



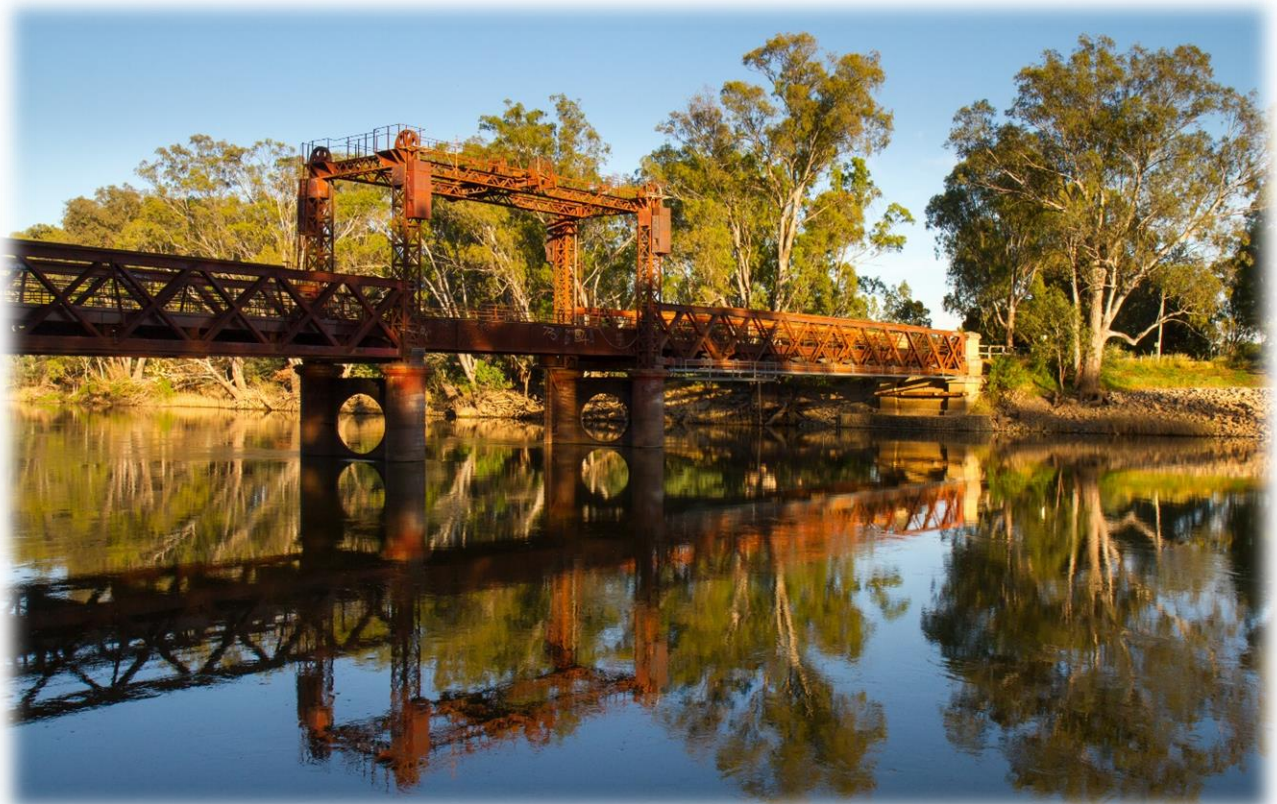
ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL

Wednesday 18 December 2019

at 11:00am

Council Chambers

56 Chanter Street, Berrigan



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No business, other than that on the Agenda, may be dealt with at this meeting unless admitted by the Mayor.

ROWAN PERKINS
GENERAL MANAGER



Council Meeting

Wednesday 18th December, 2019

BUSINESS PAPER

1. **APOLOGIES AND REQUESTS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE**
2. **DECLARATION OF ITEMS OF PECUNIARY OR OTHER INTERESTS**
3. **VISITORS**
10.15am - 2019 Alexander Garden Competition winners
4. **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**
RECOMMENDATION: that the Minutes of the meeting held in the Council Chambers on Wednesday 20th November, 2019 be confirmed.
5. **MAYORAL MINUTES**
Nil
6. **NOTICE OF MOTION**
Nil

7.1 FINANCE - ACCOUNTS

AUTHOR: Finance Manager

STRATEGIC OUTCOME: Good government

STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE: 2.1 Berrigan Shire 2027 objectives and strategic actions facilitate the effective governance by Council of Council operations and reporting

FILE NO: 12.066.1

RECOMMENDATION: that the Financial Statement, Bank Reconciliation Certificate and Petty Cash Book made up to 30 November 2019, be received and that the accounts paid as per Warrant No. 11/19 totaling \$2,701,627.03 be confirmed.

REPORT:

- a) A Financial Statement covering all funds of the Council indicating the Bank Balances as at 30 November 2019 is certified by the Finance Manager.
- b) The Finance Manager certifies that the Cash Book of the Council was reconciled with the Bank Statements as at 30 November 2019.
- c) The Finance Manager certifies the Accounts, including the Petty Cash Book made up to 30 November 2019, totaling \$2,701,627.03 and will be submitted for confirmation of payment as per Warrant No. 11/19
- d) The Finance Manager certifies that all Investments have been placed in accordance with:
 - i. [Council's Investment Policy](#),
 - ii. [Section 625 of the Local Government Act 1993 \(as amended\)](#),
 - iii. [the Minister's Amended Investment Order gazetted 11 January 2011](#),
 - iv. [clause 212 of the Local Government \(General\) Regulations 2005](#), and
 - v. Third Party Investment requirements of the Office of Local Government Circular 06-70
- e) The Councils cash and investments increased in November in line with normal cash patterns for this time of year. Overall cash is \$2.5M higher than the same time last year.

Total funds held are expected to decline in December as Council continues its large-scale capital work projects. Investment returns continue to remain low and interest rates are stagnant. Water bills are due 20 December and collection will influence month-end results.

Statement of Bank Balances as at 30 NOVEMBER 2019

Bank Account Reconciliation

Cash book balance as at 1 NOVEMBER 2019	\$ 8,064,185.96
Receipts for NOVEMBER 2019	\$ 3,217,011.18
Term Deposits Credited Back	\$ -
	\$ 11,281,197.14
<i>Less Payments Statement No 11/19</i>	
No Chq Payments	\$ -
Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) payroll	\$ 565,451.27
Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) Creditors E033061-E033315	\$ 2,115,673.54
Term Deposits Invested	\$ -
Loan repayments, bank charges, etc	\$ 20,502.22
Total Payments for NOVEMBER 2019	\$ 2,701,627.03
Cash Book Balance as at 30 NOVEMBER 2019	\$ 8,579,570.11
<i>Bank Statements as at 30 NOVEMBER 2019</i>	\$ 8,579,570.11
Plus Outstanding Deposits	\$ -
Less Outstanding Cheques/Payments	\$ -
Reconciliation Balance as at 30 NOVEMBER 2019	\$ 8,579,570.11

INVESTMENT REGISTER

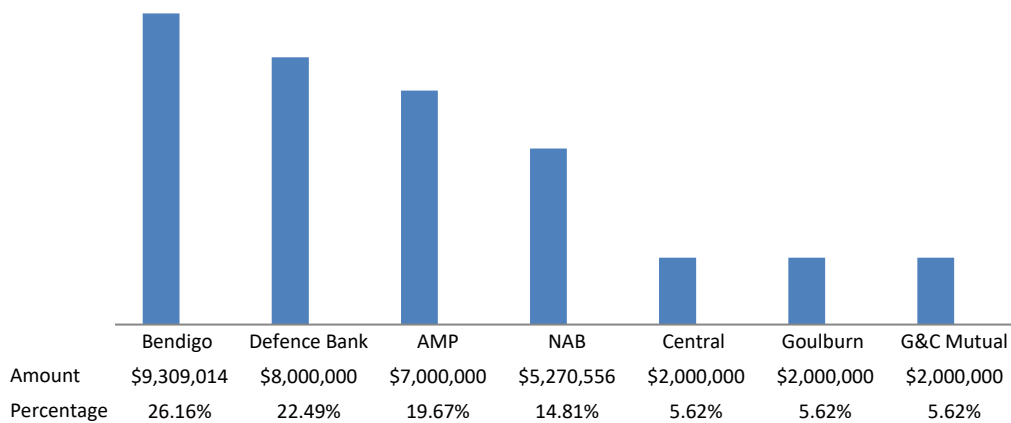
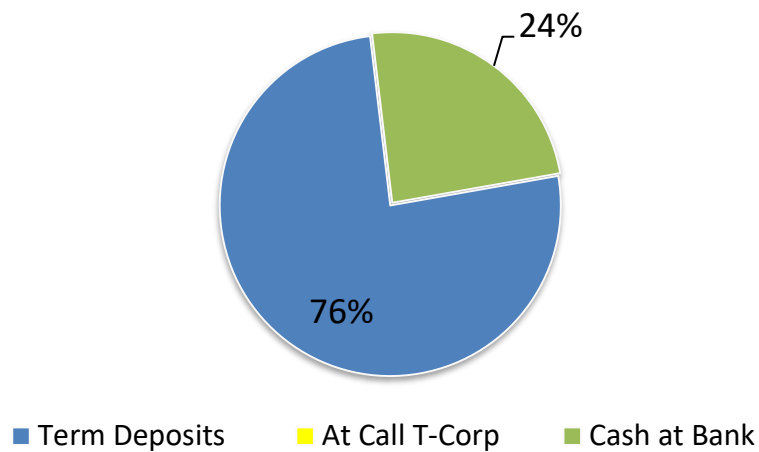
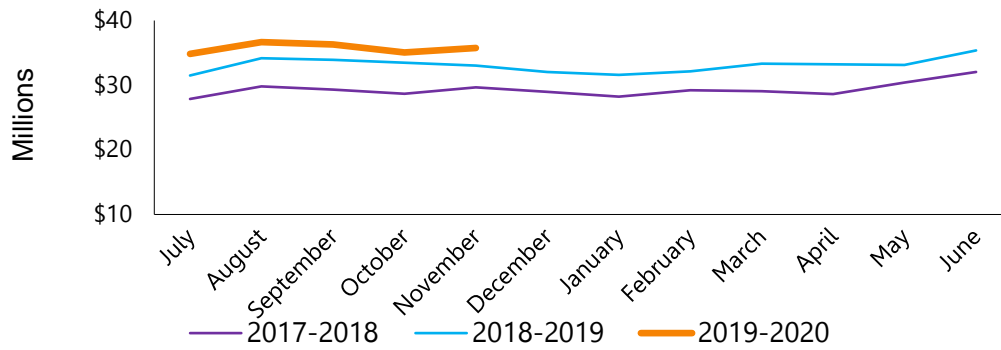
INSTITUTION	DEPOSIT NO.	TERM (days)	RATE	MATURITY DATE	INSTITUTION TOTAL
AMP	125/16	182	2.45%	4/12/2019	\$ 2,000,000.00
AMP	144/19	182	**1.75%	23/03/2020	\$ 2,000,000.00
AMP	133/17	181	**1.90%	26/05/2020	\$ 1,000,000.00
AMP	136/18	365	**1.60%	17/10/2020	\$ 2,000,000.00
Goulburn Murray Credit Union	124/16	365	2.65%	13/05/2020	\$ 2,000,000.00
Bendigo Bank	141/18	364	*1.45%	11/09/2020	\$ 2,000,000.00
Bendigo Bank	142/18	365	*1.60%	25/09/2020	\$ 2,000,000.00
Central Murray Credit Union	126/16	365	1.85%	30/08/2020	\$ 2,000,000.00
Defence Bank Limited	138/18	365	2.85%	10/01/2020	\$ 2,000,000.00
Defence Bank Limited	102/14	364	2.75%	3/04/2020	\$ 2,000,000.00
Defence Bank Limited	106/14	365	2.05%	29/08/2020	\$ 2,000,000.00
Defence Bank Limited	146/19	365	1.70%	30/08/2020	\$ 2,000,000.00
G&C Mutual Bank	145/19	364	2.63%	6/04/2020	\$ 2,000,000.00
NAB	143/18	365	1.45%	19/11/2020	\$ 2,000,000.00
					\$ 27,000,000.00
Total Funds Held at 30 NOVEMBER 2019					\$35,579,570.11

