

INVERELL SHIRE COUNCIL

NOTICE OF ECONOMIC & COMMUNITY SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE MEETING

5 June, 2015

An Economic & Community Sustainability Committee Meeting will be held in the Committee Room, Administrative Centre, 144 Otho Street, Inverell on Wednesday, 10 June, 2015, 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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- Inverell Shire Council Strategic Plan
- Inverell Shire Council Delivery Plan
- Inverell Shire Council Management Plan.

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<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
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<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, 10 June, 2015

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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, 13 MAY, 2015, COMMENCING AT
11.51AM.

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

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).

In accordance with Council's Meeting Code, all Councillors present at today's meeting
are 'voting delegates'.

APOLOGIES:

An apology was received from Cr Michael for business reasons.

*RESOLVED (Watts/Harmon) that the apology from Cr Michael for business reasons be
noted.*

SECTION A

1. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

*RESOLVED (Baker/Jones) that the Minutes of the Economic and Community
Sustainability Committee Meeting held on 8 April, 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 Watts ALGWA Conference and AGM

Cr Watts advised of her and Cr Baker's attendance at the
ALGWA Conference held 30 April – 2 May, 2015.

Cr Watts reported on the Conference and the AGM, inclusive
of the topics discussed by guest speakers.

At this juncture, the time being 12.05pm, Cr Jones left the meeting.

GM-A Cr Harmon Ashford Medical Centre S24.20.1

Cr Harmon spoke in relation to Hunter New England Health
and the Ashford Medical Centre not yet being operational.

*RESOLVED (Harmon/Johnston) that the Committee
recommend to Council that the General Manager and Mayor
take appropriate action for the Ashford Medical Centre to be
operational.*

At this juncture, the time being 12.07pm, Cr Jones returned to the meeting.

SECTION D
DESTINATION REPORTS

1. EXPIRING LICENCE AGREEMENTS S5.10.20 & S5.10.97 & S5.10.111

CSOP-A RESOLVED (Harmon/Jones) that:

1. Licence Agreement - Lots 5, 6 & 7, Section 5, DP 758036, Duff Street, Ashford

That the Committee recommend to Council that:

- i) Council renew the agreement with Mrs Giovanni Maria Palmas for a three (3) year period with a further three (3) year option under the same terms and conditions;*
- ii) the licence fee be \$160.00 per annum (GST Inclusive) not subject to an annual increase; and*
- iii) the Licence Agreement be subject to any other terms and conditions as negotiated by Council's General Manager.*

2. Licence Agreement - Lots 1 & 3, DP 1037597, Bonshaw Road, Ashford

That the Committee recommend to Council that:

- i) Council renew the agreement with Mr Mario Pintus for a three (3) year period with a further three (3) year option under the same terms and conditions;*
- ii) the licence fee be \$70.00 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.*

3. Licence Agreement - Lot 5, DP 867523 Taylor Avenue, Inverell

That the Committee recommend to Council that:

- i) Council renew the agreement in the name of Mrs Leane Gainey for a three (3) year period with a further three (3) year option under the same terms and conditions;*
- ii) the licence fee be \$240.00 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.*

2. REQUEST FOR DONATION – HANNAH WORSLEY S12.22.1/08

CSOP-A RESOLVED (Girle/Harmon) that the Committee recommend to Council that Council not accede to the request for a donation as the request does not meet Council's donation policy guidelines.

3. LIBRARY OPENING HOURS REVIEW S3.6.1/08

EMCCS-A *RESOLVED (Baker/Jones) that the Committee recommend to Council that the opening hours for the Library for weekdays be 9.30am – 05.30pm.*

4. FIT FOR THE FUTURE (FFF) ROADMAP S13.1.2

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

- i) *Council agree with IPARTs proposed methodology to be utilised to assess the scale and capacity criterion, consistent with Office of Local Government;*
- ii) *Rural Council characteristics – No Comment;*
- iii) *Council notes that while the sustainability, infrastructure management and efficiency criteria are largely sound, that the Efficiency Operating Performance Own Source Revenue Benchmarks can be negatively and substantially impacted by the level of Auspiced/Grant Funded programs (non-capital) a Council agrees to participate in for the benefit of their community on behalf of the State and Federal Governments. The costs of auspicing and delivering these programs are included in Council's General Purpose Financial Reports and therefore negatively affect Council's performance by inflating the Efficiency Benchmark and deflating Council's Own Source Revenue Benchmark and Operating Performance Benchmarks. In Council's case, Council auspices up to \$2M of Community Services Programs annually for State and Federal Agencies. Council's in rural areas would all be impacted in this matter; It is requested that these auspiced programs be removed from the Benchmark calculations (both Revenues and Expenditures). Council notes that assets funded from these programs largely remain the property of the funding provider as do any residual funds. These programs would not be continued by Council if the Grant Funding was not provided;;*
- iv) *Council support IPART utilising the OLG guidance materials when assessing how councils have engaged with their communities when preparing FFF Proposals;*
- v) *Council agree with IPARTs proposed methodology that:*
 - a) *Councils would report performance in their Annual Reports, and*
 - b) *the Auditor General would reassess performance periodically as part of the Audit Office of NSW's new auditing role in the sector;*
- vi) *Council supports the inclusions by IPART of the consideration of the social and community context when assessing council FFF proposals. It is noted that this would legitimise Council raising issues around Community of Interest, and that Council's existing boundaries do not reflect its community of interest, in its Roadmap;*
- vii) *Council senior staff employment contracts be renewed as part of Council's response, having the required 'scale and capacity' under the FFF program.*
- viii) *Council note the 2014/2015 complete full independent data capture and technical assessment of Council's Road Infrastructure will be utilised to determine Council's true auditable infrastructure backlog amount;*
- ix) *As included in the 2015/2016 Draft Budget that Council allocate the supplementary R2R 2015/2016 \$0.91M to the rural road infrastructure backlog issues;*
- x) *Council note the principle of releasing \$4.1M from Internally Restricted Assets in the 2015/2016 budget to reduce backlog to < 2% and that a report be provided to the June, 2015 Economic and Community Sustainability Committee Meeting in this matter;*

- xi) *Council highlight the impact of regional roads on Council's financials, infrastructure backlog ratio created by inadequate funding from the State Government to maintain the roads which were previously State assets.*
- xii) *Noting that a significant quantum of the Road Infrastructure Backlog is on the Regional Road Network that was transferred to Council by the State Government, Council lobby the State Government for a real terms increase in the Regional Road Block Grant and Repair Program Funding; and*
- xiii) *Note that a Special Rate Variation commencing in 2017/2018 in the amount of 14.25% and increases in income from other sources are required for Council to meet the increased FFF Benchmarks.*

At this juncture, the time being 1.05pm, Cr Watts left the meeting.

SECTION E INFORMATION REPORTS

- 1. LIBRARY OPERATIONS 2013/14 S3.6.1/08
- 2. TOURISM UPDATE S8.12.3/08
- 3. CONNECTIONS DISABILITY SERVICES S3.15.7
- 4. LINKING TOGETHER CENTRE (LTC) UPDATE S2.14.3

RESOLVED (Jones/Harmon) that the items contained in the Information Reports to the Economic & Community Sustainability Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, 13 May, 2015, be received and noted.

At this juncture, the time being 1.07pm, Cr Watts returned to the meeting.

SECTION H GOVERNANCE REPORTS

- 1. STORES & MATERIALS STOCKTAKE – INVERELL S23.16.5/08
EC-A *RESOLVED (Baker/Jones) that the Committee recommend to Council that:*
 - i) *the stores and materials Stocktake information be received and noted; and*
 - ii) *the adjustment of **-\$327.56** be made in the Stores Ledger.*
- 2. STORES & MATERIALS STOCKTAKE – ASHFORD S23.16.5/08
EC-A *RESOLVED (Baker/Jones) that the Committee recommend to Council that:*
 - i) *the stores and materials Stocktake information be received and noted; and*
 - ii) *the adjustment of **-\$236.57** made in the Stores Ledger.*
- 3. STORES & MATERIALS STOCKTAKE – YETMAN S23.16.5/08
EC-A *RESOLVED (Baker/Jones) that the Committee recommend to Council that:*
 - i) *the stores and materials Stocktake information be received and noted; and*
 - ii) *the adjustment of **\$20.72** made in the Stores Ledger.*
- 4. STORES & MATERIALS STOCKTAKE – FUEL TANKER T190 S23.16.5/08
EC-A *RESOLVED (Baker/Jones) that the Committee recommend to Council that:*

- i) *the stores and materials Stocktake information be received and noted; and*
- ii) *the adjustment of **\$405.88** made in the Stores Ledger.*

5. STORES & MATERIALS STOCKTAKE – FUEL TANKER T212 S23.16.5/08

EC-A *RESOLVED (Baker/Jones) that the Committee recommend to Council that the stores and materials Stocktake information be received and noted.*

6. STORES & MATERIALS STOCKTAKE- INVERELL S23.16.5/08

EC-A *RESOLVED (Baker/Jones) that the Committee recommend to Council that:*

- i) *the stores and materials Stocktake information be received and noted; and*
- ii) *the adjustment of **-\$160.97** be made in the Stores Ledger.*

7. GOVERNANCE - MONTHLY INVESTMENT REPORT S12.12.2/08

RESOLVED (Baker/Jones) 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.*

8. QUARTERLY BUDGET AND OPERATIONAL PLAN REVIEW 2014/2015
S12.5.1/08

DCS-A *RESOLVED (Baker/Jones) that the Committee recommend to Council that:*

- i) *Council's Quarterly Operational Plan and Budget Review for 31 March, 2015 be adopted; and*
- ii) *the proposed variations to budget votes for the 2014/2015 Financial Year be adopted providing an estimated Cash Surplus at 30 June, 2015 from operations of \$4,959.*

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 1.40pm.

CR J A WATTS

CHAIRPERSON

TO ECONOMIC & COMMUNITY SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE MEETING 10/06/2015

ITEM NO:	1.	FILE NO: S12.8.8
DESTINATION 5:	The communities are served by sustainable services and infrastructure	S
SUBJECT:	WRITE OFF SUNDRY DEBTOR (LISTING)	
PREPARED BY:	Paul Pay, Manager Financial Services	

SUMMARY:

The Committee is requested to consider a confidential report in respect of an outstanding debt for waste disposal fees.

COMMENTARY:

Local Government Act 1993 (the Act), and the *Local Government (General) Regulation 2005* makes provision for the closure of meetings to the public and media in specified circumstances. In particular s.10A of the Act provides that Council may close to the public and media so much of a meeting as relates to the discussion and consideration of information identified in s.10A(2). The matters which may be closed to the public and media, as stated in the Act, must involve:

- (a) *Personnel matters concerning particular individuals (other than councillors.)*
- (b) *The personal hardship of any resident or ratepayer.*
- (c) *Information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business.*
- (d) *Commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed:*
 - (i) *prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it, or*
 - (ii) *confer a commercial advantage on a competitor of the council, or*
 - (iii) *reveal a trade secret.*
- (e) *Information that would, if disclosed, prejudice the maintenance of law.*
- (f) *Matters affecting the security of the council, councillors, council staff or council property.*
- (g) *Advice concerning litigation, or advice that would otherwise be privileged from production in legal proceedings on the grounds of legal professional privilege.*
- (h) *Information concerning the nature and location of a place or an item of Aboriginal significance on community land.*

In considering whether to close a part of a meeting to the public and media, Councillors are also reminded of further provisions of s.10D of the Act which states:

Grounds for closing part of meeting to be specified

- (1) *The grounds on which part of a meeting is closed must be stated in the decision to close that part of the meeting and must be recorded in the minutes of the meeting.*
- (2) *The grounds must specify the following:*
 - (a) *the relevant provision of section 10A (2),*
 - (b) *the matter that is to be discussed during the closed part of the meeting,*
 - (c) *the reasons why the part of the meeting is being closed, including (if the matter concerned is a matter other than a personnel matter concerning particular individuals, the personal hardship of a resident or ratepayer or a trade secret) an explanation of the way in which discussion of the matter in an open meeting would be, on balance, contrary to the public interest.*

Having regard for the requirements stated in s.10D of the Act Councillors should note that the matter listed for discussion in Closed Committee includes information provided by the applicants which is considered to be commercially sensitive.

The recommendation that this item of business be considered in Closed Committee is specifically relied on section 10A(2)(b) of the Act as consideration of the matter involves:

- a) The personal hardship of any resident or ratepayer, and
- b) On balance, the public interest in preserving the confidentiality of the matter outweighs the public interest in openness and transparency in Council decision-making by discussing the matter in open meeting.

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.01.02 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:

Nil.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS:

Nil.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the matter be referred to Closed Committee for consideration as:

- i) the matters and information are 'the personal hardship of any resident or ratepayer' (Section 10A(2)(b) 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.*

ITEM NO:	2.	FILE NO: S12.22.1/08
DESTINATION 5:	The communities are served by sustainable services and infrastructure	S
SUBJECT:	REQUEST FOR DONATION – LIONS CLUB OF INVERELL	
PREPARED BY:	Megan Debreceeny, Corporate Support Officer - Telephonist	

SUMMARY:

Council has received a letter from the Lions Club of Inverell requesting approval to undertake a project and a donation to assist with the costs.

COMMENTARY:

Council has received a letter from the Lions Club of Inverell requesting approval to conduct a project where club members would, at a fee to the property owner, paint the house number on the kerb at the front of the dwelling. The purpose of this project is to assist ambulance officers in the event of an emergency and to raise funds for the Club's community work. The Club has also requested a donation to assist with the costs of paint for the project.

The correspondence did not provide a proposed amount for the fee that the property owner would be required to pay, or how much Council is requested to contribute.

Similar approaches in the past have been made by both Service Clubs and entrepreneurs. These approaches have been conditionally approved on the basis that the home owner can determine if they wish to purchase the service. The conditions:

- (a) permission is granted to affix/paint numbers on the curb,
- (b) the proponent must not state/infer that Council requires the work to be done, and
- (c) no harassment of householders is to occur.

Unfortunately, there have been instances of "travellers" not seeking approval from Council, and making unsubstantiated claims to home owners. This has resulted in Council staff ordering them to stop and ads on the radio to warn of this unauthorised work.

A copy of the Club's request is attached as Appendix 1 (D9) for the Committee's information.

RECOMMENDATION:

A matter for the Committee.

ITEM NO:	3.	FILE NO: S30.16.4
DESTINATION 4:	A strong local economy	B
SUBJECT:	AIR SERVICES (LISTING)	
PREPARED BY:	Ken Beddie, Director Corporate and Economic Services	

SUMMARY:

A meeting was held with a representative of Regional Express. The Committee is requested to consider a confidential report on the matter.

COMMENTARY:

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Having regard for the requirements stated in s.10D of the Act Councillors should note that the matter listed for discussion in Closed Committee includes information provided by the applicants which is considered to be commercially sensitive.

The recommendation that this item of business be considered in Closed Committee is specifically relied on section 10A(2)(d)(i) of the Act as consideration of the matter involves:

- a) Commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it, and
- b) On balance, the public interest in preserving the confidentiality of the matter outweighs the public interest in openness and transparency in Council decision-making by discussing the matter in open meeting.

RELATIONSHIP TO STRATEGIC PLAN, DELIVERY PLAN AND OPERATIONAL PLAN:

Strategy: B.03 Facilitate access to services and infrastructure including education, training and research for business.

Term Achievement: B.03.01 A collaborative relationship between Council and businesses in the Shire is established and maintained, that is conducive to economic growth and business sustainability.

Operational Objective: B.03.01.01 To facilitate the collaboration of organisations in networking and information sharing to obtain services required to allow viable businesses to start and/or grow.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

Nil.

CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICERS COMMENT:

Nil.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS:

Nil.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the matter be referred to Closed Council 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.*

ITEM NO:	4.	FILE NO: S26.3.14
DESTINATION 2:	A community that is healthy, educated and sustainable	C
SUBJECT:	OPERA NORTH WEST	
PREPARED BY:	Paul Henry, General Manager	

SUMMARY:

This report is intended to provide the Committee with information on a meeting held with Peta Blyth and Sandy McNaughton for the purpose of debriefing Council on the 2015 Opera in the Paddock and a proposal for a 2016 event. The Committee is requested to determine a recommendation regarding sponsorship.

COMMENTARY:

On Tuesday, 12 May, 2015, a meeting was held between Cr Harmon and two (2) representatives of Opera North West, Peta Blyth and Sandy McNaughton to debrief Council on the 2015 Opera in the Paddock event and to present their plans for an event at 'Mimosa', Delungra in 2016.

At the conclusion of the meeting the company representatives were requested to commit their proposal for the 2016 event in writing and if received prior to the deadline for June Committee meetings, the details would be placed before the Economic & Community Sustainability Committee for consideration.

Council is now in receipt of the proposal (copy attached as Appendix 2, D10 – D11). The broad details are as follows:

- The Opera in the Paddock event is proposed for 'Mimosa' in March, 2016;
- Internationally renowned singer, Teddy Tahu Rhodes has expressed his desire to return for the 2016 event, and has made himself available on the 5 March, 2016;
- A request of \$12,500 in sponsorship from Council;
- A contingency plan has been proposed in the event of bad weather wherein two (2) shorter performances will be held at the Inverell Town Hall;
- Request to grade Blyth's Lane before the event and water the road on the day.

In addition to the positive outcomes Opera in the Paddock provides for the Shire and the wider community, Opera North West advise that the following factors are pivotal in building long-term sustainability for arts and creativity in rural communities.

- Appreciation of local culture, local people, assets and characteristics
- Enthusiastic local leadership, positive attitudes, local entrepreneurship and investment
- A focus on retaining young people through employment, recreational, and educational initiatives.

