



NOTICE OF ADDITIONAL LATE ITEMS

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Item 2 Save our Recycling Campaign**DELIVERY PROGRAM****GOAL: 3. An Environmentally Responsible Shire****OUTCOME: 3.2 WE USE AND MANAGE OUR NATURAL RESOURCES
 WISELY****STRATEGY: 3.2.3 Reduce, reuse and recover waste - ED - external**

I am calling on Councillors to support Local Government NSW in its advocacy to all those contesting the State election to reinvest 100% of the waste levy collected each year into waste management, recycling and resource recovery in NSW.

The *Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997* (POEO Act) requires certain licensed waste facilities in NSW to pay a contribution to the NSW Government for each tonne of waste received at the facility. Referred to as the 'waste levy', the contribution aims to reduce the amount of waste being landfilled and promote recycling and resource recovery.

The waste levy applies in the regulated area of NSW which comprises the Sydney metropolitan area, the Illawarra and Hunter regions, the central and north coast local government areas to the Queensland border as well as the Blue Mountains, Wingecarribee and Wollondilly local government areas.

In 2016-17, the NSW Government collected \$726 million from local government, community, businesses and industry via the waste levy, but only committed to use \$72 million through its Waste Less Recycle More initiative – or 10% - on waste minimisation and recycling in 2017-18.

Overall the NSW Government's *Waste Less Recycle More* initiative allocates \$801 million over 8 years (2013-2021) to waste and recycling, however the waste levy collected over that same period will be over \$4.62 billion.

At a local government level, just 18% of the \$300 million collected from the local government sector each year is reinvested in recycling and waste management.

Regardless of how you look at it, the principle remains the same – very little of the waste levy is currently used to support waste minimisation, recycling and resource recovery. The remainder is returned to NSW Government's consolidated revenue.

The reinvestment of the waste levy to support waste and resource recovery infrastructure, develop markets and innovative solutions, and undertake other initiatives to encourage reuse and recycling also offers wide-ranging benefits to our communities right across NSW. There is the potential for economic

growth, new infrastructure, new technology and new jobs, particularly in our regional areas.

It should be noted that the following motion was unanimously endorsed at the Local Government NSW 2018 Conference:

That the NSW Government be called upon to ensure that 100% of the levy arising from Section 88 of the Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997 be used for waste infrastructure and programs, predominantly by local government and the waste sector, for initiatives such as:

- *Development of regional and region-specific solutions for sustainable waste management (e.g. soft plastic recycling facilities, green waste, waste to energy).*
- *Support innovative solutions to reduce waste and waste transport requirements.*
- *Protect existing and identify new waste management locations.*
- *Local community waste recovery and repair facilities.*
- *Funding a wider range of sustainability initiatives, such as marketing and strategies that promote and support a circular economy.*

This motion covered motions proposed by Blacktown City Council (Resource recovery locations); Central Coast Council (Waste levy revenues); Cessnock City Council (Recycling crisis - funding support); City of Ryde (Revenue raised by the waste levy); Federation Council (Waste resource); Gwydir Shire Council (Tyre recycling); Hornsby Shire Council (Increase in grant funding for waste levy program); Leeton Shire Council (Increase of waste levy distribution); and Shoalhaven City Council (POEO levies). Related motions were also submitted by Tweed Shire Council (Recycled products and procurement); Lake Macquarie Council (Support for recycle, raw material sent to, and processed in, a waste recycling plant or materials recovery facility, end markets, reusable recyclable or compostable packaging); and Orange City Council (Waste management).

As previously noted, this is not a party-political issue; the advocacy initiative calls on all parties and candidates to commit to the 100% hypothecation of the Waste Levy to the purpose for which it is collected.

I am recommending that we support this campaign by the NSW local government sector and Local Government NSW and call on all political parties to commit to the reinvestment of 100% of the Waste Levy collected each year by the NSW Government into waste management, recycling and resource recovery.

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council endorses Local Government NSW's campaign, *Save Our Recycling*, to realise the reinvestment of a 100% of the Waste Levy collected each year by the NSW Government in waste

minimisation, recycling and resource recovery.

FURTHER that Council makes representation to the local State Member, Adam Marshall MP, in support of this campaign objective - for the NSW Government to commit to reinvest 100% of the Waste Levy in waste minimisation, recycling and resource recovery.

FURTHER that Council writes to the Premier, the Hon Gladys Berejiklian MP, the Opposition Leader, the Hon Michael Daley MP, the Minister for Local Government and the Minister for the Environment, the Hon Gabrielle Upton MP, and the Shadow Minister for the Environment and Heritage, Penny Sharpe MLC, seeking bipartisan support for the 100% reinvestment of the Waste Levy collected each year into waste minimisation, recycling and resource recovery.

FURTHER that Council takes a lead role in activating the Local Government NSW *Save Our Recycling* campaign locally.

FURTHER that Council endorses the distribution and display of the Local Government NSW *Save Our Recycling* information on Council's premises, as well as involvement in any actions arising from the initiative.

FURTHER that Council formally advises Local Government NSW that Council has endorsed the *Save Our Recycling* advocacy initiative.

Item 8 Technical Services Monthly Report - October 2018**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** 14 November 2018**IN BRIEF/ SUMMARY RECOMMENDATION****BACKGROUND**

The monthly Technical Services report has been identified by Council as the process of reporting the activities carried out monthly by the Technical Services Department.

COMMENT**1. TECHNICAL SERVICES AND ADMINISTRATION**

Technical Services infrastructure, planning, design and surveys were carried out in-house. The Technical Services staff continue to provide customer service to the Gwydir Shire residents.

2. ENGINEERING SERVICES**2.1 Construction/ Rehabilitation – Regional and Local Roads**

Earthworks for the entire High Productivity Route have been completed with the exception of road through Lot 317 and the intersection with Gwydir Highway. Sub Base pavement material is presently being carted over the completed earthworks. A major component of finalising the earthworks included a 4m deep cutting adjacent to 4m high fill over a new 1950mm diameter pipe culvert, 29m long south of new bridge over Reedy Creek. This cut fill job was completed using a combination of Council owned and contractor machinery.



Stabilisation of all earthworks and pavement courses is being undertaken in house using Council's recently delivered CAT RM300 Pulvimixer. This pulvimixer will provide significant savings to the HPV Route construction and future Council roadworks.



Earthworks for the entire truck wash site have been completed and stabilised, with stormwater detention works now underway. In early November Council called for tenders for all concreting works associated with the truckwash. It is anticipated that this tender will be awarded in early December 2018.

All bridgeworks are due to be completed by 30 November. All deck units have been laid and bound together with a stitch pour. The final component of the bridgeworks is the installation of safety barriers, which is underway and due for completion shortly. Following finalisation of bridgework, Council will construct the bridge approaches to allow through traffic for construction purposes prior to road opening.



2.2 Works – Local, Regional and State Roads

Gravel Resheeting

SR32 Pallal Road, SR68 Goat Road, SR69 Tucka Tucka Road.

Maintenance Grading

SR23 Wearnes Road, SR62 Hibernia Lane, SR70 Ashton Lane, SR33 Forrest Creek Road, SR75 Fairford Road, SR18 Gineroi Road, SR48 Mt Rodd Road, SR87 Horseshoe Bend Road, SR62 Hibernia Road, SR40 Blue Nobby Road, SR14 Mosquito Creek, Warialda Rail Tip Access, SR265 Innesvale Road, SR41 County Boundary, SR17 Back Creek Road.

Bitumen Patching

HW102 Gwydir Highway, MR63 Fossickers Way, MR63 Allan Cunningham Way and Local and Regional Roads.

Vegetation Control

MR63 Cobbadah Road, HW12 Gwydir Highway- weed spraying

Miscellaneous Work

Culvert Extension on HW12 Gwydir Highway.

Kerb and Gutter – Riddell Street, Bingara

Landfill Maintenance (Pushing Up and Grounds Maintenance)

Warialda Rail, Gravesend, Bingara.

Private Works for Councillors and Staff - Nil Report**Self Help Program - Nil Report****2.3 Roads Maintenance Council Contract – Works Orders issued by RMS**

All Work Orders issued by RMS are quality assurance schedule of rates projects carried out by Council staff under the Roads Maintenance Council Contract with Roads and Maritime Services.

Heavy patching and reseal preparation works on both MR63 Fossickers Way and HW12 Gwydir Highway have now been completed, with the heavy patching crew now completing some minor pavement patching over pipe culverts on MR63 Fossickers Way. The reseal program, to be completed by Fulton Hogan as a full service contract, will include five segments throughout HW12 Gwydir Highway and two segments throughout MR63 Fossickers Way. These reseals are programmed to be completed late in November.

