Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Balranald Shire Council held at the Council Chambers, Market Street, Balranald on Tuesday 16th April 2013, commencing at 6pm.

PRESENT: Cr S O’Halloran (Mayor), Cr L Byron, Cr A Purtill, Cr J Mannix, Cr L Cooke, Cr K Barnes, Cr E Campbell and Cr T Jolliffe.

Acting General Manager Robert Rayner, Director Infrastructure & Development John Stevenson and Director Community & Economic Development Robyn Ryan were also in attendance.

APOLOGIES: Nil

DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS Nil

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CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Recommendation:
That:
“The minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on Tuesday 19th March 2013 copies having previously been circulated to each Councillor be taken as read and confirmed”.

04.13.3476 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Purtill and Byron that the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Tuesday 16th March be taken as read and confirmed.
PRESENTATION/DELEGATIONS

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Purpose of Report

To advise Council that Sargent Narelle Tucker from Balranald Police will be making a presentation at this meeting.

Report:

The Mayor Cr. O'Halloran has invited new Police Sargent Narelle Tucker to introduce herself to the Council.

Sargent Tucker will be accompanied by Superintendent Jackson, Crime Manager Inspector Cloake and Duty Officer Inspector Tunks.

Attachments: Nil.

Budget Implications: Nil.

Recommendation: That the presentation be received.

04.13.3477 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Jolliffe and Byron that the presentation be received.
MAYORAL MINUTE/REPORT

Congratulations to the president, committee and many others who helped, and supported the Murrumbidgee Classic. Many positive comments for the shire came from this event.

General Manager and I attended the Roads Forum and held discussions with Mr Mal Kwistin, Regional Manager of Vic Roads, in relation to process of signs in Victoria.

GM & I attended official launch of Bidgee Riverside Cultural Trail in Hay. They also launched the New Visitor Guide, which included a full page promotion of our Shire. Thanks to the Hay Shire.

Easter Fair at Hostel was extremely well supported by both general donation and people on the Saturday morning. Not sure if auctioneer was accredited or has a licence.

Small Biz Bus proved a success in Balranald; unfortunately it was not able to go to Euston this time.

Deputy Mayor, GM and I met with CEO Euston Club, Mr Ray Jones, to discuss Euston Half Marathon Carnival, which is being held 23rd & 24th November 2013 and next year’s Campervan and Motorhome Club of Australia in our Shire, Swan Hill Shire and Mildura Shire area.

Mr Ray Jones then held a public meeting at Club which Mr John Craven outlined Euston half marathon for all in attendance. This will be a great opportunity for everyone to compete.

Far West Health Board Meeting was held at Tibooburra. I am still astounded at the off-road vehicles and the people travelling the outback and through the desert.
COMMITTEE REPORTS FOR ADOPTION

REPORT OF THE BALRANALD SHIRE LOCAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE HELD AT THE BALRANALD SHIRE DEPOT ON THURSDAY 21 MARCH 2013 COMMENCING AT 10.35AM

PRESENT: Robert Rayner (AGM), John Stevenson (DID), Cr Leigh Byron, Wyn Scott (FWLHD), Wayne Phillips (NSW Fire & Rescue), Graham Manning (VRA), Paul Hadlow & Karen Norfolk (VRA observers) and Paul Murphy (SES) and Mr Lance Howley RFS (arrived at 10:45am)

APOLOGIES: LEMO (BSC) Chris Littlemore Chairman, REMO Scott Fullerton, Mayor Cr Steve O’Halloran, Annette Vaarzon Morel FWLHD, Steve Walker (RFS), Fred Apthorpe (RFS) and Lauren Polkinghorne NSW Police

Acting Chairman Robert Rayner declared no quorum and called for discussion.

BUSINESS ARISING:
1. Concern that no information on the table top exercise was available as REMO Mr Scott Fullerton and Police Inspector Tunks were not available at the meeting. Due to the scheduling of the exercise in mid-April LEMO is to contact REMO to confirm if exercise is going ahead and will advise Committee accordingly.

2. G. Manning invited input towards the DISPLAN, which requires a plan for each village. Meeting was questioned on what constitutes a “village”.
DID explained that a village is usually defined as “a small group of houses in a rural area” – (perhaps with street lighting) e.g. Kyalite, Oxley.
G. Manning advised that DISPLAN may extend that requirement to include a plan for Euston town area.

NEW BUSINESS:
1. Wayne Phillips advised that a total Fire Ban was currently in force.

2. G Manning advised that there had not been a rescue sub-committee meeting for a lengthy period.
Chairman to extend the call to the police. A number of incidents since last July had been attended and no debrief undertaken – there is a need for interagency debriefs to resume.

3. Lance Howley advised that 54 fire incidents had been attended in the past summer period. Further, hazard reduction programs including the Clare-Freshwater area, Oxley village permitter, Clare...
School and the Balranald mission area – were all to commence soon.

4. DID, John Stevenson advised that Flood Levee Augmentation pump station, Balranald was essentially complete. Further that other levees within the Shire are currently being assessed for adequacy.

5. G. Manning raised the need for regular pump and motor servicing.

6. Lance Howley raised the matter of removing diesel from cells and filling with appropriate season fuels.

There being no further discussion the meeting closed at 11.05am.

Next meeting to be held 13th June, 10.30am at Councils Depot.

Recommendation: that the report be received.

04.13.3478 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Purtill and Byron that the report be received and recommendations be adopted.
REPORT OF THE BALRANALD SHIRE COUNCIL COMMUNITY SAFETY PRECINCT MEETING HELD IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS, ON TUESDAY 26TH MARCH 2013 COMMENCING AT 4.10PM

PRESENT: Director of Corporate Services Robert Rayner (Chair), Mayor Steve O’Halloran, Sgt Narelle Tucker, Inspector Bob Tunks, Paul Hadlow, Cr Lynda Cooke, Elaine Purtill, Toni Dennis, Erich Riesinger and Director of Economic and Community Development (DECD) Robyn Ryan.

APOLOGIES: Cr Allan Purtill, Claire Butler, Terry Freeman, Marc Carter, Lynne Carter, Maryanne Davis and Allan Burdon.

BUSINESS ARISING:

a) Skate Park – Balranald Inc. has taken on the management of this project. They have been granted a funding variation to allow for further consultation and planning.

b) Youth Development Officer – awaiting next funding round.

c) Community Gym – still awaiting funding opportunities.

d) Juvenile Justice – invitation has been extended for a representative to address the Committee.

POLICE STATISTICS AND UPDATE:

Inspector Tunks advised that the two vacant positions had been filled and that a husband and wife team will be relocating from Deniliquin to Balranald in the near future. The position at Moulamein has also been filled with this officer providing support to Balranald until the new officers arrive.

Police statistics were presented to the Committee with several break and enters being the only notable issue.

Discussion was held in relation to building community awareness to ensure people notify the Police of incidents and activities.

The Community Safety Precinct Committee in conjunction with the Police will investigate conducting a Community Safety Awareness campaign.

Cr Cooke requested information from the Police in relation to the public accessing the Balranald Police Station.
GENERAL BUSINESS:
Erich Riesinger – Discussed regular access to the school in the evenings and on weekends. The school will liaise further with the Police.

Toni Dennis – Supports the idea of a Liquor Accord and suggested that the hosting of a youth mocktail evening may assist in educating the youth of the community.

Mayor Steve O’ Halloran – raised the safety issues relating to several vacant houses in Church Street. Council staff to investigate what can be done to ensure these properties are made safe.

The Mayor advised that Ambulance Officer Catherine Ferguson will be leaving the community and acknowledged her service to not only our community, but to the region.

Cr Cooke – Advised of a respite service at Manly for youth and Erich Riesinger provided information in relation to Stewart House.

Elaine Purtill – sought information on children not attending school. Erich Riesinger advised that there is a process, and that these decisions are not made at a local level.

Inspector Tunks – requested that consideration be made in relation to the meeting time to enable him to travel back to Deniliquin.

RECOMMENDATION: that the Community Safety Precinct Meeting time be changed to 2pm.

Moved: Inspector Tunks
Seconded: Cr Cooke

NEXT MEETING: 28th May 2013 commencing at 2pm

Closure There being no further business the meeting closed at 5.10pm.

