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APOLOGIES:

DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

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CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Recommendation:
That:
“The minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on Tuesday 18th December 2012 copies having previously been circulated to each Councillor be taken as read and confirmed”.

Recommendation:
That:
“The minutes of the Special Meeting of Council held on Monday 22nd January 2013 copies having previously been circulated to each Councillor be taken as read and confirmed”. 
PRESENTATION/DELEGATIONS

MAYORAL MINUTE/REPORT

COMMITTEE REPORTS FOR ADOPTION

COMMITTEE & OTHER REPORTS FOR INFORMATION

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NOTICES OF MOTION/RECISSION

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

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**Purpose of Report**

Funds Report for the Month Ending 31st December 2012

**Report**

ADD Receipts for Month:
- Block Grant 19,632.00
- Rates & Water 92,557.79
- Interest Received 13,151.91
- Natural Disaster Funding 865,700.00
- Debtors 30,233.14
- Other Revenue 250,480.51

Total: 1,271,755.35

LESS Payments for the Month:
- Contractors Plant Hire 73,969.18
- Term Deposit 500,000.00
- Audit Fee 32,752.50
- Street Lighting 10,411.18
- Local Authority Loans 87,892.25
- Other Payments 554,630.24

Total: 1,259,655.35

Cash Book Balance as at End of Month 607,267.23

LESS Outstanding Deposits as at end of Month -
ADD Unpresented Cheques as at end of Month 21,625.33

Bank Balance as at End of Month 628,892.56

**Funds Held**

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Working Funds 945,481.50

This is Page 3 of the Business Paper of the Ordinary Monthly Meeting of Balranald Shire Council held in the Councils Chambers Market Street Balranald on Tuesday 19th February 2013.
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  | STATEMENT OF FUNDS
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Reporting Officer | Director Corporate Services – Robert Rayner | File 85

### Purpose of Report
Funds Report for the Month Ending 31\textsuperscript{st} January 2013

### Report

#### Bank Reconciliation

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Cash Book Balance as at End of Month 989,083.95

LESS Outstanding Deposits as at end of Month 3,365.07
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Bank Balance as at End of Month 987,376.88

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Investment Held:

| Bankwest | $ 500,000.00 |
| Bendigo | $ 500,000.00 |
| IMB Ltd | $ 500,000.00 |
| NAB | $ 500,000.00 |
| Suncorp | $ 500,000.00 |
| Westpac | $ 500,000.00 |

$ 3,000,000.00
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.

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**Purpose of Report**  
Council participation in 2013 scheme

**Report**  

The NSW Rural Doctors Network is now inviting Council to participate in the 2013 scheme and seeking the same contribution amount.

The Council determined in 2011 to create an internal reserve of $3,000, increased annually by that amount for health purposes as a better way of directing Council’s funds.

**Budget Implications**  
Nil

**Attachments**  
1. Letter from the NSW Rural Doctors Network

**Recommendation**  
That Council decline to participate in the Bush Bursary/CWA Scholarship for 2013.
7 January 2013

Balranald Shire Council
Mr Chris Littlemore
General Manager
PO Box 120
BALARANALD NSW 2715

Dear Mr Littlemore

Re: The 2013 Bush Bursary/Country Women’s Association Scholarship Scheme

I am writing to invite 11416 to consider participating in the scheme in 2013. The Bush Bursaries and CWA Scholarships are offered annually to selected medical students in NSW and the ACT, and are financially supported by the rural councils of country NSW, the Country Women’s Association and the NSW Rural Doctors Network (RDN).

If your council wishes to participate in the Scheme, RDN will invoice you for $3,300 ($3,000 plus GST) which will be provided to the medical student who, in return, will agree to spend two weeks of rural placement in your council area in the University holidays during the year or over the Christmas break. RDN’s role is to administer the scheme, promote the Bush Bursary to medical students in NSW/ACT and to select the successful recipients. RDN matches the successful students with a sponsoring shire council. Each sponsoring shire council nominates a placement coordinator (usually this is someone who works at the council). The placement coordinator is responsible for liaising with the sponsored student and organizing the activities included in the placement.

NSW Rural Doctors Network’s Role: –
- Advertising and promotion of the Bush Bursary Scheme to eligible students studying at medical schools in NSW/ACT
- Recruitment and selection of Bush Bursary recipients
- Administration of funds from sponsoring shire councils to Bush Bursary recipients
- Matching recipients to sponsoring shire council
- Ongoing support and information for recipients and shire councils throughout the year
- Distribution of research and evaluation about the Bush Bursary to stakeholders and interested parties.
Purpose of Report
To report on the progress of the Community Strategic Plan (Balranald Shire 2022).

Report
Council are required to undertake a 6 monthly review of the Community Strategic Plan based on the performance measures detailed in its Operation Plan for 2012/13.

The plan has been reviewed and a separate document has been provided with the results against the measurement indicated in red type.

Overall the outcomes delivered within this year’s Operational Plan appear to be on way to meeting the objectives from Balranald Shire 2022.

Budget Implications
Nil

Attachments
Separate review document enclosed.

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

**Report**
Refer to the detailed statement provided under separate cover.

**Recommendation:** This has a positive effect on the General Fund of $12,500, therefore it is recommended that the new funds be appropriated and voted accordingly.
Economic & Community Development Reports

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Purpose of Report
To inform Council of the outcome of the Interpretive Centre Pavilion public consultation.

Report
On Thursday January 31, 2013 Council hosted a public consultation session at the Senior Citizens Centre to provide the community with an opportunity to view the interior design of the interpretive pavilion, and to talk through the concept with Creative Spaces Designer Amy Cumming.

It was pleasing to see that over seventy residents visited the exhibit during the day with the majority of comments being extremely positive.

A short survey was undertaken during the day which has indicated that the tree concept is innovative, and provides activities for all target groups.

The environment section is currently being amended to include more of our nature based activities.

Budget Implication
Nil

Attachments
Nil

Recommendation
For the information of Council.
Item E - 2  REQUEST FOR FINANCIAL SUPPORT – BALRANALD RACING CLUB  

| Reporting Officer | Director of Economic and Community Development - Robyn Ryan | File 056 |

Purpose of Report  
To advise Council of a request for financial support from the Balranald Racing Club.  

Report  
Correspondence has been received from the Balranald Racing Club seeking sponsorship ($50 to $200) for the February 23rd race meeting.  

Whilst this community event provides a boost to the local economy, it should be noted that Council has made significant improvements to the facility at Greenham Park, and expends considerable funds on maintenance and repair at no/or little cost to the Balranald Racing Club.  

Budget Implications  
Nil  

Attachments  
Correspondence attached  

Recommendation  
That Council determine the level of support.
Dear Business owner,

Once again, it's that time of year when planning is well underway for the Balranald Cup Day Race Meeting being held on 23 February, 2013.

We wish to take this opportunity to say thank you to those businesses that took part in the sponsorship of the Businesses of Balranald Cup in 2012.

An invitation is once again extended to all Business owners to be part of the sponsorship again in 2013. Sponsorship donations of $50 up to $200 are welcome with a tax invoice being forwarded upon receipt of your payment. Payments can be made by post to PO Box 135, Balranald or by direct deposit into the Racing Club’s Account. The details for direct deposits are below.

To allow your business name to be printed in the Race Book, payment must be received by Friday, 15 February, 2013. Sponsorship of $200 will also provide you with a half page advertisement in the race book on race day.

Once again we look forward to your support.

Yours faithfully

A C Conway
President

Please return the section below with your payment by Friday, 15 February, 2013 to be included in the Race Book.

Business Name:
Amount of Sponsorship: $ __________
Address for posting Tax Invoice:

Signature: __________________________

Direct Deposit to: Balranald Racing Club
BSB: 039-868 A/C #: 000365
Please email remittance advice or fax to 0392013575

Next race meeting - Saturday, 23 February, 2013
Item E - 3  | CARAVAN AND CAMPING SHOWS
---|---
Reporting Officer  | Director of Economic and Community Development - Robyn Ryan

Purpose of Report

To advise Council of the forthcoming Caravan and Camping Shows.

Report

Over the coming months Balranald Shire will be showcased at several Caravan and Camping Shows.

The 2013 Show schedule is as follows:

Adelaide  Wednesday February 20 to Sunday February 24, 2013

Melbourne  Thursday March 7 to Tuesday March 12, 2013

These two shows have been operating for many years and are extremely well promoted throughout their respective States. The shows attract thousands of potential visitors, and provide an ideal opportunity for Council to promote Balranald and District.

The series of promotional banners and marketing material created in 2012, will once again be utilised to assist in attracting additional visitors to the area.

The site costs, accommodation and travel have been funded through the Riverina Red Gum program.

Budget Implication

Funded by the Riverina Red Gum program

Attachments

Nil

Recommendation

For the information of Council.
Item E - 4  BALRANALD COURTHOUSE PROPOSAL AND MEETING WITH ATTORNEY GENERAL

| Reporting Officer | Director of Economic and Community Development - Robyn Ryan | File 35 |

Purpose of Report
To advise Council of the development of the Balranald Courthouse submission, and scheduled meeting with the Attorney General.

Report
Council has secured a meeting with the Attorney General in Sydney on Tuesday February 27, 2013 to progress discussions in relation to the inadequacy of the current Court facilities in Balranald.

A submission has been prepared and will be presented to the Attorney General.

Budget Implications
Nil

Attachments
Nil

Recommendation
For the information of Council.
Item E - 5  | GROWING OUR PLACE – PUBLIC ART INITIATIVE
---|---
Reporting Officer  | Director of Economic and Community Development - Robyn Ryan  | File 527

Purpose of Report
To advise Council of the progress of the South West Arts Growing Our Place – Public Art project for Heritage Park.

Report
In 2012, Council committed to participating in the South West Arts Growing our Place – Public Art Initiative to develop a piece of public art to be situated within the CBD streetscape at Heritage Park Balranald.

Well known recycled metal artist Stuart Taylor from Deniliquin, has been contracted to create the artwork which entails a large wedge tailed eagle with a wing span of 2.5m hovering over a nest perched high on a 3.5m post. The artwork, to be positioned at the front of the new Visitor and Interpretive Centre will be constructed of recycled metal and will weigh approximately 100kg.

Mr Taylor met with the Visitor and Interpretive Centre Project Management Team in early February, and has created a maquette of the eagle. The maquette will be on display at the Council meeting.

Budget Implications
Nil

Attachments
Nil

Recommendation
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**Purpose of Report**
To advise Council of a naming request/plaque for the new visitor information centre.

**Report**
Council has received correspondence from Mr Russell Bodinnar suggesting that the new visitor information centre be named the Leo Connellan MLC Visitor Information Centre, and that a memorial plaque be strategically positioned to highlight Mr Connellan’s contribution to the community.

**Budget Implications**
Interpretive Centre budget

**Attachments**
Correspondence attached

**Recommendation**
That Council name the new visitor information centre pavilion the Leo Connellan MLC Visitor Information Centre, and that Council’s Director of Economic and Community Development be authorised to coordinate the signage/plaque design and location.
14th December 2012

Chris Littlemore
General Manager
Balranald Shire Council
Market Street
Balranald NSW 2715

Dear Chris,

Re: The Leo Connellan Centre:

When I was a Shire Councillor during the 1980s I formally moved a motion that the information building to be constructed be named the Leo Connellan Centre, as a mark of respect for Councillor Connellan’s contribution to Local Government and to this council and district in particular.

With the new development to be carried out on this site, may I suggest and propose the new visitor information building carry an inscription above the entry as the Leo Connellan MLC Visitor Centre, also a memorial plaque explaining Leo’s contribution to the Balranald Shire and District be placed in an appropriate position.

Yours faithfully

Russell Bodinnar

NB. Please find included a copy of Leo Connellan’s service record.
BALRANALD LOCAL HISTORY GROUP
FORMATION AND USE OF FACILITY

| Reporting Officer | Director of Economic and Community Development - Robyn Ryan | File 784(d) |

Purpose of Report
To advise Council of the formation of the Balranald Local History Group, and request for meeting/work space.

Report
The establishment of the Balranald Local History Group has progressed, with more than twelve local residents attending a meeting on Tuesday February 12, 2013 to discuss potential projects and formalisation of the group.

Over the past month Council’s Director of Economic and Community Development has been investigating possible locations for a meeting/work space within the town.

It has been identified that the ticketing office at the Theatre Royal would be a suitable venue for the local group to “call home”.

It should be noted that this group will be independent of Council, and is not a Section 355 Committee of Council.

Budget Implications
Nil

Attachments
Nil

Recommendation
That Council congratulate members of the group for their commitment to recording the local history of Balranald, and that the ticketing office area be provided as meeting place/work area.
**Item E - 8**

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**Purpose of Report**
To advise Council of a request from the Murray River Regional Tourism Board to renew membership for 2013/2014.

**Report**
Council is currently a member of both the Murray River Regional Tourism and Inland NSW Tourism.

The Murray River Regional Tourism is responsible for the effective co-ordination and holistic development of tourism for the Murray region.

Over the past twelve months Council’s tourism staff has been working collaboratively with Inland NSW Tourism staff to develop the Shire’s tourism sector.

Council has been successful in securing dollar for dollar funding ($15,000) from Inland NSW Tourism and will, in the next few months roll out a series of tourism based workshops for our operators.