A Work Order has now been issued for the survey and design of Segment 5340 on MR63 Fossickers Way. This segment is programmed to be rehabilitated next financial year, with the survey and design required for completion this financial year. A Work Order has now also been issued for the construction of pedestrian access ramps onto the Northern side of Campbell Bridge in Bingara and both sides of the Copeton Dam Road intersection, and also for crack sealing works throughout both MR63 Fossickers Way and HW12 Gwydir Highway. The Northern access ramp is programmed to be completed before Christmas, with the remaining works programmed for the early New Year.

Routine maintenance continues each week undertaking inspections, rest area services, vegetation control and bitumen repairs.

HW12 Gwydir Highway – Warialda HPV Route Intersection Works Authorisation Deed (WAD)

The WAD for the Warialda HPV Route is still in progress with the second design review currently being undertaken by the RMS. Works have started on the box culvert extension, with an external contractor undertaking the concrete and steel works. The base slab has now been poured, with the culvert walls and wingwalls currently under construction. These works are programmed to be completed within the next 3-4 weeks. Permission from the RMS has now been granted for construction crews to undertake earthworks where required alongside the existing roadway to prepare a foundation for the select fill, sub-base and base layers for the widening of the proposed alignment. Once the

WAD has been finalised within the next few weeks, all remaining intersection works can commence.



2.4 Rural Roads 2018-2019 Capital Works Program

Attached

2.5 Other Services

2.5.1 Street services continued to be maintained for vehicular, pedestrian and public conveniences;

2.5.2 Storm water drainage facilities continue to be maintained;

2.5.3 Aerodromes at Warialda and Bingara continue to be maintained and inspections are done monthly;

2.5.4 Existing quarry sources are continually being utilised and future sources are being investigated as time permits with other competing projects;

2.5.5 The radio and television towers continued to be maintained.

3. DESIGN AND ASSET SERVICES

Survey, design and soil testing is continuing for the 2018-2019 works programs. Progress is as follows:

Elcombe Road Causeways

Design is being completed for causeways that require extensions along Elcombe Road.

Adams Scrub Road

Survey and design has been completed at 4km to 4.5km along Adams Scrub Road. This project will be to realign and improve the drainage of this section.

4. DEVELOPMENT AND BUILDING SERVICES**DEVELOPMENT**

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

- 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

The following Construction Certificate (C/C), Building Certificate (B/C) and S68 applications have been approved for the month:

No.	Property Description	Development/ Work	\$	C/C	B/C	S68
16/2018	14 Bombelli Street BINGARA	Single dwelling and garage/carport/shed	\$380,000	✓		
29/2018	6 Saleyards Road BINGARA	Shed to fabricate new farm livestock equipment	\$80,000	✓		
32/2018	6 Bligh Street BINGARA	Dwelling additions	\$80,000	✓		
22/2018	24 David Street NORTH STAR	Replace existing OSSM system with a new aerated treatment system				✓

The following Construction Certificate (C/C) applications were approved by a Private Certifier and lodged with Council during the month:

No.	Property Description	Development/ Work	\$	C/C
Nil				

ILLEGAL ACTIVITY

ACTIVITY	No	ACTION TAKEN					
		Inspected	Notice Sent	Application/ Certificate Lodged	Penalty Notice	Legal Action	Refer to Council
	0						

NO. OF COMPLAINTS/INSPECTIONS

Type	No.	Yr. to Date	Actioned	Pending
Building	23	280	245	35

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.

Projects Worked on during October 2018

Staff worked on the following projects during October:

- Pool inspections
- Warialda Memorial Hall – amenities building
- Repairs and maintenance to Gwydir Oval, Bingara Gym, Unit 2 Whitfield Place, Bingara Museum and Naroo Aged Care Hostel.

5. TOWN UTILITIES**Water**

All four water supplies were operating and maintained during the month of October. Twenty four service line repairs and two water main breaks were attended during the month. Staff worked on Coolatai Amenities building and Warialda Memorial Hall. North Star water treatment plant was serviced by Veolia water and the Birm media was replaced in the Birm filter. Water main was replaced on Gragin Road underneath the bypass.

Sewer

The two sewer treatment systems are being operated and maintained. Eight sewer blocks were attended during October 2018. The EPA carried out their annual inspection of both Bingara and Warialda sewerage treatment plants on 24 October, with both plants passing the inspection.

Parks

Council's parks, gardens, sportfields and playground were maintained during the month. Spraying was undertaken in various locations for clover. The garden near Halls Creek Bridge Bingara was weeded, levelled and planted with five Maple Trees. Kikuyu seed has been planted in this area; the area will be kept mown. The trees and grass will be more aesthetically pleasing than the shrubs and weeds that existed before the overhaul.

Plant

During October, four items of plant were delivered: road reclaimer, Caterpillar 12m grader, mini excavator and track loader.

6. ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

Environment and Sustainability Department October 2018

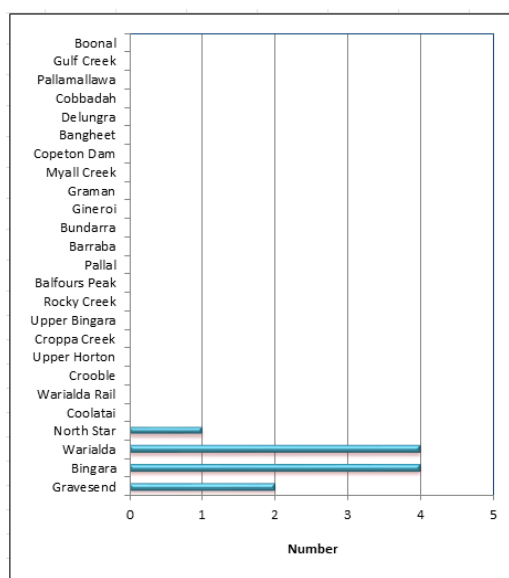
The Department continues to receive enquiries and provide advice on a range of health matters including

- Overgrown properties
- Food premises design and fit-out
- Food handling practices
- Mobile food vendors
- Licensing
- Water carting
- Pet Ownership

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.

Health Related Inspections for October 2018



Cemeteries

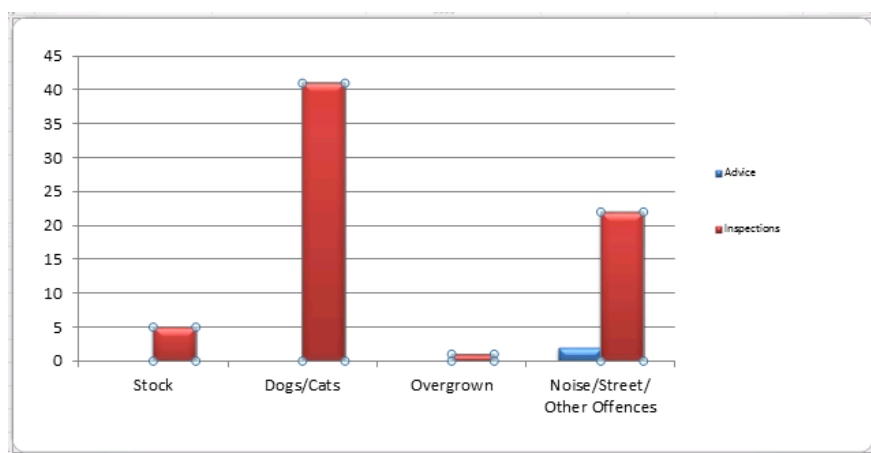
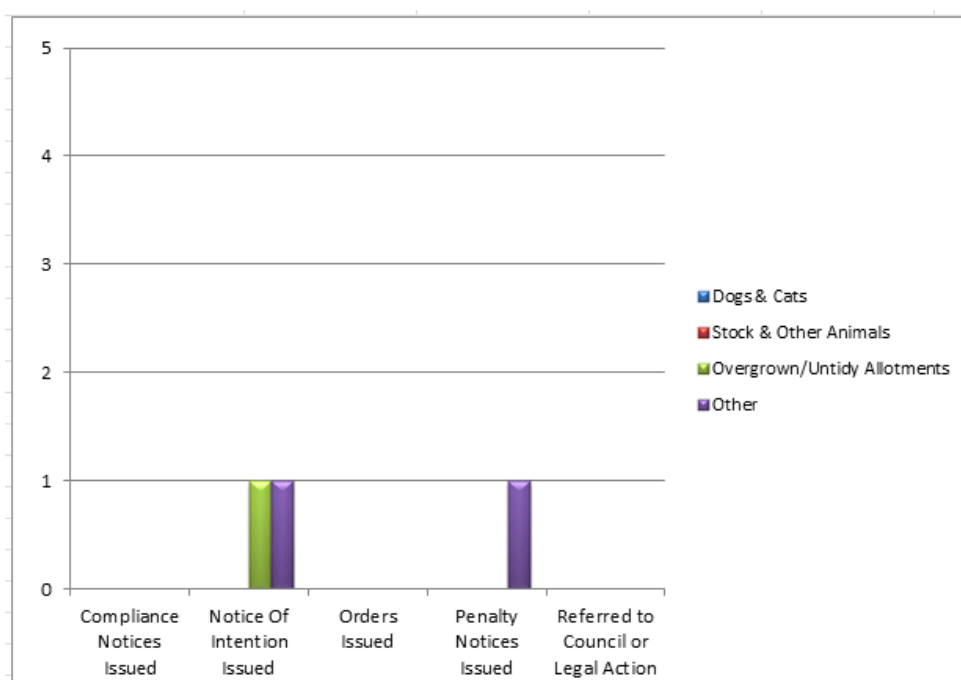
Both Warialda and Bingara Cemeteries continued to be maintained.

