Grenfell Lawn Cemetery Sites etc. income	(33,000)	(10,709)
Noxious Plants	84,500	17,208
Noxious Plants - Extra	20,000	0
Parks & Gardens	204,262	71,549
Library Expenditure	121,763	28,512
Baths Income	(25,000)	(5,573)
Baths Expenditure	134,050	23,643
Caravan Park Income	(57,000)	(23,202)
Caravan Park Expenditure	98,004	30,776

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RTA GRANT WORKS

DESCRIPTION	VOTE	EXPENDITURE
2014/2015 State Roads (SH 6)	425,000	100,107
2014/2015 National Roads (SH 17)	425,000	24,350
2014/2015 Regional Roads Block Grant	745,000	38,007

2014/2015 Rural Local Roads	VOTE	EXPENDITURE
LOCAL ROAD RESEALS	217,175	0
BALLANDENE ROAD	95,557	6,279
MARTINS LANE	0	0
PINNACLE ROAD	141,164	0
DRIFTWAY ROAD	108,588	183
OLD YOUNG ROAD	0	0
GRENFELL STREETS CONSTRUCTION	81,441	0
GRENFELL KERB & GUTTER	32,576	2,752
GRENFELL STREETS - FOOTPAVING	16,288	0
NOWLANS ROAD	0	157,163
RECONSTRUCT VILLAGE STREETS	10,859	0
WEDDIN/CAMP/CHURCH FOOTPAVING	116,189	0
QUANDIALLA DRAINAGE	0	0
GRAVEL RESHEETING	141,164	22,012
ROADSIDE VEGETATION MGMT PLAN	0	0
Total	961,000	188,389

2014/2015 Roads to Recovery	VOTE	EXPENDITURE
Pinnacle Road	200,000	139,034
Rural Roads Reseals	100,000	0
Driftway Road	150,876	0
Total	450,876	139,034

For Information

Noted

4. Debt Recovery – Rates and Debtors, A1.7

Reference is made to the report to the October 2014 Council meeting in relation to the 43 assessments that were referred to the debt collection agency with updated status as follows:

- 13 arrangements
- 4 paid
- 21 pending response
- 5 part payments – pending arrangements

Outside of the collection agency there are currently 16 active arrangements with 6 pending response to make an arrangement.

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The outstanding rates & charges percentage as at 30 June 2014 was 10.62% compared to the 30 June 2013 figure of 9.54%.

For Information

Noted

5. Quarterly Budget Review Statement (QBRS) – 30 September 2014, A1.6

The QBRS is a financial reporting system that presents a summary of Councils financial position at the end of each quarter of the financial year.

The QBRS consists of the following statements:

1. Responsible Accounting Officers Statement
2. Income and Expenditure Budget Review Statement
3. Income and Expenditure Budget Review Statement by function
4. Capital Budget Review Statement
5. Cash and Investments Budget Review Statement
6. Contracts and other expenses Budget Review Statement

The QBRS is designed to:

- Facilitate progress reporting against the original and revised budgets at the end of each quarter
- Provide explanations for major variations
- Enable the responsible accounting officer (RAO) to indicate if council will be in a satisfactory financial position at the end of the financial year.

RECOMMENDATION: that the Quarterly Budget Review Statement to the 30 September 2014 be adopted as presented.

245 **RESOLVED:** Cr Hughes and Cr Parlett that the Quarterly Budget Review Statement to the 30 September 2014 be adopted as presented.

6. Special Rate Variation Application, R1.4

Work on the community consultation materials in relation to the Special Rate Variation is ongoing.

A Community Engagement Strategy has been developed and has been forwarded separately for Councillors' information.

A survey has also been developed with the assistance of Stephen Sykes and a fact sheet is also under development. These documents will be made available in due Course.

Community consultation will be undertaken during November with results of the community consultation planned to be presented to the December Council meeting.

For Information

Noted

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7. Grenfell Library, C2.8.15

Activities by the Librarian over the last month included the following:-

Wi-Fi access has been re-established in the library and two more of the old computer units have been sold.

Around a quarter of the adult paperbacks were weeded during the month as part of the ongoing programme of collection freshening.

A simple static display of copied newspaper clippings and excerpts from minute books relating to the establishment of the library has been put together as our contribution to the state-wide celebrations of the 75th anniversary of the NSW Library Act in the first week of November.

It has been decided to again utilize the 2014/15 Local Priority Project/s Grant for purchase of additional audio books in CD and MP3 formats and engaging of one or more external entertainers/presenters.

The "Archie-bull" statue from The Henry Lawson High School has been on display in the library for most of the month and has aroused considerable interest.

The librarian will be attending the NSW Public Libraries Conference in November, being held in Mudgee in the Central West Zone this year.

Otherwise activities have been of a routine nature.

For Information

Noted

8. Economic Development, C2.8.13

Council's Economic Development Officer has been involved in the following activities:

Distributed agendas and took minutes for the Weddin Development Committee meeting.

Wrote and sent correspondence as secretary of the WDC.

Distributed funding opportunities to interested community groups.

Attended the Economic Development Forum in Orange on October 14th which included informative presentations from AusIndustry on the Entrepreneurs Infrastructure Program and the National Stronger Regions Fund, which has a very strong economic development focus.

For Information

Noted

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9. Tourism/Promotions, C2.8.11

Council's Tourism Officer has been involved in the following activities:-

Prepared draft report on a Level 2 accredited VIC for the tourism subcommittee.

Applied for Flagship Funding for the Henry Lawson Festival.

Took Community Hub bookings, distributed and collected paperwork from clients.

Researched and recorded 4 radio interviews, 9 Facebook and twitter posts and updated the community TV screen 4 times.

Acted as secretary for the Henry Lawson Festival Committee. Re-elected to role at AGM for 2015.

Prepared agenda and minutes for the October Tourism Committee meeting.

Prepared and distributed agendas for the first Australia Day Committee meeting.

Confirmed sponsors for the Grenfell Christmas Competition.

For Information

Noted

10. Arts & Events Officer, C2.8.11

Council's Arts & Events Officer has been involved in the following activities:-

Updating and drafting a suite of Art Gallery forms for volunteers

Worked with Gallery volunteers to changeover the art exhibitions

Produced the printed materials supporting the incoming exhibition

Prepared an advertisement for Grenfell as a destination for a caravanning magazine

Wrote nearly 50 letters of thanks and appreciation for Goldfest artisans and volunteers

Drafted letters of support for Auburn's 'Flagship' funding application for the Festival

Begun Henry Lawson Festival sponsorship activity, targeting potential major sponsors

For Information

Noted

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11. Grenfell Internet Centre, C2.8.14

Council's Internet Centre Officer has been involved in the following activities:-

Conducted services and repairs for 24 residential customers and 1 business customer.

Sold computers and accessories to 38 residential customers and 3 business customers.

Delivered 3 individual lessons and 4 Seniors Computer Club group lessons.

Sold 2 refurbished computers for the library.

Printed 3 sets of funeral service booklets.

For Information

Noted

12. Council's Internal Reserves Review, A1.6

With the 2013/2014 Financial Statements completed we are now able to advise the balance of Councils reserves as at 30 June 2014 as follows:

Year	Total Cash Balance \$'000	Internal Restrictions \$'000	External Restrictions \$'000	Balance Unrestricted Cash \$'000
2014	6,209	4,574	727	908
2013	7,994	5,834	546	1,614
2012	7,379	6,375	771	233
2011	5,763	4,042	816	905
2010	4,051	3,383	567	101

Council's overall cash position decreased in 2014 largely attributable to the non-continuance of the advance payment of the Financial Assistance Grant. Council is currently in a sound financial position with our reserves 100% fully cash backed.

With the prospect of several large capital projects looming a review of Council's reserves as at 30 June 2014 has been carried out.

During the review the opportunity was taken to revise the internal reserves and list of uncompleted works with the proposed transfers to/from reserves detailed below:

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	Transferred to Reserves	Transferred from Reserves	Comments
Shire Works – Internal Loan Repayments		76,045	Allocated to Medical Centre Reserve
Future Capital Projects		400,000	Allocated to Medical Centre Reserve
Superannuation Division 'B'		57,122	Reserve no longer required
Uncompleted Works		86,832	Works deleted as detailed below
Grenfell Medical Centre Burrangong St	600,000		Provision for Medical Centre capital project
Total	\$600,000	\$619,999	

Uncompleted Works Transferred

	\$
• Heritage Operations – Main/George St Master Plan	55,000
• Sloane's Cottage Upgrade	12,984
• Main St Bead Lighting (Council Buildings)	5,000
• Bogolong Dam Management	13,848
Total	<u>86,832</u>

An amended Statement of Internal restrictions and the list of uncompleted works as at 31 October 2014 have been forwarded separately for councillors' information.

RECOMMENDATION: that Council approve the transfers to and from Reserves as presented.

246 **RESOLVED:** Cr Parlett and Cr Hughes that Council approve the transfers to and from Reserves as presented.

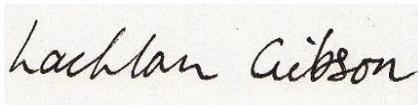
247 **RESOLVED:** Cr Best and Cr Brown that Item 13 be deferred until after the Auditors Presentation.

LACHLAN GIBSON
DIRECTOR CORPORATE SERVICES

Quarterly Budget Review Statement – 30 September 2014

The following statement is made in accordance with Clause 203(2) of the Local Government (General) Regulations 2005.

It is my opinion that the Quarterly Budget Review Statement for Weddin Shire Council for the quarter ended 30/09/14 indicates that Council's projected financial position at 30/6/15 will be satisfactory at year end, having regard to the projected estimates of income and expenditure and the original budgeted income and expenditure.



