



# **BOGAN SHIRE COUNCIL**

## Ordinary Business Paper

**I hereby give notice that an Ordinary Council Meeting will be held on:**

**Date: Thursday, 23 April 2026**

**Time: 5.30pm**

**Location: Bogan Shire Council  
Council Chambers  
81 Cobar Street  
Nyngan**

**Derek Francis  
General Manager**





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**6 CONFIRMATION OF ORDINARY MINUTES**

**6.1 MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING - 26 MARCH 2026**

The minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held at the Bogan Shire Council, Council Chambers, 81 Cobar Street, Nyngan on 26 March 2026 have been circulated to Council.

**Recommendation**

That the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held at the Bogan Shire Council, Council Chambers, 81 Cobar Street, Nyngan on 26 March 2026, be received and noted.

**7 NOTICE OF MOTION**

Nil

**8 MAYORAL MINUTES**

Nil

**9 COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

Nil

**10 GENERAL MANAGER’S REPORTS**

**10.1 GENERAL MANAGERS CHECKLIST**

Item	Date	Minute No	Matter	Action Required	Officer	Status
1	21/12/2017	392/2017	Increase of train speed through Nyngan	Strong letter of concern and a request to address Council be sent to the relevant rail authorities and a copy to the local member.	GM	Refer below.
	23/11/2023	282/2023		That Council respond to Minister Aitchison, with a request that the train speed limit be reduced to 20km/hour, as Council is not in a position financially to provide rail crossing lights.		This matter was drawn to the attention of Minister Aitchison on 12/01/2024 during her visit to Nyngan.  Further letters sent to Minister Aitchison and Roy Butler MP. Discussed with Minister Aitchison on 15/07/2024 during her visit to Nyngan.  Letter received from Minister Aitchison. TNSW has requested a review of train speeds from UGL.
2	27/02/2025	012/2025	Nyngan Emergency Bore	That Council seek tenders for the Nyngan Emergency Bore project as now proposed by NSW Public	DIS	Construction of the pipeline from the bore, along Old Warren Road has commenced.

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				<p>Works with the following scope of works:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Installation of a new bore, with power supply, in the vicinity of the current bore that meets the boundary proximity requirements of the Water Sharing Plan.</li> <li>ii. Installation of pipeline from the new bore site to Nyngan</li> <li>iii. Project design, project management and other associated costs.</li> </ul>		<p>Investigation of a preferred route through Nyngan is in progress.</p>
	23/10/2025	228/2025		<p>That Council make application through the required processes for the Minister to exercise their discretion under the modified Clause 37(4)(d) to permit approval of the water supply work on the original bore site for the Nyngan Emergency Bore in parallel that Council pursues the regulatory</p>	DIS	<p>DCCEEW consultation closed on 31/12/2025, and they have advised that they are currently reviewing objections received.</p> <p>DCCEEW have sought further information from objectors. The closing date is 17 April 2026.</p>

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				processes to continue with the second bore in keeping with Resolution 12/25.		
3	27/05/2021	126/2021	Addressing Local Job Vacancies	Council delays the launch of the marketing campaign until progress is made with establishing more housing accommodation in Nyngan.	DPCS	Refer below.
	28/09/2023	207/2023		Council provides a budget of \$25,000 for production of videos for the relocation campaign.		<p><b><u>Update</u></b></p> <p>Production of Employment video <b>COMPLETED</b></p> <p>Production of Health and Education video in progress.</p>
4	25/07/2024	144/2024	New Water Treatment Plant Site	<p>That Council does not proceed with building the new Water Treatment Plant on the site adjacent to the substation at the end of Dandaloo Street.</p> <p>That Council constructs the new Water Treatment Plant on the Council owned land at the Raw</p>	DIS	In Progress

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				Water Pump Station at the upper weir.		
5	24/10/2024	245/2024	Reclassification of Land – 8 Tabratong Street	That Council resolve to: 1. Lodge the Planning Proposal to Reclassify Public Land at 8 Tabratong Street Nyngan with the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure for a Gateway Determination.	DDES	Awaiting Planning Approval from DPHI.
6	27/07/2023  25/07/2024	160/2023  146/2024	School Exchange Program	The General Manager commence discussions around the future of the Tongling Exchange Program, with a report to Council. That Council consider locations that may have economic/industry ties for the School Exchange Program, to enhance the student experience.	GM	Discussions held with Principal, Nyngan High School.

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7	26/10/2023	247/2023	Before and After School Care, Nyngan	That the Before and After School Care matter be further pursued with the Department of Education, and if necessary, the Minister.	GM	Refer below.
	22/02/2024	009/2024		Issue of lack of Before and After School Care in Nyngan be referred to Local Member.		Correspondence sent to Local Member.
	25/07/2024	147/2024		That Council request the Local Member to make further contact with the Minister for Education about the lack of Before and After School Care in Nyngan.		Email sent to Local Member in August 2024. Contact, with reminder, made with Local Members Office October 2024. GM and DPCS met with officials of Department of Education to discuss community concerns. Local Member has written to Minister for Education and Early Learning and issued a press release.
8	23/11/2023	278/2023	Nyngan Year-Round Fishery	That Council provide in principle support for the development of a Memorandum of Understanding with DPI Fisheries for a managed	DIS	Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development have advised that preparation of a risk assessment

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				fishery in the Nyngan off-river storages, with a further report to Council to consider a draft Memorandum of Understanding.		<p>and draft Memorandum of Understanding is in progress.</p> <p>Contact made with the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development representative, who confirmed the Departments desire to progress the Fishery.</p> <p>A draft Memorandum of Understanding has been received and is being reviewed.</p>
9	27/06/2024	134/2024	Nyngan Community Homes	That Council request that Nyngan Community Homes Association presents a satisfactory Business Plan and shows it has the capacity to build planned homes on the land, Council will consider an appropriate arrangement to facilitate the provision of the land which was formerly the Palais Theatre, on the basis of that plan.	GM	<p>Email forwarded to Nyngan Community Homes with Council resolution and to contact the General Manager if further information is required.</p> <p>Business Plan received from Nyngan Community Homes, 01/12/2024 with a request to address Council at a future meeting. Date to be determined in consultation with Mayor.</p>

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						Further information now received from Nyngan Community Homes. Meeting with Nyngan Community Homes scheduled April 2026.
10	27/03/2025	045/2025	Cobar Water Board Water Supply Agreement	That the General Manager enter into a lease agreement with the Cobar Water Board for Lot 1 DP803368 for a period of 10 years, at an agreed market related rental, with annual rent renew for the purposes of the installation of solar panels and a water pump station. This agreement is subject to a successful negotiation of a Water Supply Agreement with Cobar Water Board.	GM	In progress
11	26/03/2026	054/2026	Cobar Water Board Minor Consumers in Bogan Shire	That a letter be written to Cobar Water Board asking that the requests made in previous letters be acknowledged and answered, including:	GM	<b><u>Update</u></b> Letter forwarded to Cobar Water Board.

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				<p>A copy of the legal advice;</p> <p>Details as to how and why the WAL held by CWB was transferred free of charge to various mining entities in 2013;</p> <p>And could Council also be provided with:</p> <p>A copy of the Agreements held between CWB and the minor consumers detailing each parties obligations.</p>		

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12	27/11/2025	260/2025	Nyngan Footpaths	<p>1. Council urgently complete repair works to the Dandaloo Street Footpath outside Nyngan Public School which is uneven/sunken footpath and creates a trip hazard in this high traffic area.</p> <p>2. Council create a footpath access ramp at the public school bus stop to allow people with bikes and prams to access the footpath safely.</p> <p>3. These works be funded from Councils existing Footpath Repair Program budget or, alternatively, other suitable funding identified by the General Manager.</p> <p>4. The General Manager provides Council with information on the process and cost to update the 2023 Bogan Shire Active Transport Plan so that more priority projects can be included in</p>	DIS	<p><b><u>Update</u></b></p> <p>Replacement of a number of damaged concrete panels has been completed.</p> <p><b>COMPLETED</b></p> <p>Footpath access ramps (at the school car park entry) in Cathundril Street completed.</p> <p><b>COMPLETED</b></p> <p>Updating of the 2023 Active Transport Plan has been referred to the Budget Estimates Meeting for consideration</p> <p><b>COMPLETED</b></p>

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				the Plan which has to be used as supporting evidence for grant funding.		
13	27/11/2025	273/2025	Hermidale Water	That the General Manager monitors any consumption from the meters in Hermidale at the base of the elevated storages and the small tank in the CWA War Memorial Park, with a further report to Council in March 2026.	DIS	In progress <b>COMPLETED</b>
14	26/03/2026	052/2026	Hermidale Water	That Council notifies the residents of Hermidale that there is excessive water consumption, and that Council is monitoring this.  That Council installs a sign at the overhead tank, that if you require bulk water, that people contact Bogan Shire Council, Department of Infrastructure Services.  That Council continues to monitor the situation closely, and ensure	DIS	<b>Update</b> Letter forwarded.  Signs ordered.

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				the meter on the outlet is calibrated and correct.		
15	27/11/2025	274/2025	Nyngan Cemetery	That the simple style of cemetery row marker (approx. \$15 each), be installed, with costs to be covered from existing operating budget.	DIS	Row markers yet to be fabricated <b>COMPLETED</b>
16	27/11/2025	280/2025	Tree Removal Request – 9 Mudal Street Nyngan	That Council approves that the pine tree be removed on the provision that the applicant maintain trees to be supplied from the Bogan River Bushcare Nursery.  Given that the tree is assessed as being in good health, Council requires the applicant to pay 50% of the removal cost of the tree.	DDES	<b>COMPLETED</b>  Council have made contact with the applicant. <b>COMPLETED</b>
		281/2025		Prior to carrying out the previous resolution 280/2025, that Council contacts Essential Energy to see if removal of this tree is part of their future program of works.	DDES	Essential Energy agreed to remove the tree in the next cycle of urban tree trimming, however requested that Council remove the debris.

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						<p><b><u>Update</u></b> Further discussions to be held between Council and applicant to finalise timing of removal.</p> <p><b>COMPLETED</b></p>
17	27/11/2025	282/2025	Wangaaypuwan Wellness, Nyngan LALC	That the Mayor facilitates a discussion between Wangaaypuwan Wellness and local State Member Roy Butler about this matter, given that the NSW Government is responsible for providing housing assistance for women and children experiencing domestic and family violence.	GM	<p>Wangaaypuwan Wellness advised of Councils decision.</p> <p>Contact made with Roy Butlers office to facilitate a meeting.</p> <p><b><u>Update</u></b> Awaiting update from Roy Butlers Office</p>
	27/11/2025	283/2025		That Council provide, in principle, support for the establishment of temporary accommodation to support women and children experiencing domestic and family violence in Nyngan and ask that the Mayor and General Manager	GM	Refer above

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				investigate the possibility of providing a suitable building for a 12 month trial period through the discussions with State Member Roy Butler.		
18	18/12/2025	308/2025	Sale of Land – 25 Lot Subdivision	<p>That Council, in the first release of land, choose to use an Expression of Interest process for the purchase of lots in Stage 1 of the new Hoskins Street residential subdivision with EOI's closing on the 27 February 2026.</p> <p>That the following criteria be used by Council, to determine successful expressions of interest:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Council selects 8 blocks for the first release, Lot numbers 3, 5, 8, 10, 15, 17, 21, 23 then 8 blocks for the second release and 9 blocks for the third release.</li> </ul>	DFCS	<p>Expression of Interest process undertaken.</p> <p><b>COMPLETED</b></p>

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				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>b) In the first release, limit to individual persons and only one lot per buyer.</li> <li>c) Expressions of interest will only be accepted from persons currently living in the Bogan Shire with proof of residence to be provided by way of a current electricity bill (most recent) and driver's licence.</li> <li>d) Only offers exceeding \$35,000, including GST, will be considered.</li> <li>e) Commitment to complete building works for a dwelling within 2 years of purchase, as negotiated by Council.</li> <li>f) Buyers may list at least three lots in order of priority to give Council the option to allocate lots and negotiate with buyers</li> </ul>		

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				<p>based on highest offers and meeting criteria.</p> <p>g) Should more than one EOI be offered on a lot, then the highest offer will be considered. If offers are equal on any one lot, then Council may negotiate with all interested parties.</p> <p>h) All offers that meet the criteria will be submitted to Council, through the formal meeting process, to make decisions on the sale of lots.</p>		
	26/03/2026	050/2026		<p>That the General Manager or delegate negotiate with the two eligible offers for the sale of the blocks they were interested in, in their EOI.</p> <p>That Council move the remaining 23 lots that are ready for sale to</p>		<p><b><u>Update:</u></b></p> <p>Awaiting registration of lots before contracts of sale can be negotiated and other lots put on the market.</p>

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				<p>full open-market sale, with pricing and contract terms to be finalised by the General Manager or delegate.</p> <p>That Council engage one or more real estate agent through an appropriate procurement process to market and sell the lots on Council's behalf.</p> <p>That Council enter non-exclusive arrangements with interested builders to offer house-and-land package options to prospective buyers, ensuring compliance with procurement requirements and maintaining transparency.</p> <p>That Council continue promoting the subdivision through Council's website and social media.</p> <p>That Council limit the maximum number of 8 blocks to be sold to any one entity, with approaches in</p>		

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				excess of this amount to come back to Council for a decision.  Commitment to complete building works for a dwelling within 2 years of purchase as negotiated by Council.		

**1. Attachments**

Nil

**2. Recommendation**

That the report relating to the Monthly Checklist be received and those items marked as “Completed” be removed from the Checklist.

**11 PEOPLE AND COMMUNITY SERVICES REPORTS**

**11.1 BOGAN SHIRE EARLY LEARNING CENTRE**

**1. Introduction**

The purpose of this report is to advise Council of the activities and statistics of the operation of the Bogan Shire Early Learning Centre (ELC).

**2. Background**

Bogan Shire Council operates the 59 place Bogan Shire Early Learning Centre which provides long day care (education and care) for children aged 0–5 years. The service plays a vital role in supporting local families, with limited alternative childcare options available within the Shire. The centre also delivers a preschool program aligned with early childhood education requirements.

**3. Discussion**

Usage Capacity

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Ave %
January 2026	59%	84%	78%	64%	65%	70%
February 2026	55%	75%	75%	54%	61%	64%
March 2026	53%	74%	76%	56%	60%	64%

Waitlist

- Requiring immediate placement: 28
- Needing placement within 1-3 months: 4
- Needing placement within 4-6 months: 12
- Needing placement within 7-12 months: 6

Placements

- Children placed in last 3 months: 4

Quality Rating:

- Current NQS rating: Meeting National Quality Standard

Staffing

Recent advertising for and recruitment of new educators has been underway, with interviews being conducted, and outcomes being finalised shortly. The focus continues to be on filling all current vacancies, creating a full team so the occupancy can progressively get to 100% over the coming months.

In addition, a comprehensive introduction of training webinars and ongoing mentoring sessions have been delivered with additional investment being made to strengthen the

structure of the leadership team, which includes the Nominated Supervisor, 2IC/Educational Leader, and Room Leaders.

The focus for the next 90-days for the entire team is to increase knowledge on policies and procedures, develop new projects and embed best practice compliance.

All Children's Services staff will also complete the new mandatory requirements for Child Protection by the end of May 2026.

### Recent Activities

The service has undertaken a range of initiatives that reflect a strong commitment to continuous improvement, quality practice, and positive outcomes for children, families, community, and staff.

During a scheduled closure period, educators engaged in an extensive week of professional development. This supported *Quality Area 7 (Governance and Leadership)* and *Quality Area 4 (Staffing Arrangements)*, strengthening staff knowledge, reflective practice, and team cohesion. Educators utilised this time to reset learning environments and review educational programs, ensuring they are responsive, intentional, and aligned with the Early Years Learning Framework (EYLF), supporting *Quality Area 1 (Educational Program and Practice)*.

All staff also participated in a full re-induction process, reinforcing service policies, procedures, and expectations. This ensures consistency in practice and supports ongoing compliance and quality improvement across the service.

A focus on strengthened leadership capacity has provided support for both educators and management in their professional growth. This reflects a commitment to building a culture of continuous improvement and effective leadership in line with *Quality Area 7*.

Following the professional development week, each room team has continued to engage in critical reflection and professional learning to further extend their knowledge and enhance their educational programs. Educators are intentionally building on children's interests and developmental outcomes, demonstrating ongoing improvement in line with *Quality Area 1* and the planning cycle.

In late March, a new Nominated Supervisor was appointed, who is working closely with the HMC team of industry experts to support service growth, with a focus on increasing occupancy and ensuring effective staffing arrangements. This aligns with *Quality Area 4* and *Quality Area 7*, supporting sustainable service delivery and high-quality outcomes.

The service also fostered strong relationships with families through hosting an Easter afternoon tea. Families were invited to participate in this special event, providing opportunities to build connections and strengthen the sense of community. This experience supported children's sense of belonging and wellbeing, aligning with *Quality Area 6 (Collaborative Partnerships with Families and Communities)* and *Quality Area 5 (Relationships with Children)*.

Overall, these initiatives demonstrate the service's ongoing commitment to reflective practice, professional growth, and continuous quality improvement across all areas of the National Quality Standard.

Attached, for Councils interest, is a recent media release from LGNSW regarding Council run Childcare Centres.

#### **4. Attachments**

Media Release from LG NSW

#### **5. Recommendation**

That the Bogan Shire Early Learning Centre operational report be received and noted.



## Council-run childcare amongst safest in the nation

**Dear Mr Francis,**

As part of our ongoing advocacy, we have issued the below media release regarding council-run childcare services.

This statement has been shared with media outlets and reflects our position on behalf of the local government sector. We will shortly circulate the message to our members as well.

Kind Regards,  
The team at LGNSW

## Media Release

As the safety crisis in early childhood education and care continues to grow, expanding safe and high quality council-run services can be the antidote to unsafe practices.

Today's revelations that multiple childcare operators have been shut down due to safety concerns, has prompted Local Government NSW to renew calls for council-run childcare to be supported as the best and safest provider in NSW.

LGNSW President Mayor Darcy Byrne said councils provided more than 300 early childhood education and care services across NSW and had a vastly superior record of safe and high-quality services in comparison to private and for-profit centres.

"The closure of these centres will be very concerning for the families that use them, compounded by the fact the closures were the result of serious safety concerns," said Mayor Byrne.

"Many families across NSW struggle to find appropriate childcare and when they do, they want to know that their little ones are safe and cared for. It's that safe and trusted environment that council-run centres are renowned for."

"Councils in NSW have consistently demonstrated a strong record of providing safe and more affordable services for families."

"We call on the NSW and Australian Governments to set up a dedicated Local Government funding stream to further expand council services which are the best and safest in the early education and care sector."

Figures from a report by the Australian Children's Education & Care Quality Authority published in February 2026 show that a greater proportion of council-run ECEC services exceed the National Quality Standards than for-profit services.

Specifically, 38 per cent of state/territory and local government-managed services are rated as "exceeding" the National Quality Standards, compared to 10 per cent for private for-profit services.\*

"Local Government is one of the largest early education providers in the country, often providing a service in childcare 'deserts' – communities in desperate need where other providers have exited the market."

"Without more NSW Government support for council-run centres, there's a real risk that families simply won't have access to a safe and affordable service for their children."

\*Australian Children's Education & Care Quality Authority – NQF Snapshot Q4 2025 (published February 2026)

**For all Media enquiries please contact 0448 718 892.**

## 11.2 BOGAN BUSH MOBILE TERM 1 REPORT

### 1. Introduction

The purpose of this report is to advise Council on the Term 1 2026 activities of the Bogan Bush Mobile service.

### 2. Background

At the end of each term, a report is provided to Council on the activities and statistics of the Bogan Bush Mobile service.

### 3. Discussion

#### Term 1 – 2026

13 January – 3 April

#### Statistics:

Total Children Enrolled: 60 Children, 52 Families

Term 4 Attendance: 40 Children

Term 4 Sessions: 43

Term 4 Total KM'S: 6,195

#### Current areas being visited:

Marthaguy, Marra, Mungery, Trangie, Tottenham, Duck Creek, and Collie.

#### ***Term 1 Activities:***

#### Staffing:

To support service sustainability and growth, an advertisement was placed for a Bogan Bush Mobile Educator position. This process attracted applicants who have progressed through to recruitment, supporting the strengthening of staffing arrangements and aligning with *Quality Area 4 (Staffing Arrangements)*.

The new Nominated Supervisor is working closely with the HMC team of industry experts to support ongoing development, including a focus on increasing occupancy and maintaining effective staffing structures.

#### Recent Activities:

Bogan Bush Mobile has continued to demonstrate a strong commitment to ongoing improvement, professional practice, and high-quality outcomes for children and families.

During a recent period of closure, educators participated in a structured week of professional development. This provided valuable time to reflect on current practices, strengthen knowledge, and enhance program planning. Educators reviewed and refined educational programs to ensure they remain responsive to children's needs, interests, and

developmental outcomes, aligning with the Early Years Learning Framework and *Quality Area 1 (Educational Program and Practice)*.

The week also included a full staff re-induction process, reinforcing policies, procedures, and expectations across the service. This supports consistency in practice and aligns with *Quality Area 7 (Governance and Leadership)*.

Collaboration with HMC further supported educators and leadership, building professional capacity and strengthening team cohesion. This ongoing support reflects a commitment to continuous improvement and effective leadership practices.

Following this, educators across the service have continued to extend their professional knowledge and apply this within their programs. Each educator is actively engaging in critical reflection and enhancing their planning to better support children's learning, development, and engagement, demonstrating ongoing alignment with *Quality Area 1 (Educational Program and Practice)*.

Overall, these initiatives highlight Bogan Bush Mobile's ongoing commitment to reflective practice, professional growth, and continuous quality improvement across all areas of the National Quality Standard.

#### **4. Attachments**

Nil

#### **5. Recommendation**

That the Bogan Bush Mobile report be received and noted.

## 11.3 VISITOR INFORMATION CENTRE

### 1. Introduction

The purpose of this report is to provide information to Council on the operations of the Visitor Information Centre.

### 2. Background

The VIC is currently operated by Council staff seven days a week, Monday to Friday from 8.30am until 4.00pm, and on weekends from 10am until 2pm.

### 3. Discussion

#### Visitor Trends – February 2026 to April 2026

Between February and 13 April 2026, most visitors to the VIC came from NSW and Queensland. February and March are typically quieter periods for tourism; however, this year visitation has been further impacted by uncertainty around fuel availability and increased fuel costs. As a result, the VIC has experienced lower traveller numbers than usual, even during the school holiday period, which is normally a peak time for family travel. In comparison, April 2025 recorded 441 visitors to the VIC and Museum, while the first two weeks of April 2026 have seen fewer than 90 visitors.

#### Camping & Caravan Visitation

There continues to be strong demand for free camping, particularly from travellers towing caravans or travelling in fully self-contained motorhomes.

There haven't been many overnight caravanners at the Flood Memorial free camp, potentially due to the high fuel cost and fuel availability concerns. The weir camping area has still seen a few visitors enjoying the peace and quiet it offers. Positive feedback continues to highlight the importance of maintaining quality free camping options within the Shire.

#### Country Heartline Program – Drought Resilience Funding

The Country Heartline Program, funded through drought resilience initiatives, has been delivered in collaboration with Warren, Coonamble and Bogan Shires. The program focuses on encouraging regional visitation, promoting local attractions and experiences, and supporting landowners to explore farm stay opportunities as an additional income source during drought conditions.

Promotional materials and signage are now available at the VIC, helping to increase tourism awareness and strengthen links between neighbouring Councils and regional travel routes. The program website launched in November 2025, featuring videos that showcase attractions across Bogan Shire. An online Visitor Information Guide, including a trackable flip-book format, has also been introduced to monitor digital engagement.

Overall, the initiative is enhancing regional tourism connections and contributing to economic resilience across the participating Shires.

Visit Bogan Facebook Page

Launched in August 2025, the Visit Bogan Facebook page continues to grow as an engaging and accessible platform for promoting the Shire to visitors and the wider community. Designed to complement Visitor Information Centre services, the page presents Bogan Shire in a relaxed and appealing way while showcasing events, attractions, travel ideas, merchandise, and important travel information.

It enables the Shire to connect with visitors before, during and after their trip, supporting itinerary planning and ongoing engagement. The page also strengthens promotion of VIC merchandise and broader tourism initiatives, including the Country Heartline Program.

Overall, it has increased the region’s online visibility and serves as a valuable, low-cost marketing tool to promote tourism, local businesses and experiences in a modern and approachable format.

Merchandise & Retail Performance

The VIC’s range of merchandise continues to perform strongly. Consistent best sellers include:

- Big Bogan stubby holders (recently redesigned and highest selling item for several years)
- Bogan singlets (frequently selling out)
- Bogan flannelette shirts (popular even in the off-season)
- Postcards and magnets are very popular souvenirs as they are small and portable

Merchandise Statistics:

*Most popular items sold February – April 2026*

Stubby Holders	43
Postcards	72
Magnets	27
Bogan Singlets	17
Bogan flannelette shirts	6
Big Bogan car freshener (new merch)	16

Statistics

The total number of visitors through the Centre (Feb - April 26) and / or enquiries was as follows:

Stats to date 13.04.2026:

Visitors: Feb – 165, March – 238, April to date approx.	50
Phone	8
No of Facebook Views: (Feb 13,832, March 1,274 and April 477)	15,134
No of views Visitor Guide flipbook: (Feb 24, March 12, April 1) total	37
Total number of visitors for the period Feb to 12 April 2026	462

**4. Attachments**

Nil

**5. Recommendation**

That the Operational Report for the Visitor Information Centre be received and noted.

## **11.4 BOGAN SHIRE YOUTH AND COMMUNITY CENTRE LOGO**

### **1. Introduction**

The purpose of this report is for Council to consider a logo design for the Bogan Shire Youth and Community Centre.

### **2. Background**

In November 2006, Council adopted the “sun and landscape” logo currently used on all branding to assist in the identification and marketing of the Bogan Shire. In May 2016, the Early Learning Centre had a logo designed that was relevant and relatable to the service being provided and aligned with the childcare industry. This logo is used alongside the Bogan Shire Council logo on official letterhead, records, reports, and other operational documentation.

In May 2017, Council approved a logo for the Bogan Shire Medical Centre, to be used as the official logo for branding and marketing purposes, and to be used alongside the Bogan Shire Council logo for formal events and publicity purposes.

The Bogan Shire Youth and Community Centre delivers a broad range of programs, activities, and services for young people and the wider community. While the Centre operates under Council, it currently does not have a dedicated logo to visually represent its role or purpose.

### **3. Discussion**

In order to establish the Bogan Shire Youth and Community Centre with its own identity in the minds of young people, families, and the wider community, it is recommended that a similar approach be adopted to that used for other Council-operated community facilities.

The logo would be used for general branding and promotional purposes and would appear alongside the Bogan Shire Council logo at formal events and in official publications where appropriate. It may also be used independently on Centre-specific materials, including program information, flyers, social media content, signage, newsletters, consent and registration forms, and other routine communications.

Three logo designs have been included with this report as Attachment 1. These logos are suitable for use across online platforms, clothing, signage, and other promotional materials. Two signage options have also been included for consideration.

### **4. Attachments**

1. BSYCC Logo 1
2. BSYCC Logo 2
3. BSYCC Logo 3
4. BSYCC Sign with Logo option 1
5. BSYCC Sign with Logo option 2

**5. Recommendation**

That Council considers the three logo designs provided and adopts one to be the official logo of the Bogan Shire Youth and Community Centre.











## 11.5 COUNTRY HEARTLINE PROJECT – UPDATE AND BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS

### 1. Introduction

This report provides an update on Bogan Shire Council's involvement in the Country Heartline project, including progress to date, remaining deliverables, and future operational considerations. The report also seeks Council's consideration of ongoing budget allocations required to support the continuation and sustainability of the project.

### 2. Background

The Country Heartline project is a collaborative regional tourism initiative involving Bogan, Warren and Coonamble Shire Councils, aimed at promoting rural tourism experiences, particularly farm stays and authentic outback visitor experiences.

The first phase of the project was funded by the NSW Government's Regional Drought Resilience Program, which supported the development of branding, promotional materials, signage, digital platforms, and marketing initiatives designed to increase visitation and support local economic development.

The initiative aligns with Council's strategic objectives to promote tourism, support local businesses, and enhance the economic sustainability of the Shire.

### 3. Discussion

#### Current Project Status

The Country Heartline project is nearing completion of its grant-funded phase, with several key deliverables remaining.

Remaining grant funding will support the installation of seven interpretive billboards, including:

- Two billboards in each participating local government area, and
- One billboard at the Macquarie Marshes

The participating Councils will continue to work collaboratively to finalise the design, content, and placement of these billboards.