Carla von Brockhusen - Finance Manager

*The Council also receives an additional 0.25% commission

**The Council also receives an additional 0.20% commission

Total Cash and Investments



Term Deposits Credited Back				
Prior Financial Institution	Term (Days)	Amount	Interest Rate	Maturity Date
NAB	365	\$ 2,000,000.00	2.75%	19/11/2019
AMP (CURVES)	365	\$ 2,000,000.00	2.45%	26/11/2019

Term Deposits Invested / Reinvested				
Current Financial Institution	Term (Days)	Amount	Interest Rate	Maturity Date
NAB	365	\$ 2,000,000.00	1.45%	19/11/2020
AMP (IMPERIUM)	365	\$ 2,000,000.00	**1.90%	26/05/2020

**The Council also receives an additional 0.20% commission

7.2 OVERDUE FINES

AUTHOR: Library Manager

STRATEGIC OUTCOME: Supported and engaged communities

STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE: 3.2 Support community engagement through life-long learning, culture and recreation

FILE NO: 3.095.2

RECOMMENDATION: That the Council, from the 2020-21 financial year, no longer include overdue fines in its Schedule of Fees and Charges.

REPORT:

At the Annual General Meeting of New South Wales Library Association, the following Motion was passed:

'That the NSWPLA acknowledge the growing trend to discontinue overdue fines, and support NSW councils in their consideration of this matter in the local context of political disposition, financial constraints and community benefit'.

This Motion had the support of 41 FOR and 6 AGAINST of those present.

The Berrigan Shire Library Service wish to request that the Council consider the abolition of fines for overdue items. It has long been acknowledged that our communities do not readily like to pay library fines, with staff feeling that to enforce fine payments only discourages library patrons from borrowing and returning to the library. Library fine collection at BSLS is at an all time low due to staff reluctance to enforce fine collection.

Many NSW libraries have reported the benefits of discontinuing the fine policy far outweigh the small sums being collected. It has been argued that using fines as a means of encouraging the return of library items was no longer seen as best practice, and it served to disadvantage those in the community who needed access to the resources and services the most, but could least afford it.

The advantages of no overdue fines are:

- Patrons returning items overdue and are not embarrassed by the fine situation
- Libraries recover more library materials – asset recovery
- It reduces the amount of cash handling and time associated with processing fines
- Customer service is improved by less conflict and angst – with a more positive interaction between staff and patrons

- People are happy to join their children up to the library service knowing there are no fines because previously they were tentative to join, knowing there may be late fees
- Service limitations are a better deterrent, so when the item is overdue, the card is suspended and patrons cannot borrow, or book computers to access online resources etc.
- There has been good publicity through Council media departments who abolished fines, with patrons 'relieved' when told there were no longer overdue fines, with many long overdue 'lost' items returned.

Berrigan Shire Library Service would need to put in place a series of measures to encourage the return of all items without the threat of overdue fines, such as the following:

- Cancelling future loans if an item is overdue for more than 14 days
- Issue replacement costs for a lost item after 28 days
- Not allow access to public computers and Internet
- Ensure much promotion via social media to encourage return of all long overdue items
- Do not allow reservations

Currently, Loans are:

- 14 days, with a 3 day grace period
- Overdue fines are 10 cents per day after 3 days grace period
- Overdue notice at 10 days via email or SMS, notifying the patrons that they have an item overdue
- Currently items can be renewed up to 3 times (6 weeks) if there are no reservations listed on the item

Please support this growing trend to discontinue the policy of overdue library fines.

In 2018/19 the library service raised \$430 from overdue fees and fines. It has raised \$21 in fines in 2019/20 to date.

The Council has three options:

1. To continue to collect overdue fees and fines indefinitely.
2. To abolish overdue fees and fines as soon as possible, and provide 28 days' notice of its intent to modify its 2019/20 Schedule of Fees and Charges accordingly.
3. To abolish overdue fees and fines as of 1 July 2020 by excluding them from the 2020/21 Schedule of Fees and Charges.

7.3 LOCAL GOVERNMENT REMUNERATION TRIBUNAL – 2020 DETERMINATION

AUTHOR: General Manager

STRATEGIC OUTCOME: Good government

STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE: 2.1 Berrigan Shire 2027 objectives and strategic actions facilitate the effective governance by Council of Council operations and reporting

FILE NO: 14.145.3

RECOMMENDATION: The direction of the Council is sought

REPORT:

The Local Government Remuneration Tribunal has written to the Council regarding its 2020 determination of Mayoral and Councillor fees. A copy of the letter is circulated with this agenda as **Appendix “A”**.

While some of the letter relates to categorization of Councils and the proposal to create a “Regional City” category which is obviously of no relevance to this Council.

Fees

Fees

The Tribunal will also determine the minimum and maximum fee levels for each category in the categorisation structure.

In accordance with section 242A of the LG Act the Tribunal is required to apply the Government's public sector wages policy to the determination of ranges of fees for Councillors and Mayors. The public sector wages policy currently provides for a cap on increases of 2.5 per cent.

Sub-sections (3) and (4) of section 242A makes it clear that the minimum and maximum fees applicable to the existing categories cannot be increased by more than 2.5 per cent. The Tribunal is however able to determine that a council can be placed in another category with a higher range of remuneration without breaching the government's wage policy.

The range of fees payable to the proposed new category of Regional Centre, if determined, will be between the ranges of fees currently paid to Regional Rural and Regional Strategic Centre.

Submissions

Submissions

The Tribunal invites submissions from individual councils addressing the following four matters:

- 1. Proposed classification model and criteria**
Comments on the proposed classification model outlined in **Attachment 1**, including the titles and criteria for each category.
- 2. Allocation in the proposed classification model**
Comments on the appropriate allocation for their individual council in the proposed classification model outlined in **Attachment 2**, having regard to the proposed criteria for each category.
- 3. Range of fees payable in the proposed classification model**
Comments on the ranges of fees for the proposed classification model, having regard to the Tribunal's obligations under section 242A of the LG Act as outlined above. Any recommendations in respect of the proposed new category of Regional Centre, if determined, should have regard to the capacity of their individual council to pay any increase in fees (**Attachment 2**).
- 4. Other matters**
Councils may wish to address other matters within the Tribunal's jurisdiction under the LG Act.

If the Council wishes to make a submission regarding either the level of fees or its categorization this must be made before 20th January 2020.

There appears to be no reason to make a submission unless it is seeking a change in fees of less than 2.5% given that its category appears to be appropriate.

7.4 REQUEST FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE – LIONS CLUB OF FINLEY – FINLEY WAR MEMORIAL SWIMMING POOL

AUTHOR: General Manager

STRATEGIC OUTCOME: Supported and engaged communities

STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE: 3.2 Support community engagement through life-long learning, culture and recreation

FILE NO: 26.160.2

RECOMMENDATION: that the Council provide free entry to its pools for the 2019/2020 season where users can demonstrate eligibility for drought support under the Australian Government's Drought Community Support Initiative Round 2 and that the Lions Club of Finley and swimming pool committees of management be so advised.

