



## **MINUTES ORDINARY MEETING**

### **GWYDIR SHIRE COUNCIL**

**THURSDAY 28 JULY 2016**

**COMMENCING AT 9.05AM**

### **THE LIVING CLASSROOM, BINGARA**

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**Present:**

**Councillors:** Cr. John Coulton (Mayor), Cr. Catherine Egan (Deputy Mayor), Cr. Angela Doering, Cr. Stuart Dick, Cr Marilyn Dixon, Cr. Kerry McDonald, Cr. Jim Moore and Cr. Geoff Smith.

**Staff:** Max Eastcott (General Manager), Leeah Daley (Deputy General Manager), Richard Jane (Director Technical Services), Ron Wood (Chief Financial Officer) and Glen Pereira (Director Development and Environmental Services)

**Public:** Ms Laura Carroll (*Warialda Standard and Bingara Advocate*)

**Visitor:** Mr Garry McDouall (*Bingara and Vision 2020*)

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**OFFICIAL OPENING AND WELCOME – MAYOR**

**APOLOGIES Cr Pankhurst  
COUNCIL RESOLUTION:  
MINUTE 203/16**

**THAT the apology of Cr Pankhurst is accepted.**

**(Moved Cr Doering, seconded Cr Dixon)**

**CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES  
COUNCIL RESOLUTION:  
MINUTE 204/16**

**THAT the Minutes of the previous Council Meeting held on  
Thursday 30 June 2016 as circulated be taken as read and  
CONFIRMED.**

**(Moved Cr Egan, seconded Cr Dixon)**

**PRESENTATION**

Mr Garry McDouall – Item 2 – The Living Classroom

**CALL FOR THE DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS AND CONFLICTS OF  
INTEREST**

The General Manager has an interest through a relationship in Lot 144 DP  
754810 adjacent to The Living Classroom site and declares this as a less than  
significant non-pecuniary interest.

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS  
COUNCIL RESOLUTION:  
MINUTE 205/16**

**THAT the Council resolve into Confidential Session,  
Committee of the Whole and that in the public interest and  
in accordance with Section 10A(2)(a) of the Local  
Government Act, 1993, the public and press be excluded  
from the meeting to consider the items listed on the agenda.**

**(Moved Cr McDonald, seconded Cr Egan)**

**FURTHER that The Living Classroom report be deferred to  
the Confidential Session (Ref: 206/16).**

**(Moved Cr Dixon, seconded Cr McDonald)**

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**ADOPTION OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE CONFIDENTIAL  
SESSION**

**COUNCIL RESOLUTION:  
MINUTE 207/16**

**THAT the recommendations of the Confidential Session, namely:**

**Monthly Confidential Organisation and Community Development  
Report for June 2016 (Ref: 208/16)**

**THAT the Monthly Confidential Organisation and Community  
Development Report for June 2016 be received**

**Councillors' Reports**

**THAT the following Councillor's reports are noted:**

**Cr Jim Moore – An update on the issues regarding pigs and  
land sale (Ref: 209/16);**

**Cr Geoff Smith – Warialda LLS office (Ref: 210/16); and;**

**Cr John Coulton – Sale of land (Ref: 211/16)**

**Cr McDonald and Cr Smith - Proposed land sale (Ref: 212/16)**

**The Living Classroom Masterplan**

**THAT The Living Classroom Masterplan July 2016 as outlined  
on the attached plan is adopted (Ref: 213/16)**

**FURTHER that the area designated for the *Field of Learning*  
(which includes the carbon sequestration trial area) be offered  
for lease (5 years plus a 5 year renewal option) to a community  
based group independent of the Council but with significant  
local school involvement in the planning and development of  
the land (Ref: 214/16).**

**are adopted.**

**(Moved Cr McDonald, seconded Cr Moore)**

**Item 1 County Boundary Road (Notice of Motion)**

**FILE REFERENCE**

**DELIVERY PROGRAM**

**GOAL:** 5. Organisational Management

**OUTCOME:** 2.1 OUR ECONOMY IS GROWING AND SUPPORTED

**STRATEGY:** 2.1.1 Plan for and develop the right assets and infrastructure - TS -external

**AUTHOR** Crs. Doering, Egan and Pankhurst

**DATE** 21 July 2016

**Councillor Motion – Cr Doering**

**That Council plan for and budget to seal the remainder of the unsealed section of the County Boundary Road, approximately 12.5km from ‘Poppinguy’ property to the intersection of the Croppa Creek – Moree Road, over the next four years. In addition, that Council seek external funding to help resource this project from all available sources, including the self-help program.**

**BACKGROUND**

This project I believe is particularly timely, and many would argue, quite overdue. Also, in light of the number of letters we have received from affected ratepayers recently, and the fact that we have been pushing hard to have more extensive heavy vehicle (HV) access around the shire, it is imperative that our road network is up to a realistic standard to handle this traffic.

The points have been well made by residents in this part of the shire, but the main considerations are as follows:

- This is a very important arterial road for this part of the shire. Quite recently, a respected local landholder recorded 901 traffic movements with a camera over one week, considerably higher than the traffic count that was supplied by Council (not sure of the date of these figures). This wasn’t during a particularly busy time either, i.e. not during harvest.
- As has been discussed at other meetings (NWWOL and LEMC), this is a very viable alternate/detour route to Goondiwindi in the event of a closure of the Newell highway due to an accident etc. The section of road in question being the only unsealed section between Moree and Goondiwindi via Pallamallawa and North Star (potentially a point of leverage for funding).

- After a relatively meagre fall of rain, sections of this road are virtually impassable. This places a significant amount of stress on the people that traverse this road, for school, work and just to be able to get from property to property. Not to mention the added wear and tear to vehicles. Whilst the resheeting program has gone some way to addressing accessibility, there are many sections of the road which are of a substandard material and respond completely differently to weather events, making them impassable for many vehicles and creating an unsafe road surface for others.
- In dry conditions, the dust causing poor visibility is an equally dangerous safety hazard, and of great concern to locals given the number of traffic movements and the large percentage of heavy vehicles and farm machinery that use this road.
- Council needs to be mindful of the rural ratepayers and their contribution to revenue, particularly in the wake of the rate rise and public perception of Council. Whilst the ratepayers in this area may not be able to partake in many of the services that Council provides, the most important Council service to these ratepayers are their roads, because they are the singular factor most likely to affect their day to day lives, schedules and most importantly, their livelihoods. We have lobbied long and hard through the Australian Rural Roads Group about 'the first and last mile', well this is where the rubber meets the road.
- The proposal is well supported by technical services as per the email received from Richard Jane dated 1 July 2016:

*"With the postponement of the Warialda High Productivity Vehicle Route, an opportunity to develop Council's road network has arisen. Council's unsealed road network is in very good shape with over 94% of the unsealed network at a standard that is considered 'all-weather'. Further, Council's sealed roads network is receiving a significant boost via the increased Roads to Recovery funding. Projects such as Elcombe Road rehabilitation and Baroma Downs Road rehabilitation are examples of this. Council's sealed road heavy patching is also well funded in the 2015/16 financial year.*

*Based on the Average Annual Daily Traffic (AADT), Heavy Vehicle counts and local connectivity, three roads in the Shire that may be considered for upgrading. Those roads are:*

- 1.I.B Bore Road;*
- 2.County Boundary Road, and*
- 3.Baroma Road (Yallaroi – Croppa Creek)*

*These three roads currently provide a significant service to the agricultural sector, but when upgraded will provide further economic benefit to the cattle and grain industries.*

*On this basis, it is recommended that funding be sourced, on a 50:50 or better basis, to upgrade the three listed roads incrementally and that*

*Council budget \$350,000 per year where matching funding, or better, can be sourced, to these upgrades.*

*Further that Council determine, on an annual basis, the length of each of the three roads listed to be upgraded from a gravel surface to a bitumen sealed surface."*

- With the future of the Inland Rail now seemingly much more likely, it is vital that our forward planning is proactive rather than reactive. The County Boundary Rd will be even more significant to this project as it will carry produce to both Moree and North Star, not to mention resources and equipment to and from the upgrading of the line which runs directly through this area. Particularly if Johnstone's Quarry are supplying ballast to the project.
- The residents in the north of the shire have long been known to be receptive to working with Council to achieve the desired outcome and I recommend a consultative meeting with interested parties to discuss the project and potentially accessing the self-help program to assist this proposal.

Following the circulation of the Business Paper the Council's Chief Financial Officer distributed the following comment for consideration:

*Personally, I am neither for nor against the proposal, but I think a decision based on the report as it stands will not lead to a properly informed decision.*

*As an upgrade/new works proposal, I would make the suggestion that Council as part of the decision making process, should consider the impacts on:*

- *Sustainability*
- *Long Term Financial Plan*
- *Asset Management Plan*
- *How this affects Councils strategic road management*

*Possibly cost/benefit analysis would also be beneficial. No doubt the road users will benefit, but is it beneficial for Council overall?*

*Perhaps this would be better addressed as part of the next round of IP&R with some community consultation & assessment of the above questions?*

*In fact the IP&R legislation promotes more detailed long term assessment of proposals such as the above.*

#### NOTICE OF MOTION

THAT Council plan for and budget to seal the remainder of the

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unsealed section of the County Boundary Road, approximately 12.5km from 'Poppinguy' property to the intersection of the Croppa Creek – Moree Road, over the next four years. In addition, that Council seek external funding to help resource this project from all available sources, including the self-help program.

**COUNCIL RESOLUTION:  
MINUTE 215/16**

**THAT Council plan for and budget to seal the remainder of the unsealed section of the County Boundary Road, approximately 12.5km from 'Poppinguy' property to the intersection of the Croppa Creek – Moree Road.**

**FURTHER that this issue (County Boundary Road Sealing) be referred for consideration at the next budgetary cycle (Ref: 216/16).**

**FURTHER that following the upcoming election that a meeting of interested residents be convened to evaluate the degree of self-help that could be incorporated into the project and to develop a viable timeline consistent with the Council's long term financial plan (Ref: 217/16).**

**FURTHER that Council actively seek external funding to help resource this project from all available sources, including the self-help program.**

**(Moved Cr Doering, seconded Cr Smith)**



## Item 2      The Living Classroom Masterplan

## FILE REFERENCE

## DELIVERY PROGRAM

**GOAL: 2. Building the business base**

**OUTCOME: 2.2 WE ARE SKILLED AND HAVE ACCESS TO EXCELLENT EDUCATIONAL OPPURTUNITIES**

**STRATEGY:** 2.2.2 Build our quality education and training opportunities through the GLR - OCD - external

**AUTHOR** General Manager

**TRANSFERRED TO THE CONFIDENTIAL MEETING AGENDA**

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4. Where the Crown Road complies with the above requirements, Council agrees to have the constructed section converted to a Dedicated Public Road and included in Council's maintenance grading and renewal programs

FURTHER that the Council write to its Local State Member, Mr Adam Marshall MP, requesting that he raise the issue of unmaintained Crown Roads with the Minister for Finance, Services and Property.

#### Councillors' Reports

##### Cr Coulton/ Cr Egan – Disability Access, Bingara

The meeting was advised that the lack of a roll back kerb on the corner of Riddell and Finch Streets accessing Riddell Street from the service station needs attention as he witnessed a member of the public with an eyesight problem having trouble negotiating the step.

Also a wheel chair became unbalanced when it encountered a pot hole outside the Bingara Library in Maitland Street.

The meeting was informed that both matters will be investigated

##### Cr Egan – Access for the disabled

Cr Egan requested that the Civic Centre access be investigated to ensure that it may be used for the Local Government and other Elections in the future.

##### Cr Doering – Various roads around Crooble

Cr Doering expressed concern that some of the gravel used on roads such as Gil Gil, Oregon, County Boundary became very dangerous with the recent wet weather. The issue seems to be that the gravel used is of inconsistent quality and the unserviceable nature of these roads when wet is patchy.

The matter will be investigated.

##### Cr Coulton – Upper Horton to Killarney Gap Road

The Mayor advised the meeting that he has been contacted by Mr David McDouall who requested advice as to when this road may be sealed.

The Director Technical Services will contact Mr McDouall regarding this issue.

#### **ATTACHMENTS**

There are no attachments for this report.

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**COUNCIL RESOLUTION:  
MINUTE 218/16**

**Monthly Technical Services Report – June 2016**

**THAT the Monthly Technical Services Report - June 2016 be received (Ref: 219/16)**

**Review of ‘Grazing Stock on Roads’ Policy (Ref: 220/16)**

**THAT the existing policy ‘Grazing Stock on Roads’ shown as Attachment 1 is confirmed by Council with the alteration of Public Liability Insurance increasing to \$20,000,000.**

**Maintenance of Crown Roads (Ref: 221/16)**

**THAT:**

- 1. Council reaffirm the position adopted by Council at the April 2010 ordinary meeting**
- 2. Those property owners requesting that Crown Roads be maintained be offered assistance under the self-help program**
- 3. Council accept Crown Roads that provide a public benefit to more than one property, or part thereof, that have been constructed to Council standards provided the ‘road’ is the only legal access to the properties; and;**
- 4. Where the Crown Road complies with the above requirements, Council agrees to have the constructed section converted to a Dedicated Public Road and included in Council’s maintenance grading and renewal programs**

**FURTHER that the Council write to its Local State Member, Mr Adam Marshall MP, requesting that he raise the issue of unmaintained Crown Roads with the Minister for Finance, Services and Property (Ref: 222/16).**

**Councillors’ Reports**

**Cr Coulton/ Cr Egan – Disability Access, Bingara (Ref: 223/16)**

The meeting was advised that the lack of a roll back kerb on the corner of Riddell and Finch Streets accessing Riddell Street from the service station needs attention as he witnessed a member of the public with an eyesight problem having trouble negotiating the step.

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The meeting was informed that both matters will be investigated

**Cr Egan – Access for the disabled (Ref: 224/16)**

Cr Egan requested that the Civic Centre access be investigated to ensure that it may be used for the Local Government and other Elections in the future.

**Cr Doering – Various roads around Crooble (Ref: 225/16)**

Cr Doering expressed concern that some of the gravel used on roads such as Gil Gil, Oregon, County Boundary became very dangerous with the recent wet weather. The issue seems to be that the gravel used is of inconsistent quality and the unserviceable nature of these roads when wet is patchy.

The matter will be investigated.

**Cr Coulton – Upper Horton to Killarney Gap Road (Ref: 226/16)**

The Mayor advised the meeting that he has been contacted by Mr David McDouall who requested advice as to when this road may be sealed.

The Director Technical Services will contact Mr McDouall regarding this issue.

**(Moved Cr Doering, seconded Cr Egan)**

## Chairman .....

Receive and note the findings and recommendations of this report and that the proposal for the expansion and operation of the cattle feedlot to 20,000 head at "Gunyaerwarildi Station" North Star be approved under Section 80 of the Environment Planning and Assessment Act, 1979 subject to the Conditions of Consent attached with the additional condition (bolded) at Part C – Condition 3 – Shade Structures (page 165)

FURTHER that the applicant is advised of Council's decision and of their right to appeal to the Land and Environment Court within 12 months after the date of determination

FURTHER that the objectors are notified of Council's decision

FURTHER that the issue of paddock feeders located immediately adjacent to any adjoining properties be discussed with the EPA requesting an appropriate buffer be established and included as a condition within the consent conditions and/or the operating licence

FURTHER that urgent legal advice be sought to determine whether the entire property could be considered as a feedlot under the definition and if the operation of the extensive grazing including the use of paddock feeders constitutes an essential element of the feedlot's operations or feedlotting and can therefore be conditioned within the current development application determination.

#### Roxy Complex Green Room

THAT the request from the North West Theatre Company Inc. to name the Green Room at the Roxy Complex as *The Woodroffe Room* is endorsed.

#### Land adjacent to Naroo - Lot 380 - Objection to Operational Classification

THAT the objections from Mr Stubbins and Mr and Mrs Boland be noted but not upheld for the reasons contained in the report

FURTHER that the report be noted

FURTHER that Lot 380 DP727877 be classified as Operational Land under Division 1 of Part 2 of Chapter 6 of the Local Government Act 1993

FURTHER that this report be forwarded to Mr Stubbins and Mr and Mrs Boland for their information

FURTHER that the concept be costed and then displayed for the information of the community.

