



**G W Y D I R**  
SHIRE COUNCIL

**NOTICE OF MEETING**

NOTICE is hereby given that an **Ordinary Meeting of Gwydir Shire Council** will be held in the Warialda Office Council Chambers, on **Thursday 24 October 2019** (commencing at **9.00am**) to discuss the items listed in the Agenda.

Your attendance is respectfully requested.

Yours faithfully,

Max Eastcott  
General Manager

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# **GWYDIR SHIRE COUNCIL**

## **BUSINESS PAPER**

### **AGENDA**

**ORDINARY MEETING October 24, 2019  
9.00am**

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**OFFICIAL OPENING AND WELCOME – MAYOR**

**APOLOGIES**

**CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES**

RECOMMENDATION:

**THAT the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Thursday, September 26, 2019 as circulated be taken as read and CONFIRMED.**

**THAT the Minutes of the Confidential Ordinary Meeting held on Thursday, September 26, 2019 as circulated be taken as read and CONFIRMED.**

**As requested in the August Committee meeting and resolved at the Ordinary Meeting of Council on 29 August 2019 (Resolution 276/19) an invitation was issued to the Warialda Police to attend this meeting.**

**CALL FOR THE DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS, GIFTS RECEIVED AND CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE - CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS**

**1. Organisation Structure Review**

It is recommended that the Council resolve into Committee of the Whole with the press and public excluded to allow consideration of this item, as provided for under Section 10A(2) (a) of the Local Government Act, 1993, on the grounds that the report contains personnel matters concerning particular individuals.

**2. Gwydir Street Partial Closure**

It is recommended that the Council resolve into Committee of the Whole with the press and public excluded to allow consideration of this item, as provided for under Section 10A(2) (a) of the Local Government Act, 1993, on the grounds that the report contains personnel matters concerning particular individuals.

**3. Local Government and Housing in the 21st Century**

It is recommended that the Council resolve into Committee of the Whole with the press and public excluded to allow consideration of this item, as provided for under Section 10A(2) (a) of the Local Government Act, 1993, on the grounds that the report contains personnel matters concerning particular individuals.

**MAYORAL MINUTE (If any)**

**DEFERRED ITEMS – Nil**

**OFFICERS' REPORTS (As listed)**

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – OPEN**

**Councillors' Reports**



**stakeholders followed by community meetings in both Warialda and Bingara.**

**September Monthly Investment and Rates Collection Report**

**THAT the September Monthly Investment and Rates Collection Report be received.**

**Discussion Item**

**THAT the Council calls for Expressions of Interest from interested parties outlining their suggestions regarding the future management options for the Roxy Complex.**

**ATTACHMENTS**

There are no attachments for this report.

**Item 2 Monthly Executive Report for September 2019****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** 18 October 2019**STAFF DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST** Nil**IN BRIEF/ SUMMARY RECOMMENDATION**

The monthly Executive report details the activities carried out by the Department during the month of September 2019.

**BACKGROUND**

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

**COMMENT****PLANNING REPORT**

The following Development (D/A)/Complying Development (CDC) and Development Modification (s96) applications have been approved for the month of September 2019.

No.	Property Description	Development/ Work	\$	D/A	S96	CDC
22/2015	PJ and H C Thurston Lot 8 DP 1163721 3260 Gragin Road Warialda	Modification – Internal floor plan and inclusion of verandah	-	-	✓	-
22/2019	Est Late WK and JM Hawkins Lot 234 DP 751137 133 Kellys Gully Road Warialda Rail	15,000m <sup>3</sup> Quarry	\$5,000	✓	-	-
23/2019	DR and PM Blomfield Lot 67 DP 822907, Lots 46, 47 and 59 DP 754857 970 Cobbadah Road Barraba	Consolidation of 4 allotments into 3 allotments	\$1,000	✓	-	-
24/2019	S J Gray Lot 1 DP 136280 and Lot 3 DP 754832 1612 Reserve Creek Road Delungra	15,000m <sup>3</sup> Quarry	\$5,000	✓	-	-
26/2019	BG Mills Lot 29 DP 17921 16-18 David Street North	4 bay garage with 2 enclosed bays and 2 open bays	\$20,000	✓	-	-

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27/2019	AJI Projects Pty Ltd Lot 6 Section 56 DP 758111 51 Maitland Street Bingara & Lot B DP 371415 8 Hallmans Lane Bingara JD Ritter Lot 2 DP 714971 49 Maitland Street Bingara	Consolidation of 3 allotments into 2 allotments	\$1,000	✓	-	-
7/2019	GW and DJ Turner Lot 12 Section 42 DP 758111 88 Finch Street Bingara	Complying Development Modification of location of new garage	-	-	✓	-
9/2019	Gwydir Shire Council Lot 335 DP 751137 Res 89462 39 Queen Street Warialda	Construction of roof over existing deck/patio at front of Warialda Pre- School	\$25,000	-	-	✓

The following Development (D/A)/Complying Development (CDC) and Development Modification (s96) applications remain outstanding at the end of September 2019.