Recommendation that the report be received and recommendations therein be adopted.

04.13.3479 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Byron and Cooke that the report be received and recommendations be adopted.
REPORT OF THE BALRANALD SHIRE EUSTON BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT THE MULTIPURPOSE BUILDING, EUSTON ON TUESDAY 2ND APRIL, 2013 COMMENCING AT 11:00AM

PRESENT Mayor Steve O’Halloran, General Manager Chris Littlemore, Cr Ken Barnes, Cr Leigh Byron, Cr Lynda Cooke, Barry Watts, Vicki Barnes, Vivienne McMahon, Maureen Pupillo, Bev Harbinson, and John Stevenson (Director Infrastructure & Development). Ron Mengler as observer.

APOLOGIES: Edna Price

Meeting commenced with general discussion from GM Chris on the requirement of Council committees to be chaired by a member. Council staff have always provided technical and secretarial support. DID assured the meeting that this support will continue.

Motion – Cr Leigh Byron that Cr Ken Barnes be appointed Chairman of the Committee.
Seconded by Barry Watts. Motion was then carried by a general consensus. Cr Ken Barnes thanked the Committee in accepting the position.

Business
The Committee boarded a bus to undertake inspections of a number of projects presently underway.

Cowper Street
• The Committee looked at the extension of Cowper St and its access to the cemetery. The sealing of Cowper St over the levee, together with a plan to raise the section through the floodway to improve access in times of a high river will be a consideration in the forthcoming budget.

Suggested screen tree planting to improve the cemetery approach, possibly using She-Oaks.

Euston Cemetery
• General discussion at carpark – need to provide gravel area sufficient for funeral procession parking without removal of any trees. DID to attend to this matter

• DID explained that new 50mm waterline will soon be installed to improve water pressure at the newly established lawn area.

• General discussion on the appearance of the entry gateway – perhaps retain farm gate appearance but paint and improve side fence panels with roll top mesh or similar.
• DID to report back with costings to complete the access roadway to an all-weather blue metal standard or similar.

• Regrowth cedar tree stumps to be removed. Mature cedar trees on the cemetery circuit road to be retained.

• Staff to monitor irrigation timers and prepare a master plan of the cemetery showing all new plantings and irrigation lines.

• Mayor Steve O’Halloran raised the likelihood of a federal initiative grant towards the cemetery access road works due to the proposal to raise the Euston Weir Pool. DID to investigate.

**Medley Drive**

- Maureen Pupillo suggested that a landscaping similar to that of the adjacent Caravan Park established at the wharf frontage would be a good low cost initiative for improvements. The Committee also agreed that Crepe Myrtle or similar plantings should extend to the levee wall.

- The Committee agreed that a master plan should be prepared for the eventual improvement of Medley Drive. DID to liaise with DECD.

- DID to attend to repairs to the wharf structure as a matter of urgency and investigate funding assistance towards wharf improvement as a result of the pending raising of the Euston Weir Pool.

**Court House**

- The Committee were shown the extent of building deterioration. DID explained that one of three interested builders has been appointed to commence on the initial repair program.

- Maureen Pupillo requested that the new rear boundary fence now renders the Police driveway fence unnecessary. Council to liaise with the Police to have the fence removed.

**Lake Benanee Reserve Park Area**

- Barry Watts advised at the time of writing that the solar light installation to the toilet block is complete. Council staff to fix mesh security frame over each fixture.

- Council staff to proceed with the matters contained within the Action Plan pertaining to the current budget.

There being no further business the Meeting closed at 2:00pm on site at Lake Benanee.
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Next meeting to be held on Tuesday 7th May commencing at 9.00am at the football grounds.

Recommendation that the report be received.

04.13.3480 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Barnes and Byron that the report be received and recommendations be adopted.
REPORT OF THE BALRANALD SHIRE COUNCIL TOURISM & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT THE BALRANALD SHIRE COUNCIL CHAMBERS MARKET STREET BALRANALD ON TUESDAY APRIL 2, 2013 COMMENCING AT 5.00PM

1. PRESENT: Cr Barnes (Chair), Crs Byron, Mannix, Mayor O'Halloran, Mr Ken Spinks, Mrs Linda Nelson, Ms Connie Mallet, and Director of Economic and Community Development (DECD) Robyn Ryan

2. APOLOGIES: Mrs Sue O'Halloran, Mrs Shirley Matarazzo, Myrtle Matarazzo, Jo Gorman, Silvanna Keating, Ray Jones and Dinitee Haskard.

3. BUSINESS ARISING: As per attached Action Sheet

Ben Scott Memorial Bird Trail Action Plan

DECD to contact the Mid Murray Field Naturalists to arrange a site visit to assist in the development of the area.

Correspondence was tabled from Mr James Maguire from the Office of Environment and Heritage in relation to the management of water at the bird trail.

The Mayor suggested that Council need to investigate purchasing water for the bird trail, and that the tidy up of the bird trail be undertaken.

RECOMMENDATION: that Council endorse the tidy up of the bird trail and access to water.

Moved: Linda Nelson
Seconded: Ken Spinks

04.13.3481 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Barnes and Mannix that the recommendation be adopted.

Weir

Discussion was held in relation to the enhancement of facilities at the Weir. It was suggested that the Committee undertake a site visit in the future and that conceptual plans be developed prior to making representation to State Water for possible funding.

Next Meeting

RECOMMENDATION: that the next meeting of the Balranald Tourism and Economic Development Committee be held on Tuesday 4th June 2013.

Moved: Linda Nelson
Seconded: Ken Spinks
04.13.3482 **RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Barnes and Byron that the recommendation be adopted.

*5 Rivers Outback Festival*
Connie Mallet provided the Committee with an update on planning for the 5 Rivers Outback Festivals. A project plan will be provided to Council in the near future.

4. **NEW BUSINESS:**

*Project Update:*

The DECD provided the Committee with an update on various projects including:

- Swing Bridge
- Walking Trail
- Interpretive Centre
- Tourism Capacity Building
- Public Art
- Main Street Upgrade
- Yanga National Park – (Information attached)

*Closing of Yanga*

Following discussion in relation to Yanga being closed after only 5mls of rain, the Committee requested that the Mayor and General Manager raise the issue at the forthcoming Yanga National Park Management Meeting.

*Drying of Lakes*

**RECOMMENDATION:** that the Committee endorse the actions of Council in lobbying to stop the drying of the Lakes.

Moved: Linda Nelson
Seconded: Jeff Mannix

04.13.3483 **RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Jolliffe and Mannix that the recommendation be adopted.

*Murrumbidgee Fishing Classic*

Cr Mannix provided overview of the success of the Fishing Classic. The weekend ran smoothly thanks to the efforts of the Classic Committee, Lions Club, other organisations, volunteers and the Caravan Park Managers.

5. **AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING**

All agenda items **must** be to the Director of Economic and Community Development **one week prior** to the meeting.

6. **CLOSURE**

There being no further business the meeting closed at 6.25pm.
7. NEXT MEETING - 4th June, 2013

Recommendation: That the report be received.

04.13.3484 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Campbell and Mannix that the report be received and recommendations be adopted.

Update from Yanga National Park

In my absence I provided the following update information to the Committee:

- Discovery Easter program - Yanga Homestead open day Sunday
- New Yanga Brochure (copy attached)
- Woolshed repair works ongoing. Front section is now open to the public.
- Ipad stands to be located throughout the woolshed (4). Working with local community to obtain content material.
- Self-guided audio unit for homestead tours being developed. To supplement guided ranger tours.
- New interpretation panel at all main visitor locations. All information will be consistent throughout RRG reserves.
- Yanga road works planned for homestead and woolshed to upgrade access to all weather access.
- 3 commercial operators registered for tours at Yanga. Follow that Bird, EcoTours and Outback Geo Adventures.
- Regatta Beach boat ramp and picnic area project progressing well.
- Solid fuel ban lifted this weekend for Easter. Fire Season officially ends 31 March 2013.
- Represented River Red Gum at the caravan and camping shown in Melbourne.
- “Experience Fact Sheet” for River Red Gum reserves in the south west region being developed. Each will incorporate reference to Yanga.
- In preparation for the “Outback Campaign” which is a digital campaign in conjunction with Destination NSW and Inland Tourism. This will feature Yanga.
- Attending Melbourne 4x4 trade show in August.
- Finalisation of the outback rivers map. Focuses on Murray, Murrumbidgee and outback NSW destinations.

Regards

SILVANA KEATING
Hay Area
National Parks and Wildlife Service
Office of Environment and Heritage
Dept of Premier and Cabinet

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<td>Yanga Way Fencing</td>
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<td>Proposed development signage</td>
<td>Design and erect a sign in Heritage Park showcasing the new visitor and interpretive centre development</td>
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<td>Investigate provision of aviation fuel at airport. Committee requested further investigation into the supply of avgas, and that an action plan be developed and put on file for future ventures</td>
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### BEN SCOTT MEMORIAL BIRD TRAIL ACTION PLAN

**OBJECTIVE:** To develop the Ben Scott Memorial Bird Trail as a marketable attraction that will meet the needs of the residents and visitors

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| Update and maintain signage       | • Install improved naming signage  
• Design and erect signage at the information bay  
• Design and erect additional bird identification pillars along trail  
• Install an all-weather brochure rack  
• Liaise with professional birdwatchers to identify birds and develop signage  
• Install signage identifying the canoe tree (include photo)  
• Install signage in bird hide | BSC, Beautification and Tourism Committees | $3,000 current budget            |                     |
| Enhance the trail entrance        | • Review vehicle turning circle at trail carpark                       | BSC                                   | Staff resources              |                     |
| Establish vegetation              | • Revegetation project  
• Planting trees along entrance roads  
• Establish a working group to help with tree planting and maintenance | BSC, Beautification and Tourism Committees | $14,000 grant Murrumbidgee CMA |                     |
| Sealed roadway leading to the bird trail | • Identify need for sealing- survey visitors  
• Investigate costs  
• Investigate possible funding opportunities | BSC                                   |                              |                     |
| Create a maintenance schedule     | • Develop and prioritise a comprehensive maintenance schedule to be considered in Council’s 2013/2014 budget | Beautification and Tourism Committees | 2013/2014 Operational Plan |                     |
### Development and maintenance of infrastructure

- Annual review of infrastructure – ie seating, pillars, signage etc
- Establish a “Leave No Trace” litter program
- Maintenance of natural habitat for birdlife options may include:
  - Trim edges
  - Spray/remove/burn
  - No action
- Trim and tidy
- Clean out and cobweb bird hide
- Remove branches from path
- Prepare broken seating
- Trim grasses on boardwalk

### Beautification and Tourism Committees

**Promote Bird Trail**

- Marketing actions for the bird trail included in Balranald Shire Tourism and Marketing Strategy
- Develop a bird watching brochure
- Undertake target marketing

**Regional bird watching/trail networks**

- Be an active member of the Riverina & South West Slopes Nature Based Tourism Group
- Participate in group marketing activities ie apps, brochure, targeted media and education programs (school groups)
### Track Accessibility
- Elevate flood prone areas of the walking track ie two low sites identified for a) culvert style walk over. b) small feature bridge
- Install tree log barriers
- Install distance marker posts along track
- Lay gravel around low points on walking track

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### Water
- Investigate water options
  - Existing town water supply
  - Apply for a Riparian License
  - Shared water arrangement

### Rifle Butt
- Grade track to Rifle Butt
- Historical significance interpretive information to be included at information bay

RED INDICATES PROJECTS CURRENTLY BEING ACTIONED
REPORT OF THE BALRANALD SHIRE BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE MEETING HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON WEDNESDAY 3RD APRIL, 2013 COMMENCING AT 7.00PM

PRESENT: Mayor Steve O’Halloran, Cr Elaine Campbell, Cr Jeff Mannix, Vicki Burke, Mary Grisdale, Greg Camin, Marg Vanzanten, Gaye Renfrey, Karen Norfolk and Ray Mitchell (Health & Development Officer)

APOLOGIES: Cr Allan Purtil, Jill Bath and John Stevenson (Director Infrastructure & Development)

Election of Chair
The committee unanimously agreed for Director of Infrastructure and Development John Stevenson to Chair the Committee. In his absence the Council Staff Representative will Chair meetings.

Business Arising
1. Gaye indicated that the Jacaranda in the hospital precinct has not been removed, Gaye and Marg to take care of this issue.

2. The committee agreed to tentatively book the 19th May 2013 for the next working bee for tree planting of the Hospital Precinct and utilisation of remaining wood chip from stump grinding at the front of the Shire Office should time/committee members and trees be available.

   Council staff to provide a map of infrastructure so tree planting can be undertaken in appropriate locations (see attachments).

   Committee members to mark tree planting locations so that watering system can be located to best serve the plantings.

3. The Committee requested the DID to provide an update on his investigations into the greening of the Chinese Cemetery area.

   The Committee also recommended that the DID liaise with the Historical Group in relation to the potential historical value of the site.

4. The Committee requested the DID to follow up and provide an update concerning discussions with MADEC regarding provision of labour for proposed works program.

Minutes Endorsed by Consensus

New Business:
1. Gaye advised of an inspection of median strips carried out by Marg, Vicki and herself, with a view of planning future projects.

   The Committee recommended that the following median areas be part of future works:
   a) Bank Street
   b) Church – River Streets
   c) River – Mayall Streets
   d) Mayall – We Streets
   e) We – Moa Streets
2. Following completion of the Hospital Precinct plantings the Committee requests that the DID furnish details of the remaining budget (if any) so that prioritisation of the projects listed at New Business 1, can be undertaken.

The Committee recommended that tree selection be based on species being native, drought tolerant and maintenance friendly, with consideration being given to height, early maintenance requirements and the use of non-grafted stock.

3. The Committee requested that the DID advise the next meeting of progress of the median works in River Street (between Market & Church Sts) and plant replacement (Dietes grandiflora or alternatives) in conjunction with the L Gillbee commitment and the redevelopment of the Heritage Park.

4. Steve requested that Council Staff follow up the possibility of CMA funding for water projects in the Balranald area.

5. Steve indicated to the Committee that the Hospital has a budget for the establishment of an indigenous garden within the hospital grounds.

The scope of the project is for the Hospital and Local Aboriginal Community to come together for the planning and implementation of this project.

There being no further business the Meeting closed at 7:45pm.

**Next Meeting:** Wednesday 8th May, at 7:00pm.

**Recommendation** That the report be received.

**04.13.3485** RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Mannix and Campbell that the report be received and recommendations be adopted.
This is Page 23 of the Minutes of the Ordinary Monthly Meeting of Balranald Shire Council held at the Council Chambers, Balranald on Tuesday 16th April 2013.
REPORT OF THE MEETING OF BALRANALD SHIRE COUNCIL RETIREMENT HOSTEL COMMITTEE HELD AT THE BIDGEE HAVEN HOSTEL ON MONDAY 8th APRIL 2013 COMMENCING AT 5.05 PM

PRESENT: Kathryn Ferguson (Chair), Cr Lynda Cooke, Helen Ellis, Gen McConnell (Hostel Co-ordinator) and Robert Rayner (Director of Corporate Services).

APOLOGIES: Joan Dalton, Helen Edmunds and Cr Steve O’Halloran.

As there was no quorum present a discussion was held.

- **CORRESPONDENCE:** Email from Hon Susan Ley MP’s office regarding opening by the Hon Mark Butler MP Minister for Mental Health & Ageing of the Palliative Care Room, Garden & Office.

**DIRECTOR OF CORPORATE SERVICES REPORT:**
- The Office of S Ley MP has passed Council’s invitation onto The Hon Mark Butler MP Minister for Mental Health & Ageing and they will get back to Council regarding the opening of the Palliative Care Room, Garden & Office.
- Sprinklers at the Hostel. Information has been supplied to the Department of Planning prior to 1/3/13 and necessary signs installed. Budget to be allocated for detailed designs to enable quotes.
- Signs for 26 Mayall Street have been installed.

