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MINUTES OF THE WEDDIN SHIRE COUNCIL ORDINARY MEETING HELD THURSDAY, 16 OCTOBER 2014 COMMENCING AT 5.00 PM

9 October 2014

Dear «Intro»

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, 16 OCTOBER 2014**, commencing at **5.00 PM** and your attendance is requested.

Yours faithfully

GLENN CARROLL
GENERAL MANAGER

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

APOLOGY: Nil

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:

183 **RESOLVED:** Cr McClelland and Cr Parlett that the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting, held on 18 September 2014 be taken as read and **CONFIRMED.**

QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

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

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

Requests to be accompanied by a copy of any questions.

Each speaker to be allowed three minutes.

The following requests have been received:-

Nil

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

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

Nil

**CORRESPONDENCE TO BE PRESENTED TO THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE
WEDDIN SHIRE COUNCIL HELD, 16 OCTOBER 2014.**

SECTION A - Matters for Information

- A1. Local Government NSW, A3.9.1: Forwarding Weekly Circular numbered 35/2014.
- A2. ClubGRANTS Category 3, G2.55: Advising your Expression of Interest submission has been received.
- A3. ClubGRANTS Category 3, G2.55: Advising your Expression of Interest submission has been received.
- A4. NSW Government, Office of Local Government, A3.9.3: Advising groups of Councils from regional NSW with a good track record of working together are invited to submit an Expression of Interest **by 17 October 2014** to work with the Government to design and pilot Joint Organisations.
- A5. Craig Sargent, President, Grenfell Kart Club, C1.2.5: Advising the Club has been extremely busy preparing for the 2014 NSW State Championships, to be held at Grenfell from 2 -5 October 2014.
- A6. Loaders Coaches, R2.10.130: Advising I had the opportunity to operate the Cowra Road school bus services and found the dirt road sections of this route, to be in the best condition I witnessed to the best of my memory in approximately 50 years of school bus operation.
- A7. Blayney Shire Council, C2.9.1: Advising Councillor Scott Ferguson was re-elected Mayor and Councillor Allan Ewin was re-elected Deputy Mayor.
- A8. Parkes Shire Council, C2.9.1: Advising Councillor Ken Keith OAM was re-elected unopposed as Mayor and Councillor Alan Ward was re-elected unopposed as Deputy Mayor.
- A9. Bland Shire Council, C2.9.4: Advising
- Mayor Neil Pokoney was re-elected
 - Deputy Mayor Leeanne Hampton
- A10. Cabonne Council, C2.9.1: Advising that the results of Mayor and Deputy Mayor are as follows:
- Cr Michael Hayes Mayor
 - Cr Lachie MacSmith Deputy Mayor
- A11. Local Government NSW, A3.9.1: Forwarding Weekly Circular numbered 36/2014.
- A12. Local Government NSW, C2.10.9: Advising Local Government NSW (LGNSW) has today alerted Councils and the community to some of the realities of the NSW Government's incentive package for local government reform, including the real value of the \$1 billion figure quoted by the Government.
- A13. Katrina Hodgkinson MP, A3.19.2: Local Nationals Member, Katrina Hodgkinson MP has encouraged local Councils to enter the *Creating Liveable Communities Competition*.

- A14. Katrina Hodgkinson MP, A3.19.2: Advising Local Nationals Member, Katrina Hodgkinson MP has today called on local veterans' groups, sports clubs, Councils and schools to consider applying for funding for repairs and maintenance projects on local war memorial sites.
- A15. NSW Government Food Authority, A1.6.8: Advising as of 26 November 2014, all eggs and packaged egg pulp sold in NSW must be stamped with a unique identifier linking them to their place of production.
- A16. Gordon Garling Moffitt, P2.5.4: Re: Your sale to Baker, Property: South Street, Grenfell. Confirming exchange of contracts with settlement scheduled to take place on Wednesday 8 October, 2014.
- A17. Gordon Garling Moffitt, E3.6.4: Re: Council's purchase from Central Tablelands County Council, Property: Bogalong Dam Grenfell. Confirming settlement of this matter was effected on 17 September 2014.
- A18. Hawkesbury City Council, C2.9.1: Advising the positions of Mayor and Deputy Mayor for the next 12 months as indicated:
- Mayor – Councillor Kim Ford (re-elected)
 - Deputy Mayor – Councillor Bob Porter
- A19. Bathurst Regional Council, C2.9.1: Advising at its meeting on 17 September 2014, Council resolved to re-elected Cr Gary Rush as Mayor and Cr Ian North as Deputy Mayor.
- A20. Young Shire Council, C2.9.3: Advising the elections for the position of Mayor and Deputy Mayor were held with the following results:
- Mayor - John Walker (newly elected)
 - Deputy Mayor - Ben Cooper (re-elected unopposed)
- A21. Harden Shire Council, C2.9.1: Advising that at Harden Shire Council's Ordinary Meeting held Wednesday 17 September, 2014:
- Councillor John Horton was elected Mayor.
 - Councillor Neil was elected Deputy Mayor unopposed.
- A22. Cowra Shire Council, C2.9.2: Advising the results of the Mayoral are as follows:
- Mayor Bill West re-elected unopposed
 - Deputy Mayor Judi Smith re-elected
- A23. Boorowa Council, C2.9.1: Advising that Mayor Cr Wendy Tuckerman was elected unopposed as Mayor and Deputy Mayor Councillor Christopher Corcoran was elected as Deputy Mayor.
- A24. Local Government NSW, A3.9.1: Forwarding Weekly Circular numbered 37/2014.
- A25. Bland Shire Council, C2.9.4: Bland Shire Mayor Neil Pokoney has slammed a report from the State Government addressing the future of local Councils across New South Wales.

- A26. Local Government NSW, A3.6.8: Forwarding a copy of the Annual Financial Statements, the Audit Report and the Operating Report to all members for the year ended 30th June 2014.
- A27. NSW Environment Protection Authority (EPA), E3.4.6: Referring to your correspondence received by the Environment Protection Authority (EPA) on 1 September 2014 regarding the use of biosolids within the Weddin Shire Council (Council) Local Government Area (LGA).
- A28. Gordon Garling Moffitt, E3.6.4: Re: Purchase from Central Tablelands County Council. Property: Bogalong Dam. Confirming settlement of this matter was effected on 17 September 2014.
- A29. Margaret and John Nowlan, R2.10.018: Advising the Bimbi Caragabal Road looks great. The Council has done an amazing job thank you.
- A30. Peter and Faye Luthje, R2.4.15: Congratulating Council on the new caravan parking in Forbes Street.
- A31. Local Government NSW, A3.9.1: Forwarding Weekly Circular numbered 38/2014.
- A32. Troy Grant MP, G2.6.1: Advising that the NSW Government has increased public library funding in the 2014/2015 Budget to help public libraries better meet the needs of local communities.
- A33. Lachlan Valley Weeds Advisory Committee, C2.7.5: Re: Council Membership of the new LLS Weeds Committees and Continuance of the Lachlan Valley Weeds Advisory Committee.
- A34. Weddin Development Committee, C2.6.33: Writing on behalf of the Weddin Development Committee to request Weddin Shire Council to take action on the pigeon problem in Main Street
- A35. Gavin Rhodes, General Manager Central Tablelands Water, U1.6.7: Advising at the Central Tablelands Water County Council Meeting held today 8 October 2014, the following Councillors were elected Chairman and Deputy Chairman.
Chairman – Cr David Somerville (first term)
Deputy Chairman – Cr Kevin Walker (first term)
- A36. Western NSW Local Health District, H1.7.1: Referring to your letter advising Council had resolved to repair the Grenfell Community Health vehicular entrance.

SECTION B

Matters for Report

- B1. Ian and Bev Donges, T5/26/2005: Advising it has come to our attention that the Broula King mine has ceased operation.
- B2. RMS Grain Harvest Management Team, T3.6.1: Writing to acknowledge and thank your Council for your involvement in the Grain Harvest Management Scheme 2013/2014 and am writing to seek your consent to Council's ongoing participation.
- B3. Jenene Pout, Safety Around Schools Project Officer, T3.4.2: Advising school zone maintenance work at Caragabal School is being planned to coincide with the reseal of the Mid-Western Highway in November.
- B4. Residents of Greenethorpe, A4.4.1: Re: Leash free park in Greenethorpe. Advising after discussion with Council's staff, the undersigned have decided to request that a leash free park be established in the village of Greenethorpe.
- B5. The Grenfell RSL Sub-Branch, P2.1.8: Advising at the recent meeting of the Grenfell RSL Sub-Branch it was agreed and moved that the Sub-Branch are more than happy to support the South West Slopes National Serviceman's Ass. in placing a Memorial Plaque at the Grenfell Cenotaph.
- B6. NSW Government, Office of Sport, Sport & Recreation, G2.1: Advising Sport and Facility Program: Applications are open.

184 **RESOLVED:** Cr Best and Cr Griffiths that Correspondence sections A and B be noted.

SECTION C - Matters for consideration

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

1. Bland Shire Council, C2.10.9: Advising Council at its meeting held on Tuesday 16 September, 2014 received and noted a brief report that I submitted in respect to the response by the NSW State Government to the recommendations contained in the Final Report of the Independent Review Panel.

It would appear from this initial response that rural Councils, such as ours, will basically have just three options which are:

- i) Become a 'watered down' version of our current structure as per the proposed model for 'Rural Councils' detailed on page 92 (Box 33) of the Sansom report; or
- ii) Become a member of a Joint Organisation which I believe will still have a similar outcome as the 'Rural Council' model; or
- iii) Merge with one or more neighbouring Councils.

Consequently, the purpose of this letter is simply to enquire as to whether or not your Council would be interested in some initial discussions regarding the above options.

This is not an approach specifically about mergers but more of an opportunity to discuss our possible options for the future.

I would value your thoughts and comments at your earliest convenience.

Note: Please refer to item No 1 in the General Manager's Report

RECOMMENDATION: that the letter be noted.

185 RESOLVED: Cr Best and Cr Hughes that the letter be noted.

2. The Hon Warren Truss MP & The Hon Jamie Briggs MP, A3.6.58: Writing to advise you of the release of the guidelines and the initial application process for the Australian Government's new National Stronger Regions Fund (NSRF).

The NSRF will invest \$1 billion over five years in community infrastructure projects to promote economic development and address disadvantage in Australia's regions and local communities. Applications for:

- Round one of NSRF will open 1 October 2014 and close on 28 November 2014.
- Grants will be between \$20,000 and \$10 million.
- NSRF grant funding must be matched in cash on a least a dollar for dollar basis.

Further information on eligibility and assessment criteria is contained in the NSRF Programme Guidelines and will be available at www.infrastructure.gov.au/nsrf from 1 October 2014.

RECOMMENDATION: that:

- i) a grant funding application be submitted for the Grenfell Medical Centre project.
- ii) Mr Stephen Sykes be engaged to provide assistance with the grant funding application process.

186 RESOLVED: Cr Parlett and Cr Niven that:

- i) a grant funding application be submitted for the Grenfell Medical Centre project.
- ii) Mr Stephen Sykes be engaged to provide assistance with the grant funding application process.

3. The Hon Warren Truss MP, R2.56: Writing to advise you of your Council's funding allocation under the Roads to Recovery Programme from 1 July 2014 to 30 June 2019.

In addition to our commitment to maintain Roads to Recovery funding at the current level of \$350 million per annum, the 2014 Budget announced that a further \$350 million will be provided in 2015/2016.

A total of \$580.8m has been allocated to NSW, which has been divided between the Councils in the State on the basis of the 2014/2015 recommendations of the Local Government Grants Commission for the roads component of the Financial Assistance Grants.

Your Council's life of programme allocation for the period 1 July 2014 to 30 June 2019 will be \$2,686,777. This amount includes the double payment in 2015-2016 and is allocated as follows:

Financial Year	Allocation
2014-15	\$447,796
2015-16	\$895,593
2016-17	\$447,796
2017-18	\$447,796
2018-19	\$447,796

This funding will greatly assist all Councils to deliver better, safer local roads and streets their communities need and I look forward to continuing the successful relationship between the Australian Government and your Council over the coming years.

Noted

4. The Henry Lawson High School, C1.1.3: Advising the Henry Lawson High School's Annual Presentation Day Ceremony will be held on Wednesday 17 December 2014 at 11.00am.

We are extremely proud of the long tradition of academic, school citizenship, sporting, leadership and musical excellence of our school. 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 students awards, and is very appreciative of support given in the past. Your donation will be acknowledged in the school's Annual Presentation Day program.

Any assistance in this way will be greatly appreciated.

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

187 RESOLVED: Cr Halls and Cr McClelland that Council donate \$100 to each of the six schools in the Shire towards their annual presentation days.

5. Grenfell and District Senior Citizens Welfare Committee Inc, R1.2: Requesting to consider favourably our request for a discount to be applied to our Rates for the 36 units and one block of land we own.

Our objectives state in our Constitution that these Units are only rented to either Aged Pensioners and in a few cases Invalid Pensioners. We are a non-profit organisation who have relied on the generosity of the Community to help fund our organisation and its needs, along with the minimal rents we charge our residents.

Therefore we request a suitable reduction for our rates and ask that this be applied to the current year, which in good faith has already been paid.

Thank you for your help in this matter.

RECOMMENDATION:

For Council's consideration

Cr Hughes declared a conflict of interest as his relation is the President of the committee and left the room.

188 RESOLVED: Cr McClelland and Cr Griffiths that the request be declined.

Cr Hughes returned to the room.

6. South Western Appaloosa & All Breeds Performance Club Inc., C1.1.3: Advising the South Western Appaloosa & All Breeds Performance Club Inc, (SWA & ABPC Inc.) was first established in September 2010 to provide an environment in which aids and promotes Appaloosa owners, and owners of all breeds of horses, to show their horses to the highest standard, in all aspects of horsemanship catering to the south west region of NSW, Australia.

The 2014/2015 season will be our fifth show season since formed. To date our membership is mainly made up of Amateur Owners and Improvers with the addition of a few trainers and breeders from the south western region and far beyond.

We have recently undergone a huge town project with other local non-profit organisations and re developed the Grenfell Showground. We have helped provide the town with a brand new 80x50 metre panelled sand arena which includes a warm up pen and have taken on the sole responsibility of fundraising for its payment. We are also looking into renovating stable blocks, yards and the existing round yards to ensure a safe and comfortable experience by all our visiting equine friends.

