

Blayney Shire Council



9 February 2012

Dear Councillor,

Your attendance is requested at an Ordinary Council Meeting of the Blayney Shire Council to be held in the Council Chambers on Monday, 13 February 2012 at 6.00 pm for consideration of the following business -

- (1) Acknowledgement of Country
- (2) Apologies for non-attendance
- (3) Confirmation of Minutes - Ordinary Council Meeting held on 12.12.11
- (4) Matters arising from Minutes
- (5) Disclosures of Interest
- (6) Public Forum
- (7) Mayoral Minute
- (8) Notices of Motion
- (9) Reports of Staff
 - (a) Corporate Services
 - (b) Engineering Services
 - (c) Environmental Services
- (10) Committee Reports
- (11) Questions from Councillors
- (12) Closed Meeting

Yours faithfully

GA Wilcox
GENERAL MANAGER

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HELD ON MONDAY 13 FEBRUARY 2012

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PUBLIC FORUM REQUESTS
PRESENTED TO THE BLAYNEY SHIRE COUNCIL
MEETING HELD ON MONDAY, 13 FEBRUARY 2012

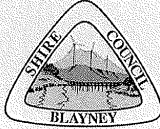


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MR HARRY MARSHALL - DA 130/90/1

RECOMMENDED:

1. That it be noted Mr Marshall requested permission to address Council in relation to DA 130/90/1.



**PUBLIC FORUM
SPEAKER'S REQUEST FORM**

Please complete, sign and present this form to the General Manager's Office prior to 12 NOON on 1st Monday of the month.

NAME: Harry Marshall TELEPHONE: 63683302

ADDRESS: 194 Marshalls Lane Blayney

REPRESENTING: Self
(Self/Name of Organisation/Other Party)

SUBJECT FOR DISCUSSION: Development Application No 130/90/1
on Marshalls Lane Blayney

SUMMARY OF GUIDELINES FOR SPEAKERS IN PUBLIC FORUM

1. A person can address Council for a maximum period of five (5) minutes.
2. Members of the public may address Council on any issue, however, should there be an agenda item, there must be a direct link between the member of the public wishing to address Council and the substance of the agenda item.
3. Public Forum cannot be used to request reports from the Mayor, Councillors or staff, nor used to address matters in the Minutes of an earlier meeting or other matters already dealt with at the meeting.
4. Persons speaking in Public Forum may, with the permission of the Chair, use appropriate materials or documents to support their position, but may not table documents to be actioned.
5. Any person making use of the Public Forum is required to observe the same standards required of a Councillor. Specifically, the person shall:
 - a. obey the directions of the Chairperson, and
 - b. not use any behaviour or language inconsistent with good order and decorum, and
 - c. not make personal reflections or impute improper motives to Councillors and/or staff.
6. The duration of the Public Forum in its entirety, must not exceed 15 minutes in total.
7. Should there be more than one person wishing to address Council on an issue, then those persons are to nominate one person to represent the group (Note: Only applies on those occasions where the total group time would exceed 15 minutes).

In signing this request I acknowledge and agree to abide by the Council Code of Meeting Practice relating to Public Access and recognise that I am speaking in a public forum and that Council meetings are minuted.

Harry Marshall
SIGNATURE OF SPEAKER

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Received by: [Signature] Date: 16/08/11 Time: 9:35am

For Enquiries - Phone 6368 2104 OR Forms may be faxed to: 6368 9640

Main Section

Attachments

Nil

NOTICES OF MOTION
PRESENTED TO THE BLAYNEY SHIRE COUNCIL
MEETING HELD ON MONDAY, 13 FEBRUARY 2012



02 **REQUEST FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE**
(Cr Roxanne Reeks)

RECOMMENDED:

1. That Council approve the application for Leave of Absence as requested by Councillor Roxanne Reeks, for the February 2012 and possibly March 2012 Ordinary Meetings of Council.

Attachments

- 1** Request for Leave 1 Page

13 January 2012

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

I need to apply for a leave of absence for the February 2012 Ordinary Meeting of Council, and this may also include the March 2012 meeting. I will advise if this is the case.

Yours faithfully



Cr Roxanne Reeks

12 January 2012

CORPORATE SERVICES REPORTS
PRESENTED TO THE BLAYNEY SHIRE COUNCIL
MEETING HELD ON MONDAY, 13 FEBRUARY 2012



03) **CONSIDERATION OF A POPULARLY ELECTED MAYOR**
(General Manager)

RECOMMENDED:

1. For Council's Determination

REPORT

Council at its December meeting resolved;

1112/002 RESOLVED

1. *That the General Manager prepare a report for Council in regards to the process of the public electing a Popularly Elected Mayor. (Ferguson/Radburn)*

A review has been undertaken to provide advice as to the issues that arise around the election of a popularly elected mayor. Advice has been widely sort from local government in New South Wales to ensure that Council and the community can consider the steps to be taken and the outcomes of this action.

Council under the local Government Act has the ability to request a referendum under Section 228 of the Local Government Act that states:

- 228 How is it decided that the mayor be elected by the electors?
- (1) It may be decided at a constitutional referendum that the mayor be elected by the electors.
 - (2) A decision that the mayor be elected by the electors takes effect in relation to the next ordinary election after the decision is made.

As per Council's resolution a list of issues has been identified.

CHANGE THE METHOD OF ELECTING THE MAYOR

The mayor of an area is elected to office by the councillors from among their number or by the electors if there is a decision in force which provides for the election of the mayor by the electors. (s.227)

It may be decided at a constitutional referendum that the mayor be elected by the electors. Such a decision takes effect in relation to the next ordinary election after the decision is made. (s.228)

A mayor elected by the electors holds the office of mayor for four years, subject to the provisions of the Act. (s.230)

If it is decided that the Mayor is to be elected by the electors, the electorate will comprise all electors for the area, even if the area is divided into wards. (s.282)

A person may be a candidate for election as mayor and a candidate for election as a councillor at the same time. If a person is elected as mayor and the person is also a candidate for election as a councillor, the votes cast for the person as a councillor are not to be counted for that person but are to be distributed as prescribed by the regulations. (s.283)

Following interaction with a number of Council's across the state that have in recent years held a referendum in relation to this matter, the following information is provided as a guide to previous referendum questions as approved by Kempsey, Eurobodalla and Wentworth Shires:

Do you favour changing the way the Mayor is elected from an annual election by the Councillors to election by all electors every four (4) years?

That the yes and no case be as printed below:

FOR	AGAINST
<i>The position of Mayor should be determined by electors and not be elected representatives</i>	<i>The elected council should determine the leader of the council.</i>
<i>Popular election of the Mayor would give stability to the office for a period of four years</i>	<i>Councillors need to be satisfied of their capacity to work in co-operation with the Mayor</i>
<i>The Mayor would have an opportunity to influence planning and policy setting in the longer term.</i>	<i>Councillors should retain the option of assessing the performance of the Mayor on an annual basis.</i>
<i>The Mayor would have more direct accountability to the electorate.</i>	<i>Other Councillors should have an opportunity to lead the Council during its elected term.</i>
<i>The prospect of internal politics each year at the time of the election of the Mayor would be avoided.</i>	<i>A popularly elected mayor may not have the support of a majority of councillors.</i>
<i>Popular election would give a stronger community focus to the office of Mayor.</i>	<i>Neither electors nor the council would be able to change an unsatisfactory tenure before the next election.</i>
<i>The possibility of a Mayor being elected "out of the hat" is avoided.</i>	<i>The views and actions of the Mayor may be at variance with the council.</i>
<i>The Mayor would be able to set and adhere to an agenda of change and reform.</i>	<i>The longer term commitment creates the potential for greater cost through circumstances causing an extraordinary vacancy.</i>
<i>Popular election would represent a greater level of involvement and participation by residents.</i>	<i>The positions of Prime Minister and Premier are not elected by popular vote.</i>

The Process

A request was made to the NSW Electoral Commission in December to identify the cost of running a referendum in conjunction with the 2012 local government election. The officer advised that generally Council can expect that the cost of the referendum would be in the order of 15 to 20% of the election cost however this was subject to the extent of advertising required and the provision of information to voters to make a decision.

The cost of the 2008 election as advised to Council in November was \$36,200 and an estimate of the 2012 election will be approximately \$41,000 based on CPI costs. A referendum would cost in the range of \$6,100 to \$8,200, based on the general advice received from the Electoral Commission. Council will also be required to undertake advertising of the referendum and may undertake community forums to introduce the topic to its community this cost will be borne by Council.

As part of the referendum preparation, Council is required to approve and submit a question for the referendum to the Electoral Commission for review and for the commission to determine the weighting of the question. The Commission will need to receive Councils advice as to the referendum going ahead by early April 2012 and receive the resolved question by June 2012. This allows the commission to prepare all required notices.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

Council will be required to make provision in its 2012/2013 budget for the full costs associated with the holding of a referendum.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Council will not elect a Mayor annually. Compliance will be in accordance with the Local Government Act.

Attachments

Nil

04) **2012 NATIONAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT**
(General Manager)

RECOMMENDED:

1. That Council consider nominating a Councillor to attend the 2012 National General Assembly of Local Government to be held in Canberra between 17 – 20 June 2012

REPORT

The 2012 National General Assembly of Local Government, hosted by the Australian Local Government Association, is to be held in Canberra between 17 – 20 June 2012.

The event is held annually to form and develop national local government policy. In previous years Alliance member Council's have attended, and this may be an opportunity for Blayney Shire Councillors to participate in the development of national local government policy.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

Funding would be sourced from the vote for delegate expenses.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

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Attachments

Nil

05) CADIA EAST PROJECT (06-0295) PLANNING AGREEMENT
(General Manager)

RECOMMENDED:

1. That Council note the Department of Planning and Infrastructure's advice as to the determination of contributions from the Cadia East Project (06-0295) Planning Agreement and advise the Department that it will accept the 25% (Total allocation of \$2 million).

REPORT

Background

Council has received the attached advice that a determination has been made as to the Planning Agreement for the Cadia East project.

The advice identifies the report undertaken by AECOM for the Department and the reconsideration undertaken as to the proposed allocation of funds as part of the project development. Council is requested to advise the Department of any comments it may have in relation to the assessment undertaken by AECOM or the Department by the 29th February 2012.

It is considered that in the initial discussions that Cabonne and Blayney Shires would have agreed to a 33% split of this contribution with Orange City receiving an equal share. Based on the assessment and community impact, the outcome reached by the Department is unequal but not unrealistic in the proposed apportionments.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

The Community contribution is allocated towards agreed works for the first \$1 million as part of road upgrades around the Cadia site. The remaining \$1 million will be identified in Councils delivery programs to be used to undertake road works and community needs.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Nil effect.

Attachments

1 Cadia East Project Planning Agreement 2 Pages

06) INTEGRATED PLANNING & REPORTING WORKSHOP
(General Manager)

RECOMMENDED:

1. That Council nominate a date to hold at three hour workshop to review Council's proposed Integrated Planning & Reporting program.

REPORT

Councillors would be aware of the work that has been undertaken in recent times, including community consultation programs, to assist Council in preparing the Integrated Planning & Reporting documentation.

Council staff are now seeking a workshop with Councillors to review the documentation to date and provide some feedback prior to the report being presented to the March 2012 Council meeting.

It is proposed that the workshop would be held in the Council Chambers, for a period of approximately 2 hours.

Councillors are asked to provide feedback on their availability to attend on the following dates:

Tuesday 21 February
Wednesday 22 February
Thursday 23 February.

The meeting would commence at 4.00 pm and conclude by 6.00 pm.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

Nil effect

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Nil effect

Attachments

Nil

07) **CONSTITUTIONAL RECOGNITION OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT - CONTRIBUTION OF FUNDS**
(General Manager)

RECOMMENDED:

1. That Council resolved to contribute to the ongoing campaign to gain constitutional recognition of Local Government, with the special levy set at \$9,604.60 plus GST.

REPORT

Council is in receipt of advice from the Shires Association of NSW regarding the ongoing campaign being led by ALGA to gain constitutional recognition of Local Government.

Part of the ongoing campaign is the development of a national advertising campaign and the Shires Association have written to NSW Council's to ensure that funding is factored into budgets for the 2012/2013 and subsequent financial years.

Accordingly the levy for Blayney Shire Council has been notified as being \$9,604.60 plus GST. The levy will be payable in three equal instalments over three financial years, in order to reduce the financial burden on councils.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

The Special Levy, of \$9,604.60, plus GST will be paid in three equal instalments, commencing 2012/2013 financial year.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Nil effect.

Attachments

- 1 Constitutional Recognition of Local Government 2 Pages

08) REPORT OF COUNCIL INVESTMENTS AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2011
 (Manager Financial Services)

RECOMMENDED:

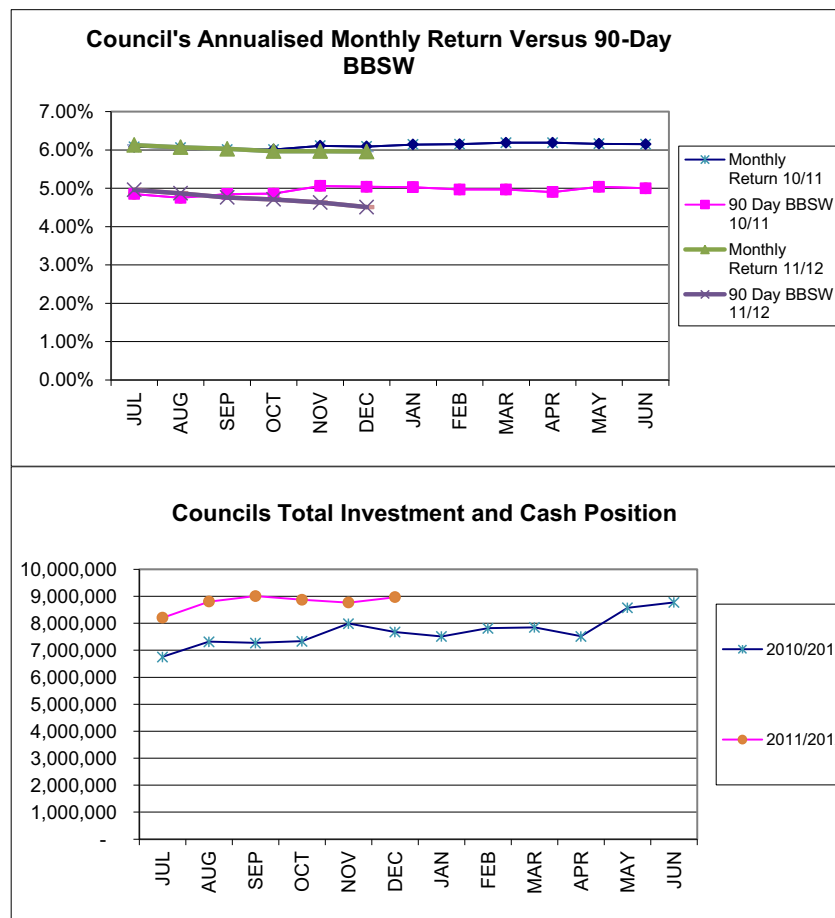
1. That the Report indicating Council’s Investment position as at 31 December 2011 be received and noted.
2. That the Certification of the Responsible Accounting Officer be noted and the Report be adopted.

REPORT

This report provides details of Council’s Investment Portfolio as at 31 December 2011.

Council’s total investment and cash position as at 31 December 2011 is \$8,968,063. Investments earned interest of \$42,842 for the month of December 2011.

Council’s monthly net return annualised for December of 5.96% outperformed the 90 day Bank Bill Swap Rate of 4.51%.



REGISTER OF INVESTMENTS AND CASH AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2011

Institution	Maturity	Amount \$	Monthly Net Return Annualised
<u>Term Deposits</u>			
Bank of Cyprus Australia	28/02/2012	500,000.00	5.90%
Bank of Cyprus Australia	22/12/2011	500,000.00	6.05%
Bankstown City Credit Union	6/03/2012	500,000.00	5.75%
Westpac Bank	13/03/2012	500,000.00	6.00%
ME Bank	10/04/2012	500,000.00	5.95%
Beirut Hellenic Bank Ltd	10/01/2012	500,000.00	6.01%
Bank of Queensland	6/03/2012	500,000.00	5.95%
Credit Union Australia	24/01/2012	500,000.00	5.94%
ING Direct	24/01/2012	1,000,000.00	6.00%
Bank of Queensland	10/01/2012	500,000.00	5.95%
Peoples Choice Credit Union	17/01/2012	500,000.00	5.82%
Suncorp Metway	7/02/2012	500,000.00	5.91%
Suncorp Metway	21/02/2012	500,000.00	5.90%
Total		7,000,000.00	5.93%
<u>Collateralised Debt Obligation (CDO's)</u>			
ANZ Custodian (Kakadu, BBSW + 140 points)	20/03/2014	500,000.00	6.11%
ANZ Custodian (Flinders, BBSW + 150 points)	20/03/2012	500,000.00	6.21%
Total		1,000,000.00	6.16%
Total Investments		8,000,000.00	5.96%
Benchmark: BBSW 90 Day Index			4.51%
Commonwealth Bank - At Call Account		201.25	
Commonwealth Bank Balance		967,861.44	
TOTAL INVESTMENTS & CASH		8,968,062.69	

Summary of Investment movements - DECEMBER			
Financial Institution	Fund Rating	Invst/(Recall) Amount \$	Commentary
<u>Term Deposits</u>			
Bankstown City Credit Union		(507,579.18)	Term Deposit matured 6/12/2011
Bankstown City Credit Union		500,000.00	Term Deposit invested 6/12/2011
Bank of Queensland		500,000.00	Term Deposit invested 7/12/2011
ME Bank		(505,134.93)	Term Deposit matured 6/12/2011
ME Bank		500,000.00	Term Deposit invested 7/12/2011
Westpac Bank		500,000.00	Term Deposit invested 15/12/2011
Bankstown City Credit Union		(507,479.45)	Term Deposit matured 13/12/2011
ME Bank		(507,212.33)	Term Deposit matured 20/12/2011
Bank of Cyprus Australia		(507,707.53)	Term Deposit matured 22/12/2011

Collateralised Debt Obligations (CDO's)

As per Council's Auditor recommendations the disclosure of the impact of market conditions on the value of the Collateralised Debt Obligations held is provided. It is estimated by ANZ Custodian Services that the market value of Flinders and Kakadu are \$477,144 and \$62,329 respectively as at 31 December 2011. It is anticipated that as the investments draw near to maturity the market values will increase. Council is also involved in ongoing legal action to minimise any losses.

Council's monthly net return annualised for September on the CDO's is 6.16% outperforming the 90 day Bank Bill Swap Rate of 4.51%.

CERTIFICATION – RESPONSIBLE ACCOUNTING OFFICER

I, Chris Hodge, certify that the investments listed in this report have been made in accordance with Section 625 of the Local Government Act 1993, the Local Government (General) Regulation 2005 and Council Policy.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

A good investment strategy optimises Council's return on investments.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Nil effect.

Attachments

Nil

09) REPORT OF COUNCIL INVESTMENTS AS AT JANUARY 2012
 (Manager Financial Services)

RECOMMENDED:

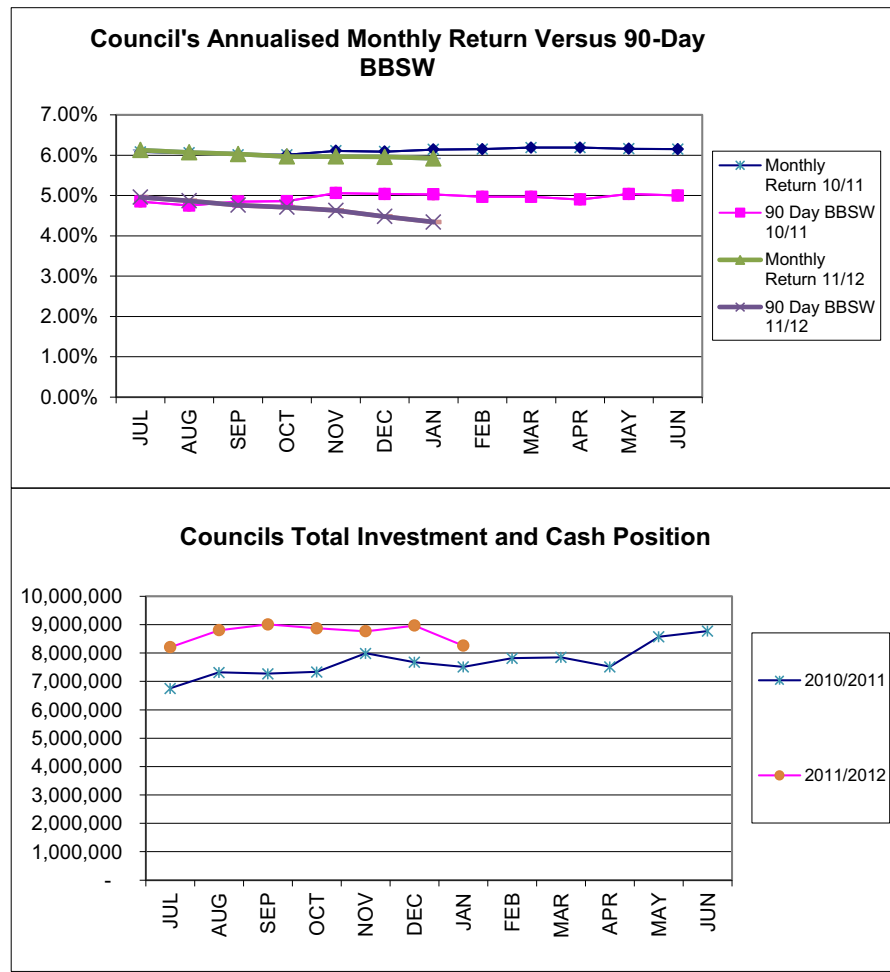
1. That the Report indicating Council’s Investment position as at 31 January 2012 be received and noted.
2. That the Certification of the Responsible Accounting Officer be noted and the Report be adopted.

REPORT

This report provides details of Council’s Investment Portfolio as at 31 January 2012.

Council’s total investment and cash position as at 31 January 2012 is \$8,256,807. Investments earned interest of \$39,063 for the month of January 2012.

Council’s monthly net return annualised for January of 5.93% outperformed the 90 day Bank Bill Swap Rate of 4.34%.



REGISTER OF INVESTMENTS AND CASH AS AT 31 JANUARY 2012

Institution	Maturity	Amount \$	Monthly Net Return Annualised
<u>Term Deposits</u>			
Bank of Cyprus Australia	28/02/2012	500,000.00	5.90%
BankWest	10/04/2012	500,000.00	6.00%
Bankstown City Credit Union	6/03/2012	500,000.00	5.75%
Westpac Bank	13/03/2012	500,000.00	6.00%
ME Bank	10/04/2012	500,000.00	5.95%
Bank of Queensland	6/03/2012	500,000.00	5.95%
Credit Union Australia	24/04/2012	500,000.00	5.76%
Community CPS	1/05/2012	500,000.00	5.85%
Bank of Queensland	10/04/2012	500,000.00	5.75%
Peoples Choice Credit Union	17/04/2012	500,000.00	5.80%
Suncorp Metway	7/02/2012	500,000.00	5.91%
Suncorp Metway	21/02/2012	500,000.00	5.90%
Total		6,000,000.00	5.88%
<u>Collateralised Debt Obligation (CDO's)</u>			
ANZ Custodian (Kakadu, BBSW + 140 points)	20/03/2014	500,000.00	6.11%
ANZ Custodian (Flinders, BBSW + 150 points)	20/03/2012	500,000.00	6.21%
Total		1,000,000.00	6.16%
Total Investments		7,000,000.00	5.92%
Benchmark: BBSW 90 Day Index			4.34%
Commonwealth Bank - At Call Account		201.25	
Commonwealth Bank Balance		1,256,605.87	
TOTAL INVESTMENTS & CASH		8,256,807.12	

Summary of Investment movements - JANUARY			
Financial Institution	Fund Rating	Invst/(Recall) Amount \$	Commentary
<u>Term Deposits</u>			
Bank of Queensland		(507,417.12)	Term Deposit matured 10/01/2012
Bank of Queensland		500,000.00	Term Deposit invested 10/01/2012
Beirut Hellenic Bank Ltd		(510,867.40)	Term Deposit matured 10/01/2012
BankWest		500,000.00	Term Deposit invested 11/01/2012
Credit Union Australia		(507,404.66)	Term Deposit matured 24/01/2012
Credit Union Australia		500,000.00	Term Deposit invested 24/01/2012
ING Direct		(1,019,397.26)	Term Deposit matured 24/01/2012
Community CPS		500,000.00	Term Deposit invested 25/01/2012
NAB		500,000.00	Term Deposit invested 25/01/2012

Collateralised Debt Obligations (CDO's)

As per Council's Auditor recommendations the disclosure of the impact of market conditions on the value of the Collateralised Debt Obligations held is provided. It is estimated by ANZ Custodian Services that the market value of Flinders and Kakadu are \$477,144 and \$62,329 respectively as at 31 December 2011. It is anticipated that as the investments draw near to maturity the market values will increase. Council is also involved in ongoing legal action to minimise any losses.

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CERTIFICATION – RESPONSIBLE ACCOUNTING OFFICER

I, Chris Hodge, certify that the investments listed in this report have been made in accordance with Section 625 of the Local Government Act 1993, the Local Government (General) Regulation 2005 and Council Policy.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

A good investment strategy optimises Council's return on investments.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Nil effect.

Attachments

Nil

10) **QUARTERLY PERFORMANCE REPORT - DECEMBER 2011**
(Manager Financial Services)

RECOMMENDED:

1. That the Quarterly Review of Council's 2011 – 2016 Management Plan as at 31 December 2011 be received and adopted.

REPORT

In December 2010 the Division of Local Government issued new Quarterly Budget Review Statement Guidelines as part of the new Integrated Planning and Reporting (IP&R) framework. The guidelines are mandatory for all Councils from 1 July 2011 and provide a list of minimum quarterly reporting requirements for Council.

The purpose of the quarterly budget review is to act as a barometer of Council's financial health during the year and disclose Council's overall financial health position. It is also a means to ensure council meets its objectives, targets and outcomes as set out in its management plan.

Following this report is the detailed review of Council's 2011 - 2016 Management Plan covering the December 2011 quarter. The report provides an update of those performance targets set out in Council's Management Plan. In addition, this report allows members of the community to form their own assessment of Council's performance.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

The variations contained within this report maintain a balanced budget as at 31 December 2011, for the 2011/2012 financial year.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Nil effect.

Attachments

1 QBR Report Dec 2011 43 Pages

11) **REQUEST TO WAIVE CHARGES - DEAF FOOTBALL AUSTRALIA**
(Director Corporate Services)

RECOMMENDED:

1. That Council approve the request from Deaf Football Australia to waive hire fees in the amount of \$530.00 associated with hire of King George Oval.

REPORT

Council is in receipt of a request from Deaf Football Australia seeking Council to waive charges associated with hire of King George Oval on 24 and 25 January 2011. The hire fees applicable are \$530.00 including GST.

At its meeting held December 12 2011 Council resolved the following:

1. *That Council approve the request from Deaf Football Australia to waive hire fees in the amount of \$530.00 associated with hire of King George Oval; and*
2. *That it be exhibited for public comment for 28 days in accord with section 610E of the Local Government Act. (Radburn/Bell)*

Submissions closed on January 12 2012 and no submissions were received.

The Local Government Act 1993 is quite specific on waiver of fees. In brief, Council is permitted to provide waive fees provided it gives 28 days public notice.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

Council will forego the income that would be generated by this activity.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Nil effect.

Attachments

Nil.

12) **ADOPTION OF BLAYNEY SHIRE TOURISM PLAN**
(Director Corporate Services)

RECOMMENDED:

1. That Council adopt the 2011 Blayney Shire Tourism Plan.

REPORT

At the October 2011 meeting of Council, Council resolved to adopt the Draft Blayney Shire Tourism Plan and place it on public exhibition for a period of 28 days. The submission period closed on November 11 2011 and no submissions were received. No amendments to the document have been made from that tabled at the October meeting.

The Blayney Shire Tourism Strategy (titled Blayney Shire Tourism Plan) was prepared by Jenny Rand & Associates. The Blayney Shire Tourism Plan sets out a series of recommendations that are designed to help guide Council in its support of the local tourism industry within the Shire over the next five years. It also provides the framework, and outlines various strategies and actions through which we can establish a sound basis for long term and sustainable tourism expansion. Following adoption this document will inform Council's future direction with Tourism and be integrated into Council's Delivery Program and associated corporate plans.

The adoption of the Blayney Shire Tourism Strategy will allow Council to further develop the tourism potential of the Shire, including the attraction of further investment and visitation. The strategic approach which has been undertaken will ensure the social, economic and employment benefits from tourism are to be maximised for the Shire.

Upon adoption a copy of the Blayney Shire Tourism Plan Diagnostics Report, Action Plan Summary and Overview will be placed on the Council website.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

Actions in the Tourism Plan will need to be achieved within existing budget where possible. The Plan does detail actions that may require more resources to deliver. These will need to be considered in Council's Integrated Planning and Reporting strategies.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Nil effect.

Attachments

Nil

13) **PUBLIC INTEREST DISCLOSURES**
(Director Corporate Services)

RECOMMENDED:

1. That Council note the requirement for reporting of Public Interest Disclosure items as amended by the Act and that Council's Public Officer receives and reports items as required.

REPORT

Council has received the attached advice from the Division of Local Government as to a change of legislation as to the collection and documentation of public interest disclosures.