The Committee is now asked to consider the request for sponsorship for the 2016 event.

RELATIONSHIP TO STRATEGIC PLAN, DELIVERY PLAN AND OPERATIONAL PLAN:

Strategy: C.17 Promote Inverell Shire as an integral component of the cultural fabric of the New England North West Region.

Term Achievement: C.17.01 Inverell is recognised as an integral component of cultural diversity and excellence in the New England North West Region.

Operational Objective: C.17.01.01 Develop partnerships and projects with cultural organisations and connect where appropriate with cultural plans and development of other Council's on the New England area.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

Nil.

CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICERS COMMENT:

Council has on an ongoing basis provided a cash contribution of \$5K to Opera in the Paddock annually. Council provided a special 'one-off' additional \$5K contribution in 2011/2012.

In 2012/2013 and in 2013/2014 the event was not conducted. In 2014/2015 Council contributed \$10K however the event had to be cancelled at the 11th hour due to extreme weather conditions.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS:

Nil.

RECOMMENDATION:

A matter for the Committee.

ITEM NO:	5.	FILE NO: S24.20.3
DESTINATION 2:	A community that is healthy, educated and sustainable	C
SUBJECT:	BLOOD COLLECTION SERVICES	
PREPARED BY:	Paul Henry, General Manager	

SUMMARY:

Communication has been received from Australian Red Cross Blood Service that the 'demountable blood services' will be discontinued. The cessation of these services will begin in this region during June, 2015.

COMMENTARY:

The Australian Red Cross advised that it is changing the way it collects blood in Northern New South Wales. It states that this change is driven by the 'changing demand for blood'.

The 'changing demand' referred to is a declining demand for the red cell component of whole blood and an increasing demand for plasma.

As a result permanent donor centres will be established in Armidale, Tamworth, Coffs Harbour, Port Macquarie and Taree. These centres will have installed the necessary equipment to collect plasma. The aim is to offer 9,000 additional plasma appointments each year, in these centres.

The demountable blood collection services (defined as staff travelling from collection centres and setting up portable equipment in hospitals, community centres and town halls) will be 'retired'.

The retirement process will take place in June, 2015.

The Blood Service has advised that this type of collection service is unique to Northern NSW.

I am aware that the Blood Service operates specially equipped buses and trucks to conduct mobile collection services in other parts of the State. These services are unaffected by the changes announced for Northern NSW.

The Inverell community has been a strong supporter of blood donations, however the opportunities to give expression to their 'community spirit' through donating blood has been diminishing since the early 1990's. Now the only opportunity available will be if they wish to travel to Armidale, after making an appointment.

A 'Frequently Asked Questions' sheet has been provided by Blood Services. A copy is attached as appendix 3 (D12 – D13).

RELATIONSHIP TO STRATEGIC PLAN, DELIVERY PLAN AND OPERATIONAL PLAN:

Strategy: C.10 Contribute to the health of the community by promoting healthy lifestyles and practices.

Term Achievement: C.10.01 Council is actively supportive and involved in programs and initiatives that promote and contribute healthy lifestyles and practices.

Operational Objective: C.10.01.01 To establish measures and processes to protect the environment and safety of the residents of the Shire through both direct control and education.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

Nil.

CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICERS COMMENT:

Nil.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS:

Nil.

RECOMMENDATION:

A matter for the Committee.

APPENDIX 1



LIONS CLUB OF INVERELL MACINTYRE Inc.
PO Box 603, Inverell NSW 2360
Email: inverell-macintyre@lionsdistrict201n1.org.au

President: Mick Mitchell
Secretary: Janelle Manning

23rd May 2015

Mr Paul Henry
The General Manager
Inverell Shire Council
PO Box 138
INVERELL NSW 2360



Dear Mr Henry,

Our club has been approached by local ambulance officers in regard to the numbers on houses being very hard to find or read at night when they are responding to a call out.

In response, the club is proposing to undertake a project whereby we would use fluorescent paint to mark the number of each household wanting to participate on the kerb. The householder would pay a nominal fee for the service which would enable the club to raise funds for its community work at the same time.

Could you please advise if the council will approve the project and perhaps, contribute towards the cost of the paint.

We believe this service will be of benefit to the community and enable the emergency workers to do their jobs more efficiently.

If you would like any more information in regard to the proposed project, please do not hesitate to contact me on 0429323180.

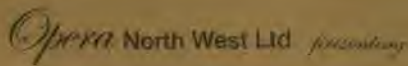
Thank you for your time.

Yours sincerely

Janelle Manning
Secretary

APPENDIX 2

Opera North West Ltd <i>presenting</i>		Opera in the Paddock CONCERTS & EVENTS	
<p>Paul Henry General Manager Inverell Shire Council PO Box 138 INVERELL NSW 2360</p>		<p>INVERELL SHIRE COUNCIL</p> <p>02 JUN 2015</p>	
<p>2 June 2015</p>			
<p>Dear Paul,</p>			
<p>I am writing in regards to the Inverell Shire Council's support for <i>Opera in the Paddock</i>.</p>			
<p>Further to the meeting held with yourself, Paul Harmon and Sandy McNaughton, I would once again like to thank you and the Inverell Shire Council for the invaluable support provided to stage the event this year.</p>			
<p>As you are aware, <i>Opera in the Paddock</i> was cancelled due to extreme weather conditions. Needless to say, this was an extremely disappointing outcome for all those associated with the event.</p>			
<p>Despite the severe weather at the time, <i>Opera in the Paddock</i> attracted 1,100 people. In the lead up, it received extensive, nation wide coverage through the media. Accommodation in Inverell was booked out, with large numbers travelling from interstate to attend.</p>			
<p>A detailed report outlining these and other benefits enjoyed by the Inverell Shire, as a result of its support, has been forwarded to Council for consideration.</p>			
<p>After much contemplation, Opera North West is looking to stage the event in 2016. This is due to a number of factors, not the least that internationally renowned singer, Teddy Tahu Rhodes, has expressed his desire to return. Notwithstanding his busy schedule, he has made himself available on the 5th March 2016.</p>			
<p>Opera North West has also been encouraged by the goodwill of those who attended, with large numbers expressing their desire to return, should the event take place next year.</p>			
<p>In order to avoid a repeat of this year, it is proposed that in the advent of bad weather two shorter performances will be held at the Inverell Town Hall. In this way, with the decision made early in the day. That way, Opera North West will be able to ensure that ticket holders be guaranteed a performance, regardless of the conditions.</p>			
<p>Currently, whether the event will go ahead will be determined by the amount of support that is provided. Opera North West is in the process of seeking funding from a variety of sources, including government and the private sector, in order for the event to proceed in 2016.</p>			
<p>Opera North West Ltd, Delungra, NSW, 2403 P: 02 6724 8561 F: 1800 240 301</p>			



Opera North West is seeking a financial contribution from the Inverell Shire Council of \$12,500

As you are aware, *Opera in the Paddock* provides the following positive outcomes for the Shire and the wider community of Inverell:

- economic development
- contribution to rural regeneration
- social inclusion and engagement
- educational initiatives
- health and well-being opportunities
- community capacity building
- development of cultural tourism

Opera in the Paddock also incorporates the following factors that are pivotal in building long-term sustainability for arts and creativity in rural communities:

- appreciation of local culture, local people, assets and characteristics
- enthusiastic local leadership, positive attitudes, local entrepreneurship and investment
- a focus on retaining young people through employment, recreational, and educational initiatives.

We hope that the Council will once again support this unique event that makes a significant impact on enriching the cultural life of the Inverell Shire.

We look forward to hearing your response as soon as possible to facilitate planning.

Yours sincerely,

Peta Blyth OAM
Artistic Director

APPENDIX 3

**Key messages: Changes to blood collection in northern New South Wales**

- The Australian Red Cross Blood Service is making changes to the way we collect blood in northern New South Wales donor centres to help meet Australia's increasing need for blood plasma.
- Australia is leading the way in improved use of blood in hospitals, and as a result the demand for the red cell donation has declined.
- In contrast, demand for plasma is at an all-time high and continues to grow.
- In response to changing demand, more than 9,000 plasma appointments will be created at donor centres in Armidale, Tamworth, Coffs Harbour, Port Macquarie and Taree.
- We will no longer operate red blood cell focussed demountable services in northern New South Wales so that staff can remain at their respective donor centres and accommodate the plasma boost.
- Demountables aren't equipped to collect plasma, nor do they have the capacity that donor centres do to accept future growth.
- This will have no impact on supply of blood to these areas. Instead, it will help us better meet patient needs.
- Extra plasma collections will commence from 1 August, and final visits for demountable operations will occur throughout June.
- We would like to acknowledge the donors who have rolled up their sleeves at these points and saved lives, particularly if these changes mean it is not possible for them to continue donating.

Plan to advise the community

- This announcement is being made on Thursday 4 June, with no more demountable visits from the 30 June.
- We understand this will make it difficult for some donors to give blood, should they live a long distance from their nearest centre. Please encourage the community contact us with queries via nswsupport@redcrossblood.org.au or by calling 13 14 95.



Community FAQs

Why is the demountable mobile service closing?

Regional donor centres in northern New South Wales are set to play a bigger role in helping the nation meet its growing blood plasma needs.

Donor centres in Armidale, Tamworth, Taree, Port Macquarie and Coffs Harbour will offer 9,000 additional plasma appointments between them each year in response to significant changes in demand for blood components.

The need for plasma is growing by 10 per cent per year, while demand for traditional red cells is declining by 16 per cent. This is because new uses are being discovered for plasma.

To enable this, the Blood Service will retire the region's demountable services, originally established to collect more red blood cells, so that staff can remain in-centre to accommodate the additional plasma appointments.

Why can't the Blood Service collect plasma with the mobile service?

Plasma donations are quite different to red cell blood donations, they involve highly specialised blood collection equipment that can't be easily moved. Our blood donor centres have the capacity to collect a large number of plasma donations, while still collecting the red cells required by hospitals.

What about donors in these towns who want a mobile collection service?

The Blood Service would like to acknowledge the donors who have rolled up their sleeves at these points and saved lives, particularly if these changes mean it is not possible for them to continue donating. Donors in our mobile towns are very loyal and generous donors, many have been donating for a number of years. We know that there will be disappointment. Our mission is always to supply what is needed where it is needed.

How will local blood be supplied?

We collect and supply blood nationally meaning the blood a patient receives could have come from a donor anywhere in Australia. Blood collection location has no impact on that town or city's ability to receive blood.

Is the Blood Service just taking services away from regional areas?

No centralisation plans at all: regional Australia will continue to play an important role in blood donation moving forward. This change means regional donor centres will play a bigger role in meeting Australia's blood needs.

What about people who need to donate for medical reasons?

While we provide the service where possible, many Australians do not have an accessible mobile or donor centre nearby. We've written to and called all haemochromatosis sufferers informing them to consult with their GP to arrange an alternative. We also notified the local hospital who in turn committed to notifying local GPs and the local pathology lab of the change as they are the most likely alternatives for people.

TO ECONOMIC & COMMUNITY SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE MEETING 10/06/2015

ITEM NO:	1.	FILE NO: S12.12.2/08
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 31 May, 2015.

COMMENTARY:

Contained within this report are the following items that highlight Council's Investment Portfolio performance for the month to 31 May, 2015 and an update of the investment environment:

- (a) Council's investments as at 31 May, 2015.
- (b) Council Investments by Fund as at 31 May, 2015.
- (c) Interest – Budgeted vs Actual.
- (d) Investment Portfolio Performance.
- (e) Investment Commentary.
- (f) Certification – Responsible Accounting Officer.

A) Council Investments as at 31 May, 2015.

Term Deposits							
Maturity Date	Current Yield	Borrower	FUND	Rating	Risk Rating	Principal Value	Current value
01-Jun-15	3.70%	National Australia Bank	General	A1+	1	2,000,000.00	2,000,000.00
10-Jun-15	3.70%	National Australia Bank	General	A1+	1	1,000,000.00	1,000,000.00
17-Jun-15	3.65%	National Australia Bank	General	A1+	1	2,000,000.00	2,000,000.00
22-Jun-14	3.65%	National Australia Bank	Water	A1+	1	1,000,000.00	1,000,000.00
15-Jul-15	3.75%	National Australia Bank	General	A1+	1	2,000,000.00	2,000,000.00
27-Jul-15	3.07%	St George Bank	Water	A1+	1	1,000,000.00	1,000,000.00
13-Aug-15	3.75%	National Australia Bank	Water	A1+	1	1,000,000.00	1,000,000.00
18-Aug-15	3.60%	AMP BANK	General	A1	2	1,000,000.00	1,000,000.00
24-Aug-15	3.11%	ING	General	A1	2	1,000,000.00	1,000,000.00
02-Sep-15	3.70%	St George Bank	Water	A1+	1	1,000,000.00	1,000,000.00
04-Sep-15	4.00%	NECU (community mutual)	General	NR	3	1,000,000.00	1,000,000.00
11-Sep-15	4.00%	NECU (community mutual)	General	NR	3	1,000,000.00	1,000,000.00
14-Sep-15	3.03%	ING	General	A1	2	1,000,000.00	1,000,000.00
16-Sep-15	4.00%	CBA	General	A1	2	1,000,000.00	1,000,000.00
16-Sep-15	4.11%	National Australia Bank	General	A1+	1	1,000,000.00	1,000,000.00
17-Sep-15	3.61%	National Australia Bank	Sewer	A1+	1	2,000,000.00	2,000,000.00
23-Sep-15	4.00%	NECU (community mutual)	General	NR	3	1,000,000.00	1,000,000.00
08-Oct-15	2.80%	St George Bank	General	A1+	1	2,000,000.00	2,000,000.00
15-Oct-15	3.60%	National Australia Bank	General	A1+	1	1,000,000.00	1,000,000.00
16-Oct-15	2.77%	St George Bank	General	A1+	1	1,000,000.00	1,000,000.00
28-Oct-15	3.59%	Westpac	General	A1+	1	3,000,000.00	3,000,000.00
28-Oct-15	3.00%	Bank West	Sewer	A1+	1	2,000,000.00	2,000,000.00
11-Dec-15	3.55%	CBA	Sewer	A1+	1	1,500,000.00	1,500,000.00
28-Jan-16	3.05%	CBA	General	A1	2	1,000,000.00	1,000,000.00
12-Dec-16	3.80%	CBA	General	A1+	1	1,000,000.00	1,000,000.00
16-Dec-16	4.31%	Westpac	General	A1+	1	2,000,000.00	2,000,000.00
15-Jul-17	4.05%	CBA	General	A1+	1	1,000,000.00	1,000,000.00
15-Jul-17	4.05%	CBA	General	A1+	1	1,000,000.00	1,000,000.00
15-Jul-17	4.05%	CBA	General	A1+	1	1,000,000.00	1,000,000.00
01-Sep-17	3.90%	CBA	General	A1	2	1,000,000.00	1,000,000.00
03-Sep-18	4.10%	Bank of Queensland	General	A1	2	1,000,000.00	1,000,000.00
Sub Total - Term Deposit Investment Group						40,500,000.00	40,500,000.00
Cash Deposit Accounts							
As at Date	Current Yield	Borrower	FUND	Rating	Risk Rating	Principal Value	Current value
30/04/2015	2.80%	National Australia Bank (Cash Maximiser)	General	A1+	1	2,000,000.00	1,000,000.00
30/04/2015	2.25%	UBS Cash Manmagement Account	General	A1+	1	2,768.92	2,768.92
Sub Total - Cash Deposit accounts Investment Group						2,002,768.92	1,002,768.92
Floating Rate Notes Investment Group							
As at Date	Current Yield	Borrower	FUND	Rating	Risk Rating	Principal Value	Current value
Sub Total - Floating Rate Notes Investment Group						-	-

Structured Product Investments Group				Maturity Date					
As at Date	Current Yield	Borrower		FUND	Rating	Risk Rating	Principal Value	Written Down Value 30-6-14	Current value
30/04/2015	0.000%	Lehman Brothers Treasury Co. B.v (CPPI - 7457)	9/05/2010*	Water	AA-	5	300,000	48,000.00	30,000.00
							300,000	48,000.00	30,000.00

The written down value of the Structured Product Investment Group as at 30 June, 2014 was \$48,000 now decreasing to \$30,000. 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 2011/2012 Audit Report, the Sewer Fund maintains a sound financial position to meet its operational requirements and the Water Fund maintains a strong financial position.

RISK MATRIX		
Investment Type		Risk Rating
At Call Deposits		1
Bonds	Commonwealth	1
	State	2
	Territory	2
Interest Bearing Deposits (Fixed)		
	Major Bank	1
	Other Banks	2
	Large Credit Union	2
	Small Credit Union	3
Interest Bearing Deposit (Floating)		
	Major Bank	2
	Other Banks	3
	Large Credit Union	3
	Small Credit Union	4
T-Corp Hour Glass Facility		1
Deposits with LGFS		3
Grandfathered Investments		
	Managed Funds	5
	Strcutured Products	5
Large Credit Union - Assets over 1 Billion		
Small Credit Union - Assets under 1 Billion		

B) Council Investments by Fund 31 May, 2015

Portfolio by Fund	as at 30-4-15	as at 31-5-15
General Fund	33,002,768.92	32,002,768.92
Water Fund	5,030,000.00	4,030,000.00
Sewer Fund	5,500,000.00	5,500,000.00
TOTAL	43,532,768.92	41,532,768.92

Council's investment portfolio has decreased by \$2,000,000. This decrease was in respect of normal cash flow movements for receipts collected and payments made during May, 2015 plus payments made for works completed on the Water Treatment Plant. It is also noted that \$1,000,000 was returned to Council's general account for liquidity purposes which can now be re-invested during June.

While the level of investments has been largely maintained over recent years, these will decrease during 2014/2015 as a number of major projects are completed. These include:

- Ashford Water Treatment Plant \$ 1.7 M
- Inverell Sewerage Treatment Works \$ 3.0 M

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	2014/2015 Budget	Actuals to Date
General Fund 128820	1,050,000.00	610,721.96
Water Fund 812350	50,000.00	72,918.50
Sewer Fund 906320	10,000.00	60,928.78
TOTAL	1,110,000.00	744,569.24

The interest received to date (cash basis) is in accordance with Budget and does not include accruals. It is anticipated that Council will meet budgeted interest targets when allowing for end of year accruals.

D) Investment Portfolio Performance

Investment Portfolio Return		Benchmarks	
	% pa	UBSA Bank Bill	11am Cash Rate
Benchmark as at 31-5-15		2.67%	2.00%
Term Deposits	3.65%		
Cash Deposit Accounts	2.53%		
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 \$41.5M is almost entirely invested in fixed term deposits. Overall, the portfolio is highly liquid, highly rated and short-dated from a counterparty perspective.

The RBA cut the official cash rate by 25bp to a new record low of 2.00% in May, but did not include any "easing bias commentary" in their statement. However, in its quarterly Statement on Monetary Policy released three (3) days later, the RBA left the door open to another rate cut amid concerns about a high Australian dollar (further falls are "likely and necessary"), slowing Chinese growth and a weakening domestic economy. However, Money Markets are now only pricing in a smaller chance of one more rate cut by the end of the year.

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.*

ITEM NO:	2.	FILE NO: S12.5.1/08
DESTINATION 5:	The communities are served by sustainable services and infrastructure	S
SUBJECT:	QUARTERLY BUDGET AND OPERATIONAL PLAN REVIEW 2014/2015	
PREPARED BY:	Ken Beddie, Director Corporate and Economic Services	

SUMMARY:

Each quarter Council is required to report on its Operational Plan and Council's Responsible Accounting Officer is required to report as to whether they believe that the Budget Review Statement indicates that the financial position of the Council is satisfactory, having regard to the original estimate of income and expenditure, and if unsatisfactory, make recommendations for remedial action. It is requested that the Committee adopt the report.

COMMENTARY:**2014/2015 BUDGET VARIATIONS:**

It is advised that Council's financial position remains sound.

The following table represents variations required to be made to budget votes as a result of changes since the last meeting to ensure the Budget remains in balance (also see Appendix 1, H13 – H14). Those items identified as requiring funding since the adoption of the 2014/2015 budget have now been funded in full.

The Budget Variations for 2014/2015 are as follows:

**COMBINED FUND - BUDGET VARIATION SUMMARY REPORT
ESTIMATED CASH POSITION 30 JUNE, 2015
FOR 2014/2015 ACTIVITIES**

	General	Water	Sewer	Total
Adopted Budget 2014/201	6,914,940	693,373	393,419	8,001,732 Deficit
Add Back Depreciation	(7,967,150)	(961,000)	(694,500)	(9,622,650) (Non-cash)
Add Back Carry Amount Assets Sold	(77,041)	-	-	(77,041) (Non-Cash)
Internally Restricted Cash Utilised	1,128,000	265,000	300,000	1,693,000
Transferred to Internally Restricted Cash	-	-	-	-
ESTIMATED CASH RESULT FOR 2014/2015 ACTIVITIES	(1,251)	(2,627)	(1,081)	(4,959) SURPLUS
2014/2015 Budget Variations Required to Maintain a Balanced Budget				
REVOTES	4,669,157	3,613,178	1,855,000	10,137,335
UNEXPENDED GRANTS	1,705,476	-	-	1,705,476
Adjustments 30-9-14	243,000	-	-	243,000
Adjustments 31-12-14	128,200	-	-	128,200
Adjustments 31-3-15	760,550	-	-	760,550
Adjustments 22-5-15	-	-	-	-
SUB TOTAL	7,506,383	3,613,178	1,855,000	12,974,561
Internally Restricted Cash Utilised	(1,131,750)	-	-	(1,131,750)
FUNDED FROM EQUITY	(6,374,633)	(3,613,178)	(1,855,000)	(11,842,811)
NET BUDGET VARIATIONS	0	0	0	0
REVISED CASH RESULT FOR 2014/2015 ACTIVITIES	(1,251)	(2,627)	(1,081)	(4,959) SURPLUS

DEFINITIONS:

- 1) **REVOTES** - Revotes are works budgeted and funded in the previous Financial Year, carried forward for completion in the current financial year. Revotes only occur if cash funding remains available from that previous Financial Years Budget to fund the works. The cash is held as equity.
- 2) **FUNDED FROM EQUITY** - Represents Cash funding received in previous financial years from Revenues, Grants and Other Sources and held as Cash due to its non-expenditure, carried forward to fund the required works in the current Financial Year.
- 3) **INTERNALLY RESTRICTED CASH** - Is cash held in investments to fund future financial obligations, for

The report indicates that the Net Budget Variations for 2014/2015 continue to remain at **"Zero"**. This means that all budget variations required to be made to this point, to cover increased or additional expenditures, have been fully funded from either Council receiving additional income or alternately from reductions in expenditures in other areas. There has been no reduction in Working Capital.

GENERAL FUND – OPERATIONAL PLAN REVIEW:

The General Fund remains in balance with the predicted Cash Surplus in respect of 2014/2015 operations remaining unchanged following approval of the Budget Variations attached to this report (refer Appendix 1, H13 – H14). This is after transfers to/from Internally Restricted Assets and Revotes from previous years and the bringing forward of Grant Funding received in 2013/2014 which will be expended in 2014/2015.

A range of additional costs have and are expected to be incurred in the General Fund over the year. These are to be funded as indicated in the Budget Variation Report, from cost savings in other areas and from additional income received. These do not result in a draw down of equity in the General Fund.

A comprehensive review of the General Fund Budget indicates that overall, incomes and expenditures to 22 May, 2015 are in accordance with the adopted budget. All matters not in accordance with the adopted Budget are included in the Budget Variation Report.

Overall, the Operational and financial position of the General Fund Function is sound.

It is noted that on a continuing basis, it has been claimed that Council is holding a significant quantum of Unrestricted Cash, which could be released for future works. The attached tables (Appendix 2, H15 – H16) have been reproduced from the 2013/2014 Audit Report which provide a detailed analysis of Council's "true cash" position after all internal and external restrictions have been allowed for.

WATER FUND – OPERATIONAL PLAN REVIEW:

The Water Fund continues to show sound growth. Overall, the Operational and financial position of the Water Fund Function is sound.

SEWERAGE FUND – OPERATIONAL PLAN REVIEW:

The Sewerage Fund continues to hold a sound operational and financial position.

OPERATIONAL PLAN – COMBINED FUND

Overall Council's operational and financial position in respect of its five (5) destinations are sound. The following information is provided in respect of major issues and projects that Council is leading, participating in, or delivering in 2014/2015:

- Destination 1 – A recognised leader in the broader context:
 - Participation in Regional Living Expo;
 - Participation in Road Funding meetings with the Roads and Maritime Services;
 - Participation in New England Northwest Regional Tourism meetings;
 - Participation in New England Destination Management Hub;
 - Participated in meetings with New England Councils and prepared the submission to establish a trial Joint Organisation of Councils in the New England. Secretariat for the Group;
 - Participated in "Fit for the Future" meetings with New England Councils;
 - Participated in Border Region Organisation of Councils Meeting.
- Destination 2 – A community that is healthy, educated and sustained:
 - Facilitation role for "Linking Together Centre" and development of strong partnerships with Best Employment, State and Federal Government funding bodies;
 - Completed building works on new Ashford EOC Centre;
 - Assist with Sapphire City Festival;
 - Assist with Grafton to Inverell cycle race;
 - Secured library funding from Brighter Access for Early childhood Inclusion Program;
 - Secured funding from Festival Australia for Ngay Walaaybaa (My Home) visual arts exhibition;
 - Secured funding from Clubs NSW for Cameron Park Redevelopment;
 - Completed works on the new Ashford Medical Centre;
 - Provided assistance to the Evans Street Surgery in their development of a new Medical Centre;

- Co-ordinate youth activities – Movies in Campbell Park;
- Partnering with Family NSW to provide Playgroup activities at Tingha and Inverell;
- Participation in New England Cooperative Library.
- Destination 3 – An environment that is protected and sustained:
 - Partnering with Catchment Management Authority in “Brigalow Nandewar Bio Links Program;
 - Completed Energy Efficiency Program for Administration Building;
 - Partnership with Catchment Management Authority for Serrated Tussock weeds program;
 - Secured NSW Environmental Trust Funding for Waste Less Recycle More Initiatives of Love Food hate waste, household compost Bins Project, Community Recycling Centre, Ashford landfill consolidation, Elsmore landfill consolidation;
 - Completed Energy Efficiency Program for Inverell Works Depot and Inverell Tourist Centre.
- Destination 4 – A strong Local Economy:
 - Completed 75% of works on Cameron Park Redevelopment;
 - Completed works at Ashford Medical Centre;
 - Completed works on the new Ashford SES EOC building;
 - Commenced works on new toilet and storage shed at Varley Oval;
 - Participated in a wide range of Tourism and Marketing Shows;
 - Completed Transport Museum Complex and completed sale of old site to Boss Engineering;
 - Participated in Inverell Promotional Activities with the Inverell Chamber of Commerce and Industry.
- Destination 5 – The Communities are served by sustainable services and infrastructure:
 - Commenced and completed a range of Road Upgrade Projects on the Regional Road and Local Road Network;
 - Commenced Highway upgrade project east of Delungra for Roads and Traffic Authority;
 - Completed a significant quantum of Shire Roads Gravel Resheeting;
 - Completed a significant quantum of heavy patching throughout the Shire;
 - Completed Council's 2014/2015 bitumen reseal program;
 - Completed works for Resealing Inverell Airport;
 - Completed 85% works on Optic Fibre installation from Administration Building to Inverell Depot;
 - Successfully secured interest rate subsidy from the Office of Local Government under the Local Infrastructure Renewal Scheme (LIRS) round three for the Inverell Sewerage Treatment Plant (this is the last round of the program);
 - Completed 2013-2014 Financial Statements – sound financial result achieved;
 - Secured additional Repair Program funding from RMS;
 - Secured Active Transport Funding (PAMP) for 2015/2016 - \$0.44M Project;
 - Secured Black Spot funding for upgrade of Leviathan to Schwenkes Lane and a turning lane at Rob Roy Road;
 - Secured Fixing Country Roads funding for Tin Tot Bridge - \$1M Project;
 - Secured Fixing Country Roads funding for HML Assessment on Bruxner's Way.

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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:

No Council or Management Policy is relevant at this time, however, adoption of the recommendation will ensure that Council's philosophy of maintaining "balanced budgets" is continued.

CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICERS COMMENT:

In accordance with the Local Government (General) Regulation 2005, it is my opinion that the Quarterly Budget Review Statement for Inverell Shire Council for the quarter ended 31 March, 2015 indicates that Council's projected financial position at 30 June, 2015 will be satisfactory at year end, having regard to the projected estimates of income and expenditure and the original budgeted income and expenditure.

Adoption of the proposed budget variations as indicated above will maintain Council's 2014/2015 Budget in balance, with an indicative surplus of \$4,959.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS:

Council is required to comply with the provisions of the *Local Government Act, 1993* and Local Government Regulation, 2005 in these matters.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Committee recommend to Council that the proposed variations to budget votes for the 2014/2015 Financial Year be adopted providing an estimated Cash Surplus at 30 June, 2015 from operations of \$4,959

ITEM NO:	3.	FILE NO: S23.16.5/08
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 June, 2015 at 9:30 am**, for GENERAL, WATER AND SEWER STORES for **INVERELL**.

COMMENTARY:

FUND	ADJUSTMENT	NET
GENERAL	WRITE-ON	536.10
GENERAL	WRITE-OFF	-445.36
WATER	WRITE-ON	0.00
WATER	WRITE-OFF	0.00
SEWER	WRITE-ON	0.00
SEWER	WRITE-OFF	0.00
TOTAL		-\$90.74

STOCKTAKE DISCREPANCY LIST						
ITEM	DESCRIPTION	DATE & TIME OF COUNT	BOOK BALANCE QTY	COUNT QTY	DIFF	\$ VALUE ADJ
101370	Paint – Spot Mark 350 grm	02/06/15 – 9:30am	178	202	24	94.76
101710	Blade Hacksaw – 18TPI		63	64	1	1.98
101740	Blade Cut Off – Metal 356 x 25mm		5	6	1	20.97
101785	Grease Gun – Pump Action		9	8	-1	-99.25
101885	CBC 400 grm Aerosol		10	9	-1	-5.98
101890	Applicator		9	8	-1	-2.03
102100	Oil – Agri Trans Plus		101	119	18	62.65
102155	Oil – EPX 85W/140		218	197	-21	-84.14
102165	Oil – Hyspin AWH 46		307	338	31	99.05
102185	Oil – Vecton 15W-40		794.50	744.50	-50	-192.66
102200	Oil – Cat Deo 15W-40		206	209	3	12.34
101925	Angle Iron 25mm		72	70.5	-1.5	-3.18
101930	Angle Iron 32mm		87.5	85.9	-1.6	-3.90
101935	Angle Iron 40mm		72.5	71.6	-0.9	-3.99
101960	Steel Flat 50mm		78	86	8	32.88
101980	Steel – 15mm NB Pipe		59	58.8	-0.2	-0.48
102000	Steel – 25x25mm RHS		86	84.5	-1.5	-3.98
102045	Y12 Deformed Bar		126	132	6	11.02
102050	Steel Fabric – RF62		8	7	-1	-45.77
102060	Steel Fabric – RF72		28	29	1	51.60
101435	Distillate – On Road Bulk		10,199	10,310	111	130.62
101445	Petrol - Unleaded		2,829	2,845	16	18.23
					TOTAL	\$90.74

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 **\$90.74** 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 **\$90.74** be made in the Stores Ledger.*

APPENDIX 1

BUDGET VARIATIONS - FINANCE MEETING 10-6-15			
LEDGER No.	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT \$	COMMENT/REASON
GENERAL FUND			
<i>Increase/Decrease in INCOME</i>			
122016-1000	Grant - Community Recycling Centre	172,238	New Grant from NSW Environment Trust
122017-1000	Grant - Ashford Tip Closure & Consolidation	179,378	New Grant from NSW Environment Trust
122018-1000	Grant - Elsmore Tip Closure & Consolidation	167,905	New Grant from NSW Environment Trust
122019-1000	Grant - Organics Infrastructure Program	66,562	New Grant from NSW Environment Trust
122020-1000	Grant - Food Waste Avoidance	28,185	New Grant from NSW Environment Trust
122013-1000	Grant - Public Reserves Management	25,000	Sport and Rec grant for Graman Rec Ground
122013-3050	Grant - Community Building Partnership Program	12,770	CBP14-0245 Enhancing Access & Safety at Anzac Park Delungra
122013-3230	Grant - Community Building Partnership Program	10,127	CBP14-1681 Upgrade Yetman Hall
122460-1000	Grant-Rta Repair Program	142,100	Additional RMS Repair Program Grant Funding for Karool Road
122460-1000	Grant-Rta Repair Program	96,030	Additional RMS Repair Program Grant Funding for Fullers Lane
122375-1000	Grant-Speed Management Engineering Works 2014/15-Various	45,280	RMS Grant Funding
121342-1000	Grant - Department Vetran Affairs	3,636	Funding for Saluting their Service Program
TOTAL INCREASE IN INCOME		949,211	<i>Positive figure indicates increased income, (Negative) figure indicates decreased income</i>
<i>Increase/Decrease in EXPENDITURE</i>			
159759-1000	Grant Program - Community Recycling Centre	172,238	New Grant funded Program
135438-1000	Grant Program - Ashford Tip Closure & Consolidation	179,378	New Grant funded Program
135439-1000	Grant Program - Elsmore Tip Closure & Consolidation	167,905	New Grant funded Program
135437-1000	Grant Program - Organics Infrastructure Program	66,562	New Grant funded Program
135435-1000	Grant Program - Food Waste Avoidance	28,185	New Grant funded Program
160661-3080	Graman Rec Ground Upgrade	25,000.00	Grant Funded Program
139120-3230	Villages Developments - Yetman	10,127.00	CBP14-1681 Upgrade Yetman Hall
139120-3050	Villages Developments - Delungra	12,770.00	CBP14-0245 Enhancing Access & Safety at Anzac Park Delungra
142003-1000	Landscaping - Park/Hall Streets	11,395	Additional costs incurred
139120-3070	Village Developments	(11,395)	Funding for above
135900-1000	Urban Drainage Maint.	4,975	Additional costs incurred
140500-1000	Kerb & Gutter Maintenance	(4,975)	Funding for above
139010-1000	Inverell Seal Maintenance	13,380	Additional costs incurred
140500-1000	Kerb & Gutter Maintenance	(9,780)	Funding for above
140000-1000	Inverell Unsealed Maint.	(3,600)	Funding for above
139030-1000	Inverell Shoulder Maintenance	1,860	Additional costs incurred
139030-1000	Mtc of Pavement Markings	(1,860)	Funding for above
140470-1000	Cycleway Maintenance	7,340	Additional costs incurred
140510-1000	Paved Footpath Maintenance	(4,000)	Funding for above
140500-1000	Kerb & Gutter Maintenance	(3,340)	Funding for above
139180-1000	Maintenance - Bitumen Seal Sth	12,015	Additional costs incurred
139300-1000	Heavy Patching Shire Roads	(12,015)	Funding for above
140630-1000	Shire Roads Sth - Timber Clearing	10,925	Additional costs incurred
140620-1000	Shire Roads Nth - Timber Clearing	(9,500)	Funding for above
139360-1000	Gunee Feedlot Contnb.Rd Mtce.	(1,425)	Funding for above
142505-1100	ACRD Gravel Resheeting Minor Roads - South	4,095	Additional costs incurred
142980-1100	ACRD Gravel Resheeting Art & Collector - South	(4,095)	Funding for above
137680-1150	BLK-MR137 South Inverell/Bonshaw	10,741	Additional costs incurred
137630-1000	BLK- TR73 Mtc	(10,741)	Funding for above
137830-1100	BLK - Heavy Patching	5,175	Additional costs incurred
137620-1000	BLK- TR63 Mtc	(5,175)	Funding for above
148409-1000	Maintenance Grading MCE Allocation	25,753	Additional grading completed due to wet weather
141740-1000	ACRD - Blackspots	(11,896)	Funding for above
140220-1000	Gravel Patching - North	(7,013)	Funding for above
142507-1100	ARCD DCES Unallocated	(6,844)	Funding for above
135770-1000	Ashford St/Gutter Clean	1,800	Additional costs incurred
139280-1000	Rural Seal Bitumen Mtc	(1,800)	Funding for above
137155-3600	Passive Parks - Rest Areas North	3,970	Additional costs incurred
139280-1000	Rural Seal Bitumen Mtc	(3,970)	Funding for above
137280-3001	Street Mowing - Ashford	3,510	Additional costs incurred
139280-1000	Rural Seal Bitumen Mtc	(3,510)	Funding for above
139260-1000	Rural Seal R'Side Growth Control	1,000	Additional costs incurred
139270-1000	Rural Seal R'Side Furnish	(1,000)	Funding for above
140250-1000	Drainage Structures - Nth	2,675	Additional costs incurred
139290-1000	Rural Seal Drainage slrs	(2,675)	Funding for above
139990-1000	ARCD Gravel Resheeting Art & Collector - North	25,132	Additional costs incurred
142980-1100	ACRD Gravel Resheeting Art & Collector - South	(25,132)	Funding for above
140230-1000	Grading - North	25,217	Additional grading completed due to wet weather
140130-1000	Grading - South	(22,600)	Funding for above
140220-1000	Gravel Patching - North	(2,617)	Funding for above
140110-1100	Gravel Resheeting - Minor Roads - North	1,720	Additional costs incurred
140220-1000	Gravel Patching - North	(1,720)	Funding for above
143612-1100	R2R- Gravel Resheeting (Yr1) - North	6,467	Additional costs incurred
142503-1000	ARCD - Unallocated	(6,467)	Funding for above
137690-1170	BLK-MR137 North Inverell/Bonshaw	9,000	Additional costs incurred
137630-1000	BLK - TR73 Mtc	(9,000)	Funding for above
137760-1150	BLK-MR462 Bruxner Way	9,590	Additional costs incurred
137630-1000	BLK - TR73 Mtc	(9,590)	Funding for above
137249-3600	Parks-Garbage Services to Parks	4,400	Additional costs incurred
148420-1000	DCES Special Projects	(4,400)	Funding for above
140520-3100	Villages Unpaved Footpath Mtc	11,310	Additional costs incurred
145700-1000	Tree Plant & Pots New	(7,500)	Funding for above
145720-1000	Tree Grow Out Facility	(1,500)	Funding for above
137260-1000	Signs on Parks & Reserves	(1,110)	Funding for above
141331-4450	CBD Works	(1,200)	Funding for above
140540-1000	Tree Plant & Pots	10,115	Additional costs incurred
141331-4450	CBD Works	(10,115)	Funding for above
Various	Passive Parks	18,435	Additional costs incurred
141340-1000	CBD Upgrade works	(18,435)	Funding for above
148409-1000	Maintenance Grading MCE Allocation	30,000	Addition Grading Allocation
148420-1000	DCES Special Projects	(30,000)	Funding for above
143004-1100	RP-MR137-(40.69k to 42.18k North Inverell)Realign/Widen	477,364	MR 137 Karoola Road Rehabilitation works
137561-1000	Block Grant-Total Allocation-Capital Exps	-	175,264 Funding for above
138730-4450	3x3 Program-Total Allocation	-	160,000 Funding for above
143005-1100	RP-MR 187-Fuller Lane to Saleyards-2.61 to 3.36k Nth SH12	-	195,000 MR187 Fullers Lane to Saleyards Rehabilitation works
137561-1000	Block Grant-Total Allocation-Capital Exps	-	85,122 Funding for above
137560-1000	Block Grant-Total Allocation-Non Capital	-	13,848 Funding for above
143003-1100	RP-MR134-Rehab/Widen-21.82k to 22.85k Nth MR63	-	54,318 Additional funding for MR184 Michells Lane Rehabilitation works
137650-1000	Block Grant-Total Allocation-Non Capital	-	54,318 Funding for above
140785-1000	Speed Management Engineering Works	45,280	RMS Grant for Speed Management
180511-4450	Help Hands Program - Capital	21,393	Allocation of grant funding to purchase vehicle for Helping Hands Program
180510-4590	Helping Hands Program-Expenses	(21,393)	Funding for above
139120-3050	Villages Developments - Delungra	3,636	Saluting their Service Program
161620-1000	Heavy Plant Purchases	145,000	Upgrade stores truck to include tilt tray and great load capacity
TOTAL INCREASE IN EXPENDITURE		1,094,211	<i>Positive figure indicates increased expenditure, (Negative) figure decreased expenditure</i>
NET CHANGE TO CURRENT BUDGET Surplus/(Deficit)		145,000	<i>Positive figure indicates increased expenditure, (Negative) figure decreased expenditure</i>
Restricted Assets			
	Heavy Plant Internal Restrict Reserve	145,000	
TOTAL FUNDING FROM RESTRICTED ASSETS		145,000	
FUNDED FROM EQUITY (G5795.000)		145,000	
NET CHANGE TO FINANCIAL POSITION Surplus/(Deficit)		-	

BUDGET VARIATIONS - FINANCE MEETING 10-6-15			
LEDGER No.	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT \$	COMMENT/REASON
WATER FUND			
<i>Increase/Decrease in INCOME</i>			
TOTAL INCREASE IN INCOME			
-			
<i>Positive figure indicates increased income, (Negative) figure indicates decreased income</i>			
<i>Increase/Decrease in EXPENDITURE</i>			
812710-1000	Legal Expenses	1,200	Additional costs incurred
814550-100	Treatment Works - Ashford & Yetman	10,000	Additional costs incurred
812420-100	Sundry Administration Expenses	3,200	Additional costs incurred
812660-5350	Insurance Premiums	(6,100)	Funding for above
814840-4510	Pump Stations Others	(5,100)	Funding for above
812430-1000	Advertising Expenses	(3,200)	Funding for above
TOTAL INCREASE IN EXPENDITURE			
-			
<i>Positive figure indicates increased expenditure, (Negative) figure decreased expenditure</i>			
NET CHANGE TO CURRENT BUDGET Surplus/(Deficit)			
-			
<i>Positive figure indicates increased expenditure, (Negative) figure decreased expenditure</i>			
SEWER FUND			
<i>Increase/Decrease in INCOME</i>			
911050	Contribution to Sewer Works - Section 64	16,000	Additional income received
TOTAL INCREASE IN INCOME			
16,000			
<i>Positive figure indicates increased income, (Negative) figure indicates decreased income</i>			
<i>Increase/Decrease in EXPENDITURE</i>			
906470-1000	Pumping Station & Plant	16,000	Additional Costs
TOTAL INCREASE IN EXPENDITURE			
16,000			
<i>Positive figure indicates increased expenditure, (Negative) figure decreased expenditure</i>			
NET CHANGE TO CURRENT BUDGET Surplus/(Deficit)			
-			
<i>Positive figure indicates increased expenditure, (Negative) figure decreased expenditure</i>			

APPENDIX 2

EXCERPT 2013/2014 AUDIT REPORT

The following schedule of assets and liabilities has been extracted from the Statement of Financial Position as at 30th June 2014. This schedule discloses the consolidated assets and liabilities of all functions.

SCHEDULE OF ASSETS & LIABILITIES	2014 \$'000	2013 \$'000	Variance %
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash and cash equivalents	16,841	2,281	638.3%
Investments	16,668	38,744	-57.0%
Receivables	6,475	6,085	6.4%
Inventories	576	606	-5.0%
Other	278	-	0.0%
Available for sale non-current assets	1,024	279	267.0%
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	41,862	47,995	-12.8%
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Payables	2,634	1,687	56.1%
Borrowings	166	416	-60.1%
Provisions	3,863	3,743	3.2%
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES	6,663	5,846	14.0%
NET CURRENT ASSETS	35,199	42,149	-16.5%
NON-CURRENT ASSETS			
Investments	7,000	-	0.0%
Investment Properties	2,667	2,667	0.0%
Receivables	105	418	-74.9%
Infrastructure, Property Plant & Equipment	525,214	519,512	1.1%
TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS	534,986	522,597	2.4%
NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Provisions	1,522	1,440	5.7%
Borrowings	1,638	1,804	-9.2%
TOTAL NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES	3,160	3,244	-2.6%
NET ASSETS	567,025	561,502	1.0%

NET CURRENT ASSETS

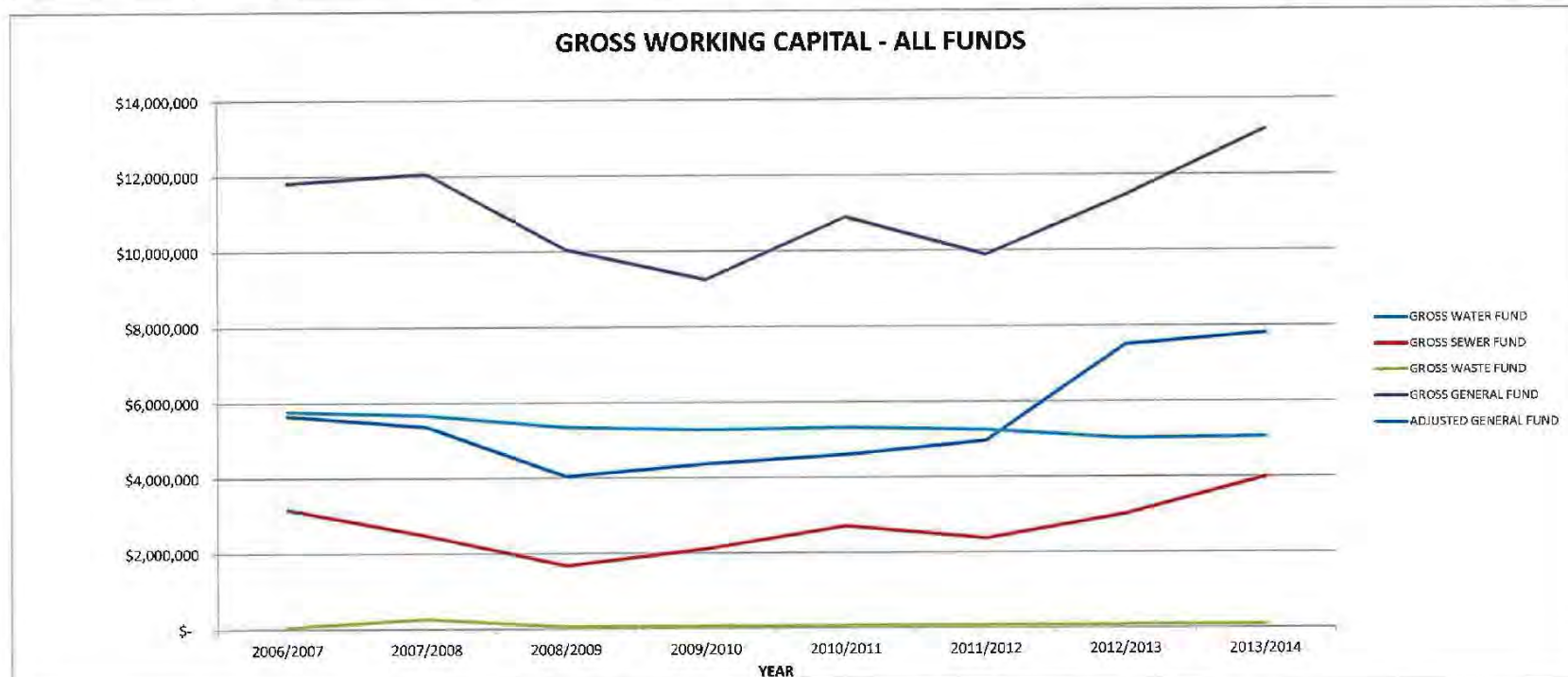
The Net Current Asset position at year end is an important financial indicator as it discloses the working capital available to Council to fund day to day operations and finance infrastructure and new community projects. However, included in Current Assets are assets which are "Restricted" by regulation or other externally imposed requirements and therefore are not available other than their restricted purpose. The table below shows the net current asset position adjusted for restricted assets.

	Water \$'000	Sewerage \$'000	Dom Waste \$'000	General \$'000	Total \$'000
Current Assets	8,322	4,088	90	29,362	41,862
Current Liabilities	513	102	-	6,048	6,663
Net Current Assets	7,809	3,986	90	23,314	35,199
Plus: Non-Current Investments	-	-	-	7,000	7,000
Plus: Employee Entitlements Payable >12mths	-	-	-	2,709	2,709
Total Funds before Restrictions	7,809	3,986	90	33,023	44,908
LESS: Restricted Cash & Investments (Included in Revenue)					
Developer Contributions	-	-	-	296	296
Specific Purpose Grants & Contributions and other minor restrictions	-	-	-	1,781	1,781
	-	-	-	2,077	2,077
NET FUNDS AVAILABLE	7,809	3,986	90	30,946	42,831
LESS Internal Restrictions	-	-	-	17,758	17,758
Net Funds After All Restrictions	7,809	3,986	90	13,188	25,073

After funding all restrictions, Council still retains a very strong cash position to fund working capital needs with net unrestricted general funds of \$13.2 million.

WORKING CAPITAL MOVEMENTS 2007 to 2014

	GROSS WATER FUND	GROSS SEWER FUND	GROSS WASTE FUND	GROSS GENERAL FUND	ADJUSTED GENERAL FUND
2006/2007	\$ 5,662,000	\$ 3,176,000	\$ 55,000	\$ 11,822,000	\$ 5,775,000
2007/2008	\$ 5,366,000	\$ 2,473,000	\$ 270,000	\$ 12,065,000	\$ 5,670,000
2008/2009	\$ 4,045,000	\$ 1,670,000	\$ 53,000	\$ 10,050,000	\$ 5,350,000
2009/2010	\$ 4,370,000	\$ 2,106,000	\$ 62,000	\$ 9,250,000	\$ 5,275,000
2010/2011	\$ 4,599,000	\$ 2,709,000	\$ 69,000	\$ 10,894,000	\$ 5,322,000
2011/2012	\$ 4,965,000	\$ 2,375,000	\$ 73,000	\$ 9,885,000	\$ 5,255,000
2012/2013	\$ 7,500,000	\$ 3,014,000	\$ 82,000	\$ 11,455,000	\$ 5,017,000
2013/2014	\$ 7,809,000	\$ 3,986,000	\$ 90,000	\$ 13,188,000	\$ 5,061,000
NOTES	(Includes Ashford Water Plant Revote \$3.613M)	(Includes Inverell STP Upgrade Revote \$1.855M)			Cash Expense Cover Ratio 3.28
- Figures disclosed in Council's Annual Audit Reports by Council's External Auditors - Forsyths (Page 6)					
- The Waste Fund also holds Internally Restrictied Assets of \$ 1,382,000					
GROSS GENERAL FUND UNRESTRICTED FUNDS					\$000 13,188
LESS					
Budget Revotes for Works to be completed in 2014/2015			October, 2014 Budget Review		4,669
Capital and Other Commitments			RMS Warranty etc		-
Receivables not expected to be recovered in next 12 months - Rates & Charges			Note 7		913
Plus Current Provisions			Note 7		739
Inventories - Stores and Materials			Note 21		462
Prepayments			Note 21		278
Non-current assets classified as held for sale - Real Estate			Note 21		1,024
Stormwater Management Charge			Note 6		-
Bonds and Other Deposits			Note 6		-
LESS Extraordinary Item - Saleyards Sale Proceeds - Deferred Payment Plan - Funds Restricted					1,520
NET GENERAL FUND WORKING CAPITAL/CASHFLOW AS AT 30 JUNE, 2014					5,061



2013/2014 FINANCIAL REPORTS REVIEW - LG NSW Format				COMBINED
				FUND '000
OPERATING SURPLUS	Page 2			3,435
NET CURRENT ASSETS	Page 4			41,862
TOTAL EQUITY	Page 4			567,025
INCREASE IN EQUITY	Page 5			5,523
OPERATING SURPLUS				3,435
- Less Capital Grants and Contrib.	Page 2	-		3,237
- Less Unexpended Operating Grants	Page 34 - and Note 3 detail	-		574
ADJUSTED SURPLUS (Utilised for Asset Renewal/Upgrade)				376
ACTUAL 2013/2014 CASH SURPLUS				2
		REPORTED '000	ADJUSTED '000	
OPERATING RESULT	Page 2	4,647	-	376 Capital Works Equity Funded
TOTAL EQUITY	Page 3 & 4	567,025	41,811	Excluding Fixed Assets
INCREASE IN EQUITY	Page 4	5,523	3,435	Excluding Asset Revaluations
Note: The increase in equity included an actual increase in the tangible assets of the Council totalling \$3.435M.				
Note: Working Capital deficit of \$376K resulted from the removal of the Financial Assistance Grants prepayment. In 2012/2013 a payment of \$2.65M was received for 2013/2014. Once this figure is included the actual operating result was \$2.274M				