Food Premise Inspections/Re-inspections

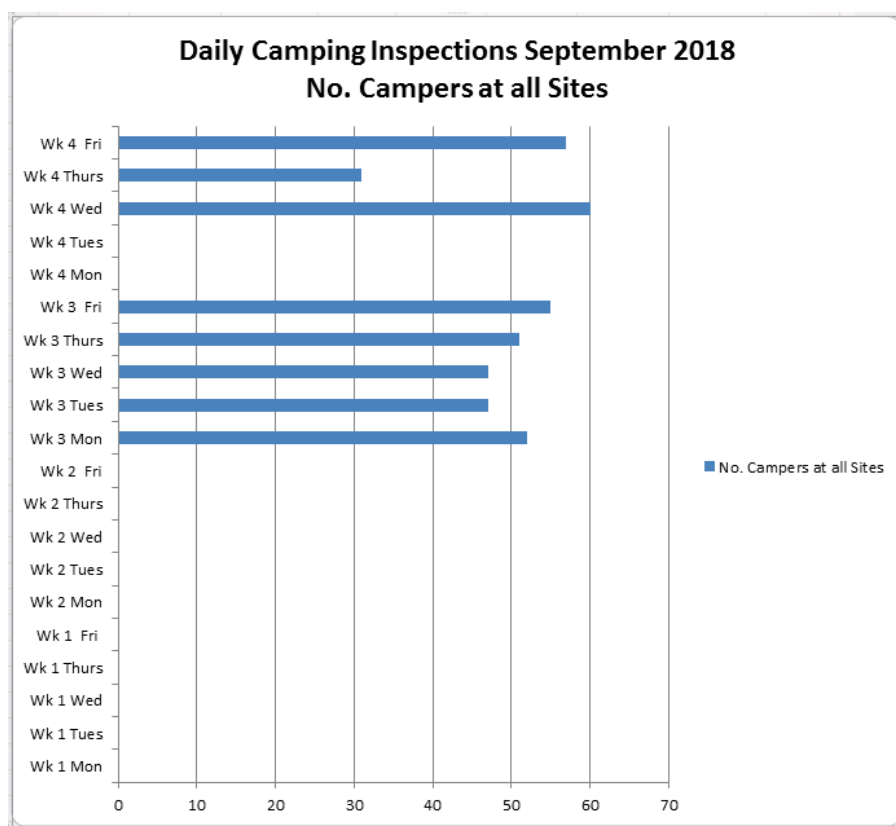
All Food Premises have undergone their annual inspection. There were no inspections or re-inspections carried out in October 2018.

Compliance and Regulatory Control

Council received complaints regarding roaming stock and dogs, noise, the keeping of animals and other concerns during the month of October 2018. These are investigated and actioned as necessary and are detailed in the following table:

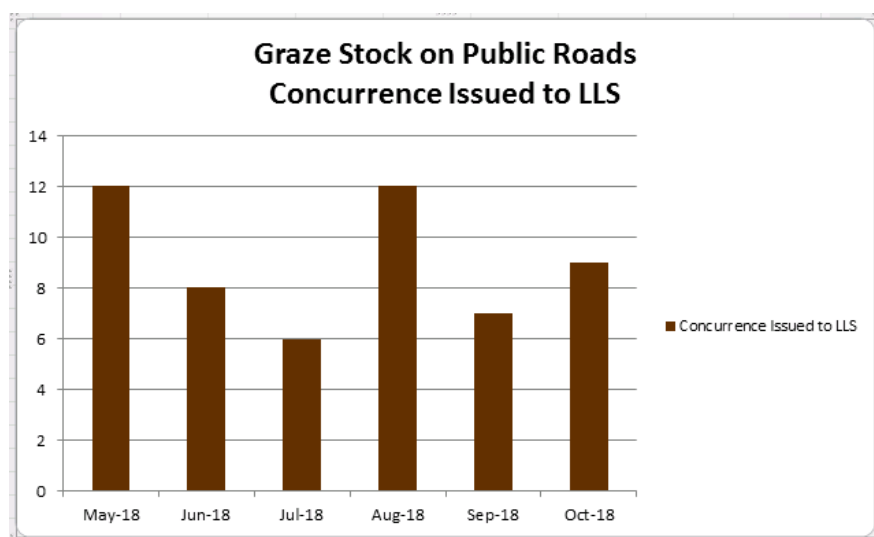
**Regulatory Activity September 2018****RIVERSIDE CAMPING**

Council's Compliance Officer now carries out daily checks along the Gwydir River to ensure that camping is being conducted in a safe and hygienic manner. There is no data available for the first two weeks of the month due to staff being on leave. The graph below shows the available daily camping figures for the month of October 2018.



GRAZING PERMITS

Recent rains have offered some relief but the high demand for Roadside Grazing Permits is still current. As the Consent Authority for road reserves, Council has issued concurrence to the North West Local Land Services for the following Roadside Grazing Permits. The following graph shows the applications received for October 2018 compared to the previous 5 months.



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

WASTE SERVICES

Scheduled kerbside collection of waste, recycling and green waste was carried out throughout the Shire. There were no incidents or complaints for this period.

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

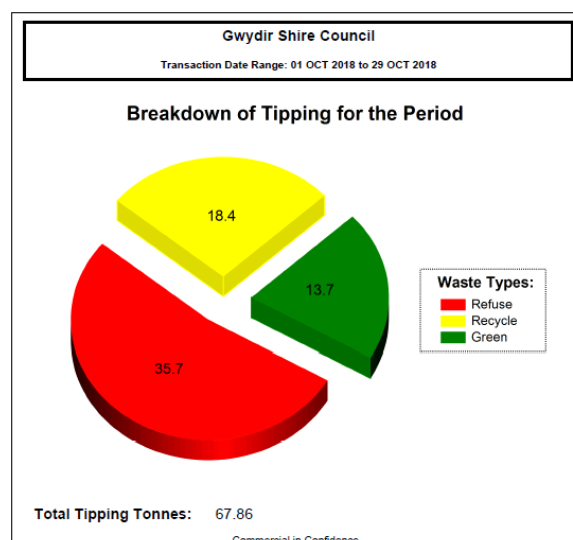
Council is continuing to supply mulch from chipped green waste to residents.

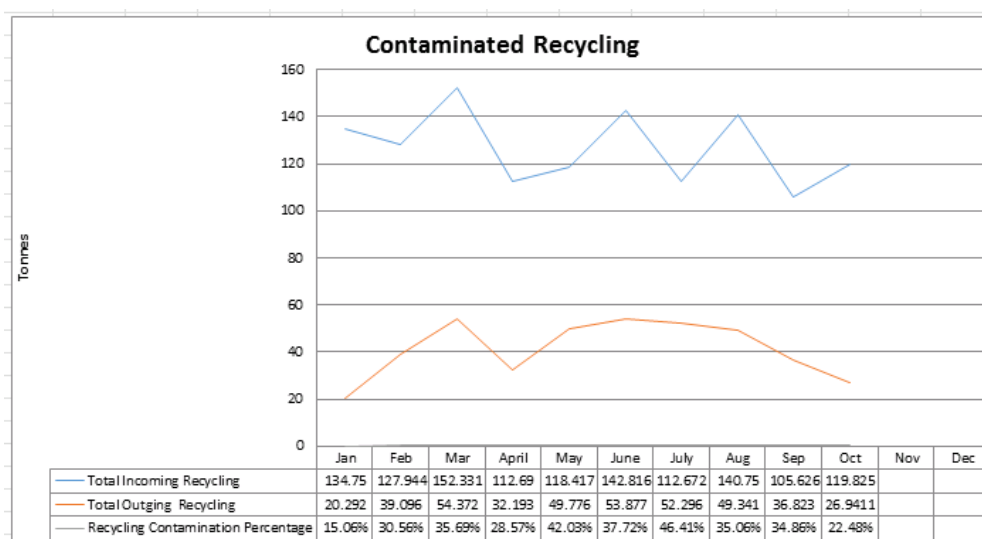
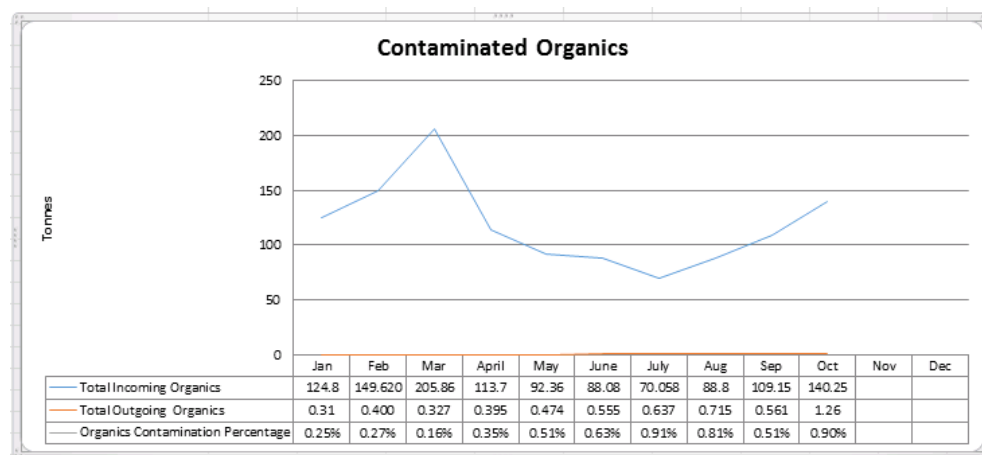
Steel continues to be stockpiled for collection at the Bingara and Warialda Waste Recovery Centre.

CONTAINER DEPOSIT SCHEME

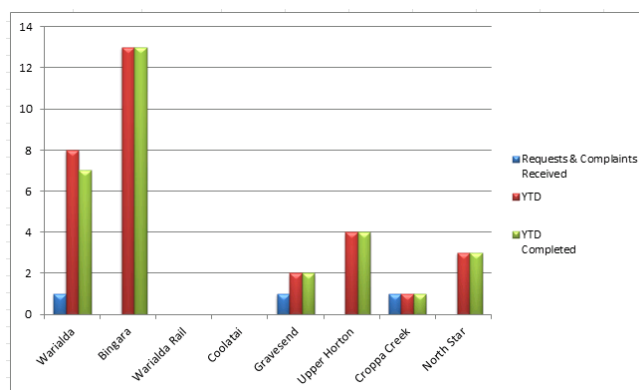
The Container Deposit Scheme is now up and running at the Warialda Landfill and is proving to be very popular. Customers are able to leave their containers for counting and then collect their voucher for redemption at the Warialda Council Office. Feedback so far has been positive. There have now been over **133,000** eligible cans and bottles returned to date. This has a positive impact on the volume of garbage deposited at the landfills and the demand for recycling services within the shire.

Breakdown of Waste Collection for October 2018



Recycling Contamination October 2018**Organics Contamination October 2018****Waste Service Requests and Complaints October 2018**

The following graph shows requests and complaints received during the month of September 2018. These requests are primarily regarding the replacement of broken bins, but can also include enquiries and complaints regarding waste service provision.



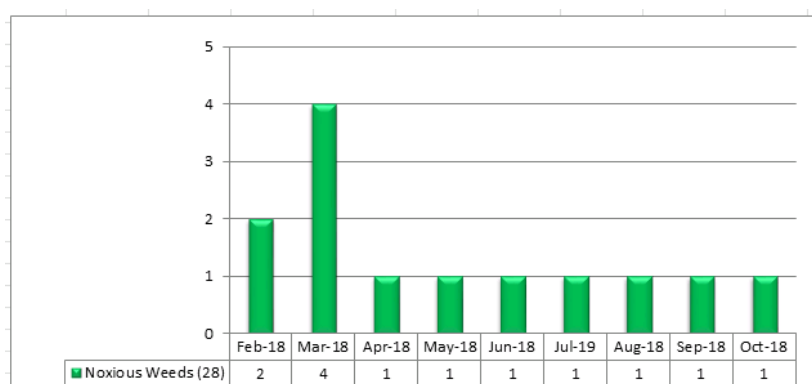
NOXIOUS WEEDS CONTROL**Property Inspection Program**

Staff continue to assist farmers and the community with:

- Funding advice
- Noxious weeds advice
- Property inspections
- Spraying of noxious weeds
- Property inspections in Section C are currently being undertaken

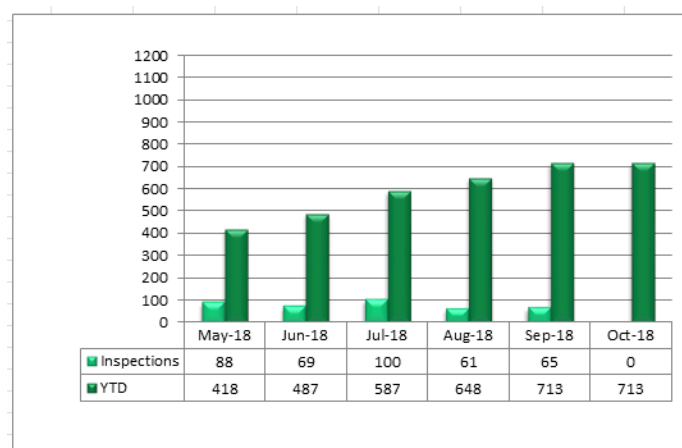
Section 28 Noxious Weeds Certificates

The following noxious weeds certificates were issued during October 2018 compared to the previous eight (8) months.

**Weeds Inspections**

With the drought conditions not even the weeds have been thriving, but the recent rains will bring change and the weeds are starting to appear throughout the shire.

The following graph shows the noxious weeds inspections carried out in October 2018 compared to the previous five (5) months:



Noxious weeds control works for October 2018

Road/Property	Locality	Weed Code	Area Ha	Road km	High Risk Road	Council Road	Other
North Star Rd	North Star	HC	164.5	82.25	1		
North Star Rd	North Star	AB	164.5	82.25	1		
North Star Rd	North Star	HC	164.5	82.25	1		
Forest Creek Rd	North Star	HC	38.28	19.14		1	
Baroma Rd	North Star	HC	30.3	15.15		1	
Scotts Rd	North Star	HC	13.54	6.77		1	
Bingara Cemetery	Bingara	General Weeds	3.34				1
Bingara Reservoir	Bingara	General Weeds	0.01				1
Delungra Rd	Myall Creek	General Weeds	40.26	20.13		1	
Myall Creek Memorial	Myall Creek	General Weeds	40.45				1
Scotts Rd	North Star	HC	13.54	6.77		1	
Delungra Rd	Myall Creek	General Weeds	40.26	20.13		1	
Myall Creek Memorial	Myall Creek	General Weeds	40.45				1

Weed of the Week - Harrisia Cactus – Harrisia Martini

Harrisia cactus (2 problem species – *Harrisia martinii* and *H. tortuosa*) are natives of the Americas, probably introduced into Australia for their appeal as a garden plant.

Local Land Services North West has funded a major Harrisia herbicide trial adjacent to Gunsynd Way, NSW side of the River at Goondiwindi. The trial site is signposted and accessible to the public.

Harrisia was first noticed as being a problem weed in the early 1900s, when plants started to establish in large numbers in parts of central Queensland. *Harrisia martinii*, in particular, has since worked its way south to the Goondiwindi area, and across the border into New South Wales.

In NSW, *Harrisia martinii* now infests (in varying degrees) well in excess of 100 properties across the northern parts of Moree, Gwydir and Inverell Shires.

Harrisia cactus is mainly spread by seed. A new plant can begin to produce fruit within 6 months. As it further develops, that plant will easily average 50

fruit every year; each fruit contains 200-800 seeds encased in a sweet, sugary substance, very attractive to various species of birds and other wildlife. Birds, especially, spread the seeds far and wide. Consider the mathematics! ONE PLANT X 50 FRUIT X 500 seeds = 25,000 SEEDS PER ANNUM!

IDENTIFICATION Harrisia cactus is a low-growing, jointed, cactus plant. Its runners spread out “like the tentacles of an octopus”. When the runners touch the ground they take root and spread out from that point again. The fruit – about 5-8 cm in size – is bright red when ripe. It splits open to reveal its seeds to birds, animals and ants.

THE PROBLEM Harrisia cactus can cause painful injury to animals or humans who accidentally walk into or otherwise come in contact with a plant. The thorns easily puncture car and quad bike tyres, even heavy 4WD vehicle tyres. Harrisia is a prolific seeder. It spreads quickly, and has the ability to eventually take over large grazing areas.