No	Property Description and Description of Work	Reason	D/A	S96	CDC
35/2015	Copeton Dam State Park 3533 Copeton Dam Road Copeton - Continued use of existing caravan & camping facilities	Development being assessed as an existing use	✓	-	-
49/2016	Ceres Ag 'Gunyaerwarildi' 1470 North Star Road Warialda - Continued occupation/use of rural worker accommodation being the installation of a number of premanufactured cabins	Approved in principal awaiting compliance certification or engineering certification for the cabins	✓	-	-
2/2018	G & L Hosegood 'Barak' 163 Upper Whitlow Road Whitlow - 20,000m3 quarry for Council use	Awaiting Environmental Impact Statement as the quarry is considered designated development	✓	-	-
30/2018	M A Spencer 'Log Cabin' 2213 Gulf Creek Road Gulf Creek - 15,000m3 quarry for Council use	Request for additional information regarding compliance with Biodiversity Conservation Act 2017 for the removal of vegetation	✓	-	-
35/2018	B Hutchins 63 Bingara Street Warialda - Mixed residential and commercial development including the opening of 'Gully Pub' with a small bar licence and retail antiques business	Request for additional information regarding whether the existing building meets or can meet current fire safety requirements under the National Construction Code for mixed commercial and residential use	✓	-	-
12/2019	Gwydir Shire Council 396 Taroona Road Warialda - Quarry	Request for addition information by the assessing Planning Consultant independent of Council	✓	-	-
25/2019	Westbuilt Homes / K F Acres Ironbark Drive Warialda - Dwelling	Request for Additional Information being a Threatened Species 5 Part Test as required by Biodiversity Conservation Act 2017	✓	-	-
28/2019	T L Rowleson 114 Maitland Street Bingara - Dwelling Additions and Alterations	Being exhibited and notified for a period of 14 days as required by Schedule 1 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979	✓	-	-
29/2019	Groundworks Plus and AT Pearlman 1375 Croppa Creek Road North Star - 490,000 tonne Quarry	Being exhibited and notified for a period of 14 days as required by Schedule 1 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979. Also development has been registered with Regional Planning	✓	-	-



		Panel and referred to relevant state agencies			
30/2019	E J Moffat 13212 Gwydir Highway Warialda - Single Dwelling	Being exhibited and notified for a period of 14 days as required by Schedule 1 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979	✓	-	-
31/2019	B M Munsie 405 Munsies Road Warialda - Install an above ground plunge pool	Being exhibited and notified for a period of 14 days as required by Schedule 1 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979	✓	-	-
32/2019	J C Herring 30 Gwydir Terrace Bingara - Garage/Shed	Being exhibited and notified for a period of 14 days as required by Schedule 1 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979	✓	-	-
33/2019	M J Barron 9 Inverell Road Warialda - Garage/Shed	Being exhibited and notified for a period of 14 days as required by Schedule 1 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979	✓	-	-

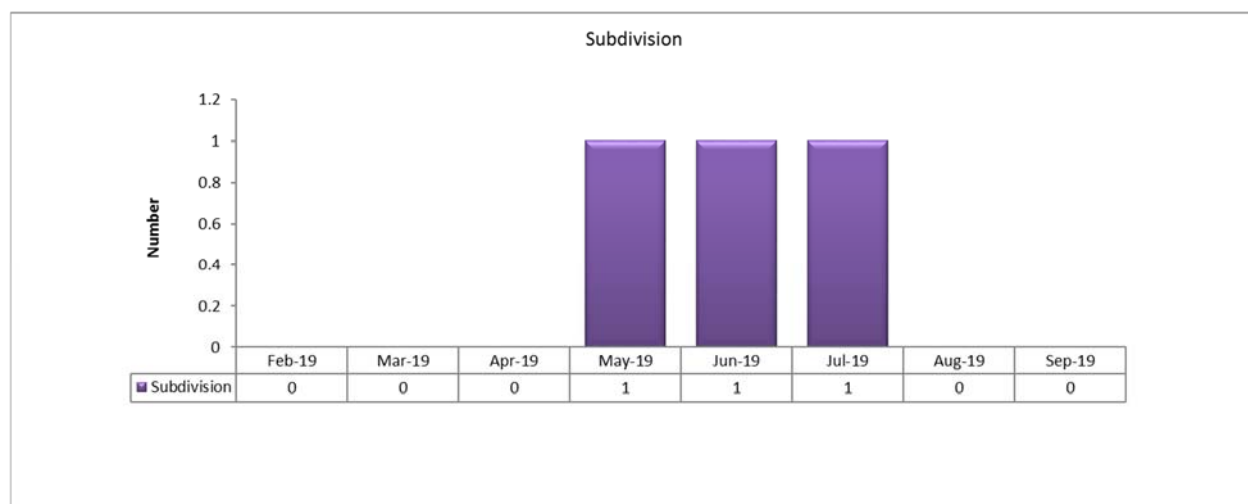
There were no Development (D/A)/Complying Development (CDC) or Development Modification (s96) applications approved and not previously reported to Council for the month of September.

There were no Development (D/A)/Complying Development (CDC) and Development Modification (s96) applications refused(R)/ withdrawn (W)/ Cancelled (C) for the month of September 2019.

