



**MINUTES ORDINARY MEETING**

**GWYDIR SHIRE COUNCIL**

**THURSDAY 24 MAY 2018**

**COMMENCING AT 9.00AM**

**WARIALDA OFFICE COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

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**Present:**

**Councillors:** Cr. John Coulton (Mayor), Cr. Catherine Egan (Deputy Mayor), Cr. Stuart Dick, Cr Marilyn Dixon OAM, Cr. Geoff Smith, Cr. David Coulton, Cr Tiffany Galvin and Cr Frances Young

**Staff:** Max Eastcott (General Manager), Leeah Daley (Deputy General Manager), Richard Jane (Director Technical Services) and Helen Thomas (Manager, Finance)

**Public:** Ms Laura Carroll (*The Gwydir News*)

**Visitor:** Nil

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**OFFICIAL OPENING AND WELCOME – MAYOR**

**APOLOGIES Cr. Jim Moore  
COUNCIL RESOLUTION:  
MINUTE 124/18**

**THAT the apology of Cr. Jim Moore is accepted.**

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

**CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES  
COUNCIL RESOLUTION:  
MINUTE 125/18**

**THAT the Minutes of the previous Council Meeting held on  
Thursday 26 April 2018 as circulated be taken as read and  
CONFIRMED.**

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

**PRESENTATION Nil**

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

**Cr Dick declared a significant pecuniary interest in Item 3 (Confidential  
Agenda) Sale of Lot 336, 337 and 338 DP 822887 as the proposed  
purchaser.**

**Cr D Coulton declared a less than significant pecuniary interest in Item 3  
Warialda Golf and Bowling Club as the Chair of the Warialda Golf and  
Bowling Club Board.**

**Crs Egan and Young declared a less than significant pecuniary interest  
in Item 3 Warialda Golf and Bowling Club as members of the Bingara  
Sporting Club.**

**The General Manager declared a significant pecuniary interest in Item 4  
(Confidential Agenda) General Manager's Performance Review.**

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**ADDITIONAL/LATE ITEMS  
COUNCIL RESOLUTION:  
MINUTE 126/18**

**THAT the following items, namely:**

- 1. General Manager's Performance Review  
(Confidential)**
- 2. Community Consultation Meetings - April and  
May 2018**
- 3. Integrated Planning and Reporting  
requirements**
- 4. March 2018 Quarterly Review**

**are accepted as late items onto this Agenda for discussion.**

**(Moved Cr D Coulton, seconded Cr Galvin)**

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS  
COUNCIL RESOLUTION:  
MINUTE 127/18**

**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 Egan, seconded Cr Galvin)**

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

**COUNCIL RESOLUTION:  
MINUTE 128/18**

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

**Recommendations from the Confidential Community Services and  
Planning Committee (Ref: 129/18)**

**Confidential Monthly Report April 2018 - Organisation and  
Community Development (Ref: 130/18) - THAT the  
Organisation and Community Development monthly  
Confidential report for April 2018 be received.**

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**Offer of property to purchase (Ref: 131/18) - THAT the offer is noted but not accepted by the Council.**

**Request for memorial bench to be located in Warialda (Ref: 132/18) - THAT Ms. Mangal be advised that the Council is supportive of her arranging the placement of a memorial bench outside the Royal Hotel provided it is at her expense and is consistent with the other public bench seating currently located within Warialda.**

**Councillors' Reports (Ref: 133/18) - THAT the report regarding the Police Yard Bingara is noted.**

**Council sitting as the Reserve Trust Manager for Reserve No: 47979 for Public Recreation- Proposed Sale or Lease of the Bingara Riverside Caravan Park (Ref: 134/18)**

**THAT the Trust, in accordance with section 102(1)(a) of the *Crown Lands Act 1989* decides that it is desirable to sell the Bingara Riverside Caravan Park, being Lots 319 and 321 in DP 42797 and part Lot 208 in DP 754819.**

**FURTHER that the Trust, in the event that native title is not extinguished over the relevant part of Lot 208 in DP 754819, approves that an Indigenous Land Use Agreement is negotiated with the Gomeroi People, subject to the final agreement being endorsed by the Trust.**

**FURTHER that when native title is addressed over the relevant part of Lot 208 in DP 754819, either by a valid public work in accordance with section 23B(7) of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cwlth) or by Indigenous Land Use Agreement, the Trust authorises the General Manager to cause a notice of the proposed sale to be published in a newspaper in accordance section 102(1)(b) of the *Crown Lands Act 1989*.**

**FURTHER that the Trust authorises the General Manager to apply to the Minister in writing for consent to the sale in accordance section 102(1)(c) of the *Crown Lands Act 1989*.**

**FURTHER that in the event the Minister's consent is received in accordance with section 102(1)(d) of the *Crown Lands Act 1989*, the Trust authorises the General Manager to take any actions required to prepare the Bingara Riverside Caravan Park for sale and to sell the Bingara Riverside Caravan Park in accordance with section 103 of the *Crown Lands Act 1989*.**

**FURTHER that the Trust notes that decisions made by the Trust under the *Crown Lands Act 1989* will remain valid**

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following the commencement of the of the *Crown Lands Act 2016*.

**FURTHER** that the Trust notes a similar brief will be provided to Council, in its own right, seeking approval to sell the land being acquired from Hunter New England Health, when that acquisition is complete and the Minister's consent to sell the Bingara Riverside Caravan Park is received.

**FURTHER** that the Trust recommends to Gwydir Shire Council that it concurrently pursue the option of leasing the BRCP under the provisions of the *Crown Lands Management Act 2016*, once they are effected.

**FURTHER** that the staff pursue the sale of the Warialda Caravan Park as well (Ref: 135/18).

**Sale of Lot 336, 337 and 338 DP 822887 (Ref: 136/18)**

**THAT** the Council accepts the offer submitted through Ray White Real Estate Bingara from Cr Stuart Rodham Dick to purchase Lots 336, 337 and 338 DP 822887 for \$85,000 subject to the following conditions:

That Lot 338 be used to landscape the development along the Cobbadah Road to the Council's satisfaction;  
That the access and egress from the site be located off Riddell Street; and;  
That it is understood and acknowledged that the land is proposed to be part of the Bingara Industrial Estate and should not be used for any residential purpose or occupation.

**General Manager's Performance Review (Ref: 137/18)**

**THAT** the report be received and that the favourable performance review is noted.

**FURTHER** that the General Manager be offered another 5 year contract period at the conclusion of his current contract (Ref: 138/18).

are adopted.

**(Moved Cr Young, seconded Cr D Coulton)**

**Item 1 Councillor Activity Statements for April and May 2018**

**DELIVERY PROGRAM**

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

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

**STRATEGY: 4.1.2 Enable broad, rich and meaningful engagement to occur - GM - external**

The Councillors' activity schedules for April and May 2018 commitments are outlined below:

April 2018		
Councillor	Event	Date
Cr J Coulton (Mayor)	Namoi Unlimited Roads Working Group - Gunnedah	04 <sup>th</sup> April
	Croppa Creek Community Meeting	04 <sup>th</sup> April
	Namoi Board Meeting	05 <sup>th</sup> April
	Warialda Community Meeting – Warialda	05 <sup>th</sup> April
	Green Camel Visit – Bingara	09 <sup>th</sup> April
	Meeting regarding China Mission – Bingara	10 <sup>th</sup> April
	Bingara Community Meeting	10 <sup>th</sup> April
	Committee Meeting – Bingara	12 <sup>th</sup> April
	Meeting with Regional Aust. Bank – Bingara	12 <sup>th</sup> April
	North Star Community Meeting	12 <sup>th</sup> April
	Coolatai Community Meeting	18 <sup>th</sup> April
	Budget Discussion Meeting – Bingara	23 <sup>rd</sup> April
	Anzac Day Ceremony – Crooble	25 <sup>th</sup> April
	Council Meeting - Bingara	26 <sup>th</sup> April
Cr Catherine Egan (Deputy Mayor)	Warialda Community Meeting	05 <sup>th</sup> April
	Bingara Community Meeting	10 <sup>th</sup> April
	Anzac Service Bingara Central School-	11 <sup>th</sup> April
	Committee Meeting – Bingara	12 <sup>th</sup> April
	Meeting with Regional Aust. Bank – Bingara	12 <sup>th</sup> April
	Coolatai Community Meeting	18 <sup>th</sup> April
	Budget Discussion Meeting – Bingara	23 <sup>rd</sup> April
	Anzac Day Ceremony - Bingara	25 <sup>th</sup> April
	Council Meeting - Bingara	26 <sup>th</sup> April

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Cr David Coulton	Croppa Creek Community Meeting	04 <sup>th</sup> April
	Warialda Community Meeting	05 <sup>th</sup> April
	Bingara Community Meeting	10 <sup>th</sup> April
	Committee Meeting – Bingara	12 <sup>th</sup> April
	Meeting with Regional Aust. Bank – Bingara	12 <sup>th</sup> April
	North Star Community Meeting	12 <sup>th</sup> April
	Coolatai Community Meeting	18 <sup>th</sup> April
	Budget Discussion Meeting – Bingara	23 <sup>rd</sup> April
	Council Meeting - Bingara	26 <sup>th</sup> April
Cr S Dick	Croppa Creek Community Meeting	04 <sup>th</sup> April
	Warialda Community Meeting	05 <sup>th</sup> April
	Bingara Community Meeting	10 <sup>th</sup> April
	Committee Meeting - Bingara	12 <sup>th</sup> April
	Historical Society Meeting – Warialda	12 <sup>th</sup> April
	Coolatai Community Meeting	18 <sup>th</sup> April
	Budget Discussion Meeting	23 <sup>rd</sup> April
	Anzac Day Ceremony – Warialda Rail	25 <sup>th</sup> April
	Council Meeting - Bingara	26 <sup>th</sup> April
Cr M Dixon OAM	Croppa Creek Community Meeting	04 <sup>th</sup> April
	Warialda Community Meeting	05 <sup>th</sup> April
	Warialda Rail Meeting RFS	09 <sup>th</sup> April
	Bingara Community Meeting	10 <sup>th</sup> April
	Committee Meeting – Bingara	12 <sup>th</sup> April
	Meeting with Regional Aust. Bank – Bingara	12 <sup>th</sup> April
	North Star Community Meeting	12 <sup>th</sup> April
	Coolatai Community Meeting	18 <sup>th</sup> April
	Council Meeting - Bingara	26 <sup>th</sup> April
Cr T Galvin	Bingara Community Meeting	10 <sup>th</sup> April
	Committee Meeting - Bingara	12 <sup>th</sup> April
	Anzac Day Ceremony – Bingara	25 <sup>th</sup> April
	Council Meeting - Bingara	26 <sup>th</sup> April
Cr J Moore	Croppa Creek Community Meeting	04 <sup>th</sup> April
	Warialda Community Meeting	05 <sup>th</sup> April
	Northern Slopes Landcare Board Meeting	10 <sup>th</sup> April
	Committee Meeting – Bingara	12 <sup>th</sup> April
	Meeting with Regional Aust. Bank	12 <sup>th</sup> April

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	Budget Discussion Meeting – Bingara	23 <sup>rd</sup> April
	Council Meeting – Bingara	26 <sup>th</sup> April
	Men’s Health Night - Warialda	27 <sup>th</sup> April
Cr G Smith	Croppa Creek Community Meeting	4 <sup>th</sup> April
	Bingara Community Meeting	10 <sup>th</sup> April
	Committee Meeting Bingara	12 <sup>th</sup> April
	North Star Community Meeting	12 <sup>th</sup> April
	Coolatai Community Meeting	18 <sup>th</sup> April
	Budget Discussion Meeting – Bingara	23 <sup>rd</sup> April
	Anzac Day Ceremony – Warialda Council Meeting - Bingara	25 <sup>th</sup> April 26 <sup>th</sup> April
Cr F Young	Croppa Creek Community Meeting	04 <sup>th</sup> April
	NAB Meeting – Bingara	05 <sup>th</sup> April
	Warialda Community Meeting	05 <sup>th</sup> April
	Northern Slopes Landcare Board Meeting - Bingara	10 <sup>th</sup> April
	Bingara Community Meeting	10 <sup>th</sup> April
	Committee Meeting – Bingara	12 <sup>th</sup> April
	Meeting with Regional Aust. Bank – Bingara	12 <sup>th</sup> April
	North Star Community Meeting	12 <sup>th</sup> April
	Coolatai Community Meeting	18 <sup>th</sup> April
	Vision 20/20 Meeting – Bingara	22 <sup>nd</sup> April
	Budget Discussion Meeting - Bingara	23 <sup>rd</sup> April
	Anzac Day Ceremony – Bingara	25 <sup>th</sup> April
	Council Meeting - Bingara	26 <sup>th</sup> April
	Emergency Management Forum - Sydney	30 <sup>th</sup> April

May 2018		
Councillor	Event	Date
Cr J Coulton (Mayor)	Board Meeting Namoi JO followed by 2018-2019 & Beyond Strategic Planning Activity - Tamworth	03 <sup>rd</sup> May
	BROC Meeting – The Living Classroom - Bingara	04 <sup>th</sup> May
	Upper Horton Community Meeting	08 <sup>th</sup> May
	Committee Meeting – Warialda	09 <sup>th</sup> May
	Gravesend Community Meeting	15 <sup>th</sup> May
	New Residents Welcome Night – Bingara Sporting Club	16 <sup>th</sup> May
	Ordinary Council Meeting - Warialda	24 <sup>th</sup> May
	Flight to Sydney for Country Mayors Meeting	31 <sup>st</sup> May
Cr Catherine Egan (Deputy Mayor)	Special Events Meeting – Bingara	02 <sup>nd</sup> May
	BROC Meeting – The Living Classroom - Bingara	04 <sup>th</sup> May
	Adam Marshall Media release – Grant for relocation of Bingara Library to Civic Centre	04 <sup>th</sup> May

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	Upper Horton Community Meeting	08 <sup>th</sup> May
	Committee Meeting – Warialda	09 <sup>th</sup> May
	Gravesend Community Meeting	15 <sup>th</sup> May
	New Residents Welcome Night – Bingara Sporting Club	16 <sup>th</sup> May
	Ordinary Council Meeting - Warialda	24 <sup>th</sup> May
Cr David Coulton	Committee Meeting - Warialda	09 <sup>th</sup> May
	New Residents Welcome Night – Warialda Golf & Bowling Club	17 <sup>th</sup> May
	Ordinary Council Meeting – Warialda	24 <sup>th</sup> May
Cr S Dick	Upper Horton Community Meeting	08 <sup>th</sup> May
	Gravesend Community Meeting	15 <sup>th</sup> May
	Warialda Show RFS Display	12 <sup>th</sup> May
	Ordinary Council Meeting - Warialda	24 <sup>th</sup> May
Cr M Dixon OAM	Special Events Meeting - Bingara	02 <sup>nd</sup> May
	Upper Horton Community Meeting	08 <sup>th</sup> May
	Committee Meeting – Warialda	09 <sup>th</sup> May
	Gravesend Community Meeting	15 <sup>th</sup> May
	New Residents Welcome Night – Bingara Sporting Club	16 <sup>th</sup> May
	Ordinary Council Meeting - Warialda	24 <sup>th</sup> May
Cr T Galvin	Adam Marshall Media release –Grant for relocation of Bingara Library to Civic Centre	04 <sup>th</sup> May
	Upper Horton Community Meeting	08 <sup>th</sup> May
	Gravesend Community Meeting	15 <sup>th</sup> May
	New Residents Welcome Night – Bingara Sporting Club	16 <sup>th</sup> May
	New Residents Welcome night – Warialda Golf & Bowling Club	17 <sup>th</sup> May
	Ordinary Council Meeting - Warialda	24 <sup>th</sup> May
Cr J Moore	Warialda Tourism Meeting	03 <sup>rd</sup> May
	Men’s Health Night – Bingara	03 <sup>rd</sup> May
	Upper Horton Community Meeting	08 <sup>th</sup> May
	Committee Meeting – Warialda	09 <sup>th</sup> May
	Gravesend Community Meeting	15 <sup>th</sup> May
	Ordinary Council Meeting - Warialda	24 <sup>th</sup> May
Cr G Smith	Upper Horton Community Meeting	08 <sup>th</sup> May
	Committee Meeting – Warialda	09 <sup>th</sup> May
	Gravesend Community Meeting	15 <sup>th</sup> May
	Ordinary Council Meeting - Warialda	24 <sup>th</sup> May
Cr F Young	Emergency Management Forum - Sydney	01 <sup>st</sup> May
	BROC Meeting – The Living Classroom – Bingara	04 <sup>th</sup> May
	Upper Horton Community Meeting	08 <sup>th</sup> May
	Committee Meeting – Warialda	09 <sup>th</sup> May

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	Arts NW AGM – Glen Innes	11 <sup>th</sup> May
	Gravesend Community Meeting	15 <sup>th</sup> May
	New Residents Welcome Night – Bingara Sporting Club	16 <sup>th</sup> May
	Ordinary Council Meeting - Warialda	24 <sup>th</sup> May

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Councillor Activity Statements for April and May 2018 be received

**COUNCIL RESOLUTION:  
MINUTE 139/18**

**THAT the Councillor Activity Statements for April and May 2018 be received.**

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

**Item 2            Recommendations from Community Services and  
                         Planning Committee Meeting - 9th May 2018**

**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**            10 May 2018

**STAFF DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST**   Nil

**IN BRIEF/ SUMMARY RECOMMENDATION**

This report recommends the adoption of the recommendations from the Community Services and Planning Committee Meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> May 2018.

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS**

**Vision 2030**

**THAT** the *Wider Gwydir Our Journey to 2030* document is noted and endorsed.

**FURTHER** that the various community groups, especially noting the co-ordination role played by Bingara and District Vision 2020, and individuals who worked on the creation of the document are acknowledged and congratulated.

**Roads Service Level Public Engagement Project**

**THAT** the Roads Service Level Public Engagement Project report is noted and referred to a Workshop for discussion.

**Inland Rail Community Consultative Committee (North Star to NSW/QLD Border)**

**THAT** the Council nominates the Mayor and Technical Services Director as its nominees for membership to the consultative committee.

**Monthly Executive report - April 2018**

**THAT** the monthly Executive report for April 2018 be received noting, in particular, the favourable operating results at both the Bingara and Warialda Caravan Parks.

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Monthly Organisation and Community Development report - April 2018  
THAT the monthly Organisation and Community Development report for April, 2018 be received.

Adoption of Integrated Planning and Reporting documents  
THAT the report is noted and the attached IP&R documents be discussed by Council. Following this discussion any questions raised will be addressed and the revised draft document will be put on public display and will meet the IP&R statutory advertising requirements.

Monthly Technical Services Report - April 2018  
THAT the monthly Technical Services report for April 2018 be received.

Councillors' reports  
THAT the following reports are noted:

Grader operation in Upper Horton;  
Various Meetings;  
Dewrang Road Warialda;  
Warialda Tourism Committee;  
Oregon Road Warialda;  
Local Roads and Transport Congress November 2018; and;  
LG NSW Annual Conference – October 2018 in Albury

## ATTACHMENTS

There are no attachments for this report.

## COUNCIL RESOLUTION: MINUTE 140/18

### Vision 2030 (Ref: 141/18)

**THAT the *Wider Gwydir Our Journey to 2030* document is noted and endorsed.**

**FURTHER that the various community groups, especially noting the co-ordination role played by Bingara and District Vision 2020, and individuals who worked on the creation of the document are acknowledged and congratulated (Ref: 142/18).**

### Roads Service Level Public Engagement Project (Ref: 143/18)

**THAT the Roads Service Level Public Engagement Project report is noted and referred to a Workshop for discussion.**

**Inland Rail Community Consultative Committee (North Star to NSW/QLD Border Ref: 144/18)**

**THAT the Council nominates the Technical Services Director as its nominee for membership to the consultative committee.**

**Monthly Executive report - April 2018 (Ref: 145/18)**

**THAT the monthly Executive report for April 2018 be received noting, in particular, the favourable operating results at both the Bingara and Warialda Caravan Parks.**

**Monthly Organisation and Community Development report - April 2018**

**THAT the monthly Organisation and Community Development report for April, 2018 be received (Ref: 146/18).**

**Adoption of Integrated Planning and Reporting documents (Ref: 147/18)**

**THAT the report is noted and the attached IP&R documents be discussed by Council. Following this discussion any questions raised will be addressed and the revised draft document will be put on public display and will meet the IP&R statutory advertising requirements.**

**Monthly Technical Services Report - April 2018 (Ref: 148/18)**

**THAT the monthly Technical Services report for April 2018 be received.**

**Councillors' reports**

**THAT the following reports are noted:**

**Grader operation in Upper Horton (Ref: 149/18);  
Various Meetings (Ref: 150/18);  
Dewrang Road Warialda (Ref: 151/18);  
Warialda Tourism Committee (Ref: 152/18);  
Oregon Road Warialda (Ref: 153/18);  
Local Roads and Transport Congress November 2018 (Ref: 154/18); and;  
LG NSW Annual Conference – October 2018 in Albury (Ref: 155/18)**

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

**Item 3                   Warialda Golf and Bowling Club**

**FILE REFERENCE**

**DELIVERY PROGRAM**

**GOAL:                   1. A healthy and cohesive community**

**OUTCOME:           1.1 WE HAVE HEALTHY AND INVITING SPACES AND PLACES**

**STRATEGY:       1.1.2 Encourage and enable healthy lifestyles choices - OCD - external**

**AUTHOR              General Manager**

**DATE                   10 May 2018**

**STAFF DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST   Nil**

**TABLED ITEMS                               Nil**

**BACKGROUND**

In 2002, the Warialda sewer treatment plant’s (WSTP) tertiary treatment ponds were reconstructed and a storage dam was built for short term effluent retention. A pump shed was constructed and three variable speed pumps and a chlorine dosing system were installed, as well as a pipeline to the golf course via Reedy Creek and Nicholson Street Warialda.

The Warialda Golf and Bowling Club installed an underground irrigation system throughout the golf course. An agreement was made with the Club to transfer the chlorine treated effluent at a cost of 12cents/KL. This fee covered the treatment and pumping cost of providing the recovered effluent water.

WSTP has an EPA licence to discharge up to 250ML/year into Reedy Creek.

The treated effluent water pumped to the Club averages between 20-40ML per year.

In 2008, the storage dam was upgraded from 10ML – 40ML so more effluent water could be stored for use at the club. The pumping system was located at the WSTP Ponds. However this was proving to be an inefficient operation as there was a significant pressure loss over the 1.5km of pipeline to the Club.

The reticulated irrigation scheme variable speed pumps were relocated to the golf course and a transfer pump was installed at the WSTP to deliver the effluent water to the variable speed pumps.

This resulted in increased operational expense for the Club as the Club now had to pay for the power.

The quarterly power bill averages \$1,500 - \$2,000 and can reach a maximum of \$10,000 annually based on maximum of 40ML transferred annually.

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The variable speed pumps were inspected last week and 1 out of the 3 pumps was out of service.



Golf course variable speed effluent pumps



Pump 2 – out of service

The current pumping system is over 10 years old there are probably more efficient pumping options now available with new pump technology in the market.