Council is required under the Act to have a register of public interest disclosures and this amendment requires Council to supply information to the Ombudsman as to reporting and action taken on reported disclosures.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

Nil effect.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Council's current policy, 2D: Internal Reporting Policy, be reviewed to ensure Council's compliance with the *Public Interest Disclosures Act (1994)*.

Attachments

1 Public Interest Disclosures 1 Page Plans

14) **ADOPTION OF BLAYNEY SHIRE ACCESS STRATEGY**
(Director Corporate Services)

RECOMMENDED:

1. That Council adopt the Blayney Shire Access Strategy.

REPORT

At the October 2011 meeting of Council, Council resolved to adopt the Draft Blayney Shire Access Strategy and place it on public exhibition for a period of 28 days. The submission period closed on November 11 2011 and no submissions were received. No amendments to the document have been made from that tabled at the October meeting.

The Blayney Shire Access Strategy was prepared by Blayney Shire Access Committee. It provides the framework and outlines actions through which Council can establish a sound basis for improving access in the Shire. Following adoption this document will inform Council's future direction with Access and be integrated into Council's Delivery Program and associated corporate plans.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

Actions in the Blayney Shire Access Strategy will need to be achieved within existing budgets where possible. The Plan does detail actions that may require more resources to deliver. These will need to be considered in Council's Integrated Planning and Reporting strategies.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Nil effect.

Attachments

- 1 Blayney Shire Access Strategy 5 Pages

15) **REQUEST FOR DONATION - BLAYNEY SHIRE ARTS AND CRAFT COUNCIL INC**
(Director Corporate Services)

RECOMMENDED:

1. That Council approve the request from Blayney Arts and Craft Council Inc for a donation in the amount of \$1,529 associated with tourism brochure production costs.

REPORT

Council is in receipt of a request from Blayney Shire Arts & Craft Council Inc. seeking a donation from Council for costs associated with production of a Tourism Brochure.

The Brochure was developed as an initiative of the Blayney Arts & Craft Council Inc with assistance from the Blayney High School with formatting and set-up.

Section 356 of the Local Government Act 1993 is quite specific on provision of financial assistance. In brief, Council is permitted to grant financial assistance for the purpose of exercising its functions. A copy of section 356 is shown below:

356 Can a Council financially assist others?

- 1) *A council may, in accordance with a resolution of the council, contribute money or otherwise grant financial assistance to persons for the purpose of exercising its functions.*
- 2) *A proposed recipient who acts for private gain is not ineligible to be granted financial assistance but must not receive any benefit under this section until at least 28 days' public notice of the council's proposal to pass the necessary resolution has been given.*

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

Council has no provision in the 2011-2016 Management Plan for a cash contribution, however, funding will be provided for in the next quarterly budget review.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Nil effect.

Attachments

- 1 Letter from Blayney Arts and Craft Council Inc 3 Pages

16) NSW INFRASTRUCTURE RENEWAL SCHEME
(Director Corporate Services)

RECOMMENDED:

1. That the report on NSW Local Infrastructure Renewal Scheme be noted.
2. That Council endorse the Blayney Shire notification of its intention to lodge an application under the scheme by 10 February 2012 required by the guidelines.

REPORT

In January 2012 the Division of Local Government released a Circular regarding the Local Government Infrastructure Renewal Scheme (LIRS) introduced as part the State Government's commitment to implementing a Local Infrastructure backlog Policy.

The Local Infrastructure Renewal Scheme (LIRS) provides the opportunity for councils to access interest subsidies for the purpose of funding legitimate infrastructure backlogs. The LIRS will provide a 4% interest subsidy to assist councils with legitimate infrastructure backlogs to cover the cost of borrowing.

It is anticipated that there will be two to three rounds of applications for LIRS assistance commencing with the first round in 2011/12. The final round of applications will commence no later than 2013/14, to enable loan drawdown by 30 June 2015. All loans subsidised by the LIRS must have a loan term not exceeding ten years (irrespective of starting date of the loan agreement), and will be subject to specific conditions.

The projects/programs for which a council proposes to incur borrowings to be subsidised under the LIRS should be identified as part of council's infrastructure backlog. Favourable consideration may be given to a project/program which is identified in the council's 10 year Asset Management Plans (AMP) prepared under the Integrated Planning and Reporting (IP&R) framework, although inclusion in an AMP will not be an essential criterion for assessing the application.

The borrowing to be subsidised under the LIRS should be incurred for the purpose of funding specific new works, upgrades, or renewal of infrastructure of the council that meets a core purpose of local government and is intended for community use – e.g. roads, community halls, libraries, parks, and sports grounds.

Council will be expected to adequately demonstrate and document its intentions in its submissions at the application closing date, provide a realistic indication of its project/program delivery timetable, and provide evidence of indicative terms of the loan proposed to be subsidised.

The Local Infrastructure Renewal Scheme has been announced by the NSW State Government to assist councils to reduce the backlog of local

infrastructure projects. It is recommended that the Council pursue the subsidised borrowings.

It is recommended that the Council endorse Blayney Shire Council's notification of its intention to lodge an application under the scheme by 10 February 2012 (as required by the guidelines). A further report identifying proposed projects will be brought before the Council on 13 March 2012. This will enable the application closing date of 30 March 2012 to be met.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

The recommendations contained within this report have no direct financial implications however if approved, the interest subsidy from the NSW Government can assist Council's financial sustainability as it will enable the Council access to reduced interest on borrowings used to fund future infrastructure projects. Whilst the interest subsidies may make additional borrowings more feasible, any borrowings will be carefully considered in the context of the Council's Long Term Financial Strategy, the Council's capacity to pay back loans over the long term as well as the Council's targets for its debt service ratio.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Nil effect.

Attachments

1	DLG Circular 12-01 NSW Local Infrastructure Renewal Scheme	2 Pages
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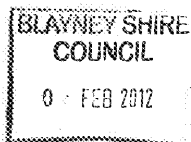
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Mining & Industry Projects
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Mr Glenn Wilcox
General Manager
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Dear Mr Wilcox

**Cadia East Project (06_0295)
Planning Agreement**

Condition 13 of schedule 2 of the project approval for the Cadia East Project requires Cadia Valley Operations to enter into a planning agreement with Orange City Council, Blayney Shire Council and Cabonne Council, in accordance with Division 6 of Part 4 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*. The condition, along with the referenced Appendix 7 of the project approval, is reproduced below:

PLANNING AGREEMENT

13. *Within 12 months of the date of this approval, unless otherwise agreed by the Director-General, the Proponent shall enter into a planning agreement with the Councils in accordance with Division 6 of Part 4 of the EP&A Act, that provide for contributions to the Councils for:*
- *upgrade of Council's road infrastructure affected by the project; and*
 - *general community enhancement to address social amenity and community infrastructure requirements arising from the project.*

The contributions shall be generally consistent with the terms of the offer made in the Proponent's letter dated 17 December 2009, and summarised in Appendix 7.

If there is any dispute between the Proponent and any of the Councils during the formal drafting of the planning agreement, then any of the parties involved may refer the matter to the Director-General for resolution.

**APPENDIX 7
GENERAL TERMS FOR THE PLANNING AGREEMENT**

Contributions to the Councils up to a total of \$8 million (\$3 million upfront [within the first 3 years] and \$238,000 each year for 21 years) for:

- *upgrade of the Councils' road infrastructure affected by the project; and*
- *general community enhancement to address social amenity and community infrastructure requirements arising from the project.*

Note: The road maintenance agreements will be determined upon completion of a road condition survey and assessment of future maintenance requirements, which will be facilitated by Orange City Council on behalf of the three Councils and the Proponent.

To date, the 3 Councils have been unable to agree on the apportionment of the contributions fund. In September 2011, the Department of Planning and Infrastructure directed Cadia Valley Operations to release the up-front payment of \$3 million in equal share to each Council, however

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it is understood that these payments are awaiting finalisation of the planning agreement, in particular the apportionment of the remaining funds.

In the absence of an agreement regarding the apportionment of the contributions funds, the Department commissioned Vince Berkhout of AECOM to undertake an independent review of the merits of the requests from the Councils regarding the allocation of the funds, and to recommend an appropriate disbursement of the funds.

AECOM's review has now been completed, a copy of which is enclosed for your information.

The AECOM review recommends the following apportionment of the total contributions funds:

- Orange City Council: 60% (total allocation of \$4.8 million);
- Blayney Shire Council: 20% (total allocation of \$1.6 million); and
- Cabonne Council: 20% (total allocation of \$1.6 million).

The Department has reviewed the findings and recommendations of the independent review, and has given careful consideration to the apportionment having regard to historical apportionment of previous contributions from the mine complex, as well as the need to support or enhance existing social amenity and contribute to community infrastructure requirements (including in a village context). Based on this consideration, the Department is of the view that a reasonable apportionment of the funds is:

- Orange City Council: 50% (total allocation of \$4 million);
- Blayney Shire Council: 25% (total allocation of \$2 million); and
- Cabonne Council: 25% (total allocation of \$2 million).



The Department invites written comments from each of the Councils and Cadia Valley Operations on the Department's proposed apportionment by **29 February 2011**. Any requested change to the Department's proposed apportionment should be accompanied by detailed justification, based on the scope for contributions under condition 13 of schedule 2 of the project approval. Any requested change should also have regard to the facts, analysis and considerations regarding apportionment set out in Mr Berkhout's review and the matters indicated by the Department above as being additional factors also warranting consideration.

The Department intends making a final decision on this matter by 31 March 2012, consequent to consideration of any final submissions from the Councils and/or Cadia Valley Operations.

If you have any queries in relation to this matter, please contact Howard Reed, A/Director, Mining and Industry Projects, on 9228 6308.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Chris Wilson', written over a circular stamp.

30.1.12

Chris Wilson
Executive Director
Major Projects Assessment

cc: Mr Graeme Fleming, General Manager, Cabonne Council
Mr Garry Styles, General Manager, Orange City Council
Mr Andrew Wannan, Cadia Valley Operations

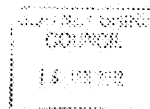
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Local Government
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9 January 2012



Mr Glenn Wilcox
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Dear Mr Wilcox,

Constitutional Recognition of Local Government – contribution of funds

We write to update you on the process and progress for achieving Constitutional Recognition of Local Government, and to provide an indication as to what we believe your council's financial contribution to a national advertising campaign will be.

As you are aware, in 2010 in response to some strong ground work by the Australian Local Government Association (ALGA) and the LGSA, the Prime Minister of Australia, the Hon. Julia Gillard MP, committed to holding a referendum in conjunction with the next Federal election to include recognition of Local Government in the Australian Constitution.

In mid 2011 the Prime Minister set up an Expert Panel on Constitutional Recognition of Local Government. The Expert Panel released its findings on 22 December 2011. A copy of the Expert Panel's findings and all submissions can be found at <http://www.localgovrecognition.gov.au/content/final-report>

ALGA is leading the campaign on behalf of Local Government across the country, and to date more than 85 percent of councils in Australia have moved motions in support of Constitutional Recognition of Local Government.

In addition to all councils continuing to actively lobby for this important issue at a local level, ALGA will be asking all State and Territory Associations and their member councils to contribute financially to a large scale national advertising campaign to gain public support for a 'yes vote' when the time for a referendum comes. In order for the referendum to be successful it requires a 'double majority', which is a majority of 'yes votes' from a majority of voters, and a majority of states. As ours is the most populated state, success in NSW is critical to the success of a national campaign.

ALGA's planning for this national campaign is in the early stages, as they were waiting to review the response from the Expert Panel, however we do know that substantial funds will be required to execute this campaign. From previous ALGA research it is estimated that a national advertising campaign will cost in excess of \$10 million, and that NSW councils, based on size and population, will be expected to contribute approximately \$2.7million of this amount. This will be contributed to ALGA through the LGSA to coordinate a national advertising campaign.

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Whilst ALGA and the State and Territory Associations are yet to determine the scope and content of a national advertising campaign, we do know that funds will be required from each council in NSW, and we hope by alerting you early in your current budget cycle it will allow you to factor this contribution into your budgets for the 2012/2013 and subsequent financial years.

In addition to the national advertising campaign, ALGA has recommended that each State and Territory Association commence their own local 'profile raising' activities, to promote locally the good work Local Government does in their state. The LGSA committed \$100,000 to this profile raising project in 2010/2011 and \$200,000 in the current financial year. This project, including toolkits, will be rolled out in 2012 in NSW.

At our December 2011 Board Meetings, it was agreed that the LGSA budget a further \$1,000,000 over the next two financial years on NSW specific 'profile raising' and promotional activities, in addition to the national advertising campaign. These funds will be drawn from the LGSA's current investments.

It was also resolved that the \$2.7 million required by ALGA for the national advertising campaign be sought from members by way of a special levy. Each councils' share of the levy will be payable in three equal instalments over a three year period, commencing 1 July 2012.

Councils should note that should the referendum or the national advertising campaign not go ahead for any reason, instalments paid to the LGSA will be refunded.

The levy has been calculated using the standard formula used when calculating other similar levies, such as legal assistance calls.

Your council's special levy will be \$9,604.60 plus GST. The Executives of both Associations resolved that this levy will be payable in three equal instalments over three financial years, in order to reduce the financial burden on councils.

We will be in contact with you with an update on the next steps required, following an assessment of Government's response to the report from the Expert Panel on Constitutional Recognition of Local Government. In the meantime, ALGA has developed background information for your council to use, and you are encouraged to view these at their website on <http://www.councilreferendum.com.au> for more information.

In addition to your council's valued financial contribution, there will be supplementary work for all councils to do for this campaign at a local level, and further information will be provided to you in early 2012. In the interim, for more details please call the LGSA's Director, Communications and Campaigns, Megan Graham on 02 9242 4015.

Yours sincerely

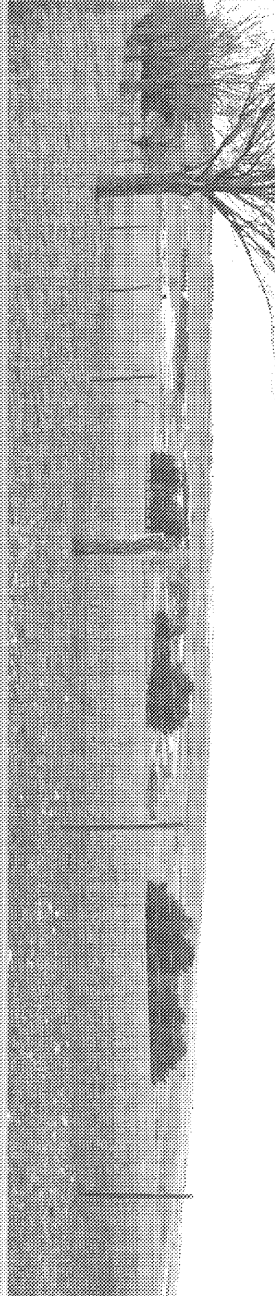


Cr Keith Rhoades AFSM
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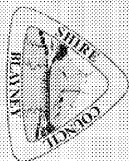
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BLAYNEY SHIRE COUNCIL



2011-2016 MANAGEMENT PLAN

DECEMBER QUARTERLY REVIEW 2011



Blayney Shire Council

Quarterly Budget Review Statement
for the period 01/10/11 to 31/12/11

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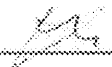
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Report by Responsible Accounting Officer

The following statement is made in accordance with Clause 203(2) of the Local Government (General) Regulations 2005:

It is my opinion that the Quarterly Budget Review Statement for Blayney Shire Council for the quarter ended 31/12/11 indicates that Council's projected financial position at 30/6/12 will be satisfactory at year end, having regard to the projected estimates of income and expenditure and the original budgeted income and expenditure.

Signed: _____



date: 3/2/12



Chris Hodge
Responsible Accounting Officer

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Quarterly Budget Review Statement
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Income & Expenses Budget Review Statement

Budget review for the quarter ended 31 December 2011

Income & Expenses - Council Consolidated

	Original Budget		Approved Changes			Revised Budget		Variations for this Dec Qtr	Projected Year End Result	Actual YTD figures
	2011/12	2011/12	Other than by a QBRS	Sep QBRS	Dec QBRS	2011/12	2011/12			
Income										
Rates and Annual Charges	5,723					5,723		5,723	5,673	
User Charges and Fees	835			(8)		826		826	480	
Interest and Investment Revenues	422					422		422	264	
Other Revenues	138			(2)		136	15	151	49	
Grants & Contributions - Operating	2,862					2,862	3	2,865	1,392	
Grants & Contributions - Capital	493					493		493	308	
Net gain from disposal of assets	-					-		-	-	
Share of Interests in Joint Ventures	-					-		-	-	
Total Income from Continuing Operations	10,472			(10)		10,462	18	10,480	8,166	
Expenses										
Employee Costs	4,189			(2)		4,187		4,187	1,099	
Borrowing Costs	196					196		196	60	
Materials & Contracts	2,094					2,094		2,094	549	
Depreciation	4,301					4,301		4,301	2,150	
Legal Costs	33					33		33	68	
Other Expenses	1,710			(27)		1,683	18	1,701	969	
Total Expenses from Continuing Operations	12,522			(29)		12,493	18	12,511	4,896	
Net Operating Result from Continuing Operations	(2,050)			18		(2,031)	-	(2,031)	3,270	
Discontinued Operations										
Net Operating Result from All Operations	(2,050)			18		(2,031)	-	(2,031)	3,270	
Net Operating Result before Capital Items	(2,543)			18		(2,525)	-	(2,525)	2,963	

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Blayney Shire Council

Quarterly Budget Review Statement

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Income & Expenses Budget Review Statement

Budget review for the quarter ended 31 December 2011

Income & Expenses - Council Consolidated

	Original Budget 2011/12	Approved Changes Other than by a QBRs	Revised Budget 2011/12	Variations for this Dec Qtr	Projected Year End Result	Actual YTD figures
Income						
Administration	2,718		2,718	16	2,734	1,383
Public Order & Safety	16		16	-	16	2
Health	50		50	-	50	34
Community Services & Education	70		70	0	70	28
Housing & Community Amenities	988		988	-	988	897
Recreation & Culture	1,903		1,903	-	1,903	29
Mining Manufacturing & Construction	188		188	-	188	161
Transport & Communication	1,584		1,584	3	1,587	1,034
Economic Affairs	215		215	(2)	213	47
General Purpose Revenue	5,802		5,802	-	5,802	4,895
Non Operating Funds	3,927		3,927	-	3,927	1,964
Sewerage Services	2,830		2,830	-	2,830	1,194
Total Income from Continuing Operations	20,290	-	20,290	13	20,307	11,669
Expenses						
Administration	5,967		5,967	(19)	5,948	2,810
Public Order & Safety	535		535	(51)	485	215
Health	451		451	-	451	404
Community Services & Education	118		118	(0)	117	38
Housing & Community Amenities	1,628		1,628	(23)	1,605	638
Recreation & Culture	3,659		3,659	0	3,659	1,193
Mining Manufacturing & Construction	161		161	-	161	215
Transport & Communication	4,701		4,701	67	4,768	2,996
Economic Affairs	239		239	-	239	82
Sewerage Services	2,830		2,830	44	2,874	568
Total Expenses from Continuing Operations	20,290	-	20,290	18	20,307	9,147
Net Operating Result from Continuing Operations	-	-	-	-	-	2,521
Discontinued Operations						
Net Operating Result from All Operations	-	-	-	-	-	2,521
Net Operating Result before Capital Items						

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Quarterly Budget Review Statement
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Income & Expenses Budget Review Statement
Recommended changes to revised budget

Budget Variations being recommended include the following material items:

Notes	Details	
Administration:	CSU course no longer an income stream.	\$16,000
	Adjustment to I.T. System expenditure following expiration of lease.	-\$17,450
Public Order & Safety:	Reduction to NSW RFS	-\$50,520
Housing & Community Amenities:	Favourable reduction in costs needed for the maintenance of public conveniences	-\$17,000
Transport & Communication:	Reallocated to manage changing asset demand and utilisation of over allocated funds.	\$67,000
Sewerage Services:	Increase in expenditure due to unexpected repairs in December quarter.	\$44,000

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Blayney Shire Council

Quarterly Budget Review Statement

for the period 01/10/11 to 31/12/11

Capital Budget Review Statement

Budget review for the quarter ended 31 December 2011

Capital Budget - Council Consolidated

	Original Budget 2011/12	Approved Changes Other than by a QBRs	Revised Budget 2011/12	Variations for this Dec Qtr	Projected Year End Result	Actual YTD figures
(\$000's)						
Capital Expenditure						
New Assets						
- Plant & Equipment						
- Land & Buildings	35		35		35	
- Other						
Renewal Assets (Replacement)						
- Plant & Equipment	547		547		547	96
- Land & Buildings	1,868		1,868		1,868	795
- Roads, Bridges, Footpaths	380		380		380	78
- Sewerage Services	106		106		106	
Total Capital Expenditure	2,936	-	2,936	-	2,936	968
Capital Funding						
Rates & Other United Funding	205		205		205	202
Capital Grants & Contributions	515		515		515	129
Reserves:						
- External Restrictions/Reserves	1,156		1,156		1,156	-
- Internal Restrictions/Reserves	1,060		1,060		1,060	-
Total Capital Funding	2,936	-	2,936	-	2,936	331
Net Capital Funding	-	-	-	-	-	(637)

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Blayney Shire Council

Quarterly Budget Review Statement
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Capital Budget Review Statement
Recommended changes to revised budget

Budget Variations being recommended include the following material items:

Notes Details



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Blayney Shire Council

Cash & Investments Budget Review Statement

Quarterly Budget Review Statement
for the period 01/10/11 to 31/12/11

Budget review for the quarter ended 31 December 2011

Cash & Investments - Council Consolidated

	Original Budget 2011/12	Approved Changes Sep QBRs	Revised Budget 2011/12	Variations for this Dec Qtr	Projected Year End Result	Actual YTD figures
Externally Restricted ⁽¹⁾						
Developer Contributions - General (D)	424		424	-	424	327
Developer Contributions - Sewer Fund (D)	541		541	-	541	522
Specific Purpose Unexpended Grants (F)	310		310	-	310	526
Specific Purpose Unexpended Grants (F) - Sewer Fund	4		4	-	4	4
Sewerage Services (G)	2,206		2,206	-	2,206	2,729
Rates - Special Variation	50		50	-	50	670
Other	62		62	-	62	62
Total Externally Restricted	3,598	-	3,598	-	3,598	4,840
⁽¹⁾ Funds that must be spent for a specific purpose						
Internally Restricted ⁽²⁾						
Plant & Vehicle Replacement	749		749	-	749	723
Employees Leave Entitlement	565		565	-	565	663
Blayney Town Works	136		136	-	136	152
Cemeteries	6		6	-	6	6
Construction of Buildings	8		8	-	8	8
Multipurpose Centre	215		215	-	215	119
Property Account	357		357	-	357	359
Quarry	393		393	-	393	380
Road Reserve	240		240	-	240	240
Showground Improvement Fund	6		6	-	6	6
Netball Courts	7		7	-	7	-
Tourism Promotion Fund	10		10	-	10	10
Total Internally Restricted	3,409	-	3,409	-	3,409	3,377
⁽²⁾ Funds that Council has earmarked for a specific purpose						
Unrestricted (ie. available after the above Restrictions)	2	-	2	-	2	721
Total Cash & Investments	7,009	-	7,009	-	7,009	8,938

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Blayney Shire Council

Quarterly Budget Review Statement
for the period 01/10/11 to 31/12/11

Cash & Investments Budget Review Statement**Investments**

Investments have been invested in accordance with Council's Investment Policy.

Cash

The value of Cash at Bank which has been included in the Cash & Investment Statement totals \$8,968

This Cash at Bank amount has been reconciled to Council's physical Bank Statements.
The date of completion of this bank reconciliation is 31/12/11

Reconciliation Status

The YTD Cash & Investment figure reconciles to the actual balances held as follows:

		\$ 000's
Cash at Bank (as per bank statements)		968
Investments on Hand		8,000
less: Unpresented Cheques	(Timing Difference)	(36)
add: Undeposited Funds	(Timing Difference)	6
Reconciled Cash at Bank & Investments		8,938
Balance as per Review Statement:		8,938
Difference:		(0)

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Blayney Shire Council

Key Performance Indicators Budget Review Statement

Budget review for the quarter ended 31 December 2011

(\$000's)	Current Projection		Actuals	
	Amounts	Indicator	Prior Periods	
	11/12	11/12	10/11	09/10

The Council monitors the following Key Performance Indicators:

1. Unrestricted Current Ratio	Current Assets less all External Restrictions	5956	5.2	4.3	4.1
	Current Liabilities less Specific Purpose Liabilities	1146			

Purpose of this ratio is to assess the adequacy of working capital and its ability to satisfy obligations in the short term for the unrestricted activities of Council.

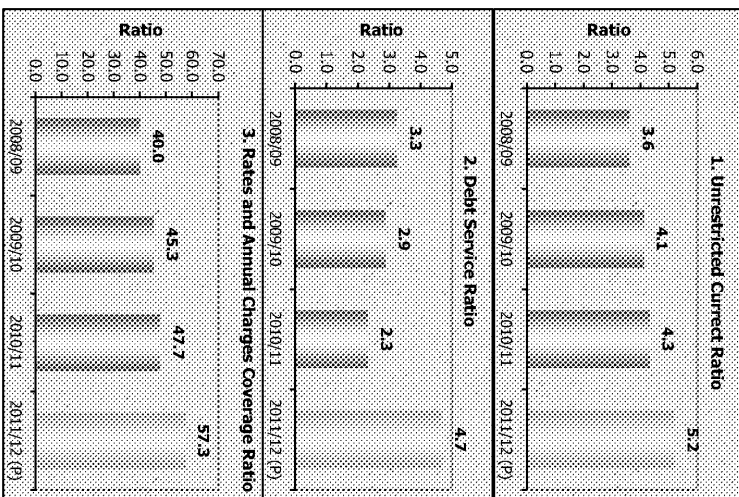
2. Debt Service Ratio	Debt Service Costs	467	4.7	2.3	2.9
	Income from Continuing Operations	9979			

Purpose of the debt service ratio is to assess the impact of loan principal and interest repayments on the discretionary revenue of Council.

3. Rates and Annual Charges Coverage Ratio	Rates and Annual Charges	5723	57.3	47.7	45.3
	Income From Continuing Operations	9979			

Purpose of this ratio is to assess the degree of Council's dependence upon revenue from rates and annual charges and to assess the security of Council's income.

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Contracts Budget Review Statement
Comments & Explanations relating to Contractors Listing

Notes Details



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Consultancy & Legal Expenses Budget Review Statement

Consultancy & Legal Expenses Overview

Expense	YTD Expenditure (Actual Dollars)	Budgeted (Y/N)
Consultancies	15,822	N
Legal Fees	46,301	N/Y

Definition of a consultant:

A consultant is a person or organisation engaged under contract on a temporary basis to provide recommendations or high level specialist or professional advice to assist decision making by management. Generally it is the advisory nature of the work that differentiates a consultant from other contractors.

Comments

Expenditure included in the above YTD figure but not budgeted includes:

Details	YTD Expenditure	Budgeted (Y/N)
Consultancy: Local Government Engineering Services (Bridge Safety Inspectors)	\$15,822	N
Legal: Subdivision - Marrangeroo	11,325	N
Subdivision - Marrangeroo	16,500	N
Subdivision - Marrangeroo	12,507	N
Staffing	2,000	N
Staffing	2,900	N

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Responsible Officer – Director Corporate Services

Corporate Support

Strategic Objective: To provide administrative support, civic activities, records management, information systems and financial management.

OBJECTIVES	PERFORMANCE TARGETS	ACTION	STATUS
1. Provide quality administrative support, service and governance to Councillors, Staff and Customers.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Regular production of Councillor Information Packages. Statutory compliance with LG Act, Privacy Act and GIPA Act. Preparation of a Community Survey. Implementation of Integrated Planning & Reporting. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monthly. 100% Compliance. Survey to be conducted. Ongoing progression of project plan. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Packages being distributed. Ongoing. Yet to be commenced. In progress: Draft Community Strategic Plan on public exhibition. Resourcing strategy commenced. Ongoing.
2. Provide a contemporary records management system, which meets both statutory and organisational demands.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Compliance with the State Records Act and AS4390. Maintain in-house electronic document management system (EDMS) meeting requirements of State Records. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 100% Compliance. Review and upgrade of EDMS as part of Corporate Software System upgrade. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Proposed for phase 2 of system upgrade. Circa Nov 2012.
3. Provide an effective multi-user information management system, which improves the efficiency of Council's delivery of services.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maintenance of website to ensure information is relevant and up to date. Maintain integrity of data. Maintenance of Business Continuity Strategy for I.T. System. Continued development of GIS Strategy. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Weekly review and update of website. Backups performed daily and offsite storage of daily backups. Regular monitoring of disaster recovery hardware. Develop in accord with WBC Plan 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ongoing. Website Upgraded. Ongoing scheduled process. Weekly testing. Meetings of CENTROC GIS User Group attended during quarter. WBC Plan on hold with corporate system upgrade.
4. Provide, maintain and develop financial services and systems to accepted standards capable of satisfying	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adherence to statutory reporting requirements. Completion of Annual Financial Statements with an Unqualified Audit Opinion. Long term financial planning to meet IP&R requirements. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 100% Compliance Financial Statements lodged with DLG by 30 September. Ongoing progression of project plan. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ongoing. Statements lodged 02/09/2011. 7th council to lodge statements. Long Term Financial Plan in progress.

	all regulatory and customer requirements.			
5.	Provide Council with, and retain, adequately trained and skilled staff to ensure satisfactory delivery of Council services.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop annual training plans that reflect Council's operational needs. Participate in industry forums that promote local government as a career and that deal with employment related attraction and retention issues in local government. Develop Workforce Strategy as part of implementation of Integrated Planning & Reporting (IP&R) Framework. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Implementation training plan within budget parameters. Participation in industry forums and career days. Ongoing development of Strategy per project plan. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Training being undertaken per plan. Working with CENTROC HR network. Workforce strategy development in progress.
6.	Protect Council's interests, and minimise exposure to insurance claims.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Production of OH&S Report for presentation to Senior Management. Regular conduct of OH&S inspections. Review, evaluate and manage all insurance policies to ensure appropriate risk coverage for assets & activities. Completion of Statewide Public Liability Risk Audit. Develop best practice approach to Risk, OHS and Insurance management. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bi-Monthly, Quarterly. Policies reviewed & claims reviewed with insurer prior to policy renewal. Improved performance from prior year. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Information being presented following OHS Committee meetings. Ongoing. Claims being reviewed on an ongoing basis. Work commenced. Poor performing areas in audit being focussed upon. Documented protocols being developed for Development Applications. A number of workshops attended during quarter.
7.	Promote the WBC Strategic Alliance.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Attendance at Board and Professional Team Meetings. Progress of Board Actions Status Report. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 100% Attendance. Items referred to BSC staff completed. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meetings attended during quarter. Projects being processed.
# OTHER INFORMATION				
1.	Community strategic plan shaping workshop held during quarter and draft CSP to be distributed to futures workshop attendees.			
2.	Records system compliance review being undertaken with a view to moving towards industry best practice.			
3.	Computer software systems upgrade progressing in conjunction with WBC project team.			
4.	Computer software systems training (core modules) – Phase 1 commenced during quarter.			
5.	Strategic internal audit risk review undertaken and finalised.			
6.	Appointments to council during quarter include: General Manager, Operations Overseer, Trainee Development Officers (2).			
7.	Training programs for council staff in Workplace Health & Safety Legislation held in October & December.			

Engineering Works and Plant Management

Responsible Officer – Director Engineering

Strategic Objective: To efficiently and effectively manage the Engineering Department by providing direction and guidance towards a common strategic goal.

8. Annual Report finalised and lodged with the Department of Local Government by scheduled deadline.

OBJECTIVES	PERFORMANCE TARGETS	ACTION	STATUS
1. Maximise efficiency and effectiveness of Council's staff and other physical resources, systems and procedures.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Regular communication with staff. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fortnightly management meetings. Monthly staff meetings following Council meetings. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In place and ongoing. Meetings held as required.
2. Provide and manage stores to ensure efficient delivery of works.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maintain stores in accordance with agreed inventory and in preparation for forecast works. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ongoing review of store inventories. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Inventory review ongoing.
3. Safe and efficient workplace.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Implement quality and safety management practices. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Finalisation of Safe Work Method Statements. Review Council policies and procedures. Undertake works in accordance with WBC Alliance Civil Design Guidelines. Comply with OH&S Act and Council's Safe Work Method Statements and Safe Operating Procedures. Zero reported injuries. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ongoing. Policy & procedure review ongoing. Ongoing. Ongoing. 1 reported injury
4. Asset Management.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Plan in accordance with the Integrated Planning and Reporting Framework. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ongoing review of Plant Replacement program. Replace plant and fleet in accordance with Plant Replacement Program. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ongoing. Approve plant purchases to be acquired in conjunction with WBC Alliance councils. Scheduled for 2nd half of year.

Emergency Services & Fire Protection

Responsible Officer – Director Engineering

Strategic Objective: To provide sufficient resources to bush fire personnel to minimise risk to life and property, and to provide the community with a comprehensive plan of response to emergencies.

OBJECTIVES	PERFORMANCE TARGETS	ACTION	STATUS
1. Emergency Services.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support the management of Emergency Services within the Blayney Shire. • Undertake Local Emergency Management Committee meetings. • Support District Emergency Management Committee meetings. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attendance at meetings as required. • Quarterly meetings. • Attendance at quarterly meetings 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As required. • Meeting held in November. • Exercise held in November • Attended meeting in November.
2. Plan for emergencies in the Blayney Shire area.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DISPLAN 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complete rewrite of DISPLAN. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complete. • Adopted 3 November 2011.

Animal Control

Responsible Officer – Director Environmental Services

Strategic Objective: To ensure the health and safety of the community and environment

OBJECTIVES	PERFORMANCE TARGETS	ACTION	STATUS
1. To administer the Companion Animals Act & Impounding Act in accordance with community needs and expectations, adopted policies and legislation.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The employment of suitable staff to administer the Companion Animals Act, and to advise the community. • Provide staff with training on legislative changes. • Undertake education program at all primary schools in the Blayney LGA. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Employment of suitable staff. • Training plan developed with Human Resources and implemented. • Attend Six (6) schools in the 11/12 period. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff employed. • Training undertaken in accordance with plan. • Now undertaken by department of Education.
2. To protect the environment.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure complaints are dealt with promptly. • Ensure that the dog pound is maintained. • Ensure wandering dogs & stock which may cause a danger to the public are removed from public places. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All complaints referred to responsible officer within 24hrs. • Maintenance issues referred to Manager Health & Building within 24hrs of recording. • All instances attended to within 2hrs of notification. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Processes running effectively. • Processes running effectively. • Processes running effectively.

Environmental Management

Responsible Officer – Director Environmental Services

Strategic Objective: To protect the health and safety of the community.

OBJECTIVES	PERFORMANCE TARGETS	ACTION	STATUS
<p>1. To establish, implement, monitor and maintain measures and procedures to protect the health and safety of the community.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The engagement of suitable staff to ensure food premises compliance with standards. The monitoring of food stalls. The inspection of food premises for compliance with standards. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Suitable staff employed. Random inspection of food stalls undertaken by Manager Health & Building. Information package developed and provided to all prospective stall runners. All registered food premises inspected each year and appropriate notices issued as required. All complaints investigated within 24hrs of receipt. Applications assessed and determined within 14 days of receipt of all required information. Inspections undertaken as requested. 5% of all existing on-site effluent disposal systems inspected each year. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Staff employed. Ongoing. Package developed. Scheduled for 4th quarter. Processes in place. Issued in timely manner. Ongoing.
<p>2. Increased connection rate to Millthorpe Sewerage Scheme</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pursue connection of remaining properties to sewer infrastructure. Issue of on-site sewerage management systems licences as appropriate. Inspection of sewer connections & effluent disposal systems. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Millthorpe properties connected to sewer. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ongoing.

Community Services Administration

Responsible Officer – Director Corporate Services

Strategic Objective: To provide services to meet the needs of the Youth of our community.

OBJECTIVES	PERFORMANCE TARGETS	ACTION	STATUS
1. Maintain the provision of sufficient and quality child care services.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provision of statistical reports to Council on the usage of the Cabonne / Blayney Family Day Care Scheme. Provision of statistical reports to Council on the utilisation of the Blayney and Millthorpe OOSH Facilities. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Quarterly Quarterly 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> For the quarter there were 3 carers and 15 families (25 children). Term 4: Blayney 388; Millthorpe 710. Service is continuing to grow.
2. Children Services Information.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide information on services and facilities for children available in the Shire. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Development of information on website. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In progress.
3. Encourage participation of the Shire's youth promote their contribution to the life of the community.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Submission of Event Information, and Grant Application for Youth Week 2012. Provision of regular reports on the progress and achievements of the Youth Council. Number of activities to engage young people coordinated or facilitated by Youth Council. Liaison with key groups and organizations providing youth services and activities with a view to developing Community Partnerships. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grant submission completed in accordance with requirements. Monthly Two (2) p.a. Grant submission for activity or service. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Funding successful. Meeting held during quarter at Blayney High School. Ongoing. In progress.

#	OTHER INFORMATION
1.	Inaugural meeting of Youth Council under new structure held.
2.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Application lodged for Jordan Lane for Youth Week Young Peoples Advisory Committee successful.

Aged & Disabled

Responsible Officer – Director Corporate Services

Strategic Objective: To provide adequate accommodation and other appropriate services to meet the needs of the aged and disabled of our and financial management.

OBJECTIVES	PERFORMANCE TARGETS	ACTION	STATUS
1. Manage and maintain Council's Inala Units to a satisfactory standard for independent living.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Percentage occupied. Average response time to complete maintenance requests / complaints. Completion of routine inspections of each unit. Review of care, control and management of Inala Unit Complex. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Improve performance from prior year. 5 days. Every six months, December 2011. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 30% Occupancy. 5 complaints, each responded to within 48 hours. Ongoing. Review underway. Report to council when finalised.
2. Provide appropriate services and/or events for the aged members of our community.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Submission of event information and grant application for Senior's Week. Implementation of Blayney Shire Access Strategy Evaluation of outcomes referred for action from Access Committee. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grant submission completed in accordance with application requirements. Ongoing. Every six months. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Submission unsuccessful. Strategy due for adoption in February 2012. Not yet undertaken.
3. Facilitate provision of accessible community transport services in the Shire.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Explore grant funded options to supplement existing transport services. Actively engage with community on Access matters in the Shire. Continue liaison with Carewest Transport and other transport providers in the Shire for provision of accessible services. Provision of updated information on transport services in Shire. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Successful funding submission. Community Survey and Bi-monthly Access Committee meetings. Ongoing. Six monthly review and update of transport service webpage and pamphlet. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Not yet undertaken. Bi-monthly meetings access committee held. Ongoing. In progress.
4. Administer Boarding House Transport Program for financially disadvantaged subject to grant funding.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Service provision in accordance with Transport & Infrastructure NSW Guidelines. Accurate and timely completion of grant acquittals. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ongoing. 100% funding conditions compliance. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Claims being processed as received. Ongoing.

Town Planning

Responsible Officer – Director Environmental Services

Strategic Objective: To develop integrated land use plans and to ensure the physical development of the shire is in accordance with community needs and expectations.

OBJECTIVES	PERFORMANCE TARGETS	ACTION	STATUS
1. To provide efficient and effective development assessment.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Engagement of suitable staff to provide town planning advice. Provide staff training on new legislation. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Suitable staff employed. Staff training requirements set in yearly training plan. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Staff Employed. Training undertaken when required.
2. Ensure that development is carried out in accordance with Council's consent.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Carry out inspections during development construction. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Inspections undertaken when booked. Developments monitored to ensure work does not proceed beyond inspection check points without inspection. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Processes in place.
3. Provision of a Heritage Assistance Program.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Issue of Compliance Certificates for development under construction. Engagement of Heritage Advisor. Administer a Local Heritage Assistance Program. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Compliance certificates issued within 2 working days of inspection. Heritage Advisor engaged. Report prepared for Heritage Committee at each stage of Local Heritage Assistance Program. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Timely issue ongoing. Achieved. Monthly visits. Report prepared following each visit.
4. Ensure that Council's town planning policies are appropriate.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Town planning policies reviewed and updated as appropriate. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Policies assessed annually for appropriateness. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ongoing review process.
5. Review of Section 94 Plans.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Section 94 Plans review commenced. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Report to Council by December 2011. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Not yet commenced.
6. Creation of new Development Control Plans (DCPs).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Create draft DCP. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Report to Council by December 2011. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Not yet commenced.

Waste Management

Responsible Officer – Director Environmental Services

Strategic Objective: To provide and maintain systems for waste collection, recycling and disposal which are cost effective and comply with environmental standards.

OBJECTIVES	PERFORMANCE TARGETS	ACTION	STATUS
1. To provide a reliable and effective waste and recycling service to industry and the community.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monitor the waste collection and disposal contracts. • Missed services are collected. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Any detected deviation from contractual obligations addressed within 2 working days. • NetWaste service number informed within 20mins of notification of missed service. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No Deviations. • Done
2. To maintain a cost effective waste collection and disposal service for the community.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue environmental monitoring of the Blayney Waste Disposal facility. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Suitable persons retained to undertake environmental monitoring. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Envirotec is currently used and new tender in process through NetWaste.
3. Reduce the amounts of waste to landfill.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintain scrap metal and chipping contracts. • Monitor amounts of recyclables diverted from landfill. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contracts maintained and renewed as necessary through NetWaste. • Report to Council each quarter. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Done. • J.R. Richards report received.
4. Remain a member and active participant of the NetWaste group of Councils.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintain membership of the NetWaste group of councils. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Membership and participation maintained. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Membership of NetWaste maintained.

Urban Stormwater Drainage & Street Cleaning

Responsible Officer – Director Engineering

Strategic Objective: To provide high quality and environmentally sensitive drainage facilities and to provide a clean road surface, gutter system and footpath surface in Blayney and Shire villages.

OBJECTIVES	PERFORMANCE TARGETS	ACTION	STATUS
1. Maintain and improve the existing urban stormwater infrastructure network.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improvement to urban drainage infrastructure to decrease levels of flooding. • Decreased levels of flooding due to removal of blockages. • Undertake repairs to existing stormwater infrastructure. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintain existing levels of service. • Undertake repairs in accordance with allocated budget. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ongoing. • Ongoing.
2. Provide neat and tidy urban roads.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minimise levels of accumulated leaf matter in urban streets. • Collection of street bins. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increased street cleaning during autumn season. • Daily collection of street refuse in urban area. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ongoing. • Efficient and timely. Collection regime modified to bin demand.

Public Cemeteries

Responsible Officer – Director Environmental Services

Strategic Objective: To provide, improve, maintain and manage public cemeteries commensurate with available resources.
standards.

OBJECTIVES	PERFORMANCE TARGETS	ACTION	STATUS
1. To provide a high standard of cemetery operations at Blayney, Carcoar, Millthorpe, Lyndhurst, Neville, Hobbys Yards and Newbridge.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Positive feedback from local communities. • Cemetery areas kept aesthetically pleasing. • Adequate space provided for future burials. • Adequate space provided for future cremations (ashes). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Incidences of negative feedback addressed and reported to Cemetery Forum. • All cemeteries inspected on a monthly basis. • Lifespan of all cemeteries monitored and reported to Cemetery Forum and Council for action when only 10yrs supply remains. • Lifespan of all niche walls monitored and reported to Cemetery Forum and Council for action when only 2yrs supply remains. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As required. • Inspections undertaken with Parks and Gardens Supervisor. • Monitoring ongoing. • New Niche at Millthorpe Blayney – pending.
2. Maintain accurate burial and reservation registers.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Registers filled out & kept up-to-date. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Register updated within 7 working days of issue of each permit. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Timely register update ongoing.
3. Facilitation of the Blayney Shire Cemetery Forum.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attendance at Cemetery Forum and recorded in minutes. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 100% attendance and minutes recorded and presented to the following Council meeting. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No meeting this quarter.
4. Keep Funeral Directors informed of policy and procedural changes.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All negative feedback from Funeral Directors dealt with by staff with a report prepared for Cemetery Forum to resolve any policy issues. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meetings held of the Cemetery Forum every six months and minutes recorded and presented to the following Council meeting. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No meeting this quarter. Meeting scheduled for next quarter.

Public Conveniences

Responsible Officer – Director Engineering

Strategic Objective: To provide and maintain public conveniences in Blayney and Villages to meet the needs of residents and visitors.

OBJECTIVES	PERFORMANCE TARGETS	ACTION	STATUS
1. Maintain existing public conveniences in towns, villages and Carcoar Dam.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide clean and safe public conveniences. Plan in accordance with the Integrated Planning and Reporting Framework. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maintain existing levels of service. Report to Council on completion of Asset Management Plan 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ongoing. Asset Register completed.

Public Libraries & Other Cultural Services

Responsible Officer – Director Corporate Services

Strategic Objective: To provide accessible quality library services and other cultural services to meet needs of our community

OBJECTIVES	PERFORMANCE TARGETS	ACTION	STATUS
1. Through association with Central West Libraries maintain and operate Blayney Library to acceptable levels.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Liaison with Central West Libraries. Provision of statistical reports to Council on the utilisation of the Blayney Library service. Timely submission of statutory reports and information. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ongoing. Quarterly. 100% Compliance to timeframes. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continued liaison with CWL ongoing. Memberships: 1,368 Issues: 3,497 Holdings: 10,229 Lapsed memberships deleted during quarter. Report submitted within required time frame.
2. Provision of events and/or services to meet the cultural needs of our community.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Actively support and promote the Arts Out West division of the NSW Ministry of the Arts. Coordination of an event during NAIDOC week. Continue to provide support for people from a culturally and/or linguistically diverse background through liaison with the Bathurst Migrant Settlement Worker. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ongoing. Annually. Ongoing. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ongoing Support. Flag raised during NAIDOC Week. Information held both on website and in Chambers.
3. Promote cultural activities in the community.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Actively support and promote musical development within the Shire in conjunction with Mitchell Conservatorium and Orange Regional Conservatorium of Music. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Awarding of music tuition scholarships. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2012 Scholarships awarded.

Public Halls

Responsible Officer – Director Environmental Services

Strategic Objective: To provide Community Centre and Village hall facilities to meet the community needs.

OBJECTIVES	PERFORMANCE TARGETS	ACTION	STATUS
1. Provide sound management of community assets in villages.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Community assets maintained to acceptable levels (i.e. kept in good condition) within allocated budget. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Community assets inspected annually and budget allocation for maintenance included in Management Plan. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Communities assets inspected on appropriate intervals & repairs made within budget.
2. Provide an appropriate level of fees and charges for the facilities.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Funds from fees & charges to cover costs of preparing facility for use and future maintenance. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Report to Council on completion of Asset Management Plan. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> AMP being prepared, Asset Register now developed.
3. Provide for ongoing improvements of the facilities.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Allocation of appropriate funds in Council budget. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Report to Council on completion of Asset Management Plan. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> AMP will determine appropriate funding which council will need to consider.

Sporting Grounds

Responsible Officer – Director Engineering

Strategic Objective: To provide quality sporting and recreational facilities throughout the Blayney Shire.

OBJECTIVES	PERFORMANCE TARGETS	ACTION	STATUS
1. Maintain and improve existing active recreation infrastructure.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Upgrade existing sporting facilities. • Reduced level of accidents and incidents. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Redmond Oval Tennis Court redevelopment. • King George Oval Lighting upgrade. • Zero reported injuries. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Underway. Slab poured, Drainage installed. • Complete. • None reported for quarter.
2. Maintain existing maintenance areas.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Customer satisfaction levels are maintained. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintain existing levels of service. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ongoing.
3. Asset Management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plan in accordance with the Integrated Planning and Reporting Framework. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Completion of Asset Management Plan. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Asset register completed.

Parks & Gardens

Responsible Officer – Director Engineering

Strategic Objective: To manage, maintain and develop parks and gardens in Blayney, Villages and Carcoar Dam.

OBJECTIVES	PERFORMANCE TARGETS	ACTION	STATUS
1. Provide modern and safe local playground and passive recreation infrastructure.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Upgrade existing playgrounds • Provide passive recreation facilities as resources allow. • Reduced level of accidents and incidents. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Heritage Park equal access improvements. • Continue to upgrade existing playgrounds as resources allow. • Carcoar BBQ facilities installation • Lyndhurst BBQ facilities installation. • Zero reported injuries. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pathway completed. • As required. • BBQ installed, shelter under development. • BBQ installed, shelter under development. • Zero accidents.
2. Continue to undertake environmental improvement projects.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Completion of specific projects as resources allow. • Customer satisfaction levels are maintained. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue ongoing environmental works. • Maintain existing levels of service. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ongoing.
3. Maintain existing maintenance areas.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Customer satisfaction levels are maintained. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintain existing levels of service. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ongoing.
4. Asset Management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plan in accordance with the Integrated Planning and Reporting Framework. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Completion of Asset Management Plan. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Asset register completed.

Indoor Sports Centre

Responsible Officer – General Manager

Strategic Objective: To provide and maintain CentrePoint Sport & Leisure Centre as a safe, modern and accessible indoor sporting complex

OBJECTIVES	PERFORMANCE TARGETS	ACTION	STATUS
1. Provide a broad range of quality sport and leisure opportunities for Shire Residents.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Attendance Figures at the CentrePoint. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increase in attendance figures from previous year. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Attendance figures are up in both the gym and pool compared to same time last year.
2. Ensure that patrons are satisfied with the services provided at the Centre.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No. of membership renewals. No. of memberships, in comparison to that of previous years. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 80% Renewal strike-rate. Increase in total memberships from previous year. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The centre currently has more members than it ever has under the current management.
3. Protect the community health through the enforcement of health standards.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Water quality is compliant with the relevant health standards and regulations. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 100% Compliance with standards at all times. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A recent visit from the department of health came back as compliant.
4. Ensure the efficient operation and appropriate maintenance of the centre through the provision of sound management.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Presentation of Annual Financial Reports to Council. Support the Board and Management of CentrePoint in the ongoing operation and enhancement of the facility. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Annual Financial Reports are compiled by 31 July. Ongoing. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Financial reports compiled by scheduled date. Administrative & technical support provided on an ongoing basis.
5. Asset Management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Plan in accordance with the Integrated Planning and Reporting Framework. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Completion of Asset Management Plan. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Asset Management Plan complete

OTHER INFORMATION

1. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recently over 1000 free passes were distributed to Shire residents through local shopping centres, schools and the new mining village. This was done as both an act of good will and also as a marketing strategy. The response from residents has been positive.
2. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The gym has recently been renovated and equipment updated. This has resulted in an immediate increase in memberships and usage.

Building Control

Responsible Officer – Director Environmental Services

Strategic Objective: To provide an efficient and effective Building assessment and advisory service

OBJECTIVES	PERFORMANCE TARGETS	ACTION	STATUS
1. To provide efficient and effective building assessment and advice that meets legislative requirements.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Engagement of suitable staff to provide building advice. Provide staff with training on new legislation. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dutiable staff engaged. Training requirements addressed through annual training plan. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Staff employed. Ongoing training as required.
2. Ensure that buildings are constructed in accordance with the Building Code of Australia.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Issue of Construction and Compliance Certificates for buildings. Issue of Occupation Certificates for completed buildings. Inspection of buildings under construction for compliance with the Building Code of Australia. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Within 2 working days of inspection. Within 2 working days of inspection. Inspection undertaken when booked. Developments monitored to ensure work does not proceed beyond inspection check points without inspection. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Processes running efficiently and on time. Processes running efficiently and on time. Processes running efficiently and on time.

Quarries & Pits

Responsible Officer – Director Engineering

Strategic Objective: To provide and operate a commercially viable quarry operation producing high quality road making material.

OBJECTIVES	PERFORMANCE TARGETS	ACTION	STATUS
1. Provide safe, and sustainable gravel sources for current and future needs.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Development and maintenance of gravel quarries. • Adherence to Mine Health & Safety Act 2004, and the Mine Health & Safety Regulation 2007. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ongoing use of existing quarries. • Undertake review of Mine Safety Management Plan in conjunction with Industry and Investment NSW. • Zero injuries. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ongoing. • When advised. • Zero reported injuries.
2. Provide environmentally sound management of gravel pits and quarries.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Environmental controls are in accordance with Industry and Investment NSW and EPA requirements. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintain existing environmental controls. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ongoing.

Local Roads

Responsible Officer – Director Engineering

Strategic Objective: To provide a safe, efficient and quality road network for vehicles, cycles and pedestrians.

OBJECTIVES	PERFORMANCE TARGETS	ACTION	STATUS
1. Maintain and improve the existing local road infrastructure network.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improvement of road infrastructure to extend the sealed network. • Progressive pavement improvements throughout the network. • Progressive renewal of gravel surface roads throughout the unsealed road network. • Undertake repairs to existing road surfaces and failed pavements. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Browns Creek Rd - Rehabilitation. • Undertake gravel resheeting in accordance with allocated budget • Undertake repairs in accordance with allocated budget. • Maintain existing levels of service 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Underway. • Ongoing in conjunction with natural disaster funding. • Ongoing in conjunction with natural disaster funding. • Ongoing.
2. Provide safe, well signposted and adequately lit streets in accordance with recognised technical standards.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Streets well lit & signposting easily visible to motorists & general public. • Reduced level of accidents and incidents. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Zero fatalities. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Zero.
3. Asset Management.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plan in accordance with the Integrated Planning and Reporting Framework. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Formal Adoption of Transportation Asset Management Plan. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Draft in place, further Development ongoing.

Local Bridges

Responsible Officer – Director Engineering

Strategic Objective: To provide safe, efficient and quality bridges for transport of persons and freight

OBJECTIVES	PERFORMANCE TARGETS	ACTION	STATUS
1. Maintain and improve the existing local bridge infrastructure.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Replacement of bridge infrastructure. • Undertake repairs to existing bridges. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Forest Reefs Road bridge over Cowriga Creek. • Garland road bridge replacement. • Undertake repairs in accordance with allocated budget 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ongoing. • Budget identified. • Ongoing.
2. Provide safe, well signposted and adequately line marked bridges in accordance with recognised technical standards.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Line marking and signposting easily visible to motorists & general public. • Reduced level of accidents and incidents. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintain existing levels of service. • Zero fatalities. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ongoing. • Zero reported injuries.
3. Asset Management.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plan in accordance with the Integrated Planning and Reporting Framework. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Formal Adoption of Transportation Asset Management Plan. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Draft in place, further development ongoing.

Regional & State - Roads & Bridges

Responsible Officer – Director Engineering

Strategic Objective: To provide a safe, efficient and quality Regional and State road network for transport of persons and freight.

OBJECTIVES	PERFORMANCE TARGETS	ACTION	STATUS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maintain and improve the existing regional road infrastructure network. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Progressive pavement improvements throughout the network. Undertake repairs to existing road surfaces and failed pavements. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Undertake reseal and heavy patching in accordance with allocated budget. Undertake repairs in accordance with allocated budget. Belubula way improvements. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Deferred to third Quarter. Ongoing. Design prepared.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Manage the State Road Network. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maintain Council's agreed component of the State road network. Undertake improvements to Council's agreed component of the State road network. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Undertake repairs in accordance with RTA Road Maintenance Council Contract specifications. Undertake improvements as identified by the Joint Project Assessment (JPA) in accordance with RTA Road Maintenance Council Contract specifications 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ongoing. Work programmed for third quarter.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide safe, well signposted and adequately lit regional roads in accordance with recognised technical standards. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Streets well lit & signposting easily visible to motorists & general public. Reduce level of accidents and incidents. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maintain existing levels of service. Zero fatalities. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ongoing. Zero.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Asset Management 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Plan in accordance with the Integrated Planning and Reporting Framework. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Formal Adoption of Transportation Asset Management Plan. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Draft in place, further development ongoing.

Ancillary Roadworks

Responsible Officer – Director Engineering

Strategic Objective: To provide an economically safe vehicular and pedestrian network throughout the Shire.

OBJECTIVES	PERFORMANCE TARGETS	ACTION	STATUS
1. Improve pedestrian access within the urban area.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improved pedestrian crossing facilities and street amenity. • Further links in the concrete footpath network within the Blayney urban area. • Reduce level of accidents and incidents related to trip defects on paved footpaths. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adelaide Street – Ogilvy Street Intersection pedestrian crossing. • Moorilda Bus Shelter • Monitor condition of footpaths. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Funding from RTA allocated for 2012/13. • Complete. • Ongoing monitoring.
2. Provide safe, well signposted and adequately lit footpaths in accordance with recognised technical standards.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Footpaths to be well lit & signposting easily visible to pedestrians. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintain existing levels of service. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ongoing.
3. Asset Management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plan in accordance with the Integrated Planning and Reporting Framework. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Formal Adoption of Transportation Asset Management Plan. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Draft in place, further development ongoing.

Tourism Area & Industrial Promotion, Economic Development and Real Estate

Responsible Officer – Director Corporate Services

Strategic Objective: To promote tourism and economic development throughout the Shire.

OBJECTIVES	PERFORMANCE TARGETS	ACTION	STATUS
1. Actively promote Blayney Shire.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Website updated to include information of upcoming community events. • Production of a Community Events Calendar. • Progression of Blayney Shire Tourism Plan • Actively engage with community for input into development of tourism in the Shire. • Review and improvement of promotional material 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Actively invite contributions by community and timely update of website. Quarterly. • Ongoing completion of recommended actions. • Bi-monthly meetings of Blayney Shire Tourism Committee. • Six monthly audit of promotional material. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reminders being issued on an ongoing basis. • Events calendar distributed bimonthly. • Plan due for adoption in February 2012. • Meetings being held on an ongoing basis. • Yet to be undertaken.
2. Foster sustainable economic development, attract business investment, and promote industry and enterprise development.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Timely follow-up of enquiries from new / existing business. • Provision of information in response to enquiries from new / existing business. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 100% of enquiries followed up within an appropriate time frame. • Information provided within 2 working days (subject to availability) when practicable. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One enquiry received during quarter. • Information issued as requested.

Private Works

Responsible Officer – Director Engineering

Strategic Objective: To manage Council's assets and commercial undertakings to maximise efficiency and economic return

OBJECTIVES	PERFORMANCE TARGETS	ACTION	STATUS
1. Undertake quality, private and contract civil works to maximise the economic return to Council.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Works carried out in a safe and efficient manner in order to remain competitive to external developers. • Positive feedback from clients 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Undertake works in accordance with predetermined budget. • Zero injuries. • Zero negative feedback. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ongoing. • Zero reported injuries. • No negative feedback received to date.

General Purpose Revenues

Responsible Officer – Director Corporate Services

Strategic Objective: To maximise Council's earning capacity and to ensure timely collection of Federal and State grants.

OBJECTIVES	PERFORMANCE TARGETS	ACTION	STATUS
1. Provide and maintain an efficient and effective rating system in accordance with relevant legislation.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rate and Instalment notices issued within prescribed timeframes in accordance with the Local Government Act. Rates & Charges Outstanding Percentage. Maintenance of accurate Rates Database. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 100% compliance. Outstanding percentage maintained at a level lower than group average in DLG Annual Report on Comparative Information. Supplementary lists processed within 21 days of receipt. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rates notices issued within statutory timeframe. Council policies for review in October to improve collection performance. Ongoing process.
2. Ensure the collection of Federal & State Government grants are received in accordance with established timeframes.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review and update of Grants status report. Accurate and timely completion of all grant submissions and acquittals. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grants monitor updated monthly and presented to Senior Management. 100% compliance with grant terms & conditions. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grants status report reviewed. Acquittals & Submissions being lodge on an ongoing basis.

Blayney Sewerage

Responsible Officer – Director Engineering

Strategic Objective: To provide and maintain an environmentally sustainable, high quality sewerage facility.

OBJECTIVES	PERFORMANCE TARGETS	ACTION	STATUS
1. Maintain and improve the existing sewer infrastructure to meet the needs of the community.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complete 2 of the 6 Best Practice criteria. • Maintain sewer mains 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complete IWCM Strategy Study. • Review Liquid Trade Waste Policy. • Undertake program of CCTV. • Plan and undertake replacement. • Undertake investigation and augmentation of transfer main. • Energy efficiency upgrade. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consultant awaiting BUSLO Office of Water final comments. Policy adopted. • Cleaning complete. • CCTV programmed. Ongoing. • Consultant engaged. • Documentation preparation underway.
2. Asset Management.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plan in accordance with the Integrated Planning and Reporting Framework. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Implement Sewer Asset Management Plan. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ongoing.

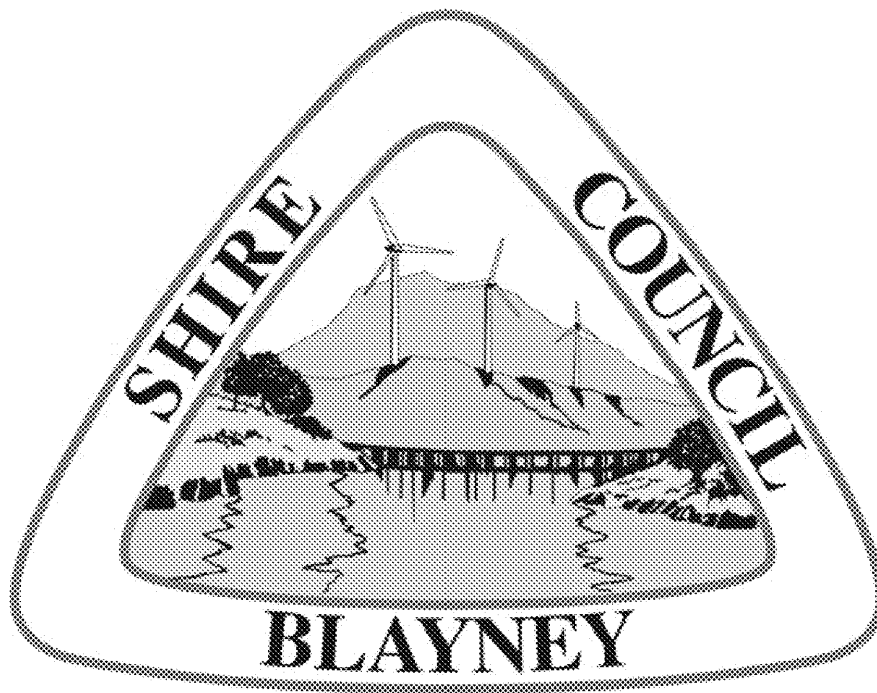
Millthorpe Sewerage

Responsible Officer – Director Engineering

Strategic Objective
To provide and maintain an environmentally sustainable, high quality sewerage facility to service the village of Millthorpe

OBJECTIVES	PERFORMANCE TARGETS	ACTION	STATUS
1. Maintain and improve the existing sewer infrastructure to meet the needs of the community.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Complete 2 of the 6 Best Practice criteria. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Complete IWCM Strategy Study. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consultant awaiting BUSLO Office of Water final comments.
2. Asset Management:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Plan in accordance with the Integrated Planning and Reporting Framework. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Implement Sewer Asset Management Plan. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ongoing.

BLAYNEY SHIRE



ACCESS STRATEGY

Objective 1: Council and the wider community to be more aware and informed of issues relating to access.

	Goal	Action Plan	Responsibility
1.1	To ensure that Council will act as a leader and role model for universal access.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Incorporate actions into all corporate plans of Council. ▪ Have their own facilities i.e. parks, bridges etc fully accessible within budgetary constraints. ▪ Develop an updated access database for accessibility of venues. ▪ Develop "Accessible checklist" for Council website and events. 	<p>Council</p> <p>Council</p> <p>DCS</p> <p>DCS</p>
1.2	To ensure that relevant Council staff are aware of the requirements of the DDA and the DIS.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Training of relevant staff. ▪ Provide education in particular about disability etiquette. 	<p>HRM</p> <p>HRM</p>
1.3	To improve the abilities of Council staff to communicate effectively with people with disabilities.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Appropriate staff training. 	<p>HRM</p>
1.4	To ensure that information regarding Council meetings, Committees and other activities is distributed widely and in a variety of accessible formats.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Promotion in accord with Council's Communication strategy to target audiences. ▪ Order and distribute publications which assist to raise awareness of access issues. 	<p>Council</p> <p>Council</p>
1.5	To ensure that the views and needs of people with disabilities are heard by the community and decision makers.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Advocacy. ▪ Promotion / increase awareness. ▪ Facilitate. ▪ Seek input. ▪ Regular contact with service providers. 	<p>Council / Access Advisory Committee</p>
1.6	To encourage the State and Federal Governments to provide funding, universally accessible services and facilities that are beyond the responsibility and ability of Local Government and community organisations to provide.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Make representations regarding access issues. ▪ Advocate a right based system where individual needs are looked at more closely. ▪ Lobby for additional funding. 	<p>Council</p> <p>Council / External stakeholders</p> <p>Council / External stakeholders</p>

Objective 2: To advise Council on provision of access for all members of the community to Council facilities, infrastructure and buildings and to encourage the community to address access issues also.

	Goal	Action Plan	Responsibility
2.1	To identify what access issues people with disabilities face.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Community engagement. ▪ Incorporate issues into plans. 	Council / Access Advisory Committee
2.2	To ensure that all people have fair and equitable access to Council services.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Follow up identified community issues. ▪ Conduct access audits on Council facilities and services. ▪ Develop "Accessible Business" information package. 	Council Dept's GM DCS
2.3	To provide information to people with disabilities about services and facilities available for their use.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Create database of available services. ▪ Create awareness of service providers. ▪ Develop promotional material. ▪ Create partnerships with service providers. ▪ Engage with existing services in region. 	Council / Access Advisory Committee /external stakeholders
2.4	To improve access & awareness to sport and recreation activities for people with disabilities.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Develop improvement program for Council facilities. ▪ Engage with Dept. Sport & Recreation to encourage participation of local sporting groups. ▪ Seek funding for sporting groups to modify facilities. 	Council Council Council / Access Advisory Committee
2.5	To provide accessible library and information services.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Engage with Central West Libraries to undertake a services review of services with a view to the provision of universal access. ▪ Develop services improvement program. 	DCS Council / CWL

Objective 3: This Committee will strive to assist Council to provide services that are accessible to all of the community.

	Goal	Action Plan	Responsibility
3.1	To determine which Council buildings and facilities require works to improve access for people with disabilities.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Physical audit of Shire by a variety of people with disabilities. ▪ Develop priorities following community consultation. 	<p>Access Advisory Committee</p> <p>Council</p>
3.2	To ensure that access improvements to buildings and facilities are planned and undertaken within resource constraints.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ All development applications for public buildings & facilities referred to Access Advisory Committee. ▪ Inform community on Council's plans for accessibility. 	<p>Council</p> <p>Council</p>
3.3	To promote the construction and modification of accessible buildings as required by the Disability Discrimination Act, Building Code of Australia and other relevant legislation.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Encourage accessible commercial and residential development. ▪ Ensure accessibility standards and legislative requirements are met within Council projects. 	<p>Council</p> <p>Council</p>
3.4	To ensure that sufficient accessible parking spaces are available for people with disabilities.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Accessible parking spaces audit of streets and Council's community facilities. ▪ Provide more accessible parking to high usage facilities. ▪ Ensure compliance with Disability Discrimination Act, Building Code of Australia and relevant Australian Standard (AS1428.1) 	<p>Council</p> <p>Council</p>
3.5	To ensure that people with disabilities can safely travel footpaths and across streets.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Prioritise implementation of Destination Zones (5.2) as outlined in Blayney Bike Plan, Pedestrian Access & Mobility Plan. ▪ Implement priorities identified from customer requests, reports, Council inspections and Asset Management Plan. 	<p>Council</p> <p>Council</p>

Objective 4: This Committee will strive to improve community transport options available to all residents and in particular people with disabilities within the Blayney Shire.

	Goal	Action Plan	Responsibility
4.1	Increase access and awareness to community transport.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Collaborative approach with transport service providers to review services. ▪ Promotion of services and entitlement benefits 	Council Council / External stakeholders
4.2	To support transport projects that lessen social isolation.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Gather information on the unmet transport need in community. ▪ Work with transport service providers to advocate for more frequent, widespread and accessible services. ▪ Investigate supplementary support programs e.g. Village neighbour transport program. 	Council / External Stakeholders Council Council
4.3	Ensure future access issues and needs of community are met.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Survey community ▪ Encourage issues to be raised with Council ▪ Increase awareness through community engagement 	Council / External Stakeholders Council

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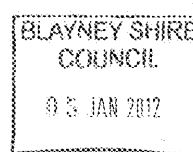


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3rd January, 2012.

To
The General Manager,
Blayney Shire Council
Mr Glen Wilcox
Adelaide St.
Blayney NSW 2799.



Dear Glen.

Enclosed please find the Invoice received for \$1529.00 from Central Commercial Printers Pty Ltd being for the printing of Discover Blayney Shire booklet.

The acceptance of their quote was proposed and agreed that the tourism allocation from Council would cover the cost of printing.

The Blayney Shire Arts and Crafts Council Inc. would be grateful if this account is paid by Council so that reprint could be organised. 500 copies of the booklet have already been distributed since 16th December, 2011

Terms of trading of this company are C.O.D. so this requires immediate payment.

Thanking you for your support.

Regards

Blayney Shire Arts and Crafts Council Inc.

Per. *Glen Morris*
Chairperson

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TAX INVOICE

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DELIVER TO

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Description	Quantity	Total(\$)
20PP A5 TOURISM BOOKLETS A5, 20PP SELF COVER, SADDLE STITCHED PRINTED FULL COLOUR THROUGHOUT ON 130GSM MATT ART ART SUPPLIED	1,000	1,390.00
SUBTOTAL		1,390.00
GST		139.00
Invoice Total(\$)		1,529.00

Terms of trading: COD
BANKING DETAILS:
ACCOUNT NAME: CENTRAL COMMERCIAL PRINTERS PTY. LTD.
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STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR 2011.

Visitors to The Cottage	Phone calls of enquiry.	Emails.
January. 337	31	15
February 324	24	13
March 462	39	19
April 502	28	20
May 369	39	28
June 207	26	22
July 300	26	33
August 328	27	20
September 407	29	38
October 506	31	31
November. 418	35	32
December. 353	25	41
Total 4513	360	312

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LOCAL INFRASTRUCTURE RENEWAL SCHEME GUIDELINES

I am pleased to advise that the NSW Government's Local Infrastructure Renewal Scheme (LIRS) Guidelines have been released and are now available for download from the 'Publications' page of the Division of Local Government's website at www.dlg.nsw.gov.au.

The NSW Government's NSW 2021 State Plan has a goal to invest in critical infrastructure. To achieve this, the NSW Government has committed to implementing a Local Infrastructure Backlog Policy, which comprises the following elements:

1. Council by council audit of local infrastructure backlog

The Division of Local Government is undertaking an audit of each council's local infrastructure backlog to provide better information on investment needs.

The infrastructure backlog audit is based on councils' 10-year Asset Management Plans, prepared under the Integrated Planning and Reporting (IP&R) framework, and data included in councils' annual financial reports. The audit is being undertaken in stages from 2011 to 2014 as councils commence under the IP&R Framework.

2. Local Infrastructure Renewal Scheme

The Local Infrastructure Renewal Scheme (LIRS) provides the opportunity for councils to access interest subsidies for the purpose of funding legitimate infrastructure backlogs.

The LIRS will provide a 4% interest subsidy to assist councils with legitimate infrastructure backlogs to cover the cost of borrowing. The subsidy aims to provide an incentive to councils to make greater use of debt funding to accelerate investment in infrastructure backlogs and augment funding options already available to councils.

The LIRS is being administered by the Division. Applications will be assessed by an Assessment Panel comprising an Independent Chair and representatives from the Division, NSW Treasury and the Department of Planning and Infrastructure.

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The Guidelines provide detailed information on the eligibility requirements and the assessment criteria for projects to enable councils to consider these before deciding whether to apply for LIRS assistance. Further information to assist councils to make an application will be provided to those councils that notify the Division that they intend to apply, in line with the following timetable.

Item	Date
Pre-notification by councils of their intention to lodge an application	10 February 2012
Application closing date	30 March 2012

3. NSW Treasury Corporation financial assessment and benchmarking


NSW Treasury Corporation (TCorp) is establishing a system for financial assessment and benchmarking of NSW councils' financial position. The purpose of the assessment is to assist councils' asset acquisition and investment management strategies, including providing advice on their capacity to utilise debt when appropriate.

Councils that apply for assistance under the LIRS will be required to have a TCorp assessment completed. However, all councils are encouraged to undergo an assessment.

Further information on the TCorp process can be obtained by contacting Mr Kevin Pugh, Senior Manager Corporate Finance, NSW Treasury Corporation, by email to kevin.pugh@tcorp.nsw.gov.au or by telephone on (02) 9325 9257.

Councils are encouraged to take advantage of this opportunity to receive financial support from the NSW Government to assist them to invest in infrastructure backlog projects that have been identified in their long-term community, asset management and financial planning to improve the services provided to the community.

For further information on LIRS, please contact the Division's LIRS Project Manager on telephone 4428 4100.



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ENGINEERING SERVICES REPORTS
PRESENTED TO THE BLAYNEY SHIRE COUNCIL
MEETING HELD ON MONDAY, 13 FEBRUARY 2012



17) **CROWN ROAD CLOSURE - BROWNS CREEK ROAD**
(Director Engineering)

RECOMMENDED:

1. That Council approve the proposed closure of Crown Road reserves associated with the Crown Road account W389103, subject to legal access being maintained to Lots 281 and 282 DP 750380.

REPORT

Executive Summary

Council has received correspondence from Crown Lands in relation to a proposal for the closure and sale of Crown Road reserves at the southern end of Gays Lane.

Background Information

At the May 2006 ordinary meeting of Council, the following resolution was adopted by Council:

1. *That Council object to the closure of any crown road reserve which results in any portion or lot becoming landlocked.*

In September 2010, Council received correspondence from NSW Crown Lands, advising of the proposed closure of Crown Road reserves in the vicinity of “Kalinda” on Browns Creek Road.

After investigating the matter, and in accordance with the above mentioned resolution, council advised Crown Lands of its objection, due to the potential land locking of Lots 281 and 282 in DP 750380.

Council has recently received further advice from Crown Lands, confirming that the best legal access to Lots 281 and 282 is via the Crown Road reserve provided for by the continuation of Gays Lane

The Crown Road reserves currently provide legal access to the subject parcels, however physical access by way of an access track is only provided as far south as Lot 372 DP 750380, from Browns Creek Road.

The Crown proposes to maintain legal access to Lots 281 and 282 by registering a Right of Carriageway over the (to be closed) Crown Road reserve commencing at the north eastern corner of Lot 273 DP 750380, to the south western corner of Lot 282 DP 750380, excluding the reserve along the western boundary of Lot 283 DP 750380, as identified by the green dashed line on the **attached** map.

Crown Lands will not approve the closure (as previously proposed) of the Crown Road reserves adjoining the western boundary of Lot 283, and the southern boundary of Lots 281 and 282 as these are not currently enclosed within the applicants property.

It is recommended that Council support the proposal to create a Right of Carriageway over Crown Road reserves providing access to Lots 281 and 282 in DP 750380, and advise Crown Lands accordingly.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

Nil

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

The proposed Right of Carriageway, ensures legal access is maintained to Lots 281 and 282 DP 750380.

Attachments

1 Proposed ROC Plan

18) **ROAD SAFETY SENIOR'S WEEK EVENT AND MOTORISED SCOOTER EDUCATION DAY**
(Director Engineering)

RECOMMENDED:

1. That Council:
 - a. note the report on the motorised scooter education day, and,
 - b. nominate those Councillors willing to attend the Councillor/Senior Staff engagement session.

REPORT

As part of Senior's Week 2012, Council's Road Safety Officer (RSO) will be conducting a Mobility Scooter Safety & Education Day at Centrepont Sports & Leisure on Wednesday 21st March 2012.

The target audience includes all community members, and members from groups such as Pensioners and Superannuants, Senior Citizens, Probus, Rotary, Inner Wheel, Red Cross, Health One, and community organisations and groups catering to the needs of the disabled, frail or aged.

Wisking Healthcare Australia has been booked to provide equipment and motorised scooters for the day for attendees to trial, and there will be a presentation on scooter safety.

On Wednesday 7th March, between 10:15am and 12 noon, as a lead up to this event the RSO proposes the running of a session where some nominated councillors and senior staff of Blayney Shire Council, a representative from the Blayney Shire Youth Council and the Blayney Shire Access Committee complete a course of the Blayney township in mobility scooters/motorised wheelchairs. The proposed event will commence at Centrepont Leisure Centre, and the course will then travel to Adelaide Street - possibly going to IGA Supermarket and then back up the main street to the Post Office and returning via Council and opposite side of Adelaide Street. Subject to time it may even incorporate Heritage Park.

The aim of this exercise is to provide education on the use of motorised scooters and mobility aids and highlight the issues faced by mobility aid users as they manoeuvre existing infrastructure, thus providing Councillors and staff a first hand experience of where considerations may need to be given for future planning.

It is envisaged that this would be conducted prior to the Education Day, so as any attending councillors or senior staff would already possess some knowledge and insight should questions or concerns be raised. Should council approve, this exercise could also generate some positive media coverage and promotion in the lead up to the Senior's Week event.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

Funding is available under the Tablelands Local Government Road Safety Program.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Nil

Attachments

Nil

19) **LEASE EXTENSION - BLAYNEY RFS**
(Director Engineering)

RECOMMENDED:

1. That Council approve
 - a. to take up the option of a 15 year extension on the lease of land at Lot 2 DP 873113, for the use of the NSW Rural Fire Service station (Blayney).
 - b. the placement of the Council seal on all documentation associated with the extension of the lease at Lot 2 DP 873113, for the NSW Rural Fire Service Station (Blayney).

REPORT

Council has received correspondence from Canobolas Zone of the NSW Rural Fire Service (RFS), advising of the culmination of the current lease of Lot 2 DP 873113, on which currently resides the NSW Rural Fire Service station (Blayney).

RFS seeks Council's intentions for the lease and the future of the existing station.

Background Information

Councillors may be aware, that in accordance with the Service Level Agreement RFS stations are located on land either owned by, or leased in favour of Blayney Shire Council.

The Blayney station is located on land, registered as Lot 2 DP873113 and owned by the Department of Emergency Services, currently known as the Ministry of Police and Emergency Services.

It has been identified that the current lease, falls due for renewal on or before 16 July 2012, and provides for the option of a new lease for a further term of 15 years.

In order to provide certainty for the RFS, and continued protection for the Blayney area, the RFS has advised that the following options may be considered.

- i. Renew the lease for a further 15 year term.
- ii. Relinquish the lease and remove the improvements.
- iii. Purchase the land.

The take up of the option for a further 15 year term is considered optimal, as removal of the station would provide no rural fire protection in the Blayney town area, and the option of purchasing the land is not considered financially viable, with the expectation that Emergency Services arrangements in NSW may change in the short term.

The Acting Zone Manager of Canobolas Zone, has also advised that the current station location is optimal, in consideration of members residential locations and the provision for a timely response in the event of an emergency.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

As per Council's approved budget.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Nil

Attachments

Nil

20) **ENERGY EFFICIENT LUMINAIRE REPLACEMENT PROGRAM**
(Director Engineering)

RECOMMENDED:

1. That Council:
 - a. accept Essential Energy's invitation to participate in its Energy Efficient Luminaire Program in accordance with Option 1, as outlined in the invitation documents.
 - b. authorise the General Manger to sign the necessary documentation confirming Council's acceptance of Option 1.

REPORT

Council has received correspondence from Essential Energy inviting council to participate in its Energy Efficiency Luminaire program, to replace existing street lighting throughout the Blayney Shire Council area with more energy efficient street lighting.

Council would need to pay a capital cost to have the work undertaken, however this would be offset by significant savings in energy consumption and other charges applied to street lighting. The payback period for the capital investment is approximately three years.

Background Information

Street lighting across NSW is provided under an arrangement between local councils and the electricity authority for that area. The infrastructure is owned by the Authority, however council pays a separate Street Lighting Use of System (SLUOS) charge to Essential Energy to maintain the public street lighting.

Once the streetlight is installed and operating, the SLUOS charge covers the maintenance of the asset in accordance with NSW Government rules and regulations, which are contained within the NSW Public Lighting Code.

Council is also required to pay Network Use of System charges (NUOS) and the costs of the electricity consumed. The electricity component of the NUOS charges is contestable and councils can choose their supplier. Blayney is currently charged by Origin/Country Energy under a contract previously sourced through Centroc.

For some time councils have been pursuing the issue of more energy efficient street lighting. Electricity authorities, as owners of the infrastructure, have in the past largely made their own decisions about lighting types and not involved local councils in decision making processes. Over the last 5–10 years this situation has slowly changed as legislative and regulatory change has occurred. Community pressure and the opportunity for significant

improvements and cost savings in the way that street lighting is delivered has also influenced the change in approach.

Council's current annual charges for street lighting are approximately \$130,262 which consists of:

- Approximately \$20,223 in energy consumption.
- Approximately \$88,464 in Network Use of System Charges (NUOS).
- Approximately \$36,816 in Market Participation Charges.
- Approximately \$68,241 in Street Light Use of System Charges (SLUOS).

The proposed energy efficient lighting that will be used to replace the existing lighting is the most energy efficient approved for use by Essential Energy at this time and consists of:

- 42W CFL (Compact Fluorescent Light) to replace existing fluorescent, 50W and 80W Mercury Vapour.
- 70, 150 and 250W HPS (High Pressure Sodium) to replace 125, 250 and 400W Mercury Vapour respectively. These lights are typically those found on main roads and in areas where a higher level of lighting is required.

All councils in the region have received a similar proposal from Essential Energy.

One matter of concern is that the lighting proposed is perhaps not the most energy efficient available on the market at this time. For example, LED lighting could deliver further savings to Council over and above what can be achieved in this proposal. Essential Energy has advised that it will continue to work with councils to trial new technology, including LED lighting.

There are issues that need to be resolved with any new technology before it could be accepted as a suitable replacement for existing lighting. These include:

- Compliance with Australian Standards for manufacture.
- Ability of the light to deliver lighting levels in accordance with the Australian Standard.
- Reliability of the light and overall maintenance requirements. This is required as part of formulating the annual tariff that would be charged to Council.

As such there is a risk that at some time in the future, and perhaps in the near future, the proposed lighting to be used in this proposal will be superseded by newer technology. Trials typically take two to three years to complete in order to get a reliable indication of the maintenance and longevity issues which are crucial to determining the annual tariff for a light. However, other energy providers are already underway with trials of LED technology and this may speed up the assessment process for Essential Energy.

Finance

Council has received a proposal from Essential Energy to replace approximately 35% of the street lighting within the Council area with more energy efficient lighting. A copy of the proposal is **attached** to this report.

The Options presented in Essential Energy's invitation have financial implications for Council. Below is a table extracted from the invitation showing the current costs to Council, based on each option.

Costs	Option 1		Option 2		Option3	
	EE	Council	EE	Council	EE	Council
Unrecoveed Capital on Tarrif 1 and 3 lights	\$8068.94		\$8068.94			\$8068.94
Capital Cost of Tarrif 1,3 and 4 lights		\$46008.71		\$46008.71		\$46008.71
Incremental Labour Costs on Tarrif 1,3 and 4 lights	\$20296.32			\$20296.32		\$20296.32
GST		\$4600.87		\$6630.50		\$7437.40
Total Cost to council (Inc. GST)		\$50609.59		\$72935.54		\$81811.38

Should Council support Option 1, a capital expenditure of \$50,609.59 (Inc. GST) is required to have the lighting upgraded, which is expected to occur in March 2012.

It is proposed that the expenditure be funded as part of the Quarterly Budget Review process.

If accepted, the proposal will:

- Reduce Council's energy bill by approximately \$1,100 per annum.
- Reduce Council's NUOS charge by approximately \$2,500 per annum.
- Reduce Council's SLUOS charge by approximately \$15,816 per annum.
- Reduce greenhouse gas emissions from street lighting by approximately 24 tonnes per annum or 15%.

The total savings to Council would be approximately \$19,416 per annum. It should be noted that the figures quoted in this report are based on the current charges that Council pays. The NUOS, SLUOS and energy charges are all expected to increase from 1 July 2012.

Options

The three (3) options presented by Essential Energy are as follows:

1. Replace all inefficient luminaires in line with the Bulk Lamp Replacement schedule and nominate Essential Energy as the projects “Energy Saver” enabling Essential Energy to create and own all Energy Savings Certificates (ESC’s) from the upgrades.
2. As for 1. Above, except Council can elect to manage their own participation in the NSW Energy Savings Scheme or can nominate an Accredited Service Provider to do so on it’s behalf by agreement.
3. Business as usual – replace luminaires at the end of the assets serviceable life.

Option 1 is supported as council would recover the initial capital outlay within 2 – 3 years. The initiative also aligns with Council’s Draft Community Strategic Plan 2025 Strategic Theme of “Grow the Wealth of the Shire”, in particular the objective of “Sustainable water, energy and transport sectors to support future growth”. Council’s acceptance of the program would demonstrate to the Community that it is committed to looking after the environment.

Option 2 is not supported although there are flow on benefits to owning Energy Savings Certificates (ESC’s). As stated in the invitation, the creation, registration and sale of ESC’s is a complex process, and council is not resourced to undertake this activity. More details on the activities involved with the administration of ESC’s is provided in Essential Energy’s invitation.

Option 3 is not recommended as Council will need to pay in the longer term for the luminaire replacements at higher cost.

Essential Energy’s Invitation letter is available, on request.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

Funding shall be allocated as part of the Quarterly Budget Review process.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Nil

Attachments

Nil.

21) **ROAD SAFETY OFFICER - CONTRACT EXTENSION**
(Director Engineering)

RECOMMENDED:

1. That Council approves the extension of the existing Road Safety Officer's Position until 30 June 2013, and advise Bathurst Regional Council and Roads and Maritime Services of its approval

REPORT

Executive Summary

Roads and Maritime Services (RMS) (previously RTA) has recently advised Council that the funding agreements for this program under its current form are to continue for a further one (1) year until 30 June 2013.

Background Information

Councillors may recall a report presented to the February 2010 meeting in relation to the previous extension of the Road Safety Officers contract.

Some years ago, the Tablelands Area Road Safety Officer was a joint appointment between Bathurst City, Evans Shire, Oberon Shire, Rylstone Shire and Blayney Shire Councils. Due to previous changes to local government boundaries the Tablelands Area group now comprises two Councils, being Bathurst Regional Council and Blayney Shire Council.

RMS have noted that a Pilot program trialed during 2010/11 is to be evaluated by an external consultant prior to any suggested program changes being discussed with Council's. It has therefore been recommended that the existing program be extended for a further twelve months.

The total cost of the Road Safety Officer program is approximately \$133,000 annually, and is jointly funded by the Roads and Traffic Authority and Bathurst Regional and Blayney Shire Councils.

RMS funds:

- Employment costs (50%) – Approx. \$54,000
- Direct Projects Costs (100%) – Approx. \$32,000

Local Government (Blayney and Bathurst) fund:

- Employment costs (50%) – Approx. \$54,000

Of that \$54,000, Blayney Shire Council's contribution is approx. \$20,500 annually.

The Road Safety Officer position provides a conduit to address behavioural issues associated with road safety as well as engineering issues on the road network.

Blayney is well served by the Road Safety Officer through education and service programs such as Operation Winter Weather Survive!, Gateways, Urban Speed, RYDA, the annual community bike ride, and the “Kids of Cadia” program that has now been adopted by the Mineral Safety Council for use at other mine projects across the state. The Road Safety Officer has also been seconded for the delivery of this program.

Provision of a Road Safety Officer also provides Council with an opportunity to source funding from other agencies including the Institute of Public Works Engineers Australia (NSW) (Motor Accidents Authority) local government grants, and NRMA road safety grants

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

Funding for the Road Safety Officer is provided for in Councils Annual Management Plan.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Nil

Attachments

Nil

