



G W Y D I R
SHIRE COUNCIL

MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING

Held on Thursday 24 November 2022

Commencing at 9:00 am

in the Roxy Conference Room

Present

Councillors: Cr John Coulton (Mayor), Cr Catherine Egan (Deputy Mayor), Cr Marilyn Dixon OAM, Cr Geoff Smith, Cr David Coulton, Cr Tiffany Galvin, Cr Chris Matthews and Cr Lyndon Mulligan

Staff: Max Eastcott (General Manager), Leeah Daley (Deputy General Manager), Helen Thomas (Manager Finance), Alex Eddy (Manager, Engineering Services), Michael Bone (Executive Officer) and Justin Hellmuth (Business Improvement and IT Coordinator)

Public: Ms Sally Robertson (Gwydir News)

Visitors:

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ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF COUNTRY

The Gwydir Shire Council acknowledges that this meeting is being held on Aboriginal land and recognise the strength, resilience and capacity of Gomeroi people in this land.

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1 OFFICIAL OPENING AND WELCOME - MAYOR

The Mayor welcomed all present to the meeting.

2 APOLOGIES

An apology was received from Cr Moore. and Cr Mulligan

COUNCIL RESOLUTION:

THAT the apologies received from Crs Moore and Mulligan are accepted.

Moved Cr Galvin, Seconded Cr Smith

CARRIED

For: Cr J Coulton, Cr Egan, Cr D Coulton, Cr Dixon OAM, Cr Galvin, Cr Matthews and Cr Smith

Against: Nil

3 CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES

COUNCIL RESOLUTION:

THAT the Minutes of the Ordinary and Confidential Meeting held on 20th October 2022 as circulated be taken as read and **CONFIRMED**.

(Moved Cr D Coulton, Seconded Cr Galvin)

CARRIED

For: Cr J Coulton, Cr Egan, Cr D Coulton, Cr Dixon OAM, Cr Galvin, Cr Matthews and Cr Smith

Against: Nil

4 PRESENTATION Nil

5 CALL FOR THE DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS, GIFTS RECEIVED AND CONFLICTS OF INTEREST Nil

6 ADDITIONAL/LATE ITEMS

THAT Item 7.3 Temporary Occupation & Acquisition Of Council Roads For The Inland Rail Project (Confidential) is accepted onto the Business Paper for discussion as a late item.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION:

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(Moved Cr Galvin, Seconded Cr Egan)

CARRIED

For: Cr J Coulton, Cr Egan, Cr D Coulton, Cr Dixon OAM, Cr Galvin, Cr Matthews and Cr Smith

Against: Nil

7 MAYORAL MINUTE

7.1 Statewide Roads Emergency and the Annual Report

Roads' Crisis

The Councillors are aware of the extensive damage that has occurred to the Shire's infrastructure due to several past storm events that reached sufficient intensity to be declared as disasters that secure Government Funding for the repair of essential infrastructure.

Obviously, roads, bridges and culverts are considered essential infrastructure but the recreational assets damaged or destroyed along the riverbank is not considered essential.

At the recent Roads and Transport Conference, attended by Council representatives, the NSW delegates agreed to call on the NSW Government to declare a Roads' Emergency. The press release issued by LGNSW is attached.

This report recommends that Gwydir Shire strongly supports the thrust of the LGNSW submission.

An early draft of the correspondence forwarded to all the Shire's residents outlining the extent of the recent storm damage is attached.

Annual Report

Normally, the Council would have the 2021/22 Annual Report tabled at this meeting which would also include the Audited Financial Statements.

However, due to the inability of the Auditor-General to cope with the number of LG Audits this Council's audit has been delayed. This Council's disappointment regarding this issue has been expressed to the Shire's Local State Member.

It is expected that the required documents will be tabled at the December 2022 Ordinary Meeting.

MAYORAL MOTION

THAT Gwydir Shire Council supports the recommended action outlined by LGNSW to address the Statewide Roads Emergency.

ATTACHMENTS

6.1.1 Local Government NSW declares a Statewide Roads Emergency

6.1.2 Flood Update

COUNCIL RESOLUTION:

THAT Gwydir Shire Council supports the recommended action outlined by LGNSW to address the Statewide Roads Emergency.

(Moved by the Mayor)

CARRIED

For: Cr J Coulton, Cr Egan, Cr D Coulton, Cr Dixon OAM, Cr Galvin, Cr Matthews and Cr Smith

Against: Nil

8 NOTICE OF MOTION

8.1 Emergency Low-Cost Housing

Cr C Matthews

Emergency Low-Cost Housing

THAT the Council co-ordinate a consultation process of interested stakeholder groups and individuals to establish the following:

The current level of homelessness and other short-term accommodation and storage options required to address domestic or other violent situations within the Shire; and

Establish a community-based working party, from the stakeholder group, to develop possible strategies and outcomes from the consultation process for the consideration of the Council and the relevant State and Federal Departments.

Background

It has become clear through our involvement in the Bingara Op-Shop by both my wife and I that there appears to be an unmet need for crisis accommodation within Bingara and possibly the rest of the Shire as well.

The requirement possibly covers emergency, short-term and longer-term accommodation but this can be established through this recommended consultation process.

In addition to the need for accommodation there is also some anecdotal evidence that short- and medium-term storage options may be required during transitions from a person's existing accommodation due to a crisis situation.

It is my belief that this matter needs to have some urgency attached to the development of the strategy for the Council's consideration.

Cr Matthews' Notice of Motion

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SUGGESTED FURTHER MOTION BY THE GENERAL MANAGER

FURTHER that the Working Party be Chaired by Cr Matthews with staff support from the Deputy General Manager and that further members may be co-oped onto the Working Party by the Chair or Deputy General Manager.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION:

THAT the Council co-ordinate a consultation process of interested stakeholder groups and individuals to establish the following:

- **The current level of homelessness and other short-term accommodation and storage options required to address domestic or other violent situations within the Shire; and**
- **Establish a community-based working party, from the stakeholder group, to develop possible strategies and outcomes from the consultation process for the consideration of the Council and the relevant State and Federal Departments.**

FURTHER that the Working Party be Chaired by Cr Matthews with staff support from the Deputy General Manager and that further members may be co-oped onto the Working Party by the Chair or Deputy General Manager.

(Moved Cr Matthews, Seconded Cr Dixon OAM)

CARRIED

For: Cr J Coulton, Cr Egan, Cr D Coulton, Cr Dixon OAM, Cr Galvin, Cr Matthews and Cr Smith

Against: Nil

9 OFFICERS' REPORTS

9.1 October Executive Services Report

File Reference:	NA
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Delivery Program

Goal:	5. Organisational management
Outcome:	5.1 Corporate management
Strategy:	5.1.5 Provision of responsible internal governance
Author:	Max Eastcott, General Manager

STAFF DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST Nil

IN BRIEF/SUMMARY RECOMMENDATION

This report is for reception.

TABLED ITEMS Nil

COMMENT

Planning

The following Development (D/A) and Development Modification (s96) applications were approved during the months of September and October 2022:

No.	Property Description	Development/ Work	\$	D/A	s96
45/2021	B K Coulton Lot 43 DP 755979 1767 Getta Getta Road North Star	Intensive Agriculture – 999 Head Beef Cattle Feedlot	\$100,000	☆	-
11/2022	M J Coleman, LP Coleman & CA Coleman Lots 1 & 2 DP 581433 & Lot 2 DP 1122235 806 Crooble Road Croppa Creek	Extractive Industry - 29,900 tonne per year quarry	\$100,000	☆	-
22/2022	L A Howe Lo 2 DP 1097091 3 Acacia Crescent Warialda	Dwelling and Swimming Pool	\$120,000	-	☆
25/2022	C M & B J Matthews Lot 2 DP 703733 25/27 Maitland Street Bingara	Modification – Change of use of building to a garage	-	-	☆
31/2022	A E & K L Groth Lot 86 DP 754833 632 Bereen Road Upper Horton	Two Carport attached to existing garage	\$5,000	☆	-
32/2022	A L Capel 26 Ridley Street Bingara	Pre-manufacture Dwelling and Detached Garage	\$365,523	☆	-

34/2022	P F & J C Fletcher Lot 3 DP 1066632 17 Riddell Street Bingara	Secondary Dwelling	\$70,000	☆	-
38/2022	Stahmann Property P/L Lot 20 DP 1112160 1507 River Road Pallamallawa	Rural Workers Accommodation	\$550,000	☆	-
41/2022	SHD Properties P/L Lot 2 DP 866585 246 Killarney Gap Road Gulf Creek	Completion and continued use of an existing Dwelling	\$120,000	☆	-
43/2022	G D & A M Hincksman Lot 5 Section 26 DP 758111 16 Bombelli Street Bingara	Conversion of existing shed into a secondary dwelling, construct a detached bathroom/laundry and erect a carport	\$28,000	☆	-
44/2022	J W Rollings Lot 2 DP 603869 38 Queen Street Warialda	Attached Dual Occupancy – 3 bedrooms, 2 bath each	\$505,000	☆	-
45/2022	L M Tait Lot 6 DP 1239213 24 Ridley Street Bingara	Detached Garage including a bathroom	\$25,000	☆	-
46/2022	R V & N Cox Lot 1 DP 1239213 46 Heber Street Bingara	Detached Garage including a workshop/studio with attached carport	\$40,000	☆	-
48/2022	L M Tait Lot 6 DP 1239213 24 Ridley Street Bingara	Manufacture Dwelling	\$185,008	☆	-
52/2022	S D & L L Adams Lot 84 DP 754842 1201 Upper Bingara Road Upper Bingara	Farm building for the purpose of storage and packing of agricultural produce (fruit)	\$389,829	☆	-
54/2022	Ampitel P/L Lot 1 DP 622557 I B Bore Road North Star	Upgrade to existing telecommunications facility including the erection of new 50m steel lattice telecommunications tower	\$759,000	☆	-

The following Development (D/A) and Development Modification (s96) applications remain outstanding at the end of October 2022:

No.	Property Description and Description of Work	Reason	D/A	s96
49/2016	Ceres Ag 'Gunyaerwarildi' 1470 North Star Road Warialda - Continued occupation/use of rural worker accommodation being the installation of a number of premanufactured cabins	Approved in principle awaiting compliance certification or engineering certification for the cabins. This has been followed up with the new owners. No response yet.	☆	-
39/2019	DJ Bull Fairford Road Warialda - 2 Lot Large Lot Subdivision	Request for additional information from applicant in relation to requirements under the Biodiversity	☆	-

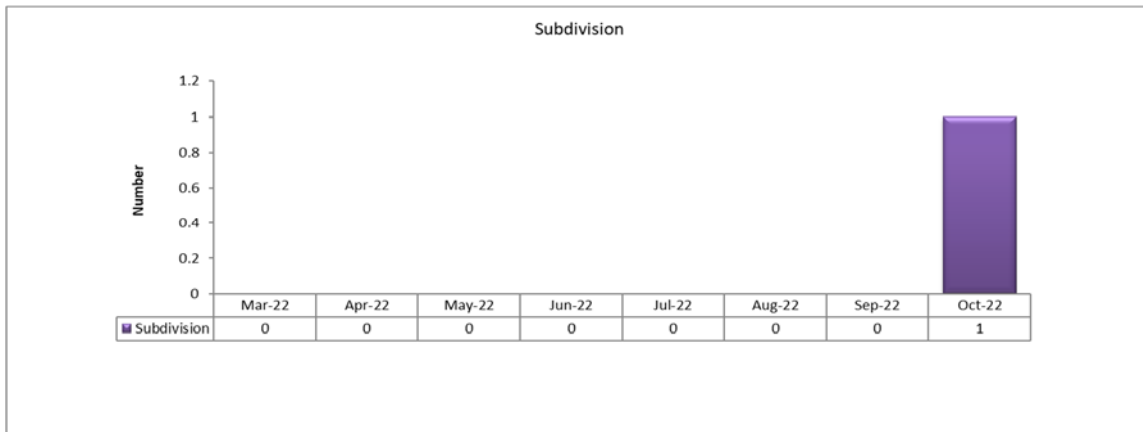
		Conservation Act 2016		
08/2022	D Shepherd 65 Hope Street Warialda - Urban Subdivision	Awaiting Re-Referral Response from RFS	☆	-
27/2022	R Sheridan / G A Norman 11 Salter Street Bingara - Modification of existing approval for a dwelling and detached garage – change dwelling cladding	On exhibition and neighbour notification for 14 days	-	☆
36/2022	J Flu / Gwydir Shire Council 152 Long Street Warialda - Additions and alteration to existing Aged Care Facility	Request of Additional Information	☆	-
47/2022	J Bourne / G V Gibson 3616 Trevallyn Road Upper Horton - Demolition of two existing dwelling, the construction of a new 5-bedroom dwelling and a detached carport	Awaiting Assessment	☆	-
48/2022	L M Tait 24 Ridley Street Bingara - 2-bedroom Dwelling	Being Assessed	☆	-
50/2022	M J Keating 12 East Street Bingara - 3 Bedroom Manufactured Dwelling	Awaiting Assessment	☆	-
51/2022	R J Barwick 228 Campbell Lane Gravesend - Private Cemetery	Awaiting Assessment	☆	-
53/2022	T R & K A Allen 17 Cunningham Street Bingara - Swimming Pool and detached garage	On exhibition and neighbour notification for 14 days	☆	-
55/2022	R Aleckson / M A Churchland & D W Low 77 High Street Warialda - Garage	On exhibition and neighbour notification for 14 days	☆	-

There were no Development (D/A) or Development Modifications (s96) applications approved and not previously reported to Council for the months of September and October 2022.

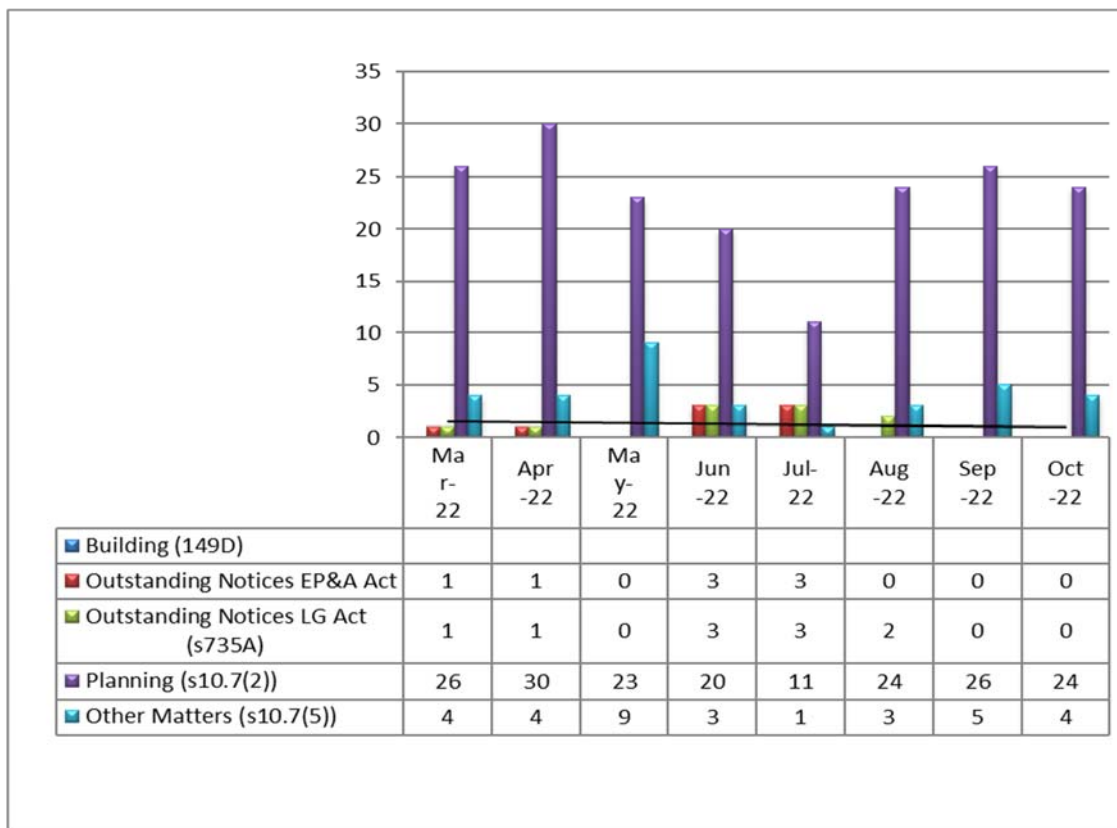
There were no Development (D/A) or Development Modifications (s96) application(s) refused (R)/ withdrawn (W)/ cancelled (C) during the months of September and October 2022.

There were no Development (D/A) applications determined where there has been a variation in standards under clause 4.6 of the Gwydir Local Environmental Plan 2013 during the months of September and October 2022.

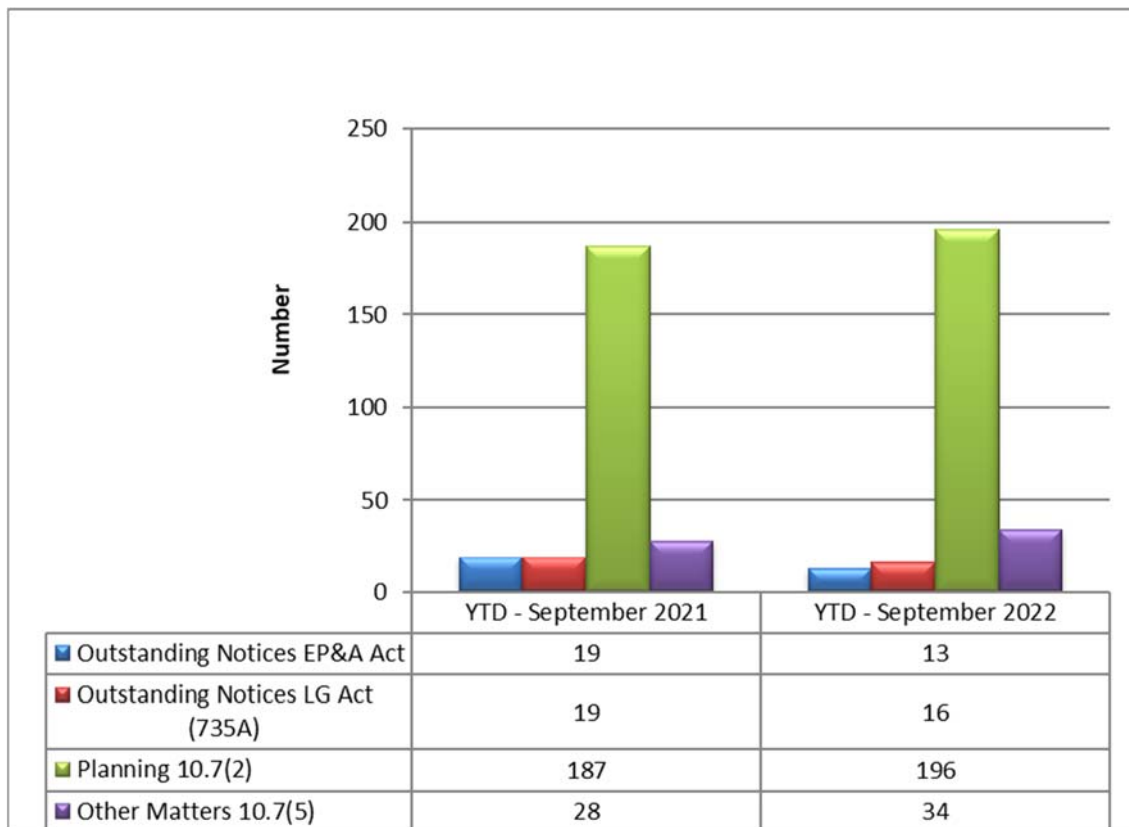
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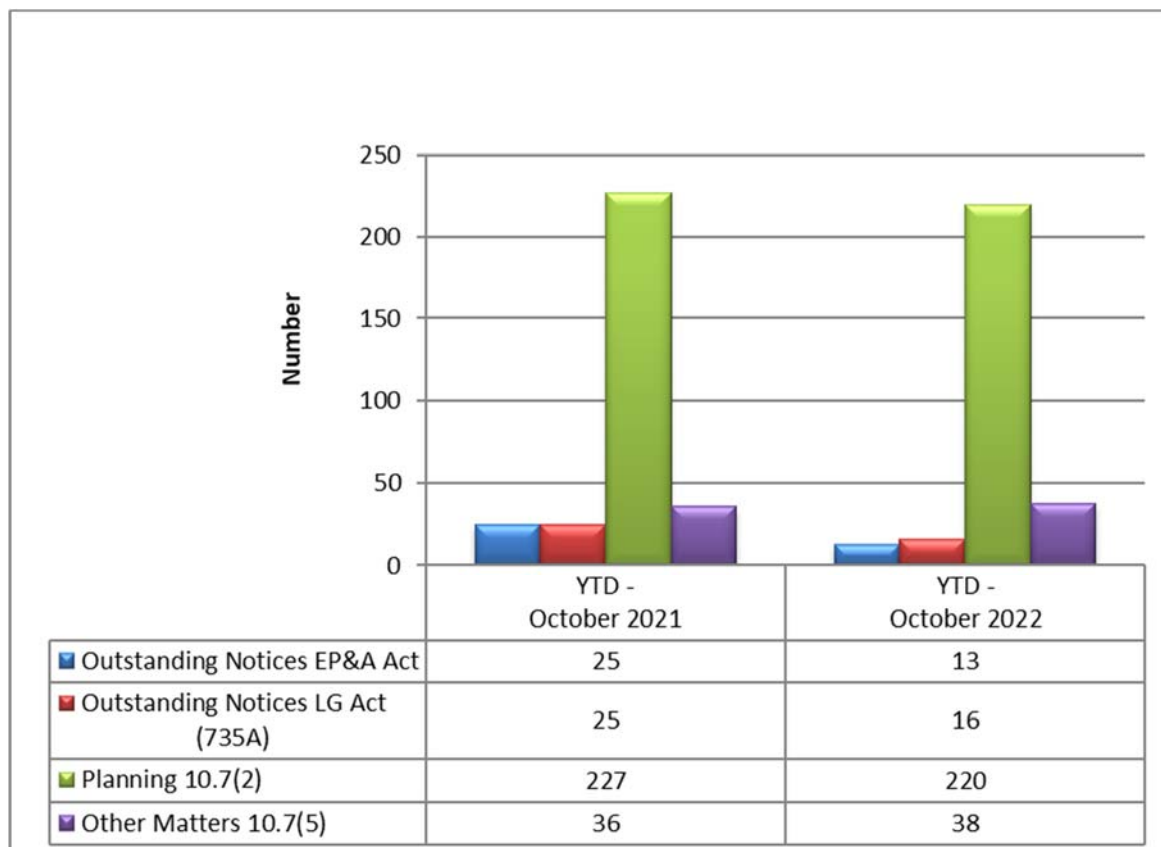
The following graph shows the Conveyancing Certificates issued during the months of September and October 2022 compared to the previous five months:



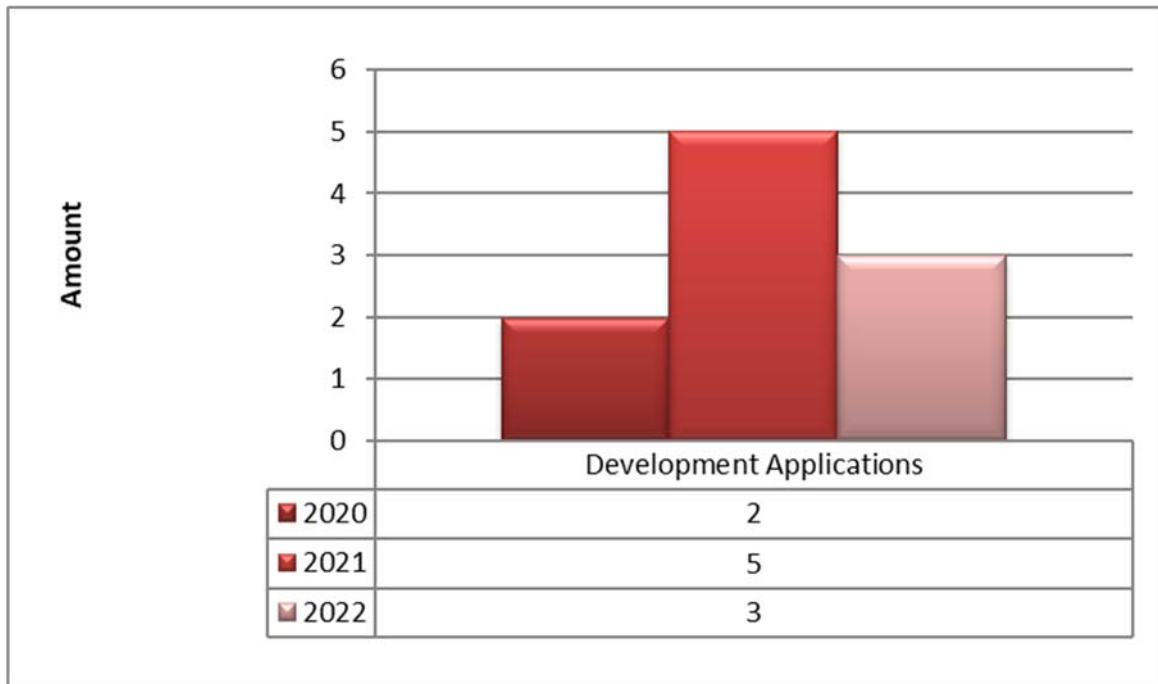
The following graph shows the Conveyancing Certificates issued up to and including the month of September 2022 compared with the same period in 2021:



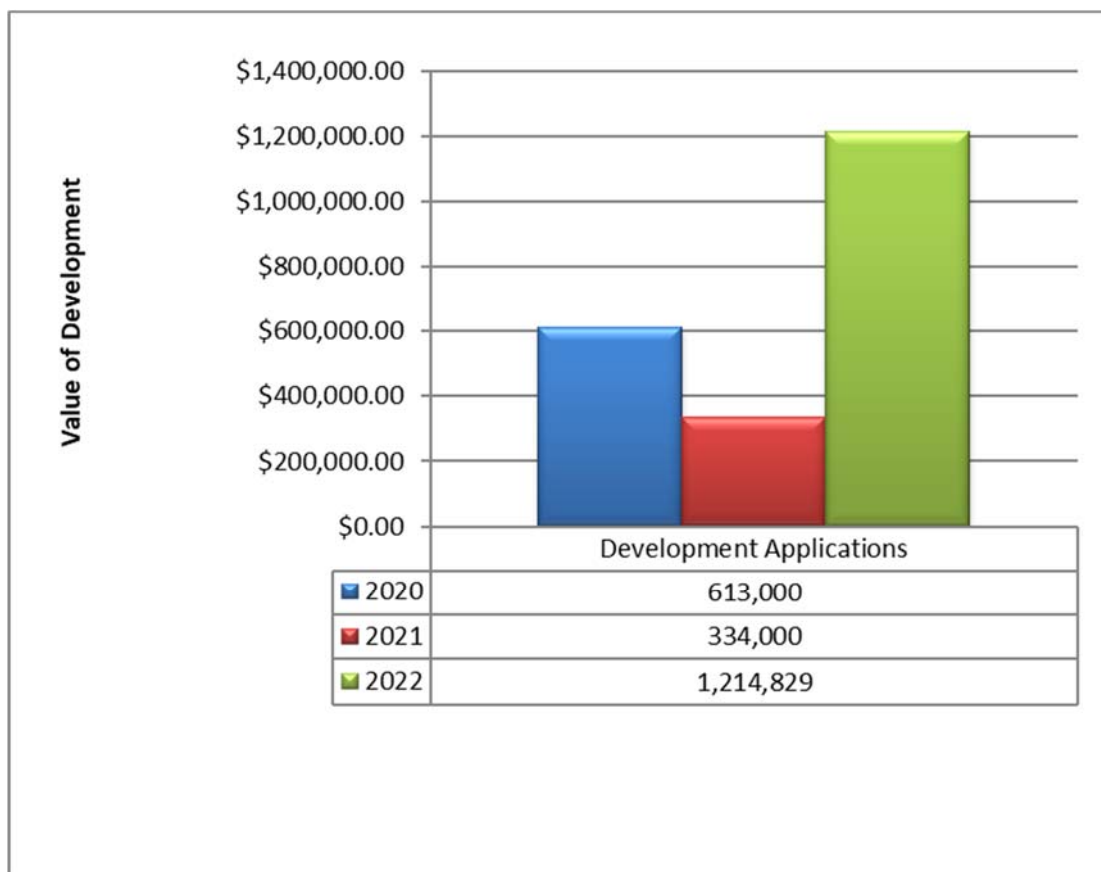
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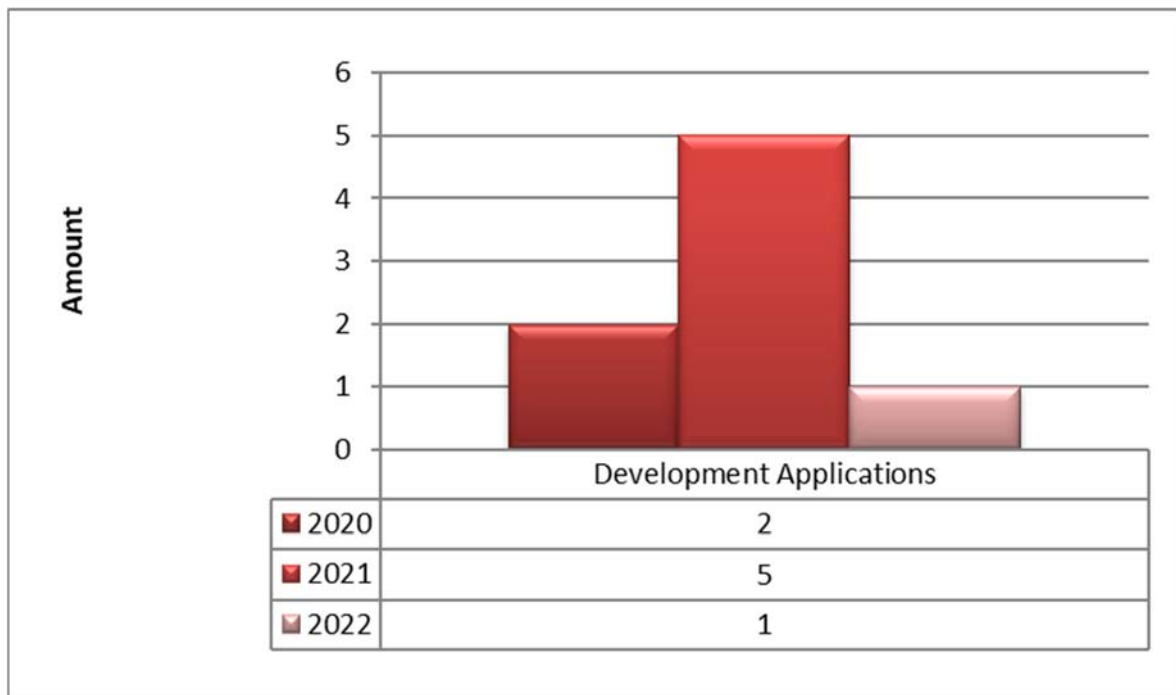
The table below shows a comparison between total applications lodged during the month of September 2022 compared to the same period in the previous two years:



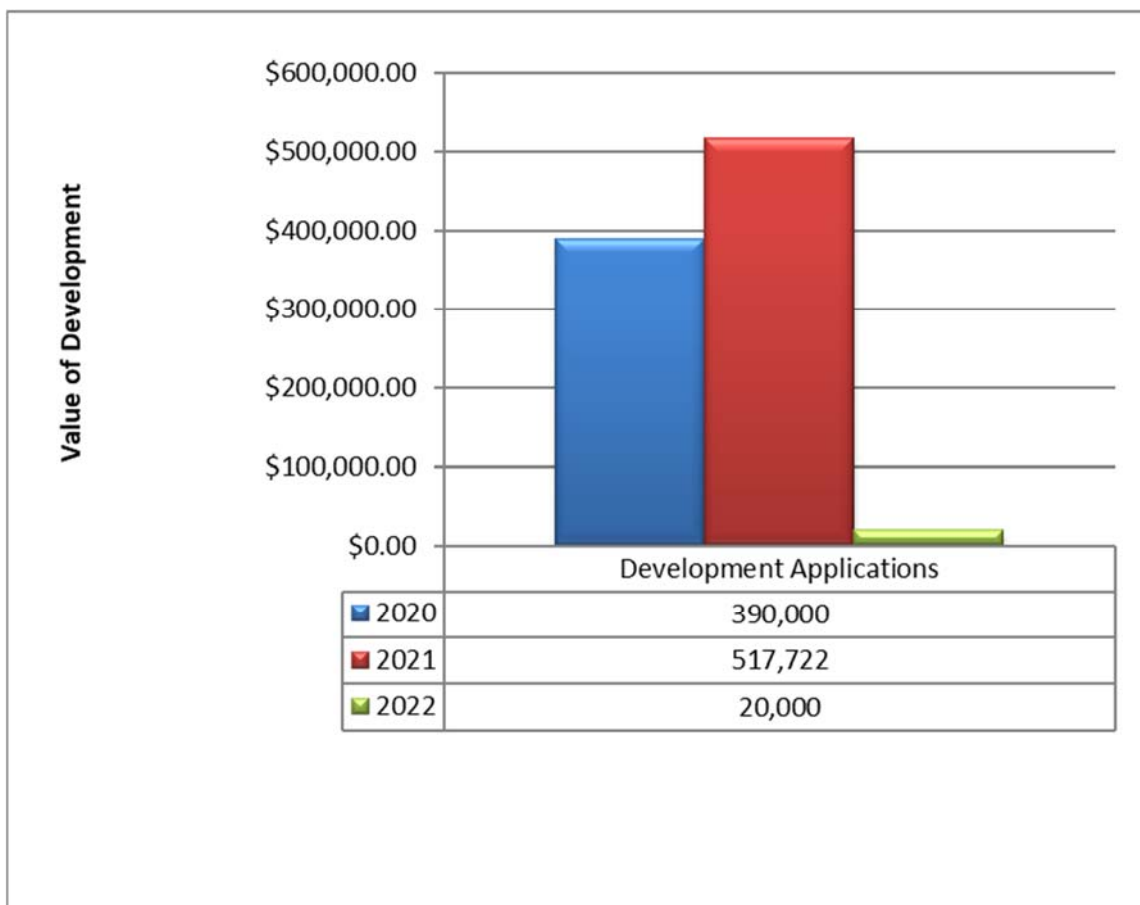
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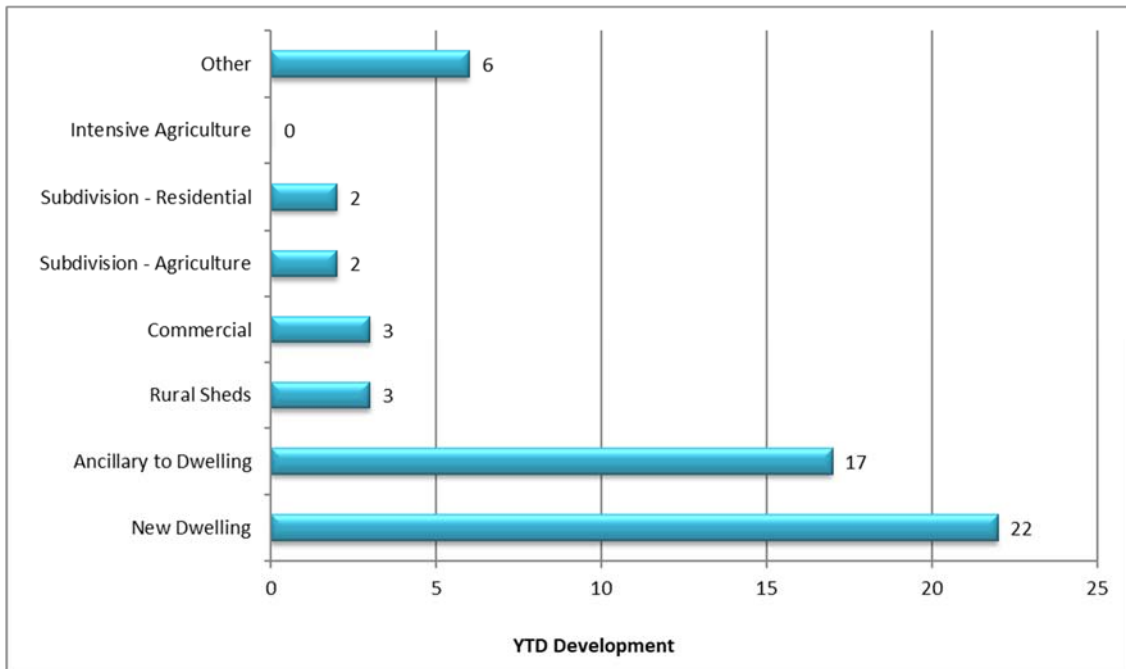
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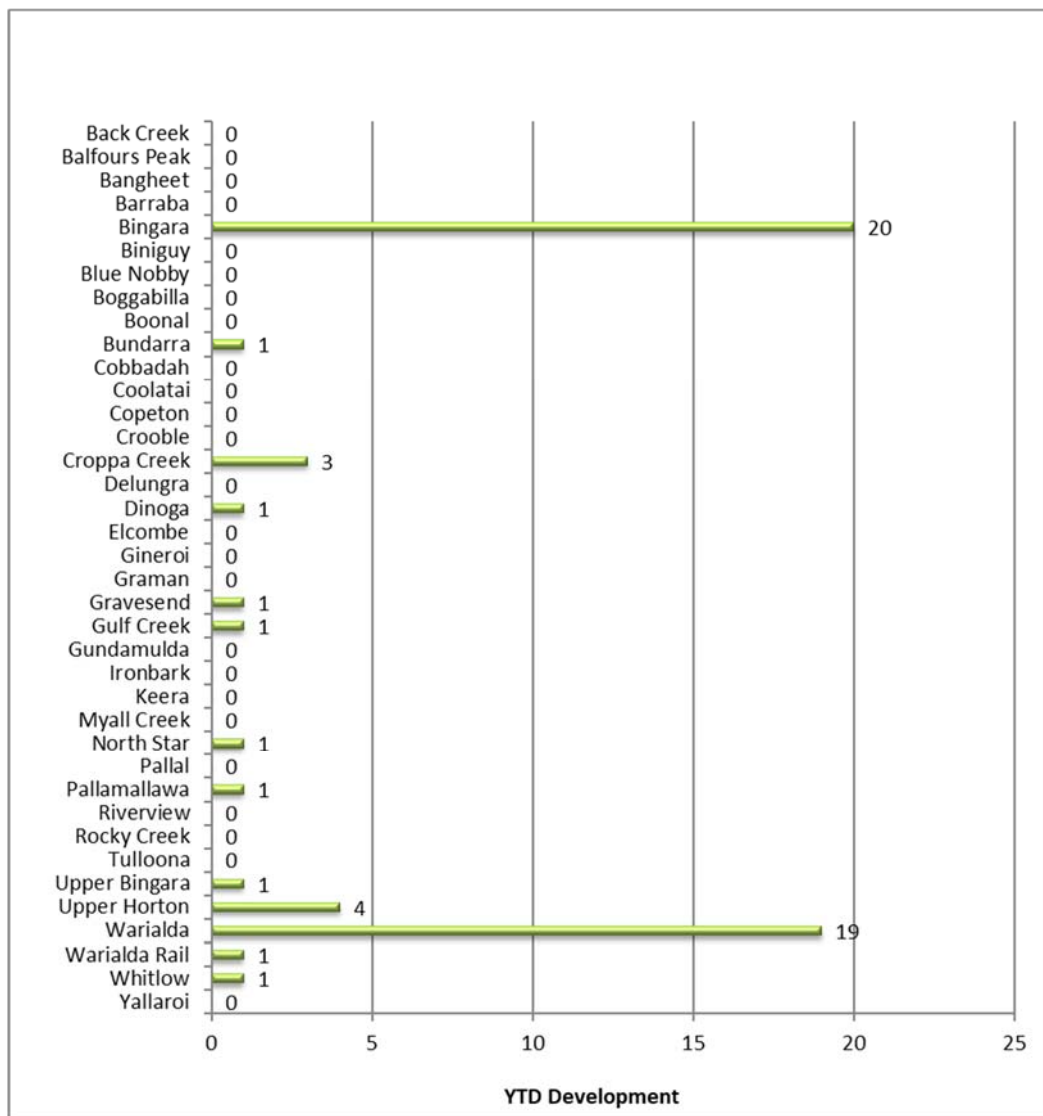
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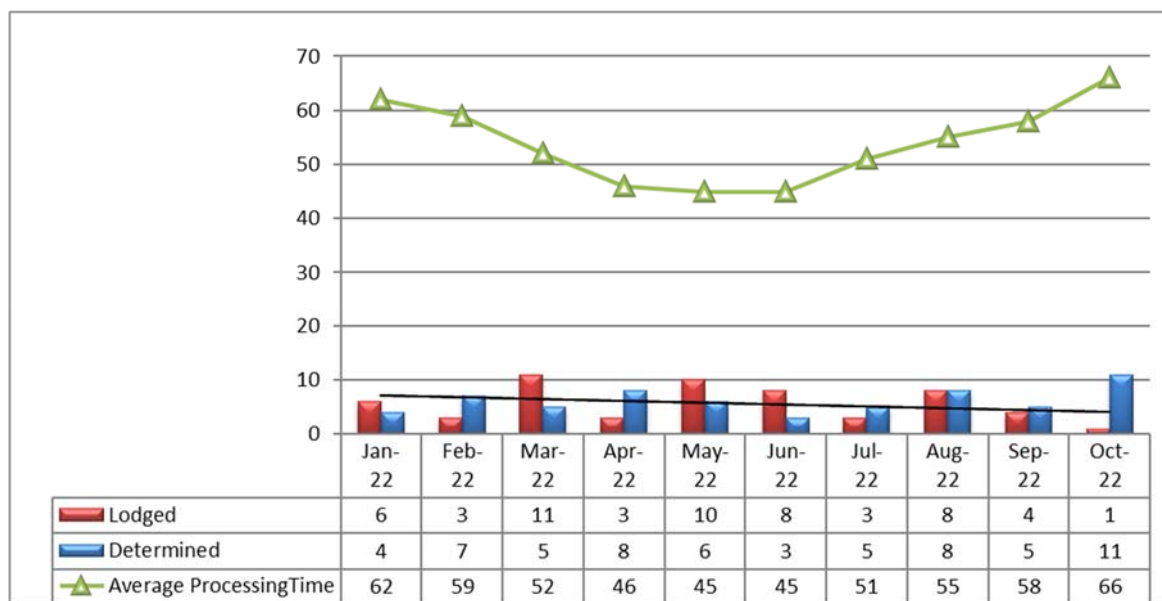
Development Applications received for the year by type – YTD October 2022:



Development Applications received for the year by locality – YTD October 2022:



Development Application Analysis – for the ten months up to the end of October 2022:



BUILDING SERVICES – SEPTEMBER & OCTOBER 2022

The Department continues to receive enquiries and provide advice on a range of planning and building matters including:

- Minor structure construction e.g., sheds
- Commercial opportunities and construction
- Basix (Building Sustainability Index)
- Bushfire requirements
- Building construction standards and requirements
- Stormwater
- Licensing and owner builder requirements
- Fees and charges
- Advice and assistance with lodgment of applications on the NSW Planning Portal

Approvals

The following Construction Certificate (C/C), Complying Development Certificate (CDC), Building Information Certificate (BIC) and S68 applications have been approved for the month of September and October 2022.

Application Type & No.	Property Description	Development/Work	\$
Construction Certificate CC 22/2022	3 Acacia Crescent Warialda	Construction of new 1 bedroom dwelling and swimming pool	\$120,000
Construction Certificate CC 25/2022	25 Maitland Street Bingara	Shed	\$40,000
Construction Certificate CC 39/2022	2199 Buckie Road Croppa Creek	Farm Building/Shed	\$146,500
Construction Certificate CC 40/2022	25 Maitland Street Bingara	Storage Shed	\$25,000

Construction Certificate CC 52/2022	1201 Upper Bingara Rd Upper Bingara	Class 8 Farm Building for storage and processing of produce (fruit)	\$389,829
Section 68 S68 15/2022	25 Keera Street Bingara	Installation of pre-manufactured dwelling and associated water supply, sewerage and stormwater work (DA 29/2022)	N/A
Section 68 S68 21/2022	26 Ridley Street Bingara	Installation of pre-manufactured dwelling and associated water supply, sewerage and stormwater work (DA 32/2022)	N/A
Section 68 S68 24/2022	Warialda Recreation Ground Holden Street Warialda	2022 Warialda Honey Festival – Amusement devices	N/A
Complying Development CDC 6/2022	5 Brigalow Street Bingara	Swimming Pool	\$40,000

The following applications have been approved by a Private Certifier.

Application Type & No.	Property Description	Development/Work	\$
Construction Certificate CC 26/2022	31 Market Street Warialda	Attached Carport	\$10,000

Number Of Complaints/Inspections September and October 2022

Type	No.	Yr. to Date	Actioned	Pending
Building	101	131	124	7

BUILDING MAINTENANCE

The Department continues to receive requests to carry out minor maintenance and these are generally dealt with in a timely manner. Otherwise, the works are scheduled into maintenance staff building activities including new works for attention.

Projects Worked On

Staff worked on the following projects during September and October 2022:

- Bingara Pre-School – Additions are nearing completion with the interior fitout complete and the new front deck constructed with only the roofing to be completed.
- Wellness and Interpretive Centre – construction has commenced and is progressing well but has been hampered by the adverse weather conditions.
- Bingara Showground (old amenities) – Upgrades have commenced on the old amenities building.



New deck at the Bingara Pre-School



Progress on the Slab at the Wellness and Interpretive Centre



Bingara Showground – upgrades to the old amenities building

Environment & Sustainability Department 29 August to 30 October 2022

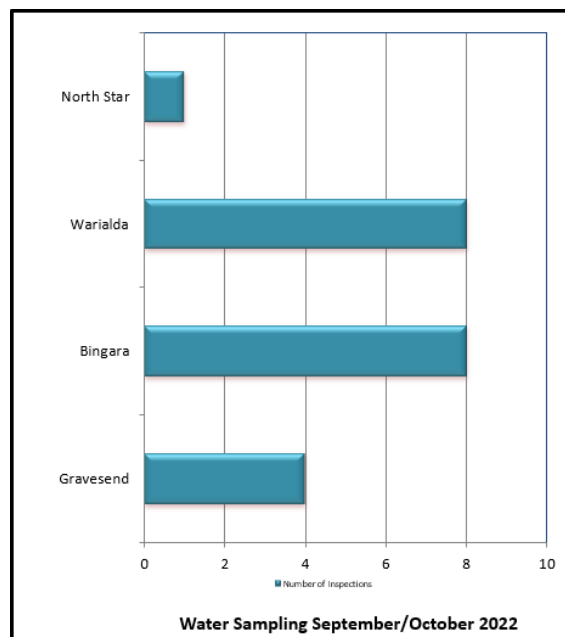
The Department continues to receive enquiries and provide advice on a range of health matters including

- Overgrown properties

- Food premises design and fit-out
- Food handling practices
- Mobile food vendors
- Food business notification
- Pet Ownership

Water Surveillance

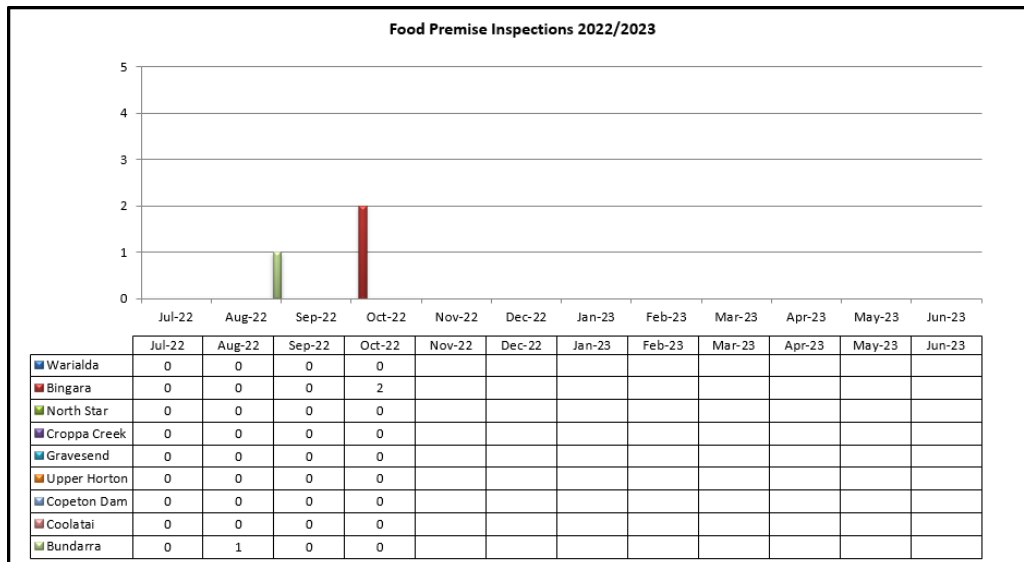
The Department continues to carry out routine sample collection for microbiological and chemical testing of the water supplies in the towns of Warialda and Bingara, fortnightly sampling of Gravesend and monthly sampling at North Star.



Food Inspections

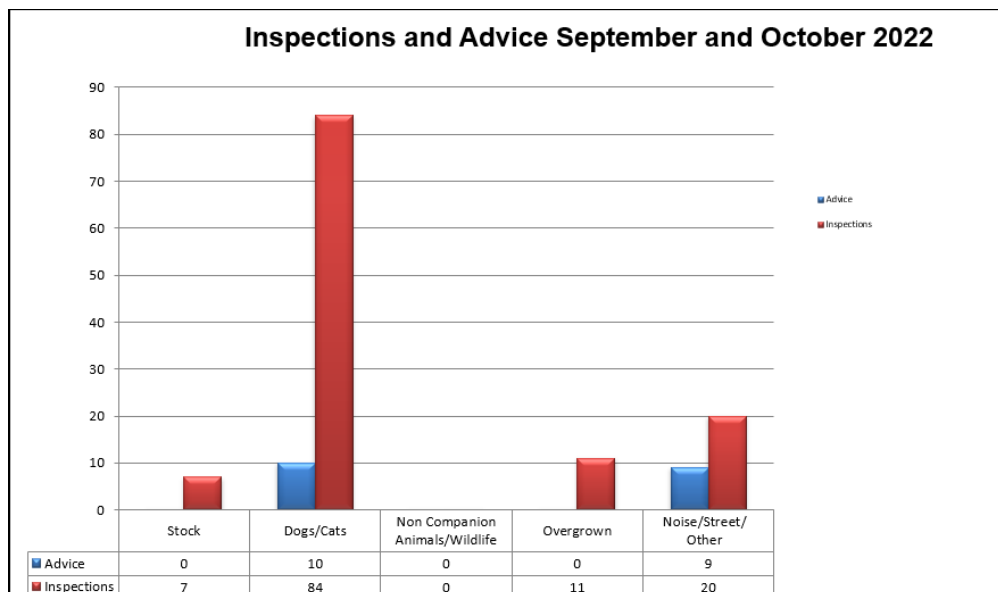
Food Premise Inspections are carried out on an annual basis for each food business. There are approximately 40 registered food service businesses within the Council area including supermarkets, clubs/pubs, motels, bakeries, cafés and takeaway food shops, mobile food vendors and school canteens. Depending on the nature of the food being served some businesses are exempt from inspection unless a complaint or issue arises.

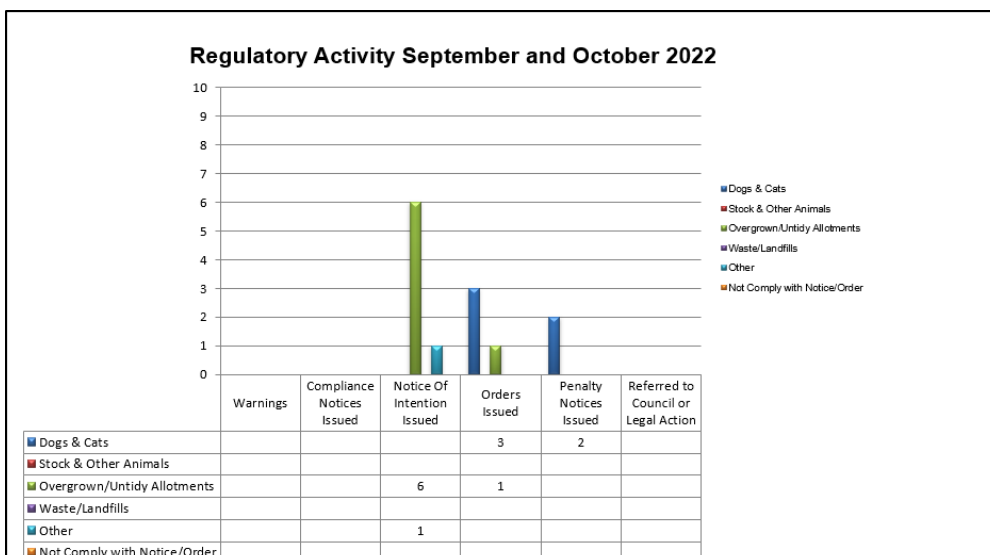
The graph below shows inspections that have been carried for the current financial year. Enquiries or complaints are actioned as necessary.



Compliance and Regulatory Control

Council receives customer requests regarding overgrown block, roaming dogs, roaming stock, noise, the keeping of animals and other concerns. These are investigated and actioned as necessary.

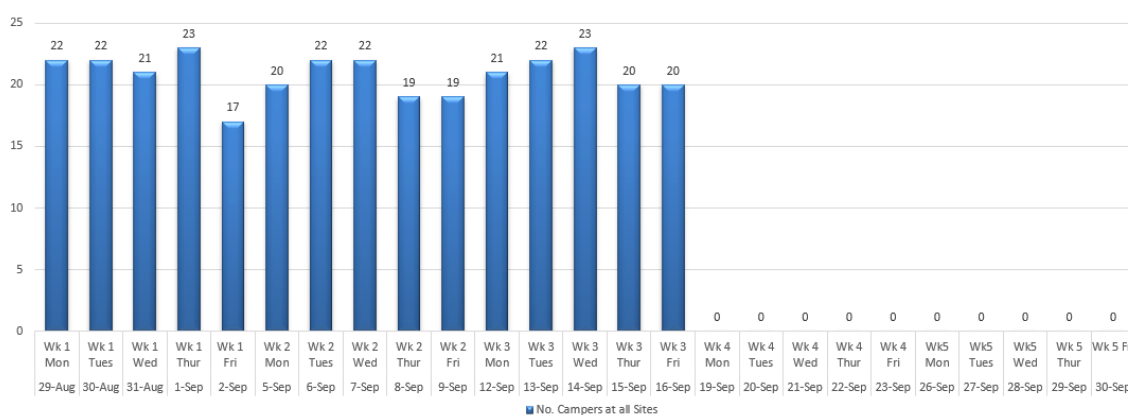


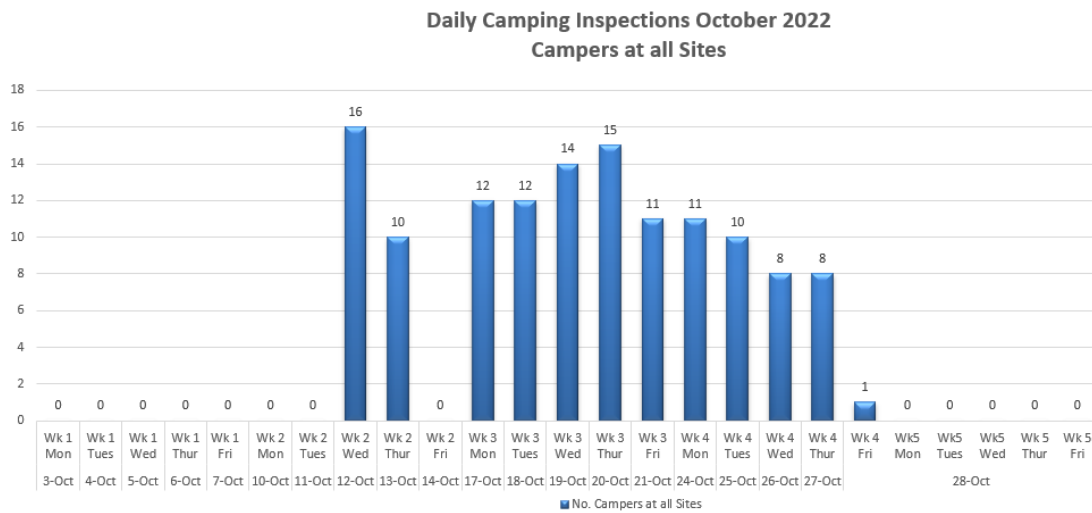


Riverside Camping

Council’s Compliance Officer aims to carry out daily checks along the river to ensure that camping is being conducted in a safe and hygienic manner. Flyers promoting local events and services are distributed to campers and enquiries from campers are addressed as required. The graphs below show total numbers of campers and the distribution of campers at the different campsites. During September and October there were two major water releases from Copeton Dam that caused flooding along the Gwydir River. All campgrounds were evacuated. Campers were permitted to stay at Bicentennial Park. The majority of those in the park then went onto the CMCA rally at the Bingara Showground, with dwindling numbers staying in the park till the end of the month. The processes that were put in after the last flooding proved effective with no incidents of loss of life or property recorded.

Daily Camping Inspections September 2022
Campers at all Sites





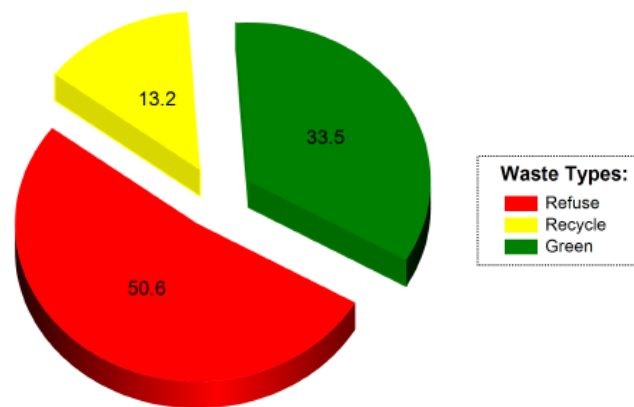
Waste Contract Services – September 2022

At the time of the report the available data from Cleanaway is for the previous reporting period.

Gwydir Shire Council

Transaction Date Range: 29 AUG 2022 to 02 OCT 2022

Breakdown of Tipping for the Period



Total Tipping Tonnes: 97.32

Contaminated Recycling and Organics

No data was available for the month due to Cleanaway system maintenance.

Priority Weed Control

Property Inspection Program

Staff continue to assist land holders and the community with:

- Advice on the control of Priority Weeds and Biosecurity Duties
- Private and Public Property inspections

- Spraying of priority weeds and emerging weeds
- Authorised Officers are participating in ongoing Rapid Response Task Force in response to Parthenium Weed incursions in the Croppa Creek region and surrounds

Weeds Inspections

Property inspections are being undertaken in Section E during 2022 with property owners being offered support and advice on managing weeds. The parthenium outbreak at Croppa Creek continues to be inspected and monitored to ensure it is identified, contained and then eliminated.

The following charts show the noxious weeds inspections carried out in 2022.

Priority Weeds Inspections for the Month of September 2022

<i>Areas Inspected</i>	<i>No.</i>	<i>Ha</i>	<i>Rd km</i>	<i>Weeds Present</i>
Private Property	3	370	-	Sweet Briar, Green Cestrum, Blackberry, Pattersons Curse, African Boxthorn
Private Property – High Risk	1	300	-	Sweet Briar, Blackberry
Private Property – Re-inspection	1	30		None Found
Roadside – High Risk Pathways	10	1366.20	274.23	African Boxthorn, Mimosa Bush, Tree Pear, Pattersons Curse, St Johns Wort, Feral Fruit Trees
Roadside	13	582.65	116.53	Pattersons Curse, Mimosa Bush, Tree Pear, African Boxthorn, Mother of Millions, Sweet Briar, Blackberry
Waterways – High Risk	2	18.5	3.7	African Boxthorn, Mimosa Bush, Chinese Elm, Tree Pear Pattersons Curse
Other Council Lands	1	1	-	None Found
Recreational Areas	1	100	-	Tree Pear, Tiger Pear
ARTC	1	0.25	1.25	Pattersons Curse
NWLLS Reserves	1	0.5	2.5	None Found
Quarries	1	1	-	Common Pear, Tiger Pear, Silverleaf Nightshade
Grain Handling Site	1	0.25	-	Pattersons Curse
Truck Stops	1	2	-	African Boxthorn, Pattersons Curse
Machinery Washdown Bay	1	1	0.2	None Found

Priority Weeds Inspections for the Month of October 2022

<i>Areas Inspected</i>	<i>No.</i>	<i>Ha</i>	<i>Rd km</i>	<i>Weeds Present</i>
Private Property	1	60	-	St Johns Wort
Private Property – Re Inspection	1	50	-	St Johns Wort, Sweet Briar
Private Property – High Risk	1	150		St Johns Wort, African Boxthorn
Private Property – High Risk Re-inspection	2	85	17	None Found
Roadside	8	106.72	533.6	Pattersons Curse, Sweet Briar, St Johns Wort, Blackberry, Honey Locut, Tree Pear
Roadside – High Risk	5	127.25	636.25	Patersons Curse, Harissa Cactus, Tree Pear, Common Pear, Sweet Briar, St Johns Wort
Council	8	105.3	-	St Johns Wort, Chinese Elm, Tree Pear, Aloe, White Cedar
Dept of Lands	1	0.5	-	None found

Priority Weeds Control Works for September and October 2022

<i>Road</i>	<i>Weed Code</i>	<i>Area - Ha</i>	<i>Length of Road</i>	<i>High Risk Pathways</i>	<i>Roadside</i>	<i>Private Works</i>	<i>other</i>
SR 32 Pallal Rd	Pattersons Curse	60	12		1		
SR 3 Elcombe Rd	Pattersons Curse	245	49	1			
Eulourie Rd	Pattersons Curse	60	12		1		
River Rd	Tiger Pear, Box Thorn	30	6	1	1		
Agincourt Rd	Tree Pear, Box Thorn	5	1		1		
Agincourt Rd	Tree Pear, Box Thorn	50	10		1		
Agincourt Rd	Tree Pear, Box Thorn	77.5	15.5		1		
Agincourt Rd	Tree Pear, Box Thorn	10	2		1		
North Star Rd	Tree Pear	150	30	1	1		

North Star Rd	Pattersons Curse	275	55	1	1		
Bruxner Hwy	Pattersons Curse	125	25	1	1		
Croppa Creek Rd	Pattersons Curse	15	3	1	1		
Croppa Creek Rd	Pattersons Curse	15	3	1	1		
North Star Rd	Pattersons Curse	125	25	1	1		
Agincourt Rd	Pattersons Curse	20	4				
Boundry Creek Rd	Pattersons Curse	50	10		1		
Eulourie Rd	Pattersons Curse	50	10	1			
Caroda Rd	Pattersons Curse	65	13	1			
Bingara Common – below Golf Course	Green Cestrum, African Boxthorn	10					1
Agincourt Rd	Tree Pear	40	8		1		
Agincourt Rd	Tree Pear	80	16		1		
North Star Rd	Tree Pear	10	2	1	1		
Agincourt Rd	African Boxthon, Pattersons Curse	50	10		1		
Moreena Rd	Pattersons Curse	50	10		1		
Croppa Creek Rd	Pattersons Curse	25	5	1	1		
Eden Forest Rd	Pattersons Curse	15	3	1	1		
Caroda Rd	Pattersons Curse	70	14		1		
Gwydir Hwy	Pattersons Curse	200	40	1	1		
River Rd	Pattersons Curse	115	23	1	1		
Crooble Rd/Railway St Crooble	Pattersons Curse	1.5	0.3		1		
Caroda Rd	Pattersons Curse	5	10	1	1		
Caroda Rd	African Boxthorn	2	4	1	1		
Copeton Dam Rd	Green Cestrum	2	5	1	1		
Copeton Dam Rd	Yellow Bells	2	5	1	1		
North Star Rd	Pattersons Curse		80	1	1		
Bruxner Hwy	Pattersons Curse		25	1	1		

Gwydir Hwy	Pattersons Curse		40	1	1		
Croppa Creek Rd	Pattersons Curse		2.5	1	1		
Croppa Creek Rd	Pattersons Curse		2.5	1	1		
North Star Rd	Pattersons Curse		20	1	1		
Againcourt Rd	Pattersons Curse		1		1		
North Star Rd	Pattersons Curse		5	1	1		
Allandale Rd	Pattersons Curse		8		1		
Munsies Rd	Pattersons Curse		12.5		1		

The Planning & Environment Department report for September and October 2022 was compiled with information available at the time of preparing the report.

COMMUNITY ASSETS

Caravan Parks

Elisha Tonks resigned from her part-time position at the Bingara Caravan Park.

Dan Hall resigned from his position at Warialda Caravan Park.

We thank Elisha and Dan for their contribution and dedication to their respective roles.

Repairs were carried out on one of the commercial dryers at the Bingara Caravan Park, as were repairs to the roof of the amenities block.

A new pressure cleaner was purchased for the Bingara Caravan Park.

Pools

The Bingara Pool opened on Saturday 1 October. The pool hosted several early aqua aerobics sessions for the CMCA Rally visitors.

The award winning Aquafit classes, which are run by Bingara Multi-Purpose Service staff, commenced this month. These classes occur before the pool opens at least twice a week. Swimming Club has started for the season on Wednesday nights.

In the weeks before the opening of the Warialda Pool, the 50-metre pool was repainted. In addition, the wading pool tiles were ground, and a resin applied. The wading pool was then also painted. Unfortunately, the painting proved unsatisfactory, and the contractor had to redo some of the painting works. This delayed the opening of the pool.

A replacement foot valve was also fitted by Council staff.

The pool opened on Friday 28 October.

A new freezer was purchased for the Warialda Pool.

Cranky Rock

The caretaker at the Cranky Rock Reserve vacated the residence and left her role earlier than expected. It is not known when she left. Council staff put immediate measures in place so that the Reserve continued to be available to the public, the animals were watered and fed, and the amenities cleaned. Council is currently negotiating with an interested party to caretake the Reserve.

The site information for September and October 2022 were not provided by the caretaker before she left.

Myall Creek

The following table shows the number of people who entered comments into the onsite visitor platforms.

Month	Total
August 2022	246
September 2022	263
October 2022	206

Some of the comments this month were made by people from Finland, France, Canada, New Zealand, Hobart, Melbourne, Perth, Canberra, Victoria, Brisbane, Gold Coast, Sunshine Coast, Newcastle, Orange, Ballina, and Grafton, and included:

“Hopefully this successful act of reconciliation will spread throughout the country.”

“Audio Soundtrail made this visit very real. Thank you.”

“Splendid memorial to a tragic event.”

Property Management

Whitfeld Place units were inspected during the reporting period for maintenance requirements.

Gwydir Libraries

Statistics	Bingara	Warialda	Gwydir
Door Count	2006	1270	
Loans	1553	424	
New Members	6	4	
E-resource Users			22
Downloads			203
PC usage	146	100	
WIFI usage	320	145	
Programs	53	30	
Adult Program attendees	125	67	
Children Program attendees	189	171	

Home Delivery	6	4	
Institution Delivery	2	2	
Seniors Be Connected sessions	14	7	
Community Support Hub	28	10	

Both libraries continue as community support hubs with community members and visitors requiring assistance with printing, copying, scanning, emailing, phone assistance, form completion, job applications, resumes and cover letters.

Bingara Library

- The library space has been used for meetings by the community Op Shop, Anglicare, Arts North West and Council staff assisting with Development Applications.
- Library staff helped with the printing of the Anglican Flower Show programs.
- The community Op Shop used the back library area to prepare for their recent fashion parade.
- The library provided the Toy Library with bulk book loans to have available for families to read or borrow directly from the Toy Library.
- Library staff go over to the CHSP office on a Tuesday morning to deliver or collect any books or audio CDs from clients who attend the morning gathering.
- Library staff have assisted Anglicare staff with printing of forms for clients, assistance in completion and scanning and emailing forms. Anglicare also used the library space to meet with a client in a neutral space.
- University students and school students have used the library to do study and preparation for exams.
- Teachers have used the library space to do marking and preparation work.
- Library staff worked with the Bingara Tourist Officer to find information for a lady in Sydney who phoned seeking local history knowledge and information. This was a successful outcome with the lady planning to visit Bingara and explore the Gwydir Shire.
- After School programs has seen new children join in the fun for Term 4. Afternoon programs included homework help, project assistance and research, craft, Lego challenges, board games, STEM activities, learning how to look at the library catalogue and reserving books.
- Wednesday games morning for seniors continues to be successful with more participants attending each week and various games being played. A newly joined participant attended with her assistant and expressed her appreciation of this program as it gives her reason to get out of the house each Wednesday morning.
- Home schoolers visit the library every Wednesday morning. This group is very appreciative of the weekly sessions. They access the library to reserve and

borrow resources, use the computer and Wi-Fi facilities, and print off schoolwork.

- The library has been very popular with tourists, especially CMCA Rally participants, using the space for Wi-Fi connection, reading a magazine/paper, using public computers and printing. Lengthy visitors can sign up for a visitor's membership to the library, allowing them to borrow resources for the duration of their stay.
- The library was involved in the CMCA Rally, hosting several information sessions for the visitors to discuss public library and resources available to them whilst travelling and visiting.
- The library children entered the CMCA Rally's window decorating competition for their street party. The afternoon program children and the home school children all created 70s themed decorations to add to the library window. The library windows theme was 'Peace, Love and Books'. Many people have complimented the children's artworks and the children are all very proud of their combined masterpiece.
- Children's Week was celebrated each afternoon from 22-30 October with special craft activities and afternoon tea.
- Get On-line Week was held from 24-28 October. Twenty-five Be Connected participants accepted the challenge to try one thing new.

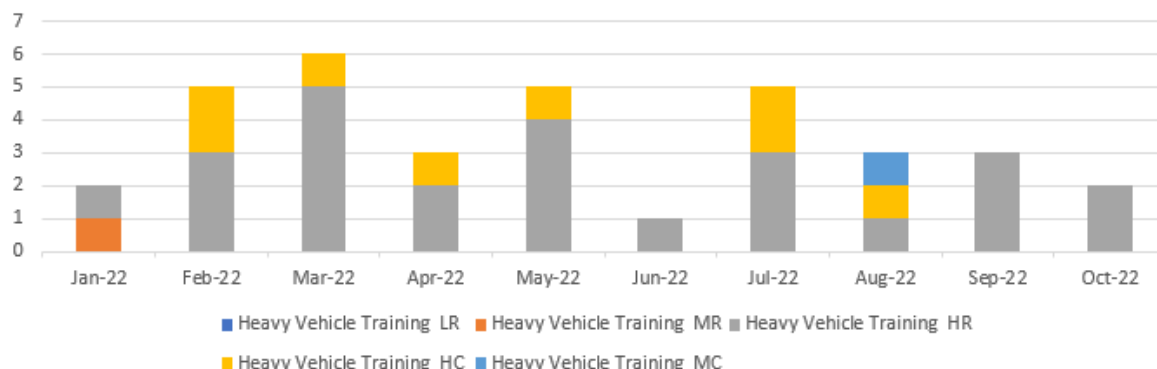
Warialda Library

- The annual Halloween Party for library children was held on Saturday 15 October. This proved to be a fun filled event once again with 20 children in attendance.
- After School programs continue to be well attended with Wednesday's Book Club the most popular session.
- Deliveries to individuals at home, Naroo residents and the hospital continue.
- Senior programs such as Meet and Greet, Golden Oldie craft continue.
- Be Connected 'Tech Savvy' continues to be successful every Tuesday and Thursday morning.
- Storytime sessions are held with the Toy Library children monthly.
- The library children participate in a Pen Pals' program with Naroo and Whiddon residents.
- Naroo craft session
- Children's Week was celebrated each afternoon from 22-30 October with special craft activities.

Gwydir Learning Region Training

Heavy Vehicle Training and Assessment

GLR Training Heavy Vehicle Training & Assessment January - October 2022



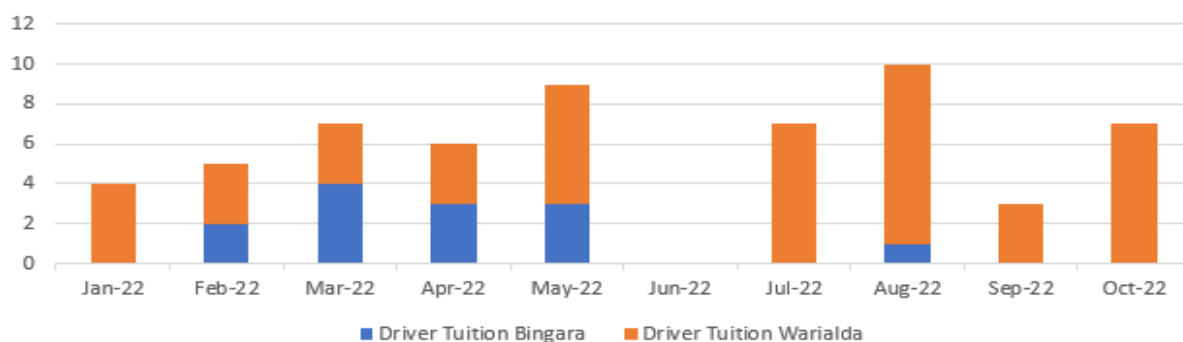
The graph above illustrates heavy vehicle training provided for the 2022 calendar year.

Throughout the month of October, five new enquiries have been received. One application for smart and skilled funding has been submitted to Training Services NSW and approved.

Learner Driver Tuition

The graph below indicates driving tuition provided from January to October 2022.

GLR Training Driving Tuition January - October 2022



Gwydir Career Start Program Receives Honourable Mention from Minister for Regional Development, Local Government and Territories

Gwydir Shire Council’s ‘Gwydir Career Start Program’ was nominated in the ‘Career Starter’ category of the 2022 National Awards for Local Government.

The National Awards for Local Government are an annual celebration of the best Australian Local Government achievements. The awards highlight innovative and resourceful solutions implemented by local governments that make a difference to their local communities.

Although not being named the winner, the program received an honourable mention from The Hon Kristy McBain MP, minister for Regional Development, Local Government and Territories.

Nomination submitted:

In 2019, Council launched the Gwydir Career Start Initiative, a promotion and more focused approach to our already successful trainee and apprenticeship program.

The program provides an exceptional opportunity for local school students and job seekers to gain valuable skills and work experience in a Local Government environment while studying to obtain a nationally recognised qualification.

The program gives Council the ability to train, develop and mould their school based and mainstream trainees and apprentices into valuable, qualified, and productive employees, whilst also meeting Council's succession planning goals. – Put simple, it allows us to 'grow our own'!

Distance, financial restraints and the nature of rural life can be deterrents for residents to pursue further education and training. Our program aims to alleviate these challenges by providing guidance and opportunities enabling participants to reach their full potential and enhance their employability.

Gwydir Shire Council is fortunate to have an excellent working relationship with local schools who are very supportive of the SBTs (School Based Trainees) and provide assistance well above expectation to ensure their success.

Our current cluster, aging from 15 to 54, includes seven SBTs, five trainees and eight apprentices, who are working towards qualifications in the following vocations: Horticulture, Carpentry, Water Operations, Automotive, Information Services, Business Administration, Plumbing, Aged Care and Plant Operation.

The Council has sponsored a considerable number of staff to gain their Certificate IV Assessment and Workplace Training. This qualification enables the supervising staff to support trainees and apprentices and to act as effective mentors. This initiative is one of the contributing factors to the success of the Gwydir Career Start Program.

Vocational education is the catalyst to developing confident, competent and constructive employees, in turn ensuring productive and successful workplaces.

Gwydir Shire Council considers its employees as its most valuable asset and this statement is supported by the investment the organisation makes in the development and wellbeing of all its staff.

The Gwydir Career Start Program directly contributes to Gwydir Shire Council fulfilling its Corporate Vision; 'To be the recognised leader in Local Government through continuous learning and sustainability'.

Boosting Apprenticeship Commencements

The Australian Government is providing *Boosting Apprenticeship Commencements (BAC)* and *Completing Apprenticeship Commencements (CAC)* wage subsidy to support employers and Group Training Organisations to take on new apprentices and trainees in an effort to assist with the recovery of the economy from the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The subsidy provides up to 50 per cent of the Australian Trainee/Apprentice’s gross wage (maximum \$7,000 per quarter for a 12 month period from the date of commencement).

BAC and CAC payments claimed by Gwydir Shire Council during October 2022:

Claim Period	Number of Employees	Claimed/Paid
1 April to 30 June 2022 (BAC)	12	\$64,644
1 April to 30 June 2022 (CAC)	6	\$3,259
School Based Trainee Commencement Claims	2	\$4,000

Country Education Foundation (CEF) – Gwydir Learning Region (GLR)

The Country Education Foundation of Australia held its National Conference and Annual Alumni Awards in Canberra on Saturday 22 October 2022. CEF GLR were represented at the conference by two staff members.

Guest speakers addressed issues including cybersecurity, national and local funding opportunities and ideas, student support, health and wellbeing, and committee management.

The Gwydir branch of CEF proudly nominated Louisa Gilmour for her outstanding post HSC academic achievements. Louisa’s nomination read:

The Gwydir Learning Region branch of Country Education Foundation proudly nominates Louisa Gilmour for a 2022 CEF Rising Star Award.

Louisa completed her HSC at Warialda High School in 2020 and commenced a double degree in Arts and Media at Macquarie University in 2021.

Louisa is an amazing young lady with a maturity beyond her years. Her vibrant personality, cheerful demeanour, motivation to excel and vision for the future is inspiring to all that know her.

The Gilmour family have faced adversities, both medical and environmental, and Louisa has been their shining light throughout each and every difficult situation.

Louisa excels in the field of visual arts, and her artistic achievements to date are nothing short of astounding. Her accomplishments so far include:

- *Selected for Art Express which recognises outstanding HSC student artworks throughout the state by exhibiting a curated collection across NSW*
- *Received the William Dobell Art Prize for Art Express recognising exemplary creation*
- *Nominated for Encore which recognises outstanding HSC Music performances*
- *Received Leaders and Achievers entry to Macquarie University based upon exceptional HSC results and service to the community*
- *2021 Young Citizen of the Year Award*

- *Academic Excellence for the 2021 Academic Year across the Arts Faculty at Macquarie University*
- *Attained the highest result in Screen Practice and Production Unit, achieving the rank of 1/623 students*
- *Awarded the Macquarie University Highest Achiever in a Faculty of Study for Semester 1 2022 across the Arts Faculty, as a result of consecutive High Distinctions across all Screen units*
- *Selected to direct short film and head large crew, receiving full marks for creative execution*
- *Collaborated with Vision Australia to create tactile plates for the Art Gallery of NSW to enable vision impaired individuals to experience the artworks*
- *Selected as an O-Week leader at Dunmore Lang College to help rural students assimilate into city life*
- *Selected as Youth mentor at Dunmore Lang College to promote and support students moving away from home to come to university*
- *Elected as Magazine Committee for Dunmore Lang College.*

Louisa's future aspirations including gaining an internship at a film or TV production company to gain experience and connections, and ideally be given the creative liberty to compose score for film and/or write screenplays to be directed. Her ultimate goal is to work at Air Studios in London, where the most prominent film scores are recorded and written.

Louisa would like to write films drawing upon her experiences growing up in a rural community to bring into the public eye the struggles and triumphs of living off the land and existing in a small, tight-knit community.

CEF GLR are very proud to be a part of Louisa's journey and we await in anticipation to see where the future takes our incredibly talented rising star. Her potential is limitless, and the world is her oyster.

Gwydir Media and Communications (GMC)

Campervan and Motorhome Club of Australia (CMCA) Rally

Despite torrential rain, the 2022 Campervan and Motorhome Show was very well received, with visitors enjoying Gwydir's friendly hospitality.

Wet weather threatened to cancel the Street Carnival, which was coordinated with Council staff. However, the carnival proceeded with a pared back event which proved to be an excellent finale to the week and a great opportunity for the CMCA visitors to mix with the locals.