The annual membership contributions for 2012/2013 were:

- Murray River Regional Tourism $3,529
- Inland NSW Tourism $1,256

**Budget Implications**
Nil

**Attachments**
Correspondence attached

**Recommendation**
That Council decline Murray River Regional Tourism’s offer to renew membership for 2013/2014, and that Council continue membership with Inland NSW Tourism.
29 November 2012
Mr C. Lidemore
General Manager
Balranald Shire Council
PO Box 120
BALKANALD NSW 2715

Dear Chris,

Re: Murray River Region Tourism Limited Renegotiation of Funding Agreement

I am writing to you as a follow up to the discussions held at the recent RAMROC meeting to outline the Board’s desire to seek a one year extension to the existing agreement between Balranald Shire Council and Murray River Region Tourism Limited.

The Board believes it is timely to commence the extension discussions given the current agreement is due to expire on June 30, 2013 and notes negotiations to renew need to be undertaken by 11 December 2012. It would be envisaged the extension would be in accordance with the current conditions of the agreement.

The Board appreciates the significant changes being experienced across the 15 local government partners due to the local government election process, and understands the Council will need adequate time to consider all of your organisation’s future funding commitments. This coupled with the Board’s ongoing negotiations which are taking place with both Tourism Victoria and Destination NSW in relation to the new long term agreement, believe a suitable trigger for the extension.

The Board would like to have the opportunity to finalise negotiations with both state government organisations for the new 3-4 year agreement prior to coming back to you, our local government partners. The Board is confident we will complete the state government process by April next year, when we will be in a position to meet with you to present a proposed new multi-year agreement aligned to the state government commitment.

To assist with gaining your endorsement for the 12 month extension, I have attached a Board role, purpose and achievement overview paper which I believe will be beneficial to brief your councillors and internal stakeholders.

I look forward to receiving your advice in due course in regard to progressing with the 12 month extension.

Regards,

Mark Francis
Chief Executive Officer

Enc – Board Role, Purpose and Achievements Overview
Item E - 9  
BALRANALD NETBALL CLUB REQUEST FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE – NETBALL COURTS

| Reporting Officer | Director of Economic and Community Development - Robyn Ryan | File 556 |

**Purpose of Report**
To advise Council of a request for financial assistance from the Balranald Netball Club to facilitate their effort in seeking external funding for new netball courts at the Greenham Park complex.

**Report**
Following a meeting with Council’s Director of Infrastructure and Development, the Balranald Netball Club has committed to contributing $10,000 towards the costs of building new netball courts, and will endeavour to raise additional funds during the year.

To assist in attracting additional external funding, the Club is requesting that Council consider committing $15,000 in the 2013/2014 Operational Plan to provide the Club with the potential to secure funding of $30,000 to match the Club and Council contribution.

Council has already committed $8,000 of its own funds for the repair of the courts in the 2012/2013 Operational Plan which could be utilised to meet some of this request.

**Budget Implication**
2013/2014 Operational Plan - $15,000

**Attachments**
Correspondence attached.

**Recommendation**
That Council commit funds of $15,000 in 2013/2014 Operational Plan to assist the Balranald Netball Club in attracting dollar for dollar funding (from external funding sources) to construct new netball courts at the Greenham Park complex.
To The General Manager; Mr Chris Littlemore,

Re: Netball Courts at Greenham Park.

We are writing to you in regards to our meeting we had with you and Mr John Stevenson, in regards to funding for restructure of our Netball courts.

As discussed at that meeting, the Netball club has agreed to be able to contribute the sum of $10,000 towards the building of new netball courts.

We will endeavour to try and fundraise some more monies during this year’s netball season in the attempts to at least reach $15,000. Would it be at all possible for the Shire to put in the budget for this amount to be matched, so then we could have $30,000 to show for when grants are applied for.

Thank You for your consideration

Balranald Netball Club

*Bronwyn Brougham
*Loretta Duryea
## Item E - 10  New Year’s Eve Committee Request for Financial Assistance

| Reporting Officer | Director of Economic and Community Development - Robyn Ryan | File 56 |

### Purpose of Report
To advise Council of a request from the Balranald New Year’s Eve Committee for financial assistance.

### Report
Council has received correspondence from the Committee Secretary Mrs Kylie Jolliffe seeking financial support to host the celebrations again this year.

In 2011 and 2012, Council committed $1000 and $1,500 respectively towards the fireworks spectacular at each of these events.

This small Committee of three work tirelessly throughout the year to raise the funds (over $6,000) to bring this fantastic event to residents and visitors.

The night includes activities for the young, and not so young and concludes with a spectacular fireworks display to bring in the New Year.

### Budget Implications
Funds are normally made available through the Section 355 donations.

### Attachments
Correspondence attached.

### Recommendation
That Council support the Balranald New Year’s Eve Committee with a contribution of $1,500 towards to cost of fireworks at the 2013 event, and approve the use of Greenham Park football grounds and multipurpose centre as in previous years.
NYE COMMITTEE
C/O 169 CHURCH STREET
BALRANALD NSW 2715

29th January 2013

Dear Cr Pursill,

We are a small committee of 3 ladies who try and raise money each year to hold the “Community New Years Eve” Party. This is a terrific event for our whole community to come together to welcome in each New Year. We have kids activities, music, food, great family fun and of course the main attraction is the great fireworks display at midnight. These fireworks cost our committee $4000.00 each year. For all activities and the whole night to be a success we need to raise $6500.

We are writing to you in hope that you can help us with getting these fireworks sponsored in any way. Also if you know of any grants that we can apply for, it would be greatly appreciated if you could inform us of them.

Thank you for your time.

Yours Sincerely,

Kylie Jolliffe

Co-Ordinator/Secretary

Balranald NYE Committee.
Item E - 11  
RIVERINA CITIES COMMITTEE – POPULATION FORECAST PROJECT

| Reporting Officer | Director of Economic and Community Development - Robyn Ryan | File 025 |

**Purpose of Report**
To advise Council of a request for a contribution towards the Riverina Cities Committee – Murray and Riverina Regional Population Forecast Project.

**Report**
In 2008, the City Councils of Albury, Griffith and Wagga Wagga established the Riverina Cities Committee, and in 2009 committed to deliver a comprehensive on-line demographic forecast tool designed to support longer term resource allocation in local government. The project outlines local drivers of population change and forecasts how population, age structure and household types will change over the period 2010 – 2031.

The project cost is approximately $44,400 ex GST, with the financial commitment to introduce and maintain the product for the first two years of the five year contract being met by Griffith and Wagga Wagga City Councils, with a contribution from RAMROC and Albury City Council offering their existing id forecast information to be duplicated onto the Riverina Murray website to complete the project.

The project is now two years old and contributions towards the project are now sought. The fee structure is: LGAs with a population less than 7,000 people $1,000 and over 7,000 people $2,000.

**Budget Implications**
Nil

**Attachments**
Correspondence attached

**Recommendation**
That Council decline the invitation to be part of the Riverina Cities Committee – Murray and Riverina Regional Population Forecast Project.
14 December 2012

Mr Chris Littlemore
Balranald Shire Council
P.O. Box 120
Balranald NSW 2716

Dear Chris

RIVERINA CITIES COMMITTEE – MURRAY & RIVERINA REGIONAL POPULATION FORECAST PROJECT

The City Councils of Albury, Griffith and Wagga Wagga, established the Riverina Cities Committee in 2003. In 2009 the Committee negotiated an agreement with i2 Informatics to deliver forecast.dfs, a comprehensive on-line demographic forecast tool designed to support longer-term resource allocation in local government. It outlines local drivers of population change and forecasts how population, age structure and household types will change over the period 2010 to 2031.

The project comprised two major elements:

- An online, interactive web-based population forecast product that provides each Local Government Authority (LGA) within the Murray and Riverina Regions population and household forecasting to 2031.
- A targeted training program for Executive (annual), Council Officers (biannual) as well as Councillor briefing sessions.

The Committee negotiated a bulk rate for this project in the order of $44,400 GST Ex, indexed annually. The financial commitment to introduce and maintain the product for the first two years of the five year contract has been met by Griffith and Wagga Wagga City Councils. RAPMC also contributed financially towards the project. Albury City Council offered their existing forecast information to be duplicated onto the Riverina Murray website to complete the project.

Participating LGAs in the project indicated they would consider making a contribution towards the project cost from three to five in letters of acceptance received in October 2010. The level of contribution was to be in the order of $1k to $2k (max) pending LGA numbers in the project.

The project is now two years old and contributions towards the project are now sought.

A scaled fee structure is proposed:

- LGAs population less than 7,000 people $1,500
- LGAs population more than 7,000 people $2,000

The 2011 census data recently released is to be incorporated into the project in December 2012. Additional training will be made available in early 2013.

I have attached a summary of requested contributions. Some LGAs on the list did not receive the notification to be part of the project. As the project is a region wide exercise it seemed inappropriate to have gaps in the data across the geography. Those that chose not to participate were not party to the training or detailed analysis work in building the model with only their raw data from the ABS included in the project.

I realise each organisation will require a tax invoice to provide payment. To enable a tax invoice to be generated would you please contact Brian Favelle our Revenue/Debtors Coordinator on (02) 6928 9130.

A number of Councils have used the reporting function within the webpage to provide demographic projections for inclusion in local strategies and plans. The continued use for such purposes in tender documentation allowing for Councils to supply this demographic information as a mechanism to reduce financial components within tender submissions may provide savings to Councils in the future.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter. I have accepted the position of General Manager Junee Shire Council and look forward to continuing our relationship in the future. If you need to contact Wagga Wagga City Council other than requesting a tax invoice from Brian Favelle, please contact Grant Johnston who can provide details on this project.

Yours Faithfully,

James Davis
Manager Economic Development
Purpose of Report
To advise Council of a request from the Rural Financial Counselling Service NSW Central West, to establish a Local Advisory Group (LAG) in within the Balranald Shire.

Report
The Mayor, Councillor Campbell and the General Manager met with the Rural Financial Counselling Service – Central West (RFCS-CW) Chief Executive Officer, Mr Jeff Caldbeck on November 2012 to discuss the formation of a LAG within the Balranald Shire.

The purpose of the LAG is to serve as a conduit for identified issues from the local government area to the organisation’s CEO in the first instance, and thereafter through to the Rural Financial Counselling Service – Central West Board.

Each local government area where an existing RFCS-CW service is operational will identify two suitable individuals who have been nominated to join the LAG. A key criterion for the selection of LAG members is their residential status, identified skills base and diversity based or influence capacity. The two LAG members will be required to meet with the RFCS-CW CEO in Balranald on a quarterly basis, and attend the RFCS-CW Annual General Meeting in Dubbo.

Budget Implications
Nil

Attachments
Correspondence attached

Recommendation
That Council progress the formation of the RFCS-CW Local Advisory Group (LAG), and that Councillor Campbell and the Director of Economic and Community Development be nominated as LAG members.
Rural Financial Counselling Service NSW Central West
ABN 54 606 059 418

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Email: dubbo@rfcs-cw.com.au

7th December 2012

Mr. C. Littlemore
General Manager
Balranald Shire Council
P.O. Box 120
Balranald NSW 2715

Re: Formation of a Local Advisory Group (LAG)

Dear Chris

Following my last meeting with the Mayor and yourself on 13.11.12, I also followed this up and met with Cllr Elaine Campbell on 15.11.12 at Balranald.

As mentioned at the time of both meetings, the opportunity exists to establish a Balranald Local Advisory Group (LAG), to bring both organisations closer together. We have previously established such groups earlier in our organisation's history, in 2007 at Forbes, Orange and Gilgandra. The groups are still in existence today with two of the three attended our recent AGM at Dubbo.

The range and scope of responsibilities for LAG members is identified in the attachment, and it addresses the establishment of a LAG and includes such issues as:

- LAG members attending the annual meeting in Dubbo with the RFCS-CW Board of Management, prior to the organisation's AGM. All costs and out of pocket expenses for such attendance will be met by RFCS-CW.
- Meeting with the CEO and Counsellor quarterly or as the need arises, in Balranald.

To commence the process, I have attached two (2) copies of the RFCS-CW Terms of Reference for the formation of a LAG that includes a confidentiality agreement. It is my understanding that Cllr Campbell is nominated as one representative and possibly the GM of the Shire might be suitable to fill the second position.

I wish to thank you for the opportunity to look to establish a closer link between Council and the Central West Service and I look forward to receiving the completed agreements at your convenience. Once established, I would then look to set dates into 2013 for regular meetings in Balranald with a view to increase our exposure to the Shire's rural sector and provide targeted assistance to those who require our services.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions regarding this matter.

Kind regards

[Signature]

Jeff Coldbeck
Chief Executive Officer

Rural Financial Counselling Service – Central West

This is Page 28 of the Business Paper of the Ordinary Monthly Meeting of Balranald Shire Council held in the Councils Chambers Market Street Balranald on Tuesday 19th February 2013.
Item E - 13  
SENIORS WEEK 2013

| Reporting Officer | Director of Economic and Community Development - Robyn Ryan | File 378 |

Purpose of Report
To advise Council on the progress of Seniors Week 2013.

Report
In September 2012, Council submitted a funding application for Seniors Week 2013 titled “Relive – Rockabilly Rebel”.

Council has been advised by The Hon. Andrew Constance MP Minister for Ageing and Minister for Disability Services that the funding application requesting $1,000 has been successful.

Seniors Week 2013 will be held from 17th to 24th March 2013.

The Shire wide invitation database is currently being updated, and a notice will be placed in the February edition of the Council newsletter and on the community notice boards inviting seniors (60 years and over) to register and be part of the celebrations.

Council staff are currently finalising plans for this year’s event which will be “Relive – Rockabilly Rebel” will feature all the fun and music from that era.

A full program of event activities will be disseminated shortly.

Budget Implication
Nil

Attachments
Correspondence attached.

Recommendation
For the information of Council.
The Hon. Andrew Constance MP
Minister for Ageing
Minister for Disability Services

Ref No. AT12/51480

Ms Robyn Ryan
Director Economic and Community Services
Balranald Shire Council
PO Box 120
BALRANALD NSW 2715

Dear Ms Ryan

I am pleased to advise you that your organisation’s application for funding under the 2013 NSW Seniors Week Grants program has been successful.

Balranald Shire Council will receive $1,000 for Relive - Rockabilly Rebel.

Ageing, Disability and Home Care (ADHC) administers the Grants program to support the development and organisation of local NSW Seniors Week projects. ADHC assists older people, people with a disability and their carers to participate fully in community life.

I trust that the financial assistance provided by the NSW Government will provide seniors in your local area with opportunities to be part of and to celebrate NSW Seniors Week.

I would like to encourage you to submit your event online at www.nswseniorsweek.com.au. This will ensure that your event will be promoted at the NSW Seniors Week website prior and during NSW Seniors Week.

Further correspondence from ADHC will follow including material to help plan your event and guidelines for compliance with receiving of NSW Government funding. Grant payments will be issued in January 2013.

Should you wish to discuss this matter further, please contact Ms Ivana Pepic, Project Manager, NSW Seniors Week Grants Program on (02) 9377 6237 or ivana.pepic@faocs.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

Andrew Constance

Infrastructure & Development Reports

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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 December 2012 meeting of Council.

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<td>JM Smithers, 77 River Street, Balranald</td>
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<td>JM Smithers, 77 River Street, Balranald</td>
<td>Construct new storage warehouse and repair existing store shed.</td>
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The following Notice of Determination's have been issued for new dwellings since the December 2012 meeting – Construction Certificates by Private Certifier.

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<td>GSD Architects for DA Garreffa</td>
<td>73 Bertram Road Euston</td>
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Recommendation: that the report be noted.
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**Purpose of Report:** To seek Council’s consent for a 2 lot subdivision on a freehold property in Euston.

**Report:** Mr Arron Zappia, owner of Lot 19 DP 758402, corner Cowper and Maher Streets, Euston has submitted an application to subdivide the 1782m² lot, 15-19 Cowper Street, into 2 equal 891m² parcels. A dwelling exists on the proposed northern lot, whilst the applicant proposes to erect a new dwelling on the newly created corner lot.

The lot sizes comply with Councils LEP for a RU5 (Village area) which permits proposals down to 600m².

The matter has been advertised in accordance with the provisions of Section 88 of the Environmental Planning and assessment Regulation 2000. No submissions were received.

**Attachments:** Sketch plan of proposal

**Budget Implications:** Nil

**Recommendation:** Council consent to the subdivision of Lot 19 DP 758402, creating 2 equal sized allotments subject to the following conditions;

1) The subdivision complies strictly with the sketch plan as submitted
2) Prior to the release of plans, the applicant is to provide $676.00 each for a single 19mm connection of both raw and filtered water, and $850 for the extension of a sewerage connection point.
3) Any new driveway to the newly created lot, or alteration of existing driveways is to be to the satisfaction of Council or its delegate, and at the applicants full cost.
4) Subject to the concurrence of Telstra and Essential Energy.
5) Separate application must be made for the development consent of any new dwelling on the vacant lot.
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MAINTENANCE & CONSTRUCTION PROGRAM

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

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

**Report:**

1. **Contractor M Cameron – Culparlin Alma Road**
   
   Has been completing the last of the flood repair work on Culparlin Alma Road.

2. **Councils Team 1 – MT 67 North**
   
   Team 1 have put down gravel for North Road sealing works and will return to trim just prior to sealing. The next week’s works will see gravel patching MR 67 North Road each way from the Clare Mossgiel/Mildura Ivanhoe intersection.

3. **Council Team 2 – Maintenance Grading Burke & Wills Road**
   
   Team 2 has commenced reconstruct / maintenance grading works on the Burke & Wills Road. This will continue until repairs are affected to the Marma Box Creek intersection.

4. **Council Team 3 – Meilman Road**
   
   Team 3 are nearing completion to construction on Meilman Road. A Final trim will be undertaken prior to sealing. Team 3 will commence on Tapalin Mail Road construction following Meilman Road.

5. **Hazard Reduction Fire Breaks**
   
   HR funding has been allocated to roads MR 67, MR 514 and Tarwong Freshwater Rd. Roadside slashing and spraying where completed on both regional roads, while Tarwong Freshwater received extensive grading works to act as a fire break. Grading works where completed by local contractors, McKeons.

6. **Information Centre front Car Park**
   
   Kerb and guttering works on the front car park within Heritage Park has commenced. Earthworks and sealing will coincide with other shire seal programs.
7. **Culvert Cleaning and Replacement Work**
Culvert placement works are underway and will continue utilising a council team and some contractor involvement. Pipes are currently being placed on site prior to installation. The two regional roads, MR 67 and MR 514 have been contracted out to contractor, Potters.

8. **Pedestrian Footbridge Riverside Development**
Following Council’s determination of priorities on the footbridge and wharf projects, design of the pedestrian footbridge has been completed. Tendering and procurement will start as soon as a site clearance has been completed and a Review of Environment Factors (REF) has been prepared.

9. **Heavy Patching Work – Yanga Way**
Heavy patch work will start later this month on MR 694; works will also be undertaken to the frontage of the Lions Park and approaches to the bridge crossing on both sides.

10. **River Bend**
The river bend has received upgrades in line with funding for flood restoration:
- Road maintenance
- Extra tables, chairs and rubbish bins
- Sprinkler system repairs
- General tidiness – timber removal.

11. **Miscellaneous**

   a) The caravan park camping area site clearance has been completed following a recent timber fall incident.

   b) Bertram Road surveying, design and cost estimation has been completed for the improvements at the Sturt Highway intersection.

   c) O’Connor Street drainage realignment design has been completed and works are soon to commence to remove the open drain from Mr Potters land, and redirect drainage to Bank Street intersection via O’Connor Street.
**Item I - 4**  
REPLACEMENT OF 12H CATERPILLAR GRADER

| Reporting Officer | Director Infrastructure & Development - John Stevenson | File: Tender 12/13-005 |

**Purpose of Report:** To evaluate tenders received for the replacement of the above grader.

**Report:**
The following tenders were received:

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<td>Purchase Cat 12H grader only.</td>
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<td>Lincom Earthmoving Pty Ltd, Queensland</td>
<td>Supply only Liugong grader.</td>
<td>$266,800 GST incl.</td>
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<td>Austrural Pty Ltd, Shepparton VIC</td>
<td>Supply and trade in on Sany Motor grader.</td>
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<td>Hitachi Construction Machinery, Lavington NSW</td>
<td>Supply and trade in on John Deere 172kW 770 Grade Pro 19,500kg operating weight</td>
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<td>William Adams, Clayton &amp; Kerang VIC</td>
<td>Supply Cat 135kW 140M and trade in Cat 12H grader 16,167kg operating weight</td>
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* The John Deere 770 Grade Pro comes with auto cross slope control standard and an extended 5yr warranty for an additional $5,027.00.

** The Caterpillar 140M offers cross slope control for an additional $12,100.00 and an extended 3yr warranty for an additional $15,400.00.
Caterpillar offers wireless hardware product repair link support and gyro only controls. Purchase of the cross slope control is not included in this recommendation.

Given the fuel consumption savings offered by the Caterpillar motor together with the whole of life savings on parts and service agreement from William Adams, as a locally based supplier, the cost difference of $57,940.00 between Caterpillar and Hitachi/John Deere 770 graders will very likely, be captured in less down time and operational costs over the life of the plant. All service parts and replacement components are approximately 10% cheaper for the Caterpillar than other like machines, and a loan machine is provided in the event that the grader is recalled for any particular service.

These aspects, together with the advantage of a keener resale value at future changeover, positions Caterpillar to be the most attractive option.

**Attachments:** Nil

**Budget Implications:** A budget allocation of $380,000 for this plant replacement closely aligns with the actual changeover of $381,700, extended warranty included.

**Recommendation:** Council purchase a Caterpillar 140m motor grader, as tendered by William Adams for the price of $381,700 GST inclusive, on changeover of Councils Plant No1 Caterpillar grader 12H.
Item 1 - 5

APPLICATION FOR SUPPLY OF FILTERED WATER TO “FERLA” HOMESTEAD

| Reporting Officer | Director Infrastructure & Development - John Stevenson | File: 850 |

Purpose of Report: To consider a request for the supply of filtered water to the property “Ferla”.

Report:
Council has received a written request from the Balranald Local Aboriginal Lands Council for the supply of filtered water to the above property.

History
The Balranald Local Aboriginal Lands Council has requested this service in the past. In 2011, Council considered the circumstance and denied the request on the grounds that “The need for a filtered water supply to the property via a variation of Councils policy, was not demonstrated”.

Council has adopted a policy in relation to town water supply as follows:

“Council will also supply a filtered water service to rural residential properties of size less than 40ha within 3 km of the border of the area subject to:

- Tapping size limited to 20mm
- Meters to be provided at the border of the area
- Supply pipeline from meter to property to be the responsibility of the property owner
- Council road opening permit conditions to apply
- Disinfection must be provided by the property owner to Councils satisfaction, and
- Suction pumping not permitted”

Ferla property contains an area of 833 Ha as Western Lands Lease No. 3915, and as such does not comply as a rural residential property less than 40Ha, despite being within the 3 km proximity to the town boundary.

A service could practically be provided via an extension of existing services provided to the BLALC properties off Endeavour Drive, if the subject property was 40Ha or less.

Attachments: Nil
Budget Implications: Nil - All costs associated with the installation and ongoing maintenance of such a supply line would be the responsibility of the landowner (as per policy).

Recommendation: Council acknowledge the request of the BLALC for filtered water to “Ferla” and suggest that if the residential portion not exceeding 40Ha, were to be subdivided from the parent Lot 1680 DP 763600, the request could be acceded to in line with Council's policy.
General Managers Office

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Purpose of Report
To advise Council of changes to the Model Code of Conduct.

Report
The Department of Local Government has reviewed the Code and Council is now required to either adopt the Code or write its own version incorporating all of the elements of the Model Code. In addition Council is required to adopt Procedures for the Administration of the Model Code of Conduct for Local Councils in NSW (Model Procedures). Council is required to update its adopted codes by 1 March 2013.


A significant change in the new Model Code is the insertion of Part 8, ‘Maintaining the integrity of this code’, which includes standards regarding complaints made for an improper purpose, detrimental action and disclosure of information about the consideration of a matter under this code. This part addresses the perceived misuse of the Model Code for ‘political point scoring’, which has resulted in misuse of resources.

The new Model Code also contains changes to matters including binding caucus votes, disclosure of political donations, gifts, management of significant non-pecuniary conflicts of interest in relation to principal planning instruments, loss of quorum as a result of compliance with conflict of interest provisions, relationships between councillors and staff, and the use of council resources for re-election purposes.

The General Manager and the Mayor are given greater flexibility to resolve non-serious complaints, with an increased focus on informal resolution.

If not informally resolved, the Model Code provides for the management of complaints from start to finish by an independent conduct reviewer, rather than the General Manager or Mayor. Councils may refer investigations to external agencies. Certain complaints must be referred to the DLG. Councils are to establish panels of conduct reviewers and to nominate a complaints coordinator.
Amendments to the LG Act provide the Director-General of the DLG with more options to investigate and take disciplinary action against a councillor for misconduct directly as well as following referral from a Council. The Director-General may also refer the matter to the Pecuniary Interest and Disciplinary Tribunal for consideration, who may disqualify a councillor from holding public office for up to five years for misbehaviour.

Council is also required to establish a panel of conduct reviewers following a public expression of interest process.

**Budget Implications** Nil

**Recommendation** That council adopt the Model Code of Conduct and the Model Procedures and advertise for expressions of interest from suitably qualified conduct reviewers.
Item G - 2 | GENERAL MANAGER SCHOLARSHIP
Reporting Officer | General Manager - Chris Littlemore | File 074B

Purpose of Report
To advise Council of the outcome of a scholarship application.

Report
The General Manager applied for admission to The Australia and New Zealand School of Government (ANZSOG) for a subsidised place in the Excellence in Local Government Leadership Program.

This application has been approved on a 50% scholarship. The total cost of the program is $5,000.

Budget Implications
Training budget funds are available from the GM & Corporate Services area to cover the $2,500 cost.

Recommendation For information.

Item G - 3 | GREENHAM PARK GROUND TRUST
Reporting Officer | General Manager - Chris Littlemore | File 94

Purpose of Report
To advise Council of a grant received.

Report
Council applied for $5,000 funding under the Crown Lands Funding Program to assist the race club refurbish starting barriers that had been offered by another club.

Council is trustee for Greenham Park and is required to formally accept the offer by resolution as the trustee.

Budget Implications
Nil

Recommendation That council as trustee for the Greenham Park Reserve resolve to accept the grant.
### Item G - 4 SPECIAL RATE VARIATIONS

**Reporting Officer** | General Manager - Chris Littlemore  | File 130

**Purpose of Report**

To advise Council of applications received by IPART for rate variations for 2013/14 year.

**Report**

Each year IPART sets the maximum increase allowable for Council’s General Rates. Council can apply to IPART for an additional increase/s.

Assessment criteria for special variation applications for 2013/14.

The assessment of applications for a special variation will examine the extent to which councils have fulfilled their obligations under Integrated Planning and Reporting, in accordance with the criteria. In summary, the criteria are that the council:

1. Demonstrates the need for the revenue provided by the proposed special variation. This need is to be clearly articulated and identified through the council’s Integrated Planning and Reporting (IP&R) documents, including its Delivery Program and Long Term Financial Plan.

2. Provides evidence that the community is aware of the need for, and extent of, a rate rise and that the council has engaged with its community.

3. Shows that the impact on affected ratepayers is reasonable, having regard to current rate levels, the existing ratepayer base and the proposed purpose of the variation. The proposed rise must also be affordable, having regard to the ratepayers’ capacity to pay.


5. Explains the productivity improvements and cost containment strategies it has realised in past years, and plans to realise over the proposed special variation period.

Further, IPART will assess each application based on its merits against criteria 1-5 above. In doing so, IPART will consider:

- the size of the council
- the resources of a council
- the size (both actual $ and %) of increase requested
- current rate levels and previous rate rises
- the purpose of the special variation, and
- any other matters it considers to be relevant.

This Council has not applied for any special rate variations in many years if at all.
The process involved in seeking an approval has considerable lead time. In framing the forthcoming Delivery Plan (budget) Council may need to consider the need for a variation in the following year (2014/15).

A summary of applications for Councils information is included in this report and the full report for IPART is available here (copy provided to Councillors under separate cover)

**Budget Implications** Nil

**Recommendation** That the information be noted.
Item G - 5 | RFS ESTIMATES
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Reporting Officer | General Manager - Chris Littlemore | File 232

**Purpose of Report**
To advise Council of the estimates for next financial year.

**Report**
Cr Jolliffe and the General Manager attended a meeting with the Rural Fire Service to discuss the forthcoming budget on 15 January.

The proposed budget, for which the RFS is now seeking Council’s endorsement, represents a 2.7% increase over the prior year.

The budget proposed by RFS staff only represents estimates they have control over locally. This totals $774,270 of which Council is responsible for 11.7%. However the Council’s contribution to costs attributed to head office is not known and this makes it particularly difficult to budget for the total cost to Council. Last financial year the head office costs were almost as much again.

**Budget Implications** to be provided in the forthcoming Delivery Plan.

**Recommendation** That council advise the RFS that is approves the estimates as presented.

Item G - 6 | ALCOHOL AND OTHER DRUG POLICY
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Reporting Officer | General Manager – Chris Littlemore | File 080

**Purpose of Report**: To adopt a policy for Alcohol and Other Drug Policy.

**Report**: The policy was presented to Council’s Consultative Committee at its November meeting, and resolved at Council’s Ordinary Meeting in December to have this policy adopted.

The policy has been on display for the mandatory period.

**Budget Implications**: Nil

**Attachments**: A copy of the policy was distributed at the December 2012 meeting.

**Recommendation**: That Council adopt the Alcohol & Other Drug Policy as distributed to Council.
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**Purpose of Report**
To provide Council with a copy of the RAMROC agenda from Thursday 7th February 2013.

**Report**
Mayor Cr. Steve O’Halloran attended the RAMROC meeting at Jerilderie on Thursday 7th of February and found it to be a highly informative meeting.

Cr. O’Halloran requested that the agenda be included under a separate attachment for the information of Councillors.

**Budget Implications**
Nil

**Attachments**
Separate agenda document enclosed.

**Recommendation**
For Information.
**Item G - 8 | MOBILE PHONE FACILITY WILLOWVALE**

**Reporting Officer | General Manager – Chris Littlemore | File 198**

**Purpose of Report**
To advise Council that Wakool Shire has requested a letter of support regarding the mobile phone tower at Willowvale.

**Report**
Around June 2012 Sussan Ley MP (Federal Member for Farrar) released information about the Regional Telecommunications Independent Review Committee, which has been as inquiring into current services in rural and remote Australia. In late May 2012 the Committee, in part, recommended a joint Commonwealth/State program be established to help fund the expansion of mobile phone coverage in priority areas.

While the Federal Government is yet to respond to the findings Sussan Ley began assembling a list of the areas in the Farrer electorate, which are known to suffer from frustrating intermittent or non-existent coverage; to ensure that the local need for improved services is highlighted.

Wakool’s Mayor, Cr. Andrew Douglas has been in contact with Steve Block, Media Advisor, Office of Sussan Ley MP. Mr. Block has recently been back in contact with Wakool Shire, to let them know that he has been talking to Optus and that he is now in the process of putting together a submission re Willowvale. Accordingly, Wakool Shire has been asked to provide a fresh letter of support/background submission to support the Willowvale application, which they have done.

Wakool Shire’s case will be enhanced if they have Letters of Support from Balranald Shire Council and Hay Shire Council as the proposed Willowvale Optus Mobile Phone facility would service parts of the three Shires (Balranald, Hay and Wakool).

**Budget Implications**
Nil

**Attachments**
Nil

**Recommendation**
That Council provide a letter of support for Wakool Shire’s submission.
Item G - 9 | GENERAL MANAGER’S PERFORMANCE REVIEW
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Reporting Officer | Mayor | Per File 065

**Purpose of Report**
To determine the facilitator to assist with the performance review of the General Manager, and to set a date for that review.

**Report**
The Corporate Services Committee is responsible for the conduct of the General Manager’s review. Council resolved to conduct reviews each 6 months.

A number of quotes have been obtained and proposals received from the following companies:

- Local Government Management Solutions: $2,500.00
- Blackadder Associates: $4,400.00 (2 days)
- John Kleem: $3,850.00
- McArthur: $2,250.00 (daily fee)

All quotes do not include the cost of travel and accommodation which would be on-charged at cost.

Councillors that are not members of the Corporate Services Committee are invited to submit feedback on the GM’s performance to the Mayor or facilitator.

**Budget Implications**
Nil.

**Attachments**
Copy of the proposals are available for perusal.

**Recommendation**
That Council:
1) Determine the facilitator to assist with the General Managers review,
2) Set a date for that review,
3) Authorise the Corporate Services Committee to review the General Managers performance.
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**Purpose of Report:**
To advise Council of recent correspondence of interest.

**Report:**

1. Thank you note from New Year’s Eve Committee
2. Email from Kyalite Hotel
3. Letter from Mrs June Spinks (CWA)
4. Letter from The Hon Katrina Hodgkinson
5. Letter from The Hon Gladys Berejiklian
6. Email Chance for Locals to have their say on Local Land Services.
7. Letter from ALGA

**Budget Implications:**
Nil

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

**Recommendation**
That the correspondence be noted.
Balranald Shire Council

Ordinary Meeting – 19 February 2013

Thank you for your continued support and donations for the community NYE Party

NMB Committee

Robyn Ryan

From: kyalitepub@bigpond.com
Sent: Tuesday, 22 January 2013 6:04 PM
To: Robyn Ryan
Subject: Thank you for sponsoring us

The DADFA Team from Kyalite Pub reckon your donation is too kind. The people that you and I don’t know but who will benefit are also grateful. You’ve done well!
Mrs Robyn Ryan  
Director of Economic & Community Development  
Balranald Shire Council  
Balranald 2715  

Dear Robyn,

The Balranald CWA wishes to thank the Balranald shire Council for their extra financial assistance towards the cost of the electricity charges on the shared facility.

