

INFORMATION REPORTS



DEVELOPMENT APPROVALS – APRIL 2014

Below is a list of Development approvals determined during the month of April 2014 for your information.

| DA No. | Applicant | Construction | Address | Determination Date/Method | Value of Works | Type: DA/CC, Mod, s68, s96 etc. |
|-------------|---------------------------------------|---|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------|---------------------------------|
| DA2014/0018 | L Carr & T Hunt | Change of Use – Industrial Building to Martial Arts & Fitness Centre | 1 Maria Street, Blayney | Council Delegation 27 March 2014 | N/A | DA |
| DA2014/0019 | M Sutton | Restoration of Carrington Park War Memorial | 79 Osman Street, Blayney | Council Delegation 1 April 2014 | N/A | DA |
| DA2014/0020 | Department of Education & Communities | Installation of Two (2) Demountable Buildings | 32 Park Street, Millthorpe | Council Delegation 4 April 2014 | \$31,388 | DA |
| DA2014/0022 | M Hemans | Erection of a Dwelling, Watertank & Septic System | 54 Peach Street, Mandurama | Council Delegation 10 April 2014 | \$124,280 | DA/CC |
| DA2014/0021 | C & D Stansfield | Extension to Existing Garage – Erection of a New Shed/Office building & Home Business | 1245 Forest Reefs Road, Forest Reefs | Council Delegation 10 April 2014 | \$30,000 | DA/CC |
| DA2014/0023 | Barbara Tarnawski Architects | Erection of a Dwelling with Attached Garage | 119 Charles Booth Way, Millthorpe | Council Delegation 14 April 2014 | \$700,000 | DA |
| DA2014/0024 | D Gibbons | Erection of a Shed & Watertank | 8 Trunkey Street, Newbridge | Council Delegation 14 April 2014 | \$15,000 | DA/CC |
| DA2014/0027 | N Munday & A Gudiksen | Extension to Existing House & Erection of a New Shed | 95 Forest Reefs Road, Millthorpe | Council Delegation 14 April 2014 | \$100,000 | DA/CC |
| DA2014/0030 | Dak-Wal Construction Pty Ltd | Demolition & Removal of a Fire Damaged House | 22 Medway Street, Blayney | Council Delegation 15 April 2014 | \$27,000 | DA |

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| DA2014/0026 | Mackintosh Development Pty Ltd | Boundary Adjustment Consolidation of Three (3) Lots into Two (2) | 13 Hillside Lane, Forest Reefs | Council Delegation 16 April 2014 | N/A | DA |
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DA's Approved in April 2014: 10

DA's Lodged in April 2014: 9

Total Value of Works approved in April 2014: 1,027,668

DA's Approved in April 2013: 10

DA's Lodged in April 2013: 10

Total Value of Works approved in April 2013: \$ 998,300

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**BLAYNEY SHIRE
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16 April 2014

Mr Glenn Wilcox
General Manager
Blayney Shire Council
PO Box 62
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Dear Glenn

CENTRAL WEST LIBRARIES COMMITTEE MEETING – 28 MARCH 2014

Attached, please find you copy of the minutes of the meeting of the Central West Libraries Committee that was held in Orange on 28 March 2014.

Forwarded for your records.

Kind regards



Jan Richards
MANAGER CENTRAL WEST LIBRARIES

BLAYNEY
CABONNE
COWRA
FORBES
ORANGE



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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE CENTRAL WEST LIBRARIES COMMITTEE HELD IN THE COUNCILLORS WORKROOM, CIVIC CENTRE, 135 BYNG STREET ORANGE ON FRIDAY 28 MARCH 2014 COMMENCING 10.05AM.

ATTENDANCE

Cr Janelle Culverson (Cabonne) Chairperson, Mr Anton Franze (Blayney), Cr Ruth Fagan (Cowra), Mr Ian Prior (Forbes), Mr Stephen Harding (Forbes), Ms Kathy Woolley, Mr Scott Maunder, Ms Julie Murray, Mr Brock Gannon, Ms Rosalind Dorsman (Orange), Ms Jan Richards (Central West Libraries).

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cr Geoff Braddon OAM, (Blayney), Mr Andrew Hopkins, Mr Gerry Aguila (Cabonne), Mr Graham Apthorpe (Cowra), Cr Ron Penny (Forbes), Cr John Davis OAM (Orange).

RESOLVED

S Maunder / I Prior

That apologies be accepted from Cr Geoff Braddon OAM, Cr Ron Penny, Mr Andrew Hopkins, Mr Gerry Aguila, Mr Graham Apthorpe, Cr John Davis OAM for the Central West Libraries Committee meeting on 28 March 2014.

2 CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE CENTRAL WEST LIBRARIES COMMITTEE HELD ON 25 OCTOBER 2013

F439

M13/141

RESOLVED

S Maunder/I Prior

That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Central West Libraries Committee held on Friday 25 October 2013 (copies of which were circulated to all members) be and are hereby confirmed as a true and accurate record of that meeting.

3 BUSINESS ARISING

Item 8 - NSW Public Library Funding Update

Cr Culverson, Chairperson, thanked all Member Councils for their letters of support. She encouraged all Member Councils to write and express their disappointment that the Central West Writers' Centre is now closed due to lack of funding.

RESOLVED

Cr Culverson/Cr Fagan

That all Member Councils write and express their disappointment that the Central West Writers' Centre is now closed due to lack of funding.

4 CENTRAL WEST LIBRARIES QUARTERLY REVIEW OCTOBER – DECEMBER 2013

F439

Report by Manager Central West Libraries dated 20 March 2014

2014/334

RESOLVED

K Woolley/A Franze

That the information provided in the report by the Manager Central West Libraries dated 20 March 2014 on Central West Libraries Quarterly Review October - December 2013 be acknowledged.

- 5 CENTRAL WEST LIBRARIES OPENING HOURS SURVEY** **F439**
Report by Technical Services Librarian dated 20 March 2014 2014/332

| RESOLVED | | A Franze/S Harding |
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| 1 | That each Member Council be provided with the survey results specific to their library. | |
| 2 | That the Manager Central West Libraries consult with Member Councils to determine opening hours at individual branch libraries. | |
| 3 | That the Manager Central West Libraries liaise with Member Councils about the opportunity to deliver a presentation on the role and importance of public libraries. | |

- 6 CENTRAL WEST LIBRARIES MANAGEMENT PLAN 2013/2014 REVIEW – 21 MARCH 2014** **F439**
Report by Financial Accountant dated 21 March 2014 2014/338

| RESOLVED | | I Prior/Cr Fagan |
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| That a total reduction of income \$7,741 and an increase in expenditure of \$8,696 and a draw down on the restricted asset for Tech Savvy Seniors totalling \$8,550 be adopted in the Management Plan Review 21 March 2014. | | |

- 7 NSW PUBLIC LIBRARY FUNDING CAMPAIGN** **F439**
Report by Manager Central West Libraries dated 19 March 2014 2014/325

The Manager Central West Libraries will provide information specific to each Member Council to be used in correspondence and media in relation to this campaign.

| RESOLVED | | Cr Fagan/Cr Culverson |
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| 1 | That all Central West Libraries Member Councils make representation to their local State Member in relation to the need for additional funding from the NSW Government for the provision of public library services. | |
| 2 | That Central West Libraries and all Central West Libraries Member Councils write to the Hon George Souris, Minister for the Arts calling upon the NSW Government to implement the Reforming Public Library Funding submission of the Library Council of NSW 2012. | |
| 3 | That the NSW Public Library Associations campaign information be distributed through Central West Libraries branches and communication channels. | |
| 4 | That copies of the public library funding petition be made available in all Central West Libraries branches. | |

- 8 CENTRAL WEST LIBRARIES STRATEGIC PLAN** **F439**
Report by Manager Central West Libraries dated 21 March 2014 2014/341

| RESOLVED | | A Franze/K Woolley |
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| That the information provided in the report by the Manager Central West Libraries dated 21 March 2014 on the Central West Libraries Strategic Plan be acknowledged. | | |

- 9 CENTRAL WEST LIBRARIES DRAFT MANAGEMENT PLAN 2014/2015 F439**
Report by Financial Accountant dated 21 March 2014 2014/338

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| RESOLVED | I Prior/Cr Fagan |
| That the information provided in the report by the Financial Accountant dated 21 March 2014 on the Draft Management Plan 2014 – 2015 be acknowledged by the Committee. | |

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| RESOLVED | I Prior/Cr Fagan |
| That the Committee recommend to each Member Council the contribution adopted for inclusion in the Central West Libraries Operational Plan and to provide information projecting a 10 year scenario. | |

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| RESOLVED | Cr Fagan/A Franze |
| That member Councils request a review of expenditure, overheads, administration costs and levels of service. | |

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| RESOLVED | S Maunder/Cr Fagan |
| That the Central West Libraries Budget Meeting be brought forward to be held in the first week of February 2015. | |

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| RESOLVED | S Maunder/Cr Fagan |
| That all member Councils review their requirements for Service Level Agreement. | |

*** The Executive Member Representative, Scott Maunder, left the meeting with the time being 11.30am. ***

- 10 ELIZABETH BARRY F439**
Report by Manager Central West Libraries dated 20 March 2014 2014/335

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| RESOLVED | Cr Fagan / I Prior |
| That the information provided in the report by the Manager Central West Libraries dated 20 March 2014 on Elizabeth Barry be acknowledged. | |

- 11 NSW PUBLIC LIBRARY MARKETING AWARDS F439**
Report by Manager Central West Libraries dated 19 March 2014 2014/326

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| RESOLVED | Cr Fagan / Cr Culverson |
| That the information provided in the report by the Manager Central West Libraries dated 19 March 2014 on the 2013 NSW Public Libraries Marketing Awards be acknowledged. | |

- 12 NEWSPAPER DIGITISATION PROJECT F439**
Report by Technical Services Librarian dated 19 March 2014 2014/324

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| RESOLVED | K Woolley / S Harding |
| That the information provided in the report by the Technical Services Librarian dated 19 March 2014 on the Newspaper Digitisation Project be acknowledged. | |

13 PUBLIC LIBRARIES NSW 2014 CONFERENCE

F439

Report by Manager Central West Libraries dated 18 March 2014

2014/323

RESOLVED

Cr Culverson/S Harding

That the information provided in the report by the Manager Central West Libraries dated 18 March 2014 on Public Libraries NSW 2014 Conference be acknowledged.

14 NEXT MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE

The next meeting of the Central West Libraries Committee is to be held on Friday 24 October 2014 at Blayney.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE MEETING CLOSED AT 11.50AM

This is Page Number Four and the Final Page of the Minutes of the Meeting of the Central West Libraries Committee held on Friday 28 March 2014.



AUSTRALIAN LOCAL
GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

23 April 2014

Blayney Shire Council
PO Box 62
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To the Mayor, Councillors and CEO

I am writing to encourage you to attend this year's National General Assembly of Local Government (NGA) in Canberra from 15 - 18 June.

I have invited the Prime Minister, the Deputy Prime Minister and the Leader of the Opposition. We will also be joined by other ministers and shadow ministers and leading public figures presenting keynote addresses which will help to focus discussions at the NGA.

The theme for this year's NGA is '*Getting Down to Business*'. There is no more relevant issue for governments across Australia at this time. The Federal Government is working through the outcomes of its Commission of Audit and is preparing for White Papers on the Federation and our taxation system. Each of these processes will help to shape government in Australia in the coming years and local government needs to be in a strong position to influence and respond to whatever changes may emerge.

This year also marks the 20th NGA. This is a time for local government to celebrate our achievements over those 20 years and there is an opportunity to focus on the future and apply lessons learned from the past.

I have enclosed an updated and detailed program which highlights the speakers and panel sessions.

Your council's involvement in the NGA is important in helping ALGA to maintain the Federal Government's focus on local government and to drive improved outcomes for local government at the national level. A number of important policy motions will also be debated at the NGA and it is essential that every council is represented in these debates and is able to have its say.

Registrations for this year's NGA have been very strong and we believe the early-bird price is attractive for councils. Taking that into consideration, ALGA has decided to extend the early-bird period until 9 May 2014. Information on registration is available on the ALGA website, but please contact ALGA should you require a hard-copy of the brochure.

I look forward to seeing you in Canberra.

Mayor Felicity-ann Lewis
President



National General
Assembly of Local
Government

15-18 JUNE 2014

NATIONAL CONVENTION CENTRE
CANBERRA

Program

SUNDAY 15 JUNE 2014

5:00 pm Welcome Reception

MONDAY 16 JUNE 2014

9:00 am Opening Ceremony

9:20 am President's Welcome

9:30 am Prime Minister, **The Hon Tony Abbott** (invited)

10:00 am KEYNOTE **Terry Moran AC**, Board of Governors, Committee for the Economic Development of Australia; Former Secretary of the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet

10:30 am MORNING TEA

11:00 am PANEL SESSION

Local Government in the Federation

FACILITATOR **John Martin**

- **Kate Carnell**, CEO, Australian Chamber of Commerce and Industry; Former Chief Minister of the ACT
- **Professor Mark Evans**, ANZSOG
- **Peter Abelson**, Applied Economics (invited)

12:30 pm LUNCH

1:30 pm CONCURRENT SESSIONS

Sustainability: The Triple Bottom Line

ECONOMICS

- TBD
- **Ashay Prabhu**, Director, Assetic
- **John Comrie**, JAC Comrie Pty Ltd

THE ENVIRONMENT

- TBD
- **Dr Bob Webb**, The Australian National University
- **Robin Mellon**, Chief Operating Officer, The Green Building Council of Australia

HUMAN SERVICES

- **Dr Rob Grenfell**, The Heart Foundation
- **Lynne Pezzullo**, Lead Partner, Health Economics and Social Policy, Deloitte Access Economics
- **Professor James Rayner**, Director, Australian Demographic and Social Research Institute

3:00 pm AFTERNOON TEA

3:30 pm Collaboration on Climate Action

4:00 pm Debate on motions

5:00 pm Close Day 1

7:00 pm BUFFET DINNER National Convention Centre

TUESDAY 17 JUNE 2014

9:00 am KEYNOTE **Helen Silver**, Chief General Manager, Worker's Compensation, Allianz; Former Secretary, Department of Premier and Cabinet, Victoria

9:30 am Debate on motions

10:00 am Minister for Immigration and Border Protection, **The Hon Scott Morrison**

10:30 am MORNING TEA

11:00 am Shadow Minister for Regional Development and Local Government, **The Hon Julie Collins** (Invited)

11:30 pm Debate on motions

12:30 pm LUNCH

1:30 pm PANEL SESSION

Councils Getting Down to Business

- Lord Mayor of Darwin, NT
- Mayor of Logan, QLD
- Mayor of Dubbo, NSW

3:00 pm AFTERNOON TEA

3:30 pm Debate on Motions

4:30 pm Leader of the Opposition, **The Hon Bill Shorten** (invited)

5:00 pm Close Day 2

7:00 pm OFFICIAL DINNER Parliament House

WEDNESDAY 18 JUNE 2014

9:00 am **Jeremy Lasek**, Chief Executive Officer, National Australia Day Council

9:20 am Debate on Motions

10:30 am MORNING TEA

11:00 am Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Infrastructure and Regional Development, **The Hon Warren Truss**

11:30 am **Dr Brendan Nelson**, Director, The Australian War Memorial

12:00 noon KEYNOTE **Max Walker AM**

12:20 pm President's Closing remarks

12:30 pm Close



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY
STATE AND REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

31 March 2014

Mr G A Wilcox
General Manager
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Dear Mr Wilcox

BLAYNEY SHIRE
COUNCIL

- 2 APR 2014

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**Report No. 1/55 of the State and Regional Development Committee –
*Inter-regional public transport***

Thank you for your contribution to the State and Regional Development Committee's inquiry into inter-regional public transport. The inquiry report was tabled in Parliament on 19 March 2014.

I attach a copy of the report's recommendations for your information. The full report can be accessed on the Committee's web site at www.parliament.nsw.gov.au/stateandregionaldevelopment together with transcripts of evidence and other documents associated with the inquiry.

The Government is required to respond to the Committee's recommendations within six months of the report being tabled. The Committee will advise you when the Government's response has been received.

The Committee appreciates your participation in the inquiry.

Yours sincerely,

Andrew Gee MP
Chair

List of Recommendations

RECOMMENDATION 1 _____ 14

The Committee recommends that Transport for NSW enhances the existing inter-regional public transport network wherever practicable, with priority being given to those regions that do not currently have access to the network.

RECOMMENDATION 2 _____ 14

The Committee recommends that Transport for NSW re-routes the NSW TrainLink Southern Coach services to incorporate stops at Jindabyne and Berridale.

RECOMMENDATION 3 _____ 18

The Committee recommends that NSW TrainLink develops a marketing strategy specifically targeting potential regional customers, and actively promoting the benefits of its rail and coach services compared to other forms of transport.

RECOMMENDATION 4 _____ 22

The Committee recommends that Transport for NSW:

- considers the implementation of a process to liaise and consult with local governments in relation to public transport issues and
- promotes this process to local governments.

RECOMMENDATION 5 _____ 25

The Committee recommends that Transport for NSW conducts a review of Regional Transport Coordinators to examine their role, including, but not limited to their role in the following:

- assessing public transport needs and service gaps in their target regions
- developing appropriate strategies to meet the needs identified and
- facilitating liaison and consultation between local governments and Transport for NSW in relation to public transport issues.

RECOMMENDATION 6 _____ 25

The Committee recommends that Transport for NSW publicises the role of Regional Transport Coordinators to regional communities, and develops strategies to encourage greater engagement between Regional Transport Coordinators and their local stakeholders.

RECOMMENDATION 7 _____ 25

The Committee recommends that Transport for NSW, in conjunction with NSW TrainLink, develops a systematic mechanism for regional transport staff to have input into suggested improvements to the inter-regional transport network.

RECOMMENDATION 8 _____ 35

The Committee recommends that Transport for NSW conducts a full accessibility audit of NSW TrainLink's trains and coaches, its regional railway stations and bus interchanges, and addresses any issues.

RECOMMENDATION 9 37

The Committee recommends that Transport for NSW considers broadening the scope of community transport to provide services to all groups in regional communities experiencing transport disadvantage.

RECOMMENDATION 10 37

The Committee recommends that Transport for NSW develops a community transport accreditation scheme as a matter of priority.

RECOMMENDATION 11 44

The Committee recommends that the NSW Government (subject to budgetary considerations):

- considers the provision of funding with the Australian Rail Track Corporation for projects to upgrade the existing track network to enable passenger trains to travel at faster speeds and
- obtains advice from Transport for NSW and the Australian Rail Track Corporation to identify the priority areas requiring immediate action.

RECOMMENDATION 12 47

The Committee recommends that Transport for NSW and NSW TrainLink:

- review each of the timetabling issues raised in Appendix 5 of this report
- identify areas where timetabling can be reconfigured to provide regional passengers with improved services, including same-day return journeys and departure and arrival times that complement business hours and
- implement improvements to the timetabling of regional services where it is practicable and affordable.

RECOMMENDATION 13 51

The Committee recommends that Transport for NSW conducts a state-wide review of how connectivity between its regional rail and coach services can be improved, with a specific focus on remedying anomalies such as the Orange-Bathurst Bullet connection.

RECOMMENDATION 14 52

The Committee recommends that Transport for NSW undertakes an audit of inter-regional public transport services to identify where express services can be introduced to facilitate faster travel times.

RECOMMENDATION 15 52

The Committee recommends that Transport for NSW upgrades existing bus interchange facilities where these facilities do not meet the needs of regional commuters.

RECOMMENDATION 16 _____ 52

The Committee recommends that NSW TrainLink updates its website to include clear information about the connectivity of other public transport services with NSW TrainLink train services, including information about timetables and interchange facilities.

RECOMMENDATION 17 _____ 54

The Committee recommends that NSW TrainLink:

- implements improvements to on-board services and amenities on its trains and coaches that can be achieved in the short-term and without significant cost and
- gives consideration to the Committee's findings with respect to on-board services in the acquisition of any new rolling stock utilised for inter-regional public transport.

RECOMMENDATION 18 _____ 57

The Committee recommends that Transport for NSW implements practicable measures to improve the amount and timeliness of information available at regional stations.

RECOMMENDATION 19 _____ 60

The Committee recommends that Transport for NSW considers measures to:

- broaden NSW TrainLink's coach network coverage
- better integrate coach services with connecting train services and
- remove unnecessary barriers to using coach services.

RECOMMENDATION 20 _____ 64

The Committee recommends that Transport for NSW examines and reviews the cost of fares on the NSW TrainLink and the Sydney Trains networks, with a particular focus on the fare structure concerning the nexus of the NSW TrainLink and Sydney Trains networks.

RECOMMENDATION 21 _____ 67

The Committee recommends that Transport for NSW extends the coverage of the Opal Card to incorporate public transport in all areas of regional NSW.

RECOMMENDATION 22 _____ 67

The Committee recommends that Transport for NSW investigates the matter of customers being required to disembark at the nexus of the NSW TrainLink and Sydney Trains networks in order to obtain Sydney Trains fares, with a view to addressing the issue.

RECOMMENDATION 23 _____ 72

The Committee recommends that Transport for NSW work with Destination NSW to expand its range of rail and coach tourism packages to and from regional NSW, with a particular focus on packages that support local festivals or events.

RECOMMENDATION 24 _____ 74

The Committee recommends that Transport for NSW:

- considers introducing a comprehensive travel pass for domestic and international tourists that can be used across public transport modes and
- makes all of its travel passes available to Australian residents.

RECOMMENDATION 25 _____ 79

The Committee recommends that NSW TrainLink works collaboratively with Destination NSW to prepare a strategy focusing on short and long-term initiatives to improve the tourist experience of NSW TrainLink services, with the aim of encouraging more tourists to use these services. The strategy should also address disincentives for tourists using NSW TrainLink services.

RECOMMENDATION 26 _____ 80

The Committee recommends that NSW TrainLink considers enhancing its capacity to carry bicycles on its services and simplifies the procedure for using this facility.

RECOMMENDATION 27 _____ 81

The Committee recommends that Transport for NSW reviews and updates its current marketing strategy for promoting NSW TrainLink services to the international and domestic tourism market, with a view to increasing the visibility of its services.

RECOMMENDATION 28 _____ 83

The Committee recommends that Destination NSW considers developing a strategy to enhance collaboration and engagement between NSW TrainLink and regional tourism organisations to identify and develop tourism opportunities.

RECOMMENDATION 29 _____ 84

The Committee recommends that Transport for NSW works with Destination NSW to determine existing service gaps and to identify new NSW TrainLink train and coach services targeted towards growing the regional tourism market.

RECOMMENDATION 30 _____ 90

The Committee recommends that Transport for NSW:

- in determining the trains and buses to be used for the NSW TrainLink network in the future, purchases vehicles that reduce travel times, enhance passenger comfort and better meet the regional transport needs of customers
- gives active consideration to the acquisition of future rolling stock that incorporates tilt train technology and
- gives active consideration to the use of smaller rail car sets for NSW TrainLink services, with a view to more frequent services, where possible and practicable.

RECOMMENDATION 31 _____ 94

The Committee recommends that Transport for NSW investigates the feasibility of carrying light freight on NSW TrainLink's services.

Media release

17 April 2014

NBN footprint expands in NSW

More than 400 homes and businesses can now switch on the NBN

4,700 more premises take a step closer to connecting to fast broadband

More than 400 farms, homes and businesses in the New England region can switch on the National Broadband Network (NBN) with fixed wireless services now live in Oxley Vale (Surrounds).

Residents are encouraged to visit www.nbnco.com.au/rollout/rollout-map to find out if their premise is included in the coverage footprint. If so, they should contact their service provider to get connected. A full list of those offering NBN services can be found at www.nbnco.com.au/serviceproviders.

The NBN also gained further momentum in rural and regional New South Wales today with physical construction commencing on 23 new fixed wireless installations.

Following a thorough planning and consultation phase, these NBN facilities will service more than 4,700 farms, homes and businesses across parts the following regions and communities:

| Riverina | Central West | Mid-North Coast | Northern Rivers | Northern Tablelands |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Oura/Alfredtown • Ganmain • Marrar • Young (Surrounds) • Yoogali North | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Millthorpe South • 3 sites around Orange • Moolarben/ Cooks Gap • Coolah South • Stuart Town | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Upper Orara • Harrington (Surrounds) • Stuarts Point North • Urunga (Surrounds) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meerschaum Vale • Hayters Hill • Chillingham • Tatham | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tenterfield (Surrounds) • Wallangarra • Ashford |

NBN Co spokesperson, Tony Gibbs, said the fixed wireless service can bring better broadband to the bush. "For decades, rural and regional Australia has been left behind when it comes to telecommunications. The fixed wireless service is designed to provide access to internet speeds and bandwidth that many in the big cities currently take for granted.

"The NBN also means you can get the whole family online at once, opening up opportunities for local farms, businesses and the wider region to participate in the digital age. Fast broadband can help deliver improved access to health, education and entertainment over high quality video links,"* Mr Gibbs said.

On average, it takes around 12 months from the start of construction until residents and business owners can order NBN retail services from telephone or internet service providers. More information will be provided to residents about how to connect as construction nears completion in each area.

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Notes to editors

- NBN Co's fixed wireless facilities are designed to service less densely populated communities across Australia surrounding major townships.
- NBN Co's fixed wireless service offers wholesale download speeds of up to 25 megabits per second and wholesale upload speeds of up to five megabits per second to telephone and internet service providers.**
- End user experience, including the speeds actually achieved over the NBN, depends on some factors outside NBN Co's control like equipment quality, software, broadband plans and how the end user's service provider designs its network
- Fixed wireless services are delivered by radio communications via antennas that transmit a signal direct to a small outdoor antenna on your home or business.
- Before the network equipment is installed a service validation test will be carried out. Those premises which are unable to be served by fixed wireless may be able to receive NBN Co's long term satellite service when it becomes available. Visit www.nbnco.com.au/satellite for more information.
- In fixed wireless areas copper phone lines will remain in place to provide a landline telephone service.
- A standard installation of NBN equipment is currently free of charge. Residents should ask their preferred service provider if they have any other fees.
- For more information visit www.nbnco.com.au

** User experience, including the speeds actually achieved over the NBN, depends on some factors outside NBN Co's control, like equipment quality, software, broadband plans and how a service provider designs its network.*

*** NBN Co's designing the NBN to provide these speeds to its wholesale customers, telephone and internet service providers. End user experience including the speeds actually achieved over the NBN depends on some factors outside NBN Co's control like equipment quality, software, broadband plans and how the end user's service provider designs its network.*