

NOTICE OF ORDINARY MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the next Meeting of Council will be held in the Council Chambers on **Tuesday, 17 July 2018 at 4.00pm.**

Agenda

- (1) Submission of Questions for Next Meeting
- (2) National Anthem
- (3) Prayer
- (4) Acknowledgement of Traditional Owners:
"I acknowledge the traditional custodians of the land on which we live, work and play. I pay my respects to our Elders past and present and thank them for the contribution they have made, and continue to make, in the cultural identity of our nation."

(5) Apologies

(6) Declarations of Interest:

At this juncture, Councillors should indicate any items in which they have an interest and therefore will not be participating in discussion or voting.

(7) Confirmation of Minutes:

- Ordinary meeting held on 19 June 2018 (circulated previously)

(8) Listing of matters to be considered in Closed Council

The following matters are listed to be considered in Closed Council in line with the confidentiality policy of Council and Clause 10A (2) of the Local Government Act, 1993, relating to:

- (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 the 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 grounds of legal professional privilege information concerning the nature and location of a place or an item of Aboriginal significance on community land.

- Procedural Motion to close Council to Press and Public
- Reports from Servants to Closed Council Meeting
 - Staff Leave (a)
- Procedural Motion to re-open meeting to Press and Public

(9) Reports from Servants

(10) Correspondence

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David Neeves
General Manager

Procedural Motion – to exclude Press and Public

“That by reason of the confidential nature of the matters to be considered in line with the confidentiality policy of Council and Clause 10(2) of the Local Government Act, 1993, relating to financial matters, staff matters, industrial matters, acceptance of tenders, personal affairs of private individuals, possible or pending litigation and such other matters considered appropriate – the Press and Public be excluded from the Meeting.

MAYORAL MINUTE - 8/18
MAYORAL COMMITMENTS

SUMMARY

To advise of the Mayor's activities during the preceding month.

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21/6/18	Planning meeting for Deputy Prime Minister's visit
22/6/18	Deputy Prime Minister's visit
25/6/18	Castlereagh Macquarie County Council, Coonabarabran
25/6/18	Sports Council
27/6/18	Meeting with Villa Unit Residents re budget estimates for 2018/19
3/7/18	Council Workshop
6/7/18	Meeting with CEO of Toyota Australia at Gilgandra Toyota
10/7/18	Meeting with Minister Blair, MP, Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Regional Water, and Minister for Trade and Industry
10/7/18	Council Workshop at Cooee Heritage Centre
11/7/18	Economic Development Committee Meeting
12/7/18	Meeting re OROC, Dubbo
14/7/18	NAIDOC Gala Awards Night
17/7/18	Council meeting

Principal Activity

Strategic Leadership

Policy Implications

Nil

Budget Implications

Nil

Delivery Program Actions

4.1.2.1

Conduct the business of Council in an open and transparent manner

RECOMMENDATION

That the report be noted.

D Batten
Mayor

ORANA JOINT ORGANISATION

SUMMARY

To provide an update on the Orana Joint Organisation and seek acceptance of a policy and the draft Charter.

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The inaugural meeting of the Orana Joint Organisation was held on 13 June 2018 where Cr Doug Batten was elected unopposed as Chair and Ms Belinda Barlow was appointed as the Interim Executive for a 12 month period. A copy of the minutes is separately included with this Business Paper.

Proposed new member Councils are Bogan Shire Council and Warren Shire Council however it will be necessary for the Minister of Local Government to approve and proclaim their membership.

A copy of the Orana Joint Organisation draft Charter and Payment of Expenses and Provisions of Facilities to the Board Members policy has been separately included for Councillors' information and endorsement.

<u>Principal Activity</u>	Respected Leadership
<u>Policy Implications</u>	Nil
<u>Budget Implications</u>	Nil
<u>Delivery Program Actions</u>	8.1.1.1 Maintain active relationships with Orana Joint Organisation Councils

RECOMMENDATION

1. That the report be noted.
2. That the Draft Charter and Payment of Expenses and Provisions of Facilities to the Board Members Policy be accepted.

David Neeves
General Manager

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LOCAL GOVERNMENT PROFESSIONALS CONFERENCE

SUMMARY

To seek Council's support for a professional development opportunity for the General Manager.

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The Local Government Professionals Australia – 2018 National Congress and Business Expo is being held from 22-24 August in Canberra.

The conference program has some worthwhile key note speakers, includes a study tour of Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional Council and sessions of particular note include:

- Integrity in Local Government
- Leadership in Local Government
- Speed Mentoring

Guest Speakers include:

- Michael Clarke – Rebuilding Australian Cricket's damaged reputation – what lessons can we learn?
- Dr Barry Quirk – Nobody can predict a crisis....but you can prepare for managing one.
- Frances Crimmins - Women in leadership
- David Burfoot – Ethics in the Workplace
- Jodie Nevid – How to Rewire your Brain
- Marianne Di Giallonardo – Transforming Maroondah
- Daniel Fletcher – Leading Millennials
- Dr John Martin – Is Queensland off the Rails?
- Ashleigh Tapper – Passion, platform and innovation
- Bill Osborne – Aligning Digital Strategies
- Dr Peter Swan – Extend working life of older staff

The conference presents an opportunity for me to meet other General Managers and Chief Executive Officers from Councils around Australia, to build networks and share ideas.

The course costs are \$1,200 for a non-member plus travel and accommodation.

Following the conference, a report will be submitted to Council outlining the benefits of the training.

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<u>Principal Activity</u>	Respected Leadership
<u>Policy Implications</u>	Nil
<u>Budget Implications</u>	Funded from within existing staff training budgets
<u>Delivery Program Actions</u>	3.2.4.1 Establish and implement relevant training for all employees

RECOMMENDATION

That Council endorse the General Manager's attendance at the Local Government Professionals Australia – 2018 National Congress and Business Expo.

David Neeves
General Manager

MAYORAL & COUNCILLOR FEES

SUMMARY

To set the Mayoral and Councillor fees for 2018/19 following determinations by the Local Government Remuneration Tribunal.

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The Local Government Remuneration Tribunal has handed down its determinations for 2018/19. The Tribunal has determined that the minimum and maximum Mayoral and Councillor fees will increase by 2.5% from 2017/18 to 2018/19 effective from 1 July 2018.

The following table outlines the Tribunal's determinations for 2018/19:

Table 4: Fees for General Purpose and County Councils

Category	Councillor/Member Annual		Mayor/Chairperson Additional	
	Minimum	Maximum	Minimum	Maximum
General Purpose Councils - Metropolitan				
Principal CBD	26,970	39,540	164,980	217,080
Major CBD	17,980	33,310	38,200	107,620
Metropolitan Large	17,980	29,670	38,200	86,440
Metropolitan Medium	13,480	25,160	28,640	66,860
Metropolitan Small	8,970	19,790	19,100	43,150
General Purpose Councils – Non-metropolitan				
Regional City	17,980	31,260	38,200	97,370
Regional Strategic Area	17,980	29,670	37,200	86,400
Regional Rural	8,970	19,790	19,100	43,170
Rural	8,970	11,860	9,540	25,880
County Councils				
Water	1,780	9,890	3,820	16,250
Other	1,780	5,910	3,820	10,790

*This fee must be paid in addition to the fee paid to the Mayor/Chairperson as a Councillor/Member (s.249(2)).

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Council is categorised as a Rural Council and in 2017/18 Council determined fees in accordance with the maximums allowable of \$11,570 for Councillors and an additional \$25,250 for the Mayoral fee.

Principal Activity

Respected Leadership

Policy Implications

Budget Implications

Council has budgeted for a 2.5% increase from 2017/18 to 2018/19.

Delivery Program Actions

4.1.2.3

Develop, implement and continually monitor a good governance plan

RECOMMENDATION

That Council set the fees payable to Councillors and the additional Mayoral fee for 2018/19 within the limits set for a Rural Council.

N J Alchin
Director Corporate Services

ST VINCENT DE PAUL – REQUEST FOR WASTE MANAGEMENT SERVICES

SUMMARY

To consider a request from St Vincent de Paul for Waste Management Services.

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Sandy McGrath, Chair of the local St Vincent de Paul Society, has written requesting that Council donate a waste and recycling bin to St Vincent de Paul and also provide the associated kerbside collection service.

St Vincent de Paul is run by volunteers and provides a community service to the people of Gilgandra by helping those in need. The shop offer the opportunity for people to donate clothes and other household items to help raise money for those in need.

Volunteers have been taking all St Vincent de Paul waste directly to the waste facility however with the ageing volunteer workforce, Council is now asked to take on the responsibility.

Given that St Vincent de Paul has not previously been issued with either a waste or recycling bin, they are entitled to be provided with one waste bin and one recycling bin by Council.

The provision of a kerbside collection by Council is put forward for determination as such a decision would be deemed to be a donation and require a change to Council's Donations policy. The cost of such a service for 2018/19 would be \$458 per annum (being a non-rateable property with one service).

Principal Activity

Respected Leadership

Policy Implications

If determined to assist, would require a change to Council's Donations policy

Budget Implications

Initial purchase of two bins plus ongoing annual waste charge for a non-rateable property with one service (currently \$458 per annum)

Delivery Program Actions

4.1.1.1

Support Councillors in their role by providing information regularly and training as required

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RECOMMENDATION

1. That St Vincent de Paul be supplied one waste bin and one recycling bin.
2. That Council provide an annual donation to St Vincent de Paul equivalent to the annual waste charge for a non-rateable property with one service (currently \$458 per annum) and,
3. That Council's Donations Policy be updated to reflect the inclusion of St Vincent de Paul in line with Council's decision.

N J Alchin
Director Corporate Services

SUPERANNUATION

SUMMARY

To consider a request for assistance from the Canberra Region Joint Organisation in relation to Local Government Superannuation additional contributions.

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David Rowe, Chair of the General Managers Advisory Committee for the Canberra Regional Joint Organisation has written to Council seeking a letter of support. Mr Rowe has written:

Local Government Superannuation – Additional Contributions

I am writing to you on behalf of the Canberra Region Joint Organisation (CBRJO) which has become very concerned regarding the continuous demands from Local Government Super (LGS) for additional contributions towards the Defined Benefit Plan (DBP).

In 2009 after the global financial crisis LGS requested all Councils in NSW make additional contributions to help fund the dramatic downturn in value in the DBP. The additional contributions that were sought from LGS totalled \$40,000,000 per annum over the whole State and we were advised they would last five years.

All Councils would have received a letter from David Smith, CEO of LGS in January 2018 stating that they wish to continue with these demands on Local Government until at least 2022 at which stage it would be reviewed with no guarantee that these demands will have an end date.

The DBP is based on a formula with three parts. The first part is Councils are required to pay 1.9% of the employee contribution. The second part being 2.5% of the employee's superable salary and finally a third part required if the sum of the first two parts don't add up to 9.5% of the superable salary (the Superannuation Guarantee Levy). Most Councils therefore pay between 9.5% & 19.6% of the superable salary to LGS for their DBP employees. There are exceptions where some Councils are paying well above the 19.6%.

In addition, during the last 10 years LGS has demanded from Councils this additional contribution totalling \$40,000,000 per annum across the State. It is this additional contribution that CBRJO believe should cease now. In reality Councils across NSW have paid an additional \$400,000,000 to LGS to cover the losses incurred in the GFC. This will increase to \$600,000,000 if LGS continue on the current path.

In the last 10 years we have seen significant increases in share markets around the world. Government bonds have also enjoyed healthy returns. LGS have stated to the CBRJO that they need to ensure that the assets in the DBP exceed their liabilities. We agree with this statement but believe it is now up to the Board of LGS to manage these funds better than what they have done to date without burdening Councils with additional contributions.

It is inappropriate for LGS to treat Councils throughout NSW as 'cash cows' to continually fund this scheme over and above very generous contributions that we provide at this time. LGS have for 10 years made demands upon us and we at CBRJO believe that \$400,000,000 over that period is adequate and they must now manage the funds in accordance with the trustee obligations and prudent financial standards.

All Councils in NSW work very hard to ensure we meet our community expectations within limited financial resources. The additional contributions that LGS demand of us exceed 1% of the monies raised for general funds. I am sure we would all like to be able to increase the services to our community rather than continually paying this additional contribution to LGS whom we believe should be managing this within their own business.

The CBRJO seek your support to write to LGS and LGNSW to request an immediate cessation of these additional contributions. We are not asking for a review of the funds up to 19.6% superable salary as this is part of the rules of the DBP. We are requesting that a Statewide campaign to stop adding to the \$400,000,000 contributions already paid by Councils to this scheme over and above normal contributions to superable salaries.

I note that during the current Royal Commission hearings into Financial Institutions there has been much made of organisations deducting costs from customers in relation to services that they don't provide. The question needs to be asked if the additional contribution demanded by Local Government Super totaling \$40 million per annum needs to be tested under the same scenario.

<u>Principal Activity</u>	Respected Leadership
<u>Policy Implications</u>	Nil
<u>Budget Implications</u>	Nil
<u>Delivery Program Actions</u>	4.2.2.1 Provide financial planning and reporting to ensure Council maintains accurate and timely financial records that facilitate sound decision making

RECOMMENDATION

That Council support the Canberra Joint Organisation of Councils and write to Local Government Superannuation and Local Government NSW to request an immediate cessation of additional superannuation contributions.

N J Alchin
Director Corporate Services

REQUEST FOR A LOCAL GOVERNMENT BOUNDARY CHANGE

SUMMARY

To consider a proposal for a local government boundary change between Gilgandra and Coonamble.

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After receiving a request for a boundary change from Mr John Mclsaac to facilitate for Part Lot 2 in DP1235708 to be solely in the Coonamble LGA, the Shire boundary in that area has been reviewed.

Mr Mclsaac has written to Council as follows:

"I am writing to request a boundary change for Lot 2 DP1235708. This portion of land was a green road which I have recently purchased (unaware that half of the green road was in Coonamble shire and half in Gilgandra shire). All of my other land is in Coonamble shire.

The portion in Gilgandra shire has been valued at a total of \$800. The rates payable for this portion is in excess of \$560/year. Accordingly I would like this portion to be transferred to Coonamble shire.

I have attached a letter from Neil Alchin explaining the valuation and rates payable. As well as a map of the land in concern. I have also sent a letter to Coonamble shire requesting the boundary change.

I eagerly await your response"

Background Information

Mr Mclsaac applied to purchase a green road which is located on the boundary of Gilgandra and Coonamble LGA's. The map below shows this section of closed road with the current boundary running through the centre.



Council received a new valuation of \$800 for the part of this closed road located in the Gilgandra LGA which is 5,271 sqm in area. By virtue of Section 494 of the Local Government Act 1993, Council is required to make and levy an ordinary rate on all rateable land in its area.

Therefore Council advised Mr Mclsaac that Council's ad valorem rate for farmland calculates to an amount of \$6.45, however, with Council's rating structure subject to minimum rates, a minimum rate of \$545.20 and a Rural Waste Charge of \$21.00 will apply to this parcel of land from 1 July 2018.

As a result, Mr Mclsaac is seeking Council's consideration of a boundary change so the lot can be solely located within the Coonamble LGA. Mr Mclsaac owns no other land in the Gilgandra Shire.

Following a review of the boundary in this area, it was found the existing boundary dissects previous road reserves on the centre line along a further section of the boundary as indicated on the attached map. This section of the boundary in question is 7.781 klm in length. It is proposed that this portion of the boundary be changed to allow for these parcels of land to be solely located in the Coonamble LGA.

Valid proposals for a local government boundary change of a minor non-contentious nature require the support of all of the affected Councils and advice as to whether a provision for rates is required.

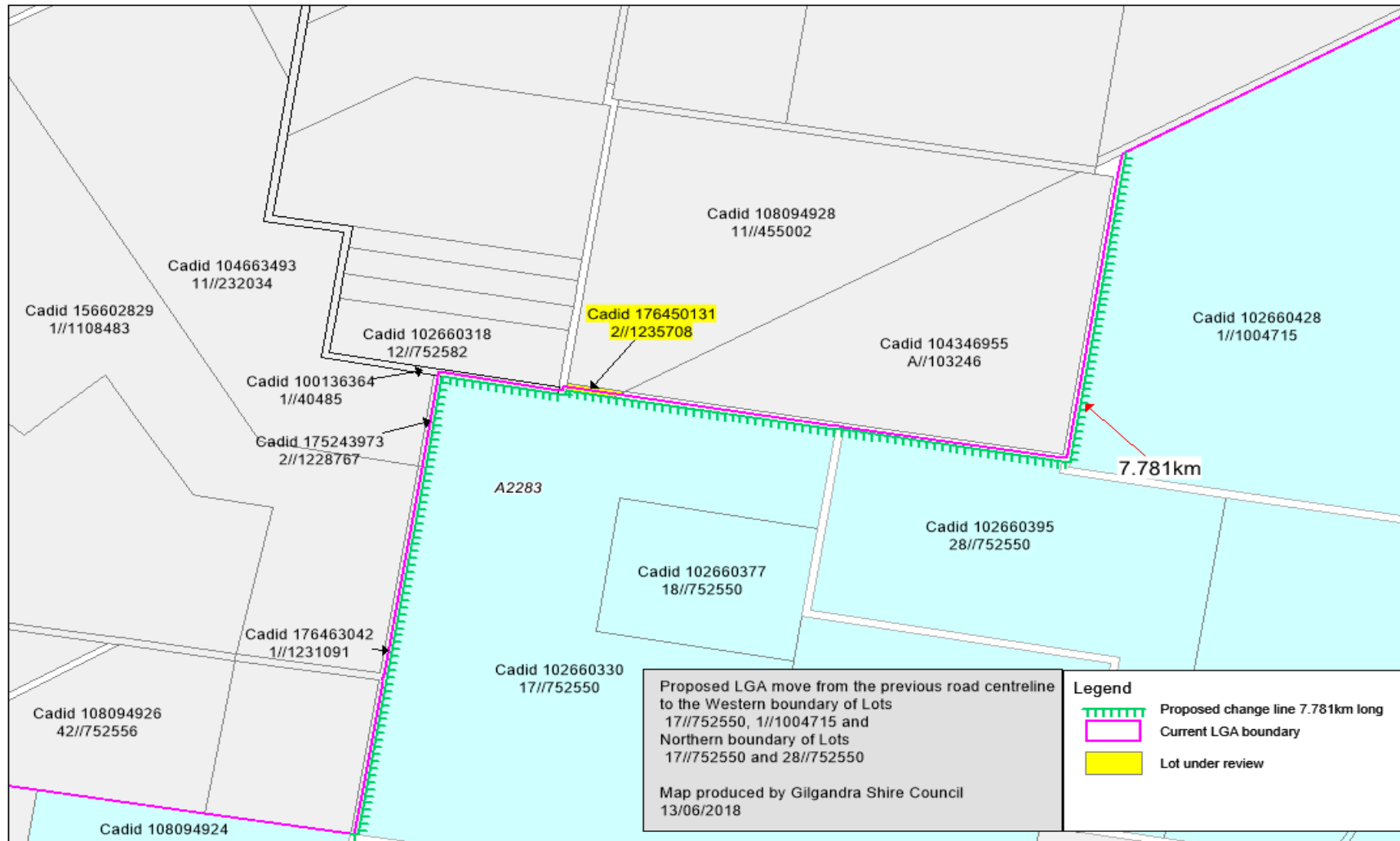
A senior staff member of Coonamble Shire Council has confirmed they have received a similar request from Mr Mclsaac and indicated verbally they would be supportive of the boundary change.

Provision for Rates

Appropriate arrangements are to be made in relation to the rates and charges over the rateable parcels of land affected by this proclamation. The General Managers of both Councils are to reach a negotiated agreement on the nature of those arrangements.

In the event that the General Managers of both Councils cannot come to a negotiated agreement on the matter of rates and charges, the Minister for Local Government will make a determination on that matter.

Given the existing boundary dissects the road reserves down the centre line, it is considered that the impact of the proposed boundary change would be minimal and, therefore Council should offer no objection to the request and seek no provision for rates from Coonamble Shire.



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<u>Principal Activity</u>	Respected Leadership
<u>Policy Implications</u>	Nil
<u>Budget Implications</u>	Less than \$1,000
<u>Delivery Program Actions</u>	Nil

RECOMMENDATION

1. That Council support the boundary change to move the existing LGA Boundary from the previous road centreline to the Western Boundary of Lots 17//752550, 1//1004715 and Northern boundary of Lots 17//752550 and 28//752550 and authorise an application be made to the Minister and the Governor.
2. That the General Manager be authorised to advise Coonamble Shire Council that a provision for rates is not required.

N J Alchin
Director Corporate Services

REGIONAL CULTURAL FUND GRANT – COO-EE HERITAGE CENTRE

SUMMARY

To confirm elements to upgrade and renovate the Coo-ee Heritage Centre (CHC) under Round 2 of the Regional Cultural Funding program.

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In line with Council's strategic planning documents, the Coo-ee Heritage Centre is committed to offer a well-represented and functional visitor centre and cultural experience to residents and visitors.

Council has recently undertaken cultural planning workshops that have focussed on the CHC regarding improvements to the Centre and experiences.

These workshops have identified draft vision and mission statements that focus on 3 key themes within Gilgandra:

- Military heritage, including Cooe March
- Landscape including the natural environment and farming
- Aboriginal heritage

The main outcomes and priorities focus on:

- Generating local community ownership and pride
- Being a visitor destination
- Support and encouragement for local and regional cultural and artistic expression
- Understanding, knowledge and respect for local history, heritage and environment
- The economic benefit to Gilgandra Shire

There is currently a grant opportunity under Round 2 of the Regional Cultural Fund to support the development of cultural infrastructure in regional NSW that enables bold, exciting and diverse arts and cultural activities.

Co-contribution is mandatory under this fund and for this project it is anticipated Council's contribution would be approximately \$445,000.00.

This grant has a due date and time of midday Friday, 21 September 2018.

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The proposed project involves:

Masterplan & design (to complete current planning)	\$100,000.00
Toilets inside + all-abilities	\$ 50,000.00
Café with commercial kitchen & indoor/outdoor function area	\$500,000.00
Landscaping, carpark + lighting	\$170,000.00
Indoor refurbishments including flooring, painting, glass doors, offices + storage	\$ 90,000.00
Climate control	\$200,000.00
Windmill Walk refurb including interpretive signage to Rural Museum, Castlereagh River experiences - lookout, night talk space, river information and Cooee silhouette + windmills.	\$300,000.00
Goanna sculpture	\$100,000.00
GRANT APPLICATION TOTAL:	\$1,510,000.00

Council commitment includes:

Interchangeable & digital interactive displays	\$250,000.00
Camping area at Cooee Oval	\$ 45,000.00
Staffed 7 days per week	\$ 70,000.00
Dedicated website & social media	\$ 25,000.00
Joy Trudgett gallery assessment	\$ 5,000.00
Community Cultural Fund Grant	\$ 50,000.00
COUNCIL CO-CONTRIBUTION TOTAL:	\$445,000.00
PROJECT TOTAL	\$1,955,000.00

Please Note

Council has previously included \$505k in its 2018/19 budget for CHC capital works subject to grant funding of \$400k being received. A further \$75k has been allocated in Council's LTFP for additional capital works at the CHC over the next 10 years including renewal of the car park area. In addition \$25k for website and social media is included in existing budgets.

Therefore the additional commitment from Council as a co-contribution is a net \$240k after deducting \$130k previously budgeted for and \$75k included in Council's LTFP.

A CHC Stakeholder Workshop was conducted on 10 July which identified the value of the CHC and the challenges and issues as seen by the key stakeholders including artists, exhibitors, volunteers and involved persons.

Letters of support have been received from the Aboriginal Lands Council, Gilgandra High School and Gilgandra Museum & Historical Society regarding the structural refurbishments.

There has been community consultation in terms of feedback from volunteers and artists regarding the impression of the Centre as you enter.

Finally, feedback from the 'Have Your Say' survey regarding community project ideas under the Stronger Country Communities Fund made suggestions for improvements to the Coo-ee Heritage Centre, including landscaping, parking and the addition of a hospitality option, showing that the Centre and its future is in the minds of the community.

There will be further community consultation conducted specific to the project itself.

The timeline for the project is:

Mid-July	Council resolution and commitment to project
End July	Community consultation to begin
20 August	Community consultation to end
August – September	Submission preparation

<u>Principal Activity</u>	Sense of Place
<u>Policy Implications</u>	Nil
<u>Budget Implications</u>	\$240k additional commitment from Council. \$1.51m potential grant funding
<u>Delivery Program Actions</u>	1.3.9.1 Provide a museum, keeping place and cultural centre for Gilgandra and district which supports and develops a range of travelling and local exhibitions to attract diverse audiences. 1.3.9.2 Encourage aboriginal involvement in the Cooe Heritage Centre. 4.2.3.2 Apply for grants that assist Council to achieve identified projects

RECOMMENDATION

1. That Council apply for \$1.51m through Round 2 of the Regional Cultural Fund to deliver the following elements of the Cooee Heritage Centre's Regeneration Project:

Masterplan & design (to complete current planning)	\$100,000.00
Toilets inside + all-abilities	\$ 50,000.00
Café with commercial kitchen & indoor/outdoor function area	\$500,000.00
Landscaping, carpark + lighting	\$170,000.00
Indoor refurbishments including flooring, painting, glass doors, offices + storage	\$ 90,000.00
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Windmill Walk refurb including interpretive signage to Rural Museum, Castlereagh River experiences - lookout, night talk space, river information and Cooee silhouette + windmills.	\$300,000.00
Goanna sculpture	\$100,000.00
GRANT APPLICATION TOTAL:	\$1,510,000.00

2. That Council commit to a contribution of \$445,000.00 to this project subject to the success of the application for the Cooee Heritage Centre Regeneration Project under Round 2 of the Regional Cultural Fund to deliver:

Interchangeable & digital interactive displays	\$250,000.00
Camping area at Cooee Oval	\$45,000
Staffed 7 days per week	\$70,000.00
Dedicated website & social media	\$25,000.00
Joy Trudgett gallery assessment	\$5,000.00
Community Cultural Fund Grant Scheme	\$50,000
COUNCIL CO-CONTRIBUTION TOTAL:	\$445,000.00

N J Alchin
Director Corporate Services

NORTH WESTERN LIBRARY AGREEMENT

SUMMARY

To advise Council of the reduction in State funding to NSW Public Libraries under the 2018/19 budget, and seek support for the NSW Public Libraries Association advocacy to the State Government for additional funds for Public Libraries.

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The NSW Public Libraries Association has requested support from councils across NSW in their advocacy to the State Government for additional funds for Public Libraries.

Whilst Council receives funds from State Government, these have gradually declined. In 2015/16, State funding for Public Libraries covered only 7.5% of the total costs of operating the 368 libraries across NSW. The level of State Government funding for NSW public libraries has reached crisis point. This is an historic issue that has been ignored by successive NSW governments. The key issues are that:

- NSW public libraries receive the lowest per-capita funding from their State Government compared to all other states in Australia.
- NSW councils are currently paying 92.5% of the costs to operate public libraries, up from 77% in 1980.
- In 2015-16, NSW State Government funding for public libraries was only \$26.5M compared to a contribution of \$341.1M from Local Government. NSW councils are paying 12 times more than the State Government to provide library services to their communities.
- The total funding available through the NSW Public Library Funding Strategy is not indexed to population growth or consumer price index (CPI), thereby contributing to the ongoing attrition of State Government funding.
- The 2018-19 NSW state budget delivered just \$23.528M for public libraries, \$5.275M less than the 2017-18 funding level and a cut of 18 per cent.
- Physical and virtual visitation, library borrowing and participation in library programs continue to increase year on year.
- Libraries play a major part in supporting the achievement of government literacy targets.
- Libraries provide collections, programs and spaces for marginalised groups including older people, refugee and multicultural communities, and people who are digitally disadvantaged.

In 2011, the NSW State Government made a pre-election commitment to comprehensively review the level and allocation of funding for NSW public libraries. The Library Council of NSW worked with the NSW Public Libraries Association and the State Library of NSW to develop an evidence-based submission.

The resulting submission *Reforming Public Library Funding*, recommending a fairer, simpler and more transparent method for the distribution of funds, was presented to the State Government in October 2012. Despite the undertaking of the State Government to comprehensively review funding for its public libraries, the recommendations of *Reforming Public Library Funding* were ignored and the funding model was neither reviewed nor improved.

In 2016, the then Minister for the Arts, the Hon. Troy Grant, undertook to review the matter of State Government funding for NSW libraries at the conclusion of the Fit For the Future program. It can be reasonably assumed that Fit For the Future has concluded, yet there has been no review of library funding nor any mention of libraries in the Government's pre-election undertakings. At the 2016 LGNSW Conference, the Premier Mike Baird committed to reviewing library funding.

It should be noted that the following motion (submitted by the Blue Mountains City Council) was unanimously endorsed at the Local Government NSW 2017 Conference:

That Local Government NSW works with the NSW Public Libraries Association (NSWPLA) to develop a strategic partnership to:

- a) increase public awareness of the multiple roles that Local Government Public Libraries play in supporting the educational, social, cultural and economic outcomes in local communities*
- b) advocate, in the lead up to the March 2019 State election, for improved State Government funding for Local Government Public Libraries in NSW to enable public libraries to meet the growing needs of our local communities.*

(Note: This motion covers the following motion

Wagga Wagga City Council - Funding for public libraries - That Local Government NSW and member councils lobby the NSW Government to increase annual percentage of funding for public libraries.)

As previously noted, this is not a party-political issue as every government since 1980 shares the blame for the current funding situation. Nevertheless, it is worth noting that the NSW Opposition released its Library Funding Policy on 26 March 2018 with an undertaking to increase overall funding to all suburban and regional NSW public libraries by \$50 million in the first term of government. This is a very significant pledge insofar as it is the first policy from any political party in recent history that undertakes to provide a significant and specified increase in state funding for public libraries.

NSW public libraries are governed by the Library Act 1939, a legislative instrument that was initially introduced to ensure the provision and ongoing sustainability of libraries through State Government and Local Government collaboration, and providing up to 50% of the funding required to establish and operate libraries.

Since then local government has increasingly carried the funding burden with the situation deteriorating significantly since the 1980s. As a result, there are examples of attrition in library staffing, opening hours, collections, services and programs in a number of councils across the state.

Disappointingly, the 2018-19 NSW state budget delivered just \$23.528M for public libraries, \$5.275M less than the 2017-18 funding level. The State Government has completely ignored the recommendation of its own expert panel, the Library Council of NSW which, in consultation with the State Library of NSW and the NSW Public Libraries Consultative Committee, recommended an increase in public library funding to \$30M in 2018-19. The public library grant funding component, which has been a budget inclusion for many years, has been deleted. This component financed a competitive grant project which has part-funded countless library infrastructure and service projects over many years.

Instead, for 2018/19, the State Government has made \$5M available as part of the Regional Cultural Fund grants, Round 2, for regional public library infrastructure projects. The problems with this allocation are as follows:

- This reallocation of grant funding was never discussed with SLNSW, PLCC or Library Council, despite the fact that the state government has appointed its own expert panel (the Library Council of NSW) to provide advice on library matters.
- This grant program excludes metropolitan councils. This is not something that either NSWPLA or country members of the Association support.
- This funding is at risk as it is not legislated. It may be for one year only.
- NSW libraries are still the lowest per capita funded state in Australia.
- There is still a \$275k reduction in total overall funding from the state government compared to the 2017-18 public libraries allocation.
- The State Government has completely ignored the recommendation of its own expert panel, the Library Council of NSW which, in consultation with the State Library of NSW and the NSW Public Libraries Consultative Committee, recommended an increase in public library funding to \$31.5M in 2018-19.

The NSW public library network is at serious risk. Neither this Council nor the broader NSW Local Government sector can continue with the high degree of uncertainty about the level of ongoing State Government funding for public libraries.

Accordingly, it is recommended that Council supports urgent action from the NSW local government sector and NSW Public Libraries Association to reverse the ongoing deterioration of state funding for public libraries to ensure that local councils will not be forced to continue meeting the funding shortfall.

<u>Principal Activity</u>	Sense of Place
<u>Policy Implications</u>	Nil
<u>Budget Implications</u>	Subsidy from State 2018/19 will probably be reduced from previous year. Subsidies are usually announced by State Library in October/ November.
<u>Delivery Program Actions</u>	1.3.8.2 Provide free access to library services to meet the community's educational, recreational and cultural information needs, support community health and well-being and enable learning for all.

RECOMMENDATION

1. That, through the Orana Joint Organisation, Council make representation to the local State Member, in relation to the need for additional funding from the NSW State Government for the provision of public library services.
2. That, through the Orana Joint Organisation, Council write to the Hon. Don Harwin, Minister for the Arts and the Hon. Walt Secord, Shadow Minister for the Arts, calling for bi-partisan support for the provision of a significant increase in state funding for NSW public libraries, supported by a sustainable future funding model.
3. That, through the Orana Joint Organisation, Council take a leading role in lobbying for increased and sustainable state government funding for libraries.
4. That Council endorse the distribution of the NSW Public Libraries Association NSW library funding advocacy information in Council libraries, as well as involvement in any actions proposed by the Association.

Matthew Wilson
Director Community Services

PLANT REPLACEMENT 2018/19

SUMMARY

To present the proposed 2018/19 Plant Replacement Program for consideration and adoption.

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The proposed 2018/19 Plant Replacement Program is detailed below; all figures are GST exclusive and based on today's estimates.

It is expected that individual figures will vary plus or minus throughout the replacement process however the overall objective to replace all items listed within the available budget remains.

The available net changeover budget for 2018/19 is \$834,800.00, Council should note that the proposed program already exceeds this by \$11,642.00. Accordingly as the program progresses, close monitoring of the budget will be required and further reporting to Council will occur if necessary.

Plant No.s	Plant Item Description	Estimated Purchase Price	Estimated Trade Value	Estimated Changeover Cost	Comments
MAJOR PLANT					
3	Caterpillar - 12M Grader	\$385,000.00	\$140,000.00	\$245,000.00	
14	Caterpillar - 950K Loader	\$126,442.00	\$0.00	\$126,442.00	Final lease Payment - Due September 2018
51	Multipac - VP2400 Multi-tyred Roller	\$160,000.00	\$30,000.00	\$130,000.00	
136	Isuzu - FRR600 Crew Cab Tipper	\$120,000.00	\$40,000.00	\$80,000.00	
604	Kubota - ZD28 Zero Turn Mower	\$20,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$17,000.00	
607	Toro - Z Master 6000 Zero Turn Mower	\$20,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$15,000.00	
618	Toro - GM360 Groundmaster Mower	\$0.00	\$5,000.00	-\$5,000.00	Tooraweenah based mower (Disposal)
		\$831,442.00	\$223,000.00	\$608,442.00	
UTILITIES					
1010	Toyota hilux 2WD dual cab tray	\$35,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$25,000.00	
1034	Toyota hilux 4WD single cab tray	\$45,000.00	\$20,000.00	\$25,000.00	
1038	Mazda BT50 2WD dual cab ute	\$40,000.00	\$15,000.00	\$25,000.00	
1046	Toyota hilux 2WD single cab tray	\$40,000.00	\$15,000.00	\$25,000.00	
1050	Toyota hilux 4WD dual cab ute	\$50,000.00	\$30,000.00	\$20,000.00	
1041	Toyota hilux 4WD dual cab ute	\$50,000.00	\$30,000.00	\$20,000.00	
1006	Toyota hilux 4WD single cab tray	\$50,000.00	\$15,000.00	\$35,000.00	
		\$310,000.00	\$135,000.00	\$175,000.00	

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MINOR PLANT				
240	Trailer - 6X8 3.5 Tonne	\$10,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$9,000.00
	Workshop tool - Folding Machine	\$5,000.00		\$5,000.00
	Workshop tool - Steel Metal Sheer	\$5,000.00		\$5,000.00
	Mowers, Chainsaws, Wacka packa	\$10,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$9,000.00
		\$30,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$28,000.00
SEDANS, SUVS				
1219	Toyota prado GXL	\$60,000.00	\$45,000.00	\$15,000.00
1044	Toyota Fortuner	\$50,000.00	\$30,000.00	\$20,000.00
		\$110,000.00	\$75,000.00	\$35,000.00
TOTALS		\$1,281,442.00	\$435,000.00	\$846,442.00
Note: All figures are GST exclusive				

Principal Activity

Asset Management and Service Delivery

Policy Implications

Nil

Budget Implications

Budget allocation of \$834,800.00

Delivery Program Actions

6.1.2.08

Plant fleet maintained and updated to reflect needs

RECOMMENDATION

That the 2018/19 Plant Replacement Program, as presented, be adopted.

Mark Linton-Harland
Acting Director Infrastructure

PIGEON CONTROL PROGRAM

SUMMARY

To advise outcomes of the pigeon control program undertaken over a five month period.

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Following numerous complaints regarding pigeon droppings in the Central Business District (CBD), an investigation was undertaken by Council staff to gain an understanding of the issue.

It was identified that a number of buildings had broken vents and eaves with no netting or fibro covering them that were allowing pigeons to enter roof cavities and thus encouraging the nesting of pigeons.

In the first instance, Council wrote to property owners requesting they take preventative measures such as the installation of wire netting and bird spikes to reduce the number of shelter/nesting areas for the pigeons.

Only a few of the business houses undertook these measures and further options were explored to reduce the pigeon numbers in the CBD.

As reported at the June 2017 Council Meeting, a poisoning program undertaken by a licenced contractor would be the most effective means of culling the pigeons however, the quoted price of \$85,000 was considered excessive. Council resolved to allocate a budget of \$10,000 and quotations were sought for a shooting cull with a licensed contractor.

Throughout the program a number of meetings were held with the successful contractor to monitor progress and discuss any issues arising from the cull. These reviews were an important communication strategy to ensure any issues with the program were addressed quickly.

To date 693 pigeons have been culled. The program has cost a total of \$5,764.00 and has proven to be very effective with the number of feral pigeons in Miller Street in particular, significantly reduced. The program has now concluded, however it is recommended that Council review the need for a similar program on an annual basis and allocate the funds accordingly.

<u>Principal Activity</u>	Legislation and Bylaws
<u>Policy Implications</u>	Nil
<u>Budget Implications</u>	\$ 4,236.00 under established vote.

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Delivery Program Actions

7.1.1.4

Maintain public health and amenities by actively responding, investigating and acting on complaints.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council note the report and consider the need for future programs on an as needs basis.

Lindsay Mathieson
Director Planning & Environment

MINUTES – COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR ADOPTION

SUMMARY

To present the following minutes of Committee meetings for consideration and adoption.

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Economic Development Committee

11 July 2018
(to be circulated)

Sports Council

25 June 2018

Principal Activity

Respected Leadership

Policy Implications

Nil

Budget Implications

Nil

Delivery Program Actions

3.1.1.2

Recognise the importance of and encourage community members on to Council committees

3.4.1.1

Offer opportunities for community members and groups to have input into strategic planning to ensure the community are informed and empowered

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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

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SPORTS COUNCIL
25 June 2018

PRESENT

B Luff – (President)
K Reynolds – (Vice President) Park Tennis Club
J Quayle – (Vice President) Gilgandra Junior Basketball Association
Marg Stewart – Gilgandra Senior Basketball Association
Murray Stewart – Gilgandra Senior League
C Riley – Gilgandra Little Athletics
Cr D Batten – Mayor
N Alchin – (Secretary) Gilgandra Shire Council
M Ferguson – Gilgandra Swimming Club

Proceedings of the Meeting commenced at 5.35 pm

IN ATTENDANCE

Nil

APOLOGIES

D Ferguson – Junior Cricket

COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION – 4/18	M Ferguson/K Reynolds
That the apology submitted be accepted.	

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Nil

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION – 5/18	Marg Stewart/C Riley
That the Minutes of the Sports Council Meeting held on 23 April 2018 be confirmed as a true and correct record of the meeting.	

BUSINESS ARISING

Sports Council Reserve

It was noted that the Sports Council recommendation to Council *'that the Sports Council reserve for capital improvements of \$29,674 be used to partially fund the planning phase for the indoor sports facility to support a future grant funding application'* had occurred at the Sports Council's Annual General Meeting on 23 April 2018.

Stronger Country Communities Application – McGrane Oval

It was noted that this application has progressed to Stage 2 of the assessment process.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Little Athletics & Twilight Netball use of McGrane Oval

Chris Riley, on behalf of Little Athletics, raised concerns with the proposed twilight netball competition to be held on Thursday evenings during the 2018/19 daylight savings period due to potential safety concerns with both groups running their activities at the same time.

Of particular concern are the potential safety risks associated with the shotput and discus cages being located in close proximity to the netball courts.

It was noted that the secretary would contact the twilight netball committee to discuss these concerns and look at options to mitigate the safety risks.

It was also noted that the local basketball competition is held on Thursday nights.

Smoking at McGrane Oval

It was noted that the No Smoking Policy at McGrane Oval would be advised to patrons by Senior League by way of regular announcements at games.

Cars on McGrane Oval

It was noted that letters would be written to local schools confirming that cars are prohibited inside the fence around the playing area at McGrane Oval.

McGrane Oval Watering

Murray Stewart requested that the 'hill area' adjacent to the grandstand be watered on a regular basis. Chris Riley requested that a tap be located near the long jump pits to allow watering in that area.

The Mayor advised that Council has a customer request system on its website and encouraged its use for these types of requests.

Gilgandra Swimming Pool

Melanie Ferguson asked if there are any planned upgrades for Gilgandra Swimming Pool and it was noted \$200k had been included in Council's Long Term Financial Plan in 2021/22 for pool renewal/upgrade works.

It was further noted that planning for an Indoor Sports Centre and associated sporting precinct would include consideration of pool upgrades.

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McGrane Oval Cricket Wicket

The Mayor raised a suggestion of consideration of the viability of having a cricket wicket at McGrane Oval following the upgrade works proposed.

COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION – 6/18	J Quayle/K Reynolds
That the viability of a cricket wicket at McGrane Oval in conjunction with major upgrade works proposed for McGrane Oval be put on the agenda for discussion at the next meeting	

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE MEETING CLOSED AT 6.10PM.

B Luff
President

RECOMMENDATION

That the above listed Committee minutes be adopted.

David Neeves
General Manager

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REPORTS FOR INFORMATION AND NOTATION

SUMMARY

To present reports for information and notation.

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- Statement of Bank Balances (Local Government (Financial Management) Regulation No. 93) and Investment Balances
- Matters Outstanding from Previous Council Meetings
- Development Applications

Any questions which Councillors may have in relation to these reports and/or issues to be raised, should be brought forward at this time.

STATEMENT OF BANK BALANCES AND INVESTMENT BALANCES

SUMMARY

To present the following information relative to the above report headings:

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1. Statement of Bank Balances (Local Government Financial Management Regulation No. 19) - Month of June 2018.
2. Certificate of Bank Reconciliation – Month of June 2018.
3. Details of investments as at 30 June 2018 (Local Government Financial Management Regulation No. 19).

CASH BOOK BALANCE AS AT	31-May-18	\$2,295,532.38
Plus: Receipts		\$6,495,771.64
Less: Payments		\$4,975,930.18
CASH BOOK BALANCE AS AT	30-Jun-18	<u>\$3,815,373.84</u>

STATEMENT BALANCE AS AT	31-May-18	\$2,272,941.35
Plus: Receipts		\$6,490,878.36
Less: Payments		\$4,932,832.29
STATEMENT BALANCE AS AT	30-Jun-18	<u>\$3,830,987.42</u>

Plus: Unpresented Receipts		\$0.00
Less: Unpresented Payments		\$15,613.58
RECONCILED BALANCE AS AT	30-Jun-18	<u>\$3,815,373.84</u>

Cashbook balance as at 30 June 2018:	\$3,815,373.84
Investments held as at 30 June 2018:	\$21,533,318.48
Total Cash & Investments Held as at 30 June 2018:	<u>\$25,348,692.32</u>

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The bank balances in each of the funds as at 30 June 2018 are:

General Fund	\$10,924,712.40
Water Fund	\$2,423,601.43
Sewer Fund	\$957,473.24
Orana Lifestyle Directions	\$2,608,828.75
Carlinda Enterprises	\$318,493.35
Coee Villa Units	\$1,446,010.06
Coee Lodge	\$5,434,270.48
Jack Towney Hostel	\$776,240.61
Trust Fund	\$459,062.00

Balance as per Total Cash & Investments Held: \$25,348,692.32

Details of Council's investments are as follows:

(a)	\$1,000,000.00	For 182 days @	2.60%	Due on 10-Sep-18	With AMP Bank
(b)	\$1,000,000.00	For 275 days @	2.65%	Due on 01-Dec-18	With AMP Bank
(c)	\$500,000.00	For 183 days @	2.60%	Due on 05-Oct-18	With AMP Bank
(d)	\$1,500,000.00	For 270 days @	2.65%	Due on 23-Nov-18	With AMP Bank
(e)	\$1,000,000.00	For 214 days @	2.85%	Due on 22-Jan-19	With AMP Bank
(f)	\$500,000.00	For 150 days @	2.55%	Due on 07-Sep-18	With Bankwest
(g)	\$1,000,000.00	For 180 days @	2.70%	Due on 28-Nov-18	With Bankwest
(h)	\$500,000.00	For 182 days @	2.45%	Due on 03-Sep-18	With Bankwest
(i)	\$500,000.00	For 275 days @	2.45%	Due on 03-Dec-18	With Bendigo
(j)	\$1,000,000.00	For 365 days @	2.65%	Due on 06-Aug-18	With Bendigo
(k)	\$1,000,000.00	For 181 days @	2.40%	Due on 04-Jul-18	With Bendigo
(l)	\$500,000.00	For 365 days @	2.55%	Due on 04-Oct-18	With Bendigo
(m)	\$500,000.00	For 181 days @	2.40%	Due on 11-Jul-18	With Bendigo
(n)	\$1,000,000.00	For 180 days @	2.65%	Due on 18-Sep-18	With BoQ
(o)	\$1,000,000.00	For 181 days @	2.55%	Due on 10-Jul-18	With BoQ
(p)	\$500,000.00	For 182 days @	2.70%	Due on 05-Nov-18	With IMB
(q)	\$1,000,000.00	For 365 days @	2.70%	Due on 28-May-19	With IMB
(r)	\$1,000,000.00	For 186 days @	2.72%	Due on 19-Nov-18	With ME Bank
(s)	\$1,500,000.00	For 182 days @	2.50%	Due on 27-Aug-18	With ME Bank
(t)	\$500,000.00	For 365 days @	2.53%	Due on 02-Aug-18	With NAB
(u)	\$1,000,000.00	For 153 days @	2.60%	Due on 05-Sep-18	With NAB
(v)	\$1,000,000.00	For 180 days @	2.73%	Due on 04-Dec-18	With NAB
(w)	\$1,000,000.00	For 153 days @	2.58%	Due on 07-Aug-18	With NAB
(x)	\$1,000,000.00	For 182 days @	2.78%	Due on 21-Dec-18	With NAB
(y)	\$533,318.48		1.99%	At Call	With TCorp
Total Investments:					
\$21,533,318.48					

OUTSTANDING MATTERS FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

SUMMARY

To provide an update in relation to matters previously resolved at Council Meetings requiring further action to be taken.

<u>Res. No.</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Action</u>
<u>August 2014</u>		
233/14	Aero Park Shed Lease	Being followed up
<u>July 2015</u>		
165/15	SES Accommodation	Experiencing issues with appropriate land tenure through State Government. Land dimensions will be relevant in order to finalise layout
<u>February 2016</u>		
26/16	Industrial Subdivision Stormwater - Pines Industrial Subdivision	In progress – with solicitor
<u>June 2017</u>		
154/17 121/17	Purchase of land Chelmsford Ave	Land transfer complete
155/17	Land purchase, Miller Street	One parcel outstanding
<u>September 2017</u>		
264/17	Mudfords Road	Awaiting response from the Minister
291/17	Ernie Knight Oval Bore	Report to future meeting on upgrade options and detailed costings
<u>November</u>		
317/17	Replacement of Prime Mover	Report to this meeting
318/17	Road Train routes	Finalised

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December

328/17	Sale of industrial land	Contracts signed
338/17	Economic Development Action Plan and Goals Statement	Reported to Economic Development committee

February 2018

15/18	Application - Growing Local Economies Fund for intersection upgrade	Application is progressing
27/18	Section 94 Contributions	Report to this meeting

March 2018

55/18	Flora Reserve	Local service clubs, community organisations and interested individuals to be canvassed for their willingness to provide assistance
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May 2018

93/18	CCTV	Scope of works being prepared
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June 2018

117/18	Rural Fire Service Zoning Agreement	Letter sent to Warrumbungle Shire Council and the Rural Fire Service Commissioner
118/18 121/18	Inland Rail update LGNSW Annual Conference	Letter sent to NSW Farmers Motions yet to be submitted. Councillors to advise of attendance.
124/18	Financial Support – Showground Trust	Updated policy to this meeting
126/18	Rising Sun Structure	Will be reconsidered once restoration works have been completed
127/18	Grant Funding opportunities	Applications lodged
128/18 80/18	Vacation Care Program	Initial working party meeting scheduled
138/18	Acquisition of Crown Road Reserve adjacent to Gilgandra Cemetery	Purchase process commenced

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DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS

The following applications were received from 1-30 June 2018.

DA Number	Received	Applicants Name	Application Description of Work	Property Address	Decision	Decision Date
2018/255	07/06/2018	JOHN JOSEPH THOMS	APPLICATION FOR BUILDING CERTIFICATE	10 MERRI STREET GILGANDRA	APPROVED	13/06/2018
2018/256	26/06/2018	DONALD & LYNETTE KENNAUGH	GLASS ENCLOSURE	2 TOWNSEND DRIVE GILGANDRA	APPROVED	28/06/2018
TOTAL FOR JUNE 2018						
TOTAL FOR 2018						

RECOMMENDATION

That the reports be noted.

David Neeves
General Manager