All our fundraising efforts, apart from incurred expenses, go to benefit the community in various ways.

We appreciate your encouragement in our efforts.

Yours sincerely,

June Spinks  
(Hon Sec. of Balranald Branch CWA)
The Hon Katrina Hodgkinson MP
Minister for Primary Industries
Minister for Small Business

Mr John Williams MP
Member for Murray-Darling
1/142 Argent Street
BROKEN HILL NSW. 2880

Dear Mr Williams

Thank you for your representations of 3 December 2012 on behalf of Mr Chris Littlemore, General Manager, Balranald Shire Council, PO Box 120, Balranald NSW 2715, concerning infrastructure projects that could assist communities in the area affected by the Murray-Darling Basin Plan to maintain their viability.

Although the NSW Government has not reached agreement to implement the Basin Plan, there are still opportunities for infrastructure projects through various Commonwealth funding avenues. For example, as part of the Nimmie Caira land and water purchase business case, funding was included for projects put forward for Council’s areas.

I am still waiting for a response from the Commonwealth to the business case for the Nimmie Cairiär project. If it is approved, then it will be possible to consider whether other Council projects could be included as part of a similar package for Redbank North.

Further, any proposals that could deliver environmental water more efficiently can potentially be considered as part of the sustainable diversion limits adjustment mechanism provided for in the Basin Plan. This process will be further developed in the coming months.

I have asked the Department of Primary Industries, Office of Water to keep on record Council’s suggestions for infrastructure projects.

Thank you for raising this matter with the NSW Government.

Yours sincerely

Katrina Hodgkinson MP
Minister for Primary Industries

Level 30, Governor Macquarie Tower, 1 Farrer Place, Sydney NSW 2000
Phone: (61 2) 9228 5210 Fax: (61 2) 9228 5969 Email: office@hodgkinson.minister.nsw.gov.au
2012-13 COUNTRY PASSENGER TRANSPORT INFRASTRUCTURE GRANTS SCHEME

Dear Mr Littlemore,

I am pleased to advise your application for $23,192 (excluding GST) for the installation of a bus shelter at the intersection of Market & River Streets Balranald, under the Country Passenger Transport Infrastructure Grants Scheme (CPTIGS) has been successful. The funding will be forwarded to you in accordance with the attached terms and conditions.

I am greatly encouraged that Balranald Shire Council shares the NSW Government’s interest in providing quality public transport infrastructure for passengers. I trust your community will benefit from these new facilities.

Should you require further information, please contact the CPTIGS Administrator by email at cptigs@transport.nsw.gov.au or by phoning (02) 8836 3100.

Yours faithfully,

Gladys Berejiklian MP
Minister for Transport
CHANCE FOR LOCALS TO HAVE THEIR SAY ON LOCAL LAND SERVICES

Hay, Deniliquin, Wentworth and Broken Hill will each hold a Local Land Services consultation workshop in the coming months, John Williams The Nationals Member for Murray-Darling said today.

Mr Williams encouraged all interested individuals and organisations to get involved in the workshops.

"The NSW Government is determined to build Local Land Services in direct consultation with the community to ensure it best meets current and future needs.

"The workshops will be led by John Keniry, as Chair of the Stakeholder Reference Panel, and Mick Keogh as an independent facilitator.

'Local Land Services is more than just an amalgamation of DPI, LHAP and CMAs, it is a real opportunity to re-think how the NSW Government delivers agricultural and natural resource management services.

'Representatives from all sectors which have a stake in Local Land Services — farmers and primary producers, ratepayers, natural resource managers, Land and Coastcare members, local Councils, the aquaculture industry and estuarine managers – are invited to take part,' Mr Williams said.

A final draft of the proposed Local Land Services boundaries is currently on Have Your Say http://haveyoursay.nsw.gov.au/locallandservices and the Stakeholder Reference Panel is continuing to take comments on these.

Interested parties should make their contributions via Have Your Say http://haveyoursay.nsw.gov.au/locallandservices or in person at the Workshops.

**Local land Services Stakeholder Reference Panel Community Consultation Workshops:**

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Contact: John Williams 0438 808 722
11 February 2013

Balranald Shire Council
PO Box 120
BALRANALD NSW 2715

Dear Mayor, Councillors and CEO

Last week the Prime Minister set 14 September as the date for the 2013 federal election. In doing so, the Prime Minister also set 14 September 2013 as the date for a possible referendum to recognise local government in the Constitution. While the Government has yet to commit to holding a referendum in 2013 we now have a firm date which councils and local government associations can factor into their planning should the referendum go ahead.

On 20 February, ALGA will be appearing before the Parliamentary Joint Select Committee on Constitutional Recognition of Local Government at its second public hearing in Sydney. The Committee, which includes members from the major parties, as well as the Greens and Independents, has already issued a preliminary report in which the majority of members recommended that a referendum on the financial recognition of local government (through a change to Section 96 of the Constitution to allow the continuation of direct federal funding of councils) be held at the same time as the 2013 federal election.

The preliminary report of the Committee also recommended that the Government immediately engage with the states to secure their support for a referendum proposal and also that the Government begin all necessary preparatory activities to ensure a successful outcome in the referendum. These activities include the administrative steps necessary to satisfy the preconditions for success identified by ALGA, the 2011 report of the Expert Panel on Local Government Constitutional Recognition, and various experts. Those preconditions include a public education campaign and public funding of the Yes and No cases.

Minister Crean issued a press release on 24 January welcoming the Committee’s preliminary report but indicating that the Government would not be responding to the preliminary report but would instead wait for the Committee’s final report expected to be delivered at the end of March 2013.
ALGA’s position on a 2013 referendum remains unchanged; ALGA is committed to supporting a referendum on the financial recognition of local government at a time which maximises the chances for success. By this we mean holding a referendum after the preconditions for success have been put in place. As yet there has been little progress on those preconditions and ALGA has expressed its strong concerns that time is running out for the actions necessary to meet the preconditions and for local government to be able to run a successful campaign.

On the day the Committee’s preliminary report was released, I wrote to both the Prime Minister and Leader of the Opposition calling on them to issue a joint statement supporting the need for a referendum and I also wrote to Minister Crean asking the Government to respond to the Joint Select Committee’s recommendations. I have arranged to meet with Minister Crean on 15 February to discuss progress on the preconditions. I also issued a press release on 8 February urging government action on the steps needed to progress the referendum.

ALGA is working closely with state and territory local government associations on constitutional recognition and I urge you to contact your local association if require further information on this issue or on how your own state based campaign might be developed to support a referendum.

Yours sincerely

[Signature]

Felicity-ann Lewis
President
**Item G - 11**  
**ACTION REPORT – DECEMBER 2012 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**

**DECEMBER 2012**

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