I hereby give notice that an Ordinary Meeting of Council will be held on:

Date: Wednesday, 17 August 2016
Time: 10:00am
Location: Tottenham Memorial Hall

BUSINESS PAPER

Ordinary Council Meeting

17 August 2016
Lachlan Shire – THE HEART OF NSW

Our Vision:
For the Lachlan Shire to be a resilient community providing economic and social growth, through evolving, agricultural, business and mineral activities

Mission:
To engage the community, providing and delivering progressive services whilst implementing a long term strategic plan leading to the social and economic benefit of the community
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Nil
1 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY AND ELDERS

2 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Ordinary Meeting - 20 July 2016
Extraordinary Meeting - 12 August 2016

3 LEAVE OF ABSENCE
MAYORAL MINUTE

We have come to the end of another busy four year term of local government. A very challenging four years with Local Government reform hanging over our heads for most of the time. We have survived amalgamation thank you to the General Manager and staff, Councillors and the community for their great support right through the process. We look forward to Lachlan Shire Council serving the community for a long time into the future.

As Mayor I would like to thank the Councillors for the work they have done serving their community and the Shire in the last four years. If you are seeking re-election to the Council good luck in the upcoming election. I also would like to make a special mention to our Deputy Mayor Des Manwaring for his support and guidance in the last twelve months, thank you. Des is not seeking re-election to council and so I would like to congratulate him on his 30 years as a Councillor with nine of those years as Mayor and many more as Deputy Mayor, well done.

Finally, thank you to the General Manager and all the staff of Lachlan Shire for the good work you all do servicing our communities.

LINKS TO COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN

7.4 Thriving and vibrant art and cultural activities

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

RECOMMENDATION

That Council note and receive the Mayoral Minute Report R16/57.
4.2 MEETINGS & FUNCTIONS ATTENDED BY MAYOR

TRIM Number: R16/58
Author: Mayor

PURPOSE
To advise Council of meetings and functions attended by the Mayor.

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LINKS TO COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN
7.4 Thriving and vibrant art and cultural activities

ATTACHMENTS
Nil

RECOMMENDATION
That Council note and receive Mayoral report R16/58, meetings and functions attended by the Mayor.
5  CORRESPONDENCE
   Nil

6  PUBLIC FORUM

7  DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST
8 GENRAL MANAGER

8.1 COMMUNITY DONATIONS REQUESTS

TRIM Number: R16/48
Author: General Manager

PURPOSE
To submit several requests for funding to Council for its consideration.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION
Copies of the requests are shown at Attachment “A”. An updated balance of the Donations Budget is shown at Attachment “B”.

BACKGROUND
The Condobolin RSL Physical Culture Club is seeking financial assistance of $2,000 to help offset costs to send students to Sydney for competitions.

The Condobolin High School is seeking financial assistance to help purchase a tour jumper and shirt for 8 students travelling to China. No amount is specified.

FINANCIAL AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS
The balance of the donations budget is shown at Attachment “B”. Funding for the entire year has almost been allocated in the first two months of the year. There are insufficient funds in the Art & Culture category.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS
There are no legal implications for Council from approving or not approving these requests.

RISK IMPLICATIONS
There is little if any risk in approving or not approving these requests.

OPTIONS
1. Council approve the requests
2. Council vary the funding requests
3. Council not approve the requests.

CONCLUSION
Council approve the funding request.

LINK TO POLICY AND / OR COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN
5.7.3 Council’s decision making is equitable and ethical.

ATTACHMENTS
1. Appendix B
2. Appendix A
RECOMMENDATION

That:

2. Council consider the request for donations to:
   i) The Condobolin RSL Physical Culture Club.
   ii) The Condobolin High School.
## DONATIONS BUDGET - 2016/17
As at 9th August 2016

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- **Annual Allocation**: $7,500, $2,200, $2,800, $3,500
- **Balance Remaining**: $0, $600, $968, $-1,500
Robert Hunt

From: Riach, Tanya <Tanya.Turner1@det.nsw.edu.au>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 July 2016 10:05 AM
To: Council
Subject: att: general manager for council meeting
Attachments: 2016 physie lettercouncil.docx

Attached is our physical culture letter that we had written when we were looking at applying for grants in regards to travelling to penrith for Physical culture events, to ensure that we work with our sister city and maintain our Condobolin-Penrith Alliance is strong.

Now that those grants are no longer available, we were wondering if Lachlan Shire was able to Donate or provide funds to support our local physical culture club with travelling to Penrith. We have multiple trips and would like to make sure that as many members as possible have to means to participate.

We are asking for $2000 to help with the bus costs. The costings for the multiple trips are attached.

Thank You
Tanya Riach
Grants Officer Lachlan Valley Physical Culture

******************************************************************************************************************************************
This message is intended for the addressee named and may contain privileged information or confidential information or both. If you are not the intended recipient please delete it and notify the sender.
******************************************************************************************************************************************
Condobolin RSL Physical Culture Club
PO Box 81
Condobolin 2877

Lachlan Shire Council

Dear Councillors;

Physical Culture is a sport that fuses dance styles such as jazz, ballet, hip hop, contemporary, aerobic dance and even yoga. It is the perfect combination of movements designed to increase strength, fitness and flexibility.

The benefits we have seen in the girls from our club are, increased coordination, brain development and confidence. Physical Culture isn’t just about dancing or competitions. Physical culture is about empowering girls with the skills to become confident, strong women. It’s about getting fit and healthy and having a place where you feel encouraged, supported and valued.

With great role models to look up to the girls learn about positive body image from a young age. They’re taught to embrace fitness as a way of life and focus on what their bodies can do, rather than how they look. Physical culture teaches many young girls from our town.

Our Club is made up of families; many families have more than one daughter who competes, many have up to four family members competing some including a parent. These families come from all areas of the community, low socioeconomic to high, indigenous and non indigenous, special needs to gifted and talented. The club does not segregate between and is thus fundraising so that we can take as many hard working girls as possible to the competitions, no matter their socioeconomic status.

Currently, we over 110 members from our small community of 3000, ranging from the ages of 3 to 70. We have been invited to take the girls to Sydney for multiple events in a short time frame. The girls will be competing in competitions and workshops. For the senior girls, their zone competition is held in Sydney which for these girls who have committed to train multiple times a week, three trips to Sydney within 2 months.
We are asking for your support for our Physical Culture Club, which will allow us to get the girls to Sydney for these wonderful opportunities.

Due to the hard work of our students, teachers and our exceptional results at last year’s National Championships where 10 girls competed at that event. We have been invited to compete at a Penrith interclub competition where students gain valuable experience competing against quality performers and feedback from judges before their zone competition where they must compete for a top place to perform in Sydney. The girls have also been invited to attend a training day during August where they work with the top teachers and teachers that have written the program and choreographed the dances. This will be preparation for the teams’ competitions in August and the seniors individual competitions the next weekend.

We are asking for a grant or donation to help in our fundraising efforts allow the girls to attend the competitions in Sydney, after already attending a competition in Sydney. The biggest costs facing the Club are transport and accommodation.

The approximate costs for 72 people travelling with the group:

Penrith/Sydney competitions

Bus costing $3552

Accommodation 2 nights: $170 a room a night (2 girls, 1 adult) or $300 family over the 2 nights.

Competition Leotards $90 each

Competition stockings $50 each

Club uniform $80 each

Hair and Makeup

Food for 8 main meals from Friday to late Sunday night

Spending money
The physical culture club has tried to keep fees as low as we can for the year to enable all members of the community to participate. The cost for the entire year is $70 registration and $90 a term for the year. This allows students to access classes on both Wednesday and Thursday. If parents pay in a lump sum during February or March there is a discount.

These fees go towards running the club. Club costs such as Syllabus work, music licenses, post box, and training courses for the teachers and also paying for the local competitions that are held between Parkes, Forbes and Condobolin. They cover the treats that the girls receive at the end of each lesson for working hard such as stickers and lollies. They also cover Easter and end of year gifts. The gifts provided at the end of the year are trophies, medals, certificates and part of the uniform for members. In the past girls have been provided tops, workout clothes, tights, jackets and backpacks. These items can be worn by the students in their lessons and then sold second hand to new members when the child grows out of them.

Our Head Associate Teacher Louise Donnelly and our junior teacher Madeleine Waller and our multiple lesson helpers do not receive a wage for classes. The club provides a small term allowance for Louise and Madeleine. The allowance does not differ term to term even though before the major competitions her hours are tripled with team practices and extra lessons. These extra lessons are all included in term fees so that if a child attends all the lessons allocated to her age group it works out to be less than $3 a lesson. This enables low-income earners from our community to afford lessons and to compete at the same level as higher income families.

Thank you kindly for your consideration, we will be grateful if you are able to help in any way

- Tanya Riach
Grants Officer RSL Condobolin Physical Culture Club
Any questions please ask: 68953370, 0427863445
20 July 2016

Dear Sir/Madam,

During the September school holidays, eight students from Condobolin High School will be traveling throughout China on a cultural excursion. Students will be visiting many of China’s landmarks including the Terra-Cotta Warriors, Tiananmen Square and climbing the Great Wall of China.

As a group we would like to purchase a tour Jumper and Shirt to wear during our time in China and a seeking support from local businesses to purchase these items for our students.

Our students are all from a rural and remote background, many of whom have never travelled outside of NSW. Our students have gained part time jobs and have worked hard to fund the trip.

Any support you may be able to offer would be much appreciated and would be acknowledged on our Tour Shirts and Jumpers.

If you would like to discuss this further please feel free to ring Jeff Ward or Sarah Norton at Condobolin High School.

Thanking you in anticipation

Yours sincerely

Miss S Norton
Organising Teacher

Mr J Ward
Principal
8.2 REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE WITH LEGAL COSTS

TRIM Number: R16/49
Author: General Manager

PURPOSE
To advise Council of a request for legal assistance to Cowra Council

SUPPORTING INFORMATION
A copy of the request is shown as Attachment “A”.

BACKGROUND
Councils which are involved in legal challenges that are of general importance to all councils may apply for legal cost assistance through Local Government NSW. A request is then made for all councils to make a contribution to the relevant council when the case is completed.

ISSUES AND COMMENTS
The Appeal related to the interpretation of councils’ powers under the LG Act and council’s ability to rely on the LG Act to issue notices and orders where animal welfare issues are not covered by other laws. The Land & Environment Court agreed that councils should be able to issue orders under Section 124 of the Act.

FINANCIAL AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS
The contribution requested is $336.46. Council is not compelled to make any contribution.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS
Nil from not contributing.

RISK IMPLICATIONS
Nil from not contributing.

STAKEHOLDER CONSULTATION
Nil

OPTIONS
1. Council contribute towards legal costs as requested.
2. Council not contribute towards legal costs.

CONCLUSION
Council may find itself in a similar situation one day and should make a contribution. Funds are available in the general legal costs budget.

LINK TO POLICY AND / OR COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN
5.7.3 Council’s decision making is equitable and ethical.

ATTACHMENTS
1. Appendix A
**RECOMMENDATION**

That Council:

1. Make a contribution towards legal costs as detailed in the Report.
20 July 2016

Mr Robert Hunt
General Manager
Lachlan Shire Council
PO Box 216
CONDOBOLIN NSW 2877

Dear Mr Hunt

Request for Legal Assistance — Cowra Shire Council

On 23 February 2016, councils were advised that the Local Government New South Wales Board approved an application made by Cowra Shire Council for legal assistance to defend an appeal matter under the LGNSW Legal Assistance Policy & Guidelines. The LGNSW Board considered that this matter to be of importance to all local government throughout NSW as the appeal relates to the interpretation of councils’ powers under the Local Government Act NSW (the Act) and councils’ ability to rely on the Act to issue notices and orders where animal welfare issues are not covered by other laws.

The Land and Environment Court has agreed that councils should be able to issue orders under section 124 of the Act and the judgment can be viewed via that Court’s website – the citation is McQuaid v Cowra Shire Council [2016] NSWLEC 14.

Financial contributions are now being sought from councils as the Land and Environment Court has resolved this matter and the costs of the proceedings have been determined.

You are reminded that there is no obligation for a council to provide assistance. If Council chooses not to provide assistance, the attached invoice can be disregarded.

Please do not hesitate to contact me on (02) 9242 4142 if you have any questions on this matter.

Yours sincerely

Bruce McCann
Legal Officer
**Local Government NSW**

ABN: 49 853 913 882  
GPO Box 7003  SYDNEY  NSW  2000  
Level 8  28 Margaret Street  SYDNEY  NSW  2000  
Tel: (02) 9242 4000  Fax (02) 9242 4111  
www.lgsw.org.au  lgsw@lgsw.org.au

**Invoice to:**  
Lachlan Shire Council  
Po Box 216  
CONDOBOLIN  NSW  2877

**Customer Code**  
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Attn: The General Manager

**Terms:** 30 Days Invoice Date

Total Includes GST of 30.59

Total 336.46

Payment to: Local Government NSW  
BSB: 062005  Account No. 00090198
9 COMMUNITY SERVICES & GOVERNANCE

9.1 YOUTH SERVICES

TRIM Number: R16/50
Author: Director Community Services & Governance

PURPOSE
The purpose of this report is to inform Council of Youth Services carried out by Western Plains Regional Development on behalf of the Shire for the period from 1 May to 31 July 2016.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION
A report from Western Plains Regional Development Incorporated is attached

BACKGROUND
Council pays Western Plains Regional Development approx. $170,000 per annum to deliver youth services on its behalf. The services are delivered in Condobolin, Lake Cargelligo and Tottenham.

A major part of the service is the running of youth centres. Their operational times are 3:30 to 6:30 PM on weekdays (5 days) in Condobolin and Lake Cargelligo. An extensive school holiday program is also offered. The Tottenham youth centre is run on an as needs by the local youth committee.

A report on the activities over the previous three months is attached.

ISSUES AND COMMENTS
The major issues are:

- Engagement of older youth (14 – 17) in Condobolin.
- The inadequate youth building in Condobolin. It is felt by WPRD staff that if a larger, more appropriate venue is sourced it would be easier to engage with older youth because they would have space away from the younger youth.
- The compiling of a youth strategy which will be completed by Life without Barriers over the next six months. It is important that there is good input into this, and that strategies identified in it are funded in Council’s budget.
- Having an accessible camping site with adequate toilet facilities.

FINANCIAL AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS
There are no financial implications from this report. However Council must consider the money it wants to spend for youth services in future financial years.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS
Nil

RISK IMPLICATIONS
Western Plains Regional Development is an incorporated body with its own public liability and work-cover insurance.

STAKEHOLDER CONSULTATION
Nil
CONCLUSION

Western Plains Regional Development is providing a good and well utilised service to the youth in the three largest towns in the shire. Attendance at the youth centres is very satisfactory although there is an issue with engagement of older youth in Condobolin.

LINK TO POLICY AND / OR COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN

Community Strategic Plan Outcome Numbers 5.7 Strong Effective Council and 5.9 Community Service Provision for Vulnerable People.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Youth Report

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receive and note the Director Community Services & Governance Report No R16/50 and the attached activity report on Youth Services supplied by Western Plains Regional Development.
Youth Services Report

May, June and July 2016

10th May - attended Tullibigeal P&C meeting to discuss what parents wanted to do with the youth centre activities as Friday afternoons are not being attended. All felt that holiday events/activities would be better and that we bus youth to Lake Cargelligo or Condobolin to attend some events. They were also interested in outdoor movies, perhaps in park or at the pool, have a disco for all ages. We all decided to wait until warmer months and then Youth Services Manager to contact the group through Tullibigeal Central SRC meeting.

We held Kayak training for four youth services staff and 2 staff from Lake Cargelligo central school on 15th and 16th June at Gum Bend Lake. This was very successful considering the cold conditions. The funding for this came from a CDAT grant and a grant application to North Parkes Mines. We had a very busy July school holidays with the return of Outback Theatre for Young People, Sarah Parsons led the workshops at Lake Cargelligo Youth Centre and Condobolin at Family Support Group. At Lake Cargelligo the local drama group have become involved and are now going to hold weekly sessions for a youth drama group at the centre. The aim is to include the participants in the next drama production, also to create a small skit for the local fundraiser in September. Due to the wet weather we had to shift outdoor activity to the gym or to Family Support building.

On the 6th of May 2016 we farewelled Jess Hayward from Lake Cargelligo Youth Centre who has been with us for 6 years. Jess has moved to Canberra for further training and employment.

The Tottenham Youth Centre had a working bee to continue painting the mural on the inside wall on 20th May. During the July holidays the youth centre volunteers, parents and youth organised a BBQ and launch of the gym equipment which has been installed at the Rec ground. This project started from the ideas of the youth and a grant sourced by WPRD from Department of Sport & Rec. It has turned into a fantastic “Whole of community” project and we are very proud of our input and keeping the momentum going.”

In July holidays Lake Youth Centre visited Condobolin to see the Waste 2 Art exhibition, go on a tour of the town, visit the skate park and go to a live theatre performance at the RSL. It was
great to see the positive interaction between the two communities and I believe there are new “handball” rules being used in Lake Cargelligo now.

We are holding a poster competition for the Lachlan Domestic Violence group for all schools in Lachlan Shire. Prize money for secondary is $200 and primary is $100. The winning poster will be made into flyers, drink bottles and other small marketing pieces.

Youth services has been investigating some assistance in creating a Youth Action Plan. Katrina Kjahto (Youth Services Manager from Penrith city council) is keen to assist and will be contacted in the near future. Youth Services arranged for 2 Condobolin High School students, Colby Boland and Darcy Hope to attend Lachlan Shire Council meeting on 20th July. Both boys addressed the meeting and had a small wish list, which included a gaming room/larger youth centre. They also spoke about the craze “Pokémon Go.” During Term 2 we offered training and regular dance practice for the Aboriginal girls dance group at Goanna Manor. Unfortunately very few turned up and then not at all. We may try in warmer months.

Grants applied for:
CDAT – (Successful) to hold two outdoor concerts 1 in Lake Cargelligo and 1 in Condobolin for a live band, alcohol free in the park
Youth Opportunities _ (TBA)

Partnerships with:
Family Support Group, Penrith City Council, Centacare, Young Life Australia, Lake Cargelligo Drama Group, Storm Co, Condobolin and Lake Cargelligo Interagency, 3R1 (health and wellbeing project at Lake Cargelligo, Back Track (being set up for 6 boys in each community)

Continuing activities
- Weekly drumming lessons with Condobolin RSL pipe band
- Aspire study centre 2 days per week following school
- Movie at WPRD during holidays
- Some combined activities with Family Support Group and a monthly disco which attracts 60-70 young people in Condobolin
- There is a new homework centre starting at Lake Cargelligo central with teachers volunteering to help and Family Support Group provide travel if required.

**Summary Financial Report (not yet submitted to WPRD Executives)**

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To Carry forward for 16-17 YC Expenses $4,279.60 and $1772.62 for special activity.
Most of the underspend this year was due to a low period of activity before new staff appointed and wages as Heather filled in the co-ordinator role. $2000 dollars (a fraction of the cost) was allocated to Heather wages.

**Condobolin**

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Condobolin will need to use some of the funds reserved for set up of new youth centre or fundraising to break even.

**Tottenham**

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We will need to carry this forward into next year or take out of Condo reserve.

**Management and Tullibigeal now combined.**

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Unfortunately we started with a $6392.80 budgeted deficit in Management and were hoping to pick up some grants to offset deficit. We did pick up grants but they were for specific projects, e.g. Kayak training. The increase in Insurance to $4,000 Public Liability for Youth Activities has impacted further. WPRD are carrying $1000 of this out of untied budget plus 1 day of Heathers wage. She estimates 3 to 4 days are spent on Youth Services and only two days are taken from Youth Services Budget.

Again we will need to eat into Condo Youth Centre Reserves to break even. We have cut the budgets in equipment and food/activities as far as we can.

A full report will be available at the September meeting.

Thank you,

Anne Coffey

WPRD Treasurer.
9.2 PECUNIARY INTEREST RETURNS

TRIM Number: R16/59
Author: Director Community Services & Governance

PURPOSE
The purpose of this report is to table the pecuniary interest returns

SUPPORTING INFORMATION
The pecuniary interest returns which have been supplied by councillors and senior staff have been tabled and will be kept on Council’s TRIM records system.

BACKGROUND
The Local Government Act 1993 (the Act) provides for the management of pecuniary interests. It places specific obligations on councillors, council staff and other people involved in making decisions or giving advice on council matters to act honestly and responsibly in carrying out their functions. Generally those obligations include the lodgement of disclosure of interest returns, the lodgement of written declarations and the disclosure of pecuniary interests at council and council committee meetings.

The onus is on councillors and staff and other persons to determine whether they are affected by the pecuniary interest provisions in relation to a matter under consideration by the council.

A pecuniary interest in a matter is one where there is a reasonable likelihood or expectation of appreciable financial loss or gain to the person, or to other persons as defined by section 443 of the Act. This calls for an objective judgment in each case as to whether a pecuniary interest exists.

UPDATE
The relevant Councillors and management staff have completed and supplied their Pecuniary Interest Returns as tabled.

LINK TO POLICY AND / OR COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN
This activity aligns with Strategic Objective number 5.7 – Strong Effective Council, in Council’s Community Strategic Plan.

CONCLUSION
The supplying of Pecuniary Interest Returns is necessary to comply with Section 443 of the Local Government Act and for the good governance of Council. All current councillors and senior staff have supplied completed returns.

ATTACHMENTS
Nil

RECOMMENDATION
That Council accept the tabled Pecuniary Interest Returns supplied by the Councillors and management staff.
10 FINANCE

10.1 INVESTMENTS AS AT 31 JULY 2016

TRIM Number: R16/40
Author: Chief Financial Officer

PURPOSE
To provide Council with details of cash and investments held as required by Local Government (General) Regulation 2005 clause 212.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

Statement of Cash Book Balances:

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BACKGROUND

The Local Government (General) Regulation 2005 clause 212 states that the responsible accounting officer of a council must provide a written report (setting out details of all money that the council has invested under section 625 of the Act) to be presented at the ordinary meeting of the council each month.

The responsible accounting officer must also provide a certificate stating whether the investments have been made in accordance with the Act, the Regulations and the council’s investment policy.

ISSUES AND COMMENTS

This report provides Council with a summary of accounts paid and details of investments held as at 31 July 2016.

Accounts paid for the month totalling $3,463,780.78 have been fully checked and certified as to receipt of goods and/or the provision of service, prices, computations and castings, by the relevant Council officer.

Responsible Accounting Officer Certificate

I hereby certify that the bank accounts and investments have been reconciled with the Councils general ledger as at 31 July 2016, and that investments have been made in accordance with the Local Government Act, Local Government (General) Regulation 2005 and Council’s Investment Policy.

FINANCIAL AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

Interest earned on investments for the year to date is $63,393.26, which compares with the budgeted figure of $86,460.
LEGAL IMPLICATIONS
There are no known legal implications

RISK IMPLICATIONS
The investment environment continues to operate at a lower interest level, which is unlikely to change in the short term. Council’s investment advisor recommends that where cash flow permits investments should focus in the three to four year range where rates are more attractive.

STAKEHOLDER CONSULTATION
Council’s investments are discussed with and monitored by CPG Research and Advisory which have been retained for this purpose.

OPTIONS
This report is for information only.

CONCLUSION
Investments will continue to be managed so Council can meet its cash commitments when they fall due. Where possible, investments will target longer terms.

LINK TO POLICY AND / OR COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN
Investments are made in accordance with Council’s Investments Policy and the Community Strategic Plan/Delivery Program Item 4.7.1, which aims to ensure that “Council is financially sustainable and provides services at a level expected by the community”.

ATTACHMENTS
Nil

RECOMMENDATION
That Council receive and note the Chief Financial Officer’s Report R16/40.
10.2 RATES AND CHARGES DONATIONS - 2016/17

TRIM Number: R16/44
Author: Revenue Accountant

PURPOSE
To advise Council of rates and charges levied for Community organisations which are eligible for donation of same and seek resolution of the level of assistance to be granted.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION
The list of properties eligible for donation is provided at Attachment A

BACKGROUND
Historically Council has made donations of rates/charges levied for organisations such as Churches, Community Service Clubs.

ISSUES AND COMMENTS
The majority of the organisations are non-rateable and the donations are for services such as waste and water charges.

FINANCIAL AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS
The budget allocated for donations rates & charges for 2016/2017 is $6,660. The attached schedule outlines the proposed donations totalling $5,016.62, which is within budget

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS
There are no known legal implications

RISK IMPLICATIONS
There are no known risk implications

STAKEHOLDER CONSULTATION
The attached schedule outlines the organisations that have made written requests for assistance this year. It also lists those organisations to whom Council has assisted in previous years.

OPTIONS
Council has the option of refusing to adjust the rates for these organisations as donations. However, this will put financial burden on these organisations as they are not for profit and it will be hard for them to afford to pay off the rates. This might also result in a significant backlash from the community as well as most of these organisations are religious places of worship.

CONCLUSION
1. All organisations listed in the attachment are eligible for donation by Council.

LINK TO POLICY AND / OR COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN
Council’s Community Strategic Plan/Delivery Program Item 4.1.2 provides that Council “Work with Community Groups across the Shire to help achieve their objectives”.
ATTACHMENTS

1. Rates and Charges Donations- 2016/17

RECOMMENDATION

That Council

(a) Receive and note the Revenue Accountant’s report no R16/44 and

(b) Council makes donations of rates and charges of $5,016.62 for the 2016/17 year as listed
## Rates and Charges Donations 2016/2017

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Total: $5,016.62

Budget: $6,660.00
Difference: $1,643.38
10.3 REVOTE OF EXPENDITURE TO 2016-2017 OPERATIONAL PLAN

TRIM Number: R16/51
Author: Chief Financial Officer

PURPOSE
Council is required to formally revote expenditure in 2016-2017 any 2015-2016 budget allocations which remain unspent and incomplete at the conclusion of the 2015-2016 financial year.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION
A listing of the unspent funds is contained within the attachment to the report.

BACKGROUND
At the completion of the 2015-2016 financial year a number of programs included within the operational plan budget remained incomplete or not commenced.

ISSUES AND COMMENTS
Under the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulation and the Local Government Code of Accounting Practice and Financial Reporting these budget allocations lapse at the end of each financial year.

The total recommended sum for re-votes is:

- General Fund Totals Excl Water/Sewer/Roads $2,323,985
- Water Infrastructure Capital Works Totals $2,673,412
- Sewerage Infrastructure Capital Works Totals $1,766,764
- Roads to Recovery Capital Works Totals $1,475,452
- Bridges Capital Works Totals $141,086
- Urban Streets Capital Works Totals $199,500
- Regional Roads Capital Works Totals $1,437,749
- Sealed Rural Roads Capital Works Totals $589,833
- Unsealed Rural Roads Capital Works Totals $77,842

$10,685,623

Full details are included the attached listing.

FINANCIAL AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS
Council needs to “revote” the allocations as appropriate for inclusion in the 2016-2017 Operational Plan Budget.

The 2015-2016 Financial Statements will include restriction allocations for the funds being requested to be reallocated to the 2016-2017 Operational Plan Budget.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS
There are no known legal implications.
RISK IMPLICATIONS
There are no known risk implications.

STAKEHOLDER CONSULTATION
The Original allocations for 2015-2016 were adopted by Council as part of its 2015-2016 budget or as a result of Council receiving additional grants or contributions for specific projects.

The listing of unspent and incomplete budget allocations has been reviewed by Manex.

OPTIONS
1. Revote the funds, as listed on the attachment to this report, for expenditure in 2016-2017
2. Amend the listing attached for revote of expenditure in 2016-2017

CONCLUSION
Council needs to consider those allocations remaining unspent or those which were not commenced and “revote” those allocations as appropriate.

LINK TO POLICY AND / OR COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN
4.7.1 - To ensure that Council is financially sustainable and provides services at a level expected by the community.