Signed: _____

Date: 12/11/14

Responsible Accounting Officer
Weddin Shire Council

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Weddin Shire Council

Budget review for the quarter ended – 30 September 2014

Income & Expenses

	ORIGINAL Budget 1/07/2014 (000's)	Revotes	REVISED Budget (000's)	Recommended Changes for Council Resolution (000's)	PROJECTED year end Result 30/06/2015 (000's)	ACTUAL YTD (000's)
Income						
<i>Rates and Annual Charges</i>	2,797	0	2,797	17	2,814	2,796
<i>User Charges and Fees</i>	1,487	0	1,487	0	1,487	280
<i>Interest and Investment Revenue</i>	260	0	260	0	260	25
<i>Other Revenues</i>	109	0	109	10	119	46
<i>Grants & Contributions - Operating</i>	3,438	0	3,438	-27	3,411	775
<i>Grants and Contributions - Capital</i>	6,155	0	6,155	-1	6,154	122
<i>- Contributions (S94)</i>	0	0	0	0	0	0
<i>Net gain from the disposal of assets</i>	5	0	5	0	5	0
<i>Share of interests in joint ventures</i>	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Income from continuing operations	14,252	0	14,252	-1	14,251	4,043
Expenses						
<i>Employee costs</i>	3,786	0	3,786	0	3,786	503
<i>Borrowing Costs</i>	0	0	0	0	0	0
<i>Materials & Contracts</i>	2,969	0	2,969	6	2,975	847
<i>Depreciation</i>	3,596	0	3,596	0	3,596	899
<i>Legal Costs</i>	0	0	0	0	0	0
<i>Consultants</i>	0	0	0	0	0	0
<i>Other Expenses</i>	854	0	854	0	854	348
<i>Interest and Investment Losses</i>	0	0	0	0	0	0
<i>Net Loss from Disposal of Assets</i>	0	0	0	0	0	0
<i>Share of interests in joint ventures</i>	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Expenses from continuing operations	11,204	0	11,204	6	11,210	2,597
Net Operating Result from continuing operations	3,048	0	3,048	-7	3,040	1,446
Net Operating Result before capital items	(3,112)	0	(3,112)	-7	(3,119)	1,324

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Budget review for the quarter ended – 30 September 2014

Income & Expenses

	ORIGINAL Budget 1/07/2014 (000's)	Revotes	REVISED Budget (000's)	Recommended changes for Council Resolution (000's)	PROJECTED year end Result 30/06/2015 (000's)	ACTUAL YTD (000's)
Income						
<i>Administration</i>	4,333	0	4,333	-6	4,327	2,691
<i>Public Order & Safety</i>	406	0	406	0	406	3
<i>Health</i>	1,695	0	1,695	0	1,695	67
<i>Community Services & Education</i>	2	0	2	0	2	0
<i>Housing & Community Amenities</i>	573	0	573	13	585	423
<i>Water Supplies</i>	0	0	0	0	0	0
<i>Sewer Services</i>	635	0	635	5	640	441
<i>Recreation and Culture</i>	2,083	0	2,083	0	2,083	2
<i>Mining, Manufacturing & Construction</i>	1	0	1	0	1	0
<i>Transport and Communication</i>	4,363	0	4,363	-20	4,344	363
<i>Economic Affairs</i>	162	0	162	7	168	53
Total Income	14,252	0	14,252	-8	14,251	4,043
Expenses						
<i>Administration</i>	2,201	0	2,201	6	2,207	729
<i>Public Order & Safety</i>	585	0	585	0	585	201
<i>Health</i>	458	0	458	2	460	74
<i>Community Services & Education</i>	27	0	27	0	27	0
<i>Housing & Community Amenities</i>	1,170	0	1,170	0	1,170	260
<i>Water Supplies</i>	0	0	0	0	0	0
<i>Sewer Services</i>	272	0	272	0	272	66
<i>Recreation and Culture</i>	906	0	906	0	906	196
<i>Mining, Manufacturing & Construction</i>	22	0	22	0	22	0
<i>Transport and Communication</i>	5,111	0	5,111	-8	5,103	944
<i>Economic Affairs</i>	453	0	453	7	460	126
Total Expenses	11,204	0	11,204	6	11,210	2,597

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Budget review for the quarter ended - 30th September 2014

Capital Budget

	ORIGINAL Budget 1/07/2014 (000's)	Revotes	REVISED Budget (000's)	Recommended changes for Council Resolution (000's)	PROJECTED year end Result 30/06/2015 (000's)	ACTUAL YTD (000's)
Capital Funding						
<i>Rates and other untied funding</i>	0	0	0	0	0	0
<i>Capital Grants & Contributions</i>	5,360	0	5,360	-12	5,349	81
<i>Internal Restrictions</i>						
- renewals	270	0	270	0	270	0
- new assets	348	0	348	11	359	12
<i>External Restrictions</i>	176	0	176	0	176	28
<i>Other Capital Funding Sources</i>	0	0	0	0	0	0
<i>Income from sale of assets</i>						
- plant and equipment	0	0	0	0	0	0
- land and buildings	5	0	5	0	5	0
Total Capital Funding	6,160	0	6,160	-1	6,159	122
Capital Expenditure						
<i>New Assets</i>						
- Plant and Equipment	0	0	0	0	0	0
- Land and Buildings	1,572	0	1,572	0	1,572	62
- IT Equipment	0	0	0	0	0	0
- Sewerage	52	0	52	0	52	0
- Recreation & Culture	511	0	511	0	511	3
- Other	56	0	56	11	66	12
<i>Renewals (Replacement)</i>						
- Plant and Equipment	815	0	815	0	815	54
- Land and Buildings	6	0	6	0	6	0
- IT Equipment	60	0	60	-2	59	1
- Roads, Bridges, Footpaths	1,854	0	1,854	-12	1,842	338
- Recreation and Culture	1,552	0	1,552	0	1,552	3
- Sewerage	141	0	141	0	141	28
- Other	0	0	0	0	0	0
<i>Loan Repayments (principal)</i>	25	0	25	0	25	0
Total Capital Expenditure	6,644	0	6,644	-2	6,641	502

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Cash & Investments

	ORIGINAL Budget 1/07/2014 (000's)	Revotes	REVISED Budget (000's)	Recommended changes for Council Resolution (000's)	PROJECTED year end Result 30/06/2015 (000's)	ACTUAL YTD (000's)
Unrestricted	908		908		908	1,847
Externally restricted						
<i>RTA Contributions</i>	0	0	0	0	0	0
<i>Developer contributions</i>	0	0	0	0	0	0
<i>Domestic waste management</i>	0	0	0	0	0	0
<i>Special Rates</i>	0	0	0	0	0	0
<i>Sewerage Services</i>	712	0	712	(25)	687	687
<i>Special purpose grants</i>	15	0	15	0	15	15
Total Externally restricted	727	0	727	(25)	702	702
Internally restricted						
<i>Employee Leave entitlements</i>	1,101	0	1,101	0	1,101	1,101
<i>Replacement of Plant and Vehicles</i>	97	0	97	0	97	97
<i>Future Capital Projects</i>	1,829	0	1,829	(62)	1,767	1,767
<i>Local Development Assistance</i>	67	0	67	0	67	67
<i>Town and Shire Works</i>	1,423	0	1,423	(16)	1,407	1,407
<i>Superannuation</i>	57	0	57	0	57	57
Total Internally restricted	4,574	0	4,574	(78)	4,496	4,496
Total Restricted	5,301	0	5,301	(103)	5,198	5,198
Total cash and investments	6,209	0	6,209	(103)	6,106	5,635
Available cash	908	0	908	0	908	437

PART A - Contracts Listing

Weddin Shire Council

Budget review for the quarter ended – 30 September 2014

Contracts

Contractor	Contract detail & purpose	Contract value	Commencement date	Duration of contract	Budgeted (Y/N)
There were no contracts entered into during the quarter.					

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PART B - Consultancy and Legal expenses

Weddin Shire Council

Budget review for the quarter ended – 30 September 2014

Consultancy and Legal expenses

Expense	Expenditure YTD \$	Budgeted (Y/N)
Consultancies	<u>7</u>	<u>Y</u>
Legal Fees	<u>3</u>	<u>Y</u>

13 November 2014

The General Manager
Weddin Shire Council
GRENFELL NSW 2810

Dear Sir

I wish to report as follows:

1. Works Report (10 November 2014)

1.1 Classified Roads Maintenance

Routine maintenance such as slashing, patching and guide-posting has continued on a majority of classified roads during the month

- | | | |
|-------|---|-------------------------------------|
| SH6 | - | General maintenance |
| | - | Heavy patching completed and sealed |
| | - | Remove side track |
| SH17 | - | General maintenance |
| | - | Heavy patching completed |
| MR398 | - | General maintenance |
| | - | Remove fallen tree branch |
| MR236 | - | General maintenance |
| MR237 | - | General maintenance |
| MR239 | - | General maintenance |
| | - | Heavy patching completed and sealed |
| | - | Removed trees |

1.2 Rural Local Roads Programme

Routine maintenance such as slashing, patching & guide posting has continued on a majority of classified roads during the month

- Started earthworks for 2 km of Pinnacle Road rehabilitation
- Gravel Resheet Taylors Road

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1.3 Rural Maintenance

Routine maintenance such as slashing, patching & guide posting has continued on a majority of classified roads during the month

- General maintenance
- Maintenance graded Stock Route Road, Pullabooka Road edges, Lynchs Lane, Berendebba Road, Porters Mount Road, Caragabal tip, Hancock-Williams Road, Greenethorpe-Wirega Road, Bimbi-Caragabal Road,
- Grade Fire breaks Bimbi, Quandialla, Caragabal, Horror stretch, Berendebba Road, McNamaras Lane,
- Remove suckers Wheatleys Road, Greenethorpe-Wirega Road, Napier Lanes, Deaths Lane, and Beazleys Lane
- Repair fence on Nowlans Road following fire
- Beazleys Lane install side track and close bridge
- Install guard rail New Forbes Road

1.4 Urban Maintenance/Construction

- General maintenance
- Install bin in Forbes Street
- Slashed town approaches
- Repair guard rail various locations

For Information

Noted

2. Other Works

- Repairs to Grenfell and Quandialla Pools carried out

2.1 Parks & Ovals Report

Routine maintenance has been carried out during the month such as gardening, weeding, mowing and spraying

- General Maintenance
- Repaired seats
- Tree lifting
- Bark chip Henry Lawson Drive shrubs
- Irrigation system repair Rotary Park and Taylor Park

2.2 Cemeteries

The following graves have been prepared from: 6 October 2014 to 9 November 2014.

