



“Comfortable Country Living”

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Business not included in Bogan Shire Council's Business Paper, proposed to be considered at Council Meeting – Thursday 18 December 2025

The attached document refers to report *13.4 Transfer of Crown Road at Five Ways and Tottenham*, in Bogan Shire Council Business Paper, Council Meeting Thursday 18 December 2025, for the additional information of Councillors.

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Dear Sharon,

Re: Transfer of Crown road at Five Ways and Tottenham

Council acknowledges the receipt of your correspondence dated 31 October 2025 regarding the proposed transfer of Crown Road near Five Ways and Tottenham to Council.

Council has communicated with Crown Lands on multiple occasions in relation to this matter, including the most recent being July 2024. As there has been no substantive change in the facts, circumstances or legislative context, Council's position remains unchanged.

Attached for your reference are: -

- the July 2024 Council report regarding this matter.
- The March 2021 report addressing a similar request submitted by the proponents mother, Mrs Kathleen Waston.

The meeting records, presentation to Council by Ms Baker and Ms Beattie and discussion of the matter, is a public record and can be accessed by your office staff if required.

<https://www.lachlan.nsw.gov.au/Council/Council-Information/Council-Meetings/Minutes-and-Agendas>

It is Council's position that it is not appropriate that the rate payers of the Lachlan Shire are burdened with the construction and upgrade of a Crown road that serves this property.

Throughout the discussion, Council put forward the proposal for the property owners to pay for the upgrade of the road, and Council assume responsibility and maintenance once the upgrade works were completed to an acceptable standard. However, the proponents did not accept this offer, rather were only willing to contribute towards part of the cost to clear the vegetation and form a road. Therefore, Council reaffirmed the previous resolution to decline the request to become the responsible Road Authority for this Crown road.

Factual errors and misstatements

Council would request that Crown Lands review the following matters, as several statements in your letter are believed to be incorrect.

1. Incorrect Reference - "223 DP755805". Council cannot identify this parcel of land and believes this may be an administrative error. Confirmation is requested.
2. The road is not formed. The road is a vegetated corridor, with an unformed track. Council has not ever undertaken any works in this road corridor. The proponents have previously chosen not to undertake minor works within the crown road corridor to improve their access. Photos of the track are in the attachment, which clearly show it is not formed.
3. Your letter states "several residences" rely on the Crown road. This is incorrect.
 - o Property 1 shown on your map is linked with Lot 5 DP752901 and Lot 20 DP752915. Property 1 gains access from Bobadah Road and does not use the Crown road for access.
 - o Property 2 is connected to Lot 1 DP 1194357, Lot 21 DP752901. Property 2 gains access from Bobadah Road and only traverse over the Crown Road for access.
 - o Property 3 gains access from Nyangan Road (Cockies Road).
4. No Development Applications. Council's records show no Development Application relating to these properties. The only Approval is a Building Application BA 50/76 which was approved on 5 November 1976. Under the relevant legislation applicable at the time, there was no requirement to condition road access. There has been no other Development Applications. Therefore, the statement that Crown Lands was "not referenced regarding the developments undertaken on these properties" is incorrect. There were no developments requiring referral.
5. Your letter asserts that the road "*should be transferred pursuant to s152(1) of the Roads Act 1993*". As there have been no Developments related to this road, your assertion is incorrect and an appropriate application of this section of the Roads Act 1993.

Further matters for consideration

Council would request that Crown Lands complete the following assessments regarding the consequences of this transfer:

- This Crown road does not meet your guidance criteria for transfer to Council.
- Environmental impacts of clearing the requested road corridor
- Native title considerations – especially given the recent Native Title determinations.
- Aboriginal cultural heritage assessment.
- Alternative access to Property 1 by Easement or "right of way".
- Long-term maintenance and whole-of-life cost to Council.

None of these matters have been addressed. Council requests that these be thoroughly investigated prior to considering a forced transfer of the Crown road to Council.

Summary

It remains Council's position that it is not appropriate for the ratepayers of the Shire to bear the cost of constructing or upgrading this Crown road. Council remains willing to reconsider its position only if the landowners fund 100% of the construction and upgrade works required to bring the road to a standard acceptable for dedication. Until then, Council formally objects to the proposed transfer. Should you have any questions or which to discuss this further, please do not hesitate to contact me on 02 6895 1972

Yours sincerely



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Key discussion points and actions:

Items for Action	Responsible Officer	Status
Items for action from Meeting 9 May 2023		
Low level crossing on Monkey Bridge Road impassable	DIS	<p>Representation made to local State Member following correspondence from NSW DPI Fisheries</p> <p>DPI Fisheries issued an Order requiring removal of crossing by 18 March 2025.</p> <p>Council has been successful in obtaining a grant to partially cover the cost of installing a box culvert crossing, however this project could not be completed by 18 March 2025.</p> <p>Council have negotiated an extension of time to comply with the Fisheries Order, but it is subject to neither Council or anyone else attempting to rehabilitate or repair the existing crossing.</p> <p>UPDATE: December 2025</p> <p>Detail design of the new structure is well advanced.</p>
Hall – culverts on entrance road be replaced / moved to allow buses to turn in more easily	DIS	<p>Update: December 2025</p> <p>COMPLETED</p>

Items for Action	Responsible Officer	Status
Items for action from Meeting 19 November 2024		
Rail corridor is a major source of weeds spreading onto local properties. UGL maintenance insufficient	DDES	<p>UPDATE: December 2025</p> <p>A request has been made to UGL to send through their weed maintenance plan for BSC including the disused line that runs through Girilambone and Coolabah – waiting for response</p> <p>Response received 14/4/25 stating that <i>A right-of-way inspection was undertaken on sections of the Nyngan to Bourke non-operational line early in the financial year, we found nothing that required urgent attention but are open to suggestions on the management of this line.</i></p>
Width of highway still of concern where steep batters are encountered. Request for Council to again raise this matter with TfNSW and Local Member.	DIS	<p>Section of highway approx. 5km south of Girilambone raised with TfNSW during March 2025 inspection</p> <p>UPDATE: December 2025</p> <p>Raised with State Member Roy Butler in July 2025</p>
Low water pressure in public toilets at bus stop.	DIS	<p>Pressure is largely determined by the height of the reservoir. However, a larger diameter service will be installed to the toilets. This should improve the volume of water available.</p> <p>UPDATE: December 2025</p> <p>Larger service installed.</p> <p>COMPLETED</p>
Sign on highway needed to direct people to public toilets. TfNSW to approve location.	DIS	Raised with TfNSW
Request for letters to be sent to owners of overgrown properties in village – start of fire season	DDES	<p>Letters were sent in 2024 as requested. Villages to be inspected prior to the fire season and letters to be issued where required.</p> <p>Inspections of villages carried out week commencing 8/12- letters issued accordingly COMPLETED</p>

Items for Action	Responsible Officer	Status
Items for action from Meeting 1 April 2025		
Town water tank really low, water quality bad. Are there issues with pumping water from Wilga Tank?	DIS	<p>UPDATE: December 2025 Pumping occurred Water storage for both Coolabah, Wilga tank and Girilambone are low. Water restrictions in place COMPLETED</p>
Toilet cleaning – request to remunerate the person who cleans the toilets	DIS	<p>UPDATE: December 2025 COMPLETED</p>
Town slashing – could Council consider purchase of a ride-on mower.	DIS	<p>UPDATE: December 2025 COMPLETED</p>
Properties surrounding village currently part of Western LLS – could Council consider alternative acquiring this land.	GM	<p>UPDATE: December 2025 Report to Council in first quarter 2026</p>
Tubbavilla Rd – water ponding in some areas	DIS	<p>Update: December 2025 Tubbavilla Rd has since been graded COMPLETED</p>
Items for action from Meeting 12 December 2025		
Suggestion for a multipurpose court on the eastern end of the tennis courts if grant funding becomes available.	DIS	Noted – Council will advise of any opportunities it becomes aware of.
Blinds and insulation required in the Hall.	GM	Noted – community to consider use of village funds.

Girilambone

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Items for Action	Responsible Officer	Status
Items for action from Meeting 15 April 2021		
Shire to ask RMS to consider children crossing / bus stop sign on highway near shop.	DIS	<p>Discuss at Traffic Committee TfNSW investigating bus stop and people crossing signs.</p> <p>RMS asked to investigate</p> <p>UPDATE: March 2025</p> <p>Raised at March 2025 Traffic Committee meeting</p>
Items for action from Meeting 16 November 2023		
Gutter at school needs repair / clearing	DIS	<p>Inspection undertaken and cleaning to be carried out.</p> <p>UPDATE: December 2025</p> <p>Gutter has been cleaned – further work will be done when road construction completed in December 2025</p>
Highway batters remain a safety concern	DIS	<p>Referred to, and inspected by TfNSW</p> <p>UPDATE: December 2025</p> <p>Raised again during March 2025 joint inspection with TfNSW</p>
Park needs loam to encourage grass to grow	DIS	Not yet started

Items for Action	Responsible Officer	Status
Unsightly vehicles in roadway outside residences	DDES	<p>Letter sent to resident (Ranger attended residence twice to discuss clean up.)</p> <p>UPDATE: December 2025</p> <p>Efforts have been made by the resident with a commitment to complete the clean-up.) Inspection completed week commencing 8/12/25</p>
Items for action from Meeting 11 April 2024		
Furniture for Train Station	GM	Committee to look at grants and/or donations of good quality period furniture.
Items for action from Meeting 19 November 2024		
Community to nominate a suitable date and format for function at Train Station – opportunity to mark the opening of the building and include community consultation on use and free camping area. (Tentative feedback March/April 2025)	GM	<p>UPDATE: Formal Opening of Girilambone Railway Station Saturday 12 April 2025</p> <p>COMPLETED</p>
Items for action from Meeting 1 April 2025		
Signage off highway to free camping needed	DIS	UPDATE: December 2025 Raised with TfNSW at Traffic Committee meetings
Gravel required at free camping area.	DIS	

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Refer 70km/h zone through village to the RMS to become 50km/h zone	DIS	<p>UPDATE: December 2025 Raised with TfNSW at Traffic Committee meetings</p>
Water supply – issue with odour	DIS	<p>UPDATE: December 2025 Additional water pumped from Wilga Tank COMPLETED</p>
Can the scrap metal be removed from the waste pit	DDES	<p>UPDATE: December 2025 This is difficult due to the overhead powerline running directly above the pit. Previous attempts were not safe as machinery was too large. Funds for new cell allocated in budget. COMPLETED</p>
Items for action from Meeting 12 December 2025		
Swing set needed in Park	DIS	Noted – community to consider use of village funds.
Solar light / other overhead lighting required in free camping area.	DIS	Noted – community to consider use of village funds.
Complaints received about content (facilities and things to do) of Country Heartline website. Sign required in town on attractions etc.	DPCS	Noted – to be investigated / addressed with Country Heartline Noted – for further discussion
War memorial upgrades required if grant funding is available	GM	Noted - Council will advise of any opportunities it becomes aware of.

Items for Action	Responsible Officer	Status
Fast fill fire truck access is broken	DIS	Will be addressed
Booramugga Rd bypass – issue with ambulance and others being directed past the mine entrance by GPS. Signage required.	DIS	Noted – to be investigated further
Tip causing issues with wind blown litter	DDES	Noted – to be investigated further
Highway signage damaged / fallen over at main Mitchell Hwy & Arcturus St intersection	DIS	Will be addressed
Potholes in shoulder at the intersection of Mitchell Hwy & Arcturus St	DIS	Will be addressed

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Key discussion points and actions:

Hermidale

Items for Action – Previous Meetings	Responsible Officer	Status
Items for action from Meeting 9 May 2023		
Request for signage promoting village from a tourism perspective on either side of town – uniform for each village	GM	To be considered as part of Tourism Strategy (branding purposes)
Items for action from Meeting 11 April 2024		
Showgrounds – needs a sign with visible address for visitors and emergency services. Also a fingerboard/s to direct people through the village.	DIS	Sign with street address (15 Currans Road) installed at entry to Showgrounds UPDATE: December 2025 Finger boards still required
Request to RFS to have 200,000 litre tank installed for firefighting.	DIS	To be referred for discussion at RFS Service Level Meeting. UPDATE: December 2025 Has been raised with RFS
Items for action from Meeting 1 April 2025		
Town water tanks are dry – can Council investigate clearing drains or other issues	DIS	UPDATE: December 2025 Drains were cleared in April/May
Truck turning lane off highway on to Nymagee Rd needed.	DIS	UPDATE: December 2025 Raised with TfNSW at Traffic Committee meetings

Items for Action – Previous Meetings	Responsible Officer	Status
Items for action from Meeting 12 December 2025		
Bitumen seal edge break to white line on Highway north of Coolabah needs repair	DIS	Will be addressed
Edge drop off on Arthur Hall VC Way near Exley Park	DIS	Noted – to be investigated
Monkey bridge bitumen sunk causing lip on road / bridge interface	DIS	Noted – to be investigated
Use of tip to bring in waste from other areas (Sydney)	DDES	Noted – to be investigated
Request to extend culvert opposite Hall entrance	DIS	Noted – to be investigated