#### Achievements to Date

Significant progress has been made across several areas of the project, including:

#### ***Signage and Wayfinding***

- Installation planning for roadside markers identifying Country Heartline farm stays,
- Distribution of reflective gate signage and branded materials to participating businesses,
- Provision of Country Heartline signage starter packs to support business participation.

**Promotional Materials**

- Delivery of promotional resources to Bogan Shire Council, including A-frames, banners, and other materials to support local marketing and activation.

**Digital and Marketing Development**

- Development of a draft Social Media Strategy and Implementation Plan,
- Establishment of a digital presence to promote the Country Heartline experience.

**Outstanding Items and Future Considerations**

While the project has delivered strong foundational outcomes, several key considerations remain for its ongoing success:

**1. Social Media and Digital Management**

- A clear operational model is required to manage social media content on an ongoing basis,
- Ongoing resourcing is needed to ensure consistent, high-quality promotion,
- Participating businesses must maintain accurate and current information for listings and promotion.

**2. Website Hosting and Maintenance**

- Website hosting and maintenance is currently funded until 28 November 2026,
- Ongoing annual costs will need to be met by participating Councils.

**3. Ongoing Program Growth and Maintenance**

- Future expansion of the program, including onboarding new businesses, will require additional signage and administrative support,
- Ongoing coordination across Councils will be required to maintain consistency and quality.

The Country Heartline project has delivered strong outcomes in establishing a regional tourism brand and supporting local businesses. As the project transitions from a grant-funded initiative to an ongoing program, consideration must be given to resourcing, governance, and funding to maintain momentum and maximise long-term benefits.

**Financial Considerations**

Indicative ongoing annual costs of \$11,283.33 associated with the Country Heartline project include:

- Website hosting, maintenance and support: \$1,243.33
- Social media management services: \$7,540.00
- Program expansion and new participant signage (estimated): \$2,500.00

Should Council wish to continue with the initiative, these costs will need to be considered as part of future Council budget processes to ensure its continued success and sustainability.

**4. Attachments**

Nil

**5. Recommendation**

That Council:

1. Notes the progress and current status of the Country Heartline project.
2. Supports the completion of remaining grant-funded deliverables, including interpretive signage.
3. Refers the inclusion of a budget allocation of \$11,283.33 to the 2026/27 Estimates Meeting to support the ongoing delivery and management of the Country Heartline project, including:
  - (a) Website hosting and maintenance
  - (b) Social media management
  - (c) Program expansion and signage

**12 FINANCE AND CORPORATE SERVICES REPORTS**

**12.1 INVESTMENTS MARCH 2026**

**1. Introduction**

The purpose of this report is to outline the performance of Council's investment portfolio for the month of March 2026.

**2. Background**

In accordance with Clause 212 of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2005 a report must be presented to the Council setting out details of all the money that the Council has invested under section 625 of the Act.

**3. Discussion**

The Investment Report for March 2026 is shown below. On the 31st March 2026 Council had \$29.4 million invested. There has been a decrease of \$540,000 due to expenditure on Transport for NSW ordered works and maintenance contract and the claim has not yet been paid to Council, also expenditure on Grants where funding was received in advance, including the Emergency Bore and the Residential Subdivision.

Consideration of this report means that Council is complying with the Local Government (General) Regulation 2005.

**Investment Movements for March 2026**

It is hereby certified that these investments have been made in accordance with the Local Government Act 1993 and the Regulations thereto.

REF	Source	Maturity	Days	% rate	Bal Feb 26	Bal Mar 26
42-150-6894	NAB - Professional Funds	4/05/2016	At Call	4.100%	11,162,121.27	10,622,276.18
I2108308	Westpac	17/12/2025	17/12/2026	4.610%	6,000,000.00	6,000,000.00
88-392-4994	NAB	29/05/2025	29/05/2026	4.200%	2,000,000.00	2,000,000.00
98-544-4756	NAB	30/01/2026	29/01/2027	4.760%	2,000,000.00	2,000,000.00
98-568-5779	NAB	30/01/2026	29/01/2027	4.760%	2,000,000.00	2,000,000.00
I2392103	Westpac	17/04/2025	17/04/2026	4.200%	2,000,000.00	2,000,000.00
I2437444	Westpac	9/05/2025	11/05/2026	4.250%	2,800,000.00	2,800,000.00
I2875708	Westpac	3/11/2025	3/11/2026	4.340%	2,000,000.00	2,000,000.00
	Balance securities held				<b>29,962,121.27</b>	<b>29,422,276.18</b>
	Balance Ledger 19010.8200.8200				<b>29,962,121.27</b>	<b>29,422,276.18</b>
	<b>Summary by institution</b>					
	NAB				17,162,121.27	16,622,276.18
	Westpac				12,800,000.00	12,800,000.00
					<b>29,962,121.27</b>	<b>29,422,276.18</b>

**4. Attachments**

Nil

**5. Recommendation**

That Council receive and note the Investments Report for March 2026.

**12.2 SUMMARY OF RATE AND ANNUAL CHARGES COLLECTION**

**1. Introduction**

The purpose of this report is to provide a comparison of rate collections as at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2026, with the same period last year.

**2. Background**

This report is provided for the information of Councillors.

**3. Discussion**

<b>Rate Collections</b>	<b>2025-2026</b>	<b>2024-2025</b>
Arrears Prior to 30/06/2025	198,248	256,976
First Instalment arrears as at 31/03/2026	13,738	-18,552
Second Instalment arrears as at 31/03/2026	36,301	51,089
Third Instalment arrears as at 31/03/2026	65,792	105,135
Fourth Instalment outstanding as at 31/03/2026	1,038,074	1,038,224
<b>Total Arrears</b>	<b>314,079</b>	<b>394,648</b>
<b>Total Outstanding</b>	<b>1,352,153</b>	<b>1,432,872</b>
<b>Monthly Transactions</b>		
Amount Levied & B/Fwd	6,201,080	6,248,285
Add: Adjustments	34,429	62,627
Less: Payments to end of January	-4,815,008	-4,803,266
Less: Rebates	-68,348	-74,774
Add: Postponed	0	0
<b>Gross Total Balance</b>	<b>1,352,153</b>	<b>1,432,872</b>
<b>Arrears of total amount levied %</b>	<b>5.1%</b>	<b>6.3%</b>

Total arrears have decreased from \$394,648 at the 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025 to \$314,079 as at 31<sup>st</sup> March this year.

Each instalment amounts to approximately \$1,550,000 (Total Rates, Waste, Water & Sewer Access Charges)

As at the 31<sup>st</sup> March 2026 Council had collected \$394,309 more than at the same time last year.

0.9% of rates remain outstanding on the first instalment.

2.3% of rates remain outstanding on the second instalment.

4.2% of rates remain outstanding on the third instalment

**4. Attachments**

Nil

**5. Recommendation**

That Council receive and note the Rate and Annual Charges Collection Report for March 2026.

## **12.3 DELIVERY PROGRAM**

### **1. Introduction**

The purpose of this report is to provide information regarding progress with respect to the principal activities detailed in Council's adopted Delivery Program.

### **2. Background**

The General Manager is required under the provisions of Section 404(5) of the Local Government Act to provide Council with regular reports regarding progress with respect to the principal activities detailed in Council's Delivery Program.

Council previously resolved that these reports be provided in October and April.

### **3. Discussion**

A full Delivery Program Report listing each strategy and activity in the Delivery Program is available on request from the General Manager or on Council's website. Attached to this report, however, is an extract of the full Delivery Program Report showing those activities which are marked as:-

- Not started
- Not progressing
- Progressing with issues
- Completed

All other activities are marked as "Progressing – No Issues".

The Report mirrors the layout of Council's Delivery Program and 2025/2026 Operating Plan and Budget. Directors responsible for each of the activities listed under the Strategies and Outcomes have indicated the current status of the activity and, where appropriate, have included comments.

### **4. Attachments**

1. Delivery Program Report

### **5. Recommendation**

That this report be received and noted.

**Bogan Shire Council  
Delivery Program Progress Report**

**Key - Status**

NS: Not Started

NP: Not Progressing

PWI: Progressing with Issues

<b>Strategy 1.1.3</b>				
<b>Identify, respect and preserve sites and items of historical significance.</b>				
	<b>Activities 2025/26</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Action Comments</b>	<b>Council Lead</b>
i	Identify and develop plans to preserve Council owned historic buildings	NS	Following on from completion of Heritage Study.	Director Development and Environmental Services
iii	Update the Community Heritage Study.	PWI	Currently undertaking a review of the Heritage Study	Director Development and Environmental Services
<b>Strategy 1.1.4</b>				
<b>Develop and support volunteer groups to carry out functions and projects for the benefit of the community and volunteers.</b>				
	<b>Activities 2025/26</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Action Comments</b>	<b>Council Lead</b>
ii	Support National Tree Day with plantings	PWI	Realign the planting date to the nationally promoted tree planting day, scheduled for 24 July 2026.	Director Development and Environmental Services
<b>Strategy 1.2.1</b>				
<b>Provide, maintain and improve functional Nyngan Pool facilities to cater for a variety of users.</b>				
	<b>Activities 2025/26</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Action Comments</b>	<b>Council Lead</b>
i	Maintain public pool facilities and best practice standards	PWI	Despite investigations and maintenance work, ongoing water loss at the pool suggests a likely leak.	Director Development and Environmental Services
<b>Strategy 1.2.3</b>				
<b>Maintain and improve our sports grounds and active recreational facilities through the diversity of sport and recreation on offer.</b>				
	<b>Activities 2025/26</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Action Comments</b>	<b>Council Lead</b>
iv	Consult with user groups to ensure that facilities are maintained and improved to suit their requirements	NS	User group meetings to be arranged	Director Infrastructure Services
<b>Strategy 1.3.1</b>				
<b>Provide and improve childcare facilities, preschools, after hours care and playgroups that meet the needs of the whole community.</b>				
	<b>Activities 2025/26</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Action Comments</b>	<b>Council Lead</b>
iii	Lobby Government to address the need for before and after school care, pre-school and play groups	NP	Matter has previously been forwarded to State Member Roy Butler for follow up - no action by Department of Education that Council is aware of.	General Manager

Strategy 2.1.3				
Provide, maintain and improve bike paths and walking tracks.				
	Activities 2025/26	Status	Action Comments	Council Lead
i	Work with the community to understand the need for improved bike paths and walking tracks and prepare a Plan.	NS	Referred to budget	Director Infrastructure Services
iii	Continue implementation of projects outlined in the Bogan Shire Active Transport Plan	NP	Not funded in current year	Director Infrastructure Services
Strategy 2.2.1				
Advocate for continued use of the rail line for transporting agricultural and mining products.				
	Activities 2025/26	Status	Action Comments	Council Lead
ii	Work with UGL Linx, TfNSW and NSW Police to ensure current standards of rail and crossing safety are maintained and promoted within the community	NP	The safety of Hoskins St level crossing remains an issue - previously referred to State MP Roy Butler.	General Manager
Strategy 2.2.2				
Advocate for improved safety, environmental management and amenity in the rail corridor.				
	Activities 2025/26	Status	Action Comments	Council Lead
i	Advocate for an improved rail crossing at Hoskins Street	NP	The safety of Hoskins St level crossing remains an issue - previously referred to State MP Roy Butler.	General Manager
Strategy 2.4.2				
Ensure effective management of liquid trade waste.				
	Activities 2025/26	Status	Action Comments	Council Lead
i	Review implementation of Trade Waste Policy, including licencing practices and inspections	NS	Not funded in current year	Director Development and Environmental Services
Strategy 3.1.1				
Conduct periodic reviews of Council's planning instruments to ensure that land use planning supports the long term sustainability of our				
	Activities 2025/26	Status	Action Comments	Council Lead
i	Review of LEP 2011	NS	Funding dependent	Director Development and Environmental Services
Strategy 3.1.3				
Ensure our community's buildings are safe, healthy and maintained.				
	Activities 2025/26	Status	Action Comments	Council Lead
ii	Develop an asset management plan for Council's buildings	NS	Schedule for Quarter 4	Director Infrastructure Services
Strategy 3.2.1				
Provide cost effective and efficient kerbside collection of waste.				
	Activities 2025/26	Status	Action Comments	Council Lead
ii	Review and monitor kerbside recycling service collections in order to reduce contamination rates	PWI	Working with Netwaste to reduce recycling contmination	Director Development and Environmental Services

<b>Strategy 3.3.1</b>				
<b>Provide safe, high quality, well serviced and maintained parks.</b>				
	<b>Activities 2025/26</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Action Comments</b>	<b>Council Lead</b>
i	Develop master plans for all park areas	NS	Schedule for Quarter 4	Director Infrastructure Services
ii	Develop a playground upgrade program	NS	Schedule for Quarter 4	Director Infrastructure Services
<b>Strategy 4.2.1</b>				
<b>Develop and implement a tourism strategy which includes the identification of potential opportunities for growth and new tourism</b>				
	<b>Activities 2025/26</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Action Comments</b>	<b>Council Lead</b>
i	Investigate and develop a tourism strategy.	NS	Not funded - referred to 2026/27 budget	Director People and Community Services
<b>Strategy 4.2.3</b>				
<b>Develop the availability of visitor and short-term accommodation to support local tourism.</b>				
	<b>Activities 2025/26</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Action Comments</b>	<b>Council Lead</b>
i	Work with the community and businesses to understand the needs for visitor and short-term accommodation	NS	Community consultation planned for 2026	Director People and Community Services
<b>Strategy 4.3.2</b>				
<b>Maintain airport facilities to meet required and expected standards.</b>				
	<b>Activities 2025/26</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Action Comments</b>	<b>Council Lead</b>
iii	Install pilot activated lighting, subject to government funding	PWI	Inadequate funding at this stage	Director Infrastructure Services
<b>Strategy 5.2.3</b>				
<b>Implement sound asset management practices to ensure adequate provision is made for the maintenance and long-term replacement of</b>				
	<b>Activities 2025/26</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Action Comments</b>	<b>Council Lead</b>
ii	Review and implement, subject to budget, Asset Management Plans for the major categories of Council's assets: Transport and Stormwater, Water Supply and Sewerage and Buildings	PWI	Council does not have sufficient funding without grant funding to complete these works	Director Finance and Corporate Services
iii	Provide periodic asset management reports to inform decision-making	NS	Asset Management System being developed	Director Finance and Corporate Services
iv	Budget funds and seek grant funding to maintain assets at community expectations	PWI	Council does not have sufficient funding without grant funding to complete these works	Director Finance and Corporate Services
<b>Strategy 5.2.4</b>				
<b>Manage Council's operations effectively and on business-like principles to maximise service delivery for the community.</b>				
	<b>Activities 2025/26</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Action Comments</b>	<b>Council Lead</b>
i	Revise and implement a customer service charter to meet community expectations	NS	Scheduled for 2026	General Manager

## 12.4 QUARTERLY BUDGET REVIEW STATEMENT - MARCH 2026

### 1. Introduction

The purpose of this report is to:

1. Receive and note the March 2026 Quarterly Budget Review Statement Report prepared in accordance with the Local Government (General) Regulation, 2005.
2. Amend the 2025/26 Operating and Capital Budgets in accordance with the recommended variations listed in the Attachments to this Report.

### 2. Background

Clause 203(1) of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2005 requires that Council complete a Budget Review Statement not later than 2 months after the end of each quarter (except the June quarter). The Regulation requires the Statement to show, by reference to the estimate of income and expenditure included in the Operational Plan for the relevant year, a revised estimate of the income and expenditure for that year.

The Review considers changes in the financial landscape as well as changes in Council's priorities and goals and is a key mechanism for maintaining sound financial management of Council's resources.

The figures in the Projected Year End Result column are the estimate of income/spending at the end of the financial year. It is the sum of the originally adopted budget for 2025/2026, plus items carried forward from 2024/2025, plus or minus recommended changes made at the first quarter, second and third quarter review.

### 3. Discussion

#### ***Performance Against Budget***

The year-to-date performance against budget shows a \$24,730 adjustment to the original projected balance. Council budgeted for a cash surplus of \$307,314 overall and the changes to the budget now show a cash surplus of \$282,524 across all funds. Council should note an amount of \$51,899 was transferred from cash reserves to balance the Sewer Fund and \$136,223 was transferred in from the Plant Fund.

The general fund still shows a cash surplus of \$35,631. All changes to the budget for the third quarter have been offset against other changes.

Adjustments are listed in the attachments of this report.

The Sewer Fund has no changes in the third quarter budget review.

The Water Fund has no changes in the third quarter budget review.

As always Councillors and staff need to be aware of decisions made and their impact on Council's budget. It is always important that corresponding savings are found when making decisions on additional spending and this is not always possible therefore funds would need to come from any available surplus cash.

Attachments 1 and 2 (Operating Budget) with 3 and 4 (Capital Budget) detail the effect of budget review changes for the financial year to date as well as recommended changes for this quarter.

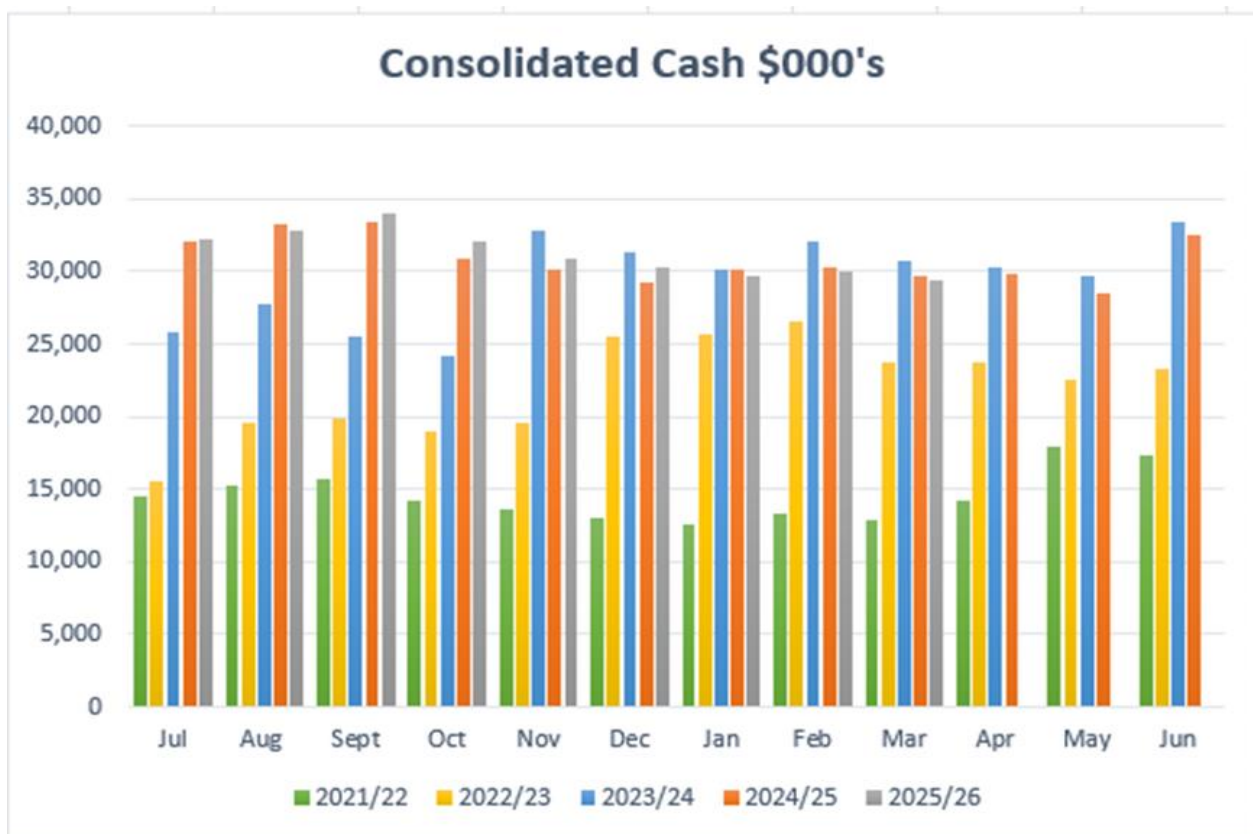
All changes to the budget reflect where costs are more or less than originally budgeted, or income received is going to be increased or reduced. Other changes to the budget are where Council has resolved to spend additional funds to the original budget. The budget is therefore adjusted accordingly to reflect these changes.

**Cash**

Council is still holding significant cash balances Council still holds grants funds that are restricted for their specific purpose as well as the Waste, Water and Sewer Funds being externally restricted and can only be used for the Waste, Water and Sewer operations. The cash balance is expected to continue to decrease over the next six months as funds received in advance are expended.

As at 30th June 2025 Council had \$8,760,000 in unrestricted cash.

The cash position of individual funds is shown in Attachment 5 which also details the cash effects, if any, of budget review changes. The cash amount fluctuates throughout the year as cash is paid out and income is received



**Consulting and Legal Expenses**

Attachment 6 shows contractor payments exceeding \$100,000, as well as expenditure on consultants and legal expenses for the year up to the March Quarter 2026.

**Statement by Responsible Accounting Officer**

The following statement is made in accordance with Clause 203(2) of the Local Government (General) Regulations 2005.

It is my opinion that the Quarterly Budget Review Statement for Bogan Shire Council for the quarter ended 31/03/2026 indicates that Council's projected financial position at 30/6/2026 will be *satisfactory* at year end, having regard to the projected estimates of income and expenditure and the original budgeted income and expenditure.



Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ date: 10/04/2026 Stephanie Waterhouse  
Responsible Accounting Officer, Bogan Shire Council

**4. Attachments**

1. Budget Review Income & Expenditure Statement - March 2026
2. Budget Review Income & Expenditure Statement - Notes
3. Budget Review Capital Budget - March 2026
4. Budget Review Cash Position - March 2026
5. Budget Review Contracts - March Quarter 2026

**5. Recommendation**

1. Receive and note the March 2026 Quarterly Budget Review Report.
2. Amend the 2025/26 Operating and Capital Budgets in accordance with the recommended variations listed in the Attachments to this Report.

**Bogan Shire Council**

Budget Review for the quarter ended 31 March 2026

Attachment 1

**Budget Review Income and Expenditure Statement**

Operational Plan and Budget Outcome	Original Budget 2025/26 \$	Approved Changes	Revised Budget 2025/26 \$	Recommended Changes Third Quarter Review		Projected Year End Result 2025/26 \$	Actual YTD 2025/26 \$
		C/F and Q1 & Q2		\$	Note		
		\$					
<b>Income</b>							
<b>Theme 1 - Social</b>							
1.1 Social & Cultural	352,000	5,327	357,327			357,327	14,967
1.2 Community Centres	144,150	34,456	178,606			178,606	162,497
1.3 Inclusive Communities	2,256,167	136,987	2,393,154	10,447	1	2,403,601	1,624,498
1.4 Education	-					-	
1.5 Public Health	1,481,045		1,481,045			1,481,045	1,092,126
1.6 Emergency Services	94,716	186	94,902			94,902	94,902
<b>Theme 2 - Infrastructure</b>							
2.1 Transport Networks	11,901,838	33,304	11,935,142	130,179	2	12,065,321	5,735,316
2.2 Rail Services	-					-	
2.3 Water	2,580,601		2,580,601	27,000	3	2,607,601	2,168,683
2.4 Sewer	676,306		676,306			676,306	554,315
2.5 Communication Networks	-					-	
<b>Theme 3 - Environmental</b>							
3.1 Built Environment	193,400		193,400	17,693	4	211,093	167,716
3.2 Waste & Recycling	1,145,879		1,145,879			1,145,879	1,050,658
3.3 Natural Environment	137,950		137,950	11,250	5	149,200	102,250
3.4 Health & Safety Regulation	263,804	4,467	268,271	1,600	6	269,871	198,624
<b>Theme 4 - Economic</b>							
4.1 Local Industries & Business	236		236			236	236
4.2 Tourism	12,500	500	13,000			13,000	17,157
4.3 Public Transport & Air Services	1,836		1,836			1,836	1,328
<b>Theme 5 - Civic Leadership</b>							
5.1 Leadership, Advocacy & Governance	99,122		99,122			99,122	74,342
5.2 Managing Our Business	9,508,061	173,069	9,681,130			9,681,130	6,504,402
5.3 Disaster Management	-					-	125,001
Labour Overheads	1,133,871	48,410	1,182,281			1,182,281	914,514
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>31,983,482</b>	<b>436,706</b>	<b>32,420,188</b>	<b>198,169</b>		<b>32,618,357</b>	<b>20,603,532</b>
<b>Expenses</b>							
<b>Theme 1 - Social</b>							
1.1 Social & Cultural	536,490	9,027	545,517	17,466	7	562,983	127,786
1.2 Community Centres	1,292,852	64,984	1,357,836	106,000	8	1,463,836	1,162,361
1.3 Inclusive Communities	2,362,058	140,426	2,502,484	9,214	9	2,511,698	1,913,424
1.4 Education	1,800		1,800			1,800	1,800
1.5 Public Health	2,118,709	17,713	2,136,422			2,136,422	1,602,562
1.6 Emergency Services	328,664	186	328,850			328,850	308,891
<b>Theme 2 - Infrastructure</b>							
2.1 Transport Networks	11,056,599	84,177	11,140,776	30,000	10	11,170,776	7,587,107
2.2 Rail Services	-		0			-	
2.3 Water	2,630,705		2,630,705	27,000	11	2,657,705	1,737,121
2.4 Sewer	912,705		912,705			912,705	615,586
2.5 Communication Networks	-		0			-	
<b>Theme 3 - Environmental</b>							
3.1 Built Environment	1,968,084	76,265	2,044,349			2,044,349	1,592,278
3.2 Waste & Recycling	1,068,284		1,068,284			1,068,284	773,443
3.3 Natural Environment	474,078	282	474,360	11,250	12	485,610	413,308
3.4 Health & Safety Regulation	853,576	102,500	956,076	-4,268	13	951,808	552,181
<b>Theme 4 - Economic</b>							
4.1 Local Industries & Business	84,500	23,896	108,396			108,396	89,039
4.2 Tourism	159,562	8,000	167,562			167,562	123,995
4.3 Public Transport & Air Services	92,797	13,000	105,797			105,797	68,313
<b>Theme 5 - Civic Leadership</b>							
5.1 Leadership, Advocacy & Governance	875,725	-1,711	874,014			874,014	637,004
5.2 Managing Our Business (Inc Plant)	5,810,446	52,383	5,862,829	8,507	14	5,871,336	4,069,294
5.3 Disaster Management	28,050		28,050	-7,000	15	21,050	14,630
Labour Overheads	1,133,871	48,410	1,182,281			1,182,281	984,355
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>33,789,555</b>	<b>639,538</b>	<b>34,429,093</b>	<b>198,169</b>		<b>34,627,262</b>	<b>24,374,478</b>

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Attachment 2

Budget Review for the quarter ended 31 March 2026

**Budget Review Income and Expenditure Statement - Notes**

Note	Budget Adjustments		
	\$	Budget Effect	Description
1	<b>-10,447</b>		
	-10,447	Increase Income	ELC PPL Wages \$3,792 Retention Subsidy \$6,655
2	<b>-130,179</b>		
	-100,179	Increase Income	Plant Hire Income
	-30,000	Increase Income	Increase Private work income (Insurance Claims)
3	<b>-27,000</b>		
	-7,410	Increase Income	Increase in Regulatory Fees Received
	-19,590	Increase Income	Increase Standpipe Income
4	<b>-17,693</b>		
	-12,567	Increase Income	Increase to Town Planning Fees Received
	-5,126	Increase Income	Increase to Building Control Fees Received
5	<b>-11,250</b>		
	-11,250	Increase Income	Increase Grant Funding Weeds Action Program
6	<b>-1,600</b>		
	-1,600	Increase Income	Regulatory Fees not in original budget
7	<b>17,466</b>		
	15,000	Increase Expenditure	Wages for Gap Year Student budget moved from other area
	2,466	Increase Expenditure	Professional Development budgeted moved from other areas
8	<b>106,000</b>		
	100,000	Increase Expenditure	Additional Plant Costs P&G
	3,000	Increase Expenditure	Additional Electricity Costs showground
	3,000	Increase Expenditure	Additional Water Costs Showground
9	<b>9,214</b>		
	10,447	Increase Expenditure	Additional Incentive Wages ELC
	-1,233	Decrease Expenditure	Move Budget for Professional Development to Community area
10	<b>30,000</b>		
	30,000	Increase Expenses	Private works expenditure (Insurance claim)
11	<b>27,000</b>		
	27,000	Increase Expenses	Increase expenditure Wilga Tank
12	<b>11,250</b>		
	11,250	Increase Expenses	Additional Grant Expenditure Invasive Weeds
13	<b>-4,268</b>		
	-15,000	Decrease Expenses	Move wages for Gap Year Student
	1,600	Increase Expenses	Food Inspector Fees
	2,132	Increase Expenses	Increase Subscription Fees
	7,000	Increase Expenses	Increase Compliance Management Plant Hire Costs
14	<b>8,507</b>		
	9,740	Increase Expenses	Increase Asset Management import data to confirm software
	-1,233	Decrease Expenses	Move Budget for Professional Development to Community area
15	<b>-7,000</b>		
	-7,000	Decrease Expenses	Decrease Plant Hire Costs Levee Bank Maintenance

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Attachment 3

**Budget Review Capital Budget**

Operational Plan and Budget Outcome	Original Budget 2025/26 \$	Approved Changes	Revised Budget 2025/26 \$	Recommended Changes Third Quarter Review		Projected Year End Result 2025/26 \$	Actual YTD 2025/26 \$
		C/F and Q1 & Q2		\$	Note		
		\$					
<b>Income</b>							
<b>Theme 1 - Social</b>							
1.1 Social & Cultural	-		-			-	
1.2 Community Centres	-		-			-	117,140
1.3 Inclusive Communities	39,228		39,228			39,228	362,310
1.4 Education	-		-			-	
1.5 Public Health	-		-			-	
1.6 Emergency Services	-		-			-	
<b>Theme 2 - Infrastructure</b>							
2.1 Transport Networks	1,567,849		1,567,849			1,567,849	2,742,897
2.2 Rail Services	-		-			-	
2.3 Water	-	3,227,770	3,227,770			3,227,770	3,227,770
2.4 Sewer	-		-			-	80,910
2.5 Communication Networks	-		-			-	
<b>Theme 3 - Environmental</b>							
3.1 Built Environment	-		-			-	55,539
3.2 Waste & Recycling	-		-			-	
3.3 Natural Environment	-		-			-	
3.4 Health & Safety Regulation	-		-			-	
<b>Theme 4 - Economic</b>							
4.1 Local Industries & Business	-		-			-	52,760
4.2 Tourism	-		-			-	
4.3 Public Transport & Air Services	-		-			-	
<b>Theme 5 - Civic Leadership</b>							
5.1 Leadership, Advocacy & Governance	-		-			-	
5.2 Managing Our Business (Inc Plant)	1,732,000		1,732,000			1,732,000	168,228
5.3 Disaster Management	-		-			-	
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>3,339,077</b>	<b>3,227,770</b>	<b>6,566,847</b>	<b>0</b>		<b>6,566,847</b>	<b>6,534,656</b>
<b>Expenses</b>							
<b>Theme 1 - Social</b>							
1.1 Social & Cultural	-		-			-	
1.2 Community Centres	252,309	179,754	432,063			432,063	255,267
1.3 Inclusive Communities	149,024	507,023	656,047			656,047	337,329
1.4 Education	-		-			-	
1.5 Public Health	139,287	28,405	167,692			167,692	152,203
1.6 Emergency Services	-		-			-	
<b>Theme 2 - Infrastructure</b>							
2.1 Transport Networks	2,708,526	12,076,253	14,784,779			14,784,779	5,111,446
2.2 Rail Services	-		-			-	
2.3 Water	295,000	3,876,476	4,171,476			4,171,476	2,804,353
2.4 Sewer	53,000	135,389	188,389			188,389	108,808
2.5 Communication Networks	-		-			-	
<b>Theme 3 - Environmental</b>							
3.1 Built Environment	285,806	218,015	503,821			503,821	166,259
3.2 Waste & Recycling	108,360	120,647	229,007			229,007	48,358
3.3 Natural Environment	20,000	2,638	22,638			22,638	4,926
3.4 Health & Safety Regulation	-	134,916	134,916			134,916	23,670
<b>Theme 4 - Economic</b>							
4.1 Local Industries & Business	24,000	243,579	267,579			267,579	115,737
4.2 Tourism	10,000		10,000			10,000	2,710
4.3 Public Transport & Air Services	50,000	196,550	246,550			246,550	
<b>Theme 5 - Civic Leadership</b>							
5.1 Leadership, Advocacy & Governance	-		-			-	
5.2 Managing Our Business (Inc Plant)	2,070,000	8,491	2,078,491			2,078,491	1,604,622
5.3 Disaster Management	50,000		50,000			50,000	9,672
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>6,215,312</b>	<b>17,728,136</b>	<b>23,943,448</b>	<b>0</b>		<b>23,943,448</b>	<b>10,745,360</b>

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Attachment 5

Budget Review Cash Position

1 General Fund	General Fund (Incorporating Waste and Plant)	First Quarter Adopted Changes	General Fund Total Budget after First Quarter Changes	Second Quarter Review Recommended Changes	General Fund Total Budget after Second Quarter Changes	Third Quarter Review Recommended Changes	General Fund Total Budget after Third Quarter Changes
Operating Income	28,726,575	- 176,887	28,903,462	- 259,819	29,163,281	- 171,169	29,334,450
Less: Operating Expenditure	30,246,145	112,759	30,358,904	259,819	30,618,723	171,169	30,789,892
	1,519,570	- 64,128	1,455,442	-	1,455,442	-	1,455,442
Add back depreciation	3,934,000		3,934,000		3,934,000		3,934,000
<b>Cash from current year available to fund Capital</b>	<b>2,414,430</b>	<b>- 64,128</b>	<b>2,478,558</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2,478,558</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2,478,558</b>
Add: Capital Grants to fund Capital Projects	2,607,077		2,607,077		2,607,077		2,607,077
Add: Sale of Capital Plant items	732,000		732,000		732,000		732,000
Less: Gross Capital Spending as per Draft Capital Budget	5,697,291	50,915	5,748,206		5,748,206		5,748,206
Less: Loan repayments on Capital projects	170,021		170,021		170,021		170,021
	<b>113,805</b>	<b>- 13,213</b>	<b>100,592</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>100,592</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>100,592</b>
Transfer from Reserves	136,223		136,223		136,223		136,223
<b>Cash Balance</b>	<b>22,418</b>	<b>- 13,213</b>	<b>35,631</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>35,631</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>35,631</b>

2 Sewer Fund	Sewer Fund	First Quarter Adopted Changes	Projected Year End Result 2025/26	Second Quarter Review Recommended Changes	Projected Year End Result 2025/26	Third Quarter Review Recommended Changes	Projected Year End Result 2025/26
Operating Income	676,306		676,306		676,306		676,306
Less: Operating Expenditure	912,705		912,705		912,705		912,705
	236,399	-	236,399	-	236,399	-	236,399
Add back depreciation	250,000		250,000		250,000		250,000
<b>Cash from current year available to fund Capital</b>	<b>13,601</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>13,601</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>13,601</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>13,601</b>
Gross Capital Spending as per Draft Capital Budget	53,000	12,500	65,500		65,500		65,500
Transfer In from Sewer Reserve	39,399	12,500	51,899		51,899		51,899
<b>Cash Balance</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

3 Water Fund	Water Fund	First Quarter Adopted Changes	Projected Year End Result 2025/26	Second Quarter Review Recommended Changes	Projected Year End Result 2025/26	Third Quarter Review Recommended Changes	Projected Year End Result 2025/26
Operating Income	2,580,601		2,580,601		2,580,601	- 27,000	2,607,601
Less: Operating Expenditure	2,630,705		2,630,705		2,630,705	27,000	2,657,705
	50,104	-	50,104	-	50,104	54,000	50,104
Add back depreciation	630,000		630,000		630,000		630,000
<b>Cash from current year available to fund Capital</b>	<b>579,896</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>579,896</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>579,896</b>	<b>54,000</b>	<b>579,896</b>
Add Capital Grants to fund Capital Projects	-		-	2,372,461	2,372,461		2,372,461
Gross Capital Spending as per Draft Capital Budget	295,000		295,000	2,410,404	2,705,404		2,705,404
Transfer In from Water Reserve	-		-		-		-
<b>Cash Balance</b>	<b>284,896</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>284,896</b>	<b>- 37,943</b>	<b>246,953</b>	<b>54,000</b>	<b>246,953</b>

4 Consolidated	Consolidated	First Quarter Adopted Changes	Consolidated	Second Quarter Review Recommended Changes	Consolidated	Third Quarter Review Recommended Changes	Consolidated
Operating Income	31,983,482	- 176,887	32,160,369	- 259,819	32,420,188	- 198,169	32,618,357
Less: Operating Expenditure	33,789,555	112,759	33,902,314	259,819	34,162,133	198,169	34,360,302
	1,806,073	- 64,128	1,741,945	-	1,741,945	-	1,741,945
Add back depreciation	4,814,000		4,814,000		4,814,000		4,814,000
<b>Cash from current year available to fund Capital</b>	<b>3,007,927</b>	<b>- 64,128</b>	<b>3,072,055</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>3,072,055</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>3,072,055</b>
Add Capital Grants to fund Capital Projects	2,607,077		2,607,077	2,372,461	4,979,538		4,979,538
Add Sale of Plant	732,000		732,000		732,000		732,000
Gross Capital Spending as per Draft Capital Budget	6,045,291	63,415	6,108,706	2,410,404	8,519,110		8,519,110
Less loan repayments used to fund capital projects	170,021		170,021		170,021		170,021
Transfer from Sewer Fund Reserve	39,399	12,500	51,899		51,899		51,899
Transfer from Plant Fund	136,223		136,223		136,223		136,223
<b>Cash Balance</b>	<b>307,314</b>	<b>- 13,213</b>	<b>320,527</b>	<b>37,943</b>	<b>282,584</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>282,584</b>

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Attachment 6

**Budget Review Contracts and Other Expenses**

**Part A Contracts Listing**

	Contractor	Contract detail & purpose	Contract value (\$) Incl GST for the Quarter	Commencement date	Duration of contract	Budgeted (Y/N)
1	Bellrise Investments Pty Ltd	Constrcution of the Emergency Bore Pipeline VP459295	\$ 588,076	1/07/2025	30/06/2026	Y
2	Conseth Solutions Pty Ltd	Subdivision Tender	\$ 569,088	1/07/2025	12 Months	Y
3	Inland Petroleum	Petrol unleaded and diesel	\$ 136,251	1/07/2025	12 months	Y
4	Neill Earthmoving	Equipment Hire	\$ 369,029	1/07/2025	12 months	Y
5	Neill Earthmoving	Gravel Haulage	\$ 58,822	1/07/2025	12 months	Y
6	Neill Earthmoving	Road Maintenance	\$ 84,684	1/07/2025	12 months	Y
7	Countrywide Asphalt	Asphalt	\$ 204,820	1/07/2025	30/06/2026	Y
8	Wils Traffic Management Pty Ltd	Traffic Control T272324OROC	\$ 233,812	1/07/2025	30/06/2026	Y
9	WT & TS Roach	Road Base, Aggregate and materials	\$ 492,622	1/07/2025		Y

Notes

1. Minimum reporting level is 1% of estimated income from continuing operations or \$100,000 whichever is the lesser.
2. Payments listed are those entered into during the quarter on contracts which have yet to be fully performed at the end of the quarter.

**Part B Consultancy and Legal Expenses**

Expense	Expenditure YTD (\$)	Budgeted (Y/N)
Consultancies	184,242	Y
Legal Fees	17,808	Y

Definition of consultant:

A consultant is a person or organisation engaged under contract on a temporary basis to provide recommendations or high level specialist or professional advice to assist decision-making by management. Generally it is the advisory nature of the work that differentiates a consultant from other contractors.

**13 INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES REPORTS**

**13.1 DEPARTMENTAL ACTIVITY REPORT**

**1. Introduction**

The purpose of this report is to provide Council with information regarding the activities of the Infrastructure Services Department

**2. Background**

A regular activity report is provided for the information of Councillors.

**3. Discussion**

**Roads**

Road work undertaken for the reporting period 7<sup>th</sup> March to 8<sup>th</sup> April consisted of the following:

No.	Name	Comments
	Local Roads	
11	Honeybugle Road	Resheeting and maintenance grading
5	Peisley Road	Maintenance Grading and resheeting
24	Canonbar Road	Maintenance Grading and Resheeting

	State Highways	
HW7	Mitchell Highway	Weed Spraying Reseals
HW8	Barrier Highway	Weed Maintenance Shoulder Grading Heavy patching Reseals
HW70	Arthur Hall VC Way	Shoulder Grading

Council has completed pothole repairs on the following roads:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• HWY 8 Barrier Highway</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Town Streets</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• MR228 Hermidale Nymagee Road</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Moonagee Rd</li> </ul>

The Upcoming / Ongoing Road Works Program includes, but is not limited to, the following works:

- New Bogan – Resheeting
- Arthur Hall VC Way and Mitchell HWY 7 – Resealing
- Kallara – RERRF Resheeting 2 km's
- Dickson's Road – RERRF Resheeting 1 km

#### 4. **Works and Services**

The work undertaken during this reporting period consisted of the following:

##### Civil Works

- Cleaned up illegal dumping
- Installed slab for pickle ball court at BSYCC (contractors)
- Reshaped nature strip Bogan St in front of Bowling club to rectify trip hazard
- Installed slab and Ping Pong table at BSYCC
- Carried out sections of footpath replacement Dandaloo St
- Carried out painting Arts & Crafts section Wye Pavilion
- Restoration works carried out on cenotaph

##### Community Facilities

- Mowing/slashing and maintenance of ovals, reserves and highway approaches to Nyngan (ongoing)
- Cleaning of town facilities.
- Cleaning and sweeping of the Nyngan CBD.
- Preparation for Hermidale sports day
- Removed part of Damaged shade sail O'Reilly Park
- Tree removal / pruning to maintain the Obstacle Limitation Surfaces (OLS) associated with Nyngan aerodrome. OLS is surface in the airspace around airports that define limits for the height and placement of obstacles to ensure the safety and efficiency of aircraft operations.
- Carried out Quarterly wash down of CBD, Medical centre

##### Water & Wastewater

- Village water supply levels as follows:
  - Coolabah 15%
  - Girilambone 10%
  - Wilga 6% (pumping from Wilga to Coolabah)

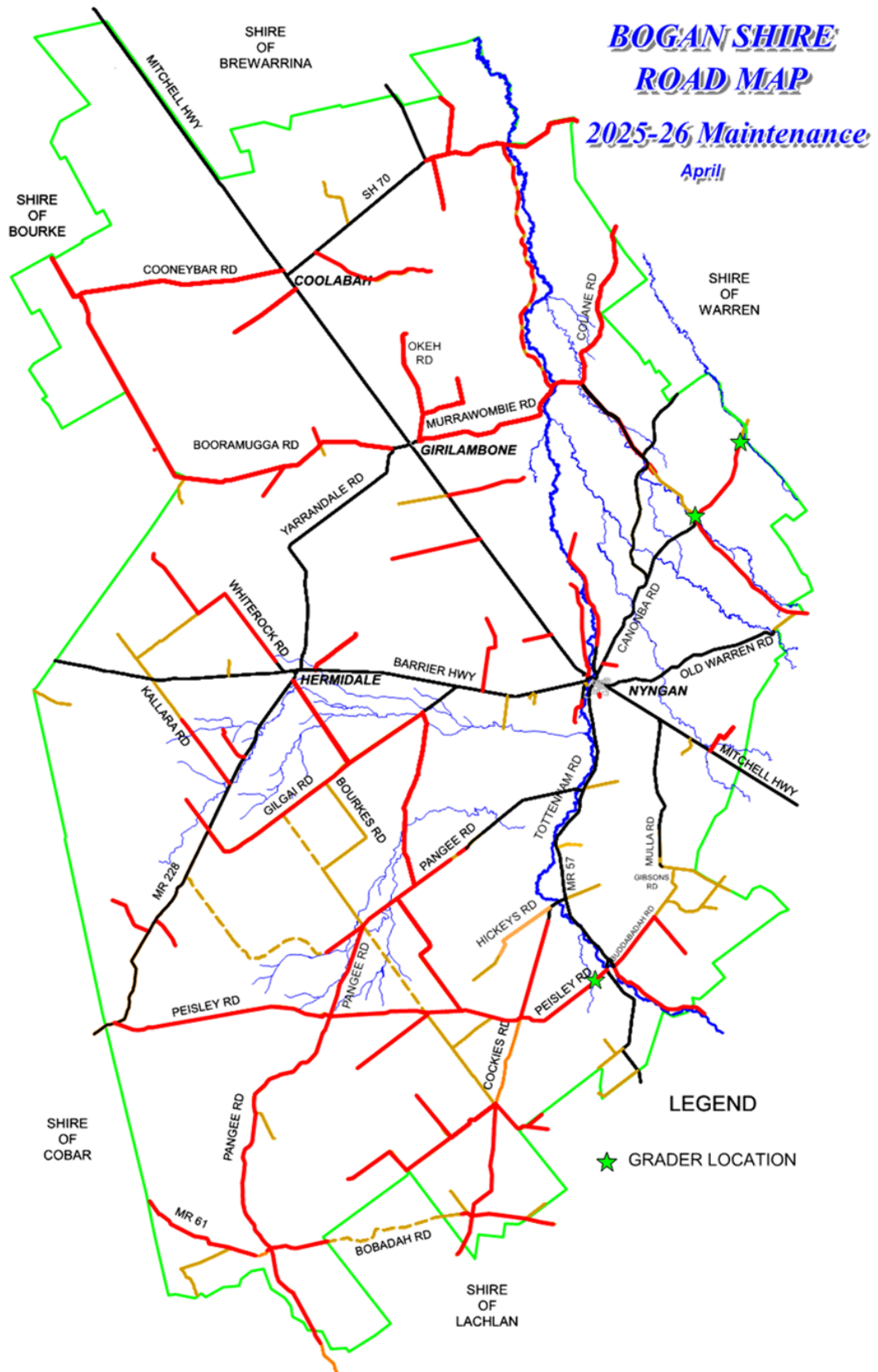
- Repaired break on 300mm raw water rising main in Terangion St
- Replaced section of 100mm AC water main under driveway corner of Cobar and Mudal Streets
- Repaired water service 52 Bogan Street
- Removed sewer choke Davison Park toilet block
- Repaired leak on 50mm service to saleyards
- Assisted in pressure testing of Nyngan Emergency Bore Pipeline

## **5. Attachments**

1. Maintenance Map April 2026

## **6. Recommendation**

That the Infrastructure Departmental report be received and noted.



## 13.2 NYNGAN SEWAGE PLANT OPTIONS ASSESSMENT

### 1. Introduction

The purpose of this paper is to present an overview of the Nyngan Sewage Treatment Plant (STP) Options Assessment report to Council.

### 2. Background

As part of an Integrated Water Cycle Management Program Council has previously engaged Public Works Advisory (PWA) to undertake a number of sub studies. Other items include;

- 30-year water cycle analysis and projections
- System capacity and performance assessment
- Preparation of an issues paper
- Secure yield analysis for Coolabah and Girilambone
- Evaluating and assessing feasible options
- Creating and assessing IWCM Scenarios
- Preparation of the draft and final IWCM strategy
- Preparation of the Total Asset Management Plan (TAMP) and Financial Plan (FP)

In early 2025 the Nyngan Effluent Reuse Scheme – Review of sustainability study was received. This study concluded that.

*The sustainability of the Nyngan Recycled Water irrigation scheme cannot be confirmed at this time ..... it is likely that the existing irrigation scheme is not currently adversely impacting ground and surface water resources nor does it pose a risk to human and animal health.*

Further data collection and analysis is required to confirm that the current effluent irrigation scheme will be sustainable in the long term, particularly in terms of salinity.

The Nyngan (STP) Options Assessment considers options to reduce the salinity of the effluent.

*“Nyngan STP has a design capacity of 3,735 Equivalent Persons (EP). Analysis conducted as part of Council’s IWCM Issues paper identified the current loading to the STP as 2,202 EP. Effluent management at the STP consists in irrigation of a reuse scheme.”*

Source: Executive Summary, Nyngan STP Options Assessment”

Copies of the above documents are available from the office of the General Manager.

### 3. Discussion

As the Nyngan STP ponds are oversized for the current and forecast population, water stays in the ponds for a longer period than is necessary to treat the sewage. This provides more

time for evaporation and accordingly increases the concentration of salts. Salinity is a measure of the concentration of salts.

Several options are considered in the report to reduce evaporation or improve effluent quality.

- Option 1A - Tertiary Ponds Conversion via Floating Baffles with effluent disposal by agricultural reuse,
- Option 1B - Tertiary Ponds Conversion via Earthen Embankment with effluent disposal by agricultural reuse,
- Option 3 - Effluent Management by evaporation only,
- Option 4 – New Intermittently Decanted Extended Aeration (IDEA) STP with direct environmental discharge.

Options 1A (estimate \$374,000) and 1B (estimate \$585,000) offer modifications to reduce the time effluent spends in the lagoons and therefore reduce the amount of evaporation.

Options 3 (estimate \$4,550,000) and 4 (estimate \$8,150,000) present alternative effluent management options with discharge via evaporation and direct discharge to the environment, respectively. These options can be considered if Council deem the existing reuse scheme undesirable to operate into the future.

As mentioned in the Background, this Options Paper is one of a number of reports that will be provided under the Integrated Water Cycle Management program. It is not necessary for Council to make a decision on Options at this time, but to note that further documents will be prepared, further data to be gathered, and that modifications to the STP may be required.

Once all documents are received, prioritisation of water and sewerage projects can be considered.

#### **4. Attachments**

Nil

#### **5. Recommendation**

That the report be received and noted.

### **13.3 COOLABAH AND GIRILAMBONE VILLAGES WATER SUPPLY UPDATE**

#### **1. Introduction**

The purpose of this paper is to provide an update on proposed actions for Coolabah and Girilambone Villages Water Supply.

#### **2. Background**

As noted in previous Infrastructure Services Directorate reports, the water levels in storages at Girilambone, Coolabah, and Wilga have been declining in recent months.

In parallel, as part of an Integrated Water Cycle Management Program Council has previously engaged Public Works Advisory (PWA) to undertake a Coolabah & Girilambone Villages Water Supply Yield Study. It is expected that this study will be finalised in the coming months and will provide an insight into the long-term viability of the current water supply systems.

#### **3. Discussion**

In previous dry times Council has arranged for water carting to Girilambone and Coolabah. Water carting occurs in a number of locations across the State and is a known process that Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water (DCCEEW) can manage. Alternative options require proposals and are subject to an approval process.

If rain does not occur in the near future, water carting to the villages will commence.

Preliminary investigations into alternative short-term arrangements have commenced, and if valid and cost effective, proposal(s) will be prepared for submission to DCCEEW.

The outcomes of the Water Supply Yield Study will guide whether long term actions are also required.

#### **4. Attachments**

Nil

#### **5. Recommendation**

That the report be received and noted

## 13.4 LOCAL TRANSPORT FORUM MEETING

### 1. Introduction

The purpose of this report is to present the discussions of the Local Transport Forum (formerly Traffic Committee) meeting held on Tuesday 17 March 2026 and for Council to consider any recommendations.

### 2. Background

The Local Transport Forum meets quarterly to discuss traffic and pedestrian facilities and related issues, and to make recommendations to Council.

### 3. Discussion

The following issues were discussed:

#### Narrow section of Mitchell Highway south of Girilambone

During the Council's Village Tour in April 2025, concerns were raised about a narrow section of road on the Mitchell Highway, south of Girilambone. This area was identified as high risk for heavy vehicles, with previous accidents having occurred.

Action: TfNSW to investigate when the last safety audit (of this section of road) was undertaken, the findings, and advise how often they are completed.

Update: This issue has been raised with the TfNSW Asset Manager

Council Staff raised this issue with TfNSW during network inspection in February 2026.

#### Bowling Club parking

The matter of parking on Terangion Street at the side of the Nyngan Bowling Club was raised. The concern is that current signage allows vehicles to park too close to the intersection. It was also noted that, on the opposite side of the road (St Joseph's Parish School), the No Parking sign is positioned further from the intersection.

Action: TfNSW to review the standard and advise committee.

Update: TfNSW officers inspected site, and the existing signage meets specification.

#### Access Road to proposed Constellation mine site.

There was a query regarding possible funding sources for the construction and upgrade of the access road to the proposed mine site. The TfNSW representatives advised that they were not aware of any funding.

Update: It was noted that the developer is responsible for upgrade.

Recommendation: That Council monitors funding sources for funding opportunities to assist in the upgrade of Okeh Road.

Nyngan Public School

TfNSW advised that they have been contacted by the Department of Education's Work Health and Safety team regarding concerns about the Dandaloo Street frontage being used as a "kiss and go" zone. TfNSW to arrange a meeting with the school Principal to discuss this issue.

Murrawombie Mine Intersection

Concerns raised over the number of accidents at the intersection of Yarrandale and Railway Roads with the writer suggesting rumble strips and increased signage, including signage to the mine.

TfNSW suggested the next level of driver awareness would be improved line marking, but directional signage to the mine was not permitted.

Action: TfNSW to provide sketch of proposed line marking.

Swimming Pool Parking

A writer advised that recent amendments to the fencing around Larkin Oval has removed 4 – 5 car parks, which were sought after due to shade. The writer advises that parking along the "road to the tennis courts is not very safe as reversing out can be dangerous with children riding bikes/scooters" and suggests that reverse parking on Bogan Street may be the solution.

Recommendation: That Council investigate and install four to five 45 degree nose in carparks on Bogan Street

(This section of Bogan Street has subsequently been inspected and can accommodate the recommended carparking).

Canonba Road speed limit

Concerns were raised regarding the location of the 50km/hr signage on Canonba Road.

Update: Modifications to the speed zone have been approved by TfNSW and are with Council staff to price. (The layout approved by TfNSW is Attachment 1)

Safety Concerns Youngee Street, Hermidale

Concerns were raised at the April 2025 Council Village Tour.

Update: TfNSW have reviewed this matter. There is no crash history and significant sight distance.

Recommendation: That this item be closed out.

Speed Zone review, Girilambone

Concerns had been raised about compliance with the current 70 km/h speed limit on the Mitchell Highway through the village. It was suggested that the speed zone be reviewed and potentially reduced to 50 km/h.

Update: Traffic count results were provided by TfNSW. The 85th percentile speed was almost 6km/h over the posted speed limit, with 28.4% of vehicles exceeded the posted

speed limit. It was noted that traffic speed and movements may change with Constellation Mine (and the intersection upgrades).

TfNSW recommended “Gateway Treatments” (signs and line marking, image below) to assist in driver awareness.



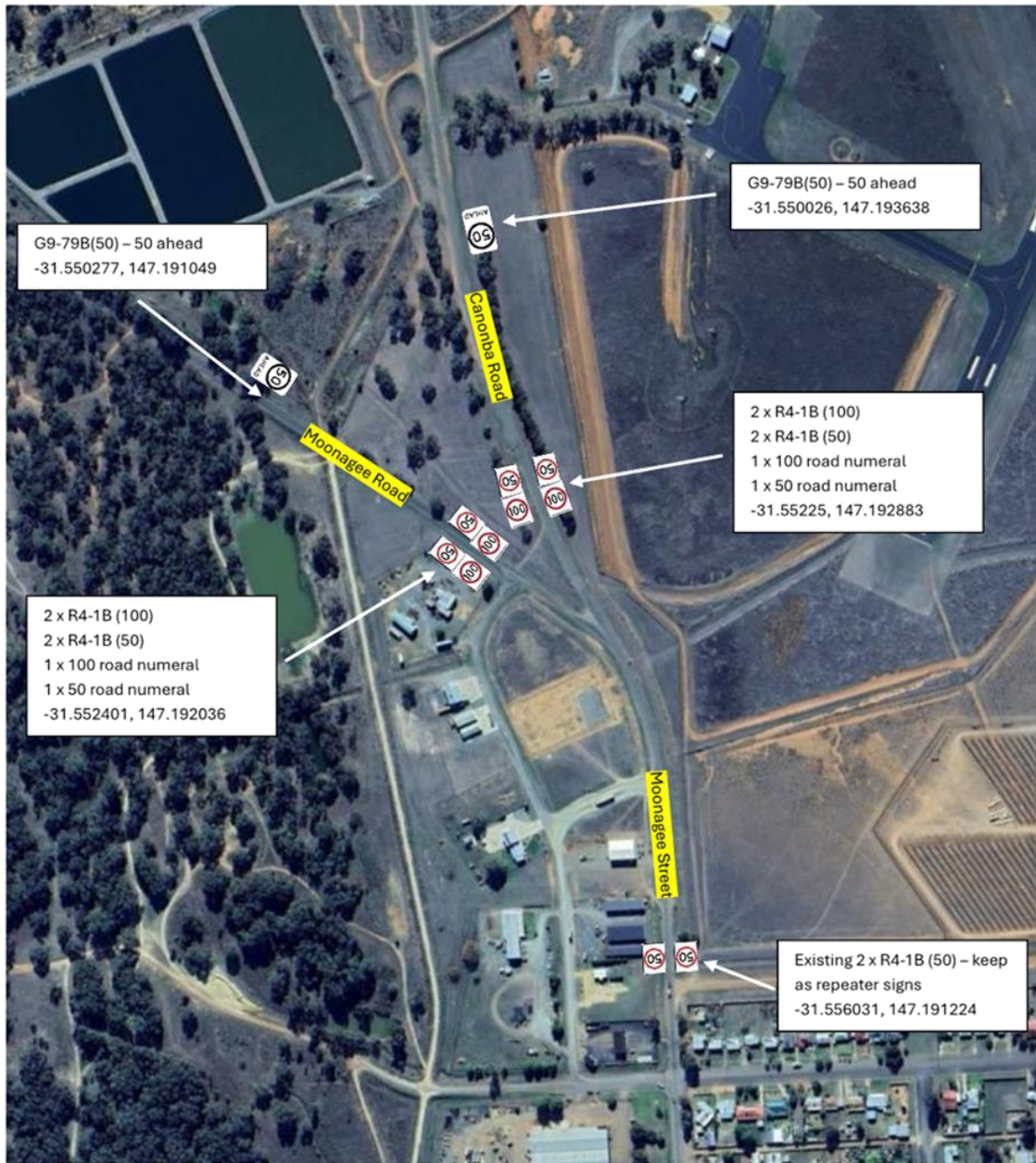
Recommendation: That Council advocate for “Gateway Treatments” on the Mitchell Hwy at the entries to Girilambone.

#### **4. Attachments**

1. Canonba Ssr Signs

#### **5. Recommendation**

1. Local Transport Forum meeting report be received and noted.
2. That Council monitors funding sources for funding opportunities to assist in the upgrade of Okeh Road.
3. That Council install four to five, 45 degree nose in carparks on Bogan Street.
4. That TfNSW’s advice that there is no crash history and significant sight distance at the intersection of Barrier Hwy and Youngee Street be noted, and this item closed out in the Transport Forum Minutes. Further, that this advice be conveyed to Hermidale residents.
5. That Council advocate for “Gateway Treatments” (signs and line marking) on the Mitchell Highway at the entries to Girilambone



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**14 DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES REPORTS**

**14.1 DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS REPORT**

**1. Introduction**

The purpose of this report is to advise Council of Development Applications that have been submitted to Council for approval.

**2. Discussion**

Six Development Applications were approved during the reporting period and seven new Applications were received. The table below outlines Development Applications that are currently under assessment:

DA NUMBER	APPLICANT	LOT - DP	ADDRESS	DESCRIPTION	VALUE (\$)	PROGRESS
2024/014	Mr S Issa	Lot 8 Section 26 DP 758441	15 Pine Street, Girilambone	Hotel/Motel accommodation	\$1,607,026	Under Assessment
2025/011	Mr J Carter	Lot 18 Section 61 DP 758802	101 Cannonbar Street, Nyngan	New Private Shed	\$25,000	Approved
2025/023	Mr A Witherby	Lot 14 DP 755305	232 Mitchell Highway, Nyngan	Solar Farm	\$6,000,000	On Public Exhibition
2025/024	Nyngan Riverside Tourist Park	Lot 1 DP 1320203	145 Barrier Highway, Nyngan	Alterations, Additions and Use of Existing Structures – Caravan Park	\$900,000	Additional Information Required
		Lot 47 DP 824106 - Lot 2 DP 1315800	30 Mitchell Highway. Nyngan			
		Lot 1 Section 1 DP 1121	65 Barrier Highway, Nyngan			
2025/025	Mr K White	Lot 86 DP 755305	343 Old Warren Road, Nyngan	Alterations and additions to dwelling	\$297,000	Additional Information Required
2026/005	SJ Pools	Lot 5 DP 112770	22-32 Hospital Road, Nyngan	New Inground Swimming Pool	\$86,241	Approved
2026/006	Mrs L Herbert	Lot A DP 391455	90 Wambiana Street, Nyngan	New Private Shed	\$30,000	Approved
2026/007	Ms L Lamont	Lot F DP 35812	56 Nymagee Street, Nyngan	New Private Shed	\$20,000	Approved
2026/009	Mr T Lewis	Lot 16 DP 261826	32 Ellen Street, Nyngan	New Inground Swimming Pool	\$89,315	Approved

2026/010	SJ Pools	Lot 2 DP 1034196	7 Oatley Street, Nyngan	New Inground Swimming Pool	\$99,832	Under Assessment
2026/011	Mr R Thomas	Lot 13 DP 751328	654 Mitchell Highway, Nyngan	Subdivision	\$8,000	Approved

Council staff continue to receive enquiries and assist the public in relation to Development Applications and the complexity of their lodgment on the NSW Planning Portal.

Attachment 1 contains statistical and historical information in relation to applications received.

**3. Attachments**

1. Development Applications Statistics

**4. Recommendation**

That the Development Applications Report be received and noted.

	Application Type							Application Value
	Totals		Breakup					
	DA	CDC	Dwellings	Shed/Garage/ Patio/Awning	Pool	Sub- division	Other	
July 2025	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	\$0.00
August 2025	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	\$56,000.00
September 2025	2	1	0	1	0	0	2	\$751,600.00
October 2025	3	0	0	1	0	0	2*	\$3,020,674.00
November 2025	4	0	1	2	0	0	1**	\$1,046,035.00
December 2025	1	0	0	0	0	0	1***	\$900,000.00
January 2026	3	0	0	1	0	0	2****	\$6,319,500.00
February 2026	4	0	1	3	0	0	0	\$1,390,000.00
March 2026	7	0	0	3	3	1	0	\$358,388.00
April 2026								
May 2026								
June 2026								
<b>Total 2025/26</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>\$13,842,197.00</b>
Total 2024/25	18	2	4	9	1	2	4	\$ 4,476,447.00
Total 2023/24	27	0	8	14	1	0	4	\$ 7,576,651.00
Total 2022/23	33	1	7	12	5	2	8	\$ 7,443,708.00
Total 2021/22	26	0	13	8	2	1	5	\$ 6,354,396.00
Total 2020/21	34	3	5	14	3	5	9	\$ 4,107,610.00
Total 2019/20	24	0	0	10	1	3	10	\$ 11,294,300.00

\* Hotel/Motel accomodation + New Multi Dwelling

\*\* Alterations to building

\*\*\* Alterations, Additions and Use of Existing Structures – Caravan Park

\*\*\*\*Alterations & additions to dwelling & Solar Farm

**14.2 NYNGAN WAR MEMORIAL POOL ACTIVITY REPORT**

**1. Introduction**

The purpose of this report is to advise Council of the activities and statistics relating to the Nyngan War Memorial Pool.

**2. Background**

The Nyngan War Memorial Pool (the Pool) was in operation from 4 October 2025 to 31 March 2026 for the 2025/2026 season.

**3. Discussion**

The Nyngan War Memorial Pool had a successful season with a total of 21,698 visitors, which is consistent with the 2024/2025 season as identified in the table below:

<b>Nyngan War Memorial Pool</b>	
<b>Month</b>	<b>Number of Visitors</b>
October 2025	2,716
November 2025	3,672
December 2025	5,267
January 2026	5,049
February 2026	3,268
March 2026	1,726
April 2026	Closed
<b>Total 2025/26</b>	<b>21,698</b>
<b>Total 2024/25</b>	<b>21,765</b>
<b>Total 2023/24</b>	<b>19,852</b>
<b>Total 2022/23</b>	<b>18,064</b>
<b>Total 2021/22</b>	<b>18,202</b>

The Pool played host to several swimming carnivals and activities throughout the 2025/2026 season. These included swimming carnivals for the local Nyngan schools, as well as Girilambone, Hermidale and The Marra small schools.

Other carnivals included the Nyngan Amateur Swim Club (NASC) annual carnival and championships. There was regular NASC Friday evening swimming activities, swimming lessons, morning and afternoon swimming training, water aerobics, and the regular Sunday morning Splashers group also took advantage of the pool precinct.



As has been past practice, free entry to the Pool was provided on Australia Day, with a total of 109 visitors on the day. This allowed patrons to escape the heat and enjoy the Pool’s facilities.

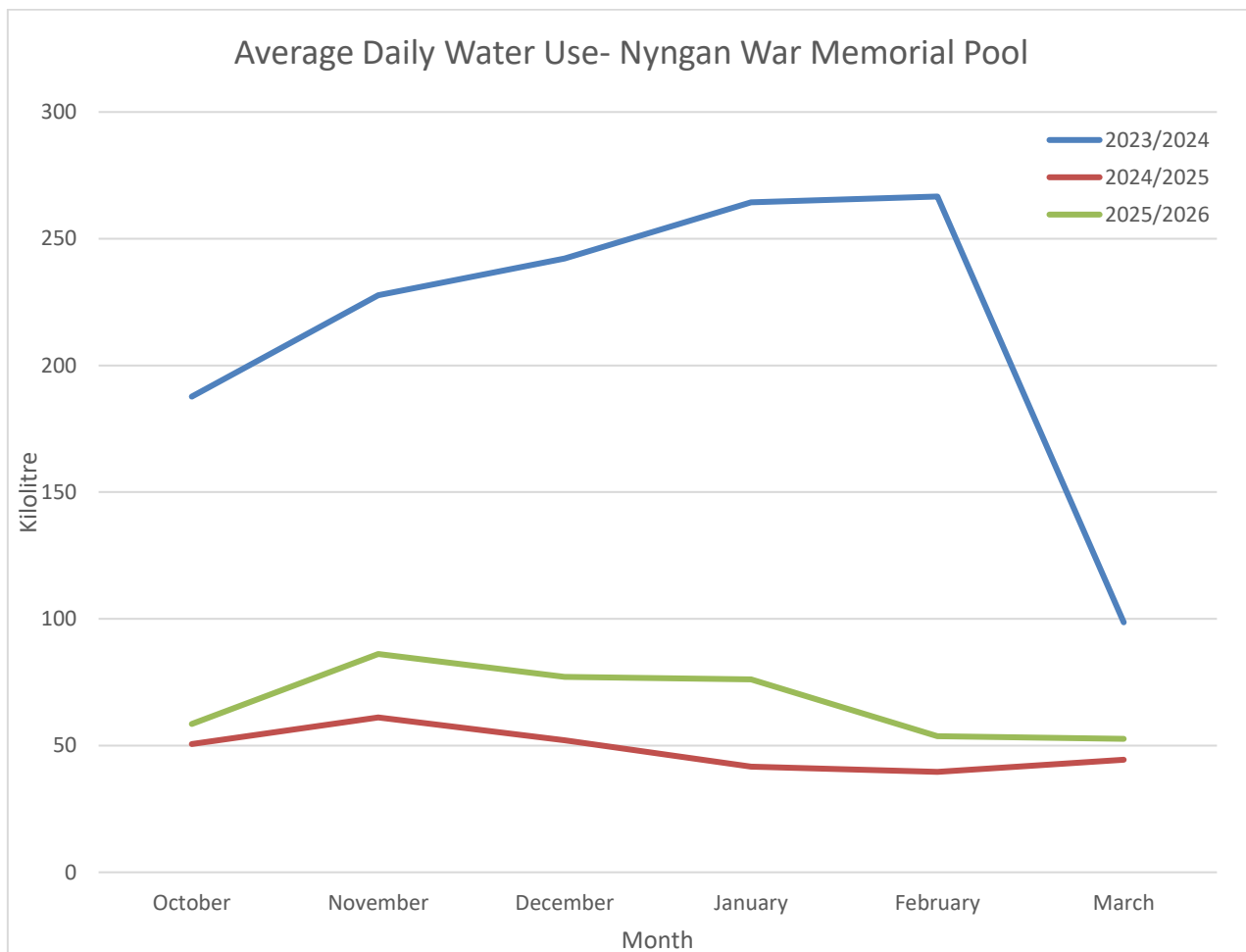
Free entry was also provided on extreme heat days – 28 and 31 January 2026 when 104 and 83 visitors respectively took advantage of the facility to cool down.

The Pool continued to use a large quantity of water throughout the season. Water is lost through evaporation, backwashing and a suspected leak. In recent years work at the Pool has been carried out to improve water losses which has been effective and these results can be seen in the table and graph below.

Average daily water use at the Nyngan War Memorial Pool.

2023/2024	KL	2024/2025	KL	2025/2026	KL
October	187.74	October	50.55	October	58.51
November	227.66	November	61.10	November	86.14
December	242.16	December	52.03	December	77.10
January	264.38	January	41.67	January	76.10
February	266.65	February	39.62	February	53.73
March	98.64	March	44.45	March	52.66

Pool water usage displaying average daily water use data from the 2023/2024 season 2024/2025 and 2025/2026 season.



General maintenance and repair works will be completed during the off season. These works include:

- Repair and replace broken tiles around the pool edge
- Regrouting of tiles (pending budget approval)
- Paint older style table and chairs
- Pool cleaner and equipment to be serviced
- Bubble in pool floor to be rectified
- Replace marshalling area shade sail (pending budget approval).

Overall, the 2025/2026 Pool season was successful with minimal disruptions to daily operations.

This season's success is reflected in the number of visitors and general positive comments received from the public regarding the Pool grounds, splash park and free water slide.

**4. Attachments**

Nil

**5. Recommendation**

That the Nyngan War Memorial Pool Activity Report be received and noted.

## **14.3 ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING STATIONS**

### **1. Introduction**

The purpose of this report is to advise that Council has received correspondence from electric vehicle charging providers expressing an interest to install charging stations within the Bogan Shire LGA and to seek Council's direction on this matter.

### **2. Background**

Council has been approached by electric vehicle charging providers seeking Council's support to install electric vehicle charging stations on Council owned/managed land at the villages of Hermidale and Coolabah.

### **3. Discussion**

Electric vehicle charging providers are currently taking advantage of available grant funding to install electric vehicle fast charging infrastructure across New South Wales.

Under the grant criteria, for every charging unit installed in a metropolitan area, one must also be installed in a regional or remote location.

The current program identifies Hermidale, Coolabah and Nyngan as suitable remote area sites.

Providers have advised that if grant funding is successful, the installation of electric vehicle infrastructure would be undertaken at no cost to Council.

As part of the grant application process, applicants are required to nominate specific sites for placement of the charging stations and direction is sought from Council to nominate possible general locations in each village.

While proposals remain at an early stage and there is no certainty that funding will be secured, this report seeks Council's direction in relation to the current grant opportunity and any potential future proposals for the installation of electric vehicle charging infrastructure within the Bogan Shire LGA.

### **4. Attachments**

Nil

### **5. Recommendation**

1. That Council gives support in principle to the development and construction of electric vehicle charging stations in the Bogan Shire villages.
2. That Council at its meeting nominates potential sites for charging stations in each village.
3. That the General Manager be authorised to enter into agreements with successful grant applicants subject to satisfactory completion of all required Council administrative approval processes.

**15      PRECIS OF CORRESPONDENCE**

**15.1    CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF CLIMATE CHANGE, ENERGY, THE ENVIRONMENT & WATER**

Correspondence received from The Department of Climate Change, Energy, The Environment & Water regarding Nyngan to Cobar Pump Stations Project.

**Attachments**

1. Correspondence received from The Department of Climate Change, Energy, The Environment and Water

**Recommendation**

For noting.

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Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water

Our ref: OUT26/4118

Mr Derek Francis

General Manager

Bogan Shire Council

Via email: [Derek.francis@bogan.nsw.gov.au](mailto:Derek.francis@bogan.nsw.gov.au)

8 April 2026

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### **Nyngan to Cobar Pump Stations and Pipeline Project - mobilisation to Hermidale site**

Dear Derek,

The NSW Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water is pleased to provide an update on the Nyngan to Cobar Pump Stations Project, one of the largest water infrastructure projects in western NSW.

The project will deliver two new state-of-the-art pump stations at Nyngan and Hermidale to help secure reliable water supply for homes, businesses and the local economy.

Construction is on track for completion in 2027.

I would like to acknowledge the Wongaibon as the Traditional Owners and Native Title holders of the land on which this work takes place. We pay our respects to Elders past and present and extend that respect to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

Construction activities at the Nyngan pump station site are progressing well, with several early milestones achieved. Over the coming months, works will continue at Nyngan, including completion of the cofferdam, construction of the intake structure and wet well with fish screen, electrical works and further soil testing.

Construction partner SRG Global Utilities (formerly Diona) is expected to mobilise to the Hermidale site from mid-April 2026. Initial activities will focus on non-intrusive preparatory works, including establishment of site fencing and protection of the road crossing, ahead of major construction works commencing later in the year.

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## Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water

The upgraded infrastructure will incorporate the latest technology, enabling remote monitoring and boosting safety for operators while reducing the risk of critical failures.

The next quarterly construction notification will be distributed by SRG Global Utilities to key stakeholders and the community including local councils, directly affected landholders and residents of Nyngan and Hermidale in June 2026.

The project is jointly funded by the Australian Government, through the National Water Grid Fund, and the NSW Government and being delivered in close partnership with local stakeholders to ensure the new infrastructure is fit-for-purpose and future-ready.

We're pleased to share this important update with you and thank you for your input and support to this important project.

If you have any questions regarding this update, please contact Project Manager Puneet Kaur via email [puneet.kaur@dcceew.nsw.gov.au](mailto:puneet.kaur@dcceew.nsw.gov.au).

### More information

- visit [water.nsw.gov.au/nyngan-cobar-pipeline](https://water.nsw.gov.au/nyngan-cobar-pipeline)
- call 1300 081 047
- email [water.enquiries@dcceew.nsw.gov.au](mailto:water.enquiries@dcceew.nsw.gov.au)

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Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water

Nyngan to Cobar Pump Stations Project – Nyngan and Hermidale pump station locations



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**15.2 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED FROM DUBBO REGIONAL COUNCIL**

Correspondence received from Dubbo Regional Council, regarding an invitation to participate – Airport Marketing Plan Consultation (Lime Intelligence).

**Attachments**

1. Correspondence received from Dubbo Regional Council

**Recommendation**

That Council nominates a Councillor representative/s to participate in this consultation.

**From:** Barbara Konstantakis <Barbara.Konstantakis@[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 7, 2026 9:52 AM  
**To:** Marketing - DRC <marketing@dubbo.nsw.gov.au>  
**Subject:** Invitation to Participate – Airport Marketing Plan Consultation (Lime Intelligence)

Good Morning

Dubbo Regional Council is progressing the next phase of our *Airport Marketing Plan*, and we are inviting key partners and stakeholders to be part of this important work.

As part of this phase, we have engaged *Lime Intelligence* to facilitate a series of targeted consultations to help shape the future direction of aviation growth, visitor economy opportunities, and broader business development across the Dubbo Region.

We would greatly value your input.

**What's involved:**

- Participation in a small, targeted consultation session (facilitated by Lime Intelligence)
- Sharing your insights on opportunities, challenges, and future growth for the region
- Helping inform a data-driven market assessment and strategic direction

**Why this matters:**

Your feedback will directly contribute to:

- A three-year growth vision for Dubbo Airport and the region
- Identification of new route and airline opportunities
- A 12-month actionable marketing and airline engagement plan
- A comprehensive Airport Marketing Plan and Business Development Strategy

**Next steps:**

If you're interested in participating, please reply to this email to confirm your interest.

With your approval, we will share your contact details with *Lime Intelligence*, who will then coordinate consultation timing directly with you.

If there are any considerations or sensitivities you would like us to be aware of prior to engagement, please feel free to include these in your response.

We appreciate your ongoing support and collaboration in shaping the future of the Dubbo Region.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Warm regards,

BarbBarbara Konstantakis  
Destination Marketing Lead  
Strategic Partnerships & Investment | Dubbo Regional Council

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*We acknowledge the traditional custodians of the Wiradjuri land where we work and their ongoing connections to land and community.*

**15.3 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED FROM NYNGAN BAPTIST CHURCH**

Correspondence received from Nyngan Baptist Church, request for footpath at Nyngan Community Hall.

**Attachments**

1. Correspondence from Nyngan Baptist Church

**Recommendation**

That this matter be referred to the Estimates Council Meeting.

**From:** Nyngan Baptist < >  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 2, 2026 10:13 PM  
**To:** Bogan Shire Council <administrator@bogan.nsw.gov.au>; All Councillors;

**Dear Councillors,**

As you plan and budget for community improvement and maintenance, I am writing to request consideration for the installation of kerb footpaths and access ramps at the Community Hall (50-52 Cannonbar Street Nyngan).

The hall is a well-utilised public facility that hosts a wide range of community events and gatherings. It is an important hub for people of all ages, especially elderly residents who rely on safe and convenient access to remain involved in community life.

At present, access to the hall can be difficult for those with limited mobility. The addition of kerb footpaths and properly designed access ramps would significantly improve safety, accessibility, and inclusivity. These upgrades would support older members of our community, as well as people with disabilities, parents with prams, and others who benefit from improved access.

Focusing on public buildings is a practical way to direct limited funding for infrastructure improvements. Enhancing accessibility at the Nyngan Community Hall would strengthen inclusivity and ensure all residents can participate in the social and civic life it supports.

I appreciate your consideration of this request and would welcome any opportunity to discuss it further.

Kind regards,

**Richard Milligan**

**M:** [REDACTED]

On behalf of Nyngan Baptist Church who act as managers of the Crown Reserve R88617 Gazetted as Nyngan Community Hall, sometimes known as 'The Old Scout Hall'.

**15.4 LETTERS OF CONDOLENCE RECEIVED ON THE PASSING OF FORMER MAYOR RAY DONALD OAM**

Letters of Condolence received on the passing of former Mayor Ray Donald OAM.

General Managers Note: These letters of condolence have also been forwarded onto the Donald Family.

**Attachments**

1. Condolences from Hon. Ron Hoenig MP, Minister for Local Government
2. Condolences from Mayor Byrne LGNSW President
3. Condolences from Mayor Firman OAM, Riverina Eastern Regional Organisation of Councils
4. Condolences from Mayor Monaghan, Bland Shire Council
5. Condolences from The Country Mayors Association

**Recommendation**

For Noting

**THE HON. RON HOENIG MP**

Leader of the House in the Legislative Assembly  
Vice-President of the Executive Council  
Minister for Local Government



Our Ref: A1000434 / MO26-0149

His Worship the Mayor  
Cr Glen Neill  
Bogan Shire Council  
PO Box 221  
NYNGAN NSW 2825

via email: [gneill@neillearthmoving.com.au](mailto:gneill@neillearthmoving.com.au)

Dear Cr Neill,

I write to extend my deepest condolences on the passing of former councillor and Mayor Mr Ray Donald OAM.

Mr Donald's contribution to local government in our State was truly exceptional. His 30 years of service as a councillor, including an extraordinary 25 years as Mayor, reflect a lifetime of dedication to public service and to the people of the Bogan Shire. Few individuals leave such a profound and lasting imprint on their community.

His service was rightly recognised with an Order of Australia Medal, acknowledging his enduring commitment to local government and regional NSW. I also note his remarkable commitment to collaboration and leadership in the local government sector through his presidency of the former Shires Association of New South Wales and patronage of Local Government NSW.

He will be remembered not only for the length of his service, but for the integrity, humility and care he brought to every role he undertook in his momentous career. His legacy will continue to be reflected in the strength of the council and the community he served with such distinction.

Please accept my sincere sympathies and I ask that my condolences be extended to Council and to Mr Donald's family, friends and colleagues, and to the entire Bogan Shire community.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Ron Hoenig", written over a blue line that extends to the right.

**The Hon. Ron Hoenig MP**  
Leader of the House in the Legislative Assembly  
Vice-President of the Executive Council  
Minister for Local Government

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### **Vale - Ray Donald OAM**

Like many of our members, I was saddened to hear of the passing of Ray Donald OAM last week.

Ray was a councillor at Bogan Shire Council, serving an impressive 30 years, including 25 years as mayor. He was the last President of the Shires Association of New South Wales before the amalgamation with the Local Government Association in 2013.

He was one of LGNSW's inaugural Joint Presidents and has since served as one of our nine patrons. Ray dedicated an incredible amount of time, passion and commitment to the sector, for which we are truly grateful.

Our condolences to his family, friends and former colleagues, noting that his funeral service will be held at Nyngan Uniting Church, Cobar Street, Nyngan on **Tuesday March 2026** commencing at **11.00am**.

Rest in Peace Ray.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Darcy Byrne'.

**Mayor Darcy Byrne**

LGNSW President

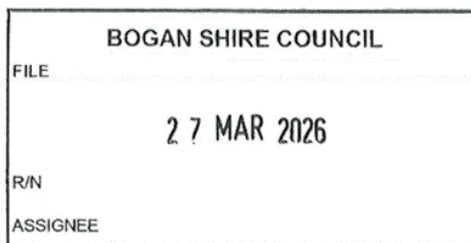
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Mayor Glen Neill  
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Dear Mayor Neill, (Glen) and Members of the Donald Family,

On behalf of the Riverina Eastern Regional Organisation of Councils (REROC) Board, Member Councils and Staff, I extend our sincere condolences on the passing of Emeritus Mayor Ray Donald OAM.

Former Mayor Ray Donald’s contribution to local government and to rural, remote and regional New South Wales was exceptional. While providing more than 30 years of service to Bogan Shire Council, including more than two decades as Mayor, he demonstrated unwavering dedication to his community and was a strong, well-respected advocate for country councils across the state.

Through his leadership within both the Shires Association and Local Government NSW, Mr Donald ensured that the voices of rural and regional communities were heard at the highest levels. His lifetime of service was rightly recognised through the Order of Australia Medal and numerous honours acknowledging his commitment to local government.

Local government was truly Mr Donald’s calling, and his legacy of leadership, integrity and service will endure.

The thoughts and prayers of REROC’s Board, Members and Staff are with Mrs Donald, the Donald family, your fellow Councillors, Staff and Citizens at this time.

Mr Donald will always be remembered with great respect across the local government sector.

Yours sincerely,

**Mayor R B Firman OAM**  
 Chairman



20 March 2026

The Mayor and Councillors  
Bogan Shire Council  
81-85 Cobar Street  
Nyngan, NSW, 2825

Dear Mr Neill,

**RE: Condolences on the passing of Emeritus Mayor Ray Donald OAM**

On behalf of the Bland Shire Council, I write to express our sincere condolences to the Bogan Shire Council, Mrs Donald, and the Donald family following the passing of Emeritus Mayor Ray Donald OAM.

We were deeply saddened to learn of Mr Donald's passing. Mr Donald's 30 years of dedication to the Bogan Shire Council, including his long tenure as Mayor, reflect a great commitment to local government and to the people of rural and regional New South Wales.

His leadership extended well beyond his own community, advocating for rural and remote voices at state level through his service with the Shires Association and Local Government NSW. The recognition he received through the Order of Australia Medal and the LGNSW Lifetime Service Award stands as a testament to the enduring impact of his work.

Mr Donald's legacy will be felt for generations, both within Bogan Shire and across the broader local government sector. He set an example of integrity, perseverance, and genuine service that will continue to inspire elected representatives and community leaders alike.

Please accept our heartfelt sympathies and convey our condolences to Mrs Donald and the Donald family at this difficult time. Our thoughts are with you all.

Yours Sincerely,

Brian Monaghan  
**Mayor**



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## MEDIA RELEASE

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### **NSW Country Mayors mourn Ray Donald OAM**

"Through Local Government and community organisations, Emeritus Mayor Ray Donald OAM gave so much to his community and rural, remote and regional NSW in general. His contributions, his life deserves to be celebrated and will be remembered," said Chairman of the Country Mayors Association of NSW (CMA) Mayor Rick Firman OAM (of Temora Shire) said. "Mr Donald's family have described local government as his calling and I believe that sums it up, and for many of our country Mayors."

The long-serving former Bogan Shire Mayor, Ray Donald OAM passed away this week following a brief illness. He served as a Bogan Shire Councillor for 30 years. "Mr Donald was a true Champion for our rural, remote and regional NSW communities, not just his own," Mayor Firman said.

Mr Donald was Deputy Mayor in 1991 – 1997, then Mayor from 1997 until his retirement in 2021. He was elected to the Shires Association Executive in 2004, Vice-President in 2008 and elected President in 2011, serving in that role until March 2013. He also managed to run his family farm near Nyngan.

Mr Donald received the Order of Australia Medal for his services to Local Government. In 2021 he was recognised for his 30 years of service to Local Government, receiving the honorary title as a Patron of LGNSW and was awarded the LGNSW Lifetime Service Award.

CMA Board Member, Immediate past-President of LGNSW and Forbes Shire Mayor Phyllis Miller OAM has joined fellow Local Government leaders in paying tribute to Mr Donald.

"Ray's commitment to his community was unwavering. He dedicated decades to ensuring rural and remote voices were heard at every level of government," she said. "His passing is deeply felt but his impact will continue for generations."

"The prayers and thoughts of the CMA Board, our Members and Staff remain with Mrs Donald and her family. Mr Donald will always remain a highly respected member of our CMA Family", Mayor Firman concluded.

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**Caption:** The late former Mayor Ray Donald.

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