#### Councillors' reports

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Cr Dick - Toilets at Warialda Air Strip

Cr Dick requested advice on how the development of toilets at Warialda air strip was progressing.

After giving an update it was agreed that one of the Council's portaloos will be placed at the air strip as an interim measure.

Cr Egan – Bingara Orange Festival

Cr Egan commended all the staff who worked without pay at the Orange Festival and requested that a letter of thanks be forwarded to each staff member.

Cr Pankhurst – Bingara Cemetery

Cr Pankhurst raised three issues about the Bingara Cemetery:

Rain Damage – the area around the Anglican Section of the Cemetery has been washed out due to previous excessive spraying;

Cemetery Records – are the Bingara records located in the Bingara or Warialda Office (later confirmed in the Bingara Office);

Returning a Burial Right – How can someone return a plot that she has purchased but now has no need for? The process was outlined to Cr Pankhurst.

Cr Coulton – CWA 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

The Mayor advised the meeting that he will be meeting with representatives of the CWA to further plan an appropriate memorial to commemorate the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the CWA in Bingara.

Cr Dixon agreed to attend the meeting as well.

Cr Coulton – Proposed Bingara Buster

THAT the Council supports the proposed Bingara Buster event and encourages the organising committee to actively seek further grant and sponsorship funds.

**ATTACHMENTS**

There are no attachments for this report.



**COUNCIL RESOLUTION:**

**ALGA National Assembly (Ref: 227/16)**

**THAT the report on the 2016 ALGA National General Assembly be received.**

**Minutes of the Circular Economy Management Committee Meeting held 30 June 2016 (Ref: 228/16).**

**THAT the Minutes of the Circular Economy Management Committee are noted.**

**Monthly Organisation and Community Development Report – June 2016**

**THAT the Monthly Organisation and Community Development Report for June 2016 be received (Ref: 229/16).**

**FURTHER that the Bingara Tourist Information Maps be reviewed and improved with more accurately detailed information that assists tourist to locate public areas of interest rather than be directed to privately owned land (Ref: 230/16).**

**Operation of a 20,000 head feedlot including construction of associated infrastructure (Ref: 231/16).**

**THAT Council:**

**Receive and note the findings and recommendations of this report and that the proposal for the expansion and operation of the cattle feedlot to 20,000 head at “Gunyerwarildi Station” North Star be approved under Section 80 of the Environment Planning and Assessment Act, 1979 subject to the Conditions of Consent attached with the additional conditions:**

**At Part C – Condition 3 – Shade Structures (page 165); and;**

**That no paddock feeder be located within 1 kilometre of any neighbouring dwelling.**

**FURTHER that the applicant is advised of Council’s decision and of their right to appeal to the Land and Environment Court within 12 months after the date of determination**

**FURTHER that the objectors are notified of Council’s decision**

**FURTHER that the issue of paddock feeders located immediately adjacent to any adjoining properties be discussed with the EPA requesting an appropriate buffer be established and included as a condition within the consent conditions and/or the operating**

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**licence (Ref: 232/16)**

**FURTHER** that urgent legal advice be sought to determine whether the entire property could be considered as a feedlot under the definition and if the operation of the extensive grazing including the use of paddock feeders constitutes an essential element of the feedlot's operations or feedlotting and can therefore be conditioned within the current development application determination (Ref: 233/16).

**Roxy Complex Green Room (Ref: 234/16).**

**THAT** the request from the North West Theatre Company Inc. to name the Green Room at the Roxy Complex as *The Woodroffe Room* is endorsed.

**Land adjacent to Naroo - Lot 380 - Objection to Operational Classification (Ref: 235/16).**

**THAT** the objections from Mr Stubbins and Mr and Mrs Boland be noted but not upheld for the reasons contained in the report

**FURTHER** that the report be noted

**FURTHER** that Lot 380 DP727877 be classified as Operational Land under Division 1 of Part 2 of Chapter 6 of the Local Government Act 1993

**FURTHER** that this report be forwarded to Mr Stubbins and Mr and Mrs Boland for their information

**FURTHER** that the concept be costed and then displayed for the information of the community (Ref: 236/16).

**Councillors' reports**

**Cr Dick - Toilets at Warialda Air Strip (Ref: 237/16)**

Cr Dick requested advice on how the development of toilets at Warialda air strip was progressing.

After giving an update it was agreed that one of the Council's portaloos will be placed at the air strip as an interim measure.

**Cr Egan – Bingara Orange Festival (Ref: 238/16)**

Cr Egan commended all the staff who worked without pay at the Orange Festival and requested that a letter of thanks be forwarded to each staff member.

**Cr Pankhurst – Bingara Cemetery (Ref: 239/16)**

Cr Pankhurst raised three issues about the Bingara Cemetery:

**Rain Damage** – the area around the Anglican Section of the Cemetery has been washed out due to previous excessive spraying;

**Cemetery Records** – are the Bingara records located in the Bingara or Warialda Office (later confirmed in the Bingara Office);

**Returning a Burial Right** – How can someone return a plot that she has purchased but now has no need for? The process was outlined to Cr Pankhurst.

**Cr Coulton – CWA 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary (Ref: 240/16)**

The Mayor advised the meeting that he will be meeting with representatives of the CWA to further plan an appropriate memorial to commemorate the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the CWA in Bingara.

Cr Dixon agreed to attend the meeting as well.

**Cr Coulton – Proposed Bingara Buster (Ref: 241/16)**

**THAT the Council supports the proposed Bingara Buster event and encourages the organising committee to actively seek further grant and sponsorship funds.**

**(Moved Cr Dick, seconded Cr Doering)**

**Upon being put to the meeting, the motion was declared carried.**

**For the Motion were Crs Dick, Dixon, McDonald, Egan, Coulton, Doering, Moore and Smith Total (8).**

**Cr Pankhurst was absent.**

**Against the Motion was Nil Total (0).**

**Legal Advice**

Dear Glen

1. Council has requested the following legal advice:

*FURTHER that urgent legal advice be sought to determine whether the entire property could be considered as a feedlot under the definition and if the operation of the extensive grazing including the use of paddock feeders constitutes an essential element of the feedlot's operations or feedlotting and can therefore be conditioned within the current development application determination.*

2. The development application is for the expansion, construction and operation of the existing 5,000 head feedlot to a 20,000 head feedlot on Gunyerwarildi Station which is 6,370Ha ("the Station").
3. The infrastructure for the feedlot is shown on figure 2 in the Council report and these structures are contained on the three lots within the station as referred to on the plan in figure 3 of the Council report. However the waste by-products will be spread over the station (as shown in the EPA reference map).
4. The proposed feedlot will take cattle not only from the Station but from other properties (owned by Ceres Agricultural Company Pty Ltd) and potentially from any other non Ceres properties in the area. Further, not all of the cattle on the Station would go through the feedlot.
5. There is extensive grazing of cattle on this station. In some paddocks temporary feeders or feed bins are placed in paddocks with little or no grass ("the feeders"). Cattle congregate in the vicinity of the feeders and the excess manure around the feeders is alleged to cause odour impacts and vermin (flies) to nearby neighbours.
6. This gives rise to the question for advice which essentially is whether conditions can be imposed on any consent for the feedlot to control the use of the feeders throughout the Station.
7. The starting point for imposing a condition is s80A of the EP&A Act and in particular 80A(1)(a) which permits the imposition of a condition if it relates to any matter referred to s79C(1) of relevance to the development the subject of the application. Further, it is accepted that conditions of development consent must satisfy the *Newbury* tests which requires that the condition is for a planning purpose, there must be a legal nexus between the proposed development and the proposed condition and the condition must not be so unreasonable that no reasonable authority would impose it.
8. There is nothing to suggest that there is a specific and direct connection between the cattle that are kept in the paddocks on the Station with feeders followed by their transfer to the proposed feedlot. For example, cattle held in these areas around the station could be transferred to other parts of the property for further grazing, transferred out of the property for slaughter

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elsewhere or transferred to the feedlot. It is not the case that specific cattle are held in these areas and then immediately transferred to the feedlot.

9. The SMK letter dated 26 May 2016 (for the applicant) states:

*Concern 1: "Pseudo or smaller feedlots"*

**Comment:** *The author describes "t2 large feed bins on 10 to 20 hectare paddocks from which 100 to 200 head of cattle feed from". The author is describing the feeding of cattle in paddocks to augment the lack of natural or grown forage due to unfavourable weather conditions. This is part of the production activities on the Gunyerwarildi aggregation. The feed bins provide a supplement to the cattle which rely upon grazing of natural and improved pastures".*

10. The applicant is indicating that the use of the feeders is part of the overall operation of the station as a commercial grazing of livestock operation (as per the definition of *extensive agriculture*) and that the use of the feeders is in response to the lack of grazing food on the property due to weather/drought or part of general farm operations. In other words it is asserted that the use of feeders is an ancillary operation to the extensive agriculture/grazing of livestock operation and not directly associated with the feedlot proposal.
11. While a condition to control the feeders may meet the requirement of being a matter referred to in s79C(1) – that is, addressing odour or noise impacts on adjoining properties, in my view, the imposition of this type of condition is not relevant to the development the subject of the application. The condition would not reasonably and fairly relate to the development as required in the second *Newbury* test. It may also be regarded as an unreasonable condition to impose for this application which is specifically for the expanded feedlot.
12. Therefore, in my view, the Council could not impose conditions as part of the consideration of the current feedlot application addressing the use of the feeders elsewhere on the station.
13. I note above that the applicant is, in effect, asserting that the use of the feeders elsewhere on the station is ancillary to the use of the land for the purposes of extensive agriculture / the grazing of livestock for commercial purposes a use permissible without consent. A problem councils often encounter is determining (or characterising) whether land use activities are in fact ancillary to the principal land use or whether the ancillary activities become or are in fact a separate use which may require a separate consent (or may be prohibited). It is always a matter of fact and degree and a careful consideration of all the relevant factual matters to fully understand the nature and extent of the activities.
14. Relevant definitions under the Gwydir LEP 2013 are as follows:

"extensive agriculture"

*"intensive livestock agriculture* means the keeping or breeding, for commercial purposes, of cattle, poultry, pigs, goats, horse

or other livestock that are fed wholly or substantially on externally-sourced feed, and includes any of the following:

(a) *dairies (restricted)*,

(b) *feedlots*,

(c) *piggeries*,

(d) *poultry farms*,

but does not include extensive agriculture, aquaculture or the operation of facilities for drought or similar emergency relief.

“*feedlot* means a confined or restricted area that is operated on a commercial basis to rear and fatten cattle, sheep or other animals (wholly or substantially) on prepared and manufactured feed, for the purpose of meat production or fibre products, but does not include a poultry farm, dairy or piggery”.

15. I understand that there may be instances where cattle are being kept at a higher intensity rate than the usual rate of approximately 1 head per 10 acres in paddocks which are confined by fencing and gates and that the animals in these areas are being given feed that is brought to the paddocks and placed in the feeders.
16. The issue is whether these activities when properly characterised are a separate use for the purposes of intensive livestock agriculture.
17. It is unlikely that this type of ongoing operation would be a “feedlot” as defined given that there would be no other or usual feedlot infrastructure.
18. However, intensive livestock agriculture is not confined to the items (a)-(d) as referred to in the definition of intensive livestock agriculture. The use may be for intensive livestock agriculture if the keeping of the cattle is for commercial purposes; the cattle are fed wholly or substantially on externally sourced feed and these activities are not ancillary or part of extensive agriculture or the operation of facilities for drought or similar emergency relief (the exclusions to the definition of intensive livestock agriculture and the applicant would assert that these exclusions operate to make the use of the feeder bins permissible without consent).
19. If the use of these feeders in specific paddocks was intensive livestock agriculture then this would be a separate use for which development consent would be required if that use is permissible in the zone for the station.
20. However, for the Council to proceed with enforcement action to address these activities, the Council would need to be properly satisfied that the activities were in fact intensive livestock agriculture. The Council would need to carry out an investigation to determine and establish all the elements of the activity, for example, the length of time feeders stay in one paddock, how often feeders are used, the density of cattle within the paddocks, the extent of fencing in particular paddocks, and this would have to be carried out over an extended period of time to determine whether the use of the feeders is more than the operation of facilities for drought or similar or emergency relief and to

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properly assess the activities. An issue may arise as to what is *externally sourced-feed*. The feed for example may be coming from the Station itself which raises the issue of what is “externally sourced”. Further, the Council would need to be satisfied that the cattle are kept in these locations for reasonable periods of time for the purposes of perhaps improving the cattle for market as opposed to part of a rotation activity for the Station which may suggest that the activities are ancillary to a normal extensive agricultural use.

21. This is only an initial consideration about these matters as clearly there would need to be an investigation by the Council to determine precisely the factual circumstances involved and the extent and use of the moveable feeder bins.
22. Another possible avenue to explore could be the serving of an order under the *Local Government Act 1993* to control waste (Order No. 22) because I understand that the issue that arises is the odour and vermin that is associated with the cow manure that is deposited in a concentrated way around the feeders.
23. Let me know if you wish to discuss this advice further or if other matters arise from this advice for consideration.

**Item 5 Finance Report - June 2016**

**FILE REFERENCE**

**DELIVERY PROGRAM**

**GOAL:** 5. Organisational Management

**OUTCOME:** 5.1 CORPORATE MANAGEMENT

**STRATEGY:** 5.1.1 Financial management and accountability systems -  
CFO - internal

**AUTHOR** Chief Financial Officer

**DATE** 18 July 2016

**STAFF DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST** Nil

**IN BRIEF/ SUMMARY RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended this report be adopted as it is for information purposes.

A formal quarterly review is required under the legislation, which is prescriptive in format and content. While this is an important process and provides an appropriate avenue to formally revise budgets, it does lack some flexibility and does not provide Council with up to date information on a regular basis.

Further, the Responsible Accounting Officer (RAO) - currently Corporate Services Director, is required to provide opinions on overall position as part of the quarterly review process – but the amount of information, while significant, does lack some informative detail.

While the RAO is responsible for providing an appropriate budget system, development of budgets and compliance with approved budgets is largely the responsibility of relevant Directors and Managers.

It is intended to gain more involvement by providing regular financial updates on each of the funds, along with each of the divisions. The executive team will be encouraged to provide commentary on financial performance for the areas under their control.

The summaries in this report do not comply with Accounting Standards and are only meant as a comparative source of information.

**BACKGROUND:**

This report is not required under the Local Government Act and associated Regulations.

**ISSUES AND COMMENT:**

This report is not meant as a replacement for the Quarterly Review reports, nor is it meant to provide definitive financial results. It is meant to provide a

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snapshot on relative performance and provide Council with some information regarding trends.

This report provides an interim snapshot as at 30 June 2016. Note that end of year adjustments and accruals may significantly change a number of the results depicted.

It would appear that cash as at 30 June has ended up at a very similar position as compared to the prior year, which indicates that cash remains tight.

Council has a Key Performance Indicators (KPI) of +/- 10% Actuals vs Original Budget and +/- 5% of final (Current) budget. It is proposed for future reports to highlight monthly variances in excess of 5%. There is also work being undertaken to provide further information regarding KPI performance.

The highlighted information below indicates variances in excess of 10%.