Bingara Community Practice

The GMC team have finalised the website for the Bingara Community Practice. It is now live and can be found by visiting, www.bingaracommunitypractice.com.au

The Bingara Community Practice has been provided with a website user manual and one on one training planned for the coming weeks.

Aging and Disability Survey

The GMC team have been working with Gwydir Shire Council Aged Care Manager and the Disability Access Committee to develop a survey which will be distributed throughout the Gwydir community to better understand the challenges and barriers people living in our community face.

The survey outcomes will assist with the development of the 2023-2027 Gwydir Disability Inclusion Action Plan.

The survey was distributed to schools, community groups and organisations throughout the Shire and was also accessible online.

The Gwydir News

The Gwydir News Editor has implemented several initiatives, most notably the introduction of a monthly advertising feature. This initiative is a way of encouraging businesses to take up advertising and has already having a positive impact on sales.

Advertising features will be based around key events and dates such as Christmas, Mother's Day, The Warialda Off Road, Harvest and Easter.

The Gwydir News Facebook page has also had some positive results with 124 new followers in the last month, and posts reaching over 18,000 users.

The Living Classroom (TLC)

TLC continues to be a popular place for celebrations, meetings and workshops with the following groups using the facility over the reporting period: Water NSW staff for river training, Northern Inland Risk Group, Inverell Motorcycle Restorers, and Bingara U3A armchair travel. Due to the wet weather several meetings were postponed or cancelled.

Council staff planted over 130 new trees in rip lines throughout the northwestern corner of the site. A further 120 trees were planted out by the local group Gwydir Ark.



Furthermore, TLC staff assisted other Council departments with various tasks including tree removal and wood chipping after a severe storm in Warialda, fixing a

variety of equipment, and the propagation of seedlings for the Maitland Street



gardens.

The Roxy Theatre

Due to wet weather, Council's Youth Services hosted a movie screening on Saturday 8 October. The event was to be held outdoors at Gwydir Oval.

During the week of 17 October, the CMCA Rally organisers conducted rock 'n' roll daily dance lessons in The Roxy for its members.

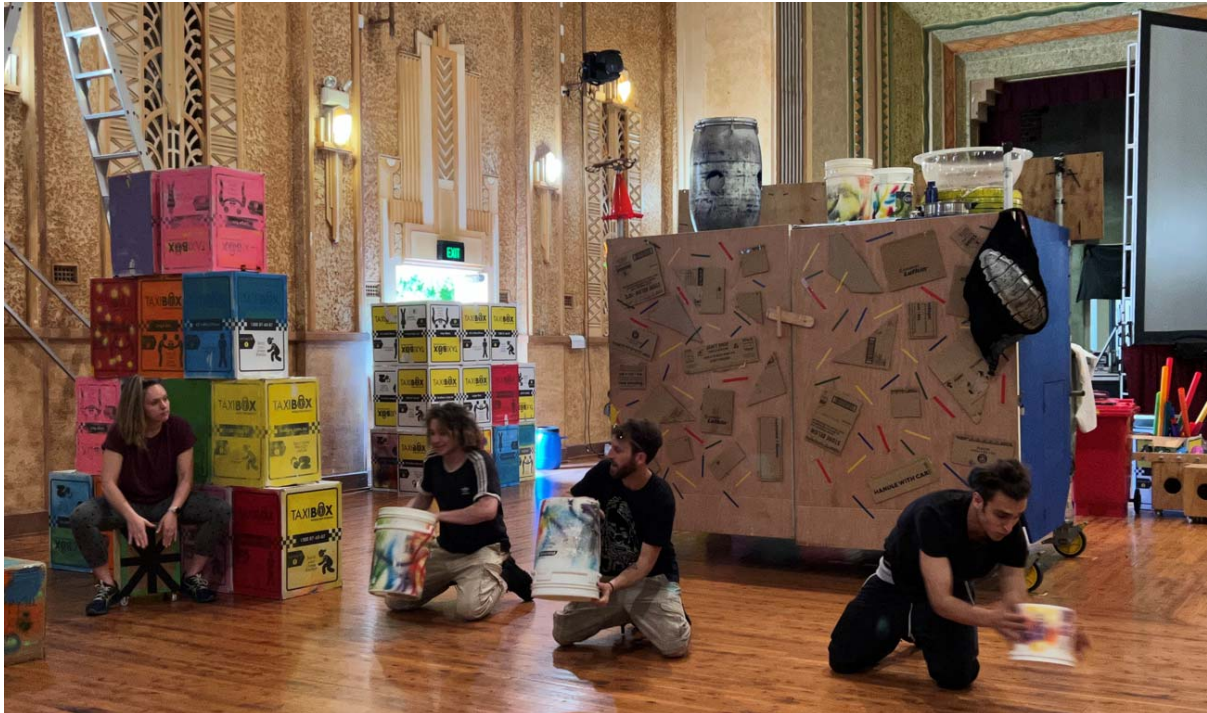
Extra tours of the Roxy Complex were conducted throughout the CMCA Rally.

The Girls' Glow program continued weekly during the month.

On Wednesday 12 October, the North West Theatre Company (NWTC) hosted a trivia night for the CMCA Rally volunteers. Approximately 120 people attended and enjoyed a fun filled evening.

The NWTC then hosted a movie, wine, and cheese evening on Wednesday 19 October during the CMCA Rally. A special feature of the night saw a Rally member play an organ before the screening. Council staff organised for an organ to be borrowed from the Bingara Anglican Church for the recital.

The NWTC hosted *The Box Show* produced by Junkyard Beats and Critical Stages



Touring on Wednesday 26 October. This show was high energy, very professional and engaging.

The NWTC closed the month with a screening of the movie *The Green Book* on Sunday 30 October.

Bingara Medical Centre Transition

Council staff continued to support the newly formed Bingara Community Practice and to negotiate with Rural and Remote Medical Services for the transfer of the medical records, and medical and administration equipment and items, at no cost. It was hoped that the transfer would be effective on 31 October, however this was not achieved, and the actual transfer occurred at 5:00pm on Friday 4 November.

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

THAT the report be received.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

COUNCIL RESOLUTION:

THAT the report be received.

(Moved Cr Dixon OAM, Seconded Cr Smith)

CARRIED

For: Cr J Coulton, Cr Egan, Cr D Coulton, Cr Dixon OAM, Cr Galvin, Cr Matthews and Cr Smith

Against: Nil

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 9.20 am in order to conduct a Citizen Ceremony for Mrs Jenny Trigger.

The meeting resumed at 10 am

9.2 Organisation & Community Services Report

File Reference:	NA
Delivery Program	
Goal:	5. Organisational management
Outcome:	5.1 Corporate management
Strategy:	5.1.5 Provision of responsible internal governance
Author:	Leeah Daley, OCD Director

STAFF DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST Nil

IN BRIEF/SUMMARY RECOMMENDATION

The monthly Organisation and Community Services Report details the activities carried out by the Department during October 2022.

TABLED ITEMS Nil

BACKGROUND

The monthly Organisation and Community Services report forms part of a regular reporting regime. The purpose of the report is to inform Council of the activities carried out within the Department.

COMMENT

AGED CARE – NAROO FRAIL AGED HOSTEL

Resident News & Outings

This month was again a difficult month for outings and adventures due to the weather conditions and flooding. This month we held Carers Week and we celebrated with a Sip & Sound afternoon. We invited resident's family members and past carers. We had a lovely afternoon tea filled with stories and laughs. Activities staff were busy again on the foot spas and offering our beautiful residents some pampering.







Commonwealth Home Support Program (CHSP) – Warialda/Delungra

Meetings

Next meeting with CHSP Manager will be at Bingara CHSP, 8 October 2022 starting at 2pm.

Volunteers

Drivers and Day Centre volunteers attended a Carers Luncheon at the Commercial Hotel in Warialda on 12 October 2022 where twelve volunteers attended. With great food and company, a great time was had by all. This was arranged through funding from the Carers Grant which is applied for each year.

Transport and Trips

Clients enjoyed their fortnightly trip to Inverell which included some delicious morning tea followed by some shopping and then a lovely lunch. Outings have been minimal due to clients attending other appointments or being out of the district.

Social Support

Social Support is always given to clients attending our Day Centres, on our fortnightly outings, when Meals on Wheels are delivered as well as transporting our clients to and from appointments.

Day Centres

Client Day Centre numbers between Warialda and Delungra are down again due to clients having other appointments and being away, however those who have been attending are enjoying this service.

Food Service

The new summer menu has started for our Meals on Wheels clients, which has brought about some very positive comments. A congratulations to Naroo catering staff for producing such delicious meals every time.

Warialda/Delungra CHSP October 2022 Report		
	Delungra	Warialda
Day Centre		
Total Active Clients	19	99
Clients Receiving Service	10	53
Total Meals	42	157
Hours Clients Receive in Centre	153	468
Social Support		
Number of Clients	10	53
Individual Hours	0	96
Group Hours	153	372
Total Hours Received	153	468
Food Service – Meals on Wheels		
Clients	0	12
Meals	0	195
Transport		
Number of Clients	1	6
Number of Trips	7	100
Access Bus to Inverell		
Number of Clients	1	8
Number of Trips	2	2
Volunteers		
Number of Volunteers – October	1	26
Monthly Volunteer Hours	16	481



CAERERS LUNCH @ COMMERCIAL HOTEL 20.10.2022

Commonwealth Home Support Program (CHSP) – Bingara

Advisory Committee Meetings

No meetings were held in October.

Volunteers

Bingara CHSP was supported by 9 volunteers with 480 hours (about 3 weeks) of services during October by way of Out-of-Town Transport, Centre Based Day Care and local transport.

The hours that volunteers work is determined by the time spent with clients by way of transportation, group social support and individual social support.

Transport and Trips

Out of Town Transport remain around the same in October with 164 trips for the month servicing 32 clients.

The Access Bus made two trips to Inverell in October, servicing 12 clients. The Bus was also used for some out-of-town trips to medical appointments when both other vehicles were fully booked.

Volunteers carry out regular maintenance checks on the vehicles when they are not in use as well as the routine cleaning after every trip.

The Local Transport service was less during October.

Social Support

Group Social Support Group held in the Linger longer room on Tuesdays has maintained good numbers attending regular morning tea/lunches in October, four being held this month. The monthly Group Social Support outing in October enjoyed lunch at the Imperial Hotel in Bingara. It was attended by 15 clients & volunteers.

Food Service

Meals on Wheels numbers in October was reduced to 10 clients.

Meals on Wheels is coordinated by the Bingara CHSP Staff and the Meals provided by the Bingara MPS.

BINGARA CHSP MONTHLY REPORT October 2022	
DAY CENTRE	
Total active clients	14
Clients receiving service	12
Total meals	38
Hours clients receive in centre	190
SOCIAL SUPPORT	
Number of clients	47
Individual Hours	290
Group Hours	190
Total Hours received	480
FOOD SERVICE (Meals on Wheels)	
Clients	10
Meals	161
TRANSPORT	
Number of clients	32
Number of trips	164
TRANSPORT (YOUTH)	
Number of clients	0
Number of trips	0
ACCESS BUS - INVERELL	
Number of Clients	12
Number of Trips (per month)	2
VOLUNTEERS	
Number of volunteers	9
Number of hours	480

SOCIAL SERVICES

Bingara Neighbourhood Centre

Funding body – NSW Department of Communities and Justice

Bingara Neighbourhood Centre continues to assist community groups with grant applications and attend to the needs of the general public through advocacy and referral to other services.

Assistance was provided to flood affected families to source funding.

S355 Committees

Bingara Community Op Shop has been continually active in the community with events and workshops including The Huntington’s Walk and hair shave where members of the group shaved their heads to raise money for this worthy cause. There was a John Denver sing-along, a silent auction, fashion parades featuring volunteers and Council staff and catering for the CMCA rally. The group also provided a much-needed service to Council by folding just over 2000 letters for postal distribution.

All these happenings helped to raise money for the Op Shop which will in turn be donated back to the Bingara Community. This month’s donations include - Bingara Central School \$500, Legacy \$1000, Community Comfort \$4,000, local clinic \$5,000, and Huntington’s \$200.

For interest, a summary of the financials of the last month shows the input that the CMCA has made.

25th September to 8th October	Total Income	\$5,494.00
9th October to 22nd October	Total Income	\$7,821.22

Work has begun on the shed and many volunteers have given their time to make this project happen. There are more community members offering to volunteer every day and the Op Shop is thriving as a community hub.



Centrelink

Centrelink remained open for normal operation hours except for the October Long Weekend.

Youth Services

Funding body – NSW Department of Communities and Justice

Whilst reviewing data from the youth forums held in Warialda earlier in the year, staff identified that free movies with popcorn were mentioned as an activity young people would like to participate in. Conversations were held with some Bingara youth, and it was decided to investigate the possibility of a Ghostbusters movie marathon, showing all four Ghostbuster films over two weekends. This proved to be cost prohibitive, so the decision was made to show the latest movie in the Ghostbusters franchise, being the 2021 film Ghostbusters: Afterlife.

Plans to show the film at Warialda Recreation Ground and Gwydir Oval on the last weekend of the Spring School Holidays were rained out so, both showings were moved indoors to The Memorial Hall and The Roxy Theatre. The free popcorn proved to be a hit with all. A big thank you to the small crew who attended the Warialda screening for cleaning up after themselves. Thank you to those who braved the weather to come to the screening at The Roxy, though Council staff were disappointed by the mess that was left and the damage in the male toilets. A huge thank you to two of the IT staff members for helping with the set-up of the screens.

Youth Mentoring Program

Month	Number of participants
August	1
September	1
October	1

The Youth mentoring program has been assisting young people with Centrelink, Medicare, job applications, behaviour management & resumes.

Supported Playgroup Development Worker

Funding Body – Department of Communities and Justice

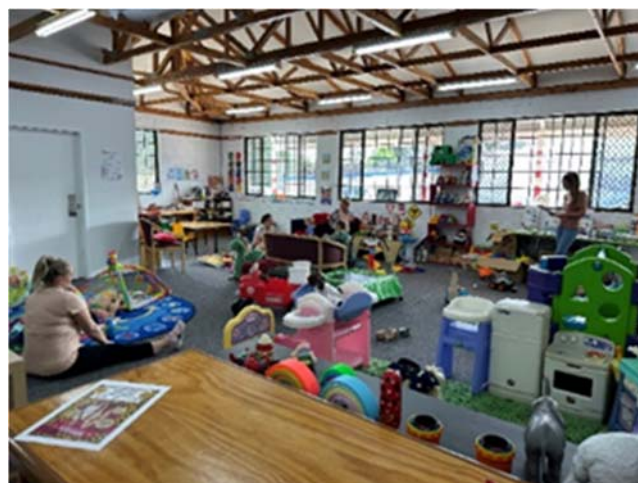
Warialda Toy Library	Aug 2022	Sept 2022	Oct 2022
Total daily attendance count for children, (calculating each child, each day over the month –total points of contact).	49	49	95
Full borrowing memberships (new and/or renewed)	1	0	1
Non borrowing memberships (new and/or renew)	1	1	1
Casual borrowing memberships (new and/or renewed)	0	1	0
Commemorative Birth Certificate applications received	0	0	0
Toys returned	7	12	6
Toys borrowed	9	5	11
Groups using the service (FDC (Family Day Care) carer, Pharmacy)	0	0	1
Tuesday group morning session x 4	15	20	33
Wednesday group morning session x 4	16	5	14
Thursday group morning session x 4	11	24	39
Friday group morning session x 2	7	0	9

During October, the numbers of attendees increased, which was wonderful to see despite some families being affected by the floods. This month children engaged in fine motor skills, gross motor skills, beading, painting, craft, puzzles, and book reading. These activities were suitable for all ages and developmental levels.



On Thursday 13 October, our local Physiotherapist and Toy Library member, gave her time to come and speak to the families about all things Women’s health and any issues that they may be facing before and after childbirth. The Guest Speaker was able to provide the mothers with exercises and tips on ways to improve their health. This is a topic that will be covered at the service on a regular basis to support the Families.

On Thursday 27 October, the Warialda Toy Library held the annual Children’s Week event. Children engaged in many different activities, with the farmyard animals on the farm mat with tractors, bouncing, throwing, catching balls and pretend play in the home corner area. The families were also provided with a sausage sizzle for lunch. This was also a great turnout for the event as the original date had changed due to several families not being able to make it to the previous date. Children's Week is celebrated with a theme based on an Article from the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC). "All children have the right to an adequate standard of living including house, food and clothes that support their development". Article 27 identifies children's development being inclusive of their physical, mental, spiritual, moral, and social development. We strongly support this convention within all children's services across the Shire.



Bingara Toy Library

Funding body – NSW Department of Education and Communities/ Department of Communities and Justice

Particulars	Aug 2022	Sept 2022	Oct 2022
Total daily attendance count for children, (calculating each child, each day over the month –total points of contact).	66	71	60
Full borrowing memberships (new and/or renewed)	0	0	0
Non borrowing memberships (new and/or renew)	1	0	1
Casual borrowing memberships (new and/or renewed)	0	0	0
Commemorative Birth Certificate – Voucher memberships	0	0	0
Toys returned	3	2	0
Toys borrowed	2	0	2
Children/Group using the service (FDC carer, pharmacy)	1	0	1
Tuesday group morning session x 4	8	10	10
Wednesday group morning session x 4	5	31	35
Thursday group morning session x 3	5	8	7
KSK group afternoon session x 7	54	46	30

This month was a mixed month with adjustments due to daylight savings, school holidays, excitement for families with visitors or going on holidays, the long weekend and the pool opening, which all happened in the first week of the month.

The local Bingara CWA branch provided staff with a cheque for \$200 towards fresh sand for the backyard play area sandpit. This will be purchased from the local IGA & Hardware store providing even more support to local businesses.

Big rains this month had families flooded in or having the children go home straight after school.

Playgroup children were provided with many different activities this month to enhance their development and build new skills by way of playdough, goop, threading, stories, paint with stamps, chalk, balls in water table bowl just to name a few. The chat topics this month with the mums were childhood illnesses, behaviours, and routine by way of books available here to borrow and all the events coming up in the service or in our shire.



The Rural Outreach Support session was via email this month due to their staff being unable to attend. A PDF booklet of recipes, budget saving tips and handy cooking tips was forwarded, printed out, discussed, and viewed by the families in attendance that day. Those families were emailed this booklet.

Children’s Week was celebrated on Wednesday 26 with the Bingara Preschool at their service. A sausage sizzle was enjoyed by the families, children, and staff for this occasion. The families enjoyed meeting the preschool director and staff, were able to talk about enrolment for next year and joined in on the activities set out for the children. The grounds at preschool were gorgeous with all that natural shade to congregate under to mingle and play.



The Kool Skool Kids program was back in full swing once school returned. The children were given different options each afternoon to do either inside or outside depending on that rainy weather. For Tuesday 25 during Children’s Week, they were treated to butter popcorn, which was very much enjoyed.



The dietitian from Hunter New England Health has been booked to visit and give a presentation in early November.

Bingara Preschool

*Funding Body – Early Childhood Education and Care Directorate
NSW Department of Education and Communities.*

Days	October 2022
Tuesday	27
Wednesday	28
Thursday	27
Friday	26

Professional Development and Training

Webinar Training

Last Friday an Educator attended two webinar training courses. One was about ‘Loosing Yourself in Paperwork’ and the other was on ‘Leadership.’ The Educator commented that these training courses supplied useful notes and information that will be shared with the team. These two webinars were chosen by the Educator and addressed in her Training and Development Plan for 2022.

CPR and First Aid Training

On Monday 17th October, all the Bingara Preschool team attended either the First Aid Training or CPR training component (depending on what they were due for). The Educators at Bingara Preschool must update their First Aid Certificate every three years and their CPR component of the course annually.

Children’s Week Celebrations

Children’s Week is an annual event celebrated in Australia held around the fourth Wednesday in October. This year to celebrate Children’s Week, Bingara Preschool welcomed the Toy Library (The Gwydir Toy Libraries Coordinator, families, and their children) for a morning visit to play and explore outside. The Gwydir Toy Libraries Coordinator organised and cooked the sausage sizzle for the children, their families, and the Educators. The focus of holding a Children’s Week event is to widen the community’s view on children, their rights, and their achievements.



Rainbow Dress Up Day

From the children's interests, the Educators organised a 'Rainbow Dress Up Day.' A note was created and sent home with each family outlining the Rainbow Dress Up Day was on Thursday 27th October. Each child was encouraged and supported to dress in a range of colours, or alternatively one colour. The message to the children was that all colours are important and make up a rainbow.