ATTACHMENTS
1. Unspent Budget Revotes 2016-2017

RECOMMENDATION
That
1. Chief Financial Officer’s Report be received and noted.
2. Council revote the funds listed totalling $10,685,623 and incorporate them into the 2016-017 Operational Plan Budget, funded by transfers from reserves established to fund the uncompleted works.
## 2016-2017 Budget Adjustment
### Uncompleted Projects from 2015-2016
30-Jun-16

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**17 August 2016**

### Item 10.3 - Attachment 1

#### 7270 Roads to Recovery Capital Works

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**Regional Roads Capital Works Totals**

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11 ENVIRONMENT & PLANNING

11.1 LACHLAN SHIRE HERITAGE STRATEGY

TRIM Number: R16/43
Author: Acting Director Environment & Planning

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to provide Council with a draft Heritage Management Strategy covering the requirements of NSW Heritage Office for the funding of Local Government grants to support our local heritage advisor and local heritage grants.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

Community Based Heritage Study 2004 and the Main Street Studies for Condobolin, Lake Cargelligo and Tottenham 2005.

BACKGROUND

Council is required to have a cyclic three year strategy in place to support the grants for local heritage funding which incorporates our Heritage Advisor costs. The heritage management strategies will take us through to 2018. A further review of our strategies will be required next year to take us through to 2021. The strategies are based on the Heritage Council and Department of Planning guidelines.

ISSUES AND COMMENTS

The Lachlan Heritage Strategy is a mechanism of support for heritage funding grants. The strategy incorporates the management of our heritage assets through our advisory committee who put forward funding requests in support of those strategies. Without these strategies attached to our grant requests, critical funding may be lost or unspent.

FINANCIAL AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

The acceptance of a three year Heritage Management Strategic Plan will place Council in good stead for further funding by the NSW Heritage Office.

CONCLUSION

The Lachlan Heritage Strategy has been prepared by our Heritage Advisor in Draft for Councils approval as part of the governance required by the funding agency. The strategy covers the period 2015 – 2018 and requires a review next year prior to the start of 2018. The Heritage Advisory Committee has endorsed the proposed strategies.

LINK TO POLICY AND / OR COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN

Build Civic Leadership and Pride

ATTACHMENTS

1. Lachlan Heritage Strategy 2018

RECOMMENDATION

Lachlan Shire Council
58-64 Molong St., Condobolin

Lachlan Heritage Strategy
to 2018

Condobolin Community Centre (former Commercial Hotel)

prepared by
Sue Jackson-Stepowski
Heritage Advisor
11 Forrest Street, Haberfield NSW 2045
Introduction

Local councils are required to prepare a Heritage Strategy. The Lachlan Heritage Strategy is prepared to meet the requirements of the NSW Heritage Office funding agreement to support local government heritage management in NSW – that is for the Local Heritage Advisor grant and Local Heritage Fund grant.

This Strategy is based on the Heritage Council and Department of Planning publications “Recommendations for Local Council Heritage Management” and ‘Eight suggestions on how local councils can promote heritage conservation’. A Heritage Strategy should be reviewed to assist and guide future directions for heritage management in a local government area, and to include recommendations for conservation and maintenance.

The purpose of this document is to provide a summary of the strategies Lachlan Shire Council will employ to guide heritage management to 2018. Implementation of the Strategy is the responsibility of relevant Council Managers and the Heritage Advisor.

Council completed a Community-Based Heritage Study in 2004, and main street studies for Condobolin, Lake Cargelligo, and Tottenham in 2005.

The headings below are those determined by the NSW Heritage Branch reporting format.

1. Establish a Heritage Committee to deal with heritage matters in the Shire of Lachlan Council area

Lachlan Shire Council has an established Heritage Committee that considers heritage and urban design issues. The committee comprises community representatives, Councillors, Council staff representatives and the Heritage Advisor.

Actions:
- Continue the activities of the Heritage Committee;
  (i) promote the local heritage fund and consider applications; and
  (ii) encourage awareness and pride in the Shire’s natural, cultural and historic heritage.
- Consider heritage-related development applications.

2. Identify Heritage Items in the Lachlan Area and list them in our Local Environmental Plan

Lachlan Shire Council completed a Heritage Study in 2004 and Main Street studies of Condobolin, Tottenham and Lake Congelico in 2008. The recommendations of these studies should be adopted and incorporated into wider Council management documents, such as its ‘overall Management Plan’. The Heritage Study includes provision for on-going research and documentation of places as they evolve, to support statutory protections and via this avenue access to potential funding opportunities.

Actions:
- Finalise the adoption process by Council of the recommendations of the Heritage Study.
- Set up a framework to enable ongoing collection of information to support the Studies and in particular to continue to update the Heritage Inventory sheets.
3. **Appoint a Heritage Adviser to assist Council, the community and owners of items**

Lachlan Shire Council has operated a heritage advisory program for some years. The programme has been well supported by Council, Council staff and the Community.

**Actions:**
- Continue the Heritage Adviser Programme.

4. **Manage heritage in the Lachlan area in a positive manner**

Heritage management is an ongoing and dynamic process. The Lachlan Shire Local Environmental Plan 2013 is in accordance with the NSW State Government standard template. This includes standard heritage clauses for the conservation of heritage places, and incentives to encourage proactive heritage and urban design management. Incentives focus on flexibility in permitted uses and consideration for floor space and site area dispensations, and a flexible approach to uses and building requirements.

**Actions:**
- Continue to offer flexibility in heritage management considerations.
- Continue to use incentives to conserve places of heritage values where applicable.

5. **Introduce a Local Heritage Incentives fund to provide a small grants program to encourage local heritage projects**

Lachlan Shire Council has operated a local grants program since for six years. A large number of small projects cover a wide range of a wide range of ‘heritages’ as well as urban design outcomes. These have benefited individual local villages and Condobolin. As well as the Shire overall. It is suggested that places in the Heritage and Main Street studies gain particular benefit where funds may be available.

**Actions:**
- Continue the Local Heritage Fund.
- Organise the appropriate media releases either through local newspapers and/or Council’s web page.
- Publicise completed projects to encourage others to take up the offer of funding.
- Insert a Heritage chapter into the Lachlan Tourism and Economic Strategy

6. **Run a Main Street Programme**

Lachlan Main Street studies were completed for Condobolin, Lake Cargelligo, and Tottenham. These include recommendations for building conservation and maintenance. The Local Heritage Assistance has worked to ensure implementation of these projects and recommendations. The implementation of these studies could form part of the Terms of Reference of the Heritage Committee.

**Actions:**
- Continue to implementation the Main Street studies.

7. **Present Educational and Promotional Programs**

There are a range of approaches that Lachlan Council could consider. Key is integration of heritage into the Tourism and Economic development Strategy. Other programs might include:

(i) an awards scheme for heritage buildings;
(ii) a short course for councillors and staff,
Lachlan Shire Council Heritage Strategy to 2018

(iv) providing information on Council’s web page;
(iii) including promotional material with Rates Notices;
(iv) preparing a DVD on the heritage of the Lachlan area;
(v) developing a heritage walking trail in Condobolin and Lake Cargelligo
(vi) introducing a plaques scheme for historic buildings or
(vii) preparing a regional heritage tourism strategy.

Actions:
☐ Contribute to the Council Economic and Tourism Strategy
☐ Contribute to a heritage trails in Condobolin, the relocation of ‘Utes-in-the-Paddock’
precinct, the ‘Forbes-to-Lake’ sculpture route, and the Lake walkway.
☐ Continue to up-date argument the heritage chapter on Council’s web page, to provide
information on a wider range of ‘heritage’ place, and as an opportunity to increase
local awareness of Lachlan Shire history and heritages.

8. Set a good example to the community by properly managing places owned
or operated by Council

Lachlan Shire Council owns and manages two heritage or historic places; the water
tower in Condobolin, the former Commercial Hotel in Condobolin, and contributes to
the Museum. The heritage review will add additional places, such as the former Shire
Offices. Another aspect is widening the Council Asset Register to include its heritage
places, including elements in open spaces, such as the guns and an inventory of
plaques and ‘Lachlan markers’. These could also contribute to tourism. Continuing up-
dating of inventory sheets would also add to the knowledge base of Lachlan Shire.

Actions:
☐ Establish a heritage related section in the Council’s Asset Register, operated and
managed historic places with provision for individual inventory sheets.
☐ Establish a Lachlan plaques and markers inventory
☐ Continue to up-date the inventory sheets as histories and new data becomes
available.

9. Promote sustainable development as a tool for heritage conservation

Sustainable development is a key indicator. The NSW Heritage Office guideline note
that ‘sustainability’ includes measures to minimise effects on our environment, heritage
being an aspect of the wider environment. Sustainable development and heritage can
be implemented locally by:

(i) promote and encourage of regeneration of urban towns, places and fabric;
(ii) encourage and support compatible adaptive reuse, infill and/or sympathetic
additions to heritage places;
(iii) encourage sustainable heritage tourism and heritage as an integral aspect of local
economies; and
(iv) incorporate energy efficient design solutions into heritage places.

Actions:
☐ Together with other strategies above, encourage and support compatible adaptive
reuse, and/or infill and/or sympathetic additions to heritage places.
☐ Encourage and support energy sustainability measures
11.2 DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITY JULY 2016

TRIM Number: R16/46
Author: Acting Director Environment & Planning

PURPOSE
This report is provided to Council on a monthly basis to provide Councillors with information in relation to development activity occurring within the Shire during that period.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION
Nil

BACKGROUND
During the month of July 2016 there were seven Development Applications lodged with a value totaling $628 600 and one Complying Development Application with a value of $120 000. One approval was issued within this time.