Grenfell Lawn	–	3
Grenfell	–	1
Bimbi	–	Nil
Caragabal	–	Nil

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The following maintenance has been carried out in the last month:

- Mowed the lawn cemetery, topped up graves
- General cemetery mowing and slashing

Cemetery Beam is currently being constructed.

2.3 Sewer Mains

Nine (9) sewer chokes have been attended to during the last month. None were in the relined parts of the system.

2.4 Private Works

- Slashed overgrown blocks
- Cleared 3 sewer chokes for a ratepayer
- Install 2 access driveway and culvert for ratepayer

2.5 Village Maintenance

- Grade Bimbi Streets

2.6 Vandalism

Urban – Nil

Rural – Nil

Total Cost: \$0.00

Progressive Cost Urban: \$300.00

Progressive Cost Rural: \$800.00

(from 1/7/2014 to date)

For Information

Noted

3. Future Works

3.1 Rural

- general maintenance
- continue widening Pinnacle Road

3.2 Urban

- general maintenance
- Cemetery beam construction

For Information

Noted

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4. Plant Report

Significant plant and vehicle maintenance, in accordance with the details as listed below, was carried out during the last month:-

Plant No	Plant Item	Maintenance
	General Plant	General Maintenance
	Town Pool	Pre - season start up
	Quandialla Pool	Pre - season start up
PI 5292	Road Broom	Repair bearings
BFO 7343	Bushfire Truck	Replace starter motor on pump.
PI 3826	Old Garbage Truck	Fit air compressor.
PI 4105	Cat 120M Grader	2,000 hour service.

The two dog trailers should be completed and ready for delivery in the next several weeks.

For Information

Noted

5. RMS RMCC Contract, R2.54.4

Routine maintenance on SH6 and SH17 continues.

Heavy patching on SH17 and SH6 has been completed.

Three (3) guardrail repair works have been completed on SH6 and SH17.

Planning for the 2014 reseal works on SH6 and SH17 continues.

Replacement of a large culvert on SH6 is being planned.

For Information

Noted

6. Noxious Weed Report – October, C2.8.12

The Noxious Weeds Officer has carried out the following works in the month:-

- Weeds sprayed –African Boxthorn, St Johns Wort, Scotch Thistle, Blackberry, Wild Radish, and Sweet Briar.
- Areas sprayed – Weddin, Bimbi, Euroka, Bogolong, Eualdrie, Bolungerai, Brundah, Bungalong, Barbingal, Pullabooka, Warraderry, Yuline, Wheoga, Coba, Cudgymaguntry, Iandra.
- Inspected high risk roadsides, TSRs, Council owned land, Rail & other high risk sites.
- Bio control – St John Wort beetle transfer to other infestations. Increase in beetle numbers this year with excellent early results in some infestations.
- Attended Orange field days on Friday 24 October 2014 – assisted on the noxious weeds display and information stand with surrounding Councils.

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- Lachlan Valley Weeds AdviC – Committee meeting at Grenfell on Wednesday 22 October 2014.
- Darbys Falls – Attended the Silver Leaf Nightshade field day on Wednesday 15 October 2014.
- Three (3) Property re-inspections carried out during this month.
- Phillip Rolls commenced casual work on 27 October 2014.

For Information

Noted

7. Financial Assistance Grants 2013/2014 and 2014/2015, G2.50.1

It is proposed to reallocate the 2014/2015 Financial Assistance Grants Programme to include the unspent funds from the 2013/2014 FAG programme and to finalise the 2013/2014 programme as follows:-

Rural Local Roads Project	2013/2014 RLR	2014/2015 VOTE	2013/2014 REALLOCATED FUNDS	2014/2015 REVISED BUDGET
LOCAL ROAD rehabilitation and RESEALS	47,570.21	217,175.14		264,745.35
BALLENDENE ROAD	2,480.99	95,557.06		98,038.05
MARTINS LANE	3,922.92	0.00	(3,922.92)	0.00
PINNACLE ROAD	198,650.04	141,163.84		339,813.88
DRIFTWAY ROAD	(48,152.35)	108,587.57	112,267.62	172,702.84
OLD YOUNG ROAD	63,993.46	0.00		63,993.46
GRENFELL STREETS CONSTRUCTION	45,718.15	81,440.68		127,158.83
GRENFELL KERB & GUTTER	50,108.14	32,576.27		82,684.41
GRENFELL STREETS - FOOTPAVING	41,381.00	16,288.14		57,669.14
NOWLANS ROAD	117,167.70	0.00		117,167.70
RECONSTRUCT VILLAGE STREETS	26,856.00	10,858.76		37,714.76
WEDDIN/CAMP/CHURCH STREET FOOTPAVING	192,156.00	116,188.70	(108,344.70)	200,000.00
QUANDIALLA DRAINAGE	163,282.00	0.00		163,282.00
GRAVEL RESHEETING	(5,171.76)	141,163.84		135,992.08
ROADSIDE VEGETATION MGMT PLAN	4,608.00	0.00		4,608.00
TOTAL	904,570.50	961,000.00		1,865,570.50

Comments:

- it is proposed to reallocate \$3,922.92 from Martins Lane to Driftway Road as this work is completed.
- it is proposed to reallocate \$108,344.70 from Weddin/Camp/Church Street footpaving, leaving \$200,000.00 to complete the works. The funds are to be reallocated to Driftway Road.

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RECOMMENDATION: that Council:-

- i) transfer the balance of the 2013/2014 Financial Assistance Grant from reserves into the 2014/2015 Financial Assistance Grant as follows:-

Rural Local Roads Project	2014/2015 REVISED BUDGET
LOCAL ROAD RESEALS	264,745.35
BALLENDENE ROAD	98,038.05
MARTINS LANE	0.00
PINNACLE ROAD	339,813.88
DRIFTWAY ROAD	172,702.84
OLD YOUNG ROAD	63,993.46
GRENFELL STREETS CONSTRUCTION	127,158.83
GRENFELL KERB & GUTTER	82,684.41
GRENFELL STREETS - FOOTPAVING	57,669.14
NOWLANS ROAD	117,167.70
RECONSTRUCT VILLAGE STREETS	37,714.76
WEDDIN/CAMP/CHURCH STREET FOOTPAVING	200,000.00
QUANDIALLA DRAINAGE	163,282.00
GRAVEL RESHEETING	135,992.08
ROADSIDE VEGETATION MGMT PLAN	4,608.00
Total	1,865,570.50

- ii) finalise the 2013/2014 FAG Programme.

248 RESOLVED: Cr Griffiths and Cr McClelland that Council:-

- i) transfer the balance of the 2013/2014 Financial Assistance Grant from reserves into the 2014/2015 Financial Assistance Grant as follows:-

Rural Local Roads Project	2014/2015 REVISED BUDGET
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THE DIRECTOR ENGINEERING'S REPORT

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ii) finalise the 2013/2014 FAG Programme.

8. Bogolong Dam, E3.4.6

The Mayor, General Manager and Director Engineering met with Paul Heinrichs and Hetal Parmar from StateWater Corporation to discuss some of the physical attributes of Bogolong Dam. They were carrying out the annual inspection of Company Dam.

Paul advised as follows:

- Bogolong Dam is delisted as a regulated dam
- Fence on spilling should be removed as a priority
- Spillway capacity should be increased by construction of a fuse plug
- Keep grass levels low downstream of Dam wall
- Inspect dam monthly
- Carry out 2 yearly major inspections by a dams Engineer
- Dam is leaking in 3 places

The Director Engineering met with Jim Canning (RMS) on Monday 3 November 2014 at Bogolong Dam to discuss the proposed management of the boating and other activities at the dam.

He advised that RMS could provide the necessary boating signs for the dam and could assist with the management plan for the dam if required.

He also advised that he could meet with Council at a future meeting and answer any boating regulation questions. This meeting can be arranged after the formation of the Section 355 Committee.

For Information

Noted

THE DIRECTOR ENGINEERING'S REPORT

9. Bogolong Dam – Rehabilitation, E3.6.4

Letter B1 refers

The Bogolong Committee has received funding of \$22,000 for the rehabilitation of part of the dam and creating a wildlife refuge.

It is suggested that any works are put on hold until a Section 355 Committee is set up.

Council could accept the grant as a capital contribution until the works are agreed upon by the committee.

RECOMMENDATION: that Council offer to hold the \$22,000 grant for Bogolong Dam in trust as a capital contribution towards future works.

249 **RESOLVED:** Cr Griffiths and Cr Best that Council offer to hold the \$22,000 grant for Bogolong Dam in trust as a capital contribution towards future works.

10. Forbes Street Caravan Parking, R2.4.15

The Forbes Street caravan parking is working well.

A garbage bin and surround has been placed in Forbes Street, and the caravan parking direction signs have been placed in Main Street.

