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MINUTES OF THE WEDDIN SHIRE COUNCIL ORDINARY MEETING HELD THURSDAY, 19 OCTOBER 2017 COMMENCING AT 5.00 PM

12 October 2017

Dear Councillors,

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, 19 OCTOBER, 2017**, commencing at **5.00 PM** and your attendance is requested.

Yours faithfully

GLENN CARROLL
GENERAL MANAGER

BUSINESS

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PRESENT: The Mayor Cr M Liebich in the Chair, Crs P Best, J Niven, C Bembrick, S O’Byrne, C Brown, P Diprose and J Parlett.
General Manager (G Carroll), Director Engineering (R Ranjit) Director Environmental Services (B Hayes) and Director Corporate Services (L Gibson).

APOLOGY: Nil

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:

142 **RESOLVED:** Cr Diprose and Cr Niven that the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting, held on 21 September 2017 be taken and read as **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:-

Ron Booth, C1.4.1: Requesting permission to speak to Council regarding the traffic flow and signage at Henry Lawson’s Birthplace.

At this point Mr Ron Booth addressed Council in regard to the traffic flow and signage at Henry Lawson’s Birthplace.

The Mayor thanked Mr Booth for his informative presentation.

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.

Councillor	Item No.	Nature of Interest	Type	Left the Room
Nil				

CORRESPONDENCE TO BE PRESENTED TO THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE WEDDIN SHIRE COUNCIL HELD, 19 OCTOBER 2017.

SECTION A - Matters for information

- A1. Local Government NSW, A3.9.1: Forwarding Weekly Circular numbered 36/2017.
- A2. The Hon Katrina Hodgkinson MP, A3.19.2: Thank you for your kind words and well wishes following my retirement from State Parliament.
- A3. The Hon Michael McCormack MP, A3.19.3: Advising the National's Member for Riverina, Michael McCormack, has secured more than \$5 million in funding to repair or replace a number of bridges in the region.
- A4. NSW Rural Fire Service, E1.3.1: Advising that when constructing a new building in the "Flame Zone" (BAL-FZ) the NSW Rural Fire Service (NSW RFS) will require all new window assemblies to comply with the requirements of Australian Standard: Construction of building in bush fire-prone areas (AS3959-2009).
- A5. Bridges Renewal, R2.11.8: Thank you for your proposal(s) for funding under Round Three of the Bridges Renewal Program (BRP).
- A6. Local Government NSW, A3.9.1: Forwarding Weekly Circular numbered 37/2017.
- A7. The Hon Bronnie Taylor MLC, A3.19.2: Advising as the weather improves, so too do the optimal conditions for road resealing – triggering the start of a \$23 million program to be rolled out in the next seven months through South Western NSW.
- A8. Building Better Regions Fund – Executed Grant Agreement, G2.9.2: Project: Weddin/Grenfell Health Hub – A sustainable Modern Medical Facility.
- A9. Cootamundra – Gundagai Regional Council, C2.9.1: Advising Cootamundra-Gundagai Regional Council held an Extraordinary Council Meeting on Thursday 22 September 2017. At this meeting Councillor Abb McAlister was voted as Mayor for the 2017/2019 term and Councillor Dennis Palmer was voted as Deputy Mayor for the same period.
- A10. The Hon Bronnie Taylor MLC, A3.19.2: Advising local sport clubs in the Cootamundra Electorate are being invited to apply for grants of up to \$20,000, with Parliamentary Secretary for Southern NSW, The Hon Bronnie Taylor MLC, saying the focus this year is encouraging more talented girls and young women into sport programs.
- A11. Dennis Hughes, T3.5.2: Forwarding response from Kevin Anderson MP forwarded on behalf of the LRTC.
- A12. Blayney Shire Council, C2.9.1: Advising following our Ordinary Meeting of Council held Monday 25 September 2017, Cr Scott Ferguson was re-elected Mayor unopposed. Cr David Kingham was elected Deputy Mayor of the Mayoral Term of 2 years.
- A13. Bathurst Regional Council, C2.9.1: Advising as the Extraordinary Meeting of Council held on 20 September 2017, Cr Graeme Hanger OAM was elected Mayor (for the next two years) and Cr Robert (Bobby) Bourke was elected Deputy Mayor (for the next 12 months).

- A14. Create NSW Arts, Screen and Culture, H2.7: Thank you for your letter to the Hon Don Harwin, Minister for the Arts, regarding Henry Lawson's plaque on the Sydney Writers Walk.
- A15. Local Government NSW, A3.9.1: Forwarding Weekly Circular numbered 38/2017.
- A16. NSW Government, T4.1.8: Thank you for your letter dated 6 September 2017 seeking advice from Roads and Maritime Services on the process required to replace an advertising sign in the Newell Highway road reserve at Marsden.
- A17. Parkes Shire Council, T3.8.4: The Chair of the Melbourne to Brisbane Inland Rail Alliance (MBIRA) Mayor of Parkes, Cr Ken Keith OAM has welcomed the Federal Government's determination of the preferred Queensland section of the Inland Rail.
- A18. Cabonne Council, C2.9.1: Advising that at an Ordinary Council Meeting held on 26 September 2017 the election of Mayor and Deputy Mayor was held. Councillor Kevin Beatty was elected Mayor and Councillor Anthony Durkin was elected Deputy Mayor.
- A19. Forbes Shire Council, C2.9.5: Advising at the Ordinary meeting of Council held on Thursday 21 September, 2017, Cr Jenny Webb was elected Deputy Mayor for the ensuing 12 months.
- A20. The Hon Michael McCormack MP, A3.19.3: The National's Member for Riverina Michael McCormack is inviting artists, art workers and organisations in the Riverina and Central West to apply for a slice of around \$1.2 million in funding.
- A21. State Library NSW, G2.6.1: Writing to advise that NSW local authorities are now invited to apply for a 2017/18 Public Library infrastructure Grant.
- A22. Lachlan Shire Council, C2.9.6: Advising at the Ordinary Meeting of Lachlan Shire Council held yesterday Wednesday 27 September 2017, Cr Paul Phillips was re-elected as Deputy Mayor for the next 12 months.
- A23. NSW Government Liveable Communities Grants Program, G2.55: Advising the Liveable Communities Grants program has \$1.3 million in grants available to fund innovative and strategic projects that aim to make local communities more responsive and inclusive of the needs of older people.
- A24. Local Government NSW, A3.9.1: Forwarding Weekly Circular numbered 39/2017.
- A25. The Hon David Elliott MP, A3.6.1: Advising the public spaces of NSW – our stadiums, shopping centres, pedestrian malls and major events venues – enrich the lives of everyone in the State.
- A26. Harvey Nicholson, U1.2.1: Advising on Monday August 29th 2017, a fire started in our house at the above address.
- A27. Hilltops Council, C2.9.3: Advising at the Extraordinary Meeting of Hilltops Council held on Wednesday, 20 September 2017, Clr Brian Ingram was elected unopposed as Mayor for a two year term and Clr Tony Wallace was elected as Deputy Mayor for one year term.
- A28. Ron Booth, C1.4.1: Advising living diagonally opposite Lawson's birthplace allows me to see the movement of traffic past the site.

- A29. The Hon Michael McCormack, A3.19.3: The National's Member for Riverina Michael McCormack is encouraging councils and community organisations to apply for round two of the Government's Safer Communities Fund.
- A30. Claire Davis, A3.6.18: Please be advised that as of the 10th of October visitors to the National Parks and Nature Reserves within the Central West Area will not be able to light fires.

SECTION B - Matters for report

1. Grenfell Sewerage Treatment Plant, S1.1.3: Advising the Grenfell wastewater treatment plant was inspected on the 5 September 2017 by Chris Carlon, Regional Water and Wastewater Treatment Officer of DPI Water.

Referred to Director Environmental Services

143 RESOLVED: Cr Bembrick and Cr Niven that Correspondence sections A and B be noted.

SECTION C - Matters for consideration

1. The Hon Bronnie Taylor MP, G2.55: Advising in July the NSW Deputy Premier announced the \$200 million Stronger Country Communities Fund.

Applications for Tranche C of the Stronger Country Communities Fund opened on 20 September and I am pleased to be able to inform you of the funding allocation for your council

Your funding allocation is \$768,982.

You are encouraged to apply for \$100,000 to \$1million grants for a range of individual projects that reflect your communities' preference. Applications for your tranche must be submitted by 5pm on 18 October 2017.

Further information and guidelines are available at:

www.nsw.gov.au/strongercountrycommunities

**For Information
Noted**

2. Grenfell Rugby Union Club, C1.2.4: Advising as you would be aware the Grenfell Rugby Union Club is in the middle of a range of projects to improve the facilities, the clubhouse and the grounds. One of these projects is the upgrading of the roads surrounding and to the clubhouse. To further this project the club needs a few more loads of gravel.

Whilst recently in consultation with the Council, the suggestion was made to make this access of a higher standard and have it sealed. This would provide all year round safe access for everyone to the clubhouse.

At this meeting another concern was raised. This is the major concern of the future availability of our water supply. With the already over prescribed sewage treatment water supply, the need of a desilting plan of Companys dam is something that needs to be investigated.

On behalf of the club and committee I would like to thank you for your consideration in these important matters.

RECOMMENDATION: that: -

- i) The gravel be approved as requested at no charge
- ii) The desilting of Company Dam be referred to the 2018/2019 estimate process for further consideration.

144 RESOLVED: Cr Parlett and Cr Niven that: -

- i) The gravel be approved as requested at no charge
- ii) The desilting of Company Dam be referred to the 2018/2019 estimate process for further consideration.

3. Grenfell Rugby Union Club, C1.1.3: Advising on behalf of the Grenfell Rugby Union Club I am writing to request a contribution towards our annual rates, which we have recently paid. Any reduction possible would greatly benefit our club.

On behalf of the club and committee I would like to thank you for your consideration in this important matter.

RECOMMENDATION: that approval be granted as per Council policy and the Grenfell Rugby Union Club be advised accordingly.

145 **RESOLVED:** Cr Diprose and Cr O'Byrne that approval be granted as per Council policy and the Grenfell Rugby Union Club be advised accordingly.

4. The Henry Lawson High School, C1.8.3: Advising The Henry Lawson High School's annual Presentation Day ceremony will be held on Thursday 14 December 2017 at 11.00am.

We are very proud of our school's long tradition of academic, school citizenship, sporting, leadership and musical excellence. Recognising the achievements of students is both essential and exciting, and a highlight of the school year.

The school relies almost entirely on the generosity of parents, interested citizens, business houses and other organisations to provide these student awards. Your donation will be acknowledged in the school's Presentation Day program.

Your assistance will be greatly appreciated.

RECOMMENDATION: that Council donate \$100 to each of the six schools in the Shire towards their annual presentation days.

146 **RESOLVED:** Cr O'Byrne and Cr Best that Council donate \$100 to each of the six schools in the Shire towards their annual presentation days.

5. Weddin Mountain Performance Horse Club Grenfell NSW Inc, C1.2.1: Advising the Weddin Mountain Performance Horse Club Grenfell NSW Inc requests support from the Weddin Shire Council for our planned Ranch Sporting event of 4th - 5th November 2017 to be held at Grenfell Racecourse.

At our last event at the showground in June 2017 we had a very successful weekend with over two hundred competitors coming into the town and look forward to a similar turnout for our event in November. We believe the event is very beneficial to the town. Numerous local businesses have come on board as sponsors in return for which we promote their services.

Our committee discussed what we would need for the weekend and wondered if the council would be able to assist with any of the following:

- supply and pick up 4 garbage bins and collections or a large skip bin
- 4 portable toilets
- cool room

Thank you for your consideration.

RECOMMENDATION: that the requests be approved and the Weddin Mountain Performance Horse Club be advised accordingly.

Cr Best declared a conflict of interest as a relation of a committee member and left the room 5.06pm.

147 **RESOLVED:** Cr Bembrick and Cr Parlett that the requests be approved and the Weddin Mountain Performance Horse Club be advised accordingly.

Cr Best returned to the room 5.07pm.

148 **RESOLVED:** Cr Brown and Cr O'Byrne that the Correspondence be noted except where otherwise resolved.

NOTICE OF MOTION

1. 24 Hour Toilet Facility, P2.3.10

I hereby give notice of the following motion at the October 2017 Council Meeting:

“that Weddin Shire develop a 24-hour toilet facility in the town of Grenfell.”

Comments: Perhaps with a bus shelter in Forbes Street.

Signed: _____ Cr Stuart McKellar _____

149 **RESLOVED:** Cr Parlett and Cr O’Byrne that the Notice of Motion be deferred for consideration until later in the Meeting.

2. No Through Road, R2.4.18.A

I hereby give notice of the following motion at the October 2017 Council Meeting:

“that No Through Road signage be placed at the Eastern end of Lawson Drive. In addition that a Road Signage Visitor Assessment be undertaken of the same road.”

Comments: The issue of Caravans and visitor traffic going past the Henry Lawson Birthplace site, subsequently entering private land in order to turn vans and vehicles has been raised with me on numerous occasions by Ron Booth, resident of Lawson Drive. Mr Booth suggests that “99 percent of visitors to the area do this as they are looking for a house or hut.”

Signed: _____ Cr Carly Brown _____

150 **MOVED:** Cr Brown and Cr Parlett that No Through Road signage be placed at the Eastern end of Lawson Drive. In addition that a Road Signage Visitor Assessment be undertaken of the same road.

Note: The matter was not resolved here as it was referred to the Director Engineering’s report for further consideration.

12 October 2017

The Mayor and Councillors
Weddin Shire Council
GRENFELL NSW 2810

Dear Councillors

I wish to report as follows: -

1. Local Government Reform – Innovation Fund, C2.10.9

Common Thread Consulting Pty Ltd are currently undertaking two projects under the Innovation Fund for the Mid Lachlan Alliance (MLA) Councils as part of a 'Fitness Campaign' as follows:

1. To deliver a Fiscal Responsibility Action Plan (FRAP) ensuring that each of the Councils adopt sound financial principles, are fiscally responsible and meet the NSW Government's Financially sustainable requirements, particularly in regard to submitted FFTF proposals and the new legislation set out in the recent Local Government Act, 1993 amendments.
2. Complete two comprehensive efficiency and service reviews on two of the Council's largest recurrent operational programs being Roads Infrastructure Maintenance and Parks and Gardens Infrastructure Maintenance.

The Fitness Campaign will strengthen the case for councils to remain independent with a focus on asset management, financial sustainability and improved service delivery. It is founded upon simple documents (Service Dashboards) that will form part of each council's integrated planning and reporting framework, helping us to better understand our business and that of our partners in the MLA.

Detailed reviews are currently being carried out in several areas including ICT (Information Communications and Technology), Civica Authority (corporate computer system), roads, parks and customer service. Higher level reviews are also being carried out of all services to identify areas to explore further.

Where a potential opportunity for improvement is identified, a business case will be developed (either for our Council or for a number of Councils in the Alliance) that considers the costs, benefits and risks. If the business case is positive, it will then be recommended to Council for approval. A Program Management Office will be established in each Council to coordinate the development of business cases, develop project documentation and monitor the progress of each project.

A robust project management approach is an important part of the Fitness Campaign as this will help keep projects on track and ensure desired outcomes are realised. The result will be a sustainable Council with the capability and capacity to deliver better value for our local community.

A Connected Leadership Program is also being developed as part of the Fitness Campaign. The Connected Leadership Program is an integral part of the Fitness Campaign because each Council has recognised that we need to think and work differently. The program includes a combination

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of one-on-one coaching and development as well as group workshops. The one-on-one sessions will focus on developing the behaviours of individual leaders to support a shift in organisational culture. Group workshops will focus on developing a shared vision and purpose within each Council and across the MLA.

As reported last meeting we are also currently awaiting the outcome of a grant funding application submitted under the Smart Cities and Suburbs program for \$475,000 on behalf of the Alliance Councils to assist in ensuring we are able to access and use smart technology to enable us to become more productive and sustainable as well as being able to deliver services in a more efficient and effective manner.

Cr McKellar entered the meeting during this item 5.12pm.

**For Information
Noted**

2. Regional Growth Fund, G2.1/A3.19.2

Stronger Country Communities Fund

The “once-in-a-generation” *Stronger Country Communities Fund* which is part of the NSW Government’s \$1.3 billion Regional Growth Fund will support projects valued between \$100,000 and \$1 million, or even higher with financial co-contribution.

As confirmed at the August 2017 Council Meeting it is proposed to submit a grant application to upgrade the Main Street.

A response was previously received from the NSW Department of Industry that we have been moved into Tranche C which opened on 20 September and closes on 18 October 2017. Mr Stephen Sykes is currently working on the application with a view to it being submitted by the closing date.

Mr. Michael McFeeters from MJM Consulting Engineers is currently finalizing the concept plans and a total cost estimate which are required for the grant funding application.

This is a great opportunity to commence the Main Street upgrade which is a high priority in our Community Strategic Plan (CSP).

**For Information
Noted**

Regional Cultural Fund

The Regional Cultural funding is available to build and upgrade arts and cultural venues including Art Gallery’s, Libraries, performance spaces and cultural centres with round 1 funds to be allocated in four categories as follows:

- **Small scale regional cultural infrastructure** – grants of up to \$60,000 for improving arts and cultural infrastructure and purchasing equipment for arts and cultural purposes

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- **Medium scale regional cultural infrastructure** – grants of between \$60,000 and \$1 million to improve arts and cultural infrastructure and revitalize local communities through strategic investment
- **Large scale regional cultural infrastructure** – grants of over \$1 million for cultural infrastructure in regional NSW, with a strong focus on partnerships with local councils and communities
- **Operational** – grants to support the delivery of arts, cultural, screen and heritage projects

An Expression of Interest (EOI) was submitted on behalf of the Grenfell Dramatic Society to upgrade the Grenfell Community Arts Centre building. An EOI was also submitted on behalf of the Grenfell Art Gallery Committee to install solar power for the community hub building and temperature control for the Art Gallery.

We are currently awaiting the outcome of the EOI to see if we will be invited to submit a grant funding application.

**For Information
Noted**

Regional Sports Infrastructure Fund

Expressions of Interest (EOI's) for the Regional Sports Infrastructure Fund are open all year round with the fund targeting investments over \$1m.

If applicants are short listed they will be then required to develop a business case for assessment for final funding decisions. Applicants are also encouraged to make a significant financial or in-kind contribution towards the project cost. Organisations can make a joint application with project nominations involving partnerships of eligible groups encouraged.

In this regard and as resolved at the September Council meeting the submission of an EOI titled 'Weddin Shire Sporting Infrastructure Upgrades' for the upgrade of the following local sporting clubs infrastructure is currently in progress:

- Caragabal Sports Club
- Grenfell Rugby Union Club
- Grenfell Rugby League Club
- Grenfell Soccer Club
- Grenfell Kart Club
- Grenfell Tennis Club
- Grenfell Squash Club

**For Information
Noted**

Growing Local Economies Fund

The Growing Local Economies Fund was established to develop infrastructure to grow regional centres.

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The fund is administrated by the Office of Regional Development whereby there is a two step process to apply for funding as follows:

- i) Contact the Office of Regional Department to discuss proposed projects
- ii) Submit a business case

Eligible projects will be then assessed against four program criteria's:

- Strategic Assessment
- Economic Assessment
- Affordability
- Deliverability

In regards to the application process advice has been received from the Department of Premier and Cabinet that funding will be distributed on a regional basis. This is a key change for this particular fund as it is a move away from the rounds-based, whole-of-State competitive process to a new process that will see a notional allocation made to each regional economic area. This approach gets rid of the need to meet deadlines or competing against other regional areas, and will enable a planned, whole-of-region approach to growing our community and economy.

A draft set of regional economic areas called Functional Economic Regions (FERs) have been identified after examining a range of economic factors including labour flows, population and market characteristics, communities of interest and supply chains. These regional economic areas are usually comprised of a number of smaller towns surrounding a larger town (hub and spoke) and may cross Local Government boundaries. Weddin Shire has been included in the South West Slopes FER with Bland, Cootamundra, Hilltops and Temora Shires.

To enable the Government to move away from a state-wide approach and to approve projects related to growing economies in each of these areas, each FER will need to have a current Regional Economic Development Strategy (REDS) that clearly articulates key economic priorities and the enablers that are required to deliver them.

The Department want to make the development of the REDS as simple as possible and so they have appointed economic consultants to guide the process in order to reduce the administrative burden on Councils and other community organisations. It is recognised that many Local Government areas have existing, well developed strategies and that many of these will have a section which considers neighbouring Local Government Areas. In such cases, the process should be quite quick because this material will be used in the REDS. Applicants must demonstrate how projects will improve economic outcomes for communities and where possible projects should support local procurement, job creation and skills development.

As the process will be finished within 4-8 weeks it is critical that we have input into the process to ensure our projects are included in the REDS. The Department will lodge the strategy with Infrastructure NSW and the projects will then commence.

In this regard a meeting was held in Young on Tuesday 10 October 2017 to review the existing infrastructure priorities of each Council. A further meeting will be conducted in Young on Wednesday 1 November 2017 to further progress this process.

**For Information
Noted**

151 **RESOLVED:** Cr Best and Cr McKellar that Council discuss undertaking a study of the future Health needs in the Weddin Shire.

152 **RESOLVED:** Cr Best and Cr Niven that Council undertake a study of the future Health needs in the Weddin Shire with funding to be sourced from the Economic Development Fund reserve.

3. Connected Learning Centre (CLC), C1.8.7

The Assistant Minister for Skills the Hon Adam Marshall MP visited Grenfell on Wednesday 4 October 2017 and announced plans for Grenfell to have a new, modern vocational education campus, called a Connected Learning Centre (CLC).

Mr Marshall advised work is nearly complete on the state's first four CLCs that will ensure high quality training and services continue to be accessible to allow students to obtain the skills to get the jobs they want. The announcement that the NSW Government is committed to delivering one of these innovative, next generation learning environments in Grenfell is absolutely terrific. TAFE NSW will continue to deliver its current program of education and training services from the Rose Street site right up until the new Grenfell Connected Learning Centre is completed which is expected to be December 2018.

Students will experience digitally enabled facilities capable of reflecting real-world work and social environments. Students will also have access to a flexible learning and assessment model that will provide personalised and connected learning experiences, better access to teachers both on and off site, and the skills they need for real life jobs in regional communities. In addition to providing local students with access to a greater range of learning and course options, the CLCs are designed to be easily reorganised to suit a variety of community needs.

This approach, supported by the NSW Government, will allow TAFE NSW to significantly enhance its service and presence across regional NSW, with a focus on communities where TAFE NSW doesn't already have a presence or where out-dated facilities are not meeting the needs of students, employers and local communities. Community consultation will be undertaken to assist in determining the location of the CLC and it is expected this will commence in the near future.

In other great news it was also announced on the day that the Grenfell Native Nursery will be able to remain on their current site and will be able to purchase the site in the future which will give the hard working nursery volunteers' surety and peace of mind knowing they will be able to stay at their current location.

**For Information
Noted**

4. Australia Day Awards, C1.5.2

Council traditionally presents a number of awards at the annual Australia Day ceremony in Grenfell.

Nominations are normally invited during November, and reported to the December Meeting.

The open awards are for: -

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Citizen of the Year
Senior Citizen of the Year
Community Event/Organisation of the Year
Community Achievement Awards in any category
Achievement Award – each secondary and primary school in the Shire.
HSC Academic Award – Henry Lawson High School

Selection of all winners can be by the usual committee of Mayor, Deputy Mayor and General Manager, unless otherwise decided.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that: -

- i) nominations be invited for the annual open awards for Citizen, Senior Citizen and Community Event/Organisation of the Year.
- ii) the selection committee be authorised to award “Community Achievement Awards” to deserving nominations in any category.
- iii) nominations be invited for the Achievement Award from each primary and secondary school in the shire, and the HSC Academic Award from The Henry Lawson High School.
- iv) winners be selected by the usual committee of the Mayor, Deputy Mayor and General Manager.

153 RESOLVED: Cr Niven and Cr McKellar that: -

- i) nominations be invited for the annual open awards for Citizen, Senior Citizen and Community Event/Organisation of the Year.
- ii) the selection committee be authorised to award “Community Achievement Awards” to deserving nominations in any category.
- iii) nominations be invited for the Achievement Award from each primary and secondary school in the shire, and the HSC Academic Award from The Henry Lawson High School.
- iv) winners be selected by the usual committee of the Mayor, Deputy Mayor and General Manager.

5. Australia Day 2018 Ceremonies, C1.4.2

The Grenfell ceremony will be organised by the appointed Australia Day Committee and will take place in Taylor Park as usual. Catering will be by the local service clubs, the CWA, Cadets and the historical society.

In recent years Council has donated \$250 to each of the Greenethorpe, Quandialla and Caragabal Hall committees as a contribution towards Australia Day celebrations in the three villages. It is anticipated that these organisations will again organise the village ceremonies.

RECOMMENDATION: that: -

- i) the arrangements outlined above for Grenfell be confirmed,
- ii) Council offer a donation of \$250 towards the 2018 Australia Day ceremonies in Caragabal, Greenethorpe and Quandialla,
- iii) the village organising committees be appointed as section 355 committees of Council for this purpose.

154 RESOLVED: Cr Bembrick and Cr Brown that: -

- i) the arrangements outlined above for Grenfell be confirmed,

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- ii) Council offer a donation of \$250 towards the 2018 Australia Day ceremonies in Caragabal, Greenethorpe and Quandialla,
- iii) the village organising committees be appointed as section 355 committees of Council for this purpose.

6. Christmas Competition – Grenfell, T4.3.1

Prizes of \$100, \$50 and \$25 have been awarded for the three best Christmas displays in Grenfell over the last few years, with some prizes being privately sponsored.

The competition has been previously keenly contested and adds to the season's festivities. The winner has previously been chosen by an independent judge from a surrounding town and the prizes have been presented at the Vaughn Park Combined Christmas Party.

RECOMMENDATION: that: -

- i) Council offer prize money of \$100, \$50 and \$25 from the town maintenance vote for the three best Christmas displays in Grenfell, unless otherwise sponsored,
- ii) the winner be chosen by an independent judge from a surrounding town,
- iii) prizes be presented at the Vaughn Park Combined Christmas Party.

155 **RESOLVED:** Cr McKellar and Cr O'Byrne that: -

- i) Council offer prize money of \$100, \$50 and \$25 from the town maintenance vote for the three best Christmas displays in Grenfell, unless otherwise sponsored,
- ii) the winner be chosen by an independent judge from a surrounding town,
- iii) prizes be presented at the Vaughn Park Combined Christmas Party.

7. Christmas Competitions – Villages, T4.3.1

In recent years Council has donated \$100 prize money for Christmas competitions to be held in each of the three villages. Bimbi has previously been combined with the Quandialla competition.

RECOMMENDATION: that: -

- i) Council offer \$100 prize money from the village maintenance votes for Christmas competitions in Greenethorpe, Caragabal, and Quandialla/Bimbi.
- ii) the organising committees be appointed as Section 355 committees of Council for this purpose if appropriate.
- iii) the competitions be locally judged as arranged by the committees.
- iv) prizes be presented at the Australia Day or other local ceremony.

156 **RESOLVED:** Cr Diprose and Cr Bembrick that: -

- i) Council offer \$100 prize money from the village maintenance votes for Christmas competitions in Greenethorpe, Caragabal, and Quandialla/Bimbi.
- ii) the organising committees be appointed as Section 355 committees of Council for this purpose if appropriate.
- iii) the competitions be locally judged as arranged by the committees.
- iv) prizes be presented at the Australia Day or other local ceremony.

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8. Christmas Arrangements, P1.5.1

- (a) The Christmas Function for Councillors, staff and partners in recent years has usually been held on a Thursday in late November or early December.

In 2016 the Councillors dinner was held at the Grenfell Country Club in conjunction with senior staff, committee members and retired employees. The outdoor and indoor staff held their own respective functions in Grenfell with Council making a \$300 donation to both functions.

RECOMMENDATION: that: –

- i) Councillors hold a Christmas function in conjunction with senior staff, committee members and retired employees at the Grenfell Bowling Club on Friday 1 December, 2017
- ii) Council note the arrangements for the outdoor and indoor functions and donate \$300 to each function.

157 **RESOLVED:** Cr Niven and Cr O'Byrne that: –

- i) Councillors hold a Christmas function in conjunction with senior staff, committee members and retired employees at the Grenfell Bowling Club on Friday 1 December, 2017
- ii) Council note the arrangements for the outdoor and indoor functions and donate \$300 to each function.

- (b) Council offices are normally closed over the Christmas-New Year Period, with office staff granted leave-in-lieu for overtime worked during the year. These days would be 27, 28 and 29 December 2017. It is proposed that the office will reopen on the 2 January 2018.

RECOMMENDATION: that Council offices be closed from 22 December 2017 until 2 January 2018 and office staff be granted 3 days special leave for the 27 – 29 December 2017 in lieu of overtime worked.

158 **RESOLVED:** Cr Bembrick and Cr Diprose that Council offices be closed from 22 December 2017 until 2 January 2018 and office staff be granted 3 days special leave for the 27 – 29 December 2017 in lieu of overtime worked.

9. Code of Conduct Complaints – Annual Report, C2.4.1

Clause 12.33 of Council's Code of Conduct requires the General Manager to report annually on code of conduct complaints.

There were nil complaints for 2016/2017.

**For Information
Noted**

10. November Council Meeting C2.8.1

Council has previously resolved that the November Meeting be a morning/day meeting to allow Councils external auditor to conduct a presentation in regards to the Financial Statements as well as allowing rural Councillors to attend to harvest.

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It is proposed that the meeting commence at 8.00am on the 16 November, 2017 with the change to be advertised accordingly.

**For Information
Noted**

11. Leave Application, P4.10015/P4.10059/P4.10237

Application is made for leave from the 20 November 2017 to 1 December 2017.

It is proposed Mr Brendan Hayes be appointed as Acting General Manager for the first week and Mr Lachlan Gibson be appointed for the second week.

RECOMMENDATION: that:-

- i) the application for leave be approved.
- ii) Mr Brendan Hayes be appointed as the Acting General Manager with the same delegations from Council as for the General Manager for the period 20 November 2017 to 26 November 2017.
- iii) Mr Lachlan Gibson be appointed as the Acting General Manager with the same delegations from Council as for the General Manager for the period 27 November 2017 to 1 December 2017.

159 RESOLVED: Cr Parlett and Cr Diprose that:-

- i) the application for leave be approved.
- ii) Mr Brendan Hayes be appointed as the Acting General Manager with the same delegations from Council as for the General Manager for the period 20 November 2017 to 26 November 2017.
- iii) Mr Lachlan Gibson be appointed as the Acting General Manager with the same delegations from Council as for the General Manager for the period 27 November 2017 to 1 December 2017.

**GLENN CARROLL
GENERAL MANAGER**

160 RESOLVED: Cr McKellar and Cr O'Byrne that except where otherwise dealt with the General Manager's Report be adopted.

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12 October 2017

The General Manager
Weddin Shire Council
GRENFELL NSW 2810

Dear Sir

I wish to report as follows: -

1. Statement of Bank Balances as at 30 September 2017:

Bank Account	
Westpac	\$167,732.19
Investments	
CBA	<u>9,250,000.00</u>
Total Investments	<u>\$9,250,000.00</u>

CERTIFICATE OF RECONCILIATION

I certify that the Cashbook for each Bank Account has been reconciled with the appropriate Bank Statement as at 30 September 2017.

The investments shown above are made with the CBA 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 September follows:

Rates Receipts	209,045.66
Credit Union Agency Commission	607.20
Service NSW Agency Fee	4,829.38
Interest on investments	32,001.38
Flood Damage Payments	100,000.00
Development & Building Application Fees	4,450.00
CTC Income	4,436.95
Caravan Park Income	6,715.00
Other	11,486.67
Total	<u>\$373,572.24</u>

**For Information
Noted**

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3. Roads and Other Expenditure 2017/2018:

Following are the up to date maintenance figures as at 30 September 2017.

Item	Vote	Expenditure
Rural Roads Maintenance	680,731	103,678
Grenfell Town Streets Maintenance	207,090	54,650
Village Maintenance - Caragabal	6,000	1,403
Village Maintenance - Greenethorpe	6,000	2,419
Village Maintenance - Quandialla	6,000	3,961
Garbage / Recycling Collection	130,000	31,476
Quandialla Recycling Station	8,000	911
Greenethorpe Recycling Station	6,000	320
Greenethorpe Collections	8,000	1,267
Commercial Waste Collection	18,000	3,679
Grenfell Waste Depot Manning / Plant Hire	135,000	24,596
Tips Working Expenses	66,000	17,407
Grenfell Tip Green Waste Processing	20,000	0
Cemetery Maintenance & Operating Expenditure	69,000	9,192
Cemetery Sites etc. income	(49,000)	(16,332)
Noxious Plants	84,500	13,411
Noxious Plants - Extra	20,000	0
Parks & Gardens	218,262	60,864
Library Expenditure	100,480	45,113
Baths Income	(25,000)	0
Baths Expenditure	174,000	2,794
Caravan Park Income	(65,000)	(16,095)
Caravan Park Expenditure	110,300	27,538

RTA Grant Works		
Item	Vote	Expenditure
2017/18 State Roads (SH6)	604,149	84,661
2017/18 National Roads (SH17)	175,977	122,334
2017/18 Regional Roads Block Grant	778,000	189,518
Repair Program - MR239 Pavement Rehab	162,507	68,485

2017/18 Rural Local Roads (FAG)	Vote	Expenditure
Reconstruct Village Streets	36,520	0
Quandialla Drainage	105,001	15,297
Grenfell Medical Centre - K&G & footpath	130,000	0
Grenfell Streets Construction	108,495	0
Grenfell Kerb & Gutter	102,231	0
Memory St/Holy Camp Road Construction	11,237	0

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Greenethorpe Bumbaldry Road	160,083	3,434
Blacks Bridge	93,198	1,854
Gravel Resheeting	103,327	0
Grenfell Streets - Footpaving	86,054	0
Sucker removal/shoulder grading/spraying	15,754	0
Quandialla Footpaths Reconstruction	38,896	0
Total	990,797	20,585

2017/18 Roads to Recovery	Vote	Expenditure
RESEALS (R2R)	229,017	399
KEITHS LANE	163,756	131,048
BEWLEYS ROAD	200,000	950
CARAGABAL - PULLABOOKA	202,820	0
HEAVY PATCHING - PINNACLE & DRIFTWAY ROAD	100,000	0
Total	895,593	132,397

Item	Vote	Expenditure
Flood Damage Untied Funding	1,000,000	703
Flood Damage - Regional Roads	409,502	328,665
Flood Damage - Rural Roads	985,059	767,377

**For Information
Noted**

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

Debt recovery activity is as follows:

2 referred to outstanding collections

- No response

3 referred previously to outstanding collections

- 1 arrangement
- 2 part payments

5 referred previously to outstanding collections

- 1 garnishee – wages
- 1 garnishee – rent
- 1-part payment
- 1 paid
- 1 arrangement

2nd Follow-up letters sent for 119 assessments for non-payment of 1st Instalment

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Continued liaison with Council's Debt Recovery Firm Outstanding Collections

Continued monitoring of existing payment arrangements, following up with further action where required

**For Information
Noted**

5. Preparation of the 2016/2017 Financial Statements, A1.6

In preparing the 2016/2017 Financial Reports Section 413(2)(c) of the Local Government Act 1993 requires Council to prepare and sign a statement in the approved form as to its opinion on the general purpose financial reports.

The declaration states that the accounts have been prepared in accordance with the Australia Accounting Standards and present fairly Council's financial position and operating result for the year.

The OLG has provided guidance that if Council's statement is signed prior to submitting the financial reports to audit Council should ensure a further review is undertaken of the Financial Statements on completion of the Audit, prior to submission to OLG, as changes may have occurred during the audit process.

Given this guidance and now that Council's financial statements audit has been completed it is recommended that Council reaffirm its previous statement.

RECOMMENDATION: that Council endorse the Mayor, Deputy Mayor, General Manager and Director Corporate Services to sign the statement on Council's behalf.

161 RESOLVED: Cr McKellar and Cr Brown that Council endorse the Mayor, Deputy Mayor, General Manager and Director Corporate Services to sign the statement on Council's behalf.

6. Grenfell Library, C2.8.15

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

The Library has taken receipt of 16 boxes of large print and talking books from the State Library. This is the State Library's new program of housing their stock instead of each public library requesting boxes for loan. New stock will continue to arrive from the State Library on an ongoing program.

The spring school holidays have been the final week of the month with large numbers of kids and parents attending sessions of board games and Lego and a scavenger hunt. More session will be held the final week of the holiday.

BorrowBox testing has been completed with a launch for mid-October now in the planning phase.

Otherwise activities were of a routine nature.

**For Information
Noted**

7. Economic Development, C2.8.13

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

Distributed funding opportunities to interested community groups.

Acted as secretary for the Weddin Development Committee including preparing minutes and correspondence from September meeting and preparing October monthly meeting and AGM agendas, coordinating venue for October meeting, preparing content for October edition of Discover Magazine, planning for 2018 Weddin Business Awards, assessing the future of the Go Grenfell card and investigated NSW Business Chamber membership.

Liaised with residents, wireless internet providers and RDA over approaches to the current poor connectivity in the shire. Coordinated information gathering meeting with South Western Wireless and village representatives to discuss the connectivity situation in Weddin. Researched digital demand assessments of Weddin's priority blackspots.

**For Information
Noted**

8. Tourism/Promotions, C2.8.11

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

Staffed the Grenfell Accredited Visitor Information Centre as required. Liaised with casual staff over their weekend shifts including key handover etc. Prepared tasks for weekend staff.

Prepared Agenda for the October tourism meeting. Prepared draft report on target marketing for tourism promotions.

Acted as secretary for the Henry Lawson Festival committee including co-signing cheques and approving electronic payments. Researched Eventbrite as a payment platform which may streamline the treasurer's role for the 2018 festival. Met with director of Engineering to advise on the festivals needs in 2018.

Recorded Community Hub bookings, distributed and collected paperwork from clients. Shifted chairs, tables and whiteboard as required.

Researched and recorded 4 radio interviews.

Assisted local B&B operator to achieve a fully functional listing on the Expedia online booking platform. Grenfell accommodation now appears when using the booking widget on the VisitNSW website.

Coordinated advert in Cartoscope regional map to be distributed from the visitor centre.

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Attended CENTROC meeting in Carcoar on the future direction of Central NSW Tourism. Supplied information to Central NSW Tourism and Centroc as requested.

Pursued Elite Energy for payment of their overdue invoice.

Pursued Golf NSW for report on the Sand and Grass Green event in August. Report won't be available until October.

Pursued documentary maker for final of the Sesquicentenary documentary. Advised Grenfell Public School on how the Sesquicentenary guest books were created.

Contacted Destination NSW Get Connected team to seek changes to Strayleaves online listing.

Prepared rates notice insert for October mail out.

Distributed Incubator Event funding opportunity to Grenfell Rodeo Committee, and followed up with phone calls and emails to encourage an application.

Made contact with community organisations to encourage them to claim dates for the 2018 event calendar.ve

**For Information
Noted**

9. Arts/Tourism, C2.8.11

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

Art & Art Gallery

- Organised bump out of 'Reflections' Exhibition and bump in of next exhibition
- Arranged replacement volunteers when rostered volunteers were not available
- Sent September events to Arts Outwest for calendar
- Created name plates for exhibition 'Kangaroo Valley Artist'
- Hosted evening exhibition opening early August
- Liaised with Artists regarding collecting paperwork, i.e. Artist profiles, images etc
- Wrote letters of payment to artists of 'Reflections' for works sold during exhibition there was a total of 19 sales to the value of \$1620
- Call Artists to thank them for exhibiting and followed up with any queries
- Organised invitation and confirmation of attendees, apologies, totals of those attending for the opening of 'Kangaroo Valley Artists' and later in the month duplicated this process for the up and coming exhibition 'Through Different Eyes'.
- Liaised with artists for 'Through Different Eyes' exhibition
- Processed Art Gallery Sales from 'Kangaroo Valley Artists' exhibition
- Created regular social media posts of the various artworks to draw in visitors to the gallery
- Shared information about the various artists with visitors to the gallery
- Updated the Grenfell.org.au website with posts about the current exhibition

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- Designed and sent invitation for exhibition opening to volunteers, art gallery committee, Mayor, GM, Grenfell Record and other interested parties via email and post and face to face contact
- Created name plates for 'Through Different Eyes' exhibition
- Designed gallery exhibition poster 'Through Different Eyes' to be displayed in businesses and on-line
- Small value gallery sale items created extra processing time would suggest a minimum value

Tourism

- Updated business listings on Grenfell.org.au
- Added and updated event listings on Grenfell.org.au
- Wrote August Council report
- Managed Facebook account
- Weekly staff meeting with Director of Corporate Services
- Updated layout of general brochures for tourism distribution
- Delivered Art Gallery event posters around the businesses of Grenfell
- Direct marketing targeted to automobile clubs in NSW posted more invitations to visit Grenfell

Visitor Information Centre

- Greeted visitors at VIC and handled enquiries (walk in, phone and email)
- Sent weekly email requesting information from business in the Shire about their availability, offers, news etc and collated the replies
- Organised staff and their weekend tasks. Replied to their enquiries
- Ordered more visitor guides for the towns we had run out of.
- Sent out our brochures to VIC's as requested
- Sent out weekly email to surrounding VIC's outlining our weekend's events
- Submitted VIC July statistics to The Tourism Group
- Liaised with local stakeholders of accommodation to assist visitors find accommodation

Henry Lawson Festival

- Updated sponsor list and mailed Sponsor forms to potential sponsors for HLF 2018

**For Information
Noted**

10. Grenfell Internet Centre, C2.8.14

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

Sales and Services

- Conducted computer services and repairs for 24 residential clients and 1 business client
- Replaced mobile phone screens for 3 residential clients and 1 business client
- Sold laptops/computers to 1 residential client
- Sold ESET Internet Security to 6 residential clients and 1 business client
- Sold software, parts, and accessories to 18 residential clients and 1 business client

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- Sold ink and toner cartridges to 8 residential clients and 1 business client
- Internet Café used by 64 clients for internet access and printing

Computer Tuition

- Delivered 6 individual lessons.

Printing

- Printing 100 colour newsletters

Human Services Access Point

- Assist human services clients with access point usage

Client Websites

- Regular Monthly Maintenance to Gold Trail Website
- Regular Monthly Maintenance to Hillbilly Customs Website

Technology Centre Maintenance

- Installation of software patches Windows workstations
- Decline superseded updates Server (WSUS) – Server Clean-up
- Installation of patches, plugin updates, and software updates (Webserver)
- Vulnerability scan (Webserver)
- Installation of patches (Backup System)
- Installation of patches (Test & Internal Wiki)
- Publish blog posts on following subjects:
 - Telstra Phishing Email - <https://www.grenfellinternetcentre.com.au/telstra-phishing-email/>
 - PayPal Phishing Email - <https://www.grenfellinternetcentre.com.au/paypal-phishing-email/>
 - CCleaner hacked and bundled with malware - <https://www.grenfellinternetcentre.com.au/ccleaner-hacked-bundled-malware/>
- Perform Search Engine Optimisation tasks
- www.grenfellinternetcentre.com.au visited 234 times by 230 Users
- Blog Posts Shared on Facebook, Twitter, and Google Plus

Google Summary

- 181 people saw Grenfell Internet Centre via Google Search
- 3 people found Grenfell Internet Centre on Google and called your business

Support of Other Council Departments

- Provide Tech Support to Tourism & Economic Development, & Library
- Installation of software patches (Library)
- Decline superseded updates Server (WSUS) – Server Clean-up (Library)
- Updates to Website (Library)

**For Information
Noted**

11. Internet Connectivity in the Weddin Shire, T4.5.4

A late report and associated information will be submitted to the meeting.

RECOMMENDATION: that Council accept the late report given the urgency of the matter.

162 **RESOLVED:** Cr Brown and Cr Diprose that Council accept the late report given the urgency of the matter.

12. Internet Connectivity in the Weddin Shire, T4.5.4

Connectivity in the Weddin Shire has been an ongoing issue for many years. With the recent introduction of the NBN, connectivity has again come into the spotlight. This report will address a range of connectivity issues currently experienced in the shire as well as outlining how ongoing apathy towards connectivity will affect the shire's largest industry agriculture, and thus the shires economy. Access to excellent connectivity is a consideration for prospective businesses in the same way that access to medical and education are considered by prospective residents. Regardless of whether connectivity is considered a local government responsibility, by addressing Weddin Shire's connectivity needs now, Weddin Shire Council will be taking a significant step towards future proofing the shire.

Glossary

Wireless Broadband- a data communication technology that enables data transmission from a mobile phone tower.

ADSL Broadband- a data communication technology that enables fast data transmission over copper telephone lines.

WiFi -internet arrives at the premises and using a wireless router becomes wireless within the premises.

NBN- a national wholesale open access data network with both wired and radio communication components, that has been rolled out and operated by NBN Co.

Data- is information stored by a computer. It is also the measurement of how much information you can send and receive from a device.

Speed- how fast data can be transferred to and from a device. Usually the further you are from the exchange/ tower/ satellite the slower the speed. Speed is measured in how many bytes per second that can be received and sent.

Latency- the initial lag time for the data to arrive at the computer from the mobile tower or satellite. The further you are from the tower, the higher the latency. High latency gives the impression of a slower speed; people often confuse high latency for low speed. High latency is unavoidable with any internet connection that does not involve a cable connection and is an issue experienced by everyone with satellite internet.

Timing out- can be caused by slow speed, where necessary data cannot be transferred in a timely manner. The message seen on your device when you experience timing out will vary, but will likely involve the words 'check connection'.

The Importance of Connectivity

Our lives increasingly involve the internet. Most people rely on internet banking and email, however for many business owners the internet plays an even more significant role. Without reliable high speed internet, a business cannot back up data to the cloud or participate in the online economy where real time connections are imperative. While some people living in Grenfell who use the internet for email and browsing the web may find the current internet service sufficient, for many people who operate a business or who live outside the Grenfell town limits, poor connectivity is debilitating. This is particularly so in the shire's west.

Connectivity not only relates to internet access on a desktop computer it also encompasses mobile phone reception as well as a myriad of technology and devices that depend on access to either WiFi or mobile signal. Agriculture as an industry is increasingly reliant on technology to achieve productivity gains. Weddin Shire Council acknowledges agriculture is the single most important industry in the shire with a gross regional product of 37.7% and \$47.6 million (ABS Census, 2011) and as such, the poor connectivity in the shire is impacting this major industry. The ability of Weddin based producers to embrace current and future innovations in agriculture such as swarm robotics, increasingly relies on reliable high-speed internet. Most of Weddin's farmers are currently served by slow or moderate speed internet; their ability to adopt innovation and to utilise it at its full capacity is impaired. Connectivity must be considered a piece of business infrastructure essential to the agricultural industry in the same way as bridges and roads.

Role of Connectivity in Agriculture

Many of agriculture's innovative technologies currently available and proposed for release in the future are focused on productivity, efficiency and sustainability gains which all lead to economic benefit. Participation in these digital technologies is good for the Weddin Shire economy. If we do not participate in these technologies, our producers will be left behind as they will no longer be competitive.

An example of a technology that affects efficiency is altering the rates of seed and fertiliser when sowing crops to maximise yield from the best sections of a paddock and to minimise inputs in the less productive sections. This technology required the use and transfer of large granular yield mapping data files. An example of a technology that affects productivity are soil probes which monitor soil moisture in real time at points across a paddock. This data is used to inform how much fertiliser is spread on a crop and when it is applied. This ensures that input efficiency is maximised and avoids applying surplus fertiliser, a major input cost. Swarm robotics is a technology where multiple small unmanned robots work together to spray crops. The robots communicate amongst each other to ensure that none of the paddock is sprayed more than once. Because the robots are lighter than a tractor and boom spray, they result in less soil compaction which increases crop production, thus this technology offers sustainability benefits. These examples demonstrate just some of the innovative technologies that exist in the agricultural industry and that relies on connectivity.

In the US corn industry, these technologies are already producing productivity gains between 7 and 15% (Australian Financial Review 2016 <https://tinyurl.com/yalbxcqv>). Given the value of the agricultural industry in Weddin Shire a similar productivity gain would have significant financial benefit. Data on financial returns from investment in connectivity can be prepared if councillors are interested.

The NBN

NBN Co is a wholesaler of a service. The NBN is a nationwide data network comprised of a mix of technologies.

1. Fixed Line connections (including Fibre to the Premises — FTTP; Fibre to the Node — FTTN; Fibre to the Building — FTTB; Hybrid Fibre Coaxial — HFC): These are planned for more densely-populated urban areas.
2. Fixed Wireless connections: These are planned for moderately populated areas such as small regional villages and the outskirts of larger regional centres.

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3. Sky Muster Satellite connections: These are planned for all other areas that do not receive Fixed Line or Fixed Wireless connections, representing much of rural and regional Australia.

Access to each technology depends on your location. In Weddin, only the town of Grenfell receives fixed line connections, the remainder of the shire receives a satellite connection. For example, even residents of Holy Camp Road between Berry's Lane and Henry Lawson Way are serviced with satellite and are not considered as within the town of Grenfell.

People do not contact NBN Co to buy internet, they instead contact retailers to secure a residential plan. There are many service providers (retailers) of the NBN. Some you may have heard of include:

- Telstra
- Optus
- Activ8me
- Aussie Broadband
- Dodo
- Harbour Isp
- I Primus
- Skymesh
- Southern Phone
- TPG
- Westnet
- Ipstar

These providers only sell residential plans which fit within 4 NBN plans, these are:

- NBN 12: 12/1 Mbps download/upload
- NBN 25: 25/5 Mbps download/upload
- NBN 50: 50/20 Mbps download/upload
- NBN 100: 100/40 Mbps: download/upload

The best available plan features 100Mbps download and 40Mbps upload which is an excellent service. Problems with fixed line services are occurring when the internet service providers are failing to deliver the speeds promised in the relevant plan. This demonstrates that not all problems experienced in relation to NBN are a result of the technology offered by NBN Co.

Sky Muster is the name of the NBN satellite. From early October 2017, NBN Sky Muster satellite users can receive 50% more data at peak times and double data during off-peak times. Speeds will remain unchanged. The upcoming improvement to the Sky Muster satellite is unlikely to improve timing out issues. This is highly significant to the regional populations of the Weddin Shire.

The only plans currently available for Sky Muster satellite are:

- NBN 12: 12/1 Mbps download/upload
- NBN 25: 25/5 Mbps download/upload

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This indicates that the satellite service is inferior to the fixed line service and that regional Australia, particularly farm based business, are not receiving a comparable service to more populated area.

Weddin is currently experiencing teething issues with NBN:

Firstly, many people have not realised that there are different NBN plans and instead have assumed that all NBN is equal. This means some people may have inadvertently taken out an NBN12 plan without realising it is very slow and is never going to meet their expectations.

Secondly, the high speeds being promoted with NBN are not guaranteed; instead they are indicative of the maximum speed it's possible to receive on your plan. The speeds people can regularly access are much lower than these promoted maximums.

Thirdly, due to the mix of NBN fixed line and Telstra copper network currently being offered in Grenfell, the NBN fixed line will not run at optimum speeds. It will only be when all premises cease to use the Telstra copper network, flagged for December 2018, that the NBN will reach its maximum speeds. It's important to note that this is only relevant to people who receive the NBN fixed line service; this will have no impact on the speed of satellite services.

NBN has a focus on downloads not uploads which indicates it's a better service for residential users who want to watch Netflix for example. Uploads are often more important to businesses than residential users. For example, a farmer using John Deere GPS technology will want to upload large granular data files to the John Deere cloud.

An 'Area Switch' is the option to switch an eligible group of premises / town / community to an alternative NBN technology. Applications must be submitted by an authorised individual such as council. There is a significant application process but this may be an option worth considering for Weddin. https://www1.nbnco.com.au/technology_choice/area_switch

NBN Alternatives

There is no current government commitment to improve the NBN satellite speeds. There are many non NBN suppliers of highspeed internet who can deliver a better service than the NBN Sky Muster satellite. These are delivered through a range of wireless technologies including microwave and fixed wireless. As a result, Weddin based customers who require fast internet are already investigating other options.

Examples of companies who are providing an alternative to NBN include:

- South Western Wireless
- Bitworks
- Central West Networks
- Field Solutions Group
- Red WiFi
- Wideband
- Digital Distribution Australia

An 'information gathering' meeting has already been held with representatives of South Western Wireless and communication has commenced with Field Solutions Group with the possibility of coordinating a community meeting in the coming weeks. South Western Wireless have demonstrated an understanding of the differing needs of business and residential customers, with

all their business plans having matched upload and download speeds (known as a symmetrical service). The meeting with South Western Wireless was very promising and it is likely that farmers in the shire's west will pursue a private project to secure high speed internet. In addition, this technology will provide these farmers with a solution to mobile black spots on their farm. The private technology means these businesses are well positioned to capitalise on innovations in the agricultural industry. It is terrific that members of the community have organised and committed to such a project; they should be applauded and encouraged by Council. Council is currently presented with the opportunity to expand the Caragabal project in to a Weddin Shire project.

Blackspots

There are currently about 12 mobile blackspots in the Weddin Shire. A black spot is an area not serviced by mobile phone coverage. Mobile Blackspots are a different issue than NBN, but are still a connectivity issue for the shire which affect residents, businesses and passing travellers. NBN is a service delivered by the government. Black spots appear as gaps within commercial services provided by towers erected by service providers such as Telstra and Optus. The government has only moderate influence over black spots. According to the rules used to assess mobile black spots during Round 2 of the Mobile Black Spot Fund, Weddin's black spots are not considered attractive or sustainable investments for Mobile Network Operators (MNO); it will be hard from MNO's to create revenue when there is only passing traffic on roads and minimal residential population or regular visitors residing in the area.

An example of how mobile black spots cause economic impact to farmers occurs at harvest when a farmer must decide which silo to deliver grain to. This decision is influenced by several factors such as: what grades of grain silos are accepting, what price silos are offering, whether a silo has experienced a break down causing a lineup of trucks, whether a silo has reached capacity and has ceased receiving a particular grain, whether the quality of the grain sample has changed as a header works through a paddock and whether a weather app indicates an approaching rain front. A farmer needs to be in constant communication as this information changes throughout the day and the farmer must make delivery decisions on this variable information. The farmer must then communicate with the truck driver to issue delivery destination instructions for individual loads of grain. An informed decision which considers these variable factors and maximises economic return is not possible if a farmer is working in a black spot.

None of the black spots in Weddin are currently considered Priority Eligible Sites, only two are considered Secondary Eligible Sites (Bumbaldry and Glenelg), seven are considered Eligible Sites in Non Gazetted Locations (Mid Western Highway x3, Henry Lawson Way, Grenfell-Orange Road, Gooloogong Road and Lewis Lane) and 3 are considered Ineligible sites (Grenfell, Caragabal and Quandialla).

The two Secondary Eligible Sites are not considered Priority Eligible Sites because the Telstra Coverage Map indicates that coverage is available with an external antenna.

Non Gazetted Locations are along roads, rivers, creeks, State Reserves or National Parks with minimal resident population and/or associated social and economic infrastructure.

Ineligible sites refer to sites where according to online coverage maps there is existing handheld mobile coverage by at least one mobile network operator. For example, a site is considered ineligible if it has Optus coverage even if it lacks Telstra coverage.

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This indicates that as the identified black spots currently stand, it is unlikely that any of these black spots will receive funding in future rounds of the Mobile Black Spot Program fund as they are not considered sufficiently important or profitable given the way they have previously been assessed. It is important to note that if a next round of Mobile Black Spot Funding is announced, that 1) assessment rules may be changed and 2) government has not always made decision purely on assessments; advocacy may influence the funding result.

There is currently an opportunity to have mobile black spots reassessed using alternative criteria. Currently black spots are considered a higher priority if they service a primary school, police station, rural fire station, ambulance station or a significant residential population. Passing travellers, transient populations such as campers at the Weddin Mountains National Park, or sparsely populated regional areas such as broadacre farming areas are all ignored during priority assessments. The opportunity exists to build a business case around the economic value of the business being run from sparsely populated landscapes, which may help lift the priority of black spots in Weddin Shire. The reassessment opportunity will cost approximately \$500 per black spot and is being coordinated as part of a larger regional project by RDA. The cost associated with assessing all of the Shire's mobile black spots is approximately \$6,000.

RECOMMENDATION:

- 1) That Council recognise the role that connectivity across the shire will play in achieving the following strategic outcomes identified in the Weddin 2026 Community Strategic Plan:
 - 1.1 A strong and progressive agricultural sector is maintained.
 - 1.3 Essential infrastructure and services to support business activity are available.
 - 1.4 Existing businesses and new industries are supported and encouraged so as to increase job opportunities.
 - 2.1 Quality medical facilities are encouraged and appropriate digital and physical facilities are available.
 - 3.3 Village progress societies and activities are supported.
 - 3.8 Internet access advocacy in the villages and rural sector is proactive and collaborative with community expectation.
 - 5.5 There is support for local agricultural industry in adopting sustainable and environmentally friendly farming practices in the context of climate change.
- 2) That Council acknowledge connectivity as essential infrastructure for future proofing the agricultural industry.
- 3) That council supports the Caragabal high speed internet project.
- 4) That Council investigate options for the delivery of high speed internet to the whole of Weddin Shire.
- 5) That Council allocate funds from the Economic Development Reserve for the assessment of all Mobile Black Spots within the Weddin Shire.
- 6) That Council assume an advocacy role lobbying all levels of government for improved connectivity services for all Weddin Shire residents.

163 RESOLVED: Cr Diprose and Cr Parlett that: -

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- 6) That Council assume an advocacy role lobbying all levels of government for improved connectivity services for all Weddin Shire residents.
- 7) Council thank Karen Pollock for the work she has undertaken.

LACHLAN GIBSON
DIRECTOR CORPORATE SERVICES

164 RESOLVED: Cr McKellar and Cr Bembrick that except where otherwise dealt with the Director Corporate Services' report be adopted.

12 October 2017

The General Manager
Weddin Shire Council
GRENFELL NSW 2810

Dear Sir

I wish to report as follows:

1. Works Report 12 October 2017

1.1 Highways - Capital and Maintenance Works

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

- | | | |
|---------------------------|---|--|
| SH6 (Mid-Western Highway) | - | general maintenance |
| | - | widened and emulsion sprayed the batters on Lignum Creek by Pass Road and temporarily opened for one week commencing 09.10.2017 for trial and compaction |
| | - | linemarked the heavy patches |
| SH17 (Newell Highway) | - | general maintenance |
| | - | Heavy patching works in progress on 18 patches (2,415m ²) |
| | - | linemarked the heavy patches |

1.2 Regional Roads - Capital and Maintenance Works

- | | | |
|---------------------------------------|---|---|
| MR398 (Mary Gilmore Way) | - | general maintenance |
| | - | slashed |
| | - | linemarked heavy patches |
| | - | additional 7 heavy patches within the proposed reseal area completed (2,697m ²) |
| MR236 (Henry Lawson Way) | - | general maintenance |
| | - | linemarked heavy patches |
| MR237(Gooloogong Road) | - | general maintenance |
| | - | linemarked heavy patches |
| MR239 (Henry Lawson Way / Young Road) | - | general maintenance |
| | - | guideposted and linemarked |
| | - | crack sealed |

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1.3 Rural Local Roads - Capital Works

- heavy patched Tyagong Hall Road, Iandra Road, Greenehtorpe-Koorawatha Road, Martins Lane, Adelargo Road, Holy Camp Road, Back Piney Range Road, Sandy Creek Road, Piney Range Hall Road, Pinnacle Road as part of the flood damage
- widening works on Keiths Lane (Roads to Recovery) in progress
- patches gravelled Stock Route Road
- resheeting in Stock Route Road is in progress
- Pinnacle Road shoulders rehabilitation (Roads to Recovery) - stage 1 and 2 completed
- Driftway Road shoulders rehabilitation (Roads to Recovery) in progress
- Installed new culverts on Barkers Road (375mm x 3)
- Driftway Road – replacement of culvert pipes in progress (450mm x 2 x 2 locations)
- Simpson’s Pit - crushed gravel

1.4 Rural Local Roads - Maintenance

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

- general maintenance
- Repaired a culvert on Kangaroooby Road
- cleaned up after windstorm (trees)

1.5 Urban Area - Capital and Maintenance Works

- general maintenance
- trees trimmed in various locations in Grenfell town
- installed bins and bollards at Henry Lawson Birthplace

**For Information
Noted**

2. Other Works

2.1 Parks & Ovals Report

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

- general maintenance

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3.2 Regional

- general maintenance

3.3 Rural

- general maintenance
- complete Keiths Lane widening and strengthening
- complete Driftway Road shoulders rehabilitation
- commence Baldhills Road (patch gravelling)
- commence Nowlans Road (flood damage)
- continue flood damage restoration works on various roads

3.4 Urban and Village

- general maintenance
- complete Henry Lawson Birthplace construction

**For Information
Noted**

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
5346	Warwick single phase hot water pressure cleaner	Repair pumping faults,
4108	Multipac 118 H Hydrostatic single 2015 drum roller	Air conditioner fault. Wiring for fan speed
4070	Roller Cat 613 / Grid	Brakes, window glass and service
3956	Tri axle trailer ATM 44	Hydraulics pump , faulty battery , main motor check
BFO 2229	Isuzu FY	Pump Engine starting volt issue, testing wiring
3953	Garbage truck	Transmission holding gears intermittently, oil level normal, Annual transmission service,16780 km service as scheduled.Cabin suspension rubber pads tensioned up
5264	ACE Sewer cleaing machine trailer	On site engine starting problem, LH tool box damaged, Start engine testing, Diagnosing after fuel primer & lines repaired, Spark from coils weak.Cleaned flywheel
5240	Rapid Spray unit	Replaced burnt out wiring.
Genfell Town Area	Sprinkler wiring	Lawson oval sprinkler wiring

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5. RMS RMCC Contract, R2.54.4

Heavy patching on SH17 has commenced. Heavy patching on SH6 will be carried out next week.