Development Applications and Complying Development Certificates Approved in July 2016.

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Development Applications and Complying Development Certificates Received in July 2016

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**Development Applications and Complying Development Certificates Approved and Received in July 2015**

Total Number of Applications approved in July 2015: 8  
Total Value of development approved for July 2015: $424 910  
Total Number of Applications received in July 2015: 7  
Total Value of Applications received in July 2015: $160 660

**Processing Times for Approvals**

It should be noted that a total of 4 approvals were issued between 1 July 2016 and 8 August 2016 within this time at an average of 32 days, which is well below the regulatory standard of 40 days.

**ISSUES AND COMMENTS**

Nil

**FINANCIAL AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS**

All fees associated with the applications referred to herein have been paid.

**LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

None anticipated.
RISK IMPLICATIONS
Council has assessed all applications against relevant legislation to minimise Council’s exposure to risk.

STAKEHOLDER CONSULTATION
Regular consultation and engagement with applicants of Development Applications and Complying Development Certificates occurs during the pre-lodgment, assessment and approval stages of each application in line with legislation and Council’s planning instruments. Council also often engages with the community generally and adjoining owners in respect of applications.

OPTIONS
Nil

CONCLUSION
The number of development applications received for the month of July 2016 is similar to the corresponding month in 2015. The approvals in the corresponding month in 2015 are considerably higher in comparison to 2016.
To date, the applications approved for the 2016/2017 period amount to $261 600.

LINK TO POLICY AND / OR COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN
Build Civic Leadership and Pride
4.7 Strong Effective Council

ATTACHMENTS
Nil

RECOMMENDATION
INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES

12.1 DISPOSE SURPLUS RFS TRUCK

TRIM Number: R16/39
Author: Manager Operations

PURPOSE
Seek approval to dispose of the surplus Boona 2 fire truck.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION
Nil.

BACKGROUND
The RFS is jointly funded by NSW State Government and Local Government. The bulk of the funds come from the state government. Firefighting equipment is required to be vested in the Council for the area on behalf of which it was purchased for.

In accordance with Section 119 Rural Fires Act, Council is required to maintain to services standards of any firefighting equipment that is vested in its interest and permission must be obtained in writing from the Commissioner prior to selling or otherwise disposing of the equipment.

The Rural Fire Service advised that the following surplus bush fire truck has been approved by the Commissioner for disposal by Lachlan Shire Council, by way of Auction or Tender:

BFO 7319 – (Boona 2) 1996 Isuzu 4x4 Crew Cab Truck – VIN JALFSS33HT3000006.

ISSUES AND COMMENTS
Nil.

FINANCIAL AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS
Proceeds go to the RFS, less costs of disposal such as advertising. Tendering has been bringing better prices than could be expected at auction.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS
Disposing of the equipment requires written approval from the RFS Commissioner.

RISK IMPLICATIONS
Section 119 Rural Fires Act, requires Council to maintain to service standards, any firefighting equipment that is vested in its interest. The vehicles are surplus after being replaced by new vehicles due to age as part of the ongoing replacement program.

STAKEHOLDER CONSULTATION
Advertising the tender locally allows for inspections to be carried out at Council’s Condobolin depot prior to the closing date of the tenders.

OPTIONS
Auction or tender.

CONCLUSION
The RFS Commissioner has approved disposal of surplus fire fighting vehicles. A resolution of Council is required for the sale of the decommissioned RFS vehicles.
LINK TO POLICY AND / OR COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN

Provision of suitable rural fire fighting vehicles and their replacement program is a statutory requirement under the Rural Fires Act, and mitigates risks to people and property related to various outcomes including:

CSP 5.4  A healthy natural environment

CSP 3.3  Visually appealing built environment, landscapes and streetscapes.

ATTACHMENTS
Nil

RECOMMENDATION

That Council approve the disposal of the decommissioned Rural Fire vehicle BFO 7319 – (Boona 2) 1996 Isuzu 4x4 Crew Cab Truck by tender.
12.2 TOWN WATER SUPPLY REPORT - JULY

TRIM Number: R16/56
Author: Utilities Manager

PURPOSE
To inform Council of the current state of water consumption and seek approval regarding continued application of water restrictions.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION
Supporting information is contained within Attachment “A”.
Supporting information includes tables of the monthly water consumption for towns over the financial year and graphs showing the daily consumption during July 2016.

BACKGROUND
All water extraction activities undertaken by Council are licensed through the Water Management Act 2000 and the Water Act 1912. The licenses held by Council contain conditions, including volumetric limits, to which Council must comply. This report provides an assessment of current accumulative water consumption for the financial year and available remaining water resource, with recommendation of measures that may be required for continued compliance.

ISSUES AND COMMENTS
July’s water consumption has decreased in Condobolin and Tottenham. A considerable increase is recorded for Lake Cargelligo. Level 1 water restrictions continued during July 2016.

PROJECTS AND UPDATES

- Filtration Plant ordered for Burcher.
- Stop Valves/Hydrants valves replaced in Condobolin
- New main operational in Denison Street Condobolin. Services to be connected.
- 6 new stop valves replaced in Lake Cargelligo.
- Two reservoirs at Tullibigeal Cleaned and roofs repaired
- New suction pipeline for Filtration Plant installed at Tottenham
CONSUMPTION

Condobolin water consumption

Condobolin township water consumption was satisfied by surface extraction during July and was within the allowable surface water allocation.

Consumption for July 2016 was:

- 2.67% of the annual available 1,500ML surface water allocation
- 0.00% of the annual available 800ML ground water allocation.

This equates to a water usage of 17.7KL per active connected property for July 2016. Compared to the previous year, total water consumption was comparable for the same period.
Lake Cargelligo water consumption

Lake Cargelligo township water consumption was from ground water only during the month of July. Water consumption was within the allowable allocation.

Consumption for July 2016 was:
- 5.34% of the annual available 600ML ground water allocation,
- 0.00% of the annual available 677ML surface water allocation.

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Compared to the previous year, total water consumption at Lake Cargelligo was reduced by 0.7% less water consumption for the same period last year.

Tullibigeal and adjoining rural connections water consumption

The Tullibigeal reservoirs have recently undertaken maintenance work to stop infestation of vermin or birds entering the reservoir as part of the Drinking Water Management Plan. Three reservoirs have been cleaned by Lake Cargelligo staff. The remaining reservoir will be inspected and cleaned by Aqualift Australia in the near future. Council will receive a report on the condition of the reservoirs and if future work is required to bring them up to the potable water standard. Once work is completed Chlorine residual will continue to be monitored over a three month period. If successful Council will apply to have the Tullibigeal water classed as potable.
Tottenham water consumption

Tottenham township water consumption is within the allowable allocation. A total of 3.63ML was sourced from the B section during July. Compared to the previous year water consumption was 2% less for the same period.
GROUND TANKS

Leg ‘O’ Mutton
The Leg ‘O’ Mutton ground tank is estimated to be holding approximately 9m depth of water. This is assessed to be 99% capacity.

Fifield Ground Tank
The Fifield swimming hole is estimated to be holding approximately 4.6m depth of water. This is assessed to be 100% capacity. The main tank is also holding water and can be used to top up the swimming hole if required. Non potable signs have been placed on the entry to town and park areas.
Burcher Ground Tank
The Burcher ground tank is estimated to be holding approximately 6.1m depth of water. This is assessed to be 92% capacity. Non potable signs have been placed on the entry to town and park areas.

Recent rainfall has contributed to the increased capacity of the Fifield and Burcher ground tanks.

FINANCIAL AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS
The water operations business is running within budget and there is no indication of negative financial implications. An ambitious capital renewal program was proposed for the 2015/16 year and, due to the extended vacancies in this area, the budget allocation was not fully expended. It will be proposed to carry the unexpended funds forward in the Chief Financial Officers report in August to enable completion of the works.

RISK IMPLICATIONS
A Risk Management Action Plan is currently being developed and will, when completed take into account all business risks. There are significant risks should council fail to achieve satisfactory outcomes in water quality, water quantity, work place safety and environmental impacts.

Council has systems in place to mitigate all risks in the form of trained personnel, documented work systems and routine audits and reports to NSW Government Departments. Water quality in particular is subject to a wide range of frequent quality checks and reporting to NSW Health.

STAKEHOLDER CONSULTATION
Stakeholders will be advised and consulted on significant changes to water restrictions or temporary interruption of service for planned maintenance works. Two interruption notices were issued during July, one in Condobolin and one for Lake Cargelligo.

OPTIONS
Continue to monitor water consumption within the shire.

CONCLUSION
Current water consumption is within the licensed water provisions for the major centres.
Fifield and Burcher ground tanks have increased the level of storage compared to the previous months due to significant rainfall.

LINK TO POLICY AND / OR COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN
Goal 4: Build and maintain Community Infrastructure and Systems
Outcome 4.1: Water, sewer and energy utilities meet best practice standards with up to date technology.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Monthly Consumption per town July 2016

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receive and note Infrastructure Services Report R16/56, Town water supply consumption to 31 July 2016 report.
# Attachment A

**Surface Water Extraction**

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Percentages are rounded to the nearest integer.

**Ground Water Extraction**

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13 DEPUTATIONS

14 MEETINGS AND FUNCTIONS ATTENDED BY THE MAYOR AND DEPUTY MAYOR

15 NOTICES OF MOTION

Nil

16 NOTICES OF RESCISSION

Nil
17 DELEGATES REPORT

17.1 NSW ASSOCIATION OF MINING RELATED COUNCILS INC.

TRIM Number: R16/52
Author: General Manager

BACKGROUND
The General Manager and Councillor Brady attended the NSW Association of Mining Related Councils Inc on Thursday 4th August in Sydney. The minutes are attached for Councillor's information.

FINANCIAL AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS
Nil

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS
Report is for information purposes only.

RISK IMPLICATIONS
Report is for information purposes only.

CONCLUSION
Council receive and note the report.

LINK TO POLICY AND / OR COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN
5.7.3 Council's decision making is equitable and ethical

ATTACHMENTS
1. Minutes for NSW Association of Mining Related Councils Inc

RECOMMENDATION
That Council receive and note, General Management Report R16/52, NSW Association of Mining Related Councils Inc, meeting minutes.
Minutes of
NSW Association of Mining Related Councils Inc.
Ordinary Meeting
Thursday 4th August 2016
Room 10
Level 6 Portside Centre
Symantec House
207 Kent Street
Sydney

The meeting commenced at 9.00 am

Attendance

Cr Peter Shinton
Cr Lillian Brady (OAM)
Mr Peter Vlatko
Mr Steve Loane
Mr Ron Zwicker
Mr Robert Hunt
Cr Dennis Brady
Cr Owen Hasler
Cr Rebecca Ryan
Mr Andrew Spooner
Cr Holee Jenkins
Cr John Martin (OAM)
Mr Jasson Linnane
Cr Jim Nolan
Cr Michael Greenwood
Mr David Henry
Cr Bob Pynsent
Cr Sharon Wilcox
M/S Heather Nicholls
Mr Brad Cam
Cr Paul Hawker
Cr Gordon Bradbery OAM
Cr Peter Bishop
Cr Bill Wheeldon
Mr Peter Kozlowski
Cr Jeff Whitten

Warrumbungle Shire Council (Chair)
Cobar Shire Council (Deputy Chair)
Cobar Shire Council
Warrumbungle Shire Council
Wollongong City Council
Lachlan Shire Council
Lachlan Shire Council
Gunnedah Shire Council
Gunnedah Shire Council from 10.40am
Campbelltown City Council
Singleton Council
Singleton Council
Singleton Council
Singleton Council
Broken Hill City Council
Parkes Shire Council
Wollondilly Shire Council
Cessnock City Council
Cabonne Shire Council
Cabonne Shire Council
Mid Western Regional Council
Campbelltown City Council
Wollongong City Council
Upper Hunter Shire Council
Wentworth Shire Council
Wentworth Shire Council
Orange City Council
Staff

Mr Don Tydd  Executive Officer

Apologies

Cr Jarrod Marsden  Cobar Shire Council
Cr Col Mitchell  Wollondilly Shire Council
Cr Michael Banasik  Wollondilly Shire Council
Mr Greg Lamont  Narromine Shire Council
Cr Tony Ellis  Narromine Shire Council
Cr Nuatall Nelmes  Newcastle City Council
Cr Chris Conner (Deputy Chair)  Wollongong City Council
Cr Liz McGlynn  Bland Shire Council
Cr John Davis  Orange City Council
Cr Scott Ferguson  Blaney Shire Council
M/S Rebecca Ryan  Blaney Shire Council
Cr Des Kennedy  Mid Western Regional Council
M/S Julie Goodwin  Accounting Administrator

1. Apologies

30/2016 Resolved that the apologies be received and noted.

(Cr L. Brady/ Cr S Wilcox)

2. Disclosures of Pecuniary Interests

31/2016 Resolved delegates now disclose any pecuniary interests and reasons for declaring such interests in the matters under consideration at the meeting.

Ron Zwicker declared an interest through holding AGL shares.
Don Tydd declared an interest in the recommendation concerning the employment of the Executive Officer
3. Adoption of Minutes, Special Meeting held Thursday 13th May 2016. Aerodrome Auditorium, Tom Perry Drive, Narromine Airport.

32/2016 Resolved that minutes of the Association’s Special meeting held Friday 13th May 2016. Aerodrome Auditorium, Tom Perry Drive, Narromine Airport be received and noted.

(Cr J Martin/ Cr L Brady)

4. Adoption of Minutes, Ordinary Meeting held Thursday 13th May 2016. Aerodrome Auditorium, Tom Perry Drive, Narromine Airport.

33/2016 Resolved that minutes of the Ordinary meeting held Thursday 13th May 2016. Aerodrome Auditorium, Tom Perry Drive, Narromine Airport be received and noted.

(S. Loane /Cr S Wilcox)

5. Matters Arising From The Minutes

Nil

6. Short Presentation by Councillor Peter Bishop- Upper Hunter Shire Council’s Mining and CSG Policy.

Cr Bishop spoke on his council’s policy. Comments on the issues were made by Steve Loane, Ron Zwicker and Cr Bradbery.

7. Recommendations From Executive Committee meeting held on Friday 29th July 2016

7.1 Review of Discussions Between Association and NSW Minerals Council on Planning Agreements (Formerly Known as Voluntary Planning Agreements- Proposals by Wollondilly Shire Council for Changes to Draft Agreements.

David Henry spoke to this matter on behalf of Wollondilly Shire Council as to the reasons for the request for the changes.
34/2016 Resolved the following request from Wollondilly Shire Council for suggested amendments to the draft VPA negotiation process document is not considered possible, practical and is detrimental to the process:

- The inclusion of a process and associated timeline for the development of VPA'S which apply to existing approved mining developments and,
- The inclusion of a mechanism that enables the concurrent lodgement of any relevant formal VPA offer with the distribution of a draft Environmental Assessment associated with a proposed mining development.

(Cr Hasler/Cr Wilcox)

7.2 Discussion Document on Present Negotiations between Association Panel and NSW Minerals Council

Cr Hasler, Steve Loane, Cr Martin and Cr Nolan spoke on this matter.

35/2016 Resolved discussion document on VPA negotiations prepared by the Association’s consultant and reviewed by Panel member Councillor Owen Hasler be circulated to delegates for comment.

(Cr Hasler/ Cr Wilcox)

Note: The report was circulated to delegates prior to the meeting

Suspension of Standing Orders

36/2016 Resolved Standing Orders be suspended at 9.40am to hear presentations by guest speakers.

(Cr Nolan/ Cr Wilcox)

Presentation by Councillor Martin Rush – Mayor, Muswellbrook Shire Council

Cr Rush spoke on the history of open cut mining in the Muswellbrook Shire area. The situation regarding the rehabilitation of mine sites to the more natural landscape had improved over the years. The outstanding issue was the voids which have been left.

Cr Rush also spoke on air quality issues and the assessment of PM 2.5 dust particles. He addressed the matter of night time readings versus day time readings.
In relation to mine site rehabilitation there were ongoing issues with transparency, formula and ongoing maintenance of natural vegetation. Cr Rush also spoke on funding of infrastructure by council from contributions made by the mining industry.

Steve Loane requested relevant documents be made available to the Association.

Cr Rush also answered questions from Councillor Hasler on landscape issues, and Councillor Bradbery on dust matters, rainfall patterns and climate change.

Councillor Shinton thanked Councillor Martin for his presentation.

**Presentation by Councillor Keith Rhoades, President, Local Government NSW (LGNSW).**

Councillor Rhoades thanked the Association for the invitation to make a presentation at this meeting and introduced accompanying LGNSW Staff, M/S Donna Rygate, Mr Shaun McBride and M/S Jane Partridge. Councillor Rhoades spoke on the following matters:

- Both organisations having a long history of sharing views and attending each other’s meetings.
- NSW local government facing the greatest changes in history.
- LGNSW was critical of the present changes to local government being introduced by the NSW State government with forced amalgamations.
- A tool kit had been developed by LGNSW on its web site for use by councils.
- He was in regular discussions with Ministers and the Government on key local issues.
- Current developments with proposed joint organisations of councils, road funding and water management.
- The 2016 Water Management conference would be held in Broken Hill.
- LGNSW continued to make representations to government on funding issues and the holding of educational events for NSW councils and their staff.
- LGNSW supported the current discussions taking place between the Association and the NSW Minerals Council on Voluntary Planning Agreements (VPAS).

**Delegates Comments**

Councillor Hasler raised his concerns on Association non-member councils having access to the current discussions. M/S Rygate and Mr McBride made comment on this matter.
Councillor Hasler also raised the issue of new RFS funding models. M/S Rygate made comment on the need for more transparency as LG NSW was not part of the discussions but there was a need to prevent the peaks and troughs.

Councillor Rhoades commented on related issues and the timing of decisions. Mr McBride said it was not a perfect system and there was a need to remove the spikes in funding models.

Robert Hunt raised the matter of the IPART review into local government rating, M/S Rygate gave a report on the current situation with the review.

Councillor Shinton thanked Councillor Rhoades for his presentation and the staff of LGNSW for their comments.

**Resumption of Standing Orders**

**37/2016** Resolved that the meeting resume at 10.55am.

(Cr Martin/ Cr Wilcox)

**7.3 Acceptance of Departmental Grant Towards Cost of Negotiating/Developing New Voluntary Planning Agreements with the NSW Minerals Council.**

**38/2016** Resolved The Actions of the Chairperson and the Executive Officer in negotiating and accepting a grant of $10,000 from the Department of Planning and Environment be endorsed. Further, the grant be used for current expenditure in relation to employing the consultant OzEnvironmental Pty. Ltd.

(Cr Hasler/ Cr Wilcox)

**7.4 Budget: Employment of Consultant OZEnvironmental**

**39/2016** Resolved a further $10,000 be allocated from the Association’s cash reserves to finalise the Planning Agreements (formerly known as Voluntary Planning Agreements) project.

(Cr Hasler/ Cr Wilcox)
7.5. Use of Association’s Web Site for Display of Meeting Documents and Minutes

**40/2016** Resolved draft minutes be sent to delegates and member councils following each ordinary meeting and also be displayed on the Association’s web site.

(Cr Hasler/Cr Wilcox)


**41/2016** Resolved the Accounts Administrators report and financial reports for period 1st July 2015 – 30th June 2016 be received and noted.

Councillor Hasler requested the Accounts Administrator provide comment in reference to the “salaries and on costs” figures in the financial reports and that “travelling expenses” be separated in to actual travelling costs and accommodation costs.

(Cr Hasler/ Cr Wilcox)

7.8. Support for Wollondilly Shire Council in its Representations on the Effects of Mining on Thirlmere Lakes.

The representations by Wollondilly Shire Council to gain the Association’s support on this matter be noted and the matter be discussed at the next Ordinary meeting when council’s delegates are present.

Dealt with in General Business

7.9. Options for Employment of the Association’s Executive Officer

**Note: Resignation of present Executive Officer**

Prior to this matter being considered, The Executive Officer advised the meeting that under clause 10.3.2 of his current contract with the Association he was tendering his resignation to take effect from Thursday 1st September 2016.

**42/2016** Resolved that after an extensive review undertaken by the Chair of the Association of Mines Related Councils (AMRC), and an in depth discussion of the options for the Employment of an Executive Officer for
AMRC (an employee either reporting direct to AMRC or in a host Council arrangement versus an Independent Contractor) and in the consideration of concerns raised in relation to existing systems, the need for best practice and transparency in reporting, the Executive make the following strong recommendations:-

1. That the AMRC engage an independent contractor on a twelve month term with the option to renew annually, to undertake the role of Executive Officer, to provide the Secretariat function and any other function agreed in (2) and (3) below, to AMRC at an initial cost not exceeding the Total Remuneration Package (TRP) of the current Executive Officer;

2. That a Panel consisting of the following:-
   [a] A representative of ARMC Executive - The Chair AMRC (Cr P Shinton);
   [b] An independent representative - Life Member ARMC (Mr Glen Wilcox) or an alternative suitably qualified independent person;
   [c] An operational facilitator – Delegate and General Manager (Mr Steve Loane).

be established to determine the Scope of Works and Key Performance Indicators for the Independent Contractor to meet; to source a suitable person; negotiate and appoint them to fulfill the functions in (1) and (2), as agreed upon by the parties;

3. That the Chair of AMRC be authorized to sign the contract for services on behalf of AMRC;

4. That the incumbent Executive Officer be retained on existing terms until the 1st September 2016.

(Cr Hasler/ Cr Wilcox)

8. Executive Officers Report (For Information)

43/2016 Resolved the Executive Officer’s Report for information be received and noted.

(Cr Martin/ Cr L Brady)
9. General Business

9.1 Wollongong City Council Merger

Councillor Bradbery spoke on the current merger discussions involving Wollongong City Council and on behalf of Councillor Chris Connor and himself thanked delegates and the Association for the past involvement.

9.2 New Strategic Plan

In reply to a question on this matter, Councillor Shinton advised that the development of the plan had been under the direction of Councillor Connor. The matter needs to be revisited.

9.3 Resources for Regions

Councillor Greenwood asked for a progress report on this matter.

The Executive Officer advised he understood the next meeting of the Resources for Regions Advisory Panel was to be held in October 2016.

Councillor Hasler spoke on the recent meeting between the NSW Minerals Council and The Executive Committee where it’s CEO, Mr Steve Galilee had advised representations on this matter from his organisation were to be stepped up and expressed the view there should be a joint approach to this matter by the NSW Minerals Council and the Association.

Cr Martin and Steve Loane both suggested that this matter should be kept under review by the Association.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11.15am and resumed at 11.40am

10. Presentation by Department of Planning and Environment Staff

The Department was represented by M/S Alex O’Mara, Executive Director of Resources and Industry Policy and Mr Stephen Barry, Director Resources Policy. M/S Allison Frame, Deputy Secretary, Policy and Strategy was an apology.

M/S O’Mara’s presentation included references to:

- Social Impact Assessment (accompanied by a handout)
- Planning reforms
- Biodiversity reforms
- Coastal policy
- E planning
- Windfarm guidelines
- Voluntary planning agreement

M/S O’Mara answered questions from delegates on her presentation. Mr Barry’s address involved the Department’s present consultation initiatives and the emphasis on talking to communities about local developments at an early stage. He provided details of staff visitations across NSW to obtain information of local mining developments. This was an ongoing process and the results of the consultations would be made available at the end of 2016.

Councillor Hasler spoke on this matter.

Mr Barry commented that the Department’s aim was to streamline the process.

Councillor Shinton thanked M/S O’mara and Mr Barry for their presentations and they left the meeting.

**Presentation by The Honourable Sarah Mitchell MLC, Parliamentary Secretary for Western NSW and Chair, Western NSW Mining and Resource Development Taskforce and M/S Alison McGaffin, Taskforce Coordinator.**

M/S Mitchell introduced herself and explained the operations of the Taskforce, its focus and achievements.

M/S McGaffin explained her role and that of the Taskforce and the geographical coverage of the issues being considered. Current Projects included:

- Revenue created and linked to local mining developments
- Employment issues associated with local mining developments

Other issues being considered by the Taskforce included strategic planning and the Resources for Regions program.

Both M/S Mitchell and M/S McGaffin answered delegate’s questions. M/S McGaffin again listed the Taskforce’s achievements and outcomes.

Councillor Shinton thanked M/S Mitchell and M/S McGaffin for their presentations and they left the meeting.
The meeting resumed with general business matters.

9.4 Support for Wollondilly Shire Council in its Representations on the Effects of Mining on Thirlmere Lakes.

David Henry made a presentation on this matter on behalf of Wollondilly Shire Council. He gave background information on the Thirlmere Lakes and their importance to the local area. Mining near the Lakes dates back to 1974 with no buffer zones to the consent at that time.

In 2010 the water level in the Lakes dropped. Presently there were no results as to why this had occurred. In 2017 the mine will be closing and there is a need for the rehabilitation of the Lakes to be addressed.

Council has asked the Association for support on this matter.

44/2016 Resolved (1) the Association provide support to the resolutions of Wollondilly Shire Council regarding concerns over the continued observed water loss from the World Heritage listed Thirlmere Lakes and the conclusion of recent scientific studies regarding this matter and,
(2) Pursuit to (1) correspondence be sent to the NSW Minister for Resources and Industry (The Honourable Anthony Roberts) and the NSW Minister for Primary Industries (The Honourable Niall Blair) advising of the support to the resolutions and requesting a prompt response.

D Henry/ Cr L Brady)

There being no further business, the meeting concluded at 12.55pm

The Minutes (Pages 1-11) were confirmed at a meeting held on Friday 4th November 2016 and are a true and accurate record of proceedings of the meeting held on Thursday 4th August 2016.

Chairperson
18 CORRESPONDENCE

18.1 LAKE CARGELLIGO ARTS & CRAFTS SOCIETY INC.

TRIM Number: R16/53
Author: General Manager

PURPOSE
Correspondence received from Lake Cargelligo Arts & Crafts Society Inc, thanking Council for their generation donation of $3,000 for their ‘Blue Waters’ Exhibition 2016. The Exhibition was held over the June Long Weekend and well attended by 700 exhibitors.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION
Copy of letter is shown at Attachment 1.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS
This is for information purposes only.

RISK IMPLICATIONS
This is for information purposes only.

OPTIONS
Council note the correspondence.

CONCLUSION
Council note the correspondence.

LINK TO POLICY AND / OR COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN
5.7.3 Council's decision making is equitable and ethical

ATTACHMENTS
1. Lake Cargelligo Arts & Crafts Society Inc

RECOMMENDATION
That Council receive and note the correspondence.
The General Manager
Lachlan Shire Council
P.O.Box 216,
CONDOBOLIN, NSW 2877

21st July 2016

Dear Mr Robert Hunt,

Thank you very much for your generous donation to the Lake Cargelligo Arts & Crafts Society’s “Blue Waters” Exhibition 2016.

Our Exhibition was held over the long weekend in June, and once again it was a huge success with over 700 exhibits of exceptional and unique art and craft.

We were very pleased with the outcome of the exhibition, and received many positive and supportive comments from people that attended.

Thank you again, and we look forward to your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

Susan Riley
Secretary
18.2  CONDOBOLIN TRIKE & RAIL MUSEUM - GEOFF WHEELER

TRIM Number:  R16/54  
Author:  General Manager

PURPOSE
To submit a request to Council to support the Condobolin Trike & Rail Museum.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION
A copy of the request is shown at Attachment “A”. An updated balance of the Donations Budget is shown at Attachment “B”.

BACKGROUND
Geoff Wheeler, Caretaker of Condobolin’s Trike and Rail Museum, would like to request Council’s assistance for signage around the Museum including signage that shows the direction to the Museum. Geoff would also like to request further assistance with weed spraying items and public amenity items.

FINANCIAL AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS
The balance of the donations budget is shown at Attachment “B”. Funding for the entire year has almost been allocated in the first two months of the year. There are insufficient funds in the Art & Culture category.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS
There are no legal implications for Council from approving or not approving this request.

RISK IMPLICATIONS
There is little if any risk in approving or not approving this request.

OPTIONS
1. Council approve the request
2. Council vary the funding request
3. Council not approve the request.

CONCLUSION
Council approve the funding request.

LINK TO POLICY AND / OR COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN
5.7.3  Council's decision making is equitable and ethical

ATTACHMENTS
1. Appendix A
2. Appendix B

RECOMMENDATION
That Council
1. Note and receive the General Management Report, R16/54, request for assistance and;
2. Consider a donation of $500 from its donations budget to the Condobolin Trike & Rail Museum.
| Item 18.2 | Museum to be used to purchase signage and other items. |
Mr Robert Hunt  
General Manager  
Lachlan Shire Council  

Dear Robert,

Re: Trike and Rail museum, Madeline St Condobolin NSW 2877

I respectfully ask council for assistance at the Condobolin Trike and Rail museum.

I work voluntarily at the museum as a caretaker and provide a valuable service as a tourist guide for the museum. I also have an assistant Stanley Falkner who gives his time to work at the museum.

The assistance that I would like to have is better signage as direction to the museum to promote where it is, also signage on the gate to display opening times and contact numbers. We have maintenance equipment of our own but we require funding to assist with pesticide, herbicide spray and public amenities supplies, detergents, disinfectant etc.

We have an affiliation with WPRD who have an insurance policy over the museum to cover for tourists and visitors. They also have a volunteer cover for Mr Falkner and myself to work at the museum. We would like to promote the museum more and will be getting promotion in both local newspapers.

Thank you for your consideration and I look forward to your assistance in helping to further this wonderful collection and making the museum better.

Yours Faithfully

Geoff Wheeler.
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Annual Allocation  
$7,500  $2,200  $2,800  $3,500

Balance Remaining  
$0  $100  $968  -$1,500
18.3 CABONNE AMALGAMATION NO THANK YOU

TRIM Number: R16/55
Author: General Manager

BACKGROUND
Correspondence from Cabonne Amalgamation No Thank You, requesting Council to write a letter to the NSW Government regarding round 2 of the Fit for the Future.

ATTACHMENTS
1. Cabonne Amalgamation No Thank You

RECOMMENDATION
That Council receive and note the correspondence report R16/55.
Mr Robert Hunt
General Manager
Lachlan Shire Council
council@lachlan.nsw.gov.au

Dear Mr Hunt,

I write on behalf Cabonne Amalgamation No Thank You (ANTY) as we are concerned about the future of ALL Local Government Council in NSW as a result of the Fit for the Future process embarked upon by the Baird Government.

Many NSW Councils have been forced to merge, mostly against their will, with some having been left alone for the time being. Our fear is that it may well be only a matter of time before there is another change of mind by the Government and many of “you” as councils who were missed in this current round of mergers could possibly be forced to amalgamate at some stage in the future. We are under the impression that there will be “Round 2” and this is why we contact you today.

In light of recent events pertaining to forced Council Amalgamations by the NSW Government where some Councils have, at least for the time being, been fortunate to be left as stand alone entities it would be greatly appreciated if and urge your Council to write to the Premier, Mike Baird and Local Government Minister, Paul Toole ASAP seeking an immediate reply stating a guaranteed assurance that no forced merger will take place in your area over the long term and that your Council will not be forced into an amalgamation with any other Council or Councils.

As you are aware the process seems to have been flawed from the beginning and appreciating the effort your council put into fitting the criteria required, it has then become apparent to all that the Fit for the Future process meant very little. It appears a plan was already put in place by Baird, Toole and Grant long before we thought possible, and to the detriment of many councils. This showed up when some FIT councils were forced to merge and some UNFIT councils were left to stand alone. It also shows in the case of councils who chose to merge with its neighbours, and filled the criteria accordingly were ignored and were forced to merge with another council with whom they have little “in Common.” All of these outcomes have been stressful, cumbersome and unnecessary.

Nothing about this process appears to be clear and make sense except for punishing political safe seats at the expense of politically marginal ones.

Baird, Toole and Grant are playing a strategic like a game of chess without any care for people or democracy.

It is about government control!

Giving so much power to an Administrator has taken away your role and that of your councillors following forced mergers.
We all need to unite and stand up for democracy is why we are asking for your help.

We are regularly hearing from the communities who have been forced to merge that the outcome is far from trouble-free and glossy as Mr Baird wants you to believe. The loss of many good council representatives who have been shuffled and their opinions restricted.

Your area will go through the same upheaval and suffer from the loss of identity and representation unless you speak up now, with us and the communities that have already been forced.

What we want to know is: After you receive your reply from the Baird government – (which we doubt they will guarantee you as safe) We ask are you willing to come on board and become a stronger voice and bring a clear strong message against forced amalgamations. Will you ask your staff and communities to support you and in turn show support as a NSW WIDE VOICE.

Following the resignation of sitting Member for Orange, now Federal Member for Calare Andrew Gee, a By-Election to fill his vacant position will take place on 12th November, 2016 thus we feel it is imperative to write to your Council as WE have the opportunity to send a strong message to the Baird government that communities do not agree with government policy on amalgamation.

Cabonne Council residents await the Judgement of the Court against the proposed amalgamation with Orange and Blayney and it is our considered opinion that all standalone councils could once again come under threat of amalgamation at any time to the detriment of their own local communities.

We would be most appreciative if you could advise us of the outcome of your correspondence well before the By-Election to ensure we are able to hold the government accountable for any commitment given in favour, or lobby hard against them before the By-Election if they fail to reply or reply to the negative.

A copy of the letter signed by Barry O’Farrell, Andrew Stoner and Paul Toole prior to the 2011 state election is attached for your information as well as the dated copy of the Oberon Review’s report as proof that Paul Toole can’t be trusted to keep his written word thus supporting our theory that your council may well not be safe from further forced amalgamations.

It is therefore imperative for ANTY to be kept informed of your correspondence on this matter as we continue to stand up for democracy for all local Government communities.

With sincere thanks

Marj Bollinger
On behalf of Cabonne Amalgamation No Thank You
NSW Liberals & Nationals policy of Voluntary Local Government Amalgamations

Dear Cr Sullivan,

The NSW Liberals & Nationals recognise the need for autonomy in local government.

We believe the amalgamation of councils should only be as a result of mutual agreement.

It should not be forced by State Government intervention.

If elected, the NSW Liberals & Nationals are keen to work with councils seeking voluntary amalgamations and will offer financial incentives to assist councils who want to do so.

We also understand that service efficiency and quality is not just about lines on maps.

The NSW Liberals & Nationals will also encourage and assist any council wanting to find ways to share services or assets in partnerships with neighbouring areas.

Please convey our policy to any local residents concerned about forced amalgamation.

Yours sincerely,

Barry O'Farrell MP
Leader of the Opposition

Andrew Stoner MP
Leader of The Nationals

Paul Toole
Nationals candidate for Bathurst Electorate

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Toole: it's a promise

By Julia Murtz

YESTERDAY the Nationals candidate for Bathurst Paul Toole gave Oberon Council something they have never seen before: a promise in writing that he will not be forced to amalgamate with Bathurst under a state government.

The letter, signed by Leader of the Government Barry O'Farrell, Leader of the Nationals Andrew Stoner and Nationals candidate Paul Toole, was given to Mayor Keith Sullivan.

Mr Toole reiterated the NSW Liberals and Nationals' long standing opposition to forced council amalgamations.

"A Liberals and Nationals government will also ensure there are no forced council amalgamations," Mr Toole said.

"Should local councils decide it is in their best interests to merge or enter into a strategic alliance we will support them; however, in government we are committed to leaving those decisions solely in the hands of local government authorities," he said.

Mr Sullivan said they have had many assurances in the past that Oberon will not be forced to amalgamate, but said this is the first time they have seen it in writing.

"It is great news, and I think the community will be really happy with it," he said.

CR Sullivan said he raised the issue of Oberon's objection to amalgamation with other candidates, and that Mr Toole has acted straight away.

"I'm really happy Paul has taken it up," he said.

Mr Toole also offered a guarantee of self determination for communities such as Oberon, saying a NSW Liberal and Nationals government would return planning powers to local government authorities.

During his visit to Oberon, Mr Toole said an elected liberal and Nationals Government would abolish the Part 3A of the NSW Planning Act, which will allow some planning decisions to be given back to local councils, such as Oberon Council.

"That is why the NSW Liberals and Nationals are committed to removing planning powers of communities such as Oberon to those who have the local knowledge at hand and the interest of the community at heart," he said.

Juveniles steel ute

FOUR Oberon juveniles have been arrested after stealing a blue ute from a local business. The vehicle was stolen from a local business on March 4 and at around 2:30pm that evening the vehicle was stopped by police in Fairy Meadow. The four juveniles were charged and have been released into the care of family, but will be interviewed at a later date.

Damage at school

The Oberon Public School has been the victim of malicious damage. Between March 7 and 8, unknown offenders have damaged two fences at the school, thrown items onto the roof, optimised pot plants and turned on taps in the school grounds. Investigations are continuing and police urge anyone with information to contact them.

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Nil

20 QUESTIONS OF WHICH NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN
Nil

21 PETITIONS

22 CLOSED SESSION
Nil