We aim to continue to grow our small but very successful club promoting the Appaloosa Horse and other western bred horses in a friendly yet competitive environment for improvers to top level trainers and competitors into the 2014/2015 season and long into the future.

As we are a non-profit organisation, we rely on the generosity of others through sponsorship to ensure the success of each show.

We have put together some cost effective sponsorship packages that your business will benefit from the exposure to our audience.

Note: Sponsorship options forwarded to Councillors

RECOMMENDATION:

For Council's consideration

189 **RESOLVED:** Cr Brown and Cr Parlett that Council donate \$300 being the equivalent of a gold sponsor.

7. Grenfell Rugby League Football Club Inc, C1.1.3: Advising the Grenfell Goannas Rugby League Club would like to take this opportunity to give a big thank you to the Weddin Shire Council for their help with hosting of the recent Woodbridge Cup Grand Finals.

It was a highly successful day with upward of 1500 people in attendance and the smooth running of the day was largely due to the support and assistance in the lead up to the day from Council.

Council was able to advise us of the best means to handle a crowd of that size in relation to crowd control, traffic control, toilet facilities, rubbish disposal and parking.

Our committee found that Council could have not been more accommodating or helpful in the weeks leading up to the Grand Final or on the day itself with nothing being a problem.

Noted

8. The Grenfell Jockey Club (Inc), C1.1.3: Advising the eleventh running of the Henry Lawson "Loaded Dog" Handicap was held Saturday September 20 in glorious weather.

This annual event brought many visitors to town including groups from the South Coast, Cootamundra and Sydney as well as a good contingent from the Weddin Mountain Muster and families returning home for the weekend.

The club wishes to thank Council who assisted by provision of the cool room, litter-bins and sponsorship towards an actual race.

The assistance from Council is greatly appreciated.

Noted

SUMMARY OF LATE CORRESPONDENCE TO BE PRESENTED TO THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE WEDDIN SHIRE COUNCIL HELD, 16 OCTOBER 2014

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the late correspondence be received and dealt with because of the urgency of the matters.

190 **RESOLVED:** Cr Hughes and Cr Best that the late correspondence be received and dealt with because of the urgency of the matters.

9. Trade and Investment, G2.55: Thank you for your recent Expression of Interest (EOI) for the 2014/2015 ClubGRANTS Category 3 funding round.

The Office of Liquor, Gaming & Racing received more than 900 Expressions of Interest for this round. The quality and range of EOIs was impressive and, as a result, Stage 1 of the funding round was highly competitive. Projects that were most strongly aligned with the ClubGrants Category 3 objectives have been invited to apply.

I am pleased to inform you that your Expression of Interest has been selected to proceed to Stage Two and submit a full application for the 2014/2015 ClubGRANTS Category 3 funding round.

Applications must be lodged by no later than 5.00 pm on Monday 27 October 2014.

Note: As applications close 27 October 2014 it was decided to proceed with the grant funding application and engage Mr Stephen Sykes to provide assistance with the process.

RECOMMENDATION:

Confirm Action

191 **RESOLVED:** Cr Brown and Cr Parlett that the action be confirmed.

10. Office of Local Government, A3.6.54: Advising the NSW Government recently announced the Fit for the Future program to ensure a strong local government sector. The announcement included an acknowledgement that one size does not fit all for regional communities and a commitment to work with councils to develop a new structural model – a Rural Council.

The Local Government Review Panel identified Weddin Shire Council as being a Council that may be suitable for adopting a Rural Council Model.

To support your Council in making an informed decision about whether to become a Rural Council, the Government would like to involve you in developing the model for release by the end of 2014.

I would like to invite you to attend one of two workshops to assist the Government in developing the Rural Council Model. You are welcome to attend the workshop most convenient.

Workshop Two (Dubbo)
Date: 5 November 2014
Location: Dubbo RSL
178 Brisbane Street
DUBBO NSW 2830
Time: 9.30 am (start) – 3.30 pm

RECOMMENDATION:

For Council's Consideration

192 **RESOLVED:** Cr Hughes and Cr Griffiths that the Mayor and General Manager be authorised to attend Workshop Two in Dubbo, on 5 November 2014.

11. Diane Café, C1.1.3: Writing on behalf of the Caragabal Hall Committee with a request for your assistance in the improvement of the Council area surrounding our local hall.

We are a small group who have been fundraising for a number of years to improve the hall for public use. This year we have achieved the dream and by the end of December will be able to cater for the Caragabal Public School, our Christmas celebrations, and our Australia Day Breakfast.

As you are aware our school was extensively vandalised during the holidays and they have requested that they hold the end of year presentation in the hall on December 17.

We need your help with a few improvements. We need the footpaths surrounding the hall to be updated as they are quite bad, we need wheelie bins for litter, planter stands for improvement to the area and lastly a new tank and pressure pump for the kitchen.

Over the last couple of years we have had various ways of fundraising, and with a lot of community input have done major renovations to the hall (see photos) but need your help to finish the project in time for Christmas.

RECOMMENDATION: that Council offer assistance where possible with any funding required to be sourced from the Caragabal village maintenance vote.

193 **RESOLVED:** Cr Halls and Cr Parlett that the Director Engineering investigate and undertake minor works with funding to be sourced from the Caragabal village maintenance vote and a report be submitted to the November meeting to confirm action.

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

NOTICE OF MOTION

1. Installation of a Bin in Forbes Street, C2.8.1

Notice is given of the following motion at the October 2014 Council Meeting:-

- i). “that a bin be installed in Forbes Street located close to ‘Henry’ to alleviate the rubbish problem that is present and needing to be removed on a daily basis.”*

Signed: _____ Cr Jan Parlett

_____ Cr Nevin Hughes

195 **RESOLVED:** Cr Parlett and Cr Hughes that a bin be installed in Forbes Street located close to ‘Henry’ to alleviate the rubbish problem that is present and needing to be removed on a daily basis.

9 October 2014

The Mayor and Councillors
Weddin Shire Council
GRENFELL NSW 2810

Dear Councillors

I wish to report as follows: -

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

Correspondence Item 1 to the September 2014 Council Meeting refers.

As discussed at the September 2014 Council Meeting the NSW Premier the Hon Mike Baird MP and the Minister for Local Government the Hon Paul Toole MP have responded to the Independent Local Government Review Panels Final Report and announced funding of up to \$1billion for local government in NSW, to strengthen communities and ensure Councils are ‘Fit for the Future’.

The ‘Fit for the Future’ reform package responds to the final recommendations made by the Review Panel and the Local Government Acts Taskforce and reflects the priorities identified by the sector during the past three years of consultation. The good news is the State Government is sticking to its policy of “No forced amalgamations”. However, as previously mentioned the Government is offering incentives for Councils to make various changes.

To support Council’s to make the changes needed, the NSW Government is committing:

- \$258 million to assist Councils who decide to merge and make the changes needed to provide better services to our communities;
 - \$5 million – Two Councils merging;
 - \$11 million – Three Councils merging;
 - \$13.5 million – Four Councils merging;
- \$13 million to support Councillors that lead the transition to a new council;
- \$5.3 million for new regional Joint Organisations;
- \$4 million innovation fund to help small rural councils develop innovative ways of working;
- Access to experts to develop a plan and implement change;
- The development of a new streamlined Local Government Act that aims to reduce red tape and regulation and places Integrated Planning and Reporting at the heart of Council operations; and
- Reviews of the regulatory burden on local government and the rating system.

Council’s that become Fit for the Future will also have:

- Access to a State borrowing facility to help fund local infrastructure, with potential savings to NSW Council’s of up to \$600 million in interest payments;
- More flexibility with procurement and simplified reporting;
- Access to a streamlined IPART process for setting rates; and eligibility for additional planning powers.

THE GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

Every Council in NSW is being asked to review their own situation and submit a proposal by 30 June 2015, outlining their plans to become 'Fit for the Future'. The proposals will be assessed by an independent expert panel. Councils will need to demonstrate how they will meet certain criteria such as becoming and remaining sustainable, providing effective and efficient infrastructure and services, developing the scale and capacity to partner with the State to meet the needs of their communities into the future. The NSW Government will provide guidance and support to prepare these proposals and external assistance will be required.

Council at its September 2014 Council meeting resolved to initially invite the Minister for Local Government the Hon Paul Toole MP to Grenfell to address Council and discuss the reform proposal. However, since then Forbes Shire have advised they would also like to participate in the meeting with Bland and Lachlan Shires also indicating they would like to attend.

RECOMMENDATION: that Council:

- i) invite the Minister for Local Government the Hon Paul Toole MP to Grenfell to address Council in regards to the 'Fit for the Future' proposal
- ii) advise the member for Burrinjuck the Hon Katrina Hodgkinson MP accordingly
- iii) invite Forbes, Bland and Lachlan Shires to attend the meeting.

196 RESOLVED: Cr McClelland and Cr Parlett that Council:

- i) invite the Minister for Local Government the Hon Paul Toole MP to Grenfell to address Council in regards to the 'Fit for the Future' proposal
- ii) advise the member for Burrinjuck the Hon Katrina Hodgkinson MP accordingly
- iii) invite Forbes, Bland and Lachlan Shires to attend the meeting.

2. Centroc Proposal – Expression of Interest in being a Pilot Joint Organisation of Councils (JOC), C2.10.9

While it is very encouraging and reassuring that the State Government has reaffirmed its policy of 'no forced amalgamations' the key recommendations emanating from the NSW Independent Local Government Review Panels Final Report is that we be a Rural Council in the Central West Joint Organisation or merge with Forbes or Cowra.

Council has previously vehemently opposed amalgamations and rejected Rural Councils. Even with the proposed incentives neither of these two options appear desirable from Councils perspective as the short term gain will be quickly outweighed by the long term pain in the loss of jobs and Council's identity. If Council resolves to continue to reject and oppose amalgamations and Rural Councils we have to develop an alternative solution as part of our 'Fit for the Future' proposal to be submitted by 30 June 2015.

In this regard Centroc are currently preparing a submission to express an interest to be a pilot Regional Joint Organisation of Councils (JOC) and are seeking Councils concurrence as detailed below:

Precis

Centroc is seeking the concurrence of Council to being part of a pilot Joint Organisation of Councils (JOCs) to be managed through existing Centroc resources with additional funding of up to \$300,000 as committed by the State Government's "Fit for the Future" reform package.

Background

As Councillors are aware Council is a long standing member of Central NSW Councils, Centroc <http://centroc.com.au>

On the 10 September 2014 the State provided a response to the Independent Local Government Review Panel and Local Government Acts Taskforce reports. On the same day expressions of interest (EOI) in becoming a pilot JOC were opened and will close on the 17 October, 2014.

The Centroc position to date with regard to reform is that it has supported the incremental evolution of voluntary ROCs offering services at the direction of member Councils. The Centroc Board has resolved the following as policy with regard to the mooted JOCs.

1. *should the State implement structures as outlined in these [the Panel and Taskforce] reports that:*
 - a. *Mandatory JOCs only be developed if there is a state wide commitment to support and resource State agencies to develop the regional activities that add value to local communities;*
 - b. *Should JOCs be mandatory and have mandatory boundaries for this region*
 - i. *While membership is mandatory, the only mandatory functions would be strategic planning, as per the suggestions of REROC;*
 - ii. *Local Councils would own the entity, that is, it cannot be separately constituted as is currently the case with County Councils;*
 - iii. *JOCs in this region would not have Council assets transferred to them though they may “grow their own,” for example as does Hunter Councils, at the direction of the Board;*
 - iv. *There be the capacity to own subsidiaries or business entities in this region, but that they not include existing County Councils;*
 - v. *The Board be made up of Mayors and General Managers;*
 - vi. *In the circumstance of the roll out of Rural Councils in this region be reviewed subject to detailed advice on the costs of implementation to the region;*
 - c. *Building on the successes of the CWUA, advocacy, training and procurement capabilities and given the region's ongoing support for incremental change, it is currently*
 - i. *evolving its regional engineers group into a regional roads group, and*
 - ii. *a willing partner in growing State/Local relationships with a view to better more informed Regional Actions Plans and a regional review of Community Strategic*
 - d. *The region is ready willing and able to provide advice regarding the success and roll out of the Centroc Water Utilities' Alliance for those region's interested in such a model.*
2. *commencing working with State agencies with a view to trialling a regional roads group;*
3. *continuing to advocate regarding enabling procurement for the region;*
4. *advice be provided progressing the opportunity to develop a Shared Services Regional Roadmap and that this advice include its fit with activity being undertaken by WBC;*
5. *KPIs be developed in collaboration with DPC to measure the success of State/Local Government collaboration at the regional level;*

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Centroc policy has a reasonable fit with the ideas mooted in the publication “Fit for the Future Joint Organisations a roadmap for Intergovernmental Collaboration in NSW,” one of the suite of documents published 10 September 2014; and engaging in the piloting program offers scope for steering the development of JOCs towards the needs of Councils in this region.

At the request of the Chair of Centroc, Cr Ken Keith Mayor of Parkes, the Centroc Executive was asked to provide feedback as to the level of interest in becoming a pilot Council. The Executive responded enthusiastically citing reasons such as:

- Centroc has a good offering to inform other regional collaboration of Councils;
- Centroc is well experienced to provide this advice; and
- Engaging in shaping any future change better positions Centroc members in being informed and ensuring best possible outcomes for the communities of Central NSW.

Given the tight timeframe for the EOI process and the need to seek Council concurrence, this report has been developed as the first action undertaken in the development of the EOI. More detailed advice regarding the current status of EOI is available upon request where the final version will be provided under the hand of the Centroc Executive, the Councils of Lithgow, Forbes, Parkes, Cowra, Bathurst and Orange.

Please see the mooted boundaries for JOCs to the right. The mooted Central West JOC fits broadly into the existing Centroc footprint.



What would Centroc pilot?

The anticipated EOI is predicated on three principles:

1. A strong network of Councils working collaboratively across NSW will offer this state competitive advantage;
2. Frank and fearless advice from experienced practitioners should be preferred to best position the workability of any reforms; and
3. The Centroc experience with water utilities makes the case for Councils retaining control over this asset and should be preferred through the reform process.

