

INVERELL SHIRE COUNCIL

NOTICE OF MEETING

ECONOMIC & COMMUNITY SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE

4 March, 2016

An Economic & Community Sustainability Committee Meeting will be held in the Committee Room, Administrative Centre, 144 Otho Street, Inverell on Wednesday, 9 March, 2016, commencing at 10.30am.

Your attendance at this Economic & Community Sustainability Committee Meeting would be appreciated.

P J HENRY PSM

GENERAL MANAGER






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Quick Reference Guide

Below is a legend that is common between the:

- Inverell Shire Council Strategic Plan
- Inverell Shire Council Delivery Plan
- Inverell Shire Council Management Plan.

<i>Destinations</i>	<i>Icon</i>	<i>Code</i>
<p>1. A recognised leader in a broader context.</p> <p>Giving priority to the recognition of the Shire as a vital component of the New England North West Region through Regional Leadership.</p>		R
<p>2. A community that is healthy, educated and sustained.</p> <p>Giving priority to the Shire as a sustainable and equitable place that promotes health, well being, life long learning and lifestyle diversity.</p>		C
<p>3. An environment that is protected and sustained.</p> <p>Giving priority to sustainable agriculture, the protection and conservation of rivers, waterways bio diversity and the built environment.</p>		E
<p>4. A strong local economy.</p> <p>Giving priority to economic and employment growth and the attraction of visitors.</p>		B
<p>5. The Communities are served by sustainable services and infrastructure.</p> <p>Giving priority to the provision of community focused services and the maintenance, enhancement and upgrade of infrastructure.</p>		S

ECONOMIC & COMMUNITY SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE MEETING

Wednesday, 9 March, 2016

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MINUTES OF THE ECONOMIC & COMMUNITY SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE
MEETING HELD IN THE COMMITTEE ROOM, INVERELL SHIRE COUNCIL, 144
OTHO STREET, INVERELL ON WEDNESDAY, 10 FEBRUARY, 2016,
COMMENCING AT 11.18AM.

PRESENT: Cr J A Watts (Chairperson), Crs D F Baker, P J Girle, P J Harmon, A
A Michael and B C Johnston.

Also in attendance: Paul Henry (General Manager), Ken Beddie
(Director Corporate and Economic Services), Brett McInnes (Director
Civil and Environmental Services) and Stephen Golding (Executive
Manager Corporate and Community Services).

SECTION A

APOLOGIES:

Apologies were received from Crs Jones and Castledine for personal reasons.

*RESOLVED (Harmon/Michael) that the apologies from Crs Jones and Castledine for
personal reasons be noted.*

1. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

*RESOLVED (Harmon/Michael) that the Minutes of the Economic and Community
Sustainability Committee Meeting held on 11 November, 2015 as circulated to
members, be confirmed as a true and correct record of that meeting.*

2. DISCLOSURE OF CONFLICT OF INTERESTS/PECUNIARY AND NON-
PECUNIARY INTERESTS

There were no interests declared.

3. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

Nil.

SECTION B
ADVOCACY REPORTS

Cr Harmon Tingha Chinese New Year

Cr Harmon advised that he has been invited to celebrate the Chinese
New Year celebrations with the Tingha community. Two (2) officials
from the Chinese Consulate will be in attendance.

Cr Watts Delungra Post Office

Cr Watts advised that the Delungra Post Office is open five (5) days
a week. The 10 community volunteers that assist now keep the Post
Office sustainable. Cr Watts requested that Council send an
appreciation letter to the Delungra District Development Council.

SECTION D
DESTINATION REPORTS

1. FIT FOR THE FUTURE (FFF) – UPDATE S13.1.2

GM-A *RESOLVED (Baker/Girle) that the Committee recommend to Council that:*

- i) *the report be received and noted,*
- ii) *a draft submission be prepared and submitted to Council for endorsement which includes the Tingha area; and*
- iii) *Council support the retention of a one (1) year term for Mayors to provide a mechanism for dealing with non-performing Mayors.*

At this juncture, the time being 11.34am, Cr Harmon and the General Manager left the meeting.

2. MCLEAN CARE - MID YEAR ECONOMIC AND FISCAL OUTLOOK (MYEFO)
S3.16.1

GM-A *RESOLVED (Girle/Baker) that the Committee recommend to Council that:*

- i) *Council liaise with McLean Care on the details of the impacts of funding changes; and*
- ii) *the Mayor seek an appointment with Mr Barnaby Joyce, Member for New England, to highlight the impacts of changes in Aged Care funding.*

3. AMENDMENT TO LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT (LG ACT) S4.10.5

GM-A *RESOLVED (Baker/Michael) that the Committee recommend to Council that Council amend the "Inverell Shire Council – Code of Conduct" by inserting the following wording for clause 4.29;*

"A Councillor, who would otherwise be precluded from participating in the consideration of a matter under this Part because they have a non-pecuniary conflict of interest in the matter, is permitted to participate in consideration of the matter, if:

- a) *the matter is a proposal relating to:*
 - i. *the making of a principal environmental planning instrument applying to the whole or a significant part of the council's area, or*
 - ii. *the amendment, alteration or repeal of an environmental planning instrument where the amendment, alteration or repeal applies to the whole or a significant part of the council's area, and*
- b) *the non-pecuniary conflict of interests arises only because of an interest that a person has in that person's principal place of residence, and*
- c) *the councillor declares the interest they have in the matter that would otherwise have precluded their participation in consideration of the matter under this part."*

4. LAND SALES – VARIOUS (LISTING) S5.2.0/09 & S5.2.48

RESOLVED (Michael/Girle) that the matter be referred to Closed Committee for consideration as:

- i) *the matters and information are 'commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed, prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it.' (Section 10A(2)(d)(i) of the Local Government Act, 1993);*
- ii) *on balance the public interest in preserving the confidentiality of the information outweighs the public interest in openness and transparency in Council decision-making by discussing the matter in open meeting; and*

- iii) *all reports and correspondence relevant to the subject business be withheld from access to the media and public as required by section 11(2) of the Local Government Act, 1993.*

SECTION E
INFORMATION REPORTS

1. CREDIT CARD PAYMENTS S12.4.1/09
2. LIBRARY CONFERENCE AND ASSOCIATION AGM S3.6.4
3. LIBRARY STATISTICAL OVERVIEW 2014/15 S3.6.1/09

RESOLVED (Baker/Girle) that the items contained in the Information Reports to the Economic & Community Sustainability Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, 10 February, 2016, be received and noted.

At this juncture, the time being 11.50am, Cr Harmon and the General Manager returned to the meeting.

SECTION F
QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE

GM-A Cr Watts Country Women's Association (CWA) S12.22.1/09

Cr Watts advised of the upcoming Raise Awareness about Domestic Violence Forum being held in Inverell by the local CWA. The Inverell chapter is hosting a free professional development training forum and the Night To Raise Awareness about Domestic Violence dinner. Pam McLeay, Secretary of the CWA, has approached Council for financial assistance to run the event. The event's Celebrity Guest speaker will be Robyn Moore, who is an Australian actress, motivational speaker and life changing coach. Council has been asked to consider funding the Guest Speaker's appearance fee, a cost of \$4,000 plus GST. It is expected that 300 people will be attending the Night to Raise Awareness about Domestic Violence dinner.

RESOLVED (Harmon/Baker) that the Committee recommend to Council that Council provide financial assistance of \$4K plus GST for the purpose of providing a guest speaker.

General Manager Town Clock

The General Manager noted the town clock has ceased chiming. Council has made representations to the Attorney General's Department in this matter and will continue to advocate for its repair.

RC-A Street Lighting S27.8.1

LED street lighting was noted. The Committee discussed numerous issues/benefits including:

- Cost
- Maintenance
- Brightness
- Light pollution

There has been one (1) resident complaint regarding the light impeding on his premises.

The Committee was informed of Essential Energy's current position regarding the erection of shades; Essential Energy do not erect shades on street lighting.