Renovations

The Bingara Preschool extension is nearly completed. The Building Services team are currently working on building the deck and the hard roof that will cover the deck. This month, the plastering, tiling, painting, and flooring has been completed.



Tharawonga Mobile Resource Unit

Funding body – Australian Government Department of Education, Skills, and Employment.

Days and Venues	September 2022	Total
Monday at Yetman	5 (extra casual places 4)	9
Tuesday at North Star	11 (extra casual places 3)	14
Wednesday at Yallaroi	6 (extra casual places 1)	7
Thursday at Gravesend	3 (extra casual places 0)	3
Friday at Croppa Creek	9 (extra casual places 0)	9

Service Closures – The service was non-operational for school holidays 3 - 7 October. The service was then closed due to adverse weather, flooding, and road conditions from Thursday 20 October – Friday 28 October. This decision was made for the health and safety of children, families, and staff. Educators provided resources and learning opportunities for children and families to engage with at home. We are offering support for families affected by flooding to the best of our abilities.

Significant Celebrations – Children participated in celebrating Grandparents Day by making cards and drawing their grandparents in the cards. Educators supported children to label and provide an explanation of their drawing. We aimed to facilitate celebrations Sunday 30 October, but this has been postponed due to service closure. Families provided their preference for children to mail cards to their grandparents or bring them home to deliver in person.

Staffing – The current Tharawonga Director has taken 12 months maternity leave, with the Educational Leader stepping up into the Acting Directors role. With this we also welcome two fresh staff members to our team, one is completing her Certificate III in Early Childhood and Care Services and the other is completing her Diploma to further her education. We are working to develop our professional relationships to ensure a positive, collaborative, and supportive workplace.

Yetman – Children and educators have been enjoying the warmer weather. We have been staying outside to soak up the sunshine and participate in an outdoor obstacle course – using balance beams and bean bags – where the children must demonstrate balance and their coordination skills. Educators focused their intentional teaching around basic knowledge of colours, numbers, and letters. The children are really interested and engaged in playing totem tennis, using their hand eye coordination and turn taking skills. We also have been loving expressing our creativity by messy painting with both our hands and tractors.



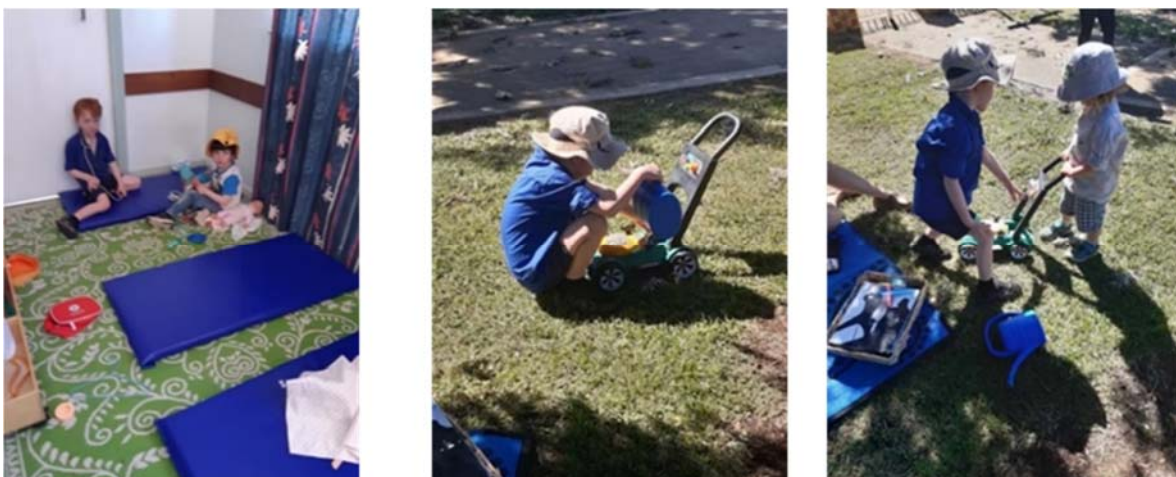
North Star – Children enjoyed exploring the sensory tray set up with ice cubes, oats, green food colouring, shaving cream, shells, and tongs. They mixed everything together with their hands, feeling the different textures. They shared their knowledge of dangerous animals and ways to stay safe in the bush. Children built fires using small diggers and tractors to push up twigs, gum nuts and other natural matter and burn them off. This play supports children’s language development, social skills, and ability to interact verbally and nonverbally, and sense of identity and belonging. Children constructed with the magnetic shapes, learning about the attract and repel qualities of magnets, how to plan and construct to achieve their ideas, and developing resilience to work through the challenges of failures. Educators’ intentional teaching continued around shape, colour and number recognition with educators working one-on-one with children and facilitating the use of education apps on the iPad. Following children’s interest in maps and location, children drew maps of their homes, farms, drive to preschool or another significant area in their life.



Yallaroi – Gross motor movement challenges and games were popular with children this month. Playing totem tennis with peers, digging holes in the sand pit with rakes and shovels, balancing on the sea saw with bean bags on their heads, and playing group games like hide-and-seek, what’s the time Mr. Wolf, and passing a hula hoop around a circle provided opportunities for children to develop their strength, balance, coordination, and sense of safety in movement. Educators supported this further with dancing to Tootie Ta and Freeze. Children engaged with real tools – hammering nails into loose wooden pieces. They ensured to put on hard hat, safety vests, and goggles to become construction workers and fix things in their play. One child shared about his trip to Germany and brought some amazing items in to show his peers. He talked about visiting the armory at a real castle, going on the train to the country and shooting with his family. He shared his plane boarding pass, photos of the German countryside, armor books and the target he shot at with his Opa.



Gravesend – Children explored the local playground and educators supplied additions resources to the outdoor environment including bikes, a mower and a red car and cones. The children experimented with the buttons and levers on the mower, lifting the cap to look inside for fuel. They transferred their knowledge from their home culture (farming), asking the educator for oil and then using a watering can fill the mower with oil. The children replaced the cap and stood behind the mower, pushing it along to mow the lawn. Pretend play is a focus at Gravesend due to the lower numbers. This play encourages children to engage in conversation amongst themselves, promotes turn taking, and builds their imagination. Children and educators built the Gravesend children’s hospital which had beds, babies’ doctor resources and doctor dress up. This promoted conversation and cooperative play.



Croppa Creek – During term 4 out Intentional Teaching is geared towards school readiness. Educators focused on developing children’s reading comprehension and literacy. An educator read *The Very Cranky Bear* to the children, guided a discussion about the story and its characters, and then provided an opportunity for children to draw their own book cover and story. This experience introduces children to characters, rhyming words and builds children’s phonological awareness. First word bingo was also available to the children this month which promotes turn taking, conversations amongst children and object recognition further developing literacy.



TOURISM, AND ROXY THEATRE COMPLEX

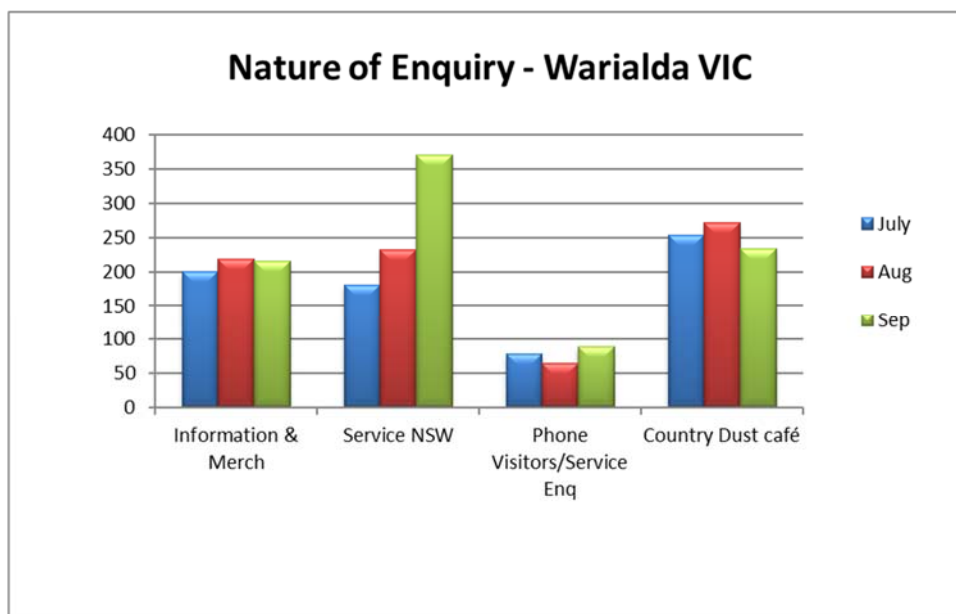
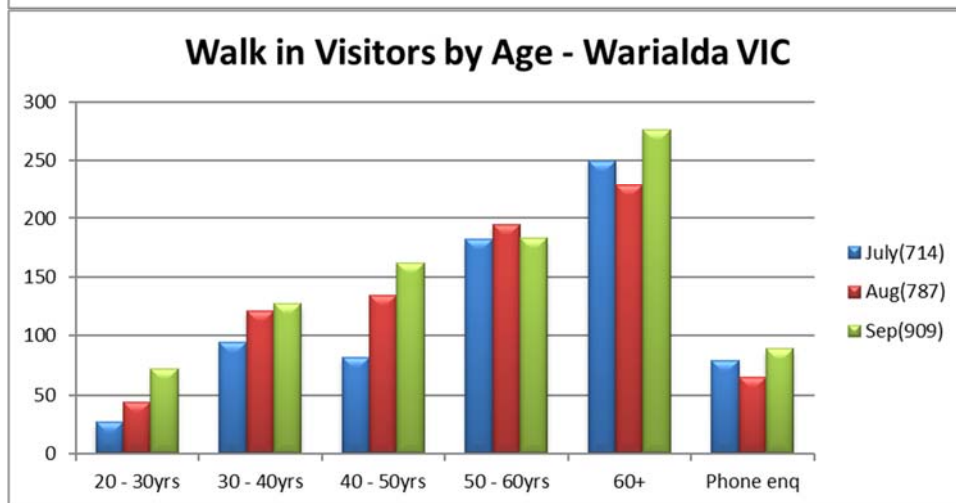
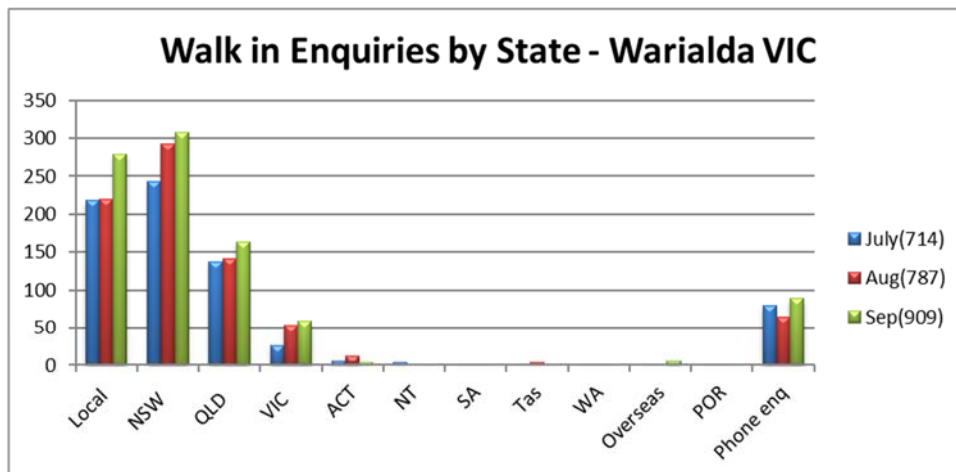
Tourism

Warialda Visitor Information Centre

July 2022		August 2022		September 2022	
Opening Hours	147	Opening Hours	161	Opening Hours	154
Volunteering Hours	18	Volunteering Hours	15.5	Volunteering Hours	16

Income	Jul	Aug	Sept
Centre Hire	0	0	0
Merchandise Sales – Ex GST	\$845.85	\$995.21	\$1294.50
Subtotal	\$845.85	\$995.21	\$1294.50
Total Monthly Income	\$845.85	\$995.21	\$1294.50

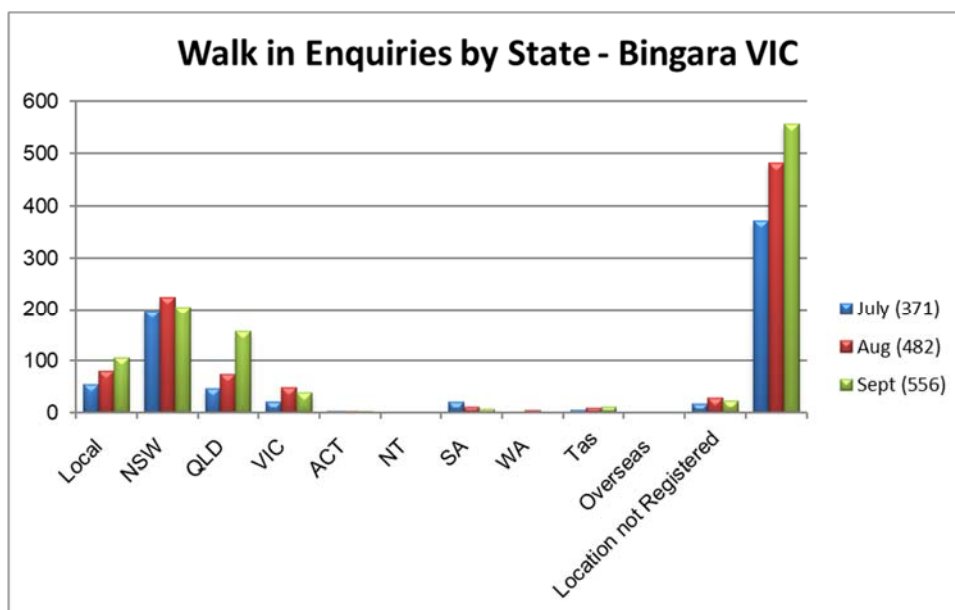
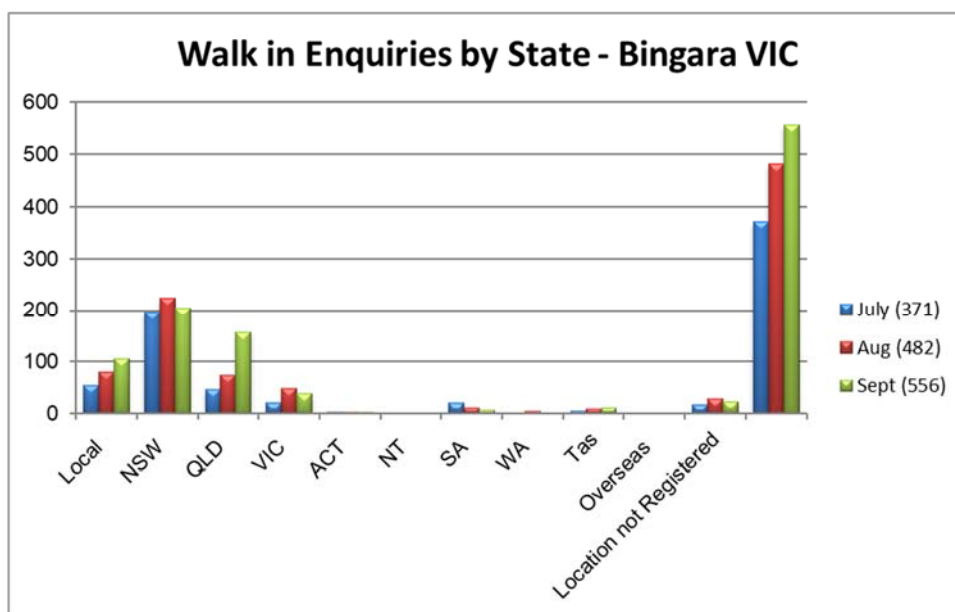
Visitors at Warialda VIC	Jul	Aug	Sept
Visitors	200	219	215
RMS	181	232	371
Café	254	271	234
Phone Visitor / Service NSW enquiries	79	65	89
Total	714	787	909

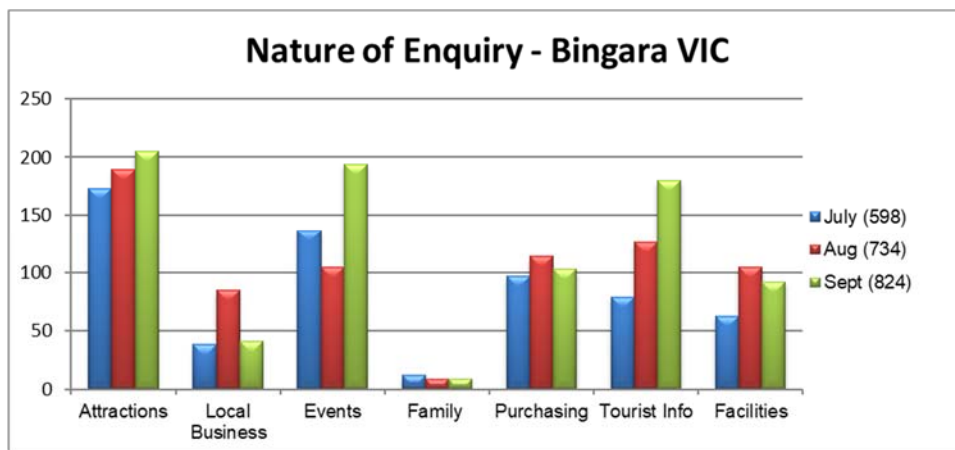


Bingara Visitor Information Centre

July 2022		August 2022		September 2022	
Opening Hours	164	Opening Hours	179.50	Opening Hours	172
Volunteering Hours	27.5	Volunteering Hours	30	Volunteering Hours	29

Income	Jul	Aug	Sept
Products on Consignment	0	0	0
Merchandise Sales – Ex GST	\$792.66	\$1200.00	\$1441.16
Subtotal	\$792.66	\$1200.00	\$1441.16
Less payments to consignees	0	0	0
Total Merchandise Sales	\$792.66	\$1200.00	\$1441.16
VIC Commission received on Event bookings undertaken on behalf of Community Groups – Subtotal			
Total Monthly Income Bingara VIC	\$792.66	\$1200.00	\$1441.16
Roxy Tour Income	\$276.37	\$500.00	\$573.64
Visitors at Bingara VIC	\$371	482	556





Comments

Tourism

Tourist figures are up slightly at 556 which may be due to some travellers checking us out before coming back for the CMCA Rally in October. Included in this, there were numerous road condition questions and camping closure questions.

Roxy Tours

Increased with approximately 57 people participating day tours.

Not shown in the Tourism income section of the table are the following amounts which the VIC undertook in collecting, processing on behalf other Council Business Units or Community Groups (such as Roxy Management productions, NWTC productions, The Living Classroom etc. (accommodation hire and Classroom hire).

TLC and Bunkhouse fee processing and invoicing generated through the VIC

Totalled \$ 3395.00 this included two 3-day package bookings (Quilters Retreat @ \$1350.00 and a private function @ \$1350.00 = \$2700.00) other hirers included NSLA x a 1-day workshop @ \$255.00 plus a further 2-day workshops @ \$390.00 and Regional Australia Bank with a ½ day of presentations @ \$50.00.

CUSTOMER SERVICE REQUESTS (CRMs)

CRMs carried forward

Department	Outstanding as at 1 October 2022	Completed since 1 October 2022	Outstanding as at 1 November 2022

Technical Services	40	23	17
Environment and Sustainability	23	17	6
Town Utilities Parks and Gardens	13	8	5
Building Services	10	7	3
Total Outstanding	86	55	31

CRM's - 1 October 2022 to 1 November 2022

Department	Received during October 2022	Completed during October 2022	Outstanding as at 1 November 2022
Technical Services	63	16	47
Environment and Sustainability	22	5	17
Town Utilities Parks and Gardens	28	1	27
Building Services	14	8	6
Executive	1	1	0
Organisation and Community Services	2	1	1
Totals	130	32	98

CRMs received since 1 October 2022 and still outstanding as at 1 November 2022

Department	Open
Technical Services	64
Environment and Sustainability	23
Town Utilities Parks and Gardens	32
Building Services	9
Executive	0
Organisation and Community Services	1
Total	129

CONSULTATION

Consultation has occurred within the Organisation and Community Development Directorate.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Policy implications are those relating to the 2021/2022 Operational Plan and the Policies of Gwydir Shire Council.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The activities carried out by the Organisation and Community Services Department are in line with the 2021/2022 Operational Plan.

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

The activities undertaken by the Organisation and Community Services Department regarding social and environmental factors are targeted in line with the 2021/2022 Operational Plan.

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

THAT the report be received.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Monthly Action Progress Report October November 2022 [9.2.1 - 23 pages]
2. Gwydir Shire Council Community Engagement Strategy 2023 2027 November Council Meet [9.2.2 - 14 pages]

COUNCIL RESOLUTION:

THAT the report be received.

(Moved Cr Egan, Seconded Cr Smith)

CARRIED

For: Cr J Coulton, Cr Egan, Cr D Coulton, Cr Dixon OAM, Cr Galvin, Cr Matthews and Cr Smith

Against: Nil

9.3 October Councillor Activity Report

File Reference: NA
Delivery Program
Goal: 4. Proactive regional and local leadership
Outcome: 4.1 We are an engaged and connected community
Strategy: 4.1.1 Encourage an informed community
Author: Administration Assistant

STAFF DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST Nil

IN BRIEF/SUMMARY RECOMMENDATION

This report is for reception.

TABLED ITEMS Nil

BACKGROUND

October 2022		
Councillor	Event	Date
Cr John Coulton (Mayor)	Ken Davey Zoom Meeting	12 th Oct.
	NSW Grants Commission – Warialda Council Chambers	13 th Oct.
	Inverell Legacy Centre Opening and luncheon - Inverell	16 th Oct.
	LGNSW online forum on IPart review of the rate peg methodology – Teams meeting	18 th Oct.
	N2NS Phase 1 Council Catch up – teams meeting	19 th Oct.
	Regular NS2B Briefing – Teams meeting	19 th Oct.
	Ordinary Council Meeting – Warialda Council Chambers	20 th Oct.
	Bushfire Management Committee Meeting – Moree Fire Control Centre or via Teams meeting	21 st Oct.
	LG NSW Annual Conference – Hunter Valley	22 nd – 25 th Oct.
	National Local Roads & Transport Congress - Hobart	28 th Oct – 6 th Nov.
Cr Catherine Egan (Deputy Mayor)	Special events Committee Meeting – Roxy Conference Room	11 th Oct.
	NSW Grants Commission Meeting – Warialda Council Chambers	13 th Oct.
	CMCA Opening Reception – Bingara Showground	16 th Oct.

	Duties of Justice of the Peace talk at CMCA Rally	18 th Oct.
	LGNSW online forum on IPart review of the rate peg methodology – Teams Meeting	18 th Oct.
	Ordinary Council Meeting – Warialda Council Chambers	20 th Oct.
	LG NSW Annual Conference – Hunter Valley	22 nd – 25 th Oct.
Cr David Coulton	Extraordinary New England REMC Meeting - Weather Brief – Teams Meeting	4 th Oct.
	NSW Grants Commission Update Meeting – Warialda Council Chambers	13 th Oct.
	LGNSW online forum on IPart review of the rate peg methodology – Teams Meeting	18 th Oct.
	Ordinary Council Meeting – Warialda Council Chambers	20 th Oct.
	Historical Society Meeting – Warialda Museum	20 th Oct.
	Bushfire Management Committee Meeting – Moree Fire Control Centre	21 st Oct.
	LG NSW Annual Conference – Hunter Valley	22 nd – 25 th Oct.
	National Local Roads & Transport Congress - Hobart	28 th Oct. – 6 th Nov.
	NSW Grants Commission Meeting – Warialda Council Chambers	13 th Oct.
	LGNSW online forum on IPart review of the rate peg methodology – Teams Meeting	18 th Oct.
Cr Geoff Smith	Ordinary Council Meeting - Warialda Council Chambers	20 th Oct.
	Bushfire Management Committee Meeting – Moree Fire Control Centre	21 st Oct.
	Meeting – Service Level Agreement & Senior Management Team Meetings – Bingara Fire Control Centre	24 th Oct.
Cr Lyndon Mulligan	NSW Grants Commission – Warialda Council Chambers	13 th Oct.
	LGNSW online forum on IPart review of the rate peg methodology – Teams meeting	18 th Oct.
Cr Marilyn Dixon	Special events Committee Meeting – The Roxy Conference Room	11 th Oct.
	NSW Grants Commission – Warialda Council Chambers	13 th Oct.
	Disability Meeting – Warialda Council Chambers	14 th Oct.
	LGNSW online forum on IPart review of the rate peg methodology – Teams meeting	18 th Oct.
	Ordinary Council Meeting – Warialda Council Chambers	20 th Oct.

	LG NSW Annual Conference – Hunter Valley	22 nd – 25 th Oct.
Cr Tiffany Galvin	Special Events Committee Meeting – The Roxy Conference Room	11 th Oct.
	NSW Grants Commission – Warialda Council Chambers	13 th Oct.
	Disability Meeting – Warialda Council Chambers	14 th Oct.
	LGNSW online forum on IPart review of the rate peg methodology – Teams meeting	18 th Oct.
	Ordinary Council Meeting – Warialda Council Chambers	20 th Oct.
	LG NSW Annual Conference – Hunter Valley	22 nd – 25 th Oct.
Cr Jim Moore	Disability Survey Review	28 th Oct.
	NSW Grants Commission Update Meeting – Warialda Council Chambers	13 th Oct.
	LGNSW online forum on IPart review of the rate peg methodology – Teams Meeting	18 th Oct.
	Ordinary Council Meeting – Warialda Council Chambers	20 th Oct.
	Bushfire Management Committee Meeting – Moree Fire Control Centre	21 st Oct.
	LG NSW Annual Conference – Hunter Valley	22 nd – 25 th Oct.
Cr Chris Matthews	NSW Grants Commission Update Meeting – Warialda Council Chambers	13 th Oct.
	LGNSW online forum on IPart review of the rate peg methodology – Teams Meeting	18 th Oct.
	LG NSW Annual Conference – Hunter Valley	22 nd – 25 th Oct.

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

THAT the report be received.

ATTACHMENTS Nil

COUNCIL RESOLUTION:

THAT the report be received.

(Moved Cr D Coulton, Seconded Cr Smith)

CARRIED

For: Cr J Coulton, Cr Egan, Cr D Coulton, Cr Dixon OAM, Cr Galvin, Cr Matthews and Cr Smith

Against: Nil

9.4 Old Yallaroi Depot Acquisition

File Reference:	NA
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Delivery Program

- Goal:** 2. Building the business base
- Outcome:** 2.1 Our economy is growing and supported
- Strategy:** 2.1.1 Plan for and develop the right assets and infrastructure
- Author:** Max Eastcott, General Manager

STAFF DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST Nil

IN BRIEF/SUMMARY RECOMMENDATION

The purpose of this report is to seek Council approval to compulsorily acquire lands at the outskirts of Warialda, on Gragin Road for the purposes of providing Council Depot and Storage Facilities and to inform Council of the due process required to compulsorily acquire lands.

The Council has received consent from the Department of Planning and Environment, Crown Lands (DPE-CL) to be served with a proposed acquisition notice (PAN) acquire Lot 2 DP 1098009 (see attachment **AT-1**) being Crown land and part of Reserve 95763 for Local Government Purposes.

TABLED ITEMS Nil

BACKGROUND

Lot 2 DP 1098009 was part of land previously subject to Special Lease 1969-1 Warialda for Depot held by Yallaroi Shire Council commencing 1 October 1970. The land was subsequently reserved for Local Government Purposes at the end of 1982 and Council is now Crown land Manager of that land under the *Crown Land Management Act 2016*. The land was classified as “Operational” upon transfer to the Council as Crown Land Manager.

Earlier this year, Council received consent from the DPE-CL to be served with a PAN. (see attachment **AT-2**).

COMMENT

This proposal is to acquire the land to secure Warialda’s future by ensuring it owns the land in which is services the community. Servicing the community through a reliance on Crown land has proven less reliable over the past decade and it is considered prudent to consolidate the Council’s core land portfolio on an opportune basis.

The land is required to meet the engineering demands associated with the repetitive devastating damage that has been caused to the Council’s road network by major

flooding over recent years. This has been reinforced by the number of flood events in 2022.

In normal times, the Council's annual roadworks program is approximately \$6M and the Council's current Depot is able to handle the basic requirements for plant, staff and stock items within this amount. The current Depot does however have limitations for the stockpiling of materials required in the construction and maintenance of the road network.

Currently the Council has a flood damage works program of \$50M in addition to its normal works program of \$6M. The flooding event in October 2022 will add to this total.

An increase of this magnitude requires additional space for the stockpiling of materials, additional staff and the parking of additional plant and equipment in order to facilitate the delivery of essential services.

The site also has very good qualities for the storage of road materials such as gravel, aggregate and other related materials. The site is currently being used for this purpose.

Lot 2 DP 1098009 is well situated at the outskirts of Warialda, on Gragin Road approximately 250m west of the Warialda bypass.

The location's close accessibility to the Warialda bypass and the Gwydir Highway is also another factor in its favour.

The proposed acquisition will confer on Council the right to hold the land in a freehold estate which, in turn, will provide Council with the right to construct and / or transfer Council depots and storage facilities to the site without approval from other authorities.

The area of the Crown land of 2.274 Ha and is highly suitable for use as a Council Depot and Storage Facility.

Council is the owner of Lot 1 DP 1098009 which is enclosed by Lot 2 DP 1098009. Council is also the owner of Lot 1 DP 1157814. Council currently benefits from two easements over Lot 2 DP 1098009 in favour of Lot 1 DP 1098009 and Lot 1 DP 1157814 (see attachment **AT-1**).

The neighbouring land to the east is part of Reserve 10596 for Camping managed by Local Lands Services.

DPE-CL has advised that the land is not subject to Aboriginal Land Claim under the Aboriginal Land Rights Act 1983.

Council's opinion is that Native title has been extinguished. **AT-3** shows the status report of prepared by Lands Advisory Services in April of this year.

If Council is to finalise the acquisition of the site for Council Depot and Storage Facilities the following is required:

- An application to the Office of Local Government for acquisition under the *Local Government Act 1993* is prepared, submitted and approved by the Governor.
- The procurement of legal opinion that native title is extinguished to be submitted with the application to the Office of Local Government.
- The issuing of PANs to DPE-CL
- To placement of an Acquisition notice in the NSW Government Gazette and the subsequent lodging of dealings to create title in favour of Council
- The payment of compensation to the DPE-CL.

A valuation of the site is yet to be obtained; however, the statutory land value as at 1 July 2021 was \$41,600. Council may expect to pay a similar value for the acquisition.

Other costs for valuation, legal opinion and administration are likely to be between \$10,000 and \$20,000.

Consultation:

Consultation has occurred with Council staff and Staff from the DPE-CL.

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council proceed with the compulsory acquisition of the land described as Lot 2 DP 1098009 for the purpose of Council Depot and Storage Facilities in accordance with sections 186 and 187 of the *Local Government Act 1993* and in accordance with the *Land Acquisition (Just Terms Compensation) Act 1991*.

FURTHER that Council make an application to the Minister and the Governor for approval to acquire the land described as Lot 2 DP 1098009 and easements burdening Lot 2 DP 1098009 by compulsory process under section 186(1) and 187 of the *Local Government Act 1993* for the purpose of industrial land precinct in accordance with the requirements of the *Land Acquisition (Just Terms Compensation) Act 1991*.

FURTHER that Council as owner of Lot 1 DP 1098009 authorises the acquisition and annulment of its rights of an easement for access 10.06 wide over Lot 2 DP 1098009 benefiting Lot 1 DP 1098009 by compulsory process under section 186(1) and 187 of the *Local Government Act 1993* for the purpose of industrial land precinct in accordance with the requirements of the *Land Acquisition (Just Terms Compensation) Act 1991*.

FURTHER that Council as owner of Lot 1 DP 1157814 authorises the acquisition and annulment of its rights of an easement for access and rising main 10.06 wide as it affects Lot 2 DP 1098009 by compulsory process under section 186(1) and 187 of the *Local Government Act 1993* for the purpose of

industrial land precinct in accordance with the requirements of the *Land Acquisition (Just Terms Compensation) Act 1991*.

FURTHER that Council does not acquire minerals in the land.

FURTHER that the land is to be classified as operational land in accordance with section 31 (2) of the *Local Government Act 1993*.

FURTHER that for the purposes of section 30 of the *Land Acquisition (Just Terms Compensation) Act 1991*, the Council agrees to the land being acquired for compensation, set at the market value of the land, as agreed by the General Manager and the Department of Planning and Environment – Crown Lands.

FURTHER that for the purposes of section 30 of the *Land Acquisition (Just Terms Compensation) Act 1991*, Council as the beneficial owner of the said easement for access 10.06 wide over Lot 2 DP 1098009 and the said easement for access and rising main 10.06 wide as it affects Lot 2 DP 1098009 agrees that any compensation be set at \$Nil.

FURTHER that Council delegate to the General Manager or his delegate the power to do anything further as necessary to give effect to the compulsory acquisition including obtaining any necessary approvals and publishing any necessary notices in the Gazette.

FURTHER that authority be granted to the General Manager to affix the Common Seal of the Council to any documentation required to give effect to this resolution.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Attachment A T-1 DP 1098009 [9.4.1 - 1 page]
2. Attachment A T-2 Department of Planning and Environment – Crown lands – No objection to PAN [9.4.2 - 5 pages]
3. Attachment A T-3 Lands Advisory Services Pty Ltd – Status Report [9.4.3 - 21 pages]

COUNCIL RESOLUTION:

THAT Council proceed with the compulsory acquisition of the land described as Lot 2 DP 1098009 for the purpose of Council Depot and Storage Facilities in accordance with sections 186 and 187 of the *Local Government Act 1993* and in accordance with the *Land Acquisition (Just Terms Compensation) Act 1991*.

FURTHER that Council make an application to the Minister and the Governor for approval to acquire the land described as Lot 2 DP 1098009 and easements burdening Lot 2 DP 1098009 by compulsory process under section 186(1) and 187 of the *Local Government Act 1993* for the purpose of industrial land precinct in accordance with the requirements of the *Land Acquisition (Just Terms Compensation) Act 1991*.

FURTHER that Council as owner of Lot 1 DP 1098009 authorises the acquisition and annulment of its rights of an easement for access 10.06 wide over Lot 2 DP 1098009 benefiting Lot 1 DP 1098009 by compulsory process under section 186(1) and 187 of the *Local Government Act 1993* for the purpose of industrial land precinct in accordance with the requirements of the *Land Acquisition (Just Terms Compensation) Act 1991*.

FURTHER that Council as owner of Lot 1 DP 1157814 authorises the acquisition and annulment of its rights of an easement for access and rising main 10.06 wide as it affects Lot 2 DP 1098009 by compulsory process under section 186(1) and 187 of the *Local Government Act 1993* for the purpose of industrial land precinct in accordance with the requirements of the *Land Acquisition (Just Terms Compensation) Act 1991*.

FURTHER that Council does not acquire minerals in the land.

FURTHER that the land is to be classified as operational land in accordance with section 31 (2) of the *Local Government Act 1993*.

FURTHER that for the purposes of section 30 of the *Land Acquisition (Just Terms Compensation) Act 1991*, the Council agrees to the land being acquired for compensation, set at the market value of the land, as agreed by the General Manager and the Department of Planning and Environment – Crown Lands.

FURTHER that for the purposes of section 30 of the *Land Acquisition (Just Terms Compensation) Act 1991*, Council as the beneficial owner of the said easement for access 10.06 wide over Lot 2 DP 1098009 and the said easement for access and rising main 10.06 wide as it affects Lot 2 DP 1098009 agrees that any compensation be set at \$Nil.

FURTHER that Council delegate to the General Manager or his delegate the power to do anything further as necessary to give effect to the compulsory acquisition including obtaining any necessary approvals and publishing any necessary notices in the Gazette.

FURTHER that authority be granted to the General Manager to affix the Common Seal of the Council to any documentation required to give effect to this resolution.

(Moved Cr Egan, Seconded Cr D Coulton)

CARRIED

For: Cr J Coulton, Cr Egan, Cr D Coulton, Cr Dixon OAM, Cr Galvin, Cr Matthews and Cr Smith

Against: Nil

9.5 Child Safe - Code of Conduct & Commitment Statement

File Reference:	N/A
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Delivery Program

Goal: 1. A healthy and cohesive community
5. Organisational management

Outcome: 1.1 We have healthy and inviting spaces and places

Strategy: 1.1.3 Provide the right places, spaces and activities
1.2.2 A shared responsibility for community safety

Author: Leeah Daley – Organisation and Community Development Director

STAFF DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST Nil

IN BRIEF/SUMMARY RECOMMENDATION

This report recommends that the council approve the Child Safe Code of Conduct and Child Safe Organisation Commitment Statement and endorse the Child Safe Organisation Action Plan.

TABLED ITEMS Nil

BACKGROUND

The Child Safe Scheme and the Child Safe Standards that now apply to all local government entities were developed from the findings from the Nation Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse which handed down its findings in 2017.

Councils, as leaders in the community and providers of recreational spaces and services for children and young people, were identified as having a responsibility to ensure they are child safe institutions.

The [Children’s Guardian Amendment \(Child safe scheme\) Bill 2021](#) was passed on 10 November 2021. This Bill has triggered new responsibilities for all council staff, volunteers and councillors to protect and listen to the children and young people in their community.

Each NSW Council is required to adopt the 10 Child Safe Standards, and subsequent legislation to become ‘child-safe’ organisations.

COMMENT

The 10 Child Safe Standards are based on the recommendations from the [Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse](#)

A child safe organisation consciously and systematically:

- Creates an environment where children's safety and wellbeing is at the centre of thought, values and actions.
- Places emphasis on genuine engagement with and valuing of children and young people.
- Creates conditions that reduce the likelihood of harm to children and young people.
- Creates conditions that increase the likelihood of identifying any harm.
- Responds to any concerns, disclosures, allegations, or suspicions of harm.

National Redress Scheme

The National Redress scheme is part of the Federal Government's response to the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse. All Councillors, and Mayors specifically, have new obligations under these reforms, which the State Government has committed Councils to undertake.

New Legislation

New legislation, which was introduced during 2018 in response to the Royal Commission that apply to Local Government are outlined below.

[Child Protection \(Working With Children\) Amendment Statutory Review Act 2018 NSW \(April 2018\)](#)

Implications – new sections of this legislation make it an offence for an employer to fail to obtain and verify the details of a worker employed to work with children or to keep a record of the details that were obtained. The bill provides for penalty infringement notices to be served on employers who fail to ensure that staff working with children have obtained clearance.

[Criminal Legislation Amendment \(Child Sexual Abuse\) Act \(June 2018\)](#)

Implications – The 'failing to protect' offence where a person will commit an offence if they know that another adult in the organisation who works with children poses a serious risk of physically or sexually abusing a child.

This also includes the 'failing to report' offence where a person will commit an offence for failing to report child abuse. The new offence, Section 316A, will apply where a person knows, believes or reasonably ought to know that a children abuse offence has been committed against a child.

[Civil Liability Amendment \(Organisation Child Abuse Liability\) Act 2018 \(October 2018\)](#)

Implications – Councils can be held vicariously liable for the abuse of children perpetrated by people who are employed by council and by people who are 'akin to employees' of council, this may include volunteers and contractors.

In addition, councils who do not take reasonable steps to prevent child abuse of children in their care, may be liable in a negligence action.

[Children's Guardian Act 2019 \(November 2019\)](#)

Implications – Councils will have the obligation to investigate reportable allegations which are allegations that an employee who is engaged to provide services to children, or who is required to hold a Working with Children Check (WWCC), has engaged in sexual offences, neglect or assault or ill-treatment of a child, and to make determinations about reportable convictions, which are convictions for an offence.

The Act requires an employee of an approved education and care service to report to the General Manager of the council a reportable allegation or reportable conviction that relates to an employee of the service. The Act also requires a relevant entity to have a code of conduct and policies to prevent and detect reportable conduct by employees of the entity.

A summary of the Children's Guardian Act 2019 compiled by Local Government NSW is attached for your information.