For Information

Noted

11. Diane Café, C1.1.3

The Director Engineering met with the President and Secretary of the Caragabal Hall Committee on 5 November 2014 and discussed their request for:

- Repairing the existing old bitumen footpath outside the Hall and the Hotel. This path will be bitumen patched (estimated cost \$700).
- Four (4) mobile garbage bins which they will empty at the Caragabal tip. To be supplied at a cost of \$320.
- 6 planter pots – they would be happy with second hand pipes, say 600mm diameter and 1m high. These can be supplied from Council's second hand pipes. Approx cost \$300.

These items are in the process of being provided with funding from Caragabal Streets Maintenance and repairs, with the bins being treated as a donation.

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Council to advise the committee if there are any suitable grants available to fund the following:-

- New 5,000L rainwater tank \$1,100
- New rainwater pump to kitchen sink - \$900

RECOMMENDATION:

Confirm Action

250 **RESOLVED:** Cr Halls and Cr Parlett that the action be confirmed.

12. Railway Fence, C1.3.31

Letter B11 refers.

An inspection of what is left of the old fence has been carried out.

Subject to John Holland Group approval, the fence can be removed for several hundred dollars.

RECOMMENDATION: that subject to John Holland Group approval, the old fence be removed, with the work being funded from the Railway Station maintenance and working expenses.

251 **RESOLVED:** Cr Brown and Cr Hughes that subject to John Holland Group approval, the old fence be removed, with the work being funded from the Railway Station maintenance and working expenses.

13. CEEP 2 – Sewer Relining, T1.8.15

Insituform has now completed the remaining 840m of sewer relining and will commence junction sealing shortly.

For Information

Noted

14. BreastScreen Mobile Van, H1.7.1

A request has been received from BreastScreen Greater Western to again move the van from Cowra to Grenfell, as has been done in the past.

BreastScreen Greater Western has been advised that Council will carry out the move.

RECOMMENDATION:

Confirm Action

252 **RESOLVED:** Cr Hughes and Cr Parlett that the action be confirmed.

15. RMS Regional Roads Repair Program 2015/2016, R2.51.18

Letter B5 refers.

Council proposes to prepare a submission, based on previous years submissions, for the widening and strengthening of MR237 (4 km) near the Forbes boundary.

For Information

Noted

16. NSW Office of Water – Integrated Water Cycle Management, U1.6.12

Letter B3 refers

NSW Office of Water has since advised that the Joint Integrated Water Cycle Management (IWCM) Detailed Strategy has now been accepted with some conditions of approval for Councils to address.

The IWCM was completed in 2009 and now has taken NS Office of Water three years to finalise the project.

Council can now claim, in conjunction with Central Tablelands Water, Blayney Shire and Cabonne Shire the subsidy for the work carried out.

For Information

Noted

17. Beasleys Bridge, R2.10.14/R2.11.5

Beasleys Bridge was inspected and two planks were found to be partly broken. It was proposed to replace these last week.

On Thursday 6 November 2014 those two planks on Beasleys Bridge were completely broken.

Also the western girder was showing signs of movement and it was decided to close the bridge as Council did not have a spare girder.

A temporary bypass was constructed on Thursday morning to allow grain trucks and other traffic to gain access to Beasleys Lane.

An application under the Bridge Renewal Program (Commonwealth) has been submitted for the replacement of Beasleys Bridge (\$100,000 on a 1:1 basis).

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It is now proposed to design a structure over Caragabal Creek at Beasleys Lane on the same alignment and the same width as the old bridge because the abutments have been designed and constructed to suit a new concrete superstructure.

For Information

Noted

18. IPWEA NSW 2014 Conference, P1.2.5

The Director Engineering attended the IPWEA NSW 2014 Conference at Coffs Harbour on 15 – 17 October 2014.

The following speakers presented as follows:-

- Dr Craig Emerson (Economist and Personal Adviser to Prime Minister Bob Hawke) – spoke on sell off of public infrastructure and funding for more infrastructure.
- Lismore City Council Outdoor staff use tablets to manage timesheets, risk assessment, work orders etc.
- Bill Woodcock – spoke on data acquisition and asset condition.
- Ben Lawson – spoke on a private business operating on public land (electric car charging station on a public road) and who pays.
- Mike Brearly – spoke on writing grant applications.
- Hamish McLauchlan – spoke on Fit for the Future, infrastructure backlog, efficiencies in Local Government.
- Clr Keith Rhoades AFSM – gave the closing speech – tenders should be raised from \$150,000 to \$250,000.

I delivered a paper entitled “The Grenfell Pool” which outlined the events which happened in the two years of my involvement with the pool.

By all accounts, there was a lot of interest in this paper as many engineers have old pools in there Council areas.

The delivery of this paper formed part of my professional development which is required by my profession.

For Information

Noted

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19. The Breakfast Table Markets, C1.4.5

Gabby Capra has informed Council staff that The Breakfast Table Food Markets are to be held on 15th November, 2014 at the Showground between 4pm and 8pm.

Gabby has requested Council to supply and empty 10 bins - 5 general waste, 5 recycle for use during these Markets and this was approved.

RECOMMENDATION:

Confirm Action

253 **RESOLVED:** Cr Best and Cr McClelland that the action be confirmed.

W TWOHILL **DIRECTOR ENGINEERING**

254 **RESOLVED:** Cr Best and Cr Niven that except where otherwise dealt with the Director Engineering's report be adopted.

13 November 2014

The General Manager
 Weddin Shire Council
 PO Box 125
 GRENFELL NSW 2810

Dear Sir,

I wish to report as follows:-

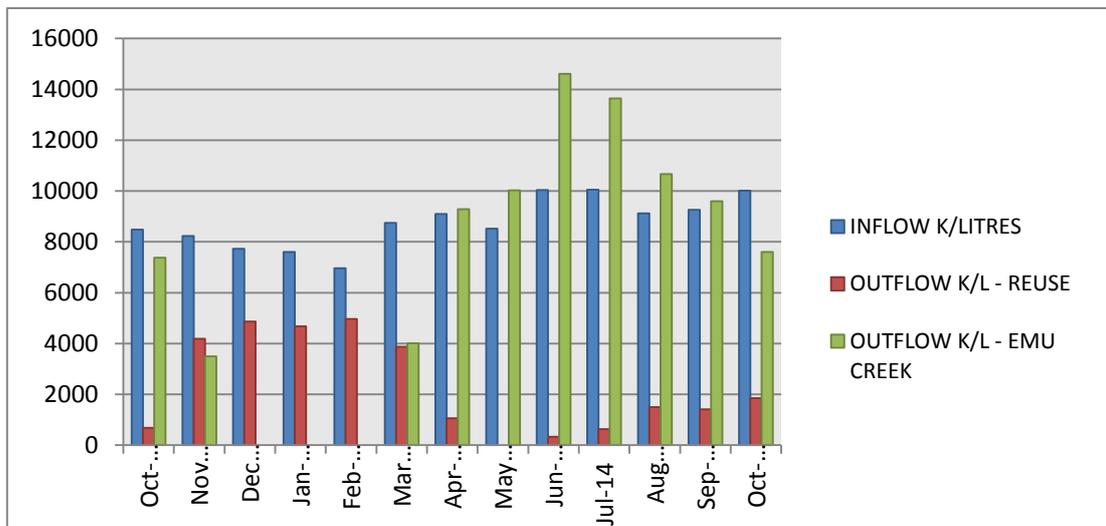
A. Public Health and Environmental Matters

1. Sewerage Treatment Works, S1.1.1

Total inflow through the Works during October 2014 was 10,016 kl with the daily average of 323.09 kl. Outflow for irrigation for reuse was 1,848 kl and discharge to Emu Creek 7,604.1 kl.

The highest daily recording of 387 kl occurred for the 24 hours ending 6.30 am on 14 October 2014 and the lowest of 278 kl for the 24 hours ending 6.30 am on 1 October 2014.

A total rainfall of 27.5 mm was recorded for the month.



For Information

Noted

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2. Animal Control, A4.4.4

Animal control activities were:

a. Companion Animals

Animals Seized:	0	Animals Returned to Owners:	0
Animals Impounded:	2 (Dogs)	Animals Destroyed:	0
Animals Sold:	0	Animals Released:	2 (Dogs)
Animals Surrendered:	0	Animals handed to Rescue Org:	0

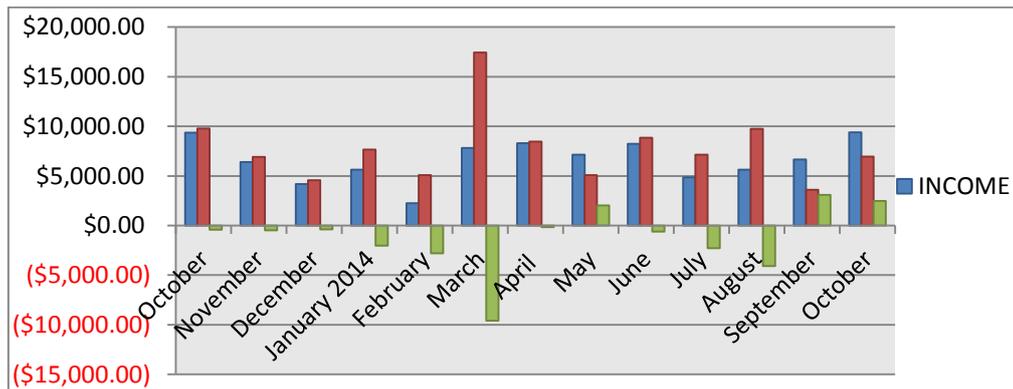
For Information

Noted

3. Caravan Park Operations, P2.3.3

Income for the month of October 2014 was \$9,400.00 with expenditure of \$6,936.51 resulting in an operational profit of \$2,463.49 for the month.

There were 334 sites occupied for the month of October 2014.



For Information

Noted

4. Quandialla Swimming Pool, P2.3.2

The Quandialla pool opened Saturday 25th October.

Total Attendance:	133	Daily Average:	19
Season Ticket Sales:	Family: 9		
	Single: 2		

Activities during the October were:

- Agreements with Quandialla Central School, Caragabal Public School & Bribbarree Public School. These schools have Intensive Swimming Programs and sport days booked during the next 2 months of term.
- Wyalong Public School has booked a “one-off” visit

For Information

Noted

5. Grenfell Swimming Pool, P2.3.1

The Grenfell pool opened 13 October 2014

Total Attendance:	908	Other Usage:	200
Cash Attendance:	124 (Child) 41 (Adult)	Season Ticket Sales	
Season Ticket Attendance:	124(Child) 216 (Adult)	Adult: 8	
		Pensioner: 1	
		Family: 29	
		Child: 10	

Activities during the October were:

- Swimming Club on Friday nights
- Squad training

For Information

Noted

6. Private Swimming Pools, T2.1.12

In conjunction with new requirements for private pool certification, Council is holding a Public Meeting on Tuesday 2 December 2014 at the Conference Room in the HUB Building, commencing at 6.30pm.

The meeting will outline Council's Inspection program, responsibilities of owners of pools regarding fencing compliance and certification required for sale and lease of properties with swimming pools on site.

For Information

Noted

7. Sewerage Treatment Plant, S1.1.1

The Council is advised that in conjunction with a request to amend conditions on the EPA Licence for Grenfell STP the existing septic disposal pond will be closed to allow for evaporation and then relining in the new year. This will form part of an improvement program specified on the licence.

A temporary storage area will be provided in the interim to allow the service of septic storage to continue.

For Information

Noted

8. Companion Animal Forms, A4.4.1

Council maintains a suite of standard correspondence regarding notification of actions under the Companion Animals Act 1998. Council has been advised that several forms concerning public direction require Council consideration.

The required forms required to be adopted by Council are:

- Section 10B – Notice requiring companion animal to be registered
- Section 31(2) – Nuisance cat order
- Section 32A(2) – Nuisance dog order
- Clause 30(1)(a) – Notification of death

These forms require formal adoption by Council to satisfy the legal requirements of the Act.

Several other forms have been developed by the Department of Local Government for dangerous/restricted/menacing actions which don't require Council adoption.

Attached are the documents for consideration.

RECOMMENDATION: that Council adopt the following Forms for use in action pursuant to the Companion Animals Act 1998:

- Section 10B – Notice requiring companion animal to be registered
- Section 31(2) – Nuisance cat order
- Section 32A(2) – Nuisance dog order
- Clause 30(1)(a) – Notification of death

255 **RESOLVED:** Cr Parlett and Cr Brown that Council adopt the following Forms for use in action pursuant to the Companion Animals Act 1998:

- Section 10B – Notice requiring companion animal to be registered
- Section 31(2) – Nuisance cat order
- Section 32A(2) – Nuisance dog order
- Clause 30(1)(a) – Notification of death

9. Proposed off Leash area in Greenethorpe, A4.4.1

Council has received a request from a number of Greenethorpe residents in relation to having an approved off leash area for dogs. After an inspection at a number of sites by Council's Animal Control Officer, it is suggested that an area in the Showground would be the most suitable area.

Please note that there is currently a fence surrounding the boundary of the Showground that is stock proof. There are also the following factors to take into consideration:

- A cricket pitch that is situated in the middle of the showground that is used once yearly
- A tennis court that is accessed through the York Road entry gate
- Community opinion in regard to the need for an off leash area

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Consideration of the abovementioned issues requires public consideration. It is suggested that access to the off leash area may be gained through the Fitzroy Street gate. This may minimise the general concerns in relation to safety, disturbance and the dogs becoming a nuisance.

RECOMMENDATION: that Council consult with the Greenethorpe Community and appropriate organisations regarding the use of the showground as an off leash area and report back to council for consideration.

256 **RESOLVED:** Cr Hughes and Cr Griffiths that Council consult with the Greenethorpe Community and appropriate organisations regarding the use of the showground as an off leash area and report back to council for consideration.

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B. Planning and Development Matters:

1. Development Applications

The undermentioned applications were received and determined subject to specified conditions, by the General Manager under delegated authority issued on 21 March 2013 (Res. No. 368):

DA NO.	Applicant	Construction	Value (\$)	Address
37/2014	GW Ingall & JE Halls	Transportable Dwelling	\$113,709	Lot: B DP: 339953 29 Star Street GRENFELL NSW 2810
38/2014	E Shaw	Change of Use – Home Based Business	\$4,000	Lot: 7 SEC: 10 DP: 758473 10 Dagmar Street GRENFELL NSW 2810
39/2014	L Sheehan	New Garage	\$9,000	Lot: 2 SEC: 11 DP: 758473 25 Young Street GRENFELL NSW 2810
40/2014	G Morgan	Glass Enclosure	\$18,779	Lot: 16 DP: 752944 11 Goodes Lane GRENFELL NSW 2810
41/2014	P & N Best	Demolish existing shed & erect new shed – Store Buses	\$20,000	Lot: B DP: 964370 11 Main Street GRENFELL NSW 2810
42/2014	GR Hogan	New Garage	\$5,800	Lot: 21 DP: 224968 5 Sale Street GRENFELL NSW 2810
43/2014	KH Hazell	Transportable Dwelling & Swimming Pool	\$200,000	Lot: 49 DP: 754579 “Springdale” Grenfell Road COWRA NSW 2794
44/2014	Andy’s Design & Drafting	New Dwelling & Shed	\$255,000	Lot: 116 DP: 1081488 6 Huckel Close GRENFELL NSW 2810

For Information

Cr Best declared a conflict of interest as the applicant in DA 41/2014 and stayed in the room.

Noted

2. Weddin Shire Council Comprehensive Development Control Plan (DCP), T2.1.11

Council at its Ordinary September 2014 meeting, to:

“that Council place the Draft Weddin Shire Council Development Control Plan on Public Exhibition for 28 days and the plan be resubmitted to the November 2014 Council Meeting for formal adoption.”

The advertising of Draft DCP concluded on the 7 November 2014 with no submissions received. It is concluded that the document satisfies the general objectives for development in the Shire and will assist the community in understanding the direction for Shire development.

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RECOMMENDATION: that Council adopt Weddin Shire Council Comprehensive Development Control Plan 2014.

257 RESOLVED: Cr Best and Cr Brown that Council adopt the Weddin Shire Council Comprehensive Development Control Plan 2014.

3. Development Application, DA 11/2014

Council, at its Ordinary Meeting in April, resolved to approve the use of Lot 121 DP 754579 "Whyworry" Bumbaldry, owned by Mr S & Mrs T Walker for the purpose of a Breeding Establishment for Dogs, subject to conditions.

Condition 3 (7) stated:

"That the operation of the facility be restricted to 6 months trial period and that the Director Environmental Services report to Council to confirm compliance with conditions regarding operating requirements and restrictions.

After that time, Council may consider the extension or deletion of the trial period and conditions attached to that period."

An inspection of the property has shown the use as being carried out in accordance with the approval and a review of Council's records indicate no complaints have been received since commencing operation.

RECOMMENDATION: that:

- i) Council note the compliance with conditions of trial period and satisfactory operation All reference to any trial operation and associated conditions can be removed from consent.
- ii) Council advise the owner and reconfirm responsibility to continue compliance with conditions regarding protection of amenity for the adjoining neighbours.

258 RESOLVED: Cr Hughes and Cr McClelland that:

- i) Council note the compliance with conditions of trial period and satisfactory operation All reference to any trial operation and associated conditions can be removed from consent.
- ii) Council advise the owner and reconfirm responsibility to continue compliance with conditions regarding protection of amenity for the adjoining neighbours.

4. Broula King Mine, DA 26/2005

Council has received advice from NSW Trade & Investment and Broula King Mine that it is the intention to provide a period of Closure at the Bumbaldry facility.

Advice has been received that the current closure of the Broula King Mine site is due to the high Australian Dollar and the weakening of the gold price. Further the representatives explained that the \$8.5 million invested in Broula King Mine site may be able to be utilised by processing ore from other sites.

This operation would involve changes to the site which would need approvals from Council and NSW State agencies.

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The Broula King Mine representatives advised that they were in the process of purchasing a neighbouring property which if the mine does re open would enable an enlargement of the tailings dam. If it precedes this would give the mine a life of a further 10 years and employ 15-20 persons at the mine site. This change in the current lease boundary and additional truck movements to the site would all need to go through the normal approval process.

During this closure period it is a requirement for the company to develop a Care and Maintenance Plan for the facility.

This plan is required to be developed by 24 December 2014 and covers a 2 year closure period.

The plan will be developed with input from all relevant Government agencies including Dam Safety Committee, EPA, Office of Water, Mine Safety, NSW Trade & Investment and Weddin Shire Council.

This document will cover the period prior to the final Closure Plan which will outline the rehabilitation and safety controls for any final closure.

Council has advised the owners that a Rehabilitation Plan as per DA 26/2005 is required. Also that any change to operation of the activity on site, particularly in relation to importing and processing are from offsite mines will require separate Development Approval.

Council received a query from an adjoining neighbour and they have been advised of the status of the site.

RECOMMENDATION: that Council note the requirements for the Care and Control Plan and on receipt of the final document notify adjoining property owners as to the operational status and proposed future activity of Broula King Mine, Bumbaldry.

259 **RESOLVED:** Cr Best and Cr Halls that Council note the requirements for the Care and Control Plan and on receipt of the final document notify adjoining property owners as to the operational status and proposed future activity of Broula King Mine, Bumbaldry.

B J HAYES

DIRECTOR ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

260 **RESOLVED:** Cr Griffiths and Cr Parlett that except where otherwise dealt with the Director Environmental Services' report be adopted.

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of The Grenfell Henry Lawson Festival of Arts held on Tuesday, 21st October, 2014 at the Grenfell Community Hub at 7.30 pm.

Welcome: President John Hunter welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them for their attendance.

Present: Liz Carroll, Glenn Carroll, John Niven, Jenny Hetherington, Judy Mitton, Jack Black, Angela Hunter, Billo Wheatley, Glenda Howell, Penelope Starr, Danielle Millynn, John Hunter, Auburn Carr, Pam Livingstone, Claire Myers, John Fittler, Betty Fittler, Carly Brown, Di Donohue, Alan Hodgson, Terry Carroll, Belinda Day

Apologies: Chris Lobb, Kath Smith, Gordon Rolls, Lachlan Gibson, Deidre Carroll, Tamara McMahon moved by L Carroll seconded by T Carroll that the apologies be accepted. Carried.

Minutes: The minutes from the previous Annual General Meeting from November 2013 were confirmed.

Moved: C Brown

Seconded : G Carroll

Carried.

President's Report: John praised the committee, volunteers & co-ordinators for their outstanding effort, combined with great weather that made 2014 Festival such a success. A special thank you went to Amanda Brenner & her supporters in the street activities-& congratulations on the birth of baby Alf. John thanked Auburn & Claire, Weddin Shire Council & especially the community for their involvement.

Businesses, schools & Community groups really got into the spirit of the "Movie" theme in the procession. The promotion of the Festival through social media, as well as TV & radio assisted in generating excellent crowd numbers, both Saturday & Sunday, which in turn, enabled an unexpected profit to be made.

The statue of Henry was paid for & installed in Main St just prior to the Festival & has proved to be an excellent addition & attraction to the streetscape.

John indicated that if he was elected as president again, he would be encouraging the promotion of community spirit via the Festival & also that 2015 would be the last year that he would take on the role of President.

Moved: J Hunter Seconded: P. Starr that the President's report be accepted. Carried

Treasurer's Report: Dani Millynn thanked co-ordinators & helpers, but especially Pene for a successful Festival, generating an operating surplus of \$5,647.20.

After making the final instalment on the Statue of Henry & receiving a grant of \$10,000 the 2014 Festival made a loss of \$2502.80 ie: Beginning with \$56,721 & finishing with \$54,218.

Dani asked that the committee consider that because there are overheads & that some activities cannot generate much income, we should be constantly reviewing the line up of activities. Decision to add or remove should be based not only on financial data but also how important the activity is to the overall weekend.

Dani mentioned that this would be her third & last year as Treasurer.

Dani thanked T.Carroll for auditing the books.

Motion "That the treasurer's report be received."

Moved : D Millynn Seconded: T Carroll

Carried

Election of Office Bearers: President John Hunter declared all positions vacant & asked G Carroll to take the chair for the elections.

<u>Position</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Nominated/Seconded</u>	
President:	John Hunter	P. Livingstone	D. Donahue
Vice President:	GlennCarroll	P. Starr	J Hunter
Secretary/Publicity:	Auburn Carr	J. Mitton	D Donahue
Minutes Secretary:	Pam Livingstone	D Donahue	J. Hetherington
Treasurer:	Penelope Starr	J Mitton	J Hetherington
Assistant Treasurer:	Dani Millynn	P Starr	D Donahue
Promotions:	Auburn Carr	J Mitton	L Carroll
Publicity Officer:	Di Donahue	J Mitton	J. Hunter
Publicity Assistant:	Claire Myers	C Brown	D Donahue
Honorary Auditor:	Terry Carroll	J Hetherington	J Niven
Festival Patrons:	Hilarie Lindsay	C Brown	T Carroll
	Kathleen Smith	C Brown	T Carroll

<u>Coordinators:</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Nominated/Seconded</u>	
Art/Porcelain:	Chris Lobb	J Mitton	L Carroll
Photography:	Angela Hunter	A Carr	D Millynn
Verse & Short Story:	Di Donahue	J Hetherington	L Carroll
Awards Dinner:	Liz Carroll	D Millynn	J Niven
Busking:	Belinda Day	C Brown	D Millynn
Children's Competition:	Hetherington	D Donahue	P Livingstone
Concert:	Andrew Hooper/		
	Jennifer Kelly	P Starr	D Donahue
Fun Run:	Peter & Mary Moffitt	D Millynn	T Carroll
Indigenous Welcome:	Terry Carroll	C Brown	J Niven
King/Queen Competition:	M Johnson/		
	T McMahon	D Donahue	C Brown
Official Luncheon:	TBA		
Poetry on the Boards:	C Brown	J Niven	Di Donahue
Procession:	TBA		
Procession Marshall:	G Howell/G Rolls	C Brown	J Hunter
Program:	Judy Mitton	L Carroll	D Donahue
Program Assistant:	Claire Myers	C Brown	L Carroll
Raffle:	John Niven/		
	Bill Rudd	D Millynn	T Carroll
Social Engagement:	Carly Brown	P Livingstone	D Millynn
Sponsorship:	Di Donahue	D Millynn	J Hunter
Street Activities:	TBA		
Street Stalls:	Lachlan Gibson	P Starr	J Hetherington
Sunday Car Show:	A Hodgson/B Wheatley		
		L Carroll	A Hunter
Sunday Morning/			
Poetry & Damper:	John & Betty Fittler	J Mitton	C Brown
Window Dressing:	Joan Eppelstun	C Brown	J Hunter
Woodchop:	Deidre Carroll	C Brown	L Carroll

Subscriptions: Moved: G Carroll Seconded: T Carroll that the annual subscription be \$2.00.
Carried

Signatories: To remain the same as 2014, ie: the President, Secretary, Minutes Secretary, Treasurer/Assistant Treasurer be able to sign cheques on behalf of the HLFestival with any two of the above signatures needed on each Chq.

Meeting closed : 8.10 pm

261 RESOLVED: Cr Griffiths and Cr Niven that the Minutes of the Henry Lawson Festival Committee Annual General Meeting be noted.

Minutes of the monthly meeting of The Grenfell Henry Lawson Festival of Arts held on Tuesday, 21st October, 2014 at the Grenfell Community Hub at 7.30 pm.

Welcome:

Re-elected President John Hunter thanked everyone for their support & looked forward to a great festival in 2015.

Present: L.Carroll, G Carroll, J Niven, J Hetherington, J Mitton, J Black, A Hunter, B Wheatley, G Howell, P Starr, D Millynn, J Hunter, A Carr, P Livingstone, C Myers, J Fittler, B Fittler, C Brown, D Donohue, A Hodgson, T Carroll, B Day

Apologies: C Lobb, K Smith, G Rolls, L Gibson, D Carroll, T McMahon

Moved : G Carroll Seconded : C Brown that the apologies be accepted. Carried.

Minutes: The minutes from the previous meeting July 2014 were confirmed.

Moved T Carroll Seconded G Carroll Carried.

Communication: Inwards:

Letter from Kensington Palace, advising that Prince Harry is not planning to visit Australia during 2015.

Letter of congratulations from Weddin Shire Council on successful Festival

Bowling Club Sponsorship to value of \$200

Prime TV-Regional Achievement Certificate Award

Issues of the Lawsonian

From Amanda Brenner advising that she will not be co-ordinating the street activities 2015

Motion "That the inwards communication be received."

Moved A Carr Seconded A Hunter Carried

Outwards: Letters to various dignitaries asking for their support in inviting Prince Harry to the Festival.

Letter to Grenfell Bowling Club seeking sponsorship for 2015.

Motion "That the outwards communication be endorsed."

Moved A Carr Seconded J Mitton Carried

Treasurer's Report: Balance sheet as at Sept 2014 showed total assets of \$54,321.36 made up of \$47,000 NAB term deposit & 7,321.36 in NAB chq a/c

Motion "That the treasurer's report be received."

Moved P Starr Seconded D Millynn Carried

For 3 years, Treasurer Dani has been using her own computer & program to do HLFestival work.

Motion: That the Festival committee purchase their own laptop computer and suitable program from Grenfell Internet Centre.

Moved: G Carroll Seconded: C Brown Carried

Co-ordinators Reports: next meeting

General Business:

Festival Theme for 2015:

Following discussion about a NZ singer/song-writer, Phil Garland, who has put some of Lawson's poems to music, including "Gone to Maori Land", the meeting thought a NZ theme might be one to consider.

Other points included: 2015 is the "Year of the Sheep"

2015 is the 100th anniversary of ANZAC

1915..the Movie was filmed at Grenfell & Quandialla

NZ lends itself to procession eg Maori/ All Blacks/ Sheep/

Lord of the Rings /ANZAC/ Kiwi Fruit.

Festival Guest for 2015:

Belinda Day suggested John Schumann, from the band “RED GUM” , who has set many of Lawson’s poems to music. He is now a motivational speaker {& wrote “I was only 19... “}

Motion: That John Schumann be invited to be Festival Guest for 2015

Moved: D Millynn Seconded: G Carroll Carried

Other suggestions were: Phil Garland, Sigrid Thornton, Ben Robert Smith {VC Winner} Marie Bashir

Venue for 2015 Awards reception: to be discussed next meeting

Creation of policy re endorsement/purchase of Henry Lawson related books movies.....those wishing to sell products encouraged to have a stall

Motion: That the HL Festival sell ONLY its own merchandise

Moved: C Brown Seconded: J Mitton Carried

Re-location of Poetry on the boards to Main St venue.

To be discussed at next meeting...members to consider what is available & suitable.

Storage of Festival merchandise:

Can be re-located to area underneath the Library

Research:

Motion: that Di Donohue research the 1965 ABC Documentary about the Festival

Moved: A Hunter Seconded: D Millynn Carried

June Long Weekend 2015:

A proposal to change the main day to Sunday

D Millynn distributed a sheet outlining the pros & cons for the idea.

Members to consider & discuss at next meeting

Meeting closed: 9.05

Next meeting date: The next meeting will be held at 7.30 pm on Tuesday, 18th November, 2015 at the Community Hub.

262 RESOLVED: Cr Hughes and Cr Griffiths that the Minutes of the Henry Lawson Festival Committee Meeting be noted.

THE MINUTES OF THE TOWN WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 17 NOVEMBER, 2014 COMMENCING AT 4.30 PM (C2.6.8).

1. **PRESENT:** Clrs Liebich (Chair), McClelland, Parlett, Brown and Best.
Messrs Carroll, Twohill, Hayes and Gibson (observers).

2. **APOLOGY:** Nil

3. **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:** 13 October 2014.

Resolved: Clr McClelland and Clr Parlett that the minutes of 13 October 2014 be adopted.

4. **MATTERS ARISING:**
Nil

5. **CORRESPONDENCE:**
Nil

6. **REPORTS:**

6.1 **General Manager:**
Nil

Noted

6.2 **Corporate Services Department:**
Report on Town Costings for 2014/2015.

Noted

6.3 **Director Engineering:**
Reports on Works Report, Other Works, Future Works, Financial Assistance Grants 2013/2014 and 2014/2015, Forbes Street Caravan Parking, Railway Fence, CEEP 2 – Sewer Relining, BreastScreen Mobile Van, The Breakfast Table Markets.

Noted

6.4 **Director Environmental Services’:**
Reports on Sewerage Treatment Works, Caravan Park, Grenfell Swimming Pool, Private Swimming Pools, Sewerage Treatment Plant, Companion Animal Forms, Weddin Shire Council Comprehensive Development Control Plan and Town DA’s

Noted

7. **BUSINESS WITH NOTICE**
Nil

8. **QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE**
Nil

9. **NEXT MEETING:** Monday, 15 December 2014 at 4.30 pm.

10. **CLOSURE:** There being no further business to discuss the meeting closed at 4.51 pm.

263 **RESOLVED:** Cr Parlett and Cr Best that the Minutes of the Town Works Committee be adopted including the recommendations therein, except where otherwise resolved.

MINUTES OF THE PROPERTY AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY, 17 NOVEMBER 2014 COMMENCING AT 5.00 PM (C2.6.11)

1. **Present:** Clrs Liebich (Chair), Parlett, Griffiths, McClelland, Best and Brown (observer). Messrs G Carroll, W Twohill, B Hayes and L Gibson (observers)

2. **Apology:** Clr Hughes

Resolved: Clr Parlett and Clr Griffiths that the apology be accepted.

3. **Minutes:**

Resolved: Clr Griffiths and Clr McClelland that the minutes of the 13 October 2014 be adopted.

4. **Matters Arising:**

4.1 **Letter to Bogolong Dam Adjoining Landowners**

Director Engineering advised he is still negotiating with landowners prior to forwarding the letters.

Noted

5. **General Business:**

5.1 **Medical Centre – Burrangong Street**

- Plans and specifications currently being finalised.
- Grant funding application under the National Stronger Regions Fund (NSRF) currently being prepared by Mr Stephen Sykes. Applications close 28 November 2014.
- Preliminary works can commence upon grant funding being exhausted.
- Director Environmental Services to report to December meeting in regards to the tender process.
- Construction of footpath to be considered.
- Future operations – information to be obtained in regards to the operation of Medical Centres in surrounding towns. Future operational aspects to be determined.

Noted

5.2 **Grenfell Pool Upgrade**

- Grant funding application submitted under ClubGRANTS Category 3 Programme.
- On-site contractors meeting held 5 November.
- Tenders currently being called. Close 19 December 2014.
- Funding options to be considered and reported to Council.
- Construction to commence mid March 2015.

Noted

5.3 **Bogolong Dam Purchase**

- Settlement date effective 17 September 2014.
- Operational aspects such as inspections, maintenance and signage being undertaken and arranged.
- Meeting to be arranged with representatives from RMS and Mr Paul Heinrichs to discuss upgrade requirements, structural issues, risk management, environmental and safety issues regarding various activities.

- Risk Management Plan to be developed
- Sec 355 Committee to be established.
- Council to then consider future uses of the dam.

Resolved: Clr Best and Clr Griffiths that Mr Paul Heinrichs be invited to address Council in regards to various upgrade requirements and structural issues associated with proposed future activities at the dam.

6. **Next Meeting:** Monday, 15 December 2014 at 5.00 pm.

7. **Closed:** There being no further business to discuss the meeting closed at 6.01 pm.

264 **RESOLVED:** Cr McClelland and Cr Parlett that the Minutes of the Property and Development Committee be adopted including the recommendations therein, except where otherwise resolved.

**MINUTES OF THE MANEX MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY, 18 NOVEMBER 2014
COMMENCING AT 8.15 AM (C2.6.10)**

Present: Messrs G Carroll, W Twohill, B Hayes and L Gibson

Apology: Nil

Minutes: of meeting 14 October 2014

Resolved: W Twohill and L Gibson that the minutes of 14 October 2014 be adopted.

General Business:

1A Administration

- (i) Policy reviews – remaining policies to be reviewed.
- (ii) 2013/2014 Annual Financial Statements – completed and forwarded to the Division of Local Government within the required timeframe. Council's Auditor to deliver a presentation in regards to the financial reports at the November Council Meeting.
- (iii) 2013/2014 Annual Report – completed in draft form. To be submitted to Council for formal adoption and then submitted to the Division of Local Government by 30 November 2014. General Manager pursuing.
- (iv) NSW Government's – "Fit for the Future" Proposal – Council to submit a submission or proposal by 30 June 2015 detailing how Council will be "Fit for the Future". Currently awaiting template for a Rural Council. Further reported in General Manager's report.
- (v) Christmas Closedown – arrangements to be made for respective departments. Contact list to be developed and a copy forwarded to Councillors.

1B Human Resources

- (i) Vacancies
 - Patch Truck Driver/Operator – to be re-advertised.
 - School Based Trainee/Parks and Gardens - to be readvertised in the new year.
- (ii) Appointments
 - P Rolls appointed as Noxious Weeds Assistant (casual)
 - G Best and A Taylor appointed as Pool Attendants (casual)
 - G Best appointed as a temporary casual in the Engineering Department.

2. Public Order and Safety

Nil

3. Health

- (i) Grenfell Medical Centre – proposed to submit a grant funding application by 30 November 2014 under the National Stronger Regions Fund (NSRF) Programme. Tenders to be then called and preliminary works can commence.

4. Community Services and Education

Nil

5. Housing and Community Amenities

- (i) Rural Land Use Study – possible land rezoning opportunities identified. Community consultation currently being undertaken. Director Environmental Services pursuing.
- (ii) Development Control Plan (DCP) – plan to be submitted to Council Meeting for formal adoption.

- (iii) Quandialla Recycling Depot – operating very well. Director Engineering monitoring.
 - (v) EP & A Act Review – Minister has agreed to various amendments to the white paper which will be debated in Parliament again in 2014.
 - (vi) Emu Creek Storm Management Plan – to be resubmitted to the next Floodplain Meeting for endorsement prior to being submitted to Council for formal adoption. Director Engineering liaising with Council’s solicitor and consultant in regards to obtaining written agreements to gain access to private land along Emu Creek.
- 6. Sewerage**
- (i) Smoke Testing – properties being re-inspected by Contractor. Repairs nearly completed. Director Environmental Services pursuing.
 - (ii) Community Energy Efficiency Program (CEEP) Round 2 – completed. Excellent result.
- 7. Recreation and Culture**
- (i) Art Gallery – current exhibition in progress until the 22 November 2014.
 - (ii) Cinema – next film to be held in late November/early December 2014.
 - (iii) O’Briens Hill Upgrade Plans – plans formally adopted by Council. Grant funding application submitted. Outcome should be known early 2015.
 - (iv) Henry Lawson Oval Master Plan – plan currently being developed. Director Engineering pursuing.
 - (v) Club Grants Category 3 Funding – grant funding application submitted for the Grenfell Swimming Pool upgrade. Outcome should be known early March 2015.
 - (vi) Grenfell Swimming Pool – opened Monday, 13 October 2014. Further reported in Director Environmental Services report.
 - (vii) Quandialla Swimming Pool – opened 5 October 2014. Further reported in Director Environmental Services report.
- 8. Mining Manufacture and Construction**
- (i) Gravel Pit Leases – process continuing to secure pits. Director Engineering pursuing.
- 9. Transport and Communication**
- (i) RMS Contract – reported in Director Engineering’s report.
 - (ii) Other Programs – **Noted**
 - (iii) Rail Branch Lines – two tenders evaluated by the tender evaluation panel (TEC) with a preferred tenderer selected at this stage. However, TEC advised there are still potential issues and risks in a number of evaluation areas. Consultant subsequently engaged by TfNSW to complete the process resulting in a delay of approximately 12 weeks.
 - (iv) Caravan Parking Forbes Street – operating very well. To be reconsidered after 1 July 2015.
 - (v) Traffic Control/Signage Training – to be arranged. Director Engineering pursuing.
- 10. Economic Affairs**
- (i) Industrial Land Sales – awaiting settlement date for one (1) sale.
- 11. General Purpose Revenues**
- (i) Special Rate Variation – application for a Special Rate Variation (SRV) to be re-submitted for the 2015/2016 financial year. Community consultation plan reassessed and further developed with a community survey currently being prepared as part of the process.
 - (ii) Interest Rate Subsidy – application under the Local Government Infrastructure Renewal Scheme unsuccessful.