Council to seek legal advice from Statewide Mutual as to liability risks in street light modification of a non Council asset.

GM-A

Crown Land - Delungra

S21.8.14

The General Manager noted that a number of Crown Land reserves in Delungra, including the old tennis courts on Yates Park are currently being utilised for activities including BMX riding, flying model airplanes, grazing stock etc. It was also noted that one reserve appears to have been subdivided for residential purposes.

RESOLVED (Harmon/Johnston) that a report be prepared for the next Committee meeting on future land usage requirements for Delungra.

Director
Corporate and
Economic
Services

Oliver Street Extension

Director Corporate and Economic Services, Mr Ken Beddie provided an update on progress with the Department of Primary Industries Lands and the Office of Local Government for the compulsory acquisition of land in Oliver Street.

Essential Energy Land

Council has made an approach to Essential Energy to purchase the land located adjacent to the Inverell Council Works Depot.

DCS-A

Regional RFS Facilities

S9.18.1/09

Rural Fire Services (RFS) are seeking a location for a new \$4M Headquarters. It was requested of the Committee to advocate for the RFS Headquarters to be located in Inverell and for Council to offer assistance should the RFS choose Inverell.

RESOLVED (Harmon/Baker) that the Committee recommend to Council that the 2016/17 RFS Budget include a provision of \$600K, to be funded from the Buildings Internally Restricted Asset for the purpose of establishing the Regional RFS Centre in Inverell.

DCS-A

Inverell Pool Facility Master Plan

S26.13.3

The Committee was advised that a long term tenant of the Pool Complex is seeking a larger premise due to their growing business. The Committee was requested to consider whether that particular aspect of the Inverell Pool Facility Master Plan be commenced earlier to accommodate the tenant's needs.

RESOLVED (Baker/Girle) that the Committee recommend to Council that a report be prepared for the Committee on that aspect of the Inverell Pool Facility Master Plan that addresses the expansion request from a longer term tenant, inclusive of the expansion plans, costs and rental review.

SECTION H
GOVERNANCE REPORTS

1. STORES & MATERIALS STOCKTAKE – INVERELL S23.16.5/09
EC-A *RESOLVED (Girle/Baker) that the stores and materials Stocktake information be received and noted and the adjustment of **\$1,123.14** be made in the Stores Ledger.*
2. STORES & MATERIALS STOCKTAKE – ASHFORD S23.16.5/08
EC-A *RESOLVED (Girle/Baker) that the stores and materials Stocktake information be received and noted.*
3. STORES & MATERIALS STOCKTAKE – FUEL TANKER T190 S23.16.5/08
EC-A *RESOLVED (Girle/Baker) that the stores and materials Stocktake information be received and noted and the adjustment of **\$684.52** made in the Stores Ledger.*
4. STORES & MATERIALS STOCKTAKE - FUEL TANKER T212 S23.16.5/08
EC-A *RESOLVED (Girle/Baker) that the stores and materials Stocktake information be received and noted and an adjustment of **-\$211.87** is made in the Stores Ledger.*
5. STORES & MATERIALS STOCKTAKE – YETMAN S23.16.5/08
EC-A *RESOLVED (Girle/Baker) that the stores and materials Stocktake information be received and noted and the adjustment of **\$81.81** made in the Stores Ledger.*
6. STORES & MATERIALS STOCKTAKE – INVERELL S23.16.5/08
EC-A *RESOLVED (Girle/Baker) that the stores and materials Stocktake information be received and noted and the adjustment of **-\$4.82** be made in the Stores Ledger.*
7. STORES & MATERIALS STOCKTAKE – INVERELL S23.16.5/08
EC-A *RESOLVED (Girle/Baker) that the stores and materials Stocktake information be received and noted and the adjustment of **\$27.42** be made in the Stores Ledger.*
8. GOVERNANCE - MONTHLY INVESTMENT REPORT S12.12.2/09
RESOLVED (Girle/Baker) that the Committee recommend to Council that:
 - i) *the report indicating Council's Fund Management position be received and noted; and*
 - ii) *the Certification of the Responsible Accounting Officer be noted.*
9. QUARTERLY BUDGET AND OPERATIONAL PLAN REVIEW 2015/2016 S12.5.1/09
DCS-N *RESOLVED (Harmon/Johnston) that the Committee recommend to Council that:*
 - i) *Council's Quarterly Operational Plan and Budget Review for 31 December, 2015 be adopted; and*
 - ii) *the proposed variations to budget votes for the 2015/2016 Financial Year be adopted providing an estimated Cash Surplus at 30 June, 2016 from operations of \$6,952.*

SECTION G
CONFIDENTIAL REPORTS IN CLOSED COMMITTEE
(SECTION 10A(2) OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1993)

At 12.13pm, the Chairperson offered the opportunity to members of the public to make representations as to whether any part of the Committee Meeting should not be considered in Closed Committee. There was no response from the public.

CLOSED COMMITTEE REPORTS

RESOLVED (Harmon/Girle) that the Committee proceed into Closed Committee to discuss the matters referred to it, for the reasons stated in the motions of referral.

Upon resuming Open Committee, at 12.47pm, the Chair verbally reported that the Committee, with the Press and Public excluded, having considered the matters referred to it, recommends as follows:

1. LAND SALES – VARIOUS S5.2.0/09 & S5.2.48

GM-A *That the Committee recommend to Council that:*

- i) Council approach a local real estate agent to provide a 'market value' for all unpriced Council operational land that may be available for sale;*
- ii) this information be provided to Council for setting the price for the individual parcels of land;*
- iii) the valuation be increased each year by the CPI to reset the 'asking price'; and*
- iv) the Mayor be authorised to discount the 'asking price' by a maximum of 10% if an enquiry is received that has a significant new employment component and there is a delay of at least a month before the next meeting of Council.*

ADOPTION OF RECOMMENDATION

RESOLVED (Baker/Michael) that the recommendation from Closed Committee be adopted.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 1.30pm.

CR J A WATTS

CHAIRPERSON

TO ECONOMIC & COMMUNITY SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE MEETING 09/03/2016

ITEM NO:	1.	FILE NO: S5.10.65
DESTINATION 5:	The communities are served by sustainable services and infrastructure	S
SUBJECT:	REQUEST TO LICENCE LAND – REEVES	
PREPARED BY:	Hayley Nichols, Corporate Support Officer - Publishing	

SUMMARY:

Council has received a request from Mr Graham and Felicity Reeves to licence land known as Lot 8, DP 188692 and Lot 7, DP 1101540 Rifle Range Road, Inverell.

The Committee is requested to consider the request to licence the land.

COMMENTARY:

Council has received a request from Mr Graham and Felicity Reeves to licence land known as Lot 8, DP 188692 and Lot 7, DP 1101540 Rifle Range Road, Inverell for \$500.00 (GST Inclusive) per annum for a two (2) year period.

Mr and Mrs Reeves wish to utilise the land for the purpose of grazing cattle.

It is suggested that Council enter into an agreement with Mr and Mrs Reeves for a two (2) year term with a further two (2) year option and that the licence fee be \$500.00 per annum, being subject to a 3% yearly increase.



RELATIONSHIP TO STRATEGIC PLAN, DELIVERY PLAN AND OPERATIONAL PLAN:

Strategy: S.01 Sound Local Government Administration, Governance and Financial Management are provided.

Term Achievement: S.01.10 Best Practice in Land Use Administration has been adopted and implemented.

Operational Objective: S.01.10.01 To provide and maintain a modern efficient and reliable land use administration system which enables the effective and efficient management of Shire land.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

Nil.

CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICERS COMMENT:

Nil.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS:

Nil.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Committee recommend to Council that:

- i) Council enter into a Licence Agreement with Mr Graham and Felicity Reeves for Lot 8, DP 188692 and Lot 7, DP 1101540 Rifle Range Road, Inverell for a two (2) year period with a further two (2) year option;*
- ii) the Licence fee be \$500.00 per annum (GST Inclusive) with a 3% increase per annum; and*
- iii) the Licence Agreement be subject to any other terms and conditions as negotiated by Council's General Manager.*

ITEM NO:	2.	FILE NO: S15.8.23/10
DESTINATION 5:	The communities are served by sustainable services and infrastructure	S
SUBJECT:	FIT FOR THE FUTURE – SUPPLEMENTARY ROADS RENEWAL AND ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM 2015/2016 – 2016/2017	
PREPARED BY:	Ken Beddie, Director Corporate and Economic Services	

SUMMARY:

The Federal Government has announced that Council will receive additional funding under the Roads to Recovery Program of \$2.1M in 2016/2017. The allocation of the additional 2016/2017 funding plus additional identified funding of \$1.4M to the Rural Roads Program is now required.

COMMENTARY:

At the August, 2015 Committee Meeting held in Yetman, Council considered a report in respect of the additional Roads to Recovery Program funding Council will receive in 2015/2016 and 2016/2017 and its expenditure priorities under its adopted IPART approved Fit for the Future Program. Following the consideration of this report Council subsequently resolved that:

- a) *The additional \$0.78M to be received for the 2015/2016 Roads to Recovery Program be allocated as follows:*
 - i) *Additional Bitumen Reseals* *\$0.12M*
 - ii) *Additional Gravel Resheeting* *\$0.66M*
- b) *A further Report be submitted to the Committee in respect of the specific projects that can be undertaken from the additional \$2.1M 2016/2017 allocation in the areas of Bitumen Roads Shoulder Widening, Bitumen Road Re-alignment and New Bitumen; and*
- c) *Council write to the Deputy Prime Minister, Hon Warren Truss expressing Council's gratitude for the substantial additional allocation of funds for the Roads to Recovery Program and respectfully request that the Roads to Recovery Program additional allocations be maintained in future years from the Fuel Excise indexation.*

In reaching this resolved position, the Committee noted that the 2016/2017 program was to be based on the following considerations:

A program be developed for the additional \$2.1M 2016/2017 Roads to Recovery Program based on Council's Asset Management and Upgrade needs in the unfunded areas of:

- Bitumen Roads Shoulder Widening;
- Bitumen Road Re-alignment; and
- New Bitumen.

As this is a "one-off funding opportunity", it was proposed that this program be based on the upgrade of Roads of Strategic Economic importance which:

- Carry Heavy Vehicles, and which do not duplicate existing Regional Road and State Highway heavy vehicle routes (ie excludes Roads such as the Delungra By-pass); and/or,
- Higher (non-residential local) traffic volume roads, generating enhanced economic outcomes for the Shire;
- School Bus Routes; and
- Priority be given to Shire Roads Projects that are not eligible for funding from the Block Grant, Block Grant Supplementary and Regional Roads Repair Programs.

The types of projects that have been raised by Council in the past, that could be considered in this \$2.1M program include:

- Further shoulder widening south of Yetman on the Warialda Road (Regional Road);
- Shoulder widening and pavement strengthening on MR 187 (Regional Road);
- Extension of bitumen seal on Kings Plains Road to Woodstock Intersection (Shire Road that services a significant Rural Area, Seven Oaks Fossicking Area and the new Sapphire Wind Farm);
- Extension of the Bitumen Seal on other Shire Roads;
- Shoulder widening on Kings Plains Road immediately to the North of Swanbrook Bridge; and
- Auburnvale Road shoulder widening and re-alignment, McBride's Lane to Mason's Lane (Shire Road).

Staff have now completed a comprehensive review of Council's Rural Roads Asset Expenditure needs as detailed in its Asset Management Systems in the identified areas of Bitumen Roads Shoulder Widening, Bitumen Road Re-alignment and New Bitumen. In conducting this review, Staff have used as a guide the criteria mentioned above and the funding priority areas established by the Federal Government for the Roads to Recovery Program which are as follows:

Roads to Recovery Key Outcomes areas:

- Road safety,
- Regional economic development,
- Achievement of asset maintenance strategy,
- Improved access for heavy vehicles (HML),
- Promotion of tourism,
- Improvements of school bus routes,
- Access to remote communities,
- Access to intermodal facilities,
- Traffic management,
- Improved recreational opportunities,
- Amenity of nearby residents,
- Equity of access (remote areas),
- Other.

Staff have also taken into consideration Council's approved Fit for the Future Roadmap, Council's Strategic, Delivery and Operational Plans and the Committee's directions.

The Committee will be aware that the under the Fit for the Future Program, a plan has been developed to address Council's Road Asset Infrastructure Backlog over the next 10 years. This Program releases \$6M from Council's Internally Restricted Assets and other additional revenue sources in 2015/2016. The Committee will be aware that it is proposed to allocate the large majority of the identified 14.25% Special Rate Variation to the Infrastructure Backlog and Rural Roads Maintenance.

Taking all of these matters into consideration, the following high priority works are proposed for the additional \$2.1M Roads to Recovery Program:

- Shoulder Widening and Pavement Strengthening of MR 187, south of Wallangra - \$2.1M

Unfortunately, the Roads to Recovery Program funding will address only one (1) of the four (4) areas discussed at the August, 2015 Committee Meeting. That said, the issue of further Shoulder widening on MR 63, Warialda Road south of Yetman (Regional Road) is addressed in Council's Recurrent Road Funding Programs and the Fit for the Future Roadmap to 2019/2020. That leaves the identified projects of the Extension of bitumen seal on Kings Plains Road to Woodstock Intersection (Shire Road), Shoulder widening on Kings Plains Road immediately to the North of Swanbrook Bridge and the Auburnvale Road shoulder widening and re-alignment, McBride's Lane to Mason's Lane (Shire Road) unfunded over the next five (5) years, despite these projects rating highly against the abovementioned assessment criteria. It is also noted that the previously approved but only partially funded upgrade of Swanbrook Road, Moore Street to Runnymede Drive still requires an additional \$300K of funding before the project can commence.

In the preparations for the 2016/2017 Draft Budget, Finance Staff have undertaken a further full review of Council's current financial position following IPART's approval of Council's Fit for the Future Roadmap. This review has identified the following funding that is able to be directed to these high priority, but currently unfunded Rural Road Projects:

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| • Additional Plant Hire Income 2015/2016 | \$ 300K |
| • Additional Oncost Recovery 2015/2016 | \$ 600K |
| • Identified Reduction in Working Capital | \$ 500K |

(The additional Plant Hire Income and Oncost Recovery are being generated directly from the Expanded \$6M Fit for the Future Rural Roads Program).

This identified Funding would see the following high priority Rural Road Projects completed over the next two (2) years:

- Swanbrook Road Upgrade – Moore Street to Runnymede. \$ 300K
(Designated HML Route)
- Kings Plains Road Rehabilitation – North of Swanbrook Bridge. \$ 100K
Small narrow failing segment previously not completed due to insufficient funds being available to complete job – missing link not in Future Rehabilitation Program (Shire Road)
- Auburnvale Road shoulder widening and re-alignment, McBride's Lane to Minnamurra Lane (Local Road). \$ 1M
This project is the highest priority project on Council's Local Sealed Roads Program and addresses the significantly increasing local and Tourism traffic volumes on this road. It includes the next section after the Mason's Lane intersection. Completing this as one project and not two will result in substantial economies of scale on the project.

The draw down of \$500K from Council's Working Capital has been discussed with Council's Auditor who has not raised any concerns in this matter. This action will mean that Council is not carrying what could be considered as excess cash at the point when Council applies for the identified Fit for the Future Special Rate Variation. That said, the expenditure of this \$500K amount will mean that should an alternate project be identified by Council that is not in the Budget, that this funding will not be able to be allocated to that alternate project.

The possible extension of the Bitumen Seal on the Kings Plains Road which is not funded could be considered in Future Programs following the Road Classification Review that is currently being undertaken, and after the construction of the Sapphire Wind Farm is completed.

