



Member for Northern Tablelands, Adam Marshall and Mayor Harmon officially opened the Redevelopment of Cameron Park on 18 May, 2016.

The NSW Government provided \$510,000 towards the \$1.2M project.

## Business Paper Ordinary Meeting of Council 25 May, 2016

**INVERELL SHIRE COUNCIL**

**NOTICE OF ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL**

19 May, 2016

An Ordinary Meeting of Council will be held in the Council Chambers, Administrative Centre, 144 Otho Street, Inverell on Wednesday, 25 May, 2016, commencing at **3pm**.

Your attendance at this Ordinary Meeting of Council would be appreciated.

**P J HENRY PSM**

**GENERAL MANAGER**

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**2PM**

**AFTERNOON TEA**

## 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><b>Destinations</b></i>	<i><b>Icon</b></i>	<i><b>Code</b></i>
<p><b>1. A recognised leader in a broader context.</b></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><b>2. A community that is healthy, educated and sustained.</b></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><b>3. An environment that is protected and sustained.</b></p> <p>Giving priority to sustainable agriculture, the protection and conservation of rivers, waterways bio diversity and the built environment.</p>		E
<p><b>4. A strong local economy.</b></p> <p>Giving priority to economic and employment growth and the attraction of visitors.</p>		B
<p><b>5. The Communities are served by sustainable services and infrastructure.</b></p> <p>Giving priority to the provision of community focused services and the maintenance, enhancement and upgrade of infrastructure.</p>		S



## MEETING CALENDAR

October 2015 – September 2016

	TIME	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MARCH	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUGUST	SEPT
		Wed	Wed	Wed	Wed	Wed	Wed	Wed	Wed	Wed	Wed	Wed	Wed
<b>Ordinary Meetings</b>	<b>3:00 pm</b>	28	25	16	No Meeting	24	23	27	25	^22	27	24	*28
<b>Major Committees</b>		<b>Wed</b>	<b>Wed</b>	<b>Wed</b>	<b>Wed</b>	<b>Wed</b>	<b>Wed</b>	<b>Wed</b>	<b>Wed</b>	<b>Wed</b>	<b>Wed</b>	<b>Wed</b>	<b>Wed</b>
Civil and Environmental Services	<b>8:30 am</b>	14	11	No Meetings	No Meetings	10	9	13	11	8	13	10	14
Economic and Community Sustainability	<b>10:30 am</b>												

^ Meeting at which the Management Plan for 2016/2017 is adopted. \*Mayoral Election, to be conducted. (September)

- Members of the public are invited to observe meetings of the Council.  
Should you wish to address Council, please contact the Office of the General Manager on 6728 8206.

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MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF INVERELL SHIRE COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, ADMINISTRATIVE CENTRE, 144 OTHO STREET, INVERELL ON WEDNESDAY, 27 APRIL, 2016, COMMENCING AT 3 PM.

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

The General Manager (Paul Henry), Director Corporate & Economic Services (Ken Beddie) and Director Civil & Environmental Services (Brett McInnes).

**SECTION A**

**APOLOGIES** **S13.6.9/09**

The General Manager advised that Cr Peters tendered his apology and sought leave of absence for business reasons.

**23/16 RESOLVED** *(Jones/Watts) that the apology from Cr Peters due to his absence for business reasons be accepted, and that leave of absence be granted.*

**CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES** **S13.5.2/09**

**24/16 RESOLVED** *(Johnston/Michael) that the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 23 March, 2016, as circulated to members, be confirmed as a true and correct record of that meeting.*

**DISCLOSURE OF CONFLICT OF INTERESTS/PECUNIARY AND NON-PECUNIARY INTERESTS**

There were no interests declared.

**PUBLIC FORUM** **S13.5.6/09**

At this juncture, the time being 3.05pm, the Mayor welcomed the members of the public and opened the Public Forum Session by inviting members of the public to speak:

Mr Les Eastaway London Plane Trees

Mr Eastaway noted the Plane Trees in and around Inverell, particularly at Varley Oval. Mr Eastaway asked if it was Council's direction that the London Plane Trees at Varley Oval be removed, noting the comment of a staff member.

Director Civil & Environmental Services, Mr Brett McInnes advised that the tree is not being removed. This tree, like a number of mature trees around the town had suffered due to the prolonged hot weather. It is being treated to deal with the impact of the weather.

At this juncture, the time being 3.10pm, the Public Forum Session closed and Council resumed the balance of the Agenda.

**SECTION B**  
**ADVOCACY REPORTS**

Cr Watts Domestic Violence Forum

Cr Watts noted the success of the recent event and the need to keep this issue at the forefront on the community's mind.

- Cr Girle                    Seniors Week
- Cr Girle noted the success of the recent Seniors Week events.
- Cr Harmon                Inverell Anzac Event
- Cr Harmon noted the strong community support of the Inverell Anzac Day event.
- Cr Watts                   Delungra Anzac Event
- Cr Watts was pleased to advise that the Delungra Anzac Day event was well supported by the community of Delungra.
- Cr Michael                Bellevue Park Upgrade
- Cr Michael officially opened the new Bellevue Park playground on 12 April, 2016. The community has expressed its appreciation for the new facility.
- GM-A           Cr Baker                Anzac Day                    S26.3.3/09
- Cr Baker noted the Anzac Day events, having attended the Ashford event. Cr Baker asked that Ashford School be commended on their organisation of the Ashford event.
- 25/16 RESOLVED (Baker/Michael) that a letter of appreciation be sent to Ashford School in this matter.***

**SECTION C  
COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**1.        AUDIT & RISK COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES – 23 MARCH 2016  
          S4.11.21**

***26/16 RESOLVED (Johnston/Watts) that:***

- i)        the Minutes of the Audit & Risk Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, 23 March, 2016, be received and noted; and*
- ii)       the following recommendations of the Audit & Risk Committee be adopted by Council:*

**1.        WORK HEALTH AND SAFETY AUDIT REPORT 2014/2015                    S27.1.11**

*That:*

- i)        the information be received and noted including Council's sound performance in this area, and*
- ii)       a further report be provided to the July 2016 Committee meeting in respect of the Reporting of Injuries.*

**2.        ECONOMIC FORECASTS - NSW TREASURY CORPORATION                    S12.20.3**

*That the information be received and noted.*

**3.        GOVERNANCE – QUARTERLY INVESTMENT REPORT                    S12.12.5/09**

*That the information be noted.*

**4. LIGHTING PLAN S28.9.20**

**27/16 RESOLVED** (Baker/Castledine) that the issue of the development of a decorative lighting plan for the Inverell CBD be referred to the TCRP Sunset Committee for consideration.

**2. CIVIL & ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES – 13 APRIL 2016 S4.11.16/08**

**28/16 RESOLVED** (Castledine/Watts) that:

- i) the Minutes of the Civil & Environmental Services Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, 13 April, 2016, be received and noted; and
- ii) the following recommendation of the Civil & Environmental Services Committee be adopted by Council:

**1. REVIEW OF COMPLYING DEVELOPMENT FOR INLAND NSW S18.3.1**

That Council endorse the draft submission to NSW Department of Planning and Environment in relation to the background paper – A Review of Complying Development for Inland NSW.

**3. ECONOMIC & COMMUNITY SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES – 13 APRIL 2016 S4.11.17/08**

**29/16 RESOLVED** (Watts/Johnston) that:

- i) the Minutes of the Economic & Community Sustainability Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, 13 April, 2016, be received and noted; and
- ii) the following recommendations of the Economic & Community Sustainability Committee be adopted by Council:

**1. AUSTRALIAN LOCAL GOVERNMENT WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION 2016 NSW CONFERENCE S4.3.1**

That the information be received and noted.

**2. EXPIRING LICENCE AGREEMENTS S5.10.65**

- 1. Licence Agreement, Macintyre High School - Lot 1, DP 771853, Corner Brissett & Killeen Streets, Inverell.

That:

- i) Council renew the agreement with Macintyre High School for Lot 1, DP 771853 Brissett Street, Inverell for a three (3) year period with a further three (3) year option under the same terms and conditions;
- ii) the licence fee be \$60.00 per annum (GST inclusive); and
- iii) the Licence Agreement be subject to any other terms and conditions as negotiated by Council's General Manager.

- 2. Licence Agreement, Mr Mervyn Fenton - Part Road adjoining Lot 2, DP 704034, Old Bundarra Road, Inverell.

That:

- i) Council renew the agreement with Mr Mervyn Fenton for Part Lane adjoining Lot 2, DP 704034, Old Bundarra Road, Inverell for a three (3) year period with a further three (3) year option under the same terms and conditions;
  - ii) the licence fee be \$60.00 per annum (GST inclusive); and
  - iii) the Licence Agreement be subject to any other terms and conditions as negotiated by Council's General Manager.
3. Licence Agreement, Mr Peter and Mrs Jennifer Dixon - Part Public Reserve, Old Bundarra Road, Inverell.

That:

- i) Council renew the agreement with Mr Peter and Mrs Jennifer Dixon for Part Public Reserve, Old Bundarra Road, Inverell for a three (3) year period with a further three (3) year option under the same terms and conditions;
  - ii) the licence fee be \$1250.00 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.
4. Licence Agreement, Kameg Pty Ltd - Part of Ring Street, Adjacent to Lot 3, Section 1 DP 5609, Inverell.

That:

- i) Council renew the agreement with Kameg Pty Ltd for Part of Ring Street, adjacent to Lot 3, Section 1 DP 5609, Inverell, for a three (3) year period with a further three (3) year option under the same terms and conditions;
  - ii) the licence fee to be \$805.00 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.
5. Licence Agreement, Mr Hilton Gordon - Part Closed Lane adjoining Lot 1, DP 567233, Wynne Street, Inverell.

That:

- i) Council renew the agreement with Mr Hilton Gordon for Part Closed Lane adjoining Lot 1, DP 567233, Wynne Street, Inverell, for a three (3) year period with a further three (3) year option under the same terms and conditions;
- ii) the licence fee to be \$95.00 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.

6. Licence Agreement, Mr Terry and Mrs Catherine Rainger - Lot 89, DP 754847, Little Plain Recreation Reserve.

*That:*

- i) Council renew the agreement with Mr Terry and Mrs Catherine Rainger for Lot 89, DP 754847, Little Plain Recreation Reserve, for a three (3) year period with a further three (3) year option under the same terms and conditions;*
- ii) the licence fee to be \$380.00 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.*

7. Licence Agreement, Mr Garry and Mrs Robyn Brown – Part Unformed Road, Eastern Boundary of Lot 263, DP 753287, Inverell.

*That:*

- i) Council renew the agreement with Mr Garry and Mrs Robyn Brown for Part Unformed Road, Eastern Boundary of Lot 263, DP 753287, Inverell, for a three (3) year period with a further three (3) year option under the same terms and conditions;*
- ii) the licence fee to be \$90.00 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.*

8. Licence Agreement, Mr Grant Hoscher - Part Unformed Road adjoining Lot 133, DP 753287, Dog Trap Lane, Inverell.

*That:*

- i) Council renew the agreement with Mr Grant Hoscher for Part Unformed Road adjoining Lot 133, DP 753287, Dog Trap Lane, Inverell, for a three (3) year period with a further three (3) year option under the same terms and conditions;*
- ii) the licence fee to be \$65.00 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. DISPLAY OF STREET BANNERS IN CBD S2.23.1

*That additional street banner poles be fabricated and installed at a location in Byron Street that is the most appropriate site.*

4. INVERELL & DISTRICT LAPIDARY CLUB - REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE  
S26.4.19

*That:*

- i) this project be suggested as a possible project of the NSW Community Building Partnership fund;*

- ii) *the required 50% matching contribution be treated as a loan to the Club; and*
- iii) *the grant application be submitted on the basis that the loan is to be appropriately secured prior to submitting.*

5. YETMAN COMMUNITY BUS S23.7.18

*That the Yetman Hall Committee be advised that Council is prepared to consider registering the bus as a Council asset, however a further report be prepared for the Audit & Risk Committee on the risks associated with this course of action.*

6. 2016/2017 DRAFT ESTIMATES AND OPERATIONAL PLAN, AND LONG TERM FINANCIAL PLAN S12.5.3

*That:*

1. GENERAL ACTIVITIES

*The following works be funded from the Urban Works Vote and be included in the 2016/2017 Budget:*

1.1 Urban Works Program

A. Inverell and Villages - Urban Renewal and Upgrade General Fund, Water Fund

Captain Cook Drive/Wood Street Intersection	\$ 85K	\$ 0K
Gilchrist Street Shoulder, Kerb and Gutter	\$ 50K	\$ 0K
Town Centre Renewal Plan Works		
- Byron Street Drainage Works adjacent to KFC	\$ 30K	
- Other Renewal Works	\$ 270K	
Minor Urban Projects/Design	\$ 12K	
	\$ 447K	

B. Footpaths and Cycleway Construction

\$ for \$ Contribution to PAMP Program \$ 70K  
(RMS approved the 2016/2017 Program)

C. Urban Drainage Construction/Reconstruction

Drainage Constructions – Funded from Stormwater Management Service Charge – See separate section below

D. Village Works – Community suggested projects

Ashford	\$ 6K
Delungra	\$ 6K
Gilgai	\$ 5K
Yetman	\$ 6K
Oakwood	\$ 1K
Bonshaw	\$ 1K
Graman	\$ 1K
Nullamanna	\$ 1K
Elsmore	\$ 1K
Stannifer	\$ 1K
Gum Flat	\$ 1K

**GENERAL FUND GRAND TOTAL**  
**WATER FUND TOTAL**

**\$ 547K**  
**\$ 0K**

1.2 Finance and Assistance Grant – Local Roads Component (ACRD) 2016/2017 Program

*That:*

- i) the budget allocations for the 2016/2017 ACRD Program be noted; and*
- ii) a further report be presented to the Civil and Environmental Services Committee in respect of the funding allocations and individual works proposed to be undertaken under this program.*

1.3 RMS Supplementary Block Grant Program

*That the allocation of the \$160K RMS Supplementary Block Grant Program be the subject of a further report to the Civil and Environmental Services Committee Meeting.*

1.4 Roads to Recovery Program

*That:*

- i) the budget allocation for the 2016/2017 Roads to Recovery Program be endorsed; and*
- ii) a further report be presented to the Civil and Environment Committee in respect of the specific projects to be funded.*

1.5 Block Grant Program – Regional Roads

*That the 2016/2017 Block Grant Program for the Regional Road Network be endorsed.*

1.6 Road Construction and Asset Maintenance Program (non-recurrent)

*That the \$1.0M revenue funded 2016/2017 Road Construction and Asset Management (non-recurrent) Program be endorsed.*

1.7 Variations to Budget

*That:*

- i) the information be noted;*
- ii) Council provide an allocation of \$150,000 for joint industry promotions and assistance;*
- iii) the following 2016/2017 Strategic Capital Infrastructure/Projects Program projects be endorsed:*
  - *Community Building Partnerships Program \$ for \$ \$ 60K*
  - *Local Government Election Expenses \$ 95K*
  - *John Street, Inverell – Upgrade and Seal \$ 20K*
  - *Urban Construction – Oliver Street Extension to Swanbrook Road and Intersection Works \$ 340K*
- iv) the transfers to and from Internally Restricted Assets be endorsed.*

1.8 Rates

1.8.1 General Comments

*That Council utilise the maximum permissible rate increase allowed by the IPART/State Government of 1.8%.*

1.8.2 Rating Structure

*That the General Base Amount and the General Ad Valorem Rates be determined utilising the maximum permissible increase allowed by the State Government and the categories be:*

*Residential – Inverell  
Residential – General  
Residential – Ashford  
Residential – Delungra  
Residential – Gilgai  
Residential – Yetman  
Residential – Rural  
Business – Inverell Industrial/Commercial  
Business – Other  
Farmland  
Mining*

1.8.3 Effect on Rates

*That:*

- i) the information be noted; and*
- ii) the Interest Rate applicable to Outstanding Rates and Charges for 2016/2017 be the maximum allowable as advised by the Office of Local Government.*

1.9 Waste Management Charges

*That the following Waste Management Charges be adopted:*

- i) Waste Management Charge – All Properties \$ 80.00*
- ii) Domestic Waste Management - Occupied Charge:*

Number of Services per Assessment	Annual Charge per Assessment
1	\$ 320.00
2	\$ 640.00
3	\$ 960.00
4	\$ 1,280.00
5	\$ 1,600.00
6	\$ 1,920.00
7	\$ 2,240.00
8	\$ 2,560.00
9	\$ 2,880.00
10	\$ 3,200.00
11	\$ 3,520.00
12	\$ 3,840.00
13	\$ 4,160.00
14	\$ 4,480.00
15	\$ 4,800.00
	etc

- iii) Domestic Waste Management – Unoccupied Charge \$50.00*
- iv) Other Waste Management Charge*

Number of Services	Yearly Charge per Service (Ex GST)
1	\$ 320.00
2	\$ 640.00
3	\$ 960.00
4	\$ 1,280.00
5	\$ 1,600.00
6	\$ 1,920.00
7	\$ 2,240.00
8	\$ 2,560.00
9	\$ 2,880.00
10	\$ 3,200.00
11	\$ 3,520.00
12	\$ 3,840.00
13	\$ 4,160.00
14	\$ 4,480.00
15	\$ 4,800.00
	etc

- d) *Weekly Commercial Recycling Charge* \$ 110.00 ex GST  
*Fortnightly Commercial Recycling Charge* \$ 55.00 ex GST  
*(These Charges are levied per Service, and GST is only charged if applicable)*

1.10 Fees & Charges

*That the Fees and Charges, as recommended, be adopted.*

1.11 Stormwater Management Service Charge

*That:*

- i) *the Stormwater Management Service Charge be set at the maximum amount allowable of \$25.00 per Residential Premises, \$12.50 per Residential Strata lot, and \$25.00 for Business Premises for each 350 square metres or additional part thereof, subject to a maximum charge on Business Premises of \$150.00; and*
- ii) *the Stormwater Management Program as recommended being Gilgai Drainage, be adopted.*

1.12 Summary

*That:*

- i) *the report on the balanced budget be noted;*
- ii) *the list of inclusions as included in the 2016/2017 draft Operational Plan/Budget at Section 1.6.1 be endorsed including:*

• Local Heritage Program	\$ 20,000
• Opera in the Paddock (Program Re-instated)	\$ 5,000
• Grafton to Inverell	\$ 1,000
• Administration Postage	\$ 2,700
• Finance Postage	\$ 1,575
• Library Postage	\$ 900
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 31,175</b>

*And*

- *Road Grading (budget to meet service levels)* \$ 73,000

• Cameron Park Maintenance	\$ 15,000
• May Street Park Maintenance (New Budget)	\$ 3,000
• Public Toilets Maintenance	\$ 5,000
• Lake Inverell Maintenance	\$ 3,000
• Central Business District Maintenance	\$ 4,000
• Cycleway Maintenance	\$ 2,000
• Ashford Oval Expenses	\$ 1,000
• Victoria Park Expenses	\$ 1,000
• Campbell Park Expenses	\$ 1,000
• Bellevue Park Expenses	<u>\$ 3,000</u>
	TOTAL \$ 111,000

- iii) *the draft Estimates (incorporating the Operational Plan) for the General Activities for 2016/2017 be adopted and placed on public exhibition for a period of 28 days as required by Section 405 of the Local Government Act 1993.*

#### 1.13 Fit for the Future

*That the Fit for the Future Performance Benchmarks for the General Fund for the 2016/2017 draft Operational Plan and Budget be noted.*

#### ADJOURNMENT

At this juncture, the time being 12.35pm, the Committee adjourned.

#### RESUMPTION

At this juncture, the time being 12.40pm, the Committee reconvened.

#### LONG TERM FINANCIAL PLAN

Note: the Long Term Financial Plan provides for a further three (3) year funding of the operations of the Art Gallery.

*That:*

- i) *the Long Term Financial Plan be adopted on the basis of Council fully implementing Council's IPART approved Fit for the Future Roadmap;*
- ii) *Council continue to pursue its ongoing Operational Efficiency and Effectiveness Program to achieve a continuing improvement in its efficiency as measured by the Real Operating Costs per Capita Benchmark; and*
- iii) *the Long Term Financial Plan be placed on public exhibition for a period of 28 days.*

#### ASSET MANAGEMENT PLANNING

*That:*

- i) *the Road Infrastructure Asset Management Plans be adopted; and*
- ii) *the Plans be placed on public exhibition for a period of 28 days.*

#### 2. SEWERAGE ACTIVITIES

*That:*

- (i) *the Sewerage Charges as listed below be adopted for 2016/2017:*

<i>Sewerage Charge Occupied</i>	\$ 500.00
<i>Sewerage Charge Unoccupied</i>	\$ 313.00
<i>Sewerage Charge Flats/Units</i>	\$ 313.00
<i>Sewerage Charge Nursing Homes</i>	\$2,342.00

*Sewerage Charge Hotel/Licensed Clubs* \$1,500.00

*Number of Services per Assessment*      *Annual Charge Per Assessment*

1	\$ 500.00
2	\$ 813.00
3	\$1,126.00
4	\$1,439.00
5	\$1,752.00
6	\$2,065.00
7	\$2,378.00
8	\$2,691.00
9	\$3,004.00
10	\$3,317.00
11	\$3,630.00
12	\$3,943.00
13	\$4,256.00
14	\$4,569.00
15	\$4,882.00

<i>Sewerage Non-Rateable Schools – WC's</i>	\$ 72.45 per receptacle
<i>Sewerage Non-Rateable Other – WC's</i>	\$120.75 per receptacle
<i>Sewerage Non-Rateable Urinals</i>	\$ 72.45 per receptacle

*Charge Structure for Motels and Caravan Parks*

*In accordance with the new charge structure for Motels and Caravan Parks the following charges are proposed with 2016/2017.*

<i>Motel Residence</i>	\$ 500.00
<i>Motel</i>	\$ 500.00
<i>Motel Ensuite</i>	\$ 156.60
<i>Caravan Park Residence</i>	\$ 500.00
<i>Caravan Park Amenities Block</i>	\$1,500.00
<i>Caravan Park Ensuite Cabins</i>	\$ 156.60

- (ii) *the Draft Estimates (incorporating Operational Plan) for the Sewerage Fund for 2016/2017 be adopted and placed on public exhibition for a period of 28 days as required by Section 405 of the Local Government Act 1993.*

3. WATER ACTIVITIES

*That:*

- i) *a water availability base charge of \$364.00 per assessment (Includes first water meter) be adopted for 2016/2017;*
- ii) *a water charge of \$364.00 per additional water meter, per assessment be adopted for 2016/2017;*
- iii) *a charge of \$1.45 per kilolitre be adopted for commercial water consumption for 2016/2017;*

- iv) a charge of \$1.45 per kilolitre, 0 to 600 kilolitres and \$1.70 per kilolitre over 600 kilolitres be adopted for residential water consumption for 2016/2017;
- v) a charge of \$0.76 per kilolitre be adopted for water consumption - Abattoirs, plus a 20 per cent early settlement discount for 2016/2017;
- vi) a charge of \$1.02 per kilolitre be adopted for Sporting Association water consumption;
- vii) a charge of \$1.45 per kilolitre be adopted for Guyra Shire Council water consumption;
- viii) a charge of \$0.38 per kilolitre adopted for Raw Water consumption for 2016/2017; and
- ix) the draft Estimates (incorporating Operational Plan) for the Water Fund for 2016/2017 be adopted and placed on public exhibition for a period of 28 days as required by Section 405 of the Local Government Act, 1993.

7. INVERELL WOMEN'S REFUGE S3.16.18

*That details of the operating procedures of the Refuge be sought from the operators of the Refuge.*

8. GOVERNANCE - MONTHLY INVESTMENT REPORT S12.12.2/09

*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.*

**SECTION D  
DESTINATION REPORTS**

1. LIONS PARK PLAY EQUIPMENT S27.8.9 & S21.8.24

DCS-A **30/16 RESOLVED** (Watts/Casteldine) that:

- i) *the Asset and Risk Management upgrade of the Lions Park Playground be brought forward to the 2015/2016 financial year; and*
- ii) *the upgrade be funded from the Buildings Refurbishment Internally Restricted Asset.*

2. PLANE TREE MANAGEMENT INVERELL TOWN CENTRE S30.11.4

A hard copy of the New Leaf Arboriculture (NLA) report was tabled, together with a six (6) page addendum received on 26 April, 2016.

DCES-A **31/16 RESOLVED** (Michael/Johnston) that the Concerned Inverell Ratepayers Association be advised that:

- i) *Council has considered the report by NLA, including the suggested treatments for existing Plane trees in the Inverell CBD;*
- ii) *Council will proceed with the staged replacement of inappropriately planted Plane trees for the following reasons:*

- a. the NLA suggested treatment for the Plane trees will result in the loss of 50 car parking spaces in Otho and Byron Streets, the reduction of footpath area, the loss of crossing points and the impractical nature of retrofitting the suggested treatments,
  - b. the costs that would be incurred in managing the interaction of trees and CBD infrastructure,
  - c. the significant future impacts on the community that would occur if the issues caused by the inappropriately planted Plane trees were not addressed now.
- iii) the possible use of Red Maples as edge planting to create the required urban canopy be referred to the TCRP Sunset Committee for consideration and report back to Council.

#### SECTION E INFORMATION REPORTS

1. LETTERS OF THANKS S6.8.9
2. CONSTRUCTION CERTIFICATES APPROVED FOR MARCH 2016 S7.2.4/09
3. COMPLYING DEVELOPMENT CERTIFICATES APPROVED DURING MARCH 2016 S7.2.4/09
4. SUMMARY OF BUILDING CONSTRUCTION FOR MARCH 2016 S7.2.4/09
5. DEVELOPMENT CONSENTS AND REFUSALS DURING MARCH 2016 S18.10.2/09
6. SEPTIC TANK APPROVALS FOR MARCH 2016 S29.19.1
7. ORDINANCE ACTIVITIES REPORT FOR MARCH 2016 S18.10.1
8. WASTE FACILITIES LOAN FUNDING S12.14.11
9. MANAGEMENT TEAM MEETING MINUTES S4.11.5/09

**32/16 RESOLVED** (Johnston/Castledine) that the items contained in the Information Reports to the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on Wednesday, 27 April, 2016, be received and noted.

#### SECTION F QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE

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| MCE-A | <b>QWN/ORD 10/16</b><br>Cr Watts | <u>Mt Russell Road</u> <u>S28.10.SR123</u><br><br>Cr Watts noted a Delungra resident has raised the issue of overhanging branches on the Delungra/Mt Russell Road. Can staff investigate this matter?  |
|       | <b>QWN/ORD 11/16</b><br>Cr Watts | <u>Plane Tree – Varley Oval</u><br><br>Cr Watts enquired into the actions being taken with respect to the mature Plane Tree at Varley Oval.<br><br>Director Civil & Environmental Services, Mr Brett McInnes advised that the tree is not being removed. This tree, like a number of mature trees around the town had suffered due to the prolonged hot weather. It is being treated to deal with the impact of the weather. |

**QWN/ORD 12/16**  
Cr Girle

Phone Services - Installation of Mobile Phone Tower  
S10.12.2/09

Cr Girle asked that he be permitted to refer a matter to Closed Council.

**33/16 RESOLVED** (Girle/Castledine) *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.*

GM-A

**QWN/ORD 13/16**  
Cr Johnston

South Inverell Footbridge S28.9.14

Cr Johnston noted the bridge and asked if the current flood warning system was sufficient. Can a report be provided to the Committee in this matter?

MCE-A

**QWN/ORD 14/16**  
Cr Baker

Ashford Road Signage S28.9.18

The current sign replacement program was noted. Can staff review the distance indicator sign on the Ashford Road as you leave Inverell.

DCES-A

**QWN/ORD 15/16**  
Cr Baker

Safety Mirror S30.9.6

Cr Baker asked can a safety mirror be considered behind Best & Less?

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

At 5.08pm, the Chairperson offered the opportunity to members of the public to make representations as to whether any part of the Council Meeting should not be considered in Closed Council. There was no response.

**CLOSED COUNCIL REPORTS**

**34/16 RESOLVED** (Girle/Castledine) *that Council proceed into Closed Council to discuss the matters referred to it, for the reasons stated in the motions of referral.*

Upon resuming Open Council at 5.25pm, the Chair verbally reported that the Council had met in Closed Council, with the Press and Public excluded, and had resolved to recommend to Council the following:

1. PHONE SERVICES - INSTALLATION OF MOBILE PHONE TOWER  
S10.12.2/09

*That the information be received and noted.*

**ADOPTION OF RECOMMENDATIONS**

**35/16 RESOLVED** (Watts/Baker) *that the recommendations of Closed Council be adopted.*

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 5.27pm.

CR P J HARMON

CHAIRPERSON

**TO ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL 25/05/2016**

<b>ITEM NO:</b>	1.	<b>FILE NO:</b> S3.15.18
<b>DESTINATION 1:</b>	A recognised leader in a broader context	<b>R</b>
<b>SUBJECT:</b>	<b>MAYORAL MINUTE: PUBLIC FORUM - MAY COUNCIL MEETING</b>	
<b>PREPARED BY:</b>	Cr Paul Harmon, Mayor	

**MAYORAL MINUTE**

*'Councillors,*

*Today, during the Public Forum session of the Council Meeting, you will be addressed by Mrs Sue Moran, Mr Greg Moran and Ms Caroline Wilson. Based on their correspondence and public commentary prior to this meeting, I anticipate that some of the subjects covered will be:*

- The veracity of Council's Infrastructure Backlog, and*
- A misreading of the Report prepared by the Arborist engaged by the Concerned Inverell Ratepayers' Association (CIRA),*
- Any future rate increases will be used to fund implementation of the Town Centre Renewal Plan.*

*When you consider the comments made in Public Forum today, I invite you to also consider information that has been provided to you on previous occasions, but in particular the following:*

*1.     Infrastructure Backlog*

*The Budget papers highlight the history of this issue. When calculating the 'Backlog', Council was required to follow the process and apply the standards set out in the Office of Local Government (OLG) Guidelines, issued in 2013.*

*When carrying out this task, Council utilised the services of a number of independent assessors to determine asset condition. Council staff then applied that data to the standards set out in the OLG guidelines. That work was then assessed by another independent party – Council's Auditor. During this verification process the Auditor checked the methodology used, the application of the assessment data, and 'ground proofing' a very large sample of the data.*

*If anyone believes that the backlog is larger than \$5.1M, then a strategy is required by the State Government for that backlog to meet benchmark by 30 June, 2020. As rate revenue is the only source of revenue controlled by Council, rate increases will be required to produce revenue to fund the required increased level of expenditure on roads. For example, if you believe that an infrastructure backlog of \$85M exists, then a rate increase of 279.25% will be required to ensure Council meets its infrastructure benchmark by 30 June, 2020.*

*2.     CIRA's Arborist Report*

*Councillors were provided with a complete copy of Jacki Brown's (New Leaf Arboriculture) Report to CIRA and an email from her pointing out, that in her view, her report has been misinterpreted. Council's Director Civil & Environmental Services, Manager Development Services, Manager Civil Engineering and Consultant Arborist all independently reviewed the report and all apparently misinterpreted the contents.*

*After reading the report, I was left in no doubt as to what was being put forward by Ms Brown, and from the comments of the Councillors at the April Meeting, I believe that was a unanimous view of Council.*

*The Arborist's Report was very clear and unambiguous:*

*Page 4: Purpose – to provide recommendations for the sustainable management and maintenance of trees.*

*Page 10: Findings – Trees are currently in inadequate space with superfluous bitumen and pavers around them.*

*Page 11: Section 4.4 – Talks about inadequate area provided for trees and makes comment that existing planter beds are of insufficient size.*

*Page 14: Section 5 - Best Practice Management of Existing Trees*  
*- Should be designing future works to provide large openings, minimum 4m x 4m and infill with permeable surfaces or garden beds.*  
*- Talks about garden beds being most appropriate in parking lanes to avoid future tree damage.*

*Page 21: Conclusion – States trees can be retained by providing sufficient space in carparking areas.*

*Page 22: Recommendations – Tree Management should be in accordance with best practice standards set out in the report ie Section 5 discussed above.*

### **3. Special Rate Variations**

*It has been claimed by CIRA that the proposed 14.25% rate increase over 3 years will be used to fund the Town Centre Renewal Plan works. This is false.*

*Council's Fit for the Future Roadmap, Asset Management Plans, and forward Financial Plans show that the proposed rate increases will be used for Road Asset Renewals. Details are contained in these documents.*

*Council has been informed on a number of occasions that any special rate variation must clearly state the purpose of the proposed rate increase and if the application is approved by IPART, the additional income can only be used for that purpose'.*

#### **RECOMMENDATION:**

*That the information be received and noted.*

**TO ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL 25/05/2016**

<b>ITEM NO:</b>	1.	<b>FILE NO:</b> S31.9.3
<b>DESTINATION 5:</b>	The Communities are served by sustainable services and infrastructure.	<b>S</b>
<b>SUBJECT:</b>	<b>WASTE MANAGEMENT SUNSET COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES – 27 APRIL 2016</b>	
<b>PREPARED BY:</b>	Hayley Nichols, Corporate Support Officer – Publishing	

**SUMMARY:**

Meeting held on Wednesday, 27 April, 2016.

For the consideration of Council.

**COMMENTARY:**

MINUTES OF THE WASTE MANAGEMENT SUNSET COMMITTEE MEETING HELD IN THE COMMITTEE ROOM, ADMINISTRATION CENTRE, 144 OTHO STREET, INVERELL ON WEDNESDAY, 27 APRIL, 2016 COMMENCING AT 11.00AM

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

Also in attendance: Crs D F Baker, A A Michael.

Paul Henry (General Manager), Graham Bendeich (Manager Environmental Engineering) and Phil Sutton (Environmental Compliance Coordinator).

**SECTION A****APOLOGIES:**

There were no apologies received.

**CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

*RESOLVED (Castledine/Jones) that the minutes of the Waste Management Sunset Committee meeting held on Wednesday, 16 December, 2015, as circulated to members be confirmed as a true and correct record of that meeting.*

**DISCLOSURE OF CONFLICT OF INTERESTS/PECUNIARY AND NON-PECUNIARY INTERESTS**

There were no interests declared.

**BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES**

Nil.

SECTION D  
DESTINATION REPORTS

1. INSPECTION OF INVERELL LANDFILL S31.8.1

*RESOLVED (Johnston/Jones) that the Committee undertake an inspection of the Inverell Landfill following the conclusion of the meeting.*

SECTION E  
INFORMATION REPORTS

1. WASTE MANAGEMENT STRATEGY UPDATE S31.11.1

Manager Environmental Engineering, Mr Graham Bendeich provided the following additional information:

- The rehabilitation of the Elsmore Waste Depot was finalised on 26 April, 2016,
- Plans were tabled for the construction of the Ashford Transfer Station,
- The rehabilitation of the Ashford facility cannot commence until the transfer station is complete,
- The Drum Muster service will continue however, the processing arrangements will need to be discussed with Northaven,
- The consultants engaged to prepare our landfill management report are proceeding with the task. Aerial surveying has been completed.

*RESOLVED (Jones/Johnston) that the items contained in the information report to the Waste Management Sunset Committee held on 27 April, 2016 be received and noted.*

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on a date to be determined.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 11.35am.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

*That the Minutes of the Waste Management Sunset Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, 27 April, 2016, be received and noted.*

<b>ITEM NO:</b>	2.	<b>FILE NO:</b> S19.9.1
<b>DESTINATION 2:</b>	A community that is healthy, educated and sustained.	<b>C</b>
<b>SUBJECT:</b>	<b>INVERELL LIQUOR CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES – 9 FEBRUARY 2016</b>	
<b>PREPARED BY:</b>	Hayley Nichols, Corporate Support Officer - Publishing	

**SUMMARY:**

Meeting held on 9 February, 2016.

For the consideration of Council.

**COMMENTARY:**

MINUTES OF THE INVERELL LIQUOR CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT THE INVERELL RSM CLUB, EVANS STREET, INVERELL ON TUESDAY, 9 FEBRUARY, 2016, COMMENCING AT 10.00AM.

PRESENT: Tim Palmer (Inverell RSM) [Chair], Rowan O'Brien (NSW Police Force), Damien Smith (Australian Hotel/Inverell Rugby Club), Noel Lehan (Empire Hotel), Ewan Wilkinson (Liquorland), Kevin Stoessel (Ashford Bowling Club), Scott Williams (Tatts Hotel) and Don Carruthers (Oxford Hotel).

Also in attendance were Sharon Stafford (Inverell Shire Council) [Secretary] and Anthony Alliston (Manager Development Services, Inverell Shire Council).

SECTION A

APOLOGIES:

Apologies were received from Cr J Watts, Ross Chilcott, Dr Susan Allan (RMS), Peter Coronakes (Royal Hotel).

*RESOLVED (Stoessel/Smith) that the apologies be received and noted.*

1. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

*RESOLVED (Smith/Williams) that the Minutes of the Inverell Liquor Consultative Committee held on 10 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

Jockey Club – no problems to report from Boxing Day/New Years Race Days. Numbers were down slightly due to impending bad weather. The Inverell RSM Club recorded a steady trade following the conclusion of the races.

Graham Watson, Private Compliance/Auditing Consultant confirmed that many licensees took up the offer of having their establishment audited for compliance with licencing regulations following the last meeting. No major problems were identified.

The Police are continuing to target those that need to be targeted in respect of Ice. Police hope that their efforts will continue to be supported in the courts.

SECTION F  
GENERAL BUSINESS

Police

Licensees are being asked to assist Police by encouraging patrons to move on following closing.

Police continue to monitor and discourage large groups of people from gathering in the streets after closing time, particularly out the front of the Otho Street pie shop. Issues include noise, rubbish and anti-social behaviour.

The Police are now able to submit a request to have a General Purpose Dog available at any time.

The Police have recorded a notable increase in the incidence of Drug Driving ie positive results from roadside Random Drug Testing (RDT).

Recently a number of new staff have taken up positions in Inverell. Policing numbers are now at full complement.

#### Grafton to Inverell

The date for the Grafton to Inverell Cycle Classic has been brought forward to Saturday, 7 May, 2016. It is expected that the change in date will bring increased nominations for the event.

#### Inverell Show

3 – 5 March, 2016. Licensees to be vigilant for underage drinking and zero tolerance for anti-social behavior.

#### Lock Out

Licensees were reminded that the Inverell & District Liquor Accord terms were voted upon and adopted by the Inverell & District Liquor Accord for the purpose of eliminating or reducing alcohol related violence or anti-social behavior or other alcohol-related harm in the area. For the Accord Terms to be effective, cooperation and adherence by all members is required.

#### Drink Spiking

Following a reported incident of drink spiking, the following information is provided from Liquor & Gaming NSW for the information of duty managers and licensees:

#### **Preventing drink spiking in licensed premises**

- Always remove unattended glasses.
- Watch out for suspicious patron behaviour and any instances of sudden intoxication.
- Report suspicious patron behaviour to a supervisor.
- Decline and report any patron requests to add alcohol to another person's drink.

#### **Response**

Duty managers and licensees should follow the response steps below:

- Treat drink spiking incidents seriously and take action;
- Call an ambulance if the victim is unconscious or ill;
- Advise the victim to seek medical attention if an ambulance is not called;
- Do not leave the person alone;
- Make sure the victim is in a safe place, such as a staff area or a quiet place in the licensed premises;
- Preserve the table with glass/es and drink/s as if it was a crime scene. If possible, appoint a senior staff member to stay next to the table and make sure nothing is touched;
- Contact the police on 000 or 112 on mobiles;
- Immediately record the details in your incident register; and
- Preserve CCTV footage.

#### NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Inverell Liquor Consultative Committee will be held at the Empire Hotel on Tuesday, 10 May, 2016 commencing at 10am.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 10.40am.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

*That the Minutes of the Inverell Liquor Consultative Committee Meeting held on Tuesday, 9 February, 2016, be received and noted.*

<b>ITEM NO:</b>	3.	<b>FILE NO:</b> S4.11.16/08
<b>DESTINATION 2 DESTINATION 3 DESTINATION 5:</b>	A Community that is healthy, educated and sustained. An environment that is protected and sustained. The Communities are served by sustainable services and infrastructure.	<b>CES</b>
<b>SUBJECT:</b>	<b>CIVIL &amp; ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES – 11 MAY 2016</b>	
<b>PREPARED BY:</b>	Hayley Nichols, Corporate Support Officer - Publishing	

**SUMMARY:**

Meeting held on Wednesday, 11 May, 2016.

For the consideration of Council.

**COMMENTARY:**

MINUTES OF THE CIVIL & ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD IN THE COMMITTEE ROOM, 144 OTHO STREET, INVERELL ON WEDNESDAY, 11 MAY, 2016, COMMENCING AT 8.34 AM.

**PRESENT:** Cr H N Castledine (Chairperson), Crs A A Michael, B C Johnston, P J Harmon and D C Jones.

Also in attendance: Crs J A Watts, D F Baker and P J Girle.

Ken Beddie (Acting General Manager), Brett McInnes (Director Civil and Environmental Services) and Stephen Golding (Executive Manager Corporate and Community Services).

## SECTION A

APOLOGIES:

There were no apologies received.

1. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

*RESOLVED (Jones/Michael) that the Minutes of the Civil and Environmental Services Committee Meeting held on 13 April, 2016, 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. PUBLIC FORUM S13.5.6/09

There were no members of the public present to speak.

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

Nil.

**SECTION B  
ADVOCACY REPORTS**

Cr Harmon Grafton to Inverell S26.3.7/08

Cr Harmon attended the finish proceedings of the 56<sup>th</sup> Grafton to Inverell. Cr Harmon noted that numbers were down on previous years.

Cr Harmon advised that the future of the event is uncertain. This year, the race ran at a \$20K loss. The loss of a major sponsor impacted the event. The cost of the event needs to be addressed and other funding sources identified. There appears to be a lack of support and information being dispersed from Cycle Australia and Cycle NSW.

*RESOLVED (Johnston/Michael) that the Committee recommend to Council that a letter be sent to Cycling Australia and Cycling NSW seeking support of the event.*

Cr Harmon Opening of the Refurbished Argyll Centre

Cr Harmon attended the opening of the \$1.2M Hector Wing (State-of-the-Art Dementia) Argyll Centre Refurbishment at McLean Care. The refurbishment displays McLean Care's investment in Inverell and the community.

Council extends their congratulations to McLean Care and the Board in this matter.

**SECTION D  
DESTINATION REPORTS**

1. SWIMMING POOL INSPECTION PROGRAM S7.9.2/09

*RESOLVED (Jones/Michael) that the Committee recommend to Council that Council endorse the amended Swimming Pool Inspection Program to reflect current legislative requirements.*

2. ILLEGAL BUILDING WORKS - CORRESPONDENCE FROM WARRINGAH COUNCIL  
S19.10.3

*RESOLVED (Harmon/Michael) that the Committee recommend to Council that Council write to the Minister for Planning, Hon. Rob Stokes, and cc the Minister for Local Government, Hon. Paul Toole, in support of Warringah Council's resolution.*

**SECTION E  
INFORMATION REPORTS**

1. ROTARY PARK S6.8.9

2. WORKS UPDATE S28.21.1/09

3. COMMENCEMENT OF CONSTRUCTION OF WHITE ROCK WIND FARM  
S18.6.52/02

4. 2015/2016 GRAVEL RESHEETING PROGRAM S28.21.1/09

5. 2015/2016 BITUMEN RESURFACING PROGRAM S28.21.1/09

*RESOLVED (Harmon/Jones) that the items contained in the Information Reports to the Civil & Environmental Services Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, 11 May, 2016, be received and noted.*

#### SECTION F GENERAL BUSINESS

Acting General Manager Delungra Meeting

Acting General Manager, Mr Ken Beddie informed the Committee of the topics discussed at the meeting. Cr Johnston and five (5) community members also attended the meeting.

Cr Watts Victoria Park – Pavers S21.8.31

Cr Watts asked if staff could investigate the pavers in Victoria Park adjacent to Harvey Norman's.

Cr Johnston & Cr Girle Visitors to Inverell

Cr Johnston and Cr Girle provided feedback from recent visitors to Inverell. The feedback noted the prosperous nature of the town.

Cr Baker CBD Lighting

Cr Baker noted a complaint from a citizen regarding a perceived inadequacy of lighting from the Empire Hotel to St George Bank.

Director Civil & Environmental Services Rehabilitation of Bundarra Road S28.10.IN44

Director Civil & Environmental Services, Mr Brett McInnes sought approval to carry out rehabilitation work on a section of Bundarra Road between Macintyre Street and Lions Park under 'closed road' conditions. This will substantially improve worksite safety and ensure the project is delivered at the lowest possible cost.

*RESOLVED (Jones/Michael) that the Committee recommend to Council that the rehabilitation of Bundarra Road, between Macintyre Street and Lions Park be performed under closed road conditions.*

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.07am.

#### **RECOMMENDATION:**

*That:*

- i) *the Minutes of the Civil & Environmental Services Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, 11 May, 2016, be received and noted; and*
- ii) *the following recommendation of the Civil & Environmental Services Committee be considered by Council:*

1. GRAFTON TO INVERELL S26.3.7/08

*That a letter be sent to Cycling Australia and Cycling NSW seeking support of the event.*

2.	<u>SWIMMING POOL INSPECTION PROGRAM</u>	<u>S7.9.2/09</u>
<i>That Council endorse the amended Swimming Pool Inspection Program to reflect current legislative requirements.</i>		
3.	<u>ILLEGAL BUILDING WORKS - CORRESPONDENCE FROM WARRINGAH COUNCIL S19.10.3</u>	
<i>That Council write to the Minister for Planning, Hon. Rob Stokes, and cc the Minister for Local Government, Hon. Paul Toole, in support of Warringah Council's resolution.</i>		
4.	<u>REHABILITATION OF BUNDARRA ROAD</u>	<u>S28.10.IN44</u>
<i>That the rehabilitation of Bundarra Road, between Macintyre Street and Lions Park be performed under closed road conditions.</i>		

<b>ITEM NO:</b>	4.	<b>FILE NO:</b> S4.11.17/08
<b>DESTINATION 1 DESTINATION 4:</b>	A recognised leader in a broader context. A strong economy.	<b>RB</b>
<b>SUBJECT:</b>	<b>ECONOMIC &amp; COMMUNITY SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES – 11 MAY 2016</b>	
<b>PREPARED BY:</b>	Hayley Nichols, Corporate Support Officer - Publishing	

**SUMMARY:**

Meeting held on Wednesday, 11 May, 2016.

For the consideration of Council.

**COMMENTARY:**

MINUTES OF THE ECONOMIC & COMMUNITY SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE MEETING  
HELD IN THE COMMITTEE ROOM, INVERELL SHIRE COUNCIL, 144 OTHO STREET,  
INVERELL ON WEDNESDAY, 11 MAY, 2016, COMMENCING AT 9.11AM.

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

Also in attendance: Crs H N Castledine, B C Johnston and D C Jones.

Ken Beddie (Acting General Manager), Brett McInnes (Director Civil and Environmental Services) and Stephen Golding (Executive Manager Corporate and Community Services).

## SECTION A

**APOLOGIES:**

There were no apologies received.

1. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

*RESOLVED (Michael/Harmon) that the Minutes of the Economic and Community Sustainability Committee Meeting held on 13 April, 2016 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

The following interests were declared:

- Cr Michael declared a pecuniary interest in Section G, Confidential Reports, Item 2, "104 Otho Street, Inverell – Additional Detail". The nature of the interest relates to Cr Michael's association with a developer with a possible interest in the property.

3. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

Cr Watts clarified that, in reference to Section B, Advocacy Reports, "Domestic Violence Awareness Evening", 163 people were in attendance at the training and 275 people present at the dinner.

SECTION B  
ADVOCACY REPORTS

Cr Baker      North East Library Zone Meeting

Cr Baker noted her attendance at the North East Library Zone meeting with Council's Manager Library Services, Mrs Sonya Lange.

The major issue was the proposed merger of Councils in the zone. The concern was the potential loss of librarian staff and members of the North East Library Zone.

SECTION F  
QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE

Cr Harmon      Air Services

Cr Harmon informed the Committee that the Regional Airline, Fly Corporate has announced the introduction of a direct air service between Armidale and Brisbane, commencing 1 August, 2016.

Acting General Manager      Air Flights to Sydney – Charter Costs

At the previous Committee Meeting, Cr Baker requested the cost of chartering Sydney return flights that could provide an alternate travel for Sydney residents attending Opera in the Paddock. Mr Ken Beddie advised that Inverell Aviation's indicative price for a five (5) seat aircraft is \$8000 and Corporate Air, from Mascot to Inverell return is;

19 seat aircraft - \$11,000 (crew of 2 pilots)

30 seat aircraft - \$22,900 (crew of 2 pilots and 1 flight attendant)

It is noted that these prices do not include GST and additional costs of keeping the aircraft and crews in Inverell, as this price is a straight pickup/drop off scenario.

SECTION D  
DESTINATION REPORTS

1. EXPIRING LICENCE AGREEMENTS S5.10.65

1. Licence Agreement, Mr George Sherry – Part Lot 1, DP 1140913, Cameron Park and Part Closed Road, Inverell.

*RESOLVED (Harmon/Girle) that the Committee recommend to Council that:*

- i) Council renew the agreement with Mr George Sherry for Part Lot 1, DP 1140913, Cameron Park and Part Closed Road, Inverell for a three (3) year period with a further three (3) year option under the same terms and conditions;*
- ii) the licence fee be \$390.00 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. Licence Agreement, Mr Colin Laidlaw – Part Lot 1, DP 1140913, Cameron Park and Part Closed Road, Inverell.

*RESOLVED (Harmon/Girle) that the Committee recommend to Council that:*

- i) Council renew the agreement with Mr Colin Laidlaw for Part Lot 1, DP 1140913 Cameron Park and Part Closed Road, Inverell for a three (3) year period with a further three (3) year option under the same terms and conditions;*
- ii) the licence fee be \$420.00 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 REDUCTION ON WATER ACCOUNT (LISTING) S32.10.1/09

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

- i) the matters and information involve '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.*

3. INVERELL MEN'S HEALTH NIGHT - REQUEST FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE  
S12.22.1/09

*MOTION (Baker/Harmon) that the Committee recommend to Council that a donation of \$1000 be provided in support of the event, subject to further information being provided regarding the event including Hunter New England's involvement and support.*

AMENDMENT (Michael/Girle) that the Committee recommend to Council that a donation of \$500 be provided in support of the event, subject to further information being provided regarding the event including Hunter New England's involvement and support.

The amendment on being put to the meeting was lost. The motion on being put to the meeting was carried.

4. 104 OTHO STREET, INVERELL – ADDITIONAL DETAIL (LISTING) S5.2.1/18

*RESOLVED (Harmon/Baker) that the matter be referred to Closed Committee for consideration as:*

- i) the matters and information involve '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. ARTS NORTH WEST S26.5.4

*RESOLVED (Harmon/Michael) that:*

- i) the report be received and noted; and*
- ii) a representative from Arts North West be invited to attend a Council Meeting to present the benefits and opportunities of being a member of Arts North West.*

2. ELECTRO MAGNETIC FREQUENCIES (EMF) EMISSIONS S24.5.3

*RESOLVED (Harmon/Michael) that the items contained in the Information Reports to the Economic & Community Sustainability Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, 11 May, 2016, be received and noted.*

**SECTION H  
GOVERNANCE REPORTS**

1. GOVERNANCE - MONTHLY INVESTMENT REPORT S12.12.2/09

*RESOLVED (Michael/Harmon) 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.*

2. QUARTERLY BUDGET AND OPERATIONAL PLAN REVIEW 2015/2016 S12.5.1/09

*RESOLVED (Harmon/Michael) that the Committee recommend to Council that:*

- i) Council's Quarterly Operational Plan and Budget Review for 31 March, 2016 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 9.43am, 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 9.59am, the Chair verbally reported that the Committee, with the Press and Public excluded, having considered the matters referred to it, recommends as follows:

1. REQUEST FOR REDUCTION ON WATER ACCOUNT S32.10.1/09

*That the Committee recommend to Council that Council issue an amended account of \$254.82 for the quarter in question, based on the average consumption for the last two (2) accounts and write off \$401.41.*

At this juncture, the time being 9.44am, having previously declared a pecuniary interest in Section G, Confidential Reports, Item 2, "104 Otho Street, Inverell – Additional Detail", Cr Michael left the meeting and did not participate in the vote in this matter.

2. 104 OTHO STREET, INVERELL – ADDITIONAL DETAIL S5.2.1/18

*That the Committee recommend to Council that the offer from BEST Employment for the purchase of 104 Otho Street, Inverell be declined.*

ADOPTION OF RECOMMENDATION

*RESOLVED (Harmon/Girle) that the recommendation from Closed Committee be adopted.*

At this juncture, the time being 9.59am, Cr Michael returned to the meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 10.04am.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

*That:*

- i) *the Minutes of the Economic & Community Sustainability Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, 11 May, 2016, be received and noted; and*
- ii) *the following recommendations of the Economic & Community Sustainability Committee be considered by Council:*

1. EXPIRING LICENCE AGREEMENTS S5.10.65

- 1. Licence Agreement, Mr George Sherry – Part Lot 1, DP 1140913, Cameron Park and Part Closed Road, Inverell.

*That:*

- i) *Council renew the agreement with Mr George Sherry for Part Lot 1, DP 1140913, Cameron Park and Part Closed Road, Inverell for a three (3) year period with a further three (3) year option under the same terms and conditions;*
- ii) *the licence fee be \$390.00 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. Licence Agreement, Mr Colin Laidlaw – Part Lot 1, DP 1140913, Cameron Park and Part Closed Road, Inverell.

*That:*

- i) *Council renew the agreement with Mr Colin Laidlaw for Part Lot 1, DP 1140913 Cameron Park and Part Closed Road, Inverell for a three (3) year period with a further three (3) year option under the same terms and conditions;*
- ii) *the licence fee be \$420.00 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. INVERELL MEN'S HEALTH NIGHT - REQUEST FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE S12.22.1/09

*That a donation of \$1000 be provided in support of the event, subject to further information being provided regarding the event including Hunter New England's involvement and support.*

4. ARTS NORTH WEST S26.5.4

*That:*

- i) *the report be received and noted; and*
- ii) *a representative from Arts North West be invited to attend a Council Meeting to present the benefits and opportunities of being a member of Arts North West.*

5. GOVERNANCE - MONTHLY INVESTMENT REPORT S12.12.2/09

*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.*

6. QUARTERLY BUDGET AND OPERATIONAL PLAN REVIEW 2015/2016 S12.5.1/09

*That:*

- i) *Council's Quarterly Operational Plan and Budget Review for 31 March, 2016 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.*

7. REQUEST FOR REDUCTION ON WATER ACCOUNT S32.10.1/09

*That Council issue an amended account of \$254.82 for the quarter in question, based on the average consumption for the last two (2) accounts and write off \$401.41.*

8. 104 OTHO STREET, INVERELL – ADDITIONAL DETAIL S5.2.1/18

*That the offer from BEST Employment for the purchase of 104 Otho Street, Inverell be declined.*

**TO ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL 25/05/2016**

<b>ITEM NO:</b>	1.	<b>FILE NO:</b> S30.9.11
<b>DESTINATION 5:</b>	The communities are served by sustainable services and infrastructure	<b>S</b>
<b>SUBJECT:</b>	<b>GRAIN HARVEST MANAGEMENT SCHEME</b>	
<b>PREPARED BY:</b>	Paul Henry, General Manager	

**SUMMARY:**

The NSW Grain Harvest Management Scheme Exemption Notice 2014 expires on 30 June, 2016. Council is being asked to consent to continue to participate in this scheme.

**COMMENTARY:**

As Councillors would be aware, the Grain Harvest Management Scheme involves an industry concession for transport of grain which allows an additional 5% loading above General Mass Limits (GML) on gross vehicle mass and axle group mass limits.

The scheme allows "3 strikes" before an operators truck is barred from the scheme for exceeding the 5% tolerance. If a truck registered in the scheme is more than 10% over GML they are immediately removed from the scheme for the remainder of the season.

The Scheme promotes the safe and productive movement of grain. It is designed to decrease this risk, protect roads and to increase productivity and efficiency. The Scheme also seeks to provide a productivity benefit for growers and a higher degree of visibility to road managers of the use of their road assets.

Since the inception of the Scheme in 2013, Inverell Shire Council has been a participant.

The NSW Class 3 Grain Harvest Management Scheme Exemption Notice 2014 expires on 30 June, 2016. Roads and Maritime has worked with Transport for NSW, the Grain Harvest Management Scheme Consultative Committee and the National Heavy Vehicle Regulator to amend and extend this Notice. The New South Wales Class 3 Grain Harvest Management Scheme Exemption Notice 2016 (the new Notice) will contain the following changes:

- The expiry of the Notice will be extended for five (5) years with an expiry date of 30 June, 2021,
- Schedule 1 has been removed and replaced with a link to the legally enforceable Scheme network published on the Roads and Maritime website,
- Two (2) additional vehicle codes (reflecting 2 configurations) have been included in the eligible vehicle list:
  - Code 4 - 5 axle Semitrailer; and
  - Code 49 - 3 axle truck with 5 axle dog trailer and 4 axle dog trailer.

The addition of the above two (2) vehicle codes was based on stakeholder interest, concessional mass limits eligibility and calculated pavement wear at the additional Scheme masses which was found to be under the green line.

It should be noted that there is no longer a grain receival point in Inverell Shire following the closure of the Delungra Silos. Council is however being asked to express a view on the extension of this scheme.

**RELATIONSHIP TO STRATEGIC PLAN, DELIVERY PLAN AND OPERATIONAL PLAN:**

**Strategy:** S.12 Provision of safe and efficient networks to ensure connectivity between population centres.

**Term Achievement:** S.12.03 Programs and initiatives to reduce the incidence of overloaded vehicles using the road system are implemented.

**Operational Objective:** S.12.03.01 To eliminate the incidence of overloaded vehicles using the road network in the Shire.

**POLICY IMPLICATIONS:**

Nil.

**CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICERS COMMENT:**

Nil.

**LEGAL IMPLICATIONS:**

Nil.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

*That Council continue to be a participant in the Grain Transport Management Scheme from 1 July, 2016 – 30 June, 2021.*

<b>ITEM NO:</b>	2.	<b>FILE NO:</b> S5.10.65
<b>DESTINATION 5:</b>	The communities are served by sustainable services and infrastructure	<b>S</b>
<b>SUBJECT:</b>	<b>REQUEST FOR LICENCE AGREEMENT – SAPPHIRE WIND FARM PTY LTD</b>	
<b>PREPARED BY:</b>	Hayley Nichols, Corporate Support Officer - Publishing	

**SUMMARY:**

Council has received correspondence from CWP Renewables requesting Council enter into a Licence Agreement with Sapphire Wind Farm Pty Ltd for three (3) unformed roads for the purpose of enabling Sapphire Wind Farm infrastructure.

Council is asked to consider the request.

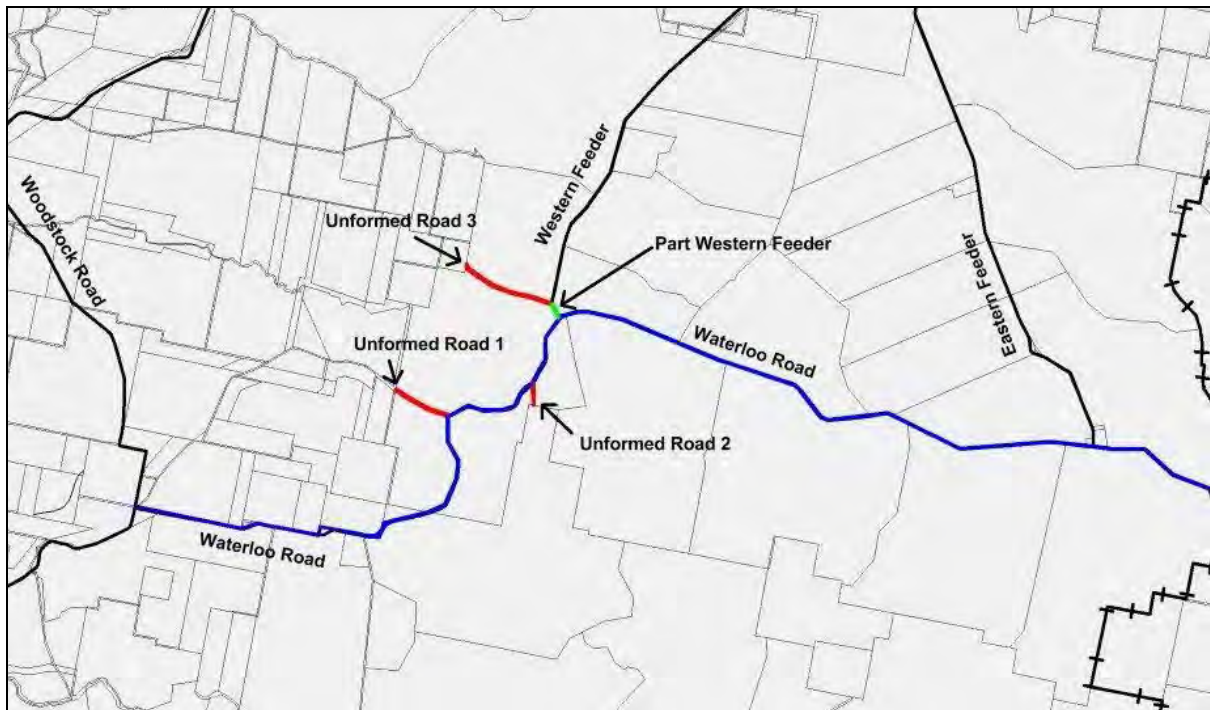
**COMMENTARY:**

As Council would recall, at the December, 2015 Ordinary Council meeting, Council resolved to accept dedication of Waterloo Road, part Western Feeder and three (3) adjoining unformed roads to enable the Sapphire Wind Farm development.

Council is now in receipt of formal correspondence from CWP Renewables requesting Council enter into a Licence Agreement with Sapphire Wind Farm Pty Ltd for the three (3) unformed roads, being;

- Unformed Road 1 – approximately 860 metre long, located off Waterloo Road approximately 6 kilometres from the Woodstock Road intersection;
- Unformed Road 2 – approximately 860 metre long, located off Waterloo Road approximately 6 kilometres from the Woodstock Road intersection; and
- Unformed Road 3 – approximately 1.3 kilometre long, located off Western Feeder approximately 200 metres from Waterloo Road intersection.

The three (3) unformed roads are shown in red on the below map.



The following information is provided to assist Councillors in making a determination in respect of the request;

- Term of proposed licence is 75 years,
- Purpose of proposed licence is to provide access to the land for the purposes of constructing and operating the Wind Farm including without limitation the erection, construction, inspection, repair, maintenance, renewal, removal, replacement, enhancement, enlargement and operation of Transmission Infrastructure, crossing over or under and remaining on with or without vehicles all parts of the land, any ancillary infrastructure and uses thereto and all activities necessary or incidental thereto,
- Proposed licence fee of \$1.00 per annum,
- There is no political risk – no houses at the start or along the unformed roads therefore removing the possibility of dust/noise nuisance.

It is recommended that Council enter into a Licence Agreement with Sapphire Wind Farm Pty Ltd for the aforementioned three (3) unformed roads to enable Sapphire Wind Farm infrastructure.

**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:*

- i) Council enter into a Licence Agreement with Sapphire Wind Farm Pty Ltd for three (3) unformed roads known as:
  - (a) Unformed Road 1 – approximately 860 metre long, located off Waterloo Road approximately 6 kilometres from the Woodstock Road intersection;*
  - (b) Unformed Road 2 – approximately 860 metre long, located off Waterloo Road approximately 6 kilometres from the Woodstock Road intersection; and*
  - (c) Unformed Road 3 – approximately 1.3 kilometre long, located off Western Feeder approximately 200 metres from Waterloo Road intersection.**
- ii) the Licence Agreement be for a period of 75 years;*
- iii) the Licence Fee be \$1.00 per annum while-ever the Community Fund is in place and operates as agreed at the March, 2016 meeting of Council;*
- iv) should the Community Fund cease to operate as indicated in point iii), that the Licence Fee be reviewed;*
- v) the Licence Agreement be subject to any other terms and conditions as negotiated by Council's General Manager.*

<b>ITEM NO:</b>	3.	<b>FILE NO:</b> S13.1.1
<b>DESTINATION 1:</b>	A recognised leader in a broader context	<b>R</b>
<b>SUBJECT:</b>	<b>LOCAL GOVERNMENT AMALGAMATIONS</b>	
<b>PREPARED BY:</b>	Paul Henry, General Manager	

**SUMMARY:**

On Thursday, 12 May, 2016 an announcement was made by the NSW Premier and the Minister for Local Government in respect of Local Government amalgamations. Council is being asked to receive and note the information and make a determination in respect of its community of interest with Tingha.

**COMMENTARY:**

On Thursday, 12 May, 2016 NSW Premier Mike Baird and the Minister for Local Government Paul Toole announced 19 new Councils in NSW, commencing 12 May, 2016. The Minister has indicated his in principle support to create a further 9 new Councils, subject to the decision of the courts.

The Minister has announced that he will proceed with the formation of the following Councils:

- **Armidale Regional Council:** The merger of Armidale Dumaresq and Guyra Shire Councils,
- **Canterbury-Bankstown Council:** The merger of Bankstown City and Canterbury City Councils,
- **Central Coast Council:** The merger of Gosford City and Wyong Shire Councils,
- **City of Parramatta Council:** The merger of Parramatta City\*, The Hills Shire\*, Auburn City\*, Holroyd City\* and Hornsby Shire\* Councils,
- **Cumberland Council:** The merger of Parramatta City\*, Auburn City\* and Holroyd City\* Councils,
- **Edward River Council:** The merger of Conargo Shire and Deniliquin Councils,
- **Federation Council:** The merger of Corowa Shire and Urana Shire Councils,
- **Georges River Council:** The merger of Hurstville City and Kogarah City Councils,
- **Gundagai Council:** The merger of Cootamundra Shire and Gundagai Shire Councils,
- **Hilltops Council:** The merger of Boorowa, Harden Shire and Young Shire Councils,
- **Inner West Council:** The merger of Ashfield, Leichhardt Municipal and Marrickville Councils,
- **Mid-Coast Council:** The merger of Gloucester Shire, Great Lakes and Greater Taree City Councils,
- **Murray River Council:** The merger of Murray Shire and Wakool Shire Councils,

- **Murrumbidgee Council:** The merger of Jerilderie Shire and Murrumbidgee Shire Councils,
- **Northern Beaches Council:** The merger of Manly, Pittwater and Warringah Councils,
- **Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional Council:** The merger of Palerang and Queanbeyan City Councils,
- **Snowy Monaro Regional Council:** The merger of Bombala, Cooma-Monaro Shire and Snowy River Shire Councils,
- **Snowy Valleys Council:** The merger of Tumbarumba Shire and Tumut Shire Councils,
- **Western Plains Regional Council:** The merger of Dubbo City and Wellington Councils.

Merger proposals pending:

The following merger proposals are pending:

- Armidale Dumaresq, Guyra Shire, Uralla Shire and Walcha Councils,
- Bathurst Regional and Oberon Councils,
- Blayney Shire, Cabonne and Orange City Councils,
- Burwood, City of Canada Bay and Strathfield Municipal Councils,
- City of Botany Bay and Rockdale City Councils,
- Dungog Shire and Maitland City Councils,
- Hornsby Shire\* and Ku-ring-gai Councils,
- Hunter's Hill, Lane Cove and City of Ryde Councils,
- Mosman Municipal, North Sydney and Willoughby City Councils,
- Newcastle City and Port Stephens Councils,
- Randwick City, Waverley and Woollahra Municipal Councils,
- Shellharbour City and Wollongong City Councils.

Merger proposals not commencing:

The Minister has decided the following proposals will not proceed:

- Berrigan Shire and Jerilderie Shire\* Councils,
- Boorowa and Young Shire Councils,
- Cootamundra Shire, Gundagai Shire and Harden Shire Councils,
- Corowa Shire, Lockhart Shire, Urana Shire Councils,
- Dungog Shire and Gloucester Shire Councils,
- Goulburn Mulwaree and Palerang\* Councils,
- Hawkesbury City and The Hills Shire\* Councils,
- Jerilderie Shire\* and Murrumbidgee Shire Councils,
- Kiama Municipal and Shoalhaven City Councils,
- Manly, Mosman Municipal and Warringah\* Councils,
- North Sydney and Willoughby City Councils,
- Palerang\* and Queanbeyan City Councils,
- Pittwater and Warringah\* Councils,
- Tamworth Regional and Walcha Councils.

In their announcement, the Premier and Minister indicated that stronger more efficient Councils will work harder for residents and deliver better services and infrastructure like roads, parks, playgrounds and sporting facilities.

Other new Council benefits include:

- Each new Council will receive up to \$15M to invest in community projects like junior sporting facilities, playgrounds and library or pool upgrades,

- Each new council will receive up to \$10M to streamline administrative processes and cut red tape (unspent funds may be redirected to community projects),
- Ratepayers, in new Council areas, will have their rates protected against future increases, meaning they will pay no more for their rates than they would have under their old Council for four (4) years.

An Administrator and an interim General Manager have been appointed to new Councils.

Elections for new Councils will take place on 9 September, 2017.

Uralla is named among those Councils for whom a merger proposal is pending on the Government's website. However, its proposed merger partners Armidale Dumaresq and Guyra have been merged, and the merger of Walcha and Tamworth is listed as not to proceed.

No decision has been made in respect of Council's submission for the Tingha area having a community of interest with Inverell.

Council's endorsement of the actions of the Mayor in continuing to pursue this issue with the Administrator of Armidale Regional Council and the State Government is now sought.

#### **RELATIONSHIP TO STRATEGIC PLAN, DELIVERY PLAN AND OPERATIONAL PLAN:**

**Strategy:** R.07 Council is recognised for and distinguished by its management, innovation and customer service.

**Term Achievement:** R.07.01 Council's operating culture is flexible, efficient, integrated and aligned to Council's strategic objectives and program delivery.

**Operational Objective:** R.07.01.01 Implement a structured program of continuous improvement, based on identifying and adopting leading practice, across the organisation.

#### **POLICY IMPLICATIONS:**

Nil.

#### **CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICERS COMMENT:**

Nil.

#### **LEGAL IMPLICATIONS:**

Nil.

#### **RECOMMENDATION:**

*That Council endorse the actions of the Mayor in continuing to pursue the Tingha area community of interest, with the Administrator of Armidale Regional Council and the State Government.*

<b>ITEM NO:</b>	4.	<b>FILE NO:</b> S10.12.2/09
<b>DESTINATION 5:</b>	The communities are served by sustainable services and infrastructure	<b>S</b>
<b>SUBJECT:</b>	<b>MOBILE PHONE BLACKSPOT COVERAGE</b>	
<b>PREPARED BY:</b>	Paul Henry, General Manager	

**SUMMARY:**

Council is in receipt of correspondence regarding the issue of mobile phone black spots and the inability to access '000' emergency calls. Council is being asked to make a determination in respect of the request.

**COMMENTARY:**

Council has received correspondence from Katharine Marsh, Kojonup, Western Australia seeking support in an Australian wide campaign to the Federal Government requesting further funding for mobile phone black spots with a focus on the inability to access '000' emergency numbers.

Ms Marsh initiated this campaign after her partner tragically passed away following a motorbike accident in October, 2015. The accident occurred in a mobile phone black spot, delaying emergency assistance by 20-30 minutes because '000' could not be dialled from the accident scene. This delay may have been the difference between life and death for her partner.

A full copy of the information package for the campaign is attached as Appendix 1 (D10-D14) for the information of Council.

Ms Marsh seeks Council's support by making the petition that forms part of the campaign available at Council's customer service counters for signing by the public.

**RELATIONSHIP TO STRATEGIC PLAN, DELIVERY PLAN AND OPERATIONAL PLAN:**

**Strategy:** S.11 Facilitate the sharing of information and ideas through remote communications.

**Term Achievement:** S.11.01 Through collaborative partnerships and community advocacy, initiatives are being implemented to provide cost effective communications services to the community.

**Operational Objective:** S.11.01.01 To ensure communities have cost effective access to communication services.

**POLICY IMPLICATIONS:**

Nil.

**CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICERS COMMENT:**

Nil.

**LEGAL IMPLICATIONS:**

Nil.

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**RECOMMENDATION:**

*A matter for Council.*

## APPENDIX 1

Katharine Marsh  
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11 May 2016

Inverell Shire Council  
PO Box 138  
INVERELL NSW 2360

Dear General Manager and Councillors

**Re: Petition regarding mobile phone black spots and '000' emergency call access**

I am seeking your support in an Australian wide campaign to the Federal government requesting further funding for mobile phone black spots with a focus on the inability to access '000' emergency numbers.

I initiated this campaign after my partner, Mick McInnes, tragically passed away following a motorbike accident in October 2015. The accident occurred in a mobile phone black spot, delaying emergency assistance by 20 – 30 minutes because '000' could not be dialed from the accident scene. This delay may have been the difference between life and death for Mick. Further details can be found at <https://au.news.yahoo.com/thewest/wa/a/30871433/hope-and-help-amid-grief/>

My story is sadly not an isolated incident. Similar incidents happen every year including most recently in late April 2016 in Waihalla, Victoria.

Where there is a mobile phone black spot there is no mobile network coverage and one cannot dial '000' to access emergency services. Alternative numbers such as '112' do not enhance the ability to access emergency services as mobile phones produced after 2002 already have the roaming capabilities that '112' unlocked in older phones. Mobile phones cannot utilise satellite networks to access '000'.

There are 10692 mobile phone black spots Australia wide, with 3419 across New South Wales and 50 in your local government area.

The Federal Budget handed down on 3 May 2016 sadly did not include any further funding for the Mobile Black Spot Program. Instead the discontinuation of the Program was listed as a savings measure in projections to 2020.

I appreciate the Federal government had previously committed \$160 million to mobile phone black spots with those towers still being rolled out or being announced in June/July 2016. However that funding will leave conservatively at least 3000 mobile phone black spots unaddressed. With no further funding currently forthcoming there is no guarantee as to when the remaining black spots will be addressed.

I appreciate that local governments across Australia have worked tirelessly for several years to improve mobile phone black spots. This campaign does not seek to undermine that work or existing relationships you have with the Federal government and Federal MPs, rather it seeks to enhance this work.

I am seeking your support by making the petition that forms part of the campaign available at your council's customer service counters for signing by the public.

If you would like to provide additional support, letters of support highlighting the inability to access '000' emergency numbers in mobile phone black spot areas and the need for further funding to the candidates in the Federal electorate of New England, which covers your local government area, would be greatly appreciated.

An information package is attached with details of the petition and the campaign website and facebook page which has further information.

Please contact me on 08 9833 2235 or [kathmarsh1983@hotmail.com](mailto:kathmarsh1983@hotmail.com) to discuss further.

I thank you for your consideration and support.

Yours sincerely

Katharine Marsh



## TRIPLE ZERO EMERGENCY CALLS AUSTRALIA WIDE

### INFORMATION PACKAGE

Thank you for deciding to participate in this petition campaigning for the Federal government to increase funding to improve mobile phone black spots and commit to a deadline by which all currently identified mobile phone black spots will be rectified.

The information package contains:

- Flyer which can be printed and handed out to people if desired (1)
- Complete wording of the petition (2)
- Form for signature collection (3) – print as many as necessary

**IMPORTANT – ALL SIGNATURES MUST BE COLLECTED ON THE FORM FOR SIGNATURE COLLECTION. SIGNATURES COLLECTED ON BLANK PAGES OR ON THE BACK OF THAT FORM WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED BY THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT AS VALID SIGNATURES.**

You are welcome to place this petition in a prominent place in your local area or individually ask people to sign the petition. If leaving the petition somewhere to be signed I recommend printing the complete wording of the petition so people can read more about what they are signing.

Please note when requesting people to sign the petition providing details of their address is voluntary and can be left blank if they choose, however, including a full address does give more weight to the petition as their names can be cross referenced on the electoral roll. Please note, they will not be contacted or sent junk mail if providing an address.

**Signatures should be collected and returned to me by 30th June 2016.**

The signatures will then be collated and sent to the Standing Committee on Petitions for presentation to the Federal government following the election on 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2016.

Please return your completed signature forms to:

Katharine Marsh  
RMB 533  
KOJONUP WA 6395

For further information or queries please email [kathmarsh1983@hotmail.com](mailto:kathmarsh1983@hotmail.com)

**Thank you for your support and assistance. Remember it doesn't matter if you collect one signature or one thousand signatures – collectively we can make a difference.**

Kind regards

Katharine Marsh



## TRIPLE ZERO EMERGENCY CALLS AUSTRALIA WIDE

**This campaign aims to lobby the Federal government to increase funding to improve mobile phone black spots and commit to a deadline by which all currently identified black spots will be rectified.**

**It also aims to raise awareness that if your life is in danger you may not be able to place a '000' emergency call in Australia, irrespective of where you are located, due to mobile phone black spots.**

I am campaigning for this issue after my partner, Mick, tragically passed away following a motorbike accident which occurred in a mobile phone black spot, delaying emergency assistance for 20 – 30 minutes.

My experience is not an isolated incident - others have been affected in a similar way. Recent bushfires in late 2015 - early 2016 have also highlighted the problems of mobile phone black spots preventing access to emergency services.

There are 10692 identified mobile phone black spots throughout Australia, including near capital cities, along major highways and transport routes and in whole towns and villages.

**Where there is a mobile phone black spot there is no mobile phone network coverage and you cannot make a '000' call.**

Ultimately if you are faced with a life-threatening emergency and are in a mobile phone black spot area you will not be able to obtain emergency assistance. Delays in seeking emergency assistance could be the difference between life and death.

In 2016, citizens of Australia should be secure in the knowledge that they will be able to access emergency services no matter where they are located. The technology exists to eradicate mobile phone black spots – it is simply a matter of further funding.

A phone call that could save a life is of far greater importance than high speed internet connection. Yet \$160 million over 3 years allocated to upgrading mobile phone black spots appears a drop in the ocean compared to \$27 billion spent on rolling out the NBN.

**What use is high speed internet connection to Australians when our country does not even have the basic technology in place to ensure that every Australian has access to '000' emergency calls when their life is in danger?**

Thank you for taking time to become involved in this campaign and sign this petition

Kind regards

**Katharine Marsh**  
Kojonup, Western Australia  
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Further information:

Triple zero emergency calls Australia wide  
<http://triple0foraustralia.wix.com/triple0foraustralia>



Triple Zero Call Access for All Australians  
<https://www.facebook.com/triple0foraustralia/>

Mobile Black Spot Programme:  
<https://www.communications.gov.au/what-we-do/phone/mobile-services-and-coverage/mobile-black-spot-programme>

Triple zero (000):  
<http://www.triplezero.gov.au/Pages/Usingotheremergencynumbers.aspx>

## **PETITION FOR IMPROVED FUNDING FOR MOBILE PHONE BLACK SPOTS**

### **TO THE HONOURABLE THE SPEAKER AND MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

This petition of mobile phone owning citizens of Australia draws to the attention of the House the issue of mobile phone black spots and their implications on access to emergency services.

There are over 10000 nominated mobile phone black spots throughout Australia, including near capital cities, along major highways and transport routes and in whole towns and villages. Where there is a black spot there is no mobile network coverage and one cannot dial '000' to access emergency services. Alternative numbers such as '112' cannot access emergency services in a black spot area and mobile phones do not utilise satellite network coverage.

Ultimately if you are faced with a life-threatening emergency and are in a mobile phone black spot area you will not be able to obtain emergency assistance. Delays in seeking emergency assistance could be the difference between life and death.

The technology exists to eradicate mobile phone black spots – it is simply a matter of further funding. In 2016, we feel that citizens of Australia should be secure in the knowledge that they will be able to access emergency services no matter where they are located. We feel that a phone call that could save a life is of far greater importance than high speed internet connection.

We therefore ask the House to consider further funding for the improvement of mobile phone black spots and commit to a deadline by which all identified mobile phone black spots will receive mobile coverage.

**Thanks for being involved with this petition. Please return completed forms by 30<sup>th</sup> June 2016 to:**

**Katharine Marsh  
RMB 533  
KOJONUP WA 6395**

**Please email [kathmarsh1983@hotmail.com](mailto:kathmarsh1983@hotmail.com) for further information**

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**SIGNATURES OF OTHER PETITIONERS**

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**TO ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL 25/05/2016**

<b>ITEM NO:</b>	1.	<b>FILE NO:</b> S3.6.5
<b>DESTINATION 2:</b>	A community that is healthy, educated and sustainable	<b>C</b>
<b>SUBJECT:</b>	<b>INVERELL FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY</b>	
<b>PREPARED BY:</b>	Paul Henry, General Manager	

**SUMMARY:**

The Inverell Friends of the Library have provided a copy of the President's Annual Report and financial position for the organisation. Council is requested to note the President's Report.

**COMMENTARY:**

Council has consented to the formation of the Inverell Friends of the Library as a Committee of Council. The purpose of this group is to:

- (i) Promote Library services;
- (ii) Develop community support of the Library;
- (iii) Raise funds for specific projects for the Library;
- (iv) Make representations, individually, as a group or with public support to all levels of Government in support of the Library; and
- (v) Enrich the cultural life of the community.

A requirement of the Plan of Management established for this group is the need to provide Council with an Annual Report of the group's activities. This requirement is satisfied by the President of this organisation submitting a copy of the President's Report. A copy of the report is attached as Appendix 1 (E14-E15) for Council's information.

<b>ITEM NO:</b>	2.	<b>FILE NO:</b> S13.5.5/09
<b>DESTINATION 1:</b>	A recognised leader in a broader context.	<b>R</b>
<b>SUBJECT:</b>	<b>QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE – APRIL 2016</b>	
<b>PREPARED BY:</b>	Hayley Nichols, Corporate Support Officer - Publishing	

**SUMMARY:**

The following details the Questions without Notice items raised at the Ordinary Meeting held 27 April, 2016.

Council is requested to note the actions taken to date.

**COMMENTARY:**

<b>BP/REF: ITEM NO:</b>	<b>SUBJECT and FILE REFERENCE:</b>	<b>COMMENTS:</b>
<b>QWN/ORD 10/16</b> Cr Watts	<u>Mt Russell Road</u> <u>S28.10.SR123</u>  Cr Watts noted a Delungra resident has raised the issue of overhanging branches on the Delungra/Mt Russell Road. Can staff investigate this matter?	Recorded in the Civil and Environmental Services Action Status Report for monitoring and updating.
<b>QWN/ORD 13/16</b> Cr Johnston	<u>South Inverell Footbridge</u> <u>S28.9.14</u>  Cr Johnston noted the bridge and asked if the current flood warning system was sufficient. Can a report be provided to the Committee in this matter?	Report being prepared.
<b>QWN/ORD 14/16</b> Cr Baker	<u>Ashford Road Signage</u> <u>S28.9.18</u>  The current sign replacement program was noted. Can staff review the distance indicator sign on the Ashford Road as you leave Inverell.	Recorded in the Civil and Environmental Services Action Status Report for monitoring and updating.
<b>QWN/ORD 15/16</b> Cr Baker	<u>Safety Mirror</u> <u>S30.9.6</u>  Cr Baker asked can a safety mirror be considered behind Best & Less?	Recorded in the Civil and Environmental Services Action Status Report for monitoring and updating.

<b>ITEM NO:</b>	3.	<b>FILE NO:</b> S4.13.2
<b>DESTINATION 1:</b>	A recognised leader in a broader context	<b>R</b>
<b>SUBJECT:</b>	<b>STRATEGIC TASKS – ‘SIGN OFF’ – APRIL 2016</b>	
<b>PREPARED BY:</b>	Paul Henry, General Manager	

**SUMMARY:**

A part of a successful governance program is a need for administration to indicate to the policy makers that the requirements of the legislation, under which the organisation operates, has been provided. As a result, this information report provides Councillors with a statement of assurance from the General Manager that in accordance with the *Local Government Act, 1993*; the tasks have been complied with.

**COMMENTARY:**

The April, 2016 tasks required to be undertaken are detailed below. Any of these tasks may be added to as Council becomes familiar with this new initiative.

<b>Date</b>	<b>Compliance Requirement</b>	<b>Achieved/Not Achieved</b>	<b>Comments</b>
30 April, 2016	Fourth quarter rates instalment notice to be sent (s.562).	Achieved	Rates notices issued 19 April, 2016.
30 April, 2016	Public bodies to provide Council with a list of parcels of land to which rate rebate applies (s.600).	Achieved	To date no applications have been received.

I confirm that the performance criteria as set out in the criteria for scheduled tasks have been met for the month of April, 2016. I confirm the accuracy and completeness of the information provided above, in that to the best of my knowledge and understanding, all material information has been herein disclosed.

P J HENRY PSM

GENERAL MANAGER

<b>ITEM NO:</b>	4.	<b>FILE NO:</b> S12.22.1/09
<b>DESTINATION 2:</b>	A community that is healthy, educated and sustainable	<b>C</b>
<b>SUBJECT:</b>	<b>INVERELL MEN'S HEALTH NIGHT – ADDITIONAL INFORMATION</b>	
<b>PREPARED BY:</b>	Paul Henry, General Manager	

**SUMMARY:**

Further information has been provided by Hunter New England Health in respect of the Inverell Men's Health Night being conducted under the auspice of the Inverell Prostate Cancer Support Group later this year. Council is being asked to receive and note the information.

**COMMENTARY:**

Council's Economic & Community Sustainability Committee considered a report at their May meeting regarding a request from Hunter New England Health for financial assistance for the conduct of an Inverell Men's Health Night. The Committee recommended a financial contribution of \$1K on the proviso that Hunter New England Health provides additional information which details their support for the event.

The following further information has now been provided by Belinda Robinson, Community Health Manager, outlining Inverell Community Health's commitment and support for Men's Health and the event:

*'The Men's Health Night is being run under the auspice of Inverell Prostate Cancer Support Group.*

*Staff have seen a need for men's health education and with this Janece Fleming has been appointed as the Project Officer for Community Health for this event. Funding for her wage has been specially provided by Nursing and Midwifery for 12 hours per fortnight which is above Janece's normal work hours. This funding was applied for as an exceptional request and was successful.*

*Other staff members from Inverell Community Health are assisting by:*

- *Staff encouraging Men from Ashford, Bundarra, Tingha, Delungra and Inverell areas to attend the event. As well as reinforcing our commitment to Closing the Gap Health Strategy,*
- *Providing resources for Men to take home to ensure consistent messages are provided,*
- *Providing education sessions on specific men's health issues at the event,*
- *Providing an Aboriginal Health Worker sourcing culturally appropriate resources,*
- *Providing information stalls,*
- *Providing staffing support leading up to and at the event for support and co-ordination to ensure a smooth running event,*
- *Providing advertising and press releases leading up to the event'.*

<b>ITEM NO:</b>	5.	<b>FILE NO:</b> S26.3.14
<b>DESTINATION 4:</b>	A strong local economy	<b>B</b>
<b>SUBJECT:</b>	<b>OPERA IN THE PADDOCK 2016</b>	
<b>PREPARED BY:</b>	Paul Henry, General Manager	

**SUMMARY:**

Council is in receipt of correspondence from Peta Blyth OAM, Artistic Director, Opera North West Ltd regarding Opera in the Paddock which was held on 2 April, 2016. Council is being asked to receive and note the information provided.

**COMMENTARY:**

Opera in the Paddock was held on the property 'Mimosa' on 2 April, 2016 and according to Mrs Blyth, *'the event was a resounding success with undoubtedly the most enthusiastic response to date with a standing ovation of 10 mins in the paddock'*.

Two (2) concerts were held this year. One (1) in Armidale on 1 April, 2016, which attracted an audience of 350 people, and then the paddock event the following evening which attracted an audience of 650. Given that the event last year was cancelled at the 11<sup>th</sup> hour due to a thunderstorm, organisers were pleased with this positive response.

Mrs Blyth has provided Council with a comprehensive report on the event. A copy is attached as Appendix 2 (E16-E34) for the information of Council.

<b>ITEM NO:</b>	6.	<b>FILE NO:</b> S7.2.4/09
<b>DESTINATION 3:</b>	An environment that is protected and sustained.	<b>E</b>
<b>SUBJECT:</b>	<b>CONSTRUCTION CERTIFICATES APPROVED FOR APRIL 2016</b>	
<b>PREPARED BY:</b>	Julie Forrester, Temporary Administration Assistant	

**SUMMARY:**

The following details the Construction Certificates approved by Council for April, 2016.

**INFORMATION:**

<b><u>Construction Certificate Number</u></b>	<b><u>Applicant</u></b>	<b><u>Property</u></b>	<b><u>Construction</u></b>	<b><u>\$ Amount</u></b>
CC-16/2016	Mr William Bruce Hollingworth	519 Eastern Feeder, KINGSLAND 2370	Construct Dwelling	350,000
CC-21/2016	Mr Mark Roger Daley	12 Brae Street, INVERELL 2360	Carport	5,000
CC-22/2016	Mr Terrence Noel Lawlor and Ms Alison Gaye King	48 Queen Street, INVERELL 2360	Carport	6,000
CC-23/2016	Mr Warwick Walter Storm	299 Auburn Vale Road, INVERELL 2360	Erect New Shed	30,000
<b>Monthly estimated value of Approvals: April 2016</b>			<b>4</b>	<b>\$391,000</b>

**AMENDED CONSTRUCTION CERTIFICATES**

<b><u>Construction Certificate Number</u></b>	<b><u>Applicant</u></b>	<b><u>Property</u></b>	<b><u>Construction</u></b>	<b><u>\$ Amount</u></b>
CC-100/2012/B	Inverell Shire Council	55 Burtenshaw Road, INVERELL 2360	Proposed Shed	0
CC-6/2015/B	Ms Sharon Anne Thomas	7 Albert Street, INVERELL 2360	New Shed & Carport	0
<b>Monthly estimated value of Approvals: April 2016</b>			<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>

**SUMMARY:**

The following details the Construction Certificates approved by Private Certifier for April, 2016.

**INFORMATION:**

<u>Construction Certificate Number</u>	<u>Applicant</u>	<u>Property</u>	<u>Construction</u>	<u>\$ Amount</u>
CC-28/2016	Mr Dylan Gavin Norman Hogg and Ms Kimberlee Brooke Wilson	463 Old Bundarra Road, INVERELL 2360	New Dwelling	161,665
CC-30/2016	Mr Luke Charles Holder and Mrs Melissa Dawn Holder	267 Fernhill Road, INVERELL 2360	New Dwelling	230,000
CC-33/2016	New England North West Planning Services	103 McLean Road, INVERELL 2360	Secondary Dwelling	49,500
CC-34/2016	Mrs Danyelle Katherine Harris	"Fairfield", 15032 Guyra Road, GILGAI 2360	Alterations and Additions	19,281
CC-35/2016	Mr Donald MacRae Findlay	5 Hopper Street, INVERELL 2360	Addition of Awning at Rear of Dwelling	17,578
<b>Monthly estimated value of Approvals: April 2016</b>			<b>5</b>	<b>\$478,024</b>

<b>ITEM NO:</b>	7.	<b>FILE NO:</b> S7.2.4/09
<b>DESTINATION 3:</b>	An environment that is protected and sustained.	<b>E</b>
<b>SUBJECT:</b>	<b>COMPLYING DEVELOPMENT CERTIFICATES APPROVED DURING APRIL 2016</b>	
<b>PREPARED BY:</b>	Julie Forrester, Temporary Administration Assistant	

**SUMMARY:**

The following details the Complying Development Certificates approved by Council during April, 2016.

**INFORMATION:**

<u>Complying Development Number</u>	<u>Applicant</u>	<u>Property</u>	<u>Construction</u>	<u>\$ Amount</u>
CD-10/2016	Ms Tineke Marie Dekkers	25 Granville Street, INVERELL 2360	Construct Patio	13,000
CD-11/2016	Jorgensen Building	34 Caloola Drive, INVERELL 2360	Dwelling	348,000
CD-12/2016	Mrs Kayelene Michele Rynne	305 Ashford Road, INVERELL 2360	Construct Garage	21,931

CD-13/2016	Leisure Pools Clarence Valley & Tablelands	54 Dog Trap Lane, INVERELL 2360	Install Swimming Pool	70,500
CD-14/2016	Mr Alan Wallace Abbot and Ms Carol Anne May	31 Clancys Drive, INVERELL 2360	Construct Gazebo	9,500
CD-17/2016	Mr Tyson Wayne Varidel	24 Mulligan Street, INVERELL 2360	New Shed	12,000
<b>Monthly estimated value of Approvals: April 2016</b>			<b>6</b>	<b>\$474,931</b>

**AMENDED COMPLYING DEVELOPMENT CERTIFICATES**

Nil.

**SUMMARY:**

The following details the Complying Development Certificates approved by Private Certifier for April, 2016.

**INFORMATION:**

<b><u>Complying Development Number</u></b>	<b><u>Applicant</u></b>	<b><u>Property</u></b>	<b><u>Construction</u></b>	<b><u>\$ Amount</u></b>
CD-16/2016	Mr Barry Robert Ehsman	51 Wolbah Close, INVERELL 2360	New Shed	59,000
CD-18/2016	Mr Barry William Bourke	63 Froude Street, INVERELL 2360	New Shed	3,500
<b>Monthly estimated value of Approvals: April 2016</b>			<b>2</b>	<b>\$62,500</b>

<b>ITEM NO:</b>	8.	<b>FILE NO:</b> S7.2.4/09
<b>DESTINATION 3:</b>	An environment that is protected and sustained.	<b>E</b>
<b>SUBJECT:</b>	<b>SUMMARY OF BUILDING CONSTRUCTION FOR APRIL 2016</b>	
<b>PREPARED BY:</b>	Julie Forrester, Temporary Administration Assistant	

**SUMMARY:**

The following report summarises the Building Construction for the Inverell Shire in April, 2016.

**INFORMATION:**

Total Building Construction for Inverell Shire for April, 2016:

<u>Type of Consent</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>\$ Amount</u>
Construction Certificates – Council Approved	4	391,000
Construction Certificates – Private Certifier	5	478,024
Complying Development – Council Approved	6	474,931
Complying Development – Private Certifier	2	62,500
<b>Totals</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>\$1,406,445</b>

Estimated Value of Approvals issued in the financial ytd in:	<b>2015/2016 (133)</b>	<b>\$12,990,843</b>
	<b>2014/2015 (154)</b>	<b>\$ 25,317,198</b>

<b>ITEM NO:</b>	9.	<b>FILE NO:</b> S18.10.2/09
<b>DESTINATION 3:</b>	An environment that is protected and sustained	<b>E</b>
<b>SUBJECT:</b>	<b>DEVELOPMENT CONSENTS AND REFUSALS DURING APRIL 2016</b>	
<b>PREPARED BY:</b>	Julie Forrester, Temporary Administration Assistant	

**SUMMARY:**

The following details the Development Consents and Refusals during April, 2016.

**INFORMATION:**

## APPROVALS

<u>Development Application Number</u>	<u>Applicant</u>	<u>Property</u>	<u>Development</u>	<u>\$ Amount</u>
DA-32/2016	Mr Mark Roger Daley	12 Brae Street, INVERELL 2360	Carport	5,000
DA-33/2016	Mr Terrence Noel Lawlor and Ms Alison Gaye King	48 Queen Street, INVERELL 2360	Carport	6,000
DA-34/2016	Mr Warwick Walter Storm	299 Auburn Vale Road, INVERELL 2360	Erect New Shed	30,000
<b>Monthly estimated value of Approvals: April 2016</b>			<b>3</b>	<b>\$41,000</b>

**DEVELOPMENT AMENDMENTS**

<u>Development Application Number</u>	<u>Applicant</u>	<u>Property</u>	<u>Development</u>	<u>\$ Amount</u>
DA-9/2015/A	Ms Sharon Anne Thomas	7 Albert Street, INVERELL 2360	New Shed & Carport	0
<b>Monthly estimated value of Approvals: April 2016</b>			<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>

**REFUSALS**

Nil.

<b>ITEM NO:</b>	10.	<b>FILE NO:</b> S29.19.1
<b>DESTINATION 3:</b>	An environment that is protected and sustained	<b>E</b>
<b>SUBJECT:</b>	<b>SEPTIC TANK APPROVALS FOR APRIL 2016</b>	
<b>PREPARED BY:</b>	Julie Forrester, Temporary Administration Assistant	

**SUMMARY:**

The following details the Septic Tank approvals for April, 2016.

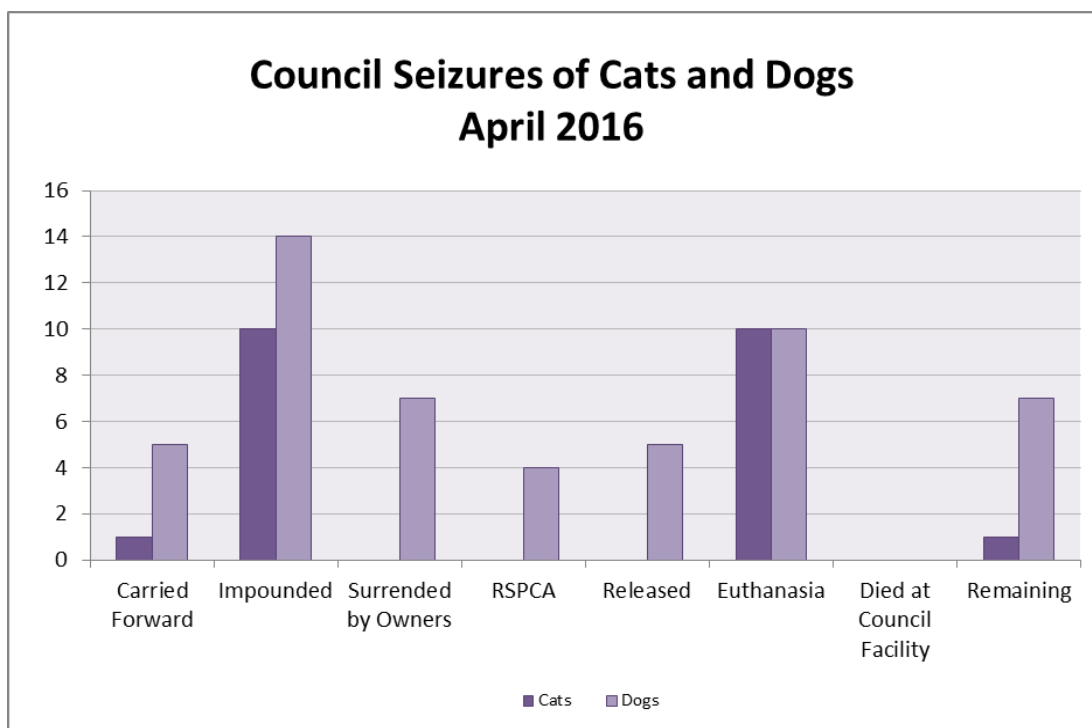
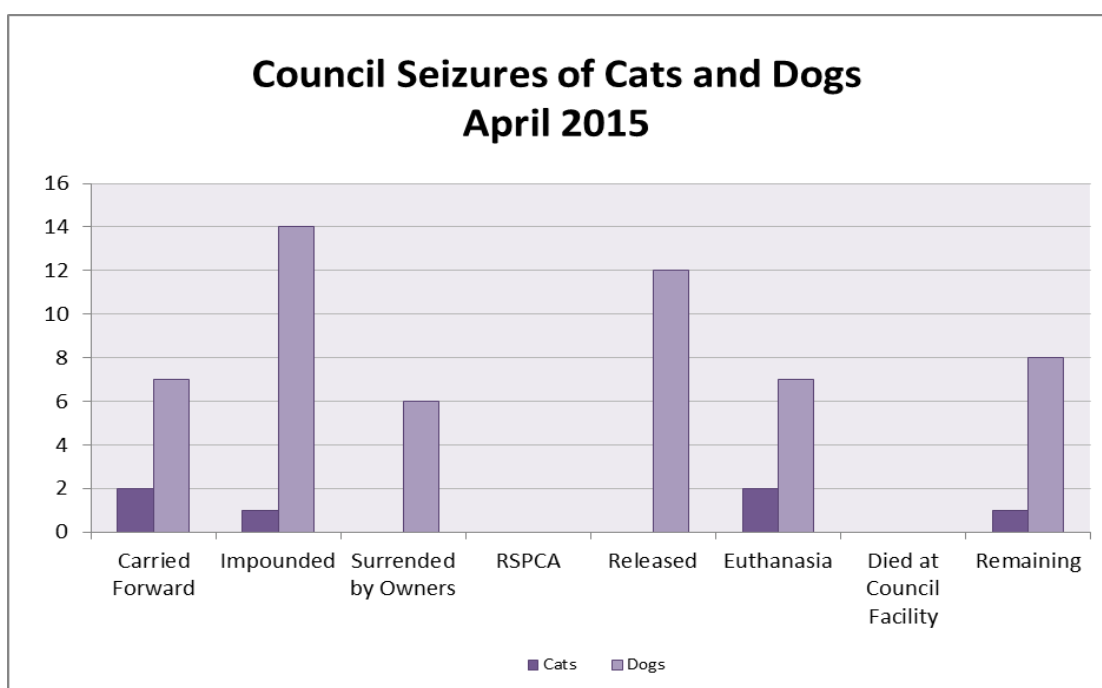
**INFORMATION:**

<u>Application Number</u>	<u>Applicant</u>	<u>Property</u>
S-4/2016	Mr James Joseph Towle Hain	"Burmah" 396 Burmah Road, GRAMAN 2360
S-6/2016	Mr Williams Bruce Hollingsworth	519 Eastern Feeder, KINGSLAND 2370

<b>ITEM NO:</b>	11.	<b>FILE NO:</b> S18.10.1
<b>DESTINATION 3:</b>	An environment that is protected and sustained	<b>E</b>
<b>SUBJECT:</b>	<b>ORDINANCE ACTIVITIES REPORT FOR APRIL 2016</b>	
<b>PREPARED BY:</b>	Julie Forrester, Temporary Administration Assistant	

**SUMMARY:**

The following details the number of various Ordinance activities carried out during April, 2016, in comparison to the same month in 2015.

**INFORMATION:****COMPLIANCE****Inverell Shire Council Pound Monthly Report April 2016****Inverell Shire Council Pound Monthly Report April 2015**

<b>ITEM NO:</b>	12.	<b>FILE NO:</b> S5.6.2
<b>DESTINATION 5:</b>	The communities are served by sustainable services and infrastructure	<b>S</b>
<b>SUBJECT:</b>	<b>INFRASTRUCTURE BACKLOG - NRMA FUNDING LOCAL ROADS 2015 REPORT</b>	
<b>PREPARED BY:</b>	Ken Beddie, Director Corporate and Economic Services	

**SUMMARY:**

Council at its April, 2016 Meeting considered the report on the Draft 2016/2017 Operational Plan and Budget, the Long Term Financial Plan and the Roads Asset Plan. The report included detailed information on Council's Infrastructure Backlog. The following additional information in respect of the substantially reduced NSW Councils Infrastructure Backlog now being reported by New South Wales Councils under the revised calculation methodology and as included in the NRMA Funding Local Roads 2015 Report is provided for Council's information.

**COMMENTARY:**

Council at its April, 2016 Meeting considered the report on the Draft 2016/2017 Operational Plan and Budget, the Long Term Financial Plan and the Roads Asset Plan. The report included detailed information on Council's Infrastructure Backlog and the methodology which now must be applied in calculating the Backlog amount as required by the NSW Office of Local Government's Integrated Planning and Reporting Guidelines 2013, the CPA Australia – Valuation and Depreciation – A guide for the not-for-profit and public sector under accrual based accounting standards 2013, the International Infrastructure Management Manual 2015, and the Local Government Code of Accounting Practice which is updated on an annual basis. These publications, as stated in the Report, provided the strongest guidance yet for New South Wales Councils in the Condition Rating (Asset Assessment) of Council's assets, the preparation of Special Schedule 7 and the calculation of the Infrastructure Backlog amount.

As noted in the Report, Council's auditable infrastructure backlog as at 30 June, 2015 (excluding all asset upgrade costs) was \$5.1M and related entirely to the Shire Rural Sealed Road Network. As stated in the Report, the Backlog is only that proportion of asset renewal work which must be completed in the next 12 months, to bring assets up to a satisfactory condition, which is not funded.

The NRMA has now released a report "Funding Local Roads 2015" as part of their federal election platform for the July, 2016 Federal Election. The report analysed the Infrastructure Backlogs of all New South Wales Councils. The report highlights that *"Councils this year reported repairs of \$1.7 billion down from \$3.2 billion last year on the back of strict reporting requirements under the State Government's Fit for the Future reforms"*.

The Report indicates that the current backlog of infrastructure funding required to bring roads to a satisfactory condition at the revised \$1.7B amount is comprised of \$1.3B required for regional Council road renewals and \$375M for metropolitan Councils. It notes that the maintenance deficit for 2014-15 is \$35M for regional Councils, with metropolitan Councils having a surplus \$13.8M. This is due to a number of metropolitan Councils spending a greater portion of funds on road resurfacing activities. This expenditure is not regular and does vary with the size of Council's road network.

The Report advises that the Key results for Regional Councils are:

- The Hunter region has the highest infrastructure backlog estimate at \$286.5M, being 16.7 per cent of the total backlog.

- Mid North Coast region backlog fell from \$608.4M in 2013-14 to \$253.8M in 2014-15. The backlog fell \$354.6M, equivalent to a 58 per cent reduction.
- The South West region experienced the biggest percentage fall in its backlog at 68 per cent.
- No regional Council has a backlog of more than \$100M worth of road infrastructure in 2014-15 compared to five (5) regional Councils in 2013-14.
- Port Macquarie Hastings Council has the highest road infrastructure backlog estimate at \$91.4M, down from \$225.1M in 2013-14. The reported Infrastructure Backlog for Clarence Valley Council had decreased from \$224M to \$29M.
- Gosford Council also has the biggest maintenance deficit estimated at \$11.6M.
- Regional Councils tend to have relatively higher road infrastructure and maintenance backlogs than metropolitan Councils.

In respect of the New England Councils, the following information is provided:

### New England

Councils	Recurrent Road Funding Available \$'000s	Estimated Annual Maintenance Required \$'000s	Actual Annual Maintenance \$'000s	Maintenance Shortfall \$'000s	Infrastructure Backlog \$'000s
Armidale	3,960	3,932	3,681	-251	11,036
Glen Innes	3,592	1,343	1,853	510	17,904
Gunnedah	4,161	2,785	2,785	0	7,404
Guyra	3,171	1,421	1,522	101	4,325
Gwydir	6,141	3,669	3,669	0	13,896
Inverell	7,611	4,535	4,548	13	5,097
Liverpool Plains	4,984	3,565	5,867	2,302	5,597
Moree Plains	8,415	5,165	4,639	-526	7,521
Narrabri	6,354	5,178	6,150	972	8,925
Tamworth	11,987	11,553	11,709	156	-
Tenterfield	5,445	2,405	2,792	387	11,148
Uralla	3,278	2,583	2,550	-33	533
Walcha	2,914	1,326	1,399	73	16,407
<b>New England</b>	<b>72,014</b>	<b>49,460</b>	<b>53,164</b>	<b>3,704</b>	<b>109,793</b>

While not shown in the Report, Tamworth Regional Council had an Infrastructure Backlog of \$20.063M, being the highest Backlog in the region, but representing an Infrastructure Backlog Ratio of only 2.3% which is only just over the required <2.0% by 2020 Fit for the Future Benchmark.

A review of the information shows that Inverell's Backlog at \$5.1M (infrastructure backlog ratio of 1.48%) is comparable with the region and other similar sized Councils in New South Wales. Council has been in the fortunate position unlike many Councils where it has been able to allocate very substantial additional funding to its Rural Road Network as part of its Fit for the Future Roadmap.

A full copy of the NRMA Report can be viewed on their website.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

*That the items contained in the Information Reports to the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on Wednesday, 25 May, 2016, be received and noted.*

## APPENDIX 1

INVERELL SHIRE COUNCIL	
14 APR 2016	

6<sup>th</sup> April '16

The General Manager  
Inverell Shire Council  
P.O. 138  
Inverell 2360

Dear Mr. Henry,

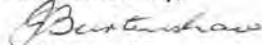
The Inverell Friends of the Library held their A.G.M. on 6<sup>th</sup> April and the following officer bearers were elected:

President: Mrs. Beverly Parlevleit  
Treasurer: Mrs Jill Burtenshaw  
Secretary: Miss Nancy Wilkins  
Vice President: Mrs. Kathy Hunt  
Assistant Secretary: Mrs. Anna Morse  
Publicity Officer: Mrs. Anna Morse  
Archive Record Collector: Mrs. Wendy Gooda

Enclosed also find a copy of the President's Annual Report and the Treasurer's Annual Report.

The "Friends" are very proud of the Inverell Library and are very happy to co-operate with the excellent staff to help in whatever ways we can.

Yours sincerely,

  
Jill Burtenshaw  
for Friends of the Library

**Inverell Friends of the Library, President's Annual Report, 5<sup>th</sup> April 2016**

Once again we have had a very successful year of activities. This year having a financial setback in raising money, the library staff came up with the idea of screening free movies at which the Friends could serve morning or afternoon teas and this has helped put some money in our account.

In May we had our annual Cancer Council Biggest Morning Tea with guest speakers from Community Health. It was well attended.

There have been several book launches which we catered for during the year. Also a visit from the State Librarian.

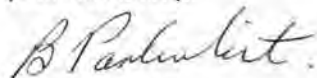
For the children's reading challenges, primary and secondary, we provided excellent prizes, presented in January. Very good results were achieved and parents are to be applauded as well for their persistence and help with their children's reading. FOL members wrapped books and bagged lollies for preschool story-timers gifts at their end of the year parties which some of us were able to attend.

Our Christmas Party was held at a Chinese Restaurant in December. It was very enjoyable with most members being able to attend.

We are planning activities for Senior's Week.

A farewell was held for Norma Clay, of the Genealogical & Historical Society. Norma spent many hours in the library answering family and local history questions and will be very much missed when she moves to Brisbane.

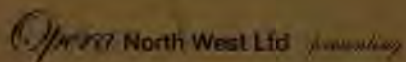
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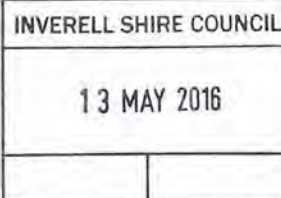
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## APPENDIX 2

Opera North West Ltd *presenting*Opera  
in the Paddock  
CONCERTS & EVENTS

May 10, 2016  
Mr Paul Henry,  
General Manager  
Inverell Shire Council,  
Otho St,  
Inverell 2360



Dear Paul,

I am very pleased to report to you and the Inverell Council that this year's Opera in the paddock was a resounding success with undoubtedly the most enthusiastic response to date with a standing ovation of 10 mins in the paddock. The weather was, thankfully, in great contrast to last year with a perfect afternoon.

Opera North West thanks the Inverell Council for their ongoing support with the contribution of \$5000 and assistance with grading of the road prior to the event. A comprehensive report on the event and the extent of the marketing is attached.

The two concerts – Armidale and Inverell worked well with numbers from each 350 and 650 approximately equalling the numbers from last year. Given the cancellation last year, this was a very positive response and covered a greater geographical area which was the intention. The "paddock" maintains its attraction and it was interesting to observe that some Armidale residents chose to travel to the paddock over the indoor venue.

It also must be noted that the assistance and sponsorship through **Destination NSW** is invaluable for marketing and promotion of the event and the overall recognition through their global network.

Please find attached program, report and summary of the event.

Kind regards,

Peta Blyth OAM

Artistic Director

# *Opera in the Paddock*

## 2016



*"Mimosa", April 2*

*Lazenby Hall UNE, April 1 2016*

*"Mimosa" Inverell, April 2 2016*

**OPERA IN THE Paddock 2016**

1. THE TWO PERFORMANCES
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## THE TWO PERFORMANCES

Due to the cancellation of the event in 2015, much consideration and discussions were given as to how best to rebuild the event and audiences. Budgets and rescheduling of artists, location of audience members were carefully considered. The concept of the indoor Armidale concert was decided on with an earlier start time for the paddock. Geographically, the Armidale concert covered a slightly different region, allowing easier access to the Coffs Coast and Tamworth. This was taken on board by a number of audience members who, on booking, stated that they could not make the journey to Inverell. This seems to have worked well overall, despite the physical set up of two events.

Concessions were given to those patrons returning to the performance at "Mimosa"; the Lazenby hall concert, the venue sponsored by UNE, being a new venture. It is of interest, however, that a number of Armidale people still came across to the "paddock" - the Paddock being quite the unique attraction and experience.

Expecting numbers to be down from last year, the overall numbers of the two performances ( 650 and 350) equalled the overall numbers of audience members in 2015 - approx 1050.

### STANDING OVATIONS!

The performances in both venues were outstanding successes with both resulting in standing ovations at the end of the performances and throughout. To have the audience in the paddock on their feet was a great triumph.

The attraction and star quality of Teddy Tahu Rhodes cannot be underestimated. As the leading singer in Australia at the present time, his performances were riveting vocally and dramatically. It is indeed a credit to Opera North West that such an international star returned to fulfill the original engagement of 2015.

For the paddock, Teddy's imitative to appear for the final segment in boots and shorts with tie and jacket was received well in the spirit of the occasion.



## **BENEFITS TO THE COMMUNITY**

### **COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND CAPACITY BUILDING**

ONW is committed to nurturing the cultural development of regional artists, providing them with the infrastructure under which they can perform professionally – a concept that is unique to the area. Workshops and educational opportunities are undertaken by experienced professionals equally committed to the development of young and emerging local performers.

ONW relies on the consistent and invaluable contribution of large numbers of volunteers from a broad community base to run its annual program. This contribution provides important social outcomes for the individuals involved.

A loyal group of supporters, 'Friends of Paddock Opera' continue to be avid supporters of the event, strengthening community engagement and ownership of the company, as well as providing practical assistance.

These community members gain a range of skills through their participation in *Opera in the Paddock* through assisting with the set-up and running of the performance.

Locals from Inverell who contributed as volunteers:

Annabelle & Ben Monie, Bunny & Peter Smith, 3 students from TAFE film crew, SES volunteers.

### **DESTINATION NSW**

The assistance provided through DESTINATION NSW to employ personnel for marketing and promotion is of great benefit to the event and also to the general promotion of the area. DESTINATION NSW enabled the following:

- employment of marketing personnel
- DESTINATION NSW's valuable network
- global recognition of the 'Opera In the Paddock' through the DESTINATION NSW Website - EVENTS
- assistance, advice and expertise

### **EMPLOYMENT OF ARTISTS AND CULTURAL WORKERS**

ONW is committed to providing opportunities to regional performers, volunteers and key stakeholders.

One of the benefits that the event brings to the community is the opportunity to provide:

- Employment
- Professional development
- Networking opportunities i.e. regional musicians with metropolitan performers and conductor.

This is an aspect that is highly valued by the musicians.

For over a decade, ONW has offered paid employment opportunities to a range of local artists and cultural practitioners. This has included paying:

- singers
- conductors
- musicians
- part-time Administrative Assistant
- part-time Marketing Manager
- part-time Development Manager

The capacity to offer employment is significant as the availability of paid employment for artists in remote regional areas is often difficult, if not impossible, to secure.

### **PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT OF ARTISTS AND CULTURAL WORKERS**

As a core element of the company, ONW has a well-established track record of education building and engaging young people through performance opportunities, as well as a continually evolving, highly flexible schedule of creative workshops.

### MASTERCLASSES

This year due to the location of rehearsals at Lazenby Hall, two masterclasses were conducted in Armidale - vocal and choral by conductor Timothy Sexton and by tenor Bradley Daley. These were greatly appreciated by the eight participants who came from Armidale and Inverell. The masterclasses were supported by the Armidale Dumaresq Council.

Singing teacher, Dr Inge Southcott expressed her gratitude in an email,

"Thank you very much indeed for organising the masterclass. It was so inspiring and very useful. I am sure the students will remember what Bradley said as he honed in on the various tension problems they had so effectively..."



### BENEFITS TO THE INVERELL SHIRE

Opera in the Paddock has attracted approximately 15,000 people over the past decade. A considerable number of those attending travel to Inverell for the event, contributing to the positive economic development of the town and its sustainability. Many visitors are travelling to Inverell for the first time and visit other local attractions during their stay.

### ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Businesses that directly benefit as a result of the event include:

- accommodation providers (hotels, motels, caravan parks, B + Bs)
- food, clubs and hospitality outlets
- retail outlets, boutique shops
- coach companies
- SES volunteers
- catering and party hire
- fuel outlets
- graphic designers
- printers
- electrical trades
- building material suppliers / builder
- insurance brokers
- tourism outlets

Current figures\* for the average overnight tourism spend for 2015 are as follows:

- Overnight \$140
- Day trip \$133

(\*National Visitor Survey (NVS) YE March 14, Tourism Australia (TRA))

### CULTURAL BENEFITS FOR THE COMMUNITY

Opera in the Paddock provides the local community with the opportunity to participate in, as well as attend, a world class event. This in turn:

- strengthens community wellbeing and spirit, creating a sense of place and belonging
- The identity of the event is firmly associated with Inverell now on a national level, especially in music circles
- engages young people in creating regional futures

### CULTURAL TOURISM

The event has received national recognition in music circles and the publicity that the event attracts had continued to draw patrons from regional, interstate and metropolitan areas.

A national interview on ABC Classic FM with presenter Martin Buzacott along with a ticket competition drew an astonishing amount of interest, much to the presenters surprise.

In turn, as the ticket distribution graph shows, visitors came from all over Australia; the result of which, Inverell enjoys the positive association with a world class, cultural event.

## MARKETING and PROMOTION

### PROMOTION

The Inverell Shire enjoys the benefits of a national marketing campaign for the event. This includes:

### REGIONAL PRESS

Inverell Times, Border News, Moree Champion, Goondiwindi Argus, Glen Innes Examiner, Bingara Advocate, Wyallda Standard Armidale Express & Extra, Tenterfield Star, Northern Daily Leader & Country Leader, North West Magazine, Walcha News.

### STATE AND NATIONAL PRESS

### TELEVISION

Prime 7 & NBN - NBN across New England North West region + Newcastle & mid North coast

### RADIO

Regional interviews & National **ABC FM** interview and 20 mins segment with presenter Martin Buzacott, 4MBSFM (magazine & radio, Brisbane) 2VM interview Star FM interview.

### REGIONAL MAGAZINES

Focus, New England Home and Living

### NATIONAL MAGAZINES

Qantaslink Magazine Autumn Diary Entry

### DISTRIBUTION OF PROMOTIONAL MATERIAL

8000 flyers and brochures are distributed across northern NSW and southern Queensland, as well metropolitan distribution in Brisbane and Sydney through relevant music venues. 200 posters are printed and displayed as above. Several direct mail outs to database of approximately 1000.

### SOCIAL MEDIA

Reflective of the change in promotion of events, much more emphasis was placed this year on social media and this has proved a most effective way to create interest and publicize the events. Josh Mc Phee from the Dust Jacket was able to take on this task and significantly increased the profile on social media of both Facebook and Instagram.



**MEDIA**

<b>REGIONAL PRESS</b>	Inverell Times, Border News, Moree Champion, Glen Innes Examiner, Bingara Advocate, Tamworth Times, Armidale Independent, Armidale Express, Tenterfield Star, Northern Daily Leader & Country Leader, North West Magazine, Namoi Valley Independent, Wyallda Standard, Goondiwindi Argus, Walcha News, The Land
<b>TELEVISION</b>	TVCs on NBN across the New England North West and mid-north Coast (Newcastle to the Gold Coast)
<b>RADIO</b>	<p>Radio advertisements on and NOWFM. Regional &amp; national ABC FM, 4MBSFM (magazine &amp; radio, Brisbane), commercial stations throughout the New England north west.</p> <p>Interviews with Teddy Tahu Rhodes and Peta Blyth broadcast through ABC FM, 4MBSFM (magazine &amp; radio, Brisbane), commercial stations throughout the New England north west.</p> <p>Ticket giveaways through, STA FM, 2AD &amp; ABC Classic FM</p>
<b>REGIONAL MAGAZINES</b>	Focus, New England Country Living, Qantas Spirit Magazine
<b>POSTERS + FLYERS</b>	8000 flyers distributed across northern NSW and southern Queensland, as well metropolitan distribution in Brisbane and Sydney through relevant music venues. 250 posters printed and displayed as above
<b>WEBSITE</b>	Updated information including all aspects of the event, including bookings
<b>SOCIAL MEDIA + ELECTRONIC BULLETINS</b>	<p>Facebook and Twitter</p> <p>Extensive e-mail campaign targeting specific groups using Mailchimp</p>

## 2016 'Opera in the Paddock' Ticket Sales

### 'Lazenby Hall' UNE

#### TICKET SALES BY LOCATION

NEW SOUTH WALES	
Armidale & surrounds	253
Glen Innes	5
Inverell	14
Sydney	6
Tamworth	15
Moree	6
Central Coast	26
Central West	2
OTHER STATES	
QLD	5
VIC	2
	334

#### PERFORMERS, PRODUCTION STAFF & VOLUNTEERS BY LOCATION

NEW SOUTH WALES	
Armidale	10
Newcastle	2
Narrabri	1
Local	10
QUEENSLAND	6
SOUTH AUSTRALIA	1
VICTORIA	3
	23

### 'Mimosa'

#### TICKET SALES BY LOCATION

NEW SOUTH WALES	
Sydney	45
Mid North Coast	25
Coffs Harbour	16
Hunter Valley	21
Central Coast	14
REGIONAL NSW	
Armidale	36
Bingara	22
Delungra	40
Inverell	187
Glen Innes	20
Moree	30
Narrabri	26
Tamworth	23
Warrallda	19
New England North West	20
Central West	10
OTHER STATES	
QUEENSLAND	
Brisbane	65
Coastal Regions	16
Southern Qld	25
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## 2016 'Opera in the Paddock' Ticket Sales 'Mimosa'

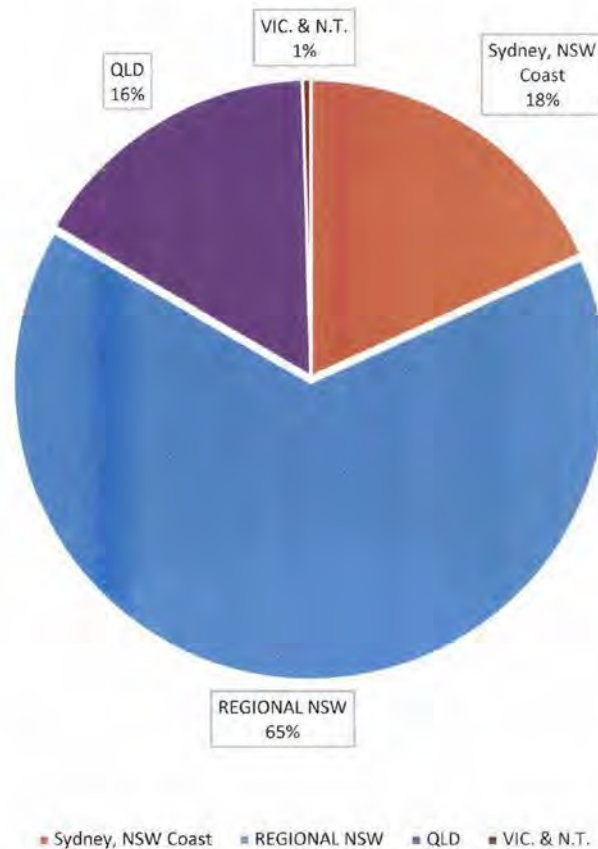
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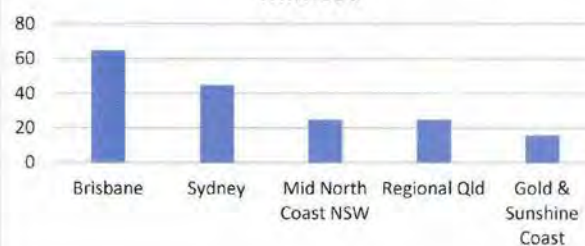
#### Geographical reach outside New England North West

Outside the New England North West region, the majority of visitors were from Brisbane, Sydney, Mid North Coast, Regional Queensland and the Gold and Sunshine Coasts. See figure right:

Number, Percent and Location of Tickets Sold



Top 5 Origins of Ticket Buyers  
'Mimosa'



### TESTIMONIALS

#### Testimonials from patrons include:

What a wonderful evening we had!!! Congratulations to all!!  
All the music was delightful! The four singers together just before interval was hair standing up on the back on my neck stuff! Likewise the men's duet!!  
I could go on and on! The orchestra! The humour! The venue! The dresses!  
The shorts and boots! Thank you. Thank you. Thank you.

Sue Goldsmith (Bundarra)

Jan & I would like to congratulate you on making it possible for giving us a most wonderful evening of entertainment. We have only missed one year and this year was the grant 'finale' having Teddy to join your very talented group!

Jean Dight (Yetman)

Your inspiration and devotion and creating a magnificent event for us all was so obvious last Saturday. It was a truly great occasion (AND fun!)  
I feel privileged to hear a lot of wonderful music in Sydney either at the Opera House or City Recital Hall and I love going to Huntington and Mudgee, BUT last weekend was a notch above.  
Thank you - It is clear what you put into it all to make it work.

Ros Tindale (Roselle, Sydney)

What a difference a year makes! Congratulations on a sensational recovery event. I have great admiration for what you have achieved under most difficult circumstances. Few others could have pulled it off. It was fascinating to think how in the Lazenby Hall you were able to "entertain" the brains of such a large audience to your wonderful music - orchestra, singers and galahs! (The entertainment idea is something that Judy Hinch and I have in our minds as we play to those with dementia.)  
The people of New England are so fortunate to have your leadership in our midst.

Brian Connor (Armidale)

Opera in the Paddock last Saturday afternoon was absolutely fantastic, brilliant & magnificent - there aren't enough adjectives to describe it! One had to be there to experience a truly first class performance set, in the delightful Australian bush at 'Mimosa'. You along with international star Teddy Tahu Rhodes, Bradley Daley & Elizabeth Lewis excelled in your stunning performances, accompanied by the magical 'Mimosa' orchestra under the delightful conductor & MC, Timothy Sexton.  
I'd imagine like everyone who had the great privilege & pleasure of being in the audience at this unique event you too, will be "fly"ing high still - excuse the pun! One act no one else could follow Bradley!  
Our hearty congratulations Peta, along with the artists & everyone involved with Opera North West a resounding success and a night everyone present will remember!  
We look forward to 2017, at the same time!

Cathy & Phillip (Inverell)

Many thanks for the wonderful & inspirational performance on the special night of the 2<sup>nd</sup> of April. I have enjoyed all the many - I have been pleased to attend.  
I wish you many blessing for the future. God bless you. Sincerely

Sr. Anita (Warrallda)

Thanks for a wonderful evening!! It was so special being a part of an event such as Opera in the Paddock.

Again you excelled and all the people we have spoken to said it was just THE BEST.  
The afternoon event worked exceptionally well. You both should be very proud.

John Knight and Janet (Gloucester)

I just wanted to congratulate everyone on such a fantastic afternoon/evening on Saturday!!!!  
I just loved it, and so did all our group who came from Narrabri. The soloists and the orchestra were truly amazing, and we felt so blessed to be there to appreciate it all!!  
Also, all those who organised the event and got the venue ready, were fantastic too!!  
Thanks to everyone, and hopefully, it may happen again ??

Thanks, Annie Lampe (Narrabri)

'paddock opera' certainly had the "wow" factor at yesterday's performance! Everyone loved it and to have such great artists here to share their talents with the audience was very special. Thank you for having the strength to return this year. Opera was the winner!

**Judy and Geoff Ditton (Inverell)**

Good Morning Peta and Congratulations! Brian and I loved the concert on Friday Night...It was certainly worth the 6 hour drive from Brisbane. Teddy was wonderful, as we knew he would be, but Bradley was amazing!!!!.

Thanks once again for the wonderful night, and please keep us on the contact list.

**Fran and Brian Carter (Brisbane)**

Thank you so much for organizing and presenting such a wonderful concert on Friday night. It was just wonderful – all to whom I have spoken were thrilled by the singing and playing. I believe the Saturday evening performance was equally brilliant. A truly wonderful event.

**Bruce Menzies (Armidale)**

Thanks for a very enjoyable "OITP" 2016. I hope it was a success for you, especially after the troubles of 2015. Happy days!

**Dave Hadfield (Armidale)**

The afternoon/evening has come and gone, and we would like to thank you and all your staff for making it an excellent production.

Once again thank you.

**Dave and Leonie Fowler  
(Rainbow Flat)**

**Testimonials from performers:**

Thanks to you and Bill... it truly was a terrific weekend...I felt privileged to be part of it... what a wonderful memory.

**Teddy Tahu Rhodes (Melbourne)**

I just wanted to say a personal thank you for having me as one of your musicians at Opera Northwest. It was a true pleasure and I hope that I am privileged enough to perform with you again next year.

**Hannah Murray (Newcastle)**

Just writing to say how much I enjoyed the Opera in the Paddock. Being part of such a wonderfully run event with such friendly people was unbeatable. I hope you felt the great success too and I look forward to our paths crossing again in the future. And sublime performing on your part too by the way!!

**Holly Bennett (Armidale)**

A musical triumph!! The audience were on their feet on *both* nights and last night on more than one occasion! Such a warm vibe from both audiences, and I felt they really genuinely wanted more at the end.

As a player I felt so well looked after in every way, from having Tim as our fantastic conductor, magnificent soloists and stunning repertoire to having Ben keeping us posted on the comings and goings, the comfy coach, being able to relax briefly at Rosemary's and the refreshments that were always available.

I SO appreciate the time and thought you, Bill and the Opera in the Paddock team have given to us players, and to have this opportunity to perform at this level is something I want to support in every way that I can.

Bask in the after-glow for as long as you can, drawing strength for the wrap up that I know you still have ahead of you. Please let me know if there's anything I can do to help

**Sofia Debus (Armidale)**

I wanted to thank you for asking me back for yet another amazing weekend. It was great to get some closure after last year (all that pent up energy finally got used!), and I loved playing with the orchestra once again. As usual, you did an amazing job and left everyone in awe.

**Caitlin Pengilly (Newcastle)**

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## GALLERY: Opera in the Paddock

April 4, 2016, 9:27 a.m.



MUSICAL PERFORMANCE: Bill and Irene Voedmans

COMMUNITY members were serenaded over the weekend with a special performance of Opera in Paddock.

The concert kicked off at 7pm on Friday night with the singers and orchestra performing at Lazenby Hall at the University of New England.

Audience members received performances from some of the greatest classical musicians including Mozart, Beethoven, Verdi and Rossini.

For more information about Opera in the Paddock, visit Opera North West at <http://operainthepaddock.com.au/>.

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**A perfect day for perfection**

STANDING ovations and perfect weather marked this year's Opera in the Paddock. Artistic director and soprano Peta Blyth said the two-night performance was an triumph, stirring hundreds of opera-goers to their feet as international talent Teddy Tahu Rhodes, with Bradley Daley and Elizabeth Lewis brought the house down.

Performing sometimes in boots, shorts and dinner jackets, and at one point taking in a fly mid-performance, the singers made opera accessible to the crowd.

"It was a great night," Peta said. "It's breaking down the elitist barrier."

The event first Armistale performance on Friday night had 350 rapt audience members, while the paddock show saw around 700 flock in from across country. The event that started out as a good place in the paddock for Peta to practice in 2002, has grown to a headline arts event in the region, boasting global talent and an orchestra of 22 from around the New England and North West. "It's a great team," Peta said. "An absolute triumph."



## Focus January 2016



**OPERA**  
IN THE PADDOCK

**PETA BLYTH**

FOR A RURAL COUPLE BASED AT DELUNGRA, NEAR INVERELL, THE IDEA OF STAGING AN OPERA IN A PADDOCK ON THEIR PRIVATE PROPERTY, COULD HAVE BEEN PERCEIVED AS AN ACT OF UTTER MADNESS.

**I**nstead, growing this opera performance into a world-class event, has been something completely other. The development of Opera in the Paddock, from its humble beginnings into a significant annual regional event, has been remarkable.

For Artistic Director and soprano Peta Blyth, together with her farmer husband Bill, their passion and unwavering tenacity to produce this unique performance has seen Opera in the Paddock become synonymous with an exceptional event of unparalleled quality in regional NSW.

**So, what's the secret that sets this production apart from so many others?**

Perhaps it is the idyllic surrounds of the paddock that strips away the pretension often associated with the 'high art' form of opera that audiences find so captivating. The ability to deliver this magical experience, without compromising the quality and standard of the performance, has remained at the absolute forefront of the event for its creators, Peta and Bill Blyth.

To their credit and against the odds, Opera in the Paddock continues to grow in reputation and scale. Not only does it attract the greatest singers performing in Australia and internationally today, 2016 will see the event expand to include two performances to meet demand.

On Friday 1st April, an exclusive performance of Opera in the Paddock will be held in Armidale, the first time that a performance of the world-class event will be held outside of the paddock at 'Mimosa', Delungra. For those accustomed to the magic of the much-loved rural setting, the

performance will still take place in the paddock on Saturday 2nd April.

Opera North West is delighted to announce that acclaimed opera star Teddy Tahu Rhodes will return to star in Opera in the Paddock in 2016. Artistic Director Peta Blyth said "We are delighted that a stellar artist of the calibre of Teddy Tahu Rhodes is able to return following the cancellation of the event due to extreme weather last year."

With one of the most recognisable profiles in music today, Teddy Tahu Rhodes is an artist who has conquered both the operatic and musical theatre worlds. On the back of the stratospheric success of the productions South Pacific, Don Giovanni and The King and I, Tahu Rhodes has well and truly earned his star status.

Teddy Tahu Rhodes was born in Christchurch, New Zealand to a British mother and a New Zealand father. The Maori word Tahu means "to set on fire." As his recent appearances for Opera Australia attest, Tahu Rhodes, has been setting box office ablaze.

Smashing all box office records, The King and I holds the title as the highest selling show ever staged at the Sydney Opera House, with Tahu Rhodes playing opposite Lisa McCune in the lead role in the musical. The production was seen by over a quarter of a million people during its

national tour.

As his hectic schedule for the past twelve months attests, Teddy Tahu Rhodes is in constant demand. Since April last year, he has appeared in the title roles of Don Giovanni for Opera Australia, Melbourne and Sweeney

Todd for Victorian Opera, as well as starring as Mephistopheles in Faust for the State Opera of South Australia and the West Australian Opera.

Among a string of other performances, Tahu Rhodes also managed to squeeze in a sell-out national tour From Broadway to La Scala, starring alongside Lisa McCune, David Hobson and Greta Bradman.

Artistic Director Peta Blyth, takes us behind the scenes and responds to a number of questions in relation to the event:

**Opera in the Paddock has been running for many years, what's different about this year's event?**

This year for the first time, we will be presenting two performances, one in Armidale as well as in the paddock at Delungra. This is testimony to the demand and popularity of the event and reinforces how Opera North West has cemented its reputation as a world-class enterprise. It allows us to reach wider audiences and provide them with the opportunity to experience an international star, such as Teddy Tahu Rhodes, which is an extremely rare occasion in the bush.

**So is Teddy Tahu Rhodes really all that he's cracked up to be?**

Have you ever seen him with his shirt off? (laughs.) His abs are quite famous! But seriously, he truly is an extraordinary performer, an amazing voice and a compelling presence.

**He has such a busy schedule, what prompted him to return?**

I think his sense of commitment; he is a very genuine and generous person.

**Who else will be in the line up?**

It truly is a stellar cast that also includes acclaimed tenor, Bradley Daley. In 2016, Bradley will sing Siegmund in Opera's Australia production of Der Ring des Nibelungen as well as make a major role debut as Pinkerton in Madama Butterfly for Opera Queensland.

Soprano Elizabeth Lewis will also return for Opera in the Paddock. Elizabeth enjoyed great success in 2015 winning the prestigious Opera Foundation Australia Lady Fairfax New York Scholarship. The prize will go towards study with vocal, language and movement coaches in New York.

Timothy Sexton, Artistic Director of State Opera of South Australia will return to conduct the Mimosa Orchestra which will be led by Jenny Nickson, Deputy Leader of the Covent Garden Orchestra, London. It really will be a spectacular event.

Opera in the Paddock will be held at Lazenby Hall, UNE, Armidale on Friday 1st April and at 'Mimosa' Delungra on Saturday 2nd April. Tickets and further information: [www.operainthepaddock.com.au](http://www.operainthepaddock.com.au) Tel: 1800 240 301

Thanks Peta

## In short(s), it hit all the right notes

April 6, 2016, 4:30 a.m.



Teddy Tahu Rhodes with soprano Elizabeth Lewis.

AS LONG as there has been opera, there has been drama. Yet rarely does it reach the elevated heights experienced at Opera in the Paddock last year.

The much-anticipated musical theatrics of the stellar cast were no match for the unpredictable storm that tore through the paddock, forcing the cancellation of the 2015 standout regional event.

When international superstar Teddy Tahu Rhodes, tenor Bradley Cailey, soprano Elizabeth Lewis, conductor Timothy Sexton and members of the 22-piece Mimosa Orchestra pledged to return, organisers resolved to once again present Opera in the Paddock in 2016.

Not one, but two triumphant performances of Opera in the Paddock took place, the first on Friday evening in Armadale at the University of New England, and the second in its natural home in the paddock on the private property Mimosa, near Delungra.

In demand across the globe, Tahu Rhodes delivered what could only be described as an exhilarating performance, far exceeding the expectations of the crowd, dazzling them with his vocals and his electrifying charisma.



The performers of Opera in the Paddock. Photo: Dave Robinson

Cailey, Lewis and Peta Blyth further embellished the exquisite program with their commanding performances, perfectly balancing their rich and emotive roles in equal measure.

The 22-piece Mimosa Orchestra, under the expert direction of Sexton, artistic director of the State Opera of South Australia, had never sounded so exquisitely accomplished.

Perhaps it was the cancellation the previous year that added an extra touch of magic to the event this year, allowing the performers to truly shine and get into the spirit of the event.

When Tahu Rhodes took to the stage in denim shorts and boots towards the end of the event, Cailey took it upon himself to don a pair, leaving conductor Sexton to remark that they were performing "the short version" of the much-loved musical numbers piece.

The crowd needed little incentive to rise to their feet to show their approval, as they did at the conclusion of each performance.

The two standing ovations were testament to the spectacular performances they were privileged to experience.

"I couldn't have been happier with the outcome," artistic director Peta Blyth said. "We are absolutely thrilled."

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### WHAT'S HAPPENING IN TAMWORTH

#### New to the area

Hi I'm new here and wish to form friendships. I have 2 young children boy 5 and ...

#### Movie group

Hi like to set up a movie group for the area. We could even have a pit or pot ...

#### Looking for walking buddies

Hi I'm Emma, I'm new to Australia and looking for friends. I would like walking ...

#### Neighbour skill-share

We have started a program where people within our area share skills at a low cost ...

#### Hit of tennis anyone?

Is there anyone out there who enjoys a bit of tennis? I am a keen tennis player ...

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## REGIONAL EVENTS

### REGIONAL NEW SOUTH WALES

#### MARCH 2016

To 17th April  
EXPERIMENTA RECHARGE 6TH  
INTERNATIONAL BIENNIAL  
OF MEDIA ART  
Albury Library/Museum

To 1st May  
STARS & STRIPES  
AMERICAN ART OF THE 21ST CENTURY  
FROM THE GOLDBERG COLLECTION  
Dubbo Regional Gallery

To 8th May  
MAMLYN  
CELEBRATING AN AMERICAN ICON  
Murray Art Museum Albury

4th - 6th March  
TAMWORTH SHOW  
Tamworth

8th March  
BCU COFFS TRI  
Coffs Harbour

1st March - 25th April  
AUSTRALIA'S LOST ANZACS  
Glasgow Art Gallery, Port Macquarie

12th - 18th March  
LHI ROCKFEST  
Lord Howe Island

13th - 19th March  
WAGGA WAGGA COUNTRY CLUB  
WEEK OF GOLF INCORPORATING THE  
RON CROUCH TRANSPORT PRO AM  
Wagga Wagga Country Club

17th & 18th March  
COMMERCIAL CLUB ALBURY  
GOLD CUP CARNIVAL  
Albury Racing Club

18th - 20th March  
AUTUMN FESTIVAL  
Armidale

18th March - 1st May  
OFFSHOOTS EXHIBITION  
NERVAN, Armidale

22nd - 28th March  
STONE THE CROWS FESTIVAL  
Wagga Wagga

24th - 28th  
BLUESFEST  
Byron Bay

26th & 27th March  
TAMWORTH GOLF CLUB EASTER CUP  
Tamworth Golf Club

#### APRIL 2016

1st April  
OPERA IN THE PADDOCK  
TEDDY TAHU RHODES  
LINE, Armidale  
& 2nd April  
at "Merrim",  
Inverell

3rd April  
NEWBURN  
NEWCASTLE'S FESTIVAL OF RUNNING  
Newcastle

9th April  
ROAR FESTIVAL  
Dubbo

14th - 16th April  
TOUR DE ROCKS RIDE FOR CANCER  
Armidale - South West Rocks

22nd April  
MIRUSIA IN CONCERT  
THIS TIME TOMORROW  
Tamworth

22nd & 23rd April  
MOREE SHOW  
Moree

22nd - 24th April  
COFFS HARBOUR SHOW  
Coffs Harbour

29th April - 1st May  
ORANA MUTUAL DURBO SHOW  
Dubbo

#### MAY 2016

1st May  
JAPANESE FESTIVAL  
OF CHILDREN'S DAY  
Coffs Harbour

2nd - 13th May  
WORLD GRAND MASTERS  
HOCKEY CUP 2016  
Newcastle

5th & 6th May  
WAGGA WAGGA  
GOLD CUP CARNIVAL  
Murrumbidgee Turf Club

5th - 8th May  
NEW ENGLAND BACH FESTIVAL  
Armidale

6th - 14th May  
THE AUSTRALIAN STOCK HORSE  
SOCIETY NATIONAL SHOW  
Tamworth

6th - 21st May  
MARY POPPINS  
TAMWORTH MUSICAL SOCIETY  
Tamworth

15th - 17th May  
ITALIAN CONNECTION TROPHY  
Albury and environs

From 20th May  
MAMA ART FOUNDATION  
NATIONAL PHOTOGRAPHY PRIZE 2016  
MAMA, Albury

21st May  
MOREE PICNIC RACES  
Moree

26th - 29th May  
PORT TO PORT MTB RACE  
Newcastle - Port Stephens

27th - 29th May  
BIG BAND BLAST MUSIC FESTIVAL  
Port Macquarie

### REGIONAL QUEENSLAND

#### MARCH 2016

1st March - 2nd April  
2016 CELEBRATE AUSTRALIA  
PRIMARY SCHOOL ART COMPETITION  
Gladstone Regional Art Gallery & Museum

5th - 12th March  
SUNDABERG ARTS FESTIVAL  
Bundaberg

11th & 12th March  
ROMA PICNIC RACES  
Roma

11th - 13th March  
MOOLOOLABA TRIATHLON FESTIVAL  
Mooloolaba

11th - 20th March  
MARY POPPINS  
Rockhampton



Teddy Tahu Rhodes  
Opera in the Paddock



Port  
Douglas  
Carnival

16th March  
QTC QUARTET  
Gladstone

17th - 24th March  
BLUESFEST LEGENDS PACKAGE 2016  
Cairns

19th & 20th March  
ERNEST HENRY MENING HEAT TRIATHLON  
CLONCURRY CATS  
Cloncurry

19 & 20th March  
FRASER COAST ANTIQUES &  
COLLECTABLES FAIR  
Maryborough

21st - 29th March  
RALLY TO ROMA AND RETURN  
QUEENSLAND VINTAGE VEHICLE  
ASSOCIATION  
Toowoomba - Roma

23rd - 27th March (TRC)  
CENTRAL HIGHLANDS EASTER  
SUNFLOWER FESTIVAL  
Emerald

23rd - 27th March  
GLADSTONE HARBOUR FESTIVAL  
Gladstone

24th - 28th March  
ROMA EASTER IN THE COUNTRY  
Roma

25th March  
EMERALD DESTINY DOWNS GOOD  
FRIDAY FESTA  
Emerald

25th - 27th March  
AUGATHELLA  
EASTER DIGGERS RODEO & RACES 2016  
Augathella, Charleville environs

26th - 28th March  
EASTER VINTAGE FESTIVAL  
Toowoomba

27th March  
MLC ADVICE MACKAY  
EASTER CARNIVAL  
Mackay

#### APRIL 2016

2nd April  
TISO VARETY CONCERT  
Townsville

7th - 9th April  
RASQ TOOWOOMBA ROYAL SHOW  
Toowoomba

9th April  
BAY BREAK MULTISPORT FESTIVAL  
Harvey Bay

15th April  
QUEENSLAND VETERANS  
BULOOLA OPEN  
Biloela Golf Club

15th - 17th April  
JULIA CREEK DIRT N DUST FESTIVAL  
Julia Creek

16th April  
2016 WEEWOOD RACE DAY  
Toowoomba Turf Club

16th - 24th April  
2016 AUSTRALIAN LIFE SAVING  
CHAMPIONSHIPS  
Sunshine Coast

16th April - 29th May  
TRANSPARENT WATERCOLOUR IN  
QUEENSLAND 1850s - 1980s  
(TOURING QAGOMA EXHIBITION)  
Toowoomba Regional Art Gallery

23rd & 24th April  
SUNDABERG ANTIQUES &  
COLLECTABLES FAIR  
Bundaberg Civic Centre

28th April - 1st May  
BIG TOUR OF TOOWOOMBA  
Toowoomba environs

29th & 30th April  
BARCUD PASTORAL SHOW  
Blackall

29th April - 2nd May  
TOWNSVILLE TRIATHLON FESTIVAL  
Townsville

30th April  
EMERALD CLIP RACEDAY  
Emerald Racecourse

#### MAY 2016

1st May  
HAMILTON HILLY MARATHON  
Hamilton Island

1st May  
GREGORY CANOE RACE  
Mount Isa

1st May  
GROOVIN THE MOO  
Townsville

5th - 7th May  
2016 ROMA SHOW  
Roma

From 6th May  
PERCIVAL  
PHOTOGRAPHIC PORTRAIT PRIZE 2016  
Perc Tucker Regional Gallery, Townsville

6th & 7th May  
BARCUDINE SHOW  
Barcudine