Crack sealing at Marsden is completed. Landmarked the heavy patches on SH6 and SH17.

Brundah School Rehabilitation and Greenethorpe-Bumbaldry Road intersection improvement projects will be carried out in 2018/19.

**For Information
Noted**

6. Noxious Weed Report – September 2017

Activity	Location
African Boxthorn	Gibraltar Rocks Road, Mid-Western Highway, Mary Gilmore Way & Gooloogong Rd
Bridal Creeper	Gooloogong Rd
Wild Radish	SH6, Gooloogong Road
Coolatai Grass, Red guide post inspect & monitor	Henry Lawson Way
Spiny Burr grass	Grenfell and Bimbi cemeteries
Capacity building & engagement strategy workshop	Orange DPI training room
Updated Roam weed mapping program	Weddin Shire Council office
Webinar training on updated program	Weddin Shire Council depot – Authorised officers – weeds office
Traffic control reaccreditation	Weddin Shire Council Depot

- Inspected high risk roadsides, TSRs, Council owned land, Rail & other high risk sites.

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7. Roads to Recovery, R2.56

The works progress as of 30 of September 2017 is as follows:

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Description of works	Location	2017/2018 Budget	Expenditure	Progress (%)	Remarks
			till 30 September 2017		
Reseals	Greenethorpe-Bumbaldry Road,	\$229,017	\$0.00	0%	Commencing from November 2017
	Greenethorpe-Koorawatha Road,				
	Dritway Road,				
	Ballendene Road and				
	Walshs Lane				
Widening and strengthening	Keiths Lane	163,756	122,817	75%	In progress
Shoulders Widening	Caragabal-Pullabooka	\$202,820	\$0.00	0%	Will be commenced after completing the Keiths Lane
Widening and strengthening	Bewleys Road	\$200,000	\$0.00	0%	Planning Stage
Heavy Patching	Pinnacle Road/ Driftway Road	\$100,000	\$80,000	80%	In progress
Total		\$895,593	\$202,817	22.65	

**For Information
Noted**

8. Monthly Flood Works Report

S.No	Road Name	Treatment Option	Project cost (\$)	Expenditure till 30th September 2017	Progress (%)	Project status
	Section 1					
1	Tyagong Hall Rd	HP, Rehab	69,061.00	69,061.00	100	Completed
2	Roberts Rd	RS	9,486.00	9,486.00	100	Completed
3	Greenethorpe-Koorawatha Rd	HP, RG, RG & PG	17,197.00	17,197.00	100	Completed
4	Iandra Rd	HP	43,560.00	43,560.00	100	Completed
5	Parnells Ln	RS	7,293.00	0.00	0	Not started

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6	Barrs Ln, Gerrybang Rd II	RS, RG & PG	20,976.00	20,976.00	100	Completed
7	Dunkleys Ln	RS, RG, RG & PG	18,027.00	18,027.00	100	Completed
8	Barrs Ln	Replace Causeway	18,000.00	18,000.00	100	Completed
9	Stanifords Ln, Wilson Ln	RS	16,274.00	16,274.00	100	Completed
10	Sunnyside Ln, Watts Ln	RS, RG & PG	6,385.00	6,385.00	100	Completed
11	Adams Ln (East)	RS	16,065.00	16,065.00	100	Completed
12	Freebairns Ln, Chappells Ln	RS, RG & PG	6,997.00	0.00	0	Not started
13	Greenethorpe-Wirega Rd	RS, RG, RG & PG	23,181.00	23,181.00	100	Completed
14	Lewis Rd	RG & PG	10,807.00	10,807.00	100	Completed
15	Barkers Rd (East), McKays Rd	RG, RG & PG	18,567.00	18,567.00	100	Completed
16	Browns Ln	RG & PG	9,337.00	9,337.00	100	Completed
17	Bobelar Ln, Brundah Hall Rd	RG, RG & PG	21,930.00	21,930.00	100	Completed
18	Bembricks Ln	RS	6,632.00	6,632.00	100	Completed
19	Mogongong Ln	RS, RG, RG & PG	8,265.00	8,265.00	100	Completed
20	Mogongong Rd	RS, RG	12,434.00	12,434.00	100	Completed
21	Derribong Rd, Quondong Rd	HP, RS, RG & PG, SCR	23,360.00	0.00	0	Not started
	Section 2					
22a	Oloumlin Ln	HP	6,000.00	0.00	0	Not started
22b	Adelargo Rd	RS	6,000.00	6,000.00	100	Completed
22c	McDonalds Lane	RS	6,624.00	6,624.00	100	Completed
23	Peaks Creek Rd	RS, RG, Recon	49,147.00	49,147.00	100	Completed
24	Kanagrooby Rd, Clay Pit Rd	RS, RG & PG, Recon	27,102.00	27,102.00	100	Completed
25	Kanagrooby Rd	Collapsed Pipe 450mm	2,220.00	2,220.00	100	Completed
26	Keewong Crossing on Yambira Rd	Casueway, Stabilise Bank	61281.00	55,152.90	90	In progress
27	Yambira Rd	RS, RG	9,721.00	9,721.00	100	Completed
28	Adams Ln (North)	RG & PG	8,226.00	8,226.00	100	Completed
	Section 3					
29	Wheatleys Rd	RG & PG	6,484.00	6,484.00	100	Completed
30	Grants Ln, Borehams Rd	RG, RG & PG	12,498.00	0.00	0	Not started

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31	New Forbes Rd	HP, GS	153,551.00	153,551.00	100	Completed
32	Barkers Rd (North)	RG & PG, Recon	107,225.00	107,225.00	100	Completed
33	Bald Hills Rd	RG, RS, PG	68,058.00	68,058.00	100	Completed
34	Matchetts Rd, Hunts Rd, Bradfords Ln	RS	12,998.00	0.00	0	Not started
	Section 4					
35	Piney Range Hall Rd, Pinnacle Rd	HP, Rehab	55,478.00	55,478.00	100	Completed
36	Goodes Ln	HP, RS	13,880.00	0.00	0	Not started
37	Hoctors Ln, Mittions Ln, Boundary Rd	RS, RG, PG	16,714.00	16,714.00	100	Completed
38	Gap Rd, Ballendene Rd	HP, Rehab	9,909.00	9,909.00	100	Completed
39	Hancock Flinns Rd, Hancock Williams Rd	RS	12,848.00	12,848.00	100	Completed
40	Sandy Creek Rd	HP	50,850.00	50,850.00	100	Completed
41	Deans-Malloys Rd, Davies Lane, Baas Rd	RG	7,605.00	0.00	0	Not started
	Section 5					
42	Woodgates Rd, Muncks Ln	RG, RG & PG, Recon	28,155.00	28,155.00	100	Completed
43	Porters Mount Rd, Stewarts Rd, Taroon Ln	RG, RG & PG	16,340.00	16,340.00	100	Completed
	Section 6					
44 a	Schneiders Ln	RS, RG, RG & PG	2,000.00	2,000.00	100	Completed
44 b	Thompsons Ln, Andersons Ln	RS, RG, RG & PG	6,707.00	0.00	0	Not started
45	Martins Ln, Hamptons Ln	HP, RS, RG & PG	14,513.00	14,513.00	100	Completed
46	Rumbles Ln, Arramagong Rd, McCanns Ln	RS, RG, RG & PG	46,707.00	46,707.00	100	Completed
47	Stock Route Rd, Eualdrie Rd, Milnes Rd	HP, RS, RG	43,478.00	21,739.00	50	In progress
48	Holy Camp Rd, Campbells Ln	HP, RG, RG & PG, Recon	48,961.00	48,961.00	100	Completed
49	Thuddungra Rd, Heathcotes Ln	HP, RS, RG, RG & PG, Recon	36,609.00	0.00	0	Not started
50	Nowlans Rd, Lynchs Rd	RS, RG, RG & PG, Recon	56,827.00	28,413.50	50	In progress
51	Back Piney Range Rd, Eves Ln	HP, RS, RG, RG & PG	37,234.00	18,617.00	50	In progress
	Section 7					
52	Driftway Rd	HP, GS	34,762.00	6,952.40	20	In progress

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53	Millars Ln, Gibraltar Rocks Rd, Taylors Rd	HP, RS, RG	18,763.00	18,763.00	100	Completed
54	Grenfell St (Garagabal), Grimms Rd	RG, TDR	13,078.00	13,078.00	100	Completed
55	Beazleys Ln, Caragabal-Bimbi Rd	HP, RS, RG, RG & PG	15,371.00	15,371.00	100	Completed
56	Nealons Ln, Maddens Ln, Napiers Rd	RS, RG, RG & PG	31,970.00	9,591.00	30	In progress
57	Maddens Ln	Causeway Replace	7,200.00	0.00	0	Not started
58	Caragabal-Quandialla Rd, Scotts Ln	HP, RG, RG & PG	40,765.00	0.00	0	Not started
59	Berendebba Ln, McNamaras Rd	RG, RG & PG	27,592.00	13,796.00	50	In progress
60	Hanstocks Ln, McAllisters Rd	HP, RS, RG	49,400.00	0.00	0	Not started
61	Trounsons Ln, Wards Rd, Hazells Rd	RFG, RG, RG & PG	24,218.00	0.00	0	Not started
62	Eurabba Ln	RS, RG	17,047.00	8,523.50	50	In progress
63	Stewarts Road	RG	4,400.00	0.00	0	Not started
		Total Amount	1,710,350.00	1,303,014.30		

Remaining work 407,335.70

**For Information
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9. Relocation of Driveway Entrance for Industrial Block 1A, C.2.5.4 / R2.12.3

The Baker Grain Services has requested Council for an approve to relocate the driveway entrance from the new road to South Road for an Industrial block 1A.

A joint site inspection has been conducted on 25th September 2017 at 9 am. During the inspection, it has been revealed that the access from the new road to the property due to the shape of the block does not have adequate offset for B double access as well as enough space for the seed cleaning truck and trailer.

The requested location for the Driveway entrance on South Street is at 13 meters set in plus 12 meters from the new road boundary. During the investigation, it has been revealed that the location is not an idle as it impacts the turning path of the new road. An alternative option we discussed onsite is the north east of the property boundary which involves of two trees removal. Both parties were agreed on the alternative option.

RECOMMENDATION: that: -

Council approve the Driveway Entrance relocation in the north east of the property boundary.

165 **RESOLVED:** Cr O'Byrne and Cr McKellar that: -
Council approve the Driveway Entrance relocation in the north east of the property boundary.

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10. Henry Lawson Birthplace Park upgrade project - work progress - C1.4.1

All the items have been completed and a couple of issues have been noticed when visitors arrive with their caravan. They drive to the end of Lawson Drive to find the Henry Lawson Birthplace and because of no signage indicating the birth place they are stuck as there is not enough turning circle. The following solution has been proposed;

RECOMMENDATION: that:

1. “No through road” signs be placed at the northbound of the Lawson Drive (Intersection of Young Road and Lawson Driveway) and at the northbound of the Lawson Drive near the Caravan entry to the Birthplace (Ref. Map)
2. “No Caravans beyond this point except local traffic” sign be placed at the northbound of the driveway near the Caravan entry to the Birthplace
3. The existing Lawson Park be renamed to Lawson Birth Place Park (Ref. Photo)



Lawson Park (photo)

NOTICE OF MOTION

2. No Through Road, R2.4.18.A

I hereby give notice of the following motion at the October 2017 Council Meeting:

“that No Through Road signage be placed at the Eastern end of Lawson Drive. In addition that a Road Signage Visitor Assessment be undertaken of the same road.”

Comments: The issue of Caravans and visitor traffic going past the Henry Lawson Birthplace site, subsequently entering private land in order to turn vans and vehicles has been raised with me on numerous occasions by Ron Booth, resident of Lawson Drive. Mr Booth suggests that “99 percent of visitors to the area do this as they are looking for a house or hut.”

Signed: _____ Cr Carly Brown _____

166 **RESOLVED:** Cr Brown and Cr Parlett that No Through Road signage be placed at the Eastern end of Lawson Drive. In addition that a Road Signage Visitor Assessment be undertaken of the same road.

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167 **RESOLVED:** Cr McKellar and Cr Bembrick that:

1. “No through road” sign be placed at the northbound of the Lawson Drive near the Caravan entry to the Birthplace (Ref. Map) on a trial basis and a report be submitted back to Council after six months.
2. “No Caravans beyond this point except local traffic” sign be placed at the northbound of the driveway near the Caravan entry to the Birthplace on a trial basis and a report be submitted back to Council after six months.
3. The existing Lawson Park Birthplace sign be amended to Lawson Birthplace (Ref. Photo)

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DIRECTOR ENGINEERING

168 **RESOLVED:** Cr Best and Cr Parlett that except where otherwise dealt with the Director Engineering’s report be adopted.

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

Dear Sir,

I wish to report as follows:-

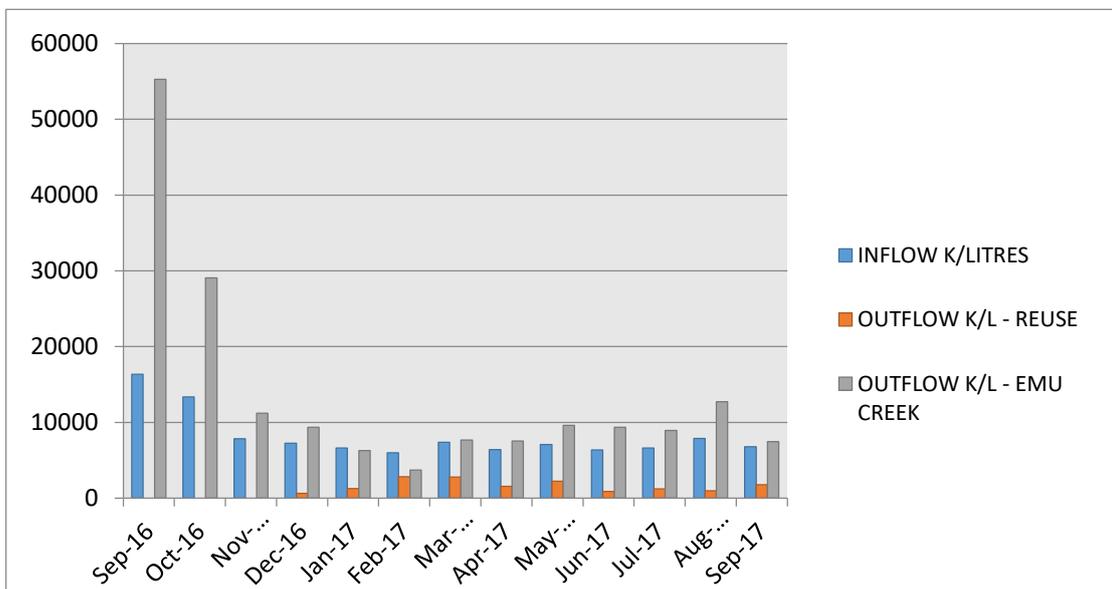
A. Public Health and Environmental Matters

1. Sewerage Treatment Works, S1.1.1

Total inflow through the Works during September 2017 was 6,765 kl with the daily average of 225.5 kl. Outflow for irrigation for reuse was 1780 kl and discharge to Emu Creek 7,466.1 kl.

The highest daily recording of 262 kl occurred for the 24 hours ending 6.30 am on 14 September 2017 and the lowest of 199 kl for the 24 hours ending 6.30 am on 20 September 2017.

A total rainfall of 10 mm was recorded for the month.



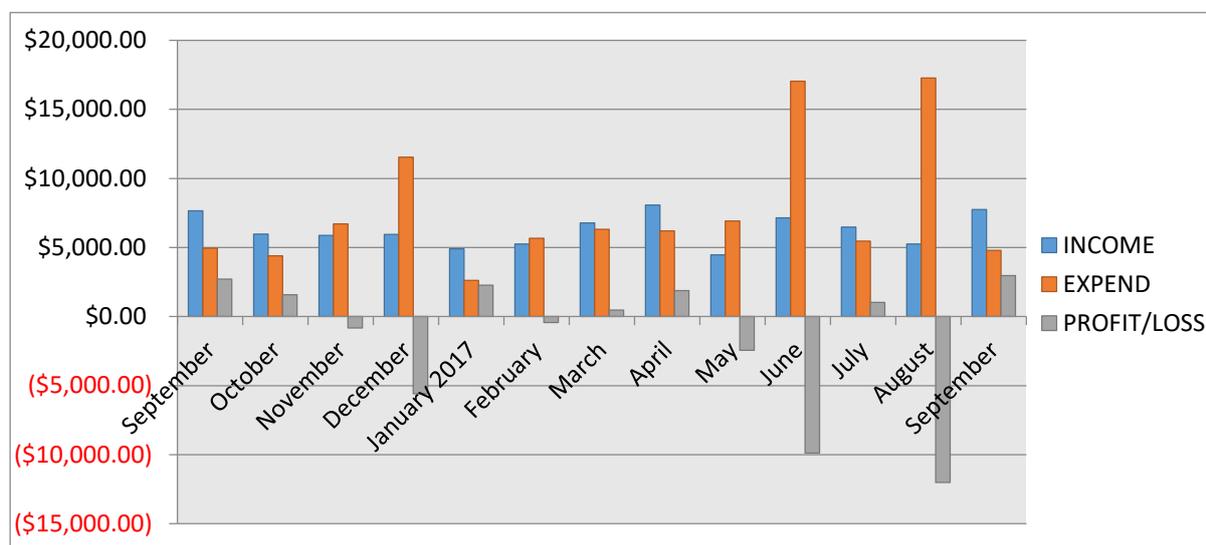
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2. Caravan Park Operations, P2.3.3

Income for the month of September 2017 was \$7,760.00 with expenditure of \$4,794.07 resulting in an operational profit of \$2,965.93 the month.

There were 224 sites occupied for the month of September 2017.



For Council's Information
Noted

3. Animal Control, A4.4.4

a. Companion Animals

Animals Seized & Impounded :	0	Animals Destroyed:	0
Animals Straying/Returned to Owners immediately:	2	Animals Released:	0
Animals Straying and Impounded:	0	Animals Rehomed:	0
Animals Surrendered:	0	Animals Sold:	0

Other Activities:

Companion Animals

- Appointments arranged – annual Menacing Dog inspections for continued compliance - Grenfell
- Public community display at local Show and interaction with companion animal owners regarding latest legislation
- Maintenance and record keeping of activities for impounding facility
- Updating existing records on the NSW Pet Registry as per required under NSW Companion Animals Act legislation
- Entering new data on NSW Pet Registry as per legislative requirements.
- Registration check cross reference
- Entering records on Council authority
- Communication with community regarding cat control

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- Acting and advising public in accordance with Companion Animals Act and Local Orders for the keeping of Animals Policy
- Liaising with public regarding Impounding Act
- 1 Dog attack reported on private property
- Contemporaneous note taking
- Verification of microchip/registration status
- Research regarding “assistance animals” certification and registration
- Research regarding dingoes/greyhounds/greenhounds - legislation and regulation
- Statement preparation
- OLG Financial Report (registrations –August)
- Exercise and Functions under Companion Animals Act
- Correspondence issued to Greenethorpe resident – keeping of roosters – LOPKA information
- 1 barking dog diary issued – Grenfell resident
- 5 x “Notices to Register” companion animal issued
- Communication with Grenfell Police – declared dangerous dog
- Research into accredited dog training facilities in area
- Communication with Gordon Garling Moffitt – impounding animals on Crown Land
- Correspondence issued to Grenfell resident – nuisance cat – possible action/penalties imposed

Environmental

- Notice of Intention issued under Local Government Act to remove accumulation of rubbish – Quandialla resident
- Communication with Grenfell resident – depositing of advertising material - offence under POEO Act – information of possible action and penalty that may be issued.

Overgrown blocks

- Communication with DE Dept.
- Inspection of vacant land – Grenfell, Greenethorpe, Quandialla and Caragabal. Condition recorded. To monitor (NOI’s).
- Letters of request issued to property owners to maintain vacant land – Weddin Shire town and villages

Recycling

- Recycling bin checks for contaminated waste, correspondence issued to property owners

Advertising

- Cat control – offences and penalties
- Recycling – what can go in the recycling bin

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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
Modified 39/2012	Craftsman Homes	New Dwelling	\$482,700	LOT: 1243 DP: 754578 Newton Road GRENNELL NSW 2810
Modified 44/2016	Graincorp Operations	Site Upgrade – Relocate Weighbridge, Sample Stands, Extend Internal Road Ways (+ stormwater) to improve traffic flow on site and install a 'workers Quarters' and lunchroom/toilet/amenities for workers on site	\$500,000	LOT: 10 DP: 819708, LOT: 20 DP: 1021581 & LOT: 2 DP: 875158 Quandialla – Bimbi Road QUANDIALLA NSW 2721
41/2017	Mr AC Diehm	Transportable Dwelling	\$230,000	LOT: 3 DP: 119329 Brundah Parish GRENFELL NSW 2810
45/2017	Messrs MA Bryant & GB Holland	Subdivision	\$0	LOT: 1 DP: 176577 Iandra Parish GREENETHORPE NSW 2809

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2. Grenfell Medical Centre, P2.12.17

Council has been advised by its Architects that review of plan and specifications have been completed.

Currently waiting on finalisation from hydraulic, electrical, mechanical and structural designers for resend to contractor's price confirmation.

Council has executed the deed of funding within BBRF with the Department Industry Innovation and Science. Council will commence site works in November in accordance with the requirements of the funding agreement.

**For Council information
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3. Grenfell Sewer Treatment Plant, S1.1.5

The tender for the Concept Design and Review of Environmental factors closed on 6th October 2017 with 6 submissions.

An assessment of tenders will be carried out with expected report to November meeting for determination.

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Council has had 3 meetings with adjoining residents to advise of status of the proposal and has received positive response to the proposal.

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4. Grenfell Swimming Pool, P2.3.1

The construction at the pool continues with activities around:

- 1) Completion of all concourses
- 2) Water connections
- 3) Shad Structures erected
- 4) Irrigation installed
- 5) Turfing
- 6) Pool filling
- 7) Amenities cladding
- 8) Internal tiling

In conjunction with Council's Pool Manager and community interest in the facility, it is proposed to extend the hours of opening:

Proposed -

Monday to Thursday: 6.00am – 8.00am, 10.00am – 1.00pm, 3.00pm – 7.00pm

Friday: 6.00am – 8.00am, 10.00am – 1.00pm, 3.00pm – 6.00pm

Saturday: 6.00am – 8.00am, 10.00am – 7.00pm

Sunday: 11.00am – 7.00pm

Public Holidays: 11.00am – 7.00pm

RECOMMENDATION: that Council adopt the new pool opening hours for the 2017/18 season of:

Monday to Thursday: 6.00am – 8.00am, 10.00am – 1.00pm, 3.00pm – 7.00pm

Friday: 6.00am – 8.00am, 10.00am – 1.00pm, 3.00pm – 6.00pm

Saturday: 6.00am – 8.00am, 10.00am – 7.00pm

Sunday: 11.00am – 7.00pm

Public Holidays: 11.00am – 7.00pm

169 **RESOLVED:** Cr Parlett and Cr Diprose that Council adopt the new pool opening hours for the 2017/18 season of:

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THE DIRECTOR ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES' LATE REPORT

RECOMMENDATION: that the Director Environmental Services' late report be received and dealt with because of the urgency of the matter.

170 **RESOLVED:** Cr Diprose and Cr Best that the Director Environmental Services' late report be received and dealt with because of the urgency of the matter.

5. Grenfell Swimming Pool, P2.3.1

Council resolved at the Ordinary September Council Meeting pursuant to resolution No 127

"127 RESOLVED: Cr Diprose and Cr Parlett that Council:

- i) Adopt the Landscape Design and Access Design as attached
- ii) Adopt the naming of the facility as the "Grenfell Swimming Pool"

Recent information has been provided showing the facility falls under definition of Aquatic Centre in accordance with facilities provided and risk category.

An aquatic centre maintains one or two water bodies, medium patronage levels and has more than one activity occurring at any one time.

Council will need to rescind the previous resolution and adopt the new recommendation.

RECOMMENDATION: that Council:

- i) rescind Resolution 127
- ii) adopt the Landscape Design and access design as attached
- iii) adopt the naming of the facility as the "Grenfell Aquatic Centre"

171 **RESOLVED:** Cr Diprose and Cr Parlett that Council:

- i) rescind Resolution 127

RESOLVED: Cr Diprose and Cr Brown that Council:

- i) adopt the Landscape Design and access design as attached
- ii) adopt the naming of the facility as the "Grenfell Aquatic Centre"

B J HAYES
DIRECTOR ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

172 **RESOLVED:** Cr Best and Cr Diprose that except where otherwise dealt with the Director Environmental Service's report be adopted.

MINUTES OF THE NOXIOUS WEEDS COMMITTEE MEETING HELD IN THE COMMITTEE ROOM ON MONDAY, 25 SEPTEMBER 2017, COMMENCING AT 3.30 PM (C2.6.13)

1. **PRESENT:** Clr John Niven, Keith Starr (Landcare), Kellie Frost (Noxious Weed Officer) and Raju Ranjit (Chair), Harvey Matthews (NSW farmers)
2. **APOLOGY:** Clr. Paul Best, Clr. Stuart McKellar
3. **MINUTES:** 15 May 2017

Resolved: Clr John Niven and Harvey Matthews that the Minutes of 15 May 2017 2016 be adopted.

4. **MATTERS ARISING:**
Nil

5. **CORRESPONDENCE:**
Nil

6. **NOXIOUS WEEDS OFFICERS REPORT:**
May 2017
June 2017
July 2017
August 2017

Noted

7. **NOXIOUS WEEDS BUDGET**
2017/2018 Vote - \$84,500
Expenditure to 30 August 2017 - \$10216
2017/2018 Noxious Plants Extra Vote - \$20,000
Council has appointed a casual person to assist the Noxious weeds program. His commencement date was 25 September 2017.

Noted

8. **BUSINESS WITH NOTICE**

- 8.1 **Director Engineering Report – Causal person**

The Committee was advised that council has appointment a person on casual basis for up to end of February 2018, to assist the Noxious weeds program. He has commenced from 25 September 2017.

- 8.2 **Director Engineering Report -Biosecurity Act 2015**

Committee has advised that the Biosecurity Act 2015 is new for everyone and is required to keep this item as an active until Kellie Frost completes her legal course on the Biosecurity. She is doing the course in November 2017 (3 days course in Dubbo).

- 8.3 **Clr. John Niven Report – Sucker control**

Committee member Clr. John has advised that it is required to remove the all suckers from table drain in order to facilitate the better drainage operation and good visibility road users.

9. QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE

Nil

NEXT MEETING: 5/12/2017 at 3:30 pm

CLOSURE: There being no further business to discuss the meeting closed at 4:33 pm.

173 **RESOLVED:** Cr Niven and Cr O'Byrne that the Minutes of the Noxious Weeds Committee Meeting be adopted including the recommendations therein, except where otherwise resolved.

MINUTES OF THE CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD IN THE COMMITTEE ROOM ON TUESDAY, 26 SEPTEMBER 2017 COMMENCING AT 3:00PM (C2.6.14)

As apologies were received from a number of committee members, there was no quorum and the meeting was not held.

Noted

MINUTES OF THE WORK HEALTH AND SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD IN THE COMMITTEE ROOM ON TUESDAY, 26 SEPTEMBER 2017 COMMENCING AT 3:30PM (C2.6.14)

As apologies were received from a number of committee members, there was no quorum and the meeting was not held.

Noted

MINUTES OF THE GRENFELL FLOODPLAIN COMMITTEE MEETING HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON THURSDAY, 4 OCTOBER 2017 COMMENCING AT 9.00 AM (C2.6.27)

1. **Present:** Messrs Raju Ranjit (Chair), M Liebich, Cr Niven, Cr Brown, D Sheehan, I Acosta (NSW Office of Environment and Heritage), G Carroll, M Nirupan and S Dhital.

2. **Apology:** Nil

3. **Minutes:** 8 December 2016

Resolved: Cr Brown and Cr Niven that the minutes of the last meeting held on 8 December 2016 be adopted.

4. **Matters Arising:**

Nil

5. **Stream Management Plan for Emu Creek and some of its tributaries – Implementation**

Noted

5.1 **Signed agreement from all residents (have been signed by all)**

Noted

5.2 **Four more agreements to be signed by the Mayor and be sent to the residents**

Noted

5.3 **Draft Review of Environmental Factors (REFs) to be finalised**

Noted

5.4 **Draft Vegetation Removal Plan to be done**

Noted

5.5 **Draft Weeds Management Plan to be reviewed and completed**

Noted

5.6 **Planting strategy needs to be done**

Noted

6. **Works Program - This project will be carried out over three financial years from 2017/2018**

Noted

7. **O'Brien's Tributary Drainage Improvement**

David Sheehan left the meeting during this item and did not return 10.45am

Resolved: Cr Brown and Cr Niven that the meeting be adjourned to conduct a site inspection of the O'Brien's Hill area.

Meeting adjourned at 10.59am

Resolved: Cr Niven and Cr Brown that the meeting resume.

Meeting resumed at 11.37am

Resolved: Cr Brown and Cr Niven that upon inspection of the site the Floodplain Committee's preferred site for the detention basin be Lot 1396 and a further investigation be undertaken on the eastern portion of this lot.

8. **Correspondence:**
Nil

9. **Questions:**
Nil

10. **Next Meeting:** TBA

11. **Closure:** there being no further business to discuss the meeting closed at 11.46am.

174 **RESOLVED:** Cr Brown and Cr Bembrick that the Minutes of the Floodplain Committee Meeting be adopted including the recommendations therein, except where otherwise resolved.

**MINUTES OF THE GRENFELL ART GALLERY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD
THURSDAY 5 OCTOBER 2017 AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS COMMENCING AT 8.30
AM (C2.6.35)**

1. **PRESENT:** H Moffitt, Cr Niven, Cr Parlett, Cr Brown, W Crampton, V Maclean and G Carroll.
2. **APOLOGY:** Nil
3. **MINUTES:** 3 August 2017

Resolved: Cr Niven and H Moffitt that the minutes of the meeting held on 3 August 2017 be adopted.

4. **MATTERS ARISING:**
Nil

5. **CORRESPONDENCE:**
Inwards - Nil

Outwards – Thank you letter to Jan and Anthony Myers

Resolved: Cr Parlett and Cr Niven that the correspondence be adopted as presented.

6. **ART GALLERY – CO-ORDINATORS REPORT:**

Resolved: Cr Parlett and W Crampton that the ‘Square’ point of sale system be implemented and authority be granted to purchase the tablet and printer to be funded from the Art Gallery and Tourism budgets equally.

Resolved: V Maclean and Cr Brown that the Art Gallery Co-ordinators report be adopted as presented.

7. **ART GALLERY – FINANCIAL STATEMENT:**

Resolved: H Moffitt and W Crampton that the Art Gallery Financial Statement be adopted as presented.

8. **NEW PROJECTS:** - Curtain preservation – Non reflective glass

Resolved: H Moffitt and Cr Parlett that the curtain preservation - Non reflective glass project be added to the new projects list.

Resolved: W Crampton and Cr Parlett that the curtain preservation - Non Reflective glass project be further investigated and costings including installation be obtained.

Resolved: H Moffitt and Cr Parlett that an Expression of Interest (EOI) be submitted to obtain grant funding under the next round of the Regional Cultural Fund to fund the project.

9. **GENERAL BUSINESS:**
9.1 – Action Plan

Noted

9.2 – Regional Growth Fund – Regional Cultural Fund

Noted

10. **NEXT MEETING:** Thursday 7 December, 2017 at 8.30am at the Council Chambers.

11. **MEETING CLOSED:** There being no further business to discuss the meeting closed at 9.31am.

175 **RESOLVED:** Cr Parlett and Cr Niven that the Minutes of the Art Gallery Committee Meeting be adopted including the recommendations therein, except where otherwise resolved.

**MINUTES OF THE WEDDIN SHIRE COUNCIL TOURISM COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD ON THURSDAY 5TH OCTOBER 2017 AT 3PM AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

1. **PRESENT:** Clr C. Brown, Clr P Best, Clr J. Parlett, V. Maclean, L. Gibson, A. Carr.

2. **APOLOGY:** C. Logan, W. Crampton.

Resolved: Clr P Best/ Clr J Parlett that the apologies be accepted.

3. **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:** 3rd August 2017

Resolved: Clr J Parlett /Clr P Best that the minutes of the 3rd August 2017meeting be confirmed.

4. **MATTERS ARISING:**

Target marketing report to be tabled at the next meeting.

5. **CORRESPONDENCE:**

In: TASAC – Lawson Birthplace

Resolved: Clr P Best/ Clr J Parlett that the late correspondence be endorsed.

RMS- Newell Highway Sign

Exact location of the existing sign to be clarified to determined which shire a DA would need to be submitted to, if a new sign was to be developed. Contact Cowra Tourism to determine their interest in contributing half to a replacement sign.

Grenfell Commodities- Silo Art

Resolved: Clr C Brown/ Clr P Best that a letter is written to Peter Mawhinney thanking him for the offer, confirming that Council is interested in the project and stating that Council required more details on the proposed project prior to making a decision on a possible funding commitment.

Michael McCormack- Festival Funding

Noted

Out: RMS- Newell Highway sign
Cowra Tourism- Newell Highway sign
Grenfell Dramatic Society- workshop weekend
Lew Ford- thankyou

6. TOURISM STRATEGIC PLAN- PIORITISING PROJECTS

	<u>Objective 1</u>	<u>Double overnight visitor expenditure by 2020</u>			
Priority	Projects	Context	Target Consumer Segment	Responsibility	Estimated Cost
1	Encourage Improved Accommodation	Organise workshops with guest speakers on the benefits of running a B&B or Farm stay. Support the Accommodation Providers Networking Group.	Short breaks, Over 55's, NSW Family, Accessible.	Council & TPO	
2	Event Establishment	Aiming to establish one major event each month including Reggie McNamara cycling race, farmers markets. Months that need events – February, May, July, August, November	Caravan & camping, Food & Wine, Culture & Heritage, Short breaks, Over 55's, NSW Family, accessible.	Community, TPO & Tsm Committee	\$10,000
3	Develop packages for visitors	Encourage the development of collaborative packages for visitors by operators.	Caravan & camping, Food & Wine, Culture & Heritage, Short breaks, Over 55's, NSW Family, accessible.	Community, TPO & Tsm Committee	
4	Special Interest Tours and packages	Target sporting groups, clubs, organisations, schools, social groups, bowls clubs, caravan and motorhome owners.	Caravan & camping, Culture & Heritage, Nature, Short breaks, Over 55's,	TPO, Tourism Committee	
5	Maintain the Standard of the AVIC.	Continue to operate a level 2 VIC that meets accreditation requirements.	Caravan & camping, Culture & Heritage, Nature, Short breaks, Over 55's, NSW Family.	Community, TPO & Tsm Committee	
6	Online bookings for tourism operators.	Training and promotion for the uptake of online bookings for tourism operators.	Caravan & camping, Culture & Heritage, Short breaks, Over 55's, NSW Family.	Community, TPO & Tsm Committee	
7	Railway Station precinct including turntable & crane	Enhance the Railway Station precinct as a rest stop, with turntable relocated from gravel pit to Railway Station and track converted to cycling rail trail.	Caravan & camping, Culture & Heritage, Short breaks, Over 55's, NSW Family.	Community, TPO & Tsm Committee	\$200000
8	Accredited Visitor Centre	Once operating, the centre would be listed with other accredited visitor centres. Train local residents as tour guides for town tours and trips to villages and the Weddin Mountains.	Caravan & camping, Culture & Heritage, Nature, Short breaks, Over 55's, NSW Family, Accessible.	Council, TPO & Tourism Committee	80000
	<u>Objective 2</u>	<u>Creation of a better visitor experience</u>			
1	Develop a DMP for Weddin featuring data collection	Prepare a Destination Management Plan for Weddin that includes a research component	Caravan & camping, Culture & Heritage, Short breaks, Over 55's, NSW Family.	Council, Community, TPO & Tsm Committee	
2	Shire wide signage study and concept plan	Undertake a stocktake of existing tourism related signs, undertake a needs analysis and prioritise these needs. Use this study as a basis for possible funding applications.	Caravan & camping, Culture & Heritage, Short breaks, Over 55's, NSW Family.	TPO & Tsm Committee	
3	Main Street Beautification	Including shop windows and empty shop signage.	Culture & Heritage, Short breaks, Over 55's, NSW Family, accessible.	Council, Tsm Committee	
4	Self-guided tours/drives	Promote self-guided walks and drive tours, including Main Street walks and heritage tours. Use brochures websites and target Canberra day trippers.	Caravan & camping, Culture & Heritage, Nature, Short breaks, Over 55's, NSW Family,	TPO, Tourism Committee	
	<u>Objective 3</u>	<u>Attract & enhance product and events</u>			
1	Henry Lawson Birthsite redevelopment	Ideally project will be completed by June 2017, which will mark 150 years since Henry Lawson's birth.	Caravan & camping, Culture & Heritage, Short breaks, Over 55's, NSW Family, accessible.	Council, TPO & Tourism Committee, HLFC.	
2	Stan McCabe Development	Famous cricketer Stan McCabe was born in Grenfell We could draw on his tourism potential by establishing a monument or some kind of memorabilia	Caravan & camping, Culture & Heritage, Short breaks, Over 55's	Community & Tourism Committee	\$84,000 plus installation
3	Jan Lehane Development	Tennis player Jan Lehane was born in Grenfell We could draw on her tourism potential by establishing a monument or some kind of memorabilia	Caravan & camping, Culture & Heritage, Short breaks, Over	Community & Tourism Committee	\$10,000

			55's,		
4	Reggie McNamara	Life size bronze interactive statue of Reggie in a bike riding position.	Caravan & camping, Culture & Heritage, Short breaks, Over 55's,	Community & Tourism Committee	
5	Weddin Mountain Promotion	Promote camping, bush walking bird watching and Seaton's Farm.	Caravan & camping, Culture & Heritage, Nature, Short breaks, Over 55's, NSW Family,	TPO, Tourism Committee	
6	Assist with the development of workshop weekends	Provide encouragement and support to the operators in Grenfell developing a program of workshops weekends ie gardening, art, photography, quilting, metal sculpture.	Culture & Heritage, Short breaks, Over 55's.	Community, TPO & Tsm Committee	
7	Installation of consistent signage shire wide	Develop funding application to install all signage identified during the signage needs analysis.	Caravan & camping, Culture & Heritage, Short breaks, Over 55's, NSW Family.	Council, TPO & Tsm Committee	
8	Weddin Mountains based professionally run event- sporting/ horse-riding/ 4x4 etc.	Negotiate with National Parks over broadening the conditions of use of the Weddin Mountains National park and then promoting these new uses to appropriate user groups.	Caravan & camping, Culture & Heritage, Short breaks, Over 55's, NSW Family.	Community, TPO & Tsm Committee, Council	
9	O'Brien's Hill Project	Development is planned for O'Brien's Mine, an historic disused mining site. Plans have been drawn and approved by council. Waiting for a suitable funding to reopen. If approved council will need to match the grant \$ for \$.	Caravan & camping, Culture & Heritage, Short breaks, Over 55's, NSW Family,	Council & TPO	\$200,000 first stage
	Objective 4	Building community awareness and participation			
1	Work closely with regional groups ie car clubs	Develop good relationships with local and regional groups: Probus, Car Clubs etc to facilitate club visits to Grenfell.	Caravan & camping, Culture & Heritage, Short breaks, Over 55's.	Community, TPO	
2	Support VFR via regular community communication and invitations to the AVIC.	Develop community support devices to encourage the VFR market ie rates notice inserts, social media platforms, training on how to improve local photography for social media	Caravan & camping, Culture & Heritage, Short breaks, Over 55's, NSW Family.	TPO	
3	Backyard Champions campaign	Educate locals on things to see and do when they have VFR	Caravan & camping, Culture & Heritage, Short breaks, Over 55's, NSW Family.	Community, TPO	
4	Gateway/Entry signage	Develop funding application to install unique and inspirational entrance to town signage	Caravan & camping, Short breaks, Over 55's, NSW Family,	Council, Tourism Committee & TPO	
	Objective 5	Establish strong industry ties in the region			
1	Develop relationships with Forbes/ Cowra/ Young AVICs that lead to referrals.	Conduct famils and consider training with staff from surrounding AVICs to strengthen relationships leading to greater numbers of recommendations.	Caravan & camping, Culture & Heritage, Short breaks, Over 55's, NSW Family.	TPO	
2	Grow the perception of Grenfell in the minds of caravan and motorhome owners	Develop facilities that attract and retain caravan and motorhome users. Promote Forbes Street parking.	Caravan & camping, Culture & Heritage, Short breaks, Over 55's.	Council, Community, TPO & Tsm Committee	
3	Develop a Tourism Operators networking group	Encourage the expansion of the B&B group to become a Tourism Operators networking group.	Caravan & camping, Food & Wine, Culture & Heritage, Short breaks, Over 55's, NSW Family.	Community, TPO	
4	Participate in all appropriate regional tourism campaigns	Participate in all appropriate Central NSW Tourism campaigns what offer measurable benefit to the Weddin Shire	Caravan & camping, Culture & Heritage, Short breaks, Over 55's, NSW Family, accessible.	Council, Community, TPO & Tsm Committee	

Maintenance of the Henry Lawson Birthplace and painting of the Obelisk and BBQ shelter to be considered as part of a Henry Lawson Birthplace Stage 2 development.

7. **REPORTS:**

Nil

8. **UPCOMING EVENTS:** visit www.grenfell.org.au/attractions/events

- Through Different Eyes - Grenfell Art Gallery Exhibition until 22 Oct
- Iandra Castle Open Day – 8th October
- Grenfell Public School 150th Celebrations 13-15th October
- Basic Watercolour Introduction- 14th October
- Grenfell Garden Club Open Gardens - 14-15th October
- Botanica Domestica - Grenfell Art Gallery Exhibition 24th October -3 December
- Grenfell Kart Club - Southern Star Series – 28th-29th October
- 2017 Melbourne Cup Calcutta – 5th November
- Fanny Lumsden Country Halls Tour - 11th November
- Remembrance Day Dining in Night with the Grenfell RSL Sub-Branch – 11th November
- Watercolour and Inks- 18th November
- Meet & Greek Weekend -18th November
- Grenfell Kart Club Christmas Meeting 3rd December
- From Slate to Smart Board - Grenfell Art Gallery Exhibition 5 December - 14 January
- Carols in the Park 10 December

9. **BUSINESS WITH NOTICE:**

Clr Brown- Grenfell Town Entrance Signage

A report was tabled relating to the galvanised steel frames on each entrance to town which currently display Grenfell Henry Lawson Festival promotional signs. The current signs look unsightly with a significant gap at the top and overhanging reinforcing. Discussion was had over installing Grenfell Tourism branded signage across the top of each steel frame to improve the appearance year round.

Resolved: Clr J Parlett/ Clr P Best that Council investigate the cost of improved permanent entrance to town signage where individual events can be promoted.

10. **QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE:**

Nil

11. **NEXT MEETING:** Thursday 7th December 2017 3pm at the Council Chambers

12. **CLOSURE:** 4.00pm

176 **RESOLVED:** Cr Bembrick and Cr Parlett that the Minutes of the Tourism Committee Meeting be adopted including the recommendations therein, except where otherwise resolved.

**MINUTES OF HERITAGE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 5 October 2017
at 4.30 pm at the COUNCIL CHAMBERS (C2.6.22).**

ELECTION OF CHAIR:

Mrs Isabel Holmes was nominated as a temporary chairperson for the meeting in Mr Hayes absence.

Resolved: Clr Parlett and Mrs Yates that Mrs Holmes to chair this meeting.

1. **PRESENT:** Clr P Diprose , Mrs D Yates, Clr J Parlett, Clr C Brown, Mrs I Holmes and Mrs S Jackson (Heritage Advisor)
2. **APOLOGIES:** Mr B Hayes (DES/Chair), Mr W Crampton, Mr I Pitt (Historical Society) and Mr J Hetherington

Resolved: Clr Brown and Clr Diprose that the apologies be accepted.

3. **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:** Thursday, 3 August 2017

Resolved: Clr Diprose and Clr Parlett that the minutes 3 August 2017 be adopted.

4. **CONFLICTS OF INTEREST:**

Nil

5. **MATTERS ARISING:**

- 5.1 Medical Centre Historic Reference Panels

The Heritage Advisor has not been able to progress with panels however will work on them before next meeting.

- 5.2 Strategic Plan Development for direction of Heritage

Mr Hayes discussed the following outcomes:

- i) **Heritage Promotion** –

Mrs Holmes advised that Mr Hayes placed an article into the Grenfell Record on 6 September 2017. The Committee spoke about adding to the article quirky facts and photos.

- ii) **Heritage Booklet for Owners/Purchasers** –

Mrs Jackson advised that the booklets will be a work in progress and no further progress has been made.

- iii) **Building Plaques** –

Mrs Jackson will work on a final design so that quotes can be obtained.

- 5.3 Brass Plaque at Circular Quay

Mrs Holmes advised that 3 responses had been received as shown in the correspondence. Create NSW will keep the suggested amendments to Henry Lawson's plaque on file to inform any future upgrade of the Sydney Writers Walk.

Resolved: Clr Diprose and Clr Parlett that a letter of acknowledgment be sent to Create NSW for their response and that our Committee is keen to be proactive in the input of the plaque.

5.4 The meaning of the word “Weddin”

Mrs Jackson advised that no further progress has been made in regard to the meaning of “Weddin”. Clr Diprose spoke about John Wood’s article in regard to “Weedong” meaning a big lookout. Mrs Jackson will research before the next meeting.

5.5 Local Heritage Grants 2017/18

Mrs Holmes advised that letters of offers have been forwarded to the successful applicants and that the unsuccessful applicants were advised. Discussion are still being had with one applicant and builder to what is the priority of works. Mrs Holmes also advised that one applicant is currently undertaking their project. The Committee was also advised of the unsuccessful applications.

Resolved: Clr Brown and Mrs Yates that completed projects are placed on Facebook, Heritage Column and Council’s newsletter when the time and space permits.

6. CORRESPONDENCE:

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| 6.1 | <u>Create NSW</u> | Noted |
| 6.2 | <u>Property NSW</u> | Noted |
| 6.3 | <u>Lord Mayor of Sydney (City of Sydney)</u> | Noted |

7. BUSINESS WITH NOTICE:
Nil

8. HERITAGE ADVISORS REPORT

Heritage Advisor gave verbal report on her onsite meetings:

- Met owner of Bimbi Post Office to discuss Kitchen and works needed to be done.
- Spoke with the owners of the old Bimbi Saw Mill and Cottage. Also discussed the ANZACs, an old Bimbi resident – Horace C Brinsmead OBE MC born in 1883 who was appointed the first controller of Civil Aviation in Australia. Mrs Jackson suggest going for a grant for signage.
- Spoke with new owners of Railway Hotel and works to be undertaken
- Spoke with the new Director Engineering
- Historic House Association touring Central West and is visiting Iandra Castle on 8th October.
- Site inspection at 35 Wood Street tomorrow.
- Will be holding another Walk of the Main Street, Saturday 11th November
- Change of Heritage Meeting for December to 9th November 2017

9. QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE:
Nil

10. NEXT MEETING: Thursday 9 November 2017 at 4.30pm.

11. CLOSURE: There being no further business the meeting closed at 5.25pm.

177 RESOLVED: Cr Diprose and Cr Brown that the Minutes of the Heritage Committee Meeting be adopted including the recommendations therein, except where otherwise resolved

MINUTES OF THE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY, 16 OCTOBER 2017 COMMENCING AT 4.30 PM (C2.6.11)

1. **PRESENT:** Crs Liebich, Best, Niven, Parlett, Brown, O’Byrne and McKellar.
Messrs G Carroll, R Ranjit, B Hayes and L Gibson (observers).

2. **APOLOGIES:** Cr Bembrick and Cr Diprose

Resolved: Cr Brown and Cr McKellar that the apologies be accepted.

3. **MINUTES:** 18 September 2017

Resolved: Cr Parlett and Cr McKellar that the minutes from the 18 September 2017 be adopted.

4. **MATTERS ARISING:**
Nil

5. **CORRESPONDENCE:**
Nil

6. **REPORTS:**

6.1 **General Manager:**

Local Government Reform – Innovation Fund, Regional Growth Fund and Connected Learning Centre (CLC).

Noted

6.2 **Corporate Services Department:**

Roads and Other Expenditure 2017/2018 and Internet Connectivity in the Weddin Shire.

Noted

6.3 **Director Engineering:**

Works Report, Other Works, Future Works, Plant Report, RMS RMCC Contract, Noxious Weed Report – September, Roads to Recovery, Monthly Flood Works Report, Relocation of Driveway Entrance for Industrial Block 1A and Henry Lawson Birthplace Park upgrade project - work progress.

Noted

6.4 **Director Environmental Services:**

Sewerage Treatment Works, Caravan Park Operations, Animal Control, Grenfell Medical Centre, Grenfell Sewer Treatment Plant and Grenfell Swimming Pool.

Noted

7. **GENERAL BUSINESS:**
Nil

8. **DEVELOPMENT ENQUIRIES**

Over the last month Council has had enquiries for development at the following premises:

- Star Street Proposed Dwelling
- Main Street Shop Signage

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| • Weddin Street | Proposed Water Tanks |
| • Gooloogong Road | Proposed Retaining Wall |
| • Brundah Street | Proposed Sale |
| • Quondong Road | Proposed Sale |
| • Redbank St Greenethorpe | Proposed Dwelling |
| • Brundah Street | DA Finalisation |
| • Stan McCabe Dr | Additions |
| • Camp Street | DA Compliances |

Noted

10. BUSINESS WITH NOTICE

Nil

11. QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE

Nil

12. NEXT MEETING: Monday, 13 November 2017 at 4.30 pm.

13. CLOSED: There being no further business to discuss the meeting closed at 6.02pm.

178 **RESOLVED:** Cr Niven and Cr McKellar that the Minutes of the Planning and Development Committee Meeting be adopted including the recommendations therein, except where otherwise resolved.

**MINUTES OF THE MANEX MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY, 17 OCTOBER 2017
COMMENCING AT 8.15AM (C2.6.10)**

Present: Messrs G Carroll, R Ranjit, B Hayes and L Gibson.

Apology: Nil

Minutes: of meeting 19 September 2017.

Resolved: R Ranjit and B Hayes that the minutes from 19 September 2017 be adopted.

General Business:

1A Administration

- (i) NSW Government's – Local Government Reform – Council's 'Fit for the Future' (FFTF) action plan to be further implemented. GM and Directors pursuing.
- (ii) Local Government Reform – Innovation Fund - Innovation Fund programme continuing. Common Thread Consulting currently undertaking fiscal responsibility and service review processes which is a requirement of the FFTF action plan. Desktop review of other services also being undertaken. Organisational review to be then undertaken.
- (iii) 2017/2018 Operational Plan – in progress. Capital projects to be now instigated.
- (iv) 2016/2017 Annual Report – to be forwarded to the Division of Local Government by 30 November 2017. General Manager pursuing.
- (v) 2016/2017 Annual Financial Statements – to be forwarded to the Office of Local Government by 31 October 2017. Extension of time applied for which may not be required. Director Corporate Services pursuing.

1B Human Resources

- (i) Vacancies
 - Projects Engineer – to be advertised.
- (ii) Appointments
Nil

2. Public Order and Safety

Nil

3. Health

- (i) Grenfell Medical Centre – grant funding application successful under the Building Better Regions Fund (BBRF). Site preparation works to commence in November 2017. Construction works to commence February 2018. Director Environmental Services pursuing.
- (ii) New Ambulance Station – advice received from Katrina Hodgkinson MP that Grenfell will be receiving a new Ambulance Station under the Rural Ambulance Infrastructure Reconfiguration (RAIR) programme. Planning scheduled to begin shortly. Proposed site currently being determined.

4. Community Services and Education

Nil

5. Housing and Community Amenities

- (i) Rural Land Use Study – Response received from Minister for Planning and Environment advising the reduction of minimum lot size in rural zone (RU1) is not

justified in a strategic context. Advice as to reducing the minimum lot size in rural zone (RU1) being sought.

Process to reduce minimum lot sizes in large lot residential zone (R5) completed.

- (ii) Quandialla Recycling Depot – operating very well. Director Engineering monitoring.
- (iii) Emu Creek Storm Management Plan – all written agreements to gain access to private land along Emu Creek received. Works can now commence. Director Engineering pursuing.
- (iv) O'Briens Tributary – preferred schemes currently being investigated by Floodplain committee. Funding to be then sourced.

6. Sewerage

- (i) Sewer Mains Relining – next stage to be undertaken in 2017/2018 based on previous and recent CCTV works.
- (ii) Sewerage Treatment Works Upgrade – investigation stage completed. Concept design and REF stage in progress. Director Environmental Services pursuing.

7. Recreation and Culture

- (i) Art Gallery – "Through Different Eyes" exhibition is on display until 22nd October, 2017.
- (ii) Cinema – Future movies currently being planned.
- (iii) Grenfell Aquatic Centre Development – reported in Director Environmental Services report.

8. Mining Manufacture and Construction

Nil

9. Transport and Communication

- (i) RMS Contract – reported in Director Engineering's report.
- (ii) Other Programs – **Noted**
- (iii) Traffic Control/Signage – process to be implemented to ensure signage inspected on a regular basis. Director Engineering pursuing.
- (iv) Engineering Strategic Planning Meetings – held fortnightly to discuss and review works plan for next 12 months and plan other capital projects to be completed in 2017/2018. Director Corporate Services and Director Environmental Services are being involved in regards to funding sources for projects, development application referrals and general development issues.
- (v) Bridge Renewal Program Round 3 – funding application submitted for the replacement of the Gibraltar Rocks Road bridge culvert unsuccessful.
- (vi) Gibraltar Rocks Road Bridge Culvert – funding application submitted under the Fixing Country Roads Program Round 3. Awaiting outcome.
- (vii) Quandialla Drainage – stage 1 completed. Stage 2 in progress. Director Engineering pursuing.

10. Economic Affairs

- (i) Industrial Land – four sales completed. Two others currently in progress. 3 phase power currently being installed. Internal preliminary works to then recommence. Director Engineering pursuing.
- (ii) Henry Lawson Festival – annual General Meeting (AGM) to be held Tuesday 17 October, 2017.
- (iii) Henry Lawson Birthplace Upgrade – works finalised.

11. General Purpose Revenues

Nil

12. Alliances

- (i) Mid Lachlan Alliance – a Fiscal Responsibility Action Plan (FRAP) and a Service Review Action Plan (SRAP) being undertaken by Common Thread Consulting Pty Ltd.
Grant funding application submitted under the Smart Cities and Suburbs program. Awaiting outcome.

13. Other Matters

- (i) Overgrown Blocks – letters seeking approval to slash blocks sent. Works in progress.
- (ii) Village/Roadside Slashing/Spraying – in progress.

14. Job List: review

Noted

Next Meeting: Tuesday, 14 November 2017 at 8.15 am.

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

179 **RESOLVED:** Cr Diprose and Cr Bembrick 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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| July 2017 | 1. <u>Local Government NSW Annual Conference:</u> Mayor, Deputy Mayor and General Manager to attend 4-6 December 2017 (GM). | In Progress |
| August 2017 | 2. <u>Australian Local Government Association:</u> Deputy Mayor and Director Engineering to attend 2017 Local Roads and Congress from 6/8 November, 2017 in Albany (DE). | In Progress |
| September 2017 | 3. <u>Sydney Transport Routes:</u> request Centroc to organise a meeting to discuss transport routes to Sydney (GM). | In Progress |
| | 4. <u>Quandialla and Caragabal Tips:</u> arrange meeting to discuss tip operations (DES). | In Progress |

2. DEFERRED ACTIVITIES:

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| April 2012 | 1. <u>Main Street Master Plan:</u> consider inclusion of heritage building signs (DE/DES). | In Progress |
| November 2013 | 2. <u>O'Brien's Tributary – Drainage Improvement:</u> refer matter back to floodplain committee for further consideration and other possible options (DE). | In Progress |
| June 2015 | 3. <u>RMS:</u> request roundabout to be considered at the end of the Main Street in Grenfell (DE). | In Progress |
| | 4. <u>Pigeon Control – Main Street:</u> continue to investigate options (DES). | In Progress |
| April 2016 | 5. <u>Grenfell Caravan Park:</u> investigate alterations to dwelling and cost of a Manager's office (DES). | In Progress |
| August 2016 | 6. <u>Policy for Planting of Vegetation along Kerbsides:</u> develop policy (DE/GM). | In Progress |
| October 2016 | 7. <u>Henry Lawson Birth Site Upgrade:</u> undertake as per plan (DE). | Carried Out |

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| November 2016 | <p>8. <u>NBN Fibre to the Premises</u>: make representations to ensure Industrial land vacant lots have access to NBN. Advocate for upgrade to the exchange to facilitate fibre to the premises (DES/GM).</p> <p style="text-align: right;">In Progress</p> |
| December 2016 | <p>9. <u>Waste Depot Fire Precautions</u>: investigate provision of water for firefighting purposes (DES).</p> <p style="text-align: right;">In Progress</p> <p>10. <u>Community Support Method</u>: investigate new method and develop funding policy. Advertise for public comments (DCS/GM).</p> <p style="text-align: right;">In Progress</p> |
| May 2017 | <p>11. <u>Local government Reform</u>: investigate possible reduction in the number of Council meetings and report back to Council (GM).</p> <p style="text-align: right;">In Progress</p> <p>12. <u>Grenfell Festival of Fitness</u>: withdraw and seek reimbursement (DCS/GM).</p> <p style="text-align: right;">In Progress</p> |
| June 2017 | <p>13. <u>Future Health Needs of the Weddin Shire</u>: arrange meeting to discuss future health needs of the Weddin Shire (GM).</p> <p style="text-align: right;">In Progress</p> |
| July 2017 | <p>14. <u>Concrete Blisters in the Intersection of Camp and Forbes Street</u>: pave the brick pavement (DE).</p> <p style="text-align: right;">In Progress</p> <p>15. <u>Community Builders Partnerships Program</u>: submit grant funding application for upgrade of Caragabal Park (DE).</p> <p style="text-align: right;">In Progress</p> |
| August 2017 | <p>16. <u>Stronger Communities Program</u>: submit grant funding application for upgrade of Caragabal Park (DE).</p> <p style="text-align: right;">In Progress</p> <p>17. <u>NSW Boating NOW Round 2</u>: submit grant funding application for upgrade of Bogolong Dam (DE).</p> <p style="text-align: right;">In Progress</p> |
| September 2017 | <p>18. <u>Local Land Service (LLS)</u>: request LLS to conduct a workshop in Grenfell (GM).</p> <p style="text-align: right;">In Progress</p> <p>19. <u>Council Property Inspections</u>: seek quotes for the underpinning of walls in the Administration building (DES).</p> <p style="text-align: right;">In Progress</p> |

20. Council Property Inspections: request design for replacing of timber at the Lawson Oval grandstand (DES).
In Progress
21. Council Property Inspections: attend to provision of new subsurface drainage at Quandialla pool (DES).
In Progress
22. Development Application 30/2010: investigate costings of an acoustic engineer to undertake independent auditory testing (DES).
In Progress

NOTICE OF MOTION

1. 24 Hour Toilet Facility, P2.3.10

I hereby give notice of the following motion at the October 2017 Council Meeting:

“that Weddin Shire develop a 24-hour toilet facility in the town of Grenfell.”

Comments: Perhaps with a bus shelter in Forbes Street.

Signed: Cr Stuart McKellar

180 **RESOLVED:** Cr McKellar and Cr Parlett that Council investigate the development of a 24-hour toilet facility in the town of Grenfell.

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.

181 **RESOLVED:** Cr Brown and Cr O’Byrne 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.

MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION - CLOSED COUNCIL

GENERAL MANAGERS REPORT

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

182 **RESOLVED:** Cr O’Byrne and Cr Diprose that the General Manager’s late report be received and dealt with because of the urgency of the matter.

1. **Weddin Street Surgery, P2.12.4**
Reason for confidentiality: commercial information (Section 10A(2)(d)(i))

184 **RESOLVED:** Cr Brown and Cr O’Byrne that the meeting return to open Council.

REPORT ON CLOSED COUNCIL

The Mayor read out the following decisions from the Closed Council

GENERAL MANAGERS LATE REPORT

1. Weddin Street Surgery, P2.12.4

Reason for confidentiality: commercial information (Section 10A(2)(d)(i))

RESOLVED: that:

- i) resolution No.250 be rescinded
- ii) a new lease be prepared granting authority to Dr Neil Premaratne on behalf of MedCIRC Pty Ltd to occupy the surgery and residence at 3 Weddin Street Grenfell to provide Medical Services on the same/similar terms and conditions as Dr Ishmael's lease including the above.
- iii) Dr Neil Premaratne on behalf of MedCIRC Pty Ltd occupy the building at his own risk and provide evidence of all insurance policies, including public risk that Council may reasonably require.
- iv) authority be granted to the Mayor and General Manager to sign the lease on Council's behalf under the seal of Council if necessary.

CLOSURE: There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.12pm.

Taken as read and confirmed as a true record this day 16 November 2017.

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