A further, but unrelated Rural Road issue that has recently been raised is a possible safety issue on the Waterloo Road. This road is a School Bus route and it has been indicated that in wet conditions a corner on a hilly section of the road becomes slippery. Staff are currently investigating this matter. It is noted that Council's Annual Budget provides an allocation of \$22K for the treatment of Safety Blackspots on Shire Roads. It is also noted that a resident on this road has submitted a request to Council to have the Gravel Road in front of their residence sealed, citing increased traffic volumes, that the road is a School Bus Route and the possible impacts of the new Wind Farm.

CONCLUSION:

The allocation of the identified funds to the identified high priority Rural Roads Projects will bring substantial benefits to the Community in the key areas of:

- Road safety
- Regional economic development
- Achievement of asset maintenance strategy
- Improved access for heavy vehicles (HML)
- Promotion of tourism
- Improvements of school bus routes
- Access to remote communities
- Access to intermodal facilities
- Traffic management
- Improved recreational opportunities
- Amenity of nearby residents
- Equity of access (remote areas)

While many other Rural Road Projects exist, the high and medium priority Projects are addressed in Council's Recurrent Budgets and Council's Fit for the Future Roadmap to 2019/2020. The Committee will be aware the Fit for the Future Roadmap identifies that significant funding will flow from the Special Rate Variation from 2020/2021 for additional Road Upgrade Projects and for Urban based upgrade projects.

RELATIONSHIP TO STRATEGIC PLAN, DELIVERY PLAN AND OPERATIONAL PLAN:

Strategy: S.10 Maintain and enhance a safe, efficient and effective local road network.

Term Achievement: S.10.01 Road network capacity, safety and efficiency are improved and traffic congestion is reduced.

Operational Objective: S.10.01.01 A program is being implemented to address deficiencies and areas of congestion in the local road network.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

Nil.

CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICERS COMMENT:

The 2015/2016 Budget allocates the following funding to Rural Roads Renewal (includes the Special One-off Fit for the Future Budget Allocation and \$910K Roads to Recovery additional Allocation):

• Bitumen Reseals	\$ 3,869,066
• Gravel Resheeting	\$ 3,105,140
• Heavy Patching/Stabilisation/Rehabilitation	\$ 3,322,837
• Culverts/Causeways	<u>\$ 314,000</u>
	\$10,611,043

Council's total 2015/2016 Shire Roads Budget including Maintenance is \$16,565,816.

The 2016/2017 Budget is proposed to allocate \$5.6M to Rural Roads Renewal, with higher amounts in subsequent years flowing from the Special Rate Variation.

The allocation of the \$3.5M identified in the report to the high priority Rural Roads Projects will result in Council's 2015/2016 – 2016/2017 Rural Roads Renewal and Upgrade Program totalling \$19.7M, being approximately double the normal allocation.

As advised in the presentation of Council's IPART approved Fit for the Future Program, the expenditure of the substantial funds on the Rural Road Network to 2019/2020, results in only limited funding being available to fund other major Capital Works over the next four (4) years.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS:

The additional Roads to Recovery funds must be expended in accordance with the Roads to Recovery Program Funding Guidelines.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Committee recommend to Council that:

- i) the additional \$2.1M to be received for the 2016/2017 Roads to Recovery Program be allocated to Shoulder Widening and Pavement Strengthening MR 187, south of Wallangra; and*

ii) the following additional high priority Rural Road Projects be funded in the 2015/2016 Budget;

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| a) Swanbrook Road Upgrade – Moore Street to Runnymede Intersection (Shire Road). | \$ 0.30M |
| b) Kings Plains Road Shoulder widening/Pavement Strengthening, north of Swanbrook Bridge. | \$ 0.10M |
| c) Auburnvale Road shoulder widening and re-alignment, McBride's Lane to Minnamurra Lane (Shire Local Road). | \$ 1.00M |

(Total additional Rural Roads Program 2015/2016 – 2016/2017 \$3.5M)

ITEM NO:	3.	FILE NO: S21.8.4
DESTINATION 5:	The communities are served by sustainable services and infrastructure	S
SUBJECT:	ASHFORD OVAL - NEW AMENITIES BLOCK/CANTEEN	
PREPARED BY:	Ken Beddie, Director Corporate and Economic Services	

SUMMARY:

The Ashford Rugby League Club Incorporated has received grant funding of \$75,000 from National Rugby League towards the cost of providing a new Amenities Block/Canteen at the Ashford Oval.

The Committee is asked to consider this matter.

COMMENTARY:

The Committee will recall the verbal advice provided at its October, 2015 meeting that the Ashford Rugby League Club Incorporated had received grant funding of \$75K from National Rugby League towards the cost of providing a new Amenities Block/Canteen at the Ashford Oval. The Club were hoping to secure other additional grant funding for the project from the NSW Club Grants 2016 Program, however, the Club was unsuccessful in their Application. In submitting the Applications the Club were seeking to secure a much needed upgrade of the facilities for the benefit of their Club and also the Community.

The Committee inspected the Ashford Oval Facilities in August, 2015. It was noted during this inspection that the condition of the aged Timber Canteen facility was generally poor (age unknown), that only one (1) player change room exists at the Oval in the amenities block on the eastern side of the Oval (built in the 1960's), and it was also noted that the only disabled toilet facilities were some distance from the Oval in the main street and at the Driver Reviver Station.

As advised at the October, 2015 Committee Meeting, the draft Plan that was prepared by the Ashford Rugby League Club Incorporated was subsequently costed at \$430K. Following that meeting, staff had a revised Plan prepared and costed for the proposed new facility, based on the minimum sized facility which would be able to cater for the Ovals expected current and future needs. The cost of this facility has been estimated at \$246K GST exclusive. (refer Appendix 1 and 2, D9 – D10).

This matter has been discussed with the Ashford Business Council who have indicated their support for the project proceeding and that they are prepared to contribute \$10K to the Project,

plus recommend to Council that the \$15K currently available in the Ashford Village Upgrade Budget Allocation also be directed to the project. This would take the available funding to \$100K. It was noted that Ashford will be fielding a Minor League Team in 2016 who will be training at the Oval. It is the Ashford Rugby League Club's and Ashford Business Council's intention to continue to pursue grants for the upgrade of the Oval noting that the Ashford Australia Day event and a number of other local Ashford community events are now being held at the Oval which is becoming a Community Focal Point.

It is required that the Committee determine its position in respect of the possible provision of a new Amenities Block/Canteen Facility at the Ashford Oval. Should the Committee determine that it wishes to proceed with the project, the \$146K funding shortfall could be provided from the Building Upgrade and Refurbishment Internally Restricted Asset.

RELATIONSHIP TO STRATEGIC PLAN, DELIVERY PLAN AND OPERATIONAL PLAN:

Strategy: S.07 Provide accessible and usable recreation facilities and services meet the needs of the community.

Term Achievement: S.07.01 Recreational and leisure facilities and services that meet community needs and are maintained to promote optimal utilisation.

Operational Objective: S.07.01.01 Facilitate joint use of the Shire's recreation and leisure facilities, sporting and open space facilities including co-location of programs.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

Nil.

CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICERS COMMENT:

The funding shortfall of \$146K could be provided from the Building Upgrade and Refurbishment Internally Restricted Asset.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS:

The Grant Funding must be expended in accordance with the Terms and Conditions of the Grant. The funding is required to be expended by 31 December, 2016 otherwise the funds are to be returned.

RECOMMENDATION:

A matter for the Committee.

APPENDIX 1

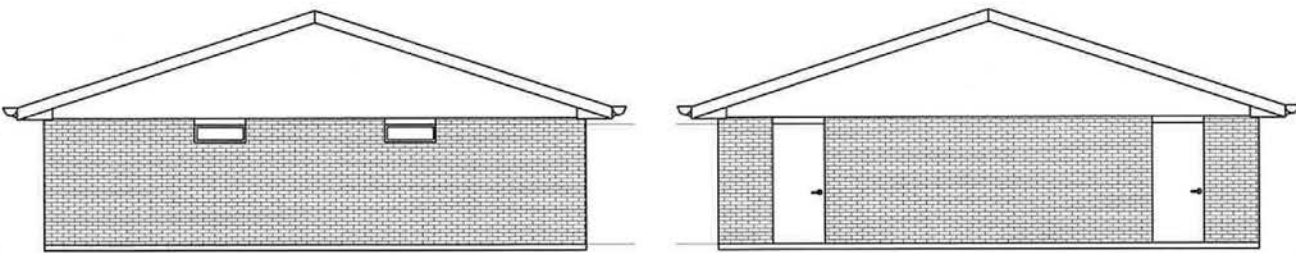
PROGRESS CLAIM ASSESSMENT

Project: Ashford Sports Ground Amenities
Client: Inverell Shire Council
Contractor: Dominico Blue Building

Date: 4/11/2015
Job No: 122-15
Claim: 1

Trades	Contract Sum	% of Work Previously claimed	Amount claimed	% of Work Previous approved	Amount approved	% Completed to date	Amount work completed	This Claim
Preliminaries	\$ 10,645.00	0.00%	\$ -	0.00%	\$ -	0.00%	\$ -	\$ -
Groundworks	\$ 11,440.00	0.00%	\$ -	0.00%	\$ -	0.00%	\$ -	\$ -
Concrete works	\$ 19,653.70	0.00%	\$ -	0.00%	\$ -	0.00%	\$ -	\$ -
Structural Steel	\$ -	0.00%	\$ -	0.00%	\$ -	0.00%	\$ -	\$ -
Brickwork	\$ 73,574.60	0.00%	\$ -	0.00%	\$ -	0.00%	\$ -	\$ -
Hydraulics/Roofing	\$ 43,662.52	0.00%	\$ -	0.00%	\$ -	0.00%	\$ -	\$ -
Carpentry/Cabinets	\$ 27,747.50	0.00%	\$ -	0.00%	\$ -	0.00%	\$ -	\$ -
Rolldoors	\$ 4,070.00	0.00%	\$ -	0.00%	\$ -	0.00%	\$ -	\$ -
Electrical/Aircon/Security	\$ 11,000.00	0.00%	\$ -	0.00%	\$ -	0.00%	\$ -	\$ -
Partitions	\$ 14,894.00	0.00%	\$ -	0.00%	\$ -	0.00%	\$ -	\$ -
Tiling/Waterproofing	\$ 10,367.50	0.00%	\$ -	0.00%	\$ -	0.00%	\$ -	\$ -
Aluminium Windows/Hardware	\$ 9,416.00	0.00%	\$ -	0.00%	\$ -	0.00%	\$ -	\$ -
Carpet/Vinyl/Curtains	\$ -	0.00%	\$ -	0.00%	\$ -	0.00%	\$ -	\$ -
Painting	\$ 9,350.00	0.00%	\$ -	0.00%	\$ -	0.00%	\$ -	\$ -
Furniture/Signage/Fire	\$ 825.00	0.00%	\$ -	0.00%	\$ -	0.00%	\$ -	\$ -
Stairs/Balustrade	\$ -	0.00%	\$ -	0.00%	\$ -	0.00%	\$ -	\$ -
Total	\$ 246,645.82		\$ -		\$ -		\$ -	\$ -

GST \$ 24,664.58
Total Inc GST \$ 271,310.40

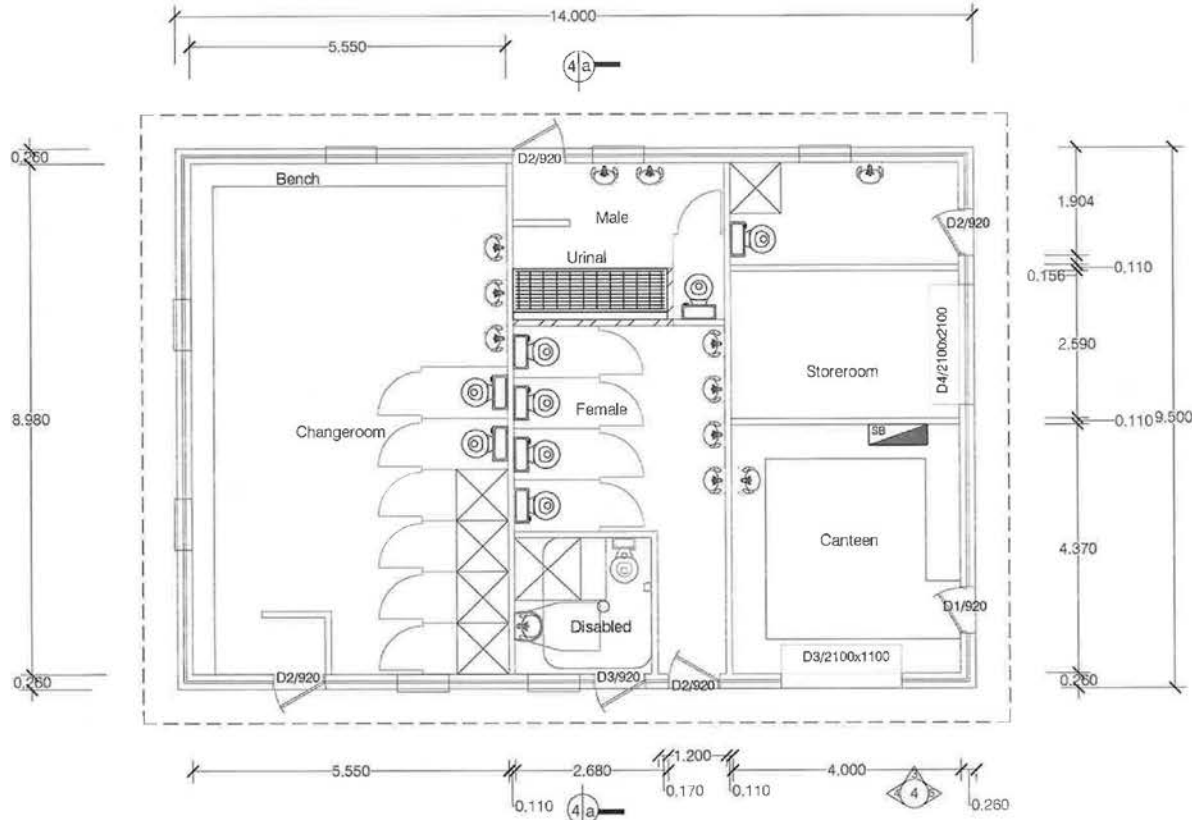


Elevation West

Scale 1:100

Elevation East

Scale 1:100



Floor plan

Scale 1:100

Door/WindowSchedule (see Specification for Hardware details)

Item	No.	Size	Type	Finish/frame/Reveal/movement	Furniture/screen/Glass
W1	7	900x300	Aluminum	Powdercoat	Crimsafe no glass
D1	1	2040x920	Solid core	Paint/Steel door jamb/Stainless hinges	Entrance self closed/door stop
D2	4	2040x920	Solid Core	Paint/Steel door jamb/Stainless hinges	Entrance self closed/door stop
D3	1	2040x920	Solid core	Paint/Steel door jamb/Stainless hinges	Indicator bells (disabled)/Closer/Push pull plate set
D4	1	2100x1100	Rollardoor (commercial)	Powdercoat	2x Pad bolts
D5	1	2100x3000	Rollardoor (commercial)	Powdercoat	2x Pad bolts

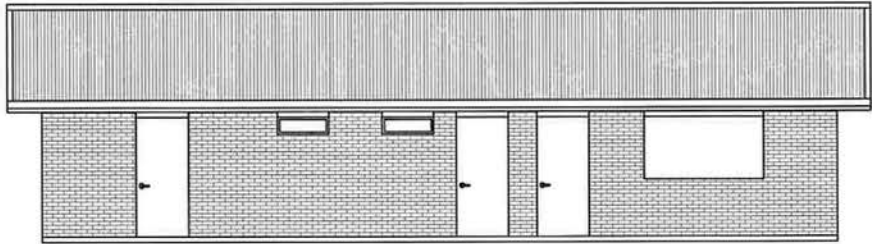
DOMINICO blue
BUILDING

ABN: 91 151 840 785 NSW lic: 203388C
4326 Bundarra Rd INVERELL NSW 2360
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Project:
Proposed Amenities Block Ashford Sports Ground
Inverell Shire Council
144 Otho St Inverell NSW 2360

Client:	ISC	Area:	Main: =133m2	Sheet No	1 of 1
Authority:	ISC			Scale	1:100
				Date	20/2/16
				Datum	
				Dwg:	Ashford Sports amenit

- Sub Switch Board
- Vandalux triphorus bulb
- Pendant light
- One way switch
- GPO
- Exhaust fan ceiling mounte switched via sensor switch
- WP Weatherproof
- Sensor floodlight
- Dry chemical type extinguist
- B Fire blanket
- A/C E= Air conditioner condenso unit External mounted
- A/C C= Air conditioner Cassette
- Security touch pad
- H.C. Hese Cock
- Hot Water storage
- Smoke alarm



Elevation South

Scale 1:100

Note:
CL= Ceiling level
FL= Floor level
USR = Underside of Rafter
TMS = To Manufacturers specification
TBS = To be selected
TF/PB= Timber frame Plastero lined
PC= Polished Concrete
SFC= Steel Finished concrete

TO ECONOMIC & COMMUNITY SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE MEETING 09/03/2016

ITEM NO:	1.	FILE NO: S27.1.11
DESTINATION 5:	The communities are served by sustainable services and infrastructure	S
SUBJECT:	STATECOVER MUTUAL LIMITED 2015/2016 WORK HEALTH AND SAFETY FINANCIAL INCENTIVE	
PREPARED BY:	Melissa Daskey, Human Resources Officer	

SUMMARY:

For the information of the Committee.

To inform the Committee of the Work Health and Safety Financial Incentive received from StateCover Mutual Limited for 2015/2016.

COMMENTARY:

Council's Workers Compensation Insurer, StateCover Mutual Limited strongly promotes injury prevention through effective work health and safety (WHS) practices.

To encourage Council to focus on improving current WHS practices, StateCover provides an annual incentive. For 2015/2016 this incentive is 0.30% of Council's wages (as declared on the 2014/2015 actual wages declaration), capped at \$100,000.00.

Payment of the incentive is dependent on Council's 2015/2016 premium renewal with StateCover and the completion of three (3) key performance indicators (KPI's) as follows:

1. Completion of WHS Self Audit and action plan;
2. Independent verification of Council's answers to the Audit questions; and
3. Receipt of completed wages declaration for the 2015/2016 premium period within two (2) months from renewal date.

Council satisfactorily completed these KPI's and received an incentive payment of \$42,393.34.

As indicated above, the aim of this payment is to encourage Council to promote effective WHS practices and accordingly, this incentive payment shall be used for further WHS related improvements.

ITEM NO:	2.	FILE NO: S15.8.61 & S15.8.62 & S15.8.60
DESTINATION 5:	The communities are served by sustainable services and infrastructure	S
SUBJECT:	LANDFILL CONSOLIDATION GRANTS	
PREPARED BY:	Hayley Nichols, Corporate Support Officer - Publishing	

SUMMARY:

Council has been successful in securing three (3) grants through NSW Environmental Trust's *Waste Less Recycle More* program.

COMMENTARY:

Council has been successful in securing three (3) grants through NSW Environmental Trust's *Waste Less Recycle More* program, totaling \$551,780. Below is an overview of funds awarded and summary of works:

Wallangra Landfill \$188,400

- Project commences March, 2016;
- Full closure of landfill site as per Landfill Closure Plan certified by EPA;
- Fill and cap landfill with gravel 8400m³;
- Works to be undertaken by external contractors;
- Completion date 30 June, 2017.

Oakwood / Bannockburn Landfill \$198,800

- Project commences March, 2016;
- Full closure of landfill site as per Landfill Closure Plan certified by EPA;
- Fill and cap landfill with gravel 7200m³;
- Works to be undertaken by external contractors;
- Completion date 30 June, 2017.

Yetman Landfill \$164,580

- Project commences March, 2016;
- Development of Waste Transfer Station (based on the Ashford model currently under construction);
- Security fencing of existing landfill site;
- Capping of landfill area with 4800m³ of gravel;
- Bitumen sealing of road within landfill site;
- Installation of receptacles to store waste to be transferred to Inverell as required;
- Signage;
- Completion date 30 June, 2017.

ITEM NO:	3.	FILE NO: S15.8.59
DESTINATION 5:	The communities are served by sustainable services and infrastructure	S
SUBJECT:	CLUBGRANTS - INVERELL SPORTS COMPLEX	
PREPARED BY:	Hayley Nichols, Corporate Support Officer - Publishing	

SUMMARY:

Council has been successful in securing a grant from the 2015/2016 ClubGRANTS Sport and Recreation round.

COMMENTARY:

Council has been successful in securing a grant from the 2015/2016 ClubGRANTS Sport and Recreation round for the Inverell Sporting Complex, totalling \$930,000. With a contribution from Council of \$250,000, the total project value will be \$1.18M.

Works on the \$1.18M project are expected to commence in April, 2016, with completion by 31 December, 2017.

The scope of works will include:

- Renew irrigation system on bottom playing fields;
- Top dress and laser level all fields;
- Grandstand seating (moveable) for 400 spectators;
- Field lighting to top playing fields;
- Lighting to netball courts;
- New Clubhouse (2 storey);
- Masonry storage shed for Little Athletics;
- Free "Come and Try" gala sports day upon completion of works.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the items contained in the Information Reports to the Economic & Community Sustainability Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, 9 March, 2016, be received and noted.

TO ECONOMIC & COMMUNITY SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE MEETING 09/03/2016

ITEM NO:	1.	FILE NO: S23.16.5/09
DESTINATION 5:	The communities are served by sustainable services and infrastructure	S
SUBJECT:	STORES & MATERIALS STOCKTAKE	
PREPARED BY:	Ryan Dick, Expenditure Controller	

SUMMARY:

A physical Stocktake was undertaken of Council's Stores and Materials as at **2 February, 2016 at 10:30 am**, for GENERAL, WATER AND SEWER STORES for **INVERELL**.

COMMENTARY:

FUND	ADJUSTMENT	NET
GENERAL	WRITE-ON	1,024.57
GENERAL	WRITE-OFF	-152.77
WATER	WRITE-ON	0.00
WATER	WRITE-OFF	0.00
SEWER	WRITE-ON	0.00
SEWER	WRITE-OFF	0.00
	TOTAL	\$871.80

STOCKTAKE DISCREPANCY LIST

ITEM	DESCRIPTION	DATE & TIME OF COUNT	BOOK BALANCE QTY	COUNT QTY	DIFF	\$ VALUE ADJ
101350	Grease LMX 450grm	02/02/16 – 10:30am	97	96	-1	-4.66
101370	Paint – Spot Mark 350grm		338	337	-1	-3.98
101915	Dry Film Lubricant		27	28	1	32.70
102100	Oil – Agri Trans Plus		437	400	-37	-128.80
101925	Angle Iron 25mm		69.5	69.4	-0.1	-0.21
101935	Angle Iron 40mm		70.6	70.8	0.2	0.89
101940	Angle Iron 50mm		44	45.9	1.9	10.14
101945	Steel Flat 25mm		49	48	-1	-1.58
101950	Steel Flat 32mm		75	75.7	0.7	1.52
101960	Steel Flat 50mm		68	70.3	2.3	9.45
101965	Steel Flat 65mm		53	50.9	-2.1	-11.02
101970	Steel Flat 75mm		16	18	2	13.62
101980	Steel – 15mm NB Pipe		58.8	58.5	-0.3	-0.71
101985	Steel – 20mm NB Pipe		6	6.5	0.5	2.09
101995	Steel – 20x20mm R.H.S.		98	104	6	11.14

102000	Steel – 25x25mm R.H.S.		64	69	5	13.01
102025	Round Bar 8mm		79	78	-1	-1.23
102030	Round Bar 10mm		120.5	120	-0.5	-0.58
101435	Distillate – On Road Bulk		11,503	12,500	997	918.34
101445	Petrol – Unleaded		8,699	8,710	11	11.67
					TOTAL	\$871.80

RELATIONSHIP TO STRATEGIC PLAN, DELIVERY PLAN AND MANAGEMENT PLAN:

Strategy: S.01 Sound Local Government Administration, Governance and Financial Management are provided.

Term Achievement: S.01.05 Best Practice in Procurement and Inventory Management have been adopted and implemented.

Operational Objective: S.01.05.01 To provide and maintain quality stock control of goods and material purchasing activities.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

Nil.

CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICERS COMMENT:

An adjustment of **\$871.80** is required to be undertaken in the stores ledger.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS:

The Stocktake is a Financial Regulation and Audit Requirement.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Committee recommend to Council that:

- i) the stores and materials Stocktake information be received and noted; and*
- ii) the adjustment of **\$871.80** be made in the Stores Ledger.*

ITEM NO:	2.	FILE NO: S23.16.5/09
DESTINATION 5:	The communities are served by sustainable services and infrastructure	S
SUBJECT:	STORES & MATERIALS STOCKTAKE	
PREPARED BY:	Ryan Dick, Expenditure Controller	

SUMMARY:

A physical Stocktake was undertaken of Council's Stores and Materials as at **1 March, 2016 at 10:00 am**, for GENERAL, WATER AND SEWER STORES for **INVERELL**.

COMMENTARY:

FUND	ADJUSTMENT	NET
GENERAL	WRITE-ON	822.99
GENERAL	WRITE-OFF	-95.46
WATER	WRITE-ON	0.00
WATER	WRITE-OFF	-6.10
SEWER	WRITE-ON	0.00
SEWER	WRITE-OFF	0.00
	TOTAL	\$721.43

STOCKTAKE DISCREPANCY LIST						
ITEM	DESCRIPTION	DATE & TIME OF COUNT	BOOK BALANCE QTY	COUNT QTY	DIFF	\$ VALUE ADJ
101525	Barricade Webbing	01/03/16 – 10:00am	10	8	-2	-72.80
102890	Bracket Sal1 150mm		36	37	1	5.04
102305	Boots – Rubber Steel Cap		13	14	1	27.97
102310	Safety Ear Plugs		554	555	1	0.26
102450	Safety Spectacles		38	37	-1	-7.81
102540	Delineators – RD3 CL1		50	51	1	7.65
200110	Marker Plate W.M.		24	23	-1	-6.10
101435	Distillate – On Road Bulk		13,412	14,300	888	782.07
101445	Petrol – Unleaded		7,514	7,500	-14	-14.85
					TOTAL	\$721.43

RELATIONSHIP TO STRATEGIC PLAN, DELIVERY PLAN AND MANAGEMENT PLAN:

Strategy: S.01 Sound Local Government Administration, Governance and Financial Management are provided.

Term Achievement: S.01.05 Best Practice in Procurement and Inventory Management have been adopted and implemented.

Operational Objective: S.01.05.01 To provide and maintain quality stock control of goods and material purchasing activities.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

Nil.

CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICERS COMMENT:

An adjustment of **\$721.43** is required to be undertaken in the stores ledger.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS:

The Stocktake is a Financial Regulation and Audit Requirement.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Committee recommend to Council that:

- i) the stores and materials Stocktake information be received and noted; and*
- ii) the adjustment of **\$721.43** be made in the Stores Ledger.*

ITEM NO:	3.	FILE NO: S12.12.2/09
DESTINATION 5:	The communities are served by sustainable services and infrastructure	S
SUBJECT:	GOVERNANCE - MONTHLY INVESTMENT REPORT	
PREPARED BY:	Paul Pay, Manager Financial Services	

SUMMARY:

To report the balance of investments held as at 29 February, 2016.

COMMENTARY:

Contained within this report are the following items that highlight Council's Investment Portfolio performance for the month to 29 February, 2016 and an update of the investment environment:

- (a) Council Investments as at 29 February, 2016.
- (b) Council Investments by Fund as at 29 February, 2016.
- (c) Interest – Budgeted vs Actual.
- (d) Investment Portfolio Performance.
- (e) Investment Commentary.
- (f) Certification – Responsible Accounting Officer.

A) Council Investments as at 29 February, 2016.

Term Deposit Investment Group											
<i>Investment No.</i>	<i>Borrower</i>	<i>Account No.</i>	<i>FUND</i>	<i>Rating</i>	<i>Risk Rating</i>	<i>Purchase Date</i>	<i>Maturity Date</i>	<i>Current Yield</i>	<i>Principal Value</i>	<i>Current value</i>	<i>Term (days)</i>
16/05	IMB	43637	General	A2	2	28-Aug-15	01-Mar-16	2.80%	1,000,000	1,000,000	186
16/03	AMP BANK	TD676788581-353235	General	A1	2	28-Aug-15	01-Mar-16	2.90%	2,000,000	2,000,000	186
16/06	Suncorp	4180726	General	A1+	1	28-Aug-15	01-Mar-16	2.80%	1,000,000	1,000,000	186
16/08	AMP BANK	TD016305328-354197	General	A1	2	04-Sep-15	01-Mar-16	2.90%	1,000,000	1,000,000	179
16/09	AMP BANK	TD000404707-354196	Water	A1	2	04-Sep-15	01-Mar-16	2.90%	1,000,000	1,000,000	179
16/12	National Australia Bank	73-096-3984	Sewer	A1+	1	17-Sep-15	17-Mar-19	3.00%	2,000,000	2,000,000	180
16/16	Bank West	4406033	Sewer	A1+	1	28-Oct-15	23-Mar-16	2.85%	2,000,000	2,000,000	147
15/38	National Australia Bank	16-437-5597	Water	A1+	1	22-Jun-15	23-Mar-16	3.05%	1,000,000	1,000,000	274
16/13	St George Bank	353307121	General	A1+	1	08-Oct-15	08-Apr-16	2.86%	2,000,000	2,000,000	183
16/01	National Australia Bank	39-818-0450	General	A1+	1	15-Jul-15	11-Apr-16	2.95%	2,000,000	2,000,000	271
16/14	National Australia Bank	11-976-1659	General	A1+	1	15-Oct-15	11-Apr-16	2.95%	1,000,000	1,000,000	179
16/15	St George Bank	352507702	General	A1+	1	16-Oct-15	16-Apr-16	2.80%	1,000,000	1,000,000	183
16/21	CBA	255650138612	Sewer	A1+	1	21-Dec-15	19-Apr-16	3.20%	2,000,000	2,000,000	120
16/17	Suncorp	4181377	General	A1+	1	28-Oct-15	28-Apr-16	2.90%	2,000,000	2,000,000	183
16/18	Bank West	4386793	General	A1+	1	26-Nov-15	28-Apr-16	3.00%	2,000,000	2,000,000	90
16/10	CBA	06255650139260	General	A1+	1	16-Sep-15	16-May-16	2.70%	1,000,000	1,000,000	243
16-22	CBA	255650138612	General	A1+	1	21-Dec-15	19-May-16	3.00%	1,000,000	1,000,000	150
16/23	National Australia Bank	94-191-1076	General	A1+	1	04-Jan-16	02-Jun-16	3.05%	2,000,000	2,000,000	150
16/25	Suncorp	4010002104	General	A1+	1	18-Jan-16	14-Jun-16	2.93%	1,000,000	1,000,000	148
16/19	Bank West	4406034	Water	A1+	1	14-Dec-15	14-Jun-16	3.00%	1,500,000	1,500,000	183
16/20	National Australia Bank	84-516-3709	General	A1+	1	14-Dec-15	14-Jun-16	2.98%	2,000,000	2,000,000	183
16/24	National Australia Bank	13-782-7359	General	A1+	1	11-Jan-16	11-Jul-16	3.05%	1,000,000	1,000,000	182
16/26	St George Bank	354564217	General	A1+	1	22-Jan-16	22-Jul-16	2.95%	2,000,000	2,000,000	182
15/32	CBA	255650138612	General	A1+	1	28-Jan-16	28-Jul-16	2.90%	1,000,000	1,000,000	182
16/02	National Australia Bank	94-943-0648	Water	A1+	1	13-Sep-16	12-Aug-16	2.95%	1,000,000	1,000,000	181
16/11	National Australia Bank	94-942-1426	General	A1+	1	16-Sep-15	15-Sep-16	2.80%	1,000,000	1,000,000	365
15/19	CBA	255650139690	General	A1+	1	11-Dec-14	11-Dec-16	3.80%	1,000,000	1,000,000	732
14/22	Westpac	032-555 23-2282	General	A1+	1	17-Dec-13	16-Dec-16	4.31%	2,000,000	2,000,000	1095
15/01	CBA	255650139789	General	A1+	1	15-Jul-14	15-Jul-17	4.05%	1,000,000	1,000,000	1095
15/02	CBA	255650140915	General	A1+	1	15-Jul-14	15-Jul-17	4.05%	1,000,000	1,000,000	1095
15/03	CBA	255650140923	General	A1+	1	15-Jul-14	15-Jul-17	4.05%	1,000,000	1,000,000	1095
15/09	CBA	255650141168	General	A1+	1	01-Sep-14	01-Sep-17	3.90%	1,000,000	1,000,000	1096
15/10	Bank of Queensland	11307	General	A1	2	02-Sep-14	03-Sep-18	4.10%	1,000,000	1,000,000	1462
Sub Total - Term Deposit Investment Group									TOTALS	45,500,000	45,500,000