CONTROL OPTIONS

Ploughing and cropping is probably the only means of total eradication – we don’t find Harrisia growing in the middle of a wheat crop! Harrisia cactus cannot survive on lands under constant cultivation. But of course, this option does not fit every situation; it would also need to comply with local land clearing regulations.

Burning provides some temporary control – tops of plants are easily damaged but unless it is a really intense fire, the plant’s extensive root system ensures its survival. A controlled (and “approved”) burn does certainly assist as a prelude to a spot spraying program because it removes the grass cover. (Allow time for the plants to start to re-grow again so they will absorb the herbicide).

Biological control methods using a mealybug (*Hypogeococcus festerianus*) have been moderately effective in warmer areas of Queensland but results in NSW/Qld border areas have been very disappointing. In fact, the perception that the insects were going to be as good as the famous “cactoblastis” on prickly pear was probably one of the reasons Harrisia was allowed to get away in that area.

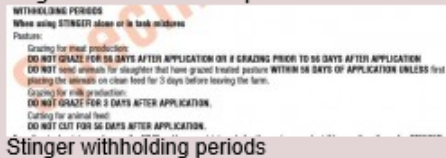
Mealybug is still doing good work in many of the original core infestations, especially where landholders have continued to move the insects around. But, landholders should not rely on the slow mealybug for controlling new and/or scattered infestations. These situations call for a systematic herbicide application program of containment and eradication.

Herbicides - chemical control is effective, but must be constantly followed-up to beat regrowth, missed plants and new seedlings! Herbicides work best when the plants are actively growing (spring-summer).



The Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority website (through labels and permits on its website) recognises the following, approved herbicides:

	Rates	Comments
Amitrole 250 g/L + ammonium thiocyanate 220 g/L e.g. <i>Amitrole T Herbicide</i> ®	1 L / 25 L of water. Apply as a foliar spray when plants actively growing, in the warmer months, using a knapsack or high volume handgun spray unit. Re-spraying may be necessary in some cases. DO NOT apply more than 2 applications per year with a minimum re-treatment interval of 30 days between consecutive applications.	Expensive but efficient. Registered for use in Qld Also Permit PER14553 for use in NSW and Qld – permit in force 21 March 2014 to 30 June 2018. [Correct PPE is always important – very important with Amitrole!]
Triclopyr 240 g/L + Picloram 120 g/L <i>Access</i> ®	1.0 L in 60 L diesel. Apply as an overall spray, wetting all areas of the plant to ground level.	Usually a very reliable spray. Expensive per litre, but one litre covers a lot of plants! Ideal for small infestations and isolated plants because stays mixed for a longer period. Very practical for a spray pack in the back of the quad/ute for treating new and/or isolated plants "on the run".
Metsulfuron-methyl 600g/L Various trade names eg <i>Brushoff</i> ®, <i>Ally</i> ® plus a non-ionic surfactant	20 grams in 100 L water plus surfactant. Spray to thoroughly wet plant. (High volumes – beware collateral damage to desirable trees). Apply as a foliar spray when plants actively growing, in the warmer months, using a knapsack or high volume handgun spray unit. Re-spraying may be necessary in some cases. DO NOT apply more than 2 applications per year with a minimum re-treatment interval of 30 days between consecutive applications.	This mix is very inexpensive and therefore widely used for initial treatment of thick areas. Best results when applied in warmer months Oct-April. Registered for use in Qld, also Permit PER14553 for use in NSW and Qld – permit in force 21 March 2014 to 30 June 2018. (Please note: high volume application can cause collateral damage to desirable trees!)
Triclopyr as butyl (75 g/L) + metsulfuron methyl (28 g/L) e.g. <i>Zelam Brush Weed Herbicide</i> ®	500 mL/100 L water Spray to thoroughly wet plant using water volumes to 1000-1500 L/ha.	Follow-up treatment may be necessary. Registered for use in Qld only – PLUS Also Permit PER14553 for use in NSW and Qld – permit in force 21 March 2014 to 30 June 2018.

Triclopyr as tea (200g/L) + picloram as tipa (100g/L) eg <i>Tordon DSH®</i>	2.5 L/100 L water Folia application	Registered for use in Qld only
Triclopyr (200g/L) + picloram (100g/L) + aminopyralid 25 g/L e.g. <i>Tordon RegrowthMaster®</i>	2.5 L/100 L water Apply as a foliar spray when plants actively growing, in the warmer months, using a knapsack or high volume handgun spray unit. Re-spraying may be necessary in some cases. DO NOT apply more than 2 applications per year with a minimum re-treatment interval of 30 days between consecutive applications.	Registered for use in Qld only Also Permit PER14553 for use in NSW and Qld – permit in force 21 March 2014 to 30 June 2018.
<i>Stinger™ Herbicide</i> 375 g/kg Aminopyralid present as the potassium salt + 300 g/kg Metsulfuron-methyl	40 grams in 100 L water plus wetter  Stinger withholding periods	Registered for use in Qld only. Spray to thoroughly wet using water volumes of 1000 to 1400 L/ha. Follow-up treatment may be necessary. Note withholding period restrictions (left)
Triclopyr 300 g/L + picloram + aminopyralid 8 g/L eg <i>Grazon Extra®</i>	500 mL PLUS 500 mL Uptake spray oil per 100 L water. High volume folia spray. Refer to permit for more details LATE MAIL: Results of current herbicides trials indicate <i>Grazon Extra®</i> seems to have an edge on the generic brands. Also, <u>please note</u> comments below in relation to using lesser rates during the warmer months:	Permit PER14442 for use on all cactaceae species in force 23 October 2013 to 30 June 2018 – NSW only.
Triclopyr 300 g/L + picloram 100 g/L eg <i>Grazon DS®</i> , <i>Ken-Zon®</i> , etc		
Metsulfuron-methyl (eg <i>Brushoff®</i> , <i>Ally®</i> etc) 600g/L PLUS Triclopyr 300 g/L + picloram 100 g/L + aminopyralid 8 g/L eg <i>Grazon Extra®</i> PLUS 250 mL spray oil or at least 100 mL wetter OR Metsulfuron-methyl (eg <i>Brushoff®</i> , <i>Ally®</i> etc) 600g/L PLUS Triclopyr 300 g/L + picloram 100 g/L eg <i>Grazon DS®</i> , <i>Ken-Zon®</i> etc	<i>Grazon DS®</i> equivalents or <i>Grazon Extra®</i> : This permit allows variation of rates between 150 mL and <u>350 mL</u> per 100 L water to suit current climatic conditions. Webmaster's comment: Metsulfuron-methyl (e.g. <i>Brushoff®</i>) on its own is very cost-effective, but during the cooler months (eg MAY-SEP) this same mixture works very slowly – too slowly in fact when a plant is starting to bear fruit. The addition of triclopyr/picloram (eg <i>Grazon®</i>) during the cooler months accelerates brownout and helps to stop fruit reaching maturity. Use the heavier rates (250-350) in autumn-start of winter (winter itself is not the optimum time to treat harrisia) – taper this off to minimum rates as the weather warms up again in the spring. <u>Be aware</u> heavy rates eg >350mL used during the summer months are more likely to fail because the <u>mix works too quickly</u> , causing the plant to shut down before the herbicide has had time to	Please see Permit PER80069 for full details. Registered for use in NSW and QLD – 13 January 2015 to 30 June 2018. <u>For</u> use in pastures, non-crop areas, commercial and industrial areas, domestic and public service areas and rights of way. Apply to actively growing plants. Some retreatment may be necessary, particularly with large clumps. DO NOT allow spray to drift onto sensitive areas including, but not limited to, natural streams, rivers, wetlands or waterways and human dwellings. Apply using a knapsack or power spray. Follow all label directions in regard to the use of <i>Grazon</i>
picloram 100 g/L eg <i>Grazon DS®</i> , <i>Ken-Zon®</i> etc	harrisia) – taper this off to minimum rates as the weather warms up again in the spring. <u>Be aware</u> heavy rates eg >350mL used during the summer months are more likely to fail because the <u>mix works too quickly</u> , causing the plant to shut down before the herbicide has had time to work its way through the root system. The plant will die off, but there may be excessive re-growth from the butt. Les Tanner 2 Jan 2015	streams, rivers, wetlands or waterways and human dwellings. Apply using a knapsack or power spray. Follow all label directions in regard to the use of <i>Grazon</i> near or in sensitive habitats that may be damaged by the use of these chemicals

IMPORTANT: USE OF PESTICIDES – ALWAYS READ THE LABEL

Pesticides must only be used for the purpose for which they are registered and must not be used in any other situation or in any manner contrary to the directions on the label. Never use an herbicide in any way contrary to the label recommendations.

