

CENTRAL TABLELANDS *Water*



Business Paper

Ordinary Meeting of Central Tablelands *Water*

12th April 2017

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5 April 2017

Notice to Members

Your attendance is requested at an Ordinary Meeting of Council to be held at Old Vic Inn on Wednesday, 12 April 2017 at 10.00am. Morning tea will be served from 9.30am.

Agenda

1. Public Forum
2. Apologies for non-attendance
3. Leaves of absence granted
4. Confirmation of Minutes - Ordinary Meeting held on 8.02.17
5. Chairman's Minute
6. Councillor Representation
7. Notices of Motion
8. Reports of Staff
9. Adjourn Meeting and proceed into Committee of the Whole
10. Resume Ordinary Meeting & Report of Committee of the Whole
11. Next Meeting – 14th June 2017 – Blayney

Yours faithfully

G. Rhodes
General Manager

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HELD ON WEDNESDAY 12 APRIL 2017

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01) FINANCIAL MATTERS (FM.BA.1)

(Raelene Mulligan)

RECOMMENDATION:

1. That the information be noted.

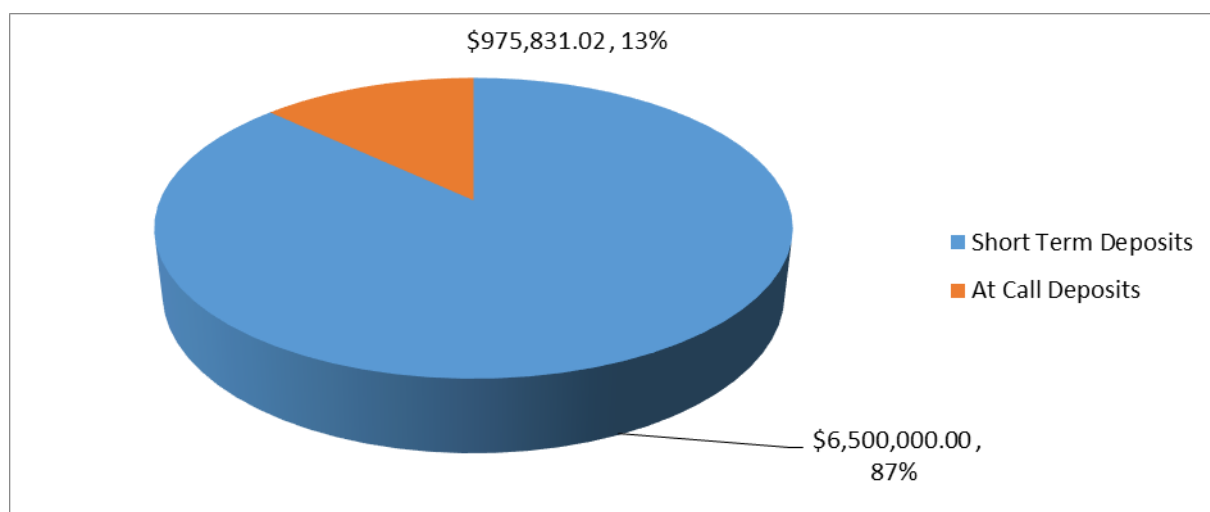
REPORT

Cash and Investments

The below investment summary represents Council’s total investments as at 28th February 2017 in accordance with clause 212 of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2005.

		Term (Days)	Rate	Maturity Date	% of Portfolio
Short Term Deposits	\$ 6,500,000				86.95%
AMP - Curve Securities	500,000	210	2.95%	7/03/17	6.69%
Reliance Credit Union	500,000	180	2.95%	12/03/17	6.69%
BOQ - Curve Securities	500,000	182	2.70%	24/04/17	6.69%
AMP - Curve Securities	500,000	182	2.70%	22/05/17	6.69%
AMP - Curve Securities	700,000	183	2.75%	6/06/17	9.36%
RimSec - AMP	500,000	182	2.80%	12/06/17	6.69%
RimSec - ING	500,000	182	2.75%	13/06/17	6.69%
BOQ - Curve Securities	800,000	182	2.75%	25/07/17	10.70%
AMP - Curve Securities	500,000	181	2.75%	31/07/17	6.69%
RimSec - ING	500,000	182	2.80%	1/08/17	6.69%
RimSec - ING	500,000	189	2.80%	8/08/17	6.69%
Reliance Credit Union	500,000	180	2.70%	2/08/17	6.69%

Cash and Investments By Type



Bank Reconciliation as at 28th February 2017**BANK RECONCILIATION**

Balance as per Bank Statement	\$	975,831.02
Add: Outstanding Cheques	\$	50.00
Less: Outstanding Deposits	-\$	4,449.62
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Balance as per Cash Book	\$	<u>980,230.64</u>

GENERAL FUND

(a) Cash Book Balance	\$	980,230.64
(b) Bank Balance	\$	975,831.02

The above investments have been secured in accordance with the Act, regulations and Council's Investment Policy.



Raelene Mulligan
Director Finance & Corporate Services

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

Nil

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Nil

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

02) INTEGRATED PLANNING & REPORTING 2017/2018 (FM.PL.1)

(Raelene Mulligan)

RECOMMENDATION:

1. That Council endorses the draft:
 - a. Operational Plan 2017 – 2018 – Parts 1 & 2
 - b. Long Term Financial Plan 2017/2018 – 2026/2027

To be placed on public display for a period of 28 days.

REPORT

In accordance with the legislative requirements for Integrated Planning and Reporting, the Long Term Financial plan has been reviewed and updated by staff and, together with the 2016/2017 Operational Plan – Part 1 & 2 (incorporating the 2017/2018 budget) are now presented in draft for Council's consideration prior to being placed on public exhibition.

It is estimated that 2016/2017 will result in an operating surplus of \$146,486 and an overall cash budget surplus of \$817,340.

The 2017/2018 Operational Plan estimates an operating surplus of \$172,389, after providing for depreciation and amortisation expense of \$1,880,950, with an overall surplus of \$506,191 anticipated.

Council resolved in 2006/2007 to effect an annual increase of 8% on the consumption tariff in order to self-fund an extensive capital works program (\$52.84 million in 2010 \$ terms) over 30 years without the need for loan borrowings or government subsidies. In 2014/2015, Council resolved to end the annual increase of 8% in the consumption tariff in favour of a reduced annual increase of 5%. On review of Council's long term financial plan and in order to self-fund a 30 year capital works program, an annual price increase of 8% on consumption charges has been applied.

Availability charges are recommended not to increase and to remain at \$200.00 for a standard 20mm service. The planned increase of 8% on the consumption tariff will see the cost per kilolitre rise from \$2.55 to \$2.75. Without an increase in the availability charge, the overall increase for an average residential bill using 191kL over 12 months will be \$38.20.

Management has also reviewed Council's Long Term Financial Plan (10 years) and has provided Council with three scenarios. The scenarios include the base budget as presented, along with scenarios containing two very wet years reducing Council's income from water sales, and the repayment of CTW's fixed term loan from cash reserves. Commentary based on these scenarios has been included with the Long Term Financial Plan.

In 2017/2018, Council's Section 64 Developer Charge will increase from \$8,850 per ET (equivalent tenement) to \$8,980 per ET in accordance with the adopted 2012

Developer Servicing Plan. The Capital Contribution for in-fill blocks will increase from \$4,110 per ET to \$4,170 per ET.

The following capital works are planned in 2017/2018:

- Plant & Vehicle Replacements (Net cost) \$106,000
- Provision for Pump Replacements \$46,350
- Administration Building – Outdoor painting \$10,000
- Trunk Main 'K' – Relocation \$4,639,430
- Joint CTW & Orange City Council Pipeline Project \$1,887,274
- Development of Asset Management software \$80,000
- Purchase of computer hardware \$20,000
- Rural Scheme Replacement \$18,810
- Wallaby Pipeline \$35,000

Council has a dedicated focus on consumer expectations and, through its pricing policy, consumers are receiving a water supply of high quality and reliability and this is wholly attributable to the pricing policy being able to fund an ongoing program of infrastructure renewal and upgrade.

Fees and Charges for 2017/2018 are detailed in the attached Operational Plan – Part 2.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

Nil

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Nil

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

03) DEPARTMENT OF PRIMARY INDUSTRIES WATER - LACHLAN ALLUVIUM WATER RESOURCE PLAN (GR.LR.2)

(Gavin Rhodes)

RECOMMENDATION:

1. That Council note the report.

REPORT

In consultation with the Chairman and Senior Management, a submission on the *Lachlan Alluvium Water Resource Plan (GW10) – Status and Issues Paper* was developed and submitted to DPI Water on 30 March 2017.

As CTW currently has various groundwater bores which supplement CTW's major water source Lake Rowlands for the purpose of town water supply, the submission focussed on the issues relating to the Lachlan catchment, Lachlan Alluvium, local water utilities (LWUs) entitlements and water quality.

In summary, CTW's submission requested that, the Lachlan Alluvium Water Resource Plan continued with LWUs having the highest priority to accessing water; investigating further the criticality of water security by ensuring sufficient water is set aside in storages to provide supply; equal representation of stakeholders engagement (including local government representation); and that water quality and protection of drinking water catchment areas continues to be of high importance.

A copy of CTW's submission on the *Lachlan Alluvium Water Resource Plan (GW10) – Status and Issues Paper* is provided as an attachment to this report.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

Nil

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Nil

ATTACHMENTS

- 1 CTW – Lachlan Water Resource Plan submission

3 Pages



Central Tablelands *Water*

Our Reference: GO.AM.1

Contact: Gavin Rhodes

30 March 2017

Ms Tracey Brownbill
Team Leader Water Planning (South)
Department of Primary Industries - Water
Locked Bag 5123
Parramatta NSW 2124
By email: lachlan.gw.wrp@dpi.nsw.gov.au

Dear Ms Brownbill,

LACHLAN ALLUVIUM WATER RESOURCE PLAN (GW10) STATUS AND ISSUES PAPER

Central Tablelands Water County Council makes the following submission in relation to the Lachlan Alluvium Water Resource Plan (GW10) –Status and Issues Paper.

1. Background: Central Tablelands Water

Central Tablelands Water County Council (CTW) is a water supply authority constituted under the *Local Government Act 1993*. CTW currently supplies water to around 14,000 customers in 14 towns and villages in the shires of Blayney, Cabonne, Weddin and Cowra, and to individual customers also in the Shires of Forbes and Bland.

Because of its central position in the water supply network for the central west, with its major water source (Lake Rowlands) high in the Lachlan catchment, and water security for the central west being assessed on a regional basis, CTW is an important independent water supply authority.

2. CTW's submission

As CTW currently has six (6) groundwater bores which supplement CTW's major water source Lake Rowlands for the purpose of town water supply, the focus of this submission will be on the issues relating to the Lachlan catchment, Lachlan Alluvium, local water utilities (LWUs) entitlements and water quality.

a) Water for towns and essential human needs

As water is essential for human survival, agricultural production and future growth, CTW fully supports towns having and maintaining a **'higher priority access to water.'**

Water security for the region's urban centres including the need for a new storage in the Lachlan catchment is one of the highest priorities for Central NSW with long term water security vital to meeting community needs and underpin confidence for continued investment and growth in the region. Water for urban use is crucial for

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the sustainability of the region's towns. The Cranky Rock Dam proposal would provide a solution to the severe water security issue facing the Central Tablelands and Central West of NSW and provide far better options for the region, including urban water, irrigation, mining and flood mitigation for the Belubula Valley. It would also take the pressure off the Lachlan River and Lachlan Alluvium during times of serious drought.

b) Water Quality

As a highly reputable water supply authority, CTW completely understands the significant importance of excellent water quality. CTW strongly advocates for the continued and increased environmental protections of drinking water catchment areas for our valuable water supply.

CTW supports co-operative natural resource management between community and government in mitigating some of the poor water quality risks and reducing water quality degradation.

c) Consultation and stakeholder input

CTW would welcome the opportunity to be involved in any further stakeholder engagement enabling informed input on issues and options for improved water resource management of the Lachlan catchment and Lachlan Alluvium.

d) WRP Environmental and Social – Draft objectives and strategies

As a LWU, CTW agrees with the WRP's draft environmental and social targeted objectives of; protecting and maintaining aquifer water quality from salinity increases and degradation of other water quality parameters; protecting and maintaining the productive base of aquifers within the plan area; and ensuring sufficient water is available to service local water utilities. As per the draft targeted objectives, the draft proposed strategies are also concurred with by CTW being; manage potential aquifer contamination at a local scale where there is a high level of risk; manage potential extraction impacts on water levels at a local scale for areas where there is a higher demand and a higher level of risk; minimise extraction impacts on water levels at a water source scale; minimise extraction impacts on water levels over the longer term; integrate the management of highly connected ground and surface water sources; setting priority, security of access; and managing extraction at a water source/local scale.

In summary, CTW therefore requests that, the Lachlan Alluvium WRP continues with LWUs having the highest priority to accessing water; investigating further the criticality of water security by ensuring sufficient water is set aside in storages to provide supply; equal representation of stakeholder engagement (including local government representation); and that water quality and protection of drinking water catchment areas continues to be of high importance.

Thank you for the opportunity of making this submission.



If any further information is required or you would like to discuss any aspect of this submission prior to finalising the Lachlan Alluvium WRP, please contact CTW's general manager, Gavin Rhodes on (02) 63691 7200.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'David Somerville'.

David Somerville
Chairman

04) RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES POLICY (CM.PO.1)

(Gavin Rhodes)

RECOMMENDATION:

1. That Council adopt the Draft Related Party Disclosures Policy and place on public display for a period of 28 days with a view to adoption at the June 2017 meeting of Council.

REPORT

The Office of Local Government (OLG) has advised tht the Australian Accounting Standards Board (AASB) has determined that, from 1 July 2016, AASB 124 related party disclosures will apply to government entities, including local government.

In Council's Annual Financial Statements for 2016-17, council must disclose related party relationships, transactions and outstanding balances, including commitments.

The purpose of the Policy is to define the parameters for Related Party Transactions and the level of disclosure and reporting required for Council to achieve compliance with AASB 124.

It is appropriate that this policy be adopted to demonstrate Council's commitment to transparency in its financial dealings and compliance with relevant Accounting Standards.

A copy of the Draft Policy is attached to this report for Councillors information and consideration.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

Nil

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Nil

ATTACHMENTS

1. Draft – Related Party Disclosures Policy 6 pages

Central Tablelands *Water*



Draft - Related Party Disclosures Policy

Policy Title:	Related Party Disclosures Policy	
Responsible Officer:	Director Finance & Corporate Services	
Adopted:	Date: TBA	Minute Number: TBA
Last Reviewed:	Date: 3/04/2017	
New Review:	Date:	
Version Number:	V1	

Objective

Council is committed to ensuring transparency in its financial dealings and compliance with relevant Accounting Standards.