12. Alliances

- (i) Mid Lachlan Alliance – no recent meetings.
- (ii) Centroc – next meeting to be held at Blayney on 27 November 2014.

13. Other Matters

- (i) Community Building Partnership Programme 2014 – application submitted. Awaiting outcome.
- (ii) Overgrown Blocks – approvals to slash blocks being received. Works in progress.
- (iii) Village/Roadside Slashing/Spraying – in progress.

14. Job List: review

Noted

Next Meeting: To be Advised.

Closure: There being no further business to discuss the meeting closed at 9.47 am.

265 RESOLVED: Cr Hughes and Cr Griffiths that except where otherwise dealt with the Manex Committee Minutes be noted.

LIST OF INSPECTIONS, MEETINGS AND DEFERRED ACTIVITIES.

1. INSPECTIONS AND MEETINGS:

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| April 2012 | 1. <u>Grenfell Cemetery Maintenance:</u> further meeting to be held in May (DE). | In Progress |
| September 2014 | 2. <u>The Hon Paul Toole MP:</u> invite to Grenfell to address Council (GM). | Carried Out |
| October 2014 | 3. <u>Office of Local Government:</u> attend Rural Council Workshop with Mayor (GM). | Carried Out |

2. DEFERRED ACTIVITIES:

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| September 2011 | 1. <u>Lawson Oval:</u> Cricket Association proposal to be referred to other users (DE). | In Progress |
| April 2012 | 2. <u>Main Street Master Plan:</u> consider inclusion of heritage building signs (DE/DES). | In Progress |
| October 2013 | 3. <u>Caravan Parking Signs:</u> defer until Forbes Street proposal determined (DE). | Carried Out |
| November 2013 | 4. <u>O'Brien's Tributary – Drainage Improvement:</u> refer matter back to floodplain committee for further consideration and other possible options (DE). | In Progress |
| February 2014 | 5. <u>Lawson Oval Master Plan:</u> write to other users to assist in developing master plan (DE). | In Progress |
| | 6. <u>Quandialla Drainage:</u> resubmit plans to Council upon receipt of comments from the Quandialla Progress Association (DE). | In Progress |
| | 7. <u>ARTC Road Interface Agreement:</u> awaiting response from LGNSW and John Holland in regards to signing agreement (DE). | In Progress |
| June 2014 | 8. <u>Special Rate Variation Application:</u> reapply at appropriate time (DCS/GM). | In Progress |

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| July 2014 | <p>9. <u>Henry Lawson Statue</u>: advertise and seek comments in regard to security camera (DE).
In Progress</p> <p>10. <u>Pigeon Control – Main Street</u>: investigate further options. Funding to be considered in the 2015/2016 estimates process (DES).
In Progress</p> <p>11. <u>Draft Stream Management Plan – Emu Creek</u>: place on public exhibition for comment and resubmit to the next Floodplain Committee meeting for endorsement before being submitted to Council for formal adoption (DE).
In Progress</p> |
| August 2014 | <p>12. <u>Memorial Park – Flagpole</u>: purchase and erect flagpole (DE).
In Progress</p> |
| September 2014 | <p>13. <u>Grenfell Community Health</u>: repair visitors entrance (DE).
In Progress</p> <p>14. <u>Household Chemical Cleanout</u>: arrange collection day to be held 28 October 2014 (DES).
Carried Out</p> |
| October 2014 | <p>15. <u>Grenfell Medical Centre</u>: submit grant funding application (DES/DCS/GM).
In Progress</p> <p>16. <u>Grenfell Goldfest</u>: conduct review and report back to March 2015 Council Meeting (DCS).
In Progress</p> |

Cr Halls left the meeting at this point and did not return 10.19 am.

AUDITORS PRESENTATION:

At this point the Mayor welcomed Mr John O'Malley from Intentus Pty Ltd who delivered a presentation in regards to the 2013/2014 Financial Statements.

The Mayor on behalf of Council thanked Mr O'Malley for his comprehensive presentation and also thanked the staff for their efforts in completing the annual Financial Statements.

DIRECTOR CORPORATE SERVICES REPORT – CONTINUED

13. 2013/2014 Financial Statements, A1.6

The 2013/2014 Financial Statements have been completed and audited with the reports sent to the Division of Local Government. A copy of the audit report has been forwarded separately for Councillors information with a copy of the Annual Statements being tabled at the meeting.

Section 418 of the Local Government Act (1993) requires that as soon as practical after Council receives a copy of the audit report it must fix a date for the meeting at which it proposes to present its audited financial reports together with the audit report to the public. Furthermore, Council must give notice of the date fixed. The Financial Statements have been advertised in the Grenfell Record with the date of the presentation to the public being 20 November 2014.

Mr John O'Malley of Intentus Chartered Accountants will be in attendance at the meeting to deliver a presentation in regard to the reports and answer any queries Councillors may have.

RECOMMENDATION: that Council formally adopt the Auditors Report and present the 2013/2014 Financial Statements to the public.

- 266** **RESOLVED:** Cr Niven and Cr Hughes that Council formally adopt the Auditors Report and present the 2013/2014 Financial Statements to the public.
- 267** **RESOLVED:** Cr McClelland and Cr Griffiths that except where otherwise dealt with the Director Corporate Services' report be adopted.

QUESTIONS

Questions may be put to councillors and council employees in accordance with clause 25 of the Council's **Code of Meeting Practice**, as follows:-

- “(1) A councillor:
(a) may, through the chairperson, put a question to another councillor, and
(b) may, through the chairperson and the General Manager, put a question to a council employee.*
- (2) However, a councillor or council employee to whom a question is put is entitled to be given reasonable notice of the question and, in particular, sufficient notice to enable reference to be made to other persons or to documents.*
- (3) The councillor must put every such question directly, succinctly, and without argument.*
- (4) The chairperson must not permit discussion on any reply or refusal to reply to a question put to a councillor or council employee under this clause. “*

Questions should not be used to introduce **business without notice**. This is covered in Clause 17 of Council's **Code of Meeting Practice**.

Questions on routine **operational matters** should be directed to the General Manager or the appropriate Director separately from and/or prior to the meeting.

The following questions have been received:

Nil

CLOSED COUNCIL

THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT

The authority for Council to close a meeting to the public is given under Section 10 of the Local Government Act, for which the following excerpts apply:

[s 10A] Which parts of a meeting can be closed to the public?

10A

- (1) **[Meetings may be closed]** A council, or a committee of the council of which all the members are councillors, may close to the public so much of its meeting as comprises:
- (a) the discussion of any matters listed in subclause (2), or
 - (b) the receipt or discussion of any of the information so listed.
- (2) **[Grounds for closure]** The matters and information are the following:
- (a) personnel matters concerning particular individuals (other than councillors),
 - (b) the personal hardship of any resident or ratepayer,
 - (c) information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business,
 - (d) commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed:
 - (i) prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it, or
 - (ii) confer a commercial advantage on a competitor of the council, or
 - (iii) reveal a trade secret,
 - (e) information that would, if disclosed, prejudice the maintenance of law,
 - (f) matters affecting the security of the council, councillors, council staff or council property,
 - (g) advice concerning litigation, or advice that would otherwise be privileged from production in legal proceedings on the ground of legal professional privilege
 - (h) information concerning the nature and location of a place or an item of Aboriginal significance on community land.
- (3) **[Closure of Resolution to close]** A council, or a committee of the council of which all the members are councillors, may also close to the public so much of its meeting as comprises a motion to close another part of the meeting to the public.
- (4) **[Public's right to make representations]** A council, or a committee of a council may allow members of the public to make representations to or at a meeting, before and part of the meeting is closed to the public, as to whether that part of the meeting should be closed.

[s 10C] Notice of likelihood of closure not required in urgent cases

10C Part of a meeting of a council, or of a committee of the council of which all the members are councillors, may be closed to the public while the council or committee considers a matter that has not been identified in the agenda for the meeting as a matter that is likely to be considered when the meeting is closed, but only if:

- (a) it becomes apparent during the discussion of a particular matter that the matter is a matter referred to in section 10A(2), and
- (b) the council or committee, after considering any representations made under section 10A(4), resolves that further discussion of the matter:
 - (i) should not be deferred (because of the urgency of the matter), and
 - (ii) should take place in a part of the meeting that is closed to the public.

[s 10D] Grounds for closing part of meeting to be specified

10D (1)[Record of grounds for closure] The grounds on which part of a meeting is closed must be stated in the decision to close that part of the meeting and must be recorded in the minutes of the meeting.

- (2) **[Details to be specified]** The grounds must specify the following:
- (a) the relevant provision of section 10A(2),
 - (b) the matter that is to be discussed during the closed part of the meeting,
 - (c) the reasons why the part of the meeting is being closed, including (if the matter concerned is a matter other than a personnel matter concerning particular individuals, the personal hardship of a resident or ratepayer or a trade secret) an explanation of the way in which the discussion of the matter in an open meeting would be, on balance, contrary to the public interest.

RECOMMENDATION: That Council form a Closed Council to consider the items listed below,

AND THAT the Press and the public be excluded from the Meeting of the Closed Council because of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted, as stated below:

Note: A council, or a committee of a council, may allow members of the public to make representation to or at a meeting, before any part of the meeting is closed to the public, as to whether that part of the meeting should be closed.

MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION - CLOSED COUNCIL

CLOSURE: There being no further business the meeting closed at 10.58 am

Taken as read and confirmed as a true record this day 18 December 2014.

..... General Manager.....Mayor