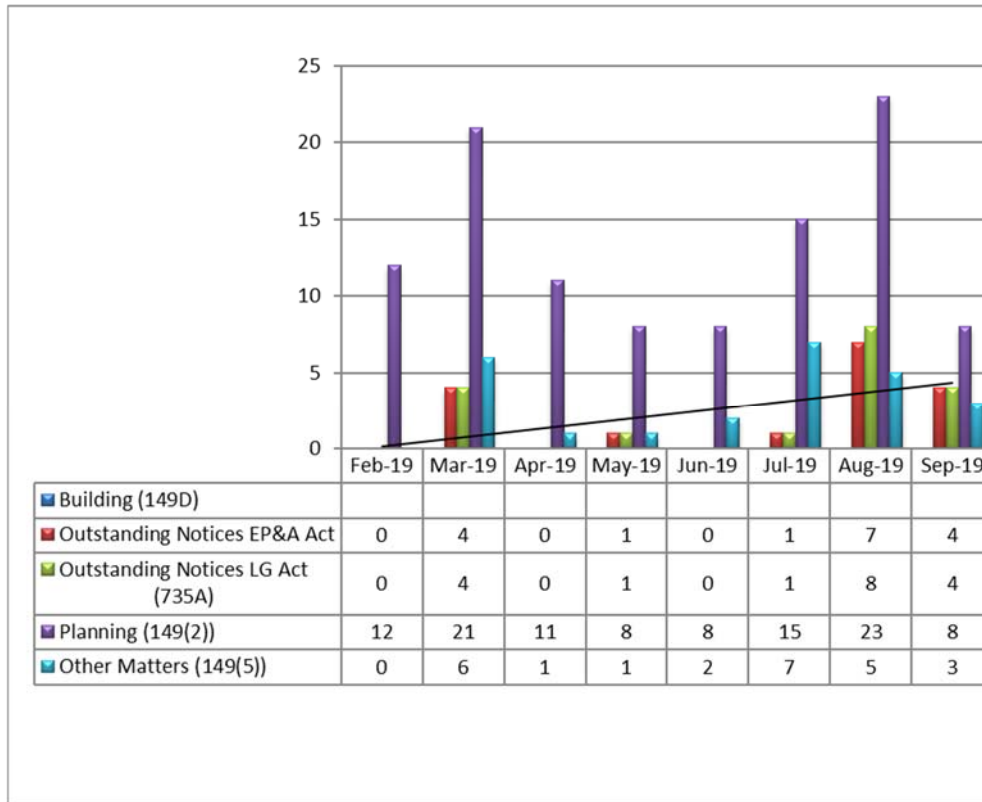
There were no Complying Development (CDC) application/s approved by Private Certifiers and lodged with Council for the month of September 2019.

There were no Development (D/A) and Complying Development (CDC) applications determined where there has been a variation in standards under SEPP 1 or clause 4.6 of the Gwydir Local Environmental Plan 2013 for the month of September 2019.

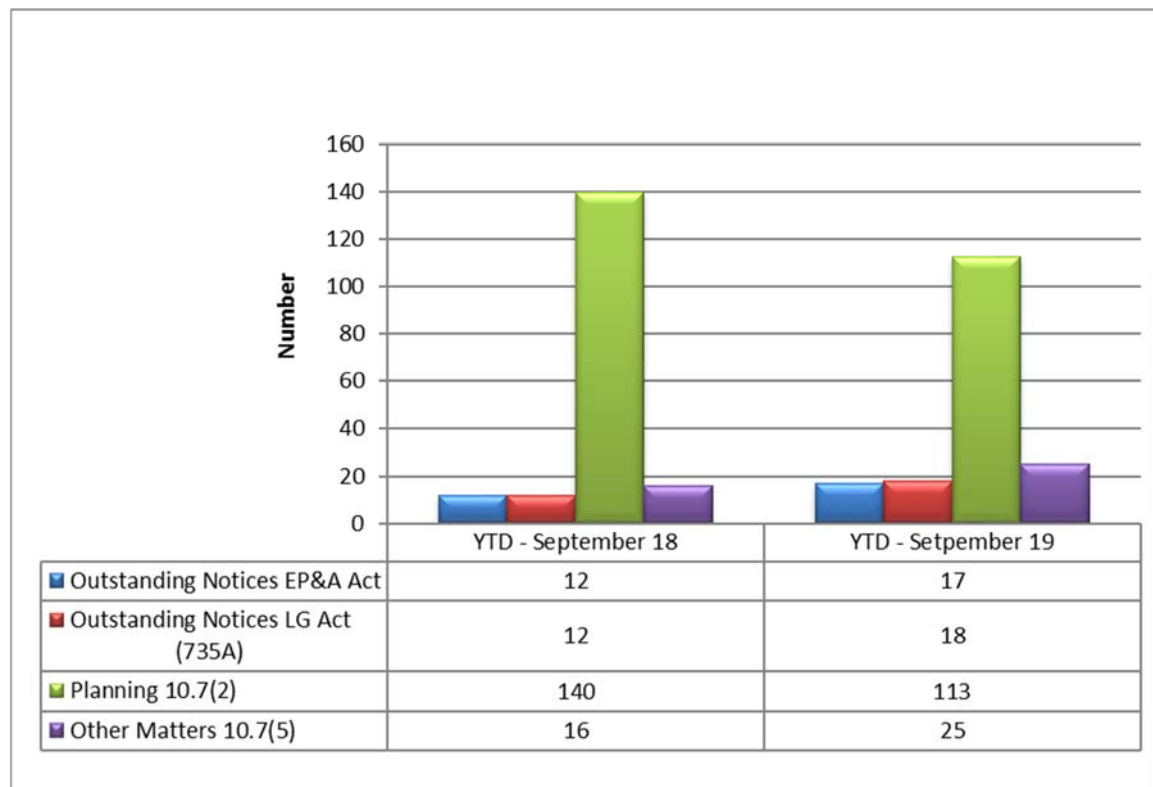
The following Subdivision Certificates were issued for the month of September 2019 and in the previous seven (7) months.



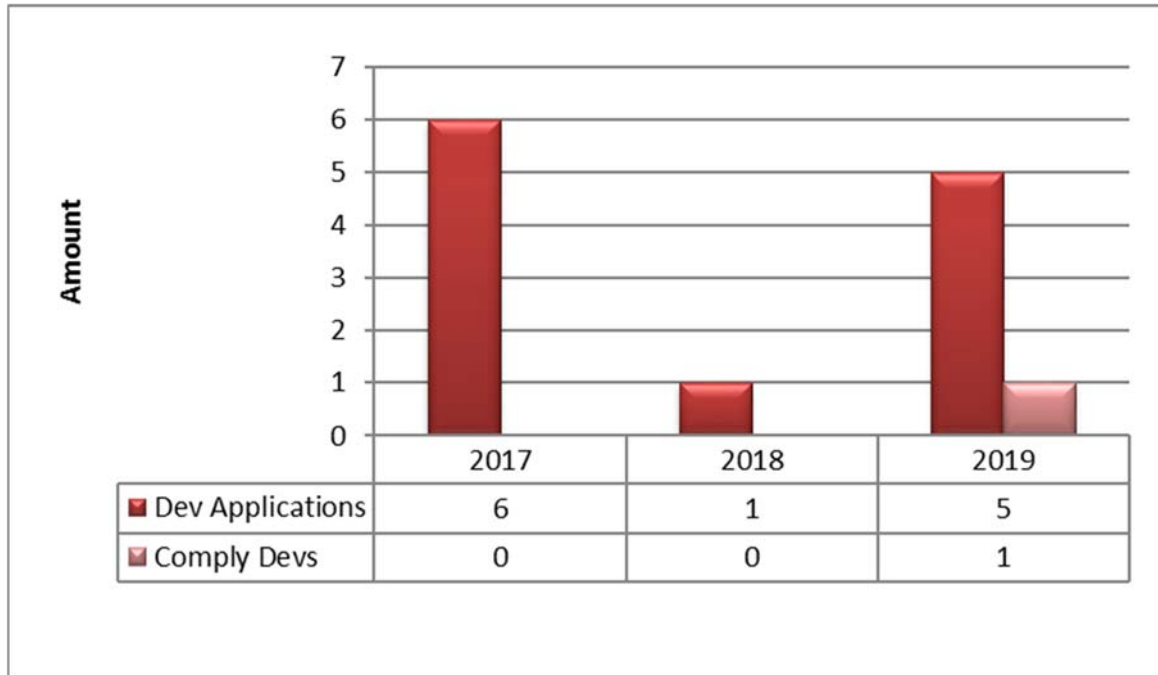
The following graph shows Conveyancing Certificates issued for September compared with the previous seven (7) months.



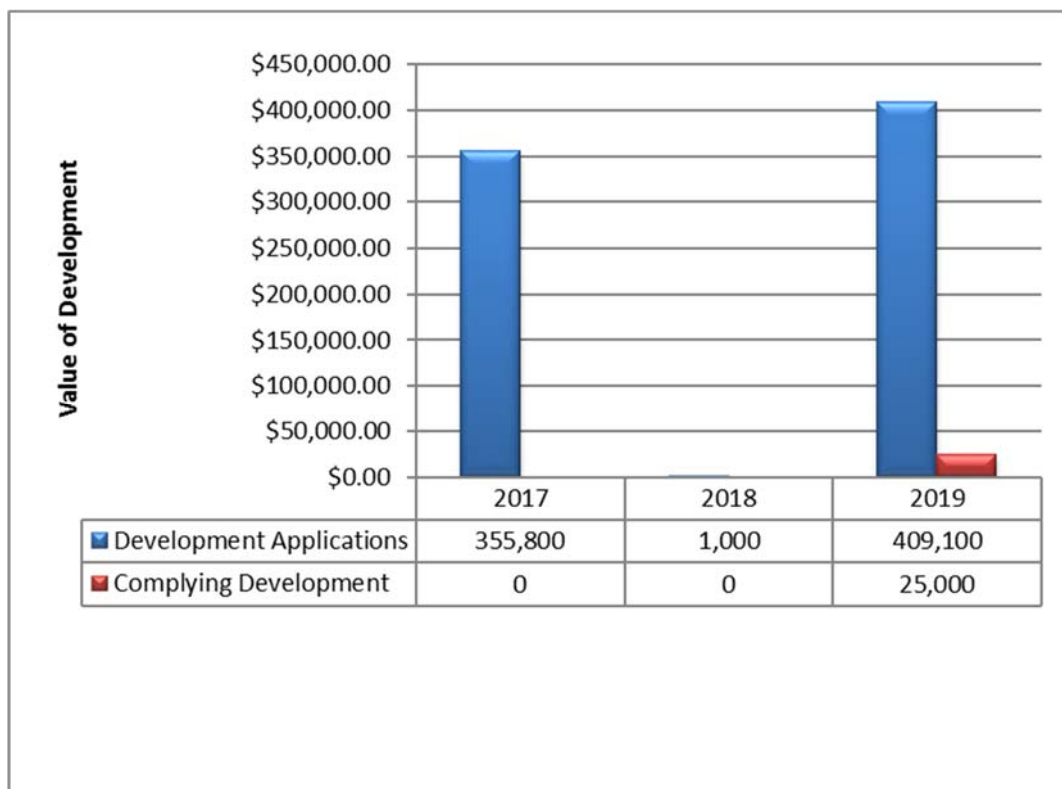
The following graph shows the number of Conveyancing Certificates issued up to and including the month of September 2019 compared with the same period in 2018.



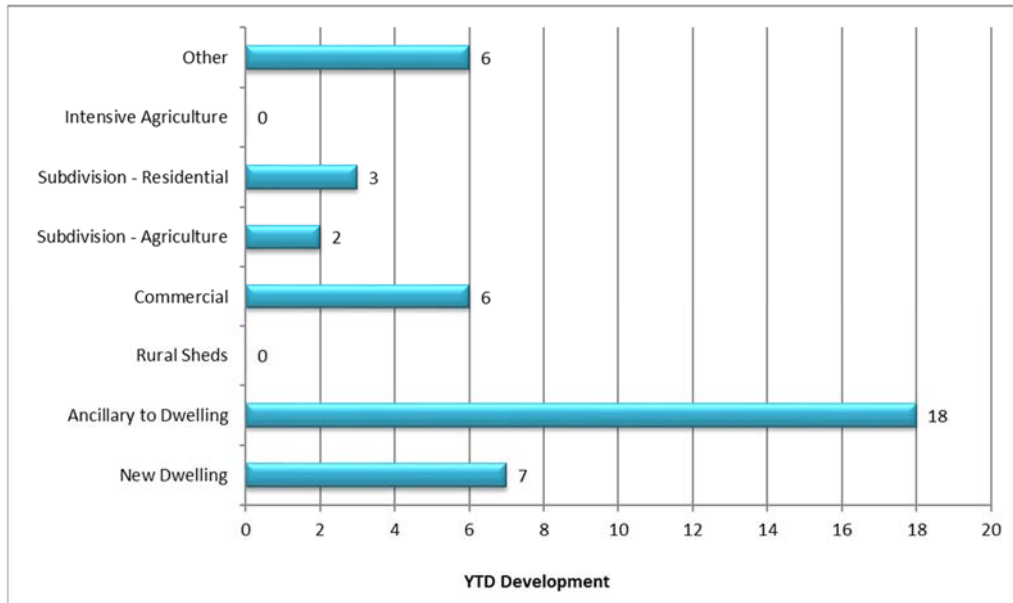
The table below shows a comparison between total applications lodged for the month of September 2019 compared to the previous two years (excluding private certifier lodged applications).



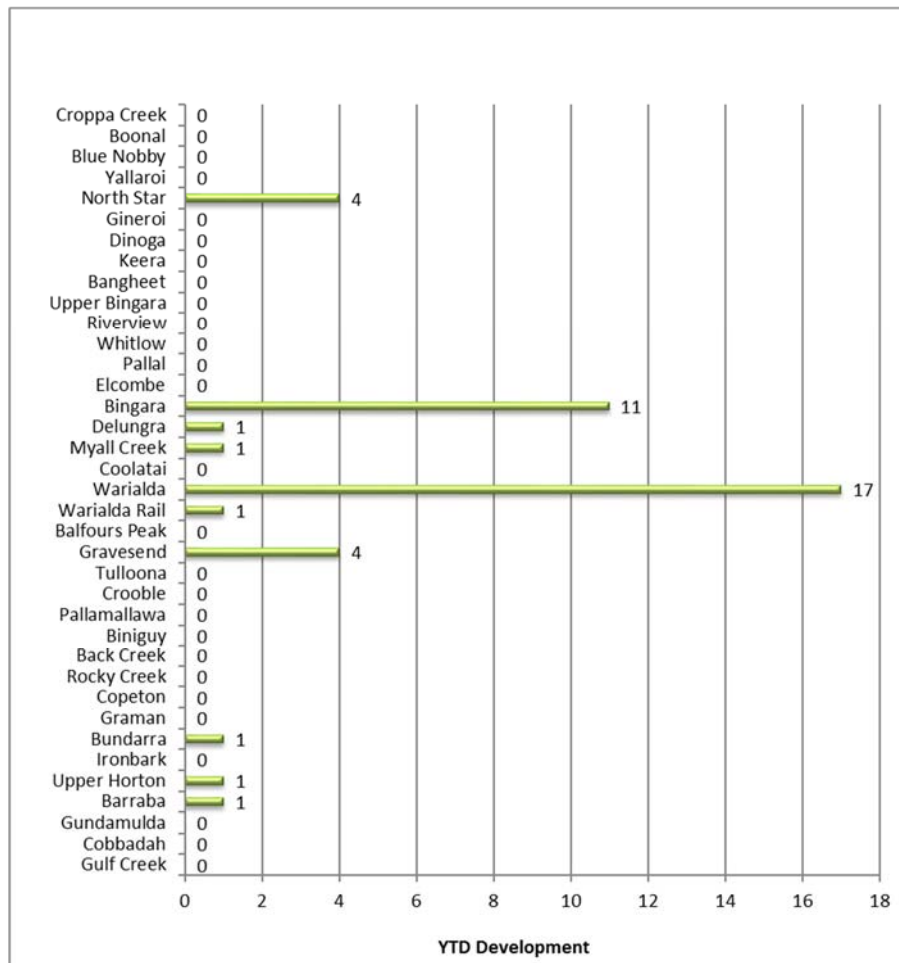
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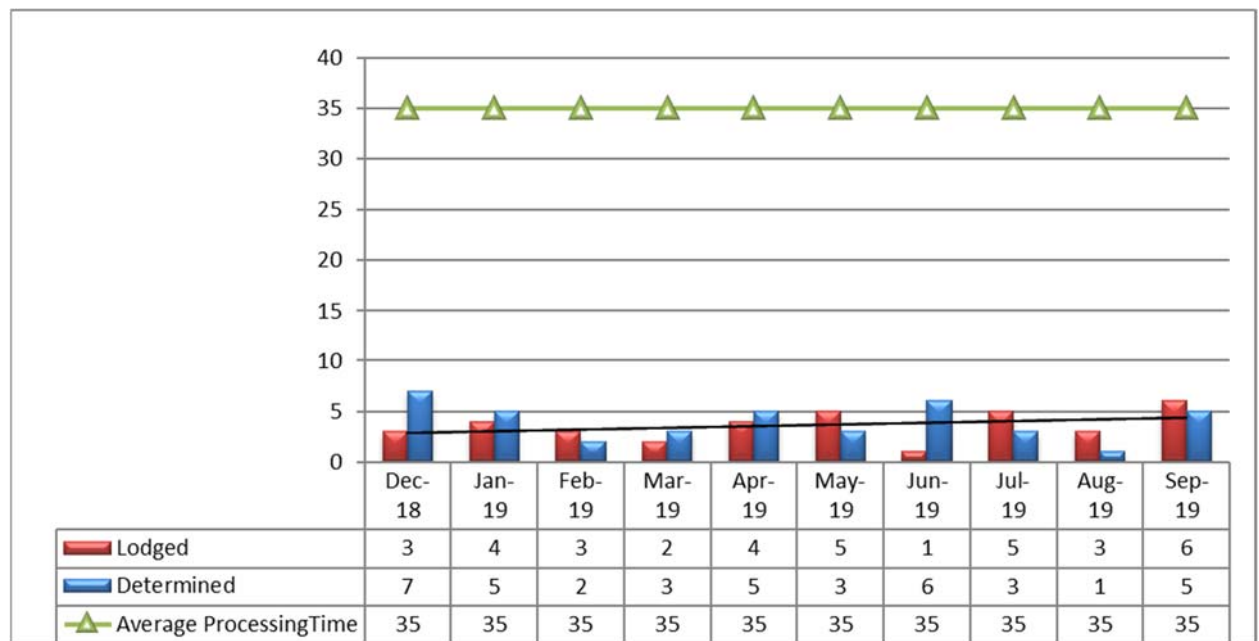
**Development Applications received for the year by type – YTD September 2019**



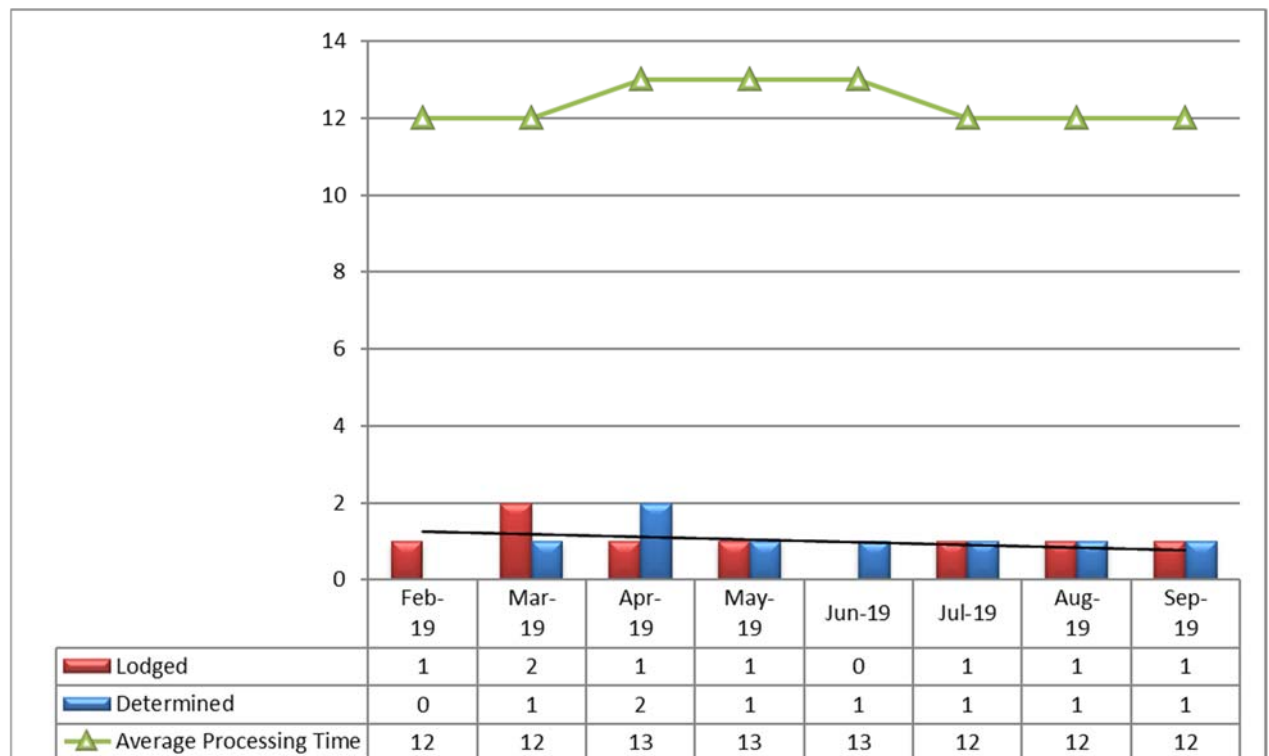
**Development Applications Received for the year by locality – YTD September 2019 (includes private certifier lodged applications)**



**Development Application Analysis – for the nine (9) months up to the end of September 2019 (excludes private certifier lodged and approved applications)**



**Complying Development Application Analysis – for the nine (9) months up to the end of September 2019 (excludes private certifier lodged and approved applications)**



**GWYDIR LEARNING REGION (GLR)**

Use of The Living Classroom during September:

Bingara Community College has continued their “Paddock to Plate” program. They have completed their course for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Term. A review is underway for Term 4. Several of the students continue to attend plant projects at TLC as volunteers – 7 attending

The ‘Pulse of the Earth’ Festivals featuring ‘Groundswell’ was conducted over the weekend of 6 – 8 September. The vicious dust storm on the Friday night reduced the audience to about 400 but was an enjoyable and very memorable event for all who were there, especially the ‘Groundswell’ visitors who were mainly from the city.



*Pulse Festival - Despite the dust storm – the show went on*

The Saturday and Sunday events experienced milder weather and a total attendance of about 1100 was noted. The Festival, entertainment, food and general stalls, children’s activity centre and the ‘Groundswell’ forum all met with approval from those attending. TLC functioned very well for the event.



*Saturday activities at the Pulse festival*



*Pulse – the 'Groundswell' forum marquee.*



*Pulse – Kids area; 'Things of Stone & Wood' on stage; Film maker of '2040' Damon Gameau in forum.*

The GSC garden Crew have installed the 'Nourish' – Bush Tucker Garden signs on the 3ha site.

The Roving Homes group from Bathurst NSW visited TLC for a talk & tour – 20 visitors.

The Northern Inland Risk Management Group held a meeting during September - 15 visitors.

Two representatives from Walgett Shire paid a visit to see how TLC works. They are considering a local project aimed at indigenous youth.

A local Bingara business conducted a three day workshop and retreat at TLC utilising the Classroom and Bunkhouse in September – 9 visitors attended

A group of 42 Central Coast travellers paid a visit and were given a tour of TLC.

Essential Energy conducted a workshop at TLC. – 15 visitors attended

Fifteen members of the U3A group conducted an 'Armchair Travel' evening at TLC.

Members of the GSC Garden Crew attended a morning of re-potting within the Nursery.

Sixteen members of the Bingara Garden Club held their monthly meeting at TLC, and as part of the quid pro quo arrangement, then spent an hour doing some re-potting in the Nursery.

A 100<sup>th</sup> birthday party was held at TLC during September for a local family with 150 family and friends attending.

### **Other GLR Matters**

The GLR Manager attended the Open Day at the Narrabri Grains Research Centre and submitted a report to Council.

The Automotive Trainer represented GLR Training at the Heavy Vehicle Training Forum conducted by the RMS in Sydney.

### **CARAVAN PARKS**

Council's caravan parks amenity and laundry facilities have been made available free of charge to rural families due to ongoing drought conditions.

#### **Bingara Riverside Caravan Park**

Following the recent wind storms, a number of trees were identified as hazardous. A number of trees were lopped and one removed by Council staff.

#### **Warialda Caravan Park**

A new commercial dryer was purchased and installed to replace one which had been used for over 14 years.

### **SECTION 355 COMMITTEES**

#### **Bingara Anglers' Club**

Council released four staff to assist the NSW Department of Primary Industries (DPI) - Fisheries staff to rescue native fish from the Horton River and its tributaries. As at 30 September 2019, 70 fish had been placed in ponds at the Bingara Hatchery having been successfully removed from the Horton River. This project was the first time people other than DPI staff had been authorised to undertake such action.



*Steven Apthorpe at the  
Bingara Hatchery*

**Warialda Rail Community Committee** – will host a fundraising Mini Debutante Ball at the Warialda Memorial Hall on Saturday, 26 October 2019.



**Warialda Sports Council** – contributed \$10,000 to the NSW Government Stronger Country Communities Fund Round 3 – Nicholson Oval lighting project.

### **MYALL CREEK MEMORIAL – LIAISON**

On Friday, 13 September 2019, Council staff, together with representatives of Friends of Myall Creek Committee and Aboriginal Elders, visited Myall Creek Station at the invitation of its owner. This was a special day which the Elders will remember fondly.

Council was represented at the Friends of Myall Creek Committee meeting held in Inverell on Saturday, 14 September 2019.

Following the recent wind storms, five trees were identified as hazardous at the Myall Creek Memorial Site. On Thursday, 26 September 2019, these four trees were lopped and one removed by Council staff.



*One of the dangerous branches down at Myall Creek Memorial site*



*Council's staff doing a great job lopping tree branches at Myall Creek Memorial site*

**SWIMMING POOLS****Warialda Swimming Pool**

Warialda Swimming Pool opened a week earlier this year on Saturday, 28 September 2019 with a pool water temperature of 22 degrees. This is due to new heating infrastructure, which was recently installed.

**Bingara Swimming Pool**

The Bingara Swimming Pool opened on Saturday, 5 October 2019.

**COUNCIL'S CLEANING CONTRACT**

During the reporting period, in addition to the scheduled regular program, cleaning was completed at:

Gwydir Oval – Regional Oztag competition

Living Classroom and Bunkhouse – Pulse of the Earth Festival

Former NAB Bank – refresh for settlement hand over

Warialda Memorial Hall – Physical Culture competition

Living Classroom and Bunkhouse – Quilting course

Living Classroom and Bunkhouse – 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday celebrations.

**GOVERNANCE**

2018/2019 Disclosures by Councillors and Designated Persons Returns were completed.

**Declarations of Interest**

<b>Declarations of Interest</b>	<b>Pecuniary - significant</b>	<b>Pecuniary – less than significant</b>	<b>Non-Pecuniary - significant</b>	<b>Non-Pecuniary – less than significant</b>
September - Committee	0	0	0	0
September – Ordinary	1 General Manager– Item 1 – Confidential Agenda	0	0	0

**Customer Service Requests**

<b>Customer Service Requests</b>	<b>Building Services</b>	<b>Technical Services</b>	<b>Town Utilities</b>	<b>Environmental and Sustainability Services</b>
July - Requests Received and Remain open	1	0	2	0
August – Requests Received and remain open	2	0	4	4 open with notations
September – Requests	15	131 (includes water delivery requests)	14	19

Received				
September – Requests Completed	7	124	8	11
September – Requests Pending	8	7	6	8 open with notations
Year to date – number of requests which remain open	11	7	12	12 open with notations

### **NSW Independent Commission Against Corruption (ICAC) Workshops**

ICAC training workshops were held at the Warialda Training Room on Tuesday 10 September 2019. Twenty one Council staff attended the Corruption Prevention for Managers and Supervisors Workshop which focused on procurement.

In addition two Councillors attended an ICAC presentation that evening.

### **Stronger Country Communities Fund Round 3**

In accordance with Council's 25 July 2019 Ordinary Council Meeting Resolution Ref: 255/19, the following grant applications were submitted on Wednesday 25 September 2019 under the NSW Government's Stronger Country Communities Fund Round 3 - lighting of Nicholson Oval, all weather sports court at Gravesend, maintenance to Warialda CWA Hall, Anglican Church Hall and Catholic Presbytery, additional display and storage area for Bingara Historical Society, and the upgrade of the amenities at the Warialda Swimming Pool.

Unfortunately, the Warialda High School – Sculptures in the Drought project was not submitted.

With a very severe time constraint, the decision was made by the General Manager to replace the Warialda High School project with the Crooble War Memorial Hall project. The Hall project was fully costed and developed having been previously submitted under the NSW Government's My Community Grant. Although this project was unsuccessful in the My Community Grant voting, it proved that it holds much community support given it came third to the two projects that received funding from much larger centres. The project received over 650 votes. The Hall project will see the installation of air conditioning, water tanks and pumping system.

### **Rural Aid Australia - My Town Nomination**

Council submitted a My Town nomination under Rural Aid Australia's Sustainable Community Program. Council could not choose one of its communities over another so it nominated the Shire as a whole. If successful, Council will receive a minimum of \$100,000 over a five year period. In addition, Rural Aid's Farm Army of volunteers (50 – 100) will spend a week in our Shire undertaking a range of town strategy projects. The nomination involved written and video components which were undertaken and completed by a number of staff in a professional manner.

**OFFICER RECOMMENDATION**

**THAT the monthly Executive report for September 2019 be received**

**ATTACHMENTS**

There are no attachments for this report.