**COMMENT**

This issue has been investigated when the Council indicated at a previous meeting that any way that the Council could assist the Club should be investigated.

The Council could take over the responsibility for the pumping operation up to the variable speed pumps and the associated maintenance expense, with the Club retaining the responsibility for the reticulated irrigation system across the actual golf course.

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A similar support scheme could be offered to the Bingara Sporting Club regarding the operation of its river pumping system, which would be an equitable outcome of support.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

The costs would be met within the Sewerage Fund.

**OFFICER RECOMMENDATION**

THAT the Council assume the responsibility for the power and pump maintenance at the Warialda Golf and Bowling Club noting that it is of environmental benefit to recycle the treated effluent waste water.

FURTHER that the staff investigate the system operation and pumping capacity with the aim of identifying system efficiencies available with new pump technology in the market.

FURTHER that discussions be commenced with the Bingara Sporting Club (Golf Committee) regarding the transfer of its pumps to Council management.

**ATTACHMENTS**

There are no attachments for this report.

**COUNCIL RESOLUTION:  
MINUTE 156/18**

**THAT the Council assume the responsibility for the power and pump maintenance at the Warialda Golf and Bowling Club noting that it is of environmental benefit to recycle the treated effluent waste water.**

**FURTHER that the staff investigate the system operation and pumping capacity with the aim of identifying system efficiencies available with new pump technology in the market.**

**FURTHER that discussions be commenced with the Bingara Sporting Club (Golf Committee) regarding the transfer of its pumps to Council management (Ref: 157/18).**

**(Moved Cr Dixon OAM, seconded Cr Galvin)**

**Upon being put to the meeting, the motion was declared carried.  
For the Motion were Crs Dick, Dixon OAM, J Coulton, Smith and Galvin  
Total (5).**

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

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**Item 4 Monthly Investment and Rates Collection report for April 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** 14 May 2018

**STAFF DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST** Nil

**TABLED ITEMS** Nil

**IN BRIEF/ SUMMARY RECOMMENDATION**

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

**BACKGROUND**

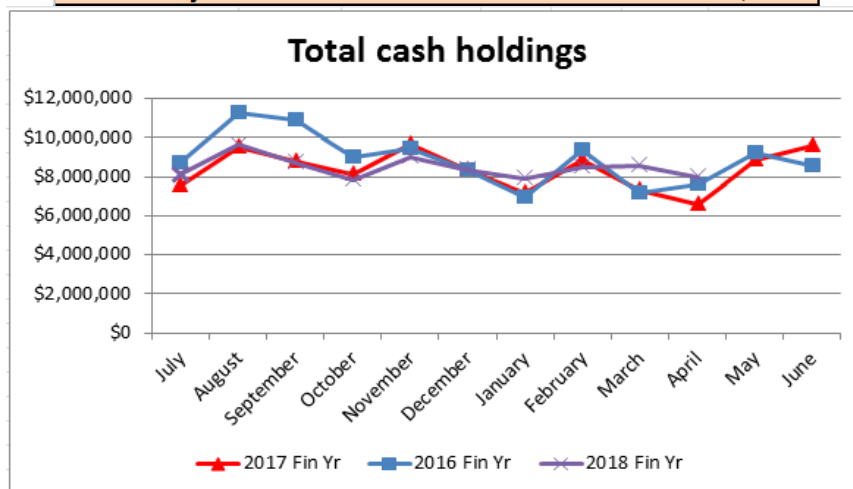
In accordance with Clause 19(3) of the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulation 1993, the following information provides details of Council's funds invested as at 30<sup>th</sup> April 2018.

Direct Investments							
Broker	ID	Investment Name	Rating	Type	Next Rollover	Yield	Current Value
NAB	2018.01	NAB	AA	TD	18/06/18	2.51%	\$1,000,000.00
NAB	2018.03	NAB	AA	TD	8/05/18	2.43%	\$1,000,000.00
NAB	2018.04	NAB	AA	TD	5/06/18	2.45%	\$1,000,000.00
<b>Grand Total</b>							<b>\$3,000,000.00</b>
Managed Funds							
Fund	Investment Horizon	Type	3 Mth Avg Yield	Current Value			
Regional Australia Bank	At Call	Cash		\$258,137.39			
Tcorp Cash Fund	At Call	Cash		\$1,922,323.65			
Tcorp Medium Term Fund	At Call	Cash		\$1,697,989.17			
<b>Grand Total</b>							<b>\$3,878,450.21</b>
Total Investments							
<b>Direct Investments</b>							<b>\$3,000,000.00</b>
<b>Managed Funds</b>							<b>\$3,878,450.21</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>							<b>\$6,878,450.21</b>

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Cash and Investments	
Total Investments	
Direct Investments	\$3,000,000.00
Managed Funds	\$3,878,450.21
<b>Grand Total Investments</b>	<b>\$6,878,450.21</b>
Total Cash and Investments	
Investments	\$6,878,450.21
Cash at bank	\$1,126,262.70
<b>Grand Total Cash and Investments</b>	<b>\$8,004,712.91</b>
General Fund Cash	
Total cash and investments	\$8,004,712.91
<b>LESS:</b>	
Water fund*	-\$885,075.46
Sewer fund*	-\$3,100,848.73
Waste fund*	-\$2,043,775.49
<b>Other restrictions:</b>	
Employee leave entitlements*	-\$420,000.00
Carry over works in progress*	\$0.00
Asset replacement*	\$0.00
Bonds and deposits	-\$425,741.00
Unexpended grants*	-\$387,000.00
Developer contributions	-\$354,001.72
<small>*These figures may change with end of year processing</small>	
<b>Discretionary General Fund Cash</b>	<b>\$388,270.51</b>



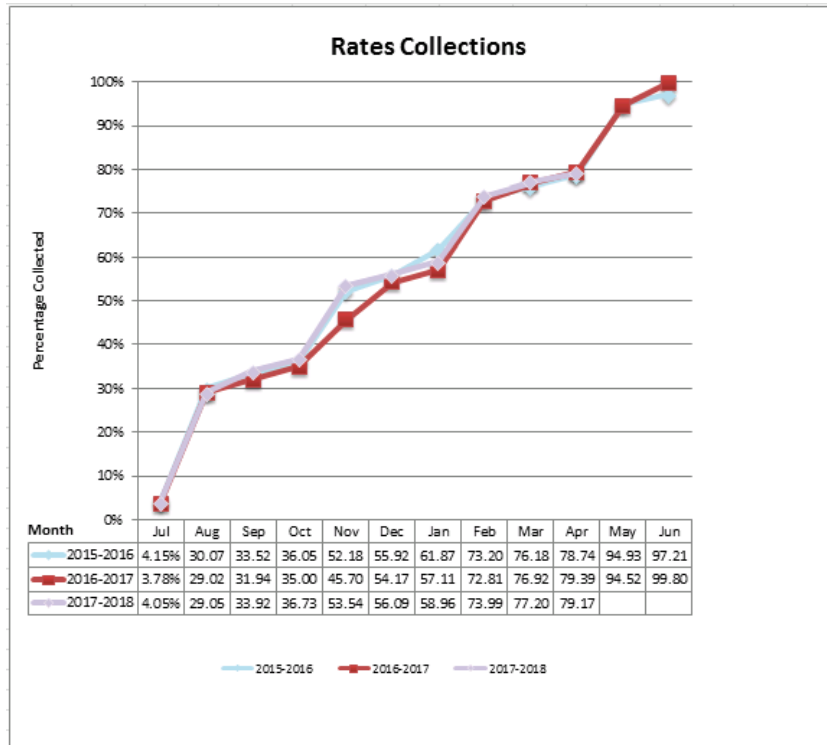
I, Helen Thomas, Finance Manager and Responsible Accounting Officer for Gwydir Shire Council, certify that the Council’s investments have been made in accordance with the Local Government Act 1993, Local Government (General) Regulation 2005 and Council’s Investment Policy (F.01.03), as amended.

**RATES COLLECTIONS**

The graph below represents a comparative of the percentage collections for the current year against the two previous rating years. The current years collections are up to 30<sup>th</sup> April 2018.

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### TCorp Flash Report Performance Summary – April 2018



### Performance Summary

April 2018

#### TCorpIM Core Funds

Returns	1 Month %			FYTD %			1 Year %			3 Year (% p.a.)			5 Year (% p.a.)			7 Year (% p.a.)		
	Net	BM	ER	Net	BM	ER	Net	BM	ER	Net	BM	ER	Net	BM	ER	Net	BM	ER
Cash	0.17	0.16	0.01	1.65	1.45	0.20	2.05	1.75	0.30	2.29	1.96	0.33	2.53	2.26	0.27	3.09	2.80	0.29
Strategic Cash	0.17	0.16	0.01	1.77	1.45	0.32	2.20	1.75	0.45	2.43	1.96	0.47	2.70	2.26	0.44	3.30	2.80	0.50
MTGF*	0.75	0.72	0.03	4.28	4.31	-0.03	4.39	4.44	-0.05	3.89	4.06	-0.17	5.62	5.65	-0.03	6.05	6.02	0.03
LTGF**	1.85	1.85	0.00	8.05	8.23	-0.18	7.91	7.99	-0.08	6.14	6.50	-0.36	9.52	9.62	-0.10	9.02	9.20	-0.18

\*Medium Term Growth Fund \*\*Long Term Growth Fund

Net = Net Return; BM = Benchmark Return; ER = Excess Return

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TCorp IM Funds Monthly Report –April 2018

TCorpIM Cash Fund  
April 2018

	1 Month %	3 Month %	FYTD %	1 Year %	3 Year (% p.a.)	5 Year (% p.a.)	7 Year (% p.a.)	Since Inception (% p.a.)
Net Returns <sup>^</sup>	0.17	0.43	1.65	2.05	2.29	2.53	3.09	5.87
Benchmark	0.16	0.44	1.45	1.75	1.96	2.26	2.80	5.79
Net Relative to Benchmark <sup>^^</sup>	0.00	(0.01)	0.20	0.30	0.33	0.27	0.29	0.08

<sup>^</sup>The Net Returns are calculated from monthly unit prices provided by TCorp's custodian. <sup>^^</sup>Numbers may not add up due to rounding.

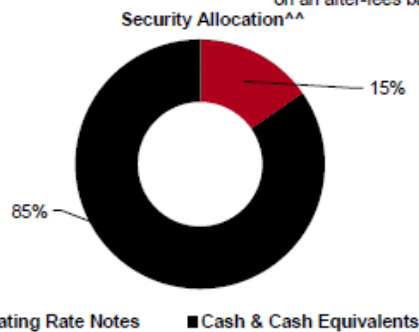
Performance Commentary

The TCorpIM Cash Fund (the Fund) rose 0.17% in April, in line with the benchmark return. Over the past twelve months the Fund has outperformed the benchmark by 0.30%.

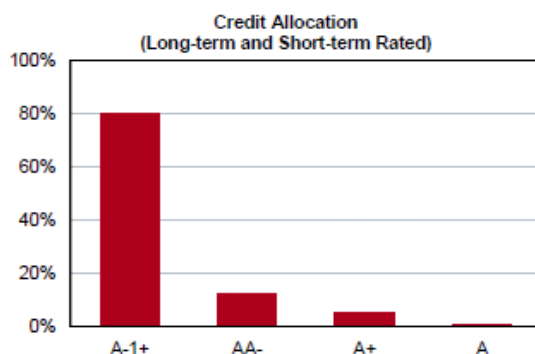
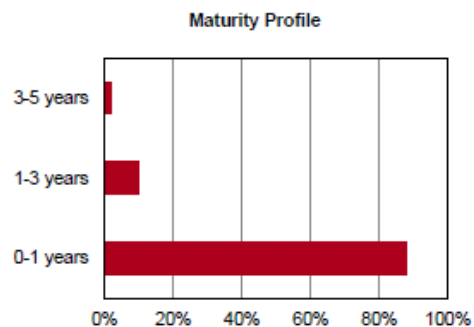
Yields in the bank bills market were slightly higher across all maturities, with three months finishing up 0.01% to 2.04%, and six months up 0.02% to 2.15%. However, this small negative influence was offset by the Fund's accrual of income through the month from its holdings of longer maturity bills and floating rate notes.

The Fund maintains its positioning towards the longer end of the money markets to take advantage of the steepness of the yield curve in an environment of stable monetary policy rates.

**Benchmark:** Bloomberg AusBond Bank Bill Index\*  
**Funds Under Management:** \$2,545m  
**Distribution Frequency:** Monthly  
**Inception Date:** 30 June 1989  
**Investment Managers:** NSW Treasury Corporation, Macquarie Investment Management  
**Cashflow Notification Period:** Daily (same day cashflows with notification by 12 noon)  
**Objective:** To produce returns similar to the performance benchmark over rolling one year periods, on an after-fees basis.



<sup>^^</sup>Numbers may not add due to rounding.



Running Yield	%
Fund	2.11
Benchmark	1.89

Duration	Years
Fund	0.3
Benchmark	0.1

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Note: The portfolio characteristics displayed in the exhibits are based in part on third party databases that are not subject to independent review.

TCorp IM Funds Monthly Report – April 2018

TCorpIM Medium Term Growth Fund  
April 2018

	1 Month %	3 Month %	FYTD %	1 Year %	3 Year (% p.a.)	5 Year (% p.a.)	7 Year (% p.a.)	10 Year (% p.a.)
Net Returns^	0.75	0.55	4.28	4.39	3.89	5.62	6.05	5.61
Benchmark	0.72	0.57	4.31	4.44	4.06	5.65	6.02	5.49
Net Relative to Benchmark^^	0.03	(0.02)	(0.03)	(0.05)	(0.17)	(0.03)	0.03	0.11

^The Net Returns are calculated from monthly unit prices provided by TCorp's custodian. ^^Numbers may not add up due to rounding.

Performance Commentary

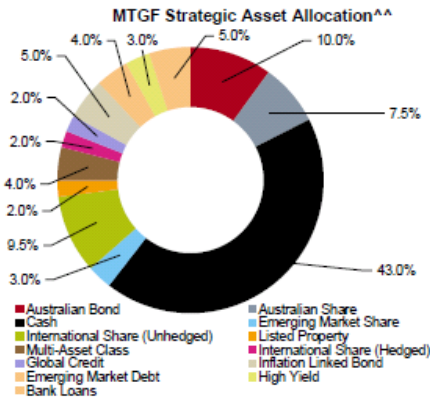
The Fund rose by 0.75% during the month, with most of the performance coming from strong equity returns.

The key themes included positive and improved economic data in Europe and China, strong corporate profits in the US and reduced investor concern regarding trade wars.

The Fund's investments in International Equities (unhedged) rose by 2.94%, Emerging Markets Equities rose by 0.87% and Australian Equities rose by 3.88%. The Australian Dollar fell by 1.6% to 75.50 US cents which added to the returns.

The Fund's defensive 58% weighting to Cash and Bonds made a small contribution to performance with Cash returning 0.17% and Australia Bonds having a negative return of -0.33%.

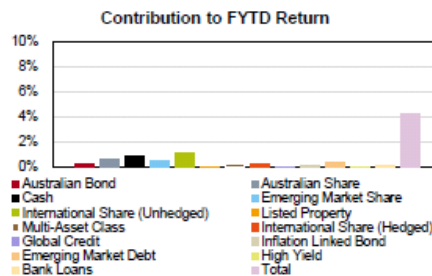
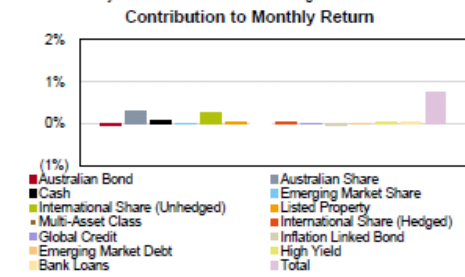
**Benchmark:** Medium Term Growth Fund Strategic Asset Allocation Weighted Index  
**Funds Under Management:** \$266m  
**Distribution Frequency:** Annual  
**Inception Date:** 1 December 1990  
**Objective:** To produce returns higher than the performance benchmark over rolling three year periods, on an after-fees basis.



**Net Return by Asset Class**

Asset Class	Month %	FYTD %
Australian Bond	(0.33)	2.09
Australian Share	3.88	8.46
Cash	0.17	1.62
Emerging Market Share	0.87	16.85
International Share (Unhedged)	2.94	12.29
Listed Property	2.26	0.35
Multi-Asset Class	0.92	5.49
International Share (Hedged)	2.16	9.25
Global Credit	(0.40)	0.91
Inflation Linked Bond	(0.46)	
Emerging Market Debt	(0.33)	
High Yield	0.85	
Bank Loans	0.56	

^^Numbers may not add to 100% due to rounding.



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OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

THAT the monthly Investment and Rates Collection report for April 2018 be received

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**ATTACHMENTS**

There are no attachments for this report.

**COUNCIL RESOLUTION:  
MINUTE 158/18**

**THAT the monthly Investment and Rates Collection report for April 2018 be received.**

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

**Item 5            Community Consultation Meetings - April and May 2018**

**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**            16 May 2018

**STAFF DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST**   Nil

Gwydir Shire Council held a round of community consultation meetings from Wednesday 04 April 2018 to Tuesday 15 May 2018.

The purpose of these meetings was for the Council to deliver important information to the public.

The minutes from the community consultation meetings are provided for adoption.

**BACKGROUND**

The community consultation meetings were held at the following locations:

- Croppa Creek Club – Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2018 at 6.00pm
- Warialda Memorial Hall - Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> April 2018 at 6.00pm
- Bingara at the Roxy – Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> April 2018 at 6.00pm
- North Star Sporting Club – Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> April 2018 at 6.00pm
- Coolatai Hall - Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> April 2018 at 6.00pm
- Upper Horton Club - Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2018 at 6.00pm
- Gravesend Hall – Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2018 at 6.00pm

**Advertising**

The meetings were advertised in the following newspapers:

The Bingara Advocate, the Warialda Standard, Bingara Local and the Barraba Gazette.

The Council's community email database was used to further distribute the meeting dates.

Information about the community meetings was also distributed on Council's website and Facebook page.

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The attendance numbers at each of the meetings was as listed:

Community Meeting	Date	Attendees
Croppa Creek	04 April 2018	12
Warialda	05 April 2018	31
Bingara	10 April 2018	19
North Star	12 April 2018	18
Coolatai	18 April 2018	12
Upper Horton	08 May 2018	23
Gravesend	15 May 2018	46
Total		161

**COMMENT**

There was overall support at all meetings for:

- Report from Climate Change Adaptation working group
- Stronger Country Community Funding
- Possible introduction of dementia friendly communities program
- Proposed changes to unmanned tip access
- Circular Economy update
- The outcome of the Gwydir roads Deliberative Panel

**CONCLUSION**

The minutes from each of the community consultation meetings held from 04 April 2018 and 15 May 2018 are presented for notation and adoption.

**OFFICER RECOMMENDATION**

THAT the Minutes from the community meetings held between 04 April 2018 and 15 May 2018 be received

**ATTACHMENTS**

- AT- Minutes Croppa Creek Community Meeting
- AT- Minutes Warialda Community Meeting
- AT- Minutes Bingara Community Meeting
- AT- Minutes North Star Community Meeting
- AT- Minutes Coolatai Community Meeting
- AT- Minutes Upper Horton Community Meeting
- AT- Minutes Gravesend Community Meeting
- AT- Climate Change Adaptation Plan
- AT- Memo to Councillors concerning the Gravesend Hall

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**COUNCIL RESOLUTION:  
MINUTE 159/18**

**MINUTE 160/18**

**THAT the Minutes from the community meetings held between 04 April 2018 and 15 May 2018 be received.**

**(Moved Cr Young, seconded Cr D Coulton)**

**The meeting was advised that the Council has received an offer to purchase of \$25,000 through J A McGregor Real Estate for the former Gravesend Museum, Lot 5 - Section 3 - DP 758471.**

**THAT the Council accepts the offer of \$25,000 for the sale of Lot 5 - Section 3 - DP 758471 (Ref: 161/18).**

**FURTHER that the funds received from the sale of Lot 5 - Section 3 - DP 758471 be used as the Council's contribution in the \$ for \$ grant application for an additional \$25,000 under the Community Building Partnerships Program, which closes on 15<sup>th</sup> June 2018, to assist the Gravesend Community Group Inc. in its attempt to restore the hall subject to the conditions outlined below (Ref: 162/18).**

**FURTHER that the Council meet with representatives of the Gravesend Community Group Inc. to fully explain the Council's position regarding the Gravesend Hall and outline the following set of conditions required by the Council (Ref:163/18):**

**Firstly the Gravesend Community Group Inc. will assume ownership of the building with the Council meeting any legal costs involved in the subdivision and property transfer;**

**The Council's total financial commitment to the project is the Community Building Partnerships' grant, if successful, and the \$25,000 from the sale of Lot 5 - Section 3 - DP 758471; and;**

**If these conditions are not acceptable to the Group that the Gravesend Hall be demolished in the absence of any viable plan for its restoration.**

**(Moved Cr Young, seconded Cr D Coulton)**

**Croppa Creek Community Meeting – 4 April 2018**

**Council representative attendees**

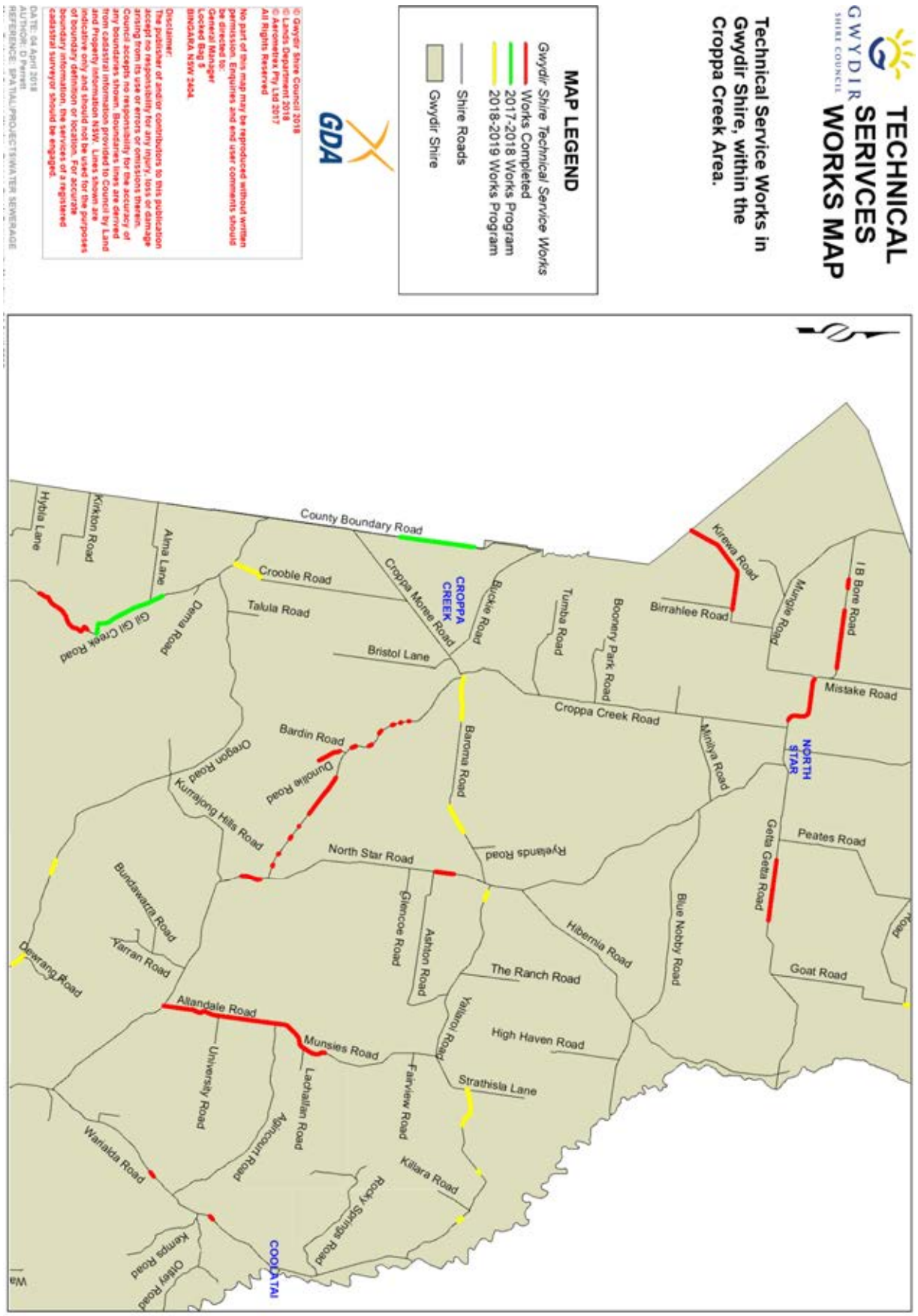
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**Council Staff made presentations**

- Welcome by Mayor Cr John Coulton
- Possible changes to tip accesses
- Report from Climate Change Adaption Working Group (summary attached)
- Circular Economy update including proposed greenhouse, and behind the meter scheme
- Liaising with community groups to fund projects/Stronger Community Funding and grants in general
- Deliberative Panel – Review of level of road services
- Technical Services including Warialda Heavy Productivity Vehicle Route (WVPVR) and truck wash, planned roadworks (see map of road works) , impact of hot, and continuing dry weather, roadwork methods – what is proving effective
- Inland Rail update
- Dementia Friendly communities

**Requests raised at meeting**

- 'Kulai', Peats' Road – dangerous wash on corner – CRM 7181/18
- Replace His and Hers signs at Warialda Saleyards Highway amenities – CRM 7178/18
- That depth indicators be placed at each crossing. Some existing indicators need to show depth of 2m instead of 1m for example at Mungle Creek near Gaybo – CRM 7179/18
- That Council staff attend to the waste depot more frequently as the rubbish builds up and currently volunteers are pushing it up. In particular the tyres that are collecting at the depot are a fire hazard and due to the high volume the pile is encroaching on the access road for users to dump their waste – CRM 7180/18



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Warialda Community Meeting - 5 April 2018

Council representative attendees

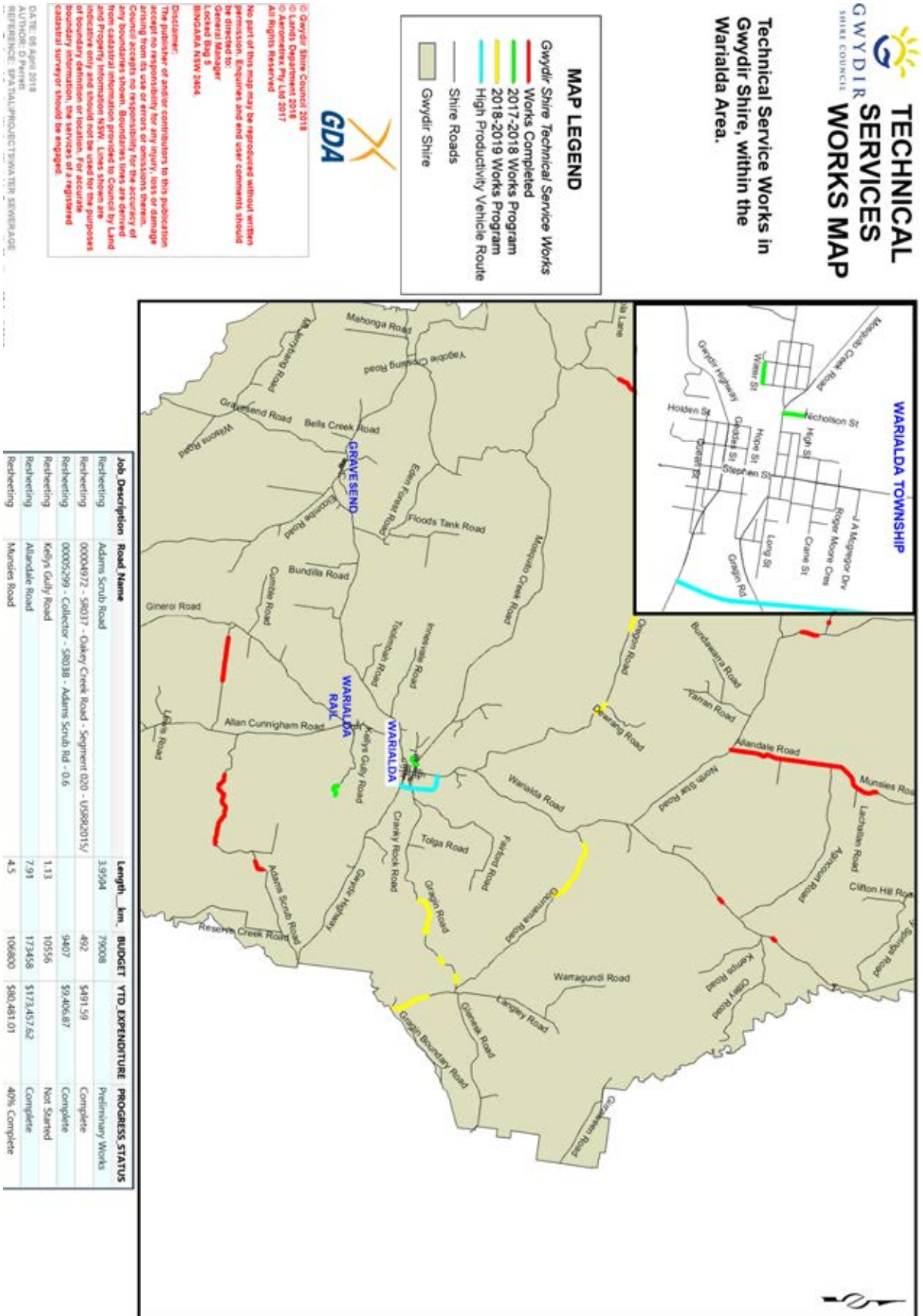
Cr John Coulton, Cr Catherine Egan, Cr Geoff Smith, Cr Marilyn Dixon, Cr Frances Young, Cr David Coulton, Cr Stuart Dick, Cr Tiffany Galvin, Cr James Moore, Max Eastcott, Richard Jane, Carl Tooley, Suzy Webber, Helen Thomas, Sharon Baker, Colin Cuell, Andrew Cooper, Carmen Southwell and Darryl McManus

Council Staff made presentations

- Welcome by Mayor Cr John Coulton
- Possible changes to tip accesses
- Report from Climate Change Adaption Working Group
- Circular Economy update including proposed greenhouse, and behind the meter scheme
- Liaising with community groups to fund projects/Stronger Community Funding and grants in general
- Earn and Return Warialda Landfill
- Deliberative Panel – Review of level of road services
- Technical Services including Warialda Heavy Productivity Vehicle Route (WVPVR) and truck wash, planned roadworks (see map of road works) , impact of hot, and continuing dry weather, roadwork methods – what is proving effective
- Inland Rail update
- Dementia Friendly communities

Requests raised at meeting

- Consider the WVPVR being named the Angophora Loop
- Fire Hazard around Warialda – Cr Dick advised the meeting in his capacity as RFS representative that hazard reduction burns were to occur in April in Warialda and Coolatai
- Gragin Road – review traffic signage – CRM 7288/18
- New amenities at airstrip (future funding project)



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### Bingara Community Meeting - 10 April 2018

#### Council representative attendees

Cr John Coulton, Cr Catherine Egan, Cr Geoff Smith, Cr Marilyn Dixon, Cr Frances Young, Cr David Coulton, Cr Stuart Dick, Cr James Moore, Max Eastcott, Leeah Daley, Richard Jane, Carl Tooley, Suzy Webber, Helen Thomas, Andrew Cooper, Carmen Southwell, Jenny Mead, Rick Hutton, Sue Clarke

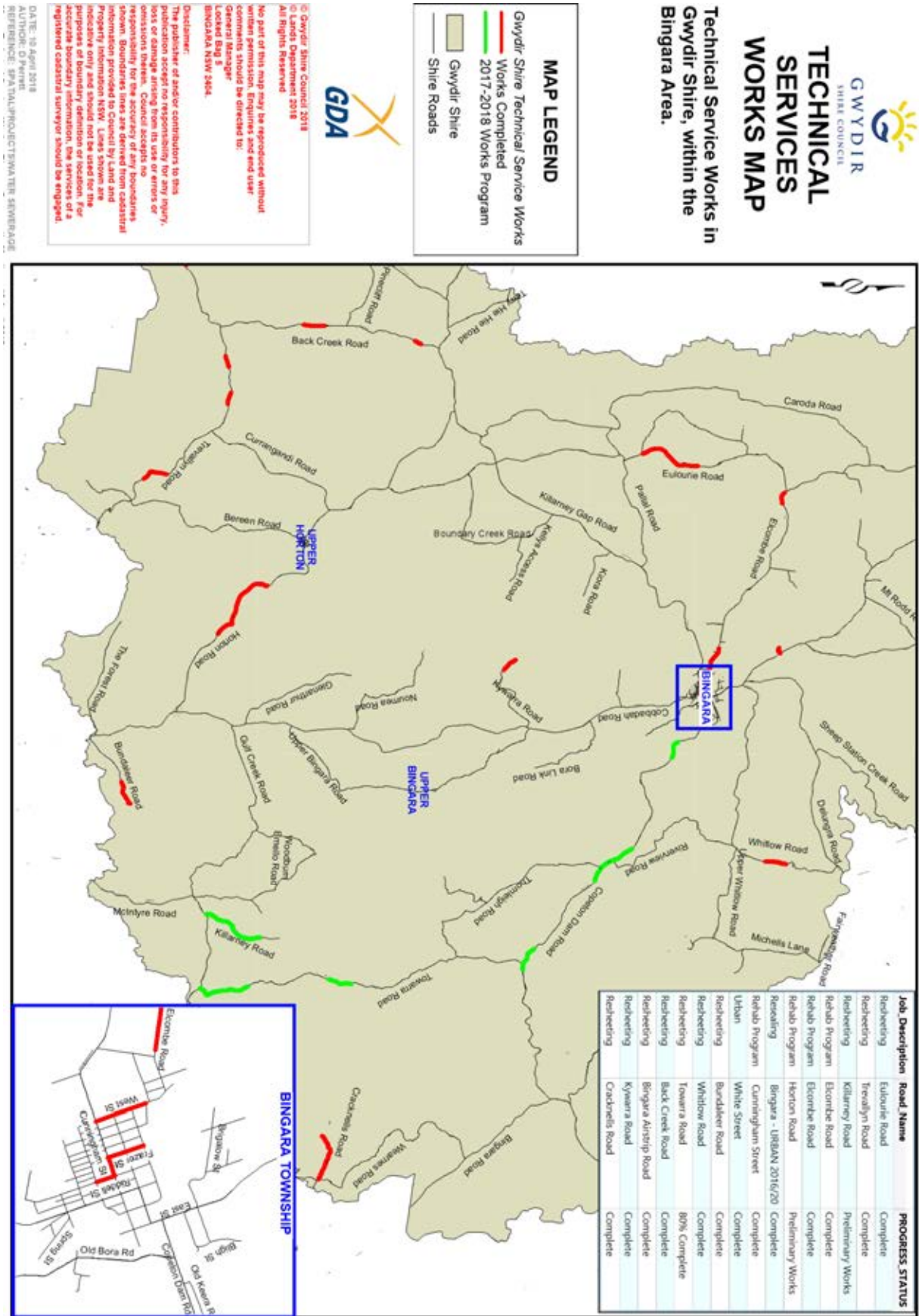
#### Council Staff made presentations

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- Report from Climate Change Adaption Working Group
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- Deliberative Panel – Review of level of road services
- Technical Services including Warialda Heavy Productivity Vehicle Route (WVPVR) and truck wash, planned roadworks (see map of road works) , impact of hot, and continuing dry weather, roadwork methods – what is proving effective
- Inland Rail update
- Gwydir River Foreshore Reserve Plan
- Dementia Friendly communities

Ann Coote made a presentation – Report on the introduction of the new Biodiversity legislation

#### Requests raised at meeting

- What is happening with the Mongard Town Strategies and roll out. Max Eastcott Council has implemented some of the strategies but does not have the budget to do more at this stage. Cr Young added more shaded areas etc would also Climate Adaption Planning
- Keera Road – two places appear to be undermined (near lookout and Cavell Grid) – CRM 7289/18
- Keera Road is increasingly dangerous – RVs in the middle of very narrow, winding road – request to place traffic counters and apply for funding to upgrade, erect better signage - CRM 7290/18
- Cunningham Street – Cnr Maitland Street – road surface is breaking up and is a bad tripping hazard – Richard Jane replied that Council is aware of this issue and it will be attended to – CRM 7291/18
- Erect – 'Limit Exhaust Braking' signs – entries to town – CRM 7292/18



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North Star Community Meeting - 12 April 2018

Council representative attendees

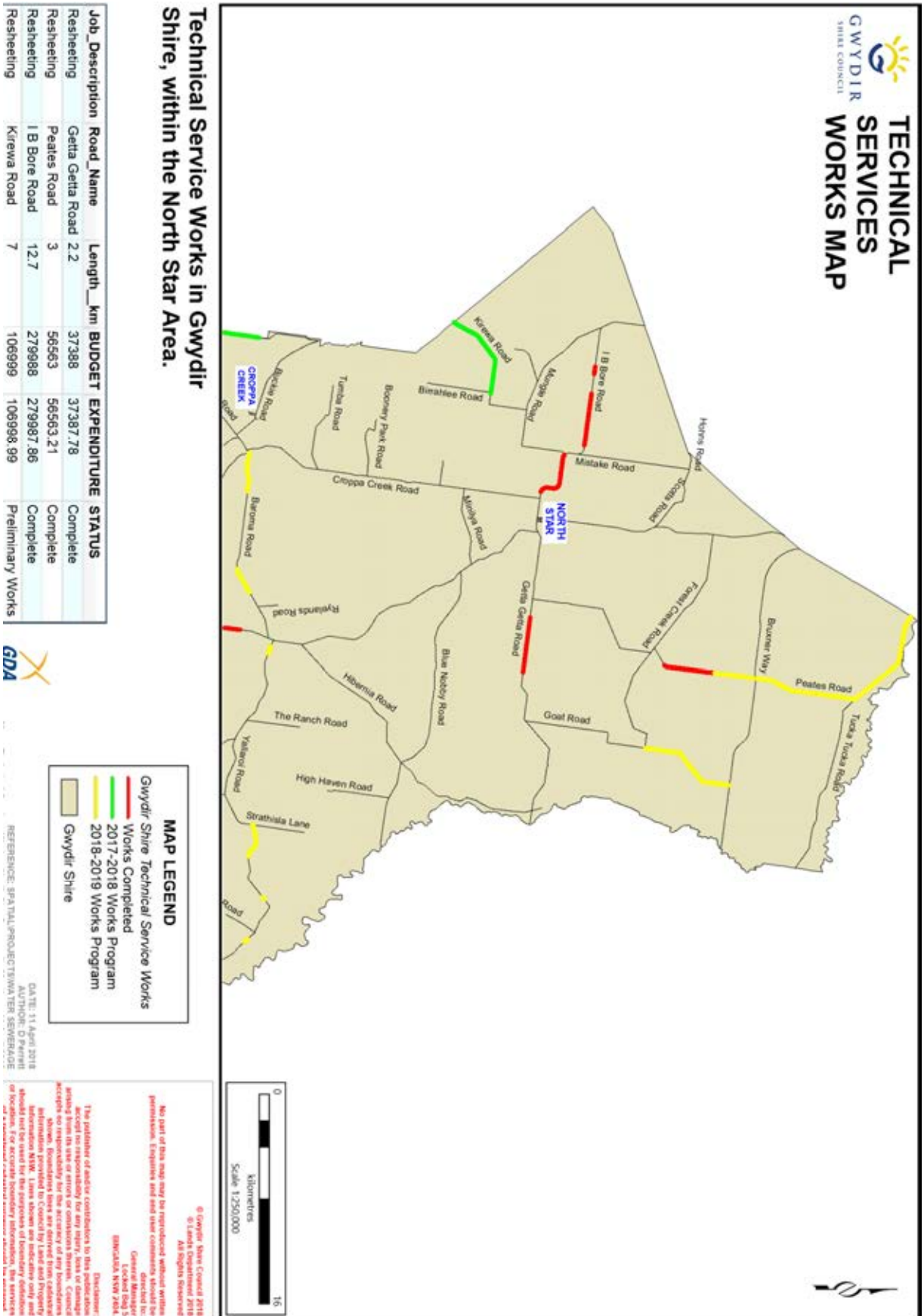
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Council Staff made presentations

- Welcome by Mayor Cr John Coulton
- Possible changes to tip accesses
- Report from Climate Change Adaption Working Group
- Circular Economy update including proposed greenhouse, and behind the meter scheme
- Liaising with community groups to fund projects/Stronger Community Funding and grants in general
- Deliberative Panel – Review of level of road services
- Technical Services including Warialda Heavy Productivity Vehicle Route (WVPVR) and truck wash, planned roadworks (see map of road works) , impact of hot, and continuing dry weather, roadwork methods – what is proving effective
- Inland Rail update
- Dementia Friendly communities

Requests raised at meeting

- Additional skip bins at waste facility particularly for steel and green waste – CRM 7293/18
- Waste facility needs to be maintained more frequently. A local resident goes to the facility regularly and pushes rubbish into the hole.- CRM 7294/18
- Hibernia Road – becoming busier with increases in agricultural outputs – needs regular maintenance – 2 bad washes, tabledrain is lower than road – CRM 7295/18
- Blue Nobby to Yallaroi – rain runs down the middle of the road, needs reforming – CRM 7296/18
- Need to utilise graders and self-help program better – can you inform residents when they are coming out. There are smaller windows to undertake works can Council work longer hours and on weekends etc while the moisture is there. – CRM 7297/18
- Council liaise with community more effectively as over the years land use has changed, different drainage off paddocks – what was happening 40 years isn't necessarily what is happening now.
- Need to access dangerous trees along the roadside – CRM 7298/18
- Ampol Depot, Edward Street – needs to be cleaned up – CRM 7299/18



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**Coolatai Community Meeting - 18 April 2018**

**Council representative attendees**

Cr John Coulton, Cr Catherine Egan, Cr Geoff Smith, Cr Frances Young, Max Eastcott, Richard Jane, Carl Tooley, Helen Thomas, Tim Cox, Colin Cuell, and Carmen Southwell

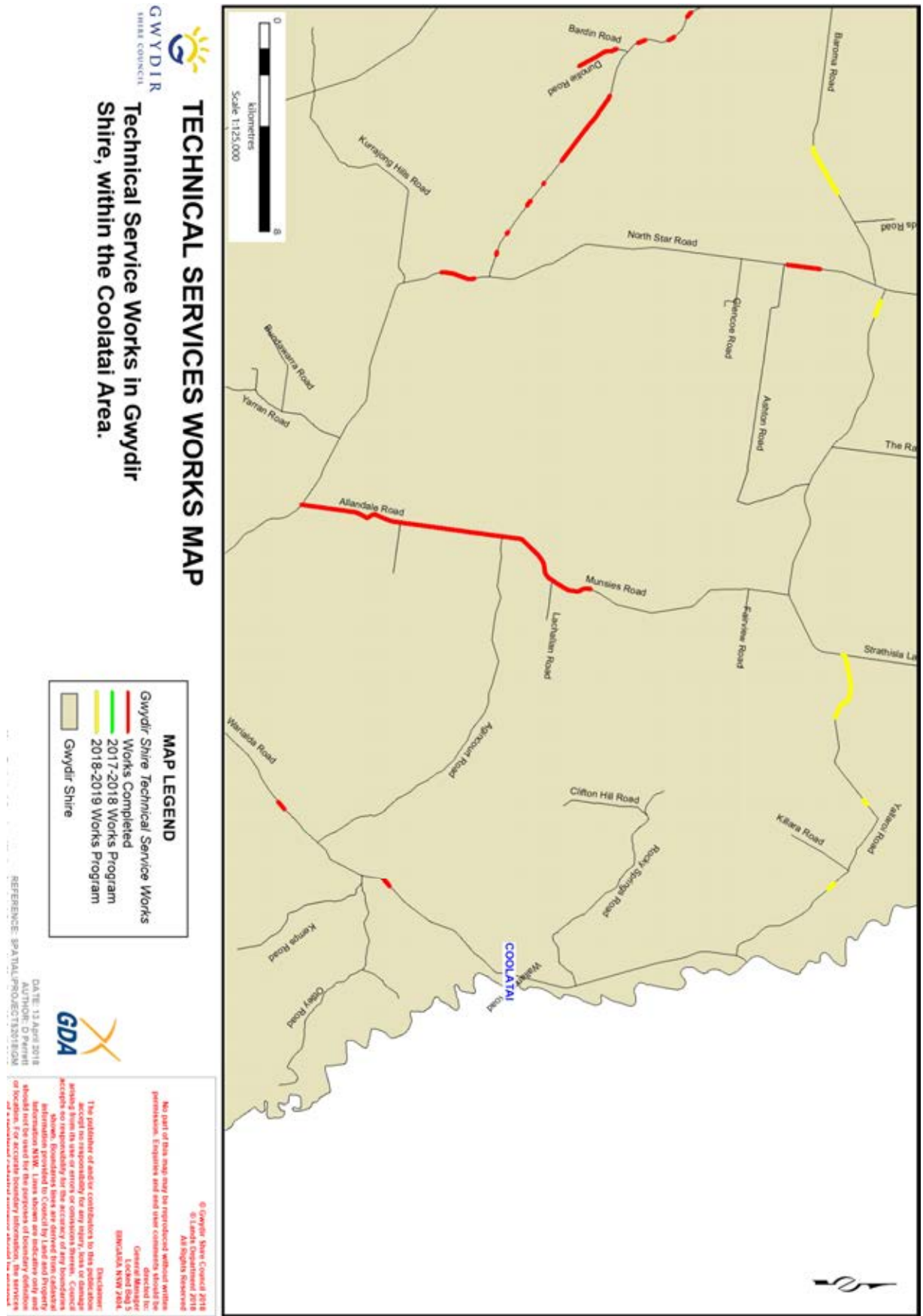
**Council Staff made presentations**

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- Inland Rail update
- Dementia Friendly communities

**Requests raised at the meeting**

- Slow down signage – village entries – CRM 7300/18
- No need for dump site to be installed (previously requested by hotel owner who has since left)
- Better signage to Inverell – CRM 7301/18
- Kiora Road – culvert is great, thank you
- Recent emergency on a property off Kiora Road. A patient with suspected spinal injuries could not be transported by ambulance due to the poor road condition – rescue helicopter had to be called in. Council cannot upgrade every road and this is why helicopter service is available and used.
- Tech Services staff promised on 5 February 2018 that Munsies Road would be graded – since then three rain events and no works undertaken – CRM 7302/18.

In addition, Resident passed on thank you for works done on Back Lane



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### Upper Horton Community Meeting - 8 May 2018

#### Council representative attendees

Cr John Coulton, Cr Catherine Egan, Cr Geoff Smith, Cr Frances Young, Cr Marilyn Dixon, Cr David Coulton, Cr James Moore, Max Eastcott, Alex Eddy, Carl Tooley, Helen Thomas, Tim Cox, and Carmen Southwell

#### Council Staff made presentations

- Welcome by Mayor Cr John Coulton
- Possible changes to tip accesses
- Report from Climate Change Adaption Working Group
- Circular Economy update including proposed greenhouse, and behind the meter scheme
- Liaising with community groups to fund projects/Stronger Community Funding and grants in general
- Deliberative Panel – Review of level of road services
- Technical Services including planned roadworks (see map of road works) , impact of hot, and continuing dry weather, roadwork methods
- Dementia Friendly communities

#### Requests raised at the meeting

- When is contractor picking up scrap metal from waste facility – expectation had been mid-February – CRM 7303/18
- Waste facility is always overflowing and there is hardly any space to turn around. Locals have been cleaning up but had been advised to stop (enquiry of staff has been made following the meeting and the resident was asked to stop as he was not only pushing up the rubbish but was also burning it). – CRM 7304/18
- Potential projects – installation of tank at Recreation Ground, promotion of events and area. Tim Cox and Cr Frances Young offered to work with the community on potential projects.
- A resident advised the meeting that he had been at the Narrabri Visitor Information Centre and was told that a great number of travellers wish to travel through the area but are put off by the gravel roads.
- Revisit recycling facilities. Skip bins were used for a little while many years ago but were removed. Now that recycling is becoming the 'norm' could recycling be trialed again. - CRM 7305/18
- Local roads are not properly named – Meeting was advised by Council staff that formalisation of the street names and gazettal to become Council public roads is a current project and will be completed within the next six months. – CRM 7306/18
- King Street – maintenance requested – CRM 7307/18
- Issues with livestock continually roaming village unsupervised. Residents thanked the temporary ranger for dealing with some of the issues promptly but continuing policing was requested, as it is feared someone will be injured or property damaged. Max Eastcott stated Council will undertake a blitz – CRM 7308/18
- Installation of signage – Steep Decline. Technical Services staff said that an audit will be undertaken during night hours shortly.- CRM 7309/18

In addition, that a resident acknowledged that The Living Classroom is a fantastic facility and that Council be thanked for continually sharing Upper Horton Community social media posts.



**Technical Service  
 Works in Gwydir Shire,  
 within the Upper  
 Horton Area.**

Job Description	Road Name	Length km	BUDGET	YTD EXPENDITURE	PROGRESS STATUS
Rusheting	Eubourne Road	4.8	91,118.00	91,118.01	Complete
Rusheting	Trevallyn Road	4.7	149,820.00	149,820.01	Complete
Rusheting	Kilmeray Road	5.1	86,544.00	54,474.53	Preliminary Works
Rusheting Program	Horton Road	0.735	107,370.00	66,227.07	Preliminary Works
Rusheting	Bundaleer Road	1.93	46,250.00	46,250.34	Complete
Rusheting	Towarra Road	5.14	94,265.00	69,708.92	80% Complete
Rusheting	Back Creek Road 2		56,933.00	56,933.22	Complete
Rusheting	Kywarra Road	1.295	20,714.00	20,713.62	Complete
Rusheting	Kywarra Road		5,458.00	5,457.80	Complete
Rusheting	Crachnells Road		11,938.00	11,938.59	Complete

**MAP LEGEND**

Gwydir Shire Technical Service Works

2017-2018 Works Completed

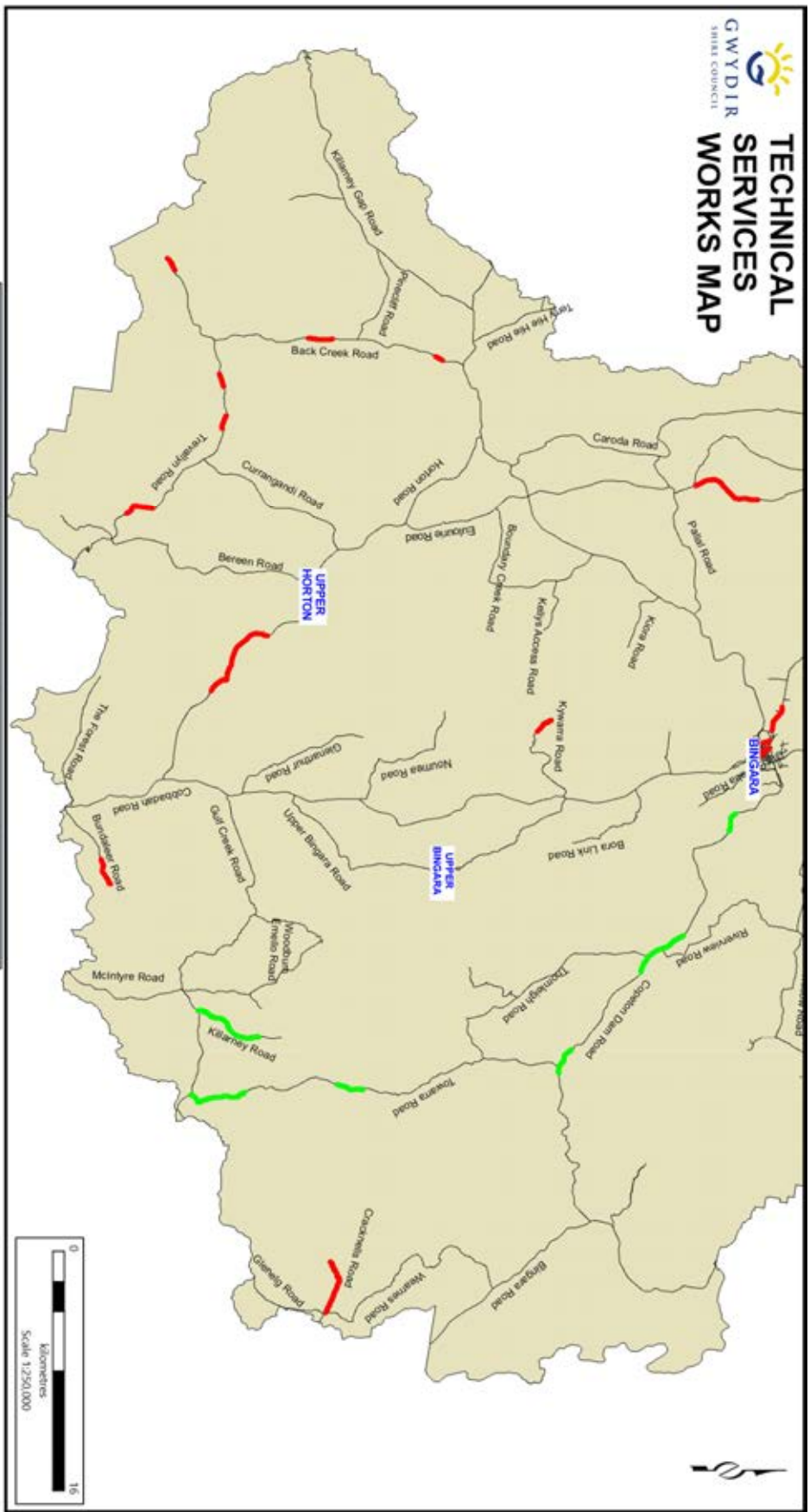
2017-2018 Works Program

Gwydir Shire

DATE: 11 April 2018  
 AUTHOUR: D PARRISH  
 REFERENCE: SPATIAL/PROJECT/WATER SEWERAGE

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Gravesend Community Meeting - 15 May 2018

Council representative attendees

Cr John Coulton, Cr Catherine Egan, Cr Geoff Smith, Cr David Coulton, Cr Tiffany Galvin, Cr James Moore, Max Eastcott, Leeah Daley, Carl Tooley, Alex Eddy, Colin Cuell, Carmen Southwell, Neil Daley, Michael Todd and Bronwyn Sargent

Council Staff made presentations

- Welcome by Mayor Cr John Coulton
- Possible changes to tip accesses
- Report from Climate Change Adaption Working Group
- Circular Economy update including proposed greenhouse, and behind the meter scheme
- Liaising with community groups to fund projects/Stronger Community Funding and grants in general
- Gravesend survey – results not yet collated but so far residents have requested that Council mow more regularly and that gardens need to be better presented – CRM 7310/18
- Technical Services including impact of hot, and continuing dry weather, roadwork methods
- Dementia Friendly communities

Karen Withers and Pat Withers made presentations to the meeting with regard to the Gravesend Hall. These presentations are attached.

Additional points raised by other attendees -

- Need to consider – upkeep of both Hall and Club will be necessary if Hall is restored.
- No need to renovate kitchen or supper room (use the Club)

Mayor commented that it was great to see community coming together. Confirmed Council has the attitude that *when a community actively helps themselves, Council will help them.*

Requests raised at meeting

- A resident expressed disappointment that the Gravesend Historical Society (GHS) remaining funds were transferred to the Warialda Historical Society.
- Slow down signage at village entry points– CRM 7311/18
- Install limit exhaust braking signage – CRM 7312/18
- Move 50 speed limit sign west of the Gravesend Road T intersection – CRM 7313/18
- Tidy up, Beth Bell will keep mown and tidy – CRM 7314/18
- Waste facility untidy CRM 7315/18
- Table drains are overgrown CRM-7316/18
- Gravesend Road – badly corrugated section (Mr Ken Withers spoke directly to Alex Eddy) – CRM 7317/18
- Bill Davies has left his property (Railway Parade Gravesend) and there is a great deal of rubbish left there – it is an eyesore and rubbish blows out from the property throughout the neighbourhood. Max Eastcott said he would arrange an inspection. – CRM 7318/18

Notes for discussion at the Gwydir Shire Councils Gravesend Community Meeting on 15 May 2018

Thank you to the council for the community notice board located at the Gravesend General Store. It is proving to be a spot that local residents are already starting to look to for information.

#### Town Hall

Since last July the community group has successfully run 2 raffles, 3 x 100 Clubs, Community Christmas Party, Easter Egg hunt and ANZAC Day events. Our bank account balance is ever so slowly increasing, due to these small funding opportunities, however our plans for big fundraisers are currently limited to a small venue to host them in. We find ourselves in a bit of a catch 22 situation. This being said, events that have been pencilled in on our Calendar for this year to be held with a bit of luck in the Town Hall include:

- 8 September – Seafood Dinner
- School Presentation night
- NYE Function
- Xmas indoor/outdoor markets
- Bush Dance (date to be confirmed)

2019

- Celebrating 110 years of the hall on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> June
- Mother's Day High Tea

Research is currently underway into a permanent photographic display which would be on display boards on the walls of the Town Hall and would include the following topics:

- Boothill horses (especially the internationally famous Rocky Ned)
- Donald Friend (Artist) – diaries and artworks
- Railway Information in relation to the Railway Bridge built by the Handyside Firm
- Prickly Pear research and Gravesend's involvement in being one of the early research stations

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We would also like to tie this in with the items that were in the old Church Museum and which are currently being held for us in the Warialda museum.

Other ideas, yet to be costed

Construction of a disabled toilet facility to be located between the Club and the Hall that includes showers. The showers could be coin operated and would be available for truck drivers to use, encouraging them to stop and then they might spend some more money on meals in the Café or Pub.

Access to a shower facility would also make the buildings more user friendly in the event of a town emergency and the need for emergency accommodation. We only need to have another flood take out the approaches to the bridge again and have people stuck and not having anywhere to stay. If this was available, then we could probably offer a roof for over their heads and somewhere to shelter from the weather until such time as the water recedes enough for them to move on.

This would also open up the hall as an accommodation venue for school or sporting groups. People could bring their swags and camp out overnight. It could also provide accommodation for Pony Club or Team Penning events.

Visitor Numbers

Currently the Gravesend General Store would send at least 20 people per day down to the park to use the toilet facilities. These people walk directly past both of our halls, giving us a starting point for exposure to a historical display.

The Gravesend General Store also reports to having between 100-150 people stop in at the shop on a daily basis. This number is made up, not only of local residents, but truckies, tradies and passing tourists alike. Our point of difference to other local towns on the Gwydir Highway is the availability for trucks, caravans and motorhomes to easily park and access the shop/pub/toilets/park and the halls, all with in walking distance of each other.

Town Hall Demolition

For the best part of the last ten years, the community of Gravesend have been told that the Hall was unavailable for hire. Unfortunately, we all took this at face value and nobody thought to question Council as to the reason why and now we face the possibility of loosing the hall altogether. So, we have spent the last 9 months looking into our options, applying for grants and boosting the presence of the community group through the running of Christmas, Easter and ANZAC Day events.

We would like to advise the meeting that the Gravesend Community Group has engaged the services of Mr David C Jones of Inverell who is a qualified Structural Engineer to carry out an independent evaluation of the Town Hall as suggested by the Council. Please note that a copy of this report was emailed to the General Manager, Deputy Manager and the Councillors yesterday for their information.

We would like it noted that our structural engineer has deemed that the hall is safe to access but acknowledge that there is maintenance work that needs to be carried out, but the Hall is far from needing to be demolished. With this information in mind, we request that all mention of demolition be withdrawn.

We feel that while this order is in effect, it is limiting our chances of receiving any grant funding to provide for the required maintenance work. The committee also feels limited by the demolition order. How are we supposed to fundraise effectively for the restoration of the hall? If we raise funds under the banner of the Gravesend Town Hall Restoration and then Council demolishes the building anyway, we would be accused of raising money under false pretences.

Grant applications take time to find, fill out, submit and await the outcomes of. As you can appreciate we require time to be able to fund the restoration through grants and fundraising events.

We have also received a statement of significance compiled by Graham Wilson, who is the former Heritage Officer for the Gwydir Shire. A copy of this report was also emailed to the Councillors, Mr Eastcott and Mrs Daley. It states when the hall was built, by who and how funds were raised just to mention a few things. A copy of which has been put up on the Community Noticeboard.

We acknowledge that the Gwydir Shire has no funds available to put into the restoration of this building. This is why we have asked that the proceeds from the sale of the Old Church Building be put towards the hall.

We also request that the Capex funding of \$10,000 that was allocated for the demolition of the hall be put towards the restoration project, not going to the construction of a storage shed/prep room at the Warialda Museum as resolved in the Council Minutes dated 27 July 2017 on page 5.

With the knowledge that Council does not have any funds to contribute, we applied to be considered for funding through Round 2 of the Stronger Country Communities Fund that the Council is in charge of administering to the different projects. We understand that there were more applications than money to go around but feel that even if we weren't allocated the entire amount that we could have been considered for a partial payment to help get the maintenance work started, thus reducing any further damage to the building. We also thought that our application should have been retained by the council if further funding opportunities become available as they have done for every other unsuccessful application as referred to in the Council minutes dated 26 April 2018 page 31.

Council Survey

We were wondering why there were two different versions of the Community Information Sheet distributed.

We would also like it noted that all residents of Gravesend did not receive a copy of the information sheet or survey so would like it noted that the results are not necessarily a true reflection of the entire population.

With regards to the suggestion that the proceeds of the sale of the old Church go into an extension of the Club, we ask why this was included when Council has already received grant money for this project. I refer to the minutes of Council dated 31 August 2017, that resolved to hold off the scheduled works to the RSL hall till the matter of the Town Hall has been resolved on page 16.

If there is a way to request to the funding body that this money be repurposed into the restoration of the Town Hall we would like this to happen. If the funding can't be repurposed, then we request that the planned extensions to the Club

take place before the funding deadline expires and the money needs to be returned to the funding body.

Going forward

We appreciate that the Council has offered the Gravesend Community Group the opportunity to purchase the Hall for \$1. We understand that this would get the accounting debt off your books. Our stumbling block over this offer is our capacity to keep up the insurance payments that would be required. The executive committee welcomes the opportunity to sit down with Council and work out some sort of agreement that will be beneficial to both the community and to the council.

The committee is in this for the long haul and we hope that the Council can be patient and allow us time to raise the necessary funds.

16-5-2018.

Re> GCG Shire Meeting.

Re> Heritage Society. I have been in touch with Andrew Trump asking if there was any possibility of the Heritage Society interested in taking over the Gravesend Hall as a heritage listing.

He suggested that we fill in a form online to apply with a letter from the Gwydir Shire of their support. I rang Carmen Southwell asking if she could send us a letter of support. Carmen was to get in touch with Andrew. At the moment we were still in this progress of sorting out this request.

I have been intensely doing research on floating & swung floors. I been in touch with the Maitland Hall Committee with great response with photo's and information on its hall foundations of 1934. Or though it is different there is a part similar as too the size of the spaces between the bearers. I also have been in touch with the Paddington Hall and I am still waiting for their response.

In my research I have looked at many swung floors which are all different. There seems to be that over the years they have change and as our hall is 109 years old and being of timber and wooden foundation. There is three sections with the bearers only half way up the building, covering this space it only has joists holding the floor boards. (see our drawing of the foundation)

In the 1950's Joe Gibbons & Bill Drew renewed the floor boards of the Hall. Ken Withers remembers that at the time, Joe Gibbons remark that the foundations where of some significance but Ken cannot remember what Joe called the floor. But some of are former citizens have said previous that it was a floating floor but sadly they are not with us.

I have enquired if any builders knew about the above mention floors, saying they have no idea what a floating or swung floor was.

ing floors come in a few major types:”

Traditional wood basket-weave

Wood with high durometer neoprene pads. Sometimes both basket-weave and neoprene pads are used.

Foam rubber with a wood or other area elastic layer on top

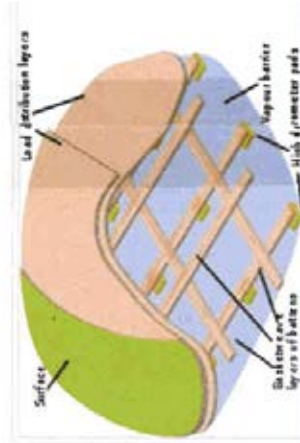
A few sprung floors use actual springs - the special **spring floors** used by cheerleaders and tumblers often have coil springs under them. : construction may be built into the area, or it may be composed of modules that slot together and can be disassembled for tours.

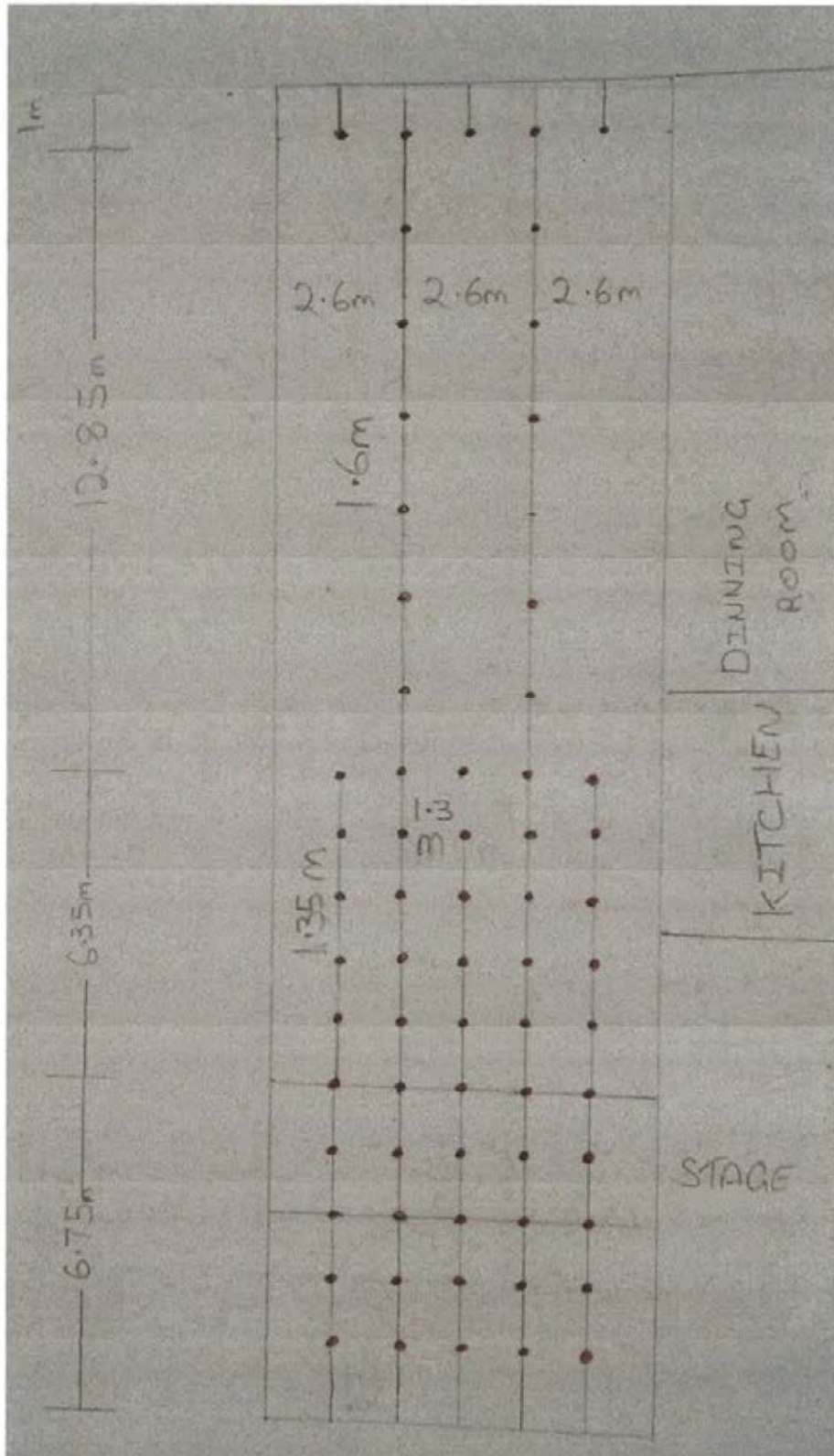
formance halls should be designed and built with sprung floors in mind. A depth of at least 10 centimetres (3.9 in) should be allowed for floor. This can be a major constraint when laying a sprung floor in a hall not designed for it. Most can accommodate a maximum of 5 cm (1 in), and some sprung floors designed for refurbishments are as low as 3 cm (1.2 in).<sup>[8]</sup> Ramps for wheelchairs will be needed at the rs. If the ramp is outside the hall, the doors will need the bottoms trimmed off (easing) and their height will therefore be reduced. Ramps have a 1:12 incline at most, and they may also need a safety zone around them. Thus if the floor is 5 cm deep, the ramp should be 24 cm (24 in) long or more. The underfloor needs to be made flat either with levelling cement, very careful trowelling, or by using shims and yer of masonry. Any new cement must be allowed to dry for at least a month. A membrane **vapour barrier** should be used to prevent sture from the ground.

semi-traditional floor would have wood battens laid on pads made of neoprene, which is more durable than rubber. Pads are typically laid 50 cm (16–20 in) apart and are 1–2.5 cm (0.39–0.98 in) thick. Then more wood battens are put on top at right angles, halfway between pads. A traditional floor might have three layers of this springing. Then two layers of plywood are placed on top, offset by 45–90 rees so that the joints do not match up. The plywood spreads the load. Finally, the actual surface is made from a layer strong, durable wood like oak, beech or maple, or other types of wood that are covered with a vinyl surface. There may be provision to prevent the floor from depressing too much if a very heavy weight is placed on it.

ere should normally be a fairly wide gap between the floor and the wall to allow for expansion and to allow air to circulate. s is often covered by a skirting board or molding, to make the gap less apparent. It is because the floor is free-standing, er than connected to walls or joists, that it is also referred to as a floating floor.

: performance surface is normally of vinyl or hardwood, engineered wood or laminate. For dance the surface may be aceable, so that a theatre can adapt easily to either ballet or tap dance.





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# Climate change adaptation plan development

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My name is Carl Tooley. Last year Council decided to form an internal Coordination Team to develop a **Climate Change Adaptation Plan**. I am one of the staff on that Team.

The objective of the Plan is to deliver **adaptation** actions that address the adverse impacts of climate change and to build **resilience** within the Council and the community.

I know climate change can be emotive and you get many different reactions to the conversation so I will keep this short and sweet.

Now, Council's climate change planning is underpinned by **climate projections** from the CSIRO and the Bureau of Meteorology's *Climate Change in Australia* publication from 2015.

The CSIRO have made it **very clear** that with climate change, north west New South Wales is expected to be **hotter** and **drier** in the future and will face increasingly **variable weather**. **Bushfires and storm events** will be more intense and will occur more frequently which will increase demand for emergency response and recovery.

This is why Council has decided that 'business as usual' has to change from its current form.

Climate change **adaptation** describe actions that can be taken to **increase resilience** to climate change and its effects.

It aims to **reduce harm** and vulnerability, and make use of **opportunities**. Adaptation makes us **better prepared** for a future of increased heat, flood, bushfire and drought, and gradually changing temperature and rainfall averages.

**Bear in mind** that **adaptation** is different to **mitigation**. Mitigation efforts focus on minimising the extent of climate change by reducing greenhouse gas emissions. Adaptation is complementary and recognises that climate change is occurring and plans and acts in response.

Obviously Council has many existing controls that manage climate change variables such as

- A Local Emergency Management Plan
- Policies for work health and safety for staff
- Management Plans for roads, water, social services
- Public liability insurance

**But specifically adapting to climate change is in essence an *emergency response* and is about managing risk.**

The Adaptation Planning team are well down the path of developing a plan using a risk management framework coming up with a list of actions that Council can consider.

But engaging with the community is critical to the success of these types of plans so we need your ideas on how the community can adapt and better deal with climate change.

The planning team would like interested people to be part of a focus group to get your ideas on paper. So please come and see me after the meeting if you are interested so I can get your details.

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Chairman .....

MEMO TO: All Councillors  
MEMO FROM: General Manager  
SUBJECT: Gravesend Hall  
DATE: 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2018

Attached is a letter from the Gravesend Community Group Incorporated outlining how the group would allocate the \$25,000 from the sale of the Museum site, if the Council agrees to this money being allocated to the Group.

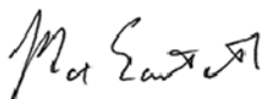
The NSW State Government's 2018 Community Building Partnerships Program is open until 15<sup>th</sup> June 2018 for suitable projects.

It is a \$ for \$ grant and these funds could be used as matching funds for the grant.

The four criteria outlined in the guidelines would allow this project to be considered for funding:

1. Enhancing facilities — the project develops a vibrant, sustainable and inclusive community through the enhancement or construction of community infrastructure.
2. Meeting community needs — the project supports activities and services needed by local communities.
3. Increasing community participation — the project encourages participation in activities or services needed by a broad section of the community.
4. The organisation's capacity — the applicant has the capacity to deliver the project on time and within scope.

When the Council considers the Community Meeting Minutes, it may like to formally acknowledge the Group's request for access to these funds and also the Council's support for a grant application to be made under the Community Building Partnerships Program using the \$25,000 as the matching contribution by the Council and the Gravesend Community Group Incorporated.



Max Eastcott  
General Manager

Gravesend Community Group  
Incorporated  
Inc No: INC9897742

17 May 2018

Mr Max Eastcott  
General Manager  
Gwydir Shire Council

Dear Mr Eastcott

I write to you on behalf of the Gravesend Community Group Inc as requested in relation to the \$25,000 from the proposed sale of the Old Church in Gravesend and how it will be spent.

The \$25,000 would be used to attend to the first stage of repairs to the Gravesend Town Hall as described in the structural engineer's report which is:

1. Replace rotted piers with steel piers and repair and level the floors and attend to fire egress requirements as directed by Gwydir Shire Council.

If there is any money left over after attending to the first stage, then we would move onto the next stage being:

2. Replace damaged weatherboards, windows and the roof cladding and roof battens and guttering and repaint exterior

Whilst waiting for the sale of the Old Church, we will continue to seek out grants to apply for. We will be applying under the current round of the Community Building Partnership.

We are waiting for some updated costings from our builder, so I hope that this broad plan will suffice.

If you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me on 0412 077 296.

Kind regards

Karen Withers  
Treasurer

Item 6 Gazettal of Joint Organisations

**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** 16 May 2018

**STAFF DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST** Nil

**IN BRIEF/ SUMMARY RECOMMENDATION**

This report is to note the gazettal of the Joint Organisations across regional NSW, including the Namoi Joint Organisation.

**TABLED ITEMS** Nil

**BACKGROUND**

The proclamation forming the Joint Organisations was issued on 11<sup>th</sup> May 2018.

In the New England North West two Joint Organisations have been formed:

Namoi Joint Organisation	Gunnedah, Gwydir, Liverpool Plains, Tamworth Regional and Walcha
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New England Joint Organisation	Armidale Regional, Glen Innes Severn Shire, Inverell, Moree Plains, Tenterfield and Uralla
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The future allocation of Narrabri Shire has been undetermined.

The NSW Government has also provided \$300,000 in seed funding to help establish the new regional body in the Namoi region.

**OFFICER RECOMMENDATION**

THAT the proclamation forming the Namoi Joint Organisation dated 11<sup>th</sup> May 2018 is noted.

**ATTACHMENTS**

**AT-** Gazettal Notice

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Chairman .....

**COUNCIL RESOLUTION:  
MINUTE 164/18**

**THAT the proclamation forming the Namoi Joint Organisation dated 11<sup>th</sup> May 2018 is noted.**

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





## Local Government (Regional Joint Organisations) Proclamation 2018

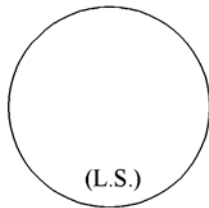
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Local Government Act 1993

DAVID HURLEY, Governor

I, General The Honourable David Hurley AC DSC (Ret'd), Governor of New South Wales, with the advice of the Executive Council, and in pursuance of section 400O of the *Local Government Act 1993*, make the following Proclamation.

Signed and sealed at Sydney, this 9th day of May 2018.

By His Excellency's Command,



GABRIELLE UPTON, MP  
Minister for Local Government

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN!

### Explanatory note

The object of this Proclamation is to constitute various joint organisations of councils.

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Local Government (Regional Joint Organisations) Proclamation 2018 [NSW]

## Local Government (Regional Joint Organisations) Proclamation 2018

under the

Local Government Act 1993

### 1 Name of Proclamation

This Proclamation is the *Local Government (Regional Joint Organisations) Proclamation 2018*.

### 2 Commencement

This Proclamation commences on the day on which it is published on the NSW legislation website.

### 3 Constitution of joint organisations

The joint organisations specified in the Table to this clause are constituted with:

- (a) the names specified in the Table, and
- (b) joint organisation areas consisting of the council areas specified opposite the name of each joint organisation:

Column 1	Column 2
Joint organisation	Council areas forming joint organisation area
Canberra Region Joint Organisation	Bega Valley, Eurobodalla, Goulburn Mulwaree, Hilltops, Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional, Snowy Monaro Regional, Upper Lachlan Shire, Wingecarribee, Yass Valley
Central NSW Joint Organisation	Bathurst Regional, Blayney, Cabonne, Cowra, Forbes, Lachlan, Oberon, City of Orange, Parkes, Weddin
Hunter Joint Organisation	City of Cessnock, Dungog, City of Lake Macquarie, City of Maitland, Mid-Coast, Muswellbrook, City of Newcastle, Port Stephens, Singleton, Upper Hunter Shire
Illawarra Shoalhaven Joint Organisation	Kiama, City of Shellharbour, City of Shoalhaven, City of Wollongong
Mid North Coast Joint Organisation	Bellingen, Kempsey, Port Macquarie-Hastings
Namoi Joint Organisation	Gunnedah, Gwydir, Liverpool Plains, Tamworth Regional, Walcha
New England Joint Organisation	Armidale Regional, Glen Innes Severn Shire, Inverell, Moree Plains, Tenterfield, Uralla
Northern Rivers Joint Organisation	Ballina, Byron, Kyogle, City of Lismore, Richmond Valley, Tweed

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Local Government (Regional Joint Organisations) Proclamation 2018 [NSW]

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<b>Column 1</b>	<b>Column 2</b>
<b>Joint organisation</b>	<b>Council areas forming joint organisation area</b>
Orana Joint Organisation	Cobar, Gilgandra, Mid-Western Regional, Narromine, Warrumbungle Shire
Riverina and Murray Joint Organisation	City of Albury, Berrigan, Edward River, Federation, City of Griffith, Hay, Leeton, Murray River, Murrumbidgee
Riverina Joint Organisation	Bland, Coolamon, Cootamundra-Gundagai Regional, Greater Hume Shire, Junee, Lockhart, Temora

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Item 7            **Minutes of the Border Regional Organisation of Councils'  
meeting held 04 May 2018**

**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**            16 May 2018

**STAFF DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST**   Nil

**IN BRIEF/ SUMMARY RECOMMENDATION**

This report is for notation of the minutes of the Border Regional Organisation of Councils' (BROC) meeting held at The Living Classroom, Gwydir Shire Council in Bingara on 04 May 2018.

Copies of the presentations made at the ordinary meeting can be provided upon request.

**OFFICER RECOMMENDATION**

THAT the Minutes of the Border Regional Organisation of Councils' meeting held 04 May 2018 be received

**ATTACHMENTS**

**AT-** Minutes of BROC Meeting held 04 May 2018

**COUNCIL RESOLUTION:  
MINUTE 165/18**

**THAT the Minutes of the Border Regional Organisation of Councils'  
meeting held 04 May 2018 be received.**

**(Moved Cr Smith, seconded Cr D Coulton)**



## MINUTES

### 04 May 2018 – Gwydir, Bingara

Venue:	The Living Classroom, 1A Killarney Gap Road, Bingara	Date:	04 May 2018
Chair:	Cr John Coulton, Gwydir	Time:	10am
Attendees:	Cr F Young, Cr Catherine Egan, Max Eastcott (GM), Alex Eddy, Robyn Phillips	Gwydir Shire Council	
	Cr Peter Petty, Cr Brian Murray, CE Terry Dodds	Tenterfield Shire Council	
	Cr Richard Marsh	Balonne Shire Council	
	Cr Kate Dight, Cr Stewart Berryman	Inverell Shire Council	
	Cr Stephen Ritchie , Angus Witherby	Moree Plains Shire Council	
	Cr I Woodcock and Don Ramsland (GM)	Walgett Shire Council	
	Russell Stewart, Chair, RDANI	Regional Development Australia, Northern Inland	
	Guests James McTavish CBC, Derek Baker UNE, Adam Marshall Member for Northern Tablelands		
File ref:	S1242		

<b>1</b>	<b>Meeting Opened 10.05am</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>Apologies</b>
2.1	Cr J White and K Parker (GRC), Matthew Magin (Balonne), Cr J McNally and Cr Rod Kelly (SDRC), Bryan Grey (RDA Darling Downs and South West), Cr Sue Price (MPSC)
2.2	Cr Coulton welcomed special guests James McTavish (Cross Border Commissioner) and Derek Baker from UNE
2.3	<b>Moved</b> Tenterfield that the Order of the Meeting be changed to allow guest presenters to catch flights, <b>Seconded</b> Moree. <span style="float: right;"><b>Carried</b></span>
<b>3</b>	<b>Guest presenters</b>
3.1	James McTavish, Cross Border Commissioner (presentation attached) Provided a list of identified issues and requested feedback from regional

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	<p>councils for identified issues - worklist revision by 26 May (refer Page 13 of presentation)</p> <p>Comments</p> <p><u>Macropod harvesting and processing</u>          JMcT advised there has been an increase in licences issued in NSW, hope to progress the industry, improvements needed to allow movement of bodies and hides – a Draft code has been agreed to by a National body</p> <p><u>Vertebrate Pest Management and Cluster Fencing</u>          Cr Marsh (Balonne) advised funding is available for cluster fencing in QLD; 25% of Balonne SC has cluster fencing. BSC is working with adjacent shires and seeking more funding for fencing program.</p> <p><u>Emergency Management across the border</u>          Cr Dight queried the working of emergency management processes across the border - JMcT responded that MOUs exist - funding has been made available for radios in vehicles assisting cross border communication, believes payments for ambulance service has now been addressed.          Noted the protocol e.g. ambulance is to go to the nearest trauma centre</p> <p><u>Biosecurity</u>          RDANI advised of biosecurity training program in existence at DPI, Glen Innes and suggested this could be utilised by councils</p> <p><u>Public Transport</u>          GSC queried the cross border use of public transport cards such as the Opal Card currently used in NSW. JMcT advised discussions are currently taking place – issue with concessions, working towards a data sharing agreement with other states.</p>
<p>3.2</p>	<p>Adam Marshall, Minister for Tourism and Major Events, Member for Northern Tablelands</p> <p>Advised currently working on the integration of tourism across the border</p> <p>Keen to work with Bruxner Way group for reclassification as a Highway, noting there will be an impact on east west roads (Bruxner and Gwydir Hway) with the inland rail project</p>
<p>3.3</p>	<p>Derek Baker, Centre for Agribusiness, UNE (Rural Roads) – presentation attached</p> <p>A study was instigated by the Rural Industries Research and Development Corporation (RIRDC) now trading as AgriFutures and the Australian Rural Road Group (ARRG) in partnership with University of New England to examine the cost benefit analysis (CBA) on upgrading of different types of rural roads – noting that past studies have focused on urban areas</p> <p>The research focused on direct and indirect variables, namely agricultural production and social benefits, as part of the CBA.</p> <p>Because of the rural and regional localities' low populations, their roads have lower traffic volumes than urban roads and impact investment decisions around upgrading roads. It is hoped that the findings in this study will inform decision makers at local, state and national levels when making decisions on upgrading roads in rural and regional Australia.</p> <p>Cr Ritchie (MPSC) asked about local landholders self-help program, Derek advised this wasn't considered in the study.</p> <p>GSC advised Gwydir has had great results with their self-help program over many years with up to 40% saving.</p>

	During discussion, it was pointed out that one issue with self-help program is landowner/contributor feeling they have ownership of the road Balonne also has had great results using self-help without ownership issues.
3.4	Max Eastcott presented Gwydir Shire's Circular Economy initiative (presentation attached)
3.5	Russel Stewart (RDANI) – has been re-elected as Chair for the next 3 years, thanked BROCC for their support. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>presented councils present with individual figures on employment, wages and salaries, regional exports and imports, and local expenditure within their council areas</li> <li>RDANI is now 70% self-funded and covers a large number of local government areas</li> <li>Requested member councils to liaise with the Armidale office re funding opportunities as outlined in the Cross Border Commissioner's presentation</li> </ul>
<b>4</b>	<b>Minutes of Meeting 09 February 2018 (Balonne)</b>
4.1	<b>Matters arising from the Minutes</b>
4.1.1	Review of BROCC Transport Plan – listed on Agenda
4.1.2	Bruxner Way matter – consider Cunningham's weir – listed on Agenda
4.2	<b>Moved</b> that the minutes from February meeting be accepted Moree, <b>Seconded</b> Walgett <span style="float: right;"><b>Carried</b></span>
<b>5</b>	<b>Correspondence</b>
5.1	<b>Inwards:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Responses from Senators Barry O'Sullivan, Jane Hume, Rex Patrick – Northern Basin Review MDBP</li> <li>Copy of letters to Attorneys General and Ministers from Southern Downs Regional Council – Bullying</li> <li>Copy of notification from Tenterfield Shire Council to James McTavish, Cross Border Commissioner of Council Resolution 28/02/18 – noting also a container deposit facility was installed at Tenterfield and operational from 27/02/18 (Return and Earn)</li> <li>Request from Australian Road Research Board (ARRB) for BROCC participation in updating a National Transport Research Plan</li> <li>Tenterfield Draft Terms of reference - Bruxner Way (Joint Committee)</li> <li>Invoice for design, development and registration of BROCC website – includes 2 years' registration of domain <a href="http://www.borderroc.com">www.borderroc.com</a> \$25 + one year hosting fee \$119.40, preparation of site \$55 and 6 hours' design and setting up website \$330</li> </ul>
5.2	<b>Outwards:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Letter to all Members and all Senators – Northern Basin Review Murray Darling Basin Plan</li> </ul>
5.3	<b>Matters arising from Correspondence</b>
5.3.1	Return and Earn – James McTavish advised that a return and earn scheme will be introduced in QLD on 1 November 2018

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5.3.2	BROC website now operational and includes a link to each member council – it was suggested that member councils may wish to include a link to the BROC website on their Council websites																																								
5.4	<b>Moved</b> Inverell that the correspondence be accepted, <b>Seconded</b> Walgett <b>Carried</b>																																								
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6.1	<p><u>Warwick Credit Union</u></p> <p><b>Term Deposit</b> renewed for six months to 22 July 2018 – 100005924-I2</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td>Balance as at 31 January 2018</td> <td style="text-align: right;"><b>\$27,261.33</b></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Nil transaction</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Closing balance as at 28 February 2018</td> <td style="text-align: right;"><b>\$27,261.33</b></td> </tr> </table> <p><b>Account 400379187 – S6</b></p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td>Opening balance 31 January 2018</td> <td style="text-align: right;"><b>0.18</b></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Nil transactions</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Closing balance as at 28 February 2018</td> <td style="text-align: right;"><b>0.18</b></td> </tr> </table> <p><u>National Australia Bank</u> (since presented to the last meeting)</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td>Opening balance as at 12 January 2018</td> <td style="text-align: right;"><b>\$5,771.81</b></td> </tr> <tr> <td>18/01/18 Membership fees paid Gwydir SC</td> <td style="text-align: right;">500.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>24/01/18 Travel and vehicle hire MDA + one night's accommodation</td> <td style="text-align: right;">780.15</td> </tr> <tr> <td>25/01/18 Membership fees paid Inverell SC</td> <td style="text-align: right;">500.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>25/01/18 Membership fees paid Tenterfield SC</td> <td style="text-align: right;">500.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>31/01/18 Hamper for Alice Colbran</td> <td style="text-align: right;">100.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>01/02/18 Membership fees paid Goondiwindi</td> <td style="text-align: right;">500.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>05/02/18 membership fees paid MPSC</td> <td style="text-align: right;">500.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>08/02/18 Membership fees SDRC</td> <td style="text-align: right;">500.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Balance as at 09 February 2018</td> <td style="text-align: right;"><b>\$7,891.66</b></td> </tr> <tr> <td>12/02/18 Accommodation and meal MDA - E Bradbury in Balonne</td> <td style="text-align: right;">201.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>15/02/18 Membership fees Walgett SC</td> <td style="text-align: right;">500.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>23/02/18 Membership fees Balonne SC</td> <td style="text-align: right;">500.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Balance as at 9 March 2018</td> <td style="text-align: right;"><b>\$8,690.66</b></td> </tr> </table>	Balance as at 31 January 2018	<b>\$27,261.33</b>	Nil transaction		Closing balance as at 28 February 2018	<b>\$27,261.33</b>	Opening balance 31 January 2018	<b>0.18</b>	Nil transactions		Closing balance as at 28 February 2018	<b>0.18</b>	Opening balance as at 12 January 2018	<b>\$5,771.81</b>	18/01/18 Membership fees paid Gwydir SC	500.00	24/01/18 Travel and vehicle hire MDA + one night's accommodation	780.15	25/01/18 Membership fees paid Inverell SC	500.00	25/01/18 Membership fees paid Tenterfield SC	500.00	31/01/18 Hamper for Alice Colbran	100.00	01/02/18 Membership fees paid Goondiwindi	500.00	05/02/18 membership fees paid MPSC	500.00	08/02/18 Membership fees SDRC	500.00	Balance as at 09 February 2018	<b>\$7,891.66</b>	12/02/18 Accommodation and meal MDA - E Bradbury in Balonne	201.00	15/02/18 Membership fees Walgett SC	500.00	23/02/18 Membership fees Balonne SC	500.00	Balance as at 9 March 2018	<b>\$8,690.66</b>
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6.2	<b>Moved</b> Tenterfield that the finance report be accepted including payment of the outstanding account for website and that an allocation of a maximum of \$10,000 of BROC funding be made available for further research on rural roads <b>Seconded</b> Walgett <b>Carried</b>																																								
<b>7</b>	<b>Items listed</b>																																								
7.1	Review of BROC Transport Plan AW (MPSC) has been in touch with CSIRO and will come back to BROC with																																								

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	a proposal
7.2	Bruxner Way (including Cunningham's weir) A sub committee consisting of Tenterfield, Inverell, Gwydir and Moree Plains Councils met after the meeting.
<b>8</b>	<b>General Business</b>
8.1	Cr Coulton advised that the Australian Rural Road Group (ARRG) will be holding their Annual General Meeting in June 2018 and a motion will be put forward to close the ARRG.
<b>9</b>	<b>Next Meeting</b> – 10 August 2018 – Goondiwindi (followed by AGM and ordinary meeting on 09 November in Tenterfield and Feb 2019 SDRC Warwick)
<b>10</b>	<b>Meeting Closed</b> – 12.30pm

<b>Action Item Log:</b>			
<b>Officer</b>	<b>Item</b>	<b>Listed</b>	<b>Outcome</b>
RJ & AW	Report – Review of BROC Transport Plan to be submitted to May meeting	09/02/18	
Exec	Return and Earn issues to be referred to Cross Border Commissioner	09/02/18	Completed
Exec	List Bruxner Way matter for May 2018 meeting	09/02/18	✓
Affected councils	Consider Cunningham's weir matter with Bruxner Way issue	09/02/18	Listed
Exec	Provide submission to Members and Senators by 12/02/18 – Northern Basin Review (MDBP)	09/02/18	Completed
Exec	Commission further research on rural roads	04/05/18	

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# Working Collaboratively

## NSW Cross-Border Commissioner

Helping to build resilient cross-border communities and  
businesses contributing to a stronger NSW economy

Presentation to BROCC  
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Friday 4 May 2018



# Scope

- Background and environment
- NSW CBC Role and Function
- Qld/NSW Agreement
- Issues, risks and emerging opportunities
- Questions and actions



# Addressing cross-border issues is part of our core business



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# Background and environment



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## NSW Cross-Border Commissioner

- 2011 election commitment
- Supports NSW Premier's and State Priorities
- CBC Business Plan 15-18
  - Themes centred on the evolved CBC functions
  - **Vision.** Resilient cross-border communities and businesses contributing to a stronger NSW economy
  - **Purpose.** To address cross-border issues facing communities, businesses and organisations that live, work and operate in NSW.

## NSW CBC Activity in NSW

- Engagement with NSW agencies on full range of issues
  - Regionally through regional governance framework
  - Statewide through agency execs and Ministers, including Cabinet
- Prioritisation of effort in issues resolution
  - Supporting NSW Premier's priorities
- Input into reviews and inquiries
- Development of activity in support of agreements with ACT CM and Queensland Premier
- Continuing engagement with other governments, including Victoria.

## NSW CBC Activity in NSW

- In the month we have dealt with issues associated with:
  - CDS – impact on cross-border businesses
  - Regional economic development strategies
  - Infrastructure and utilities provision
  - Regional plans
  - Emergency services and emergency management resourcing
  - Payroll tax
  - Education standards
  - Teacher accreditation
  - Homeschooling
  - VET subsidies and access
  - Business regulation and reporting
  - Future Transport 2056
  - Freight studies
  - Inland rail
  - State based taxation
  - NCAT jurisdiction
  - Commonwealth Games
  - School enrolment policies
  - Greiner review – NSW regulatory framework
  - IPART review – regional bus fares
- IPART Review – Regional Taxi Services
- IPART Review – CDS
- China's National Sword policy
- Child protection
- Domestic violence
- NDIS
- Occupational licensing
- Rideshare and taxis licensing
- Healthcare service delivery
- Tourism and regional promotion
- Biosecurity regulation
- Pest management
- Forestry agreements
- Water sharing agreements
- Data sharing
- Indigenous disadvantage
- Youth unemployment
- Macropod harvesting
- Zonal taxation
- NSW planning processes
- Assisted travel schemes
- Community transport eligibility
- Availability of prosthetics



## Mous

- Developed after extensive consultation within NSW and with Qld and ACT
- Revises the agreements signed in 2011
- Provide for enhanced accountability and transparency:
  - Requires revision of agreed tasks and outcomes by FY
  - In NSW requires reporting through Parliamentary Secretaries, Cabinet and Secretaries Board
  - Revised in full after three years.



## MoU Priority Action Areas

- Qld
  - Regional Economic Development
  - Aligning services and sharing information
  - Public transport
- Issues of national significance including waste management, NDIS, DV, heavy vehicle regulation
- 88 discrete projects

# Opportunities

- Activity under Agreement
- Agency to agency activity outside Agreement
- Projects under relevant plans, such as the NSW North Coast Regional Plan – Implementation Plan
- NSW programs including
  - Cross-Border Commissioner's Infrastructure Fund
  - Restart NSW
  - Rebuilding NSW, including \$6bn for regional NSW
  - Stronger Country Communities Fund
  - Growing Local Economies
  - Regional Sports Fund etc
- Regional Infrastructure Coordinator
- Regional Economic Development Strategies
- Future Transport 2056
- Regional Service Standards analysis
- Major infrastructure projects.

## Notable Issues, Risks and Constraints

- Demographic trends in regional NSW and Queensland
- NSW election on 23 March 2019
- NSW Government agency capacity and focus
- Industry capacity and availability
- Cost risk
- NSW local governments capacity and variability
- Policies, such as:
  - Assessment criteria for NSW programs, (BCR >1 for Restart (NSW)),
  - NSW Treasury guidelines for cost benefit analysis
  - NSW planning system.

## Worklist revision – council feedback

- Consider issues - needs, requirements and priorities
- Consider possible and preferred solutions
- Advise CBC prior to 26 May if possible (email, phone, or mail)
  - Issue
  - Preferred/possible solution
  - Issue cause (policy, legislation, regulation, other)
  - Advise best POC in council
- Be prepared to discuss issues, priorities and resolutions if required
- Be prepared to progress issues outside of agreement structure

# Worklist revision – identified issues

- Service provision at Mungindi Hospital
  - Road and bridge infrastructure funding
  - Police jurisdiction / authority, location and training
  - Rural crime
  - Access to social services
  - VET subsidy eligibility and access
  - Youth justice
  - Information sharing – education, health and justice
  - Occupational licensing
- Inland rail
- Heavy vehicle regulation
- Macropod harvesting and processing
- Regional economic development
- Tourism promotion
- Emergency management and emergency services
- Water sharing plans
- Border Rivers Commission
- Vertebrate pest management and cluster fencing
- Biosecurity



## Worklist revision process

- Week of 7 May – initial negotiation of items
- 14 – 26 May – feedback from agencies
- June – finalisation
- July – approvals through Qld Cabinet and NSW Deputy Premier
- August - announcement

# Addressing cross-border issues is part of our core business



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# Questions and Actions

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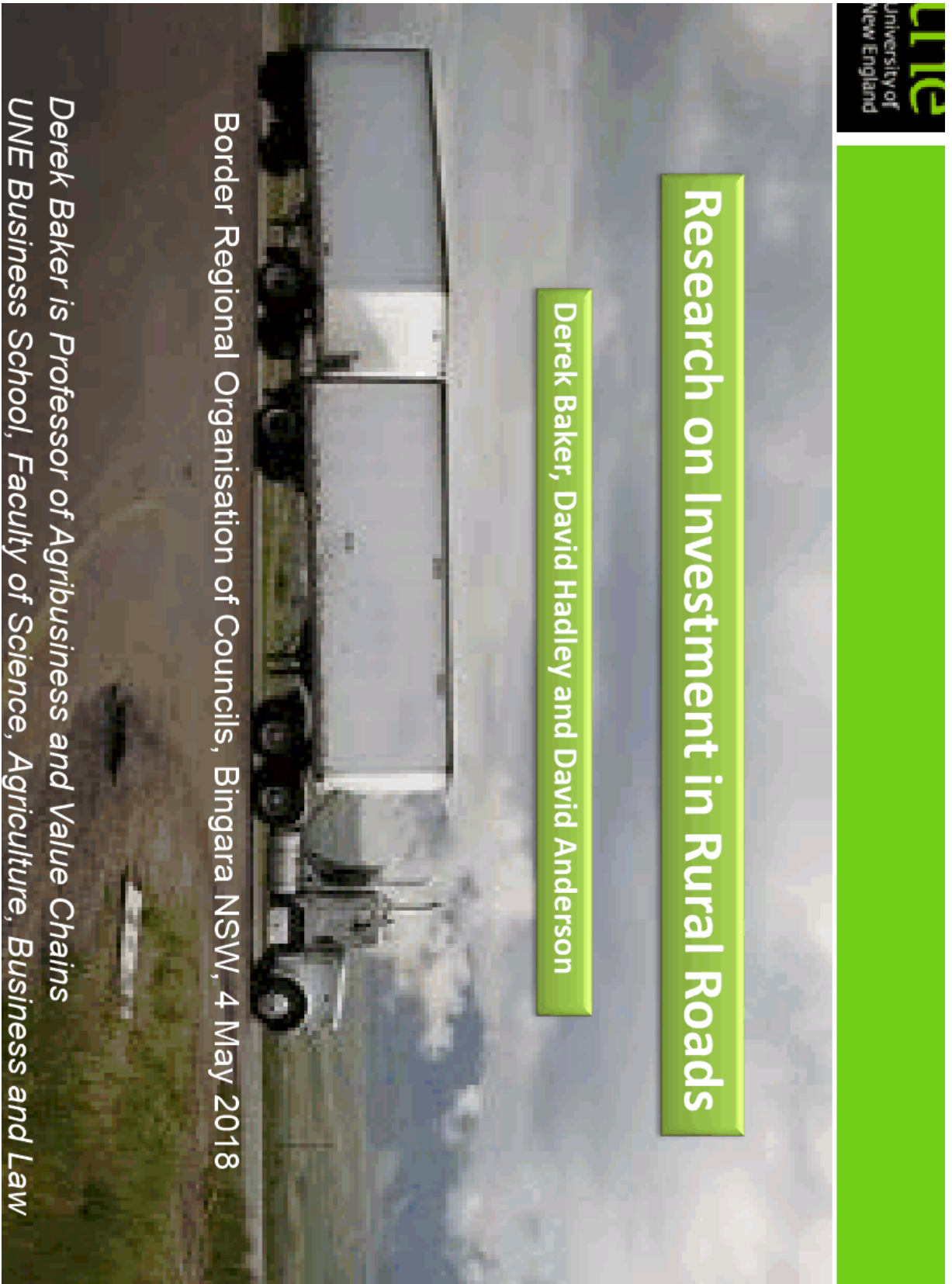
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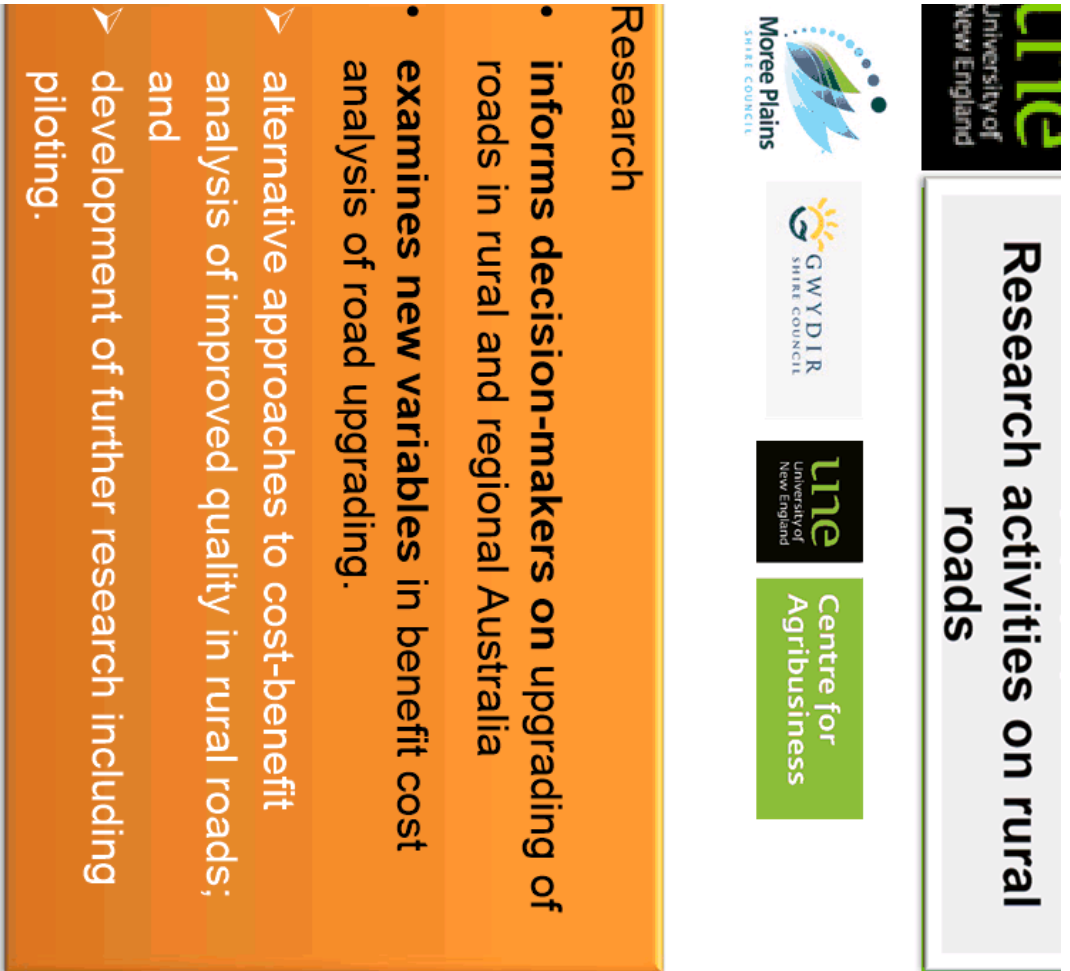


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What and why to invest?  
What is role of government at various levels?  
What makes a good investment?  
What needs to be counted?



**Research activities on rural roads**

**Research**

- informs decision-makers on upgrading of roads in rural and regional Australia
- examines new variables in benefit cost analysis of road upgrading.
- ▶ alternative approaches to cost-benefit analysis of improved quality in rural roads; and
- ▶ development of further research including piloting.

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**AgriFutures Australia**

**Research activities on rural roads**

By Derek Baker, David Hickey and David Anderson  
October 2017

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Category of Benefit	Normally included in benefit-cost analysis of road upgrading	Not normally included in benefit-cost analysis of road upgrading
Travel time	Value of travel time saved	Avoided cost arising due to trips delayed, cancelled and rerouted (particularly in response to rain and flooding, and ensuing road closures)
Vehicle running costs	Reduced running costs	Avoided cost of purchase of heavier vehicles due to road condition
Tight and transport costs	Reduced costs of commercial travel and freight	Avoided cost arising due to trips delayed, cancelled and rerouted (particularly in response to rain and flooding, and ensuing road closures)
Road maintenance costs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Changed maintenance costs due to surface changes</li> <li>✓ Changed maintenance costs due to traffic volumes.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Changed maintenance costs as vehicles switch routes with the network, generally onto roads with lower maintenance costs</li> </ul>
Road repair costs		Avoided repairs from vehicles using roads that have been closed by authorities (particularly for flooded roads with wet surfaces)
Accidents	Avoided costs of reported accidents	Avoided costs of unreported accidents
Agricultural value added		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Avoided reductions in product value due to quality reduction or damage</li> <li>✓ Avoided stress on animals</li> <li>✓ Access to price premia by satisfying tight delivery schedule markets or transport hubs</li> <li>✓ Productivity and cost improvements due to timely delivery inputs</li> </ul>
Other social costs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Employment changes</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Access to employment and employees</li> <li>✓ Benefits generated from access to health care</li> </ul>



# Method and data

Assess B&C of upgrading:

- Status quo
- New variables
- Road examples

Data from Moree and Gwydir:

- Road characteristics and conditions
- Road use
- Traffic speeds
- Costs of upgrade

Received literature

Some educated guesswork:

- Land use and production, value of produce
- On-road responses to events
- On-road responses to upgrades
- Social responses to change

Sensitivity analysis





## Measurement approaches used on new variables

Variables generated	Approach taken
Road use	Elasticity impacting time saved due to upgrade Differentiated by road surface Proportional to road usage Reduced where traffic flows are reduced
Road maintenance costs	Reduced where traffic flows are reduced
Accidents	Changed frequency of accidents Inclusion of unreported accidents Effects of dust on accident frequency
Effects of rain	Reduced road closure Reduced damage by road use violating road closure Valuation of trips not taken and detours taken
Effects of general improved driving conditions due to upgrade	Saved driver time Reduced stoppages and delays
Vehicle purchase decisions due to road quality	Avoided purchases of heavier vehicles
Agricultural value added	Reduced damage to crops and products in transit Higher prices achieved
Standard costs of travel time	Valuation of time saved
Vehicle running costs	Reduced costs across vehicle types due to improved surface
Employment effects	Earnings generated by access to employment or capacity to provide employment
Health effects	Earnings generated by reduced sick days due to access to medical care
Mental health effects	Earnings generated by reduced work time lost due to access to mental health care



**roads examined**

name	Sealed length (km)	Unsealed length (km)	Usage (axel pairs per day): trucks	Usage (axel pairs per day): all vehicles	weighted average mean speed (km/hr)
ombadello	0.1	13.5	70.6	105.8	46.1
ingham	39.9	23.0	5.4	21.5	72.9
arrigan Way	95.5	56.5	710.2	1160.8	78.4
lorialta	36.4	18.0	151.9	233.2	80.8
ndholes	0.4	42.6	21.9	56.6	57.1

**Sensitivity analysis**

Case	Detail
0	Base case
1	Use -0.5 instead of -0.1 as a road use elasticity
2	Halve the probability of accidents on upgraded roads
3	Halve the probability of accidents both before and after upgrade
4	Double the number of days of dust
5	50% more traffic on the entire network (assumed no additional traffic on road in question)
6	50% more road usage as a base case (assumed no additional traffic on network)
7	50% more days rain as a base case
8	50% more people seeking health care
9	50% more area on relevant crops

**Upgrades:  
 Current state  
 to  
 Sealed**

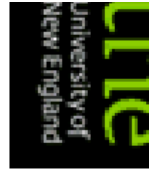
	Vehicle category	Mean speed	Mean duration	AADT	AESSA	Annual traffic	Annual ESAs	Annual reported accidents	Annual unreported accidents	Additional mean dur
Current	0.39 Motorcycle	40.4	1.06	2.47	0	902	0	1	2	
	Sedan/ute	58.2	0.74	34.71	0.08162824	12,668	30	13	25	
	42.6 Towing	61.5	0.70	1.94	0	709	0	1	1	
	truck/Bus	64.5	0.67	9.65	28.9894118	3,521	10,581	4	7	
	42.99 Truck/Bus	32.9	1.31	2.47	8.84270588	902	3,228	1	2	
	truck/Bus	0	0.00	0.06	0.20882353	21	76	0	0	
	Articulate truck	34.9	1.23	0.18	0.78	64	285	0	0	
	Articulated	42.2	1.02	0.47	2.41882353	172	883	0	0	
	Articulated	65.9	0.65	0.41	2.41294118	150	881	0	150	
	Articulated	55	0.78	1.65	8.33411765	601	3,042	1	1	
B-Double	0	0.00	0.00	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Double Road Train	48.4	0.89	0.24	2.02352941	86	739	0	0	0	
Triple Road Train	0	0.00	0.00	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Improved	42.99 Motorcycle	54.2	0.79	2.50	0.00	912	0	1	1	
	Sedan/ute	72.0	0.6	34.72	0.10	12,673	35	13	13	
	0.00 Towing	75.3	0.57	1.95	0.00	713	0	0	1	
	truck/Bus	78.3	0.55	9.66	29.00	3,526	10,586	2	4	
	42.99 Truck/Bus	46.7	0.92	2.51	8.88	916	3,243	0	1	
	truck/Bus	0.0	0.06	0.21	0	21	76	0	0	
	Articulate truck	48.7	0.88	0.21	0.82	77	297	0	0	
	Articulated	56.0	0.77	0.50	2.44	181	892	0	0	
	Articulated	79.7	0.54	0.42	2.42	154	885	0	154	
	Articulated	68.8	0.62	1.66	8.35	607	3,048	0	1	
B-Double	0.0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0	0	0	0	0	
Double Road Train	62.2	0.69	0.26	2.04	93	746	0	0	0	
Triple Road Train	0.0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0	0	0	0	0	

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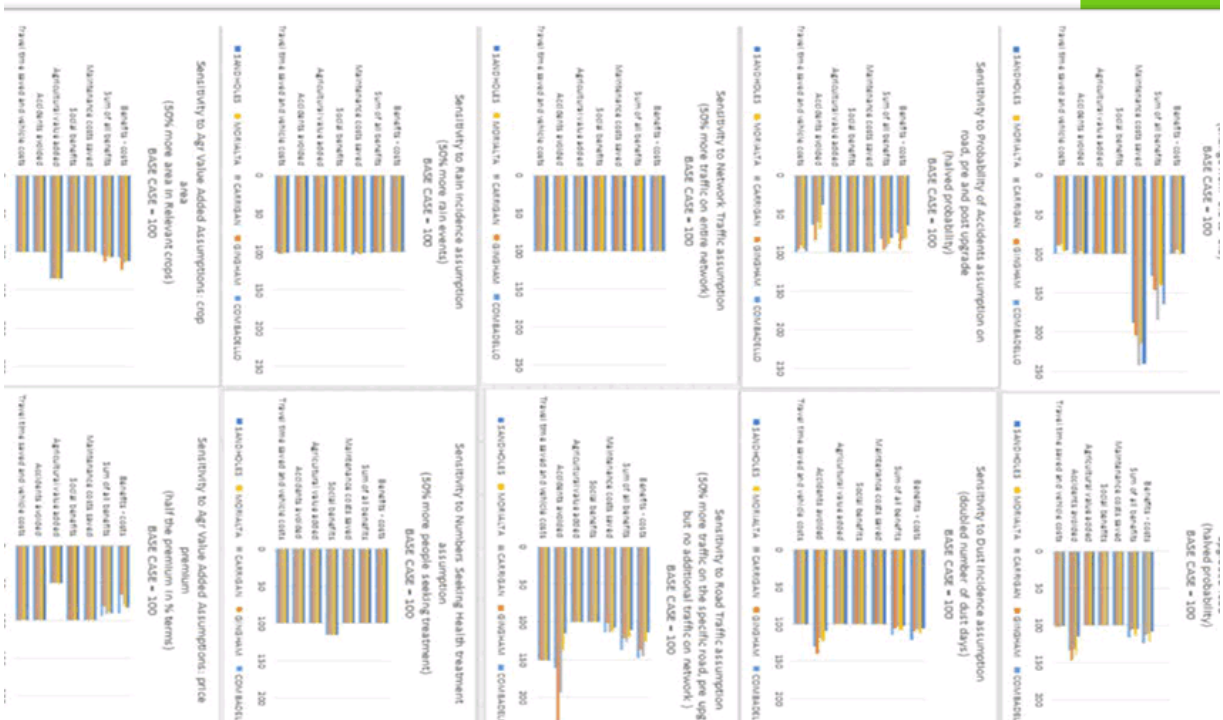
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Subject	Item	Road				
		COMBADELLO	GINGHAM	CARRIGAN	MORIALTA	SANDHOLES
Costs of upgrade	Construction costs	4,035,000	6,891,000	45,588,000	5,385,000	12,780,000
	Value of travel time saved	9,041	10,727	86,690	24,827	25,542
	Reduced vehicle running costs	84,261	29,720	2,894,024	115,273	216,070
	Reduced cost of switching vehicles	240,541	40,274	337,958	208,724	148,276
	Reduced costs of travel and freight	18,742	19,634	938,896	31,710	113,281
	Reduction in costs due to reduced trips not taken due to	2,004	861	18,319	3,733	3,894
	Total Value of travel time saved and vehicle costs	354,588	101,216	4,275,886	384,267	507,063
Accidents avoided	Avoided costs of accidents - reported	1,987,800	462,000	2,711,200	1,756,800	2,559,200
	Avoided costs of accidents - unreported	185,346	115,096	4,318,961	321,684	481,068
	Total Accidents avoided	2,173,146	577,096	7,030,161	2,078,484	3,040,268
Agricultural value added	Agricultural value added - grains	404,000	1,088,500	5,513,900	902,800	1,281,900
	Agricultural value added - cotton	166,650	449,006	2,274,484	372,405	528,784
	Total Agricultural value added	570,650	1,537,506	7,788,384	1,275,205	1,810,684
Social benefits	Value of access to medical care	12	48	402	24	84
	Value of access to mental health care	10	38	322	19	67
	Value of access to employment	16	64	536	32	112
	Total Social benefits	38	150	1,260	75	263
Maintenance costs saved	Annual maintenance costs saved	1,059,753	1,305,390	16,890,748	1,348,229	2,794,301
	Maintenance costs avoided due to vehicle damage in ra	103,377	15,046	1,531,587	116,926	147,230
	Network maintenance costs saved due to cars switching	326,656	469,778	10,254,471	583,520	1,597,159
	Total Maintenance costs saved	1,489,786	1,790,214	28,676,805	2,048,675	4,538,691
Gross measures	Sum of all costs	4,035,000	6,891,000	45,588,000	5,385,000	12,780,000
	Sum of all benefits	4,588,208	4,006,182	47,772,496	5,786,706	9,896,969
	Benefits - costs	553,208	-2,884,818	2,184,496	401,706	-2,883,031
	Benefit cost ratio	1.14	0.58	1.05	1.07	0.77
Shares of benefits	Value of travel time saved and vehicle costs	8%	3%	9%	7%	5%
	Accidents avoided	47%	14%	15%	36%	31%
	Agricultural value added	12%	38%	16%	22%	18%
	Social benefits	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
	Maintenance costs saved	32%	45%	60%	35%	46%
	Benefits not ordinarily captured	22%	42%	26%	31%	25%
Shares of benefits - (not) ordinarily	Benefits ordinarily captured	78%	58%	74%	69%	75%

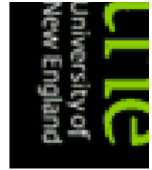


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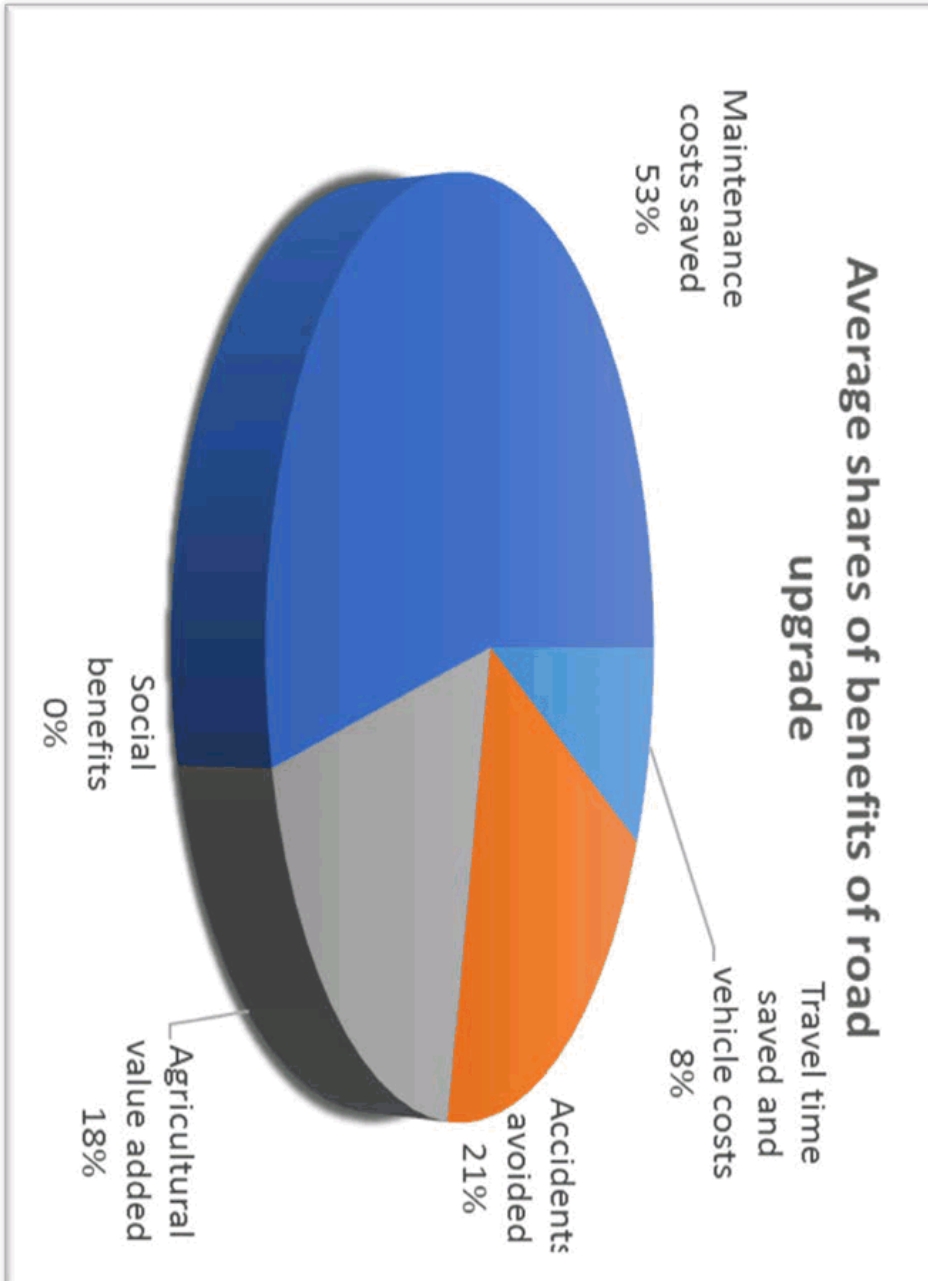


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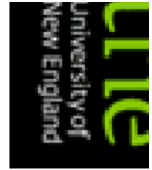


Benefits of upgrade: general categories

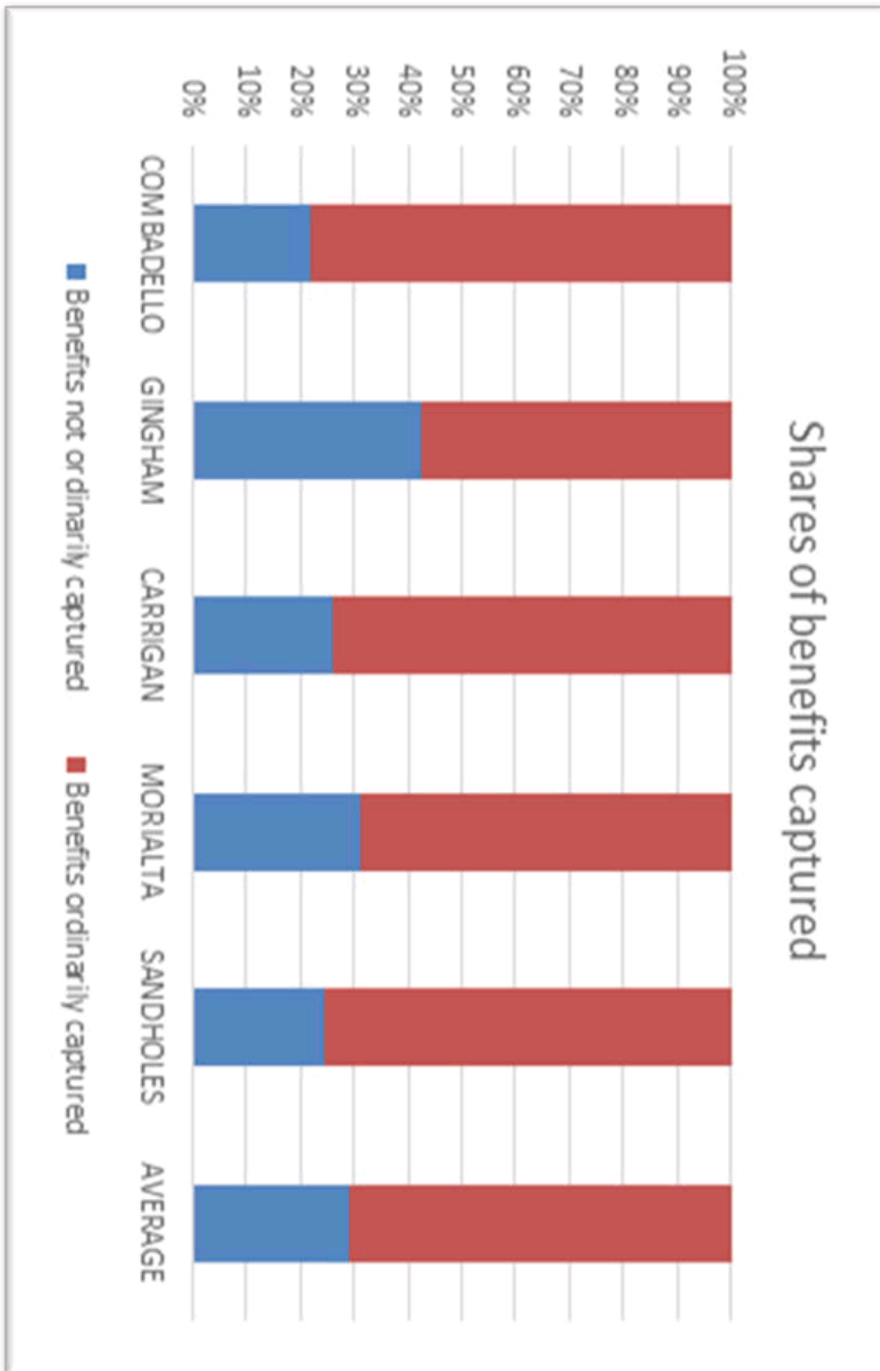


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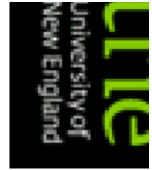


Benefits of upgrade: normally/not normally captured

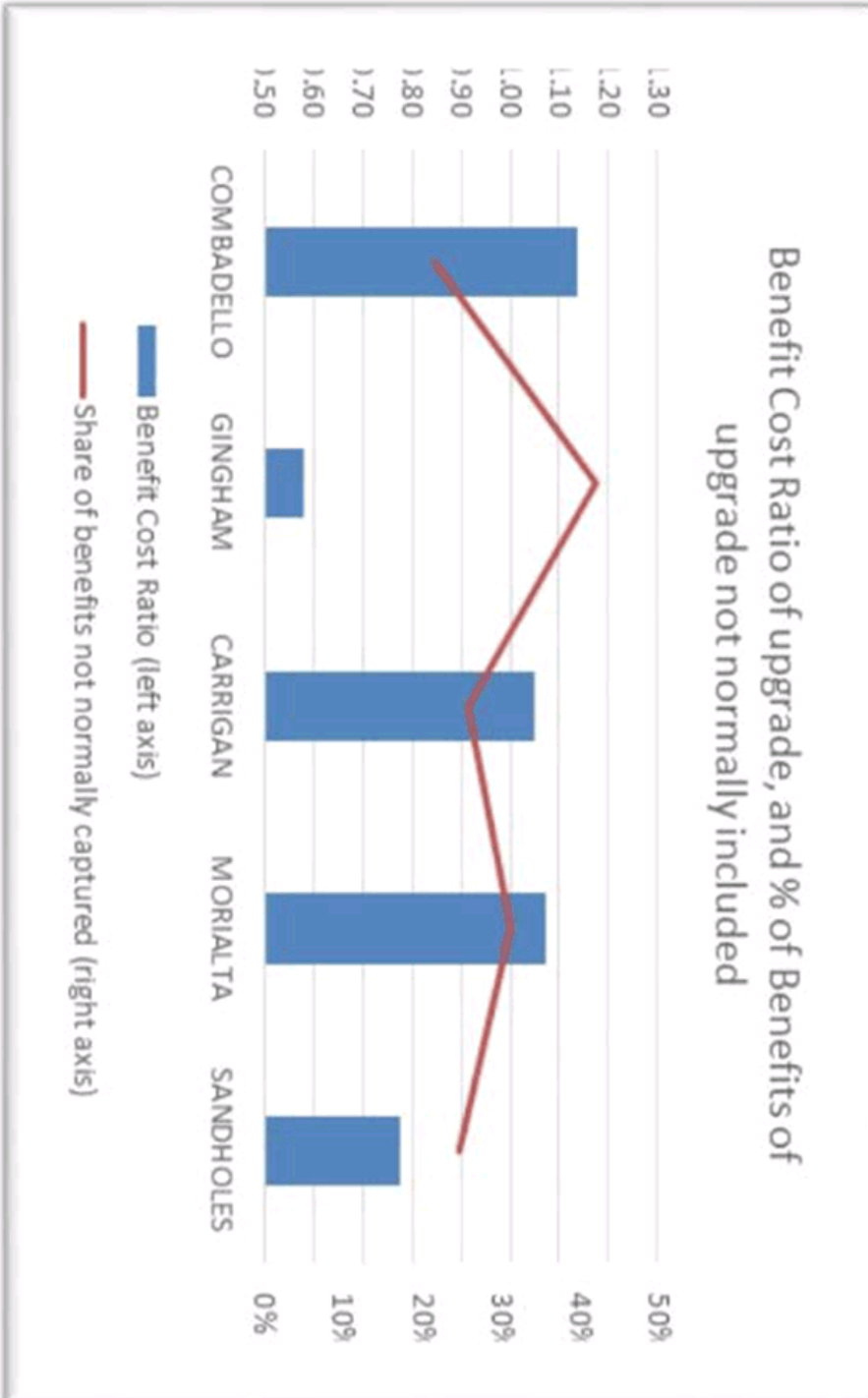


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## Benefits of upgrade and BCR



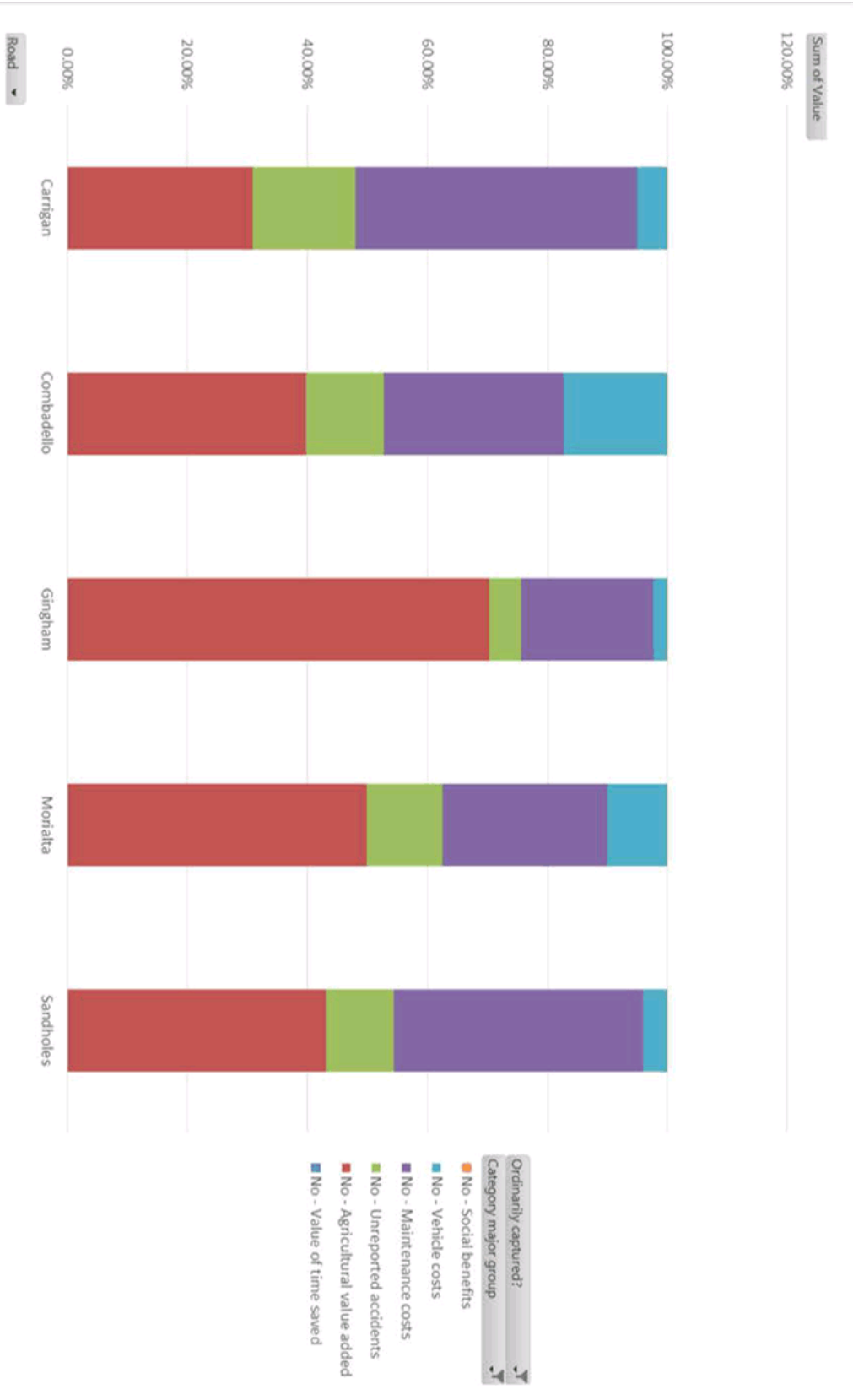
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Distribution of benefits not normally captured



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## Conclusions

Variables not normally considered in evaluation of rural road upgrade projects are likely to have an influence on the outcome of those evaluations.

- agricultural value added
- road maintenance costs

Significant network effects of road upgrading likely to be more so where interactions occur between modes of transport

Owing to population size, social benefits of upgrading rural roads is found to be negligible, across a range of assumptions

The effects of rain on black soil roads requires further investigation.

Substantial benefits could be delivered to agricultural producers by rural road upgrades. These benefits should be included within any benefit-cost analysis.

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What next?

Agr value added and infrastructure

Connections to rail and air

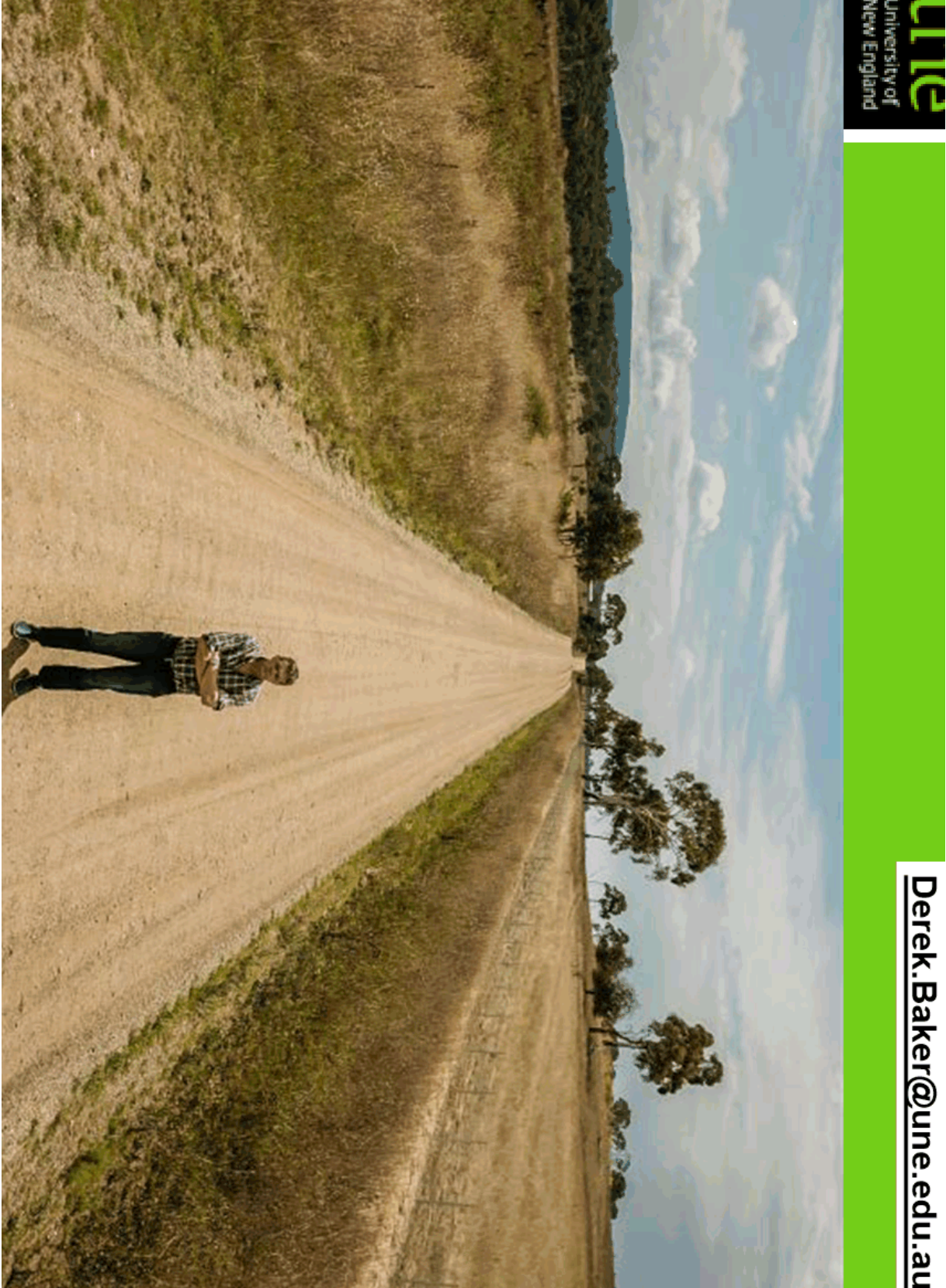
Networks

Rural and regional labour and livelihoods

Decision tools

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# Gwydir Shire's Circular Economy Initiative

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**Gwynidr Shire had to confront two issues following the *Fit for the Future* process:**

**Increase its population and**

**Create sustainable income streams into the future**

**Gwydir Shire developed two strategies to capitalise on its strengths:**

**A Circular Economy initiative centred mainly in Warialda and**

**Tourism opportunities centred mainly around Bingara**

**The Council developed four main focus areas in its  
Circular Economy initiative:**

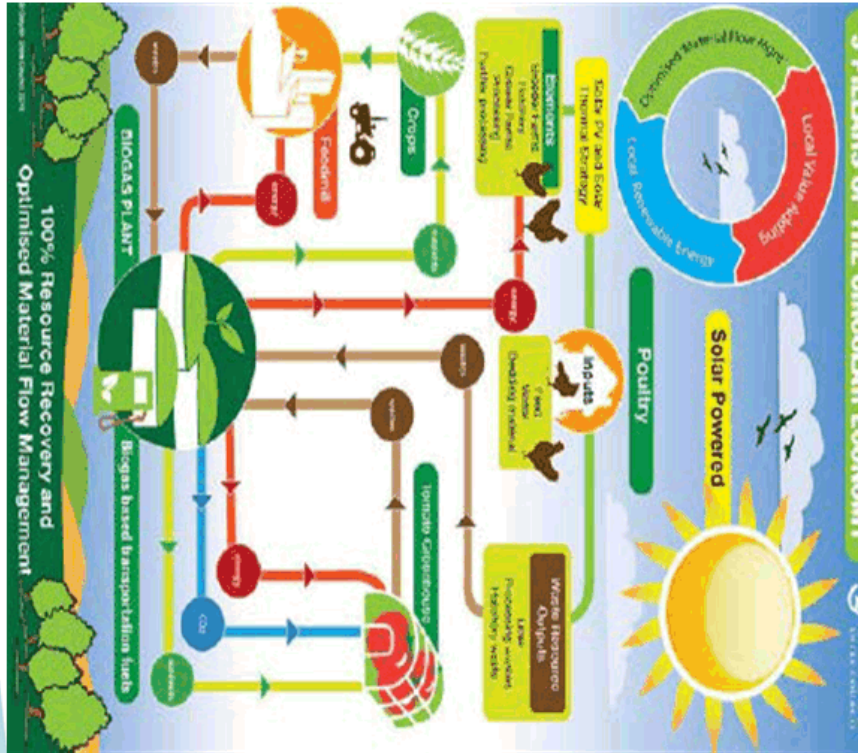
**A behind the meter scheme**

**A greenhouse proposal**

**A bioenergy facility and**

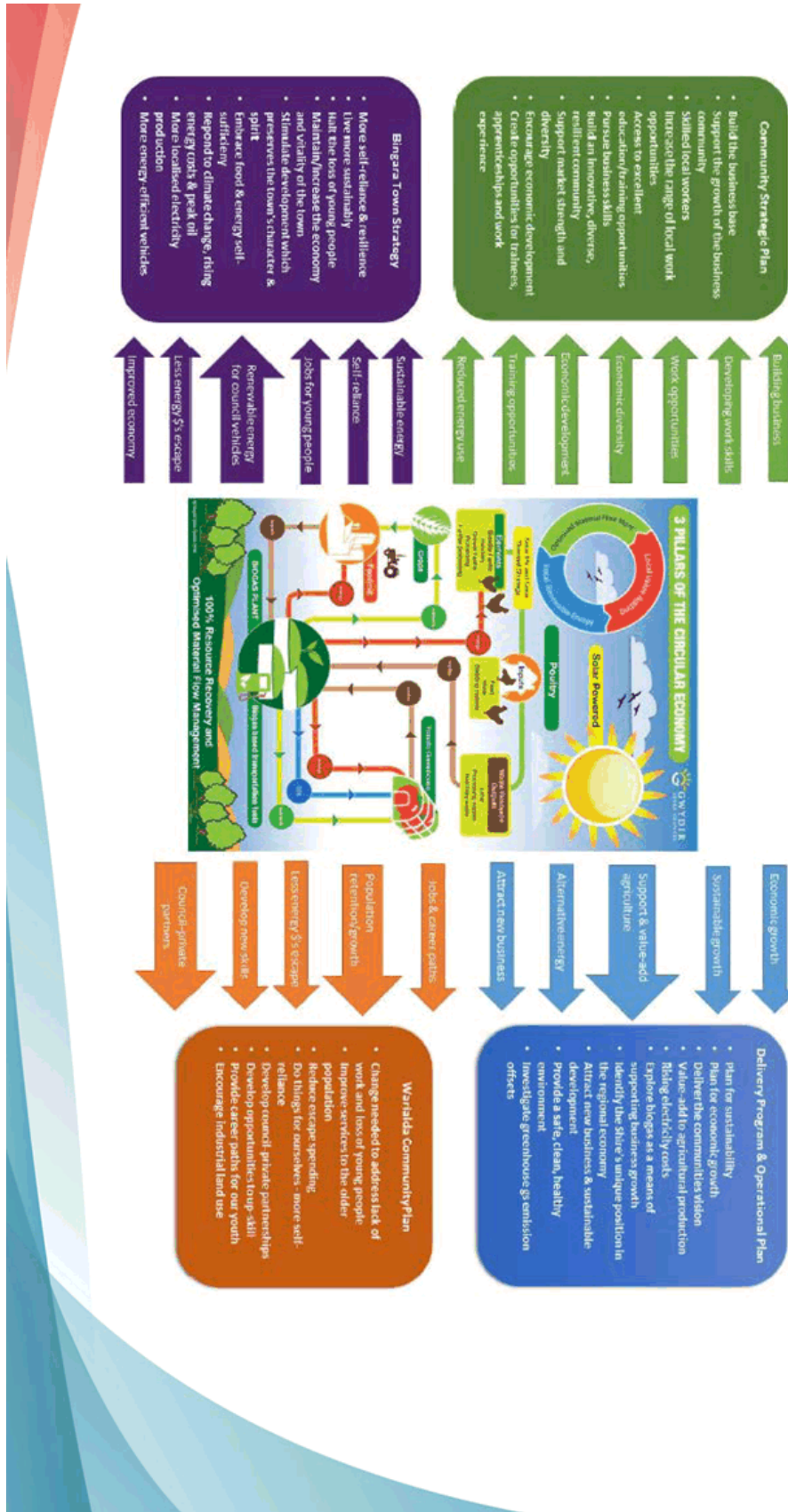
**A greenfield poultry hub**

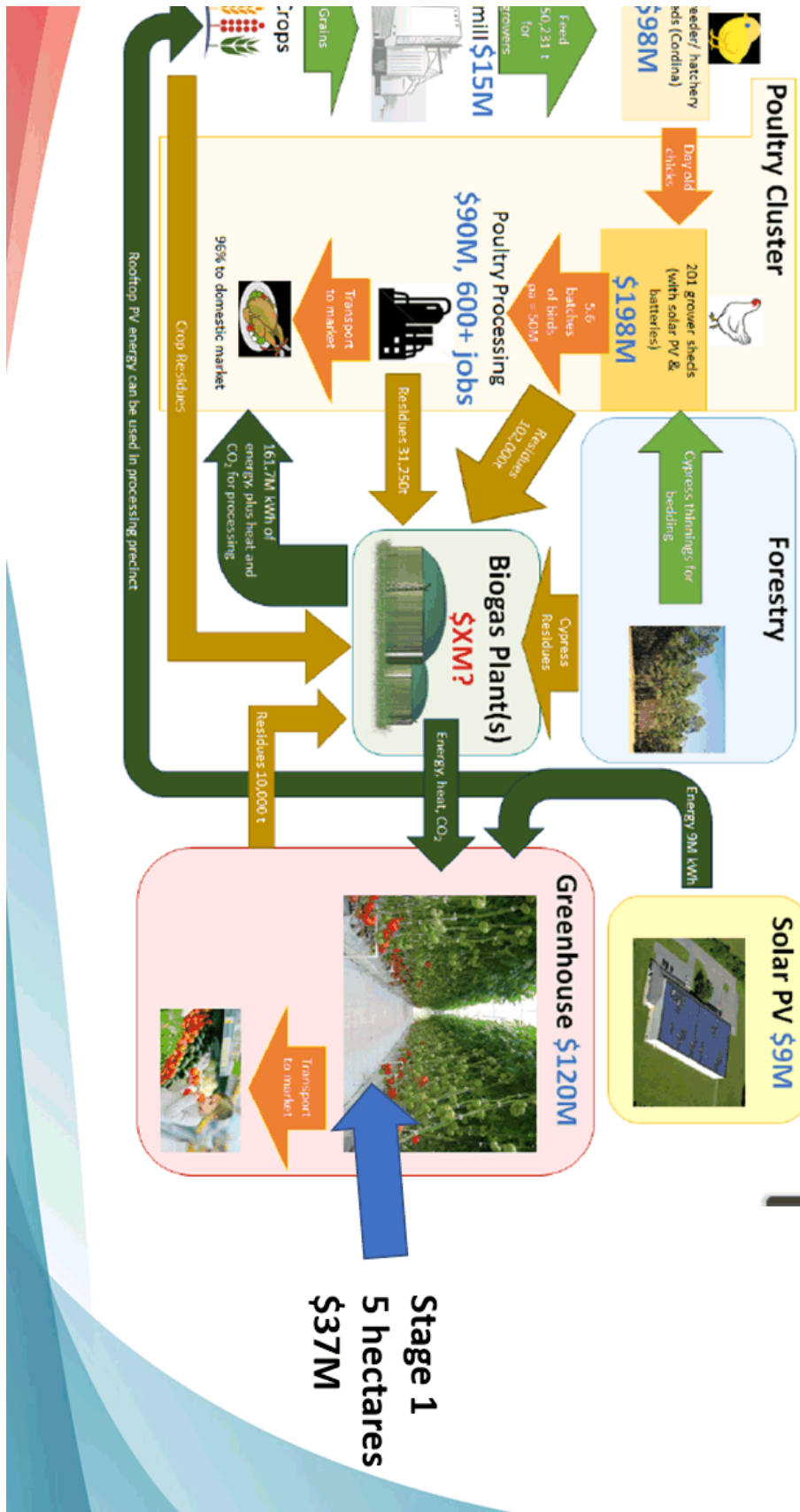




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**The Benina meter scheme:**

**Gwydir Shire is a designated 'remote rural community' with a low socio economic base. This scheme provides for large scale roll out of residential and business solar and energy efficiency packages utilising a Council guaranteed low cost finance package. This is a project designed to save money for residents and businesses, keep energy investment within the local community, create local jobs, and strengthen community trust in local government.**

**The behind the meter proposal is in the business plan modelling phase with the assistance of the Institute of Sustainable Futures, UTS**

**All exciting and innovative projects.**

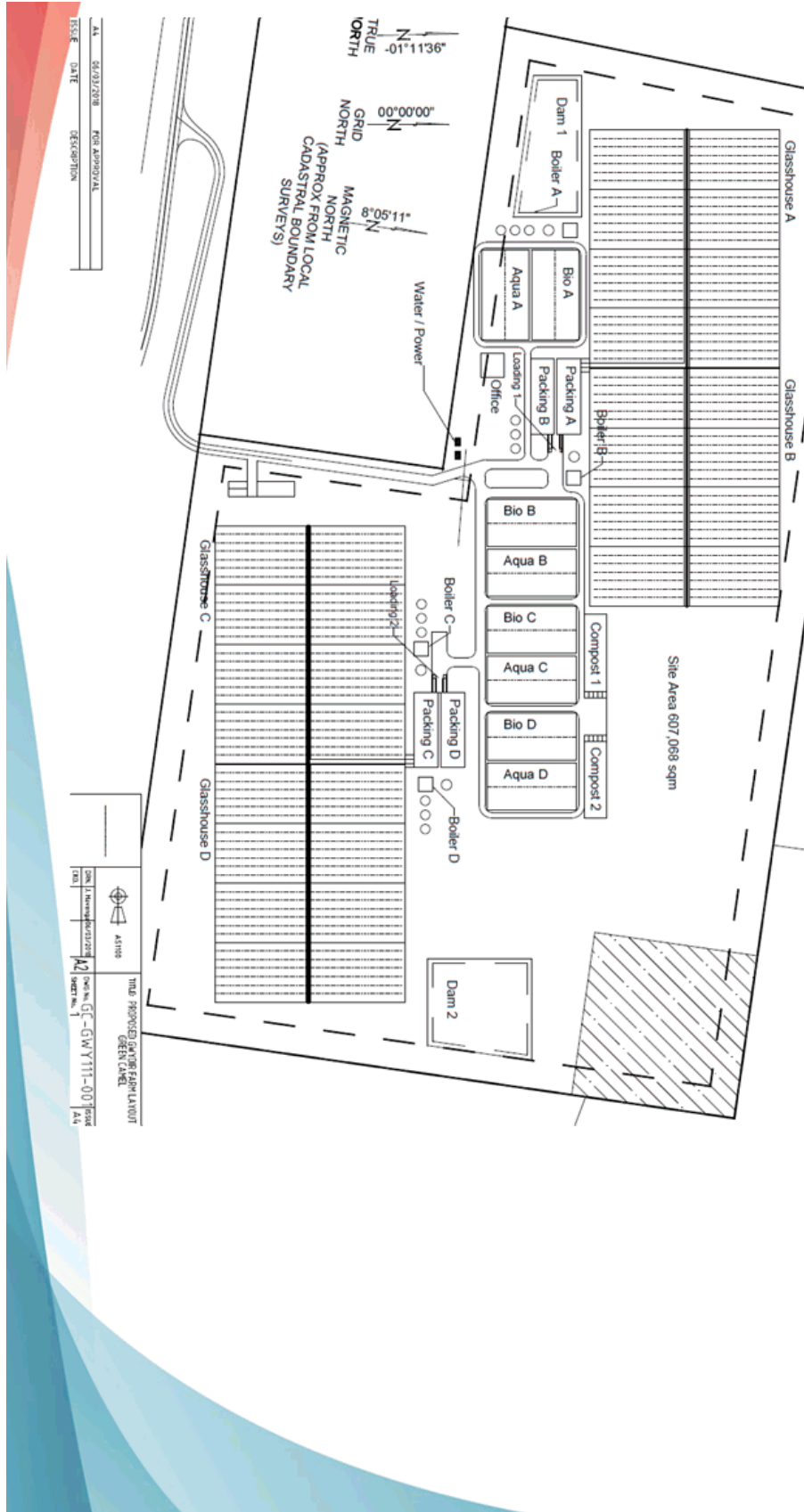
**The Greenhouse developed is at the Joint Venture Agreement phase between Gwydir Shire, Green Camel and Perfection Fresh.**

**The preparatory feasibility work has been completed for the development application and Northern Inland RDA has completed the business case.**

**The Council has agreed to move forward on the Development Application for Stage 1.**

**The Council is hopeful of receiving significant grant funding from both the State and Federal Governments towards this development.**



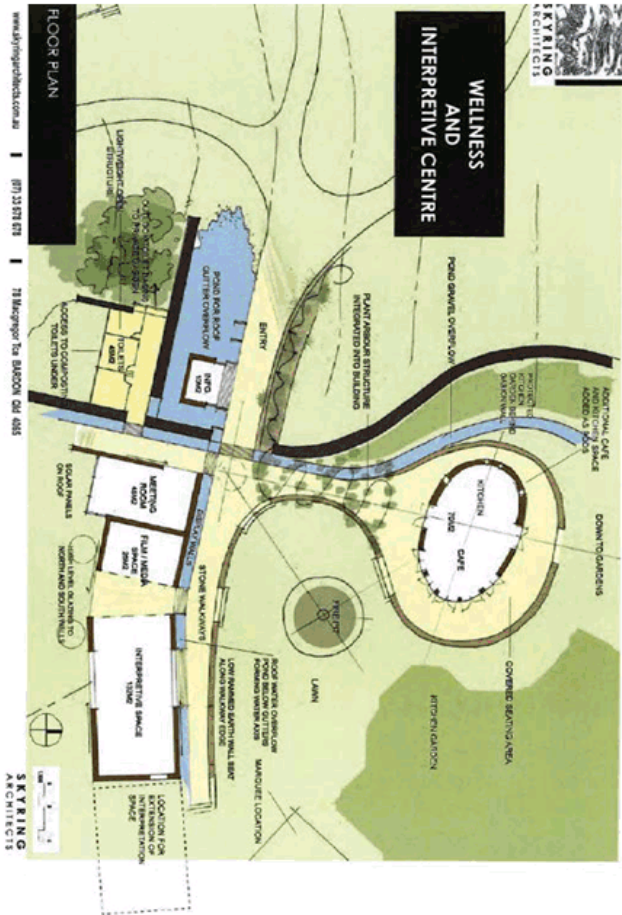


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# Tourism Opportunities

Has DA Approval – shovel ready



The Council's Big River Dreaming application in the Restart NSW Program has been approved. It covers a large number of related projects including a Wellness and Interpretive Centre here at The Living Classroom. The grant approved is \$2,000,000



**THANK YOU**

**QUESTIONS?**

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**General Manager**

**Aboriginal Land Claim - Bingara**

The General manager tabled the following memorandum:

MEMO TO: All Councillors

MEMO FROM: General Manager

SUBJECT: Aboriginal Land Claim (NSW Legislation)

DATE: 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2018

The Council has been aware since 2011 of a land claim for land within the town boundary of Bingara – shaded red on the attached plan.

Aboriginal land claims are investigated against criteria set out in Section 36(1) of the *Aboriginal Land Rights Act 1983*.

**36 Claims to Crown lands**

(1) In this section, except in so far as the context or subject-matter otherwise indicates or requires:

"**claimable Crown lands**" means lands vested in Her Majesty that, when a claim is made for the lands under this Division:

- (a) are able to be lawfully sold or leased, or are reserved or dedicated for any purpose, under the *Crown Lands Consolidation Act 1913* or the *Western Lands Act 1901*,
- (b) are not lawfully used or occupied,
- (b1) do not comprise lands which, in the opinion of a Crown Lands Minister, are needed or are likely to be needed as residential lands,
- (c) are not needed, nor likely to be needed, for an essential public purpose, and
- (d) do not comprise lands that are the subject of an application for a determination of native title (other than a non-claimant application that is an unopposed application) that has been registered in accordance with the Commonwealth Native Title Act, and
- (e) do not comprise lands that are the subject of an approved determination of native title (within the meaning of the Commonwealth Native Title Act) (other than an approved determination that no native title exists in the lands).

The Council has until 6<sup>th</sup> June 2018 to formally oppose the application and I suggest that the Council adopt the following motion:

**THAT the Gwydir Shire Council opposes the granting of the Bingara Aboriginal Land Claim by the NSW Aboriginal Land Council on behalf of the Anaiwan Local Aboriginal Land Council over Reserve Numbers 754819 and 96977, reserved for future public requirements as, in the Council's opinion, the land is needed or likely to be needed for an essential public purpose**

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**being residential expansion for Bingara.**

There is no guarantee that this will stop the land from being transferred as when this was initially raised with the Council in 2011 the Council was advised that:

*Unfortunately the future residential expansion argument has been before the Land and Environment Court several times and is not considered an essential public purpose when it comes to the Aboriginal Land Rights Act.*

*Section 36(b1) Aboriginal Land Rights Act specifically exists for this reason, however it requires the Minister (for Lands) to have personally held the opinion the claimed land was needed for residential land at the date of claim. So unless we have documented evidence of this it is not a grounds for refusal.*

The Council’s records are being reviewed in an attempt to establish any communication in the past with the appropriate Minister.

The land claimants have requested that this component of their land claim be expedited – hence the sudden urgency.



**COUNCIL RESOLUTION:  
MINUTE 168/18**

**THAT the Gwydir Shire Council opposes the granting of the Bingara Aboriginal Land Claim by the NSW Aboriginal Land Council on behalf of the Anaiwan Local Aboriginal Land Council over Reserve Numbers 754819 and 96977, reserved for future public requirements as, in the Council’s opinion, the land is needed or likely to be needed for an essential public purpose being residential expansion for Bingara.**

**FURTHER that any residents concerned about this issue are urged to make contact with their local State Member of Parliament.**

**(Moved Cr Dixon OAM, seconded Cr D Coulton)**

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**Cr Marilyn Dixon OAM**

**Correspondence from Mr C Archer (Ref: 169/18)**

Cr Dixon tabled a letter that she received from Mr Archer who lives opposite the Bingara Showground and has concerns regarding the dump point located within the Showground.

The meeting was advised that Mr Archer's letter will be answered.

**Cr Marilyn Dixon OAM**

**Bingara Caravan Park (Ref: 170/18)**

Cr Dixon advised the meeting that she was approached by a woman whose husband had broken his arm and they needed to move from the riverside into the Caravan Park. When she requested assistance to manoeuvre her van and put up the annex the staff were unhelpful, which was very disappointing.

The meeting was advised that the matter will be investigated and that appropriate action will be taken to rectify this unacceptable attitude.

**Cr Catherine Egan**

**Dust Problem (Ref: 171/18)**

Cr Egan advised the meeting that she has been approached by residents in Gwydir Terrace regarding the dust problem created by the large numbers of caravans accessing the river foreshore for camping. The same problem also occurs in Faithful Street.

The meeting was advised that the Technical Services Director will investigate and attempt to solve the problem.

**Cr David Coulton**

**Warialda Rail Entry Signage (Ref: 172/18)**

Cr Coulton complemented the staff involved in creating and placing the entry signs into Warialda Rail.

**Cr John Coulton**

**Warialda Lions Changeover Dinner (Ref: 173/18)**

The Mayor advised the meeting that he needs someone to represent the Council at this dinner. The Deputy Mayor, Cr Egan volunteered.

**Cr John Coulton**

**Various Matters**

**LG NSW Survey (Ref: 174/18)**

The Mayor advised the meeting that LG NSW has sent out a survey and that the Council should collectively complete the document, which was done.

**Trade Commissioner (Ref: 175/18)**

Namoi Unlimited and NSW Trade and Investment are providing an opportunity to hear from three key international market Commissioners and Senior staff from NSW Trade and Investment based in Japan, Korea and China in Tamworth on the 1<sup>st</sup> June 2018.

If you are interested in participating please contact Rebel Thompson on (0490) 778 410.

This is an excellent opportunity for our regional exporters to discuss their business opportunities in China, Korea and Japan.

**Myall Creek 180<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Event (Ref: 176/18)**

The meeting was reminded that this event is being held on the long weekend in June.

**Telecommunications (Ref: 177/18)**

Robbie Sefton, a consultant to the Namoi JO, has been appointed to a National review panel on telecommunications, it is a great opportunity for us to table any community and business telecommunications issues or opportunities that you might have in our Shire. This is also an opportunity for us to put forward any future connectivity opportunities that you see will be important to agribusiness into the future.

If you have something to contribute send them to the Namoi JO executive Officer via Robyn Phillips and Rebel will pass them on to Robbie.

**Yammacoona (Ref: 178/18)**

The Mayor gave an update to the meeting regarding the Yammacoona Quarry.

**Swifts Road (Ref: 179/18)**

The Mayor gave an update to the meeting regarding the approach, yet again, by Mr Adam Marshall MP encouraging the Council to take responsibility for this Crown Road, which was rejected by Council.

Cr Egan also mentioned a similar issue but across private property involving *Carramar*.

**Cr Stuart Dick**

**Various Matters**

**Dog Breeding Facility (Ref: 180/18)**

Cr Dick requested an update on this matter, which was provided.

**Possible Taxi Service in Warialda (Ref: 181/18)**

Cr Dick advised the meeting that he was approached at the Warialda Show by a gentlemen who is interested to commence a taxi service in Warialda. Cr Dick referred him to the staff.

**Cr Frances Young**

**Arts North West (Ref: 182/18)**

Cr Young advised the meeting that the Arts North West Annual Report is available for any interested Councillor who may like a copy.

**Meeting closed 11.50 am**