MORE INFORMATION Queensland's Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry has had a long involvement with managing this (predominantly-

Queensland) cactus... see their informative webpage
<http://www.dpi.qld.gov.au/>

RECOMMENDATION

That the Report by the Technical Services Department on the activities of the Department including Notices of Intent, Orders and Penalty Notices issued by Council for the month of October 2018 be noted.

CONCLUSION

The activities carried out by the Technical Services Department are in line with the 2018/2019 Management Plan and otherwise as directed.

CONSULTATION

Consultation is carried out within the Technical Services Department during the monthly Technical Services team meetings and other relevant persons.

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Technical Services report for October 2018 be received

ATTACHMENTS

AT- 2018-2019 Shire Roads Capital Works Program

2018-19 Shire Roads Capital Works Program 25th Oct 2018

Income :	FAGS	\$1,873,857	see TRIM folder S255
	Internal	\$1,339,988	
	R2R	\$1,016,644	
	S94	\$252,048	
	Total	\$ 4,482,537	
	HVSPP	\$2,597,924	
	FCR	\$2,323,768	
	FCTW	\$355,182	
	Total	\$ 5,276,874	

Target %age 40.4%

Normal R2R Reference Rate
\$1,071,990

	Budget	YTD Expenditure	
Administration	144859	\$ 58,501	
Shire Roads Maintenance Budget	1627232	\$ 459,589	28.2%
Shire Roads Capital Works Budget	7987320	\$ 2,786,063	34.9%
	9759411	\$ 3,304,153	33.9%

Work Order	Job Description		SR	Road Name	Road Class	Length (km)	BUDGET	YTD EXPENDITURE	PROGRESS STATUS
5732	R2R	Resheeting	USRR	Adams Scrub Road	Collector	7.0	\$140,699	1439	Preliminary Works
6093	R2R	Resheeting	USRR	Caroda Road	Collector	6.0	\$120,000	386	Preliminary Works
6094	R2R	Resheeting	USRR	Pallal Road	Local	5.2	\$104,000	68256	60% Complete
6095	R2R	Resheeting	USRR	Horton Road	Arterial	4.2	\$84,000	9224	Preliminary Works
6096	R2R	Resheeting	USRR	Woodburn Emello Road	Local	6.7	\$103,855	103855	Complete
5741	R2R	Resheeting	USRR	Gil Gil Creek Road	Collector	2.2	\$51,683	0	Not Started
6097	R2R	Resheeting	USRR	Tucka Tucka Road	Collector	8.0	\$142,286	149246	Complete
6098	R2R	Resheeting	USRR	Goat Road	Local	7.5	\$142,660	142660	Complete
6099	R2R	Resheeting	USRR	Baroma Road	Arterial	3.5	\$83,943		Not Started
6100	R2R	Resheeting	USRR	Crooble Road	Local	2.0	\$43,518		Not Started
						\$0	45.3km	\$1,016,644	\$475,065
Estimate (\$)									
6101	Internal	Resheeting	USRR	Towarra Road	Local	6.7	\$101,572	101572	Complete
6102	Internal	Resheeting	USRR	Reserve Creek Road	Local	5.0	\$90,000	252	Preliminary Works
6103	Internal	Resheeting	USRR	Thornleigh Road	Local	5.0	\$77,138	77138	Complete
6104	Internal	Resheeting	USRR	Wearnes Road	Local	3.5	\$62,640	528	Preliminary Works
6105	Internal	Resheeting	USRR	Nooroo Road	Minor	2.4	\$43,200		Not Started
6106	Internal	Resheeting	USRR	Lewis Road	Minor	1.0	\$18,000		Not Started
6107	Internal	Resheeting	USRR	Gragin Road	Collector	4.0	\$72,000		Not Started
6108	Internal	Resheeting	USRR	Oregon Road	Collector	5.0	\$124,872		Not Started
6109	Internal	Resheeting	USRR	Yallaroi Road	Collector	3.8	\$98,800		Not Started
6110	Internal	Resheeting	USRR	Peates Road	Minor	7.6	\$58,343	58343	Complete
6111	Internal	Resheeting	USRR	Gournama Road	Local	3.7	\$89,653		Not Started
5299	Internal	Resheeting	USRR	Adams Scrub Road	Collector	0.0	\$74	74	Complete
6152	Internal	Resheeting	USRR	Upper Bingara Road	Local	0.3	\$7,595	7595	Complete
5353	R2R	Resheeting	USRR	Elcombe Road	Arterial	2.0	\$0	1715	Not Started
						24.1km	\$843,887	\$245,502	
BUDGET									YTD EXPENDITURE
5011	Internal	Rehab Program	SRR	Warialda High Productivity Vehicle Route				137825	
5914	Internal	Rehab Program	SRR	Warialda High Productivity Vehicle Route			\$5,271,692	1913285	
5860	Internal	Rehab Program	SRR	Truck Wash			\$855,097	12670	
							\$6,126,789	\$2,063,780	

Item 9 Container Deposit Scheme Refund Sharing Agreement**FILE REFERENCE****DELIVERY PROGRAM****GOAL:** 3. An Environmentally Responsible Shire**OUTCOME:** 3.2 WE USE AND MANAGE OUR NATURAL RESOURCES
WISELY**STRATEGY:** 3.1.3 Value, protect and enhance our natural environment
- ED - external**AUTHOR** Environment and Sustainability Manager**DATE** 20 November 2018**STAFF DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST** Nil**IN BRIEF/ SUMMARY RECOMMENDATION**

‘Challenge’ is the Material Recovery Facility (MRF) in Narrabri that processes Council’s eligible containers from the kerbside collection of recycling.

This report recommends that Gwydir Shire Council approves a Refund Sharing Agreement with ‘Challenge’.

BACKGROUND

The Refund Sharing Agreement comes into effect on 1st December 2018. Council must notify the EPA prior to that date in order to access the refunds. Without this notification, even if a Refund Sharing Agreement is in place, the MRF will not be able to claim processing refunds. Refer Attachments 1 and 2.

COMMENT

Council currently has a shared regional waste contract with Moree Plains and Narrabri Shire Councils.

‘Challenge’ offered a 50% split of the refund due to Gwydir Council after their costs are deducted. The NSW Government’s investigation findings estimate those costs to be around 5% of the gross revenue.

However due to a number of reasons outlined by ‘Challenge’ in their attached letter, they have also requested that Council forgo their share for a period of three years.

In Challenge’s correspondence, it was assumed that Moree, Narrabri and Gwydir would split the income evenly. This has meant the financial projections for Gwydir were disproportionate. A formula exists to calculate Gwydir’s percentage of recycling tonnage.

LEGISLATIVE IMPLICATIONS

Waste Avoidance and Resource Recovery Regulation 2017

Waste Avoidance and Resource Recovery Act 2001

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council agrees to the proposed proportional share of 50% of the refund profits for three years

FURTHER while a short-term Refund Sharing Agreement is in place, the three participating councils and the MRF work towards a longer-term agreement before the three year agreement ends

FURTHER that Council notifies 'Challenge' that their request for Gwydir Shire Council to forego Council's share of the refund be considered as a separate request and 'Challenge' apply periodically to have the refund 'donated' to the MRF. The actual dollar figures will be available at the time of their request so a more informed decision can be made

OR

Council forego their share of the revenue raised for three years.

ATTACHMENTS

- AT-** OLG Circular 18/34 dated 24 October 2018
- AT-** EPA letter to Councils November 2018
- AT-** Letter from Challenge Community Services



Office of
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Circular to Councils

Circular Details	Circular No 18-34 / 24 October 2018 / A621859
Previous Circular	Circular No. 18-09
Who should read this	General Managers / Waste Management Coordinators / Directors Corporate
Contact	Policy Team / (02) 4428 4100 / olg@olg.nsw.gov.au
Action required	Information / Council to Implement

Reminder of 1 December 2018 deadline for councils to finalise a refund sharing agreement to share in Container Deposit Scheme (CDS) kerbside revenue

What's new or changing

- Councils must notify the NSW Environment Protection Authority (EPA) that they have reached a refund sharing agreement with their Material Recovery Facility (MRF) operator **before 1 December 2018** to enable the MRF to continue to claim refunds for eligible containers and to enable councils to receive a share of CDS revenue from their kerbside recycling stream.
- The EPA has made available a notification form for this purpose.

What this will mean for your council

- If an agreement is not reached by 1 December 2018, councils will not be able to access a potentially significant revenue stream until such an agreement is in place.
- Over \$50 million has already been paid to MRFs, a share of which could be used to fund improved waste services or environmental initiatives to benefit local communities.

OLG Support for Councils

- An independent report commissioned by OLG found that refund sharing is likely to be a significant long-term revenue stream for councils.
- Negotiating tools were also developed to assist councils in negotiations with MRFs. The scenario tool can be used to assess various refund sharing arrangements using different assumptions, in order to guide the development of a negotiating position with their MRF. The reconciliation tool allows councils to predict their refund amount either quarterly or annually.
- The report and tools, along with a video presentation explaining them, are located on the OLG website at: www.olg.nsw.gov.au/container-deposit-scheme.

Key points

- Clause 18 of the *Waste Avoidance and Resource Recovery (Container Deposit Scheme) Regulation 2017* sets out the various circumstances in which a MRF operator is eligible to claim processing refunds.

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- Refund Sharing Agreements can be considered as a short-term or transitional arrangement until councils retender or renew their kerbside recycling service contracts.
- MRFs cannot retrospectively claim a share of refunds from 1 December 2018 if an agreement takes effect after that date; MRF operators will only be eligible to begin claiming processing refunds again from the date that agreement takes effect and the EPA is notified.
- A council that owns and/or operates a MRF should also complete the notification form.
- Councils are encouraged to seek their own independent specialist advice before finalising any agreement with their MRF operator.

Where to go for further information

- For further detail and a copy of the notification form, visit the EPA's website at: <https://www.epa.nsw.gov.au/your-environment/recycling-and-reuse/return-and-earn/material-recovery-facility-operator/refund-sharing-agreement-notification>
- For further information and advice on refund sharing agreement notifications, please contact Monica Morona, Principal Policy Officer, NSW EPA on (02) 9995 6483 or monica.morona@epa.nsw.gov.au.



Tim Hurst
Chief Executive



DOC18/831123

Mr/Ms XXXX
Street/Postal Address
SUBURB NSW XXXX

Email: XXXX

Dear XXXX

I am writing to remind you of the upcoming 1 December 2018 milestone for councils to notify the EPA about Refund Sharing Agreements (RSAs) under the Return and Earn container deposit scheme (the Scheme). This follows on from my earlier correspondence on 27 September 2018 on the same issue.

As you are aware, Material Recovery Facility (MRF) Operators may be unable to claim refunds under the Scheme from 1 December 2018, if the councils that supply kerbside materials to them do not notify the Environment Protection Authority (EPA) that:

- 1) a RSA is in force or;
- 2) that the council considers it fair and reasonable that a RSA is not in force or;
- 3) the council has entered into a new collection/processing contract since the commencement of the Scheme on 1 December 2017.

Please be aware that if these conditions are not met and the MRF operator is unable to claim, then the money to pay refunds for the containers in the kerbside system will not be collected from beverage suppliers and will not be available to be claimed retrospectively (from 1 December 2018) should a council and the MRF operator enter into a RSA at a later date.

Councils can notify the EPA at any time, but to avoid a possible gap in refunds being paid for kerbside materials it is important to ensure that the above conditions are met before 1 December 2018.

As outlined in my previous letter, councils concerned about entering into long term arrangements may consider entering into a short-term RSA. This would allow MRF operators to continue to claim refunds, while further information is gathered to assist the development of a longer-term arrangement.

As 1 December approaches, I encourage you to consider entering into a RSA to ensure that processing refunds can continue to be claimed. Once an RSA is in force, your council will need to notify the EPA. A proforma notification template is available on the EPA website at <https://www.epa.nsw.gov.au/your-environment/recycling-and-reuse/return-and-earn/material-recovery-facility-operator/refund-sharing-agreement-notification>.

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Additionally, I would like to highlight that the Office of Local Government (OLG) have developed a tool to assist councils with this issue. This is available on the OLG website at:
<https://www.olg.nsw.gov.au/container-deposit-scheme>.

If you have any questions on this issue, please contact Alex Young, Director CDS Policy and Compliance, on (02) 9995 6882 or at alex.young@epa.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

ANISSA LEVY
Acting Chair and CEO
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27 August 2018

Att: Saul Standerwick
Gwydir Shire Council
Environmental and Sustainability Manager
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Dear Saul,

As you are aware, the recycling from your council area comes to Challenge at Our Materials Resource Recovery Facility located in Narrabri. Residents who choose to leave the containers covered by the deposit scheme in their yellow recycling bin give Challenge an opportunity to realise more revenue. Legislation covering the deposit scheme directs that recyclers need to negotiate with councils a sharing percentage of the \$.10 recovered through the curbside pickup. The containers recovered from your council area are sorted and counted separately.

While the reverse vending machines currently installed throughout the Shires have made a significant difference to the amount of claimable containers, the amounts recovered to date from your area is \$63,612.32. This is not an accurate description of ongoing revenue because the industry has indicated that recyclers will lose up to 40% of claimable product once the scheme is in full swing. Based on this rough estimate, your council's share (50%) would amount to \$31,806.16.

Because of a number of reasons, including a major blowout in the initial capital investment for the MRF, a less than anticipated level of recycling and a serious issue with the amount of contamination still coming through the recycling bins, sometimes as high as 50%, means that the recycling project for Challenge at Narrabri, while providing meaningful well-paid work for people with disabilities, continues to run at a significant net loss to the organisation. Preliminary losses for the year 30th of June 2017 are \$393,497.00. Because of this, we would like to request council to forego their share of the container deposit returned for the next three years. Hopefully, by then contamination issues will have reduced significantly and recyclable products for resale will increase.

There is another issue for Council to consider. The lower grade plastics used in such products as dishwashing liquid, washing powders, et cetera have now become unsaleable. No doubt you are aware that China has closed its doors to recycling from overseas. To date this has had minimal impact on our operations, however, other markets; including Vietnam, Malaysia and Thailand have also now closed their doors to this lower grade plastic. We have tried several local markets here in Australia without success. (Even to the point of giving the product away and paying for the transport). However, with no success. This is an Australia wide issue. For example, the Bundaberg Council is trialing a six month program asking ratepayers to not put this product into the recycling bin but send it direct to waste. The industry is following this trial with considerable interest. We believe there is another way to handle this problem. Training the residents of our areas as to what goes in recycling bins is an ongoing issue. The type of cheap plastics and the recyclable logo and number on the side or bottom of the bottle would only add to the confusion of residents as to what plastics can be recycled. We would like to request that we do not attempt to "train" the residents in regards to which plastics, but simply allow them to keep recycling and for Challenge to be allowed to send this product to the waste stream until an alternate market appears. In the long term, the industry is lobbying the government to change legislation that will prohibit the use of cheap plastics in these products. If this is successful, we would be able to recommence recycling without having to retrain the residents. The normal monthly tonnage of this product for your shire is 2 Tonnes.

Despite some recent adverse comments, recycling remains one of the main environmental tools for the general public to do "their bit". We hope that you will look favorably on these proposals and I would be happy to answer any questions and/or speak directly to your council on this matter.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Stephen Doley".

Stephen Doley
Deputy CEO
Challenge Community Services



Everyone belongs,
everyone grows & everyone
makes a contribution.

Item 10 Quarterly Budget Review - September 2018**FILE REFERENCE****DELIVERY PROGRAM****GOAL:** 5. Organisational Management**OUTCOME:** 5.1 CORPORATE MANAGEMENT**STRATEGY:** 5.1.1 Financial management and accountability systems -
CFO - internal**AUTHOR** Manager, Finance**DATE** 27 November 2018**STAFF DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST** Nil**IN BRIEF/ SUMMARY RECOMMENDATION**

This report recommends that the September Quarter Budget Review Statement be noted and that the September Quarter budget adjustments be approved.

TABLED ITEMS Nil**BACKGROUND**

This report is required under the *Local Government Act 1993* and associated Regulations.

COMMENT

The commentary in this report is directed at overall results. The impact on individual business units and by implication the associated service levels has not been assessed - this is the responsibility of individual directors and managers.

There are still ongoing challenges in returning an acceptable balanced reduction in expenditures as the focus of the staff is to return at least a \$300,000 surplus for this year's operations, and Council will need to be diligent in finding other reductions of expenditure to ensure the year end result is in line with this notional budgeted result.

It is important for Council to fully utilise the availability of the large scale funding it has received for community projects. Careful planning for cash flow and budget monitoring is essential. The current adjustments reflect increases in projected income and carry forward funding allowing a slightly better projected position for Council at year end.

It remains preferable for cash to continue to grow to ensure an adequate buffer is developed in General Fund and there will be further work to improve on this result for the December and March quarter budget reviews.

This reinforces the need for tight budget control, effective cash flow management and a bias towards improving the bottom line will need to remain until General Fund has sufficient cash reserves to act as an adequate buffer.

CONCLUSION

Tight financial control must be maintained given the low cash reserves in General Fund. Ensuring as much capital works for grant funded projects is completed internally by Council should be a priority.

Further budget improvements will be a staff priority during the remainder of this financial year.

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

Local Government Act 1993 and associated regulations. A quarterly budget review is due within two (2) months of the end of each quarter under the requirements of Clause 203 of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2005:

203 Budget review statements and revision of estimates

- (1) Not later than 2 months after the end of each quarter, the responsible accounting officer of a council must prepare and submit to the council a budget review statement that shows, by reference to the estimate of income and expenditure set out in the management plan that the council has adopted for the relevant year, a revised estimate of the income and expenditure for that year.
- (2) A budget review statement must include or be accompanied by:
 - (a) a report as to whether or not the responsible accounting officer believes that the statement indicates that the financial position of the council is satisfactory, having regard to the original estimate of income and expenditure, and
 - (b) if that position is unsatisfactory, recommendations for remedial action.
- (3) A budget review statement must also include any information required by the Code to be included in such a statement.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS - N/A

FINANCIAL, ECONOMIC AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS (including Asset Management)

Council must work towards tight controls to achieve the budgeted end of year result.

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS - N/A

SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS (Social & Environmental)

Sustainability has largely been addressed as a result of the Special Rate Variation being approved. Further work is required to ensure bottom line budget and cash results are achieved.

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

**THAT the September Quarter Budget Review Statement be noted
FURTHER that the September Quarter budget adjustments be
approved.**

ATTACHMENTS

AT- Quarterly Budget Review Statement

Gwydir Shire Council

Quarterly Budget Review Statement
for the period 01/07/18 to 30/09/18

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Gwydir Shire Council

Quarterly Budget Review Statement
for the period 01/07/18 to 30/09/18

Report by Responsible Accounting Officer

The followi
Regulations 2005:

30 September 2018

It is my opinion that the Quarterly Budget Review Statement for Gwydir Shire Council for the quarter ended 30/09/18 indicates that Council's projected financial position at 30/6/19 will be unsatisfactory at year end, having regard to the projected estimates of income and expenditure and the original budgeted income and expenditure.

My opinion above, that Council's projected financial position as at 30/6/19 will be unsatisfactory has been based on the need for continued improvement in its financial position.
Strong measures must be put in place to look for ways of reducing expenditure or sourcing additional income.

Signed:



date:

20/11/18

Helen Thomas
Responsible Accounting Officer

Gwydir Shire Council									
Income & Expenses Budget Review Statement									
Quarterly Budget Review Statement for the period 01/07/18 to 30/09/18									
Budget review for the quarter ended 30 September 2018									
Income & Expenses - Council Consolidated									
(\$'000's)	Original Budget 2018/19	Approved Changes			Revised Budget 2018/19	Variations for this Sep Qtr	Notes Year End Result	Actual YTD figures	
		Carry Forwards	Other than by QBRs	Sep QBRs					
Income									
Rates and Annual Charges	10,479				10,479	71	10,550	10,503	
User Charges and Fees	3,201				3,201	888	4,089	1,130	
Interest and Investment Revenues	101				101		101	71	
Other Revenues	1,487				1,487	(472)	1,015	474	
Grants & Contributions - Operating	14,533	466			14,999	75	15,074	1,787	
Grants & Contributions - Capital	4,546				4,546	(75)	4,471	117	
Net gain from disposal of assets	-				-		-	-	
Share of Interests in Joint Ventures	-				-		-	-	
Total Income from Continuing Operations	34,347	466	-	-	34,813	487	35,300	14,082	
Expenses									
Employee Costs	15,612				15,612	(18)	15,594	2,956	
Borrowing Costs	516				516	54	570	20	
Materials & Contracts	16,295				16,295	282	16,577	3,198	
Depreciation	6,412				6,412	(2)	6,410	-	
Legal Costs	59				59		59	3	
Consultants	41				41	250	291	224	
Other Expenses	2,779				2,779	85	2,864	1,180	
Interest & Investment Losses	-				-		-	-	
Net Loss from disposal of assets	49				49		49	-	
Share of interests in Joint Ventures	-				-		-	-	
Total Expenses from Continuing Operations	41,763	-	-	-	41,763	651	42,414	7,581	
Net Operating Result from Continuing Operations	(7,416)	466	-	-	(6,950)	(164)	(7,114)	6,501	
Discontinued Operations - Surplus/(Deficit)									
Net Operating Result from All Operations	(7,416)	466	-	-	(6,950)	(164)	(7,114)	6,501	
Net Operating Result before Capital Items	(11,962)	466	-	-	(11,496)	(89)	(11,585)	6,384	

This statement forms part of Council's Quarterly Budget Review Statement (QBRs) for the quarter ended xx/xx/xx and should be read in conjunction with the total QBRs report

Gwydir Shire Council

Quarterly Budget Review Statement
for the period 01/07/18 to 30/09/18

Income & Expenses Budget Review Statement
Recommended changes to revised budget

Budget Variations being recommended include the following material items:

Notes	Details
Rates and Annual Charges	Increase in income in line with projections
User Fees and Charges	Increase in Naroo Income and Caravan Park income, misc increases
Other Revenues	Income moved to correct Naroo income account
Materials and Contracts	RFS adjustment, cleaning budget adjustments
Consultants	Adjustments for contractor working with grant funded projects, Lands council costs adjustments
Other Expenses	Adjustments for Council subscription memberships LGNSW, Murray Darling etc
Borrowing Costs	Correction of budget after end of year processes for correct totals of expense

Gwydir Shire Council

Capital Budget Review Statement

Budget review for the quarter ended 30 September 2018

Capital Budget - Council Consolidated

Quarterly Budget Review

for the period 01/07/18

	Original Budget 2018/19	Approved Changes			Revised Budget 2018/19	Variations for this Sep Qtr	Notes	Projected Year End Result
		Carry Forwards	Other than by QBRs	Sep QBRs				
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Gwydir Shire Council

Quarterly Budget Review Statement
for the period 01/07/18 to 30/09/18

Capital Budget Review Statement
Recommended changes to revised budget

Budget Variations being recommended include the following material items:

Notes Details

Water	Inclusion of Potable water tank
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Waste	Warialda Landfill gates
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Gwydir Shire Council

Cash & Investments Budget Review Statement

Budget review for the quarter ended 30 September 2018

Cash & Investments - Council Consolidated

Quarterly Budget Review Statement

for the period 01/07/18 to 30/09/18

(\$000's)	Original Budget 2018/19	Approved Changes				Revised Budget 2018/19	Variations for this Sep Qtr	Notes	Projected Year End Result	Actual YTD figures
		Carry Forwards	Other than by QBRs	Sep QBRs	Dec QBRs					
Externally Restricted ⁽¹⁾										
Aged Care Bonds	290					290			290	290
Developer Contributions	256					256			256	256
Specific Purpose unexpended grants	466					466			466	466
Water	417					417			417	710
Sewer	3,202					3,202			3,202	3,370
Domestic Waste Management	1,472					1,472			1,472	1,625
Total Externally Restricted	6,103	-	-	-	-	6,103	-		6,103	6,717
(1) Funds that must be spent for a specific purpose										
Internally Restricted ⁽²⁾										
Employee Leave Entitlement	849					849			849	849
Trust Accounts	99					99			99	308
Other Waste	982					982			982	658
Total Internally Restricted	1,930	-	-	-	-	1,930	-		1,930	1,815
(2) Funds that Council has earmarked for a specific purpose										
Unrestricted (ie. available after the above Restricti	967	-	-	-	-	967	-		967	(8,532)
Total Cash & Investments	9,000					9,000			9,000	

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Contracts Budget Review Statement

Budget review for the quarter ended 30 September 2018

Part A - Contracts Listing - contracts entered into during the quarter

Contractor	Contract detail & purpose	Contract Value	Start Date	Duration of Contract	Budgeted (Y/N)	Notes
Western Star Trucks Australia	Supply and deliver Bonnetted Rigid tipper truck. To be fitted with 127mm Bartlett ball for towing tag and pig trailer	279,415	01-07-18		y	
Westrac Pty Ltd	Supply and deliver one new maintenance motor grader	411,000	01-07-18		y	
Fulton Hogan	Provide a full bitumen spray sealing service for state and regional roads within GSC	1,046,795	01-08-18		y	

Notes:

1. Minimum reporting level is 1% of estimated income from continuing operations of Council or \$50,000 - whatever is the lesser.
2. Contracts listed are those entered into during the quarter being reported and exclude contractors on Council's Preferred Supplier list.
3. Contracts for employment are not required to be included.

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Consultancy & Legal Expenses Budget Review Statement

Consultancy & Legal Expenses Overview

Expense	YTD Expenditure (Actual Dollars)	Budgeted (Y/N)
Consultancies	224,367	n
Legal Fees	3,462	y

Definition of a consultant:

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

Comments

Expenditure included in the above YTD figure but not budgeted includes: Circular economy and Governance consultants.

Details