Cash Deposits Accounts Investment Group												
As at Date	Borrower	Account No.	FUND	Rating	Risk Rating	Purchase Date	Maturity Date	Current Yield	Principal Value	Current value		
29-2-16	National Australia Bank (Cash Maximiser)	83-038-3012	General	A1+	1			2.50%	1,000,000	1,000,000		
29-2-16	UBS Cash Management Account	450193	General	A1+	1			2.25%	1,043,367	1,043,367		
Sub Total - Cash Deposits Accounts Investment Group										2,043,367	2,043,367	
Floating Rate Notes Investment Group												
As at Date	Borrower	Account No.	FUND	Rating	Risk Rating	Purchase Date	Maturity Date	Current Yield	Principal Value	Current value		
Sub Total - Floating Rate Notes Investment Group									-	-		
Structured Products Investment Group												
As at Date	Borrower	Account No.	FUND	Rating	Risk Rating	Purchase Date	Maturity Date	Current Yield	Principal Value	Written Down Value 30-6-15	Current value	
31/12/15	Lehman Brothers Treasury Co B.V (CPPI-745)	7457	Water	DD	5		9/5/2010*	0.00%	300,000	18,000	18,000	
Sub Total - Structured Products Investment Group									-	300,000	18,000	18,000

The written down value of the Structured Product Investment Group as at 30 June, 2015 was \$18,000, now holding at \$18,000. As previously advised, the write down in the value of Structured Products, has been funded from previous years above benchmark investment returns (\$6.8M) which had been held in Internal Restricted Assets. These investments were all rated AA- and up to AAA (strong investment grade) when they were entered into and were permissible under the Ministers Investment Order. As Noted by the Auditor in their 2013/2014 Audit Report, the Sewer Fund maintains a sound financial position to meet its operational requirements and the Water Fund maintains a strong financial position.

B) Council Investments by Fund 29 February, 2016

Portfolio by Fund	31/01/2016	29/02/2016
General Fund	37,043,367	37,043,367
Water Fund	4,518,000	4,518,000
Sewer Fund	6,000,000	6,000,000
TOTAL	\$47,561,367.27	\$47,561,367.27

Council's investment portfolio has been steady during February, 2016. This was in respect of normal cash flow movements for receipts collected and payments made during February.

While the level of Investments has been largely maintained over recent years, these will decrease during 2015/2016 as a number of major projects are completed. These include:

- Ashford Water Treatment Plant \$ 1.0 M
- Inverell Sewerage Treatment Works \$ 3.0 M
- Infrastructure Backlog Program \$4.01M

In addition to these amounts, Council also holds substantial unexpended Grant Funds in the General Fund which can only be utilised for the purpose for which they were granted.

C) Interest – Budgeted verses Actual Result to Date

	Ledger	2015/2016 Budget	Actuals to Date
General Fund	128820	938,800.00	543,475.01
Water Fund	812350	50,000.00	19,788.76
Sewer Fund	906320	70,000.00	59,278.91
TOTAL		\$ 1,058,800.00	\$ 622,542.68

The interest received to date (cash basis) is in accordance with Budget and does not include accruals. It is again expected that Council's Investment Portfolio will achieve benchmark returns in 2015/2016.

D) Investment Portfolio Performance

Investment Portfolio Return		Benchmarks	
	% pa	Aus Bond Bank Bill	11am Cash Rate
Benchmark as at 28-2-2016		2.25%	2.00%
Term Deposits	3.16%		
Cash Deposit Accounts	2.38%		
Floating Rate Notes			
Structured Products*	0.00%		

*Structured Products exclude 1 CDO's currently in default and returning zero coupon

E) Investment Commentary

Council's investment portfolio returns exceeded the 11am Cash Rate benchmark in all investment categories except for Structured Products and Term Deposits exceed the UBSA Bank Bill Index benchmark. Money is held in cash deposits accounts for liquidity purposes.

Council's investment portfolio of \$47.5M is almost entirely invested in fixed term deposits. Overall, the portfolio is highly liquid, highly rated and short-dated from a counterparty perspective.

In line with most economists' expectations, the RBA continued to hold the official cash rate at a half-century low of 2.00% at its February meeting. Economists also expect the RBA hold rates at the March meeting continuing their neutral stance. Economists believe that Australia has now reached the bottom of the cycle and that there will be no movement in the cash rate for the foreseeable future.

Council staff will continue to monitor interest movements to ensure the best possible returns on investments.

F) Certification – Responsible Accounting Officer

I Ken Beddie, hereby certify that the investments listed in this report have been made in accordance with Section 625 of the *Local Government Act 1993*, Clause 212 of the Local Government (General) Regulations 2005 and Council's Investment Policy.

RELATIONSHIP TO STRATEGIC PLAN, DELIVERY PLAN AND MANAGEMENT PLAN:

Strategy: S.01 Sound Local Government Administration, Governance and Financial Management are provided.

Term Achievement: S.01.02 A sound long term financial position is maintained.

Operational Objective: S.01.02.01 To manage Council Finances with the view to ensuring Council's ongoing financial health and stability, the discharge of statutory and fiduciary responsibilities, proper accounting systems and standards and an efficient and equitable revenue base.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

Nil.

CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICERS COMMENT:

It is noted that the volatility for current financial markets and pending legal actions will not impact on Council's Rates and Charges, its ability to deliver its existing Services across the funds, or its medium or long term sustainability. Council's overall Investment Portfolio remains sounds.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS:

Nil.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Committee recommend to council that:

- i) the report indicating Council's Fund Management position be received and noted; and*
- ii) the Certification of the Responsible Accounting Officer be noted.*