REPORT:

The Council has received the following request from the Lions Club of Finley, *"At last nights Finley Lions Club meeting there was discussion on the cost of a 2019-2020 Finley Pool season family ticket that we understand is \$180.*

We believe this cost is too high with the current drought conditions which is affecting the incomes of many families. Entry to the Berrigan and Jerilderie pools is free. Many farmer and farmer dependent families use the Finley pool. We think the cost for this season should be free or discounted by BSC using drought funds or grants.

On behalf of the Finley Lions Club we would like you to give serious consideration to this proposal."

Staff have responded, initially, to the request advising that the Council will consider the request and clarifying the community contributions that allow free community access to the Berrigan War Memorial Swimming Pool.

As an aside, it is believed that Murrumbidgee Council used some of its merger funds to provide free access to its pools. The term of such concession is unknown.

The request raises a number of issues for consideration in responding to the request.

Firstly is the question of equity. The Council operates three pools at Berrigan, Finley and Tocumwal via local committees of management and subsidizes the operation of the pool at Barooga.

Berrigan pool allows free access to all regardless of location.

Finley and Tocumwal pool charge common fees and season's ticket holders can access either pool. Berrigan pool provides a limited number of passes to, mainly access Finley pool. This aimed at catering for high school students from Berrigan participating in school based activities.

The Berrigan model has basically seen individual user charges replaced by an overall contribution by benevolent community members and organizations to offset these.

If the request from the Lions Club of Finley is acceded to, the following would apply:

Berrigan: free access to all users paid for by community contributions.

Finley: free access to Finley community residents funded by the Council.

Tocumwal: paid access by all.

Access charges on an average yearly basis are approximately:

Berrigan and Tocumwal: \$12,000

Finley: \$20,000

Secondly, the Council could consider the use of "drought" funds to offset user charges, however such subsidies are expressly precluded as they are effectively a cash hand out.

Thirdly, whilst the pain of the drought is obvious it does not affect everyone equally and whilst the requested support would provide assistance to those in genuine need it would also assist those that don't require it.

Fourthly there is an issue about where such a request starts and ends. While this request relates to pool entry – why not include other related items like sporting registrations, excursion fees etc.

If the Council, in considering the issue, confined it to the specific request about pool entry it could target this to drought affected families as assessed under the Australian Government's Drought Community Support Initiative Round 2.

Finally, the Council could, from its own resources provide free entry to all pools for a period of time. It is obviously unclear what the actual cost of this would be.

On balance, it is recommended that a targeted assistance program could be introduced using eligibility under the Australian Government's Drought Community Support Initiative Round 2.

7.5 OVERHEAD POWER LINES – FINLEY SALEYARDS

AUTHOR: Director Corporate Services

STRATEGIC OUTCOME: Diverse and resilient business

STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE: 4.1 Strengthen and diversify the local economy and invest in local job creation and innovation

FILE NO: 01.145.1

RECOMMENDATION: That the Council obtain a detailed design and estimate for underground relocation of the overhead power lines on Hamilton Street adjacent to the Finley Saleyards.

REPORT:

At its meeting in August, the Council made the following resolution.

RESOLVED *Crs Reynoldson and Taylor that the Council note the report for Finley Saleyards and get plans redrafted to reflect feedback from agents and transport operators.*

As part of this process, the Council will be required to relocate the overhead power lines on Hamilton Street – in effect, put them underground. No other work on the ramps (other than basic repair) can take place until the power lines are relocated.

An initial rough estimate by Council staff for placing these lines underground is around \$100,000. If the Council wishes to proceed the first step is to commission a design for these works suitable to tender/quotation.

The cost of obtaining a design and a detailed estimate is expected to be around \$5,000.

7.6 AIRSIDE USE OF TOCUMWAL AERODROME BY VEHICLES

AUTHOR: General Manager

STRATEGIC OUTCOME: Supported and engaged communities

STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE: 3.1 Create safe, friendly and accessible communities

FILE NO: 30.106.2

RECOMMENDATION: that the Council modify its condition of use for private vehicles permitted to access the airside area of Tocumwal Aerodrome to require extended third party insurance in lieu of the existing requirement for comprehensive insurance.

REPORT:

The Council, via a permit system allows private vehicles to access the airside of Tocumwal Aerodrome to conduct activities related to aviation. Most of these vehicles relate to gliding operations but also includes Council authorized vehicles, inspection vehicles and vehicles supporting crop dusters etc.

The issue of such use was raised at the last Tocumwal Aerodrome Users Group meeting.

Concern was raised with both the requirement for permitted vehicles to hold comprehensive insurance and for all vehicles to be fitted with flashing amber lights.

In relation to the insurance coverage issue the users suggested that extended third party insurance should adequately meet the Council's needs. This issue was raised with the Council's Enterprise Risk Manager who concurs that extended third party should adequately address the needs of the Council or other parties.

On the basis of the above the request could be acceded to.

In relation to the requirement for flashing lights being used by all airside vehicles it has been requested that vehicles using the perimeter road not be required to use such lights.

This issue was considered by the Director of Technical Services, as the Aerodrome Manager who is of the opinion that it is clearer and easier to manager if all airside vehicles are required to use such lights. When a permit is issued it is for an extended period and the areas actually accessed is not defined.

The cost of the amber flashing lights is minimal and these can be purchased by gliding operations for use on their related vehicles.

Again, on the basis of the above it is recommended that the current practice of requiring all airside vehicles to use flashing lights be maintained.

Copy of correspondence from one interested party is circulated with this agenda as **Appendix "B"**

7.7 RISK MANAGEMENT AND INTERNAL AUDIT FRAMEWORK

AUTHOR: Director Corporate Services

STRATEGIC OUTCOME: Good government

STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE: 2.1 Berrigan Shire 2027 objectives and strategic actions facilitate the effective governance by Council of Council operations and reporting

FILE NO:

RECOMMENDATION: That the Council lodge the submission attached as **Appendix “C”** in response to the draft guidelines *A New Risk Management and Internal Audit Framework* issued by the the Office of Local Government.

REPORT:

Background

In 2016, the NSW parliament added a new section, s428A, to the *Local Government Act 1993* (LGA) – which will be formally proclaimed within 6 months following the next local government election.

- (1) *A council must appoint an Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee.*
- (2) *The Committee must keep under review the following aspects of the council’s operations:*
 - a) *compliance,*
 - b) *risk management,*
 - c) *fraud control,*
 - d) *financial management,*
 - e) *governance,*
 - f) *implementation of the strategic plan, delivery program and strategies,*
 - g) *service reviews,*
 - h) *collection of performance measurement data by the council,*
 - i) *any other matters prescribed by the regulations.*
- (3) *The Committee is also to provide information to the council for the purpose of improving the council’s performance of its functions.*

In response to this amendment, the Office of Local Government (OLG) has released a draft set of guidelines – *A New Risk Management and Internal Audit Framework*. A copy of the draft guidelines is attached at **Appendix “D”** Also attached as **Appendix “E”** is a “snapshot guide” – a summarised and simplified guide to the proposed guidelines in full.

These guidelines are no less than 104 pages long and set out in detail how OLG expect the Council to implement this statutory requirement. OLG propose to issue these guidelines under s23A of the LGA – in effect making compliance compulsory.

These requirements in the guideline are to start from six months after the next Council election – due for September 2020 – and will be phased in over that term of Council. Alongside the changed legislation will be changes to the Local Government (General) Regulation 2003 to prescribe requirements for appointing an Audit Risk and Improvement Committee (ARIC) and establishing a risk management framework.

The Regulation will also create two further model documents:

1. A model Internal Audit Charter
2. A model Terms of Reference for the ARIC

The Council has until 31 December 2019 to make a submission on the draft guidelines.

Core requirements

The guidelines have been written to meet the following NSW Government objectives.

1. Each council in NSW has an independent Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee that adds value to the council
2. Each council in NSW has a robust risk management framework in place that accurately identifies and mitigates the risks facing the council and its operations
3. Councils comply with minimum standards for these mechanisms that are based on internationally accepted standards and good practice.

The guidelines establish nine (9) “core requirements” for Councils

1	Appoint an independent Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee
2	Establish a risk management framework consistent with the current Australian risk management standards
3	Establish an internal audit function mandated by an Internal Audit Charter
4	Appoint internal audit personnel and establish reporting lines
5	Develop an agreed internal audit work program
6	How to perform and report internal audits
7	Establish a quality assurance and improvement program
8	Undertake ongoing monitoring and reporting
9	Councils can establish shared internal audit arrangements

The guideline sets out in fine detail exactly how the Council will meet each requirement including specifying such details as the number of times the ARIC will meet, the

manner in which the ARIC and Council will determine its internal audit program and even the manner in which the arrangements for joint internal audit programs will be governed.

Implementation timeframe

The requirements of the guideline, if adopted by the NSW Government, will be phased in between 2020 and 2026.

- By **March 2021**, the Council will be expected to have appointed an ARIC
- By **December 2022**, the Council be expected to have appointed a Risk Management Coordinator and developed a risk management framework. It will also be expected to have appointed a Chief Audit Executive and established an internal Audit function
- By **2024**, the risk management framework will be fully implemented throughout the Council and complying with regulatory requirements
- By **2026**, the ARIC's role will have expanded to include
 - compliance,
 - fraud control,
 - financial management,
 - governance,
 - integrated planning and reporting,
 - service reviews,
 - performance measurement data, and
 - performance improvement

General comments

Given that all the amendment to the LGA required was for the Council to appoint an ARIC, the proposed guidelines are a heavy handed, bureaucratic, top down – and in effect, unworkable – response. Even as an attempt to meet the three NSW Government objectives above, this is an incredibly over-the-top response.

The guidelines themselves are extremely poorly drafted. They contain several internal and external contradictions, both proposing requirements contrary to other pieces of legislation and contrary to other sections of the guidelines itself.