Definitions

AASB 124 – Australian Accounting Standard 124 Related Party Disclosures.

Close family members of the family or person – in relation to a key management person, family members who may be expected to influence, or be influenced by, that person in their dealings with the Council and include:

- a) That person's children and spouse or domestic partner;
- b) Children of that person's spouse or domestic partner; and
- c) Dependants of that person or that person's spouse or domestic partner.

Key management personnel (KMP) – person(s) having authority and responsibility for planning, directing and controlling the activities of Council, directly or indirectly. Specifically, KMP of Council includes the Chairperson, Councillors, General Manager, Director Operations & Technical Services and Director Finance & Corporate Services. Other persons may be considered KMP of Council if they meet the definition requirements. Persons acting in a KMP position will not be considered KMP unless they meet the definition requirements or are acting for a period of more than 4 consecutive weeks.

KMP Related Party Transactions Notification (Notification) – notification form to be used to report Related Party Transactions to the General Manager.

Materiality – means the assessment of whether the transaction, either individually or in aggregate with other transactions, by omitting it or misstating it could influence decisions that users make on the basis of an entity's financial statements. For the purpose of this policy, it is not considered appropriate to set either a dollar value or a percentage value to determine materiality.

Ordinary citizen transaction – a transaction that an ordinary citizen of the community would undertake in the ordinary course of business with Council.

Related Party – a person or entity that is related to Council as defined in AASB124, paragraph 9. Examples include:

- a) Council subsidiaries;
- b) Key management personnel;
- c) Close family members of key management personnel;
- d) Entities that are controlled or jointly controlled by KMP or their close family members.

Related Party Transaction – a transfer of resources, services or obligations between Council and a related party, regardless of whether a price is charged. Examples include:

- a) Purchases or sales of goods;
- b) Purchases or sales of property and other assets;

- c) Rendering or receiving of services;
- d) Rendering or receiving of goods;
- e) Development applications;
- f) Leases;
- g) Commitments to do something if a particular event occurs or does not occur in the future;
- h) Settlement of liabilities on behalf of Council or by Council on behalf of that related party.

Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to define the parameters for Related Party Transactions and the level of disclosure and reporting required for Central Tablelands Water County Council (Council) to achieve compliance with AASB124 – *Australian Accounting Standard 124 Related Party Disclosures*. The Standard ensures that Council's financial statements contain disclosures necessary to draw attention to the possibility that its financial position and profit or loss may have been affected by the existence of related parties and transactions with them.

Scope of Policy

This policy shall apply to Related Parties of Council and Related Party Transactions.

Legislative Context

- Local Government Act 1993;
- Local Government (General) Regulation 2005;
- AASB124 Related Party Disclosures;
- Access to Information Policy

Policy Provisions

Policy Statement

Council will prepare and report related party disclosures in accordance with AASB requirements. To achieve this, Council will implement a system to identify and capture related party transactions with related parties.

Related Party Relationships

Council will identify any entities and KMP that fall within the definition of a related party.

Related Party Transactions

Key Management Personnel must provide a KMP Related Party Transactions Notification form, notifying any existing or potential related party transactions between Council and either themselves, their close family members or entities controlled or jointly controlled by them or any of their close family members, to the General Manager.

The notification requirement above does not apply to:

- a) Related party transactions that are ordinary citizen transactions not assessed as being material; and
- b) For Councillors, expenses incurred and facilities provided to a Councillor during the financial year, under Council's Councillor Expenses and Facilities Policy, the particulars of which are contained in Council's Annual Report.

Required Disclosures & Reporting

AASB124 provides that Council must disclose the following financial information in its financial statements for each financial year:

- a) *Disclosure of any related party relationship* – must disclose in the annual financial statements its relationship with any related parties or subsidiaries (where applicable), whether or not there have been transactions within the relevant reporting period.
- b) *KMP Compensation Disclosures* – must disclose in the annual financial statements KMP for each of the following categories of compensation in total:
 - a. The amount of the transactions;
 - b. The amount of outstanding balances, including commitments, and:
 - i. Their terms and conditions, including whether they are secured, and the nature of the consideration to be provided in settlement; and
 - ii. Details of any guarantees given or received;
 - c. Provisions for doubtful debts related to the amount of outstanding balances; and
 - d. The expense recognised during the period in respect of bad or doubtful debts due from related parties.

Related Party Transactions that are to be disclosed if they are of a material and significant nature include, but not limited to:

- a) Purchases or sales of goods;
- b) Purchases or sales of property and other assets;
- c) Rendering or receiving of services;
- d) Leases;
- e) Settlement of liabilities on behalf of Council or by Council on behalf of the related party;
- f) Quotations and/or tender; and
- g) Commitments.

The following matters must be considered in determining the materiality and significance of any related party transactions:

- a) Significance of transactions in terms of size;
- b) Whether the transaction was carried out on non-market terms;
- c) Whether the transaction is outside normal day-to-day business operations, such as purchase and sale of assets;
- d) Whether the transaction is disclosed to regulatory or supervisory authorities;

- e) Whether the transaction has been reported to senior management; and
- f) Whether the transaction was subject to Council approval.

Regard must also be given for transactions that are collectively, but not individually significant.

All transactions involving Related Parties will be captured and reviewed to determine materiality and significance.

Information Privacy

- Information (including personal information) provided by a KMP in a notification form is classified as confidential and is not available for inspection or disclosure to the public, including a GIPA request.
- A GIPA request for access to information about a KMP Notification will be refused on the grounds that the document or information comprises information the disclosure of which would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest.
- Except as specified in this policy, Council and other permitted recipients will not use or disclose personal information provided in a Notification by a KMP, for any other purpose or to any other person except with the prior written consent of the subject KMP.
- The following persons are permitted to access, use and disclose the information (including personal information) provided in a Notification:
 - KMP for information about themselves;
 - Officers of Council's Corporate Services Department responsible for maintaining related party information and preparing financial reports;
 - Member of Council's Audit Committee; and
 - Auditors of Council.



KMP RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS NOTIFICATION

[Note: This document is confidential and is not RTI-accessible. See Council's Related Party Disclosure Policy]

Name of Key Management Person:

.....

Position/Title of Key Management Person:

.....

Please read the Privacy Collection Notice provided with this notification, which explains what is a related party transaction and the purposes for which Council is collecting, and will use and disclose, the related party information provided by you in this notification.

Please complete the table below for each related party transaction with Council that you, or a close member of your family, or an entity related to you or a close member of your family:

- a) has previously entered into and which will continue in the ____/____ financial year; or
- b) has entered into, or is reasonably likely to enter into, in the ____/____ financial year.

Description of Related Party Transaction	Related Party's Name	Related Party's Relationship

Notification

I _____ notify that, to the best of my knowledge, information and belief, as at the date of this notification, the above list includes all existing and potential related party controlled by me or close members of my family, relevant to the ____/____ financial year. I make this notification after reading the Related Party Disclosures Policy provided by Central Tablelands Water County Council, which details definitions and the purposes for which this information will be used and disclosed. I permit the General Manager and Director Finance & Corporate Services to access information about the interests of me and persons related to me and to use this information for the purposes specified in that policy.

Signature of name Key Management Person: _____

Date: _____

**05) WATER REFILLING STATION AT REDMOND OVAL, MILLTHORPE
(EM.PR.1)**

(Gavin Rhodes)

RECOMMENDATION:

1. For Council's consideration and determination.

REPORT

The General Manager has received a request from Blayney Shire Council, seeking Council's interest in a "partnering" arrangement towards a new stainless steel water refilling station to be installed at the recently redeveloped Redmond Oval in Millthorpe.

Blayney Shire Council has advised that the water refilling station would encourage visitors and locals to refill their reusable water bottles, rather than having plastic water bottles littering the town and increasing landfill.

In 2010, CTW instigated by the General Manager at the time, Mr Tony Perry, resolved to become a member of the Bottled Water Alliance and adopt a policy of promoting the advantages of drinking clean safe tap water against the disadvantages and environmental damage with the use of bottled water. As a result, CTW partnered with Blayney Shire Council and Cabonne Council and have installed four water bottle refilling stations throughout both shire areas over the past 4 years. From all reports these refilling stations have been well received and utilised by the public.

A water refilling station was originally installed at Redmond Oval, however, it has been out of service for quite some time due to storm damage and the General Manager has been advised by Blayney Shire Council that it is irreparable. This model of refilling station was manufactured using plastic components whereas the stainless steel water refilling stations available today are more durable and are more resistant to the elements.

It is estimated by Blayney Shire Council that the new stainless steel water refilling station would cost approximately \$6,000.00. Therefore, if Council were to agree to a 50/50 partnering arrangement, Council's contribution would be \$3,000.

As per previous water refilling station agreements with Council's constituent councils, Blayney Shire Council would be responsible for the ongoing maintenance and operational costs of the refilling station.

A copy of the Blayney Shire Council email seeking Council's interest in partnering in a new stainless steel water refilling station at Redmond Oval in Millthorpe is attached for Councillors information.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

FY16/17 – Funding available under "Wise Water" Program Budget Allocation.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Nil

ATTACHMENTS

1 Email from Grant Baker BSC Water Refilling Station 1 Page

From: Grant Baker
Sent: Friday, 24 February 2017 4:27 PM
To: Gavin J. Rhodes
Cc: Charlie Harris; Rebecca Ryan
Subject: Re: Millthorpe Water bubbler

Hi Gav

Council is looking to install two drinking fountains at Redmond Oval in Millington in coming months.

We have previously installed three of the recycled plastic ones from CTW.

One is currently installed at Napier oval Blayney
One was installed at Redmond Oval, and has been removed due to damage from a storm.
One remains within your store.

We currently propose to install a new stainless steel (similar to outside Millthorpe Public School) within Redmond Oval at the gate onto the playing field, and the recycled plastic one currently in your store at the Millthorpe Skatepark (Boomerang Street side of Redmond Oval).

We were wondering if you wished to partner in the new stainless one at Redmond, and be involved in the “badging” of it. In similar fashion to the Public School one.

Now that the major CAPEX works at Redmond are complete, Charlie Harris will be leading this project.

Can you please let us know what your thoughts are?
Are you able to provide any advise on why Netwaste logo is on the current Millthorpe school one?

Hope you have a nice weekend.

Regards

Grant S. Baker | Director Infrastructure Services
Blayney Shire Council
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w: www.blayney.nsw.gov.au

Sent from my iPhone

06) HENRY LAWSON FESTIVAL GRENFELL (CR.SD.1)

(Gavin Rhodes)

RECOMMENDATION:

1. For Council's consideration and determination.

REPORT

The Arts and Events Officer, Ms Claire McCann from Weddin Shire Council has written to Council seeking support by way of sponsorship for the 2017 Henry Lawson Festival at Grenfell, which is held annually for five days over the June Long Weekend.

Council donated \$250 towards the Henry Lawson Festival in 2016.

The General Manager advises that a sponsorship contribution of \$250.00 can be accommodated within Councils current vote for donations and contributions.

A copy of the sponsorship request is provided as an attachment to this report.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

Dependent on determination.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Nil

ATTACHMENTS

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| 1 | Henry Lawson festival sponsorship request | 1 Page |
| 2 | GM Reply Letter | 1 Page |



**HENRY LAWSON
FESTIVAL**
G R E N F E L L

EVERY JUNE LONG WEEKEND



*Refer to April
Council meeting.
me*

Central Tablelands Water
Gavin Rhodes
30 Church Street
Blayney NSW 2799

Wednesday, 1st February 2017

Dear Gavin,

2017 is going to be a big year for the Henry Lawson Festival of Arts. Not only are we celebrating the 60th Festival, but also Henry Lawsons 150th birthday.

We are currently in the process of gathering sponsorship for the 2017 Henry Lawson Festival and I am contacting previous sponsors to see whether they would like to support the Festival again this year.

We appreciate all the support given to the Festival over the previous years from both businesses and individuals with generous donations.

Last year you were kind enough to donate **\$250** towards the Festival. If you feel you would like to contribute again this year we would be most grateful. I have attached the sponsorship form and if you wish to sponsor again please return it the form by Friday 10th March 2017.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me on the details below.

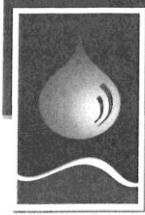
Once again thank you for your past support and we look forward to your continued support with the 60th Henry Lawson Festival of Arts in 2017.

Yours Sincerely,

Claire McCann

Arts & Tourism Officer
Weddin Shire Council

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P: (02) 6343 2059



Central Tablelands *Water*

Our Reference: CR.SD.1

Contact: Gavin Rhodes

10 February 2017

Ms Claire McCann
Arts & Tourism Officer
Weddin Shire Council
PO Box 77
GRENFELL NSW 2810

Dear Claire,

Re: Sponsorship for the 2017 Henry Lawson Festival

Further to your letter dated 1st February 2017, I advise that Council has a policy of all requests for donations are considered by Council on application. Council has subsequently considered the case where an appeal for a donation is received between meetings and has decided that all appeals must still come before Council.

Therefore noting Council's policy, your letter will be submitted to Council at its next meeting on 12 April 2017 for consideration.

I will advise you further following Council's April meeting.

Yours faithfully,



G. Rhodes
General Manager

07) CENTROC BOARD MEETING HELD 23 FEBRUARY 2017 AT FORBES (CM.CF.3)

(Gavin Rhodes)

RECOMMENDATION:

1. That Council note the report and associated minutes of the Centroc Board Meeting held 23 February 2017.

REPORT

A Centroc Board Meeting was hosted by Forbes Shire Council at the Forbes Services Memorial Club on 23 February 2017. The Chairman and General Manager represented CTW at the Board Meeting.

The Centroc Board welcomed Cr David Somerville as the Portfolio Mayor for Water.

A copy of the Mayoral Report and the Minutes from the Centroc Board Meeting held 23 February 2017 are attached to this report for your information.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

Nil

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Nil

ATTACHMENTS

- 1 Centroc Mayoral Report 3 Pages
- 2 Centroc Board Meeting Minutes 4 Pages

**Report from the Mayor attending the Centroc Board
Meeting 23 February 2017
Forbes Services Club**

I attended the Centroc Board meeting at the Forbes Services Club 23 February 2017 and provide the following report for Council's information, along with the draft meeting minutes.

The next meeting will be held at Parliament House 25 May, with the support of Member for Bathurst, the Hon. Paul Toole. Correspondence will be sent expressing the Boards appreciation.