Interim General Fund performance results are:

GENERAL FUND							
	Orig Bgt 2016	Current Bgt 2016	Bgt 2016 YTD	Act 2016 YTD	YTD Variance	YTD % Variance	
1.1 Rates and annual charges	-\$6,558,354	-\$6,487,268	-\$6,487,268	-\$6,451,509	\$35,759	-1%	
1.2 User charges and fees	-\$4,516,089	-\$4,568,091	-\$4,568,091	-\$4,590,687	-\$22,596	0%	
1.3 Interest and investment revenue	-\$58,187	-\$59,723	-\$59,723	-\$21,205	\$38,518	-64%	
1.4 Other revenues	-\$1,578,830	-\$1,922,946	-\$1,922,946	-\$1,806,100	\$116,846	-6%	
1.5 Grants subsidies contributions - Op	-\$8,424,071	-\$11,875,829	-\$11,875,829	-\$11,711,117	\$164,712	-1%	
1.6 Grants Subsidies Contributions - Cap	-\$3,134,676	-\$1,175,476	-\$1,175,476	-\$1,018,535	\$156,941	-13%	
1.7 Internal revenues	-\$7,391,648	-\$6,679,815	-\$6,679,815	-\$5,136,997	\$1,542,818	-23%	
1.90 Net gain from disposal of assets				-\$21,472	-\$21,472		
1.95 Reserve transfers - from		-\$1,020,196	-\$1,020,196				
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>-\$31,661,855</b>	<b>-\$33,789,344</b>	<b>-\$33,789,344</b>	<b>-\$30,757,622</b>	<b>\$3,031,722</b>	<b>-9%</b>	
2.1 Employee benefits and on-costs	\$10,071,507	\$9,282,435	\$9,282,435	\$10,014,423	\$731,988	8%	
2.2 Borrowing costs	\$616,038	\$592,391	\$592,391	\$383,086	-\$209,305	-35%	
2.3 Materials	\$5,203,766	\$4,381,810	\$4,381,810	\$4,333,900	-\$47,910	-1%	
2.4 Contracts	\$2,110,112	\$3,852,660	\$3,852,660	\$3,636,489	-\$216,171	-6%	
2.5 Depreciation & amortisation	\$8,515,936	\$8,503,827	\$8,503,827	\$5,582,509	-\$2,921,318	-34%	
2.6 Other expenses	\$2,268,946	\$2,542,538	\$2,542,538	\$2,325,952	-\$216,586	-9%	
2.7 Impairment expense							
2.8 Internal expense	\$4,651,177	\$4,538,885	\$4,538,885	\$3,324,756	-\$1,214,129	-27%	
2.90 Net loss from disposal of assets				\$306,636	\$306,636		
2.92 Fair value adjustments				\$5,413,922			
<b>Total Operating Expense</b>	<b>\$33,437,482</b>	<b>\$33,694,546</b>	<b>\$33,694,546</b>	<b>\$35,321,672</b>	<b>\$1,627,126</b>	<b>5%</b>	
<b>Operating Result</b>	<b>\$1,775,627</b>	<b>-\$94,798</b>	<b>-\$94,798</b>	<b>\$4,564,051</b>	<b>\$4,658,849</b>	<b>-4915%</b>	
99 Sale Proceeds - Contra Sales	-\$595,185	-\$556,685	-\$556,685	-\$137,290	\$419,395	-75%	
99 Uncapitalised Works In Progress	\$6,570,255	\$9,329,443	\$9,329,443	\$7,402,140	-\$1,927,303	-21%	

Note that Borrowing Costs in particular are significantly impacted by end of year adjustments. Also, internal transactions will not impact overall results or cash. Fair value adjustments relate to asset processing and will not likely remain anywhere near this figure.

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Honing in on the different directorates within General Fund where concerns might exist:

Governance, Town Utilities and Plant						
	Orig Bgt 2016	Current Bgt 2016	Bgt 2016 YTD	Act 2016 YTD	YTD Variance	YTD % Variance
1.1 Rates and annual charges						
1.2 User charges and fees	-\$1,025	\$1,979	\$1,979	-\$2,552	-\$4,531	-229%
1.3 Interest and investment revenue						
1.4 Other revenues	-\$917	-\$41,535	-\$41,535	-\$41,133	\$402	-1%
1.5 Grants subsidies contributions - Op		-\$90,029	-\$90,029	-\$115,002	-\$24,973	28%
1.6 Grants Subsidies Contributions - Cap						
1.7 Internal revenues	-\$4,442,998	-\$3,661,515	-\$3,661,515	-\$3,195,824	\$465,691	-13%
1.90 Net gain from disposal of assets				-\$21,108	-\$21,108	
1.95 Reserve transfers - from						
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>-\$4,444,940</b>	<b>-\$3,791,100</b>	<b>-\$3,791,100</b>	<b>-\$3,375,619</b>	<b>\$415,481</b>	<b>-11%</b>
2.1 Employee benefits and on-costs	\$807,464	\$819,300	\$819,300	\$873,125	\$53,825	7%
2.2 Borrowing costs	\$179,379	\$179,379	\$179,379	\$155,454	-\$23,925	-13%
2.3 Materials	\$1,883,520	\$1,598,438	\$1,598,438	\$1,499,177	-\$99,261	-6%
2.4 Contracts	\$62,555	\$125,202	\$125,202	\$157,230	\$32,028	26%
2.5 Depreciation & amortisation	\$1,629,889	\$1,629,889	\$1,629,889	\$1,027,452	-\$602,437	-37%
2.6 Other expenses	\$507,866	\$814,120	\$814,120	\$557,282	-\$256,838	-32%
2.7 Impairment expense						
2.8 Internal expense	\$411,026	\$479,221	\$479,221	\$400,871	-\$78,350	-16%
2.90 Net loss from disposal of assets				\$77,394	\$77,394	
<b>Total Operating Expense</b>	<b>\$5,481,699</b>	<b>\$5,645,549</b>	<b>\$5,645,549</b>	<b>\$4,747,985</b>	<b>-\$897,564</b>	<b>-16%</b>
<b>Operating Result</b>	<b>\$1,036,759</b>	<b>\$1,854,449</b>	<b>\$1,854,449</b>	<b>\$1,372,366</b>	<b>-\$482,083</b>	<b>-26%</b>
99 Sale Proceeds - Contra Sales	-\$195,185	-\$156,685	-\$156,685	-\$130,927	\$25,758	-16%
99 Uncapitalised Works In Progress	\$803,400	\$819,680	\$819,680	\$684,717	-\$134,963	-16%

Sale proceeds relate to plant sales.

Technical Services						
	Orig Bgt 2016	Current Bgt 2016	Bgt 2016 YTD	Act 2016 YTD	YTD Variance	YTD % Variance
1.1 Rates and annual charges	-\$40,422	-\$39,565	-\$39,565	-\$39,558	\$7	-0%
1.2 User charges and fees	-\$3,688,535	-\$3,730,787	-\$3,730,787	-\$3,794,295	-\$63,508	2%
1.3 Interest and investment revenue		-\$150	-\$150	-\$162	-\$12	8%
1.4 Other revenues	-\$95,531	-\$105,743	-\$105,743	-\$147,085	-\$41,342	39%
1.5 Grants subsidies contributions - Op	-\$1,460,755	-\$4,430,324	-\$4,430,324	-\$4,373,941	\$56,383	-1%
1.6 Grants Subsidies Contributions - Cap	-\$3,072,876	-\$1,081,875	-\$1,081,875	-\$916,568	\$165,307	-15%
1.7 Internal revenues	-\$256,929	-\$256,929	-\$256,929	-\$136,780	\$120,149	-47%
1.90 Net gain from disposal of assets						
1.95 Reserve transfers - from		-\$613,627	-\$613,627			
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>-\$8,615,048</b>	<b>-\$10,259,000</b>	<b>-\$10,259,000</b>	<b>-\$9,408,388</b>	<b>\$850,612</b>	<b>-8%</b>
2.1 Employee benefits and on-costs	\$2,052,527	\$2,088,182	\$2,088,182	\$2,190,832	\$102,650	5%
2.2 Borrowing costs	\$95,691	\$72,044	\$72,044	\$52,713	-\$19,331	-27%
2.3 Materials	\$1,802,794	\$840,827	\$840,827	\$1,021,522	\$180,695	21%
2.4 Contracts	\$1,176,414	\$2,658,377	\$2,658,377	\$2,697,576	\$39,199	1%
2.5 Depreciation & amortisation	\$5,912,150	\$5,912,150	\$5,912,150	\$3,614,826	-\$2,297,324	-39%
2.6 Other expenses	\$558,807	\$562,629	\$562,629	\$550,275	-\$12,354	-2%
2.7 Impairment expense						
2.8 Internal expense	\$2,464,556	\$1,523,136	\$1,523,136	\$1,474,859	-\$48,277	-3%
2.90 Net loss from disposal of assets						
<b>Total Operating Expense</b>	<b>\$14,062,939</b>	<b>\$13,657,345</b>	<b>\$13,657,345</b>	<b>\$11,602,604</b>	<b>-\$2,054,741</b>	<b>-15%</b>
<b>Operating Result</b>	<b>\$5,447,891</b>	<b>\$3,398,345</b>	<b>\$3,398,345</b>	<b>\$2,194,215</b>	<b>-\$1,204,130</b>	<b>-35%</b>
99 Sale Proceeds - Contra Sales						
99 Uncapitalised Works In Progress	\$4,616,206	\$6,910,189	\$6,910,189	\$5,946,260	-\$963,929	-14%

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Development and Environmental Services						
	Orig Bgt 2016	Current Bgt 2016	Bgt 2016 YTD	Act 2016 YTD	YTD Variance	YTD % Variance
1.1 Rates and annual charges						
1.2 User charges and fees	-\$157,489	-\$146,255	-\$146,255	-\$192,156	-\$45,901	31%
1.3 Interest and investment revenue						
1.4 Other revenues	-\$277,333	-\$424,552	-\$424,552	-\$468,723	-\$44,171	10%
1.5 Grants subsidies contributions - Op	-\$128,828	-\$136,909	-\$136,909	-\$175,037	-\$38,128	28%
1.6 Grants Subsidies Contributions - Cap	-\$61,800	-\$93,601	-\$93,601	-\$101,967	-\$8,366	9%
1.7 Internal revenues	-\$260,520	-\$272,520	-\$272,520	-\$167,925	\$104,595	-38%
1.90 Net gain from disposal of assets				-\$364	-\$364	
1.95 Reserve transfers - from		-\$77,751	-\$77,751			
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>-\$885,970</b>	<b>-\$1,151,588</b>	<b>-\$1,151,588</b>	<b>-\$1,106,173</b>	<b>\$45,415</b>	<b>-4%</b>
2.1 Employee benefits and on-costs	\$1,455,071	\$1,290,794	\$1,290,794	\$1,248,205	-\$42,589	-3%
2.2 Borrowing costs	\$36,091	\$36,091	\$36,091	\$32,606	-\$3,485	-10%
2.3 Materials	\$225,808	\$294,297	\$294,297	\$190,279	-\$104,018	-35%
2.4 Contracts	\$496,414	\$483,200	\$483,200	\$427,404	-\$55,796	-12%
2.5 Depreciation & amortisation	\$661,913	\$649,804	\$649,804	\$616,917	-\$32,887	-5%
2.6 Other expenses	\$331,578	\$314,025	\$314,025	\$273,002	-\$41,023	-13%
2.7 Impairment expense						
2.8 Internal expense	\$776,139	\$789,915	\$789,915	\$615,984	-\$173,931	-22%
2.90 Net loss from disposal of assets				\$229,242	\$229,242	
<b>Total Operating Expense</b>	<b>\$3,983,014</b>	<b>\$3,858,126</b>	<b>\$3,858,126</b>	<b>\$3,633,639</b>	<b>-\$224,487</b>	<b>-6%</b>
<b>Operating Result</b>	<b>\$3,097,044</b>	<b>\$2,706,538</b>	<b>\$2,706,538</b>	<b>\$2,527,467</b>	<b>-\$179,071</b>	<b>-7%</b>
99 Sale Proceeds - Contra Sales	-\$400,000	-\$400,000	-\$400,000	-\$6,364	\$393,636	-98%
99 Uncapitalised Works In Progress	\$934,349	\$1,120,253	\$1,120,253	\$387,394	-\$732,859	-65%

Sale proceeds for Development and Environmental Services relate to property sales. This may not be too problematic as there are capital works tied to the sale of these assets which will not progress until the sales proceed.

Organisational & Community Development						
	Orig Bgt 2016	Current Bgt 2016	Bgt 2016 YTD	Act 2016 YTD	YTD Variance	YTD % Variance
1.1 Rates and annual charges						
1.2 User charges and fees	-\$657,731	-\$679,112	-\$679,112	-\$587,535	\$91,577	-13%
1.3 Interest and investment revenue	-\$3,335	-\$3,335	-\$3,335	-\$5,702	-\$2,367	71%
1.4 Other revenues	-\$1,202,681	-\$1,345,497	-\$1,345,497	-\$1,035,986	\$309,511	-23%
1.5 Grants subsidies contributions - Op	-\$2,591,634	-\$2,950,729	-\$2,950,729	-\$2,779,299	\$171,430	-6%
1.6 Grants Subsidies Contributions - Cap						
1.7 Internal revenues	-\$1,136,442	-\$1,090,092	-\$1,090,092	-\$281,603	\$808,489	-74%
1.90 Net gain from disposal of assets						
1.95 Reserve transfers - from		-\$328,818	-\$328,818			
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>-\$5,591,823</b>	<b>-\$6,397,583</b>	<b>-\$6,397,583</b>	<b>-\$4,690,125</b>	<b>\$1,707,458</b>	<b>-27%</b>
2.1 Employee benefits and on-costs	\$4,681,429	\$4,845,544	\$4,845,544	\$4,809,765	-\$35,779	-1%
2.2 Borrowing costs	\$292,231	\$292,231	\$292,231	\$137,035	-\$155,196	-53%
2.3 Materials	\$893,482	\$883,179	\$883,179	\$976,023	\$92,844	11%
2.4 Contracts	\$250,697	\$283,751	\$283,751	\$146,415	-\$137,336	-48%
2.5 Depreciation & amortisation	\$239,831	\$239,831	\$239,831	\$271,926	\$32,095	13%
2.6 Other expenses	\$666,080	\$657,702	\$657,702	\$591,061	-\$66,641	-10%
2.7 Impairment expense						
2.8 Internal expense	\$653,043	\$684,855	\$684,855	\$591,697	-\$93,158	-14%
2.90 Net loss from disposal of assets						
<b>Total Operating Expense</b>	<b>\$7,676,793</b>	<b>\$7,887,093</b>	<b>\$7,887,093</b>	<b>\$7,523,921</b>	<b>-\$363,172</b>	<b>-5%</b>
<b>Operating Result</b>	<b>\$2,084,970</b>	<b>\$1,489,510</b>	<b>\$1,489,510</b>	<b>\$2,833,795</b>	<b>\$1,344,285</b>	<b>90%</b>
99 Sale Proceeds - Contra Sales						
99 Uncapitalised Works In Progress	\$97,850	\$360,871	\$360,871	\$292,150	-\$68,721	-19%

Corporate Services						
	Orig Bgt 2016	Current Bgt 2016	Bgt 2016 YTD	Act 2016 YTD	YTD Variance	YTD % Variance
1.1 Rates and annual charges	-\$6,517,932	-\$6,447,703	-\$6,447,703	-\$6,411,951	\$35,752	-1%
1.2 User charges and fees	-\$11,309	-\$13,916	-\$13,916	-\$14,149	-\$233	2%
1.3 Interest and investment revenue	-\$54,852	-\$56,238	-\$56,238	-\$15,341	\$40,897	-73%
1.4 Other revenues	-\$2,368	-\$5,619	-\$5,619	-\$113,172	-\$107,553	1914%
1.5 Grants subsidies contributions - Op	-\$4,242,854	-\$4,267,838	-\$4,267,838	-\$4,267,838	\$0	-0%
1.6 Grants Subsidies Contributions - Cap						
1.7 Internal revenues	-\$1,294,759	-\$1,398,759	-\$1,398,759	-\$1,354,864	\$43,895	-3%
1.90 Net gain from disposal of assets						
1.95 Reserve transfers - from						
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>-\$12,124,074</b>	<b>-\$12,190,073</b>	<b>-\$12,190,073</b>	<b>-\$12,177,315</b>	<b>\$12,758</b>	<b>-0%</b>
2.1 Employee benefits and on-costs	\$1,075,016	\$238,615	\$238,615	\$892,496	\$653,881	274%
2.2 Borrowing costs	\$12,646	\$12,646	\$12,646	\$5,278	-\$7,368	-58%
2.3 Materials	\$398,162	\$765,069	\$765,069	\$646,899	-\$118,170	-15%
2.4 Contracts	\$124,032	\$302,130	\$302,130	\$207,864	-\$94,266	-31%
2.5 Depreciation & amortisation	\$72,153	\$72,153	\$72,153	\$51,388	-\$20,765	-29%
2.6 Other expenses	\$204,615	\$194,062	\$194,062	\$354,332	\$160,270	83%
2.7 Impairment expense						
2.8 Internal expense	\$346,413	\$1,061,758	\$1,061,758	\$241,345	-\$820,413	-77%
2.90 Net loss from disposal of assets						
<b>Total Operating Expense</b>	<b>\$2,233,037</b>	<b>\$2,646,433</b>	<b>\$2,646,433</b>	<b>\$2,399,601</b>	<b>-\$246,832</b>	<b>-9%</b>
<b>Operating Result</b>	<b>-\$9,891,037</b>	<b>-\$9,543,640</b>	<b>-\$9,543,640</b>	<b>-\$9,777,714</b>	<b>-\$234,074</b>	<b>2%</b>
99 Sale Proceeds - Contra Sales						
99 Uncapitalised Works In Progress	\$118,450	\$118,450	\$118,450	\$91,618	-\$26,832	-23%

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The current and YTD budgets for employee costs have a discrepancy due to how an internal transfer adjustment is currently handled. This has resulted in an adjustment in relation to wage oncosts (\$710k) currently understating employee benefit and oncost expense budgets and overstating internal expense budgets in the above summary. After this allowance, the variance is approximately -\$56k or -6%.

Other revenues, Materials and Other expenses includes adjustments for prior reporting period errors and the \$ Write off to 'clean up' Sundry Debtors for audit.

### **CONCLUSION**

This report is intended to supplement the Quarterly review process and provide Council with more timely information.

It is important to keep up the momentum and remain vigilant to ensure improved results continue with General Fund cash continuing to improve.

It is also intended that comparing current data with past data will help highlight developing trends and provide comparatives to improve evaluation of current results.

### **CONSULTATION**

Consultation has occurred within management of Council.

### **OFFICER RECOMMENDATION**

THAT the report be received

### **ATTACHMENTS**

- AT-** General Fund Financial Summary - June 2016
- AT-** Water Fund Financial Summary - June 2016
- AT-** Sewer Fund Financial Summary - June 2016
- AT-** Waste Fund Financial Summary - June 2016
- AT-** General Fund Revenue Major Items - June 2016
- AT-** General Fund Expenditure Major Items - June 2016

### **COUNCIL RESOLUTION: MINUTE 242/16**

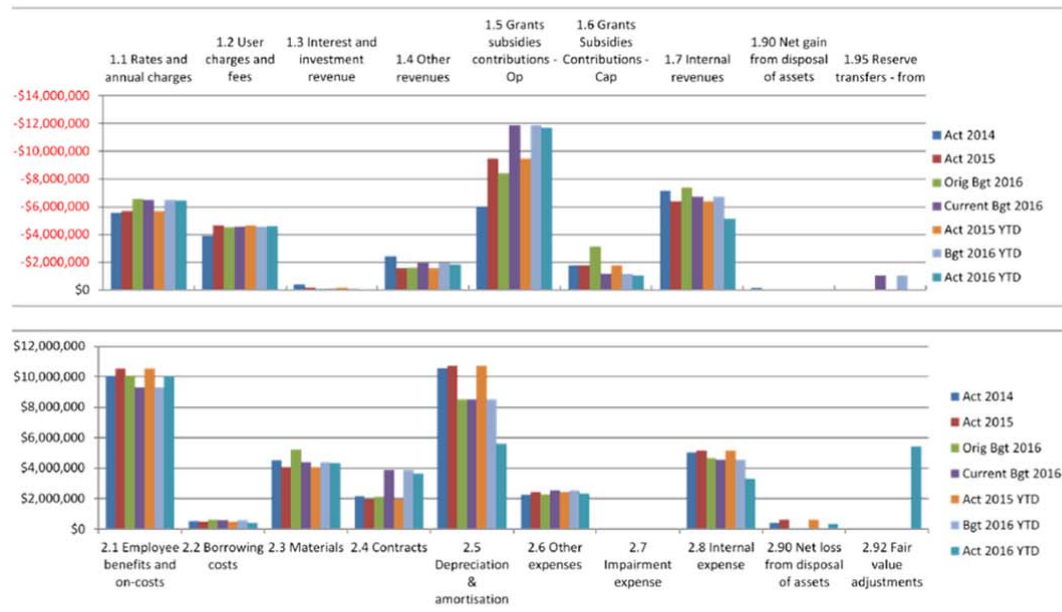
**THAT the Finance Report - June 2016 be received.**

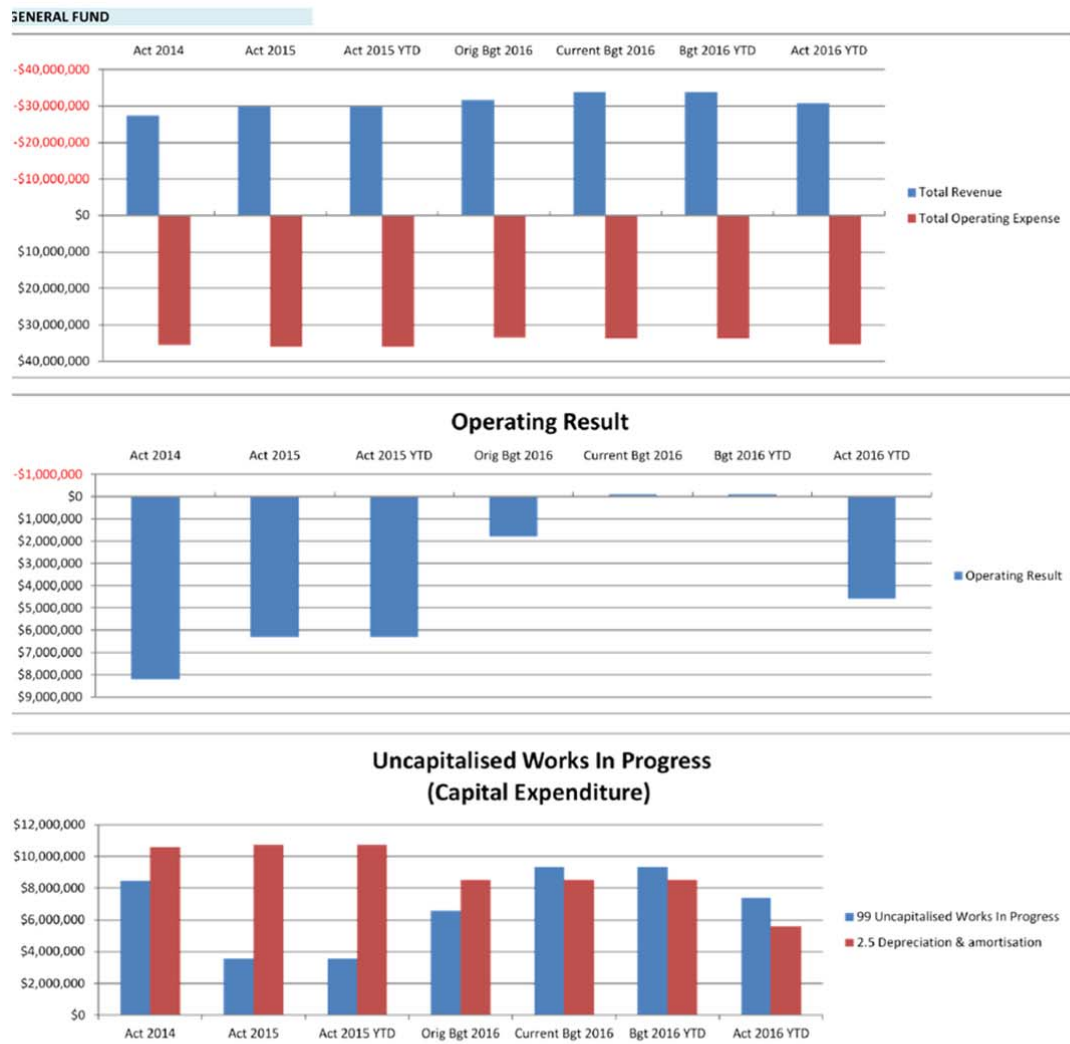
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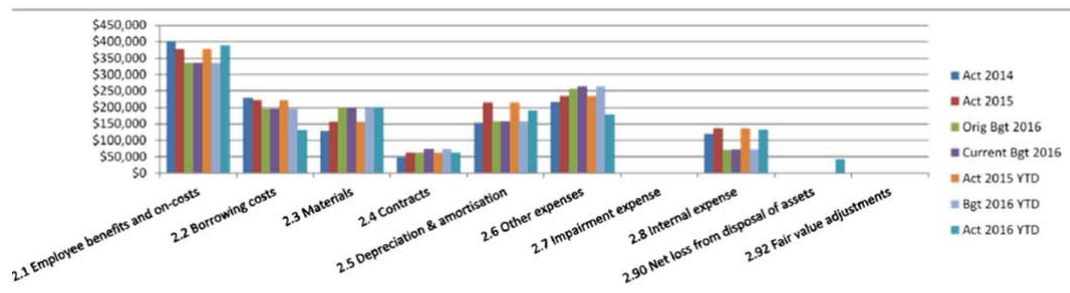
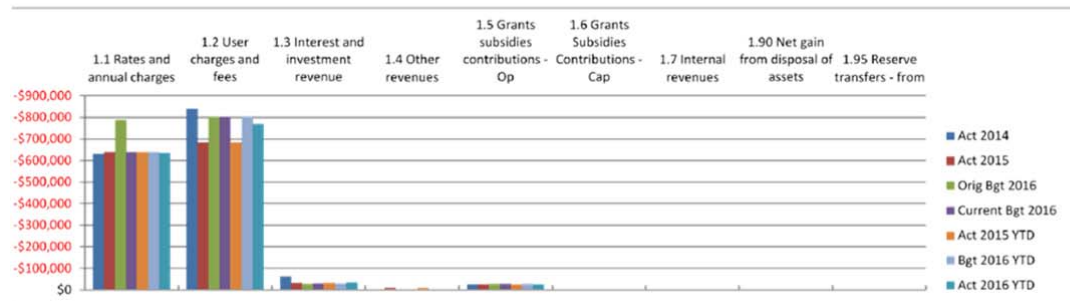
GENERAL FUND							
	Act 2014	Act 2015	Act 2015 YTD	Orig Bgt 2016	Current Bgt 2016	Bgt 2016 YTD	Act 2016 YTD
1.1 Rates and annual charges	-\$5,548,776	-\$5,652,750	-\$5,652,750	-\$6,558,354	-\$6,487,268	-\$6,487,268	-\$6,451,509
1.2 User charges and fees	-\$3,863,119	-\$4,659,343	-\$4,659,343	-\$4,516,089	-\$4,568,091	-\$4,568,091	-\$4,590,687
1.3 Interest and investment revenue	-\$380,123	-\$174,818	-\$174,818	-\$58,187	-\$59,723	-\$59,723	-\$21,205
1.4 Other revenues	-\$2,428,411	-\$1,541,849	-\$1,541,849	-\$1,578,830	-\$1,922,946	-\$1,922,946	-\$1,806,100
1.5 Grants subsidies contributions - Op	-\$5,993,536	-\$9,492,904	-\$9,492,904	-\$8,424,071	-\$11,875,829	-\$11,875,829	-\$11,711,117
1.6 Grants Subsidies Contributions - Cap	-\$1,770,241	-\$1,771,761	-\$1,771,761	-\$3,134,676	-\$1,175,476	-\$1,175,476	-\$1,018,535
1.7 Internal revenues	-\$7,131,294	-\$6,359,207	-\$6,359,207	-\$7,391,648	-\$6,679,815	-\$6,679,815	-\$5,136,997
1.90 Net gain from disposal of assets	-\$113,847	-\$14,373	-\$14,373				-\$21,472
1.95 Reserve transfers - from					-\$1,020,196	-\$1,020,196	
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>-\$27,229,348</b>	<b>-\$29,667,005</b>	<b>-\$29,667,005</b>	<b>-\$31,661,855</b>	<b>-\$33,789,344</b>	<b>-\$33,789,344</b>	<b>-\$30,757,622</b>
2.1 Employee benefits and on-costs	\$10,049,053	\$10,520,012	\$10,520,012	\$10,071,507	\$9,282,435	\$9,282,435	\$10,014,423
2.2 Borrowing costs	\$502,604	\$496,774	\$496,774	\$616,038	\$592,391	\$592,391	\$383,086
2.3 Materials	\$4,498,187	\$4,044,991	\$4,044,991	\$5,203,766	\$4,381,810	\$4,381,810	\$4,333,900
2.4 Contracts	\$2,126,488	\$1,956,653	\$1,956,653	\$2,110,112	\$3,852,660	\$3,852,660	\$3,636,489
2.5 Depreciation & amortisation	\$10,568,161	\$10,726,341	\$10,726,341	\$8,515,936	\$8,503,827	\$8,503,827	\$5,582,509
2.6 Other expenses	\$2,233,660	\$2,445,159	\$2,445,159	\$2,268,946	\$2,542,538	\$2,542,538	\$2,325,952
2.7 Impairment expense							
2.8 Internal expense	\$5,040,636	\$5,127,064	\$5,127,064	\$4,651,177	\$4,538,885	\$4,538,885	\$3,324,756
2.90 Net loss from disposal of assets	\$397,949	\$625,048	\$625,048				\$306,636
2.92 Fair value adjustments							\$5,413,922
<b>Total Operating Expense</b>	<b>\$35,416,738</b>	<b>\$35,942,042</b>	<b>\$35,942,042</b>	<b>\$33,437,482</b>	<b>\$33,694,546</b>	<b>\$33,694,546</b>	<b>\$35,321,672</b>
<b>Operating Result</b>	<b>\$8,187,391</b>	<b>\$6,275,037</b>	<b>\$6,275,037</b>	<b>\$1,775,627</b>	<b>-\$94,798</b>	<b>-\$94,798</b>	<b>\$4,564,051</b>
19 Sale Proceeds - Contra Sales		-\$589,390	-\$589,390	-\$595,185	-\$556,685	-\$556,685	-\$137,290
19 Uncapitalised Works In Progress	\$8,445,488	\$3,550,918	\$3,550,918	\$6,570,255	\$9,329,443	\$9,329,443	\$7,402,140

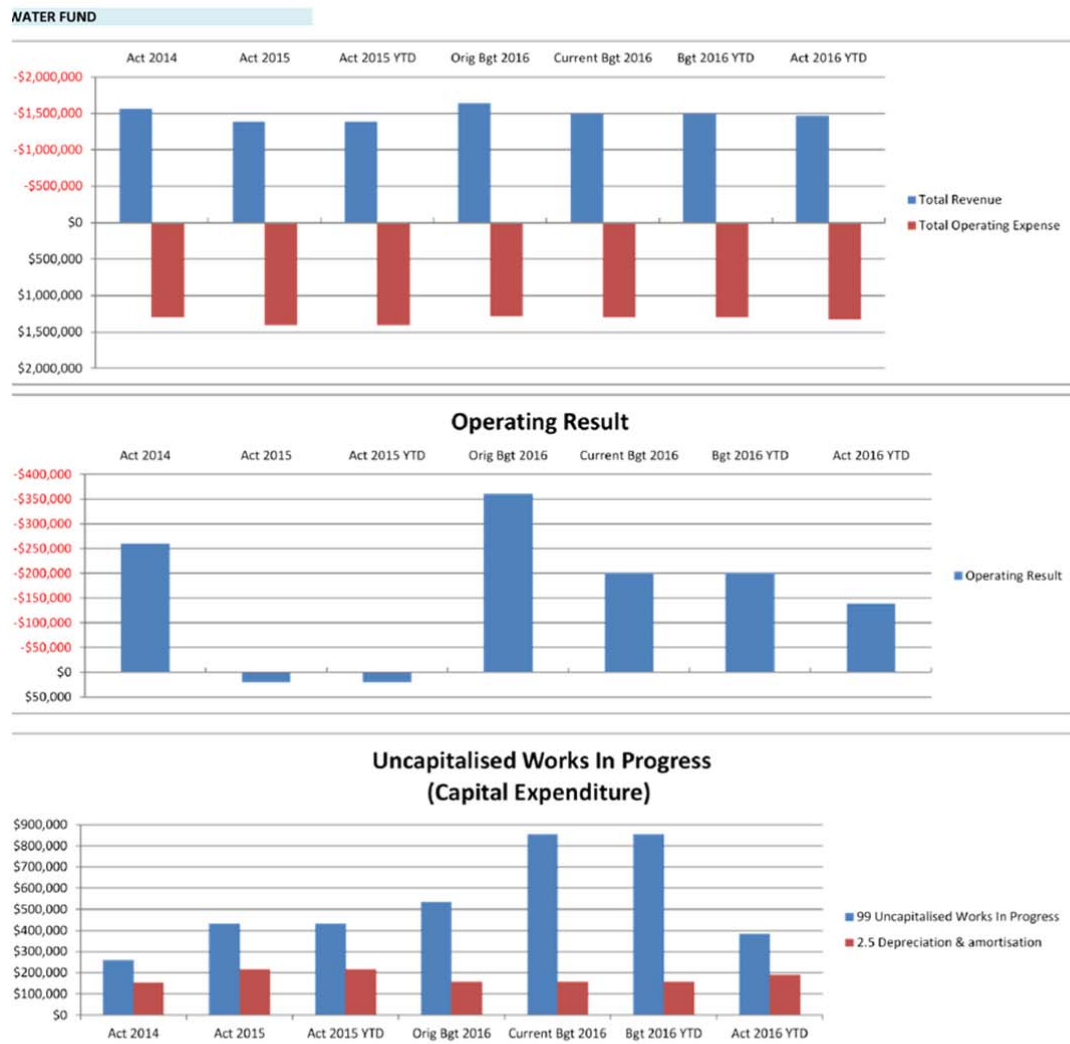




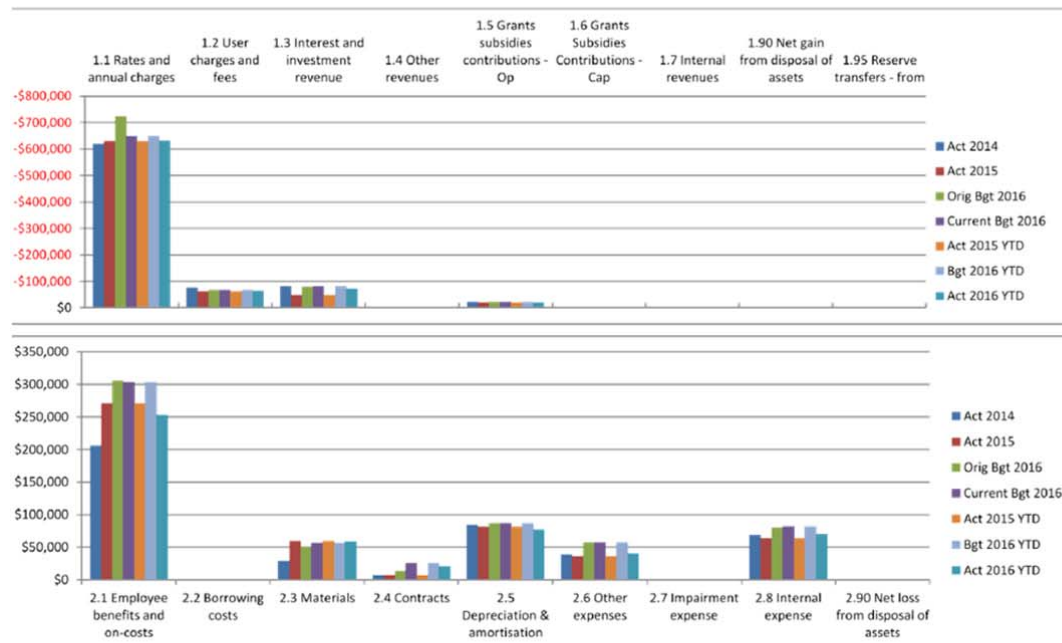


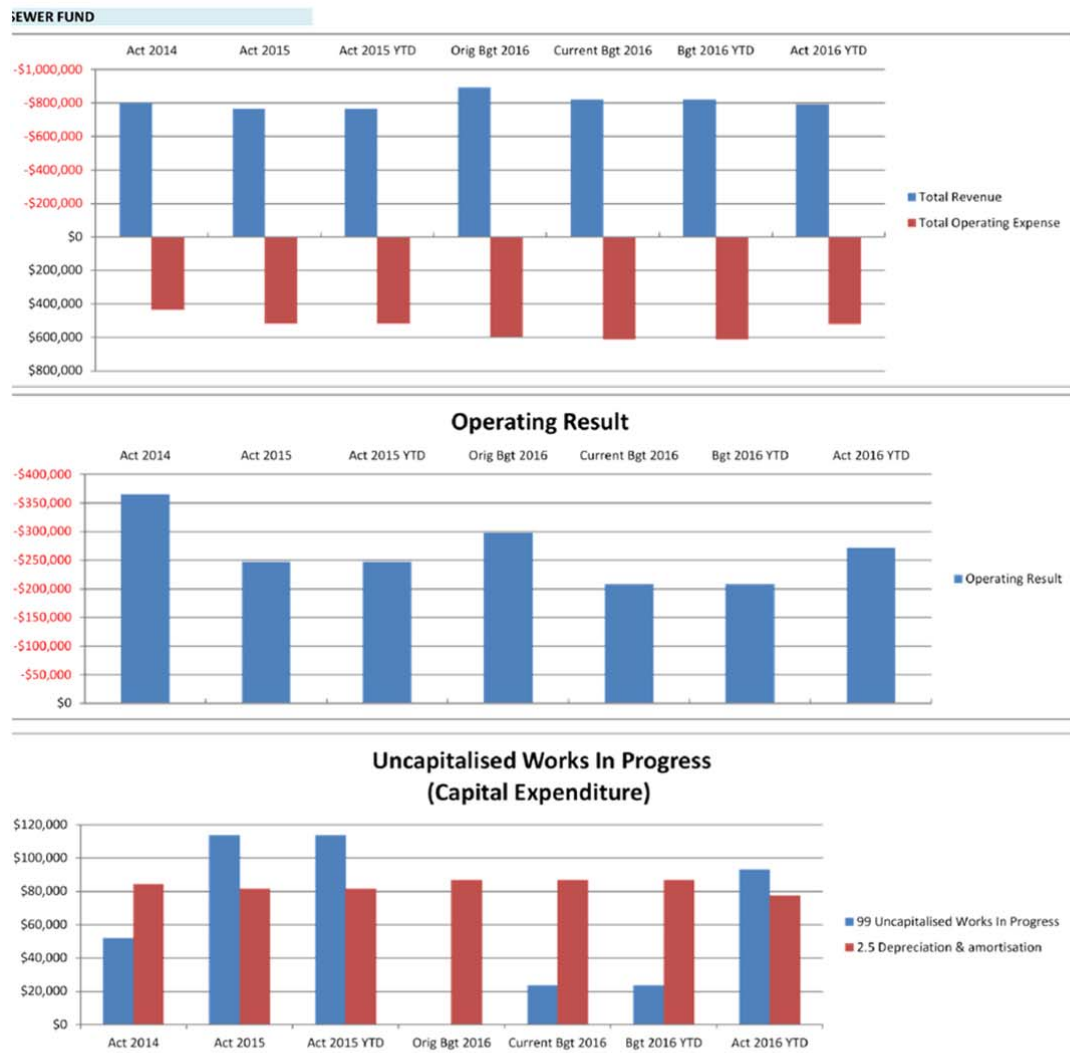
WATER FUND							
	Act 2014	Act 2015	Act 2015 YTD	Orig Bgt 2016	Current Bgt 2016	Bgt 2016 YTD	Act 2016 YTD
1.1 Rates and annual charges	-\$629,862	-\$639,300	-\$639,300	\$787,390	-\$638,591	-\$638,591	-\$634,640
1.2 User charges and fees	-\$839,976	-\$681,782	-\$681,782	-\$799,500	-\$800,017	-\$800,017	-\$766,999
1.3 Interest and investment revenue	-\$61,743	-\$31,004	-\$31,004	-\$26,100	-\$29,100	-\$29,100	-\$34,544
1.4 Other revenues	-\$895	-\$7,990	-\$7,990				-\$2,398
1.5 Grants subsidies contributions - Op	-\$24,421	-\$23,615	-\$23,615	-\$25,493	-\$25,493	-\$25,493	-\$24,132
1.6 Grants Subsidies Contributions - Cap		-\$550	-\$550		-\$545	-\$545	-\$545
1.7 Internal revenues							
1.90 Net gain from disposal of assets							
1.95 Reserve transfers - from							
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>-\$1,556,897</b>	<b>-\$1,384,241</b>	<b>-\$1,384,241</b>	<b>-\$1,638,483</b>	<b>-\$1,493,746</b>	<b>-\$1,493,746</b>	<b>-\$1,463,258</b>
2.1 Employee benefits and on-costs	\$401,998	\$376,555	\$376,555	\$335,282	\$335,682	\$335,682	\$388,763
2.2 Borrowing costs	\$229,489	\$221,435	\$221,435	\$194,955	\$194,955	\$194,955	\$130,089
2.3 Materials	\$128,644	\$155,944	\$155,944	\$201,251	\$196,153	\$196,153	\$200,665
2.4 Contracts	\$47,430	\$62,311	\$62,311	\$62,836	\$73,269	\$73,269	\$62,570
2.5 Depreciation & amortisation	\$153,142	\$214,756	\$214,756	\$157,735	\$157,735	\$157,735	\$190,504
2.6 Other expenses	\$215,868	\$234,654	\$234,654	\$256,084	\$264,284	\$264,284	\$177,632
2.7 Impairment expense							
2.8 Internal expense	\$119,659	\$135,554	\$135,554	\$70,147	\$71,677	\$71,677	\$131,545
2.90 Net loss from disposal of assets		\$2,492	\$2,492				\$41,954
2.92 Fair value adjustments							
<b>Total Operating Expense</b>	<b>\$1,296,230</b>	<b>\$1,403,699</b>	<b>\$1,403,699</b>	<b>\$1,278,290</b>	<b>\$1,293,755</b>	<b>\$1,293,755</b>	<b>\$1,323,722</b>
<b>Operating Result</b>	<b>-\$260,667</b>	<b>\$19,458</b>	<b>\$19,458</b>	<b>-\$360,193</b>	<b>-\$199,991</b>	<b>-\$199,991</b>	<b>-\$139,536</b>
19 Sale Proceeds - Contra Sales							
19 Uncapitalised Works In Progress	\$260,187	\$433,282	\$433,282	\$533,213	\$852,713	\$852,713	\$382,737



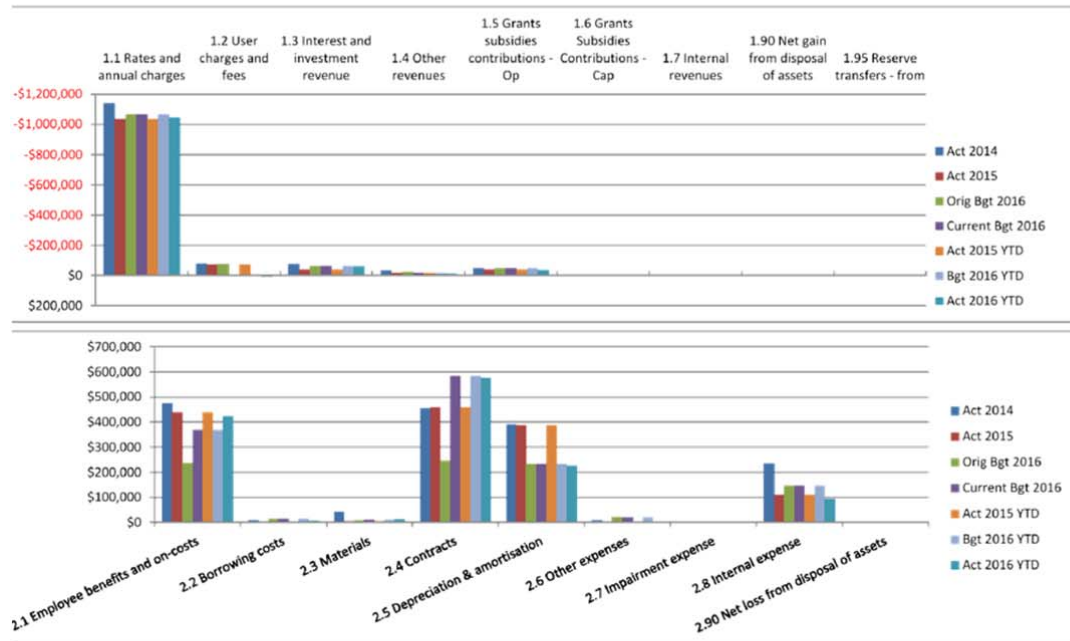


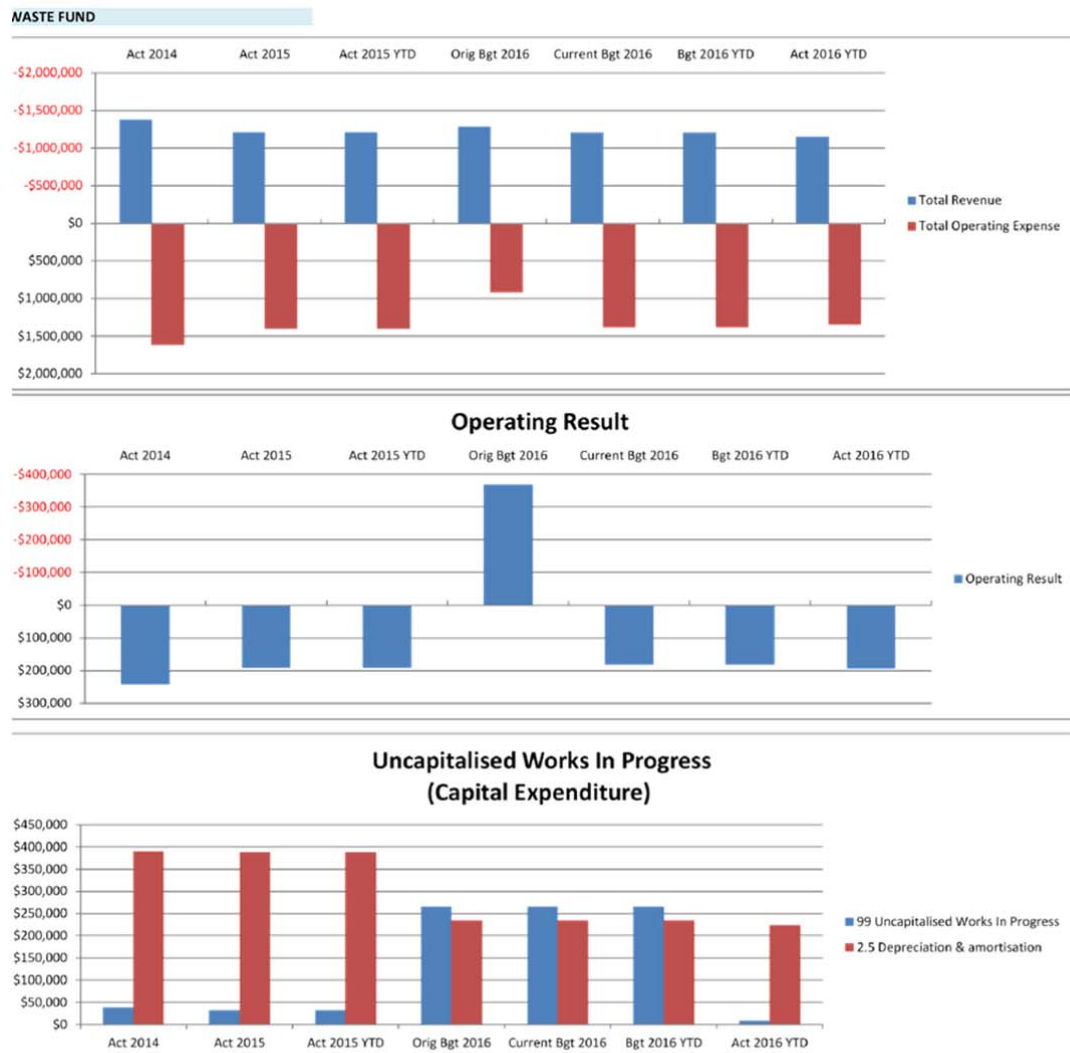
SEWER FUND							
	Act 2014	Act 2015	Act 2015 YTD	Orig Bgt 2016	Current Bgt 2016	Bgt 2016 YTD	Act 2016 YTD
1.1 Rates and annual charges	-\$619,204	-\$630,298	-\$630,298	-\$723,527	-\$648,264	-\$648,264	-\$631,298
1.2 User charges and fees	-\$74,918	-\$62,627	-\$62,627	-\$66,625	-\$67,275	-\$67,275	-\$65,052
1.3 Interest and investment revenue	-\$81,902	-\$48,326	-\$48,326	-\$79,750	-\$81,700	-\$81,700	-\$72,913
1.4 Other revenues	-\$954	-\$1,471	-\$1,471	-\$103	-\$103	-\$103	-\$1,409
1.5 Grants subsidies contributions - Op	-\$20,704	-\$20,295	-\$20,295	-\$22,094	-\$22,094	-\$22,094	-\$20,427
1.6 Grants Subsidies Contributions - Cap	-\$1,091	-\$2,100	-\$2,100				-\$818
1.7 Internal revenues							
1.90 Net gain from disposal of assets		-\$10	-\$10				
1.95 Reserve transfers - from							
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>-\$798,773</b>	<b>-\$765,126</b>	<b>-\$765,126</b>	<b>-\$892,099</b>	<b>-\$819,436</b>	<b>-\$819,436</b>	<b>-\$791,918</b>
2.1 Employee benefits and on-costs	\$205,738	\$270,542	\$270,542	\$305,319	\$303,309	\$303,309	\$252,783
2.2 Borrowing costs	\$856	\$524	\$524	\$329	\$329	\$329	\$301
2.3 Materials	\$29,135	\$59,491	\$59,491	\$51,115	\$56,615	\$56,615	\$58,864
2.4 Contracts	\$6,966	\$6,996	\$6,996	\$13,867	\$24,867	\$24,867	\$20,432
2.5 Depreciation & amortisation	\$84,233	\$81,394	\$81,394	\$86,758	\$86,758	\$86,758	\$77,103
2.6 Other expenses	\$38,855	\$35,912	\$35,912	\$57,215	\$57,144	\$57,144	\$40,355
2.7 Impairment expense							
2.8 Internal expense	\$68,142	\$63,613	\$63,613	\$80,182	\$82,338	\$82,338	\$70,203
2.90 Net loss from disposal of assets							\$837
<b>Total Operating Expense</b>	<b>\$433,925</b>	<b>\$518,472</b>	<b>\$518,472</b>	<b>\$594,785</b>	<b>\$611,360</b>	<b>\$611,360</b>	<b>\$520,877</b>
<b>Operating Result</b>	<b>-\$364,847</b>	<b>-\$246,654</b>	<b>-\$246,654</b>	<b>-\$297,314</b>	<b>-\$208,076</b>	<b>-\$208,076</b>	<b>-\$271,042</b>
19 Sale Proceeds - Contra Sales							
19 Uncapitalised Works In Progress	\$52,006	\$113,516	\$113,516		\$23,550	\$23,550	\$93,012





WASTE FUND							
	Act 2014	Act 2015	Act 2015 YTD	Orig Bgt 2016	Current Bgt 2016	Bgt 2016 YTD	Act 2016 YTD
1.1 Rates and annual charges	-\$1,140,107	-\$1,036,035	-\$1,036,035	-\$1,065,186	-\$1,065,186	-\$1,065,186	-\$1,044,704
1.2 User charges and fees	-\$79,181	-\$73,964	-\$73,964	-\$75,850	-\$5,000	-\$5,000	\$5,700
1.3 Interest and investment revenue	-\$75,393	-\$41,195	-\$41,195	-\$64,733	-\$64,733	-\$64,733	-\$60,082
1.4 Other revenues	-\$34,043	-\$16,936	-\$16,936	-\$24,113	-\$16,929	-\$16,929	-\$12,228
1.5 Grants subsidies contributions - Op	-\$45,976	-\$41,713	-\$41,713	-\$48,305	-\$48,305	-\$48,305	-\$35,971
1.6 Grants Subsidies Contributions - Cap							
1.7 Internal revenues							
1.90 Net gain from disposal of assets							
1.95 Reserve transfers - from							
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>-\$1,374,701</b>	<b>-\$1,209,843</b>	<b>-\$1,209,843</b>	<b>-\$1,278,187</b>	<b>-\$1,200,153</b>	<b>-\$1,200,153</b>	<b>-\$1,147,285</b>
2.1 Employee benefits and on-costs	\$476,713	\$438,705	\$438,705	\$237,787	\$369,280	\$369,280	\$424,595
2.2 Borrowing costs	\$8,369	\$1,198	\$1,198	\$15,421	\$15,421	\$15,421	\$6,647
2.3 Materials	\$41,443	\$4,437	\$4,437	\$8,733	\$10,514	\$10,514	\$12,654
2.4 Contracts	\$454,750	\$458,198	\$458,198	\$245,473	\$584,274	\$584,274	\$577,193
2.5 Depreciation & amortisation	\$390,440	\$387,296	\$387,296	\$233,736	\$233,736	\$233,736	\$224,453
2.6 Other expenses	\$8,899	\$1,706	\$1,706	\$21,513	\$20,478	\$20,478	\$2,162
2.7 Impairment expense							
2.8 Internal expense	\$234,856	\$109,576	\$109,576	\$146,646	\$146,646	\$146,646	\$94,081
2.90 Net loss from disposal of assets							
<b>Total Operating Expense</b>	<b>\$1,615,468</b>	<b>\$1,401,117</b>	<b>\$1,401,117</b>	<b>\$909,309</b>	<b>\$1,380,349</b>	<b>\$1,380,349</b>	<b>\$1,341,785</b>
<b>Operating Result</b>	<b>\$240,768</b>	<b>\$191,274</b>	<b>\$191,274</b>	<b>\$368,878</b>	<b>\$180,196</b>	<b>\$180,196</b>	<b>\$194,500</b>
19 Sale Proceeds - Contra Sales							
19 Uncapitalised Works In Progress	\$37,563	\$31,867	\$31,867	\$265,400	\$265,400	\$265,400	\$7,747







Major contributors to Revenue Resource Groups*		master description	resource description	Original Budget	Current Budget	Annual Actual	YTD Budget	YTD Actual
Resource Group								
1.1 Rates and annual charges	5.1.1 General Revenues	Rates - Rural	Rates - Rural	-\$5,254,667	-\$5,215,667	-\$5,215,167	-\$5,215,667	-\$5,215,167
	5.1.1 General Revenues	Rates - Residential	Rates - Residential	-\$1,050,966	-\$1,040,966	-\$1,039,486	-\$1,040,966	-\$1,039,486
	5.1.1 General Revenues	Rates - Commercial	Rates - Commercial	-\$282,742	-\$250,742	-\$250,535	-\$250,742	-\$250,535
1.1 Rates and annual charges Total				-\$6,588,375	-\$6,507,375	-\$6,505,187	-\$6,507,375	-\$6,505,187
1.2 User charges and fees	4.2.1 State Roads (RMS)	Fees - RTA (State Roads)	Fees - RTA (State Roads)	-\$3,686,381	-\$3,730,633	-\$3,794,567	-\$3,730,633	-\$3,794,567
	2.1.3 Caravan Parks Revenue	Camping Fees Collected	Camping Fees Collected	-\$326,067	-\$326,067	-\$326,599	-\$326,067	-\$326,599
	2.1.3 Caravan Parks Revenue	Lease/Rent Fees Received	Lease/Rent Fees Received	-\$103,320	-\$103,320	-\$74,053	-\$103,320	-\$74,053
				-\$4,112,768	-\$4,160,020	-\$4,138,220	-\$4,160,020	-\$4,138,220
1.2 User charges and fees Total				-\$4,112,768	-\$4,160,020	-\$4,138,220	-\$4,160,020	-\$4,138,220
1.4 Other revenues	2.1.1 Community Housing Revenue	Rental / Lease Properties Income	Rental / Lease Properties Income	-\$128,612	-\$125,250	-\$113,622	-\$125,250	-\$113,622
	1.2.1 Narooc Hostel Revenue	Rental / Lease Properties Income	Rental / Lease Properties Income	-\$789,495	-\$789,495	-\$897,958	-\$789,495	-\$897,958
	5.1.3 Risk Revenue	Reimbursements Other	Reimbursements Other	-\$111,286	-\$236,286	-\$72,446	-\$236,286	-\$72,446
	2.1.1 Public Halls Revenue	Other Surplus Income	Other Surplus Income	\$0	-\$134,260	-\$134,260	-\$134,260	-\$134,260
	2.1.3 Contracted services revenue	Commissions Received	Commissions Received	-\$100,425	-\$101,211	-\$99,283	-\$101,211	-\$99,283
1.4 Other revenues Total				-\$130,118	-\$386,702	-\$1,117,668	-\$386,702	-\$1,117,668
1.5 Grants subsidies contributions - Op	1.1.2 Home & Community Care (HACC) Reven	Commth Grants & Subsidies	Commth Grants & Subsidies	-\$239,269	-\$239,269	-\$238,979	-\$239,269	-\$238,979
	1.2.1 Narooc Hostel Revenue	Commth Grants & Subsidies	Commth Grants & Subsidies	-\$1,442,000	-\$1,890,649	-\$1,706,935	-\$1,890,649	-\$1,706,935
	5.1.1 General Revenues	Commth Grants & Subsidies	Commth Grants & Subsidies	-\$4,197,946	-\$4,215,567	-\$4,215,567	-\$4,215,567	-\$4,215,567
	2.1.1 Unsealed Rural Roads Revenue	Commth Grants & Subsidies	Commth Grants & Subsidies	\$0	-\$2,534,188	-\$2,545,138	-\$2,534,188	-\$2,545,138
	2.2.2 Tharawonga Revenue	Commth Grants & Subsidies	Commth Grants & Subsidies	-\$280,989	-\$280,989	-\$255,506	-\$280,989	-\$255,506
	2.1.1 Regional Roads Revenue	State Grants & Subsidies	State Grants & Subsidies	-\$1,145,111	-\$1,561,000	-\$1,551,126	-\$1,561,000	-\$1,551,126
	2.2.2 Preschool Revenue	State Grants & Subsidies	State Grants & Subsidies	-\$159,467	-\$159,467	-\$166,771	-\$159,467	-\$166,771
	1.2.2 Rural Fire Service Revenue	Other Grants & Subsidies	Other Grants & Subsidies	-\$295,610	-\$295,610	-\$237,560	-\$295,610	-\$237,560
1.5 Grants subsidies contributions - Op Total				-\$7,760,392	-\$11,176,739	-\$10,917,582	-\$11,176,739	-\$10,917,582
1.6 Grants Subsidies Contributions - Cap	2.1.1 Unsealed Rural Roads Revenue	Commth Grants new or upgraded assets	Commth Grants new or upgraded assets	-\$1,965,126	-\$573,000	-\$572,990	-\$573,000	-\$572,990
	2.1.1 Unsealed Rural Roads Revenue	State Grants for new or upgraded assets	State Grants for new or upgraded assets	-\$732,750	-\$268,875	-\$268,875	-\$268,875	-\$268,875
		Capital Contributions - NON CASH	Capital Contributions - NON CASH	-\$80,000	-\$160,000	\$0	-\$160,000	\$0
1.6 Grants Subsidies Contributions - Cap Total				-\$2,777,876	-\$1,001,875	-\$841,865	-\$1,001,875	-\$841,865
1.7 Internal revenues	5.1.3 Plant Revenue	Plant Hire Recovered	Plant Hire Recovered	-\$4,322,078	-\$3,540,565	-\$3,195,824	-\$3,540,565	-\$3,195,824
	5.1.1 Financial Control Revenue	Overheads Recovered	Overheads Recovered	-\$525,000	-\$689,000	-\$774,549	-\$689,000	-\$774,549
	5.1.5 Executive Services Revenue	Overheads Recovered	Overheads Recovered	-\$120,320	-\$120,320	\$0	-\$120,320	\$0
	5.1.3 Geographic Information Services Reven	Overheads Recovered	Overheads Recovered	-\$216,491	-\$216,491	-\$87,294	-\$216,491	-\$87,294
	5.1.3 Stores Revenue	Overheads Recovered	Overheads Recovered	-\$104,995	-\$104,995	-\$32,178	-\$104,995	-\$32,178
	2.1.1 Administration Buildings Revenue	Overheads Recovered	Overheads Recovered	-\$280,520	-\$280,520	-\$155,925	-\$280,520	-\$155,925
	5.1.2 Information Services Revenue	Overheads Recovered	Overheads Recovered	-\$830,679	-\$830,679	-\$560,315	-\$830,679	-\$560,315
	5.1.3 Human Resources Revenue	Overheads Recovered	Overheads Recovered	-\$710,039	-\$710,039	\$0	-\$710,039	\$0
	2.2.1 Training Revenue	Overheads Recovered	Overheads Recovered	-\$275,058	-\$275,058	-\$229,050	-\$275,058	-\$229,050
1.7 Internal revenues Total				-\$7,365,780	-\$6,748,297	-\$5,075,136	-\$6,748,297	-\$5,075,136
1.95 Reserve transfers - from	2.1.1 Regional Roads Revenue	Transfer from Reserve	Transfer from Reserve	\$0	-\$613,627	\$0	-\$613,627	\$0
1.95 Reserve transfers - from	2.2.2 Gwydr Learning Region Revenue	Transfer from Reserve	Transfer from Reserve	\$0	-\$242,338	\$0	-\$242,338	\$0
Grand Total				-\$29,720,509	-\$31,837,173	-\$28,595,658	-\$31,837,173	-\$28,595,658

Major contributors to Expenditure Resource Groups*		resource description	Original Budget	Annual Budget	Annual Actual	YTD Budget	YTD Actual
<b>2.1 Employee benefits and on-costs</b>							
2.1.1 Financial Control Operations	Salaries & Wages	\$766,179	\$675,000	\$0	\$675,000	\$0	
5.1.5 Executive Services	Salaries & Wages	\$368,544	\$368,544	\$368,196	\$368,196	\$368,196	
5.1.3 Plant Operating Expenses - Fleet	Salaries & Wages	\$283,000	\$281,000	\$307,202	\$281,000	\$307,202	
1.2.1 Nano Hostel	Salaries & Wages	\$1,400,000	\$1,650,000	\$1,640,864	\$1,650,000	\$1,640,864	
5.1.2 Information Services	Salaries & Wages	\$247,445	\$247,445	\$243,435	\$247,445	\$243,435	
5.1.3 Human Resources	Salaries & Wages	\$759,803	\$659,803	\$646,730	\$659,803	\$646,730	
5.1.3 Technical Services Operations Management	Salaries & Wages	\$275,346	\$488,392	\$539,000	\$488,392	\$539,000	
5.1.3 Regional Roads Maintenance	Salaries & Wages	\$277,540	\$223,202	\$227,158	\$223,202	\$227,158	
2.1.1 Unsealed Rural Roads Maintenance	Salaries & Wages	\$271,394	\$341,180	\$340,062	\$341,180	\$340,062	
4.2.1 State Roads (RMS) Maintenance	Salaries & Wages	\$277,440	\$404,647	\$468,347	\$404,647	\$468,347	
1.1.3 Tower St Operations	Salaries & Wages	\$269,230	\$244,467	\$244,467	\$244,467	\$244,467	
2.2.1 Training Expenditure	Course Seminar & Conference Registration	\$309,726	\$309,726	\$168,634	\$309,726	\$168,634	
		\$5,666,657	\$5,794,416	\$5,137,743	\$5,794,416	\$5,137,743	
<b>2.3 Materials</b>							
1.2.1 Nano Hostel	Materials Purchased	\$245,140	\$245,140	\$420,800	\$245,140	\$420,800	
4.2.1 State Roads (RMS) Maintenance	Inventory Issued From Store	\$894,785	\$298,495	\$379,298	\$298,495	\$379,298	
5.1.3 Plant Operating Expenses - Fleet	Motor Vehicle & Machinery Parts	\$1,155,660	\$896,299	\$905,000	\$896,299	\$905,000	
5.1.3 Plant Operating Expenses - Fleet	Software Licences	\$397,374	\$392,374	\$431,337	\$392,374	\$431,337	
5.1.2 Information Services	Software Licences	\$274,942	\$274,942	\$166,971	\$274,942	\$166,971	
5.1.1 Financial Control Operations	Stock Adjustment/Wire Off Expense	\$0	\$217,225	\$194,704	\$217,225	\$194,704	
		\$2,957,901	\$2,305,476	\$2,398,111	\$2,305,476	\$2,398,111	
<b>2.3 Materials Total</b>							
2.3.1 Regional Roads Maintenance	Contractors	\$206,000	\$273,459	\$273,459	\$273,459	\$273,459	
4.2.1 State Roads (RMS) Maintenance	Contractors	\$463,500	\$296,198	\$273,459	\$296,198	\$273,459	
		\$669,500	\$1,923,670	\$2,050,012	\$1,923,670	\$2,050,012	
<b>2.4 Contracts Total</b>							
2.4.1 Regional Roads Maintenance	Dep't Expense Sealed Roads Surface	\$582,088	\$582,088	\$480,865	\$582,088	\$480,865	
2.1.1 Sealed Rural Roads	Dep't Expense Sealed Roads Surface	\$694,802	\$694,802	\$504,523	\$694,802	\$504,523	
2.1.1 Regional Roads Maintenance	Dep't Expense Sealed Roads Structure	\$600,105	\$600,105	\$537,442	\$600,105	\$537,442	
2.1.1 Sealed Rural Roads	Dep't Expense Sealed Roads Structure	\$603,850	\$603,850	\$604,303	\$603,850	\$604,303	
2.1.1 Unsealed Rural Roads Maintenance	Dep't Expense Unsealed Roads	\$1,707,420	\$1,707,420	\$1,027,142	\$1,707,420	\$1,027,142	
5.1.3 Plant Operating Expenses - Fleet	Dep't Expense 3 Plant & Equipment	\$1,236,000	\$1,236,000	\$874,625	\$1,236,000	\$874,625	
2.1.1 Unsealed Rural Roads Maintenance	Dep't Expense 5 Roads	\$252,530	\$252,530	\$0	\$252,530	\$0	
2.1.1 Bridges on Sealed Rural Rds Local Mice	Dep't Expense 8 Bridges	\$233,315	\$233,315	\$3,093	\$233,315	\$3,093	
2.1.1 Bridges on Sealed Rural Rds Regional Mice	Dep't Expense 8 Bridges	\$297,277	\$297,277	\$7,270	\$297,277	\$7,270	
1.1.3 Show Grounds	Dep't Expense - Specialised Buildings	\$233,596	\$233,596	\$58,662	\$233,596	\$58,662	
		\$6,440,983	\$6,440,983	\$4,097,924	\$6,440,983	\$4,097,924	
<b>2.5 Depreciation &amp; amortisation Total</b>							
2.5.1 Regional Roads Maintenance	Emergency Services Levy	\$321,988	\$342,039	\$372,194	\$342,039	\$372,194	
2.5.2 Other expenses	Plant Hire - Internal Usage	\$457,762	\$467,387	\$446,662	\$467,387	\$446,662	
2.5.3 Plant Purchases	Plant Hire - Internal Usage	\$369,272	\$369,272	\$370,735	\$369,272	\$370,735	
4.2.1 State Roads (RMS) Maintenance	Proceeds from Sales & Trade in of Plant	\$1,423,034	\$168,188	\$168,188	\$168,188	\$168,188	
		\$1,423,034	\$156,685	\$156,685	\$156,685	\$156,685	
<b>2.6 Internal expenses Total</b>							
2.6.1 Plant Purchases	Proceeds from Sales & Trade in of Plant	\$156,185	\$156,185	\$156,185	\$156,185	\$156,185	
2.6.2 Other expenses	Proceeds from Sales & Trade in of Plant	\$156,185	\$156,185	\$156,185	\$156,185	\$156,185	
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**Item 6 Monthly Investment and rates Collection Report - June 2016**

**FILE REFERENCE**

**DELIVERY PROGRAM**

**GOAL:** 5. Organisational Management

**OUTCOME:** 5.1 CORPORATE MANAGEMENT

**STRATEGY:** 5.1.1 Financial management and accountability systems - CFO - internal

**AUTHOR** Chief Financial Officer

**DATE** 20 July 2016

**STAFF DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST** Nil

**IN BRIEF/ SUMMARY RECOMMENDATION**

At each monthly Ordinary meeting of Council, the Council is presented with the schedule relating to Investments as at the end of the previous month.

**BACKGROUND**

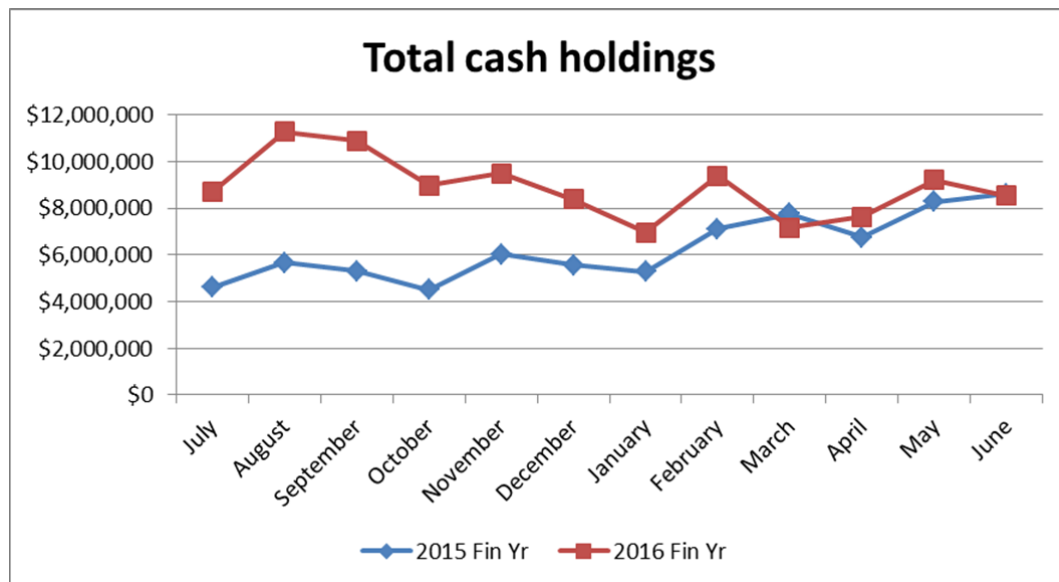
In accordance with Clause 19(3) of the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulation 1993, the following information provides details of Council's funds invested as at 30 June 2016.

Direct Investments							
Broker	ID	Investment Name	Rating	Type	Next Rollover	Yield	Current Value
NAB	2016.14	NAB	AA	TD	26/09/16	3.00%	\$1,000,000.00
NAB	2016.15	NAB	AA	TD	4/09/16	2.05%	\$1,000,000.00
NAB	2016.16	NAB	AA	TD	5/10/16	2.05%	\$1,000,000.00
NAB	2016.17	NAB	AA	TD	15/09/16	2.86%	\$1,067,534.62
NAB	2016.11	NAB	AA	TD	26/07/16	2.95%	\$1,000,000.00
NAB	2016.13	NAB	AA	TD	22/08/16	2.95%	\$1,000,000.00
Grand Total							\$6,067,534.62
Managed Funds							
Fund	Investment Horizon		Type	3 Mth Avg Yield		Current Value	
WBC Maxi Direct	At Call		Cash	0.00%		\$0.00	
NECU Interest Maximiser	At Call		Cash	3.20%		\$228,318.11	
Grand Total							\$228,318.11
Direct Investments							\$6,067,534.62
Managed Funds							\$228,318.11
Floating Rate Direct							\$0.00
Grand Total							\$6,295,852.73

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Cash and Investments	
<b>Total Investments</b>	
Direct Investments	\$6,067,534.62
Managed Funds	\$228,318.11
<b>Grand Total Investments</b>	<b>\$6,295,852.73</b>
<b>Total Cash and Investments</b>	
Investments	\$6,295,852.73
Cash at bank	\$ 2,244,345.55
<b>Grand Total Cash and Investments</b>	<b>\$8,540,198.28</b>
<b>General Fund Cash</b>	
<b>Total cash and investments</b>	<b>\$8,540,198.28</b>
<b>LESS:</b>	
Water fund*	-\$2,000,000.00
Sewer fund*	-\$2,500,000.00
Waste fund*	-\$2,000,000.00
<b>Other restrictions:</b>	
Employee leave entitlements*	-\$300,000.00
Carry over works in progress*	\$0.00
Asset replacement*	\$0.00
Bonds and deposits	-\$290,000.00
Unexpended grants*	-\$1,020,000.00
Developer contributions	-\$120,000.00
<b>Discretionary General Fund Cash</b>	<b>\$310,198.28</b>



I, Ron Wood, Chief Financial Officer and Responsible Accounting Officer for Gwydir Shire Council, certify that the Council's investments have been made in accordance with the Local Government Act 1993, Local Government

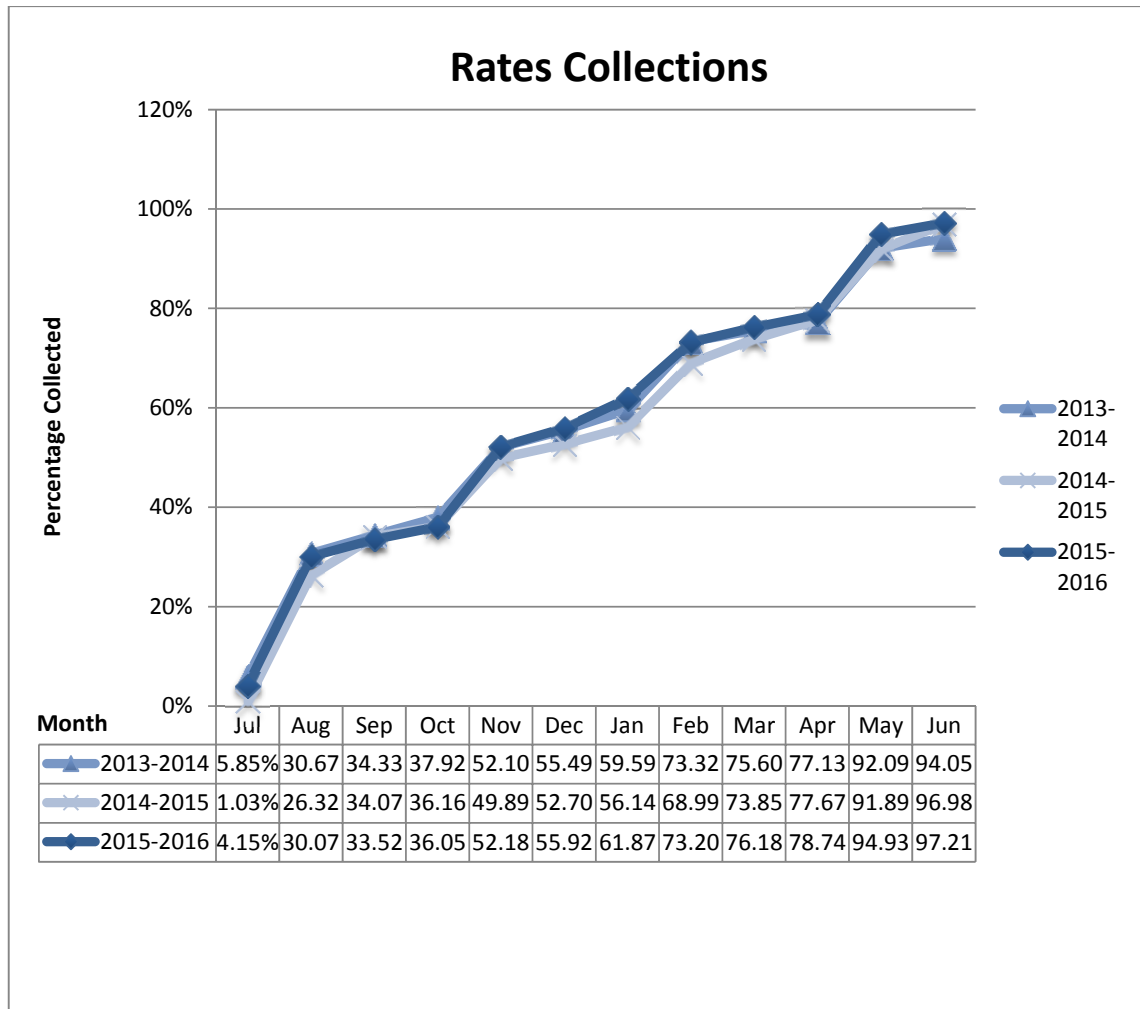
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(General) Regulation 2005 and Council's Investment Policy (F.01.03), as amended.

## RATES COLLECTIONS

The graph below represents a comparative of the percentage collections for the current year against the three previous rating years. The current years collections are up to 30<sup>th</sup> June 2016.



## OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

THAT the report be received and noted.

## ATTACHMENTS

There are no attachments for this report.

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**COUNCIL RESOLUTION:  
MINUTE 243/16**

**THAT the Monthly Investment and Rates Collection Report - June 2016 be received and noted.**

**(Moved Cr Moore, seconded Cr Egan)**

**Item 7            Namoi Joint Organisation Minutes 7th July 2016**

## FILE REFERENCE

## DELIVERY PROGRAM

**GOAL: 4. Proactive Regional and Local Leadership**

**OUTCOME: 4.1 WE ARE AN ENGAGED & CONNECTED COMMUNITY**

**STRATEGY: 4.2.1 Build strong relationships and shared responsibilities - GM - external**

**AUTHOR** General Manager

**DATE** 13 July 2016

**STAFF DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST** Nil

## IN BRIEF/ SUMMARY RECOMMENDATION

The recommendation is the notation of the Minutes of the Namoi Joint Organisation Board Meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> July 2016.

## OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Minutes of the Namoi Joint Organisation Board Meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> July 2016.

## ATTACHMENTS

**AT- Minutes**

**COUNCIL RESOLUTION:  
MINUTE 244/16**

**THAT the Minutes of the Namoi Joint Organisation Board Meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> July 2016 are noted.**

**(Moved Cr Egan, seconded Cr Doering)**

During discussion the request from Armidale Regional Council to become a full member of the Namoi Joint Organisation was raised to gauge the level of support amongst Gwydir Councillors for the proposal. The general view was to not support this request as it would severely alter the current successful organisational dynamics of the Namoi JO detrimentally.

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## MEETING

Held at

**Walcha Council**

**Thursday 7 July 2016 commencing at 9.30am**

## MINUTES

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<b>PRESENT:</b>	<b>Tamworth Regional Council</b> Cr Col Murray, JO Chairperson/Mayor and Paul Bennett, General Manager
	<b>Narrabri Shire Council</b> Cr Conrad Bolton, JO Deputy Chairperson/Mayor
	<b>Gunnedah Shire Council</b> Eric Groth, General Manager
	<b>Gwydir Shire Council</b> Cr John Coulton, Mayor and Max Eastcott, General Manager
	<b>Liverpool Plains Shire Council</b> Cr Andrew Hope, Mayor and Ron Van Katwyk, General Manager
	<b>Moree Plains Shire Council</b> Cr Katrina Humphries, Mayor and Lester Rodgers, General Manager via Video Conference link
	<b>Uralla Shire Council</b> Cr Mick Pearce, Mayor and George Cowan, Acting General Manager
	<b>Walcha Council</b>

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Cr Janelle Archdale, Mayor and Jack O'Hara, General Manager

**NSW Department of Premier & Cabinet**

Alison McGaffin, New England North West Regional Coordinator

**Regional Development Australian Northern Inland**

Russell Stewart, Chairperson and Nathan Axellson, Executive Officer

## **1 REGIONAL GOVERNANCE**

### **1.1 WELCOME**

Cr Janelle Archdale, Mayor, Walcha Council welcomed Namoi Councils Joint Organisation Board members to Walcha and expressed appreciation to member Councils for their support in the actions of Walcha Council to stand alone and not be merged with any adjoining Council or Councils.

### **1.2 APOLOGIES**

Apologies were announced as having been received from Adam Marshall MP, Member for Northern Tablelands, Cr Owen Hasler Gunnedah Shire Council and Stewart Todd, General Manager, Narrabri Shire Council.

#### Declaration of Interest

Nil

### **1.3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

**55/16 RESOLVED**

#### **MOTION**

**Moved Cr Pearce, Uralla and seconded Cr Archdale, Walcha**

That the Minutes of the Meeting of Namoi Councils held on 2 June 2016, copies of which were circulated to all members, be taken as read and confirmed as a correct record of the proceedings of the Meeting.

### **1.4 OUTSTANDING ACTION LIST 36**

**56/16 RESOLVED**

#### **MOTION**

**Moved Cr Bolton, Narrabri and seconded Cr Coulton, Gwydir**

- (i) That Outstanding Action List 36 be received and noted; and
- (ii) That JOLT be requested to prepare a Template for Induction of Joint Organisation Board Members and Actions to be taken following the September 2016 Local Government Elections.

### **1.5 FINANCE REPORT**

**57/16 RESOLVED**

#### **MOTION**

**Moved Cr Bolton, Narrabri and seconded Cr Archdale, Walcha**

That the Namoi Councils Financial Report as at 30 May 2016 be received and noted and that the Executive Officer be requested to include more information in the monthly Finance Report in respect of the nature of the expenditure incurred.

## **2 REGIONAL ADVOCACY**

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## 2.1 REGIONAL MEDIA ISSUES

58/16 **RESOLVED**

### MOTION

**Moved Cr Bolton, Narrabri and seconded Cr Hope, Liverpool Plains**

That Namoi Councils issue Media Releases and forward Letters congratulating the Members of Parliament covering the Namoi Councils' Region elected to Parliament at the recent Federal Government Election.

## 2.2 MEDIA RELEASES ISSUED

Nil issued since last Board

## 2.3 OUTWARD CORRESPONDENCE

59/16 **RESOLVED**

### MOTION

**Moved Cr Bolton, Narrabri and seconded Cr Pearce, Uralla**

That the Outward Correspondence Items 2.3.1 be noted.

## 2.4 INWARD CORRESPONDENCE

60/16 **RESOLVED**

### MOTION

**Moved Cr Bolton, Narrabri and seconded Cr Pearce, Uralla**

- (i) That Inward Correspondence Items 2.4.2, 2.4.2 and 2.4.3 be received and noted;
- (ii) That the request for support from Griffith City Council in attempts to commission a feasibility study into diverting tributaries of the Clarence River into the Murray Darling River System to create more water for the lower Murray Darling Basin be referred for further consideration at the next Board Meeting; and
- (iii) That it be noted the Administrator and Interim General Manager of Armidale Regional Council attended the July 2016 Board Meeting in an observer capacity.

## 2.5 PRESENTATIONS

### 2.5.1 YAMBA RAIL PORT PROJECT

Mr Des Euen made a verbal presentation to the Board in respect of Yamba Rail Port Project which entails the regeneration and expansion of the existing northern NSW declared Port of Yamba. Mr Euen advised that Australia is the third most important maritime trading nation in the world by distance covered and tonnage carried and as a consequence, Australia's ports represent critical infrastructure for the nation's future security.

Located at the mouth of the Clarence River, Port Yamba is one of five internationally recognised ports in NSW, and provides maritime links for export timber and supply vessels to Norfolk Island, Lord Howe



Island, New Zealand and other South-Pacific markets. Australia's most eastern seaport, located on the main north-south trade shipping lane, the route carries in excess of seventy percent (70%) of Australia's import/export containerised trade annually.

A unique and significant piece of transport infrastructure, the ports underlying potential to become a large-scale, multi-cargo import-export facility that would provide for bulk, general cargo, Ro Ro and containerised trade, has significantly increased in recent years.

Under the Australian Infrastructure Developments (AID) Plan, the Port of Yamba will be transformed from its limited domestic operational status into a globally significant "common-user" shipping hub capable of accepting a wide-range of vessel types. The port will provide capacity for up to 4 million TEU's and upwards of 50 million tonnes of additional import/export cargoes to include, but not limited to, agricultural products and machinery. It is envisaged that Stage 1 and 2 of the port development plan will open for trade by 2023 with stages 3 and 4 completed and in full operation by 2028. It is foreseen that cargo throughput will rapidly increase from 2026 onwards. Given Port Yamba will be the only eastern international gateway with direct unconstrained access to the broader national rail and road grid, it is fair to expect that this in conjunction with the inland rail would provide capacity upwards of 22% of the projected national freight task.

Mr Euen advised that a 30 minute Video Presentation of the AID Plan was nearing completion which would be supplied to all member Councils.

The Board expressed its appreciation to Mr Euen for delivering the Project Presentation.

## **2.5.2 ESSENTIAL ENERGY – DAVID CROUGH MANAGER COMMUNITY RELATIONS NORTHERN AND DEBBIE VOLTZ, MANAGER COMMERCIAL SERVICES**

Representatives of Essential Energy delivered a presentation in respect of the following projects and activities:

### ***Northern Lights Project***

- Collaboration between Regional Development Australia – Northern Inland NSW, Councils and Essential Energy has provided for the installation of LED lights across 7 councils: Armidale, Glen Innes, Guyra, Gwydir, Inverell, Tenterfield and Walcha Councils.
- The Project is partially funded by Essential Energy, Councils with the addition of funding through the Community Energy Efficiency Program (CEEP).
- Installation commenced on 18 August, bulk replacement was completed by 29 February 2016, with remaining lights upgraded by Essential Energy field employees. A Total of 4,819 LED lights installed across 7 councils, two LED light

types - 18W and 25W LED Lights with the lights evenly distributed across all areas.

**Transition to LED - Cat P**

- Standard Material List update involving addition of LED's for P4/5 and removal of decorative fittings (remain for maintenance only)
- Letter will be issued to Councils and ASP's for LED light standards (Cat P4/5) to use for new developments.
- Letter will be issued over the coming weeks once Cat P4/5 contracts executed.
- Trials will commence with Cat V LED pricing to be developed in conjunction with customers.
- Essential Energy will work with councils on LED upgrade strategies, options include:
  - Bulk upgrade in place of lamp replacement program
  - Bulk upgrade at agreed time
  - Progressive upgrade at end of life of existing lights

**NSW Public Lighting Code**

- NSW Department of Industry is proposing changes to the NSW Public
- Lighting Code which will be developed in conjunction with the NSW Public Lighting Forum. It will involve a complete re-write of the code which when completed will be mandatory.

**2.5.3 NSW DEPARTMENT OF PRIMARY INDUSTRY – EUROPEAN CARP ERADICATION PROGRAM - MATT BARWICK**

NSW DPI representative, Matt Barwick, delivered a very comprehensive presentation in respect of the Carp Eradication Program as the introduced freshwater pest fish now widespread throughout most of NSW, particularly in the Murray-Darling Basin and the river systems of the Mid NSW Coast and Tablelands. In many areas carp dominate the fish biomass at the expense of native species. Their range is expanding to include an increasing number of coastal catchments, particularly on the NSW North Coast. The reported impacts of carp include increased turbidity, algal blooms, riverbank damage and destruction of aquatic vegetation.

A recently identified candidate biological control agent is currently being assessed to keep carp numbers in check. CSIRO scientists are currently investigating a highly specific viral disease called *cyprinid herpesvirus-3*, also known as *koi herpesvirus* (KHV), to help manage carp numbers in Australia. The virus first appeared in Israel in 1998, and spread rapidly throughout much of the world, although not to Australia or New Zealand. It causes high death rates in common carp and in the ornamental koi carp. No other species of fish, including goldfish, are known to be affected by the virus. Carp herpes virus could stem the tide and over the next few years tests will

continue into the susceptibility of other fish and amphibian species to CyHV-3 and address questions regarding the safety of possible widespread distribution of the virus, both for people and other animal species.

The Board expressed its appreciation to Mr Barwick for delivering a very comprehensive Presentation.

## 2.6 ISSUES SUBMITTED BY MEMBER COUNCILS

### 2.6.1 LIVERPOOL PLAINS SHIRE COUNCIL – INLAND NSW RTO

Cr Andrew Hope, Liverpool Plains Shire Council tabled concern regarding the insolvency of the body responsible for promoting tourism across most of inland north and western NSW - **Inland NSW Regional Tourism Organisation** - and referred to a recent announcement in the media that the NSW Government will invest \$43 million over four years in a major overhaul in the way regional and rural areas attract visitors, including the creation of six new Destination Networks throughout NSW. The media announcement advised the new networks will work closely with local government, tourism organisations and operators, as well as collaborate on campaigns with Destination NSW and a new Destination NSW regional division.

The 4 new regional destination networks are:

- Destination Riverina Murray
- Destination Southern NSW
- Destination North Coast
- Destination Country and Outback NSW.

The new networks were created after consultation with 93 key industry associations and stakeholders on ways to improve the outcomes for the Regional NSW visitor economy.

### 2.6.2 NOTICE OF MOTION – NARRABRI SHIRE COUNCIL

61/16 **RESOLVED**

#### **MOTION**

**Moved Cr Bolton, Narrabri and seconded Cr Humphries, Moree Plains**

That the Namoi Joint Organisation remove the item of General Business from the Agenda of the Namoi Joint Organisation Board Meetings.

## 3 **3 INTERGOVERNMENTAL COLLABORATION**

### 3.1 **KEVIN ANDERSON MP, MEMBER FOR TAMWORTH AND PARLIAMENTARY SECRETARY FOR REGIONAL ROADS AND RAIL**

The State Member for Tamworth and Parliamentary Secretary for Regional Roads and Rail, Kevin Anderson MP, addressed the Board in relation to the following matters and issues:

- The enabling legislation for creation of Joint Organisations will be introduced in the State Parliament Spring Session August 2016.

- Amending legislation is proposed to create a 2 year term for the position of Mayor.
- Acknowledged the effective collaboration and communication with the Namoi Councils JO and stated that the Minister for Local Government, the Hon Paul Toole MP, held the Namoi JO in very high regard.
- The Member for Tamworth was requested to make representations on behalf of the Namoi Councils JO for the allocation of \$300,000 to fund the start-up of the JO following the passing of the enabling legislation by Parliament.
- In due course, an update will be provided in relation to the work of the NSW Freight Taskforce.
- Passenger daily return rail services to the New England North West Region and Newcastle remain very high priority. A detail study is currently underway for the purpose of establishing a much improved service model. A second round workshop is due to be held.

### 3.2 NSW DEPARTMENT OF PREMIER & CABINET REGIONAL COORDINATOR

The NSW Department of Premier & Cabinet Regional Coordinator, Alison McGaffin, addressed the Board in relation to the following matters and issues:

- NSW Office of Local Government representatives held at a Consultation Workshop at Bingara on 28 June 2016 which was attended by Namoi Councils JO member Council's GMs and Cr John Coulton of Gwydir Shire Council. The Workshop was very productive and it was most evident that the JO Model proposed by Namoi Councils is the model preferred by the NSW OLG.
- A Meeting of the Western Mining and Resource Development Taskforce is scheduled to be held on Monday 11 July 2016 and the Namoi Councils JO will be represented by the JO Chair, Cr Col Murray, and Executive Officer.

### 3.3 REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT AUSTRALIA NORTHERN INLAND

The Chairperson of Regional Development Australia Northern Inland (RDANI), Russell Stewart, addressed the Board in relation to the following matters and issues:

A Workshop for the Namoi Region Investment Prospectus is scheduled to be held on Friday 15 July 2016 in Tamworth with the Prospectus Governance Group to review progress to date.

RDA Northern Inland is in a position to continue their project management function of the Northern Lights project and referred to the communication by Namoi Councils JO to the Federal Member for New England, the Hon Barnaby Joyce MHR, seeking funding for continuation of Project for roll-out to Tamworth, Liverpool Plains, Gunnedah, Narrabri and Moree Plains Councils.

## **4 REGIONAL STRATEGIC PLANNING AND PRIORITISATION**

### **4.1 INLAND RAIL PROJECT – STANDING AGENDA ITEM**

The Board discussed general aspects of the Inland Rail Project in relation to the economic benefit to member Councils, particularly Moree Plains and Narrabri Shire Councils.

#### **MOTION**

**Moved Cr Bolton, Narrabri and seconded Cr Humphries, Moree**

#### **62/16 RESOLVED**

That the discussion held in respect of the Inland Rail Project as national strategic infrastructure project be noted.

### **4.2 JOINT ORGANISATION LEADERSHIP TEAM (JOLT) MEETING REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS – 28 JUNE 2016**

#### **MOTION**

**Moved Cr Hope, Liverpool Plains and seconded Cr Pearce, Uralla**

#### **63/16 RESOLVED**

That the Report of the Joint Organisation Leadership Team Meeting held on 28 June 2016 be received and adopted.

### **4.3 REPORT - JOINT ORGANISATIONS – TOWARDS A NEW MODEL FOR REGIONAL COLLABORATION**

#### **MOTION**

**Moved Cr Bolton, Narrabri and seconded Cr Humphries, Moree**

#### **64/16 RESOLVED**

(i) That the responses to the Joint Organisation Background Consultation Paper contained in Table 1 and the responses to the Minister's Overview of the proposed JO Model contained in Table 2 be adopted and submitted to the NSW Office of Local Government prior to the closing date of 15 July 2016 as a submission from the Namoi Councils Joint Organisation; and

(ii) That the response in Table 2 at the bottom of page 56 and top of page 57 include the following:

*"Individual Councils still reserve the right to opt in or opt out as an autonomous member Council".*

### **4.4 REPORT – NAMOI ROADS & TRANSPORT WORKING GROUP**

#### **MOTION**

**Moved Cr Coulton, Gwydir and seconded Cr Bolton, Narrabri**

#### **64/16 RESOLVED**

That that the recommendations of the Namoi Roads & Transport Working Group Meeting held on 14 June 2016 be received and adopted.

## **5 NAMOI COUNCILS SHARED SERVICES**

### **NIL REPORTS**

**6 GENERAL BUSINESS**

Nil

**7 DATE AND VENUE FOR NEXT NAMOI COUNCILS JOINT ORGANISATION BOARD MEETING**

**Date:** Thursday 4 August 2016 commencing at 9.30am

**Venue:** Uralla Shire Council

**Closure:** There being no further business, the Namoi Councils Joint Organisation Meeting concluded at 12.35pm

Cr Col Murray, Namoi Councils, Chairperson

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**Cr John Coulton**

**Sand Extraction DA Modification (Ref: 245/16)**

The meeting was advised that Mr Cliff was hopeful of commencing sand extraction during September 2016 but the development does require a modification to the original consent which may not be determined before the target date.

**Cr Stuart Dick**

**Proposed Fire Management Plan for Warialda (Ref: 246/16)**

The meeting was advised that the plan is close to being presented to Council. The plan will include detailed work around asset protection zones adjacent to high risk areas.

**Cr Stuart Dick**

**Tree removal required (Ref: 247/16)**

Cr Dick advised the meeting that a tree has fallen over on the northern side of the Captain Cook/Recreation Ground in Warialda and requires removal. The meeting was advised that this would be attended to as soon as possible.

**Cr Stuart Dick**

**North Star Bike Rally (Ref: 248/16)**

The meeting was reminded that over 3,000 competitors will be participating in this event over the coming weekend.

**Cr Jim Moore**

**Weed spraying damage Market Street Warialda (Ref: 249/16)**

Cr Moore advised the meeting that he has received a complaint from Ms Fay Grieve 95 Market Street Warialda stating that weed spraying was conducted adjacent to her property and the spray drift has damaged her garden.

**Cr Jim Moore**

**Complaint regarding length of time taken to repair water pipes in High Street Warialda (Ref: 250/16)**

Cr Moore passed on a complaint he has received regarding the time taken on this job.

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**Cr Geoff Smith**

**Rate Increase (Ref: 251/16)**

Cr Smith advised the meeting that he has received several requests for explanations regarding the variations in residents' rates that have been delivered recently.

**Cr Angela Doering**

**Farewell (Ref: 252/16)**

Cr Doering advised the meeting that this meeting would, in fact, be her last meeting as she will be unable to attend the meeting on 9<sup>th</sup> August 2016 due to her being accepted into the Rural Leadership Program that requires her attendance at a 'boot camp' when the meeting is scheduled.

She thanked all the Councillors for their support and friendship over the last eight years and wished the new Council well into the future.

The Mayor acknowledged and thanked Cr Doering for her service to her local community over her period as a Councillor.

**Mrs Leeah Daley**

**Farewell (Ref: 253/16)**

Mrs Daley also advised the meeting that she will be an apology for the last meeting on 9<sup>th</sup> August 2016 but wanted to just say how much she has enjoyed working with this Council and thanked them for their dedication and support over the last 4 years. Mrs Daley's comments were echoed by all the staff present.

**Meeting closed 12.46 pm**