The guidelines appear to have been written without any input from local government managers or elected members – although external bodies such as the NSW Audit Office and the NSW Independent Commission against Corruption have had a heavy role in their preparation. For a document with such an impact of the management and operation of local government, this is staggering.

Over and above the requirements for an ARIC and an internal audit function, which the Council accepts is now required by the amended legislation, the guidelines also

include a section on risk management which is again incredibly heavy handed, onerous and appears to ignore the role already played by the Council's insurers in the risk management area.

The proposed guidelines will have a significant financial impact on this Council. The guidelines require the Council to appoint and pay members to its ARIC. The Council also creates two new statutory roles – Chief Audit Executive and Risk Management Coordinator. The actual audit and risk management work itself will need to be performed by someone as well. There is scope to share these roles internally and to share staff and ARIC members across Councils – there will still be significant additional cost.

Overall, the proposed guidelines do not meet any objective cost-benefit analysis – i.e. the cost of implementation greatly outweigh any likely benefit. While the Council will work with its RAMJO partners to prepare a submission on the specific items included in the guidelines, in reality OLG need to scrap the proposed guidelines in their entirety and start again.

A new set of guidelines needs to start from a much more modest position – looking at how it can achieve its overall objective of requiring a formal internal audit function rather than setting out in detail how that function must operate. OLG should start the process by talking **first and foremost** to local government about what it would like to achieve from an internal audit function and how it would fit with the rest of its responsibilities.

Submission

As mentioned above, the Council has until 31 December 2019 to make a formal submission on the draft guidelines.

Attached as **Appendix "C"** is a submission prepared by Council staff. The submission includes the general comments above as well as specific comments relating to various unworkable or contradictory items in the draft guidelines.

The Council may wish to formally resolve to make this submission – with any amendments it would desire.

7.8 REQUEST FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE – SPORTIES BAROOGA

AUTHOR: General Manager

STRATEGIC OUTCOME: Diverse and resilient business

STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE: 4.1 Strengthen and diversify the local economy and invest in local job creation and innovation

FILE NO:

RECOMMENDATION: that the Council:

1. Support the Sporties Group golf driving range project;
2. Pursuant to s356 of the Local Government Act give notice of its intention to potentially grant \$150,000 to the Sporties Group to develop a golf driving range and also invite submissions from interested parties in relation to its intention for a period of 28 days with any submission received being considered by the Council at its meeting to be held on 19th February 2020.
3. Such funding only be provided where State grant funding is not available or only \$450,000 is granted under the Murray Darling Basin Authority Economic Development Grant;
4. That if required the \$150,000 grant be provided from the Council Economic Development and Works Reserve.

REPORT:

The Sporties Group has written to the Council regarding three issues being:

- Access to raw water at Barooga Recreation Reserve;
- Access to treated effluent from Barooga sewerage treatment plan for use on Cobram-Barooga golf course; and
- Driving range project funding

In an overall sense, the Sporties Group is struggling with water supply issues and as a part of this it is proposing to restrict watering of the Barooga Recreation Reserve to its 20m/l allocation. It is expected that this is inadequate to maintain both ovals at the Reserve and it is anticipated that overall supply will need to be supplemented from the town unfiltered water supply.

The Council provides raw water to other recreation reserves that are town water dependent at a 90% price discount given the community use nature of the consumption.

There is also an option for the Council to identify other water sources such as purchase of high security water or groundwater.

In the short term, the Sporties Group is working with the Barooga Recreation Reserve Committee of Management to progress the required water tanks and pumps to support unfiltered water supply. This will be included in the master plan being developed for the Reserve and will no doubt be presented to the Council as a funding request at a later date.

The Sporties Group has again requested that the Council provide access to treated effluent from the Barooga sewerage treatment plant for use on the golf course.

Staff have conducted preliminary investigations of the proposal which indicates that from a Council perspective the project is a high cost and low output outcome. From the perspective of the Sporties Group which actually has to purchase additional water this may be viewed differently.

It may also be possible to secure some form of environmental grant funding into the future.

Staff will, as other commitments permit, further develop the concept.

As Councillors may be aware, the Sporties Group is attempting to develop a new golf driving range project as a key step in securing the group's long term sustainability. The Council has previously received a presentation regarding the actual project concept.

The project has an anticipated budget of \$1.6m and the Group itself has committed \$500k with the balance hopefully secured by grant funding.

The Group is working to secure \$550k State and \$600k Federal funding.

As a part of its correspondence the Group advises that in relation to grant funding:

1. *Building Better Regions Program – Round 4*

The project appears to fit the criteria of this program and we have strong support from the Federal Members for Farrer and Nichols. This project requires 50% matching funding, confirmed prior to application on the 19th December, with the project to be completed by 2022.

2. *Murray Darling Basin Authority Economic Development Grant.*

This program also appears to match the project with applications due by January 20. The guidelines strongly recommend a maximum application of \$450,000. Based on our meeting, we acknowledge your advice to submit for \$600,000 under this program. Under this program the project must be completed by 30 April 2022.

3. *Drought Communities Programme Extension*

Based on the guidelines, the Range project also appears to be a good fit with this program, it is also the least competitive of the rounds and therefore the lowest risk to not securing funding. From our meeting we understand that Council set direction for the allocation of funds from this program at its 20th November Council meeting and that based on Council's priorities the Range project has not been included.

As a not-for-profit community organisation based in Barooga, the Sporties Group strongly endorses the Council maximising every opportunity to attract the highest levels of investment and government funding available. It is also a reason the Group has strongly avoided directly requesting funding from the Berrigan Shire and focused on other levels of Government.

In this context we understand, and agree that should the Range project be successful in being funded via either option 1 or 2 and the other projects proceed via the Drought Communities Programme extension this represents an excellent outcome for our community.

Applying under these two options does provide some challenges to the Sporties Group and we are asking for the assistance of the Berrigan Shire Council to help us to navigate through them.

We are asking Council to provide nominal/conditional funding of \$150,000 to the Sporties Group for the Range project, only required to be used in the following circumstances:

A. Murray Darling Basin Authority Economic Development Grant.

If we apply for \$600,000 and are successful in only being funded for the \$450,000 as identified as the preferred upper amount in the guidelines, the Council funding will bring the full funding equation back to a deliverable model.

B. Building Better Regions Program

Based on the advice of the Federal members, we would apply for \$800,000 for this program matched by the Sporties Group in the application but including \$150,000 from the Berrigan Shire Council. Under this model the \$150,000 from Council would only be required if the State Funding did not eventuate. If the State funding is successful, it would not be required.

Our hope would be that Council's contribution would not end up being required, however, particularly with the Building Better Regions program, just having it as a back-up significantly improves our chances.

If it was required, we still trust it provides an excellent investment and use of the community's funds. These funds, less than 10% of the total project may well assist in the expedient delivery of a \$1.6m project in the area, funded in partnership between the Sporties Group, State and Federal Government, which is an excellent fit with the

direction of the Barooga Town Plan and council’s Economic and Industry Development Strategy 2017-2021 and Tourism Strategy 2019-2023.

We have been asked by Regional Development Victoria to collect stories of our role and impact in the community to support the financial parts of a submission we are making to them and I have attached one of the letters, from the Berrigan Racing Club, one of the 60 plus organisations we sponsor or support each year that really captures the essence of why the Sporties Group does what it does.

In effect the Group is requesting that the Council commit \$150k to the driving range project to assist with either securing or expanding Federal funding opportunities.

While staff believe that the Council supports the project that support has not been formalized. The Council did however resolve at its meeting held on 16th January 2019 *“that the Council advise the Sporties Group that it is prepared to develop a strategic partnership with it to advance the local economy and community”*.

The project proposal appears to fit within the ambit of the above resolution.

The project also sits well within:

Murray Regional Tourism Destination Management Plan.

Primary strengths refer to tourism strengths that are synonymous with the Murray brand and are considered to be the region’s competitive advantage. Primary strengths include drawcard attractions, experiences and activities. Golf is the primary strength of the tourism offering along the Murray.

Golf is our region surpasses all other Murray destinations as a reason to visit.

Top Visitor Activities by Sub Region (overnight)

	<i>Eastern Murray</i>	<i>Mid Eastern Murray</i>	<i>Central Murray</i>	<i>Mid West Murray</i>	<i>Western Murray</i>
<i>Golf</i>	<i>2%</i>	<i>11%</i>	<i>5%</i>	<i>4%</i>	<i>3%</i>

7.3. THEME 3: SPORT AND RECREATION

OBJECTIVE 2 *Strengthen and increase the prominence of sport and recreation tourism in the Murray through facility renewal and attraction of new investment in infrastructure.*

7.3.3. ALIGNED PROJECTS

Projects that are aligned to this theme should be supported. These include • Investment in supporting golfing infrastructure such as clubhouses, food and beverage and accommodation. • Investment in sports and recreation facilities. • Investment in sports clubs. • Capacity building in event managers ability to host/run major competitions.

Berrigan Shire Council Tourism Strategy

Market trends

Golf

The trend to short breaks holidays continues although the golf market remains a longer stay. This may explain why the region has a slightly higher average length of stay than the rest of the Murray River destinations at 3.2 nights.

Tourism Function: Industry Development.

The Council will support the expansion and/or redevelopment of existing tourism product or services. The Council will create navigated pathways through the Council processes for the expansion and/or redevelopment of existing tourism businesses.

If the Council does elect to support the project and the funding request and the actual requirement for the funds is realized the following options appear to exist.

Basis of Funding

The Council could provide the funds:

- As a straight out grant
- A 10 year interest free loan
- A 10 year interest bearing loan
- A 10 year interest subsidized loan – i.e. 50% of the Council's term deposit interest rate at the time of draw down

Source of Funds

The funds could be sourced from:

- The Council's Economic Development and Works Reserve
- Via a specific funding allocation in the Council's 2020/2021 budget (if timing permits)
- From working capital (i.e. draw down cash through adjustment to the Council's operating result)
- Wholly or partially through use of the Council's \$1m federal drought communities funding (the Council has prioritized \$100k through this fund for improvements at Lions Park, Barooga while early indications estimate that \$300k is actually required to complete the entire project). Use of these funds may be problematic as actual expenditure is required by 31/12/2020 and while it is estimated by the Sporties Group that the project could be completed by this date the use of State or Federal grant funds may delay this.

Other Issues

If the Council does choose to support the funding request and such funds are not provided through the Integrated Planning and Reporting process then it may be required to publicly advertise the proposal and to consider any submissions prior to actually providing the funds.

The question is raised as to why is the Council is supporting this particular Club and project. The Council is supporting three other such Clubs through assistance with water supply. It is also proposing to fund sprinkler systems at two Clubs through the Drought Communities program. The project has a strong case through economic outcomes and strategic priority in the Council's own and also regional tourism strategic plans.

A copy of the correspondence from the Sporties Group is circulated with this agenda as **Appendix "F"**

On balance and because of:

- Strategic fit
- Jobs and economic outcomes
- The sustainability of the Sporties Group and its importance to the community

It is recommended that the funding request be supported through a grant from the Council's economic development and works reserve funds.

RECOMMENDATION that Items for Noting numbered 8.1 to 8.9 inclusive be received and noted.

8.1 STATEWIDE MUTUAL ANNUAL REPORT

AUTHOR: General Manager

STRATEGIC OUTCOME: Good government

STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE: 2.1 Berrigan Shire 2027 objectives and strategic actions facilitate the effective governance by Council of Council operations and reporting

FILE NO: 27.034.4

REPORT:

The Council is a member of Statewide Mutual which is effectively a self-insurance pool for NSW local government. Statewide Mutual was formed approximately 25 years ago to combat both inability to secure public liability insurance and to stabilize insurance premiums. The mutual fund has been very successful for member Councils.

Statewide Mutual has provided a copy of its 2018 Annual Report for the Council's information. A copy of the Annual Report is circulated with this agenda as **Appendix "G"**

**8.2 RIVERINA AND MURRAY JOINT ORGANIZATION –
MINUTES OF MEETING**

AUTHOR: General Manager

STRATEGIC OUTCOME: Good government

STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE: 2.1 Berrigan Shire 2027 objectives and strategic actions facilitate the effective governance by Council of Council operations and reporting

FILE NO: 14.099.2

REPORT:

Circulated with this agenda, as **Appendix “H”**, are the minutes of the RAMJO meeting held on 6th November 2019 and attached information.

8.3 MURRAY DARLING ASSOCIATION ANNUAL REPORT

AUTHOR: General Manager

STRATEGIC OUTCOME: Good government

STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE: 2.1 Berrigan Shire 2027 objectives and strategic actions facilitate the effective governance by Council of Council operations and reporting

FILE NO: 11.106.2

REPORT:

Circulated with this agenda, as **Appendix "I"**, is the Murray Darling Association 2018/2019 Annual Report.

8.4 ELECTORAL FUNDING AMENDMENT (LOCAL GOVERNMENT EXPENDITURE CAPS) BILL 2019

AUTHOR: General Manager

STRATEGIC OUTCOME: Good government

STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE: 2.1 Berrigan Shire 2027 objectives and strategic actions facilitate the effective governance by Council of Council operations and reporting

FILE NO: 13.055.1

REPORT:

The Council received the following letter from the NSW Minister for Local Government, The Hon Shelley Hancock the contents of which are considered self-explanatory.

Dear Cllr Hannan

I am pleased to advise that the *Electoral Funding Amendment (Local Government Expenditure Caps) Bill 2019* has passed both Houses of Parliament.

The Bill gives effect to the Government's response to the NSW Parliament's Joint Standing Committee on Electoral Matters' report into the impact of expenditure caps for local government election campaigns. In its response, the Government accepted each of the Committee's recommendations.

The Bill amends the Act to implement the Committee's recommendations, including to:

- a) provide for the following expenditure caps for an individual candidate or a group of candidates in a LG election (subject to (b) below):
 - \$6,000 where the number of enrolled electors for the LGA or ward is smaller than 5,001
 - \$10,000 where the number of enrolled electors for the LGA or ward is larger than 5,000 and smaller than 10,001
 - \$18,000 where the number of enrolled electors for the LGA or ward is larger than 10,000 and smaller than 20,001
 - \$25,000 where the number of enrolled electors for the LGA or ward is larger than 20,000 and smaller than 30,001
 - \$36,000 where the number of enrolled electors for the LGA or ward is larger than 30,000 and smaller than 50,001
 - \$46,000 where the number of enrolled electors for the LGA or ward is larger than 50,000 and smaller than 75,001
 - \$63,500 where the number of enrolled electors for the LGA or ward is larger than 75,000 and smaller than 125,001
 - \$72,000 where the number of enrolled electors for the LGA or ward is larger than 125,000;

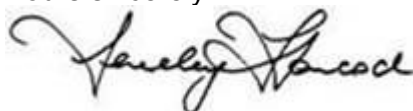
- b) provide that candidates or groups of candidates in all wards within a single LGA will have the expenditure cap that applies to candidates or groups in the ward with the highest number of enrolled electors in that LGA;
- c) apply the caps outlined in (a) above equally to candidates, or groups of candidates, whether they are endorsed by a political party or are independent;
- d) provide that when a party incurs electoral expenditure for the purposes of the election in a particular LGA or ward, that expenditure shall be apportioned to any candidates endorsed by that party running in that LGA or ward in a LG election;
- e) provide that for the four-yearly LG ordinary elections, the number of enrolled electors for the purposes of the caps is the number of enrolled electors in a ward or undivided LGA 12 months prior to the election;
- f) provide for the NSW Electoral Commission to inform candidates about the number of enrolled electors in their electorates and the expenditure cap that applies to each candidate, and publish that information on its website;
- g) change the current expenditure caps in a LG election for a directly elected mayoral candidate, or a group containing a candidate for directly elected mayor, to the following:
 - in undivided LGAs, 125 per cent of the cap for a candidate for councillor in that LGA;
 - in multi-ward LGAs, 100 per cent of the cap for a candidate for councillor in a ward of the LGA plus an additional 25 per cent of the cap for a candidate for councillor in each of the other remaining wards of the LGA;
- h) set the expenditure cap for a third-party campaigner in a LG election at one-third of the cap that applies to a candidate running in the ward or undivided LGA for which the expenditure is incurred; and
- i) exclude non-residential electors when counting the number of enrolled electors in a ward or undivided LGA for the purpose of calculating the expenditure caps, except where voting by non-residential voters is mandatory.

The passage of the Government's Bill will ensure that the important reforms to the regulation of local government electoral expenditure recommended by the Committee will now be in place for the 2020 local government elections.

A copy of the Government's response is available [here](#) and a copy of the Bill as passed by both Houses is available [here](#).

Please bring this letter to the attention of your fellow councillors.

Yours sincerely



The Hon. Shelley Hancock MP
Minister for Local Government

8.5 LIBRARY FUNDING

AUTHOR: Director Corporate Services

STRATEGIC OUTCOME: Supported and engaged communities

STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE: 3.2 Support community engagement through life-long learning, culture and recreation

FILE NO: 03.092.2

REPORT:

At its meeting in November, the Council made the following resolution.

RESOLVED *Crs Bruce and Reynoldson that the Council:*

- 1. make representation to the local State Member, Helen Dalton MLA , in relation to the need for a sustainable state funding model for the ongoing provision of public library services;*
- 2. write to The Hon. Don Harwin, Minister for the Arts and The Hon. Walt Secord, Shadow Minister for the Arts, calling for bi-partisan support for Consumer Price Index (CPI) indexation of state funding for NSW public libraries, as well as legislation of all elements of the 2019-20 to 2022-23 NSW state funding model;*
- 3. take a leading role in lobbying for sustainable state government funding for libraries; and*
- 4. endorse the distribution of the NSW Public Libraries Association NSW library sustainable funding advocacy information in Council libraries, as well as involvement in any actions proposed by the Association.*

Following this resolution, the Mayor made a written representation to Mrs Dalton who has taken up the matter on the Council's behalf.

A copy of her response is below.

HELEN DALTON MP

Member for Murray



Our Ref: GFF

5 December, 2019

Cr Matthew Hannan
Mayor
Berrigan Shire
56 Chanter Street
BERRIGAN NSW 2712
E-mail: jaca-lynd@berriganshire.nsw.gov.au

Dear Matthew,

Thank you for your e-mail regarding state funding for local libraries.

I, along with you, fully support the current public library funding until 2023 and want it to continue beyond then. I have sent a letter to The Hon Don Harwin MLC outlining the importance of public libraries and requesting him to consider the funding be extended past 2023.

Attached is a copy of my letter to The Hon Don Harwin MLC.

I have also shown my support for all public libraries by attending Griffith City Library last week during "Your Libraries Week".

I take this opportunity to wish you, the Councillors, staff and community of Berrigan Shire all a Merry Christmas and a Happy & Prosperous New Year.

Yours sincerely,



Helen Dalton MP
Member for Murray

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HELEN DALTON MP

Member for Murray



Our Ref: GFF

5 December, 2019

The Hon Don Harwin MLC
Special Minister for State
Minister for Public Services & Employee Relations
Aboriginal Affairs & the Arts
GPO Box 5341
Sydney NSW 2001

office@harwin.minister.nsw.gov.au

Dear Minister Harwin,

Firstly, congratulations on granting funding for NSW Public Libraries to 2023, I am sure this is greatly appreciated by the libraries.

I have received several requests including one from the Berrigan Shire, who operate independent library services in 4 small communities, requesting support and representation for the NSW Public Libraries Association "Renew our Libraries" campaign.

As you can appreciate libraries in small and remote communities are a necessity as internet access is not readily available, i.e. bad connections, not computer literate, etc. The libraries provide a tremendous source of information to assist school children with their studies as well as adults with reading and/or research for information.

Libraries in small communities also provide a hub for social activities, a venue for community and not-for-profit organisations meetings, etc.

Would you please consider extending funding for NSW Public Libraries further then 2023.

Thank you for your favourable consideration.

Yours sincerely,



Helen Dalton MP
Member for Murray

8.6 EXPANSION OF NSW NATIONAL PARKS AREA

AUTHOR: General Manager

STRATEGIC OUTCOME: Sustainable natural and built landscapes

STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE: 1.2 Retain the diversity and preserve the health of our natural landscapes and wildlife

FILE NO: 21.101.10

REPORT:

The Hon Matt Kean MP, the NSW Minister for Energy and Environment has written to the Council advising of his intention to increase the size of NSW National Parks by 200,000ha and is seeking the Council's assistance in identifying suitable for acquisition and reservation as National Park.

The Minister's objective is to increase the conservation value of national parks and to enhance its relevance and connection to the lives of people.

The Minister is seeking proposals that involve land in good natural condition with conservation values that are either rare, threatened or otherwise poorly represented in the national parks system.

Staff are unaware of any specific parcels of land that would meet the Minister's objective and would prefer that any surplus funds be used to better maintain existing national and regional parks before any expansion is considered.

If the Council is aware on any suitable land this can be identified to the Minister.

8.7 STATE IMPOSED COUNCIL COST INCREASES

AUTHOR: General Manager

STRATEGIC OUTCOME: Good government

STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE: 2.2 Strengthen strategic relationships and partnerships with community, business and government

FILE NO: 14.165.3

REPORT:

The Council at its meeting held on 9th October 2019 resolved, inter alia, that it *“Advise the Minister for Local Government, the Treasurer, the Premier and the Member for Murray of its concerns with the level of cost increase being applied to Councils by the State Government which is the single largest annual cost impost for this Council.*

The Council has received the following response to its representations from the Hon Shelley Hancock, Minister for Local Government:



The Hon. Shelley Hancock MP
Minister for Local Government

Your ref: 14.165,3 RP;JD
Ref: A677774, A678910

Councillor Matthew Hannan
Mayor
Berrigan Shire Council
56 Chanter Street
BERRIGAN NSW 2712

Dear Cllr Hannan

Thank you for your correspondence of 22 October 2019 to me and the Premier, the Hon. Gladys Berejiklian MP, regarding the NSW Electoral Commission's (NSWEC) cost estimate for conducting Berrigan Shire Council's upcoming election and other costs affecting your Council. The Premier has asked that I respond on her behalf.

While I acknowledge the Council's concerns, the costs of councils' elections conducted by the NSWEC in September 2020 were always going to increase compared to previous elections. As noted by the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal (IPART), the key driver of this increased cost is the NSWEC's greater focus on managing risk in relation to project management, security and the health and safety of election workers.

The Government is addressing the increase in councils' election costs by contributing close to \$20 million to fund the NSWEC's corporate overheads in relation to the 2020 local government elections, thereby ensuring these costs are not passed onto councils. This contribution has ensured that the increase in councils' election costs for the 2020 elections is less than it would have been if this contribution had not been made. Under the approved funding model, councils are responsible for meeting both the direct and indirect costs of their elections.

It is matter for the NSWEC to determine what level of service is required to undertake councils' elections in a manner that ensures their integrity, that delivers timely election results and ensures the health and safety of the NSWEC's employees and others attending polling places. It remains open to the Council however to work with the NSWEC to identify opportunities to reduce its foreshadowed election costs, and I note that the Council has already taken steps to do this.

The Government is committed to further reducing councils' election costs and, as indicated in its response to IPART's final report, it will be consulting with the sector early next year on extending to all councils the option of conducting their elections by universal postal voting instead of attendance voting from the 2024 elections.

The NSW Government is proud of its record of investment and support for local government across the State to help local councils better serve their communities. As noted by the Premier, since 2011 the NSW Government has provided more than \$9.7 billion to councils to deliver and improve local infrastructure, services and facilities for their residents. More than \$1.4 billion has been allocated to councils through the Office of Local Government alone. This includes funding from the Local Infrastructure Renewal Scheme, Stronger Communities Fund, Companion Animal Fund and Innovation Fund.

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As recently as 13 August, the Government announced it would fund the increase in the emergency services levy for NSW councils for this financial year to meet the cost of new workers' compensation for firefighters. This amounts to \$13.6 million, demonstrating that the Government is continuing to listen to the needs of local government and that it understands the challenges councils face, particularly in regional and rural areas badly affected by the drought and the recent bushfires.

The Government also released for public consultation on 21 June 2019 a number of IPART reports, including the *Reporting and Compliance Burdens upon Local Government* final report. This report considers, among other things, the regulatory burden imposed on local government by the State. The NSW Government will consider all submissions in finalising its response to the IPART reports.

The recently signed Inter-governmental Agreement contains robust mechanisms to address costs to be borne by councils. Under the terms of the Agreement, if councils are asked by the Government to take on the cost of providing a service, the financial impact must be assessed and any impact on local government considered. The NSW Government nevertheless acknowledges the concerns of councils about resourcing constraints and is always mindful to ensure that adequate funding and support is provided with respect to the implementation of new or increased services and infrastructure.

I have also noted your comments about the proposed new risk management and internal audit framework for local government. This has been designed to minimise the cost impacts on councils. Among other things, councils will be able to share audit risk and improvement committees and internal audit personnel to reduce costs. However, I would encourage you to raise any concerns you may have in relation to the proposal contained in the discussion paper by making a submission to the Office of Local Government before 31 December 2019.

Finally, I would like to assure you that the Government is committed to ensuring all potential impacts on councils are recognised, considered and appropriately managed so that they are in the best possible position to meet the needs of their communities into the future.

I hope this information will clarify the situation. Thank you for taking the time to bring this matter to the Government's attention.

Yours sincerely



The Hon. Shelley Hancock
Minister for Local Government

15 NOV 2019

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Whilst what the Minister states is correct and the Council certainly appreciates the recent support of the State, the responses misses the basic point that State imposed cost increases in excess of the rate cap and other CPI based increases have a direct impact on the Council's ability to provide core operation services.

While the State keeps Council revenues, wages, Councillor allowances capped it does not apply similar constraint to its own cost that are imposed on Councils.

8.8 GMV QUEENSLAND FRUIT FLY ACTION GROUP

AUTHOR: Economic & Industry Development Liaison

STRATEGIC OUTCOME: Diverse and resilient business

STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE: 4.1 Strengthen and diversify the local economy and invest in local job creation and innovation

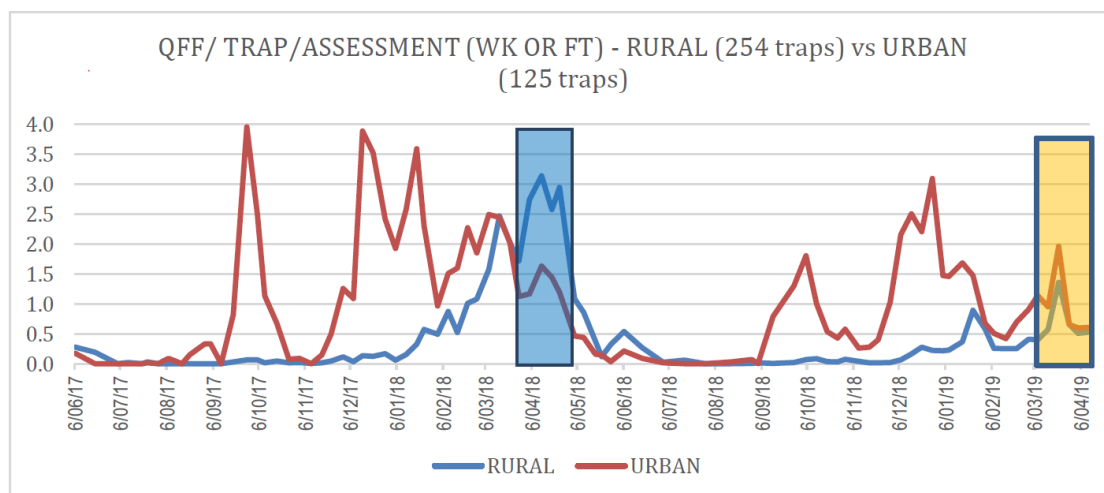
FILE NO: 03.160.15

REPORT:

The Goulburn and Murray Valley QFF Action Group has just had a further one year plan approved and funded by the Victorian Government. Berrigan Shire Council continues to have representation on the committee and community awareness activity still takes place in Berrigan Shire. The Council continues to fund the unwanted fruit tree removal program in the four towns. The monitoring and reporting of trapping grids no longer occurs in Berrigan Shire and the removal of rogue trees on public land is also not funded here.

The results of the 2018/2019 trapping has shown a marked decrease in QFF capture and the trend continues on a downward trajectory. The trapping grid results are analyzed by Andrew Jessup from Janren Science Consulting. Andrew has offered the opinion that some of the decrease this year would have been caused by the hot weather in January however he believes that the bigger program of community awareness and unwanted tree removal would be equally responsible for the dramatic decrease in QFF activity.

This chart shows the data from the GMV Fruit Fly Project trapping grid from the commencement in May 2017 to the present date – Rural trap rates and Urban trap rates.



Also attached for the Councillors information is GMV Fruit Fly Transition Plan as **Appendix “J”** and Trap Reading totals from all regions from 1st July 2019 to 30 June 2020 as **Appendix “K”**.

8.9 DEVELOPMENT DETERMINATIONS FOR MONTH OF NOVEMBER 2019

AUTHOR: Executive Support Officer

STRATEGIC OUTCOME: Good government

STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE: 2.1 Berrigan Shire 2027 objectives and strategic actions facilitate the effective governance by Council of Council operations and reporting

FILE NO: 7.143.7

REPORT:

APPLICATIONS DETERMINED FOR NOVEMBER 2019

Application	Description	Property Location	Applicant	Owner	Status	Value	Days Taken	
111/19/DA/D9	SUBDIVISION - BOUNDARY REALIGNMENT	2543 BERRIGAN ROAD, BERRIGAN NSW 2712 (Lot B//DP100092)	A C M I I Australia 2 Pty Ltd & Mr Keith Phillips	MR K H PHILLIPS	Approved 01-11-2019	\$ 0.00	Active 177	Total 177
7/20/CD/M	INGROUND FIBREGLASS SWIMMING POOL	1255 BERRIGAN ROAD, LALALTY NSW 3644 (Lot 2//DP530880)	Poolside Cobram	MR RD & MRS PM MODDERKOLK	Approved 14-11-2019	\$ 18600.00	Active 53	Total 53
43/20/DA/DM	QUARRY EXPANSION	OLD COBRAM ROAD, BAROOGA NSW 3644 (Lot 1//DP1082869)	Chris Kelly	EB MAWSON & SONS PTY LTD	Approved 20-11-2019	\$ 5000.00	Active 21	Total 28
45/20/DA/D2	CHILDREN PLAY AREA - FRONT FENCE	17-19 STEWART STREET, BERRIGAN NSW 2712 (Lot 2//DP531450)	BERRIGAN CHILDRENS CENTRE	BERRIGAN CHILDREN'S CENTRE ASSOCIATION	Approved 15-11-2019	\$ 6280.00	Active 3	Total 25
48/20/DA/D1	BV DWELLING & ATTACHED GARAGE & RESIDENTIAL STORAGE SHED	4 BEVERLEY PLACE, BAROOGA NSW 3644 (Lot 55//DP1123204)	MS Construction Pty Ltd	MR DR BUTLER AND MRS FM BUTLER	Approved 15-11-2019	\$ 204230.00	Active 23	Total 23
53/20/DA/D5	CARPORT	13-15 ISABEL AVENUE, BAROOGA NSW 3644 (Lot 57//DP1110847)	Ohmac Constructions	MR AJF MAUGHAN & MRS NS MAUGHAN	Approved 15-11-2019	\$ 27670.00	Active 15	Total 15
54/20/DA/D5	RESIDENTIAL STORAGE SHED	19 LEWIS CRESCENT, FINLEY NSW 2713 (Lot 21//DP1245044)	Shanes Sheds	MR R P ATKINSON	Approved 14-11-2019	\$ 26220.00	Active 14	Total 14
55/20/DA/D5	STORAGE SHED	221 HUGHES STREET, BAROOGA NSW 3644 (Lot 93//DP1128142)	Stephen Watts	MRS KL AND MR SJ WATTS	Approved 15-11-2019	\$ 10000.00	Active 15	Total 15
56/20/DA/DM	SAND QUARRY	SMITHERS ROAD, TOCUMWAL NSW 2714 (Lot 613//DP833456)	Chris Kelly	MR B H SMITHERS AND MRS V M SMITHERS	Approved 08-11-2019	\$ 0.00	Active 10	Total 10
15/20/CD/M6	DWELLING RECTIFICATION	39 NUGGET FULLER DRIVE, TOCUMWAL NSW 2714 (Lot 71//DP1070311)	Johns Lying Regional Builders	MR D WHITE & MRS D WHITE	Approved 06-11-2019	\$ 131943.00	Active 4	Total 4
58/20/DA/D5	GARAGE & CARPORT	23-25 FALKINER STREET, TOCUMWAL NSW 2714 (Lot 31//DP1133400)	Kelle Tricario	ALIKI PTY LTD AS TRUSTEE FOR	Approved 19-11-2019	\$ 12000.00	Active 13	Total 13
59/20/DA/D5	RESIDENTIAL STORAGE SHED	6 PINWOOD LANE, TOCUMWAL NSW 2714 (Lot 15//DP285573)	Tom & Vanessa Ranken	MR R HENDY AND MRS J HENDY	Approved 19-11-2019	\$ 10000.00	Active 1	Total 13

60/20/DA/D5	STORAGE SHED	67-69 NANGUNIA STREET, BAROOGA NSW 3644 (Lot 138//DP752274)	Bw & Ja Hatty	MR BW HATTY AND MRS JA HATTY	Approved 19-11-2019	\$ 10000.00	Active 13	Total 13
61/20/DA/D5	VERANDAH	16 BERRIGAN STREET, TOCUMWAL NSW 2714 (Lot 112//DP1108924)	Oliver Kakono	MR O KAKONO	Approved 26-11-2019	\$ 10000.00	Active 18	Total 18
62/20/DA/D1	BV DWELLING & ATTACHED GARAGE	21 RILEY COURT, TOCUMWAL NSW 2714 (Lot 55//DP1054776)	Lekeal Pty Ltd	MS T M THOMAS	Approved 26-11-2019	\$ 675300.00	Active 18	Total 18
16/20/CD/M5	INGROUND FIBREGLASS SWIMMING POOL	9 BELLIS COURT, BAROOGA NSW 3644 (Lot 26//DP740508)	Poolside Cobram	MR WJ POWER AND MRS AHM POWER	Approved 07-11-2019	\$ 36500.00	Active 5	Total 5
63/20/DA/DO	COMPANION ANIMAL COUNCIL FACILITY	44 GREENHILLS ROAD, BERRIGAN NSW 2712 (Lot 140//DP752284)	Berrigan Shire Council	BERRIGAN SHIRE COUNCIL	Approved 13-11-2019	\$ 110000.00	Active 3	Total 9
17/20/CD/M4	PERGOLA	3051 MULWALA-BAROOGA ROAD, BAROOGA NSW 3644 (Lot 92//DP1128142)	Craig Lawson	MR C R LAWSON	Approved 07-11-2019	\$ 7000.00	Active 5	Total 5
64/20/DA/D1	BV DWELLING & ATTACHED GARAGE	29-30 KEOGH DRIVE, TOCUMWAL NSW 2714 (Lot 37//DP1118257)	Cavalier Homes	MR BAK CARR	Approved 19-11-2019	\$ 472380.00	Active 13	Total 13
18/20/CD/M5	INGROUND FIBREGLASS SWIMMING POOL	21 RILEY COURT, TOCUMWAL NSW 2714 (Lot 55//DP1054776)	Poolside Cobram	MS T M THOMAS	Approved 06-11-2019	\$ 41700.00	Active 3	Total 3
65/20/DA/DO	RURAL SHED	475 BACK BAROOGA ROAD, BOOMANOOMANA NSW 3644 (Lot 76//DP661460)	Katty East Engineering	MR W & MRS R BROOKER	Approved 19-11-2019	\$ 93500.00	Active 14	Total 14
66/20/DA/D5	RESIDENTIAL STORAGE SHED	4 MOORE STREET, TOCUMWAL NSW 2714 (Lot 71//DP1254608)	Kevin & Marg Moore	MR KW MOORE AND MRS MA MOORE	Approved 25-11-2019	\$ 19000.00	Active 12	Total 12
67/20/DA/D6	ADDITIONS TO DWELLING	123 DENISON STREET, FINLEY NSW 2713 (Lot 1//DP393093)	John Bastin Building Services	MR MJ HANNAN AND MRS JH HANNAN	Approved 13-11-2019	\$ 33655.00	Active 1	Total 1
19/20/CD/M5	INGROUND FIBREGLASS SWIMMING POOL	26 HADLEY STREET, TOCUMWAL NSW 2714 (Lot 21//DP1250358)	Poolside Cobram	MR GF OWEN AND MRS DN OWEN	Approved 26-11-2019	\$ 74065.00	Active 8	Total 8
20/20/CD/M5	ABOVE GROUND SWIMMING POOL	8 PUTTER COURT, BAROOGA NSW 3644 (Lot 103//DP1133352)	Stuart Redman	MR S J REDMAN & MRS F A REDMAN	Approved 20-11-2019	\$ 8000.00	Active 1	Total 1

APPLICATIONS PENDING DETERMINATION AS AT 30/11/2019

Application No.	Date Lodged	Description	Property Location
15/20/DA/D5	06-08-2019	CARPORT	11-25 CHANTER STREET, BERRIGAN NSW 2712 (Lot 52//DP877191)
69/20/DA/D1	14-11-2019	DWELLING & ATTACHED GARAGE	1A RIVERVIEW COURT, BAROOGA NSW 3644 (Lot 3//DP1172277)
71/20/DA/D1	15-11-2019	DWELLING	BUSHLANDS ROAD TOCUMWAL, NSW 2714 (Lot 9//DP286078)
72/20/DA/DO	19-11-2019	RURAL SHED	134 BRUNKER STREET, BERRIGAN NSW 2712 (Lot 134//DP752284)
75/20/DA/D5	21-11-2019	RESIDENTIAL STORAGE SHED	5 MALONE MEWS, FINLEY NSW 2713 (Lot 6//DP1097289)
76/20/DA/DO	21-11-2019	RURAL SHED	HUGHES STREET, BAROOGA NSW 3644

			(Lot 101//DP1138899)
77/20/DA/D1	25-11-2019	BV DWELLING & ATTACHED GARAGE	4 BUSHLANDS ROAD, TOCUMWAL NSW 2714 (Lot 541//DP1107605)
78/20/DA/D5	26-11-2019	RESIDENTIAL STORAGE SHED	20 FINLEY STREET, TOCUMWAL NSW 2714 (Lot A//DP363604)
79/20/DA/D8	29-11-2019	DESIGN & CONSTRUCTION OF TOCUMWAL NETBALL CHANGE ROOMS	1-3 ADAMS STREET, TOCUMWAL NSW 2714 (Lot 3//DP257591)
81/20/DA/D5	29-11-2019	ALFRESCO	17 BAROOGA STREET, TOCUMWAL NSW 2714 (Lot 14//DP523758)
21/20/CD/PC	26-11-2019	DWELLING & GARAGE	53 TESSIER DRIVE, TOCUMWAL NSW 2714 (Lot 41//DP1250358)
82/20/DA/D2	28-11-2019	EXTEND EXISTING CHILD CARE CENTRE	239-241 MURRAY STREET, FINLEY NSW 2713 (Lot 15//DP260805)

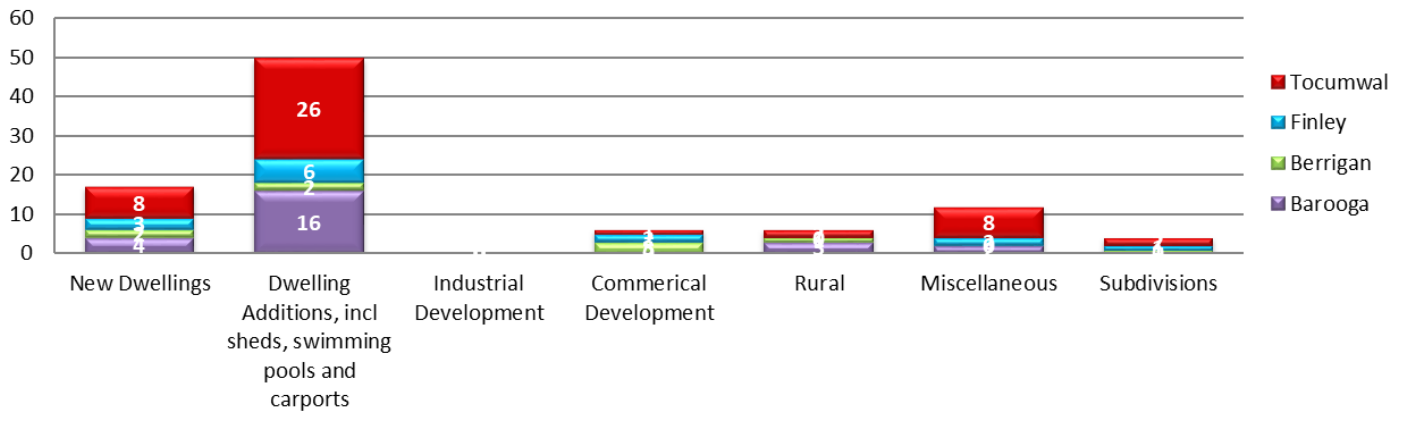
TOTAL APPLICATIONS DETERMINED / ISSUED (including modifications)

	This Month (November)	Year to Date	This Month's Value (November)	Year to Date Value
<i>Development Applications (DA)</i>	18	74	\$1,725,235	\$6,610,895
<i>Construction Certificates (CC)</i>	16	74	\$1,741,413	\$8,514,253
<i>Complying Development Certificates (CDC)</i>	7	21	\$317,808	\$2,444,164
<i>Local Activity (s.68)</i>	6	42		

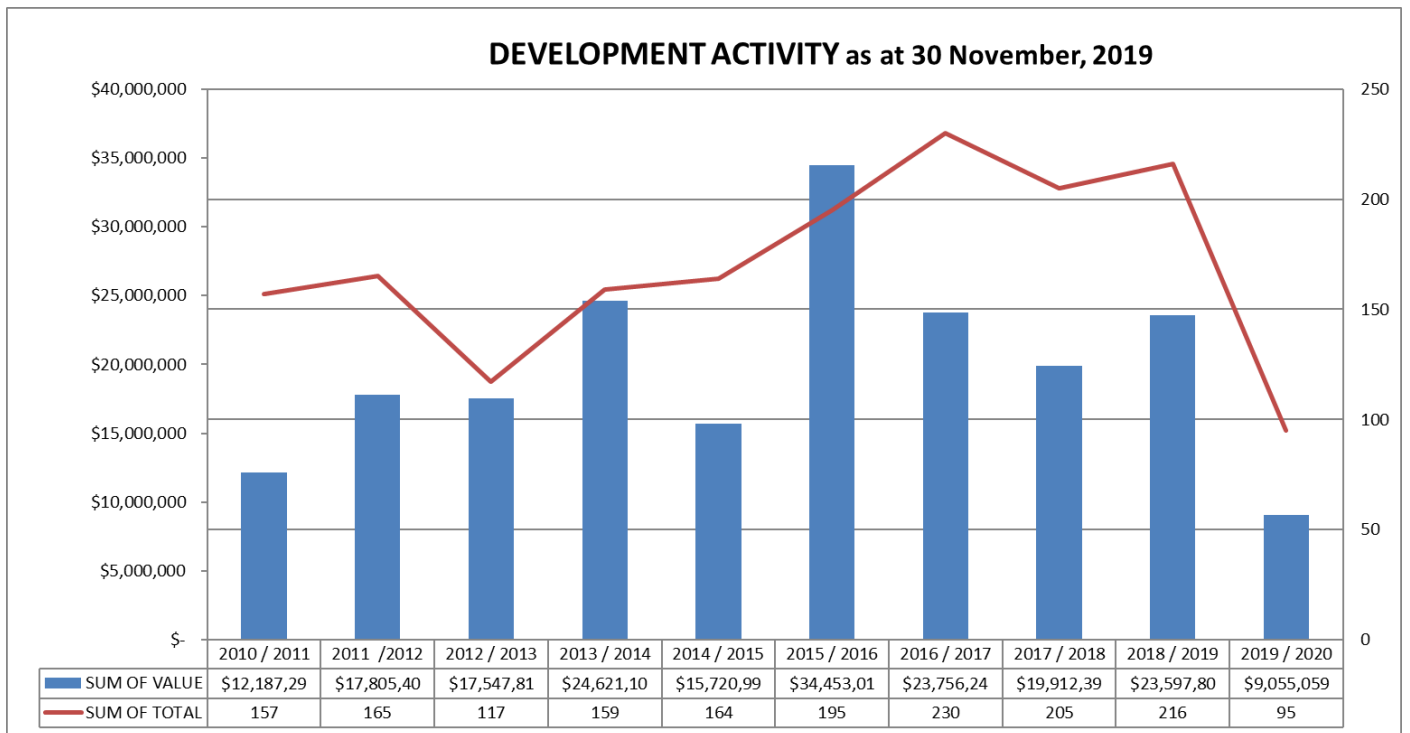
OTHER CERTIFICATES ISSUED FOR NOVEMBER 2019

	s10.7(2) Planning Certificate		s10.7(5) Certificate		735A Certificate Outstanding Notices or Orders under LG Act 1993		s9.34 Certificate Outstanding Notices or Orders under EP&A Act 1979		s6.24 Building Certificate		Swimming Pool Certificate	
	NOV	Year Total	NOV	Year Total	NOV	Year Total	NOV	Year Total	NOV	Year Total	NOV	Year Total
BAROOGA	7	42	0	4	1	2	0	0	0	1	0	3
BERRIGAN	2	24	0	3	0	5	0	2	0	0	2	7
FINLEY	13	53	0	4	0	2	0	1	0	0	2	4
TOCUMWAL	16	77	0	3	1	1	0	0	0	5	1	1
TOTAL	38	196	0	14	2	9	0	3	0	6	5	15

DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITY 2019/2020 as at 30 November, 2019



DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITY as at 30 November, 2019



9.1 LOCAL TRAFFIC COMMITTEE

AUTHOR: Assets & Operations Manager

STRATEGIC OUTCOME: Good government

STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE: 2.1 Berrigan Shire 2027 objectives and strategic actions facilitate the effective governance by Council of Council operations and reporting

FILE NO: 30.106.1

RECOMMENDATION: that Council adopt the following recommendations from the Local Traffic Committee Meeting held on Thursday 24th October, 2019:

That the Council:

1. Approve the application from the Berrigan District Development Association (BDDA) for the temporary road closure of Chanter Street Berrigan from Drummond Street to Jerilderie Street, Berrigan from 5.00pm to 11.00pm on the 6th December, 2019 to permit the Annual Christmas Night Market to proceed and that the Council lift the alcohol free zone for the event subject to Berrigan District Development Association (BDDA) seeking a Road Occupancy Licence from Roads and Maritime Services;
2. Approve the application for the Cobram Barooga Cycle Club to hold their weekly race events for the next 12 months from 1st December, 2019 to 29th November, 2020; and
3. Request Transport for NSW (TfNSW) to review the speed zone along Bruce Birrell Drive, Tocumwal with the proposal to reduce the posted speed limit from 80km/hr to 50km/hr along the entire length of Bruce Birrell Drive and that the Berrigan Shire Council consider the implementation of a gravel walking track along Bruce Birrell Drive, Tocumwal from Bruton Street to Racecourse Road.

REPORT:

All items referred to the Local Traffic Committee have been fully investigated, consulted and proposed actions identified in the recommendations listed above.

A copy of the minutes is attached as **Appendix "L"**

10. MAYOR'S REPORT

RECOMMENDATION that the Mayor's Report be received.

11. DELEGATES REPORT

12. BUSINESS ARISING