The following activities are anticipated for the mooted pilot in Central NSW, though concurrence from the OLG will need to be sought:

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1. Building on the learnings from the existing Centroc structure, development of a new JOC that delivers-
 - a. regional planning and priority at a high level using a bottom up approach embedded in Integrated Planning and Reporting;
 - b. operational support;
 - c. advocacy support; and
 - d. instruments that facilitate collaboration with other key stakeholders in the region.
2. Development of model MoUs between the JOC and key agencies based on best practice and those already in use in Central NSW. Preliminary discussions with the Department of Premier and Cabinet have been held with a view to facilitating relationships with State agencies;
3. A membership model reflecting both mandatory boundaries but enabling engagement between multiple JOCs to facilitate boundary issues and opportunities;
4. Advice on the structural fit with an operational support entity offering cost savings and other benefits to members as well as an income stream to the JOC to keep costs to members to a minimum;
5. Development of the next tranche of work exploring shared services;
6. Assistance to the Office of Local Government in co-ordinating regular quarterly feedback and sharing of learning sessions; and
7. Packaging up the work undertaken by the national award winning Centroc Water Utilities' Alliance including the strategic work undertaken to inform the reform process be included in the pilot with a view to developing advice to other JOCs.

In the first instance, an Implementation Plan for the Pilot would need to be agreed on by Centroc and the Office of Local Government. This Pilot Implementation Plan would include:

- a. A Risk Management Plan;
- b. A Communications' Plan; and an
- c. Evaluation of Pilot Report Guidelines.

Financial Implications for Council

There are no immediate implications for Council's budget. The State has offered \$300,000 per JOC. The State has also offered other resources to assist with pilot JOCs. A final budget for the JOC pilot will depend on the activities suggested and advice in this regard will be provided regularly to member Councils.

Council currently pays fees to Centroc, the current program of Centroc activity will continue throughout the pilot program period which is anticipated to take between 12 and 18 months.

Conclusion

Council has an opportunity to help shape the future of regional collaboration between Councils in Central NSW by supporting Centroc and taking up the offer to be part of a pilot JOC.

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RECOMMENDATION: That Council:

- i) continue to vehemently reject amalgamations and oppose Rural Councils
- ii) reject the State Governments incentives
- iii) advise both Centroc and the Office of Local Government of its concurrence to be part of a Pilot Joint Organisation of Councils (a Pilot) as mooted in the "Fit for the Future Joint Organisations a Roadmap for Intergovernmental Collaboration in NSW" using the existing resources of Centroc seeking State funding as required;
- iv) propose that the Pilot work as best as practicable within Centroc policy; and
- v) agree to be part of the pilot programme on the proviso that Weddin Shire Council's autonomy is maintained during the process.

197 **RESOLVED:** Cr Parlett and Cr Hughes that Council:

- i) continue to vehemently reject amalgamations;
- ii) further investigate Rural Councils and a report be submitted back to Council;
- iii) reject the State Governments incentives;
- iv) advise both Centroc and the Office of Local Government of its concurrence to be part of a Pilot Joint Organisation of Councils (a Pilot) as mooted in the "Fit for the Future Joint Organisations a Roadmap for Intergovernmental Collaboration in NSW" using the existing resources of Centroc seeking State funding as required;
- v) propose that the Pilot work as best as practicable within Centroc policy; and
- vi) agree to be part of the pilot programme on the proviso that Weddin Shire Council's autonomy is maintained during the process and there is no change to representation numbers.

3. Grenfell Doctor Lease, H1.1.11

As Councillors are aware Dr Patrick Akhiwu has been operating full time since Monday 3 February, 2014 from the Main Street Surgery and providing VMO services to the Grenfell MPS.

The lease has now been signed by both parties effective from 3 February, 2014.

For Information

Noted

4. Weddin Street Surgery – Upgrade Works, H1.1.10

A meeting was held with Dr Ishmael on 1 October, 2014 to discuss various issues, with Council represented by the Mayor Cr Liebich and myself with the following matters discussed:

- Dr Ishmael was given a copy of the plans of the proposed new Medical Centre. Dr Ishmael advised he would give consideration to relocating however, he would require more information in regards to the operational aspects and costs associated with relocating there. Dr Ishmael was advised he will be informed in due course when this is determined.
- Dr Ishmael was advised Council would be reluctant to spend any major funds on upgrade works at the Weddin Street surgery while he was considering relocating as if he was to relocate these funds could be better utilised at the new Medical Centre. However, he was advised that minor maintenance could be done immediately and he was requested to make a list and forward it to Council for action which Dr Ishmael was very pleased to hear.

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We are intending to now conduct these meetings on a more regular basis.

For Information

Noted

5. 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:-

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.

198 RESOLVED: Cr McClelland and Cr Brown 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.

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6. Australia Day 2015 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 2015 Australia Day ceremonies in Caragabal, Greenethorpe and Quandialla,
- iii) the village organising committees be appointed as section 355 committees of Council for this purpose.

199 **RESOLVED:** Cr Hughes and Cr Niven that:

- i) the arrangements outlined above for Grenfell be confirmed,
- ii) Council offer a donation of \$250 towards the 2015 Australia Day ceremonies in Caragabal, Greenethorpe and Quandialla,
- iii) the village organising committees be appointed as section 355 committees of Council for this purpose.

7. Christmas Lights Competition – Grenfell, T4.3.1

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

The competition has been keenly contested and adds to the season's festivities. The winner is chosen by a "People's Choice" competition in the Grenfell Record and the prizes 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 light displays in Grenfell, unless otherwise sponsored,
- ii) prizes be presented at the Vaughn Park Combined Christmas Party.

200 **RESOLVED:** Cr Brown and Cr Best 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) prizes be presented at the Vaughn Park Combined Christmas Party.

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8. 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. No competition was held in Bimbi last year, as Bimbi was 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.

201 **RESOLVED:** Cr Halls and Cr McClelland 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.

9. 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 2013 the Councillors dinner was held at the Grenfell Bowling 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 \$250 donation to both functions. As costs are increasing it is proposed this amount be increased to \$300.

RECOMMENDATION: that:-

- i) Councillors hold a Christmas function in conjunction with senior staff, committee members and retired employees,
- ii) Council note the arrangements for the outdoor and indoor functions and donate \$300 to each function.

202 **RESOLVED:** Cr McClelland and Cr Hughes that:

- i) Councillors hold a Christmas function in conjunction with senior staff, committee members and retired employees,
- 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 29, 30 and 31 December 2014. As the 2 January 2015 is a working day it is also proposed that the office remain closed that day and reopen on the 5 January 2015 with staff taking an RDO or leave for the day.

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RECOMMENDATION: that Council offices be closed from 25 December 2014 until 5 January 2015 and office staff be granted 3 days special leave for the 29 – 31 December 2014 in lieu of overtime worked and an RDO or leave be taken for the 2 January 2015.

- 203** **RESOLVED:** Cr Griffiths and Cr Best that Council offices be closed from 25 December 2014 until 5 January 2015 and office staff be granted 3 days special leave for the 29 – 31 December 2014 in lieu of overtime worked and an RDO or leave be taken for the 2 January 2015.

10. 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 2013/2014.

For Information

Noted

11. Grenfell Chiropractor Services, H1.10.1

Dr Adam Wild from Aligned Health and Wellbeing commenced his business from the old Commonwealth Bank building initially two days per week on Tuesday 7 October 2014 with his goal to eventually provide Chiropractor Services full time in Grenfell.

Dr Wild advised on the day he would initially take time to finalise his setup and intended to undertake an extensive advertising campaign to promote his business.

Dr Wild advised he was very pleased with the assistance he has received from Council in setting up his business particularly with promotion, preparation and signage associated with the building.

For Information

Noted

12. Quandialla Centenary Celebrations and 2014 Go Kart NSW State Championships, C1.3.12/C1.2.5

The Quandialla Centenary Celebrations and the 2014 Go Kart NSW State Championships were held over the October long weekend in near perfect weather conditions.

The Quandialla Centenary Celebrations was an excellent event with approximately 1000 people attending.

The bush dance, exhibition of a centenary quilt, Fettle's and Settlers Wall, 1930's rail motor rides to Bribbaree, Cobb & Co Coach rides, heritage book, church service and a golf challenge were the highlights of the celebrations and very much enjoyed by everyone attending.

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Similarly, the 2014 Go Kart NSW State Championships which were conducted in a very professional manner were also an outstanding success with approximately 1000 people attending. One of the many highlights of the weekend was the appearance of five times motorcycle World Champion Mick Doohan. Mick's son Jack was competing in the Championships and Mick was primarily there to support him. Mick's presence certainly added to the event and it was fantastic the way he interacted with attendees in a very unassuming manner. Mick's friendly and down to earth attitude was much appreciated by all present who certainly got a buzz out of seeing the former World Champion.

The organisation of both these major events is a credit to the respective committees, their volunteers and various service clubs who all worked tirelessly together to make both events a great success.

RECOMMENDATION: that a letter of congratulations be forwarded to both committees on the outstanding success of their events and they be thanked for their time in conducting the events in a very professional manner.

204 RESOLVED: Cr Griffiths and Cr Brown that a letter of congratulations be forwarded to both committees on the outstanding success of their events and they be thanked for their time in conducting the events in a very professional manner.

13. Special Rate Variation Application, R1.4

As Councillors are aware Council's previous application for a Special Rate Variation (SRV) was declined and Council has resolved to resubmit the application for the 2015/2016 financial year.

Reference is made to IPART's determination which outlined a lack of community consultation specifically relating to the special rate variation as the major reason as to why the SRV application was declined.

In re-submitting the application the following points need to be noted and adhered to:

- Community consultation needs to specifically address the \$ & % impacts of the SRV across all rating categories. We need to acknowledge the increasing importance placed on community consultation in supporting applications.
- Consideration must be given to applying the SRV differentially across categories given the comparisons to OLG Group 9 peers.
- Development of a Hardship Policy has been undertaken.
- A review of our data collection practices regarding current assistance provided to rate payers experiencing hardship has been undertaken which will allow this data to be available to support the SRV application.
- Council is currently in the process of participating in a procurement road mapping project which is designed to reduce external supplier costs and increase internal efficiencies. This will assist us to demonstrate a commitment to cost reduction/containment and thus support our application.
- We also need to be aware of the increasing level of detail expected in any applications and incorporate these requirements into our process.

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The process to submit the application has commenced.

For Information

Noted

14. Sam Myers – Australian Rugby Representative, A3.3.3

A civic reception has been arranged for Mr Sam Myers at 3.00pm on Thursday, 16 October 2014 followed by afternoon tea at the Council Chambers prior to the October Council meeting.

The civic reception will allow Council to recognise, honour and celebrate Sam's achievements.

For Information

Noted

15. Grenfell Historical Society - Grant Funding Application, C1.3.15

A letter of support has been forwarded to the Grenfell Historical Society in their application for grant funding under the Community Commemorative Grants programme to publish the previously unrecorded history of the men named on the Bimbi War Memorial and of the women of the Bimbi Red Cross in 1914 – 1918.

RECOMMENDATION:

Confirm Action

205 **RESOLVED:** Cr McClelland and Cr Hughes that the action be confirmed.

16. November Council Meeting C2.8.1

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

The meeting will commence at 8.30am on the 20 November, 2014 and the change will be advertised.

For Information

Noted

GLENN CARROLL
GENERAL MANAGER

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

9 October 2014

The General Manager
Weddin Shire Council
GRENFELL NSW 2810

Dear Sir

I wish to report as follows: -

1. Statement of Bank Balances as at 30 September 2014:

Bank Account	
Westpac	\$490,115.80
Investments	
Westpac	<u>5,500,000.00</u>
Total Investments	<u>\$5,500,000.00</u>

CERTIFICATE OF RECONCILIATION

I certify that the Cashbook for each Bank Account has been reconciled with the appropriate Bank Statement as at 30 September 2014.

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

For Information

Noted

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

Rates Receipts	266,830.19
Accounts Receivable	97,000.80
Credit Union Agency Commission	607.20
Interest on Investments	669.04
RMS Income	215,375.88
Sec 64 Contributions	3,730.00
Development & Building Application Fees	6,911.00
CTC Income	2,834.85
Caravan Park Income	8,518.00
Other	7,539.52
Total	<u>\$610,016.48</u>

For Information

Noted

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3. Roads and Other Expenditure 2014/2015:

Following are the up to date maintenance figures as at 30 September 2014.

ITEM	VOTE	EXPENDITURE
Rural Roads Maintenance	667,505	245,978
Grenfell Town Streets Maintenance	159,137	25,111
Village Maintenance - Caragabal	6,138	3,692
Village Maintenance - Greenethorpe	8,609	1,252
Village Maintenance - Quandialla	6,138	5,796
Garbage / Recycling Collection	120,873	30,147
Quandialla Recycling Station	8,000	157
Greenethorpe Collections	8,000	1,341
Commercial Waste Collection	18,000	2,259
Grenfell Waste Depot Manning / Plant Hire	130,000	27,766
Tips Working Expenses	35,000	12,425
Grenfell Tip Green Waste Processing	20,000	0
Grenfell Cemetery Maintenance	29,000	2,806
Grenfell Lawn Cemetery Maintenance	40,000	1,757
Grenfell Lawn Cemetery Sites etc. income	(33,000)	(5,745)
Noxious Plants	84,500	11,937
Noxious Plants - Extra	20,000	0
Parks & Gardens	204,262	55,920
Library Expenditure	121,763	21,732
Baths Income	(25,000)	0
Baths Expenditure	134,050	11,686
Caravan Park Income	(57,000)	(15,304)
Caravan Park Expenditure	98,004	23,838

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RTA GRANT WORKS

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

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

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

For Information

Noted

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

Reference is made to the report to the September 2014 Council meeting advising of the status of debt recovery in regard to rates and debtors in which it was advised 43 new assessments were referred to the debt collection agency.

Response from 43 to date

- 8 arrangements for payment entered
- 7 part payments – with payment arrangements pending
- 28 still pending a response

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Outside of the referrals made to the debt collection agency 5 new payment arrangements were entered into. There are currently 17 active arrangements with a further 12 awaiting a response to make an arrangement.

For Information

Noted

5. Gold Fest, T4.3.1

Date Selection

Gold Fest was a successful day with estimated crowds of 800 people in attendance. The weather was sunny with no sign of rain. The crowd began building from 9.30am, before the advertised start time of 10am. September 27th was the AFL grand final. This is probably the reason the crowd disappeared at 1pm, well before the advertised finish time.

