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CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Recommendation:
Tha:
“The minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on Tuesday 16th March 2013 copies having previously been circulated to each Councillor 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.

MAYORAL MINUTE/REPORT

COMMITTEE REPORTS FOR ADOPTION

COMMITTEE & OTHER REPORTS FOR INFORMATION

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

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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:** 1,248,797.34

LESS Payments for the Month:
- Contractors Plant Hire 125,948.71
- BAS - Feb13 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:** 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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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.
Item C - 2 DONATION REQUEST

| Reporting Officer | Director of Corporate Services - Robert Rayner | File 56 |

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.
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

[Signature]

Kellie Williams

Teacher
Item  C - 3  DONATION REQUEST

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**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.
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.
The General Manager
Balranald Shire Council
P.O.Box. 120,
Balranald .NSW. 2715.  (Attn- Mayor S.O'Halloran)

Dear Sir /Mayor Steve


MDF Letter ,with attachments ,3/12/2012 subsequent to earlier discussions with yourself –Mayor- met with the response of 2/1/2013 (copy attached ) .After an absence away now on return I wish to again approach your Council on this important matter .

From the 2/1/2013 response it would appear perhaps Council has misunderstood the intent of the MDF request ? The request was NOT for a transfer of some Water Shares of the existing allocation owned by Balranald Council .

Rather it was for consideration of a small Grant contribution 2013/2014 – say $1k – to assist with other donation amounts to purchase further High Security Water Shares for the growing MDF Water Bank .Inherent in such request was that such Grant would continue for a further 4-5 years to make an appropriate Council contribution ( small Council )to the build of the quantum .With knowledge of Council’s contribution efforts would occur to find a matching contribution from commercial sources within your Balranald Municipality ( indicated to MDF as quite likely ) .In all Balranald Council would then be in a priority position to access – as required from time to time – temprory allocation of MDF Water for direct Council usage or other community group who might be recommended by Council for consideration .

The MDF Water Bank has a small but growing list of supporting Donors who all indicate that they wish to see MDA Member Councils also join in the supporting base to build this Water Bank – which is created for MDA Local Government Councils & their communities .This is a niche need that will become very pronounced in future years (if not becoming apparent even now ) and be a ready off balance sheet asset to be accessed by member Councils at market charge , discounted charge or gratis as case by case determines .Such funds to be used to buy more Water Shares to continue to grow the Water Bank .

In resubmitting this matter perhaps it is still possible to be in Council’s considerations for its 2013/2014 Council Budget .Thanks in anticipation .

Brian J Grogan O.A.M
Chairman- MDF

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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.
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 50% of the Theatre hire fee.
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 Sus Coates at the school on 5020 2222 or email balranald-c-school@det.nsw.edu.au.  

Yours sincerely  

Mrs Sus Coates  
Year 12 Adviser  

28 March 2013  

Mr Erich Rissinger  
Principal  

Balranald Central School  
Parents and Citizens Association Inc  

This is Page 13 of the Business Paper of the Ordinary Monthly Meeting of Balranald Shire Council held in the Councils Chambers Market Street Balranald on Tuesday 16th April 2013.
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.
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 Mossgiel 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 Councils 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.
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 | File |

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 Council’s consent to the terms and conditions of the facility’s upkeep via a binding MOU provided at the applicants full cost.
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 apart 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 comm’s (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 the past 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 coursed 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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Reporting Officer | Director Infrastructure & Development - John Stevenson | File 600

**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.
**Item I - 4**

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**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.
Item I - 5  RURAL FIRE SERVICE PROPOSED FENCE  

| Reporting Officer | Director Infrastructure & Development - John Stevenson | File 726 |

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.
General Managers Reports

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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.
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 has 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.
**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.
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**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.

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**Original Message**

From: Anne [mailto:annesanderson@bigpond.com](mailto:annesanderson@bigpond.com)
Sent: Wednesday, 20 March 2013 10:25 PM
To: Council
Subject: FW: 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 Homebush 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 Holmes
Residents aged care unit
Old 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.

- 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.

Action
Councils 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.

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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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**BALRANALD SHIRE COUNCIL ACTION SHEET**

**MARCH 2013**

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**Recommendation:** For the information of Council.
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**CLOSED MEETING - CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS**