

CENTRAL TABLELANDS *Water*



Business Paper

Ordinary Meeting of Central Tablelands Water

11th April 2012

Blayney



4 April 2012

Notice to Members

Your attendance is requested at an Ordinary Meeting of Council to be held at Blayney Shire Council on Wednesday, 11 April 2012 at 10.30am. Morning tea will be served at 10.00am.

Agenda

1. Public Forum
2. Apologies for non-attendance
3. Leaves of absence granted
4. Confirmation of Minutes - Ordinary Meeting held on 15.02.12
5. Chairman's Minute
6. Councillor Representation
7. Notices of Motion
8. Reports of Staff
9. Adjourn Meeting and proceed into Committee of the Whole
10. Resume Ordinary Meeting & Report of Committee of the Whole
11. Next Meeting – Molong – 13th June 2012

Yours faithfully

A. Perry
General Manager

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HELD ON WEDNESDAY 11 APRIL 2012

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01) Financial Matters (4)

(Gavin Rhodes)

RECOMMENDATION:

1. That the information be noted.

REPORT

Details of all payments made to creditors in the preceding two months are available for inspection at the Blayney office.

The Bank Reconciliation, as at 31 March 2012, together with a Statement of Funds Invested, is attached to the business paper.

Council's Petty Cash Book and the Warrant Listing will be **tabled** on meeting day.

As required by Council, the following table details the status of Council's investments through Lehman Bros as at 29 February 2012:

Investment	Interest Rate	Above BBSW	Call Date	Maturity Date	Interest Paid	Face Value	Current % value	Current Value
Aphex (Glenelg AA-)	6.1700%	1.69%	22/06/2009	22/12/2014	Quarterly	50,000	19.94	9,970
MAS (Parkes AA-)	0.0306%	-4.45%	20/12/2009	20/06/2015	Quarterly	300,000	0.05	150
ZIRCON (Coolangatta AA)	N/A	N/A	20/03/2011	20/09/2014	Quarterly	250,000	97.00	242,500
ZIRCON (Miami AA)	N/A	N/A	20/03/2015	20/03/2017	Quarterly	50,000	100.00	50,000
Omega (Henley AAA)	5.2700%	0.79%	22/06/2012	22/06,2012	Quarterly	200,000	94.20	188,400
Total						\$850,000	57.77	\$491,020

The value of the CDO investments acquired through Lehman's have increased with the latest valuations received as at 29 February 2012, showing an increase in the total net valuations from \$461,195 at 31 December 2011 to \$491,020 at 29 February 2012, an increase of \$29,825. Valuations are now valued at 57.77% of par value.

In accordance with the outcomes of the Financial Management Workshop held at the Council Meeting in February 2012, Council has factored in the write off of the MAS (Parkes AA) CDO investment of \$300,000 in its 2012/2013 Operational Plan Budget.

Lehman Australia remains in liquidation and Council's legal representatives, Piper Alderman together with litigation funders IMF (Australia) Ltd, are continuing to work on behalf of a significant number of councils with a class action against Lehman's to ensure that the best possible return from the assets is received.

Whilst Council's CDO investments are well below par value, Council's remaining investment portfolio of approximately \$2.69 million is all capital guaranteed, primarily in term deposits.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

Nil

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Nil

Attachments

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**CENTRAL TABLELANDS COUNTY COUNCIL
STATEMENT OF BANK BALANCES AS AT 31 MARCH 2012**

GENERAL FUND

(a) Cash Book Balance	\$ 690,758.26
(b) Bank Balance	\$ 693,698.21
(c) Limit of Overdraft (Bank)	Nil
(d) Limit of Overdraft (Statutory)	\$ 1,130,000.00

BANK RECONCILIATION

Balance as per Bank Statement	\$ 693,698.21
Add: Outstanding deposits	\$ 970.46
	<u>\$ 694,668.67</u>
Less: Outstanding Cheques	\$ 3,910.41
Balance as per Cash Book	<u>\$ 690,758.26</u>

FUNDS INVESTED AS AT 31 MARCH 2012

<u>Form of Investment</u>	<u>Institution</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Rate of Interest</u>	<u>Bank Bill Swap Rate</u>
(1) Floating Rate CDO	Aphex Pacific Capital (Gleleg AA-)	\$ 50,000.00	6.17%	4.48%
(2) Floating Rate CDO	Managed ACES SPC (Parkes AA-)	\$ 300,000.00	0.03%	4.48%
(3) Floating Rate CDO	ZIRCON (Coolangatta AA)	\$ 250,000.00	Currently suspended	4.48%
(4) Floating Rate CDO	ZIRCON (Miami AA)	\$ 50,000.00	Currently suspended	4.48%
(5) Floating Rate CDO	Omega Capital Investments(Henley AAA)	\$ 200,000.00	5.27%	4.48%
		<u>\$ 850,000.00</u>		
(6) Term Deposit	ING Direct Bank (180 Days)	\$ 500,000.00	6.00%	4.48%
(7) Term Deposit	ING Direct Bank (180 Days)	\$ 500,000.00	6.00%	4.48%
(8) Term Deposit	Rabo Direct Bank (180 Days)	\$ 500,000.00	5.95%	4.48%
(9) Term Deposit	National Australia Bank (180 Days)	\$ 500,000.00	6.27%	4.48%
		<u>\$ 2,850,000.00</u>		
(10) Cheque Account	Reliance Credit Union	\$ 8.89	4.50%	4.48%
(11) Cheque Account	Commonwealth Bank	\$ 24,188.17	4.45%	4.48%
(12) Business On-line Saver	Commonwealth Bank	\$ 669,501.15	5.00%	4.48%
		<u>\$ 3,543,698.21</u>		

In accordance with the Local Government (Finance Regulations) 1993 (Part 4, Cl. 19), I hereby certify:

The above Investment Summary represents Council's total investments as at 31 March 2012 and that the investments have been made in accordance with the Act, the regulations and Council's investment policies.



Gavin Rhoades
Finance Manager

02) Integrated Planning & Reporting (IP&R) (391)

(Tony Perry)

RECOMMENDATION:

1. That council endorses the draft:
 - a. Delivery Plan 2012 – 2016
 - b. Operational Plan 2012- 2013 – Part 1 & 2
 - c. Workforce management Plan 2012 – 2016
 - d. Asset Management Strategy and Plans
 - e. Long Term Financial Plan

To be placed on public display for a period of 28 days.

2. That the CTW Community Strategic Plan be adopted by Council.

REPORT

As part of councils requirements to comply with the Integrated Planning and Reporting Guidelines the attached plans need to be considered and endorsed by Council prior to being placed on public display for 28 days.

The plans include:

- Delivery Plan (4 years)
- Operational Plan (1 year)
- Long term financial Plan (10 Years)
- Workforce Management Plan (4 years)
- Asset Management Plans

The following outlines in simple terms what Integrated Planning and Reporting is about, how the plans are linked and how to read the plans.

Additionally the **CTW Community Strategic Plan** that was endorsed by Council at the last meeting has now been on public display for 28 days with no submissions received. Council is now required to adopt this plan and then submit to the Department of Local Government.

Integrated Planning and Reporting

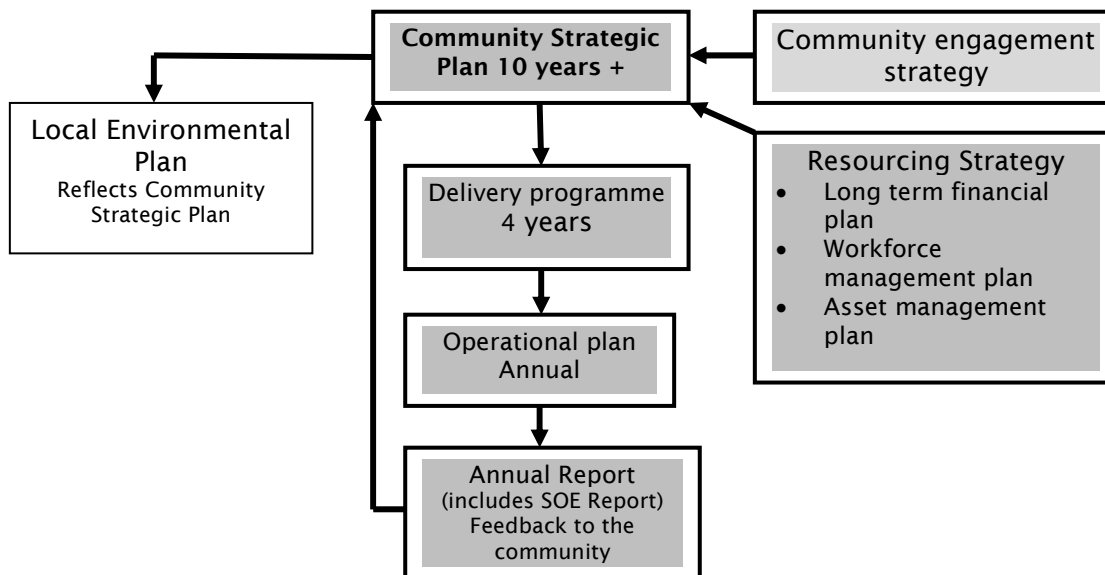
- **Understanding the plans, terminology and process**

Legislation requires Council to have:

- Community strategic plan for the local government area (CSP)
- A four year delivery program that aligns with Council elections (Delivery Plan – DP)
- An annual operational plan and budget (OP)

- A long term resourcing strategies and plans – asset plan, 10 year long term financial plan, 4 year workforce plan
- An annual report that describes progress in achieving the community strategic plan. This also includes the state of the environment report

Integrating Council plans

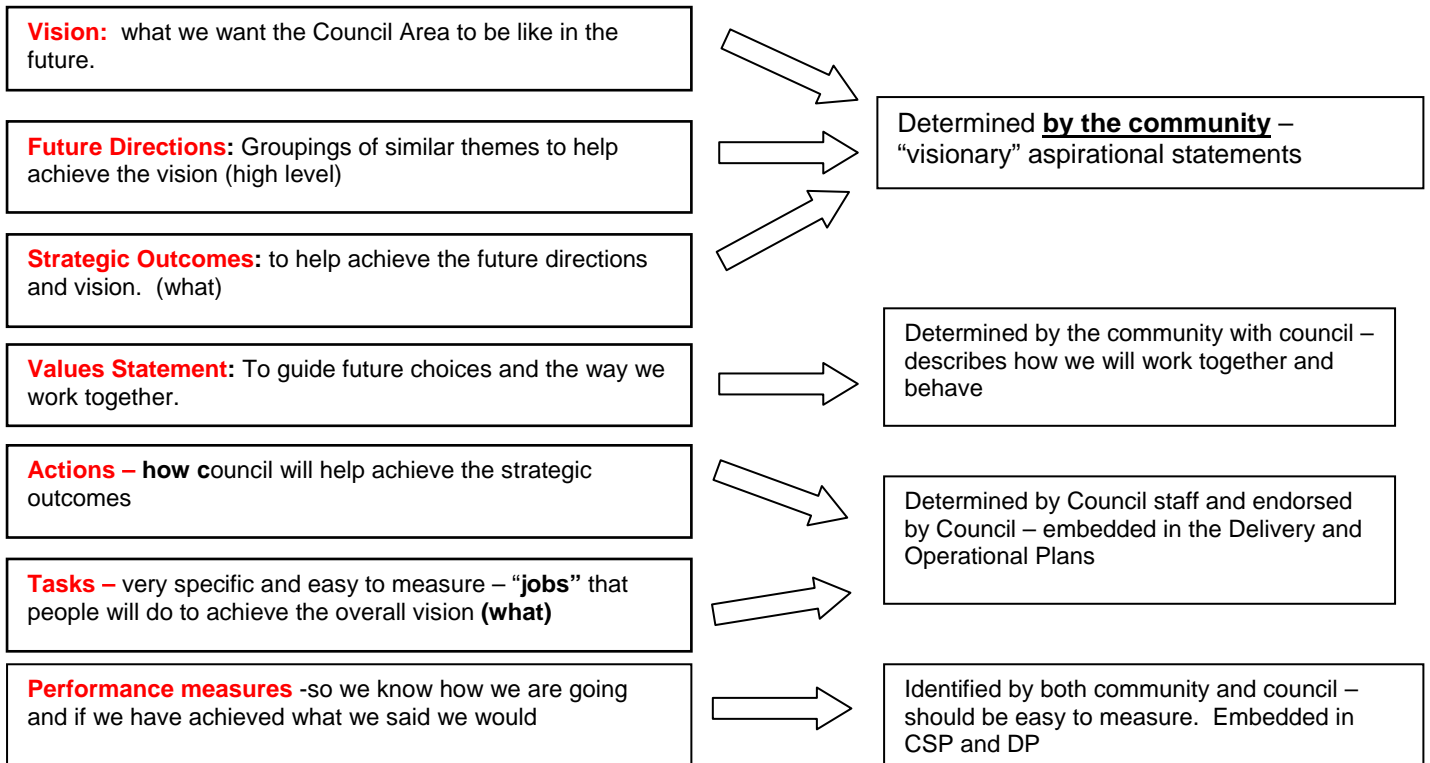


Planning linkages and language

This table shows the relationship and the common elements between the Community Strategic Plan, Delivery Plan and the Operational Plan.

Community Strategic Plan 10 years		
Vision Values Future directions	Delivery Plan 4 years	
Strategic outcomes	Strategic outcomes	Operational plan Annual
	Actions	Actions
		Tasks & Budget
WHAT	WHAT & HOW	HOW

Strategic Plan framework and terminology



Councils Role (s)

Remember - the overarching document is the **Community Strategic Plan** – determined by the community. Council is only one organization that can help realize the community plan. It cannot and should not do everything. There are many groups and organizations that need to play a role.

There are three roles councils can play:

- Provider -** Council does the work or provides the service (including regulatory functions)
- Facilitator-** Council helps or works with others to get things done
- Advocate -** Council speaks out and supports a community direction or issue

Understanding the plan layout (s) – *the red text are examples*

Community Strategic Plan.....leads into the Delivery Plan.....leads into the Operational Plan.....supported by the Resourcing Plans

Future direction	Council role	Responsible Manager	Department
A future direction from the Community Strategic Plan <i>CSP 1: Grow our culture and community</i>	The roles Council undertakes when seeking to achieve the future direction Provider/ Regulator	Manager responsible for delivering the work Manager Operational Services	The department of Council with responsibility Engineering Services
Strategic outcome <i>CSP 1.1 Beautiful towns and villages with historic assets are cared for and preserved</i>			
Linkage to other plans <i>Link to NSW Plan - Goal 27 Enhance cultural, creative, sporting and recreation opportunities</i>			

Actions (in the delivery plan)	Delivery year <i>which year will the work be done</i>				Resourcing
	12/13	13/14	14/15	15/16	
The work to be done to achieve the outcome. Will usually be a Council program or a specific project. <i>DP 1.1.1 the beauty and functionality of the parks are maintained</i>	\$xxx	\$ xxx			This section can include <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Budgeted funds</i> <i>Staffing</i> <i>Any other resources e.g. plant and equipment, contracts</i>
Tasks (in operational plan)	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	Resourcing
	<i>Which quarter the tasks will be done</i>				
<i>OP 1.1.1a Build a new toilet block in Whattie Park</i>	X	X			Budget Employee time

Note – the Future Directions, strategies, actions and then tasks are aligned with the same numbering system to allow easy reference eg CSP 1, CSP 1.1, DP 1.1.1 OP 1.1.1.a

The Executive Manager of the WBC Alliance, Mrs Donna Galvin, who has been heavily involved as the project manager of the IP&R process for all of the Alliance Councils, will be attending this Council meeting to facilitate and explain the process to Council.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

Operational Plan 2012/2013 submitted for consideration

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Nil

Attachments

Draft Delivery Plan 2012 - 2016
Draft Operational Plan 2012 – 2013, Part 1 & 2
Draft Workforce Management Plan 2012 - 2012
Draft Asset Management Strategy and Plans
Draft Long Term Financial Plan
CTW Community Strategic Plan

03) Lake Rowlands Augmentation (226)

(Tony Perry)

RECOMMENDATION:

1. That Council note the information.

REPORT

At the February 2012 meeting Council considered a report from the General Manager on the current status of the Lake Rowlands augmentation proposal and the repercussions of the revised secure yield calculations on the proposed new dam, carried out by NSW Public Works Department.

Following consideration of that report, Council resolved as follows:

1. *That Council continue to support Centroc with its endeavours to provide water security for the Central West region.*
2. *That all future advocacy for the Centroc Water Security Study should be undertaken by Centroc.*

As a postscript to that report, Council has received a letter from the Minister for Primary Industries, the Hon. Katrina Hodgkinson MP, responding to Council's submissions on Lake Rowlands and in particular the visit of the Chairman and General Manager to her Macquarie Street office.

In her letter the Minister advises, following on from the revised secure yield analysis of an enlarged Lake Rowlands, the NSW Office of Water has suggested that CENTROC and Central Tablelands Water may wish to consider examining options for an enlarged Lake Rowlands as an on-stream/off-stream storage with the dam's natural yield supplemented by connection to other sources by pipeline and topping up when the level is falling (*The inference there is for a grid connection with Lake Rowlands, Wyangala and Burrendong*). The Minister also advised that there was no money available from the State Government for the funding of any further investigations.

The Minister also points out in her letter that Council's current licence is restricted to a volumetric entitlement of 3,150ML/annum and that this could only be increased by the purchase of irrigation licences but then the Minister goes on to say that the irrigation licences could not be converted to town water licences under current legislation, so what is the point.

The Minister also stated in her letter that, considering the revised secure yield calculation, the General Manager expressed his concern as to the financial viability of an enlarged Lake Rowlands. The General Manager has since written back to the Minister refuting that statement and clarifying what he actually had said. The General Manager has since received an apology from the Minister's office for the misquoting and misrepresentation

The General Manager recommends that Council, as a member council of CENTROC, reiterate its support to that organisation as outlined in the February 2012 resolution.

The General Manager has requested fee options from consultants GHD and the NSW Office of Public Works to carry out an options study of the recommended options available to remediate the existing Lake Rowlands to comply with the requirements of the NSW Dam Safety Council.

As reported to the February 2012 Council meeting, the “ball park” estimates given to the General Manager some months ago were between \$2,000,000 and \$4,000,000. The options study will not only determine the best option to remediate the dam but will also firm up the cost estimates and enable Council to make a submission for a State Government subsidy for dam upgrades.

A copy of the Ministers letter and General Manager’s response are attached.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

Estimate in 2012/2013 \$60,000 for options study and \$2,000,000 from reserves.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Nil

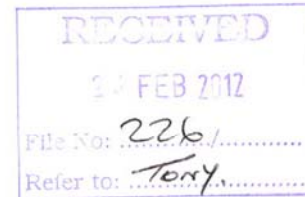
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| 2 | Reply letter to Katrina Hogkinson MP | 2 Pages |
| 3 | Email received from the office of Katrina Hodgkinson MP | 1 Page |



The Hon Katrina Hodgkinson MP

Minister for Primary Industries
Minister for Small Business



Mr John Farr
Chairman
Central Tablelands Water
30 Church Street
BLAYNEY NSW 2799

21 FEB 2012

Dear Mr Farr *John,*

In August 2011, I met with Mr Troy Grant MP, Parliamentary Secretary for Natural Resources and Member for Dubbo, together with representatives of the Macquarie Pipeline Concerned Citizens Committee in relation to the proposed Macquarie River to Orange pipeline project.

During the course of the meeting, I requested the NSW Office of Water to undertake an independent analysis of the hydrology and the secure yield for Central Tablelands Water's Lake Rowlands Dam. I am pleased to advise that NSW Public Works was commissioned to undertake the investigation.

The NSW Office of Water discussed the scope of work to be undertaken with Orange City Council and Central Tablelands Water and both organisations considered the scope of works and statistical base for the study to be appropriate. The methodology for the Lake Rowlands analysis was the same as used recently for the secure analysis of Orange City Council's dams. Public Works has now completed its analysis and a report has been forwarded to the NSW Office of Water - a copy is attached for your information.

On 8 December 2011, the NSW Office of Water convened a workshop with representatives from Central Tablelands Water, technical committee of Central NSW Council (CENTROC), Department of Premier and Cabinet, as a representative of the Macquarie River to Orange pipeline Taskforce, and Public Works.

The report delivers secure yield figures similar to those calculated for Central Tablelands Water in 2010 by its consultants SMEC. However, I am advised that when climate change impacts are factored in, the secure yield for an enlarged Lake Rowlands Dam is in the order of 3,150 megalitres (ML).

Upon hearing the results of the Public Works study, I understand that Mr Tony Perry, General Manager, Central Tablelands Water, expressed concern as to the financial viability of an enlarged Lake Rowlands Dam.

The NSW Office of Water suggested that CENTROC and Central Tablelands Water may wish to consider examining options for an enlarged Lake Rowlands Dam as an on-stream/off-stream storage, whereby the Dam's natural yield is supplemented by connection to other sources by pipeline and topping up when its level is falling.

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Mr John Farr

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Minister for Primary Industries

CENTROC maybe interested in considering this suggestion. Mr Perry and the CENTROC representatives present at the workshop were advised that there is no funding available at the present time from the NSW Office of Water for investigations into the feasibility of this suggestion.

I am aware that there is much debate as to the validity of climate change impacts, however, irrespective of the secure yield of Lake Rowlands Dam, under Central Tablelands Water's current licence volumetric entitlement, the annual extraction is limited to 3,150ML/annum. Any increase above this could only be achieved by Central Tablelands Water purchasing irrigation licences, but converting them to town water licences is not possible under current legislation.

In the current draft Water Sharing Plan for the Belubula Tributaries below Carcoar Dam, the total licence entitlement is 9,957ML/year. Of this volume, Central Tablelands Water holds 32 per cent, 43 per cent is allocated to mining and 24 per cent for irrigation. A copy of the Report Card for this Water Sharing Plan is also attached for your information.

From these figures, even if Central Tablelands Water acquired all existing irrigation licences in the valley, its total licence holding for Lake Rowlands Dam would be 56 per cent of 9,957ML/year; that is 5,576ML/annum. Any irrigation licences Central Tablelands Water chose to purchase would not be given Town Water Supply licence security.

I am advised that the current Environmental Assessment for Newcrest Mining's Cadia East mine indicates that to satisfy its future water needs, it would be actively pursuing the purchase of any licences that are offered in the market. It is likely that Newcrest could afford to pay more for licences than Central Tablelands Water.

Any cost benefit analysis for an enlarged Lake Rowlands Dam would also need to consider this constraint.

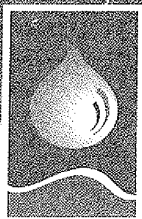
I have asked that Mr Stephen Palmer, Office of Water, Sydney, is available to discuss this matter further with you. Mr Palmer may be contacted on 02 8281 7331.

Yours sincerely



Katrina Hodgkinson MP
Minister for Primary Industries

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Central Tablelands Water

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Our Reference: AP:226

Contact: Tony Perry

15 March 2012

The Hon. Katrina Hodgkinson MP
Member for Burrinjuck
Minister for Primary Industries
Minister for Small Business
Level 30 Governor Macquarie Tower
1 Farrer Place
SYDNEY NSW 2000

Dear Minister,

Re: Lake Rowlands – Enlargement Proposal

Your Ref: WS12/10

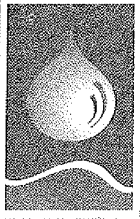
I write in reply to your letter, dated 21 February 2012, addressed to Council's Chairman, Cr John Farr OAM.

In that letter you advise that *"upon hearing the results of the Public Works study, I understand that Mr Tony Perry, General Manager, Central Tablelands Water, expressed concern as to the financial viability of an enlarged Lake Rowlands Dam"*.

Minister, may I assure you that I have never questioned the financial viability of an enlarged Lake Rowlands, quite the contrary. What I have said, and obviously been misquoted, is that, whilst I seriously question the secure yield calculation, both State and Federal Governments may question the financial viability of the project for funding given the alleged small increase in secure yield.

Central Tablelands Water has been advocating and lobbying for the enlargement of Lake Rowlands for about 12 years. At 885 metres it is well placed geographically to gravitate and feed areas such as Cowra, Parkes Forbes and a very small lift of about 20 metres to Orange. Regardless of the "modelling", which shows the secure yield will only increase by approximately 1,300 ML when the dam will increase from 4,500ML to 26,500ML, Lake Rowlands has a very good history of reliability even during the last record drought and that of 1983.

I am mystified that the Centroc Water Security Study, costing \$550,000, funded by the State Government and recommending the



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enlargement of Lake Rowlands as the best option to provide water security to the Central West, and the Carbon Plus Study, costing \$790,000, funded by the Federal Government, conducted to find offsets to neutralise the carbon impact of building a new dam, have been to no avail.

It does worry me that, now that the drought is over and dams and rivers are full and flowing, governments will now sit back in a sense of complacency and not worry about planning for the next drought and constructing the necessary infrastructure that will provide water security that had been seriously lacking during the past six or seven years.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A. Perry'.

A. Perry
General Manager

C.c. Andrew Gee MP, Member for Orange
Paul Toole MP, Member for Bathurst

Raelene Mulligan

From: Mitchell Isaacs [Mitchell.Isaacs@minister.nsw.gov.au]
Sent: Wednesday, 21 March 2012 11:05 PM
To: CTWater
Subject: Attn Tony Perry re letter to Minister Hodgkinson

Tony,

Thank you for your letter to Minister Hodgkinson dated 15 March.

I would like to apologise for any misquoting or misrepresentation of you, and I will ensure that your letter is brought to the attention of relevant staff to ensure the record is set straight.

In relation to water security in inland NSW, we will be working closely with other state bodies, particularly Infrastructure NSW, to ensure that the most appropriate infrastructure solutions are developed to provide for the best economic outcomes for regional NSW.

Studies such as the CENTROC Water Security Study will be important to assist INSW in their planning and recommendations.

Kind regards,

Mitchell Isaacs
Departmental Liaison Officer – Water, Fisheries
Office of the Hon Katrina Hodgkinson MP
Minister for Primary Industries
Minister for Small Business
P: 9228 5210
Mitchell.Isaacs@minister.nsw.gov.au

04) Office Operating Hours (84)

(Tony Perry)

RECOMMENDATION:

1. That Council formally adopt the administration office operating hours from 9.00am until 4.30pm.

REPORT

Councils administration office presently opens at 8.15am, and closes at 5.00pm from Monday to Friday, which are the current working hours for the administration staff.

The administration staff infrequently serve customers before 9.00am, and only on the odd occasion serve customers after 4.30pm.

Under the proposed office opening hours, there would be minimal impact to customer service as phone calls would still be received prior to 9.00am and after 4.30pm until the administration office staff finish.

The proposed new opening time will prove helpful for the cashier and administrative staff to prepare and set up for the day and the new closing time will assist the cashier to sign off and balance the days banking with the front doors closed and locked.

This practise is consistent with the operating hours of numerous Councils and Government Departments.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

Nil

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Nil

Attachments

Nil

05) Annual Staff Picnic (223)

(Tony Perry)

RECOMMENDATION:

1. That approval be given for the closing of Council's administration office on Friday 11th May 2012 for the occasion of the Annual Award Staff Picnic Day.

REPORT

Council's Annual Staff Picnic Day has been scheduled for Friday 11th May 2012 in Grenfell. Councillors will be advised of the venue, time, activities and all other details and are invited to attend and participate in whatever is organised.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

Nil

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Nil

Attachments

Nil

06) WBC Alliance - Executive Manager's Report (356)

(Donna Galvin)

RECOMMENDATION:

1. That the information be noted.

REPORT

Attached

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

Nil

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Nil

Attachments

- 1 WBC Executive Managers Report 15 Pages



WBC Alliance Report for Council meeting April 2012

(Prepared by the Executive Manager, WBC Alliance)

Most of my time over the last 6- 8 weeks has been involved in the IT and IP&R projects. After May I will be able to commence some new projects in the areas of HR and technologies.

IT Corporate Systems Project

Cabonne/CTW and Blayney implementation

During the first two weeks of March staff attended the user training for the new system. This was all held in Cabonne (Blayney training room was out of use) and in all we had 220 staff cycle through training over the fortnight – a very big event to organise. Staff must be congratulated for their support and assistance and their cooperation.

Cabonne Council have now successfully implemented the new Synergysoft system effective from 19 March. This has been an extremely time consuming process for some key staff but overall it has been relatively seamless transition. IT Vision staff were here for 2 weeks and there customer service and support of staff has been very positively received.

Blayney and CTW are on track to implement their system in the week commencing 28 May. There is still work to be completed internally on business processes and adjustments to the general ledger and financial reporting system. We have a strong project plan and we do not foresee any major issues.

Wellington have been conducting user training for their upgrade which is still on track for cutover at the end of April.

Integrated Planning and Reporting

Final draft Community Strategic plans have now all been completed and submitted to Department of Local Government.

During April council meetings the remainder of the plans will be submitted for endorsement so that they can be placed on public display during April/May. These plans include:

- 4 Year Delivery Plan
- 1 Year Operational Plan
- Asset Management Plans
- Workforce Management Plans
- Financial – annual operating budget plus 10 Year Long Term Financial Plan.

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Shared Services Project

The reports from this Research project were presented to the WBC Board at the March meeting. It was agreed that we need to continue to explore opportunities for implementing shared services but that in an election year any final decision should not be made until after September. In the meantime the WBC Executive Manager will be holding a short workshop on Shared Services at the next Board meeting.

We have also been asked by DLG to meet to discuss our Alliance outcomes and for them to learn more about the Shared Services Model.

A good example of Alliance cooperation:

Recently Wellington Council were required to develop Environmental Management Plans for three of their worksites (Martin Lane, Ringwood Lane and Wattle Road). Peter James from Wellington made contact with Warwick Dolman from Cabonne who has expertise in this area. Warwick was able to develop the three plans plus additional information that is required and all "for mates" – ie no charge! One said it would cost about \$15k to get a consultant to do this work. This is a great example of how the Alliance can work – staff now know people in the other councils, they know they can get help from each other and it just happens! Great outcome.

Joint new councillor Induction Program

The Board have supported the development of a new councillor induction program to be held post the September elections. Not only will this provide valuable information for new councillors on their roles in their individual councils it will also provide an opportunity for them to learn about the purpose and value of the Alliance.

Since this decision we have received advice from Department of Local Government that they will be developing a short induction program and we have made contact with them to work together on this.

Up coming dates/events:

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| 2 nd April | General Managers and Executive Manager meeting |
| 18 th April | Professional team meeting – Blayney |
| 2 nd May | WBC Board meeting – Cabonne |
| 3 rd May | WBC Executive Manager Speaker at the MAV National Conference in Melbourne (we were asked to present a case study of our Alliance) |

I have attached an updated Action Status report for councillors information so that you are aware of the variety of projects currently underway in the Alliance.

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WBC ALLIANCE ACTION STATUS REPORT

UPDATE 15th February 2012

ACTION	PRIORITY	RESPONSIBLE	PROGRESS
1. Engagement Strategies Outdoor Staff	HIGH	WBC EM and Director Engineering (Cabonne)	<p>190411 – Centroc are hosting an unsealed maintenance workshop that WBC council staff will attend. Job sheet has been shared.</p> <p>230611 to be discussed at the PT meeting on 050711 – see paper to Board on HR Strategies update</p> <p>030811 HR options discussed and agreed to form a small working party including the Works Managers and HR Managers to discuss options, including the opportunities provided through recent changes to workcover requirements for plant licences. A number of Alliance staff attended joint training recently provided by Centroc</p> <p>191011 This to become a priority action for the new year. Acknowledge lack of progress due to other priorities.</p> <p>150212 Directors to identify opportunities for engagement activities for the coming year.</p>

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WBC ALLIANCE ACTION STATUS REPORT

UPDATE 15th February 2012

ACTION	PRIORITY	RESPONSIBLE	PROGRESS
2. Integrated Planning and Reporting	HIGH	Directors Corporate Services	<p>170211 – Wellington and Blayney are meeting to see if there are opportunities to work together or use a shared external consultancy to complete the community consultation phase of IP&R.</p> <p>190411 – Joint EOI completed and consultant selected. Project plan developed and adopted by Professional Teams. Major project – key activity time – May to November.</p> <p>230611 – plans progressing well. Consultants engaged. Initial workshops with councillors and key staff during May. Major activities and consultations with communities and staff during July/August. Aim to have draft CSP to November council meetings.</p> <p>030811 – project within the timelines. Community consultations and shaping workshops have been completed. Managers workshop held and work commenced with the development of delivery and operational plans.</p> <p>191011 – project progressing within timelines. All draft plans will be ready for public display during December. IPR Lockdown dates confirmed to Directors for February. Resourcing plans progressing. Noted the interaction requirements between assets, to HR to finance plans.</p> <p>150212 CSP completed to draft. Lock ups scheduled during 16 – 24th February to completed Delivery plans and operational plans. Directors are aware of the critical timelines that have to be met to ensure plans are submitted to DLG by due dates.</p>

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3. IT Systems and Infrastructure	HIGH	General Managers	<p>230611 Contracts have been finalised. Implementation has commenced for Cab/CTW/Blayney with cut over to new system for Cab in week of 7th November and Blay/CTW week of 21st November. Training of staff will commence Sept and October.</p> <p>030811 the implementation project is well underway for Blayney,CTW and Cabonne. Critical timelines set. Common general ledger has been developed. Training plan completed and staff aware of their commitments. For Wellington – implementation project plan has been developed and will commence in November.</p> <p>191011 New cutover dates confirmed for Bly/CTW and Cabonne as February 2012. Agreed to defer implementation from original dates due to some delays with some aspects of data conversion and module development. Wellington has commenced their pre-upgrade work.</p> <p>150212 New cutover dates for Cabonne in March and Bly/CTW in May. User training scheduled March. Wellington aiming for upgrade to be completed by end of April</p>

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4. Shared Service Model Research Project	HIGH	WBC Executive Manager	<p>230611 Project scoping completed. ACELG will provide research assistance and UNE through Professor Brian Dollery will provide some input to the shared service model. Aim to hold modelling workshop in early November. Onsite case study visits to Hunter Councils Inc, Lake Macquarie and Brighton to be completed during September. WBC EM also concurrently doing extensive research.</p> <p>030811 Project underway. Onsite visits to take place Sept/Oct. Aim to have one day forum for all the key stakeholders (DLG, LGSA, ACELG etc) 17 November in Molong. Also now currently very topical in light of the Destination 2036 process and the possibility of being a volunteer council and receive funding for piloting a program of shared services.</p> <p>191011 New project team members Ashley Albury replacing Alan Dive, and Grant Baker from Blayney. Planning for workshop on 17th well underway, ACELG to do the facilitation. Hunter Councils Inc to attend. Alliance has been asked to participate and present paper at the ACELG Research forum in December.</p> <p>150212 Workshop held in November with a set of recommendations being included in the final report which is due to Dept by end of February. Project to continue with a new team consisting of Directors Environmental services and WBCEM to develop operating models for different functions in Environmental services.</p>

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5. Specifications, Policies and Procedures Across WBC	MEDIUM	All	<p>170211 – Councils have shared documentation relating to GIPA, Meeting procedure and investment policy.</p> <p>190411 – WBC Engineering Design Guidelines need to be reviewed in August:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - templates for IT system to be developed - IP and R - joint DCP - applications for 735A, 603. <p>030811 Recently shared policies and procedures include</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Asset management policy, - Procurement - Protected disclosures - Internal reporting <p>191011 recently shared policies and procedures include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Protected disclosures (developed by Bly) - Template for IPR reporting (developed by Cab) <p>150212 – Cabonne advise they will be developing SWIMS for office procedures that they will share with other councils.</p>

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6. Internal Audit Program	MEDIUM	Directors Corporate Services	<p>230611 Internal Audit committee members selected for Bly/CTW and Cabonne. Risk analysis has been completed and the audit schedule will be agreed to at an induction workshop to be held early August.</p> <p>030811 Joint induction for audit committees for Blayney, CTW and Cabonne has been held. Waiting to set date for first committee meeting sometime in September. For Wellington, their audit results have been received and business continuity is a high risk as it has been in the initial risk assessment for the others. Agreed to do something on this as an alliance project</p> <p>191011 First committee meetings held. Cabonne voiced their concern over the cost and the outcomes and suggested perhaps we should revisit concept of doing this internally. Agreed to wait to see what comes from first audit and compare with Wellington process.</p> <p>150212 First round of auditing has been completed for Blayney, CTW and Cabonne. They now wish to review the process and determine if it could be managed internally. Wellington continuing with their process. Next meetings scheduled for March.</p>

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7. Stores System/Procurement	MEDIUM	Owen Johns (DTS – Wellington)	<p>170211 – WBC Exec Manager and Director Engineering Wellington to try to finalise the draft procurement guidelines for distribution. Considered having Local Government Procurement meet with Alliance staff however agreed that this is a service that Centroc provide and our staff are actively engaged in the regional purchasing group.</p> <p>190411 – LG procurement held information sessions that Blayney and Cabonne attended. No further action on the joint policy. Draft WBC procedure to be reissued to Directors. Cabonne to share their tender checklist with others. Grant Baker to share contact & information for Cordells Tender System.</p> <p>230611 Draft guidelines have been distributed.update from PT on 050711</p> <p>030811 Directors to share their plant/fleet purchase requirements for 2011/12 and where possible identify opportunities for purchasing collectively.</p> <p>191011 May be opportunity to do joint tender for heavy truck replacement – Owen Johns to coordinate.</p> <p>150212 Directors have shared their purchase lists. No joint purchase opportunities identified. This needs more work during 2012.</p>

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<p>8. HR Strategies for Attraction, Retention and Development of Staff</p>	<p>MEDIUM</p>	<p>Karen Roberts (DCS – Wellington)</p>	<p>-190411 – No further action. Centroc has one focus on skills and development needs of water and sewer staff. 230611 See separate report to Board and outcomes from discussion at PT meeting 050711 030811 Discussed a variety of options as outlined in extensive report. Agreed to: - Use the funds previously allocated to tertiary scholarships for trainee positions within the individual councils. - Form a working party to explore the options of a shared training position (and picking up from the engagement strategies for operational staff) - Seek funding to develop a recruitment promotional package including e-based tools (wont' start until later in 2011/early 2012 creation of shared plant operation trainer - developing an alliance promotional package for recruitment - discussing how to meet the new award requirements for performance management/recognition - sharing the template and data for the HR plan that is required for Integrated Planning and Reporting. 191011 Defer commencement of new projects until 2012 150212 HR projects to become a priority once IPR and IT projects completed and WBCEM can coordinate new projects</p>

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9. Asset Management Phase 3	MEDIUM	Director Engineering (Wellington)	<p>230611 It is intended to complete the Building AMP for Wellington initially, then Blayney and Cabonne will modify it to suite their needs. All three councils are in a similar position with respect to building infrastructure and little structural modification should be required between the AMP's.</p> <p>Building Asset Registers for Wellington and Blayney are essentially complete and only require tidying up. The status of Cabonne's building assets register is yet to be established by the Alliance team.</p> <p>The Parks Asset Register for Blayney is 90% complete. AMP's for Parks and Gardens are yet to be commenced. Blayney will begin drafting an AMP for Parks and Gardens in June or July, which should provide a sound basis for Wellington and Cabonne, who will be able to utilise a significant amount of financial data from this plan as well.</p> <p>030811 the programme continues strongly. Assets staff were briefed at meeting for IPR on the timelines that are needed to complete this for IPR. Also, information from IPWEA has been useful.</p> <p>191011 Update as part of IPR. All councils progressing but Cabonne says they will be pushed to get it completed in the timeframes for IPR</p> <p>150212 Significant work completed during last few months to complete Asset management plans for the IPR process.</p>

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10. Joint Development Control Plan	MEDIUM	John Clague Wellington	<p>190411 – New project for the development of joint DCP. Blayney S & R Planner is project leader and will develop project plan.</p> <p>230611 To be discussed at PT meeting 050711</p> <p>030811 Unfortunately due to staff changes the concept of doing this inhouse using our staff is not possible. Can still be done as a joint project but will have to use consultants for the development of the plan.</p> <p>191011 Wellington to take on project ;management of this.</p> <p>150212 Directors have approved the engagement of external consultant to complete generic DCP's. First meeting of project team scheduled for 22 March. Wellington Town Planner is coordinating project.</p>

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11. Business Continuity Plan	MEDIUM	Directors Corporate Services	<p>030811 A new project to be coordinated by WBC EM – each of the councils have identified the lack of business continuity plans as a high risk. Agreed to manage jointly to engage consultant to work with the four councils to develop plans.</p> <p>191011 Blayney CTW and Wellington moving together on joint project engaging Echelon Australia to complete BCP's. Presentation at PT meeting on 19th. Cabonne doing work inhouse.</p> <p>150212 Blayney and CTW withdrew from this joint approach. Wellington only one to proceed with Echelon and plan has now been completed. Cabonne may use internal project resources to complete a template document that may be able to be shared with other councils.</p>
12. Natural Resource Management Plans	MEDIUM	Owen Johns Wellington	<p>191011 a newly proposed project for the joint engagement of a consultant to develop :NRM plans for each of the councils.</p> <p>150212 Going out to tender this week with Alliance councils and Gilgandra councils.</p>

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13. Standard Conditions of Consent	LOW	John Clague Wellington	<p>190411 – Next meeting scheduled for 12 May. Needs to be completed prior to implementation of new IT systems.</p> <p>230611 Team have met and finalised draft which is being reformatted.</p> <p>030811 Final draft is with the Directors for approval. Then need to get legal advice.</p> <p>191011 Final draft still with Directors. Wellington will take on project manager lead and seek legal advice to finalise this matter. Need these to be finalised for the conversion to new IT System.</p> <p>150212 Team meeting on 6 march to finalise these as they are needed for implementation of new IT system</p>
14. DA Kit	LOW	John Clague (DES – Wellington)	<p>170211 – Agreed to leave this on status report as the kit needs to be updated but we need to wait until changes from Department of Planning are known.</p> <p>190411 – Still not able to commence review.</p> <p>230611 Dept Planning have not finalised the changes so our review cannot commence</p> <p>030811 still waiting on Dept Planning changes</p> <p>191011 As above</p> <p>150212 As above</p>

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ACTION	PRIORITY	RESPONSIBLE	PROGRESS
15. Sustainability and Climate Change Programs/Initiatives	LOW	All DES and WBCEM	230611 All plans and activities in this priority area have now been completed. Agreed to leave on the action status report and activity list for WBCEM for ongoing funding applications. 191011 No new funding opportunities identified. 150212 No action in this area.
16. Priorities for 2012	To be determined	Directors	From the feedback of Alliance Forum participants the Professional Teams and Board to determine any additional new priority projects.

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07) Flood Damage to Trunk Mains (395)

(Tony Perry)

RECOMMENDATION:

1. That Council endorse the action of the General Manager in his written submissions to the NSW State Government and that the General Manager prepare and submit a late motion to the forthcoming Shires' Association Conference seeking advocacy of the LGSA for the removal of the "Trading Undertaking" classification of local water utilities.

REPORT

As reported through General Manager communiqué's to Councillors and through press releases, on the evening of 1 March 2012, Council suffered severe flood damage to its trunk mains in six (6) locations where the trunk mains traverse a number of creeks and the Belubula River.

On that particular evening, the voracity of the water flowing down these water courses was such that the trunk mains were severed and, in some cases, together with the concrete pier supports, were washed away and carried downstream.

To ensure that consumers did not suffer an interruption to their water supply, Council's Operations staff worked tirelessly over a number of days to bring emergency ground water sources into operation and reconnect the severed pipelines with temporary polypipe connections.

Since the evening of 1 March, the areas covered by Grenfell, Gooloogong, Canowindra, Morebel, Eugowra and Peirce's Rural Scheme have been on the Gooloogong Bore supply. For a few short days until the severed pipes could be connected, Cudal, Cargo and Manildra were supplied from the Cudal Bore.

Following the temporary reconnection at creek crossings at Bingara, Sugarloaf, Emu Creek and the Belubula River, the villages of Cargo, Cudal and Manildra were restored to the Lake Rowlands Supply. The towns and villages currently being supplied from Gooloogong Bore will remain on that supply until the pipeline at Jack's Creek (near Canowindra) can be permanently restored.

The cost of carrying out permanent restoration will necessitate major works at all these locations and has been reliably estimated at up to \$500,000. These works are currently being planned and programmed by the Operations Manager and should be completed within the next 3 to 6 months.

Whilst the local government areas of Blayney, Cabonne and Weddin have all been declared Natural Disaster Areas for the purposes of funding for the restoration of essential services, the General Manager has been advised that local water utilities do not qualify for funding as they are classified as "Trading Undertakings".

The funding guidelines state that the funding is available for the restoration of essential services and the General Manager is of the opinion that town water supply should be high on the essential services list.

Natural Disaster Funding is administered by the Minister of Finance and Services through the NSW Office of Public Works. The General Manager has written to the Minister, Greg Pierce, the Premier, the Treasurer, the Minister for Primary Industries, Katrina Hodgkinson, Paul Toole, Member for Bathurst, Andrew Gee, Member for Orange and the Local Government and Shires' Association expressing Council's concern with this ruling and seeking their assistance and support for the removal of this impediment to all local government water utilities.

Some photo's depicting some of the damage are shown below.

Copies of the General Manager's letters are attached for the information of Councillors.









BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

\$200,000 2011/2012 and \$300,000 2012/2013

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Nil

Attachments

- 1 Letter to Katrina Hodgkinson MP 30.03.12 2 Pages
- 2 Letter to Greg Pearce MP 03.04.12 2 Pages
- 3 Letter to Barry O'Farrell MP 03.04.12 2 Pages
- 4 Letter to Mike Baird MP 03.04.12 2 Pages

Our Reference: AP:226

Contact: Tony Perry

30 March 2012

The Hon. Katrina Hodgkinson MP
Member for Burrinjuck
Minister for Primary Industries
Minister for Small Business
Level 30 Governor Macquarie Tower
1 Farrer Place
SYDNEY NSW 2000

Dear Minister,

Re: Flood Damage – Disaster Recovery Funding

I refer to Council's letter of 14 March 2012 expressing concern that Council has been advised that it does not qualify for Disaster Recovery Funding due to the fact that Council, as a local government water utility, is classified as a "trading undertaking".

In that letter (see attached), I advised that Council would be incurring flood restoration costs initially estimated at \$100,000 to restore trunk mains that had been washed away in five (5) creek crossings on the evening of 8 March 2012.

Since writing to you, a further location was discovered where Council's trunk main under the Belubula River at Canowindra had been severely damaged and will need to be replaced.

In all locations temporary measures have been put in place to maintain water delivery to a number of towns and villages within Council's supply network.

A full assessment of the damage is currently being carried out together with a re-estimation of the costs to effect permanent restoration of the pipelines. It is anticipated that the final restoration costs across five (5) river and creek crossings could be in the vicinity of \$500,000. The restoration work would involve drilling under the river and creek beds and/or replacing the concrete piers that were washed away.

As mentioned in Council's earlier letter, it is understood that grants are available to meet additional costs of emergency work to restore essential services and that surely restoration of town water supply should be high up on the list of essential services.

Council reiterates that it is at a loss to understand the classification of "Trading Undertaking" whereas in fact it is another local government council providing an essential service to the community it serves.

Council continues to seek your advocacy and support to the removal of this impediment to the access of emergency disaster funding for local government water utilities.

Yours faithfully,



A. Perry
General Manager

C.c. Andrew Gee MP, Member for Orange
Paul Toole MP, Member for Bathurst

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3 April 2012

The Hon. Greg Pearce MP
Minister for Finance and Services
Level 36 Governor Macquarie Tower
1 Farrer Place
SYDNEY NSW 2000

Dear Minister,

Re: Flood Damage – Disaster Recovery Funding

I express with some concern my Council's dismay that Council has been advised that it does not qualify for Disaster Recovery Funding due to the fact that Council, as a local government water utility, is classified by Treasury as a "trading undertaking".

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Council is at a loss to understand this classification of "Trading Undertaking" whereas in fact we are another local government council providing an essential service to the community we serve.

For Council to find an estimated \$500,000 out of an already strained budget that has been affected dramatically over the past two years due to seasonally wet conditions will mean that Council's capital works programme of asset renewal and upgrade will be severely impacted.

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3 April 2012

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08) Purchase of Plant (87)

(Darrell Sligar)

RECOMMENDATION:

1. That Council endorse the action of the Plant Committee.

REPORT

During the past two months Council purchased one vehicle.

Purchases

2012 Nissan Murano	\$46,396
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BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

Nil

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Nil

Attachments

Nil

09) Maintenance of Council's Systems (105)

(Darrell Sligar)

RECOMMENDATION:

1. That the information be noted.

REPORT*a) Meter Replacement/Service Replacement*

Council staff have completed six partial service replacements and two full replacements over the past two months.

b) Hydrant/Valve Maintenance

Hydrant and valve maintenance continued throughout the Council area over the past two months. One new hydrant was installed in Binstead Street, Blayney.

c) Pump Station Maintenance

Maintenance was carried out on the Williams Crossing pump at Quandialla (new bearings and seals), Blayney Filtration Plant chemical pump (new bearings and seals), and a new chlorinator pump was installed at Greys Hill.

d) Reticulation Flushing

Town reticulation flushing was carried out on dead ends at Millthorpe, Carcoar, Mandurama and Lyndhurst. A large area of Blayney was flushed over two days after a Cadia contractor damaged a 300mm feeder main near Blayney Abattoir.

e) Filtration Plants

Two drying beds were cleaned and placed back into operation at Carcoar Filtration Plant.

Two filter cells have been refurbished, with all tiles removed and replaced with ceramic paint.

f) Flood Damage

Staff spent a large amount of time on temporary pipelines to keep customers in water during early March, with bores at Gooloogong and Cudal used. Permanent repairs will commence as soon as staff can access sites.

g) Training

Two staff members are completing a CSU Training and assessment course, with the first section to be completed within six months.

h) Capital Works

A 2000m main replacement in South Canowindra has now being completed. All services have been transferred to the new infrastructure. Minor reinstatement work will continue over the next month.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

\$500,000 for flood damage repairs.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Nil

Attachments

Nil

10) Performance of Council's Systems (105)

(Darrell Sligar)

RECOMMENDATION:

1. That the information be noted.

REPORT*i) Main breaks*

The main failures recorded during the past two months are listed in the table below.

Location		Date	Size	Comment
Blayney	Stanfield Close	10.02.12	100mm	Tree Root
Blayney	Burton Street	05.03.12	100mm	DNR
Millthorpe	Unwin Street	13.03.12	100mm	Split Length
Mandurama	Olive Street	20.03.12	100mm	DNR
Manildra	Orange Road	12.03.12	100mm	DNR
Rural Scheme	Nyrang Creek	22.03.12	100mm	DNR
Trunk Main 'P'	Somers	02.03.12	100mm	Flood Damage
Trunk Main 'C'	Sugarloaf	02.03.12	225mm	Flood Damage
Trunk Main 'C'	Bingarra	02.03.12	225mm	Flood Damage
Trunk Main 'C'	Jacks Creek	02.03.12	225mm	Flood Damage
Trunk Main 'U'	Emu Creek	02.03.12	150mm	Flood Damage
Trunk Main 'V'	Belubula River	08.03.12	200mm	Flood Damage

j) Reservoir Levels

Reservoir levels have fluctuated due to flood damaged mains. Overall they have maintained at or near 100% of capacity.

k) Service Complaints and Requests

A summary of service complaints and requests received for the last two months are as follows:

Dirty Water	3	Meter New/Replacement	2
Leaking Meter	8	Leaking Service	6
Low Pressure	2	Main Break	4
Meter Burst	2	Meter not shutting off	2
No Water	2	Quality Complaint	2
Leaking Hydrant	2	Stop Valve Failure	1
Customer Damaged Main	1		

A further summary detailing all service complaints and requests is enclosed with the business paper.

l) Lake Rowlands

The level of Lake Rowlands has risen from 88% to over 105% in early March to its present level of 97%.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

Nil

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Nil

Attachments

Nil

11) New Water Services (80)

(Darrell Sligar)

RECOMMENDATION:

1. That the information be noted.

REPORT

During the past two months there has been six (6) new water services connected to Council's mains.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

Nil

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Nil

Attachments

Nil

- 12) **Water Leakage Account 9477-00000-5 (297)**
Section 64 Developer Charges – Request for Waiver (329)
(Tony Perry)

RECOMMENDATION:

1. That, as these matters deal with items that are subject to the affairs of an individual, Council consider it in Committee of the Whole and that in terms of Section 10A (2) of the Local Government Act, the press and the public be excluded from the meeting of the Committee of the Whole.

Attachments

Nil

13) Proceed to Committee of the Whole

(Tony Perry)

RECOMMENDATION:

1. That, as business for the Ordinary Meeting has now concluded, Council proceed into Committee of the Whole to discuss the items referred to in the report.

Council should exclude the press and public at this point, for confidential discussion on the items referred to Committee

Attachments

Nil

14) Report of the Committee of the Whole

(Tony Perry)

RECOMMENDATION:

1. That the recommendations of the Committee of the Whole be adopted.

Attachments

Nil

15) Questions on Notice

(Tony Perry)

No questions on notice were received.

Attachments

Nil

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Central Tablelands Water held at Weddin Shire Council, on Wednesday, 15 February 2012, commencing at 10.30am

<u>Present</u>	Cr. John Farr OAM	(Chairman)	Cabonne
	Cr. Kevin Duffy		Cabonne
	Cr. Geoffrey McClelland	(Deputy Chairman)	Weddin
	Cr. Barry Hinde		Weddin
	Cr. Kevin Radburn		Blayney
	Tony Perry	(General Manager)	
	Darrell Sligar	(Operations Manager)	
	Gavin Rhodes	(Finance Manager)	

PUBLIC FORUM

There were no persons in attendance at the time set aside for the public forum.

APOLOGIES

12/140 RESOLVED:

That a leave of absence be granted to Cr. Braddon following receipt of his apology for non-attendance.

(Cr. Duffy/Cr. Hinde)

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

12/141 RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Central Tablelands Water, held on 14 December 2011, being minute numbers 11/118 to 11/139 inclusive, be confirmed.

(Cr. Duffy/Cr. Hinde)

CHAIRMAN'S MINUTE

As his involvement with Council has been limited over the past two months, the Chairman declared that he had nothing to contribute to a Chairman's Minute.

01) FINANCIAL MATTERS (4)

12/142 RESOLVED:

That the information be noted.

(Cr. Duffy/Cr. Radburn)

02) BUDGET REVIEW STATEMENT - 31 DECEMBER 2011 (15)

12/143 RESOLVED:

That the Budget Review Statement for the quarter ended 31 December 2011 be accepted and the variations therein be adopted.

(Cr. McClelland/Cr. Hinde)

03) LAKE ROWLANDS AUGMENTATION (226)

12/144 RESOLVED:

1. That Council continue to support Centroc with its endeavours to provide water security for the Central West region.
2. That all future advocacy for the Centroc Water Security Study should be undertaken by Centroc.

(Cr. Duffy/Cr. Radburn)

04) CONSTITUTIONAL RECOGNITION OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT (16)

12/145 RESOLVED:

That the information be noted.

(Cr. Duffy/Cr. McClelland)

05) DIVISION OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT - REVIEW OF ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (101)

12/146 RESOLVED:

That the information be noted and that the General Manager submit an appropriate reply to the Division of Local Government.

(Cr. Hinde/Cr. Duffy)

06) LOCAL INFRASTRUCTURE RENEWAL SCHEME - GUIDELINES (6)

12/147 RESOLVED:

That the information be noted.

(Cr. Duffy/Cr. McClelland)

07) QUANDIALLA WATER SUPPLY - PURCHASE OF CROWN LAND (152)

12/148 RESOLVED:

1. That Council compulsorily acquire Lot 1 DP1142888 for the purposes of water storage.
2. That Council make application to the Minister for the approval of the Governor for Council to declare by Notice in the Government Gazette, that such land is acquired by compulsory process in accordance with the *Land Acquisition (Just Terms Compensation) Act 1991*.

(Cr. Duffy/Cr. Radburn)

08) INTEGRATING PLANNING & REPORTING COMPLIANCE (391)**12/149 RESOLVED:**

That Council approve the draft Community Strategic Plan due for submission to the Division of Local Government by 30 March 2012, and place on public display for a period of 28 days.

(Cr. Duffy/Cr. Radburn)

09) WBC ALLIANCE - PROJECT OFFICER'S REPORT (356)**12/150 RESOLVED:**

That the information be noted.

(Cr. Hinde/Cr. McClelland)

10) LAKE ROWLANDS DAM - 2011 DAM SAFETY INSPECTION (94)**12/151 RESOLVED:**

That the information be noted.

(Cr. Radburn/Cr. McClelland)

11) PURCHASE OF PLANT (87)**12/152 RESOLVED:**

That Council endorse the action of the Plant Committee.

(Cr. Hinde/Cr. Duffy)

12) MAINTENANCE OF COUNCIL'S SYSTEMS (105)**12/153 RESOLVED:**

That the information be noted.

(Cr. Hinde/Cr. Duffy)

13) PERFORMANCE OF COUNCIL'S SYSTEMS (105)**12/154 RESOLVED:**

That the information be noted.

(Cr. Hinde/Cr. Duffy)

14) NEW WATER SERVICES (80)**12/155 RESOLVED:**

That the information be noted.

(Cr. Hinde/Cr. Duffy)

15) WATER LEAKAGE ACCOUNT 1401-00000-3 (282)**12/156 RESOLVED:**

That, as these matters deal with items that are subject to the affairs of an individual, Council consider it in Committee of the Whole and that in terms of Section 10A (2) of the Local Government Act, the press and the public be excluded from the meeting of the Committee of the Whole.

(Cr. McClelland/Cr. Hinde)

16) SUBDIVISION COST – CONCESSION REQUEST 2856-10000-9 (285)**12/157 RESOLVED:**

That, as these matters deal with items that are subject to the affairs of an individual, Council consider it in Committee of the Whole and that in terms of Section 10A (2) of the Local Government Act, the press and the public be excluded from the meeting of the Committee of the Whole.

(Cr. McClelland/Cr. Hinde)

17) PROCEED TO COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**12/158 RESOLVED:**

That, as business for the Ordinary Meeting has now concluded, Council proceed into Committee of the Whole to discuss the items referred to in the report.

(Cr. McClelland/Cr. Hinde)

18) REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**WATER LEAKAGE ACCOUNT 1401-00000-3 (282)****RECOMMENDATION:**

That Council grant the consumer a concession of 50% of the consumption charge as recorded on the August 2011 water account

(Cr. Duffy/Cr. Hinde)

SUBDIVISION COST – CONCESSION REQUEST 2856-10000-9 (285)**RECOMMENDATION:**

That Council waive the Section 64 developer charge of \$8,478.00, with the concession being granted under a case of hardship.

(Cr. Radburn/Cr. McClelland)

RECOMMENDATION:

That as the deliberation of the Committee is concluded, the Council reconvene the Ordinary Meeting.

(Cr. Duffy/Cr. McClelland)

12/159 RESOLVED:

That the recommendations of the Committee of the Whole be adopted.
(Cr. Hinde/Cr. McClelland)

18) QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

No questions on notice were received.

Next Meeting: The next meeting of Central Tablelands Water will be held in Blayney on Wednesday 11th April 2012.

There being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 12.50pm.