**COORDINATORS REPORT:**
- Easter fair was a huge success a big thank you to all the staff
- Hen house almost ready to receive the working girls
- Fruit fly project a winner
- 5 year draft development plan developed
- Staff training: RN and Hostel Coordinator attending understanding accreditation and all staff undertaking ACFI training at the hostel
- Food safety annual audit 15th April 2013

**BUDGET REVIEW:**
AGENDA ITEMS:
1) Meeting frequency left to the next meeting
2) Hostel Coordinator Gen McConnell produced some examples of the Hostel Checklists and diary system. Compliance documentation is highly important to both accreditation and funding requirements.
3) Hostel Sprinkler system: Information has been supplied to the Department of Planning prior to 1/3/13 and necessary signs installed. Budget to be allocated for detailed designs to enable quotes.
4) The next meeting will be held on Monday, June 3rd 2013.

Items requested for next meeting’s Agenda:
   a) Meeting frequency
   b) Committee procedures
   c) Donations

Meeting closed 5.59 pm.

Recommendation: that the discussion be noted.

04.13.3486 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Jolliffe and Purtill that the report be received and recommendations be adopted.
### BALRANALD SHIRE COUNCIL
#### BIDGEE HOSTEL

#### OPERATING REVENUE & EXPENSES REPORT FOR PERIOD 1 JULY 2012 TO 31 MARCH 2013

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**Budget Variances:**

**Income**

**Expenses**

- Office Supplies - Stationary: New office supplies & increased compliance items.
- Gardening: Some work around new land & office.
- General Expenses: Rent of fees.
- Staff Training: Expenses under budgeted.

This is Page 26 of the Minutes of the Ordinary Monthly Meeting of Balranald Shire Council held at the Council Chambers, Balranald on Tuesday 16th April 2013.
COMMITTEE & OTHER REPORTS FOR INFORMATION

DELEGATES REPORTS

Cr Barnes: 3 Rivers Run and Historical Society.

NOTICES OF MOTION/RECISSION

GENERAL MANAGERS REPORTS (Incorporating all Staff Reports)
# Corporate Services Division

## Item C - 1  
**STATEMENT OF FUNDS**

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## Purpose of Report

**Funds Report for the Month Ending 31st March 2013**

## Report

### Bank Reconciliation

Balance B/F From Previous Month 919,606.63

ADD Receipts for Month:
- Hostel Subsidy 134,708.36
- Rates & Water 168,025.66
- Natural Disaster Funding 356,061.07
- RTR 233,709.00
- Debtors 135,718.76
- Other Revenue 220,574.49

**Total Receipts for Month:** 1,248,797.34

LESS Payments for the Month:
- Contractors Plant Hire 125,948.71
- BAS - Feb 13 51,068.00
- Term Deposit Lodged 500,000.00
- Rural Fire Service 93,432.80
- Loan Repayment 26,063.00
- Other Payments 701,814.81

**Total Payments for the Month:** 1,498,327.32

### Cash Book Balance as at End of Month

670,076.65

LESS Outstanding Deposits as at end of Month 2,068.86
ADD Unpresented Cheques as at end of Month 15,208.17

**Bank Balance as at End of Month:** 683,215.96

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| Restricted Funds | 1,560,247.15 | 1,560,247.15 |
| Working Funds    | 764,904.94 | 85,283.26 | 212,653.14 | 1,546,988.16 | 2,609,829.50 |
### Investment Held:

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All investments shown have been made in accordance with Section 625 of the Local Government Act 1993, the regulations and council’s investment policy.

**Recommendation:** For Information.

**04.13.3487 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Jolliffe and Byron that the report be received and recommendations be adopted.
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**Purpose of Report**
Balranald Central School is requesting a donation for the Primary and Secondary School Aerobics teams.

**Report**
Balranald Central School advises that their Primary and Secondary Aerobics teams both consisting of nine students are to attend the preliminary state finals in Sydney on the 5th of May 2013.

Council previously donated $500 to each of the two netball teams to travel to Dubbo.

Due to the transportation and accommodation costs involved, approx. $400 per student, financial support is being sought to defray costs.

Council’s donations policy provides for contribution up to $1,000 for groups.

**Budget Implications**
Funds are available as Council received $8,000 in late June 2010 from NSW Sport & Recreation for youth activities of which $3,018.00 remains.

**Attachments**
Letter from BCS.

**Recommendation**
That Council contribute an amount of $500 per team towards the two Team’s expenses.

04.13.3488 **RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Jolliffe and Mannix that the report be received and recommendations be adopted.
19th March 2013

Dear Mr Steve O'Halloran,

This year I have been training two School Aerobics teams at Balranald Central School. I have a primary team consisting of nine students and a secondary team also consisting of nine students. School aerobics is the largest inter-school Sport aerobic competition for primary and secondary school students throughout Australia. The teams perform a two minute choreographed routine which is high in cardio intensity and skill.

This year the preliminary state finals are being held at Sutherland Entertainment Centre, Sydney. The teams are to perform their routines on Sunday 5th May.

Unfortunately, the cost of getting both teams to the competition in Sutherland is a financial challenge. The approximate cost for each student to compete in the preliminary finals is $400. This cost covers transport by the school bus, three nights accommodation, leotards and meal allowances. As some parents have more than one child in a team, it is a big expense for families.

The school aerobics teams have proven to be a positive influence for the students and school. The students are enjoying participating in something different and working towards the preliminary finals. The students are eager to participate in community events and show case their new talents to the town.

Participating in the School Aerobics National Championships competition in Sydney is an opportunity for Balranald to be recognised for its sporting efforts and student achievements. It would be a great chance for schools and communities all over New South Wales to learn about our wonderful town and what we are capable of.

Fundraising efforts have begun and we are working to limit the cost for parents. We are attempting to do so through bake sales, school discos, Cadbury chocolate fundraisers and car washes. However, there is still much needed funds to be raised. I am writing this letter in the hope that the Shire may be able to assist in contributing financially towards the School Aerobics teams. Any monetary support would be greatly appreciated and will help ensure that the two teams are able to compete at the Sydney preliminary finals.

I look forward to hearing from you so that we can discuss this possibility further.

Warmest regards,

[Signature]

Principal
Erich Riesinger

Kellie Williams
Teacher
Item C - 3 DONATION REQUEST

| Reporting Officer | Director of Corporate Services - Robert Rayner | File 359(a) |

Purpose of Report
Balranald Country Education Fund (BCEF) is requesting a donation to give it added grant making capacity.

Report
BCEF are seeking funding to extend their assistance to more local youth through post high school education and training grants.

The BCEF have assisted 8 local students in 2012 through grants totalling $8,825.00 and further 8 students in 2013 with grants totalling $8,100.00.

The bank balance of the BCEF is $2709.00.

Council have previously supported the BCEF with donations in 2008/09 of $3,174.00, 2009/10 of $4,087.00 and 2010/11 of $5,000.00. These donations attracted additionally funding from the Country Education Foundation in the first three years but this co-contribution has now ceased.

Budget Implications
The contribution will be funded from the Donations Vote 2012/13.

Attachments
Letter from BCEF.

Recommendation
That Council donate $2500 to the BCEF.

04.13.3489 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Jolliffe and Mannix that the Council put $5,000 into the reserve from this year’s budget for the BCEF for next year.
Wednesday 13th March 2013

Chris Littlemore
General Manager,
Balranald Shire Council
70 Market St
Balranald NSW 2715

Dear Chris,

I hope this finds you well.

Chris as you are aware the Balranald Country Education Fund (BCEF) committee continues to work to raise funds which it then grants to young school leavers from across the Municipality as they transition to either further education or their chosen career.

During the 2012 grants round eight young people were awarded grants to the total value of $8,825. On completion of our recent 2013 grants round we have awarded a further $8,100 in funds to a new round of eight applicants.

In keeping with the BCEF’s increasingly concerted effort to ensure a portion of grant monies are spent locally each year approximately 30% of allocated funds are awarded in the form of local vouchers. In the 2012 grant round this equated to $2,500 of the $8,825 grant monies allocated to be spent locally. In 2013 $2,900 of the total $8,100 grant monies have been allocated for purchases at local businesses.

The grants awarded by the Balranald Country Education Fund are quite unique in that the selection of successful candidates is not based on academic merit and is not means tested. Instead candidates are only assessed on their selection of a realistic career choice towards which they can demonstrate their progress. To our knowledge there are no other grants available to school leavers that apply such criteria.

Chris since the BCEFs inception in 2008 the Balranald Shire Council has been a key supporter, an ongoing contribution for which we are extremely grateful. It is hoped that, as a locally based community group which works solely to support young people you will continue to see us as a worthy cause. With this in mind we ask that you please consider the Balranald Country Education Fund for funding as you move towards preparing your budget for the 2012/2013 financial year. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you wish to discuss this in detail or require further information.

Yours sincerely,

Rachael Williams
Chair, Balranald Country Education Fund
rachael@locallogicplace.com.au
Ph: 0416 201643

cc: Alan Purtill, Balranald Country Education Fund Patron (via email)
**Item C - 4  MDF WATER BANK PROJECT**

| Reporting Officer | Director of Corporate Services - Robert Rayner | File 316 |

**Purpose of Report**
To advise Council of a request for support for a Water Bank.

**Report**
The Murray Darling Foundation (MDF) wrote to Council in December 2012 and a report was provided in the December 2012 business paper regarding a proposal for an establishment of a water bank.

Council resolved “12.12.3387 RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Barnes and Byron that Council not donate 3mL of water as requested.”

The MDF have again written to Council advising that Council have appeared to have misunderstood their first request. The MDF have now asked for a grant contribution of $1,000.00 from Council to be considered in the 2013/14 budget.

The letter also requests such grant to continue for a further 4 to 5 years.

**Attachment** Letter of request.

**Budget Implications** Nil.

**Recommendation** That the MDF be advised that Council is unable to accede to their request.

04.13.3490 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Barnes and Jolliffe that the report be received and recommendations be adopted.
Item C - 5  QUARTERLY BUDGET REVIEW STATEMENT

| Reporting Officer | Director of Corporate Service – Robert Rayner | File 085 |

Purpose of Report
To provide Council with a Quarterly Budget Review Statement

Report
Refer to the detailed statement provided under separate cover.

Recommendation: 1) This has a positive effect on the General Fund of $8,000, and a negative effect on the Sewer Fund of $10,000, therefore it is recommended that the new funds be appropriated and voted accordingly.
2) That Council utilise $7,000 of these General funds to complete the design and production of Council’s new website.

04.13.3491 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Purtill and Byron that the report be received and recommendation adopted.

Cr Cooke voted against this motion.
Economic & Community Development Reports

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**Purpose of Report**
To advise Council of a request for assistance to host the Balranald Central School Year 12 Formal Dinner.

**Report**
Each year Balranald Central School Year 12 students hold a formal farewell dinner to celebrate the end of their school years. The responsibility of raising funds for this event falls to the current Year 12 student, totalling eleven in 2013.

As stated in the attached correspondence the Theatre Royal has been identified as the preferred venue for the November celebrations, however the current hire fees set for the venue exceed the student’s budget.

As the venue hire is only one, of many expenses the students will incur to host the celebration, the students are seeking the support of Council by way of fee waiver or fee reduction.

**Budget Implications**
Nil.

**Attachments**
Correspondence received from Balranald Central School.

**Recommendation**
That Council support the Balranald Central School Year 12 students request by making a donation equivalent to 100% of the Theatre hire fee.

04.13.3492 **RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Purtill and Mannix that the report be received and recommendation adopted.
Mr Chris Littlemore  
General Manager  
Balranald Shire Council  
Market Street  
BALRANALD 2715  

Dear Mr Littlemore  

Re: Year 12 Formal Dinner  

Each year Balranald Central School Year 12 students traditionally hold a formal farewell dinner to celebrate the end of their school years. Currently, Year 12 comprises of eleven students who are responsible for their own fundraising to host this celebration. The students and staff are currently investigating venue options for the 2013 dinner, with the Theatre Royal being identified as the preferred venue. As you can appreciate, the hiring of this venue is only one of a number of expenses that these students will incur.  

The current fees and charges set for the Theatre Royal as a whole unfortunately exceed our budget, and we seek Council’s support by way of a fee reduction or fee waiver. The grandeur of Theatre Royal will set the atmosphere for this momentous occasion, and we respectfully seek Council’s favourable consideration of our request.  

Should you wish to discuss this request further please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Sue Coates at the school on 5020 2222 or email balranald-c.school@det.nsw.edu.au.  

Yours sincerely  

Mrs Sue Coates  
Year 12 Adviser  

28 March 2013  

Mr Erich Rissinger  
Principal  

Balranald Central School  
Parents and Citizens Association Inc
**Item E - 2  SMALL BUSINESS BUS VISIT**

| Reporting Officer   | Director of Economic and Community Development Robyn Ryan | File |

**Purpose of Report**
To advise Council of a visit to Balranald by the Small Biz Bus.

**Report**
On Wednesday April 10, 2013 the Small Biz Bus visited Balranald to offer a mobile mentoring and information service for small business operators within the Shire. The Small Biz Bus is a new service and has only been on the road since January, servicing the whole of NSW.

Centrally located in the IGA carpark the bus was open from 9am to 3pm providing face-to-face personalised support to businesses.

To assist in the promotion of the visit, Council staff undertook a personalised marketing program inviting business operators to book a mentoring appointment.

The business mentors have reported that the day was extremely successful with over 12 businesses taking the opportunity to meet with them.

Continued support within the business sector will be ongoing, with monthly visits from the Murray Hume and Riverina Business Enterprise Centre (MHRBEC) staff.

Council is currently liaising with the MHRBEC and the ARA Retail Institute to develop and deliver additional support and training to business operators within the Shire.

**Budget Implications**
Nil

**Attachments**
Nil

**Recommendation**
For the information of Council.

04.13.3493 **RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Byron and Campbell that the report be received and recommendation adopted

04.13.3494 **RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Purtill and Campbell that the meeting adjourn at 7.41pm for dinner.
Infrastructure & Development Reports

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Purpose of Report: To provide Council with a progress report on works.

Report:

1. **Contractor M Cameron – Tarwong Freshwater Road**
   Contractor has completed the last of the flood repair work on Culparlin Alma Road. Commenced on Tarwong Freshwater Road, but has ceased due to lack of availability of water, will only recommence after a rain event.

2. **Councils Team 1 – MR67 North**
   Works are proceeding to finalise the 2km reconstruction section southerly from the boundary bitumen section. This sealing has been delayed by sealing contractor. It is scheduled to commence on the 22nd April. Gravel reconstruction has also been completed on the section southerly of the Mildura-Ivanhoe Mossgield crossroads.

3. **Council Team 2 – Maintenance Grading Burke & Wills Road**
   Team 2 have completed reconstruct / maintenance grading works on this road westerly to Tin Tin. The final section through Upson Downs to Bidura has been delayed due to lack of water, and will recommence after a rain event.

4. **Council Team 3 – Tapalin Mail Road**
   Works will be completed prior to the April 22 sealing schedule. Routine maintenance will take place on Tammit Road whilst the grader team is in the area.

5. **Information Centre Front Car Park**
   Kerb and guttering works and pavement within the front car park have been completed in readiness for seal in conjunction with the above bitumen program beginning 22nd April.

6. **Culvert Cleaning and Replacement Work**
   Culvert placement works are underway and will continue utilising a Council team and some contractor involvement. Some culverts have already been completed on MR 67 North. Next focus is on the Oxley Road (MR514).
7. **Pedestrian Footbridge Riverside Development**
   Contractor Strzelecki Engineering will soon commence construction on this project in conjunction with Council’s construction of the approaches, foundation piers, and anchor blocks.

8. **Miscellaneous**
   a) O’Connor Street drainage adjacent to Mr Potters land is completed, with the landowner undertaking some earthworks as his contribution.
   b) Emergency repairs have been conducted on Boree Plains Gol Gol Road as heavy trucks have bogged in dry sand sections. Loose material is being removed and a new pavement placed in a section of the road, at the time of writing.

**Recommendation** that the report be noted.

04.13.3495 **RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Barnes and Mannix that the report be received and recommendation adopted
Item 1 - 2  REQUEST FOR AMATEUR RADIO REPEATER AERIAL AND HARDWARE INSTALLATION ON TOP OF BALRANALD WATER TOWER

Reporting Officer  Director Infrastructure & Development - John Stevenson

Purpose of Report:
To seek consent to install hardware as per attached request.

Report:
Mr Paul Hadlow, amateur radio operator, has approached Council with a request to provide this repeater link between Robinvale–Euston and Swan Hill. Mr Hadlow explains the benefits of this communication facility in the letter (see letter attached).

In the past Council has permitted a variety of communication agencies to install hardware on the towers subject to a MOU on maintenance, running costs, and limited access. All costs associated with installation, commissioning, and the preparation of a MOU between the amateur radio group and Council would be borne by the radio group.

Attachments: 1. Letter of request

Budget Implications: Nil

Recommendation: Council accede to the request subject to –

1. The facility being able to be installed without interference to existing installations, and by suitably qualified personnel.
2. There being physical space for the masts.
3. Installation only proceed following Councils consent to the terms and conditions of the facility’s upkeep via a binding MOU provided at the applicants full cost.

04.13.3496 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Purtill and Barnes that the report be received and recommendation adopted.

An amendment was made by Cr Cooke that Council donate $200 towards the cost. LAPSED
9th April 2013

Mr John Stevenson
Balranald Shire Council
70 Market St
Balranald, NSW 2715

Dear Mr Stevenson,

I’m writing to you in regards to getting accessing to the Towns water tower’s communications site on Church street, Balranald.

I am a amateur radio operator and I would like to be able to install a amateur radio 2 metre repeater on the above site. A 2 metre repeater would operate on the frequency around the 146 to 147MHz band. This repeater would form a part of the linking project that currently has Mildura and Robinvale/Euston’s repeater linked and would form a part of linking the Robinvale/Euston repeater to Swan Hill’s repeater. In fact it would be a very important link in this project. Installing a repeater in Balranald would patch a hole in the current coverage in the repeater network for the Mildura to Swan Hill areas. I’m asking for access to the smaller water tower where there is currently no other services on it. This smaller water tower has already got a mast installed on it that would put any antenna installed on it higher than those on the taller tower.

I am currently the only amateur operator in Balranald but this does not mean the repeater wouldn’t be used or would be a waste of time. Every day Balranald has traveller’s traveling through the town. I have been lucky enough to have spoken to some of these people (you can always tell if someone is an amateur operator because of the antennas on their vehicles/vans) and they have always asked the same question, is there a repeater here. When you say no they all say it would be great to have one here because it would give (almost) non-stop coverage between Mildura to Swan Hill.

As I’m sure you may have heard or read, amateur radio played a very important part of the floods in Queensland over the last few years. Amateur radio was called on to help set up radio communications when all other radio comms (including mobile phones) failed. Amateur radio can play a very important part in emergencies and even thou the general public can’t access amateur radio repeaters or radios doesn’t not mean they can’t be used to help or even save the life of the general public. If a major incident happen in Balranald the current radio communications networks have a good chance of failing just like what happened when the Telstra cable was damage a couple of months ago now. An amateur repeater would be on the air 24/7 and can be called on in time of emergencies. Even if the power goes out this repeater and it’s links would be still operating. The repeater would have backup power connected to it so it’s available 24/7.
I may be the only amateur operator in Balranald but the amount of travelers passing through Balranald that would get use out of having a repeater here would be very high. I already have the repeater built which is sitting at my place. It would be a great asset to Balranald to get such a service here. The repeater would be installed by qualified people and would be operated so no interference is caused to other services at this site. All we need is the ok to use the site and then I can go to the Australian Communications and Media Authority for a licence. The site is already on the ACMA’s database so site information like height and all that would not be required. I’m working closely with the Sunraysia Radio Group (the closest amateur radio club) in getting this repeater project up and running.

I do hope the Balranald Shire Council can give the ok to use this site. In a way it would help put Balranald on the map for the amateur radio community throughout Australia and the world.

Sincerely yours,

[Signature]

Paul Hadlow VK2FABN
**Item I - 3 CONSTRUCTION CERTIFICATES**

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**Purpose of Report:**
To advise Council of Certificates issued under delegated authority.

**Report:**
The following Construction Certificates have been issued since the March 2013 meeting of Council.

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**Recommendation:** that the report be noted.

**04.13.3497 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Byron and Jolliffe that the report be received and recommendation adopted.
Item I - 4  | PROPOSED SUBDIVISION LOT 3 BRETT ROAD, EUSTON – MS A. LANTERI
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Reporting Officer | Director Infrastructure & Development - John Stevenson | File DA 13/2013

**Purpose of Report:**
To seek consent to a 2 lot subdivision of Lot 3 DP 1172603.

**Report:**
Ms Anna Lanteri of Brett Road has submitted an application to subdivide this 4,300m² property, which essentially contains the family home and a large vacant warehouse or former packing shed.

The applicant informs that the proposal for the subdivision would create a new lot of approximately 2000m² encompassing the packing shed and sufficient yard space at the rear for storage activities relating to the intensive agriculture in the warehouse (commercial mushroom propagation).

There is an existing concrete apron to the 26m proposed frontage to enable sufficient off street parking for up to six employees without compromising the loading bay access or a proposed administrative office immediately to the warehouse frontage.

The proposal satisfies the provisions of Councils LEP clause 4.2 (3) via the intention for establishment of intensive agriculture, which, in turn, does not compromise the nearby landowners.

Adjoining landowners consent has been provided in accordance with the provisions of Section 88 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2000.

**Attachments:** Sketch plan of proposed subdivision.

**Budget Implications:** Nil
Recommendation: Consent be provided for the subdivision of Lot 3 DP 1172603 Brett Road, Euston subject to the following conditions:

1. The subdivision strictly conforms to the sketch plan as submitted.
2. All provisions of the Building Code of Australia be met in relation to the integrity of the party wall on the warehouse.
3. A separate Construction Certificate be gained prior to the erection of any additional offices or aspects of the warehouse.
4. The activities on the land be limited to intensive agriculture (foodstuffs propagation). Any other activity is the subject of a further approval from Council.
5. The concurrence of Essential Energy.
6. A separate water supply be provided to the newly created property.
7. Any alteration to access drives are to be to the satisfaction of Council or its delegate and at the applicants full cost.

04.13.3498 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Byron and Mannix that the report be received and recommendation adopted.

In accordance with Section 375A of the Local Government Act 1993, the Mayor called for a Division

ALL COUNCILLORS VOTED IN FAVOUR OF THE MOTION.
Item I - 5  RURAL FIRE SERVICE PROPOSED FENCE

Reporting Officer  Director Infrastructure & Development - John Stevenson

Purpose of Report:
To consider a request to enclose the rear & sides of the RFS Balranald Headquarters, Market St.

Report:
At the last meeting, Council considered a request from the RFS to enclose the sides and rear of the headquarters site. Council resolved that further discussions be held with the RFS in order that the matter could be determined.

As a result Council concerns were that the fence should not detract from the appearance of the street. A reply has been provided from the RFS:-

“The area planned to be fenced, is situated well off the street, which would allow for future plantings by the landscape committee.

There are a number of reasons why this project needs to move forward and retain the current design.
The area to the east of the shed requires gates to access the 50,000 litre water supply attached to the shed. These tanks require protection from mischief and vandalism alike.

The area to the west and north of the shed;
Volunteers require a safe & secure area to park vehicles at night when required for incident response, sometimes for many hours.
The Brigade Station is the headquarters for all brigades within the shire, thus requiring a secure area to park appliances during change over and task force commitments.

In the last couple of years, there has been an increase in the number of volunteer private vehicles targeted across the state, even in broad daylight by thieves and vandals…

Once the fence is erected, Balranald HQ members could in fact work with the committee to landscape the area…

Regards

Steve Walker”

Mr Steve Walker is currently on leave however during further conversations with Mr Fred Apthorpe it was stated that the frontage of the building and adjacent fences would be screened and landscaped. Further Mr Apthorpe agreed to a request to stand the northern fence some 4m off the common boundary with the VRA site allowing the existing access to the Common to remain (see diagram).
In view of these concessions and intention to landscape it is considered that the proposal should be acceded to.

**Attachments:** 1. Diagram

**Budget Implications:** Nil – This project is funded as an RFS initiative separate from Council contributions.

** Recommendation:** Council accede to the RFS request to enclose the rear and side areas of the headquarters building on Lot 4 DP 1128347 Market St subject to:

1. All costs being borne by the RFS outside of Councils shared cost programmes.
2. The frontage of the site being landscaped to the satisfactions of Council or its delegate.
3. The north side fence be set 4m off the common VRA boundary to allow the existing access to the Common at the rear to remain.

An **AMENDMENT** was made by Cr Campbell and **SECONDED** by Cr Cooke that recommendation Number 3 be removed.

The Amendment was **LOST**

**04.13.3499 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Purtill and Barnes that the report be received and recommendation adopted.

**CARRIED**

Crs Cooke and Campbell vote against.
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**Purpose of Report**
To advise Councillors of the forthcoming Australian Local Government Association Conference (National General Assembly).

**Purpose of Report**
To advise of the 2013 National General Assembly of Local Government and the call for motions.

**Report**
The 2013 National General Assembly of Local Government will be held in Canberra between 16 and 19 June 2013.

Council has attended both the National General Assembly in the past. The Australian Local Government Association is calling for motions by Friday 26 April 2013.

It is suggested that Council forward a motion requesting support for the important national proposition that as a minimum mobile broadband be made available to all rural and remote schools as some children are being disadvantaged by remaining unconnected.

If Council wishes to be represented at the Assembly there is an opportunity for early bird registrations. Full early bird registrations are $899.

Accommodation is available for approximately $405 per delegate for 3 nights in a two room apartment.

**Budget Implications**
Costs are met from the Delegates Expense Vote

**Recommendation**
That Council
1. Determine if it wishes to be represented at the conference.
2. Submit the suggested motion.
3. Change the Standing Orders to allow the June Council meeting to be held on 25 June 2013.

04.13.3500 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Byron and Jolliffe that Council that the report be received and recommendation be adopted with GM, Cr Byron, O’Halloran, Mannix and Barnes representing Council at the conference with Cr Purtill as a substitute.
Item G - 3  GOLF COURSE LAND EXCHANGE

| Reporting Officer | General Manager - Chris Littlemore | File 558 |

**Purpose of Report**
To advise Council of correspondence from Lands in relation to the proposed exchange.

**Report**
Council applied to the crown to exchange part of Western lands lease 3671 for some freehold land in the middle of the golf course.

Crown Lands have advised that they are not in a position to proceed with an exchange, however they have invited Council to purchase the land at valuation.

**Budget Implications**
Nil

**Recommendation**
That council make representations through the local State Member John Williams.

04.13.3501 **RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Purtill and Jolliffe that Council that the report be received and recommendation be adopted.
Item G - 4  |  SKIN CANCER CLINIC
| Reporting Officer | General Manager - Chris Littlemore | File |

Purpose of Report
To advise Council of the opportunity to hold a skin cancer clinic.

Report
The OH&S Committee has for some time been interested in holding another skin cancer clinic. The last one was held in August 2009 and was very well received.

At the time the general public and councillors were also invited to participate at cost as a community service. The take-up from the general public was high.

Balranald and Hay Shires have worked together to get quotations and share travel costs for the professionals involved. The clinic could be held in June.

The cost per person will be about $55 +GST to screen about 70-75 people. Council employees would be screened at no cost to them.

Budget Implications
There are no funds available in the current budget however there was a $12500 unallocated surplus at the December Quarterly budget review.

Recommendation That council vote to allocate $3850 to skin cancer checks.

04.13.3502  RESOLVED  on the motion of Crs Purtill and Byron that Council that the report be received and recommendation be adopted.
Item G – 5 | CORRESPONDENCE
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Reporting Officer | General Manager - Chris Littlemore | File

**Purpose of Report:**
To advise Council of recent correspondence of interest.

**Report:**
1. Email from Anne Anderson.
2. Thankyou Card from Mary Holmes.
3. Circular from NSW Government - Premier & Cabinet

**Budget Implications:**
Nil

**Attachments:**
Copies of correspondence as listed above.

**Recommendation**
That the correspondence be noted.

**04.13.3503 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Mannix and Barnes that Council that the report be received and recommendation be adopted.

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**Original Message---**
From: Anne [mailto:annesanderson@bispond.com]
Sent: Wednesday, 20 March 2013 10:25 PM
To: Council
Subject: Stall at Adelaide caravan and camping show

To the Mayor and councillors of the Shire of Balranald.

My husband and I have recently had a holiday travelling along the Murray and Murrumbidgee rivers. We spent 4 nights at the caravan park in Balranald which we enjoyed very much. We did the Mungo loop, visited Yanga National Park, enjoyed a meal at the historic Homestead hotel and the local club.

We had been planning our holiday but had not considered stopping in Balranald until we visited the recent caravan and camping show in Adelaide where we picked up a brochure and spoke to 2 very friendly ladies who encouraged us to visit your lovely town and surrounding districts.

We look forward to visiting again sometime in the future and would have no hesitation in recommending a visit to your town to friends.

Anne Sanderson
Dear Robyn,

On behalf of the 9 people who attended the seniors lunch on Tuesday, I would like to say Thank you for a really delicious meal a big improvement on last year!!

Thank you.
Mary Malcor
Residents aged care unit
O & G Hospital.
LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACTS TASKFORCE – RELEASE OF DISCUSSION PAPER

Purpose
To announce the release of the Local Government Acts Taskforce (LGAT) Discussion Paper “A New Local Government Act for NSW”.

Issue
- The LGAT was established by the Minister for Local Government to review the Local Government Act 1993 and the City of Sydney Act 1988.
- The LGAT has released its Discussion Paper “A New Local Government Act for NSW”. A copy of the paper is available on the LGAT webpage which can be accessed from www.dlg.nsw.gov.au
- The Discussion Paper outlines the deliberations of the LGAT on options and proposals for the principles of the new legislation. It contains a number of proposals for consideration and discussion.
- All interested organisations and persons are encouraged to make submissions commenting on the proposals contained in the Discussion Paper.

Action
- Following the release of the Discussion Paper, the LGAT is planning to hold a series of workshops at various locations across NSW open to any interested persons. Details of the workshops will be announced shortly.

Councillors are encouraged to read the Discussion Paper and make submissions to the LGAT. Details on how to make a submission can be found on the LGAT webpage. The closing date for submissions is Friday 28 June 2013.

Steve Orr
Acting Chief Executive, Local Government
A Division of the Department of Premier and Cabinet
Item G - 6  ACTION REPORT MARCH 2013 - COUNCIL MEETING

Reporting Officer | General Manager – Chris Littlemore | File 120

**Purpose of Report:** to bring forward for Councillors information the Action Report with actions taken on previous council resolutions.

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**Recommendation:** For the information of Council.

**04.13.3504 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Barnes and Mannix that Council that the report be received and recommendation be adopted.
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04.13.3505 **RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Barnes and Byron that the Late Items be inserted into the Agenda.

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**Purpose of Report**
To provide Council with a copy of the NSW Treasury Corporation report

**Report**
The report has been prepared by New South Wales Treasury Corporation (TCorp) in accordance with the appointment of TCorp by the Division of Local Government (DLG). The report has been prepared to assist the DLG and the Independent Local Government Review Panel in its consideration of the sustainability of each local government area in NSW.

The report was reviewed by the General Manager and the Director of Corporate Services. A number of changes were requested of TCorp but minimal changes were made to the report. Council objected strongly to their description of the Council being “weak” but TCorp were adamant that their process was the same for all Councils, with a scoring matrix which determined where each Council fitted into their rating descriptions.

TCorp’s covering letter advises Council that it has a Financial Sustainability Rating (FSR) of Weak and an Outlook of Negative.

This is not the lowest rating with Very Weak and Distressed lower in the ratings.

**Budget Implications**
Nil

**Attachments**
TCorp Letter and Report under separate cover.

**Recommendation**: For the information of Council. Council to pursue the matter as a Western Division issue and through RAMROC.

04.13.3506 **RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Purtill and Byron that the report be received and recommendation adopted.
Item I - 6

**SWING BRIDGE OVER MURRUMBIDGEE & WALKING TRAIL**

| Reporting Officer | Director Infrastructure & Development - John Stevenson | File 709 |

**Purpose of Report:**
To advise Council of the Swing Bridge Location

**Report:**
The intent of the Red Gum Tourism Project includes the direction of tourists from the new heritage park centre directly down River Street to this bridge and walking trail. However, the original site chosen near Parkers property at River St was complicated by both the location of other infrastructure and the width of the river crossing. In efforts to meet the available budget for this swing bridge it was relocated upstream to the Caravan Park side of the Bank Street intersection.

The Mayor, Deputy Mayor and senior staff have recently met with Court Street residents on site in an effort to satisfy concerns without compromising the need to commence the project. It was conceded that a site some 50m downstream would satisfy landowners concerns and be closer to the original River Street site with a minimal cost increase. It is estimated that this new swing bridge location, as per the attached diagram, will incur additional abutment works of approximately $10,000 outside the contract sum, to be met by Council.

This project has to be finalised by the 30th June 2013 which leaves a small and critical timeline. The contractors are readying themselves for a commencement pending Councils establishment of concrete footings. Work on these footings will commence at this time.

**Attachments:** 1. Plan of site

**Budget Implications:** Increased overall project cost from $204,680.00 to approximately $214,680. This remains within the estimated overall project cost.

**Recommendation:** Council note the location of the swing bridge.

04.13.3507 **RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Purtill and Barnes that the report be received and recommendation adopted.
Balranald Shire Council
Late Agenda Items for the Ordinary Meeting – 16th April 2013

This is Page 62 of the Late Agenda Items of the Ordinary Monthly Meeting of Balranald Shire Council held at the Council Chambers, Balranald on Tuesday 16th April 2013.
Item G - 8  BALRANALD MILITARY TRAIL

| Reporting Officer | General Manager | Chris Littlemore | File 25 |

Purpose of Report
To advise Council of progress in relation to the Balranald Military Trail project.

Report
At the March meeting of Council: a MOTION was moved by Cr Cooke and Seconded by Cr Purtill that the military plaques as detailed in the Balranald Inc letter of the 19/3/13 be installed subject to the normal approval process along the route marked stage A.

An amendment to the motion was moved by Cr Barnes and Seconded by Cr Campbell that Council support the project in principal but request both parties undertake further consultation to reach a proposal they both agree on.

The amendment was put and was carried. The amendment was now the motion and was carried.

03.13.3460 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Barnes and Campbell that council support the project in principal but request both parties undertake further consultation to reach a proposal they both agree on.

On April 3, 2013 Council received correspondence from the Balranald Ex-Servicemen’s Memorial Club Ltd. (see attached) advising Council that at the March Board meeting it was decided that any further representations regarding the Military Trail should be addressed to the Balranald R.S.L. Sub-Branch and not to the Club, as the Sub-Branch represent the interests of the ex-Servicemen and women of the community.

A meeting was held on Thursday April 11, 2013 between Balranald Inc. and the Balranald R.S.L. Sub-Branch to discuss the proposed project. The meeting minutes provided by Balranald Inc. indicate that the Balranald R.S.L. Sub-Branch have no concerns in relation to the location of the plaques, except for the Anzac Park location. Following the meeting Balranald Inc. verbally advised the General Manager of the meeting outcome.

To progress this project, Council would now need to decide on their preferred location for the commencement of the Military Trail.
Balranald Inc. proposed that the trail follow the southern (river) side of Market Street/ Sturt Highway in an easterly direction and turn right into River Street following the western (Sturt Motel) side. At the end of River Street, and would cross over to the southern (Murrumbidgee River) side of Court Street, and follow the broad verge in an easterly direction past the caravan park. It would then cross the Sturt Highway /McCabe Street, near the bridge approach, to the War Memorial Park on the corner of Court and McCabe Streets.

Council proposes that as Court Street was Balranald’s original main street it would be appropriate to commence the trail from the caravan park entrance in Court Street. It is proposed to place ten plaques at approximately equal intervals between the caravan park and River Street. It is intended that the further development of the trail will continue along Court Street turning right into Mayall Street and then left into Market Street.

As this project will require plaques to be placed on the footpath in front of residential properties and businesses, it is imperative that a full consultation process be undertaken through a Development Application to allow Council to make an informed decision on the trail route.

Council will recall plans to commence main street upgrade works in the new financial year, and Council should plan the installation of the Military Trail plaques in conjunction with this project.

**Budget Implications**
The estimated installation cost of the ten plaques (Court Street) will be approximately $3,000.

**Attachments**
Correspondence received from the Balranald District Ex-Servicemen’s Memorial Club
Minutes from the Meeting between Balranald Inc. and the Balranald R.S.L. Sub Branch
Proposed location – from the David Eastburn submission
Map – showing proposed route

**Recommendation**
That Council endorse the proposed route for the Military Trail, and that the Director of Infrastructure and Development prepare a Development Application to progress this project.

**RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Mannix and Byron that the report be received and recommendation adopted.
Re—Military Heritage Trail Proposal.

Dear Sir,

When this proposal was presented to the Club some time ago it was not supported by the Board on the grounds that the proposal discriminated against those relatives of ex-servicemen and women who did not have the financial means to contribute to the substantial cost of each plaque. Many names would be missed and the Board was of the opinion that all ex-servicemen and women should be commemorated. The Board also felt that the selection criteria for the plaques was at fault as it placed a burden on relatives to bear the cost.

The Board is looking at ways of creating commemoration of all ex-servicemen and women internally within the Club itself and feels that this is fitting for a Club with our objectives.

At the March Board Meeting it was decided that any further representations regarding the Heritage Trail should be addressed to the Balranald R.S.L. Sub-Branch and not to the Club as the Sub-Branch represents the interests of the ex-Servicemen and women of the community and are the Trustees of the War Memorial.

Yours Faithfully,

Peter Sidaway
President.
12th April, 2013

Chris Littlemore
General Manager
Balranald Shire Council

Re: Honour Our Veterans Project – Military Heritage Trail
Meeting with the Balranald RSL Sub Branch

Dear Chris,

On behalf of the Balranald Inc committee, I would like to inform the Shire Council that a meeting was held with the Balranald RSL Sub-Branch this week on Thursday evening at the Balranald Business Centre at 6.00pm.

Present at the meeting were Noel Camin, Ron Thiele, Tony Conway, Marianne O’Halloran and Mia Zaffina.

It was a positive meeting with positive outcomes.

The Balranald RSL Sub-Branch has agreed that they “have no objection to the plaques and think it is a great idea.”

They approve of the Military Heritage Trail to be placed anywhere except at the Cenotaph.

Both Balranald Inc and the Balranald RSL Sub-Branch are pleased with the outcome of the meeting and look forward to progressing with the Project.

We look forward to hearing from the Shire Council.

Yours sincerely,

Balranald Inc
per: Connie Matei
Community Development & Events Manager
Indicative positioning of individual story-steps, looking east along Court Street (adjacent to the Murrumbidgee River) approximately from River Street to the War Memorial Park.
04.13.3509  RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Campbell and Byron that Council move into closed committee.

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**Purpose of Report**
To report on Organisational review.

**Reason for Confidentiality**
This report is CONFIDENTIAL in accordance with Section 10A (2) (d)(i) of the Local Government Act 1993, which permits the meeting to be closed to the public and press for business relating to the following: -
commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it.

04.13.3510  RESOLVED that the report be received and recommendation be adopted.

04.13.3511  RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Mannix and Byron that the meeting resume into open Council and the General Manager report the recommendations of the closed meeting.

04.13.3512  RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Mannix and Byron recommendations of the closed meeting be adopted.

**CLOSURE:** There being no further business the meeting closed at 10.19 pm.

Confirmed, Chairman of the Ordinary Meeting of the Balranald Shire Council held on Tuesday 21st May, 2013 at which the meeting the signature was subscribed hereto:
Chairman

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General Manager