Transport Infrastructure – The Board was notified of a potential project with CSIRO on agricultural freight, as an extra layer to the Regional Freight Movement Map developed by the National Heavy Vehicle Regulator and the Centroc Road Transport Technical Committee.

The Board resolved to ramp up advocacy for the Bells Line Corridor including reference to the escalating costs over time as North West Sydney continues to develop.

To progress this meetings are being coordinated with key Federal and State Ministers and members including the newly appointed Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight The Hon Melinda Pavey.

Water Security – There has been a significant amount of happening in the Water Portfolio since our last meeting. Notably there is a lot of action in and around progressing a new storage high in the Lachlan catchment.

The Board adopted the Communique between Centroc, Lachlan Valley Water and the Belubula Landholders Association, see below.

With the commencement of Phase Two Lachlan Priority Catchment Water Security Investigations, representatives from Lachlan Valley Water, the Belubula Landholders Association and Centroc met on 17 November 2016 to re-affirm their joint position on a proposed dam on the Belubula River developed in November 2015. The three groups re-affirmed the communique as follows:

- a. *The prosperity of our region is closely tied to both healthy towns and a successful agricultural sector.*
- b. *Currently water security is limiting economic development in the towns, industry, mining and agricultural sectors of the Lachlan Valley.*
- c. *Options that offer substantive improvements for both urban water security and agricultural water security are supported by the Centroc Board as well as by the Belubula Landholders Association and Lachlan Valley Water.*
- d. *Failure of urban water supplies is socially unacceptable and as such Centroc Councils support investment in additional water storage providing it addresses urban and agricultural water needs.*

The following two points were added:

- e) *The Centroc Board, Belubula Landholders Association and Lachlan Valley Water welcome the announcement of GHD as the strategic partner to assist WaterNSW with the Phase 2 feasibility study on the proposed dam site on the Belubula River. These organisations expect that the outcome of the study will be to ensure an informed decision is made regarding options for a new storage in the Lachlan catchment.*
- f) *A new storage in the upper reaches of the Lachlan catchment will have community wide benefits through flood mitigation in the Lachlan and Belubula River valleys with the costs to*

State government for the repair of flood damaged infrastructure offset by the costs of the operation of the dam.

Centroc, under the auspices of the Executive will send correspondence to WaterNSW detailing the region's urban water security demands based on most recent studies.

A pre-consultation teleconference convened by WaterNSW was held with Centroc representatives. The purpose of the meeting was to update WaterNSW on Centroc's water security work, in particular, work undertaken on the outcomes of the Centroc Water Security Study.

Further actions to be undertaken include WaterNSW hydrologists and Centroc representatives to meet to determine what opportunities exist for Centroc's modelling for urban supplies to be updated in parallel with the work being done as part of the Lachlan Priority Catchment Water Security Investigations-Phase Two.

The Board welcomed Cr David Somerville, Chair of Central Tablelands Water, as the Portfolio Mayor for Water.

Health – A review of the Beyond the Range (BTR) program was provided. Marketing for the BTR has been primarily through social media, with good engagement. Members from each council are encouraged to engage in the social media to be effective.

The Board resolved to offer support and undertake activity to ensure the potential of the Murray Darling Basin Medical School is realised in Central NSW.

A meeting with the Chair of Centroc and the newly appointed Minister for Health the Hon Brad Hazzard is currently being organised. Given the Member for Calare Andrew Gee has been so active in this space, the Chair is seeking to meet with him as soon as possible in this regard.

Regional Development – Peter McMillan Executive Officer of Regional Development Australia Central West (RDACW) updated members on activities. RDACW have been asked to identify black spots in the region and provide feedback.

Ian Scott from NBN will be asked to present to the next Board meeting.

Mr Ashley Albury newly appointed Director of DOC Greater Western NSW, was welcomed. Mr Albury gave members an update on additional portfolios that now fall under DPC.

Tourism – Board members discussed the future model for the Central NSW Tourism Board and welcomed CNSWT Board member, and Cabonne Councillor, Cr Ian Davison who gave an update on 3 potential options under development for regional tourism into the future.

Planning – A Regional response to the Planning Legislation changes will be lodged, developed with feedback from the Centroc Planners Group.

A meeting with the Chair of Centroc and the newly appointed Minister for Local government, Ms Gabrielle Upton is currently being organised to ascertain the NSW Government's appetite for progressing Joint Organisations.

Management Plan and Policy – The Board discussed the member fee structure, as per the indicative schedule provided, further options will be prepared for the May meeting.

Operational – On the back of recent savings of \$155Kpa on diesel procurement, the Board resolved to write to Mid -Western Regional Council referring to recent correspondence seeking advice on operational membership noting the value proposition and existing engagement.

There is a lot of valuable collaborative activity continuing to go on through this challenging reform of Local Government and Centroc members should be congratulated for their collaborative efforts for better outcomes for the region.

I commend this report to you.

Attachments:

1. **Draft Minutes of the Centroc Board meeting**

4b Confirmation of the Minutes of the Board Meeting 23 February 2017 held in Forbes
Board Delegates in bold

Cr G Rush	Bathurst Regional Council	Cr J Davis	Orange City Council
Mr D Sherley	Bathurst Regional Council	Mr G Styles	Orange City Council
Cr S Ferguson	Blayney Shire Council	Cr K Keith	Parkes Shire Council
Ms R Ryan	Blayney Shire Council	Mr K Boyd	Parkes Shire Council
Cr I Gosper	Cabonne Council	Cr B McCormack	Upper Lachlan Shire
Mr S Harding (Acting)	Cabonne Council	Mr J Bell	Upper Lachlan Shire
Cr D Somerville	Central Tablelands Water	Cr M Liebich	Weddin Shire Council
Mr G Rhodes	Central Tablelands Water	Mr G Carroll	Weddin Shire Council
Cr B West	Cowra Council	Mr A Albury	Dept Premier & Cabinet
Mr P Devery	Cowra Council	Mr P Mc Millan	RDACW
Cr G Clifton	Forbes Shire Council	Cr Ian Davison	Cabonne Council
Mr D Green	Forbes Shire Council	Ms J Bennett	Centroc
Cr J Medcalf	Lachlan Shire Council	Ms M Macpherson	Centroc
Mr R Hunt	Lachlan Shire Council	Ms A Thomas	Centroc
Cr K Sajowitz	Oberon Council	Ms V Page	Centroc
Mr G Wallace	Oberon Council		

1 Meeting opened at 10.05am by Chair Cr G Rush

2 Apologies

Cr S Lesslie, Mr A Muir, Ms W Tuckerman, Mr A McMahon, Cr G Miller, Mr A McCormack

Resolved	Cr M Liebich/Cr J Medcalf
That the apologies for the Centroc Board meeting 23 February 2017 listed above be accepted.	

3. Minutes

3a Noting of the Minutes of the GMAC Meeting 9 February 2017

Resolved	Mr D Green/Mr R Hunt
That the Minutes of the Centroc GMAC Meeting 9 February 2017 held in Orange be noted.	

3b Confirmation of the Minutes of the Board Meeting 24 November 2016

Resolved	Cr B West/Mr D Sherley
That the Minutes of the Centroc Board Meeting 24 November 2016 held in Canberra be confirmed.	

3c Noting of the Centroc Board Annual General Meeting meeting 24 November

Resolved	Cr B West/Cr J Medcalf
That the Minutes of the Centroc Board Annual General Meeting 24 November 2016 held in Canberra be confirmed.	

3d Noting of the Centroc Executive meeting 9 February 2017 at Orange

Resolved	Cr B West/D Sherley
That the Minutes of the Centroc Executive meeting 9 February 2017 at Orange be noted.	

4. Business Arising from the Minutes – Matters in Progress

Resolved	Cr J Medcalf/Mr R Hunt
That the Board note the Matters in Progress, making deletions as suggested.	

5. Correspondence

5a Correspondence In

Resolved	Cr J Medcalf/Cr B West
That the Board note the incoming correspondence.	

5b Correspondence Out

Resolved	Mr K Boyd/Cr I Gosper
That the Board note the outgoing correspondence.	

6. Reports

6a Transport Infrastructure including Bells Line of Road

Resolved	Cr K Boyd/Mr D Sherley
That the Board note the Transport Infrastructure report and ramp up advocacy for the Bells Line Corridor including reference to the escalating costs over time as North West Sydney continues to develop.	

6b Water Infrastructure Report

Resolved	Mr K Boyd/Cr I Gosper
That the Board note the Water Infrastructure report and:	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Chair or his delegate be nominated as a place-holder representative for Centroc on the Lachlan Valley Water Security Project Community Reference Group with a view to it going to the Board for determination; 2. note there is a sense of urgency regarding responsiveness to securing improved water storage for the region; 3. under the auspices of the Executive correspondence be sent to WaterNSW detailing the region’s urban water security demands based on most recent studies; 4. the re-affirmed Communique between Centroc, Lachlan Valley Water and the Belubula Landholders Association be adopted; and 5. Support in principle for using the National Asset Management Assessment Framework across the region with further scoping advice and financial implications to be provide in a follow-up report. 	

Orange delegates arrived 10.10

6c Health Report

Resolved	Cr J Medcalf/Mr G Carroll
That the Board note the Health report and	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. it note the review of Beyond the Range (BTR) and provide a report to members in line with this advice including seeking an increase in engagement with the social media campaign; 2. Centroc host and fund social media training for members specific to promoting Screen Central; BTR and CNSWT; 3. it reach out using BTR with a view to incorporating marketing into Universities and post graduate programs in the Area Health Services; 4. endorse the submission lodged regarding the need for a rural medical school and 5. offer support and undertake activity to ensure the potential of the Murray Darling Basin Medical School is realised in Central NSW. 	

6d Regional Development

Resolved	Cr B West/Mr G Styles
That the Board note the Regional Development report and	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. it receive a report on progressing opportunities as identified in the “Making it Happen in the Regions - Regional Framework;” 2. key stakeholders including the Economic Development Officers’ Forum and RDACW give consideration to the Economic Enablers’ Report (the Report) and provide feedback with a view to leveraging it in the region’s interest; 	

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. members use the advice and language in the Report when making grant applications; 4. request RDACW to source data on Black Spots in the region and provide feedback; and 5. and invite Mr Ian Scott of the NBN to make a presentation to the Board on the NBN roll-out including downloads and uploads delivery. |
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**The Chair welcomed an update from Peter McMillan Executive Officer of RDACW
The Chair welcomed an update from Ashley Albury, Director of Greater Western NSW Regional Coordinator of DPC and congratulated him on his appointment to the role.**

6e Tourism Report

Resolved	Mr G Styles/ Cr S Ferguson
That the Board Executive note the Tourism Report and	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. note the expenditure of \$2500 on a workshop to inform a potential regional application through Central NSW Tourism to the Building Better Regions Fund; and 2. note the actions of the Executive as they: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. sent correspondence to Central NSW Tourism seeking advice on options for the future of regional tourism in Central NSW; b. these options are to include the value proposition for members; and c. this advice to inform the Executive meeting in April. 	

Cr K Keith arrived at 10.49am

6f Planning Report

Resolved	Cr J Davis/ Mr G Styles
That the Board note the Planning Report and lodge a submission on changes to Planning Legislation developed in consultation with members by 10 March 2017.	

6g Management Plan and Policy Report

Resolved	Mr D Sherley/Mr P Devery
That the Board note the Management Plan and Policy Report and	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. approve the Investments' Policy and the Internally Restricted Reserves Policy; 2. approve the Management Plan in principle; 3. note the indicative fee structure and receive a report on options for fee structures; and 4. note that advice on Tier 1 and Tier 2 priorities will be provided to the Board subsequent to the Chair meeting with members to discuss priority and 5. that Cr David Somerville be appointed the Portfolio Mayor for Water. 	

6h Operational Report

Resolved	Mr D Sherley/Mr K Boyd
That the Board note the Operational Report and	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Write to Mid -Western Regional Council referring to recent correspondence seeking advice on operational membership noting the value proposition and existing engagement; and 2. Note that attendance and engagement in programming will be dealt with on a case by case basis with reports provided to GMAC and the Board as required. 	

6i Financial report

Resolved	Cr K Keith/Mr P Devery
That the Board note the Financial Report	

7. Matters Raised by Members

Resolved	Cr D Somerville/ Cr M Liebich
That correspondence be sent to the Member for Bathurst the Hon Paul Toole for his ongoing support for the organisation for the May Board meeting at Parliament House.	

Western Division Conference – Cr Medcalf and Robert Hunt will be attending. The Deputy Premier, the Hon John Barilaro and Member for Murray, Adrian Piccoli will be in attendance. Cr Medcalf advised he is happy to take any feedback from members to NSW Government representatives.

8. Speakers to the next meeting

Board:

NBN Ian Scott – May 2017

GMAC:

NSW Data Analytics - Dr Ian Oppermann CEO and Chief Data Scientist

Local Government Procurement – Mr Luke Kenny

9. Next Meetings

GMAC – 4 May - Orange

Board – 25 May – Sydney Parliament House

Meeting closed at 11.17am

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08) WBC ALLIANCE REPORT (CM.AG.6)

(Gavin Rhodes)

RECOMMENDATION:

1. That Council note the WBC Alliance report and associated minutes of the WBC Alliance Board meeting held 27 February 2017 endorsing the following recommendations:

- That the position of Executive Manager is not required beyond 30 June 2017 as the role has achieved the objectives of the WBC Alliance;
- In accordance with the resolution passed on 22 June 2016, the negotiated redundancy costs be shared 50:50 between Cabonne and Blayney Shire Councils;
- That the Executive Manager be formally recognised for the outstanding contribution to the success of the WBC Alliance for the past 9 years;
- That Central Tablelands Water reaffirms its commitment to the ongoing value of the WBC Alliance, and
- That the WBC Alliance Board investigate the advancement of a rural Councils' alliance.

REPORT

The WBC Alliance Board met on 27 February at the Blayney Shire Community Centre to discuss the future of the Alliance. The minutes are attached to this report with recommendations for endorsement by Council.

The Board reflected on the significant outcomes achieved during the past 14 years of operation but acknowledged that the future of the current arrangement needed consideration, as identified in 2011 and 2012 with the various reports and studies; the savings made and levels of collaboration had plateaued to a point where the next stage was potentially a shared services model. This potential model or any specific direction was put on hold pending Destination 2036 in Dubbo and the review of local government in NSW by the Independent Review Panel, which was established in 2013.

In 2015, Wellington Council withdrew from the Alliance due to the pending merger with Dubbo City Council. Since then Central Tablelands Water (CTW) have moved from an affiliate membership to a full membership, contributing the additional membership fees to meet the shortfall from the withdrawal of Wellington Council.

Due to the potential merger situation in our region over the last 18 months the Alliance had not been operating in a formal collaborative sense as it had done previously, as each of the Councils had competing demands. The focus of the work for the WBC Executive Manager during this time has been to provide support to the individual councils across a range of activities and functions.

The Board discussed the future options and models for the Alliance including the opportunity and importance to engage with potential new partners to maintain a focus on strengthening connections with similar rural councils in the region. Whilst CTW remain supportive, the value from the Alliance in the future was reviewed and considered.

However, the Board determined that, whilst the model that had been in place from 2003 had been very valuable, this was not the model for the future. Accordingly, the Board has determined that the position of Executive Manager is not required beyond 30 June 2017 because the role has achieved the objectives of the WBC Alliance.

It was recognised that whilst this decision was a new direction, it was the start of a new strategy and each member council reaffirmed their commitment to the ongoing value of the Alliance. Due to the positive benefits of continued collaboration and networking, it was resolved that the WBC Board investigate the advancement of a rural Councils' Alliance.

In accordance with the resolution passed on 22 June 2016, the Board noted that the negotiated redundancy costs should be shared 50:50 between Cabonne and Blayney Shire Councils as CTW was only an affiliate member until 2015.

The Executive Manager, Mrs Donna Galvin is to be formally recognised for her outstanding contribution to the success of the Alliance over the past 9 years.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

Council allocates \$50K per annum for the WBC Alliance, and this expense will be a saving in the 2017/18 Operational Plan.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Nil

ATTACHMENTS

1 WBC Alliance Board Meeting Minutes 2 Pages



WBC BOARD MEETING

WEDNESDAY 27 February 2017

Blayney Shire Community Centre

MINUTES

Meeting Opened: 10.10am

Welcome: The Chair of WBC Alliance, Clr Scott Ferguson (Mayor Blayney) welcomed the Board and opened the meeting

Present: Clr Ian Gosper (Mayor Cabonne), Clr Lachie MacSmith (Cabonne) and A/GM Stephen Harding (Cabonne), Clr Allan Ewin (Deputy Mayor Blayney) and GM Rebecca Ryan (Blayney), GM Gavin Rhodes (CTW) and Clr David Somerville (Chair CTW), Donna Galvin (WBC EM).

Clr MacSmith arrived at the meeting from 10.20am.

ITEM 1 – APOLOGIES

Nil apologies were received.

ITEM 2 - CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES – 22 June 2016

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the WBC Board Meeting of 22 June 2016 be noted and with the matters arising as outlined in the agenda for the 22 June 2016.
(Gosper/Somerville)

ITEM 3 – WBC EXECUTIVE MANAGER’S REPORT

RESOLVED that the WBC Executive Manager’s Report be received.
(Somerville/Ewin)

ITEM 4 – FUTURE OF THE WBC ALLIANCE

RESOLVED that

1. The WBC Board has determined that the position of Executive Manager is not required beyond 30 June 2017 because the role has achieved the objectives of the WBC Alliance.
2. In accordance with the resolution passed on 22 June 2016, the Board notes negotiated redundancy costs be shared 50:50 between Cabonne and Blayney Shire Councils.
3. That the Executive Manager be formally recognised for the outstanding contribution to the success of the Alliance for the past 9 years.

(MacSmith/Ewin)

RESOLVED that

1. That Blayney Shire Council, Cabonne Shire Council and Central Tablelands Water reaffirm their commitment to the ongoing value of the Alliance.
2. The WBC Board investigate the advancement of a rural Councils' alliance.

(Gosper/Somervaille)

MEETING CLOSE

There being no further business, the meeting was declared closed at 12:50 pm.

09) CARCOAR VILLAGE ASSOCIATION - CARCOAR RESERVOIR (PM.US.1)

(Gavin Rhodes)

RECOMMENDATION:

1. That Council provide support in principle to the Carcoar Village Association to have an artistic mural painted on Council's water reservoir at Carcoar, subject to consultation with Council on the final design and further canvassing of community opinion by the Association.

REPORT

Council has received correspondence from the Carcoar Village Association seeking support in principle to have an artistic mural painted on Council's water reservoir at Carcoar.

According to Mr Todd Hahn from the Carcoar Village Association, *"the mural would be a real feature on the landscape with the potential to attract visitors off the highway as well as providing a focal point for the old coach road travelling along Brady Road and Mandurama Street. With this in mind it has been suggested that the artwork could depict 'The Wild Ride' with a Cobb and Co Coach and horses."*

The General Manager has discussed this request with the Director Operations & Technical Services and both agree that this request can only enhance the appearance of the reservoir and the landscape of the village.

Blayney Shire Council have advised the General Manager that a development application is not required for the mural, however, some wider canvassing of community opinion was recommended prior to instigation of the project.

A copy of the Carcoar Village Association's correspondence is attached to this report.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

Nil

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Nil

Attachments

- 1 Letter from Carcoar Village Association 1 Page

Allison Farr

From: E&T <ricconlie@ozemail.com.au>
Sent: Saturday, 18 February 2017 11:18 AM
To: Gavin J. Rhodes
Subject: Carcoar Water Tower Artwork Proposal

Dear Gavin,

You may have read about Guido Van Helten, the artist who has been transforming towering silos in rural communities with incredible 'sepia'

artworks. If you haven't already done so then check out his work at

<http://www.abc.net.au/news/2016-07-12/silo-showstopper-coonalpyns-towering-artwork-set-to-stop-drivers/7589292>

These artworks have been created with the support of local councils and interested parties to attract passing traffic and generate tourism. At a recent Carcoar Village Association meeting a proposal was put forward to make enquiries as to the possibility of using the Carcoar water tower as the canvas for one of Guido's artworks or an artist of similiar calibre.

We are not talking about gaudy street art but something that would underscore the history and natural beauty of Carcoar. The mural would be a real feature on the landscape with the potential to attract visitors off the highway as well as providing a focal point for the old coach road travelling along Brady Road and Mandurama Street. With this in mind it has been suggested that the artwork could depict 'The Wild Ride' with a Cobb and Co Coach and horses .

Before we proceed any further we like to know your thoughts on this matter and hopefully seek your support in principle to the project.

Regards,

Todd Hahn

10) TRUNK MAIN K RENEWAL – PROGRESS REPORT (WS.AG.1)

(Leonie Freeth)

RECOMMENDATION:

1. That the information be noted.

REPORT

Trunk Main K supplies Grenfell with water from the Central Tablelands Water (CTW) system. Built in 1946, Trunk Main K stretches across 34 kilometres from Gooloogong to Grenfell. The pipeline is cast iron, and while the main has reliably delivered water to the town of Grenfell for the last 70 years, there are some areas of the pipeline that are beginning to fail. The Capital Works budget for replacement of Trunk Main K is \$6.2 million extending from 2015/16 – 2017/18 financial years.

Stage 1 construction (12.6 kms pipeline between McDonald's Lane pump station and Grenfell North Reservoir) commenced on 21st November 2016, with construction suspended for a four week Christmas shutdown period). Progress is summarised in the table below:

Month ending	Actual Construction Days	Construction Length for Period (km)	Total Length constructed (km)
Nov-16	8	1.2	1.2
Dec-16	17	2	3.2
Jan-17	5	1.44	4.64
Feb-17	18	3.3	7.94
Mar-17	21	3.66	11.6
Average construction rate to date	168 metres/day		

The last month groundwater has been encountered which has hampered the construction rate. In addition, a road crossing across Bald Hills Rd was completed in one day. It is likely pipeline construction to Grenfell North reservoir will be completed prior to Easter (13th April 2017), however, it is envisaged completion of Stage 1 will be mid-May 2017 as Stage 1 works also include tie-in to McDonald's Lane, a road crossing and commissioning of the pipeline.

Project budget is summarised in the table below. Actual expenditure of \$1,117,337.00 is slightly behind budgeted cashflow of \$1,565,800.00 for the end of March 2017, however not all March invoices have been received as yet.

	PROJECT BUDGET	ACTUAL EXPENDITURE TO DATE
15/16	\$ 150,134.00	\$ 67,843.05
16/17	\$ 3,027,530.00	\$ 1,117,337 (end of March 2017)
17/18	\$ 3,004,700.00	
TOTAL	\$ 6,182,364.00	

There have been no safety incidents or misses on site.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

Nil

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Nil

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

11) MAINTENANCE OF COUNCIL'S SYSTEMS (WS.MO.4)

(Leonie Freeth)

RECOMMENDATION:

1. That the information be noted.

REPORT*Meter Reading*

The fourth meter read for the 2016/17 financial year commenced in Grenfell on 3rd April 2017, and will be finalised early May 2017 with Cowra Shire meters.

Meter Change Program

The meter change program continued throughout the County area with seven meters replaced that were reading over 7500.

Service Replacement Program

Council staff completed 6 full service replacements during the past two months.

Filtration Plant Maintenance

A wash-water pump from Blayney Water Treatment Plant was sent for rebuild. Security lights have been installed at Blayney and Carcoar Water Treatment Plants.

Pump Station Maintenance

Bi-monthly pump station maintenance checks have been undertaken on Palona, Plumb St, Booster #2, Booster #1, Sugarloaf, Newry, Gooloogong, McDonald's Lane and Canodmine Pump Stations with no major faults or issues identified.

Inlet and outlets of Cudal and Broad St (Eugowra) Pump Stations have been replaced in High Density Polyethylene pipework.

Reservoir Maintenance

Roof repairs were carried out to Canowindra Reservoir roof.

WH&S

Council's WH&S representative has conducted internal safety audits at Canowindra & Grenfell Depot with only minor issues identified.

Capital Works

Blayney Filtration Plant Office/Amenities building is all but complete, with minor works such as cabinetry and landscaping to be completed, as well as some works to be undertaken to Hills Lane which was a DA condition by Blayney Shire Council.

Fourteen hundred (1400) metres of pipeline at Trajere (rural scheme) has been replaced in High Density Polyethylene (HDPE) pipeline. The existing pipeline was subject to frequent breaks.

Security

A break-in occurred on 9th March 2017 at the Blayney Depot. A 4WD utility was stolen, however later recovered by Police in Orange on 20th March. Following the break-in, CTW has conducted security audits of all depots and Water Treatment Plants. The Security Audits have identified the need for new security lighting at the Blayney and Grenfell Depot as well as the two Water Treatment Plants. In addition, some changes in practices have been established and also, CTW is planning to undertake some modification to fencing at the Blayney Depot.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

Nil

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Nil

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

12) PERFORMANCE OF COUNCIL’S SYSTEMS (WS.MO.4)

(Leonie Freeth)

RECOMMENDATION:

1. That the information be noted.

REPORT

Main Breaks

The main failures recorded during the past two months are listed in the table below.

Location		Date	Size	Comment
Canowindra	Nangar Rd	10/2/2017	100mm	DNR
	Clyburn St	07/03/2017	150mm	DNR
	Auxilliary St	07/03/2017	100mm	DNR
Cargo	Loftus St	10/2/2017	100mm	DNR
	Davys Plains Rd	10/2/2017	150mm	DNR
	Dalton St	13/03/2017	100mm	DNR
	Brooks St	3/2/2017	100mm	DNR
Cudal	Orange Rd	13/2/2017	100mm	DNR
Manildra	Cudal St	09/03/2017	100mm	DNR
	Kiewa St	13/02/2017	100mm	DNR
	Carty’s Ln	24/2/2017	100mm	DNR

Service Complaints and Requests

A summary of service complaints and requests received for the last two months are as follows:

Row Labels	Count of Town/Village
BLAYNEY	16
LEAKING METER	6
LEAKING SERVICE	2
LOW PRESSURE COMPLAINT	1
MAINTENANCE - GENERAL	1
METER NEW/REPLACEMENT	1
METER NOT SHUTTING OFF	2
NO WATER COMPLAINT	2
PATHCOCK FAILURE	1
CANOWINDRA	19
CUSTOMER DAMAGED METER	1

LEAKING SERVICE	9
MAIN BREAK	3
MAINTENANCE - GENERAL	2
METER NEW/REPLACEMENT	1
METER NOT SHUTTING OFF	2
NO WATER COMPLAINT	1
CARCOAR	4
LEAKING SERVICE	2
LOW PRESSURE COMPLAINT	1
NO WATER COMPLAINT	1
CARGO	7
CHECK METER READING	1
LEAKING SERVICE	2
MAIN BREAK	4
CUDAL	5
LEAKING METER	1
LEAKING SERVICE	2
LOW PRESSURE COMPLAINT	1
MAIN BREAK	1
EUGOWRA	6
LEAKING METER	4
LOW PRESSURE COMPLAINT	1
METER NEW/REPLACEMENT	1
GRENFELL	3
DIRTY WATER COMPLAINT	1
LEAKING METER	2
LYNDHURST	1
LEAKING METER	1
MANDURAMA	2
HYDRANT LEAKING	1
PRV ISSUE/MAINTENANCE	1
MANILDRA	7
LEAKING METER	1
LEAKING SERVICE	2
MAIN BREAK	3
METER NEW/REPLACEMENT	1
MILLTHORPE	7
CUSTOMER DAMAGED METER	2
CUSTOMER DAMAGED SERVICE	1
LEAKING SERVICE	1
MAINTENANCE - GENERAL	2
QUALITY COMPLAINT	1
Grand Total	77

Lake Rowlands

The level of Lake Rowlands has decreased from 94% (01.02.17) to its present level of 85% (01.04.17). Operation of the de-stratification system was stopped at the end of February.

New Water Services

During the past two months there have been four new domestic water services connected to Council's mains.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

Nil

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Nil

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

13) QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

(Gavin Rhodes)

No questions on notice were received.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

14) **WATER LEAKAGE - ACCOUNT 63729000008 (CR.EQ.1)**

WATER LEAKAGE – ACCOUNT 60258000003 (CR.EQ.1)

FIXED RATE LOAN (GR.LR.3)

(Gavin Rhodes)

RECOMMENDATION:

1. That, as these matter deals with items that are subject to the affairs of an individual or a commercial nature Council consider it in Committee of the Whole and that in terms of Section 10A (2) of the Local Government Act, the press and the public be excluded from the meeting of the Committee of the Whole.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

15) PROCEED TO COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

(Gavin Rhodes)

RECOMMENDATION:

1. That, as business for the Ordinary Meeting has now concluded, Council proceed into Committee of the Whole to discuss the items referred to in the report.

Council should exclude the press and public at this point, for confidential discussion on the items referred to Committee

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

16) REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

(Gavin Rhodes)

RECOMMENDATION:

1. That the recommendations of the Committee of the Whole be adopted.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil