

BUSINESS PAPER

ORDINARY MEETING

THURSDAY 22ND AUGUST 2019

WARREN SHIRE COUNCIL

AGENDA - ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

22ND AUGUST 2019

1. **OPEN MEETING**
2. **APOLOGIES AND APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE BY COUNCILLORS**
3. **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**
Ordinary Meeting held on Thursday 25th July 2019.
4. **DISCLOSURES OF INTERESTS**
5. **MAYORAL MINUTE(S)**
6. **REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

Meeting of the Sporting Facilities Committee
held on Wednesday, 31st July 2019 (C14-3.2)

Meeting of the Ewenmar Waste Depot Sunset Committee
held on Tuesday, 6th August 2019 (C14-3.23)

Meeting of the Warren Airport Committee held on
Tuesday, 6th August 2019 (C14-2.3)

Meeting of the Economic Development Committee
held on Wednesday, 7th August 2019 (C14-3.25)

Meeting of Manex held on Tuesday, 13th August 2019 (C14-3.4)

Meeting of the Plant Committee
held on Thursday, 15th August 2019 (C14-3.8)

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POLICY

Nil.

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Nil

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8. NOTICES OF MOTIONS/QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE

9. CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS

Nil.

10. CONCLUSION OF MEETING

SPORTING FACILITIES COMMITTEE MEETING

Attached are the Minutes of the Sporting Facilities Committee Meeting, held on Wednesday 31st July 2019.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the minutes of the meeting of the Sports Facilities Committee held on 31st July 2019 be received and noted, and the following recommendations be adopted:

ITEM 6 REPORTS FROM THE CENTRE MANAGER (S21-2)

1. That the information be received and noted; and
2. Council enter into a four year lease agreement with Life Fitness for the aerobic equipment.

ITEM 7 CARTER OVAL CONCEPT PLAN (P1-7.3)

1. That the information be received and noted;
2. That Council call for Quotations for the removal of the dwelling located on Lot 327 DP47963 Stafford Street Warren;
3. That Council call for Quotations for the demolition of the ablutions building and ensuite buildings of the former caravan park;
4. A further report is to be presented prior to engaging a contractor, to provide for budgetary constraints;

ITEM 8 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE SKATE PARK SUB COMMITTEE HELD ON THE 2ND JULY 2019

1. That the information be received and noted;
2. Council call for selective Tender for the construction of the Skate Park; and
3. Review Councils social media page in relation to the Skate Park once social media training is completed by Council and a new Policy and Procedures document is created and adopted by Council.

ITEM 9 GENERAL BUSINESS WITHOUT NOTICE

1. That the information be received and noted; and
2. That Council create a new item in the fees and charges schedule for use of the Sealed Outdoor Netball Courts. A fee of \$11.00 per session was advised by the Centre Manager which is the same price for use of the main oval during training sessions by local sporting groups.

WARREN SHIRE COUNCIL

Minutes of the Sporting Facilities Committee meeting held at the Warren Sporting and Cultural Centre, Victoria Park, Udora Road, Warren on Wednesday 31st July 2019 commencing at 3:10pm

Present:

Mayor, Councillor MJ Quigley (Chairman)
Councillor BD Williamson
Councillor KR Irving
Glenn Wilcox (General Manager)
Wesley Hamilton (Centre Manager)
Maryanne Stephens (Manager Health & Development Services)
Rolly Lawford (Divisional Manager of Engineering Services)
Kerry Jones (Town Services Manager)

ITEM 1 APOLOGIES

Apologies were tendered on behalf of Councillor KW Taylor who was absent due to external commitments and it was **MOVED** that a leave of absence be granted for this meeting.

ITEM 2 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 1ST MAY 2019

MOVED that the Minutes of the Meeting held on Wednesday, 1st May 2019 be accepted as a true and correct record of that meeting.

Carried

ITEM 3 BUSINESS ARISING

Nil.

Carried

ITEM 4 FINANCIAL STATEMENT

MOVED that the financial statement be accepted as a true and correct record of that meeting.

Carried

ITEM 5 ACTION CHECKLIST

RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL:

MOVED that:

1. The Action Checklist progress be received and noted; and
2. Items marked with an asterisk (*) be deleted.

Carried

ITEM 6 REPORTS FROM THE CENTRE MANAGER

(S21-2)

RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL:

1. That the information be received and noted; and
2. Council enter into a four-year lease agreement with Life Fitness for the aerobic equipment

Carried

WARREN SHIRE COUNCIL

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ITEM 9 GENERAL BUSINESS WITHOUT NOTICE

- The creation of a procedure to be utilised by local sporting groups during planned sporting events was discussed. This was in relation to local groups potentially preventing access without payment to local residents who are not entering for the planned event but are in fact utilising the gym, accessing the walkways to the hospital or completing duties in relation to their Council job requirements.
- Concerns were raised that access to the outdoor fitness equipment during weekday afternoons is impeded by children utilising the equipment for play rather than its intended purpose. Centre Manager stated that he will monitor the situation.
- It was proposed that moving the next meeting back to the Council Chambers to allow ease of access for staff participating in multiple meetings. It was stated by the committee that future meeting be held in the Council Chambers. The Mayor stated that an annual site visit to Victoria Park would be beneficial to review progress of current projects.

ITEM 10 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday, 14th October 2019 at 4:00pm at the Warren Sporting and Cultural Centre

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE MEETING CLOSED AT 4:30 PM.

EWENMAR WASTE DEPOT SUNSET COMMITTEE MEETING

Attached are the Minutes of the meeting of the Ewenmar Waste Depot Sunset Committee Meeting held on Tuesday, 6th August 2019.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Ewenmar Waste Depot Sunset Committee Meeting held on Tuesday, 6th August 2019, be received and noted and the following recommendations be adopted:

ITEM 5.1 EWENMAR WASTE OPENING HOURS (G2-5.4)

RECOMMENDATION:

1. Information be received and noted;
2. That a service fee of \$30.00 and a maximum hourly rate of \$130.00 (minimum total charge of \$130.00) be applied to all business houses on application to access to the Ewenmar Waste Depot outside of the usual opening hours;
3. That a minimum of 48 hours notice is given to Warren Shire Council for its intention to access the Ewenmar Waste Depot outside of the usual opening hours.
4. Keys to the Ewenmar Waste Depot will **not** be allocated to any members of the public.

ITEM 5.2 COLLECTION AND RECYCLING OF MATTRESSES CONTRACT (G2-4.3)

RECOMMENDATION:

1. Information be received and noted; and
2. To decline participation in the NetWaste contract for the Collection and Recycling of Mattresses.

WARREN SHIRE COUNCIL

Minutes of the Ewenmar Waste Depot Sunset Committee Meeting held in the Council Chambers on Tuesday, 6th August 2019 commencing at 2.10pm

Present: Councillor Pauline Serdity (Chairperson)
Councillor Heather Druce
Councillor Katrina Walker
Maryanne Stephens (Manager Health and Development Services MHD)
Jaymie-Leigh Shortland (Minute Taker)

ITEM 1 APOLOGIES

Rolly Lawford (Divisional Manager of Engineering Services)

Carried

ITEM 2 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD 17TH JULY 2019

MOVED Druce/Walker that the Minutes of the Meeting held on 17th July 2019 be accepted as a true and correct record of that meeting.

Carried

ITEM 3 BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

Item 5.6 EWENMAR WASTE OPENING HOURS was raised at the Council meeting on July 25th 2019, where concerns were raised regarding the effect the restricted opening hours may have on local businesses. Council recommended that the Committee hold a discussion with the Chamber of Commerce as to the opening hours of the Ewenmar Waste Depot.

Carried

ITEM 4 ACTION CHECKLIST

MOVED: Walker/Druce that the information be received and noted, and items marked with an asterisk (*) be deleted.

Carried

ITEM 5.1 EWENMAR WASTE OPENING HOURS

(G2-5.4)

RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL:

MOVED Serdity/Druce that:

1. Information be received and noted;
2. That a service fee of \$30.00 and a maximum hourly rate of \$130.00 (minimum total charge of \$130.00) be applied to all business houses on application to access to the Ewenmar Waste Depot outside of the usual opening hours;
3. That a minimum of 48 hours' notice is given to Warren Shire Council for its intention to access the Ewenmar Waste Depot outside of the usual opening hours.
4. Keys to the Ewenmar Waste Depot will **not** be allocated to any members of the public.

Carried

WARREN SHIRE COUNCIL

Minutes of the Ewenmar Waste Depot Sunset Committee Meeting held in the Council Chambers on Tuesday, 6th August 2019 commencing at 2.10pm

ITEM 5.2 COLLECTION AND RECYCLING OF MATTRESS CONTRACT

(G2-4.3)

RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL:

MOVED Druce/Walker that the information be received and noted.

1. Information be received and noted; and
2. To decline participation in the NetWaste contract for the Collection and Recycling of Mattresses.

Carried

ITEM 6 GENERAL BUSINESS

- Discussions were had on whether a clean-up had been arranged for the Northern Paddock for wind-blown rubbish, Maryanne Stephens, Manager Health and Development advised that she had spoken with the Warren Youth Group, who are attending to clean up of the Northern Paddock.
 - The Committee were advised that a blue drum and some rubbish had been dumped just past the 1 mile. Maryanne Stephens, Manager of Health and Development advised that she would have an action request form completed and arrange for the rubbish to be collected.
 - It was suggested that information should be put in the local newspaper about the Ewenmar Waste Depot.
 - Council advised that another letterbox drop will be arranged as a reminder to all residents of the current Ewenmar Waste Depot opening hours.
 - Queries were made as to when the bigger signs for Ewenmar Waste Depot opening hours would be put up. Maryanne Stephens, Manager of Health and Development advised that Rolly Lawford, Divisional Manager of Engineering Services is arranging the new signs.
 - It was suggested that the new signs and the letterbox drop should wait until the next Council meeting is held, in case there are further changes to the opening hours of the Ewenmar Waste Depot.
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ITEM 8 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

TBA.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 2:50 pm.

AIRPORT OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

Attached are the Minutes of the meeting of the Airport Operations Committee held on Tuesday, 6th August 2019.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Airport Operations Committee held on Tuesday, 6th August 2019 be received and noted.

ITEM 2.1 AIRPORT LIGHTING (C14-2.3)

RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL:

That Council seek grant funding to upgrade the airport lighting to comply with MOS 139.

ITEM 2.5 AIRPORT FUEL (C14-2.3)

RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL:

That Council seek funding to fund the purchase and provision of fuel services at the Warren Airport.

ITEM 3 GENERAL DISCUSSIONS

- **RUNWAY SURFACE UPGRADE**

RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL:

That Council seek grant funding to repair the runway surface and that survey and design works are undertaken to estimate costs of construction.

- **WEATHER STATION AWIS**

RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL:

That Council seek grant funding to purchase and install the AWIS equipment.

WARREN SHIRE COUNCIL
Minutes of the Airport Operations Committee
Meeting held at the Warren Airport, Arthur Butler Drive, Warren
on Tuesday, 6th August 2019 commencing at 2.00 pm

PRESENT:

Brett Williamson (Chair)
Pat Hulme
Nigel Martin
Kerry Jones (Town Services Manager)
Glenn Wilcox (General Manager)

ITEM 1 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Archie Kennedy and Geoff McKay who were absent due to external commitments and a leave of absence was granted for this meeting.

ITEM 2 REPORTS

ITEM 2.1 AIRPORT LIGHTING

The committee was updated as to airport lighting and the insurance claim. Council has received advice that the PAL system replacement has been approved. Council will arrange for a registered CASA Electrician to undertake the work. Council will purchase the replacement equipment for installation.

Council will need to seek funding to upgrade the airport lighting system to comply with MOS 139 at 60m centres

RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL: That Council seek grant funding to upgrade the airport lighting to comply with MOS 139.

Carried

ITEM 2.2 REPLACE WINDSOCK

The committee considered the relocation of the wind sock to approximately 30m to the west of the current wind sock on an existing concrete pad. The relocation of the wind sock will be part of the insurance claim.

The committee agreed that the wind sock can be moved.

Carried

ITEM 2.3 AIRPORT FENCING

(C14-2.3)

The main external exclusion fence has been completed by James Russ. The fence is excluding kangaroos and stock.

The front fence undertaken by a second contractor, to the airport terminal requires repairs and discussion is continuing with the contractor.

These projects are funded from drought funding.

Carried

WARREN SHIRE COUNCIL

Minutes of the Airport Operations Committee
Meeting held at the Warren Airport, Arthur Butler Drive, Warren
on Tuesday, 6th August 2019 commencing at 2.00 pm

ITEM 2.4 AIRPORT WATER (C14-2.12)

Water tanks have been installed at the airport and the old sales yards. The water pipes will be extended to from Azar Place through private land to the airport. Landowner discussions have been undertaken and access agreements issued. Landowners are supportive.

This project is funded from drought funding.

Carried

ITEM 2.5 AIRPORT FUEL (C14-2.12)

The committee considered the location of fuel supply at the current wind sock location and the extension of the Apron to allow access for aircraft.

Costing was provided to the committee to review.

The committee would like to look for funding for fuel services including tank, pump, card reader, shed and concrete pad for approximately \$140,000 plus gst.

RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL: That Council seek funding to fund the purchase and provision of fuel services at the Warren Airport.

Carried

ITEM 3 GENERAL DISCUSSIONS

- **Runway surface upgrade**

The committee considered the repairs to runway surface due to a number of humps in the surface.

RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL: That Council seek grant funding to repair the runway surface and that survey and design works are undertaken to estimate costs of construction.

- **Weather Station AWIS**

The committee considered the need for an aerodrome weather information service (AWIS) to allow for automatic weather recording both to the beuro of meteorology and to assist incoming and outgoing aircraft.

RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL: That Council seek grant funding to purchase and install the AWIS equipment.

- **Land sales at Airport**

The committee was advised that the survey plans for the lots has been completed and the linen plans will be registered. Council has set the sales price and contracts will be prepared .

Next Meeting

TBA

There being no further business the meeting closed at 2:50 pm.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MINUTES

Attached are the Minutes of the meeting of Economic Development Committee held on Wednesday, 7th August, 2019.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Minutes of the Meeting of Economic Development Committee held on Wednesday, 7th August 2019 be received and noted.

WARREN SHIRE COUNCIL
Minutes of the Economic Development Committee Meeting
held at the Warren Shire Council Chambers
on Wednesday 7th August 2019, commencing at 3.15 pm

PRESENT:

Milton Quigley	Councillor (Chairperson)
Sarah Derrett	Councillor
Katrina Walker	Councillor
Emma Welsh	Economic Development Officer
Alison Ruskin Rowe	Economic Development Officer

ITEM 1 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillor Andrew Brewer and General Manager Glenn Wilcox who were absent due to external commitments and it was **MOVED** that a leave of absence be granted for this meeting.

ITEM 2 MINUTES

MOVED that the Minutes of the Economic Development Committee meeting held on Wednesday, 5th June 2019 be adopted as a true and correct record of that meeting.

Carried

ITEM 3 BUSINESS ARISING

- An update was provided by the Economic Development Team in relation to the Community Solar Project at Port Pirie in South Australia and the Parkes Council Solar Initiative. A report will be provided at the next Economic Development Committee meeting.
 - An update was provided by the Economic Development Team in relation to the Murray Darling Basin Economic Development Program. A report is no longer required for proposed Economic Development Programmes. Grant projects are anticipated to proceed as per original grant proposal.
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ITEM 4.1 QUARTERLY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

(D3-1.4)

MOVED that Council note the quarterly Economic Development report.

Carried

ITEM 5 COUNCILLOR CONSIDERATIONS

- Economic Development Team to investigate potential regional projects for Orana Joint Organisation of Councils.
 - Mayor Milton Quigley and Councillors present acknowledged Emma Welsh's work and enthusiasm in the role of Economic Development Officer over the past nine years.
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WARREN SHIRE COUNCIL
Minutes of the Economic Development Committee Meeting
held at the Warren Shire Council Chambers
on Wednesday 7th August 2019, commencing at 3.15 pm

ITEM 6 NEXT MEETING

Wednesday, 6th November 2019

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE MEETING CONCLUDED AT 4.15 PM.

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MANEX MINUTES

Attached are the Minutes of the meeting of Manex held on Tuesday, 13th August 2019.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Minutes of the Meeting of Manex held on Tuesday, 13th August 2019 be received and noted.

WARREN SHIRE COUNCIL
Minutes of the Manex Committee Meeting
held in the Council Chambers, Administration Building, Warren,
on Tuesday 13th August 2019 commencing at 2.30 pm

PRESENT:

Glenn Wilcox	General Manager (Chair)
Jillian Murray	Acting Divisional Manager Finance & Administration Services
Darren Arthur	Divisional Manager Administration and Finance
Rolly Lawford	Divisional Manager Engineering Services
Kerry Jones	Town Services Manager
Maryanne Stephens	Manager Health & Development Services

ITEM 1 APOLOGIES

An apology was received from Rowan Hutchinson who was absent due to external commitments and it was **MOVED** Arthur/Murray that a leave of absence be granted for this meeting.

Carried

ITEM 2 BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

Nil.

ITEM 3 ACTION CHECKLIST

MOVED Stephens/ Jones that the information be received and noted.

Carried

ITEM 4.1 2018/2019 SPECIFIC WORKS STATUS REPORT

MOVED Arthur/Murray that the information be received and noted.

Carried

ITEM 4.2 PROJECTS AND ASSETS STATUS REPORT

MOVED Lawford/Murray that the information be received and noted.

Carried

ITEM 4.3 EWENMAR WASTE DEPOT STATUS REPORT

MOVED Stephens/Lawford that the information be received and noted.

Carried

WARREN SHIRE COUNCIL

Minutes of the Manex Committee Meeting
held in the Council Chambers, Administration Building, Warren,
on Tuesday 13th August 2019 commencing at 2.30 pm

ITEM 5.1 NSW GOVERNMENT CIRCULARS (L5-3)

MOVED Arthur/Lawford that the information be received and noted.

Carried

ITEM 5.2 OFFICE OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT STRATEGIC TASKS (L5-3)

MOVED Jones/ Arthur that the information be received and noted.

Carried

ITEM 6 IMPOUNDING OFFICER'S REPORT (P4-4)

MOVED Stephens/ Jones that the information be received and noted.

Carried

ITEM 7 OPERATIONAL PROCEDURES

MOVED Stephens/ Murray that:

1. The information be received and noted; and
2. The procedures be adopted.

Carried

ITEM 8 JULY 2019 MINUTES AND AUGUST 2019 BUSINESS PAPER

The Committee previewed the August 2019 Business Paper and the July 2019 Minutes and actions required were placed on the Action Checklist in Item 1 of the General Manager's Report.

ITEM 9 COMPLAINTS/ACTION REQUESTS STATUS

The outstanding complaints/actions list was circulated, and it was requested that the responsible officers update the list and return to the Engineering Administration Officer.

ITEM 10 GENERAL BUSINESS WITHOUT NOTICE

- The Murray Darling Basin Authority are hiring an Economic Development officer for our region which Warren Shire Council can utilise.
 - It was noted that a newspaper article in the local paper last week heavily misquoted staff regarding the desexing of cats in the area. Council has since contacted the paper to correct the information.
 - Council are receiving correspondence from ratepayers concerned about the new garbage charge for the Waste Depot. The Manager of Heath and Development advised she is happy to field this correspondence and understands the concerns. A report to Council is to be prepared.
 - Burial Procedure - could all managers involved in burials notify their staff to follow procedure.
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WARREN SHIRE COUNCIL
Minutes of the Manex Committee Meeting
held in the Council Chambers, Administration Building, Warren,
on Tuesday 13th August 2019 commencing at 2.30 pm

- Discussions were had on following procedure when placing orders. Staff need to place an order when making purchases not once invoices are received. Finance need to raise an order prior to receiving the invoice in order to account for monies going out every month.
- Engineering advised that an application to Fisheries has been made in order to place Oxley park pump back in the river.
- The General Manager has been to several meetings over the past few weeks one being to speak with the heads of all Sports and Recreational groups in NSW. Feedback from heads of Sporting groups was very positive with the possibility of receiving more funding. The Carter Oval concept plan was very well received and has allowed the groups to better understand the direction Council is trying to take for recreational sports in Warren. Netball Australia were very impressed with the new netball courts being established in Warren.
- An update of the new Sewerage Treatment Plant was given. Public works have proposed that they project manage the works and send out for tender. Council will be asked to make a decision in the future as to the tender process.

There being no further business the meeting closed 3.43pm.

WARREN SHIRE COUNCIL
Minutes of the Plant Committee meeting
held in the Council Chambers, Warren
on Thursday 15th August 2019 commencing at 3.00 pm

Present: Councillor Mark Beach (Chairperson)
Councillor Ron Higgins
Councillor Andrew Brewer
Mr Glenn Wilcox (General Manager)
Mr Rolly Lawford (Divisional Manager of Engineering Services)
Mrs Jillian Murray (Treasurer)
Mrs Angie Tegart (Minute Taker)

ITEM 1 APOLOGIES

MOVED Higgins/ Brewer Apologies were accepted on behalf of Mr Darren Arthur Divisional Manager of Finance and Administration.

Carried

ITEM 2 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD 22ND MARCH 2019/ BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

MOVED Higgins /Brewer that the Minutes of the Meeting held on 22nd March 2019 be accepted as a true and correct record of that meeting.

- Discussions on the progress of Mt Foster Quarry's re instatement were had.

Carried

ITEM 3 FINANCIAL STATEMENT

MOVED: Brewer/ Higgins that the information be received and noted.

Carried

ITEM 4 MOTOR VEHICLE POLICY (C14-3.8)

MOVED: Brewer/Higgins that part 11 of the current Motor Vehicle Policy be amended to read as follows;

11. REPLACEMENT MOTOR VEHICLES & DISPOSAL OF MOTOR VEHICLES

Disposal of vehicles will be conducted by trade-in or public auction, with the method chosen to be at the discretion of the General Manager.

Carried

WARREN SHIRE COUNCIL

Delegates Report by Mayor M Quigley
to the Ordinary Meeting of Council held in the Council Chambers,
Warren on Thursday 22nd August 2019

ITEM 1 COUNTRY MAYORS ASSOCIATION OF NSW INC.

(C14-5.5)

RECOMMENDATION

That the information be received and noted.

The Meeting considered the following items;

- the financial statements were presented, and it was reported that the organisation has 68 members. The organisation is in profit.

Minister Shelley Hancock MP – Minister for Local Government was an apology.

Mark Coulton - Minister for Regional Services, Decentralisation and Local Government, Assistant Trade and Investment.

The Minister spoke on the following areas:

- Trade - an overview was provided as to trade deals and to develop more regional opportunities. Trade deals are being made across Pacific and Asia (transpacific partnership). Trade deals with India are being negotiated. Negotiations are occurring with EU and also with Britain based on Brexit outcomes.
- Regional Education- reviews are being undertaken to look at developing centres for children to have safe places after school that allow for education in sport, health and to help the disadvantaged to attend education facilities.
- Regional Health - \$550million over 10 years is being provided to regional health with the establishment of medical and doctor training at regional university campuses. Doctor training networks are being discussed for doctors from inception to the final year to overcome rural doctor shortages. Also looking at doctor qualifications to ensure that community hospitals have doctors available.
- Telecommunications- reviews are being undertaken as to telecommunications black spots. Prior are identified and round 6 will occur next year. Improvements need to occur to rural towns as to data capacity and speeds to allow business to relocate. High speed data networks outside NBN are being established but NBN is the principle service especially the NBN satellite. Telstra does not sell the satellite service so other providers need to be used. Rural communication reviews include the required capacity to support agriculture as to crop spraying, header GPS, etc. 5G services have a higher capacity but the range coverage is smaller which may leave gaps in services.
- Decentralisation- requires good health education and phone coverage. A lot of trades and professional positions exist in regional Australia that cannot be filled. Immigration may assist in back filling positions in professional areas. Improvements in Infrastructure need to be undertaken. Government is supporting inland rail and are making improvements to roads. Improved freight advantages will occur as produce can be moved quicker and improve access to regional hubs and ports.
- Local Government - request to raise FAGS to 1%. Reform is being considered as to improving the balance of funding. Councils need to support reform of FAGS individually at a State level and Nationally. Each State has a different formula to distribute the FAGS grants. ALGA has supported the removal of the population component at its last annual meeting which will help to distribute grants to rural areas. LGNSW expressed they want to work with the Minister, but they do not want to put one Council against the other 500 Councils to fight for the component.

WARREN SHIRE COUNCIL

Delegates Report by Mayor M Quigley to the Ordinary Meeting of Council held in the Council Chambers, Warren on Thursday 22nd August 2019

ITEM 1 COUNTRY MAYORS ASSOCIATION OF NSW INC.

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Questions raised

1. Roads in western areas require more funding as populations fall but roads are not able to be funded to the level needed. Roads of strategic importance may receive additional funding.
2. Communications- phone services are slowly getting worse as the level of service improves from 3G to 5G. It is the inconsistency of mobile services that needs review. Improved information by Telcos and services provided to improve local services. Money is available for digital hubs from the Federal Govt. to improve the knowledge of people to train or provide to communities. Councils may be able to provide a paid staff member to assist the community by looking at their home systems and how they may be improved.
Nevertire mobile issue should be solved, the Minister advised.
3. Doctor shortage - need to think of other options to bring and retain doctors in rural areas. Councils are paying large amounts to attract doctors and a whole of Govt approach needs to be developed. Doctors are required to reach accreditation levels to support doctors as to anaesthetic and delivery of babies. Reviews and assistance are required to have specialist doctors meet accreditation levels.
4. Waste Management - Federal and State Govt need to review waste management due to the collapse of recycling with China refusing to take materials. Scott Morrison has identified the problem Federally. The cost of transport regionally is very expensive and regional plants need to be developed to transform it into new products. Local Govt needs to assist in developing technology.
5. Constitutional Recognition of Local Govt - the Deputy Prime Minister discussed this at ALGA and it remains on the govt agenda. A referendum will need to be held but it needs to be presented so that people understand what this requires.

Hon. Adam Marshall MP, Minister for Agriculture and Western NSW

Minister Marshall spoke on the following:

- Recognition of drought and the impacts on the north and western areas
- Recognition of closure of businesses and staff layoffs
- New drought funding package released on 1st July to assist primary producers and communities.
- Changes have been made to Native Vegetation laws and removal of farmers who are subject to prosecution under old laws.
- Discussion on Farm Trespass Laws and that further reform is continuing to protect farmers and their lively hood. Laws to strengthen and prosecute illegal entry and animal release.
- Developing a Right to Farm Act to allow agriculture and other interests to take priority over other land use e.g. residential or rural residential that tries to prevent the farmer from undertaking what they normally do.
- Discussion on solar farms and how ag and the solar company and community can work together. Changes have been made to solar panel design to raise the panels so sheep can graze under the panels. Solar farms can only be located where transmission lines exist. Govt considering clustering solar farms to use transmission lines and not reduce viable agriculture land.
- Improved decision making is occurring as the super depts are now reviewing decisions, policies etc so they are consistent.
- Fire threats due to continuing drought- RFS are planning for increased fire activity. Fire season has been brought forward to help control fires and fuel.

WARREN SHIRE COUNCIL

Delegates Report by Mayor M Quigley
to the Ordinary Meeting of Council held in the Council Chambers,
Warren on Thursday 22nd August 2019

ITEM 1 COUNTRY MAYORS ASSOCIATION OF NSW INC.

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Geoff McKechnie APM, Assistance Commissioner Commander, Western Region, NSW Police Force

Mr McKechnie spoke on the following items;

- Rural Crime - spoke on how rural crime impacts on people and business, that more rural crime investigators are being provided - 18 persons in total. The rural crime investigators are detectives.
- Police have been working with NSW Farmers to report rural crime.
- All Police Officers in rural areas shall undertake training in rural crime to extend the service and to understand rural stock and rural issues.
- Police are using social media to send images of vehicles and people who trespass onto land. They encourage rural properties to install cameras around the property so that vehicles can be identified. Images on Facebook have resulted in information within hours of posting the image.
- The police are using DNA to identify stock where DNA samples are held by farmers.
- Ongoing public meetings will be held in rural areas to keep educating residents about rural crime, property protection and absentee landowners, especially around storage of guns. The police will try and visit every property rurally to discuss security and gun storage.
- Local Councils are a stakeholder in local policing. Council aid in information and assist Police around crime prevention, CCTV and property security.
- Cattle and sheep theft are down but this may be due to drought and a need to feed the stolen sheep and cattle.
- Illegal hunting on properties - Police are taking the vehicles and everything in or on the vehicle were caught or identified by on property video evidence.
- Improved security is being provided around sales yards due to people targeting stock theft out of the yards.
- Police are using NLIS tags for stock identification and DNA of stock. They are also looking at satellite tracking for vehicle movements from properties.
- Recruitment of Police to rural areas is very limited as people are not applying from the regional areas. The new Police training centre at Dubbo may assist to attract rural people to apply and stay in the regions.
- Reporting rural crime can be undertaken on the NSW Police App.
- New legislation that Adam Marshall discussed around trespassing will assist the police to prosecute people.

Richard Colbran – Chief Executive Officer, NSW Rural Doctors Network

Mr Colbran spoke on the following;

- Rural Doctors Network is available to come to Councils to discuss issues around doctors and to discuss health issues in rural NSW.
- RDN looks at how to attract, support and retain doctors in rural areas. It was noted that every town is different and the RDN works with communities to meet local needs.
- RDN provides the State with an annual health workforce statement for rural areas eg general practitioners based against different criteria such as age of the medical people, community size etc.
- Critical areas of health are in speech pathology, diabetes, aged etc based on community-based response.

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- Doctors and health professionals are a competitive employment area. Councils and communities need to develop programs, facilities and support in their towns to make the town more attractive to the doctors and other medical professionals. You need to ask
- yourself, why would a Doctor or other health professional want to live in your town. There are over 300 doctor vacancies and not enough GPs to fill the vacancies.
- Practices need hospital VMO rights as well run their own practice.
- 80% of doctors will retire in the next 5 years in rural areas.
- RDN is designed to support all health professionals including nursing, therapists etc. Councils and communities need to be proactive in solving issues around health practices and support to develop long term health progression and plan for changeover of staff, accommodation, services, community meetings on what local people need, etc. Health Workforce Planning needs to be undertaken and the RDN are wanting to help towns.
- Communities need to understand that the current health workers need to be part of the community conversation, that communities should not make negative statements that impractical on existing health workers, and to provide support to assist health workers to attract additional services, support and to give time off to relax.
- Communities need to understand that a doctor cannot be constantly called out to attend to minor issues that could be treated at the doctors the next day. Give people time to relax and stay with their families. Not be on constant call.
- Communities and health service providers need to trust each other. Give 100% but don't break the trust by undermining health professionals. Provide as much trust and support as possible to these people so during the time that they are at your community they are supported and made welcome.
- Family support is required as it is important to assist health professionals so that they can integrate into the community. To understand that these families also have a life and kids get sick, they need to have a daily life.
- Communities own general practice. It is what a community wants of their general practice that drives the need for health professionals. A community must understand it has a role to support and develop its general practice.
- RDN has been talking to boarding schools about rural health careers as Boarders are rural based. They are looking to assist children to move towards rural health and will continue to follow up in these areas.
- Rural health is very isolating especially doctors both from a social and professional view.
- Centres of knowledge can be established to allow rural health practitioners to meet and develop their knowledge, skills and to build professional associations

web site presentation www.nswrdn.com.au/mayor

General Business Items

1. Some councils have resolved to not pay the NSW Emergency Services Levy. They will be sending their advice to all Minister David Elliot, LGNSW, Minister for Local Govt and to the Premier. Country Mayors has resolved to write to govt to question the levy and its introduction.

It is noted that this increase has placed WSC budget into deficit by \$30,000

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2. Model Code of Conduct - a statement was made that the Model Code of Conduct binds both councillors and staff. Also, a comment on gifts and benefits cannot be received above \$50.00 and a Councillor and staff member must refuse to attend. Contact has been made with Minister Hancock to review and that a survey will be made of Council as to the level of gifts. It was noted that members of Parliament can accept gifts up to \$500. Country Mayor are writing to the Minister as above noting the staff can have a separate code of conduct.
3. Unrateable land - the govt is looking to allocate funds to councils with large Forestry areas. Changes identified in the Rate Review by IPART is to rate land on commercial use e.g. logging, oyster farming etc. Country mayors will make a submission.

Next meeting Friday 1st November 2019.

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ITEM 3 WARREN INTERAGENCY SUPPORT SERVICES

(C3-9)

RECOMMENDATION:

That the information be received and noted.

A meeting of the Warren Interagency Support Services was held on Thursday 8th August 2019 starting at 1pm in the meeting room of the Warren Sporting and Cultural Centre. The meeting was well attended. In attendance were:

- Hannah Commins – Area Manager, Warren, Young Life Australia
- Chris Fallon – NDIA Dubbo
- Quazi Faruq – NDIA Dubbo
- Carol Owens – Breakthru
- Wendy Beetson – Ability Links
- Jacqueline Peckham – Aboriginal Affairs
- Kelly Sinclair – Warren Youth Foundation
- Amy Hall – TAFE Warren
- Robbie Olsen – TAFE NSW – AEC
- Lisa Hall – Mission Australia – ECEI
- Leanne Callan – Disability Advocacy NSW
- Clr Sarah Derrett – Warren Shire Council
- Clr Katrina Walker – Warren Shire Council

Apologies:

Clr Karlene Irving, Tony McAlary

Apologies were **moved** by Chris Fallon and seconded by Clr Katrina Walker Carried

Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday 13 June 2019 be accepted as a true and correct record of that meeting.

Moved: Clr Sarah Derrett

Seconded: Kelly Sinclair

Business arising:

Correspondence:

Invitation to Constable Linden Watts, shall be sent again as he was unable to attend this meeting.

Action Checklist:

Love Bites Is a Respectful Relationships Education Program for young people aged 15-17 years, created by NAPLAN. This program has been presented at the Warren Central School.

NAIDOC Week was celebrated during the week 7-14th July 2019.

Voting via Service NSW has opened, for My Community Project, and closes 15th August. There are two projects listed on the site for Warren. To resurface the two last remaining tennis courts and to install new lighting. Clr Derrett talked on the project and the benefit to the community.

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The other project is to create a community centre and community hub.
Kelly Sinclair gave an update on the project and encouraged people to vote.

The Warren Shire Community Services Directory was handed out to those attending the meeting. It is an invaluable source, giving details on the range of community services available to the residents of the Shire.

The Directory will be available at locations around town.
There is a link to the Directory on the Council website.

Clr Walker on the issue of lack of transport, from Nevertire to Warren for people alighting the daily XPT coach service. Letters have been sent to Government and opposition ministers with transport as part of their portfolio. Awaiting replies.

Reports from Agencies

TAFE: Amy Hall has started working at Warren TAFE in a full-time position. She will be contacting and visiting organisations around town to gauge what courses people need. She will then try to tailor a course to suit that need.

BringUs2U: New business that is a mobile team of clinical exercise specialists.

Disability Advocacy NSW: Leanne Callan helps people with a disability not being treated fairly by NDIS, Centrelink, Education Department.

Breakthru: Carol Owens helps people in their home or daily life. Age group is 0-65 years.

Young Life: Hanna Commins spoke about two camps that would be held. The first one Wildlife Camp for Years 5-8, 30th September, and a Summer Camp for teenagers held 12-18th January 2020.

Warren Youth: Kelly Sinclair mentioned that Lila Gordon, and herself were members of the Skate Park Committee and were very keen to see the project proceed as quickly as possible.

Mission Australia: Lisa Hall, does assessments for children 0-7 year age group to gauge if the child requires NDIS services or mainstream services.

General Business

Clr Walker mentioned that on Thursday 12th September Petrea King, Founder of Quest for Life, will be presenting a free workshop on Mental Health, Wellbeing and Resilience. More information shall be sent out closer to the date.

Clr Derrett presented a letter from Warren Shire Council, that requests the support of the Warren Interagency and Youth Interagency, for a funding application for development of Youth programmes and seed funding for a Youth Centre in Warren.

Moved by Clr Sarah Derrett and seconded by Kelly Sinclair Carried.

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Wendy Beetson from Ability Links, mentioned that she will finish work on the 31st August due to lack of funding continuing.

Everyone wished her all the best, for the future.

Clr Derrett thanked everyone for coming.

Meeting Closed 2.40pm

The next meeting of the Warren Interagency Support Services, will be 17th October 2019, 1.00pm, at the Warren Sporting and Cultural Centre.

Councillor Katrina Walker
Co-Chairperson
Warren Interagency Support Services

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**ITEM 4 ASSOCIATION MINING AND ENERGY RELATED COUNCILS
 (NSW) INC.**

(C14-6.3)

RECOMMENDATION

That the information be received and noted.

Delegates Report - attended by Cr Irving and GM Wilcox

Association of Mining & Energy Related Councils (NSW) Inc.

1. Presentation of Life Memberships to Cr Lilliane Brady OAM, Cobar Mayor.

2. Executive Officer's Report

Discussion included the Royalties for Regions program and a BCR requirement that does not support all councils applying. Discussion is to be held with Minister Barilaro about amending the scheme.

Royalties for regions has developed to allow other groups to claim money outside the councils that are impacted by mining.

Royalties for Regions started in 2012/13 and was targeting coal councils impacted by mining. Changes to the criteria have meant that Councils cannot afford the co contributions or the BCR requirements. Projects now have to be a minimum of \$1million requiring a council to contribute \$250,000.

Meetings are being held with Ministers to continue improvements to Council areas that are impacted by Mining, wind farms and other major developments. Discussion is continuing on the plain English planning guides.

The Following Speakers presented:

1. Speaker – David Kitto, DPIE, Executive Director, Resource Assessments & Business Systems on latest planning matters in his area.

Mr Kitto spoke on State Projects that require the Ministers or Planning Panel approvals.

The Dept are reviewing the assessment process to improve reporting, assessment and integration of projects and the evaluation process. The aim is to also reduce time frames for applicants. Overall, they are looking to improve the quality of the process for applicants and communities.

The Dept will produce 10 guidelines to assist proponents, and for the community to advise them how they can participate in the planning and approval process. The guidelines are available on the Dept website for all State significant projects. The website will also show the process of approval as and the approvals.

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The website will also allow people to sign up to be sent applications in a region or state-wide so that the community is informed about applications.

Changes to Environmental Impact Statements is to be undertaken to identify what type of environmental reporting is required for various projects to reduce the confusion around the current process. EIS' will be limited to 150 pages to allow the community to understand the project. Appendices will be added to the process to cover specific areas.

Technology will also be used to provide visual or interactive summaries of projects to reach more people through mobile devices. EIS statements will need to be signed off by professional persons who have a minimum level of career recognition and are members of acceptable professional organisations.

Changes to State Govt policy are being developed to bring all areas of similarity together eg water, air, vegetation so that the proponents and the approval or assessment process is simplified.

Changes to the EIS will require a single description of what the project is rather than the individual items contained in the EIS. This allows the community to understand a clear description of what has been approved.

The planning process will develop a submissions report for the property to assess and reply to public submissions. This will be taken into account by the assessment process. Reference will be made to all submissions in the final assessment so the public can track the response to their submission.

Community participation is increased in the process through the Community Participation Plan. This guideline will assist the community on how to address issues and to develop meaningful engagement.

Community consultative Committee guidelines are also being developed to assist committees on what is to be considered and how to have information released to communities.

Workshops and training for planning staff will be undertaken to implement the changes being undertaken. The changes being applied are very positive for both project proponents and for the community to understand and address project issues.

The proposed changes at a State significant level, will be applied to EIS' under Part5 of the legislation will apply to councils in the future.

Questions were asked mainly around early community engagement and landowner compensation. The community engagement changes being proposed will hopefully address the community concerns and need for greater engagement. The compensation issues are not part of Planning legislation but are managed through the courts and via direct company consultations.

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2. Speaker - Felicity Greenway, DPIE Acting Executive Director Ethics Unit on the Kaldas Planning Governance Review 2018

Ms Greenway provide an update on the recommendations of the Kaldas Review and government actions or proposed actions to improve the NSW Planning system, to create transparency and build community trust in the planning system.

Community plans have been developed to allow the community to understand planning in a simplified fashion, to understand contributions and the approval process.

The review was to look at the integrity of the planning system and to look at the structure and governance of the planning system and to make the process more transparent.

The review produced 19 recommendations and the Govt accepted all recommendations.

Major review areas looked at the Independent Hearing and Assessment Panels (do not replace JRPP) as to how they operate, probity checks of the panel members and true independence. The Dept has established an Ethics Unit to review decisions and process as well as officers both at State level and in local govt.

To look at professional approval of all planning staff at State and Council levels.

Reviews looked at contributions and VPA's. Reviews as to levels of contribution schemes and are they transparent and are the contributions being returned to communities. Also, the review as to the collection and monitoring of contributions and to look at the variations between councils VPA's. The Dept will look at monitoring VPA and other contributions, the expenditure and the public transparency.

Kaldas also looked at the number of stakeholders in the planning system and how can the public navigate the planning system. The Dept has developed a plain English guide to planning in NSW. The guide is to make the system more transparent, give greater understanding by the community, and allow councillors and the public to better understand the system. The EPlanning Portal is now available for people to use.

3. Speaker – Jessica Rossell, DPIE, Manager Resources Policy, Resources Policy, Planning & Programs, Division of Resources and Geosciences.

Ms Rossell provided an update on progress with the review of mining monitoring in NSW. The Dept undertakes all geologic surveys in NSW, maps mineral reserves and provides industry advice on geologic information.

The Dept has engaged consultants to review processes, surveys of geo survey data and best public value. The consultants will identify if people and industry is using the information and determine if changes can be made to improve the service.

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4. **Speaker - Tony Corbett**, Port of Newcastle, Trade & Business Development Manager

Mr Corbett spoke on:

- The future operations of the Port with coal, mineral & grain exports.
- The current structure of shareholders and the port operations and the background of the shareholders in port operation.
- A copy of the presentation will be distributed.

5. **Speaker – Dr Juan Castilla and Peter Dupen PhD student** – provided a brief update on progress with the PhD Research Project proposal on Community consultation process.

The research is using collaborative development tools to work with communities to improve project consultation. The University is looking for a new project to work with the proponents to run a model of stakeholder engagement.

A MERC Steering Committee has been established to assist in the review of the project and to track the data management.

General Business

Notice of Motion – Proposed Amendment to Coal Seam Gas Policy

That an amendment was made to the Coal Seam Gas Policy for inclusion of the minimum of double casing and cementing of all CSG Bores from well head through to the production horizon (extraction area at the bottom of the well).

The motion is about the concept to protect the environment from future casing failure.

Next Meeting – 7th (Executive Committee) and 8th November 2019 (Ordinary Meeting),
Gloucester

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ITEM 1 OUTSTANDING REPORTS CHECKLIST (C14-7.4)

Date	Resolution or Qwn	Outstanding Matter	Officer Resp	Response/Action
General Manager				
25.7.19	149.7.19	Bush Summit	GM	Letter to be sent to the Daily Telegraph congratulating them on organising the Bush Summit.
25.7.19	150.7.19	Rating Review	GM	Council to make a submission to Minister of Local government advising of its comment on Rating Review and congratulate the Minister for showing faith in local Councils.
Divisional Manager Finance and Administration Services				
Divisional Manager Engineering Services				
25.1.17	16.1.17	Proposed new general industrial area	DMES	Costings to be produced for subdivision.
23.8.18 (1)	193.8.18	Lot 36 DP755292 Gunningbar Street Nevertire	DMES	Application in progress for lot to be available for public usage.
23.8.18 (2)	193.8.18	Lot 36 DP755292 Gunningbar Street Nevertire	DMES	Arrangements are in progress for the section currently serving as a portion of Gunningbar Street west of Clyde Street be established as a road reserve becoming part of Gunningbar Street.
23.8.18 (3)	193.8.18	Lot 36 DP755292 Gunningbar Street Nevertire	DMES	This work is progressing with the preparation of a formal subdivision plan which will allow the Council to formally acquire the road portion of the crown land and then re-classify it as public road. The NSW Crown Lands have endorsed this approach. It is expected that this process will take some time, months, to finalise.
6.12.18	284.12.18	Lot 79 & 80 DP 724585 Wambianna Street, Collie.	DMES	Survey has been drafted, a report is to be presented to Council. On hold.

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Divisional Manager Engineering Services Continued				
6.12.18 and 28.2.19	285.12.18 and 47.2.19	Tender – Raw Water Pump Station Upgrade Macquarie River, Oxley Park, Warren	DMES	It has been decided that the tender received from the outside consultants will not be accepted. Instead, a meeting will be arranged with local contractors so as to have the work completed by the local contractors and managed by Council. Provide advice to the community that the proposed river pump station will not utilise the existing wharf in the design and that the wharf will remain available to the public.
6.12.18	287.12.18	Mount Foster Quarry Usage Proposal	DMES	A draft Catchment Management Plan has been prepared and if satisfies EPA will be established.
28.2.19	44.2.19	Wonbobbie Bridge	DMES	The advertisement and specification for this project is currently being prepared.
23.5.19	104.5.19	Gunningbar Street Nevertire	DMES	Pursue acquisition in line with resolution.
23.5.19	105.5.19	2019-2024 Roads to Recovery Allocation	DMES	1 Send letters to listed Ministers, 2. Investigate and submit applications under Black Spot Program, the Heavy Vehicle Safety and Productivity Program, Bridges Renewal Program and the Additional Funding under the Heavy Vehicle Safety Initiative Program 3. Prepare/update strategic plan for roads.

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27.6.19	129.6.19	Warren Levee Bank Rehabilitation	DMES	1. Engage a qualified Geotechnical Consulting Engineering Firm; 2. Allocate an appropriate budget to allow completion of the required work as a matter of priority; 3. Seek funding immediately; 4. Arrange a relevant component project team; 5. Arrange an appropriate budget in the annual estimates; 6. Implementation of the recommendations contained within the NSW Public Works Report Number DO/13/02 Visual Audit of the Warren Levees (North and South) dated 6 November 2013 is in progress; 7. Utilise the specific issues detailed within the 6 November 2013 Visual Audit Report be used to form the basis of the next inspection of the Warren Town Levee as required in the Warren Levee Operations and Maintenance Manual.
Manager Health & Development				
27.6.19	136.6.19	Warren War Memorial Swimming Pool Refurbishment Grant	MHD	Negotiations have commenced to separate kid's pool and new filtration systems.

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25.7.19	156.7.19	Environment and Waterways Alliance Agreement	MHD	Council to enter into a 5-year agreement with the Central West Councils Environment and Waterways Alliance. Nominates 2 Council representatives.
*25.7.19	157.7.19	Keeping of Stock in Residential Areas Policy 2018 Exemption Request	MHD	Council are to maintain the Policy on Keeping of Stock in residential areas.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the information be received and noted and that the items marked with an asterisk (*) be deleted.

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ITEM 2 COMMITTEE/DELEGATES MEETINGS

(C14-2)

The following is a listing of various committee/delegates meetings of Council since the last meeting.

MEETINGS HELD

DATE	COMMITTEE / MEETING	LOCATION
29/7/19	Consultative Committee	Warren
31/7/19	Sporting Facilities Committee	Warren
2/8/19	Country Mayors	Sydney
5/8/19	Warren Skate Park / Carter Oval Development Sub Committee	Warren
5/8/19	Ewenmar Waste Depot Committee	Warren
6/8/19	Airport Operations Committee	Warren
7/8/19	Economic Development Committee	Warren
7/8/19	NSW Office of Sport Central West and Orana Network Forum	Lake Burrendong
8/8/19	Interagency Support Services	Warren
9/8/19	Mining & Energy Related Councils	Sydney
13/8/19	Manex Committee	Warren
14/8/19	Council Workshop	Warren
15/8/19	Plant Committee	Warren
15/8/19	Premier and Cabinet	Dubbo
19/8/19	Castlereagh Macquarie Country Council	Coonabarabran

FUTURE MEETINGS NOT ON MEETING SCHEDULE

DATE	COMMITTEE / MEETING	LOCATION

RECOMMENDATION:

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ITEM 3 LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNION PICNIC DAY

(S12-2.1)

RECOMMENDATION

That Council approve the Local Government Union Picnic Day in accordance with the Local Government (State) Award 2017 being Monday, 30th September 2019.

PURPOSE

Under the Local Government (State) Award 2017, members of the various unions can hold a picnic day and request leave.

BACKGROUND

Annually Council has permitted an annual Union Picnic Day to be undertaken following a request from the Union groups.

REPORT

Council has received a written request from the United Services Union Delegate to hold an annual Union Picnic Day on Monday, 30th September 2019. Council should approve a combined Union picnic day for staff that are within the three (3) Union groups on a single day as requested.

Council staff are represented by three (3) Union groups; Union Services Union (USU), Development and Environmental Professionals' Association (DEPA) and Local Government Engineers Association (LGEA).

Staff members who are not union members shall be required to attend work on the 30th September 2019 and undertake duties as required. Council's workforce will be depleted at the depot, but there will be sufficient staff to open the Office.

FINANCIAL AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

Council plans to allow staff members who are in unions to have an annual picnic day.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

The Local Government (State) Award 2017 allows staff in unions to have a picnic day.

RISK IMPLICATIONS

No Known risks. Council will have non-union staff available to work and undertake emergency services.

STAKEHOLDER CONSULTATION

N/A

OPTIONS

Council can request the unions to select an alternative day, however the selected day will not impact on Council.

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CONCLUSION

Council has received a request to allow the union picnic day to be the 30th September 2019.

LINK TO POLICY AND / OR COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN

5.2.2 Timely and accurate reporting for efficient management and accountability

SUPPORTING INFORMATION / ATTACHMENTS

Nil.

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ITEM 1 RECONCILIATION CERTIFICATE – JULY 2019

(B1-10.16)

RECOMMENDATION

That the Statements of Bank and Investments Balances as at 31st July 2019 be received and noted.

PURPOSE

To certify that the internal and external cash and investments position of Council is reconciled each month.

BACKGROUND

Clause 212 of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2005 requires the Responsible Accounting Officer to provide a written report setting out details of all money that the council has invested under Section 625 of the Local Government Act.

REPORT

Following is the reconciled internal funds of Council that have been reconciled with the Bank Statements as at 31st July 2019.

INTERNAL LEDGER ACCOUNT RECONCILIATION

	Balance 30-Jun-19	Transactions	Balance 31-Jul-19
General	8,686,078.42	638,819.71	9,324,898.13
Water Fund	678,770.95	(86,653.17)	592,117.78
Sewerage Fund	2,480,389.66	7,071.81	2,487,461.47
North Western Library	5,297.84	(24,950.76)	(19,652.92)
Trust Fund	132,419.00	312.26	132,731.26
Investment Bank Account	(11,413,041.47)	999,612.43	(10,413,429.04)
	569,914.40	1,534,212.28	2,104,126.68

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BANK STATEMENT RECONCILIATION

Balance as per Bank Statement =	2,104,261.68
Add: Outstanding Deposits for the Month	20.00
Less: Outstanding Cheques & Autopays	(155.00)
Balance as per Ledger Accounts less Investments =	2,104,126.68

INVESTMENTS RECONCILIATION

Investments as at 30th June 2019

No.	Institution	Amount	Term & Rate	Maturity Date
	National Australia Bank	413,429.04	Variable	On Call A/c
25	National Australia Bank	1,500,000.00	91 Days @ 2.30%	20-Aug-19
26	National Australia Bank	1,500,000.00	91 Days @ 2.25%	26-Aug-19
27	National Australia Bank	1,500,000.00	91 days @ 2.22%	2-Sep-19
28	National Australia Bank	2,000,000.00	90 days @ 2.12%	9-Sep-19
29	National Australia Bank	2,000,000.00	90 days @ 2.03%	18-Sep-19
2	National Australia Bank	1,500,000.00	120 days @ 1.93%	15-Jul-19

TOTAL INVESTMENTS = 10,413,429.04

BANK AND INVESTMENT ACCOUNTS BREAKDOWN

Externally Restricted Funds Invested	6,654,500.00
Internally Restricted Funds Invested	4,856,320.21
2018/19 General Fund Operating Income & Grants	<u>1,006,735.51</u>
TOTAL BANK & INVESTMENTS ACCOUNTS BALANCE =	<u><u>12,517,555.72</u></u>

As Councils Responsible Accounting Officer I certify that the above listed investments are in accordance with Council Policy and the Local Government Act and Regulations.

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ITEM 1 RECONCILIATION CERTIFICATE – JULY 2019

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FINANCIAL AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

N/A

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

N/A

RISK IMPLICATIONS

N/A

STAKEHOLDER CONSULTATION

N/A

OPTIONS

N/A

CONCLUSION

This report is provided to advise Council of its financial position.

LINK TO POLICY AND / OR COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN

5.2.2 Timely and accurate reporting for efficient management and accountability.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION / ATTACHMENTS

N/A

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ITEM 2 STATEMENT OF RATES & ANNUAL CHARGES

(R1-4)

RECOMMENDATION

That the information be received and noted.

PURPOSE

To advise Council of the rates and annual charges levied, collected and currently outstanding as at the report date.

BACKGROUND

A major source of revenue council receives each year is through the levying of rates and annual charges on property owners in the Warren Shire Council local government area to provide and maintain services to the Warren Shire community.

REPORT

Attached to this report is the statement of rates and annual charges as at 9th August 2019 including comparisons over the last four years.

FINANCIAL AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

Nil

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil

RISK IMPLICATIONS

N/A

STAKEHOLDER CONSULTATION

N/A

OPTIONS

N/A

CONCLUSION

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SUPPORTING INFORMATION / ATTACHMENTS

Statement of Rates and Annual Charges as at 9th August 2019.

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ITEM 2 STATEMENT OF RATES & ANNUAL CHARGES

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9TH AUGUST 2019

Name of Rate	NETT ARREARS 1st JULY \$	NETT LEVY \$	TOTAL RECEIVABLE \$	COLLECTIONS FOR YEAR		NETT ARREARS	
				AMOUNT COLLECTED \$	COLLECT AS % AGE OF TOTAL REC'ABLE	ARREARS AMOUNT \$	ARREARS AS % AGE OF TOTAL REC'ABLE
General Fund Rates	110,346	4,854,558	4,964,904	161,295	3.25%	4,803,609	96.75%
Warren Water Fund	30,278	422,207	452,485	37,888	8.37%	414,597	91.63%
Warren Sewerage Fund	38,108	495,148	533,256	39,971	7.50%	493,285	92.50%
TOTAL 2019/2020	178,732	5,771,913	5,950,645	239,154	4.02%	5,711,491	95.98%
TOTAL 2018/2019	128,294	5,601,676	5,729,970	263,541	4.60%	5,466,429	95.40%
TOTAL 2017/2018	125,675	5,453,646	5,579,321	292,677	5.25%	5,286,644	94.75%
TOTAL 2016/2017	137,085	5,346,993	5,484,078	419,301	7.65%	5,064,777	92.35%
TOTAL 2015/2016	124,281	5,219,628	5,343,909	406,132	7.60%	4,937,777	92.40%
		18-Aug-15	12-Aug-16	11-Aug-17	09-Aug-18	09-Aug-19	
COLLECTION FIGURES AS \$		406,132	419,301	292,677	263,541	239,154	
COLLECTION FIGURE AS %		7.60%	7.65%	5.25%	4.60%	4.02%	

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ITEM 3 FINANCIAL REPORTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE 2019

(A1-5.37)

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. That the necessary elected members and staff be authorised to sign the Statement by Councillors and Managements on the General Purpose Financial Statements and the Special Purpose Financial Statements for the year ending 30th June 2019, and
2. Council delegate to the General Manager the authority to "authorise the Year End Accounts for issue" subject to there being no material audit changes or audit issues, in accordance with AASB 110, and
3. Council delegate to the General Manager the authority to "finalise the date" at which the auditor's report and financial statements are to be presented to the public as required under Section 418 (1) of the Local Government Act, 1993.

PURPOSE

To endorse Warren Shire Council's 2018/2019 General Purpose Financial Statements and 2018/2019 Special Purpose Financial Statements by signing the Statement by Councillors and Management.

BACKGROUND

Section 413 – "*Preparation of financial reports*" – of the Local Government Act, 1993 requires Council to prepare financial reports for each year, and must refer them for audit as soon as practicable (having regard to the requirements of section 416 (1)) after the end of that year. Section 413 (2c) requires Council to include a statement in the approved form by the Council as to its opinion on the General Purpose Financial Report and the Special Purpose Financial Report.

REPORT

Attached are the approved statements that are required to be signed by the Mayor, one Councillor, General Manager and Responsible Accounting Officer before the Auditors can issue their Auditors Report of Councils accounts.

For Councillors information, Councils sub contracted auditors Hill Rogers conducted the audit of Councils accounts in the week commencing 26th August 2019.

Section 418 – "*Public notice to be given of presentation of financial reports*" - of the Local Government Act, 1993 states:

(1) *As soon as practicable after a council receives a copy of the auditor's reports:*

- (a) *it must fix a date for the meeting at which it proposes to present its audited financial reports, together with the auditor's reports, to the public, and*
- (b) *it must give public notice of the date so fixed.*

(2) *The date fixed for the meeting must be at least 7 days after the date on which the notice is given, but not more than 5 weeks after the auditor's reports are given to the council.*

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With the strict timeframe from the date of receipt of the Auditors Report to when the public meeting must be held it is recommended that Council delegate to the General Manager the authority to "authorise the Year End Accounts for issue" subject to there being no material audit changes or audit issues, in accordance with AASB 110.

FINANCIAL AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

Nil

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil

RISK IMPLICATIONS

Nil

STAKEHOLDER CONSULTATION

Nil

OPTIONS

Nil

CONCLUSION

In order for Council to receive the Auditors Reports on the 2018/2019 Financial Statements the Statement by Councillors and Management must be signed by resolution of Council.

LINK TO POLICY AND / OR COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN

5.2.2 Timely and Accurate reporting for efficient management and accountability.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION /ATTACHMENTS

Copies of the Statements by Councillors and Management.

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ITEM 3 FINANCIAL REPORTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE 2019

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Financial Statements 2019

Warren Shire Council

General Purpose Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2019

Statement by Councillors and Management made pursuant to Section 413(2)(c) of the *Local Government Act 1993 (NSW)* (as amended)

The attached General Purpose Financial Statements have been prepared in accordance with:

- the *Local Government Act 1993 (NSW)* (as amended) and the regulations made thereunder,
- the Australian Accounting Standards and other pronouncements of the Australian Accounting Standards Board
- the Local Government Code of Accounting Practice and Financial Reporting.

To the best of our knowledge and belief, these financial statements:

- present fairly the Council's operating result and financial position for the year,
- accord with Council's accounting and other records.

We are not aware of any matter that would render these statements false or misleading in any way.

Signed in accordance with a resolution of Council made on 22 August 2019.

Dr Milton Quigley
Mayor
22 August 2019

Mr Brett Williamson
Councillor
22 August 2019

Mr Glenn Wilcox
General Manager
22 August 2019

Mr Darren Arthur
Responsible Accounting Officer
22 August 2019

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ITEM 3 FINANCIAL REPORTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE 2019

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SPFS 2019

Warren Shire Council

Special Purpose Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2019

Statement by Councillors and Management made pursuant to the Local Government Code of Accounting Practice and Financial Reporting

The attached Special Purpose Financial Statements have been prepared in accordance with:

- the NSW Government Policy Statement '*Application of National Competition Policy to Local Government*',
- the Division of Local Government Guidelines '*Pricing and Costing for Council Businesses: A Guide to Competitive Neutrality*',
- the Local Government Code of Accounting Practice and Financial Reporting,
- the NSW Office of Water *Best-Practice Management of Water and Sewerage Guidelines*.

To the best of our knowledge and belief, these financial statements:

- present fairly the operating result and financial position for each of Council's declared business activities for the year, and
- accord with Council's accounting and other records.
- present overhead reallocation charges to the water and sewerage businesses as fair and reasonable.

We are not aware of any matter that would render these statements false or misleading in any way.

Signed in accordance with a resolution of Council made on 22 August 2019.

Dr Milton Quigley
Mayor
22 August 2019

Mr Brett Williamson
Councillor
22 August 2019

Mr Glenn Wilcox
General manager
22 August 2019

Mr Darren Arthur
Responsible accounting officer
22 August 2019

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ITEM 4 WASTE DEPOT ACCESS CHARGE – 2019-2020

(R1-1.39)

RECOMMENDATION:

Information is provided for Council's consideration

PURPOSE

To advise Council of the number of complaints received from ratepayers with regard to the introduction of the Waste Depot Access Charge of \$10.00 on all farmland, rural residential and business assessments that do not have a DWM charge.

BACKGROUND

Council at the January 2019 meeting adopted a number of recommendations of the Ewenmar Waste Depot Sunset Committees two of these being:

1. an annual "rural access charge" on all rural rateable assessments at a charge of \$10.00 per assessment, and
2. the weekly domestic waste management garbage collection service is expanded to include those occupied properties zoned as R5 Large Lot Residential.

These new charges were included in the Draft 2019/2020 Operational Plan and Estimates that was on public display from Wednesday 3rd April 2019 to Wednesday 8th May 2019.

Council wrote a letter to all R5 Large Lot Residential owners advising of the proposed extension to the garbage collection service and received an overwhelming negative response to the proposal.

At the May 2019 meeting Council resolved to not proceed with the introduction of the Domestic Waste Charge to R5 Large Lot Rural Residential Land but charge a Waste Depot Access Charge of \$10.00.

REPORT

From the date the rate notices were posted on Wednesday 31st July 2019 until Tuesday 12th August 2019 Council has received the following complaints regarding the new Waste Depot Access Charge:

1. 9 - telephone complaints from farmland ratepayers
2. 2 - letters from farmland ratepayers
3. 3 - front counter complaints from farmland ratepayers

Some of the reasons for the objections are as follows:

1. We never use the Waste Depot Facility as it is too far from my property,
2. With the ongoing drought it is inconceivable that Council would add additional costs to farmers, "why don't you cut back on spending like we have to",
3. What is Council doing to help the farmers, at least the State and Federal Governments are trying,
4. Why am I getting multiple charges for my property just because it has a number of different assessments.

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ITEM 4 WASTE DEPOT ACCESS CHARGE – 2019-2020

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FINANCIAL AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

Council income levied on the Waste Depot Access Charge is as follows:

1. Farmland rates	\$6,890.00
2. Rural Residential rates	\$1,690.00
3. Business rates	\$ 490.00
Total	\$9,070.00

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil

RISK IMPLICATIONS

Nil

STAKEHOLDER CONSULTATION

Nil

OPTIONS

Nil

CONCLUSION

This report is submitted for Council's information and consideration.

LINK TO POLICY AND / OR COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN

5.2.2 Timely and Accurate reporting for efficient management and accountability.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION /ATTACHMENTS

Nil

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ITEM 5 EMERGENCY SERVICES LEVY 2019-2020

(E6-1)

RECOMMENDATION:

1. That the information be received and noted, and
2. that an adjustment to the 2019/2020 Estimates will be made when final figures of the funding are known.

PURPOSE

To advise Council of correspondence received from the Minister for Local Government, The Hon. Shelley Hancock MP regarding the NSW Government's decision to fund the first year increase in the Emergency Services Levy for all NSW Local Councils.

BACKGROUND

Council through Circular 19-06 on 8th May 2019 from Office of Local Government were advised of a significant increase in the Emergency Services Levy for 2019/2020 due to changes to worker's compensation for volunteer and career firefighters affected by work related cancers.

Council at the June 2019 Meeting amended it's 2019/2020 Operational Plan & Estimates to incorporate the increase of \$18,406.00 along with the removal of the proposed extension of the Domestic Waste Management charge from R5 Large Lot Residential Land of \$15,610.00 leaving a deficit 2019/2020 budget of \$34,016.00 prior to adoption.

REPORT

Council received an email from the Minister for Local Government, The Hon. Shelley Hancock MP on Tuesday 13th August 2019 (copy attached) advising that the NSW Government will fund the first year increase of the Emergency Services Levy of \$13.6M.

The NSW Government acknowledge that due to the drought and the fact many councils had already developed their 2019/2020 Budgets before the increase was announced it would present challenges on councils to pay the increase.

Once the actual figure of the revised contribution is known Council will be able to amend it's 2019/2020 Estimates accordingly.

FINANCIAL AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

This will enable Council to reduce the adopted 2019/2020 budget deficit of \$34,016.00 by the revised difference in the contribution payable.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil

RISK IMPLICATIONS

Nil

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ITEM 5 EMERGENCY SERVICES LEVY 2019-2020

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STAKEHOLDER CONSULTATION

Nil

OPTIONS

Nil

CONCLUSION

This report is submitted for Council's information.

LINK TO POLICY AND / OR COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN

5.2.2 Timely and Accurate reporting for efficient management and accountability.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION /ATTACHMENTS

Email received from the Minister for Local Government, The Hon. Shelley Hancock MP on Tuesday 13th August 2019

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ITEM 5 EMERGENCY SERVICES LEVY 2019-2020

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The Honourable Shelley Hancock MP
Minister for Local Government

Dear Clr Quigley

The NSW Government announced this week that it will fund the first year increase of the Emergency Services Levy for all local councils to meet the cost of new workers' compensation arrangements for firefighters. The State's 128 councils will receive \$13.6 million in relief from the NSW Government this financial year to help support firefighters with cancer.

The Government acknowledges that the additional costs presented challenges for councils, particularly those currently affected by the drought. We also acknowledge that many councils had already developed their 2019-20 Budgets before the invoices for the increased Emergency Services Levy were issued.

The Government will fund the \$13.6 million increase in 2019-20 to alleviate the immediate pressure on local councils. You will be aware that the State's emergency services have been funded through a long standing cost sharing arrangement between insurers, councils and the Government. It is important that this continues into the future to ensure we look after the health and wellbeing of our frontline firefighters.

Not only has the Government listened and responded to the concerns of councils, we will continue to consult with the local government sector to better manage the impacts of the Emergency Services Levy especially on annual budgeting cycles.

The Government remains committed to supporting local councils to deliver for their local communities. Since 2011, we have provided more than \$9 billion to councils to deliver and improve local infrastructure, services and facilities for their communities.

The Office of Local Government will provide further advice to councils shortly in relation to payment arrangements.

Yours sincerely

The Hon. Shelley Hancock MP
Minister for Local Government

WARREN SHIRE COUNCIL
Report of the Manager Health & Development Services
to the Ordinary Meeting of Council to be held in the
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ITEM 1 DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION APPROVALS

(B4-9)

RECOMMENDATION:

That the information be received and noted.

PURPOSE

To advise Council of the Development Applications that have been approved under delegated authority.

BACKGROUND

Council received Development Applications from residents in the Warren Shire Area to seek approval.

REPORT

The following Development Applications were approved for July 2019

FILE	LOCATION	WORKS
P16-19.09	Lot 35 DP655443 15 Johns Ave, WARREN NSW 2824	Demolition of Dwelling

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

Council is required under the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act to assess and determine applications within established timeframes.

RISK IMPLICATIONS

The Environmental Planning and Assessment Act provides appeal mechanisms for applicants who believe that their application requires review.

STAKEHOLDER CONSULTATION OPTIONS

Council issues a Section 4.59 Environmental Planning and Assessment Act list of approvals monthly for the community to review.

CONCLUSION

This report is provided to allow Council and the community to see the applications determined each month.

LINK TO POLICY AND / OR COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN

- 1.4.4 Help ensure safe and sustainable development.
- 5.2.1 Quality customer service focus by Council staff.
- 5.2.2 Timely and accurate reporting for efficient management and accountability.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION/ ATTACHMENTS

Nil.