



MINUTES ORDINARY MEETING

GWYDIR SHIRE COUNCIL

WEDNESDAY 31 MAY 2017

COMMENCING AT 9.02 AM

BINGARA OFFICE COUNCIL CHAMBERS

Present:

Councillors: Cr. John Coulton (Mayor), Cr. Catherine Egan (Deputy Mayor), Cr. Stuart Dick, Cr Marilyn Dixon OAM, Cr. Jim Moore, Cr. Geoff Smith, Cr. David Coulton (left at 12.05 pm), Cr Tiffany Galvin and Cr Frances Young.

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 N Capel (*Warialda Standard and Bingara Advocate*) and Mr S McCarthy (*Inverell Times*)

Visitor: Nil

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OFFICIAL OPENING AND WELCOME – MAYOR

APOLOGIES All present

CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES

**COUNCIL RESOLUTION:
MINUTE 122/17**

THAT the Minutes of the previous Council Meeting held on Wednesday 26 April 2017 as circulated be taken as read and CONFIRMED.

(Moved Cr Smith, seconded Cr Dick)

PRESENTATION Nil

CALL FOR THE DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS AND CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Cr Dick declared a pecuniary interest in an item in the confidential agenda (Correspondence – W Clift) under the Local Government Act as an owner of a neighbouring property.

Crs J Coulton, Young, Egan and D Coulton indicated a less than significant non-pecuniary interest in the item relating to Donations through their involvement with various community groups.

ADDITIONAL/LATE ITEMS

**COUNCIL RESOLUTION:
MINUTE 123/17**

THAT the following items, namely:

- 1. GM's Performance Review (Confidential)**
- 2. Local Government Innovation Fund Grants - Round 2**

are accepted as late items onto this Agenda for discussion.

(Moved Cr Egan, seconded Cr D Coulton)

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

**COUNCIL RESOLUTION:
MINUTE 124/17**

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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 Galvin, seconded Cr Dick)

ADOPTION OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE CONFIDENTIAL SESSION

**COUNCIL RESOLUTION:
MINUTE 125/17**

THAT the recommendations of the Confidential Session, namely:

Closed Report - Organisation and Community Development - April 2017

THAT the Confidential report for Organisation and Community Development for April 2017 be received (Ref: 126/17).

Correspondence – W Clift

THAT the Council's letter dated 11th May 2017 to Mr W Clift outlining the Council's current position concerning DA 32/87 is noted (Ref: 127/17).

Purchase offer received - 112 Maitland Street, Bingara 1 AND 2, DP 851246

THAT the Council accepts of the offer from John Charles Tufrey and Loretta Elsie Tufrey to purchase Lots 1 and 2 (see attached plan) DP 851246 (112 Maitland Street Bingara) for \$70,000 (Ref: 128/17).

FURTHER that the Seal of Council be affixed to any sale documents if required.

Proposed Greenhouse Memorandum of Understanding

THAT the signed Memorandum of Understanding between Gwydir Shire Council, Green Camel Pty Limited and Perfection Fresh Australia Pty Limited is noted (Ref: 129/17).

FURTHER that the drawdown of the \$500,000 loan authorised at the March 2017 Council Meeting (53/17) to progress the Circular Economy initiative is approved (Ref: 130/17).

Installation of solar panels

THAT the Council accepts the Zen Energy quotation of \$169,802.97 for the installation of solar panels at Naroo, the Roxy, Bingara and Warialda Administration Buildings and the Warialda Depot (Ref: 131/17).

GM's Performance Review

THAT the report is received and that the generally favourable performance review is noted (Ref: 132/17).

Councillors Reports

THAT the following Councillor reports are noted regarding:

Bingara Caravan Park (Ref: 133/17); and;

Current situation - Industrial Block north of Warialda (Ref: 134/17)

are adopted.

(Moved Cr Smith, seconded Cr Galvin)

Item 1 Monthly Town Utilities and Plant report - March/April 2017

FILE REFERENCE

DELIVERY PROGRAM

GOAL: 5. Organisational Management

OUTCOME: 5.1 CORPORATE MANAGEMENT

STRATEGY: 5.1.3 Administrative functions - GM - internal

AUTHOR Town Services Manager

DATE 3 May 2017

STAFF DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST Nil

IN BRIEF/SUMMARY

The monthly Town Utilities and Plant report details the activities carried out by the Town Utilities and Plant Department.

BACKGROUND

The monthly Town Utilities report has been identified by the Council as the process of reporting the activities carried out monthly by the Town Utilities and Plant Department.

COMMENT

Technical Services and Administration

Engineering infrastructure, asset management, planning, design and surveys were carried out in-house. The engineering staff continued to provide customer service to the Gwydir Shire residents.

Water/Sewerage Supply (all sites)

The water supply and sewerage schemes are being maintained.

Water meters were read the second week of March; a number of faulty meters were replaced after being identified in the reading schedule.

Staff attended to 32 service line repairs, four water main breaks, two sewer blockages and attended maintenance works at Bingara Riverside caravan park, The Roxy, National Australia Bank building, Warialda cemetery and the Warialda aged units.

The installation of an additional dump point in Bingara was completed during April with a small sewer pump station being installed at Cunningham Park on Copeton Dam Road. The sewer pump station will collect waste from the dump point and Cunningham Park public toilets and pump the waste back to the sewer system at a point located in the Riverside Caravan Park. The coin operated standpipe accepts 10c, 20c, 50c, \$1 and \$2 coins. The charge is

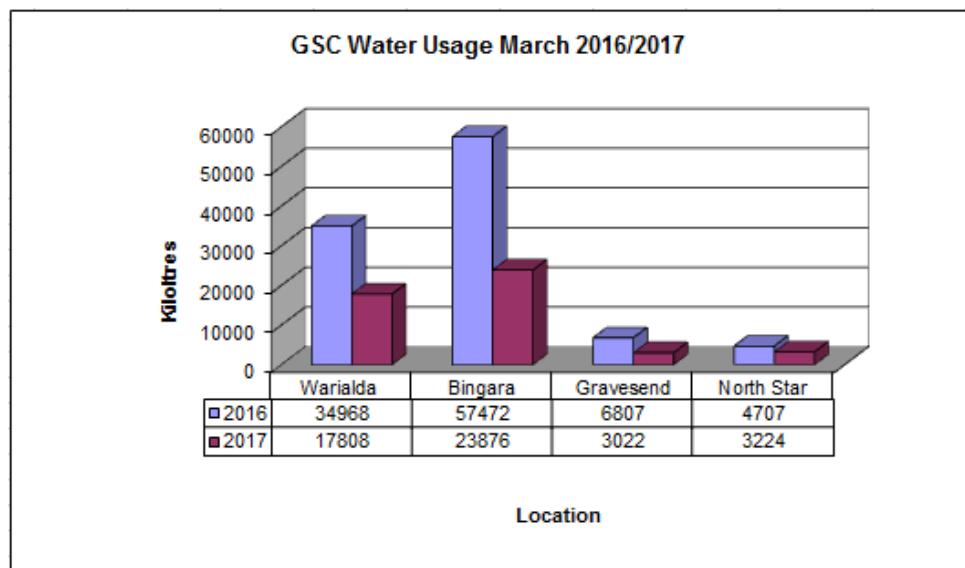
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\$3/KL of water with \$1 minimum charge. Most caravans have a water storage capacity of 100-300litres, allowing most caravans to be filled with water for a cost of \$1. Protection bollards have been installed and Photinias will be planted to beautify the area during spring. All existing signage for the showground dump point has now been directed to the new dump point on Copeton Dam Road.



Coin operated Standpipe and dump point



Water usage comparison March 2016-2017

The Bingara Showground continues to be maintained.

Events in March/April at the Bingara Showground

- Bingara Barrel Racing
- Country Auctions
- Bingara Pony Club minicamp

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Plant and Workshop

1 Plant Replacement – complete for 2016-2017

2 Workshop

Service and repairs of Council's fleet has been undertaken during March and April.

Gantries for the three sewerage pump stations have been fabricated and installed at each of the stations. The sewer operators will now be able to lift pumps for inspection and maintenance using the gantries rather than bringing other equipment to each site.



Installation of sewer pump station gantry

Registration checks have all been undertaken for fleet with a common expiry date of 1st May 2017.

Portable Toilets

The portable toilets were used at the following events during March/April:

- Road works
- Bingara anglers club
- Warialda races

Customer Service Requests:

Water and Sewerage			
Month	Number of Received Requests	Completed Requests	Pending Requests
March	7	7	0
April	11	11	0

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CONCLUSION

The activities carried out by the Town Services Department are in line with the 2016/17 Management Plan and otherwise as directed.

CONSULTATION

Consultation is carried out within the Town Utilities, Technical Services and Environmental Services during the month.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Policy implications are those relating to the 2016/17 Management Plan and the Engineering Policies of Gwydir Shire Council.

FINANCIAL, ECONOMIC AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS (Including Asset management)

The activities carried out by the Town Utilities Department are in line with the 2016/17 Management Plan.

SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS (Social and Environmental)

The activities undertaken by the Town Utilities Department regarding social and environmental factors are targeted for best practice in line with the 2016/17 Management Plan.

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

THAT the monthly Town Utilities and Plant report for March and April 2017 be received.

ATTACHMENTS

There are no attachments for this report.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION: MINUTE 135/17

THAT the monthly Town Utilities and Plant report for March and April 2017 be received.

(Moved Cr Galvin, seconded Cr Egan)

Item 2 Local Traffic Committee Meeting held 11 April 2017

FILE REFERENCE

DELIVERY PROGRAM

GOAL: 5. Organisational Management

OUTCOME: 5.1 CORPORATE MANAGEMENT

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

AUTHOR Technical Services Director

DATE 3 May 2017

STAFF DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST Nil

IN BRIEF/ SUMMARY RECOMMENDATION

This report recommends the adoption of the minutes from the Local Traffic Committee meeting held on 11 April 2017.

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE LOCAL TRAFFIC COMMITTEE MEETING

THAT the Traffic Committee supports and recommends to Council that approval be granted to have a public road crossing on Cobbadah Road between Hall Street and Lindsay Street, Upper Horton.

FURTHER to the officer recommendation, Council has received written approval from NSW Police for this event.

FURTHER that the Traffic Committee supports and recommends to Council that approval be granted to have a public road crossing on Yetman Road at the entrance to North Star Sporting Club.

FURTHER that a copy of the Public Liability has been sighted by Council but the Rider Insurance from Motocross Queensland is still pending as this has not been made available to the North Star Sporting Committee as yet.

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Minutes of the Local Traffic Committee meeting held 11 April 2017 be adopted.

ATTACHMENTS

AT- Minutes Local Traffic Committee

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**COUNCIL RESOLUTION:
MINUTE 136/17**

THAT the Minutes of the Local Traffic Committee meeting held 11 April 2017 be adopted.

(Moved Cr Dixon OAM, seconded Cr Dick)



MINUTES

LOCAL TRAFFIC COMMITTEE
Electronic Meeting
12th April 2017

Present Members:

Cr John Coulton (Gwydir Shire Council, Chairman)
Cr Geoff Smith (Gwydir Shire Council)
Cr David Coulton (Gwydir Shire Council)
Richard Jane (Technical Services Director, GSC)
Snr Cont Nigel Noffke (NSW Police)
Stefan Wielebinski (Roads and Maritime Services)
Mrs Nancy Capel (Local Member Rep)
Mr David Smith (Local Member Rep)
Alisa Akins (Technical Services Admin, GSC)

Items on the Agenda

- 1. Upper Horton Trail Bike Ride 2017
- 2. North Star Trail Bike Ride 2017

Item 1 Upper Horton Trail Bike Ride

TITLE OF REPORT: Upper Horton Trail Bike Ride
LOCATION/ADDRESS/MAP: N/A
AUTHOR: Director Technical Services, Richard Jane
STAFF DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST: N/A
DATE: 11th April 2017

IN BRIEF/ SUMMARY RECOMMENDATION/PURPOSE:

The purpose of this report is to inform the Local Traffic Committee that Council received an Events Application requesting approval to host a Trail Bike Ride on the 6th and 7th of May 2017 and the road closure of Cobbadah Road between Hall Street and Lindsay Street, Upper Horton.

The road closed will ensure the safety of the riders that are camping on the Rodeo grounds and crossing the road to start this event.

Development Application DA34/2016 has been approved with Gwydir Shire Council.

BACKGROUND:

The Upper Horton Sports Club in conjunction with the Moree Motorcycle Club is holding a two day event trail bike ride through the Upper Horton Valley.

A traffic detour will be established via Hall, King and Lindsay Streets.

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION:

THAT the Traffic Committee supports the proposal of this event pending on written approval from the NSW Police.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

THAT the Traffic Committee supports and recommends to Council that approval be granted to have a public road crossing on Cobbadah Road between Hall Street and Lindsay Street, Upper Horton.

FURTHER to the officer recommendation, Council has received written approval from NSW Police for this event.

Item 2 North Star Trail Bike Ride 2017

TITLE OF REPORT: North Star Trail Bike Ride
LOCATION/ADDRESS/MAP: N/A
AUTHOR: Director Technical Services, Richard Jane
STAFF DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST: N/A
DATE: 11th April 2017

IN BRIEF/ SUMMARY RECOMMENDATION/PURPOSE:

The purpose of this report is to inform the local traffic committee that Council has received a letter from the North Star Sporting Club, requesting permission to have a road crossing where riders cross a road on Saturday 29th July 2016 and Sunday 30th July 2017.

BACKGROUND:

The crossing will be;

1. At the entrance to North Star Sporting Club crossing Yetman Road

As described in the attached letter, the crossing will be manned by Rural Fire Service personnel and motorbike riders will be required to push their motorbikes over the road. No motorbikes will be allowed to be ridden over the public road.

The North Star Sporting Club have requested written permission from Barwon Highway Patrol, Moree to allow the crossings to occur which is attached.

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION:

THAT the Traffic Committee recommend to Council that approval be granted to have a public road crossing on Yetman Road at the entrance to North Star Sporting Club pending written police approval from NSW Police.

FURTHER that the North Star Sporting Club supply a copy of their Public Liability and a copy of the Rider Insurance from Motocross Queensland.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

THAT the Traffic Committee supports and recommends to Council that approval be granted to have a public road crossing on Yetman Road at the entrance to North Star Sporting Club.

FURTHER a copy of the Public Liability has been sighted by Council but the Rider Insurance form Motocross Queensland is still pending as this has not been made available to the North Star Sporting Committee as yet.

Item 3 Monthly Organisation and Community Development Report - April 2017

FILE REFERENCE

DELIVERY PROGRAM

GOAL: 5. Organisational Management

OUTCOME: 5.1 CORPORATE MANAGEMENT

STRATEGY: 5.1.3 Administrative functions - GM - internal

AUTHOR Organisation Development Director

DATE 3 May 2017

STAFF DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST Nil

IN BRIEF/ SUMMARY RECOMMENDATION

The monthly Organisation and Community Development report details the activities carried out by the Department during the month of April 2017.

BACKGROUND

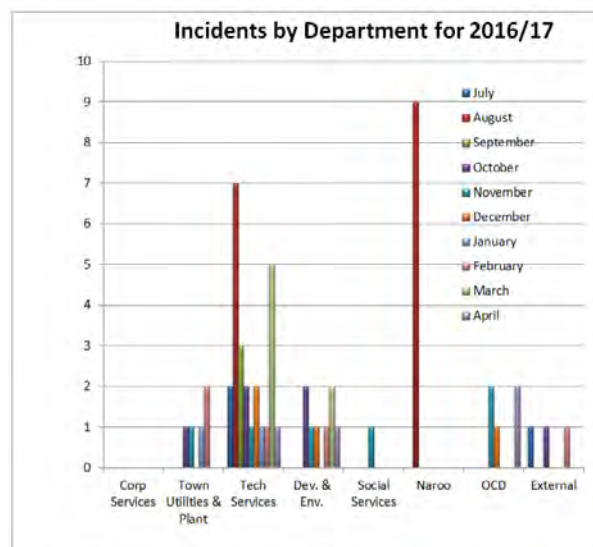
The monthly Organisation and Community Development report forms part of a regular reporting regime. The purpose of the report is to inform Council of the activities carried out within the Department.

INCIDENT REPORTING

Incidents reported in March 2017

There were 4 incidents reported for the month of April 2017:

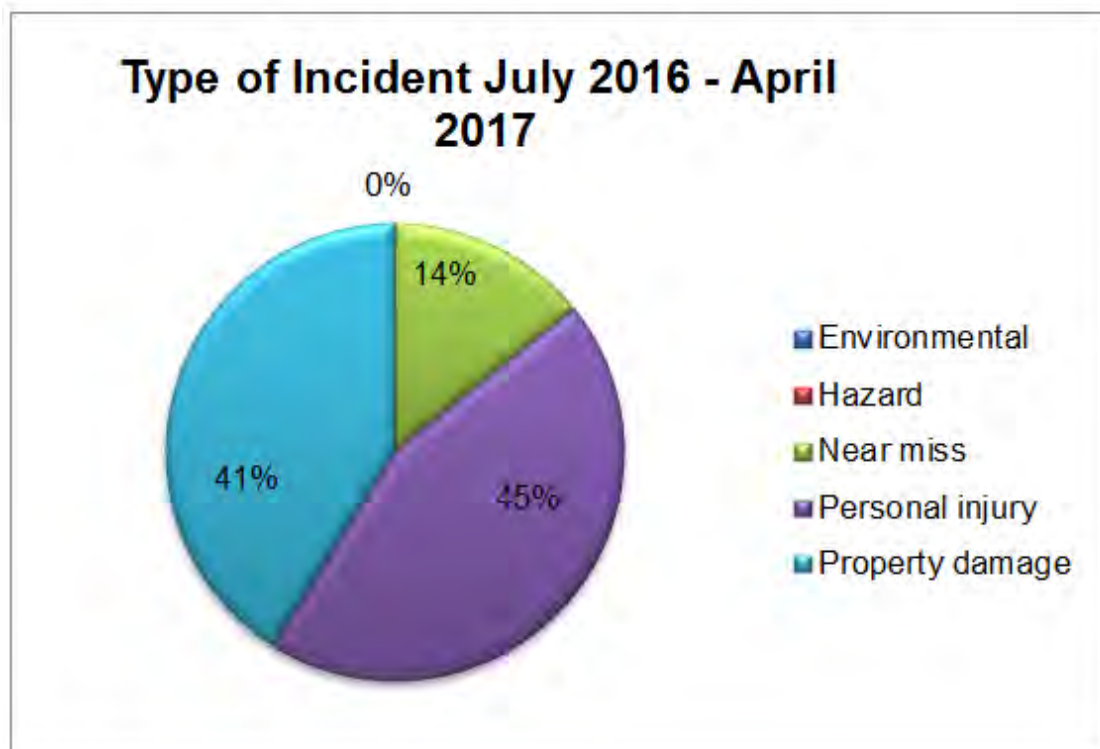
- 2 in Bingara, 1 in Warialda and 1 in Inverell
- All incidents were internal



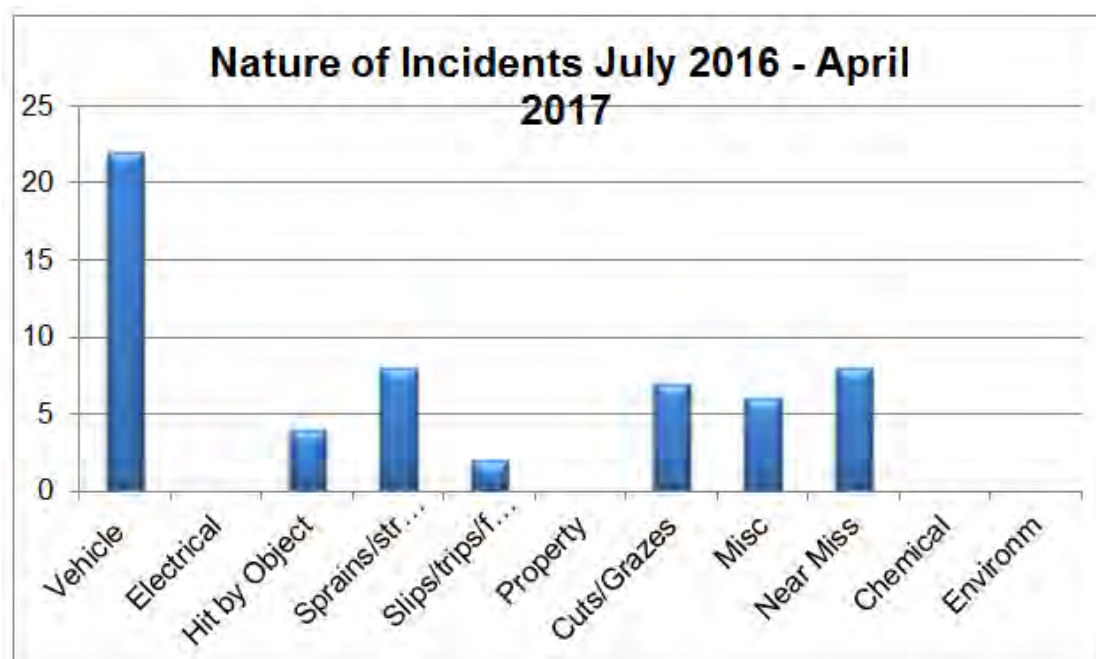
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Council's Incident/Accident report form defines the injury/accident into five categories:



The nature of incidents reported has been broken down into 11 categories:

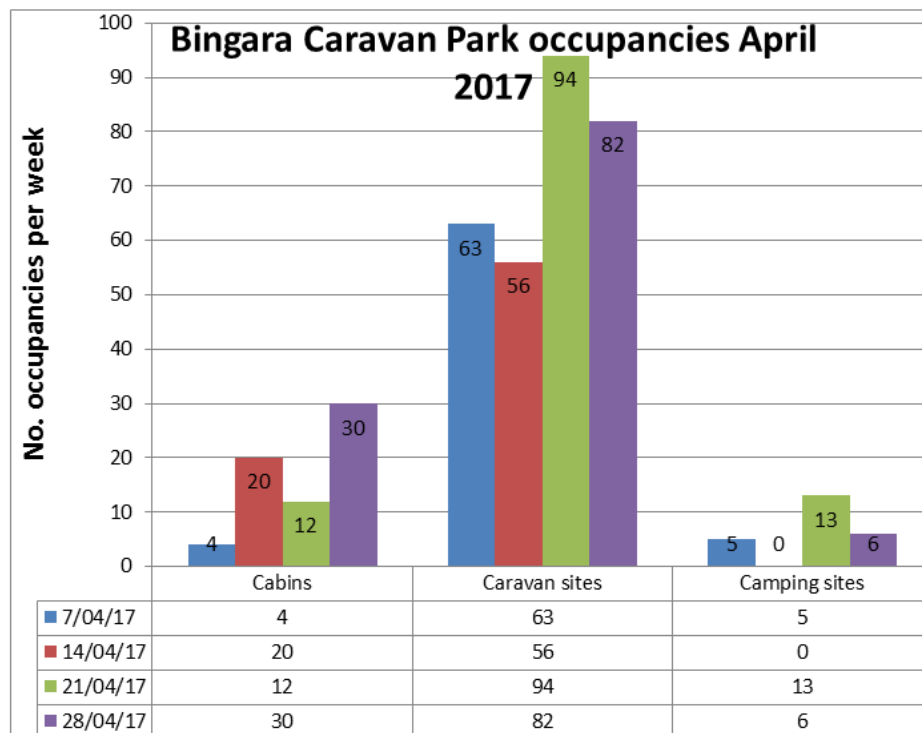


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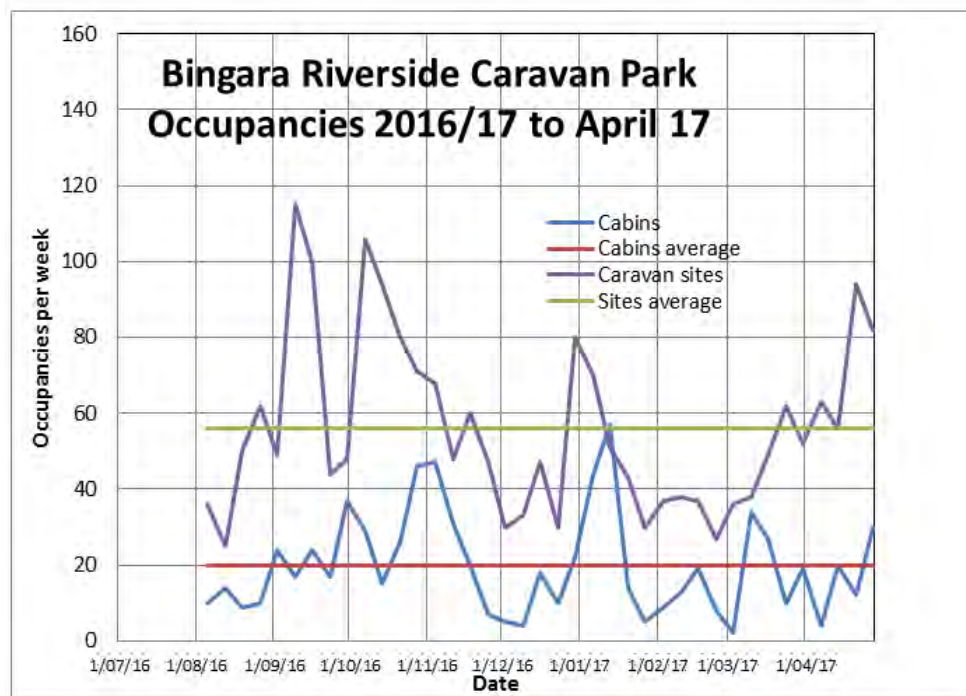
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Bingara Riverside Caravan Park

The Riverside Caravan Park continues to be maintained by Council staff with the following occupancies for the 2016/17 financial year to date.



The record high temperatures over summer drove occupancies right down however numbers have now improved with caravan sites in particular well above average.

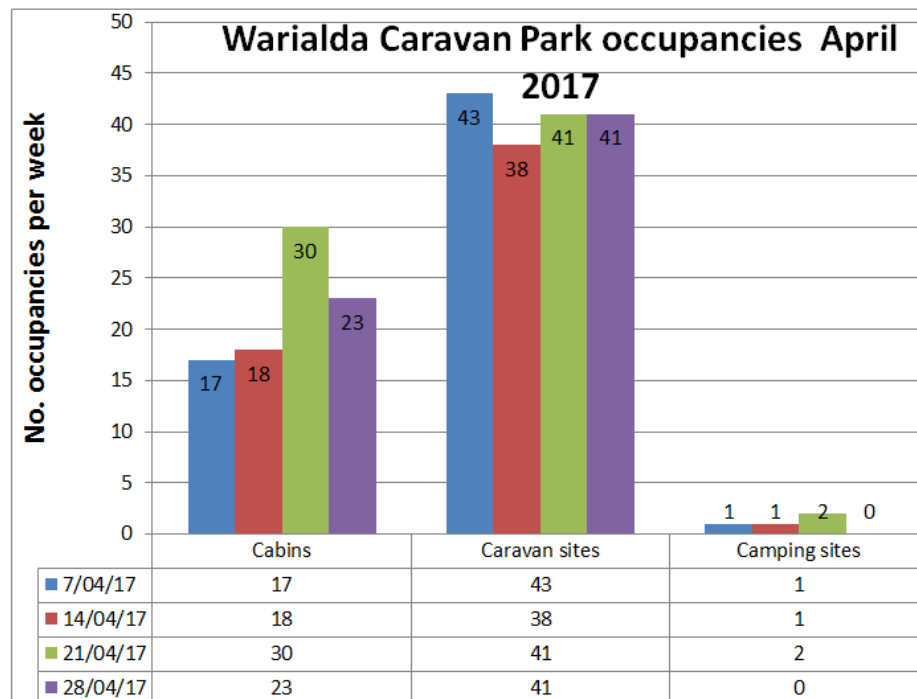


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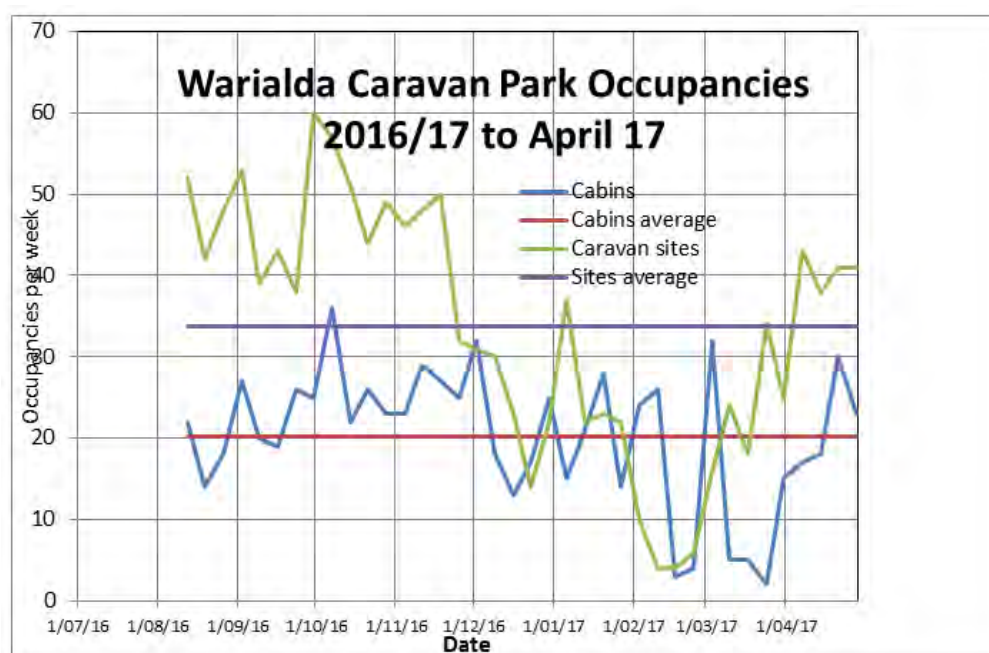
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Warialda Caravan Park

The Caravan Park continues to be maintained by Council Parks and Gardens staff with the following occupancies for the 2016/17 financial year to date. Numbers have improved with cabins and caravan site numbers above average.



The record high temperatures over summer severely affected caravan site occupancies in particular and cabin stays were well below average in February however numbers are now picking up.



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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Roxy Theatre usage – April 2017

Friday 7th April – Bingara Central School Embrace Fundraiser – 60 people

Sunday 30th April – NWTC Film Club – 40 people

Roxy Café usage – April 2017

Friday 7th April – Bingara Central School Embrace Fundraiser – 60 people

Friday 28th April – CWA Morning Tea – 50 people

Saturday 29th April – private hire – 50 people

Roxy Conference Room usage – April 2017

Thursday 9th April – RV Friendly Towns Workshop – 5 people

Copeton Fresh Water Swim

The annual Gwydir Shire Council freshwater swim was held on Saturday 8th April with excellent conditions for both swimmers and spectators. Numbers were down on the previous year which was due to a large number of swimming events held the same week, as well as clashes with other sporting events on the same day including a minor league gala day in Glen Innes.



2017 Freshwater Swim at Copeton Dam

Warialda Men's Health Night

Following the success of the last two years, the Warialda MPS in conjunction with HealthWISE New England and Gwydir Shire Council invited men from around the shire to attend the third annual 'Men's Health Night' at the Warialda Showground on Thursday, 21 April.

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The event's primary focus was the health of local men, with information offered and free health checks provided for those in attendance.

The evening included a free barbecue dinner, and attracted around 260 participants.

Gwydir RV Friendly Towns

Gwydir Shire Council hosted two small town RV Friendly workshops, the first in Warialda on Wednesday 5 April and the second in Bingara on Thursday 6 April. The free workshops were aimed at local businesses and the community, focusing on how to best capture the burgeoning RV market.

The seminar was presented by representatives of the Australian Caravan Club and was well attended in both towns with 22 in Warialda and around 18 attending in Bingara.

GWYDIR LEARNING REGION

GLR Automotive Trade Training Centre (ATTC)

Heavy Vehicle Training

The Annual self-assessment report for the Roads and Maritime Services (RMS) Heavy Vehicle Driving School licence has been submitted.

The Gwydir Learning Region's Registered Training Organisation has conducted one heavy vehicle Final Competency Assessment (FCA) during April. This was for a private client and was conducted for a Light Rigid licence upgrade.

All training requirements have now been completed for the second Trainer/Assessor. Application for registration will now be made with the RMS to have the new Trainer/Assessor included in the Heavy Vehicle Competency Based Assessment system. All training of the second Trainer/Assessor was conducted in-house by GLR staff.

A FCA route has been developed in Moree and is currently being prepared for submission with the RMS. This will allow for Multi-Combination licence training and assessment.

Driver Training - car

There were no lessons for car driver training during April.

TAFE - Automotive Vocational Preparation Certificate II

Classes for TAFE Automotive Vocational Preparation Certificate II continue to be well attended with both morning and afternoon sessions available. All students attending these classes are high school students.

Portable Appliance Testing (PAT)

The ATTC is now due to be re- tested as is the Warialda Depot and the Warialda workshop. There are still many departments yet to be tested. In addition to testing a comprehensive asset list of electrical equipment is also being developed for council records.

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Warialda High School continues to make use of the facilities when they hold engineering classes. The ATTC continues to provide a much needed resource for education and training within the local community, in particular to youth.

The Living Classroom (TLC)

The Bingara Central School 'Civics' students continue to attend TLC on Wednesday afternoons and have further progressed the kitchen garden beds.

The Work for the Dole crew continues to proceed with projects at TLC. A crew of three are working under the supervision of Overseer Gary Chorley. They have focussed on pathway construction, removal of fencing and storages at TLC.

The Horticulture Cert III course was completed in April with six graduates and one part graduate. It has proven to be a useful model for skills development activities at TLC.

Activities at The Living Classroom during April included a workshop for Department of Education, Armidale and a two day pastures workshop by Northern Slopes Landcare Association (NSLA).

Taree Historic Car Club conducted a 'drive-in' and luncheon at TLC in April. Approximately 50 members enjoyed a talk and tour of TLC.

The Nursery at TLC has been constructed. The internal shelving is being fabricated on site and the irrigation system is being installed.

The Bush Tucker planting has progressed at with the Stream Pod, Forest Pod and Grassland Pod having food plants added.

NSLA conducted a 'Beneficial Insects for Farm and Garden' presentation by a PhD student from UNE.

A shade-house has been re-installed at TLC from the Bingara Treatment Works. The facility is being utilised by NSLA for the propagation of Cochineal Beetles for biological control of Prickly Pear and Tiger Pear.

A group from Kandos, involved in the Cementa Festival in Kandos NSW, visited TLC and stayed overnight. They shared a dinner with a group of Bingara people and discussed the common interests of small communities.



Bingara Central School Civics class learn about beneficial insects

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TOURISM

Warialda Visitor Information Centre

February 2017	March 2017	April 2017
Opening Hrs = 150	Opening Hrs = 172.5	Opening Hrs = 150
Volunteer Hrs = 21.50	Volunteer Hrs = 16	Volunteer Hrs = 41

Bingara Visitor Information Centre

February 2017	March 2017	April 2017
Opening Hrs = 162	Opening Hrs = 181.5	Opening Hrs = 154.5
Volunteer Hrs = 32	Volunteer Hrs = 32	Volunteer Hrs = 44

The reason for the difference in opening hours between the Warialda and Bingara Visitor Information Centres (VIC) is that traditionally the Warialda VIC closed to allow the staff to get to the Council administration office to process invoices, banking and other administration tasks. Therefore the opening hours do not necessarily reflect the hours worked by staff. The earlier closing time remains important for the VIC staff now that the Services NSW RMS office is located within the building. The RMS creates additional administration and end of day banking.

Also, volunteers working at the Warialda VIC tend to work shorter periods compared to the Bingara VIC volunteers.

Income – Warialda VIC	\$ Feb	\$ Mar	\$ Apr
Caravan Park	1,647.00	3,644.00	6,810.00
Plants of Gwydir Shire / Cunningham's Track	20.00	110.00	35.00
NSW Trainlink sales	359.55	1,047.96	397.44
Centre hire	20.00	22.00	10.00
Merchandise sales	970.70	1,824.45	1,262.90
Goods on Consignment sales	3.00	98.00	9.00
Subtotal	3,020.25	6,746.41	8,944.34
Less Caravan Park money banked	1,647.00	3,644.00	6,810.00
Less Payment to NSW Trainlink	359.55	1,047.96	397.44
Total Monthly Income Warialda VIC	\$1,013.70	\$2,054.45	\$1,736.90

Income – Bingara VIC	\$ Feb	\$ Mar	\$ Apr
Products on consignment	0.00	27.00	6.00
Merchandise	416.80	625.50	842.80
Subtotal	416.80	652.50	848.80
Less payments to consignees	0.00	12.96	4.01

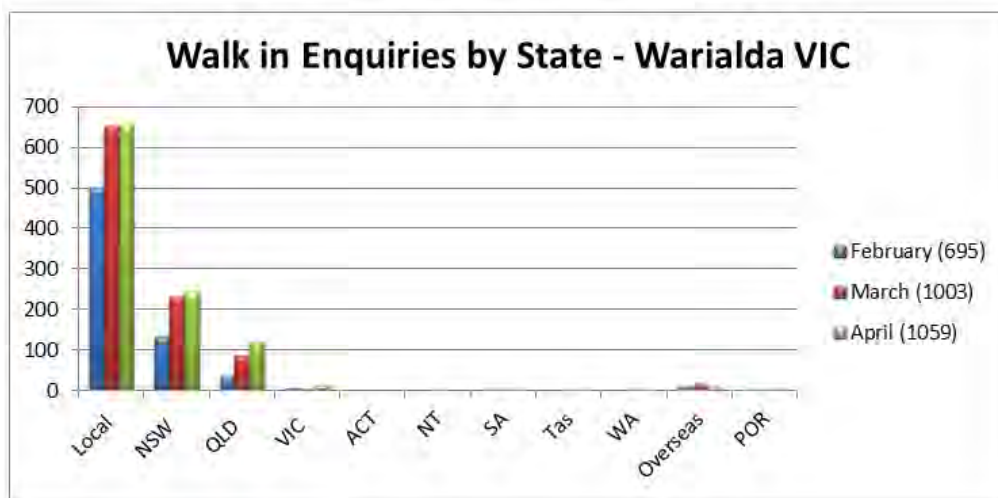
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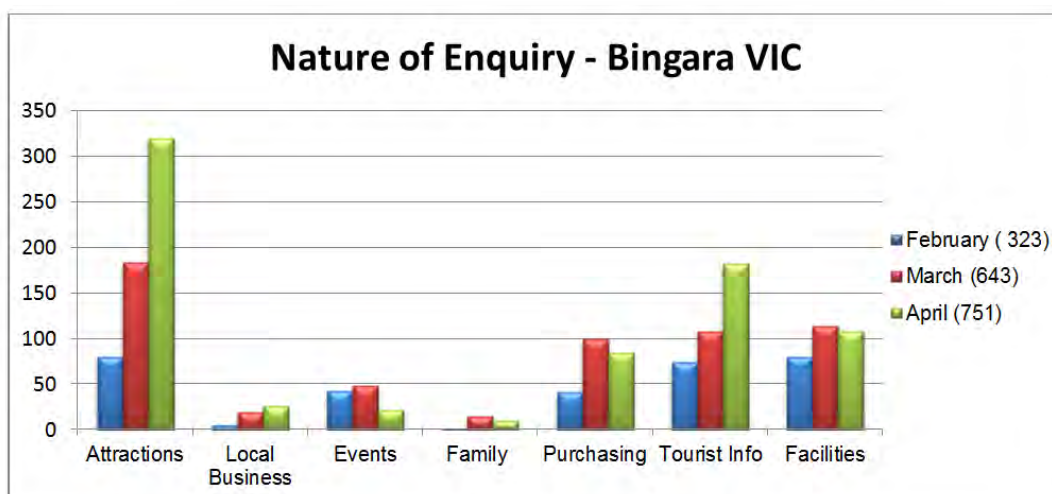
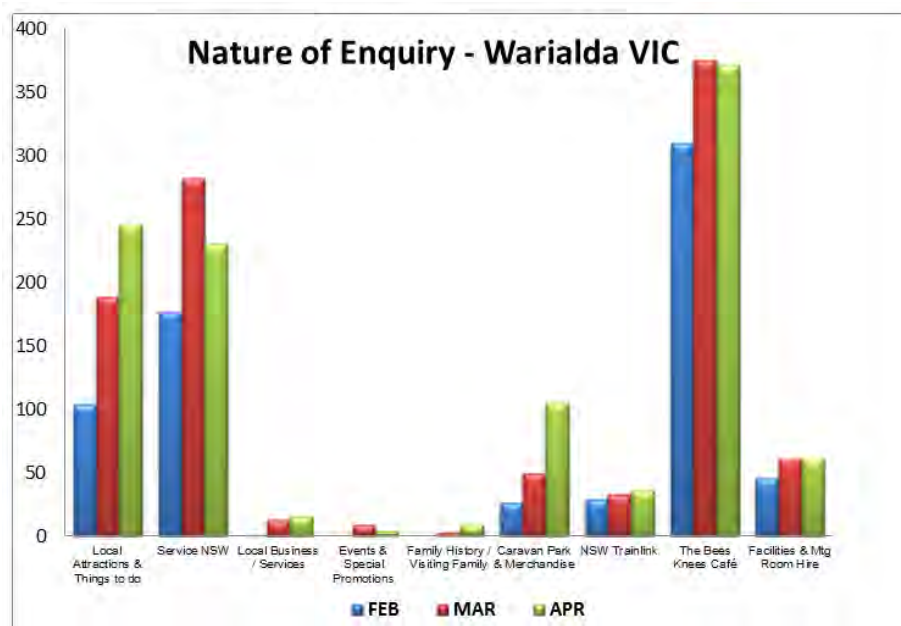
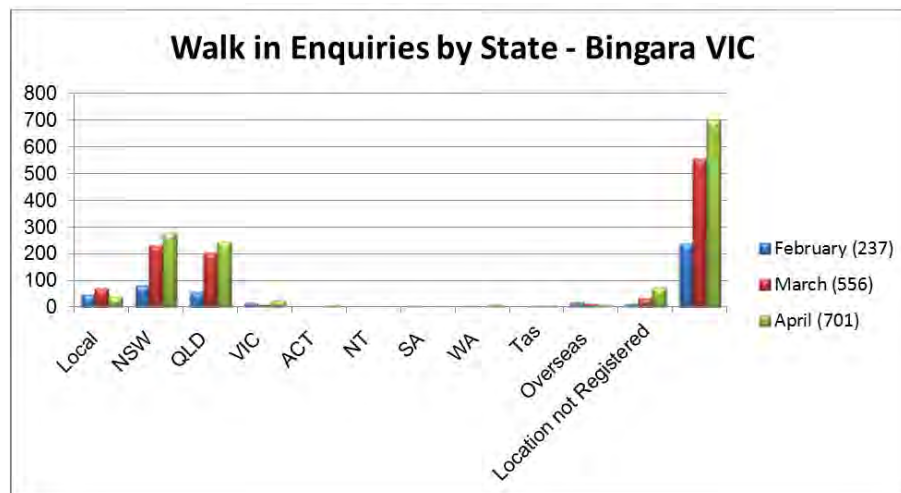
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Total Merchandise sales	\$416.80	\$639.54	844.79
Roxy tour income	\$90.00	\$475.00	431.00

Cranky Rock Sites	Feb	Mar	Apr
Powered sites	54	49	58
Unpowered sites	18	13	44
Camping sites	0	0	0
Total	72	62	102

Visitors at Warialda VIC	Feb	Mar	Apr
Visitors	385	628	484
RMS clients	n/a	n/a	230
Cafe	310	375	371
Total Warialda VIC	695	1003	1085
Visitors at Bingara VIC	237	556	701
Total Warialda VIC	695	1003	1085

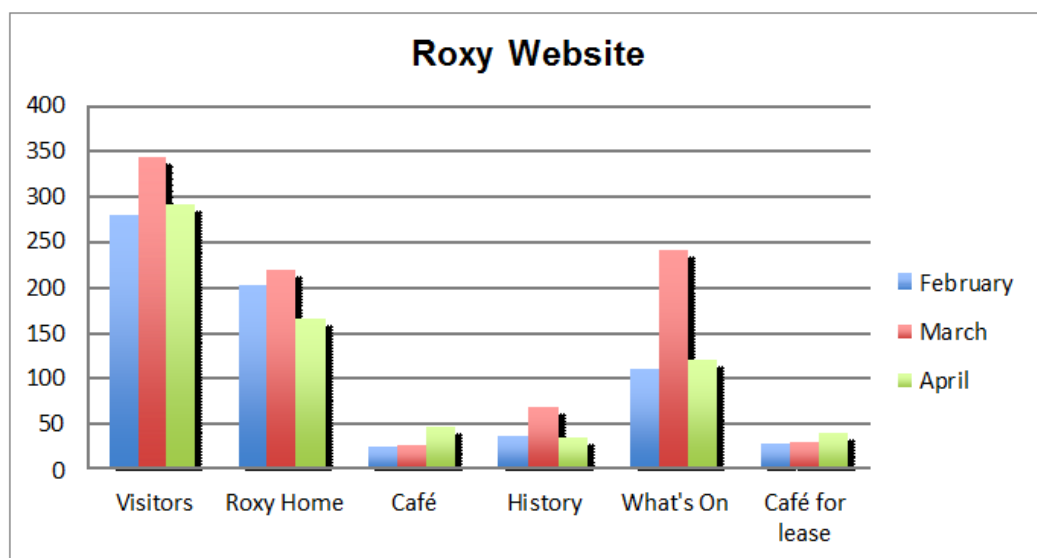
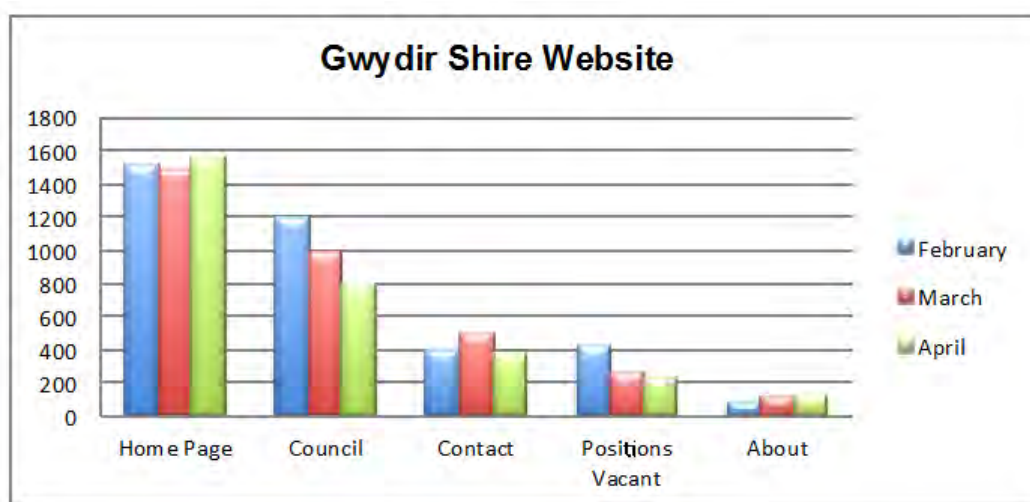
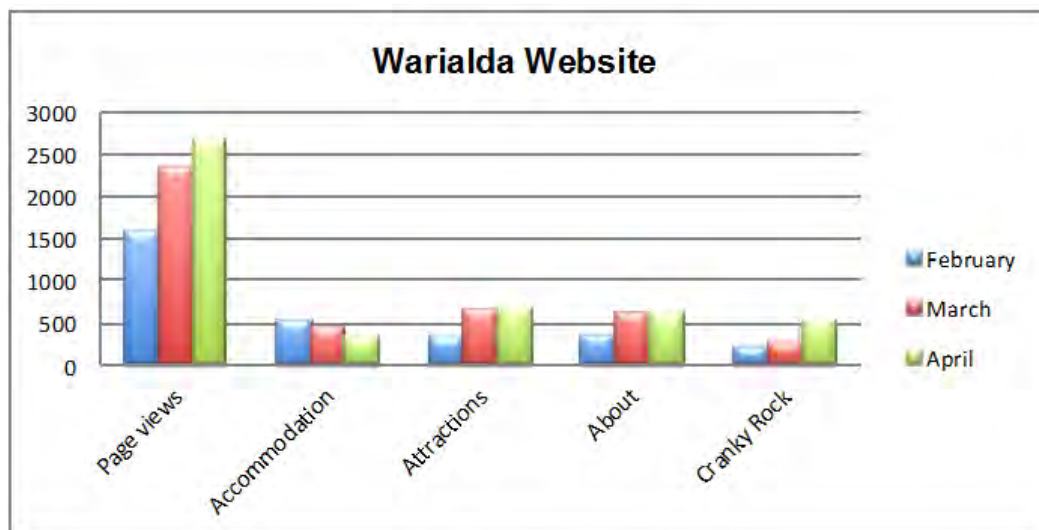




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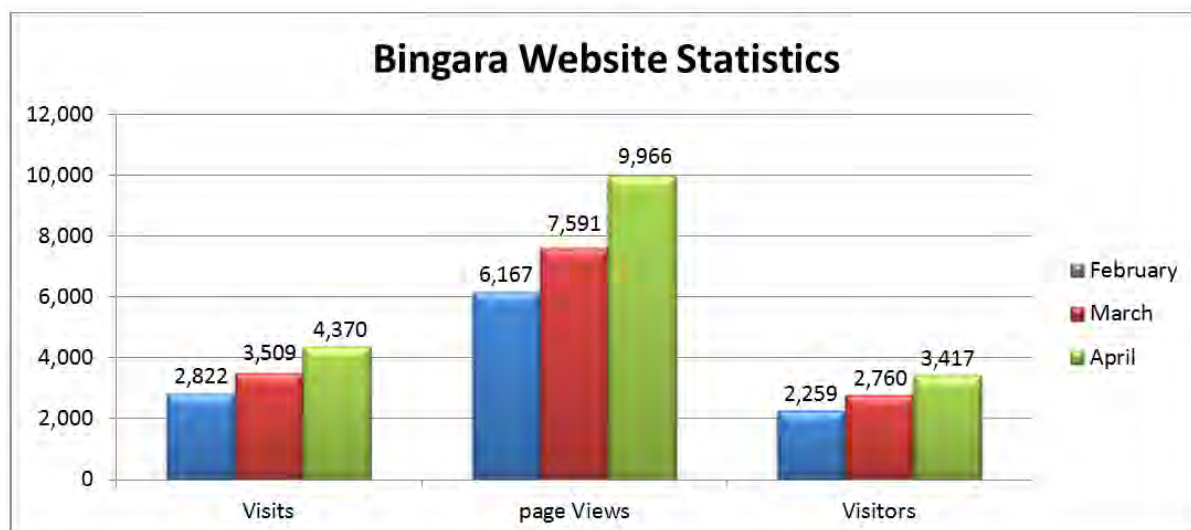
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WEBSITES



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Note: * News article titled “Getting motor homers and caravanners to stop for a while in Bingara”.

CONCLUSION

The activities carried out by the Organisation and Community Development Department are in line with the 2016/2017 Operational Plan and otherwise as directed.

CONSULTATION

Consultation has occurred within the Organisation and Community Development Directorate.

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POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Policy implications are those relating to the 2016/2017 Operational Plan and the Policies of Gwydir Shire Council.

FINANCIAL, ECONOMIC and RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS (including Asset Management)

The activities carried out by the Organisation and Community Development Department are in line with the 2016/2017 Operational Plan.

SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS (Social and Environment)

The activities undertaken by the Organisation and Community Development Department regarding social and environmental factors are targeted in line with the 2016/2017 Operational Plan.

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

THAT the monthly Organisation and Community Development report for April 2017 be received.

ATTACHMENTS

There are no attachments for this report.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION: MINUTE 137/17

THAT the monthly Organisation and Community Development report for April 2017 be received.

(Moved Cr Young, seconded Cr Galvin)

**Item 4 Minutes of the Border Regional Organisation of Councils
meeting held in February 2017**

FILE REFERENCE

DELIVERY PROGRAM

GOAL: 5. Organisational Management

OUTCOME: 5.1 CORPORATE MANAGEMENT

STRATEGY: 5.1.3 Administrative functions - GM - internal

AUTHOR General Manager

DATE 15 May 2017

STAFF DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST Nil

IN BRIEF/ SUMMARY RECOMMENDATION

This report is for notation of the minutes of the Annual General Meeting and the Ordinary meeting of the Border Regional Organisation of Council's (BROC) held in Inverell on 17 February 2017.

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

THAT the minutes of the Border Regional Organisation of Council Annual General Meeting held on 17 February 2017 are noted.

FURTHER that the minutes of the ordinary meeting of the Border Regional Organisation of Councils held on 17 February 2017 are noted.

ATTACHMENTS

AT- Annual General Meeting Border Regional Organisation of Councils

AT- Minutes - Border Regional Organisation of Councils meeting 17 February 2017

**COUNCIL RESOLUTION:
MINUTE 138/17**

**THAT the minutes of the Border Regional Organisation of Council
Annual General Meeting held on 17 February 2017 are noted.**

**FURTHER that the minutes of the ordinary meeting of the Border
Regional Organisation of Councils held on 17 February 2017 are
noted.**

(Moved Cr Egan, seconded Cr Young)



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Annual General Meeting

17 February 2017 - Inverell

Venue:	Council Chambers, Inverell	Date:	17 February 2017
Chair:	Cr John Coulton, Gwydir Shire Council	Time:	10am QLD time 11am NSW
Attendees:	Cr Kate Dight, Paul Henry (GM)	Inverell Shire Council	
	Cr John Coulton, Max Eastcott (GM), Cr Young, Robyn Phillips	Gwydir Shire Council	
	Cr Ritchie, Lester Rodgers (GM)	Moree Plains Shire Council	
	Cr Jo McNally	Sthn Downs Regional Council	
	Cr Joan White	Goondiwindi Regional Council	
	Cr Peter Petty, Cr Brian Murray, Damien Connor (GM)	Tenterfield Shire Council	
	Russell Stewart (Chair)	Regional Development Australia Northern Inland (RDANI)	
File ref:	S1242		

Item	Agenda Item
1	Meeting opened 11.05am
2	Welcome by Inverell Shire Council, Cr Dight and Paul Henry (General Manager)
3	Apologies Bryan Grey, Regional Development Darling Downs Cr Richard Marsh and Matthew Magin (GM) Balonne Shire Council Cr Ian Woodcock and Don Ramsland (GM) Walgett Shire Council Moved that apologies be accepted: Cr Young Seconded Cr Murray Carried
4	Minutes of AGM held 30 November 2015 (Moree) were read (attached) Matters arising from the Minutes
4.1	Constitution – changes to be discussed in General Business Moved minutes be accepted: Cr Petty Seconded: Cr White Carried
5	Chairperson's report - attached Moved the report be accepted Cr Murray Seconded Damien Connor Carried

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6	Audited Financial Report
6.1	Audited financial report tabled (attached)
6.2	<p><u>Fixed Deposit acct - Warwick Credit Union</u> 12 months term from 22 April 2016 mature 22 April 2017 Closing balance as at 13 January 2017 - \$13,638.75 <u>Choice Account – Warwick Credit Union</u> Closing balance as at 13 January 2017 - \$0.18 Total Fixed Assets (Warwick Credit Union) as at 13 January 2017 = \$13,638.93</p>
6.3	<p><u>NAB account</u> Balance as at 9 December 2016 - \$2,223.56</p>
6.3	<p>Moved that the financial report be accepted: Cr White Seconded: Cr Murray Carried</p>
7	Items for discussion
7.1	<p>Amendments to the Constitution</p> <p>At Business at Meetings 9 <u>Conduct of Meetings</u> i Replace The Chairperson shall preside over each meeting and, if they are unable or unwilling, a delegate from the host council shall undertake this role. With <i>The Chairperson shall preside over each meeting and, if they are unable, the Deputy Chairperson shall undertake this role. In the event that the Deputy Chairperson is not present, a delegate from the host council shall preside over the meeting.</i> At <u>Office Bearers</u> 10 – add Deputy Chairperson details and role <i>The office bearers of the Organisation shall consist of the Chairperson, Deputy Chairperson and the Secretary/Treasurer, referred to herein as “the Executive”.</i> i. The Chairperson and Secretary/Treasurer will be the Councillor and staff delegate of the same council. ii <i>The Deputy Chairperson may be from any member council.</i> <i>The role of the Deputy Chairperson is to:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Chair the meetings in the absence of the Chairperson</i> • <i>Undertake the roles of the Chairperson in their absence</i> At <u>Finances</u> 11 vi – replace 'qualified auditor' with <i>suitably experienced person</i> Moved the above amendments be made to the Constitution Cr Petty Seconded Cr Murray Carried</p>
7.2	<p>Membership fees – it appears that no membership fees have been paid since 2013/14 financial year. After discussion it was agreed that the membership fees be increased to \$500 per council. Moved Cr Petty Seconded Cr White Carried</p>
7.3	<p>Paul Henry advised there was an existing bank account from the now obsolete Border Rivers Organisation of Councils containing approximately \$12,000 and that Cr Joan White is an existing signatory on that account. Moved that BROCC Chairman Cr John Coulton and Secretary Mr Max Eastcott be authorised to effect the release to this Committee of funds held in an interest Bearing Deposit Account at the National Australia Bank on behalf of the Local Government Border Rivers Management Committee. Moved Cr White Seconded Cr Petty Carried</p>
7.4	<p>Election of office bearers Gwydir Council is currently the host council and will remain for the three year term as outlined in the Constitution. Moved Cr Petty Seconded Cr White Carried</p>

	Nominations for Deputy Chair Cr White Moved that Cr Petty remain as Deputy Chair – Seconded Cr Ritchie Carried
8	Meeting Closed – 11.32am

Action Item Log:

7.1	Changes to the Constitution	17/02/17	Completed
7.3	Follow up the transfer of funds from Border Rivers Organisation of Councils' bank account	17/02/17	



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	Cr Joan White	Goondiwindi Regional Council	
	Cr Peter Petty, Cr Brian Murray, Damien Connor (GM)	Tenterfield Shire Council	
	Russell Stewart (Chair)	Regional Development Australia Northern Inland (RDANI)	
	Lisa Stiebel	Guest Presenter	

Item	Agenda Item
1	Meeting Opened 11.35am (following AGM)
2	Apologies Bryan Grey, Regional Development Darling Downs Cr Richard Marsh and Matthew Magin (GM) Balonne Shire Council Cr Ian Woodcock and Don Ramsland (GM) Walgett Shire Council
2.1	Moved the apologies be accepted: Cr Young Seconded Cr Murray Carried
3	Minutes of Meeting 17 November 2016 (Tenterfield)
	Matters arising from the Minutes
3.1	LR noted that at 7.6 (NDRRA matter) in the Minutes from 18 November 2016 meeting the Motion was moved by Cr Ritchie, not Lester Rodgers as recorded. Amendment requested.
3.2	Moved that the minutes be accepted once amendment has been completed L Rodgers Seconded Cr Dight Carried
4	Correspondence
4.1	Inwards: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Response from Barnaby Joyce – regional weighting

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Media Release from Mark Coulton MP advising of ARTC amendment to inland rail corridor to use the western option via the disused Boggabilla line between North Star and Yelarbon Cross Border Commissioner request for completion of survey Bank statements
4.2	Outwards: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Letters to Federal Ministers Fiona Nash and Barnaby Joyce seeking a determination on the word 'Regional' and weighting of jobs in 'regional' areas Letter to Minister Keenan – NDRRA funding cutbacks, copies to NSW, QLD and VIC Ministers for Justice Letter to NSW Country Mayors re Auditor General appt of auditors
	Matters arising from correspondence
4.3	ARTC - decision still to be made on the inland rail corridor north of Goondiwindi; map is available on the ARTC website
4.4	Moved that correspondence be accepted: Cr White Seconded Cr Murray Carried
5	Financial Report for February 2017 meeting
5.1	<u>Fixed Deposit acct - Warwick Credit Union</u> 12 months term from 22 April 2016 mature 22 April 2017 Closing balance as at 13 January 2017 - \$13,638.75 <u>Choice Account – Warwick Credit Union</u> Closing balance as at 13 January 2017 - \$0.18 Total Fixed Assets (Warwick Credit Union) as at 13 January 2017 = \$13,638.93
5.2	<u>NAB account</u> Balance as at 9 December 2016 - \$2,223.56
5.2	Moved that the financial report be accepted: Cr White Seconded: Cr Murray Carried
6	Guest Speakers
6.1	Sapphire Wind Farm Presentation - Lisa Stiebel, Community Engagement Manager, CWP Asset Management – see attached.
6.2	SDRC – Cr McNally gave a presentation outlining SDRC extensive community consultation in their budget and service levels process. See attached.
6.3	Cr Joan White - Sustainable Economic Growth for Regional Australia (SEGRA) – this presentation was postponed.
7	General Business
7.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Senate enquiry currently looking at relocating government organisations back to regional areas - RS offered for RDANI office to coordinate a submission – deadline is 10 March. An email will be forwarded to member councils with information and seeking input. Individual councils could also make their own submission. <u>Refer attachment.</u> State funding is available for Agricultural skills training (e.g. in the grain and cotton industries) – for member councils' information. RS has been in contact with a group on central coast seeking a link between central coast and our BROCC area to market niche food – RS will provide BROCC contact details to Neil Jacobsen, consultant for their group.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> RDANI will discuss tourism in our area with NSW Business Chambers
7.2	Lester Rodgers suggested that we request a better level of support from Qld agencies
7.3	Cr Petty requested BROC provide a letter of support/thanks to John Barilaro MP following the announcement of better regional collaboration
7.4	Cr Dight enquired whether the Mole River dam had been discussed at the BROC forum. Cr Petty advised K\$500 had been committed for a feasibility study. Cr Dight requested BROC contact Barnaby Joyce (Minister for Agriculture and Water Resources) and State Govnt seeking a status report on the Mole River dam.
7.5	Cr White – BROC to notify Barnaby Joyce (Minister for Agriculture and Water Resources) advising support for the amended Murray Darling Basin (MDB) proposal and how can we ensure the Bill progresses through the Senate
7.6	Jo McNally advised that SDRC had received funding for further progress the investigations and strategies associated with the proposed Emu Swamp dam – topic at next meeting. Cr White requested that David Littleproud MP (Member for Maranoa) be invited to attend the next meeting in May 2017.
8	Next Meeting 26 May 2017 – at Southern Downs Regional Council in Warwick (followed by Walgett, Moree and Balonne)
9	Meeting Closed – 2.17pm

Action Item Log:

Officer	Item	Listed	Outcome
LR	Seek better level of support from Qld agencies	17/02/17	
Cr Petty	Letter of thanks to John Barilaro	17/02/17	
Cr Dight	Barnaby Joyce and State – Mole River Dam status	17/02/17	
Cr White	Barnaby Joyce – MDB Bill	17/02/17	
Cr White	Invite David Littleproud to May meeting	17/02/17	

Item 5 Local Government Remuneration Tribunal

FILE REFERENCE

DELIVERY PROGRAM

GOAL: 5. Organisational Management

OUTCOME: 5.1 CORPORATE MANAGEMENT

STRATEGY: 5.1.3 Administrative functions - GM - internal

AUTHOR General Manager

DATE 17 May 2017

STAFF DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST Nil

IN BRIEF/ SUMMARY RECOMMENDATION

This report recommends the notation of the determination of Local Government Remuneration Tribunal for the Councillors and Mayoral fees from 1st July 2017 onwards until the next determination.

TABLED ITEMS Nil

BACKGROUND

The fees payable to elected Councillors and Mayors are determined regularly by the Local Government Remuneration Tribunal.

Gwydir Shire is categorised as a 'Rural' council for the purposes of the determination.

Category		Councillor/Member Annual Fee		Mayor/Chairperson Additional Fee*	
		Minimum	Maximum	Minimum	Maximum
General Purpose Councils – Metropolitan	Principal CBD	26,310	38,580	160,960	211,790
	Major CBD	17,540	32,500	37,270	105,000
	Metropolitan Large	17,540	28,950	37,270	84,330
	Metropolitan Medium	13,150	24,550	27,940	65,230
	Metropolitan Small	8,750	19,310	18,630	42,120
General Purpose Councils – Non-metropolitan	Regional City	17,540	30,500	37,270	95,000
	Regional Strategic Area	17,540	28,950	37,270	84,330
	Regional Rural	8,750	19,310	18,630	42,120
	Rural	8,750	11,570	9,310	25,250
County Councils	Water	1,740	9,650	3,730	15,850
	Other	1,740	5,770	3,730	10,530

*This fee must be paid in addition to the fee paid to the Mayor/Chairperson as a Councillor/Member (s.249(2)).

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It has been the past practice and policy of this Council to apply the maximum increase following any determination.

The increase is 2.5%

The complete determination report is attached.

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Council notes the fees to be paid to Councillors and the Mayor from 1st July 2017 as outlined in the following table:

Position	Current Fee	Proposed Fee from 1 st July 2017	Mayoral Fee including Councillor Fee
Mayor	\$24,630	\$25,250	\$36,820
Councillor	\$11,290	\$11,570	

ATTACHMENTS

AT- LGRT Determination 2017

COUNCIL RESOLUTION: MINUTE 139/17

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Councillor	\$11,290	\$11,570	

(Moved Cr D Coulton, seconded Cr Young)

Crs J Coulton and Smith

Leave of absence

COUNCIL RESOLUTION: MINUTE 140/17

THAT the leave request from the Mayor for a leave of absence for the June and July Council Meetings is approved.

FURTHER that the leave request from Cr Smith for a leave of absence for the July Council Meeting is approved.

FURTHER that during the Mayor's absence the Deputy

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**Mayor will be the Acting Mayor and will receive the Mayoral Allowance and vehicle during this period (Ref: 141/17).
(Moved Cr Coulton, seconded Cr Young)**

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Annual Report
and
Determination

*Annual report and determination under sections 239
and 241 of the Local Government Act 1993*

12 April
2017

[NSW Remuneration Tribunals website](#)

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Executive Summary

The Local Government Remuneration Tribunal (the Tribunal) is required to report to the Minister for Local Government by 1 May each year as to its determination of categories and the maximum and minimum amounts of fees to be paid to mayors, councillors, and chairpersons and members of county councils.

Categories

Since the making of the 2016 determination a number of councils have been amalgamated resulting in the creation of 20 new councils. The impact of those structural changes is an overall reduction in the number of councils in NSW from 152 to 128. This significant change has prompted a review of the existing categories and the allocation of councils into each of those categories.

In undertaking the review the Tribunal examined the existing categories, a range of statistical and demographic data and considered the views of councils and Local Government NSW. Having regard to that information the Tribunal has determined a categorisation model which differentiates councils primarily on the basis of their geographic location. Other factors which differentiate councils for the purpose of categorisation include population, the sphere of the council's economic influence and the degree of regional servicing.

In accordance with section 239 of the *Local Government Act 1993* (LG Act) the categories of general purpose councils are determined as follows:

Metropolitan

- Principal CBD
- Major CBD
- Metropolitan Large
- Metropolitan Medium
- Metropolitan Small

Non-metropolitan

- Regional City
- Regional Strategic Area
- Regional Rural
- Rural

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The determination provides for the retention of five existing categories (some with new titles) and the creation of two new categories. Each council is allocated into one of the categories based on the criteria outlined on pages 12 to 15 of the report.

Fees

The majority of councils will receive an increase of 2.5 per cent only which is consistent with the government’s wages policy. Six existing councils will be eligible for increases of more than 2.5 per cent as those councils have been categorised into a higher or new category on the basis of the revised criteria.

The 20 new councils have been placed in one of the existing or new categories. These 20 councils replaced 44 former councils. The scale of the new councils means that the majority of these new councils will be eligible for fees that are higher than those paid to the former entities. However, the significant reduction in the number of councils from 152 to 128 has resulted in an estimated maximum saving on the overall cost of councillor fees in NSW of approximately \$2.5M.

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Section 1 Introduction

1. Section 239 of the LG Act provides for the Tribunal to determine the categories of councils and mayoral offices and to place each council and mayoral office into one of those categories. The categories are to be determined at least once every 3 years.
2. Section 241 of the LG Act provides for the Tribunal to determine, not later than 1 May in each year, for each of the categories determined under section 239, the maximum and minimum amount of fees to be paid to mayors and councillors of councils, as well as chairpersons and members of county councils.
3. In determining the maximum and minimum fees payable in each of the categories, the Tribunal is required, pursuant to section 242A of the LG Act, to give effect to the same policies on increases in remuneration as those of the Industrial Relations Commission. The current policy on wages is that public sector wages cannot increase by more than 2.5 per cent, and this includes the maximum and minimum fees payable to councillors and mayors and chairpersons and members of county councils.
4. The Tribunal's determinations take effect from 1 July in each year. The Tribunal's Report and Determination of 2016, made on 29 March 2016, provided a general increase of 2.5 per cent which was consistent with the Government's policy on wages.
5. Since the making of the 2016 determination there has been a reduction in the number of councils in NSW from 152 to 128. In response to this significant change the Tribunal will review the categories and the allocation of each council and mayoral offices into those categories, pursuant to section 239 of the LG Act.

Section 2 Local Government Reform

Update on council amalgamations

6. The NSW Government has been working with local councils since 2011 to create stronger councils and strengthen local communities.
7. On 12 May 2016 the NSW Government announced the formation of 19 new councils. The proclamation of the new Bayside Council occurred on 9 September 2016 following

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the conclusion of legal action in the Court of Appeal. This took the total number of new councils created in 2016 to 20.

8. The decision to create new councils follows four years of extensive community and industry consultation and independent research and analysis which found a strong case for reform.
9. Detailed information on the reform process and progress to date can be found on the [Fit for the Future](#) and [Stronger Councils](#) websites.
10. On 14 February 2017, the Government announced that all merged councils in NSW will remain in place and the proposed formation of a further five new councils in Sydney would proceed, subject to the outcome of court proceedings. However, there will be no further regional council mergers.

Amendments to the *Local Government Act 1993*

11. The LG Act was amended in July 2016 to insert sub-clauses (3) and (4) into section 242A to clarify the intent of the impact of the government's wages policy on a determination which may change the category of a council as follows:

242A Tribunal to give effect to declared government policy on remuneration for public sector staff

- (1) In making a determination, the Remuneration Tribunal is to give effect to the same policies on increases in remuneration as those that the Industrial Relations Commission is required to give effect to under section 146C of the Industrial Relations Act 1996 when making or varying awards or orders relating to the conditions of employment of public sector employees.*
- (2) The policies referred to in subsection (1) do not include any policy that provides for increases in remuneration based on employee-related savings.*
- (3) This section does not apply to a determination by the Remuneration Tribunal that changes the category of a council or mayoral office (whether or not the effect of the change is to increase the range of amounts payable to the councillors and mayor of a council).*
- (4) To avoid doubt, this section extends to a determination of the minimum and maximum amounts payable for a category in existence when the determination is made.*

12. The impact of these amendments to the LG Act is outlined in section 4 of this report.

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Section 3 Review of Categories

Scope of review

13. Section 239 of the LG Act requires the Tribunal to determine the categories of councils and mayoral offices at least once every 3 years. The Tribunal last reviewed the categories during the 2015 annual review.

14. Since the making of the 2016 determination there has been an overall reduction in the number of councils from 152 to 128. This significant change has prompted a review of the existing categories and the allocation of councils into each of those categories.

15. In determining categories the Tribunal is required to have regard to the following matters that are prescribed in section 240 of the LG Act:

"240 (1)

- *the size of areas*
- *the physical terrain of areas*
- *the population of areas and the distribution of the population*
- *the nature and volume of business dealt with by each Council*
- *the nature and extent of the development of areas*
- *the diversity of communities served*
- *the regional, national and international significance of the Council*
- *such matters as the Remuneration Tribunal considers relevant to the provision of efficient and effective local government*
- *such other matters as may be prescribed by the regulations."*

16. The Tribunal is tasked with determining a categorisation model in which councils with the largest number of features in common can be grouped together for remuneration purposes. This is not straightforward as each council has challenges and issues which are unique.

17. The existing categories group councils primarily on the basis of their geographic location (predominantly metropolitan or rural). Categories are then further differentiated on other factors including population, the sphere of the council's economic influence and the council's degree of regional servicing.

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18. The Tribunal reviewed this model having regard to a large amount of statistical material, including population and financial data, demographic indicators and indicators of regional significance. The Tribunal found that while the existing criteria continue to provide an equitable and transparent model by which to differentiate councils for the purposes of determining remuneration, there existed some scope to refine these criteria to address a number of categorisation anomalies and to better reflect the composition of councils post amalgamations.
19. In considering a new model the Tribunal sought to improve consistency and transparency in the determination of categories and the allocation of councils into each of those categories. Having considered the existing and new councils, the Tribunal identified a number of councils that specifically warranted either recategorisation into an existing category or a new category.
20. The current model provides for the councils of Newcastle, Wollongong, Central Coast (former Wyong and Gosford) and Lake Macquarie to be grouped with councils in the Sydney Metropolitan Area. These councils are not located in what is generally defined as the Sydney Metropolitan Area and the categorisation did not adequately reflect their regional status. Having assessed the characteristics of these councils the Tribunal was of the preliminary view that the categories should differentiate metropolitan and non-metropolitan councils. On that basis two new categories were proposed for the regional group to accommodate these councils.
21. In respect of the larger metropolitan councils, amalgamations in the Sydney metropolitan area have resulted in a significant number of councils with populations of greater than 200,000. The 2016 determination provided for the Council of the City of Parramatta to be categorised in the same category (Metropolitan City) as Newcastle and Wollongong City Councils. The proposal to move Newcastle and Wollongong into the non-metropolitan group necessitated a re-think of the categorisation for Parramatta City Council having regard to its status in the metropolitan region. The Tribunal found that Parramatta City Council was significantly differentiated from other large metropolitan councils on the basis of its secondary CBD status as recognised by the State Government. On this basis a new category of Major CBD was proposed for Parramatta City Council.
22. Prior to seeking the views of Local Government NSW (LGNSW) and councils the Tribunal's preliminary view was that most of the existing categories should be retained but there

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should also be some new categories to reflect the evolving shape of local government in NSW. The proposed model was as follows:

Metropolitan

- Principal CBD
- Major CBD
- Metropolitan Major
- Metropolitan Centre
- Metropolitan

Regional

- Regional City
- Regional Strategic Centre
- Regional Rural
- Rural

23. To test this model the Tribunal wrote to all mayors in November 2016 advising of the commencement of the 2017 Annual Review. In doing so the Tribunal advised councils of its intention to revise the existing categorisation model following examination of the list of existing and new councils. To assist councils in making their submissions the Tribunal outlined its preliminary thinking on a proposed model for metropolitan and non-metropolitan councils as follows:

“Metropolitan

Five metropolitan categories are proposed. The existing Principal City category is proposed to be retained for Sydney City Council and renamed Principal CBD. Major City is proposed to be abolished and a new category created for Parramatta City Council. The Tribunal’s preliminary thinking is that this category will be titled Major CBD. The existing Metropolitan Major, Metropolitan Centre and Metropolitan categories will be retained for the new and remaining existing councils.....

Non-metropolitan

Four non-metropolitan categories are proposed. A new Regional City category will be created for Newcastle and Wollongong City Councils. A new Regional Strategic Centre category will be created for Central Coast and Lake

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Macquarie Councils. The existing Regional Rural and Rural categories will be retained for other new and remaining councils.....

County Councils

The Tribunal does not intend to make any change to the categorisation of county councils and will retain the existing categories of Water and Other.”

24. The Tribunal also outlined its approach to the criteria for categorising councils into the proposed metropolitan and non-metropolitan categories as follows:

“The Tribunal’s 2009 annual determination outlines the characteristics for the existing categories. At this stage the Tribunal intends to adopt a similar approach and will determine descriptors for the proposed categories for the purposes of classifying councils into the categories. Population is likely to remain a determining factor for differentiating categories of councils. The Tribunal will also have regard to the matters prescribed in section 240 of the LG Act.”

25. The Tribunal invited submissions on the proposed categorisation model, criteria for the allocation of councils into the categories, fees for the proposed categories and any other matters.
26. The Tribunal also wrote to the President of LGNSW in similar terms, and subsequently met with the President and Chief Executive of LGNSW. The Tribunal wishes to place on record its appreciation to the President and Chief Executive for meeting with the Tribunal.

Submissions received - categorisation

27. In response to this review the Tribunal received 28 submissions from individual councils and a submission from LGNSW. A summary of the key points is below.

Categorisation

28. Approximately half of the submissions (46 per cent) supported the proposed categories with no variation or supported the proposed categories with variations to titles or the number of categories. The balance of the submissions (54 per cent) did not express a view in respect to the proposed categorisation model.

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29. In respect to variations put forward in submissions, the LGNSW requested that the proposed “Major CBD” and “Metropolitan Major” be merged and called “Metropolitan Major” and an additional category be created called “Special/Interim”. The “Metropolitan Major” category would include councils with a population of at least 250,000 and/or that met other specified indicators that set them apart from other metropolitan councils. The “Special/Interim” category would apply on an interim basis to councils that demonstrate special attributes/circumstances that are out of the ordinary, for example high population growth.
30. Council submissions requested additional categories such as a “Metropolitan Growth Centre” or “Metropolitan Major – Growth Centre” for councils dealing with high growth; “Metropolitan Gateway” for councils that connect the regions to metropolitan areas; and “Peri-Urban” for councils that interface between urban and rural areas.

Criteria

31. A number of submissions referred to the criteria provided in section 240 of the LG Act, either noting or stating the criteria remain relevant (18 per cent) or suggesting that additional criteria to those provided in section 240 is required (50 per cent). Other submissions explained how their individual council performed against the section 240 criteria (29 per cent). The balance of the submissions did not express a view in respect to the criteria for categorisation (18 per cent).
32. The LGNSW suggested that the criteria need to be expanded to include a wider range of factors such as the level of disadvantage an area suffers, annual growth rate of an area (relative to population) and expenditure of an area.
33. Council submissions suggested additional criteria such as status as a NSW Evocity; the nature of a council’s business, for example some do not provide water and sewerage services; level of economic activity in a local government area; specific population thresholds; resident/councillor ratio and planning significance in terms of Government targets.
34. Councils were also asked to provide submissions on the matter of fees. Comments relating to fees are outlined in section 4.

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Findings - categorisation

35. The Tribunal is appreciative of the number of submissions received and the effort made in those submissions to comment on the proposed categorisation model and to provide further suggestions for consideration. Given the broad support the Tribunal will determine the categories as proposed with a number of minor variations which in part reflect the feedback received.
36. Since seeking the views of councils the Tribunal has reconsidered the titles of the former metropolitan categories being Metropolitan Major, Metropolitan Centre and Metropolitan. The Tribunal found that these titles did not adequately describe the characteristics of the councils in those groups or articulate the difference between them. The Tribunal has determined that the three categories will be retained but that they will be re-titled Metropolitan Large, Metropolitan Medium and Metropolitan Small. The primary determinant for categorisation into these groups will be population.
37. The Tribunal also considers that the title of Regional Strategic Centre is more appropriately titled Regional Strategic Area. The two councils to be categorised into this group are local government areas which represent a large number of townships and communities of varying scale.
38. The revised model which will form the basis of this determination is as follows:

Metropolitan

- Principal CBD
- Major CBD
- Metropolitan Large
- Metropolitan Medium
- Metropolitan Small

Non-metropolitan

- Regional City
- Regional Strategic Area
- Regional Rural
- Rural

39. The criteria for each of the categories are outlined below. As with the previous categories the predominant factor to guide categorisation is population. Other common features of councils within those categories are also broadly described. These criteria

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have relevance when population alone does adequately reflect the status of one council compared to others with similar characteristics. In some instances the additional criteria will be significant enough to warrant the categorisation of a council into a group with a higher population threshold.

40. There is no significant change to the categorisation of county councils. A proclamation was published in the NSW Government Gazette No 52 of 22 June 2016 dissolving the Richmond River County Council and Far North Coast and the transferring their functions and operations to Rous County Council with effect 1 July 2016. County councils continue to be categorised on the basis of whether they undertake water and/or sewerage functions or administer, control and eradicate declared noxious weeds as a specified Local Control Authority under the *Noxious Weeds Act 1993*.

Criteria for categories

The following criteria will apply to each of the categories:

Principal CBD

The Council of the City of Sydney (the City of Sydney) is the principal central business district (CBD) in the Sydney Metropolitan area. The City of Sydney is home to Sydney's primary commercial office district with the largest concentration of businesses and retailers in Sydney. The City of Sydney's sphere of economic influence is the greatest of any local government area in Australia.

The CBD is also host to some of the city's most significant transport infrastructure including Central Station, Circular Quay and International Overseas Passenger Terminal. Sydney is recognised globally with its iconic harbour setting and the City of Sydney is host to the city's historical, cultural and ceremonial precincts. The City of Sydney attracts significant visitor numbers and is home to 60 per cent of metropolitan Sydney's hotels.

The role of Lord Mayor of the City of Sydney has significant prominence reflecting the CBD's importance as home to the country's major business centres and public facilities of state and national importance. The Lord Mayor's responsibilities in developing and maintaining relationships with stakeholders, including other councils, state and federal governments, community and business groups, and the media are considered greater than other mayoral roles in NSW.

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Major CBD

The Council of the City of Parramatta (City of Parramatta) is the economic capital of Greater Western Sydney and the geographic and demographic centre of Greater Sydney. Parramatta is the second largest economy in NSW (after Sydney CBD) and the sixth largest in Australia.

As an secondary CBD to metropolitan Sydney the Parramatta local government area is a major provider of business and government services with a significant number of organisations relocating their head offices to Parramatta. Public administration and safety has been a growth sector for Parramatta as the State Government has promoted a policy of moving government agencies westward to support economic development beyond the Sydney CBD.

The City of Parramatta provides a broad range of regional services across the Sydney Metropolitan area with a significant transport hub and hospital and educational facilities. The City of Parramatta is home to the Westmead Health and Medical Research precinct which represents the largest concentration of hospital and health services in Australia, servicing Western Sydney and providing other specialised services for the rest of NSW.

The City of Parramatta is also home to a significant number of cultural and sporting facilities (including Sydney Olympic Park) which draw significant domestic and international visitors to the region.

Metropolitan Large

Councils categorised as Metropolitan Large will typically have a minimum population of 200,000.

Other features may include:

- total operating revenue exceeding \$200M per annum
- the provision of significant regional services to greater Sydney including, but not limited to, major education, health, retail, sports, other recreation and cultural facilities
- significant industrial, commercial and residential centres and development corridors
- high population growth.

Councils categorised as Metropolitan Large will have a sphere of economic influence and provide regional services considered to be greater than those of other metropolitan councils.

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Metropolitan Medium

Councils categorised as Metropolitan Medium will typically have a minimum population of 100,000.

Other features may include:

- total operating revenue exceeding \$100M per annum
- services to greater Sydney including, but not limited to, major education, health, retail, sports, other recreation and cultural facilities
- industrial, commercial and residential centres and development corridors
- high population growth.

The sphere of economic influence, the scale of council operations and the extent of regional servicing would be below that of Metropolitan Large councils.

Metropolitan Small

Councils categorised as Metropolitan Small will typically have a population less than 100,000.

Other features which distinguish them from other metropolitan councils include:

- total operating revenue less than \$150M per annum.

While these councils may include some of the facilities and characteristics of both Metropolitan Large and Metropolitan Medium councils the overall sphere of economic influence, the scale of council operations and the extent of regional servicing would be below that of Metropolitan Medium councils.

Regional City

Councils categorised as Regional City will typically have a population above 150,000. These councils are metropolitan in nature with major residential, commercial and industrial areas. These Councils typically host government departments, major tertiary education and health facilities and incorporate high density commercial and residential development.

These councils provide a full range of higher order services and activities along with arts, culture, recreation and entertainment facilities to service the wider community and broader region. These councils typically also contain ventures which have a broader State and national focus which impact upon the operations of the council.

Newcastle City Council and Wollongong City Councils are categorised as Regional City.

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Regional Strategic Area

Councils categorised as Regional Strategic Area are differentiated from councils in the Regional Rural category on the basis of their significant population. Councils categorised as Regional Strategic Area will typically have a population above 200,000. These councils contain a mix of urban and rural settlements. They provide a range of services and activities including business, office and retail uses, along with arts, culture, recreation and entertainment facilities to service the wider community. These councils host tertiary education campuses and health facilities.

While councils categorised as Regional Strategic Area may have populations which exceed those of Regional City, they would not typically provide the same range of regional services or have an equivalent sphere of economic influence.

Central Coast Council and Lake Macquarie Council are categorised as Regional Strategic Area.

Regional Rural

Councils categorised as Regional Rural will typically have a minimum population of 20,000.

Other features which distinguish them from other non-metropolitan councils include:

- a major town or towns with the largest commercial component of any location in the surrounding area
- a significant urban population existing alongside a traditional farming sector, and are surrounded by smaller towns and villages or may be located on or close to the coast with high levels of population and tourist facilities
- provide a full range of higher-order services including business, office and retail uses with arts, culture, recreation and entertainment centres
- regional services to the wider community through principal referral hospitals, tertiary education services and major regional airports
- these councils may also attract large visitor numbers to established tourism ventures.

Rural

Councils categorised as Rural will typically have a population below 20,000.

Other features which distinguish them from other non-metropolitan councils include:

- one or two significant townships combined with a considerable dispersed population spread over a large area and a long distance from a major regional centre
- a limited range of services, facilities and employment opportunities compared to Regional Rural councils
- local economies based on agricultural/resource industries.

County Councils - Water

County councils that provide water and/or sewerage functions with a joint approach in planning and installing large water reticulation and sewerage systems.

County Councils - Other

County councils that administer, control and eradicate declared noxious weeds as a specified Local Control Authority under the *Noxious Weeds Act 1993*.

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41. These criteria will be included in future determinations as an appendix to ensure they are readily accessible.

Allocation of council into categories

42. In accordance with section 239 of the LG Act the Tribunal is required to allocate each of the councils into one of the categories. The allocation of councils is outlined in the determination under section 6.
43. In determining the allocation of councils into these categories the Tribunal found that that there were certain councils that could warrant categorisation into another category based on additional criteria. The Tribunal notes that a number of metropolitan and non-metropolitan councils have or are expected to experience significant development and population growth in the future. A number of these local government areas have been identified in the State Government's key planning strategies and include Camden and The Hills councils. The Tribunal acknowledges the additional responsibilities these and other councils may face now and in the future, however for the initial categorisation these councils have been categorised primarily on the basis of their population. The Tribunal will continue to monitor these and other councils to determine the appropriateness of the allocation of councils and the categorisation model for future determinations.

Section 4 Fees

Scope of review

44. In determining the maximum and minimum fees payable in each of the categories, the Tribunal is required, pursuant to section 242A of the LG Act, to give effect to the same policies on increases in remuneration as those that the Industrial Relations Commission is required to give effect to under section 146C of the Industrial Relations Act 1996 (IR Act), when making or varying awards or orders relating to the conditions of employment of public sector employees.
45. The current policy on wages pursuant to section 146C(1)(a) of the IR Act is articulated in the Industrial Relations (Public Sector Conditions of Employment) Regulation 2014 (the Regulation). The effect of the Regulation is that public sector wages cannot increase by

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more than 2.5 per cent, and this includes the maximum and minimum fees payable to councillors and mayors and chairpersons and members of county councils.

46. The LG Act was amended in July 2016 to insert sub-clauses (3) and (4) into section 242A to clarify the intent of the impact of the government's wages policy on a determination which may change the category of a council as follows:

242A Tribunal to give effect to declared government policy on remuneration for public sector staff

(1) In making a determination, the Remuneration Tribunal is to give effect to the same policies on increases in remuneration as those that the Industrial Relations Commission is required to give effect to under section 146C of the Industrial Relations Act 1996 when making or varying awards or orders relating to the conditions of employment of public sector employees.

(2) The policies referred to in subsection (1) do not include any policy that provides for increases in remuneration based on employee-related savings.

(3) This section does not apply to a determination by the Remuneration Tribunal that changes the category of a council or mayoral office (whether or not the effect of the change is to increase the range of amounts payable to the councillors and mayor of a council).

(4) To avoid doubt, this section extends to a determination of the minimum and maximum amounts payable for a category in existence when the determination is made.

47. Those amendments make clear that the minimum and maximum fees applicable to the existing categories cannot be increased by more than 2.5 per cent. The Tribunal is however able to determine that a council can be placed in another existing or a new category with a higher range of fees without breaching the government's wage policy. These changes provided the Tribunal with greater flexibility in reviewing fees for existing and new councils.

Submissions received - Fees

48. A number of submissions supported an increase in fees either by no less than 2.5 per cent or by an unspecified amount (25 per cent of responses). Several submissions suggested an alternative fee model (11 per cent) or made other general comments (29 per cent). The balance of submissions did not express a view in respect to fees (36 per cent).

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49. The LGNSW submitted that the Tribunal must increase fees by no less than 2.5 per cent being of the view that fees have already fallen behind comparable roles. Also, that the fee structure fails to recognise the work of councillors and is often inadequate to attract and retain people with the necessary skills and expertise. The LGNSW also made reference to the changes to the LG Act that have expanded the role of the governing body (section 223) and mayors and councillors (sections 226 and 232). These points were also put forward in several council submissions along with requests that fees account for additional duties performed as members of a joint organisation.
50. In respect to alternative fee models several councils requested the Tribunal to consider a fee model similar to those applying to local governments in Victoria or Queensland; that fees are calculated as a percentage of the salary payable to members of the NSW Parliament; or that fees be benchmarked against the remuneration for the Principal CBD category.

Findings - Fees

51. The Tribunal is required to have regard to the Government's wages policy when determining the increase to apply to the maximum and minimum fees that apply to councillors and mayors. The public sector wages policy currently provides for a cap on increases of 2.5 per cent.
52. The Tribunal has reviewed the key economic indicators, including the Consumer Price Index and Wage Price Index, and had regard to budgetary limitations imposed by the Government's policy of rate pegging, and finds that the full increase of 2.5 per cent is warranted. The 2.5 per cent increase will apply to the minimum and the maximum of the ranges for all existing categories.
53. The new categories have their remuneration ranges determined for the first time in this determination. As an initial determination the ranges for the new categories are not subject to the wages policy, however any future increase will be impacted in accordance with section 242A(4) of the LG Act.
54. The minimum and maximum fees for the new categories have been determined having regard to the relativities that exist between the existing groups.
55. For the category of Major CBD the maximum councillor fee is set at approximately 85 per cent of maximum councillor fee for Principal CBD. The maximum mayoral fee is set at

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approximately 50 per cent of the maximum mayoral fee for Principal CBD. The minimum fees for both councillors and mayors are set at the same as that determined for the Metropolitan Large.

56. For the category of Regional City the maximum councillor fee is set at approximately 80 per cent of maximum councillor fee for Principal CBD. The maximum mayoral fee is set at approximately 45 per cent of the maximum mayoral fee for Principal CBD. The minimum fees for both councillors and mayors are set at the same as that determined for the Regional Strategic Area.

57. The minimum and maximum fees payable to the category of Regional Strategic Area will be the same as those payable to Metropolitan Large.

Impact of fee increase and new categories

58. The majority of councils will receive an increase of 2.5 per cent only.

59. Six councils will be eligible for increases of more than 2.5 per cent as those councils have been categorised into a higher or new category on the basis of the revised criteria.

60. The twenty new councils have been placed in one of the existing or new categories. These twenty councils replaced forty-four former councils. The scale of the new councils means that the majority of these new councils will be eligible for fees that are higher than those paid to the former entities. However, the significant reduction in the number of councils from 152 to 128 has resulted in an estimated maximum saving on the overall cost of councillor fees in NSW of approximately \$2.5M.

Section 5 Other matters

Fees for Deputy Mayors

61. Several council submissions requested that the Tribunal review the remuneration payable to Deputy Mayors (14 per cent). It was suggested that the remuneration be increased to reflect the additional duties undertaken or that elected deputy mayors receive an allowance based on a percentage of the councillor fee.

62. Councils have raised the matter of separate fees for Deputy Mayors on previous occasions and the Tribunal notes that it has previously determined that there is no provision in the

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LG Act to empower the Tribunal to determine a separate fee or fee increase for Deputy Mayors. The method for determining separate fees, if any, for a Deputy Mayor are provided in section 249 of the LG Act as follows:

249 Fixing and payment of annual fees for the mayor

- (1) *A council must pay the mayor an annual fee.*
- (2) *The annual fee must be paid in addition to the fee paid to the mayor as a councillor.*
- (3) *A council may fix the annual fee and, if it does so, it must fix the annual fee in accordance with the appropriate determination of the Remuneration Tribunal.*
- (4) *A council that does not fix the annual fee must pay the appropriate minimum fee determined by the Remuneration Tribunal.*
- (5) *A council may pay the deputy mayor (if there is one) a fee determined by the council for such time as the deputy mayor acts in the office of the mayor. The amount of the fee so paid must be deducted from the mayor's annual fee."*

Conclusion

63. The Tribunal's determinations have been made with the assistance of the two Assessors - Mr Ian Reynolds and Mr Tim Hurst. The allocation of councils into each of the categories, pursuant to section 239 of the LG Act, is outlined in Determination No. 1. The maximum and minimum fees paid to councillors and mayors and members and chairpersons of county councils, pursuant to section 241 of the LG Act, is outlined in Determination No. 2.

64. On 14 February 2017, the Government announced that the proposed formation of a further five new councils in Sydney would proceed, subject to the outcome of court proceedings.

65. The Tribunal may need to consider the categorisation of further new councils following the conclusion of legal action. Should this occur prior to the making of the 2018 determination the Minister may direct the Tribunal to make a special determination(s) in accordance with section 242 of the LG Act.

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Signed

Dr Robert Lang

Dated: 12 April 2017

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Section 6 Determinations

Determination No. 1- Determination Pursuant to Section 239 of Categories of Councils and County Councils Effective From 1 July 2017

Table 1: General Purpose Councils - Metropolitan

Principal CBD (1)	Major CBD (1)
Sydney	Parramatta

Metropolitan Large (8)	Metropolitan Medium (9)
Blacktown	Bayside
Canterbury-Bankstown	Campbelltown
Cumberland	Georges River
Fairfield	Hornsby
Liverpool	Ku-ring-gai
Northern Beaches	Inner West
Penrith	Randwick
Sutherland	Ryde
	The Hills

Metropolitan Small (11)
Burwood
Camden
Canada Bay
Hunters Hill
Lane Cove
Mosman
North Sydney
Strathfield
Waverley
Willoughby
Woollahra

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Table 2: General Purpose Councils – Non-Metropolitan

Regional City (2)		Regional Strategic Area (2)	
Newcastle		Central Coast	
Wollongong		Lake Macquarie	

Regional Rural (37)		Rural (57)	
Albury		Balranald	Kyogle
Armidale		Bellingen	Lachlan
Ballina		Berrigan	Leeton
Bathurst		Bland	Liverpool Plains
Bega		Blayney	Lockhart
Blue Mountains		Bogan	Moree Plains
Broken Hill		Bourke	Murray River
Byron		Brewarrina	Murrumbidgee
Cessnock		Cabonne	Muswellbrook
Clarence Valley		Carrathool	Nambucca
Coffs Harbour		Central Darling	Narrabri
Dubbo		Cobar	Narrandera
Eurobodalla		Coolamon	Narromine
Goulburn Mulwaree		Coonamble	Oberon
Griffith		Cootamundra-Gundagai	Parkes
Hawkesbury		Cowra	Snowy Valleys
Kempsey		Dungog	Temora
Kiama		Edward River	Tenterfield
Lismore		Federation	Upper Hunter
Lithgow		Forbes	Upper Lachlan
Maitland		Gilgandra	Uralla
Mid-Coast		Glen Innes Severn	Walcha
Mid-Western		Greater Hume	Walgett
Orange		Gunnedah	Warren
Port Macquarie-Hastings		Gwydir	Warrumbungle
Port Stephens		Hay	Weddin
Queanbeyan-Palerang		Hilltops	Wentworth
Richmond Valley		Inverell	Yass
Shellharbour		Junee	
Shoalhaven			
Singleton			
Snowy Monaro			
Tamworth			
Tweed			
Wagga Wagga			
Wingecarribee			
Wollondilly			

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Table 3: County Councils

Water (5)
Central Tablelands
Goldenfields Water
Mid-Coast
Riverina Water
Rous

Other (7)
Castlereagh-Macquarie
Central Murray
Hawkesbury River
New England Tablelands
Southern Slopes
Upper Hunter
Upper Macquarie

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**Determination No. 2- Determination Pursuant to Section 241 of Fees
 for Councillors and Mayors**

Pursuant to s.241 of the *Local Government Act 1993*, the annual fees to be paid in each of the categories to Councillors, Mayors, Members and Chairpersons of County Councils effective on and from 1 July 2017 are determined as follows:

Table 4: Fees for General Purpose and County Councils

Category		Councillor/Member Annual Fee		Mayor/Chairperson Additional Fee*	
		Minimum	Maximum	Minimum	Maximum
General Purpose Councils – Metropolitan	Principal CBD	26,310	38,580	160,960	211,790
	Major CBD	17,540	32,500	37,270	105,000
	Metropolitan Large	17,540	28,950	37,270	84,330
	Metropolitan Medium	13,150	24,550	27,940	65,230
	Metropolitan Small	8,750	19,310	18,630	42,120
General Purpose Councils – Non-metropolitan	Regional City	17,540	30,500	37,270	95,000
	Regional Strategic Area	17,540	28,950	37,270	84,330
	Regional Rural	8,750	19,310	18,630	42,120
	Rural	8,750	11,570	9,310	25,250
County Councils	Water	1,740	9,650	3,730	15,850
	Other	1,740	5,770	3,730	10,530

*This fee must be paid in addition to the fee paid to the Mayor/Chairperson as a Councillor/Member (s.249(2)).

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Signed

Dr Robert Lang

Dated: 12 April 2017

Item 6 Community Members - Gwydir Health Alliance

FILE REFERENCE

DELIVERY PROGRAM

GOAL: 1. A healthy and cohesive community

OUTCOME: 1.1 WE HAVE HEALTHY SPACES AND PLACE

STRATEGY: 1.1.1 Improve local access to health services - OCD - external

AUTHOR General Manager

DATE 17 May 2017

STAFF DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST Nil

IN BRIEF/ SUMMARY RECOMMENDATION

This report recommends the appointment of Ms Tracy Newby, Mrs Lenore Kennedy, Mr Paul Moulton and Ms Robyn Burge as community members on the Gwydir Health Alliance.

TABLED ITEMS	Nil
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BACKGROUND

The Council formed the Gwydir Health Alliance recently and called for expressions of interest from members of the community to join the Alliance.

The following residents have indicated an interest and their inclusion is recommended:

Ms Tracy Newby

Mrs Lenore Kennedy

Mr Paul Moulton and

Ms Robyn Burge

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

THAT Ms Tracy Newby, Mrs Lenore Kennedy, Mr Paul Moulton and Ms Robyn Burge be appointed as community representatives to the Gwydir Health Alliance.

ATTACHMENTS

There are no attachments for this report.

**COUNCIL RESOLUTION:
MINUTE 142/17**

THAT Ms Tracy Newby, Mrs Lenore Kennedy, Mr Paul Moulton and Ms Robyn Burge be appointed as community representatives to the Gwydir Health Alliance.

FURTHER that any further community representatives be appointed at the discretion of the Alliance.

(Moved Cr Egan, seconded Cr Young)

Item 7 Integrated Planning and Reporting Requirements

FILE REFERENCE

DELIVERY PROGRAM

GOAL: 5. Organisational Management

OUTCOME: 5.1 CORPORATE MANAGEMENT

STRATEGY: 5.1.3 Administrative functions - GM - internal

AUTHOR Organisation Development Director

DATE 18 May 2017

IN BRIEF/SUMMARY

The Integrated Planning and Reporting Framework impacting all NSW Councils was introduced by the NSW State Government in 2009. The reforms replaced the former Social and Management Plan structures. All NSW Councils are required to develop a Community Strategic Plan spanning 10 years, a Delivery Program spanning the four year period of the elected council, and Operational Plans covering each financial year.

These documents have been drafted containing the results of the extensive community consultation process undertaken to determine the community aspirations for Gwydir Shire Council. Along with these aspirations, production of these plans has allowed for the various existing plans to be brought together to understand how they interact and get the maximum leverage by planning holistically and sustainably for the future of Gwydir Shire Council.

At the time of creation of these documents, the Long Term Financial Plan was not complete. It will be included as part of the Resourcing Strategy. Once the Long Term Financial Plan is drafted the budget for the years 2017 – 2021 will be included in relevant sections of the document for public display.

ISSUES AND COMMENT

The following documents and plans are due for consideration:

1. Community Strategic Plan - 2017 – 2027
2. Revised Delivery Program - 2017 – 2021
3. Revised Operational Plan - 2017 – 2018
4. Resourcing Strategy - 2017 – 2027

The listed plans are recommended to be placed on public display for 28 days from Thursday 01 June 2017 to Wednesday 28 June 2017, and will be made available for inspection at the following locations:

Bingara Council Office
Bingara Public Library

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Chairman

Warialda Council Office
Warialda Public Library
Gravesend General Store
Croppa Creek Store
North Star Post Office
Tamworth Regional Council's Barraba Office
Barraba Public Library
Upper Horton Sports' Club
Gwydir Shire Council website <http://www.gwydirshire.com/Council/>
Gwydir Shire Council Facebook page
<https://www.facebook.com/GwydirShireCouncil>

CONCLUSION

The listed plans are recommended to be placed on public display for 28 days from Thursday 01 June 2017 to Wednesday 28 June 2017.

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

Local Government Act 1993 and associated regulations.

ATTACHMENTS – to be provided

- Community Strategic Plan
- Community Engagement Strategy
- Delivery Program including:
 - Workforce Plan
 - Transport, Water, Sewer and Buildings Asset Management Plans
 - Long Term Financial Plan
- Operational Plan
- Disability Inclusion Action Plan
- Volunteering Policy and Plan

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

THAT the 2017/2027 Integrated Planning and Reporting documents be placed on public exhibition for a period of 28 days from 01 June 2017.

ATTACHMENTS

There are no attachments for this report.

**COUNCIL RESOLUTION:
MINUTE 143/17**

THAT the 2017/2027 Integrated Planning and Reporting documents be placed on public exhibition for a period of 28 days from 01 June 2017.

FURTHER that the Draft Disability Inclusion Action Plan 2017 – 2021 is endorsed for advertising.

(Moved Cr D Coulton, seconded Cr Galvin)

Item 8 Donations 2017/18

FILE REFERENCE

DELIVERY PROGRAM

GOAL: 1. A healthy and cohesive community

OUTCOME: 1.2 OUR COMMUNITY IS AN INVITING AND VIBRANT PLACE TO LIVE

STRATEGY: 1.2.3 Celebrate our creativity and cultural expression - OCD - external

AUTHOR General Manager

DATE 19 May 2017

STAFF DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST Nil

IN BRIEF/ SUMMARY RECOMMENDATION

This report recommends that the recommended Donations' list be advertised as part of the suite of Integrated Planning and Reporting documents for public comment for 2017/18.

TABLED ITEMS Nil

BACKGROUND

The allocation for donations for 2016/17 was \$190,169 but the budget allocation for 2017/18 has been recommended as \$100,000 from General Fund (including oncosts where applicable but excluding in-kind work allocated to normal maintenance cost areas), a substantial reduction over the last few budget years from the \$217,000 allocated in 2013/2014.

COMMENT

During the community consultation period undertaken for the development of the Community Strategic Plan, the allocation of donations was rated highly by the community as an important component of the Council's operations. The community sees this as an opportunity to assist various activities that are community based.

At the Councillor workshop held in January 2017, the Councillors present suggested further cuts to the donations' program and where required comments have been added to address the issues raised.

The summary of the attached recommended allocation is outlined in the table below:

Summary					
Classification	Donation Recommendation Totals	Source of funds			
		General Fund	Sewer Fund	Water Fund	Waste
Donations less than \$1,000	\$13,392.00	\$13,392.00			
Donations greater than \$1,000	\$33,370.00	\$33,370.00			
Foregone Income	\$42,878.00	\$11,865.00	\$6,750.00	\$16,370.00	\$7,893.00
Internal allocation	\$40,000.00	\$40,000.00			
Totals	\$129,640.00	\$98,627.00	\$6,750.00	\$16,370.00	\$7,893.00
In-Kind contributions from other expenditure areas	\$26,400.00				

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

THAT the recommended donations' list be advertised as part of the suite of Integrated Planning and Reporting documents for public comment for 2017/18.

ATTACHMENTS

- AT- Foregone Income
- AT- Donations less than or equal to \$1,000
- AT- Donations greater than \$1,000
- AT- Internal organisation donation requests
- AT- In-kind support to various activities
- AT- Adopted Donations with changes highlighted in yellow shading

COUNCIL RESOLUTION: MINUTE 144/17

THAT the recommended adopted donations' list be advertised as part of the suite of Integrated Planning and Reporting documents for public comment for 2017/18.

(Moved Cr Egan, seconded Cr Young)

FOREGONE INCOME						
Organisation	Donation requested	Recommended donation	General Fund	Sewer Fund	Water Fund	Waste
All Junior and school sports	Waiving of all hire fees	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00			
Anglican Church, North Star	Waiving water & waste charges	\$995.00			\$500.00	\$495.00
Bingara Bullets Rugby League Club	Use of oval and training lights	\$800.00	\$800.00			
Bingara Garden Club	Waive fees for use of Roxy	\$225.00	\$225.00			
Bingara Radiance Club	Rates and other charges subsidy	\$2,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	
Catholic Church, Presbytery, St Joseph's Primary School and Convent	Water, sewerage and waste charges	\$6,200.00		\$1,085.00	\$4,620.00	\$495.00
CMA North Star	Rates and other charges subsidy	\$1,000.00			\$505.00	\$495.00
CMA Warialda	Rates and other charges subsidy	\$2,600.00		\$500.00	\$1,605.00	\$495.00
Graveyard Showground	Waste charges	\$143.00				\$143.00
Gwydd Rugby Club	Use of oval and training facilities	\$800.00	\$800.00			
Presbyterian Church Warialda	Water, sewerage and waste charges	\$1,495.00		\$500.00	\$500.00	\$495.00
Salvation Army Bingara	Water, sewerage and waste charges	\$1,495.00		\$500.00	\$500.00	\$495.00
Scots Presbyterian Church, Bingara	Water, sewerage and waste charges	\$1,495.00		\$500.00	\$500.00	\$495.00
St John's Anglican Church, Bingara	Water, sewerage and waste charges	\$1,800.00		\$500.00	\$805.00	\$495.00
St Mary's Catholic Church, Bingara	Water, sewerage and waste charges	\$2,700.00		\$500.00	\$1,705.00	\$495.00
St Simon and Jude's Anglican Church, Warialda	Water, sewerage and waste charges	\$1,495.00		\$500.00	\$500.00	\$495.00
Uniting Church, Bingara	Water, sewerage and waste charges	\$1,495.00		\$500.00	\$500.00	\$495.00
Unleash The Black Dog Bull	Waive hire fees of Roxy and kitchen	\$800.00	\$800.00			
Waiving Development April and other fees	For community group activities requiring a development application	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00			
Warialda P & A Association	Rates, water, sewerage and waste charges	\$4,845.00	\$240.00	\$665.00	\$2,625.00	\$1,315.00
Warialda Preschool	Rates and other charges subsidy	\$2,000.00		\$500.00	\$1,005.00	\$495.00
Warialda Rail Recreation Reserve	Waste charges	\$495.00				\$495.00
Totals		\$42,878.00	\$11,885.00	\$6,750.00	\$16,370.00	\$7,893.00

Donations = < \$1,000				
Organisation	Donation requested	Recommended Donation	With Oncosts	Comments
Bingara Anglers Club	Annual donation (Easterfish)	\$400.00	\$432.00	This group uses these funds to restock the river with fingerlings. The Easterfish is a well attended community event
Bingara Australia Day celebrations	Assistance during event	\$1,000.00	\$1,080.00	
Bingara Bullets Rugby League Club	Match equipment	\$500.00	\$540.00	The Council has traditionally supported local sporting teams.
Bingara Historical Society	Annual sponsorship	\$300.00	\$324.00	This is a Council Committee and these funds are designed to defray office expenses. The group has some cash reserves and they are hoping to use these 'reserve' funds to assist in a grant application to expand the museum's facilities.
Bingara Oztog Assn	Annual donation	\$300.00	\$324.00	The Council has traditionally supported local sporting teams.
Gwydir Concert Band	Instruments	\$1,000.00	\$1,080.00	These instruments support the Gwydir Shire Concert Band under the management of Mrs Robyn Conway.
Northern Inland Academy of Sport	Annual donation	\$500.00	\$540.00	
Unallocated donations	Support upon request	\$5,000.00	\$5,400.00	
Upper Horton Pony Club	Annual donation	\$500.00	\$540.00	The Council has traditionally supported local sporting events
Upper Horton Rodeo	Annual sponsorship	\$500.00	\$540.00	The Council has traditionally supported local sporting teams.
Upper Horton Sports Club (Sheep Dog Trials)	Annual donation	\$200.00	\$216.00	The Council has traditionally supported local sporting teams.
Warialda Model Plane Display	Annual donation	\$200.00	\$216.00	This donation is to assist in defraying costs if the event is held in the next financial year.
Warialda Historical Society	Annual sponsorship	\$300.00	\$324.00	This is a Council Committee and these funds are designed to defray office expenses
Warialda Rotary Club	Annual Donation for Australia Day celebrations	\$1,000.00	\$1,080.00	
Bingara Sporting Club	Annual sponsorship of Awards' night	\$350.00	\$378.00	These awards recognise significant sporting achievements within the Shire
Warialda Sports Council	Annual sponsorship of Awards' night	\$350.00	\$378.00	
Totals		\$12,400.00	\$13,392.00	

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Donations > \$1,000					
Organisation	Donation requested	Donation Requested	Recommended Donation	With Oncosts where applicable	Comment
Barraba PA & H Association	Annual donation	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,620.00	
Bush Bursary/CWA Scholarship	Annual scholarship	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$3,240.00	Medical students in NSW/ACT agree to spend two weeks of rural placement in a council area in the University holidays during the year or over the Christmas break.
Barwon Division of General Practice	Annual scholarship	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,620.00	This scholarship is only open to students who reside in the Barwon area and is not given each year. For example no request was made in the current year. The allocation is made in case a suitable student applies.
Bingara Garden Club	Prizemoney for Gwydir Shire Air Guitar championships (to be held in conjunction with Orange Festival for 2018)	\$1,250.00	\$1,250.00	\$1,350.00	This was a new request lodged during the advertising period.
Bingara Orange Festival	Annual sponsorship	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	
Copeton Freshwater Swim	Annual sponsorship	\$5,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	Unfortunately the promotional benefits that were expected from this activity have not grown as anticipated.
Gwydir Art Prize	Annual sponsorship	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00	\$2,700.00	This event was not held during the current financial year but will be held next financial year.
Unleash the Black Dog Ball	Assistance towards entertainment costs	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00	\$2,700.00	This was a new request lodged during the advertising period. If approved the organisers will be advised that it can't be assumed as a fixed annual contribution.
Warialda Honey Festival	Annual sponsorship	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	
Warialda Motor Sports Club	Warialda Off Road event	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$3,240.00	
Gwydir Shire Country Education Fund	Annual contribution	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$5,400.00	
Warialda P & A Association	Annual donation (retained to offset previous contributions)	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	
Totals		\$36,750.00	\$31,750.00	\$33,370.00	

Council Internal 'Donations'			
Organisation	Donation requested	Recommended Donation	Comments
Willoughby- Gwydir exchange program	Annual allocation	\$10,000.00	The proposed exchange program will cater for 16 students, which includes a significant number from Warialda High School
Gwydir Learning Region	Annual allocation	\$20,000.00	These funds are used to further educational initiatives that are developed in consultation with the schools within Gwydir Shire.
Industry awards and school book prizes	Prizes and assistance during annual business award event	\$10,000.00	The annual business awards are co-ordinated by Council. The school book prizes are an on-going commitment that has existed for many years and is supported universally across Australia by local government
Totals		\$40,000.00	

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IN KIND SUPPORT (From maintenance budgets)			
Organisation	Donation requested	Recommended donation	With Oncoasts where applicable
Bingara events unallocated	Support for community events	\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00
Bingara Jockey Club	Preparation for annual race day	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
Bingara RSL Club and Sub Branch	Upkeep of memorial gardens in Bingara	\$500.00	\$500.00
Bingara Senior Citizens	Installation of laundry cupboard	\$200.00	\$200.00
Bingara Show Society	Maintenance of showground	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00
Carinda House Committee	Maintenance requests	\$500.00	\$500.00
Myall Creek Memorial Committee	Ground maintenance for annual commemoration	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
Warialda Apex Committee	Support during events	\$500.00	\$500.00
Warialda Events unallocated	Support for community events	\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00
Warialda Jockey Club	Preparation for annual race day	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
Warialda Preschool	Building Maintenance	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
Warialda P&A Association	Support during events	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00
Warialda Tennis Club	Ground maintenance	\$500.00	\$500.00
Bingara Sporting Club - Tennis	Printing and photocopy for Tennis Tournament	\$200.00	\$200.00
Totals		\$26,400.00	\$26,400.00

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Summary					
Classification	Donation Recommendation Totals	Source of funds			
		General Fund	Sewer Fund	Water Fund	Waste
Donations less than \$1,000	\$16,385.00	\$16,385.00			
Donations greater than \$1,000	\$31,750.00	\$31,750.00			
Foregone Income	\$42,878.00	\$11,865.00	\$6,750.00	\$16,370.00	\$7,893.00
Internal allocation	\$40,000.00	\$40,000.00			
Totals	\$131,013.00	\$100,000.00	\$6,750.00	\$16,370.00	\$7,893.00
In-Kind contributions from other expenditure areas	\$26,700.00				

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Donations = < \$1,000				
Organisation	Donation requested	Recommended Donation	With Oncosts	Comments
Bingara Anglers Club	Annual donation (Easterfish)	\$400.00	\$432.00	This group uses these funds to restock the river with fingerlings. The Easterfish is a well attended community event
Bingara Australia Day celebrations	Assistance during event	\$1,000.00	\$1,080.00	
Bingara Bullets Rugby League Club	Match equipment	\$500.00	\$540.00	The Council has traditionally supported local sporting teams.
Bingara Historical Society	Annual sponsorship	\$300.00	\$324.00	This is a Council Committee and these funds are designed to defray office expenses. The group has some cash reserves and they are hoping to use these 'reserve' funds to assist in a grant application to expand the museum's facilities.
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Gwydir Concert Band	Instruments	\$1,000.00	\$1,080.00	These instruments support the Gwydir Shire Concert Band under the management of Mrs Robyn Conway.
Northern Inland Academy of Sport	Annual donation	\$500.00	\$540.00	
Unallocated donations	Support upon request	\$7,271.30	\$7,853.00	Balancing allocation
Upper Horton Pony Club	Annual donation	\$500.00	\$540.00	The Council has traditionally supported local sporting events
Upper Horton Rodeo	Annual sponsorship	\$500.00	\$540.00	The Council has traditionally supported local sporting teams.
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Warialda Sports Council	Annual sponsorship of Awards' night	\$350.00	\$378.00	
Warialda Rugby League	Annual sponsorship	\$500.00	\$540.00	
Totals		\$15,171.30	\$16,385.00	

Donations > \$1,000					
Organisation	Donation requested	Donation Requested	Recommended Donation	With Oncosts where applicable	Comment
Barraba PA & H Association	Annual donation	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,620.00	
Bush Bursary/CWA Scholarship	Annual scholarship	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$3,240.00	Medical students in NSW/ACT agree to spend two weeks of rural placement in a council area in the University holidays during the year or over the Christmas break.
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Copeton Freshwater Swim	Annual sponsorship	\$5,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	Unfortunately the promotional benefits that were expected from this activity have not grown as anticipated.
Gwydir Art Prize	Annual sponsorship	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00	\$2,700.00	This event was not held during the current financial year but will be held next financial year.
Unleash the Black Dog Ball	Assistance towards entertainment costs	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00	\$2,700.00	The allocation will only be used to offset any shortfall in the funding for the event.
Warialda Honey Festival	Annual sponsorship	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	
Warialda Motor Sports Club	Warialda Off Road event	\$3,000.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,620.00	
Gwydir Shire Country Education Fund	Annual contribution	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$5,400.00	
Warialda P & A Association	Annual donation (retained to offset previous contributions)	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	
Totals		\$36,750.00	\$30,250.00	\$31,750.00	

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FOREGONE INCOME						
Organisation	Donation requested	Recommended donation	General Fund	Sewer Fund	Water Fund	Waste
All Junior and school sports	Waiving of all hire fees	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00			
Anglican Church, North Star	Waiving water & waste charges	\$995.00			\$500.00	\$495.00
Bingara Bullets Rugby League Club	Use of oval and training lights	\$800.00	\$800.00			
Bingara Garden Club	Waive fees for use of Roxy	\$225.00	\$225.00			
Bingara Radiance Club	Rates and other charges subsidy	\$2,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	
Catholic Church, Presbytery, St Joseph's Primary School and Convent	Water, sewerage and waste charges	\$6,200.00		\$1,085.00	\$4,620.00	\$495.00
CMA North Star	Rates and other charges subsidy	\$1,000.00			\$505.00	\$495.00
CMA Warialda	Rates and other charges subsidy	\$2,600.00		\$500.00	\$1,605.00	\$495.00
Gravesend Showground	Waste charges	\$143.00				\$143.00
Gwyddr Rugby Club	Use of oval and training facilities	\$800.00	\$800.00			
Presbyterian Church Warialda	Water, sewerage and waste charges	\$1,495.00		\$500.00	\$500.00	\$495.00
Salvation Army Bingara	Water, sewerage and waste charges	\$1,495.00		\$500.00	\$500.00	\$495.00
Scots Presbyterian Church, Bingara	Water, sewerage and waste charges	\$1,495.00		\$500.00	\$500.00	\$495.00
St John's Anglican Church, Bingara	Water, sewerage and waste charges	\$1,800.00		\$500.00	\$805.00	\$495.00
St Mary's Catholic Church, Bingara	Water, sewerage and waste charges	\$2,700.00		\$500.00	\$1,705.00	\$495.00
St Simon and Jude's Anglican Church, Warialda	Water, sewerage and waste charges	\$1,495.00		\$500.00	\$500.00	\$495.00
Uniting Church, Bingara	Water, sewerage and waste charges	\$1,495.00		\$500.00	\$500.00	\$495.00
Unleash The Black Dog Ball	Waive hire fees of Roxy and kitchen	\$800.00	\$800.00			
Waiving Development Apple and other fees	For community group activities requiring a development application	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00			
Warialda Showground Trust	Rates, water, sewerage and waste charges	\$4,845.00	\$240.00	\$665.00	\$2,625.00	\$1,315.00
Warialda Preschool	Rates and other charges subsidy	\$2,000.00		\$500.00	\$1,005.00	\$495.00
Warialda Rail Recreation Reserve	Waste charges	\$495.00				\$495.00
Totals		\$42,878.00	\$11,885.00	\$6,750.00	\$16,370.00	\$7,893.00

Council Internal 'Donations'			
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Gwydir Learning Region	Annual allocation	\$20,000.00	These funds are used to further educational initiatives that are developed in consultation with the schools within Gwydir Shire.
Industry awards and school book prizes	Prizes and assistance during annual business award event	\$10,000.00	The annual business awards are co-ordinated by Council. The school book prizes are an on-going commitment that has existed for many years and is supported universally across Australia by local government
Totals		\$40,000.00	

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Item 9 Alcohol Free Zone Warialda

FILE REFERENCE

DELIVERY PROGRAM

GOAL: 1. A healthy and cohesive community

OUTCOME: 1.1 WE HAVE HEALTHY SPACES AND PLACE

STRATEGY: 3.1.1 Encourage respectful planning, balanced growth and good design - ED - external

AUTHOR Director Development and
Environmental Services

DATE 22 May 2017

STAFF DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST Nil

IN BRIEF/ SUMMARY RECOMMENDATION

This report seeks Council's endorsement to re-establish the Alcohol Free Zone in Warialda.

That Council re-establish, for a period of four (4) years, the existing Alcohol Free Zone in Warialda bounded by and including Market Street in the east, Holden Street in the west, Long Street in the north and Queen Street in the south under Section 644B of the Local Government Act, 1993.

BACKGROUND

At the March 2012 Meeting, Council resolved the following:

That Council re-establish, for a period of 4 years, the existing Alcohol Free Zone in Warialda in the following location under Section 644B of the Local Government Act, 1993.

- The area bounded by and including Market Street in the east Holden Street in the west Long Street in the north and Queen Street in the south.

Further, that Council declare Captain Cook Park and Reedy Creek bank an “Alcohol Prohibited Area” under Section 632A(2) of the Local Government Act, 1993, prohibit the consumption/drinking of alcohol between 9pm and 10am, 7 days a week.

That Council advertise a notice declaring that an alcohol-free zone has been established in accordance with Section 644B of the Local Government Act, 1993.

That Council advertise a notice declaring that an alcohol prohibited zone has been established in accordance with Section 644B of the Local Government Act, 1993.

The alcohol-free zone was established for a period of four (4) years which ended on the 1st March 2016.

A request has been received to renew the present alcohol free zone in Warialda.

Council at the February 2016 Council meeting resolved:

THAT Council advertise a notice of the proposal to re-establish an alcohol free zone under provisions and procedures of section 644, 644A, 644B, 644C & 646 of the Local Government Act, 1993

COMMENT

Council does not have the power to extend the duration of the alcohol free zone; however Council can declare another alcohol free zone of the same or different configuration, at any time following the end of the current zone where a proposed alcohol free zone includes the roads, footpaths and carparks that had previously been zoned as alcohol free.

The current alcohol free zone includes the streets and footpaths in the area bounded by and including Market Street in the east, Holden Street in the west including Captain Cook Park , Long Street in the north and Queen Street in the south.

However with the introduction of the Local Government Amendment (Confiscation of Alcohol) Act 2010, public places such as parks must now be declared "Alcohol Prohibited Area" under 632A(2) of the Act. The Police and authorised Council staff enforcement officers still have the power to confiscate and tip out alcohol from a person in these areas.

The proposed alcohol free zone has been advertised and notification occurred in accordance with the legislation. No objections to an alcohol free zone were received.

CONCLUSION

The principal object of an alcohol free zone is to prevent disorderly behaviour caused by the consumption of alcohol in public areas in order to improve public safety.

As there were no objections received in relation to the proposal it would appear that the Warialda community supports the introduction of the proposed Alcohol Free Zone.

It is recommended that Council re- establish an Alcohol Free Zone in Warialda.

CONSULTATION

The Alcohol Free Zone proposal has been advertised in the local paper.

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Council has also sent a letter which included the proposal and clearly stated the timeframes for representations to be made in regard to the proposal to the businesses and organisations listed:

- Police Local Area Commander and the local police
- Liquor Licensees and secretaries of registered clubs in or adjacent to the proposed zone.

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

Local Government Act 1993

Local Government Amendment (Confiscation of Alcohol) Act 2010

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

N/A

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The cost associated with the replacement/alteration and installation of existing Alcohol Free Zone signage if the Alcohol Free Zone is approved has not been allowed for in the 2017 budget, however once a price has been received, an assessment will be made if this can be allocated from current budget.

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

N/A

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

THAT That Council re-establish, for a period of four (4) years, the existing Alcohol Free Zone in Warialda in the following location under Section 644B of the Local Government Act, 1993.

- the area bounded by and including Market Street in the east, Holden Street in the west, Long Street in the north and Queen Street in the south.

FURTHER that Council advertise a notice declaring that an alcohol-free zone has been established in accordance with Section 644B of the Local Government Act, 1993.

ATTACHMENTS

There are no attachments for this report.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION: MINUTE 145/17

THAT That Council re-establish, for a period of four (4) years, the existing Alcohol Free Zone in Warialda in the following location under Section 644B of the Local Government Act, 1993.

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- the area bounded by and including Market Street in the east, Holden Street in the west, Long Street in the north and Queen Street in the south.

FURTHER that Council advertise a notice declaring that an alcohol-free zone has been established in accordance with Section 644B of the Local Government Act, 1993.

FURTHER, that Council declare Captain Cook Park and Reedy Creek bank an “Alcohol Prohibited Area” under Section 632A(2) of the Local Government Act, 1993, prohibit the consumption/drinking of alcohol between 9pm and 10am, 7 days a week.

(Moved Cr Moore, seconded Cr D Coulton)

**Item 10 Monthly Development and Environmental Services Report
- April 2017**

FILE REFERENCE

DELIVERY PROGRAM

GOAL: 5. Organisational Management

OUTCOME: 5.1 CORPORATE MANAGEMENT

STRATEGY: 5.1.3 Administrative functions - GM - internal

AUTHOR Director Development and
Environmental Services

DATE 22 May 2017

STAFF DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST Nil

IN BRIEF/ SUMMARY RECOMMENDATION

A report by the Director, Development and Environmental Services on the activities of the Department including Development Applications, Construction and Complying Development Certificates issued by Council for the month of April 2017.

COMMENT

1. DEVELOPMENT

The Department continues to receive enquiries and provide advice on a range of planning and building matters including:

- Subdivision
- Dwelling entitlements
- Minor structure construction e.g. sheds
- Commercial opportunities and construction
- Basix (Building Sustainability Index)
- Bushfire requirements
- Building construction standards and requirements
- Stormwater
- Licensing and owner builder requirements
- Fees and charges
- Planning certificates

The following Development (D/A)/Complying Development (CDC) and Construction Certificate (C/C) applications have been approved for the month.

No.	Property Description	Development/ Work	\$	D/A	C/C	CDC
40/2016	Lot 3A DP 386416 10 Junction Street Bingara	Detached Granny Flat	\$65,384	-	✓	-
1/2017	Lot D DP 387653 88 Maitland Street Bingara	Storage Units and Shop Front	\$150,000	✓	-	-
6/2017	Lot 43 DP 751091 929 Fairford Road Wialda	Rural Workers Cottage	\$177,890	✓	-	-
7/2017	Various Lots 1082 Agincourt Road Coolatai	Amalgamation of 15 lots into 2 lots	-	✓	-	-

The following Development (D/A)/Complying Development (CDC) and Construction Certificate (C/C) applications remain outstanding for the month.

DA, CC and CDC	Property Description and Description of Work	Reason	D/A	C/C	CDC
35/2015	3533 Copeton Dam Road Copeton Extension of existing Caravan and Camping Facilities	Request Addition Information from Applicant	✓	-	-
26/2016	21-23 Maitland Street Bingara Continued Use of ATM	Current	✓	-	-
49/2016	1470 North Star Road Wialda Continued Occupation/Use of Worker Accommodation	Current	✓	-	-
54/2016	3575 Allan Cunningham Road Wialda Granny Flat	Awaiting Construction Certificate Information	-	✓	-
5/2017	4226 Copeton Dam Road Bundarra 5 Lot Rural Subdivision	Referred to NSW RFS	✓	-	-
8/2017	Salter Street Bingara Erection of Large Garden Shed and Continued Use of two Shipping Containers	Current	✓	✓	-
9/2017	1160 River Road Pallamallawa 3 Lot Rural Subdivision	Current	✓	-	-
10/2017	1895 Adams Scrub Road Wialda Rail Quarry	Current	✓	-	-
11/2017	1273 Reserve Creek Road Delungra Rural Worker Cottage	Current	✓	-	-
12/2017	556 Onus Road Copeton Whelping Shed	Notification of Neighbours	✓	✓	-
13/2017	30 Gwydir Terrace & 4 Bombelli Street Bingara – Boundary Adjustment	Current	✓	-	-

There were no Development (D/A)/Complying Development (CDC) or Construction Certificate (C/C) applications approved and not previously reported to Council for the month.

There were no Development (D/A)/Complying Development (CDC) and Construction Certificate (C/C) applications refused(R)/ withdrawn (W)/ Cancelled (C) for the month.

The following Complying Development (CDC) and/or Construction Certificate (C/C) applications were approved by a Private Certifier and lodged with Council during the month.

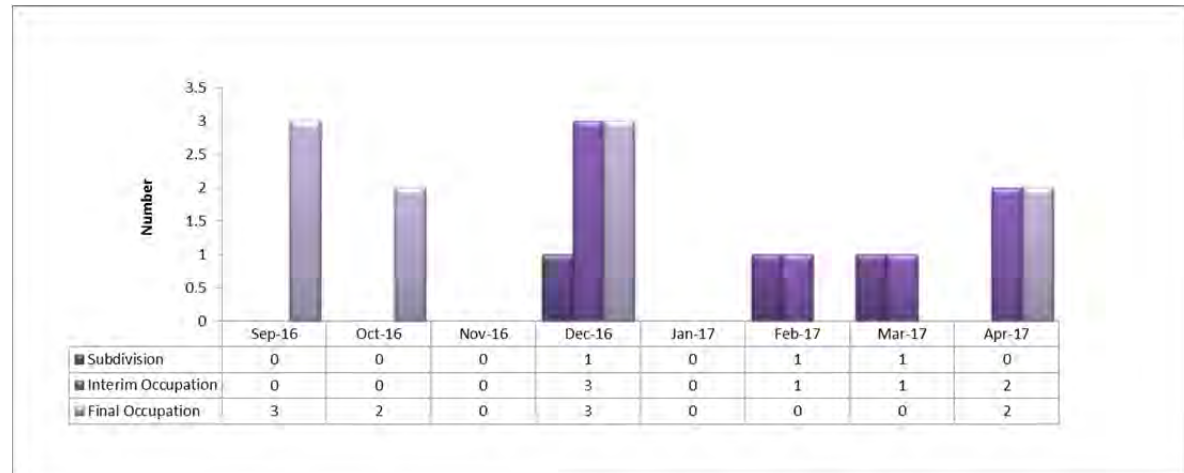
No.	Property Description	Development/ Work	\$	D/A	C/C	CDC
1/2017	Lot 80 DP 751136 13805 Gwydir Highway Wialda	Swimming Pool	\$57,415	-	-	✓

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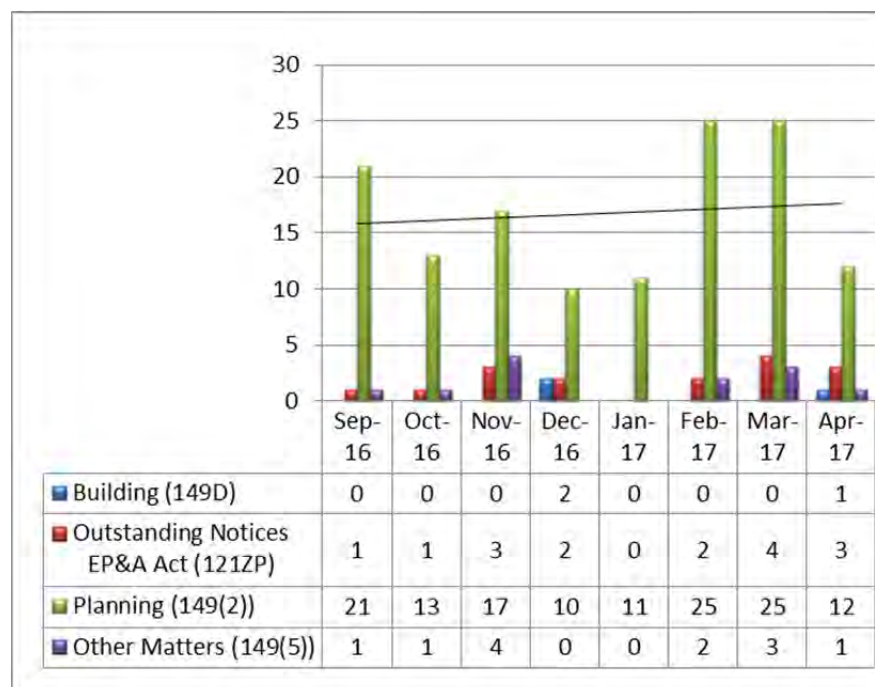
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There were no Development (D/A) and Complying Development (CDC) applications determined where there has been a variation in standards under SEPP 1 or clause 4.6 of Gwydir Local Environmental Plan 2013 for the month.

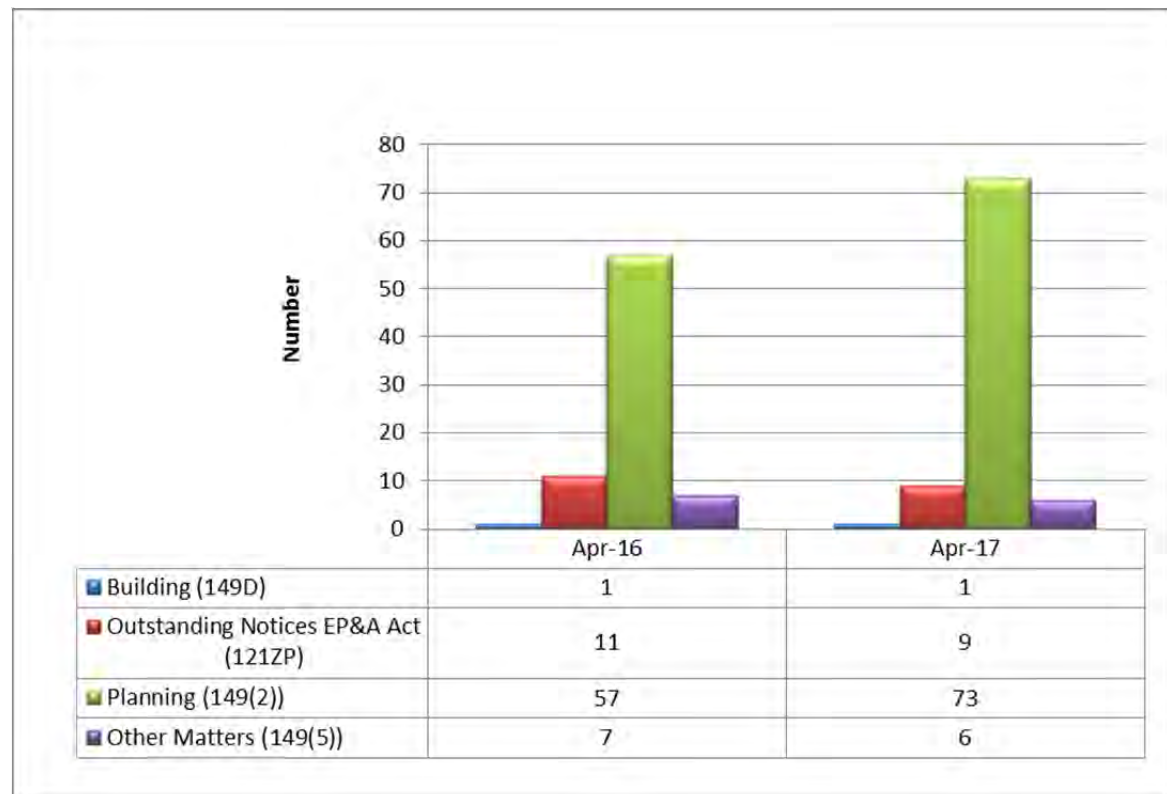
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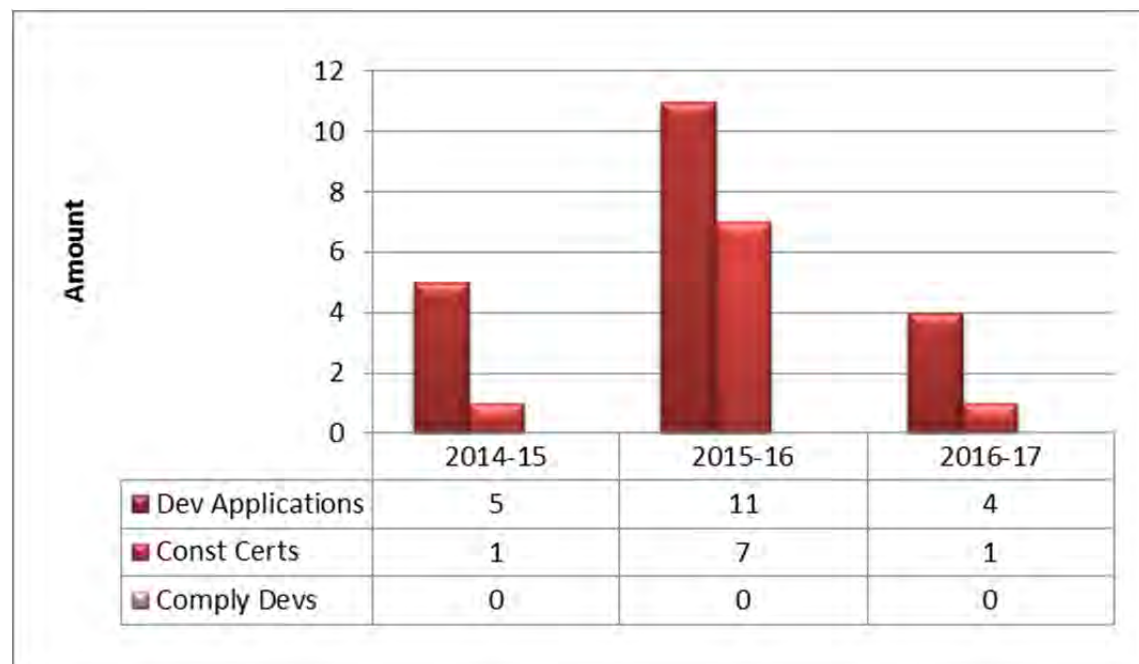
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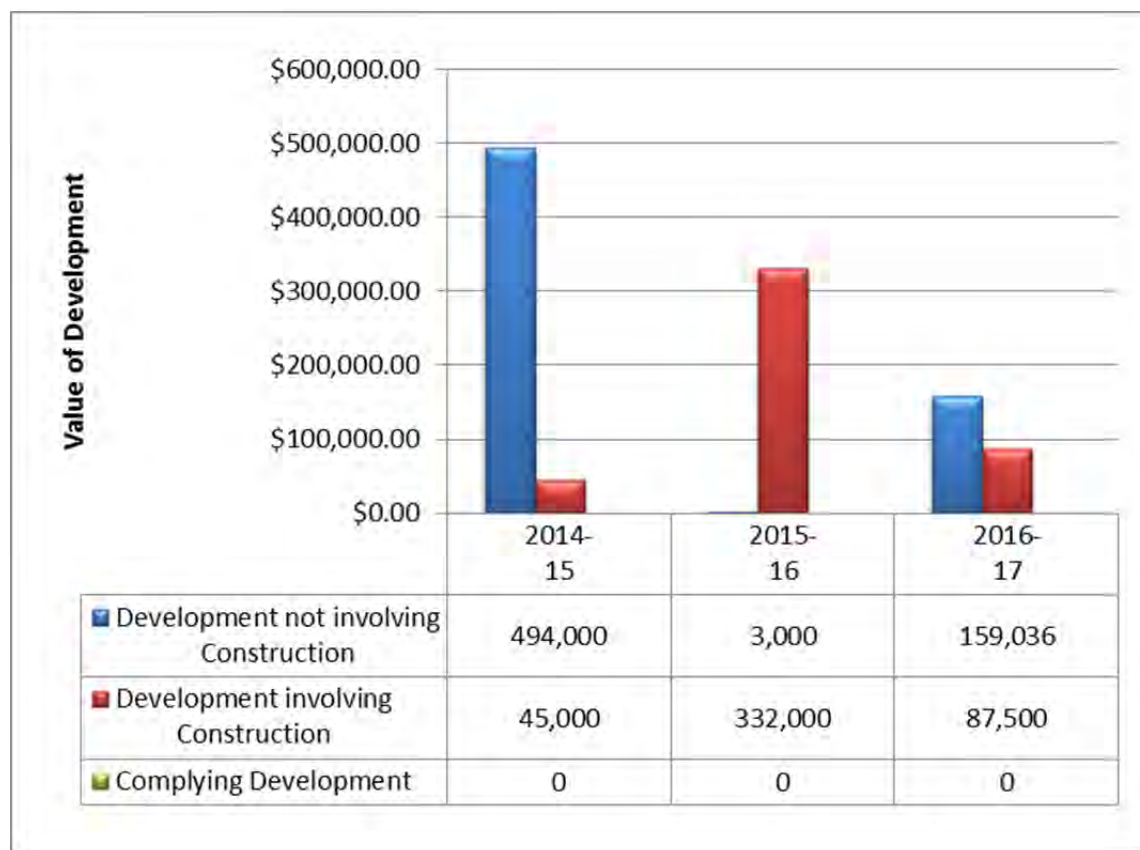
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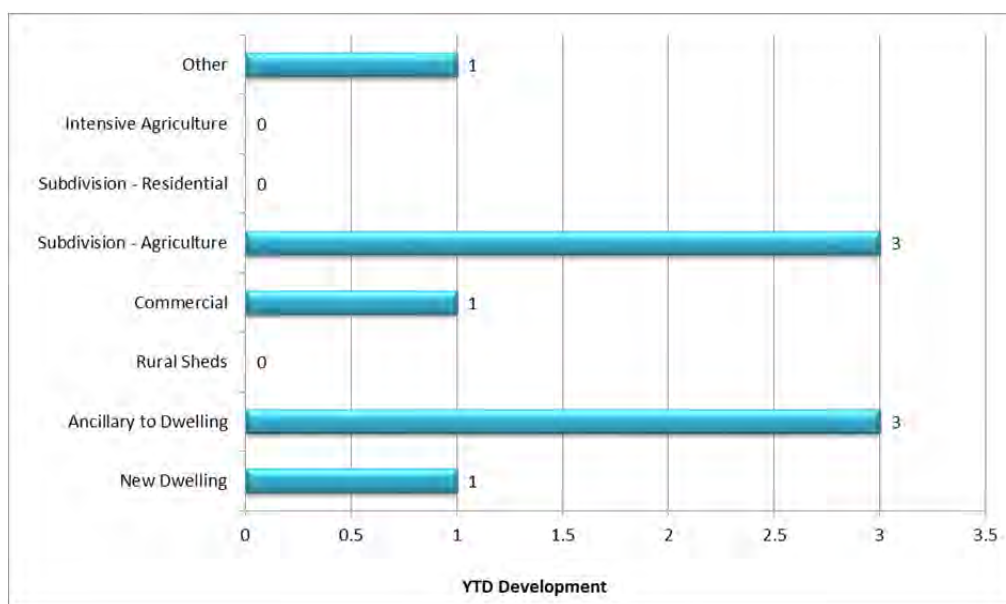
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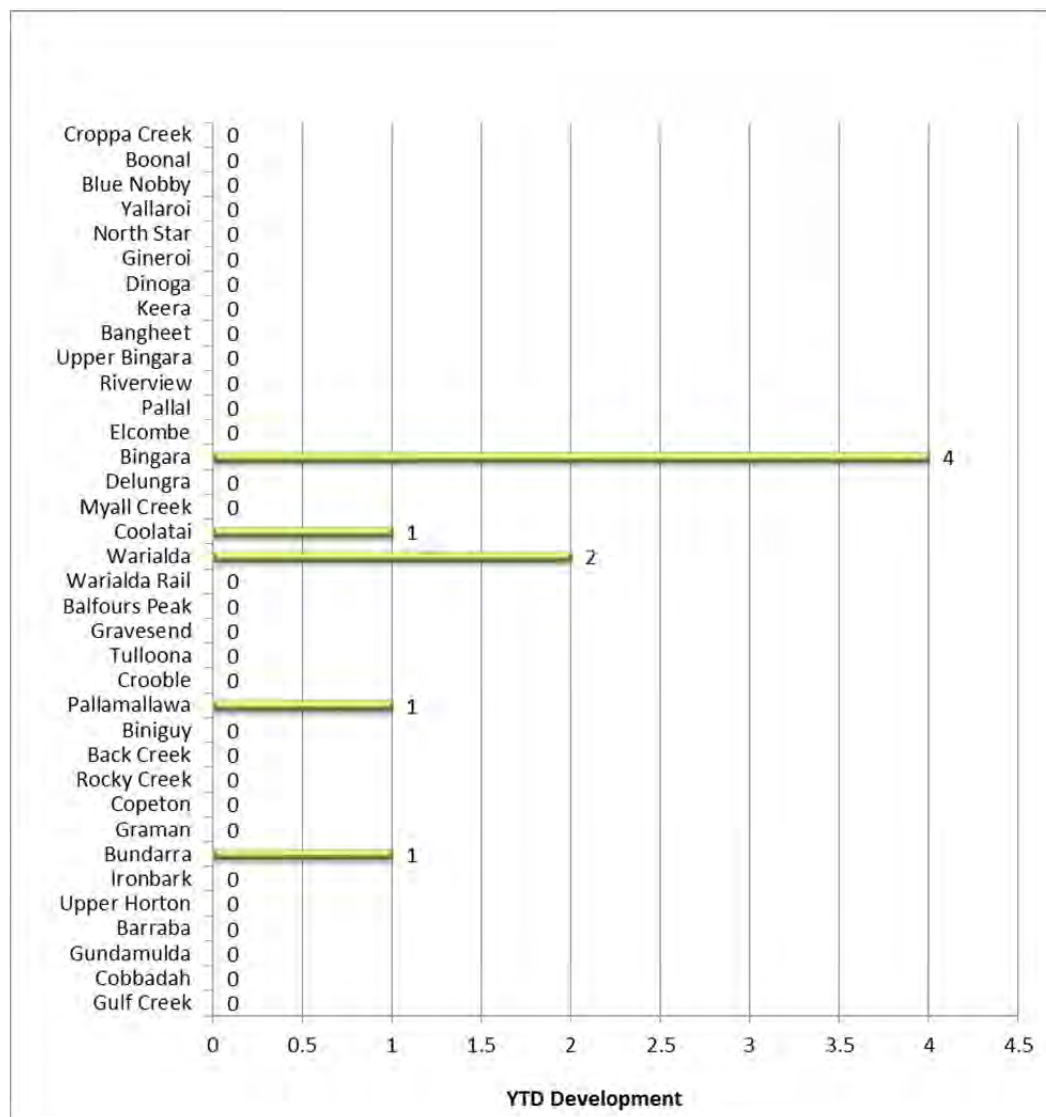
Development Applications received by Type (includes private certifier lodged applications)



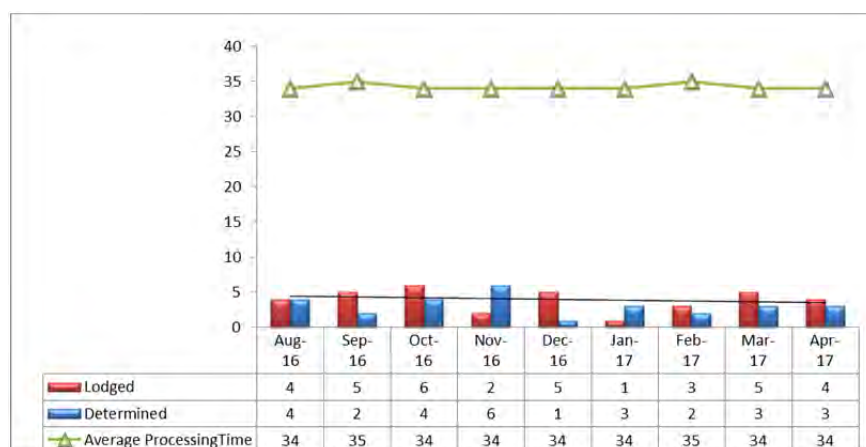
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Development Applications Received by locality (includes private certifier lodged applications)



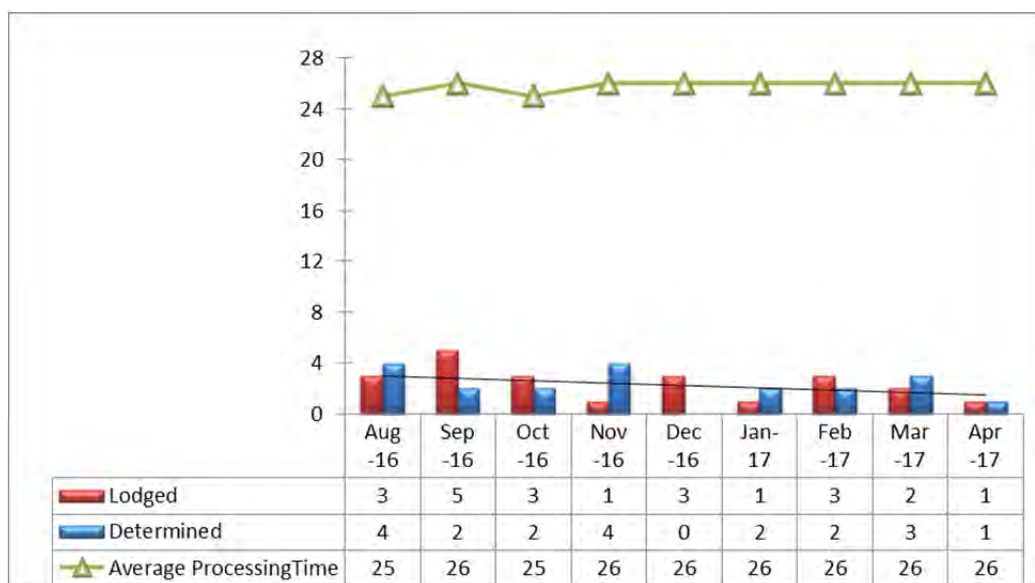
Development Applications – nine (9) months



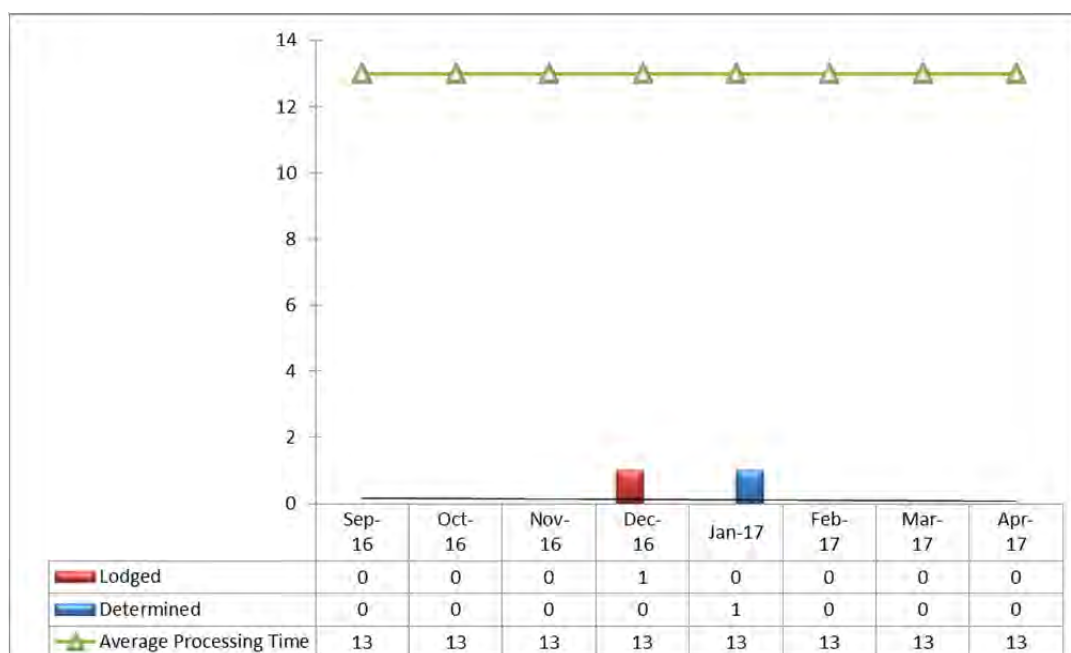
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Construction Certificates – nine (9) months (excludes private certifier lodged and approved applications)



Complying Development Applications – nine (9) months (excludes private certifier lodged and approved applications)



1.1 CRM – Planning and Development

Older	Current	Actioned	Unactioned
1	1	-	2

2. ILLEGAL ACTIVITY

ACTIVITY	No	ACTION TAKEN					
		Inspected	Notice Sent	Application/ Certificate Lodged	Penalty Notice	Legal Action	Refer to Council
Development							
Building/Plumbing/ Drainage							
Health/Animals	3	3	2		1		
Environment	1	1	1				

2.1 CRM - Illegal Activity

Older	Current	Actioned	Unactioned
3	-	-	3

3. HEALTH

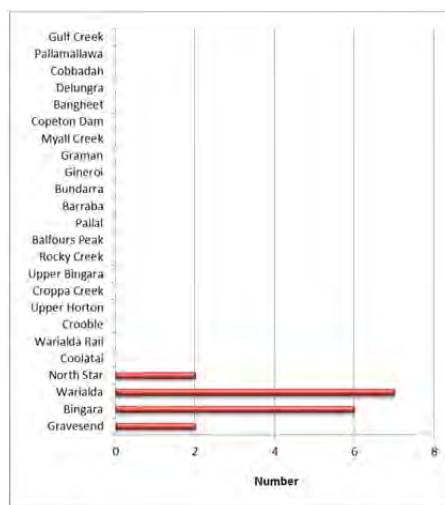
The Department continues to receive enquiries and provide advice on a range of health matters including:

- Design and installation of on-site sewerage management systems
- Overgrown properties
- Food premises design and fit-out
- Food handling practices
- Mobile food vendors
- Licensing
- Water carting
- Plumbing and drainage - design and installation

3.1 Water Surveillance

The Department continues to carry out routine weekly microbiological sampling of the water supply in the towns of Warialda and Bingara, fortnightly sampling of Gravesend and monthly sampling at North Star.

3.2 Health Related Inspections for April 2017



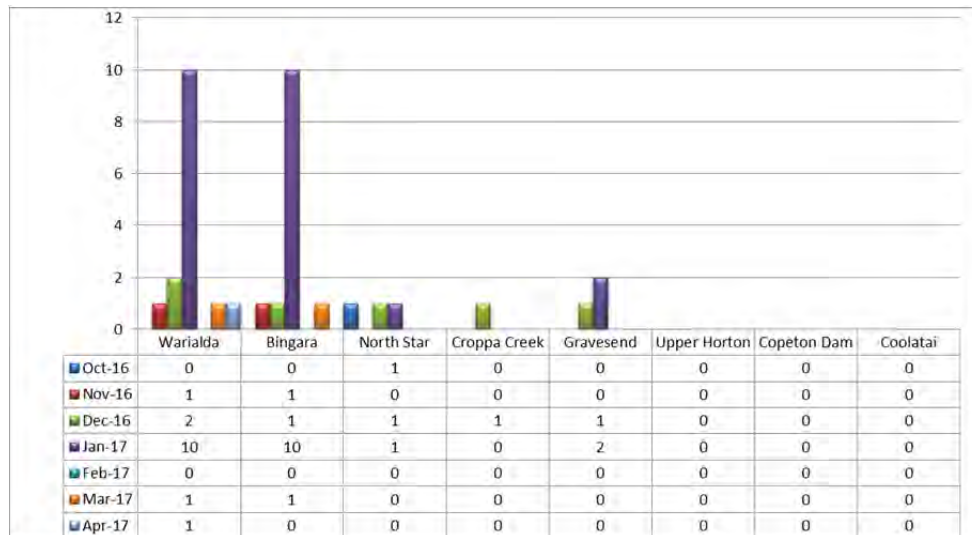
3.3 Swimming Pool Inspections

The Department continues to carry out swimming pool compliance inspections.

3.4 Cemeteries

Both Warialda and Bingara Cemeteries continued to be maintained.

3.5 Food Premise Inspections/Re-inspections

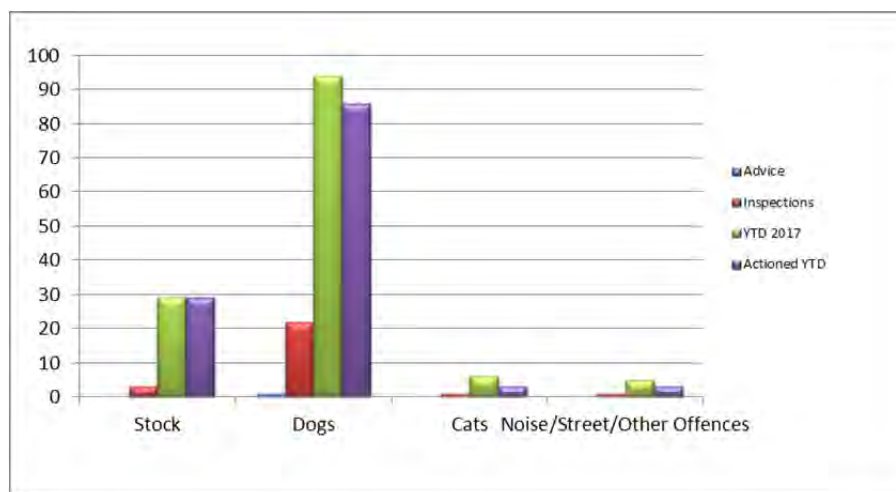


3.6 CRM – Health Other

Older	Current	Actioned	Unactioned
6	3	2	7

3.7 Compliance and Regulatory Control

Council received complaints regarding roaming stock and dogs, noise, the keeping of animals and other concerns during the month of April 2017. These are investigated and actioned as necessary and are detailed in the following table including year to date and actioned totals:



Council has four (4) cat and two (2) dog cage traps available for use by residents who are experiencing problems with stray feral and companion animals. Traps are normally kept by residents for a period of 4 - 7 days at a time.

During this period four cat cages have been utilised by residents though out the shire.

3.8 CRM - Animals

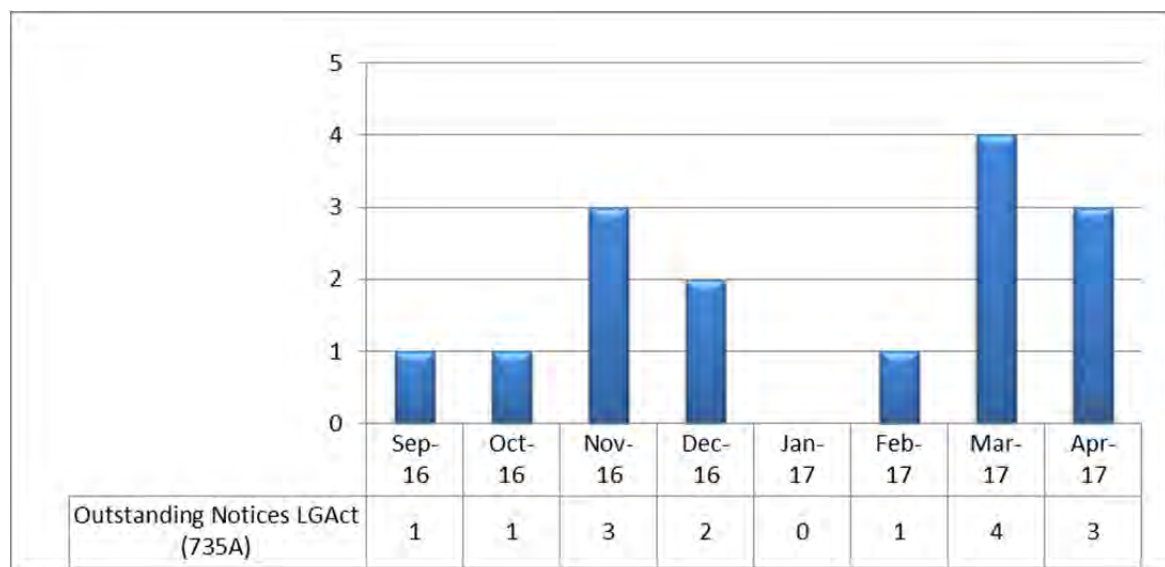
Older	Current	Actioned	Unactioned
10	4	1	13

4. ENVIRONMENTAL

The Department continues to receive enquiries and provide advice on a range of environmental matters including:

- Air and water pollution
- Noise pollution
- Littering
- Legislation

The following table shows the number of certificates issued in April 2017 compared to the preceding seven (7) months:



4.1 CRM – Environment

Older	Current	Actioned	Unactioned
2	-	1	1

4.2 Waste Services

4.2.1 Waste Collection

Warialda

Scheduled kerbside collection service was carried out during the period.
There were no incidents or complaints for this period.

Bingara

Scheduled kerbside collection service was carried out during the period.
There were no incidents or complaints for this period.

Gravesend

Scheduled kerbside collection service was carried out during the period.
There were no incidents or complaints for this period.

North Star

Scheduled kerbside collection service was carried out during the period.
There were no incidents or complaints for this period.

Warialda Rail

Scheduled kerbside collection service was carried out during the period.
There were no incidents or complaints for this period.

Croppa Creek

Scheduled kerbside collection service was carried out during the period.
There were no incidents or complaints for this period.

RMS Rest Area Bins

Scheduled collections were carried out during the period. There were no issues reported.

4.2.2 Recycling

Scheduled kerbside collection service was carried out during the period.
There were no incidents/complaints for this period.

Council continues to make available compost bins, aerators and worm farms for purchase by members of the community.

4.2.3 All Waste Recovery Centres and Landfills Maintenance

All Waste Recovery Centres in the Shire continue to be supervised/monitored and maintained. Staff continues to make changes to the site layout and signage to improve onsite operation and access for residents unloading waste and recyclable materials.

4.2.4 Green Waste

Scheduled kerbside collection service was carried out during the period.
There were no incidents/complaints for this period.

There was no in house chipping for the month.

Council is continuing to supply mulch from chipped green waste to residents.

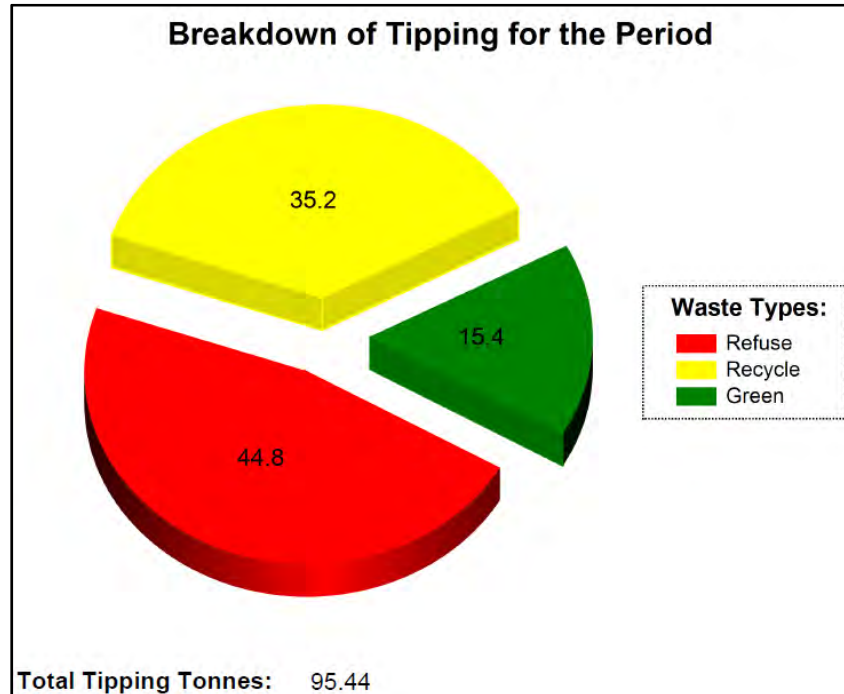
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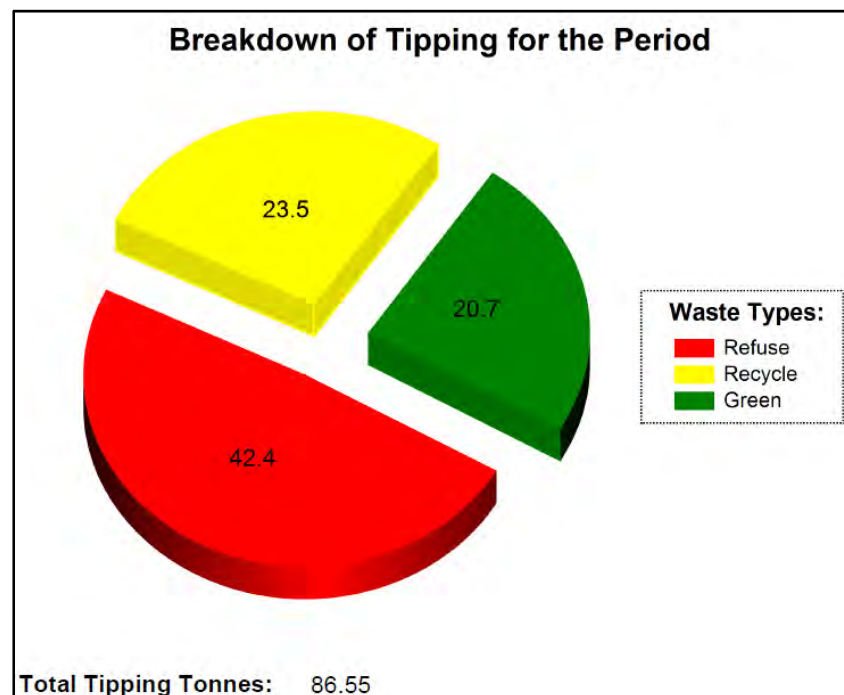
4.2.5 Recycled Steel

Steel continues to be stockpiled for collection at the Bingara and Warialda Waste Recovery Centre.

4.3 Breakdown of Waste Collection for March 2017



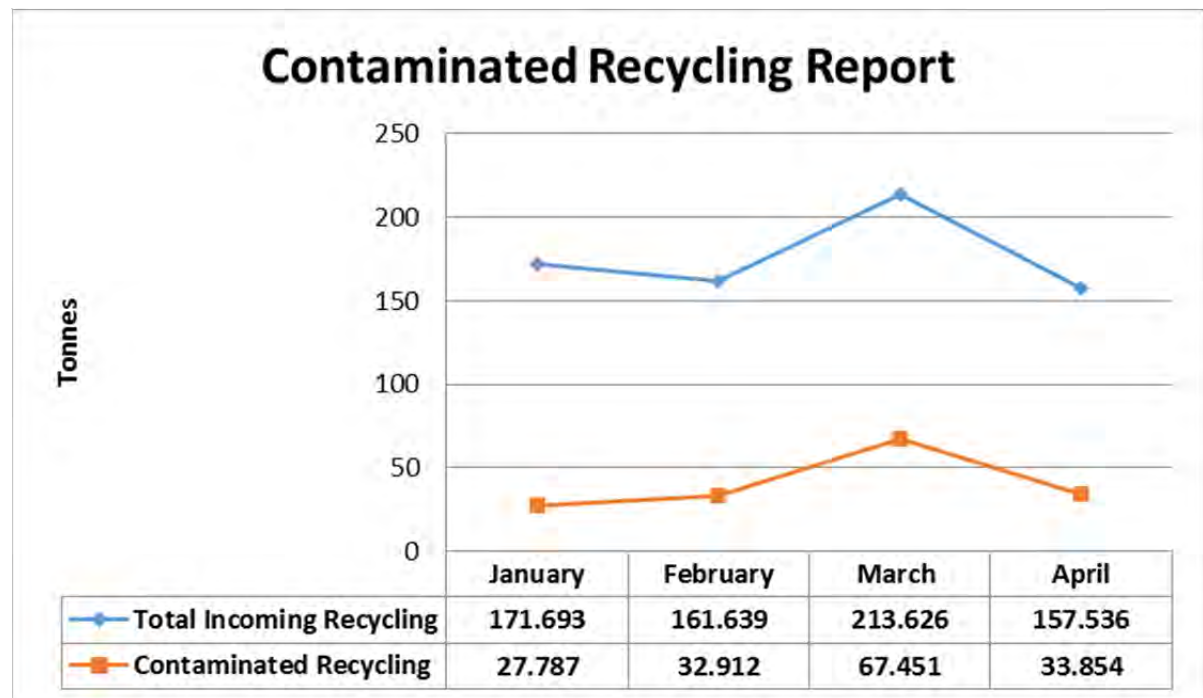
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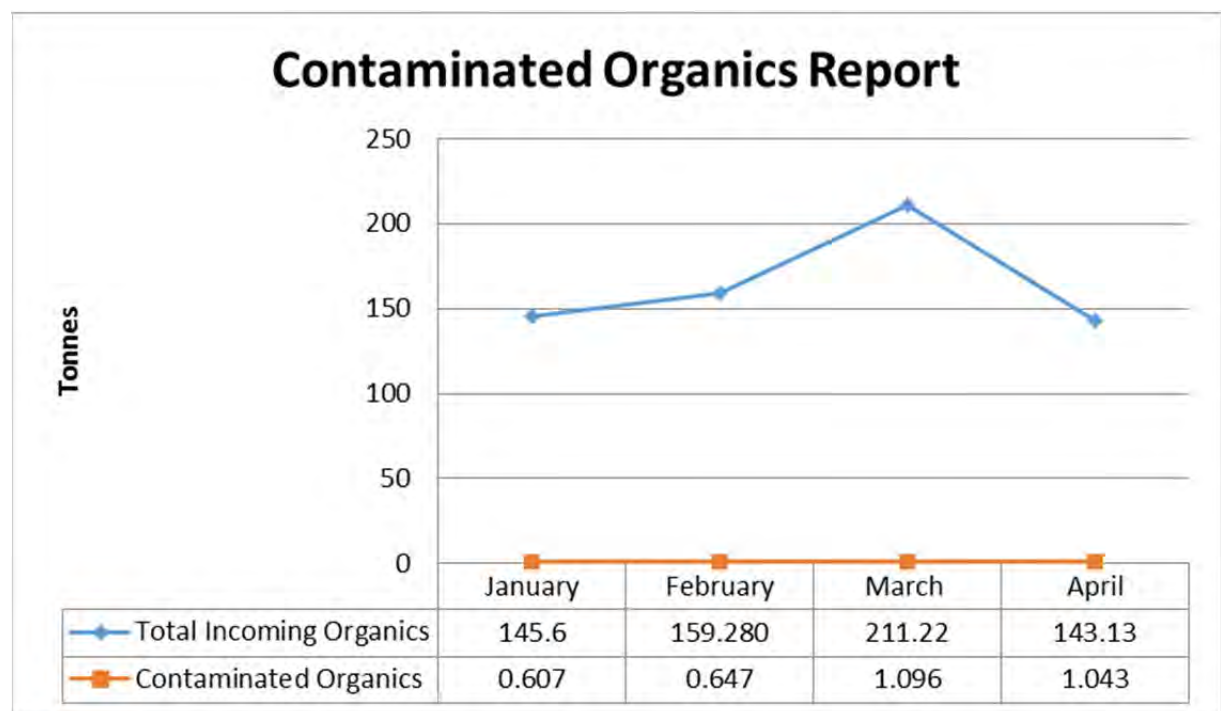
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4.5 Recycling Contamination March and April 2017



4.6 Organics Contamination March and April 2017



4.7 CRM – Waste

Older	Current	Actioned	Unactioned
1	5	1	5

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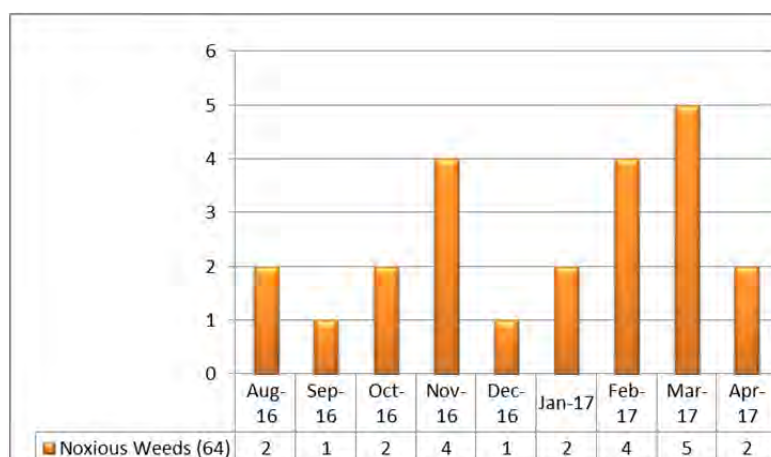
5. NOXIOUS WEEDS CONTROL

Property Inspection Program

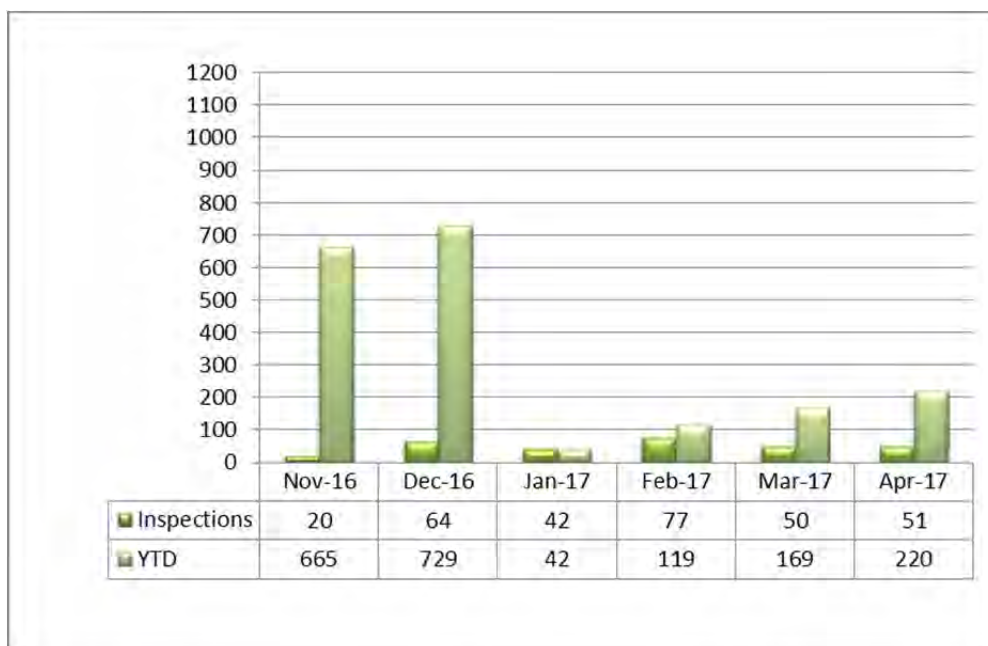
Staff continue to assist farmers and the community with:

- Funding advice
- Noxious weeds advice
- Property inspections
- Spraying of noxious weeds

The following noxious weeds certificates were issued during April 2017 compared to the previous eight (8) months:



The following graph shows the noxious weeds inspections carried out in April 2017 compared to the previous five (5) months:



5.1 Noxious weeds - Inspections during April 2017

<i>Areas Inspected</i>	<i>No.</i>	<i>Ha</i>	<i>Rd km</i>	<i>Weeds Present</i>
Private Property High Risk areas	13	9111	-	African Boxthorn, Galvanised Burr, Green Cestrum, Mimosa Bush, St John's Wort and Tree Pear
Private Property High Risk Reinspection	2	3555	-	Harrisia Cactus and Paterson's Curse
Roadside Inspections High Risk	-	-	-	-
Waterways High Risk	-	-	-	-
Private Property	15	1913	-	African Boxthorn, Blackberry, Bathurst Burr, Galvanised Burr, Mimosa Bush, Noogoora Burr, Sweet Briar, St John's Wort, Tree Pear and Tiger Pear
Private Property Reinspections	-	-	-	-
Private Property Waterways	14	7114	-	African Boxthorn, Blackberry, Galvanised Burr, Green Cestrum, Noogoora Burr, St John's Wort, Tree Pear and Tiger Pear
Roadside Inspections	5	499	249	Madera Vine and Paterson's Curse
Other Council Lands	-	-	-	-
Nurseries	-	-	-	-
Rural Outlets	-	-	-	-
ARTC	-	-	-	-
Other Weekend Markets	-	-	-	-
Dept of Lands	1	1	-	Green Cestrum and Madera Vine
National Parks/ Nature Reserves	-	-	-	-
NWLLS Reserves	1	2	-	Green Cestrum
Gravel Quarries	-	-	-	-
Machinery Dealers	-	-	-	-
Grain Handling Sites	-	-	-	-
Recreational Areas	-	-	-	-
Saleyards	-	-	-	-
Machinery wash down bays	-	-	-	-
Truck Stops	-	-	-	-
Other	-	-	-	-

5.2 Noxious weeds control works for April 2017

Road/Property	Locality	Weed Code	Area Ha	Road km	High Risk Road	Council Road	Other
Terry Hie Hie Rd	Gravesend	Green Cestrum	31.38	15.69		1	
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Whitlow Road	Whitlow	Blue Heliotrope and Mother of Millions	93.52	46.76		1	
Killarney Gap Rd	Bingara	Blue Heliotrope and Mother of Millions	266	133		1	
Whitlow Rd	Whitlow	Green Cestrum, Mother of Millions and Tiger Pear	93.52	46.76		1	
Bingara River Common	Bingara	Green Cestrum, Mother of Millions and Tiger Pear	20				1
Bingara River Common	Bingara	Green Cestrum, Tree of Heaven and Tiger Pear	20				1
Bingara Town Area	Bingara	Green Cestrum, Tree of Heaven and Tiger Pear	10				1
Betts Quarry	Bingara	Green Cestrum, Tree of Heaven and Tiger Pear	2				1

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5.3 Sagittaria Control

Gwydir Shire Council's Noxious Weeds Unit, with grant funding from the Local Land Services, removed the insidious weed known as Sagittaria (plant with arrow head in the photograph below) from its stronghold in the pond below the Bingara Golf Course on the Gwydir river flats. The weed was mechanically removed by excavator, with each bucket going into a lined truck to be inspected and then buried above the high water mark. The project successfully removed all the remnants of the plant, which can regenerate from the smallest vestiges, from the pond. The pond will be seeded with native water grasses and monitored for the next three years. The Noxious Weeds Unit managed the project without incident with Stephen Kneller as site supervisor.



Before control works



After control works were completed

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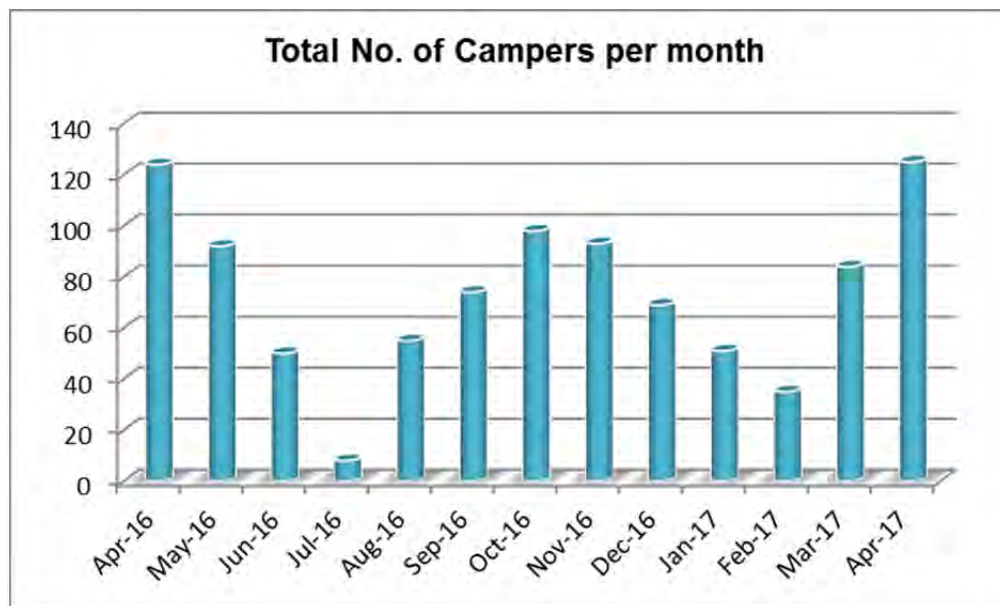
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5.4 CRM – Weeds

There were no outstanding or current CRM for Weeds which required action during April.

6. RIVERSIDE CAMPING

Council's Compliance Officer carries out weekly checks along the river to ensure that camping is being conducted in a safe and hygienic manner. The number of campers is detailed in the following graph:



7. BUILDING MAINTENANCE

The Department continues to receive requests to carry out minor maintenance and these are generally dealt with in a timely manner. Otherwise the works are scheduled into maintenance staff building activities including new works for attention. The current and proposed works for this financial year are detailed in the attached Gantt chart (Attachment 1 & 2).

7.1 Projects Worked on during April 2017

Staff worked on the following projects during April:

- Living Classroom Bingara – greenhouse.
- Warialda Water Reservoir – box guttering.
- Naroo Hostel – repairs and maintenance.
- Bingara Showground – bird proof canteen.
- Gravesend RSL Hall – external painting.
- Cunningham Park Amenities – guttering.
- Bingara Council Office – repairs and maintenance to roof.
- CWA Park – erect shade structure over play equipment.

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- Warialda Recreation Ground – paint bar and BBQ area and install gates on amenity doors.
- Warialda Hall – paint mobile platform stairs.
- Holden Street Aged Units – drainage works and relocate clothesline.
- Warialda Landfill – guttering on office.
- Rural Fire Shed Coolatai – install flashing on RFS shed.
- Warialda Swimming Pool – repair chair lift, install new facilities in amenities and general maintenance.

7.2 CRM – Building

Older	Current	Actioned	Unactioned
6	10	9	7

8. PARKS AND URBAN SPACES

8.1 Parks and Playgrounds

The parks and playgrounds continue to be maintained and inspections carried out to ensuring that the equipment and soft fall areas are maintained to current standards.

8.2 Gardens

Council's gardens continue to be maintained.

8.3 Sports Grounds

Council's sports grounds continue to be maintained.

8.4 Town Street

Council's town streets continue to be maintained.

8.5 Public Place Bins

Council's public place bins continue to be emptied as needed and maintenance carried out as required.

8.6 CRM – Parks and Gardens

Older	Current	Actioned	Unactioned
17	13	10	20

9. RECREATION

9.1 Fitness Centres

The Bingara and Warialda fitness centres continue to be well utilised by community members.

9.2 Swimming Centres

The Warialda and Bingara Swimming Pool are now closed for the winter season.

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CONSULTATION

Internal	Departmental Staff, Management Team and Other Departments as needed
External	General Public, Trades Persons and Contractors Representatives from Government Departments

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

Specific Legislation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Local Government Act, 1993 Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 Food Act 2003 Companion Animals Act 1999 Commons Management Act 1989 Noxious Weeds Act 1993 Swimming Pools Act 1992 Public Health Act 1991 Recreation Vehicles Act 1993 Roads Act 1993 Impounding Act 1993 Land Environment Court Act 1999 Contaminated Land Management Act 1997 Waste Avoidance and Resource Recovery Act 2001 Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997 Rural Fires Act 1997 <p>Specific detail is provided in the body of the report.</p>
Related Legislation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Regulations associated with the above legislation Crown Lands Act 1989 Divided Fences Act 1991 <p>Specific detail is provided in the body of the report.</p>

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Current Policies	These matters have no specific policy implications for Council. Operations are in accordance with Council's adopted Management Plan and current Council Policies.
Proposed Policies	No proposed policy implications for Council.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Economic factors	
Is the proposal incorporated in the budget?	These activities and matters are included in Council's adopted Budget
Are there human resources implications?	Carried out as normal duties
Cost	Operations are currently in accordance with Council's adopted Budget and Management Plan

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What are the longer term impacts on Council asset management strategies?	Council must maintain its assets. Works will be incorporated into asset management strategies which are being developed
Life cycle costs	There will only be ongoing maintenance costs for Council
Cost Recovery	Some proposals such Caravan Parks as will provide revenue raising opportunities or return on investment for Council
Shire Assets	The replacement of or maintenance on Council owned service and facilities will protect and enhance the value of the Council assets
Key business sectors	
Infrastructure	No impact on Council's sewer, water, telecommunications and transport infrastructure.

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

Relationship to Management Plan	These matters have no specific strategic implications for Council.
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OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

THAT the monthly Development and Environmental report for April, 2017 be received.

ATTACHMENTS

There are no attachments for this report.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION: MINUTE 146/17

THAT the monthly Development and Environmental report for April, 2017 be received.

(Moved Cr Smith, seconded Cr Moore)

Item 11 Local Government Innovation Fund Grants - Round 2

FILE REFERENCE

DELIVERY PROGRAM

GOAL: 4. Proactive Regional and Local Leadership

OUTCOME: 4.1 WE ARE AN ENGAGED & CONNECTED COMMUNITY

STRATEGY: 4.1.1 Encourage an informed community - GM - external

AUTHOR General Manager

DATE 27 May 2017

STAFF DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST Nil

IN BRIEF/ SUMMARY RECOMMENDATION

This report is seeking the Council's endorsement of two grant applications to be submitted under Round 2 of this State Government Program.

TABLED ITEMS	Nil
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BACKGROUND

The Innovation Fund is a targeted program that supports small councils in regional NSW (population <10,000) develop new ideas and innovative ways of working to improve their performance to benefit their communities.

Applications for Innovation Fund (Round Two) are now open and close on 9 June 2017.

The projects proposed for application are:

A comprehensive community engagement proposal to review and establish the service levels acceptable to the rural community of Gwydir for the Council's road network; and:

A review of the potential areas of shared services that may be advantageous to both Moree Plains Shire Council and Gwydir Shire Council. This project will be a joint collaboration between Moree Plains and Gwydir Shires.

The projects will be fully funded, if granted, under the funding available.

Also the use of external consultants will be used to undertake the consultation and evaluation process.

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OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Council endorses the submission of the following two grant applications under Round 2 of the Innovation Fund:

A comprehensive community engagement proposal to review and establish the service levels acceptable to the rural community of Gwydir for the Council's road network; and;

A review of the potential areas of shared services that may be advantageous to both Moree Plains Shire Council and Gwydir Shire Council. This project will be a joint project application between Moree Plains and Gwydir Shires.

ATTACHMENTS

There are no attachments for this report.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION: MINUTE 147/17

THAT the Council endorses the submission of the following two grant applications under Round 2 of the Innovation Fund:

- **A comprehensive community engagement proposal to review and establish the service levels acceptable to the rural community of Gwydir for the Council's road network; and;**
- **A review of the potential areas of shared services that may be advantageous to both Moree Plains Shire Council and Gwydir Shire Council. This project will be a joint project application between Moree Plains and Gwydir Shires.**

(Moved Cr Smith, seconded Cr Young)

Councillor Reports

Cr John Coulton

New England Joint Organisation of Councils (Ref: 148/17)

The Mayor advised the meeting that both Gwydir's and Moree Plains' application to join the New England JO has been approved by that organisation.

Cr David Coulton

Warialda Show (Ref: 149/17)

Cr D Coulton passed on his thanks on behalf of the Warialda Show organisers for the assistance from the Council's staff both before and during the Show.

Cr Frances Young

Landcare Award (Ref: 150/17)

Cr Young advised the meeting that Gwydir Shire Council was successful in receiving the New England North West Landcare award for its partnerships with Landcare.

Cr Catherine Egan

Bingara Show (Ref: 151/17)

Cr Egan gave a report on the Show, which was successful although unfortunately washed out on the Sunday morning. She also thanked the Council and its staff for their assistance both during and leading up to the Show.

Cr Marilyn Dixon OAM

Bingara's water supply (Ref: 152/17)

Cr Dixon requested information as to what causes the discolouration of Bingara's water supply.

The meeting was advised that this information will be sought and provided to Councillors.

Cr Geoff Smith

Warialda CBD Improvement Program (Ref: 153/17)

Cr Smith requested that the Council contact Mrs Moore and Mrs Ledingham about the proposed improvement works being undertaken within the Warialda CBD area.

The meeting was advised that this would be done.

Cr Jim Moore

Thank you (Ref: 154/17)

Cr Moore requested that his thanks be conveyed to Mr Carl Tooley for the prompt attention to the placement of bollards to protect the wombat sculpture at the Warialda Recreation Ground ,and Mr Saul Standerwick for arranging to have waste bins provided for the Coolatai Tractor Pull.

Cr Moore also requested that the provision of a 'dump point' be investigated for the Coolatai Reserve together with the permanent allocation of extra waste bins to the Reserve **(Ref: 155/17)**.

General Manager

Seal of Council – Certificates of Subdivision tabled at the meeting.

**COUNCIL RESOLUTION:
MINUTE 156/17**

THAT the Seal of Council be affixed to the subdivision plans relating to Subdivision Certificates 35/2014 (8 lot urban subdivision of lots 1, 9, 10 and 11 Sec: 23 DP 758111) and 37/2014 (10 lot urban subdivision of Lots 1 – 4 and 6 Sec: 5 DP 758111).

(Moved Cr Egan, seconded Cr Dixon OAM)

Meeting closed 12.18 pm