Program

The concurrent art gallery exhibition with gold mining images from the Holtermann exhibition were very popular. Art gallery staff greeted over 100 visitors on the day. In future years more volunteers may need to be rostered on.

The artefact display was popular with many people spending considerable time in the conference room. People who couldn't view the exhibition all in one session returned at a later time to finish viewing the display.

The historic talks in the library by bushranger historians Peter Bradley and Craig Bratby were popular with around 30 people attending each session. The combination of the Holtermann exhibition, the artefact display and the historic talks added an extra angle to the Gold Fest program where people could not only be entertained but also educated and engage with the event on a serious level.

The demonstrations in Main Street proved popular with the pin striper and the rope making drawing good crowds. The blacksmith will need to update his display as after the 4th year, interest was waning. The bush furniture maker while also returning for the 4th year remained popular throughout the day.

Most items on the program were successful and well supported i.e. costume competitions, live music, guided walk and the damper bake off. Some areas that need further development are the vintage car and truck display and the antique engine display.

The re-enactments remain a real drawcard and although not historically accurate fulfil an important role on the event's program.

Marketing

The range of advertising and publicity and the way the Gold Fest was marketed this year worked very well. There was targeted marketing that entered the Sydney region. At this stage Gold Fest is a local and regional event and is not developed sufficiently to be marketed widely to Sydney.

Attendees

There were many more locals in the crowd this year compared with previous years. We also had a good mix of people from Newcastle, Dubbo, Harden, and West Wyalong. In the past we have struggled to get locals to support this event, however this year we successfully achieved this goal.

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Feedback Received

One piece of feedback received related to variety of food on offer. Although all types of street stalls were encouraged to attend we didn't end up with a single food stall. In future years we will need to source alternate food options to cater for the larger crowd.

A full review of Gold Fest will be conducted and submitted to the March Council meeting.

For Information

Noted

6. Preparation of the 2013/2014 Financial Statements, A1.6

In preparing the 2013/2014 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.

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

207 **RESOLVED:** Cr Hughes and Cr Parlett that Council endorse the Mayor, Deputy Mayor, General Manager and Director Corporate Services to sign the statement on Council's behalf.

7. Grenfell Library, C2.8.15

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

An entry has been prepared for the 2014 Public Libraries Marketing Awards based on our Library Week programme. It will not, however, compete with entries from large multi-staffed libraries.

A successful life story writing workshop was held on Tuesday, 30th September, with thirteen people attending.

Statistics prepared for the 2013/14 NSW Public Library Statistics revealed a continuation of the decline in circulation and visitation evident in recent years. Total circulation declined from 16,578 in 2012/13 to 14,112 in 2013/14, membership is down from 1,066 to 1,023, Internet hours from 225 to 150, library visits from 6,479 to 6,123.

Wi-Fi access has still not been re-established in the library but the first of the computer units has been sold.

The library was used for the programme of talks for Gold Fest but counter services were maintained.

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Most of the CDROMs and half of the remaining audio books on cassette were weeded during the month, with the latter being sold.

Otherwise activities have been of a routine nature.

For Information

Noted

8. Economic Development, C2.8.13

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

Distributed agendas and took minutes for the Weddin Development Committee meeting on September 2nd. Sent correspondence as secretary of the WDC.

Distributed funding opportunities to interested community groups.

Contacted all leads from Country Living Expo to encourage them to visit Grenfell and to consider moving to the town.

Coordinated local business promotional flyer for go kart competitor bags.

Produced 200 competitor bags for the Go Kart entrants.

For Information

Noted

9. Tourism/Promotions, C2.8.11

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

Attended VIC planning meeting with Tourism Committee and Bruce Buchanan.

Attended Emirates Melbourne Cup tour of the Weddin Shire.

Set up a tourism display at the showgrounds during the Weddin Mountain Muster and gave a tourism presentation.

Gold Fest was successfully held with re-enactments, artefact display, live music, historic talks, guided tour, demonstrations and vintage vehicles. Gold Fest marketing and publicity included: Western Magazine, Grenfell Record, 2LF, 2PK, 2CH, facebook, ABC radio, The Land, Art Out West, The Daily Telegraph Best Weekend Magazine and tourism newsletters and a lead in story on Prime news. Refer to separate Gold Fest Report.

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

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Researched & recorded 4 radio interviews, 9 Facebook & twitter posts & updated TV screen 4 times.

Prepared 'What's on in Grenfell' subscribers newsletter for September/ October 2014.

For Information

Noted

10. Grenfell Internet Centre, C2.8.14

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

Conducted services and repairs for 42 residential customers and 4 business customers.

Sold computers and accessories to 46 residential customers and 2 business customers.

Delivered 6 individual lessons and 5 Seniors Computer Club group lessons.

Printed 3 lots of funeral service booklets

Sold 1 second hand computer for the library

A contract for the provision of Access Point Services for the Department of Human Services has been signed and returned. This contract includes funding of \$4,044.62.

For Information

Noted

11. 2013/2014 Financial Statements, A1.6

The 2013/2014 Financial Statements have been completed and Council's external auditors Intentus Chartered Accountants have indicated that they will conduct the audit commencing 20 October 2014.

Following receipt of the auditor's report a date has to be fixed for the presentation of the audited financial reports together with the auditor's report to the public. Public notice of this date must be given and the date fixed for the meeting must be at least seven days after advertising but not more than five weeks after the auditors reports are forwarded to Council.

It is anticipated a formal presentation of the accounts will be made by Council's auditors at the November 2014 Council Meeting.

For Information

Noted

LACHLAN GIBSON
DIRECTOR CORPORATE SERVICES

208 **RESOLVED:** Cr Brown and Cr McClelland that except where otherwise dealt with the Director Corporate Services' report be adopted.

9 October 2014

The General Manager
Weddin Shire Council
GRENFELL NSW 2810

Dear Sir

Mr Adrian Milne presented the report in the Director Engineering's absence.

I wish to report as follows:

1. Works Report (5 October 2014)

1.1 Classified Roads Maintenance

Routine maintenance such as Slashing, Patching and Guide-posting has continued on a majority of classified roads during the month

SH6 - General Maintenance
 - Crack sealing has been carried out

SH17 - General Maintenance
 - Signs erected for heavy patching

MR398 - General Maintenance

MR236 - General Maintenance

MR237 - General Maintenance

MR239 - General Maintenance
 - Started heavy patching

1.2 Rural Local Roads Programme

Routine maintenance such as Slashing, Patching & Guide Posting has continued on a majority of classified roads during the month

- Completed earthworks & sealed 2km of Nowlans Road construction
- Completed earthworks & sealed 0.6km of Pinnacle Road rehabilitation
- Gravelled re-sheeted 2km of Bimbi-Caragabal Road

1.3 Rural Maintenance

Routine maintenance such as Slashing, Patching & Guide Posting has continued on a majority of classified roads during the month

- General Maintenance
- Maintenance graded Brickfield Road, Stockroute, Campbells Lane, McAllisters Lane, Bimbi-Caragabal Road, Reeves Lane, Napiers Road, Hamptons Lane, Arramagong Road, Boundary Road, Goodes Lane, Roberts Road & Rumbles Lane.

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- Repaired eroded slope on Greenethorpe-Bumbaldry Road
- Slashed, swept & patched Quandialla Streets for Centenary weekend
- Completed Pinnacle Road culvert repairs

1.4 Urban Maintenance/Construction

- General maintenance
- Clean culverts Brickfield Road
- Repaired lane off Starr Street
- Cleaned culverts North Street

For Information

Noted

2. Other Works

- Maintenance repairs to Sloanes Cottage
- Extended cell walls at the Tip
- Built a new cell with a drain for builder's waste
- Repairs to Quandialla Pool carried out prior to pool opening
- Sprayed Tip surrounds
- Ground Grenfell Pool concrete for trip hazards
- Ground Caravan Park for trip hazards
- Removed rubbish from Company Dam

2.1 Parks & Ovals Report

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

- General Maintenance
- Cleaned out water tanks in Taylor Park

2.2 Cemeteries

The following graves have been prepared from: 8 September 2014 to 5 October 2014

Grenfell Lawn	–	2
Grenfell	–	2
Bimbi	–	Nil
Caragabal	–	Nil

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

- Replanted the Columbarium gardens
- Mowed the lawn cemetery & general cemetery

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2.3 Sewer Mains

Four (4) sewer chokes have been attended to during the last month.

None were in the relined parts of the system.

Raised 4 sewer manholes George Street & Melyra Street, relocated the sewer main from the Pre-school to a manhole.

2.4 Private Works

- Repaired a driveway for a ratepayer
- Hired the front end loader to a ratepayer
- Sold old aggregate to a ratepayer
- Cleared 3 sewer chokes for a ratepayer
- Sold a load of gravel to a ratepayer

2.5 Village Maintenance

2.6 Other

- Supplied bins & coolrooms to Go-kart races & Quandialla Centenary
- Supplied traffic control & bins for Gold Fest

2.7 Vandalism

Urban – Nil

Rural – Nil

Total Cost: \$0.00

Progressive Cost Urban: \$300.00

Progressive Cost Rural: \$800.00

(from 1/7/2014 to date)

For Information

Noted

3. Future Works

3.1 Rural

- general maintenance
- continue widening Pinnacle Road
- Heavy patch Young Road

3.2 Urban

- general maintenance
- Cemetery beam construction

For Information

Noted

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4. Plant Report

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

Plant No	Plant Item	Maintenance
	General Plant	General Maintenance
PI 3244	Toyota Dyna	Replace clutch (vehicle to be replaced).
PI 3243	Toyota Dyna	Repair toolbox, adjust brakes (vehicle to be replaced).
PI 3249	Toyota Dyna	Replace clutch.
PI 3826	Old Garbage Truck	Prepare replacement motor.
PI 4099	Tip Compactor Cat 518C	Replace hydraulic hose, repair handbrake.
PI 4107	Austroads Patch Truck	Repair electrics.
PI 4101	Volvo Loader	Air leak repairs, replace broken bolt and pin on main bucket arm.
4069	Ford 3000 (Caragabal)	Replace hydraulic pump.

For Information

Noted

5. RMS RMCC Contract, R2.54.4

Routine maintenance on SH6 and SH17 continues.

Heavy patching on SH17 and SH6 started on Tuesday 7 October 2014. Planning for the 2014 reseal work continues.

Replacement of a large culvert on SH6 East is being planned.

For Information

Noted

6. Noxious Weed Report – September, C2.8.12

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

- Weeds sprayed –African Boxthorn, Scotch Thistle, Blackberry, Wild Radish
- Areas sprayed – Birangan, Warraderry, Bogalong, Melyra, Walla Walla, Yambira, Brundah, Bumbaldry, Maudry, Yuline, Bolungerai, Grenfell town area
- Inspected high risk roadsides, TSRs, Council owned land, Rail & other high risk sites.
- Attended LVWAC meeting on 17 September 2014 - A lot of discussion on Review of Weed Management and possible changes.

- 3 property re-inspections
- Interviews are being conducted for the Labourer – Noxious Weeds casual position.

For Information

Noted

7. Grain Harvest Management Scheme, T3.6.1

Roads and Maritime Services (RMS) has written to Council requesting Council to again participate in the Grain Harvest Management Scheme from 1 October 2014 to 30 June 2016.

Council did participate in the Grain Harvest Management Scheme last season with no negative comments being received.

As a road manager under the Heavy Vehicle National Law, consent is required from Council before scheme access is available.

Transport for NSW advised that in 2013/2014, there were low levels of non-compliance, and provided a productivity benefit for growers.

The Grain Harvest Management Scheme allows up to 5% over the general Mass Limits for travel from farms to the first practicable participating receivers across regional NSW.

Additionally:

- The scheme will run from 1 October 2014 to 30 June 2016.
- A broader range of grains will be included.
- The removal of the National Heavy Vehicle Accredited Scheme mass management module enrolment or approved on board mass scales.
- The 'three strikes' and immediate removal process will be removed.

As the harvest scheme is due to commence on 1 October 2014, RMS has been advised that this Council will participate in the scheme.

RECOMMENDATION:

Confirm Action

209 **RESOLVED:** Cr Hughes and Cr Griffiths that the action be confirmed.

8. CEEP2 – Sewer Relining, T1.8.15

Insituform completed the CEEP2 portion of the sewer relining on Tuesday 30 September 2014 as per the contract (total length 2,584 metres). The firm is continuing the remainder of the sewer relining (840 metres).

A number of junctions which are in poor condition will be sealed by the Contractor.

For Information

Noted

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9. Memorial Plaque – South West Slopes National Servicemens Association, P2.1.8/C1.3.26

Council has now received a letter of support from the Grenfell RSL Sub-Branch for the placement of a memorial plaque at Memorial Park Cenotaph.

At an on-site meeting held on Wednesday 1 October 2014, between the Director Engineering, Maurice Simpson, Graham O'Neill and Kerrie Dunn, the position of the plaque was agreed to, together with the wording and size of plaque.

Council has now given a quotation for the supply and erection of the plaque to the Grenfell Sub-Branch and the National Servicemens as requested.

For Information

Noted

10. Forbes Street Caravan Parking, R2.4.15

The caravan parking in Forbes Street is well patronised.

Comments have been received as follows:

- the parallel parking area outside No.8 Forbes Street is too narrow for caravans due to the steep camber on the road.
- the blacked out lines are visible at night.

The caravan parking signs in Main Street (temporary until permanent signs arrive), Camp Street and Melyra Street have been erected.

For Information

Noted

11. School Crossing at Caragabal School, T3.4.2

Roads and Maritime Services has written to Council seeking comment on the proposed removal of the school crossing on the Mid Western Highway at Caragabal.

Discussions have been held with the Principal who advised that the crossing is not used by students and would be happy to have it converted to an island refuge. The Principal also requested a set of flashing 40km signs.

I agree with the Principal's comments as there is a village bus which picks up and drops off school children outside the school.

It is proposed to remove the school crossing in November and update the school zone signage and road markings following a reseal of the road.

The Weddin Local Traffic Committee members have advised their concurrence to the proposal.

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RECOMMENDATION: that Council:

- a) advise RMS of its concurrence to the conversion of the school crossing at Caragabal to a pedestrian refuge, with updated signage and road markings.
- b) request RMS to include the erection of a set of flashing lights at the school zone in conjunction with the proposed works.

210 **RESOLVED:** Cr Halls and Cr Best that Council:

- a) advise RMS of its concurrence to the conversion of the school crossing at Caragabal to a pedestrian refuge, with updated signage and road markings.
- b) request RMS to include the erection of a set of flashing lights at the school zone in conjunction with the proposed works.

12. NSW Office of Sport – Sport and Recreation Grant, G2.1

Applications are now open for the Sport Facility Program. Grants up to \$25,000 are available to improve sporting facilities on a dollar for dollar basis.

It is proposed to lodge a grant application for the Lawson Oval toilet block. Council has allocated \$100,000 (ex reserves) in the 2014/2015 budget.

RECOMMENDATION: that Council apply for a grant of \$25,000 for the toilet block at Henry Lawson Oval under the NSW Office of Sport, Sport Facility Program.

211 **RESOLVED:** Cr Hughes and Cr McClelland that Council apply for a grant of \$25,000 for the toilet block at Henry Lawson Oval under the NSW Office of Sport, Sport Facility Program.

13. Memorial Park Spring BBQ, P2.1.8

Weddin Community Services has requested the use of Memorial Park on Tuesday 14 October, 2014 for a Spring BBQ in conjunction with the Government Mobile Office visit. Approximately twenty (20) people will participate.

A copy of their Public Liability Insurance has been provided.

Weddin Community Services have been given approval to host the event.

RECOMMENDATION:

Confirm Action

212 **RESOLVED:** Cr Halls and Cr Best that the action be confirmed.

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RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the late report be received and dealt with because of the urgency of the matters.

- 213** **RESOLVED:** Cr Halls and Cr Brown that the late report be received and dealt with because of the urgency of the matters.

At this point the Director Corporate Services left the room 6.47pm.

14. Lachlan Valley Weeds Advisory Committee, E2.7.5

Correspondence A33 refers.

Council has received advice from the Lachlan Valley Weeds Advisory Committee that, following its last meeting, a number of issues were raised in relation to how it proposes to address the issues from the Natural Resources Commission Review into the management of weeds in New South Wales.

The Committee felt that all Councils within the proposed Local Land Services Weed Committee boundaries should have representation on these new committees and be notated on the proposed constitution.

The Committee also was in favour of continuing the Lachlan Valley Weeds Advisory Committee as a working committee as in previous years and become a subcommittee of the new structure.

RECOMMENDATION: that Council:-

- a) support in principle Council representation on the new Local Land Services Weeds Committee,
- b) support the continuation of the Lachlan Valley Weeds Advisory Committee in its current form,
- c) support the Lachlan Valley Weeds Advisory Committee's role as a future sub-committee to the proposed Local Land Services Weeds Committee.

- 214** **RESOLVED:** Cr Niven and Cr Halls that Council:

- a) support in principle Council representation on the new Local Land Services Weeds Committee,
- b) support the continuation of the Lachlan Valley Weeds Advisory Committee in its current form,
- c) support the Lachlan Valley Weeds Advisory Committee's role as a future sub-committee to the proposed Local Land Services Weeds Committee.

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DIRECTOR ENGINEERING

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

9 October 2014

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

Dear Sir,

I wish to report as follows:-

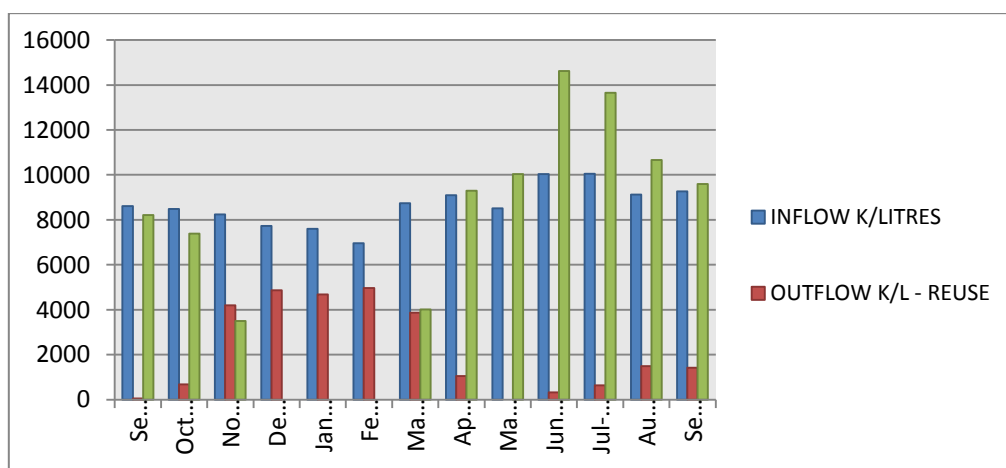
A. Public Health and Environmental Matters

1. Sewerage Treatment Works, S1.1.1

Total inflow through the Works during September 2014 was 9,267 kl with the daily average of 308.9 kl. Outflow for irrigation for reuse was 1,416 kl and discharge to Emu Creek 9,594.35 kl.

The highest daily recording of 578 kl occurred for the 24 hours ending 6.30 am on 2 September 2014 and the lowest of 259 kl for the 24 hours ending 6.30 am on 12 September 2014.

A total rainfall of 41 mm was recorded for the month.



For Council's Information

Noted

2. Animal Control, A4.4.4

Animal control activities were:

a. Companion Animals

Animals Seized:	2 (Dogs)	Animals Returned to Owners:	2 (Dogs)
Animals Impounded:	0 (Dog)	Animals Destroyed:	1 (Dog)
Animals Sold:	0	Animals Released:	0
Animals Surrendered:	2 (Dogs)	Animals handed to Rescue Org:	1 (Dog)

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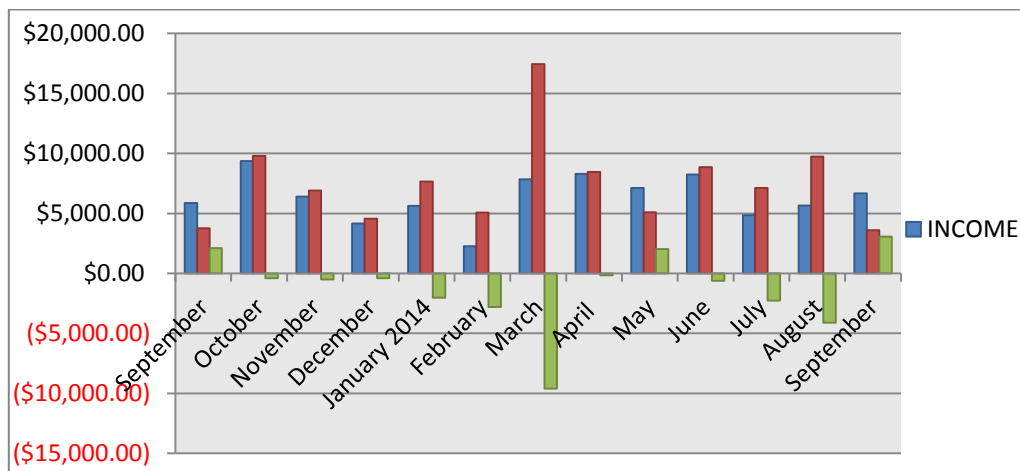
Noted

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3. Caravan Park Operations, P2.3.3

Income for the month of September 2014 was \$6,674.00 with expenditure of \$3,599.95 resulting in an operational profit of \$3,074.05 for the month.

There were 237 sites occupied for the month of September 2014.



For Council's Information

Noted

4. Recycling and Composting, E3.3.7/E3.3.15

Through membership of NetWaste, Council has been advised that 4 learning sessions have been carried out at local primary schools.

These sessions were carried out by Sue Clarke NetWaste Environmental Learning Adviser and incorporated the following themes:

DATE	SCHOOL/CENTRE	WORKSHOP/S	TIME
Tuesday 7/10/14	Caragabal PS	Whoops That Doesn't Go in the Recycle Bin	9.15am – 10.00
		Caught on Composting	10.15 – 11.15
Tuesday 7/10/14	Quandialla CS	Whoops That Doesn't Go in the Recycle Bin	12.30 – 1.00
		Caught on Composting	1.30 – 2.30
Wednesday 8/10/14	Grenfell Community Native Nursery	Composting and Worm Farming	9.00 – 11.00
Wednesday 8/10/14	Grenfell PS Stage 3	Worm Power	11.30 – 12.30
		Caught on Composting	
Thursday 9/10/14	St Joseph's CS Grenfell	Caught on Composting Yr 4 Group 1	9.20 – 10.20
		Caught on Composting Yr 4 Group 2	10.30 – 11.30

This education is a valuable part of the Council/NetWaste partnership and is welcomed at all the schools.

NetWaste has committed to assisting Council with further recycling education in 2015.

For Council's Information

Noted

At this point the Director Corporate Services returned to the room 6.52pm.

5. Asbestos Awareness Month in November, H1.6.1

Councils are being encouraged to participate in Asbestos Awareness Month by raising awareness about asbestos. The theme for 2014 is "Get to Know Asbestos this November".

In addition to raising awareness amongst homeowners, the 2014-15 campaign will target tradespersons.

Benefit to councils in participating:

- Taking a leadership role in addressing asbestos issues at a local level
- Reduce incidences of unsafe asbestos management practices and illegal dumping of asbestos products
- Low cost to participate – access to pre-prepared relevant information and images

Resources for Councils

Various resources including media kits and digital resources are available to assist councils to:

- Mention asbestos awareness in the council column
- Print and display posters and brochures

Council can participate by:

- Registering on the Asbestos Awareness Month webpage
- Materials can be found on the downloads page by logging into the secure area.

RECOMMENDATION: Council register for Asbestos Awareness Month and provide information to public and tradesperson.

216 RESOLVED: Cr Best and Cr Hughes that Council register for Asbestos Awareness Month and provide information to public and tradesperson.

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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
29/2014	Mr E Raumati	New Dwelling	\$182,450	LOT: 7 DP: 1113505 14 Lawson Drive GRENFELL NSW 2810
33/2014	Andys Design & Drafting	Alteration/Additions to Pavilion & Awning to Existing Outbuilding	\$210,000	LOT: 880 DP: 754578 16 North Street GRENFELL NSW 2810
34/2014	Mr TC Wood	Subdivision	\$5,000	LOT: 10 DP: 870230 44/46 Warraderry Street GRENFELL NSW 2810
35/2014	Mrs HM Kinnear	Extend verandah & habitable	\$3,500	LOT: 10 Sec: 6 DP: 758473 20 Weddin Street GRENFELL NSW 2810
36/2014	Mr C Ewers	Double Garage	\$12,600	LOT: 1 DP: 1111360 56 Camp Street GRENFELL NSW 2810

For Council's Information

Noted

2. Complying Development Applications

The undermentioned applications were received and determined as Complying Development subject to standard conditions.

CDC NO.	Applicant	Construction	Value (\$)	Address
CD 1/2014	Mr RF & Mrs JL McLelland	New Dwelling & Garage	\$400,000	LOT: 1 DP: 1188325 Lynch's Lane GRENFELL NSW 2810

For Council's Information

Noted

3. Weddin Aquatic Centre Redevelopment, P2.3.1

At Council's Ordinary September Council meeting Council were advised the status of the planning process for the redevelopment of the Weddin Aquatic Centre.

It is noted that 3 stages have been prepared for Councils consideration with accompanying opinion of cost breakdowns prepared by Council's consultant in conjunction with market/industry opinion.

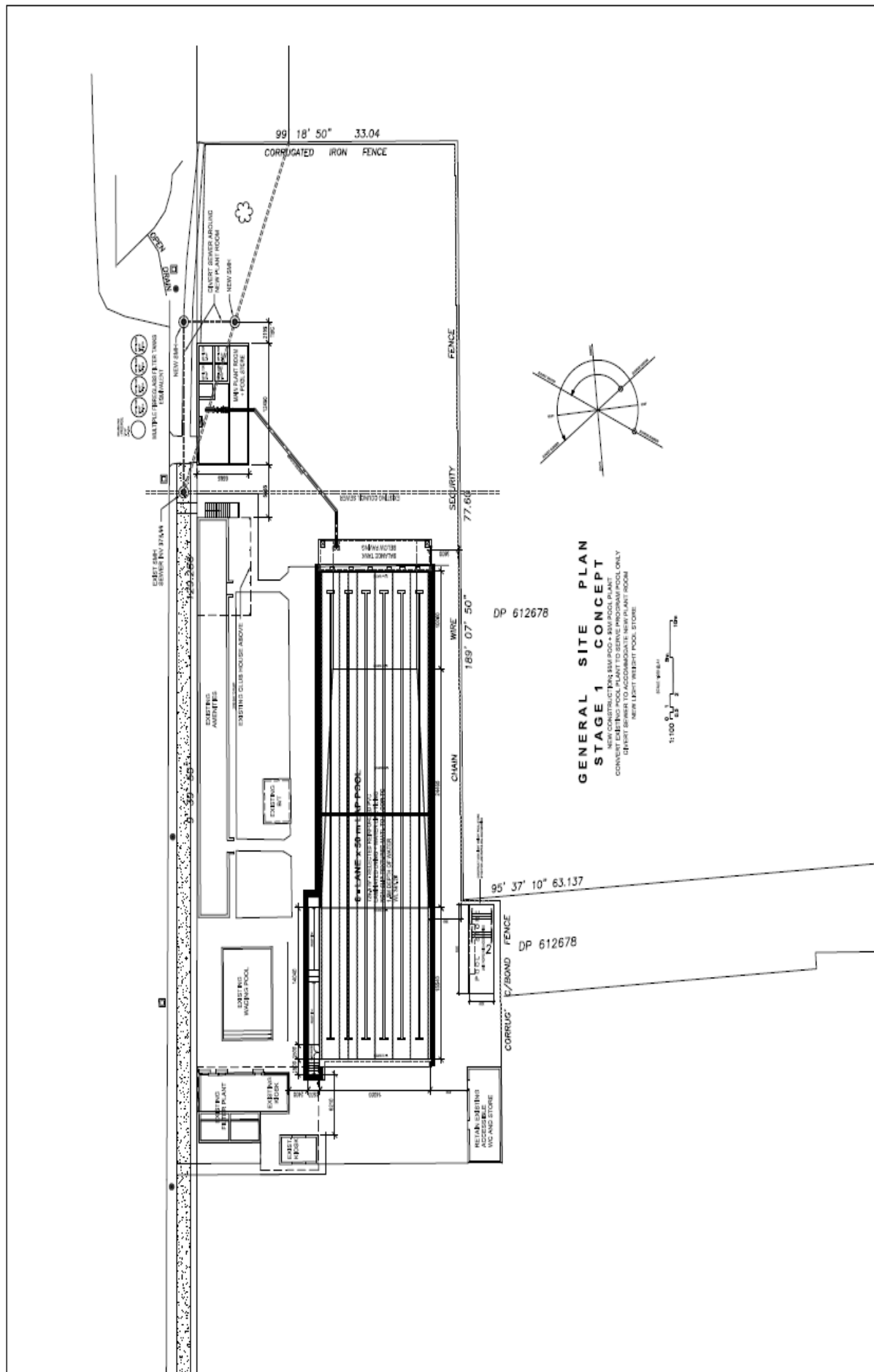
The three stages with associated costs are as follows:

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1. Stage 1 Masterplan – illustrating the proposed 50m new pool with ramp and associated concourse extent + new plant room + balance tank and backwash tank locations.

COMPONENT	COST/M2 (Ex GST)	TOTAL	REVISED SUB TOTALS
1. Preliminaries & establishment–inspections, accommodation	Item	\$ 150,000	
2. Services augmentation – electricity, sewer diversion near new plant room, water	Item	\$ 50,000	
3. Demolition of existing 50m pool and concourse. Assume council tip fees waived & tip close by.	Item	\$ 60,000	
4. Excavation & trimming. Assume council	Item	\$ 40,000	
5. Form & pour new 50m concrete pool & balance tank.	Item	\$ 850,000	
6. Piering to pool floor – subject to geotech advice.	Item	\$ 100,000	
7. Tiling & fitout to 50m pool, including new lane ropes, backstroke poles, false start flags and stainless steel handrails.	Item	\$ 270,000	
8. New concourse construction including drainage. – 610 m2	@ \$150/m2	\$ 91,500	
9. New masonry plant room. – 82 m2	@ \$ 1,300m2	\$ 106,600	
10. New pool plant & equipment including pool reticulation	Item	\$ 680,000	
11. New driveway & layback to plant room.	Item	\$ 5,000	
12. New pool store – metal shed including floor slab – 27m2	Item	\$ 12,000	
13. New stainless steel/glass fence between toddler pool & 50m pool. – 10 lin/m	Item	\$ 10,000	
14. General landscaping & fencing.	Item	\$ 15,000	
15. Pool blankets, rollers, blanket buddy.	Item	\$ 60,000	
16. Solar heating option	Item	\$ 100,000	
17. Backwash tank	Item	\$ 10,000	
18. SUB TOTAL		\$ 2,610,100	
19. Builder Overheads + Margins	15%	\$ 392,000	
20. Contingency	5%	\$ 130,500	
16. TOTAL (Ex GST)		\$ 3,132,600	

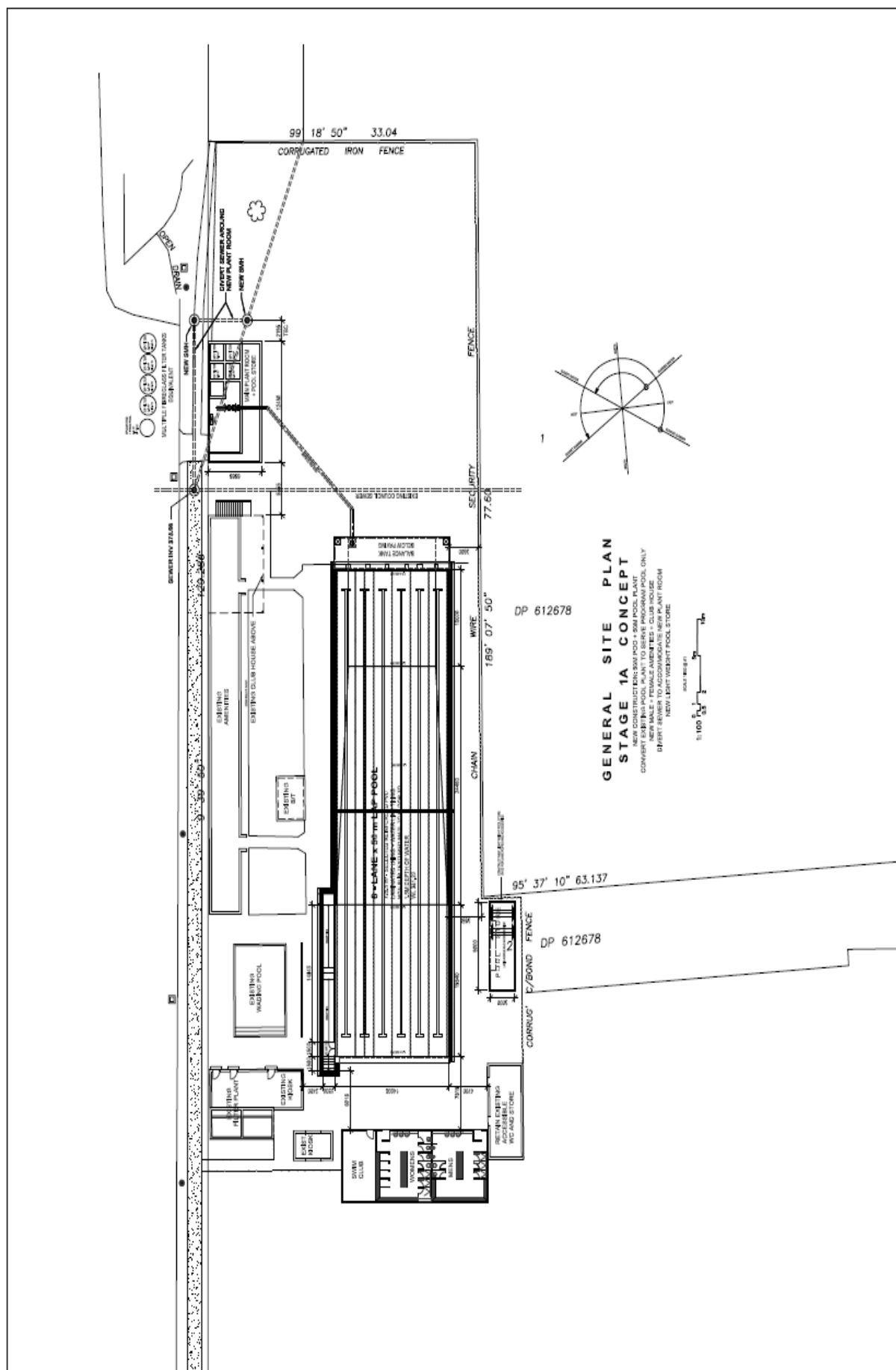
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2. Stage 1a Masterplan – illustrating the new amenities and possible club room as part of the first build.

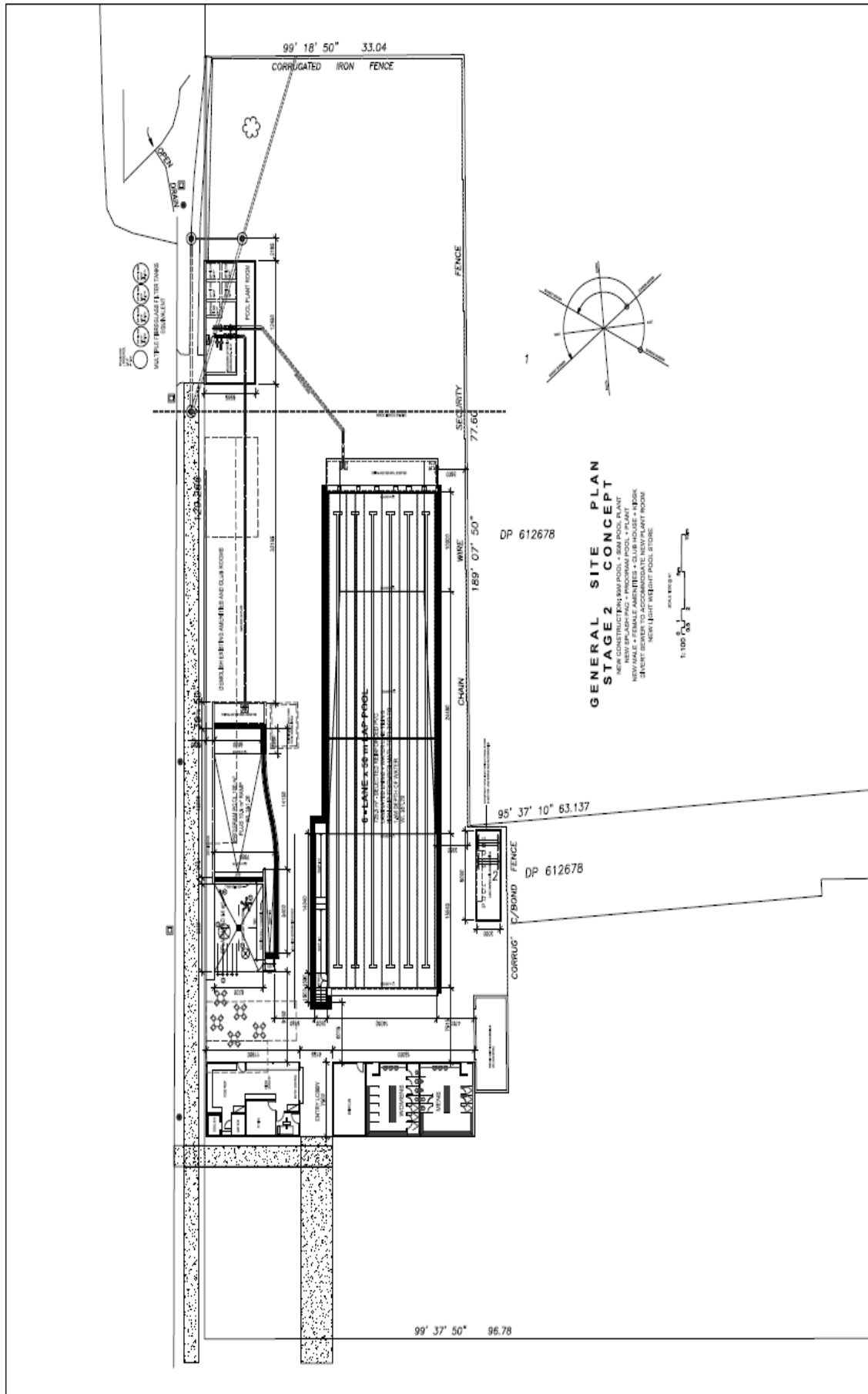
COMPONENT	COST/M2 (Ex GST)	TOTAL	REVISED SUB TOTALS
1. Preliminaries & establishment–inspections, accommodation	Item	\$ 150,000	
2. Services augmentation – electricity, sewer diversion near new plant room, water	Item	\$ 50,000	
3. Demolition of existing 50m pool and concourse. Assume council tip fees waived & tip close by.	Item	\$ 60,000	
4. Excavation & trimming. Assume council	Item	\$ 40,000	
5. Form & pour new 50m concrete pool & balance tank.	Item	\$ 850,000	
6. Piering to pool floor – subject to geotech advice.	Item	\$ 100,000	
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15. Pool blankets, rollers, blanket buddy.	Item	\$ 60,000	
16. Solar heating option	Item	\$ 100,000	
17. Backwash tank	Item	\$ 10,000	
18. New swim club room – 31 m2	@ \$ 1,600 m2	\$ 49,600	
19. New amenities facilities – 103 m2	@ \$2,300 m2	\$ 236,900	
20. SUB TOTAL		\$ 2,896,600	
21. Builder Overheads + Margins	15%	\$ 433,500	
22. Contingency	5%	\$ 145,000	
23. TOTAL (Ex GST)		\$ 3,475,100	



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3. Stage 2 Masterplan – illustrating the remaining works to be completed including amenities, club room, entry/control/kiosk, splash' program pool, shade structures and remaining concourses and fences.

COMPONENT	COST/M2	TOTAL (Ex GST)	REVISED SUB TOTALS
1. Preliminaries & establishment–inspections, accommodation	Item	\$ 150,000	
2. Services augmentation – electricity, sewer diversion near new plant room, water.	Item	\$ 60,000	
3. Demolition of existing 50m & toddler pool and concourse. Assume council tip fees waived & tip close by. Demolition of all buildings on site.	Item	\$ 120,000	
4. Excavation & trimming to both pools. Assume council tip fees waived & tip close by.	Item	\$ 60,000	
5. Form & pour new 50m concrete pool & balance tank.	Item	\$ 850,000	
6. Piering to pool floor – subject to geotech advice.	Item	\$ 140,000	
7. Tiling & fitout to 50m pool, including new lane ropes, backstroke poles, false start flags and stainless steel handrails.	Item	\$ 270,000	
8. New concourse construction including drainage. – 850 m2.	@ \$150/m2	\$ 127,500	
9. New masonry plant room. – 82 m2 .	@ \$ 1,300m2	\$ 106,600	
10. New pool plant & equipment including pool reticulation.	Item	\$ 680,000	
11. New driveway & layback to plant room.	Item	\$ 5,000	
12. New pool store – metal shed including floor slab – 27m2.	Item	\$ 12,000	
13. New stainless steel/glass fence between toddler pool & 50m pool. – 10 lin/m	Item	\$ 10,000	
14. General landscaping & fencing – including new block wall to Forbes Street.	Item	\$ 55,000	
15. Pool blankets, rollers, blanket buddy.	Item	\$ 60,000	
16. Solar heating option.	Item	\$ 100,000	
17. Backwash tanks	Item	\$ 18,000	
18. New swim club room – 31 m2 .	@ \$ 1,600 m2	\$ 49,600	
19. New amenities facilities – 103 m2.	@ \$2,300 m2	\$ 236,900	
20. Form & pour new program pool/splash pad.	Item	\$ 320,000	
21. Piering to pool base.	Item	\$ 30,000	
22. Tiling & fitout including handrails, water toys.	Item	\$ 150,000	
23. New reticulation & water filtration plant (to be housed in new plant room).	Item	\$ 300,000	
15. SUB TOTAL		\$ 3,736,600	
24. Builder Preliminaries + Margins.	15%	\$ 560,500	
25. Contingency.	5%	\$ 187,000	
18. TOTAL (Ex GST)		\$ 4,484,100	



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It is acknowledged that the figures are indicative and only the full tender process can provide the true market test for costings.

Once Council has selected the proposed stage, the tender documents will be prepared to address the extent of the development and it is envisaged that advertising will commence on Monday 20th October 2014 for a period of 8 weeks.

A compulsory tenderer site inspection has set down for 5 November 2014.

The various stage options all have financial and social implications. The consideration of selecting Stage 1 or 1A requires major commitment to completion of the entire project with additional costs for restart and general building material/cost increase. The selection of Stage 2 will provide an entire new facility.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. Council redevelop the Weddin Aquatic Centre in accordance with Stage 2 proposal that being full redevelopment of the site being the proposed 50m new pool with ramp and associated concourse extent + new plant room + balance tank and backwash tank locations, new amenities and club room, entry/control/kiosk, splash' program pool, shade structures and remaining concourses and fences.
2. Council commence the Tender process by Calling for Tenders for redevelopment of Weddin Aquatic Centre in accordance with the Stage 2 proposal.

217 RESOLVED: Cr Best and Cr Brown that:

1. Council redevelop the Weddin Aquatic Centre in accordance with Stage 2 proposal that being full redevelopment of the site being the proposed 50m new pool with ramp and associated concourse extent + new plant room + balance tank and backwash tank locations, new amenities and club room, entry/control/kiosk, splash' program pool, shade structures and remaining concourses and fences.
2. Council commence the Tender process by Calling for Tenders for redevelopment of Weddin Aquatic Centre in accordance with the Stage 2 proposal.

4. O'Briens Hill – Tourism Interpretation & Asset Management Plan, H2.8.2

Council is in receipt of the Draft Plan for O'Briens Hill – Tourism Interpretation and Asset Management Plan prepared by David Scobie Architects.

The plan has been forwarded to both Tourism and Heritage Committees with both providing support for the document.

Council placed this draft on public exhibition for 28 days and called for submissions. These submissions have been considered, and as such the final document is returned to Council for formal adoption. (Attachment B.4)

The adoption of this document will provide a strategic plan for the development of the precinct and support for prospective grant funding opportunities.

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RECOMMENDATION: that Council adopt the “O’Briens Hill – Tourism Interpretation and Asset Management Plan”.

- 218** **RESOLVED:** Cr Hughes and Cr Parlett that Council adopt the “O’Briens Hill – Tourism Interpretation and Asset Management Plan”.

B J HAYES

DIRECTOR ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

- 219** **RESOLVED:** Cr Best and Cr McClelland that except where otherwise dealt with the Director Environmental Services’ report be adopted.

**MINUTES OF THE GRENFELL ART GALLERY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD
THURSDAY 2 OCTOBER, 2014 AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS COMMENCING
AT 8.30 AM (C2.6.35)**

1. PRESENT: Mary Moffitt, Lisa Schaefer, Cr Parlett, and Glenn Carroll

2. APOLOGY: Cr Carly Brown

Resolved: M Moffitt and L Schaefer that the apology be accepted.

3. ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON:

Resolved: Cr Parlett and M Moffitt that Glenn Carroll be elected Chairperson.

4. MINUTES:

Resolved: L Schaefer and M Moffitt that the minutes of the meeting held 7 August 2014 be adopted.

5. MATTERS ARISING:

- **Regional Art Gallery** – Requires full time qualified staff.

6. CORRESPONDENCE:

Inwards – Director Environmental Services re: Heritage Festival (Conflict and Compassion) 2015.

Resolved: Cr Parlett and M Moffitt that the Heritage Festival theme “Conflict and Compassion” be considered for incorporation into the 2015 Art Gallery Program.

Outwards – Kerry L’Estrange

Noted

7. ART GALLERY – CO COORDINATORS REPORT

Resolved: M Moffitt and Cr Parlett that the Art Gallery Co-ordinators report be adopted as presented.

8. ART GALLERY – FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Resolved: L Schaefer and Cr Parlett that the Art Gallery Financial Statement be adopted as presented.

9. GENERAL BUSINESS

9.1 Art Gallery Volunteers thank you morning tea – to be arranged prior to the commencement of a new exhibition. The artists, visitors from surrounding towns and volunteers to be invited. Volunteers to also be briefed on new exhibition. Charge of \$10 for visitors. Volunteers to be encouraged to bring a friend.

Resolved: Cr Parlett and M Moffitt that prior to the opening of each new exhibition a meet the Artist Workshop and morning tea be conducted with a \$10 charge for non-volunteers.

9.2 Recruitment of additional volunteers – to be advertised.

9.3 Arrange builder/handy person for structural additions to panels for next exhibit – arranged.

10. NEXT MEETING: Thursday, 4 December 2014 at 8.30 am at the Council Chambers.

11. MEETING CLOSED: There being no further business to discuss the meeting closed at 9.39 am.

220 RESOLVED: Cr Parlett and Cr McClelland 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 2nd OCTOBER 2014 AT 3.30 PM AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

1. **PRESENT:** Clr M. Liebich, Clr N. Hughes, Clr J. Parlett, W Crampton, P. Diprose, L. Gibson, A. Carr.

2. **APOLOGY:** Clr C Brown, Clr P Best, Clr G. McClelland

Resolved: Clr N Hughes/ Clr J Parlett that the apologies be accepted.

3. **ELECTION OF CHAIR**

Resolved: Clr J Parlett/ Clr N Hughes that L. Gibson be elected chair.

L. Gibson welcomed W. Crampton to the committee and wished him all the best.

4. **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:** 7th August 2014

Resolved: P Diprose/ Clr J Parlett that the minutes of the 7th August 2014 meeting be adopted.

5. **MATTERS ARISING:**

P Diprose- Len Wallace Statue- This is now an RSL project. RSL will decide on the final location of a suitable memorial. Council may still assist with installation if approached at a later date.

6. **CORRESPONDENCE:**

In: Nil

Out: L De Valk- Munch Time
P Gorman- Central West Craft Shop
M Dykhoff- Dykhoffs Bakery & Fabric N Terior
I Brenner- Fashion Addict
C Bembrick- Grenfell Fruit Market
J Chen- Grenfell Variety
W Holtz- Murrays Store
M Mortensen- Max Car Detailing

Noted

7. **PROJECTS:**

- Visitor Information Centre- P. Diprose and M. Aspin conducted an inspection of regional VIC. Trained paid staff and a central location, are crucial to the success of a VIC.
- Gold Fest- the day had favourable weather which assisted with crowd numbers, wide ranging publicity was undertaken. The art gallery received high numbers of visitors and demonstrations were very popular. A review will be conducted in March 2015.

Resolved: Clr N Hughes/ Clr J Parlett that a letter is written to A Carr to acknowledge the success of Gold Fest.

- Website –Michael Yates webmaster. New website tender document to be prepared. New website to feature quality photography.
- Tourism “Mapping” exercise. Dot Lampkin interviews and recordings are continuing.
- Social Media – two updates per week, page grew by 500 likes during Gold Fest promotion.
- Central NSW Tourism Update- Unearthed campaign continuing with a wedding and food and wine focus. All campaign offers to be presented to tourism committee. Grenfell’s statistics to be sourced from Central NSW Tourism.
- Melbourne Cup Tour- a great event for Grenfell, visited most schools in the shire and the MPS. Race caller was a popular guest.

Resolved: Clr J Parlett/ Clr N Hughes that a letter is written to Deidre and Terry Carroll thanking them for their involvement with the Melbourne Cup visit.

8. PRIORITISING PROJECTS:

- Priorities Attached

Noted

9. UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Go Kart State Championships October 2-5th
- Quandialla Centenary Reunion, 4-6 October
- Iandra Castle 5th October
- Grenfell Open Gardens October 11th and 12th
- Dodge Car Club National Meet- 13th October
- Carriage Driving 18&19th October
- Go Kart Race December 6 &7
- ANZAC Centenary 2015
- Grenfell’s Sesquicentenary 2016

Noted

10. REPORTS:

Nil

11. BUSINESS WITH NOTICE:

- C Brown- geo caching- deferred to December meeting
- C Brown- caravan parking -deferred to December meeting
- Clr J Parlett -bin near Henry Lawson statue- rubbish is building up the Henry Lawson statue. A new bin on Forbes Street near the statue may help alleviate this problem.

12. QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE:

Nil

13. NEXT MEETING: Thursday 4th December 2014 3.30 pm at the Council Chambers

14. CLOSURE: 4.22 pm

221 RESOLVED: Cr Hughes 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 2
OCTOBER 2014 AT 5.00 PM AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS (C2.6.22).**

ELECTION OF CHAIR:

Mr B Hayes (DES) was nominated.

Resolved: Clrs Parlett and Mr Pitt that Election of Chair be held over to the next Heritage Meeting.

Resolved: Mr Hetherington and Mr Pitt that Clr Hughes to chair this meeting.

1. **PRESENT:** Clr N Hughes, Clr J Parlett, Mr I Pitt, Mr J Hetherington and
Mrs S Jackson-Stepowski (HA)
Observers: Clr M Liebich (Mayor) and Mrs I Holmes

2. **APOLOGIES:** Mrs P Livingstone, Clr Brown, Mr B Hayes (DES) and Mr M Aspin

Resolved: Clr Parlett & Mr Pitt that the apologies be accepted.

3. **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:** Thursday, 7 August 2014

Resolved: Clr Parlett & Mr Pitt to note change to 4.3 (O'Brien's Hill & Environs Brief) of minutes to read - Mr Hayes advised that the Heritage Advisor's comments have been forwarded to the consultant.

Resolved: Mr Pitt and Clr Parlett that the amended minutes of 7 August 2014 be adopted.

4. **MATTERS ARISING:**

4.1 NSW Heritage Council

Mrs Holmes advised that a letter has been forwarded for consideration.

Noted

4.2 DCP – Heritage Status

Mrs Holmes advised that the draft Development Control Plan (DCP) was resolved at the Council September Ordinary meeting to be place on exhibition for 28 days for public comment.

Noted

4.3 O'Brien's Hill & Environs Brief

Mrs Holmes advised that the Heritage Advisor's comments were taken into consideration and the document will be recommended for adoption at Council's October meeting. It was noted that the Iris Garden has been identified in the document.

Noted

4.4 Display – Date their Shop Building

Mrs Jackson-Stepowski spoke about the Dates of Shop Building she provided. Mr Pitt discussed how some dates were out.

Resolved: Clr Parlett and Mr Hetherington that the Heritage Advisor and Mr Pitt are to discuss and make changes.

4.5 2015 Heritage Festival (Conflict & Compassion)

Mrs Holmes advised that letters were forwarded to local schools/organisations as resolved at last meeting.

Resolved: Cllr Parlett and Mr Hetherington that letters also be forwarded to the Village schools.

Noted

4.6 2014/15 Local Heritage Grants

Mrs Holmes advised that funding offers have been sent out. With some acceptances already received.

5. CORRESPONDENCE:

5.1 Heritage Referral Memo – August Visit

Mrs Holmes advised that Mrs Livingstone would like to give praise for the wonderful change to the gym window.

Noted

6. BUSINESS WITH NOTICE

6.1 Grenfell Maternity Cottage

Mrs Holmes advised that Mr Hayes will be attending an onsite meeting on 6 November at 10am with Pauline (Cowra) and Mr Jeff Morissey (DCS) representatives of the hospital. The Heritage Committee feels strongly about the significance of the building.

Resolved: Cllr Parlett & Mr Hetherington that Council's Heritage Advisor be involved in reviewing/commenting on the building prior to any final decisions being made. A copy of the resolution to be forwarded to the Health Committee Chair.

7. HERITAGE ADVISORS REPORT

Mrs Jackson-Stepowski gave a verbal report on her activities:

- Discussed grant funding with Diane Donohue (Dagmar St)
- Onsite meeting with Band Hall members
- Draft reply letter to executor of Estate of the late MM Morris (Iandra)

Resolved: Cllr Parlett and Mr Pitt that draft letter done by Heritage Advisor be forwarded to Mr R Kershaw.

8. QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE:

9. NEXT MEETING: Thursday 4 December 2014 at 5.00pm

10. CLOSURE: There being no further business the meeting closed at 5.45pm.

222 RESOLVED: Cr Parlett and Cr McClelland that the Minutes of the Heritage Committee Meeting be adopted including the recommendations therein, except where otherwise resolved.

**MINUTES OF THE LOCAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON TUESDAY, 7 OCTOBER 2014
COMMENCING AT 4.30 PM (E1.1.5)**

1. PRESENT: Bill Twohill (LEMO, Chair - Weddin Shire Council), Michael Madgwick (NSW Police LEOCON), Craig Johnson (Fire & Rescue NSW), Maurice Simpson (Observer - State Emergency Service), Andrew Noble (NSW Ambulance), Mark Hughes (Observer – Fire & Rescue NSW), Karen Hancock (NSW Health) and Bill Atchison (Observer – State Emergency Service).

2. APOLOGIES: Brendan Hayes, Warren Goodall, Dave Lewis, Ray Cawthorne and David Sheehan.

Resolved: B Atchison and A Noble that the apologies be accepted

3. MINUTES:

Resolved: M Madgwick and C Johnson that the minutes of meeting held on 5 August 2014 be adopted as read.

4. MATTERS ARISING

4.1 Local Displan – Now EMPLAN

Tabled – Table to be emailed to members.

Noted

4.2 Draft Recovery Document

To be included in EMPLAN.

Noted

4.3 Bimbi

Nil response from SES.

Noted

4.4 Training – Exercise for EOC

To be held at 1600hrs on Thursday 23 October, 2014 in Grenfell.

Noted

5. GENERAL BUSINESS

Nil

6. CORRESPONDENCE

Nil

7. MEMBERS REPORT

7.1 Police - Staffing complete

- Manage an EM course by M Madgwick

- Evacuation course in Young to be attended by M Madgwick

7.2 Ambulance – Nil

7.3 SES – New reporting system (all crew trained)

7.4 Fire and Rescue NSW - Mark Hughes is New Deputy Captain
- Attended Young fire.

7.5 Health – desktop lockdown of MPS to be carried out at 11am on Wednesday, 8 October 2014.

8. NEXT MEETINGS: - Following exercise
- Tuesday, 3 February 2015 (to be confirmed)

9. CLOSURE: There being no further business to discuss the meeting closed at 5.19 pm.

**W TWOHILL
(LEMO)**

223 RESOLVED: Cr Niven and Cr Griffiths that the Minutes of the Local Emergency Management Committee be adopted including the recommendations therein, except where otherwise resolved.

MINUTES OF THE NOXIOUS WEEDS COMMITTEE MEETING HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON MONDAY, 13 OCTOBER 2014 COMMENCING AT 3.30 PM (C2.6.13)

As apologies were received from Clrs Niven, Halls and H Matthews, the meeting was not held.

Noted

THE MINUTES OF THE TOWN WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 13 OCTOBER, 2014 COMMENCING AT 4.30 PM (C2.6.8).

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

2. **APOLOGY:** Clr Best

Resolved: Clr Brown and Clr McClelland that the apology be accepted.

3. **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:** 15 September 2014

Resolved: Clr Brown and Clr McClelland that the minutes of 15 September 2014 be adopted.

4. **MATTERS ARISING:**
Nil

5. **CORRESPONDENCE:**
Nil

6. **REPORTS:**

6.1 **General Manager:**
Reports on Grenfell Doctor Lease, Weddin Street Surgery – Upgrade Works.

Noted

Clr Parlett entered the meeting at this point 4.35 pm.

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

Noted

6.3 **Director Engineering:**
Reports on Works Report, Other Works, Future Works, CEEP2 – Sewer Relining, Memorial Plaque – South West Slopes National Servicemens Association, Forbes Street Caravan Parking and Memorial Spring BBQ.

Noted

6.4 **Director Environmental Services':**
Reports on Sewerage Treatment Works, Caravan Park, Recycling and Composting, Asbestos Awareness Month in November, Weddin Aquatic Centre Redevelopment, O'Briens Hill – Tourism Interpretation and Asset Management Plan and Town DA's

Noted

7. **BUSINESS WITH NOTICE**
Nil

8. **QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE**

8.1 Cr Brown – Patching Loose Gravel in the Main Street.

Noted

9. **NEXT MEETING:** Monday, 17 November 2014 at 4.30 pm.

10. **CLOSURE:** There being no further business to discuss the meeting closed at 5.04 pm.

224 RESOLVED: Cr McClelland and Cr Brown that the minutes of the Town Works Committee be adopted including the recommendations therein, except where otherwise resolved.

MINUTES OF THE PROPERTY AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY, 13 OCTOBER 2014 COMMENCING AT 5.05 PM (C2.6.11)

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

2. **Apology:** Clr Best

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

3. **Minutes:**

Resolved: Clr Hughes and Clr Griffiths that the minutes of the 18 August 2014 be adopted.

4. **Matters Arising:**
Nil

5. **General Business:**

5.1 Medical Centre – Burrangong Street

- Plans and specifications currently being finalised.
- Proposed to submit a grant funding application under the National Stronger Regions Fund (NSRF). Proposed to engage Mr Stephen Sykes to assist. Applications close 28 November 2014.
- Preliminary works can commence upon grant funding being exhausted.
- Tenders to be then called.
- Construction of footpath to be considered.
- Future operations – information to be obtained in regards to the operation of Medical Centres in surrounding towns. Future operational aspects to be determined.

Noted

5.2 Grenfell Pool Upgrade

- Expressions of interest (EOI) successful.
- Grant funding application to be submitted under ClubGRANTS Category 3 Programme
- Mr Stephen Sykes engaged to provide assistance.
- Facility Design Group forwarded indicative costings.
- Plan to call tenders 2014.
- Construction to commence mid March 2015.

Noted

5.3 Bogolong Dam Purchase

- Settlement date effective 17 September 2014.

Clr McClelland left the meeting at this point and did not return 5.25 pm

- Operational aspects such as inspections, maintenance and signage to be undertaken.
- Meeting to be arranged with representatives from RMS and Public Works to discuss risk management, safety issues and requirements for various activities.
- Council to then consider future use of the dam.
- Sec 355 Committee to be established.

- Meeting recently held with Mr Paul Heinrichs a consultant for the State Water Corporation who advised on various upgrade requirements and structural issues. Mr Heinrichs also advised that the upgrade works required will depend on the future use or activities at the dam and the amount of risk Council is prepared to take.

Noted

Resolved: Clr Parlett and Clr Griffiths that Council write to the adjoining landowners to seek an agreement to gain access to Bogolong Dam.

6. **Next Meeting:** Monday, 17 November 2014 at 5.00 pm.

7. **Closed:** There being no further business to discuss the meeting closed at 5.44 pm.

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

**MINUTES OF THE MANEX MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY, 14 OCTOBER 2014
COMMENCING AT 8.15 AM (C2.6.10)**

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

Apology: Nil

Minutes: of meeting 16 September 2014

Resolved: W Twohill and B Hayes that the minutes of the 16 September 2014 be adopted.

General Business:

1A Administration

- (i) Policy reviews – remaining policies to be reviewed.
- (ii) 2013/2014 Annual Financial Statements – completed in draft form. To be forwarded to Division of Local Government by 7 November 2014. Auditors to attend Council 20 – 23 October 2014. Director Corporate Services pursuing.
- (iii) 2013/2014 Annual Report – to be completed and forwarded to Division of Local Government by 30 November 2014. General Manager pursuing.
- (iv) NSW Government's – "Fit for the Future" Proposal – Council to submit a submission or proposal by 30 June 2015 detailing how Council will be "Fit for the Future". Currently awaiting template. Further reported in General Manager's report.
- (v) Christmas Closedown – arrangements to be made for respective departments. Directors to pursue.

1B Human Resources

- (i) Vacancies
 - Patch Truck Driver/Operator – to be re-advertised.
 - Noxious Weeds Assistant (casual) – interviews held 13 October 2014. Appointment imminent.
 - Pool Attendant (casual) – currently being re-advertised.
- (ii) Appointments
Nil

2. Public Order and Safety
Nil

3. Health

- (i) Doctor Situation – lease signed effective from 3 February 2014.
- (ii) Grenfell Medical Centre – proposed to submit a grant funding application under the National Stronger Regions Fund (NSRF) Programme. Tenders to be then called and preliminary works can commence.
- (iii) Chiropractor – Dr Wild commenced 7 October 2014. Conducting his business Tuesdays and Thursdays from the old Commonwealth Bank building.

4. Community Services and Education
Nil

5. Housing and Community Amenities

- (i) Rural Land Use Study – possible land rezoning opportunities identified. Community consultation currently being undertaken. Director Environmental Services pursuing.

- (ii) Development Control Plan (DCP) – currently on public exhibition. Plan to be submitted to November Council Meeting for formal adoption.
- (iii) Quandialla Recycling Depot – operating very well. Director Engineering monitoring.
- (v) EP & A Act Review – Minister has agreed to various amendments to the white paper which will be debated in Parliament again in 2014.
- (vi) Emu Creek Storm Management Plan – to be resubmitted to the next Floodplain Meeting for endorsement prior to being submitted to Council for formal adoption. Director Engineering liaising with Council's solicitor and consultant in regards to obtaining written agreements to gain access to private land along Emu Creek.

6. Sewerage

- (i) Smoke Testing – properties being re-inspected by Contractor. Three remaining. Repairs currently being undertaken. Director Environmental Services pursuing.
- (ii) Community Energy Efficiency Program (CEEP) Round 2 – Centroc obtained a \$2m grant to assist Councils to undertake sewer relining and smoke testing. Available to councils on a \$ for \$ basis. Contractor currently undertaking works. Director Engineering pursuing.

7. Recreation and Culture

- (i) Art Gallery – current exhibition in progress until the 21 November 2014.
- (ii) Cinema – next film to be held in November 2014.
- (iii) O'Briens Hill Upgrade Draft Plans – being submitted to Council for formal adoption. Grant funding application to be submitted. Director Environmental Services pursuing.
- (iv) Henry Lawson Oval Master Plan – plan currently being developed. Director Engineering pursuing.
- (v) Bogolong Dam Purchase – settlement date effected on 17 September 2014.
- (vi) Club Grants Category 3 Funding – two EOI's submitted for the Grenfell Swimming Pool upgrade. Council invited to submit a grant funding application.
- (vii) Grenfell Swimming Pool – opened Monday, 13 October 2014.
- (viii) Quandialla Swimming Pool – opened 5 October 2014 to co-incide with the Centenary celebrations.

8. Mining Manufacture and Construction

- (i) Gravel Pit Leases – process continuing to secure pits. Director Engineering pursuing.

9. Transport and Communication

- (i) RMS Contract – reported in Director Engineering's report.
- (ii) Other Programs – **Noted**
- (iii) Rail Branch Lines – two tenders currently being evaluated by the tender evaluation panel.
- (iv) Caravan Parking Forbes Street – trial commenced. Very good feedback being received. To be reconsidered after 1 July 2015. Signs to be erected. Director Engineering to pursue.
- (v) Traffic Control/Signage Training – to be arranged. Director Engineering pursuing.

10. Economic Affairs

- (i) Industrial Land Sales – awaiting settlement date for one (1) sale.

11. General Purpose Revenues

- (i) Special Rate Variation – planning to re-submit application for a Special Rate Variation (SRV) for the 2015/2016 financial year. Community consultation plan to be reassessed and further developed.
- (ii) Interest Rate Subsidy – application submitted under the Local Government Infrastructure Renewal Scheme. Outcome should be known in the near future.

12. Alliances

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

13. Other Matters

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

14. Job List: review

Noted

Next Meeting: To be Advised.

Closure: There being no further business to discuss the meeting closed at 9.16 am.

226 **RESOLVED:** Cr Griffiths and Cr Brown that except where otherwise dealt with the Manex Committee Minutes be noted.

LIST OF INSPECTIONS, MEETINGS AND DEFERRED ACTIVITIES.

1. INSPECTIONS AND MEETINGS:

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| April 2012 | 1. <u>Grenfell Cemetery Maintenance:</u> further meeting to be held in May (DE). | In Progress |
| | 2. <u>The Hon Angus Taylor MP:</u> arrange meeting to discuss various health grant funding opportunities at the appropriate time (GM). | Carried Out |
| August 2014 | 3. <u>Dr Ishmael:</u> arrange meeting to discuss upgrade works (GM). | Carried Out |
| September 2014 | 4. <u>The Hon Paul Toole MP:</u> invite to Grenfell to address Council (GM). | In Progress |

2. DEFERRED ACTIVITIES:

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

April 2014	8. <u>O'Briens Hill - Tourism Interpretation and Asset Management Plan</u> : place on public exhibition for comment. Resubmit to Council for formal adoption (DES).	Carried Out
June 2014	9. <u>Special Rate Variation Application</u> : reapply at appropriate time (DCS/GM).	In Progress
July 2014	10. <u>Sam Myers – Civic Reception</u> : arrange reception to be held in October 2014 (GM).	Carried Out
	11. <u>Henry Lawson Statue</u> : advertise and seek comments in regard to security camera (DE).	In Progress
	12. <u>Pigeon Control – Main Street</u> : investigate further options. Funding to be considered in the 2015/2016 estimates process (DES).	In Progress
	13. <u>Draft Stream Management Plan – Emu Creek</u> : place on public exhibition for comment and resubmit to the next Floodplain Committee meeting for endorsement before being submitted to Council for formal adoption (DE).	In Progress
August 2014	14. <u>Memorial Park – Flagpole</u> : purchase and erect flagpole (DE).	In Progress
September 2014	15. <u>Grenfell Community Health</u> : repair visitors entrance (DE).	In Progress
	16. <u>Household Chemical Cleanout</u> : arrange collection day to be held 28 October 2014 (DES).	In Progress

TENDERS

1. Tender T8/2014 – Purchase Two (2) Single Cab Bench Seat (4T) Tipping Trucks

Tenders closed at 12 noon on 8 October, 2014 for the purchase of two (2) Single Cab Bench Seat (4T) Tipping Trucks.

Three (3) tenders were received.

RECOMMENDATION: that, due to commercial in confidence reasons, the tender prices report will be referred to closed council.

227 **RESOLVED:** Cr Griffiths and Cr Best that, due to commercial in confidence reasons, the tender prices report will be referred to closed council.

2. Joint CENTROC Tender – Signs, T1.8.16

Centroc again called tenders for the supply and delivery of signs for two (2) years, with a possible twelve (12) month extension.

Seven (7) responses were received.

Artcraft Pty Ltd, Barrier Signs Pty Ltd and De Neefe Signs Pty Ltd were subsequently selected by the Centroc panel using the APET 360 pro tender evaluation tool.

This Council used the three companies previously, with generally conforming results.

RECOMMENDATION: that Council:

- a) accept the tenders from Artcraft Pty Ltd, Barrier Signs Pty Ltd and De Neefe Signs Pty Ltd for the supply and delivery of signs for a period of two (2) years from 1 October 2014, with a possible extension of twelve (12) months.
- b) advise Centroc of its decision.

228 **RESOLVED:** Cr McClelland and Cr Griffiths that Council:

- a) accept the tenders from Artcraft Pty Ltd, Barrier Signs Pty Ltd and De Neefe Signs Pty Ltd for the supply and delivery of signs for a period of two (2) years from 1 October 2014, with a possible extension of twelve (12) months.
- b) advise Centroc of its decision.

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.

229 **RESOLVED:** Cr Hughes and Cr Halls 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

DIRECTOR ENGINEERING REPORT

1. **Tender T8/2014 – Purchase Two (2) Single Cab Bench Seat (4T) Tipping Trucks**
Reason for confidentiality: commercial information (Section 10A(2)(d))

REPORT ON CLOSED COUNCIL

The Mayor read out the following decisions from the Closed Council:

DIRECTOR ENGINEERING REPORT

1. Tender T8/2014 – Purchase Two (2) Single Cab Bench Seat (4T) Tipping Trucks

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

RESOLVED: that Council:

- a) accept the tender from Tracserv Pty Ltd for the supply and delivery of two (2) new 2014 ‘700 P’ series Isuzu NPR 200 Factory Tippers at a cost of \$51,329.00 each including GST, less trade-in Toyota Dyna VXR427 \$9,000 including GST and trade-in Toyota Dyna VXR428 \$5,000 including GST.
- b) fund the purchase from the Plant Fund as previously approved.

CLOSURE: There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.21 pm.

Taken as read and confirmed as a true record this day 20 November 2014.

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