



COBAR SHIRE COUNCIL

ORDINARY MEETING AGENDA

THURSDAY, 23 MAY 2024

~ ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF COUNTRY~

I wish to acknowledge the Wangaaypuwan (Wangaibon) people of the Ngiyampaa Nation, the traditional custodians of the land of which we gather today.

I wish to acknowledge their continued connection to the land, water and culture and I pay my respects to elder's past, present and emerging.

~ ORDER OF BUSINESS ~

Business for the meeting will be as follows: Message from the Chair:

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1. Apologies
 - Councillor Michael Prince
 2. Declaration of Interests
 3. Condolences
 - Mary Helen Madden
 4. Public Access Forum
 5. Confirmation of Minutes
 - Ordinary Meeting of Council – Thursday, 24 April 2024
 6. Matters Arising from Minutes
 7. Notice of Motions
 - Nil
 8. Mayoral Report
 9. General Manager's Report – Action/Recommendation
 10. General Manager's Report – Confidential
 - Nil
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 12. Correspondence
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~ COUNCIL'S VISION ~

Our Vision is for Cobar Shire to be an attractive, healthy and caring environment in which to live, work and play, achieved in partnership with the community through initiative, foresight and leadership.

~ COUNCIL'S MISSION ~

Our Mission is to provide sound and sensible government and ensure that works and services are delivered effectively and equitably to the community of Cobar Shire.

Council will also develop and constantly review its policy on the maintenance of its road network with current priorities to include the sealing of the following strategic roads within the Shire;

- Ivanhoe Road
 - Louth Road
 - Tilpa Road
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~ COUNCIL'S VALUES ~

Council has adopted the following Values that should be reflected in how the whole organisation operates and interacts with others:

	Accountability	Communication	Effective Leadership	Integrity	Team Work
We Value	We are responsible for our actions, our behaviour and the satisfactory completion of allocated tasks	We communicate openly and respectfully, sharing timely and appropriate information with others	We lead by positive example, embodying all of Council's agreed Values	We are consistently honest, transparent, ethical and fair, regardless of the situation	We work collaboratively to achieve shared goals for Council and the community
My Behaviours	I actively participate in the organisation	I consider how I say it, why I say it, when I say it and where I say it	I act with courage, challenge the status quo and seek out ways to improve our organisation	I do and say the right thing, even when no one is watching	I share my knowledge, skills and experience with others
	I take full ownership of my role, including my mistakes, and learn from my actions	I listen actively and ask questions to gain a shared understanding	I support and encourage others to learn, develop and grow	I take personal responsibility for my own actions and behaviour	I support others to achieve goals and celebrate success
	I inspire excellence by performing my role with pride	I show empathy and consider things from others' point of view	I am approachable and treat others consistently and respectfully	I uphold strong moral principles and do what I say I am going to do	I consciously choose to work positively with others
	I acknowledge my actions and behaviour can impact and influence outcomes	I provide and receive timely, constructive feedback	I inspire and expect everyone to always do their best	I am professional, treating others just as I expect to be treated	I commit to working together to find solutions

~ COUNCIL'S CHARTER ~

A Council has the following charter (Section 8, *Local Government Act 1993*):

- To provide directly or on behalf of other levels of government, after due consultation, adequate, equitable and appropriate services and facilities for the community and to ensure that those services and facilities are managed efficiently and effectively.
- To exercise community leadership.
- To exercise its functions in a manner that is consistent with and actively promotes the principles of cultural diversity.
- To promote and to provide and plan for the needs of children.
- To properly manage, develop, protect, restore, enhance and conserve the environment of the area for which it is responsible, in a manner that is consistent with and promotes the principles of ecologically sustainable development.
- To have regard to the long term and cumulative effects of its decisions.
- To bear in mind that it is the custodian and trustee of public assets and to effectively account for and manage the assets for which it is responsible.
- To facilitate the involvement of Councillors, members of the public, users of facilities and services and council staff in the development, improvement and coordination of local government.
- To raise funds for local purposes by the fair imposition of rates, charges and fees, by income earned from investments and, when appropriate, by borrowings and grants.
- To keep the local community and the State government (and through it, the wider community) informed about its activities.
- To ensure that, in the exercise of its regulatory functions, it acts consistently and without bias, particularly where an activity of the council is affected.
- To be a responsible employer.

CLAUSE 1- COBAR TOWN HALL MASTER PLAN AND BUSINESS CASE

**FILE: 3182 AOP REFERENCE: 1.6.4.1 & 2.1.1.1 ATTACHMENT: YES
(PAGE 47-136)**

AUTHOR: *Acting Project Coordinator, Meike Griffiths*

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to seek Council approval to adopt the final Master Plan and Business Case for the Cobar Town Hall redevelopment. The Cobar Town Hall Redevelopment Master Plan and Business Case outlines a comprehensive analysis and proposal for the rejuvenation of this significant historical and cultural asset.

Background

The Cobar Town Hall, established in 1893, holds significant historical and cultural value for our community, having long served as a focal point for local events and traditions. Its current state of neglect necessitates attention and strategic restoration to revive its historical essence and community relevance. DunnHillam and Morris and Piper were engaged to develop a Master Plan and Business Case for the redevelopment of the hall. The documents focus on addressing structural deterioration while reinvigorating the space to foster arts, culture, and community interaction, aligning with broader goals to enhance Cobar's vibrancy and economic sustainability.

The Master Plan presented three redevelopment options derived from Concept Design Option Two, which was showcased during the community consultation sessions. Concept Design Option Two envisions a multipurpose hall with an outdoor courtyard for additional breakout areas and services supporting the hall. This concept involves the removal of the existing toilet block, kitchenette, ticket hall, side extension, existing stage, raked seating, and project room, with restoration focused on the hall itself.

Outlined below are the redevelopment options stemming from this concept:

1. Option One: Introduces a new building footprint for amenities and a kiosk within the new courtyard.
2. Option Two: Incorporates a new building footprint for amenities within the new courtyard, with a servery integrated into the existing hall's footprint.
3. Option Three: Maintains the existing building footprint, housing amenities and a servery within the hall's current space.

The Business Case evaluated these options against maintaining the status quo and full demolition with site clearance. Maintaining the status quo avoids immediate financial outlay but neglects crucial compliance, safety, and asset utilisation issues. Full demolition offers a fresh start but risks losing a historically significant structure and potential community discontent, along with significant financial risks.

Council recommends *Option Three—No New Building Footprint*—as the preferred choice. This option balances heritage preservation with modern functionality, minimising heritage disruption while accommodating modern needs. While expanding the building's footprint was considered, maintaining the current size is deemed more financially prudent, ensuring maintenance affordability while providing essential facilities.

At the March 2024 Council meeting, the draft Master Plan and Business Case for the Cobar Town Hall redevelopment was adopted to be released for public comment. All

feedback was requested to be submitted by close of business Wednesday 1 May 2024. Council received no feedback from the community.

Background

Given no feedback from the Community was received it is recommended that the preferred option now be considered by Council in order to seek grants when available.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council adopts the Cobar Town Hall Master Plan and Business Case, endorsing Option Three – No New Building Footprint – as the preferred option for seeking grant funds for the redevelopment of the Cobar Town Hall.

CLAUSE 2– MONTHLY STATUS REPORT

FILE: C13-10

ATTACHMENT: NO

AUTHOR: *General Manager, Peter Vlatko*

COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS 25 SEPTEMBER 2014					
NUMBER	ITEM	RESOLUTION NUMBER	ACTION BY	ACTION REQUIRED	OUTCOME
627	Council – Clause 10A – Adoption of Management Plan for Lot 18 DP213415	188.9.2014	GM	<p>That Council authorise the General Manager to negotiate a lease or licence for an appropriate term and conditions with the Cobar Bowling and Golf Club Ltd.</p> <p>That Council authorise the Mayor and General Manager to sign any lease or licence under the Common Seal of Council.</p>	<p>December 2017 target was not met. Timeframe to be reviewed. Staff working on this subject to resources available. Discussions commenced with Club Board to resolve the issue; however, the matter is on hold until resources are available.</p> <p>Staff has been allocated to prepare information to negotiate appropriate terms & complete lease or licence with Cobar Bowling & Golf Club. New Meeting to be arranged with the Club Board to discuss lease terms. Meeting held with the General Manager of Cobar Bowling & Golf Club and discussed licence, meeting to be held with Golf Club Board in the new year. Matter on hold at the moment due to resourcing. Matter raised with the new Manager and appointment to be booked for further discussions.</p> <p>Meeting Scheduled 08/03/23- not attended new meeting request sent. - no reply following up</p> <p>No response regarding new meeting time</p>

COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS 22 MARCH 2018

NUMBER	ITEM	RESOLUTION NUMBER	ACTION BY	ACTION REQUIRED	OUTCOME
1142	Council Meeting – Notice of Motion – Installation of an Independent Pedestrian Crossing	47.3.2018	GM	That Council write to John Holland Rail, being the entity that maintains the RailCorp assets for Rural NSW, to increase the width to accommodate two vehicles crossing at same time on the level crossing on Bourke Road between Railway Parade South and Railway Parade North and install an independent pedestrian crossing.	<p>General Manager has raised with the new Minister the urgency of the work & confirmed that they are designing the work.</p> <p>Correspondence again forwarded to the Regional Director seeking confirmation of project timeframe.</p> <p>The recent meeting with Minister Aitchison confirmed that the project is still being designed and funding being considered.</p> <p>The General Manager contacted the department to request an update on the funding and progress – to be advised.</p>

COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 27 April 2023

NUMBER	ITEM	RESOLUTION NUMBER	ACTION BY	ACTION REQUIRED	OUTCOME
1468	Council Meeting- Clause 1- Notice of motion housing and investment portfolio	49.04.2023	GM	<p>1. That Cobar Shire Council (CSC) established a dedicated housing and investment portfolio. The primary purpose of this portfolio is to grow and enhance CSC's current housing stock and grow CSC's housing infrastructure with a view to both bettering CSC's housing stock by selling / upgrading over time, and also having new housing stock available to meet the growing demands in both the CSC business, other areas whereby the shire and its ratepayers may benefit from CSC providing housing. E.g.: medical, childcare etc and also investment housing to provide the income required to fund growth of the portfolio.</p> <p>2. That Cobar Shire Councillors and staff workshop how the portfolio be funded (both initially and ongoing) as part of the normal budgeting process.</p> <p>3. That all current Cobar Shire Council owned housing stock and property assets which do not have existing zoning covenants or other overriding restrictions immediately become part of this portfolio.</p> <p>4. That the housing and investment portfolio be primarily managed / maintained by the commercial manager as part of that role, with monthly reports to council provided.</p>	<p>Housing portfolio provided to Councillors; a more inclusive portfolio currently being prepared by staff.</p> <p>Position of asset manager now filled full report to be prepared for Council.</p> <p>Currently being prepared to be provided at the next workshop</p> <p>Report to Council at the March Ordinary Meeting.</p> <p>Next phase to be workshopped in a future workshop.</p>

1469	Council Meeting – Notice of Motion – Fringe Benefits Tax (FBT) Including Living Away From Home Allowance Exempted for Remote Mining Community such as Cobar	63.4.2019	GM	<p>That Cobar Shire Council lobby both the Federal Government and the Association of Mining Related Councils to have Fringe Benefits Tax (FBT) including Living Away from Home Allowance exempted for remote mining communities such as Cobar.</p> <p>That Council have discussions about a percentage of miners and those who are working on specific projects who should legally be required to live in town, to be held with the State Government.</p>	<p>Submission being prepared and discussions held with local mines.</p> <p>Council has engaged an Accountant to provide details of the Tax matters.</p> <p>Status 1277 has now been combined into 1469. (1277 removed)</p>
	Council Meeting- Clause 2- Notice of motion FBT Change	50.04.2023		<p>That further to the already passed motion 63.4.2019 - That Cobar Shire Council lobby the federal government (primarily through the mining and energy related council - MERC) for a change in fringe benefits tax rules and concessions regarding credits for FIFO and DIDO workers.</p>	<p>Meeting held with Mayor & discussion ongoing with Accountant.</p> <p>No further action to date.</p>

1470	Council Meeting- Clause 3- Notice of motion Trades Roles	51.04.2023	GM	That Cobar Shire Council senior staff reviews its Organisational chart in relation to trades positions and reports its findings to council within 3 months, with a view to the possibility of combining roles in order to be more competitive in the open market to fill roles without impacting the bottom line of labour costs.	Report being prepared for the July meeting. Delayed due to cancelled workshop. Due to the current review of Councils workshop and stores functions this matter will be undertaken in June 2024.
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COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS 14 DECEMBER 2023					
NUMBER	ITEM	RESOLUTION NUMBER	ACTION BY	ACTION REQUIRED	OUTCOME
1473	Council Meeting – Clause 2 Local Traffic Committee	223.12.2023	GM	That Council consider the following recommendation from the Local Traffic Committee: - Council to explore funding options to complete a study and analysis on truck parking within Cobar town streets.	This matter is placed on hold due to the current pressure on resources .

COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS 24th April 2024

NUMBER	ITEM	RESOLUTION NUMBER	ACTION BY	ACTION REQUIRED	OUTCOME
1481	Council Meeting- Clause 3- Overdraft Facility	44.04.2023	DCCS	That Council delegate the General Manager authorisation to request the NAB to provide an overdraft facility up to the amount of \$5,000,000 as a cash management tool to smooth out seasonal or temporary fluctuations in cash flows.	Overdraft facility being organised. No further action

RECOMMENDATION That the information contained in the monthly status report be received and noted, with the following items to be removed: 1481.

CLAUSE 3 – COUNCIL’S ANNUAL OPERATIONAL PLAN, BUDGET, FEES AND CHARGES AND REVENUE POLICY

FILE: L5-22 AOP REFERENCE: 3.3 ATTACHMENT: YES (PAGE 137-248)

AUTHOR: *Finance Manager, Sandra Davey*

Purpose

For Council to adopt the 2024/2025 Annual Operational Plan, (including the Budget, Fees and Charges and Revenue Policy).

Background

Under the Integrated Planning and Reporting framework, Council is required to adopt the Annual Operational Plan (including Revenue Policy, Fees and Charges, Budget and Ten-year Financial Plan) and make the rates by 30 June each year to allow the sending of rates notices within the required time. Prior to adoption, Council must exhibit the draft documents for a minimum of 28 days to seek community input and consider any submissions.

Section 8C of the Local Government Act 1993 provides the following principles for Integrated Planning and Reporting that apply to Councils:

- a) Councils should identify and prioritise key local community needs and aspirations and consider regional priorities.
- b) Councils should identify strategic goals to meet those needs and aspirations.
- c) Councils should develop activities, and prioritise actions, to work towards the strategic goals.
- d) Councils should ensure that the strategic goals and activities to work towards them may be achieved within council resources.
- e) Councils should regularly review and evaluate progress towards achieving strategic goals.
- f) Councils should maintain an integrated approach to planning, delivering, monitoring, and reporting on strategic goals.
- g) Councils should collaborate with others to maximize achievement of strategic goals.
- h) Councils should manage risks to the local community or area or to the council effectively and proactively.
- i) Councils should make appropriate evidence-based adaptations to meet changing needs and circumstances.

Council resolved to exhibit a draft budget and associated document for 28 days as per the Local Government Act 1993 requirements at the April Ordinary Meeting of Council. A public meeting was called for Wednesday 17 April in Council Chambers.

Feedback

The public meeting provided no feedback that warrants change of the budget.

Council received 3 public submissions regarding the increase to the family and educator levies for Family Day Care and In Home Care.

	Basis of Submission	Response
1	Concern over proposed increase to Educator fees increase and out of hours contact fee inclusion for Family Day Care.	Fee increases to cover cost of Service
2	Family Day Care Educator Fee application changes	Fee increases to cover cost of Service
3	IHC scheme (Far West in Home Care) Family Levy and Educator Fee increase	Fee increases to cover cost of Service
Public Forum	General concern expressed about water fees and charges	Explanation provided on the cost recovery model at the meeting

The educator levy has not had an increase in over six years. The Family Levy has been capped since 1 July 2018, and has not increased since the Federal Government removed all funding to Children Services in 2018. This service is priced on a cost recovery basis and no dividend is received by the general fund. Therefore, no changes to the budget are proposed at this time.

Events Since the Release Of The Draft Documents For Exhibition

Council staff have performed a robust review of capital projects. A schedule of projects recommended to be carried forward will be presented to Council in July 2024.

RECOMMENDATION

- 1. That Council adopt the 2024/2025 Annual Operational Plan and Budget as exhibited.**
- 2. That Council adopt the 2024/2025 Capital Expenditure Budget as exhibited.**
- 3. That Council adopt the Revenue Policy as exhibited for 2024/2025.**
- 4. That Council adopt the schedule of Fees and Charges as exhibited for 2024/2025.**
- 5. That Council adopt the Long-Term Financial Plan as exhibited.**
- 6. That Council makes, fixes and levies the rates for the year ending 30 June 2025 for the following rating categories:**
 - That the Cobar Residential rate of 2.87 cents in the dollar on all rateable Cobar Residential Land in pursuance of Section 516 Local Government Act 1993, be now made along with a minimum rate of \$530.00 for each assessment of land for financial year 2024/2025.**
 - That the Business Ordinary Rate of 2.5 cents in the dollar on all rateable Cobar Business Land in pursuance of Section 518 Local Government Act 1993, be now made along with a minimum rate of \$570.00 for each assessment of land for the financial year 2024/2025.**

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- That the Cobar Business CBD Rate of 4.6 cents in the dollar on all rateable Cobar Business CBD Land in pursuance of Section 518 Local Government Act 1993, be now made along with a minimum rate of \$570.00 for each assessment of land for the financial year 2024/2025.
 - That the Cobar Farmland Rate of 0.0836 cents in the dollar on all rateable Cobar Farmland in pursuance of Section 515 Local Government Act 1993, be now made along with a base rate of \$299.00 for each assessment of land for the financial year 2024/2025.
 - That the Village Residential Rate of 7.00 cents in the dollar on all rateable Village Residential Land in pursuance of Section 516 Local Government Act 1993, be now made along with a base rate of \$140.00 for each assessment of land for the financial year 2024/2025.
 - That the Village Business Rate of 6.05 cents in the dollar on all rateable Village Business Land in pursuance of Section 529 (2) (d) Local Government Act 1993, be now made along with a base rate of \$150.00 for each assessment of land for the financial year 2024/2025.
 - That the Rural Residential Rate of 2.12 cents in the dollar on all rateable Rural Residential Land in pursuance of Section 529 (2) (b) Local Government Act 1993, be now made along with a minimum rate of \$530.00 for each assessment of land for the financial year 2024/2025.
 - That the Mining – General Rate of 4.93 cents in the dollar on all rateable Mining - Gold Land in pursuance of Section 517 and 529 (2) (c) Local Government Act 1993, be now made along with a minimum rate of \$800.00 for each assessment of land for the financial year 2024/2025.
7. That Council makes, fixes and levies waste charges for the year ending 30 June 2025 for the following:
- That the Domestic Waste Management Charge of \$306.00 on all properties within Council's Garbage Collection Area in pursuance of Section 496 of the Local Government Act 1993, be now made along with a charge on vacant land of \$132.00 for each assessment and a charge of \$21.50 per service per single additional bin be made for the financial year 2024/2025.
 - That the annual charge for Waste Management Services of \$132.00 on all rateable assessments in the Cobar Shire within 5kms radius of the following locations: Euabalong Post Office, Euabalong West Public School, Nymagee Police Station, Mount Hope Hotel and Canbelego intersection of Edward and Coronga Streets, during 2024/2025 in pursuance of Section 501 of the Local Government Act 1993, be now made.

8. That Council makes, fixes and levies sewerage charges for the year ending 30 June 2025 for the following:

- **That a Cobar Sewerage Access Charge of \$702.00.00 on all lands rateable to the Cobar Sewerage Residential Area in pursuance to Section 501 of the Local Government Act 1993, be now made along with a charge of \$255.00 for each additional closet (including urinals) in excess of 3 connections and a zero-water discharge charge for the financial year 2024/2025.**
- **That a Cobar Sewerage Charge Non-residential, based on water usage as per the Fees and Charges, with a minimum of \$844.00, on all lands rateable to the Cobar Sewerage Commercial Area in pursuance to Section 501 and 502 of the Local Government Act 1993, be now made for the financial year 2024/2025.**

9. That Council makes, fixes and water charges for the year ending 30 June 2025 for the following:

- **That a Cobar Water Supply Access Charge of \$705.00 on all connected Filtered Water Residential lands rateable to the Cobar Water Supply Area in pursuance to Section 552 and 501 of the Local Government Act 1993, and that connected Unfiltered Water of \$520.00, be now made along with the following : Unconnected \$705.00 and for the following connections: 32mm \$1,235.00, 40mm \$2,120.00, 50mm \$3,405.00, 80mm \$6,935.00, and 100mm \$8,890.00, along with a Water Usage Charge for 1kl up to 550kl, of \$3.80 per kl, and above 550kl, \$7.50 per kl and Connected Raw Water at \$3.20 per kl in pursuance to section 502 of the Local Government Act 1993, be made for the financial year 2024/2025.**
- **That a Cobar Water Supply Access Charge of \$1,005.00 on all connected Commercial lands rateable to the Cobar Water Supply Area in pursuance to Section 552 and 501 of the Local Government Act 1993, be now made along with the following: Unconnected \$1,005.00 and for the following connections: 32mm \$1,235.00, 40mm \$2,120.00, 50mm \$3,405.00, 80mm \$6,935.00, and 100mm \$8,890.00, along with a Water Usage Charge for 1kl up to 550kl, of \$3.80 per kl, and above 550kl, \$7.50 per kl and Connected Raw Water at \$3.20 per kl in pursuance to section 502 of the Local Government Act 1993, be made for the financial year 2024/2025.**
- **That a Nymagee Water Supply Access Charge of \$1,040.00 be applied to all 20mm connected properties in the Nymagee Water Supply Area and that all properties over 20mm connections be charged at \$1,707.00 per connection and that all unconnected properties be charged at \$520.00 for each vacant land for the financial year 2024/2025 in pursuance of Section 552 Local Government Act 1993.**

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- **That a Euabalong and Euabalong West Water Supply Access Charge of \$1,040.00 be applied to all 20mm connected properties in the Euabalong and Euabalong West Water Supply Area and that all properties over 20mm connections be charged at \$1,707.00 per connection and that all unconnected properties be charged at \$520.00 for each rateable land for the financial year 2024/2025 in pursuance of Section 552 Local Government Act 1993.**
 - **That a Mount Hope Water Supply Access Charge of \$1,265.00 be applied to all 20mm connected properties in the Mount Hope Water Supply Area and that all properties over 20mm connections be charged at \$1,707.00 for each rateable land for the financial year 2024/2025 in pursuance of Section 552 Local Government Act 1993.**
- 10. That the interest rate for unpaid rates and charges be made the maximum rate of interest to be determined by the Minister of Local Government, for the financial year 2024/2025, in pursuance of Section 566 Local Government Act 1993.**
- 11. That Council thanks those who provided feedback.**

CLAUSE 4 – GENERAL MANAGERS REPORT**FILE: C6-20-2****AOP REFERENCE: 4.3.2****ATTACHMENT: NO****AUTHOR: *General Manager, Peter Vlatko*****Purpose**

To provide an update from the General Manager on operational matters.

Discussion***Purchase Hospital Land***

Contract of sale has been signed by Cobar Shire Council and deposit paid, we are waiting for the vendor to sign and contracts to be executed.

Industrial Land Commenced

The Industrial Land upgrades onsite works commenced on reforming the swale drains.

Local Council Elections

Council has begun to invite potential candidates for the September Local Government Elections with webinars available at the Council Chambers on Tuesday 21st May 2024 from 11am to 12.30pm.

Western Division Councils NSW Mid Term Conference

Cobar will be hosting the Western Division Councils NSW Mid Term Conference on Thursday 13th June and Friday 14th June 2024 with The Hon. Tara Moriarty MLC Minister for Agriculture, Minister for Regional New South Wales, Minister for Western New South Wales attending and the potential opening of the new Ward Oval projects.

Conferences

The Mayor, General Manager and Councillor Payne will be attending the Local Roads Congress on Monday 03rd June 2024 at Parliament House.

The Mayor and General Manager will be attending the National General Assembly Annual Conference on Tuesday 02nd July to Thursday 04th July 2024 at the National Conventional Centre Canberra.

Special Inquiry into Health Funding

The Mayor has given evidence for the Special Inquiry into Health Funding.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receive and note the General Managers report.

CLAUSE 5– THIRD QUARTERLY REVIEW OF THE ANNUAL OPERATIONAL PLAN 2023/2024 (Q3)

FILE: L5-22 AOP REFERENCE: 3.1 ATTACHMENT: YES (PAGE 249-308)

AUTHOR: *General Manager, Peter Vlatko*

Purpose

To provide Council with a detailed review of all actions outlined in the Annual Operational Plan 2023/2024 for the third quarter (ie January to March 2024).

Background

At the June 2023 Ordinary Council Meeting, Council adopted the 2023/2024 Annual Operational Plan (AOP) and Budget. Council is obligated to review the AOP and Budget each quarter, under the NSW Integrated Planning and Reporting legislation and guidelines. It should be remembered that this review is only for the period January to March 2024 and does not cover actions or activities that have occurred since then. However, the attachment to this report aims to highlight major issues that may arise in Q3 of 2023/2024.

Issues

Each responsible officer has provided the attached review of their operations. All actions outlined in the AOP have been addressed and statistics are provided where appropriate.

Legal Situation

Council must review the AOP six monthly and the budget quarterly as per the NSW Integrated Planning and Reporting guidelines. Council chooses to review the AOP in line with the budget.

Policy Implications

The report outlines what has been achieved to date, what has not been achieved and why, and highlights any concerns regarding the actions in the AOP. Councillors are encouraged to read through the report to get an understanding of where each of the actions has progressed to and to understand any possible issues that may need addressing in future quarters.

Financial Implications

Any financial implications are outlined in the budget review.

Risk Implication

Any risks to achieving outcomes are listed in the report attachment.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receives and notes the third quarterly review of the 2023/2024 Annual Operational Plan, covering the period January to March 2024.

CLAUSE 6 – GRANT FUNDING

FILE: G4-17

AOP REFERENCE: 3.1.1.3

ATTACHMENT: NO

AUTHOR: *Grants Officer, Bethany Smith*

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this report is to provide an update on the status of grants applied for, grants announced and grants available.

BACKGROUND:

For Councils information, the table attached provides details of:

- Grant applications submitted – pending an outcome.
- Successful grant applications in the 2023/2024 financial year
- Successful grant applications in the 2022/2023 financial year
- Unsuccessful grant applications in the 2023/2024 financial year

RECOMMENDATION:

That the information contained in the grant funding report detailing grants applied for, grants announced and grants available be received and noted.

GRANT UPDATEGrant applications submitted in the 2023/24 pending outcomes, period ending the 14th of May 2024.

<i>Funding Program</i>	<i>Project/Activity</i>	<i>Submission Date</i>	<i>Amount applied for</i>	<i>Council funding required</i>	<i>Anticipated outcome date</i>
Crown Reserves Improvement Fund 2024-25	Cobar Tennis Court Upgrades	Nov-23	\$ 564,874.00	\$ -	May-24
Get NSW Active	Update of the Active Transport Plan	Dec-23	\$ 81,600.00	\$ -	May-24
Growing Regions Program Round 1	Cobar Sewer Treatment Plant Upgrade	Jan-24	\$ 2,465,400.00	\$ 1,056,600.00	May-24
Growing Regions Program Round 1	Cobar Caravan Park Accommodation Expansion	Jan-24	\$ 2,248,829.00	\$ 481,892.00	May-24
Aged Care Capital Assistance Program - Thin markets, multiple steams	Staff Accommodation to Service the Lilliane Brady Village	Jan-24	\$ 10,500,250.00	\$ -	Jun-24
Regional Precincts and Partnerships Program – Stream 1 Precinct development and planning	The Grand Central Precinct Planning and Design Project - Detailed design for the Grand Hotel, Town Hall Cinema, Brennan Centre, and the streetscapes. Concept design for the library arcade.	Mar-24	\$ 3,466,203.00	\$ -	Jun-24
Festival Australia Program	Cobar Grey Mardi Gra Festival 2024, creative art workshops.	Mar-24	\$ 30,846.00	\$ -	Jun-24
Regional Event Fund - incubator stream	Grey Mardi Gra Festival 2024 - stage production and security	Apr-24	\$ 20,000.00	\$ -	May-24
Play Our Way Program	Cobar Women's Outdoor Sporting Court Upgrade - upgrade of the outdoor court at Cobar Youth and Community Centre, including a new perimeter fence	Apr-24	\$ 541,794.00	\$ -	Aug-24
	<i>TOTAL</i>		\$ 19,378,002.00	\$ 1,538,492.00	

GRANT OUTCOMES

Successful grant applications in the 2023/24

<i>Funding Program</i>	<i>Project/Activity</i>	<i>Amount applied for</i>	<i>Council funding required</i>	<i>Completion Date</i>	<i>Project Status</i>
Office for Regional Youth Holiday Break Program	Winter School Holidays 2023	\$ 7,000.00	\$ -	Completed	Completed
Strong Start Cadetship program	To contribute to a planning cadets tuition fee for study	\$ 25,000.00	\$ -	Jun-25	Recruitment for a new employee or interest from an existing employee unsuccessful to date.
Natural Disaster Recovery Fund	Flood Damage from 14th September 2022 Onwards (EPA)	\$ 1,229,886.34	\$ -	Completed	Completed
Western NSW Primary Health Network - Telehealth Support Grant	Installation of equipment at LBV for Telehealth	\$ 10,000.00	\$ -	Completed	Completed
Office for Regional Youth Holiday Break Program	Spring School Holiday 2023	\$ 7,567.00	\$ -	Completed	Completed
Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Fund Phase 4	1. Lilliane Brady Village Upgrades Stage 1 2. Town Enhancement Program 3. Bore Replacement Program 4. Footpath reinstatement in Marshall Street Cobar	\$ 1,711,185.00	\$ -	Jun-25	1. Engaged PWA to project manage, reviewing project timeline. 2. Not started, will absorb Phase 3 funding before commencing 3. 7 tanks have been ordered, 2 have arrived, one placed at Glenwood, and another placed at Tilpa. 3/4 Bores have been drilled at Musheroo, Dunoak and Pine Hill. Hartwood bore to be drilled in the next couple of months 4. Not started to be designed.

Western NSW Local Health District - Supportive Environment Grant	Community Garden at Cobar Youth and Community Centre	\$ 5,000.00	\$ -	May-24	Site cleared, currently ordering supplies. Centre staff and youth will build garden next fortnight.
Australia Day 2024 Community Grants	Australia Day 2024 at the Cobar Memorial Swimming Pool	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	Completed	Completed
Fixing Country Roads Round 6	Wool Track - Seal extension	\$ 6,490,000.00	\$ 649,000.00	Aug-26	Crushing has commenced
Electronic National Residential Medication Chart Adoption Grant Round 2	Implementation of an eNRMC system at the Lilliane Brady Village Nursing Home	\$ 20,000.00	\$ -	May-25	Planning stage
Office for Regional Youth Holiday Break Program	Summer/Autumn School Holidays 23-24	\$ 25,000.00	\$ -	Completed	Completed
Roads to Recovery	Linsley Street Asphalt	\$ 1,139,199.00	\$ -	Jun-24	Works planned for end of May/early June
Natural Disaster Recovery Fund	Flood Damage from January 2024 (emergency works)	\$ 1,000,000.00	\$ 46,185.00	May-24	Estimate of funding received, no set upper limit expenditure as long as it is eligible, Council will claim
NSW Youth Week 2024	Youth programs delivered through Youth Week with the intended outcomes being health, wellbeing and creating a sense of belonging	\$ 3,412.00	\$ 2,588.00	Completed	Completed
Country Passenger Transport Infrastructure Grants Scheme	Lights for Linsley Street Bus Shelter	\$ 2,250.00	\$ -	Apr-26	Not started

Department of Health and Aged Care	Aged care Registered Nurses Payment to reward clinical skills and leadership - Round 2	\$ 6,000.00	\$ -	Jun-24	Payment will be made in 8 weeks as per funding deed.
Country Arts Support Program 2024	Community workshop to create mural at Cobar Youth and Community Centre	\$ 3,000.00	\$ -	Dec-24	To organise workshop date in line with Events calendar
	TOTAL	\$ 11,679,837.34	\$ 702,773.00		

GRANT OUTCOMES

Successful grant applications in the 2022/23

<i>Funding Program</i>	<i>Project/Activity</i>	<i>Amount applied for</i>	<i>Council funding required</i>	<i>Completion Date</i>	<i>Project Status</i>
Reconnecting Regional NSW - Community Events Program	Events to be hosted by CSC including the Running On Empty and Bands in the Bush	\$ 119,826.00	\$ -	Completed	Completed
Office for Regional Youth Holiday Break Program	Winter School Holidays 2022	\$ 6,190.85	\$ -	Completed	Completed
Roads and Community Infrastructure Fund Phase 3	1. Airport Runway Sealing Upgrade 2. Industrial Estate 3. Town Beautification 4. 99KW Solar Project at the Filtration Plant	\$ 2,170,422.00	\$ -	Jun-24	1. Completed 2. Variation submitted to reduce total project cost and include a 5th project, Barton Street upgrade, approval still pending. 3. 80% completed, bin covers to be installed, tree planting to continue, landscaping at the Youth Centre to start in the next month. 4. Completed
Office for Regional Youth Holiday Break Program	Spring School Holidays 2022	\$ 6,981.57	\$ -	Completed	Completed

Flood Damage from October 2022 Event - Emergency	Declaration for October 2022 storm event. Emergency works applied for which includes reinstating roads to their pre-storm event condition.	\$ 3,435,200.43	\$ -	Completed	Completed
Natural Disaster Recovery Fund	Flood Damage from November 2021 Event (EPA)	\$ 2,799,643.47	\$ -	Completed	Flood event in January 2024 has voided this funding stream. Roads have been damaged again and will be dealt with under a new EPA.
Aurelia Community Grant	Sound Equipment for Miners Memorial	\$ 1,883.66	\$ 1,883.66	Completed	Completed
Australia Day 2023	Australia Day at the Cobar Memorial Swimming Pool	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 5,500.00	Completed	Completed
Resource for Regions Round 9	Booberoi Road Bridge Replacement	\$ 2,733,750.00	\$ -	Dec-25	Public works has been engaged to project manage both projects. Tender for the design has closed. Currently reviewing submissions and awaiting recommendation from public works.
Resource for Regions Round 9	Round Hill Road Bridge Replacement	\$ 2,733,750.00	\$ -	Dec-25	Public works has been engaged to project manage both projects. Tender for the design has closed. Currently reviewing submissions and awaiting recommendation from public works.

Resource for Regions Round 9	Cobar Footpath connector and DDA project	\$ 1,130,622.00	\$ -	Dec-25	Contract has been awarded; Cobar footpath works to commence towards the end of 2024. All works to be completed by December 2025.
Resource for Regions Round 9	Cobar Airport Masterplan	\$ 101,250.00	\$ -	Dec-25	Council has awarded the contract. Contractor to attend site visit end of April, waiting on survey and Geotech reports before project schedule is confirmed.
Resource for Regions Round 9	Cobar Early Intervention Program Phase 2	\$ 117,000.00	\$ -	Dec-25	Council have engaged a clinical psychologist to complete on site assessments and referrals for children. 7 out of 20 visits have been completed. Assessments to commence again towards the end of Term 2 and Term 3.
Resource for Regions Round 9	Cobar Museum Phase 2 & 3 Exhibition and object display project	\$ 313,875.00	\$ -	Dec-25	Variation to be submitted to reduce scope to only exhibition display, no storage. Tender to be released by the end of April.
Resource for Regions Round 9	Youth Services Program Phase 2	\$ 100,000.00	\$ -	Dec-25	Delivery and development of programs have commenced. Community event held at the centre with live entertainment occurred in November 2023. Creative arts opportunity held in April 2024.

Office for Regional Youth Holiday Break Program	Summer School Holidays 22-23	\$ 15,000.00	\$ -	Completed	Completed
Fixing Local Roads and Pothole Repair Round	Short-term repairs of priority potholes and road repairs on local and regional roads	\$ 769,560.72	\$ -	Completed	Work finalised and PCR completed.
Resource for Regions Round 9	Louth Road Reservoir Asset Renewal	\$ 4,031,426.00	\$ -	Dec-25	Tender for recoat and repair works prepared. Public Works to manage.
Resource for Regions Round 9	Euabalong Pump Station Disaster Resilience and Safety Upgrades	\$ 1,016,051.00	\$ -	Dec-25	Undetermined aboriginal land claim on land. PWA engaged to resolve land matters. Design being prepared.
Stronger Country Communities Fund Round 5	Euabalong Hall Revitalisation	\$ 100,000.00	\$ -	Jun-24	Stage 1 works completed, submitting a variation to for additional upgrades including external painting, footpaths etc.
Stronger Country Communities Fund Round 5	New LED Lighting at Ward Oval	\$ 1,004,703.00	\$ -	Jun-24	Awarded contract. Inground infrastructure works completed. The poles and lights to be installed after the Cobar Show.
NSW Women's Week 2023	Hold a Week of Women Event	\$ 5,000.00	\$ -	Completed	Completed
NSW Severe Weather & Flood Grant - August/September 2022 - AGRN 1030 & AGRN 1034 - Category D	Euabalong pipeline replacement	\$ 1,000,000.00	\$ -	Dec-24	Finalising the design, starting to obtain quotes for procurements.

Female Friendly Community Sport Facilities and Lighting Upgrades	Upgrades to the indoor lighting at the Cobar Youth and Community Centre and installation of outside security lighting	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 12,500.00	Jun-24	Indoor lights and outdoor security lights to be installed in May. Variation pending for extra scope of works to include roof upgrades to indoor stadium.
Fixing Local Roads Round 4	Seal Extension on Shire Road 20 - Grain Road	\$ 3,000,009.00	\$ 755,000.00	Mar-25	Gravel has been spread. Works to recommence after 52 Mile completed.
Regional and Local Roads Repair Program	Regional and Local Roads Repair Program	\$ 9,813,720.00	\$ -	Oct-27	Work schedule finalised. Works progressing. Gravel re-sheet on SR46, heavy patching on MR411 and MR416, gravelling on MR7518.
Youth Week 2023	Youth programs delivered during Youth Week	\$ 3,313.00	\$ 2,513.00	Completed	Completed
Regional Leak Reduction Program Round 2	Installation of pressure monitoring equipment in Cobar potable water retic. Raw water system flow meters at FBH and Storages on return line. Bulk meter verification and calibration training and equipment. DMA analysis.	\$ 150,000.00	\$ 150,000.00	Open Ended	PRV and data loggers tested and commissioned.
Office for Regional Youth Holiday Break Program	Autumn School Holidays 2023	\$ 7,000.00	\$ -	Completed	Completed

Australian Government - Department of Health and Aged Care	Aged care Registered Nurses Payment to reward clinical skills and leadership - Round 1	\$ 25,200.00	\$ -	Completed	Completed
Electronic National Residential Medication Chart Adoption Grant Round 1	Implementation of an eNRMC system at the Lilliane Brady Village Hostel	\$ 22,000.00	\$ -	Completed	Completed
Outback Arts Country Arts Support Program 2023	Creative art workshop	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -	Completed	Completed
	TOTAL	\$ 36,804,377.70	\$ 927,396.66		

GRANT OUTCOMES

Unsuccessful grant applications in the 2023/24

<i>Funding Program</i>	<i>Project/Activity</i>	<i>Amount applied for</i>	<i>Council funding required</i>	<i>Further comments</i>
Infrastructure Betterment Fund	Floodways on Balewa Road and culvers on Wool Track	\$ 4,985,000.00	\$ -	
Regional Event Fund - Flagship	Grey Mardi Gras 2024 - marketing	\$ 20,000.00	\$ -	
Seniors Week 2024	Week for Seniors	\$ 6,200.00	\$ -	The NSW Seniors Festival Grants program is highly competitive. Of the 249 grant applications received this year 47 projects will be funded in 2024.
NSW Women's Week 2024	Weekend of Women event	\$ 9,500.00	\$ -	Program received a larger number of applications
Live Music Australia Program - Round 7	Bands in the Bush 2024 event	\$ 100,000.00	\$ -	Due to the highly competitive nature of the program, the large volume of submissions and the limited funds available, there were many applications that could not be supported.
NSW Disaster Ready Fund Round 2 - EOI	Sandy creek culverts	\$ 780,750.00	\$ 780,750.00	
Office for Regional Youth Holiday Break Program	Winter and Spring school holiday activities	\$ 15,400.00	\$ -	Received feedback: maximum funding allocation was reached for that holiday period. Applications were assessed in order of which they were received (otherwise known as a 'first in, first served') basis
	<i>TOTAL</i>	\$ 5,916,850.00	\$ 780,750.00	

CLAUSE 7 – INVESTMENT REPORT AS OF 30 APRIL 2024**FILE: B2-7****AOP REFERENCE: 3.1.1.7****ATTACHMENT: NO****AUTHOR: Finance Manager, Sandra Davey****Purpose**

Section 625 of the Local Government Act 1993 and Clause 212 of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2005 and the Council's investment policy require Council's investments to be reported to the Council monthly.

Issues

The table below shows the balances of Council's Investments as of 30 April 2024. Term deposits have differing terms to spread the maturity dates throughout the year.

Investments (maturity date)	Rate	Bank	Opening Balance	Transfers to Investment	Transfers from Investment	Interest Earned	Closing Balance
Jun-24	5.10%	NAB	\$ 5,085,071			\$ 21,316	\$ 5,106,387
Aug-24	5.25%	AMP	\$ 2,072,645			\$ 9,286	\$ 2,081,931
Apr-24		NAB	\$ 2,050,261		\$ 2,050,261	\$ -	\$ -
May-24	5.20%	AMP	\$ 3,065,529			\$ -	\$ 3,065,529
Sep-24	5.05%	NAB	\$ 5,003,459			\$ 20,768	\$ 5,024,227
Jul-24	5.05%	NAB	\$ 5,021,445			\$ 20,842	\$ 5,042,288
NAB Sweep Acct	Variable	NAB	\$ 6,945,816	\$ 7,240,022	\$ 5,746,187	\$ 37,238	\$ 8,476,888
TOTALS	Average Int	5.13%	\$29,244,226	\$7,240,022	\$7,796,447	\$109,450	\$28,797,250

I hereby certify that the above investments have been made in accordance with Section 625 of the Local Government Act 1993 and Clause 212 of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2005 and the Council's Investment Policy.

S Davey

Finance Manager**RECOMMENDATION**

That Council receive and note the Investment Report as of 30 April 2024.

**CLAUSE 8 - BANK RECONCILIATION, CASH FLOW & LOAN FACILITY
SUMMARIES AS OF 30 APRIL 2024**

FILE: B2-7

AOP REFERENCE: 3.1.1.5

ATTACHMENT: NO

AUTHOR: Finance Manager, Sandra Davey

Purpose

Council has requested that the following financial information be presented to each meeting of Council: reconciled bank balance, cash flow statement, and loan facility.

Issues

Bank Reconciliation

Balance as per Bank Statement	10,000
Add Outstanding Deposits & Receipting	-
Less Unpresented Cheques	-

Reconciled Balance	10,000
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In accordance with the requirements of the Local Government Act, 1993, I hereby certify that the Cash Book has been reconciled with the appropriate Bank Statements daily during the month and that the reconciliations have been recorded.

S. Davey

Finance Manager

Monthly Total Funds Available for the Last 12 Months

Month	Investment Balances \$'000	Operating Account \$'000	Total Available Funds \$'000	Total Monthly % Change
Apr 23	38,375	10	38,385	-2%
May 23	36,663	10	36,673	-4%
Jun 23	39,043	10	39,053	6%
Jul 23	36,085	10	36,095	-7%
Aug 23	35,685	10	35,695	-1%
Sep 23	33,992	10	34,002	-4%
Oct 23	32,824	10	32,834	-3%
Nov 23	35,463	10	35,473	-13%
Jan 24	31,447	10	31,457	-11%
Feb 24	34,250	10	34,260	8%
Mar 24	29,244	10	29,334	-14%
Apr 24	28,797	10	28,807	-1%

Cash Flow

March		Description	Forecast
Forecast \$'000	Actual \$'000		Next Month \$'000
10	10	Bank Balance Forward	10
2,000	0	FAG / R2R / RMCC / TNSW	2,000
15	15	Services NSW	15
500	168	Rates /Water/User Charges	500
200	245	Private Works/Debtors	200
450	476	LBV – Residents Fees & Subsidies	450
150	82	Children’s Services (net)	150
1,500	556	Net Movement of Investments	1,500
500	4,119	Sundry Income & Grants	500
		<i>Less</i>	
(4,500)	(4,949)	Creditors	(4,500)
(750)	(732)	Wages / Salaries	(750)
10	10	Bank Reconciliation Cr/(Dr)	10

Loan Facility Report as of 30 April 2024

Fund	Purpose	Amount \$'000	Funding Institute	Period		Rate	Payable	\$'000
General Fund	Shire Road Culverts	2,500	NAB (business markets loan)	27/04/2022	31/03/2025	3.44%	Quarterly	2,259
Total Principal Balance								2,259

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receive and note the Bank Reconciliation, Monthly Total Funds Available, Cash Flow and Loan Facility Report as of 30 April 2024.

CLAUSE 9 – RATES RECONCILIATION REPORT AS AT 30 APRIL 2024**FILE: R2-1****AOP REFERENCE: 3.1.1.6****ATTACHMENT: NO****AUTHOR: *Customer Service Manager, Jo-Louise Brown*****Purpose**

To provide Council details of the Rate Reconciliation as at 30 April 2024.

Rate Type	Levy Plus Arrears	Adjustments	Nett Levy	Cash	Paid-Previous	Outstanding
Cobar Residential	1,173,878.76	58,550.98	1,232,429.74	-819,993.08	-49,269.24	363,167.42
Business	349,230.30	10,902.69	360,132.99	-250,003.57	-5,341.89	104,787.53
Business Cobar CBD	169,120.91	5,469.28	174,590.19	-133,249.84	-4,979.36	36,360.99
Farmland	858,972.81	834.63	859,807.44	-643,575.01	-6,997.35	209,235.08
Mining	2,030,880.01	0.00	2,030,880.01	-1,394,762.68	-39.91	636,077.42
Residential Village	183,926.59	0.00	183,926.59	-65,442.97	-7,123.54	111,360.08
Business Village	80,674.22	0.00	80,674.22	-27,318.56	-548.72	52,806.94
Rural Residential	102,974.16	5,019.36	107,993.52	-61,380.74	-12,681.59	33,931.19
Interest	34,153.34	106,594.27	140,747.61	-34,342.78	0.00	106,404.83
Legal Costs	0.00	9,012.60	7,539.40	-5,135.84	0.00	3,876.76
Overpayments	0.00	0.00	0.00	-94,933.45	-50,193.15	-145,126.60
General Rates	4,983,811.10	196,383.81	5,178,721.71	-\$3,530,138.52	-\$137,174.75	\$1,512,881.64
Domestic Waste	840,210.75	-765.92	839,444.83	-585,130.40	-30,935.55	223,378.88
Cobar Water	1,810,794.47	1,761.00	1,812,555.47	-\$1,313,995.88	-\$69,476.57	\$429,083.02
Nymagee Water	\$69,001.97	-\$980.00	\$68,021.97	-\$36,922.55	-\$360.90	\$30,738.52
Euabalong Water	\$138,337.44	-\$980.00	\$137,357.44	-\$75,912.73	-\$12,856.86	\$48,587.85
Mount Hope Water	\$12,217.79	\$0.00	\$12,217.79	-\$6,721.07	-\$152.53	\$5,344.19
Water Access	\$2,030,351.67	-\$199.00	\$2,030,152.67	-\$1,433,552.23	-\$82,846.86	\$513,753.58
Sewerage	\$1,244,186.13	\$0.00	\$1,244,186.13	-\$856,402.26	-\$52,545.97	\$335,237.90
Total Rates & Charges	\$9,098,559.65	\$195,418.89	\$9,292,505.34	-\$6,405,223.41	-\$303,503.13	\$2,585,252.00
Water Consumption	\$2,937,934.64	-\$87,545.78	\$2,850,388.86	-\$1,951,753.36	\$0.00	\$898,635.50

RECOMMENDATION**That the Rates Reconciliation Report as at the 30 April 2024 be received and noted.**

CLAUSE 10 – PURCHASING ANALYSIS OF CONTRACTORS**FILE: T3-15-6****AOP REFERENCE: 3.3.4****ATTACHMENT: NO****AUTHOR: *Finance Manager, Sandra Davey*****Purpose**

The purpose of this report is to provide information on works let over \$80,000 inclusive of GST.

Background

Throughout the year Council uses various contractors for the supply of plant and equipment and trades and miscellaneous services for many of Council's activities.

These Contractors and Suppliers are engaged by quotations for small projects and tenders for larger projects following Councils Procurement Policy.

Council has requested that a report be provided for works let over \$80,000 inclusive of GST.

The table below indicates the contractors and suppliers that were engaged for services over \$80,000 inclusive of GST for the period July 1, 2023 – April 30, 2024, and the method of procurement used.

CONTRACTOR	DESCRIPTION OF WORKS AND METHOD OF PROCUREMENT	TOTAL \$'000	LOCALITY
STANAWAY PTY LTD T/A DAVID PAYNE CONSTRUCTION	WARD OVAL CONSTRUCTION (TENDER)	5,622	NON LOCAL
COUNTRY WIDE ASPHALT PTY LTD	ROAD WORKS (TENDER)	4,877	NON LOCAL
CRUSHRITE PTY LTD	GRAVEL CRUSHING (TENDER)	3,884	NON LOCAL
DAVID PAYNE CONSTRUCTION	WARD OVAL CONSTRUCTION (TENDER)	3,152	NON LOCAL
NICHOLSONS OF NYMAGEE	ROAD WORKS (RFQ)	1,850	LOCAL
THE STABILISING PTY LTD	RMS CONTRACT (RFQ)	1,415	NON LOCAL
JONESYS EARTHWORXS PTY LTD	ROAD WORKS (RFQ)	1,024	NON LOCAL
BROUGHTON CONTRACTING PTY LTD T/A BROUGHTON F	PLANT HIRE (TENDER)	910	LOCAL
DEPELER EARTHMOVING	PLANT HIRE (TENDER)	860	LOCAL
ENABLEU HEALTH SOLUTIONS PTY LTD	CONSULTANT SERVICES (RFQ)	854	NON LOCAL
REDSTONE NURSING PTY LTD	LABOUR HIRE (RFQ)	713	NON LOCAL
CRANFIELD MEDICAL & HEALTHCARE PTY LTD	LABOUR HIRE (RFQ)	654	NON LOCAL
AS PER PLAN CONSTRUCTION	CONSTRUCTION WORK (TENDER/RFQ)	589	LOCAL
CASTLYN PTY LTD T/A INLAND PETROLEUM	FUEL (TENDER)	558	NON LOCAL
NSW PUBLIC WORKS	GOVERNMENT CONSULTING SERVICES (GOV)	507	NON LOCAL
MIDLAND PTY LTD	PLANT PURCHASE (RFQ)	505	NON LOCAL
SUPERIOR PAK PTY LTD	PLANT PURCHASE (TENDER)	475	NON LOCAL
DUNN & HILLAM ARCHITECTS	VARIOUS PROJECTS (YOUTH CENTRE, EARLY LEARNING CENTRE) (QUOTES)	456	NON LOCAL
JLE ELECTRICAL	TRADE SERVICES (RFQ)	445	NON LOCAL
TRONIC GROUP PTY LTD	IT SERVICES (RFQ)	442	LOCAL

CYNEND	CONSTRUCTION WORK (TENDER/RFQ)	438	NON LOCAL
NOMES CUSTOM CLEANING	CLEANING SERVICES (RFQ)	417	LOCAL
VINIDEX PTY LTD	STORMWATER PIPES (TENDER)	411	NON LOCAL
HOLCIM (AUSTRALIA) PTY LTD	CULVERTS (TENDER)	321	NON LOCAL
WESTRAC PTY LTD	PLANT PURCHASE (TENDER)	297	LOCAL
SMART COMMERCIAL SOLAR PTY LTD	WTP SOLAR	297	NON LOCAL
LEISURE & RECREATION GROUP PTY LTD	POOL MANAGEMENT (TENDER)	292	NON LOCAL
PPT INVESTMENTS T/A KLOSTER FORD	PLANT PURCHASE (RFQ)	268	NON LOCAL
JNJ CONTRACTING PTY LTD	PLANT HIRE (RFQ)	265	LOCAL
ROAD CARE AUSTRALIA PTY LTD	ROAD WORKS (RFQ)	259	NON LOCAL
ORION CONSULTING ENGINEERS PTY LTD	PROJECT MANAGEMENT (RFQ)	253	NON LOCAL
COBAR STEEL PTY LTD	TRADE SERVICES (RFQ)	248	LOCAL
DAMAGE CONTROL PROJECT MANAGEMENT PTY LTD	LABOUR HIRE (RFQ)	245	NON LOCAL
PARKES AUTOMOTIVE GROUP PTY LTD	PLANT PURCHASE (RFQ)	245	NON LOCAL
360 ENGINEERING PTY LTD	CONSULTANT SERVICES (RFQ)	240	NON LOCAL
I J CHASE GRADER CONTRACTING	PLANT HIRE (TENDER)	239	LOCAL
BOB BRUCE EARTHWORKS PTY LTD	PLANT HIRE (TENDER)	237	LOCAL
ROLLERS AUSTRALIA PTY LTD	PLANT HIRE (TENDER)	230	NON LOCAL
CADIA GROUP PTY LTD	WATER AND SEWER (TENDER)	229	NON LOCAL
ACCESS ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING PTY LTD	BORE LICENCING	213	NON LOCAL
AUSROAD PLANT SERVICES PTY LTD	LABOUR HIRE (RFQ)	190	NON LOCAL
REDOX LTD	CHEMICALS	174	NON LOCAL
TREE OF US TREE SERVICES	TREE SERVICES (TENDER)	172	NON LOCAL
KENWAY AND CLARK GUNNEDAH PTY LTD	PLANT PURCHASE (RFQ)	161	NON LOCAL
COLLAR TALENT GROUP PTY LTD	LABOUR HIRE (RFQ)	160	NON LOCAL
ORANA MOTOR GROUP PTY LTD T/A SAINSBURY AUTOM	PLANT PURCHASE (RFQ)	154	NON LOCAL
JR MAY EARTHMOVING PTY LTD	PLANT HIRE (TENDER)	143	LOCAL
MIKE BREARLEY & ASSOCIATES PTY LTD	CONSULTANT SERVICES (RFQ)	139	NON LOCAL
COUNTRY MILE CONSTRUCTIONS	CONSTRUCTION WORK (RFQ)	139	LOCAL
KILLARD INFRASTRUCTURE PTY LTD	RETICULATION UPGRADE (TENDER)	129	NON LOCAL
COPPER CITY TYRE SERVICE	TYRE SERVICES (RFQ)	121	LOCAL
KALLARA PARTNERS	PLANT HIRE (TENDER)	115	LOCAL
DELNORTH PTY LTD	SIGNS (TENDER)	113	NON LOCAL
KML INDUSTRIES PTY LTD	TRADES SERVICE/HARDWARE	113	LOCAL
BARRIER SIGNS PTY LIMITED	SIGNS (TENDER)	106	NON LOCAL
TILT AUTOMOTIVE PTY LTD	TRADE SERVICES (RFQ)	101	LOCAL
SITECH SOLUTIONS PTY LTD	PLANT HIRE (TENDER)	101	NON LOCAL
BETTERAIM	CONSULTANT SERVICES (RFQ)	99	NON LOCAL
VALLEY OUTDOORS SCONE	PLANT PURCHASE (RFQ)	99	NON LOCAL
FLIP SCREEN AUSTRALIA PTY LTD	PLANT PURCHASE (RFQ)	97	NON LOCAL
JUSTIN NEGUS ELECTRICAL	LABOUR HIRE (RFQ)	94	LOCAL
KPMG AUSTRALIA	CONSULTANT SERVICES (RFQ)	94	NON LOCAL
ZONDA PEOPLE HEALTHCARE RECRUITMENT	LABOUR HIRE (RFQ)	93	NON LOCAL
BITUPAVE LTD T/A BORAL ASPHALT	ROAD WORKS (RFQ)	91	NON LOCAL

PAGNELL ASSOCIATES PTY LTD T/A GEOSECURE	PLANT PURCHASE (RFQ)	91	NON LOCAL
MCINTOSH FENCING PTY LTD	RMS CONTRACT (RFQ)	90	NON LOCAL
DOWNER EDI WORKS	ROAD WORKS (TENDER)	87	NON LOCAL
MINSTAFF SURVEY PTY LTD	SURVEY (RFQ)	86	NON LOCAL
TRANSPORT FOR NSW	ROAD WORKS (RFQ)	85	NON LOCAL
EVOLUTION MECHANICAL REPAIRS PTY LTD	MECHANICAL REPAIRS (RFQ)	85	LOCAL

**TOTAL
\$'000**

LOCAL SUPPLIERS	\$7,263
NON-LOCAL SUPPLIERS	\$31,692
TOTAL PURCHASES OVER \$80K 2023/2024	\$38,955

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receive and note the information contained in this report.

CLAUSE 11 – ENGINEERING WORKS REPORT**FILE: C6-20-2****AOP REFERENCE: 4.3.2****ATTACHMENT: NO****AUTHOR: *Director Engineering Services – Heinz Kausche*****Purpose**

To provide Council with an update of works up to 30 April 2024.

Background**State Highways****Completed Works**

- Shoulder grading Kidman Way completed.
- Heavy patching on Kidman Way North completed.
- Heavy patching on Barrier Highway East completed.
- Heavy Patching on Barrier Highway West completed.
- Tree trimming Barrier Hwy completed.

Major Maintenance Work - Ongoing

- Pothole patching and sign maintenance of highway network ongoing.
- Culvert cleaning of highways continuing.

Construction Work

- Heavy patching works on Kidman Way South.

Urban Roads/Shire Roads/Regional Roads**Completed Works**

- Spreading and shaping gravel on Grain Road completed.
- Concrete floodway renewal on Wilga Downs Road (SR26) completed.
- Euabalong River Walk completed.

Major Maintenance and Construction Work - Ongoing

- Spreading and shaping of gravel on 52 Mile Road continuing.
- Shire Wide Culverts Program ongoing, approximately 75% complete. Culvert works continuing on 52 Mile Road (RR 7518)
- Cobar Industrial Estate Road and Stormwater upgrades - onsite works commenced on reforming the swale drains.
- Linsley Street – preliminary works continuing on replacing and repairing valve/hydrant and pit covers. The asphalt overlay works are currently scheduled for end of May/early June subject to contractor availability. Barton Street (between Marshall and Blakey) will now be included in the asphaltting from a separate funding source.

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- Fixing Country Roads Round 4 – works continuing on extracting and crushing gravel for the 40km seal extension of the Wool Track. Paddington pit is completed, and crushing is now underway at the Kia-Ora pit.
 - Regional Emergency Road Repairs Fund –works program to be finalised, includes regional road maintenance and renewals, Wool Track and urban asphalt overlays.

Cobar Airport

- Installation of footings for the new automated sliding main gate underway.
- Development of new Airport Masterplan underway. Site visit and Geotech completed. User group meeting to review the draft Masterplan scheduled to be undertaken in June.

Flood Damage

- Works continuing on the Restoration of Essential Public Assets funded through the Natural Disaster Funding Arrangements in response to the November 2022 flood event.
- Emergency Works following the January 2024 flood event is continuing on various roads across the LGA.
- Full assessment of the damages and associated costs for flood restoration works following the January 2024 flood event are continuing.

Asset and Fleet Management

- Fleet Management – development of new 10 year plant replacement program completed.
- Fleet Management - development of whole of life costings for major plant and equipment underway.

Water and Sewer

- Nyngan, Hermidale, and Cobar Pump Station Upgrade Project – tenders currently being evaluated.
- Development of the Integrated Water Cycle Management (IWCM) Strategy continuing. The strategy is intended to provide Cobar with a 30-year strategy for the provision of appropriate, affordable, cost-effective and sustainable urban water services that meets community needs and protects public health and the environment.
- Multiple water and sewer improvement projects continuing including upgrades to the Fort Burke Balance Tank, water reticulation network and associated infrastructure.

Water Storage Level Updates

- Cobar Water Storages are currently at 57% full (combined).
- Burrendong Dam is currently at 59% full.
- Level 1 water restrictions are normally triggered when the water level of the Burrendong Dam reaches 20%.
- Level 5 water restrictions are triggered when the when the water level of the Burrendong Dam reaches 1% and the Cobar storages drop below 20%.

Drought Triggers

Level		Cobar, Canbelego, Euabalong, Euabalong West, Mount Hope and Nymagee
Be Water Wise	1	To protect and secure our water supply
High	2	10
Very High	3	5
Severe	4	2.5.
Emergency	5	1%. Also applied when the effective storage percentage of the combined Cobar storages drops below 20% .

Demand Targets

Usage Type	1 Be Water Wise	2 High	3 Very High	4 Severe	EMERGENCY
Target Water Consumption	240L/ day/person 10% reduction	210L/ day/ person 20% reduction	180L/ day/ person 30% reduction	150L/ day/person 40% reduction	120L/day/person 55% percent

Depot Works

- Depot Masterplan – independent review of the store complete. Recommended actions and outcomes of the review also nearing completion.

RECOMMENDATION

That the information contained in the Engineering Works Report detailing construction and maintenance activities on Shire and Regional Roads, State Highways, Water and Sewer Mains and other Council assets be received and noted.

CLAUSE 12– EXPENDITURE FOR ROADS NETWORK

FILE: R5-31 AOP REFERENCE: 4.3.2 ATTACHMENT: YES (PAGE 309-318)

AUTHOR: Acting Director of Engineering, Heinz Kausche

Purpose

To Provide Council with financial information on the expenditure on Council’s Local and Regional Roads.

Background

A report detailing the Expenditure on Capital/R2R (orange), Council’s Shire Local Roads (blue), Regional Roads Network (green) and Flood Damage Claim (Grey) is provided as an attachment for Council’s information.

RECOMMENDATION

That the information detailing the Expenditure for Council’s Roads Network be received and noted.

Complying Development Approvals

There were no Complying Development Certificates approved under delegated authority for the period 16 April 2024 – 15 May 2024.

The value of Complying Development approvals for 2023/2024 to date is \$60,000.00.
The value of Complying Development approvals for the similar period in 2022/2023 was **\$21,000.00.**

Local Development Approvals

The following Local Development Applications were approved under delegated authority for the period 16 April 2024 – 15 May 2024.

CERTIFICATE NO.	ADDRESS	DESCRIPTION	VALUE (\$)
DA24/011	9 Clark St, Mount Hope	Tourist & Visitor Accommodation: Comprising 12 Single Rooms, Shared Facilities Building, Associated Carpark & Pedestrian Accessways	\$198,000
DA24/013	11 Singleton Dr, Cobar	Inground Swimming Pool	\$52,545
DA24/016	7 Bathurst St, Cobar	Demolition of Existing Carport & Metal Sheds, Erection of a Detached Metal Shed & Attached Carport	\$33,132

The value of Local Development approvals for 2023/2024 to date is \$ \$49,530,414.92.
The value of Local Development approvals for the similar period in 2022/2023 was **\$117,241,694.20.**

Construction Certificates

There were no Construction Certificates approved under delegated authority for the period 16 April 2024 – 15 May 2024.

RECOMMENDATION

That the information detailing the Local Development and Construction Certificate approvals for the period 16 April 2024 – 15 May 2024 be received and noted.



ATTACHMENTS

ORDINARY MEETING AGENDA

THURSDAY, 23 MAY 2024

~ REFERENCE TO ATTACHMENTS ~

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