Action Taken to Ensure Gwydir is a Child Safe Organisation

A small committee was formed internally to consider the legislative changes and the additional actions that needed to be undertaken to ensure that Gwydir Shire Council is a Child Safe Organisation.

As the council would appreciate from the opening of this report the obligation towards child safety is now not just applicable to our children and youth services. Consideration had to be given to the whole of council operations, services and polices.

The Committee utilised the Office of the Children's Guardian – *A guide to the Child Safe Standards* to assess the current practices at council and to develop an action plan for improvement and compliance. The Guide assisted the committee to put measures in place to ensure that all staff understand how their roles and responsibilities can make council and their community safer.

Maintaining a child safe organisation requires strong leadership. It will be an ongoing process where elected members, staff and volunteers will be provided the training and resources to continue to learn, monitor and review. The action plan and associated documentation will assist management to embed child safety in the attitudes, behaviours and practices of council officers working at every level of our organisation.

Attached are the following documents for consideration by the council:

- Code of Conduct and Child Safe Organisation Commitment Statement
- Child Safe Organisation Action Plan

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

THAT council approve the Child Safe Code of Conduct and Child Safe Organisation Commitment Statement and endorse the Child Safe Organisation Action Plan.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Child Safe Organisation Action Plan [9.5.1 - 16 pages]
2. Childrens Guardian Act summary [9.5.2 - 1 page]
3. Gwydir Shire Council Code of Conduct and Child Safe Organisation Commitment Statem [9.5.3 - 6 pages]

COUNCIL RESOLUTION:

THAT council approve the Child Safe Code of Conduct and Child Safe Organisation Commitment Statement and endorse the Child Safe Organisation Action Plan.

(Moved Cr Matthews, Seconded Cr Dixon OAM)

CARRIED

For: Cr J Coulton, Cr Egan, Cr D Coulton, Cr Dixon OAM, Cr Galvin, Cr Matthews and Cr Smith

Against: Nil

9.6 2024 Local Government Elections

File Reference:	NA
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Delivery Program

- Goal:** 5. Organisational management
- Outcome:** 5.1 Corporate management
- Strategy:** 5.1.5 Provision of responsible internal governance
- Author:** Max Eastcott, General Manager

STAFF DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST Nil

IN BRIEF/SUMMARY RECOMMENDATION

The NSW Electoral Commission has noted this Council’s resolution to appoint the SEC to conduct the 2024 local government elections and has requested that the following resolution be adopted.

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

THAT Gwydir Shire Council resolves that an election arrangement be entered into for the Electoral Commissioner to administer all elections, council polls and constitutional referenda (s. 296(3) *Local Government Act 1993*)

- 1. pursuant to s. 296(2) and (3) of the *Local Government Act 1993 (NSW)* (“the Act”) that an election arrangement be entered into by contract for the Electoral Commissioner to administer all elections of the Council.**
- 2. pursuant to s. 296(2) and (3) of the Act, as applied and modified by s. 18, that a council poll arrangement be entered into by contract for the Electoral Commissioner to administer all council polls of the Council.**
- 3. pursuant to s. 296(2) and (3) of the Act, as applied and modified by s. 18, that a constitutional referendum arrangement be entered into by contract for the Electoral Commissioner to administer all constitutional referenda of the Council.**

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

COUNCIL RESOLUTION:

THAT Gwydir Shire Council resolves that an election arrangement be entered into for the Electoral Commissioner to administer all elections, council polls and constitutional referenda (s. 296(3) *Local Government Act 1993*)

1. pursuant to s. 296(2) and (3) of the *Local Government Act 1993* (NSW) (“the Act”) that an election arrangement be entered into by contract for the Electoral Commissioner to administer all elections of the Council.
2. pursuant to s. 296(2) and (3) of the Act, as applied and modified by s. 18, that a council poll arrangement be entered into by contract for the Electoral Commissioner to administer all council polls of the Council.
3. pursuant to s. 296(2) and (3) of the Act, as applied and modified by s. 18, that a constitutional referendum arrangement be entered into by contract for the Electoral Commissioner to administer all constitutional referenda of the Council.

(Moved Cr Egan, Seconded Cr Galvin)

CARRIED

For: Cr J Coulton, Cr Egan, Cr D Coulton, Cr Dixon OAM, Cr Galvin, Cr Matthews and Cr Smith

Against: Nil

9.7 Councillor Professional Development

File Reference: N/A

Delivery Program

Goal: 4. Proactive regional and local leadership

Outcome: 4.2 We work together to achieve our goals

Strategy: 4.2.2 Work in partnership to plan for the future

Author: Leeah Daley – Organisation and Community Director

STAFF DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST Nil

IN BRIEF/SUMMARY RECOMMENDATION

This report outlines the requirements from the Office of Local Government for council to provide individual Professional Development Plans for elected members.

TABLED ITEMS Nil

BACKGROUND

Ongoing professional development for Mayors and Councillors is now mandatory in NSW.

As part of council's professional development program, an ongoing professional development plan must be developed for the Mayor and each councillor.

The training program is required to span the term of the council with individual activities implemented over time according to priority and accessibility.

The individual elected member professional development plans are yet to be finalised.

It is important to note that the councillor professional development programs are not aligned with the induction program for Mayors and Councillors undertaken when first elected.

COMMENT

Local Government NSW has developed a Local Government Capability Framework. This Framework describes the knowledge, skills and personal attributes needed by mayors and councillors to represent their communities whilst on council and to also deliver community outcomes.

Assessment

As a first step an assessment is required of the knowledge, skills and personal attributes of each councillor. Once this is established then a comparison is made against skills identified as being needed by elected members to effectively serve their community. Any identified shortfall in knowledge, skills or attributes identified

through this process should form the basis of the professional development plans for the Mayor and each of the Councillors.

Activities

The professional development plan for each of the elected members must outline how their individual development needs are going to be met within the council term.

Reporting

Councils are required to publicly report each year in the annual report on the participation of the elected members in the council's induction and professional development programs. The information required to be reported on in the Annual Report includes:

- The name of each elected member who participated in any ongoing professional development program during the year
- The number of training and other activities provided to the mayor and councillors during the year as part of a professional development program, and
- The total cost of any professional development activities and any other training provided to the mayor and councillors during the relevant year.

Local Government Capability Framework

Local Government NSW has developed a Local Government Capability Framework. This describes the knowledge, skills and personal attributes needed by mayors and councillors to represent their communities on council and to deliver community outcomes. Please refer to Appendix G of the attached *Councillor Induction and Professional Development Guidelines 2018*. It has been suggested that Councillor Professional Development Plans be designed around the assessment of skills and personal attributes outlined in the Capability Framework.

Action Required

Draft individual Professional Development Plans are currently being drawn for all elected members outlining professional development activities that have been undertaken since the start of the term. They will be available the day of the council meeting for your consideration. Additional assessment will need to be gathered through a one-on-one discussion with Leeah Daley to undertake assessment and record existing skills and record any additional professional development activities that each councillor wishes to undertake during their term.

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

THAT the report is noted

ATTACHMENTS

1. Councillor Induction & Professional Development Guidelines 2018 [9.7.1 - 70 pages]

COUNCIL RESOLUTION:

THAT the report is noted

(Moved Cr D Coulton, Seconded Cr Egan)

CARRIED

For: Cr J Coulton, Cr Egan, Cr D Coulton, Cr Dixon OAM, Cr Galvin, Cr Matthews and Cr Smith

Against: Nil

9.8 Monthly Investment & Rates Collection Report

File Reference: NA
Delivery Program
Goal: 5. Organisational management
Outcome: 5.1 Corporate management
Strategy: 5.1.1 Financial Management and accountability systems
Author: Helen Thomas, Chief Financial Officer

STAFF DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST Nil

IN BRIEF/SUMMARY RECOMMENDATION

At each monthly Ordinary Meeting, the Council is presented with the schedule relating to Investments, as at the end of the previous month.

TABLED ITEMS Nil

BACKGROUND

In accordance with Clause 19(3) of the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulation 1993, the following information provides details of Council’s funds invested as at 31st October 2022.

Direct Investments

Broker	ID	Investment Name	Rating	Type	Next Rollover	Yield	Current Value
NAB	2022.04	NAB	AA	TD	23/11/2022	2.75%	\$1,000,000.00
NAB	2022.05	NAB	AA	TD	23/11/2022	2.75%	\$1,000,000.00
NAB	2202.06	NAB	AA	TD	23/11/2022	2.75%	\$1,000,000.00
Grand Total							\$3,000,000.00

Managed Funds

Fund	Investment Horizon	Type	Yield	Current Value
Regional Australia Bank	At Call	Cash		\$354,631.74
Regional Australia Bank Medical Centre	At Call	Cash	3.00%	\$50,000.00
Grand Total				\$404,631.74

Total Investments

Direct Investments	\$3,000,000.00
Managed Funds	\$404,631.74
Grand Total	\$3,404,631.74

Cash and Investments

Total Investments

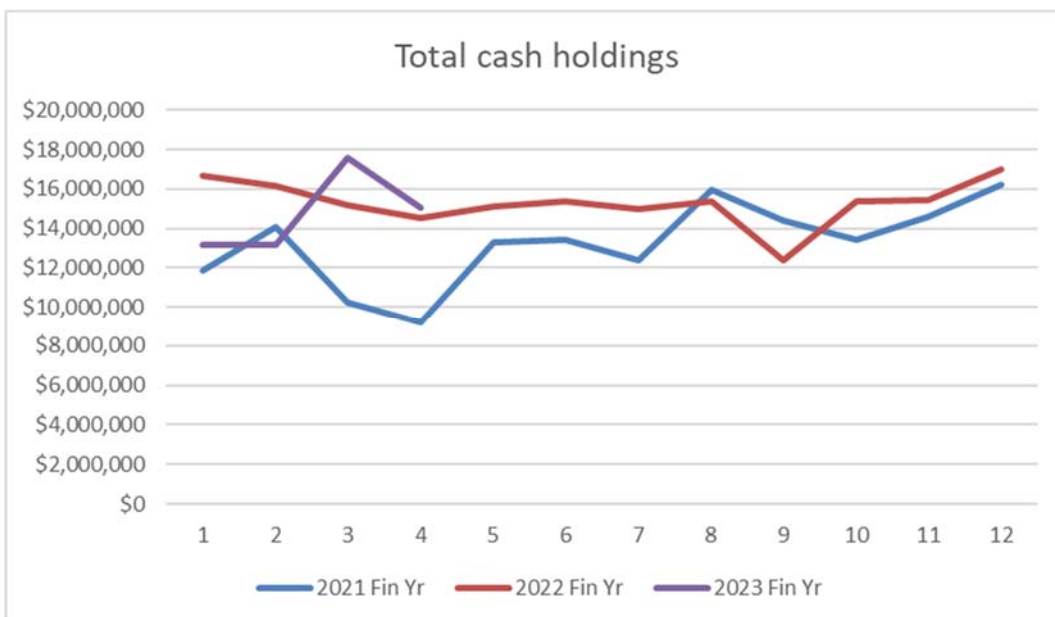
Direct Investments	\$3,000,000.00
Managed Funds	\$404,631.74
Grand Total Investments	\$3,404,631.74

Total Cash and Investments

Investments	\$3,404,631.74
Cash at bank	\$11,628,004.25
Grand Total Cash and Investments	\$15,032,635.99

General Fund Cash

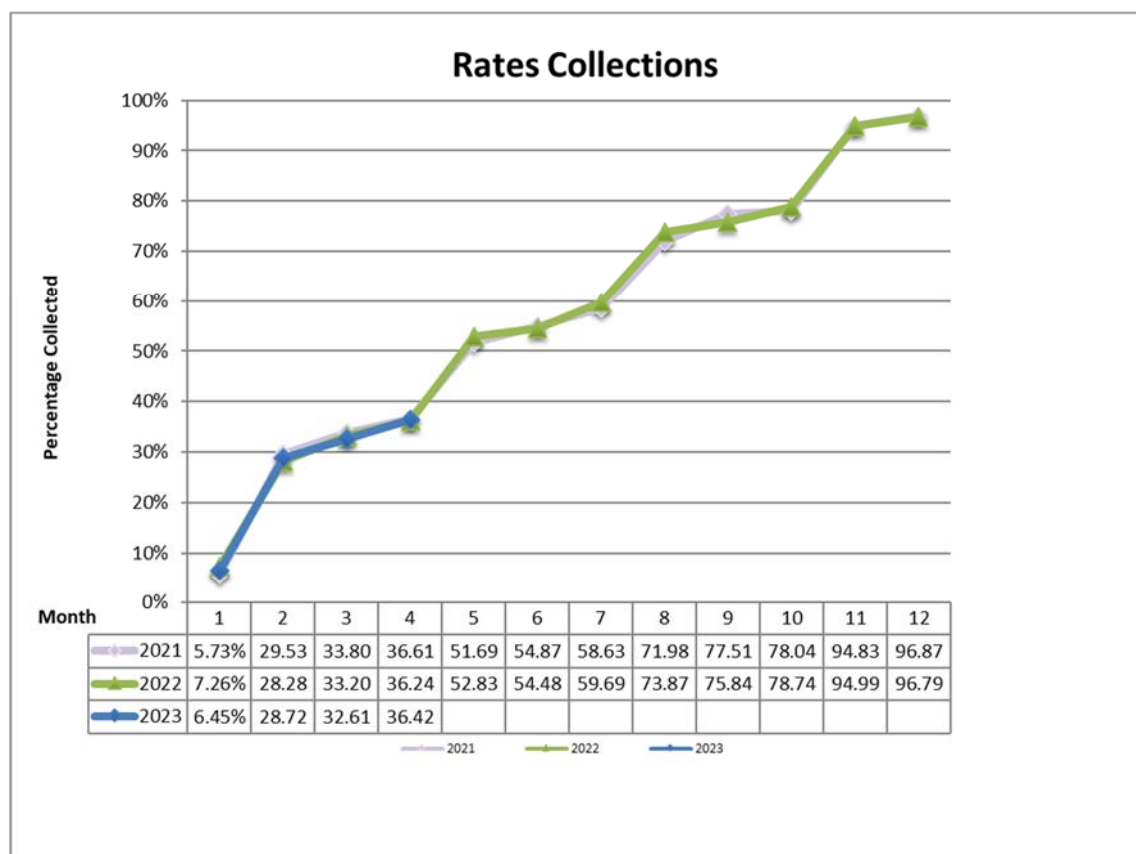
Total cash and investments	\$15,032,635.99
LESS:	
Water fund*	-\$1,114,681.00
Sewer fund*	-\$2,937,786.00
Waste fund*	-\$4,226,033.00
Other restrictions:	
Employee leave entitlements*	-\$400,000.00
Asset replacement*	-\$1,400,000.00
Bonds and deposits	-\$899,870.22
Unexpended grants*	-\$3,300,000.00
Developer contributions	-\$539,000.00
Discretionary General Fund Cash	\$215,265.77



I, Helen Thomas, CFO and Responsible Accounting Officer for Gwydir Shire Council, certify that the Council’s investments have been made in accordance with the Local Government Act 1993, Local Government (General) Regulation 2005 and Council’s Investment Policy, as amended.

RATES COLLECTIONS

The graph below represents a comparative of the percentage collections for the current year against the two previous rating years. The current years collections are up to 31 October 2022.



OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

THAT the October 2022 Monthly Investment and Rates Collection report be received.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

COUNCIL RESOLUTION:

THAT the October 2022 Monthly Investment and Rates Collection report be received.

(Moved Cr Galvin, Seconded Cr Smith)

CARRIED

For: Cr J Coulton, Cr Egan, Cr D Coulton, Cr Dixon OAM, Cr Galvin, Cr Matthews and Cr Smith

Against: Nil

9.9 Communication/ Digital Information Boards

File Reference: N/A

Delivery Program

Goal: 4. Proactive regional and local leadership

Outcome: 4.1 We are an engaged and connected community

Strategy: 4.1.1 Encourage an informed community

Author: Leeah Daley – Organisation and Community Director

STAFF DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST Nil

IN BRIEF/SUMMARY RECOMMENDATION

Communication continues to be a concern for council. This report outlines options for Information Boards to be placed in Warialda and Bingara locations to assist with the dissemination of information to the public.

TABLED ITEMS Nil

BACKGROUND

Considerable discussion and investigation have been undertaken into the installation of public information boards in high traffic areas of the shire. A previous report was tabled at a council meeting outlining the possibilities and options available in the market. The Council indicated that they wanted information boards that broadcast council information, including emergency information, in key high traffic areas in Warialda and Bingara.

COMMENT

At the September Council meeting elected members clarified their vision and updated quotes have now been sourced to satisfy these criteria. Four suppliers have delivered quotes and a summary of this information is listed below.

After consultation with key stakeholders the potential locations for these boards have been identified as:

- 2 Geddes Street Warialda (the customer service/VIC)
- 33 Maitland Street Bingara (in front of the Council office).

Note – the installation planned for 33 Maitland Street must be considered along with the plans for Council Chambers development.

Additional screens could be installed in the windows of the Council office in Hope St Warialda and at the customer service office in Bingara (currently 74 Maitland St). These screens will provide real time information along with upcoming events throughout the Shire. The Information Services Team are investigating prices for the

software for these screens. The smaller screens will complement the information boards and cover high traffic areas in both towns.

In the initial discussions business advertising was discussed. After investigation, this option was not explored further because of the labour required to maintain an advertising service and more importantly because it was felt that it was more important that the information boards are not overloaded, and critical information Council is distributing does not get lost. A way to guide people to other events, businesses and information within the Shire is to direct them to the website or the Gwydir News.

A summary of the quotes is below - Updated Quotes obtained 2 November 2022

Three suppliers have advised there are no ongoing fees, only those associated with the cost of the 4G data plan that will run that software that allows staff to update the boards remotely.

The products from three suppliers have the same appearance. See below for example images provided by Milestone of the noticeboards quoted at the locations identified. Leading Edge Tamworth have provided a kiosk style proposal, these details are included below.





Milestone LED Sign Solutions – Based in Brisbane

Note: Prices will increase in January 2023

Specification	Pixels	Construction	Price
Single Sided – 2,560mm (w) x 1,440mm (h)	256 x 144 pixels	Full LED on RHS poles	Price - \$51,490.00 ex GST for both
Single Sided – 2,560mm (w) x 1,440mm (h)	512 x 288 pixels – clearer option for images along with text	Full LED on RHS poles	Price - \$70,550.00 ex GST per notice board
Single Sided – 2,880mm (w) x 1,600mm (h)	288 x 160 pixels	Full LED on RHS poles	Price - \$58,026.00 ex GST per noticeboard
Single Sided – 2,880mm (w) x 1,600mm (h)	576 x 320 pixels – clearer option for images along with text	Full LED on RHS poles	Price - \$81,766.00 ex GST

Additional information supplied by Milestone (included in email after quotes supplied):

- The powder coating is to Australian standards (which some signs are not – hence why they start to rust out very quickly).
- The power supplies are from the Meanwell brand. They are conformal coated, and fan cooled.
- LED tiles are conformal coated.
- Internal screws are stainless steel.
- All air vents are micro-meshed to stop insects making their way in. The meshes are stainless steel and replaceable.
- The cabinets are properly weatherproofed with both sills and rubber seals
- For ease of maintenance a power outlet is included within the cabinet.
- The cabinet comes with its own RCD (safety switch) already installed.
- Gas struts are used on double-sided signs to help with the facias opening and include safety stay bars as an added precaution.
- Spares such as extra LED modules, power supplies and cables are included. All of which can be changed on-site by a repair person or electrician if ever needed.
- Milestone will provide a Telstra M2M SIM for each board that will allow them visibility of the SIM on the Telstra network should any issues arise.

Electronic Signage Australia – based in Victoria

Specification	Pixels	Construction	Price
Single Sided – 2,400mm (w) x 1,600mm (h)	Full LED on RHS poles	Pixel density of 22,500 dots/m ²	Price - \$58,630.00 inc. GST
Single Sided – 2,880mm (w) x 1,600mm (h)	Full LED on RHS poles	Pixel density of 22,500 dot/m ²	Price - \$67,980.00 inc. GST

Additional information supplied by Electronic Signage Australia

The company can offer a larger screen (2880mm x 1920mm) for the same price as the 2880 x 1600mm option. The larger sized screen enables quicker lead time of 6-8 weeks as opposed to 10-12 weeks.

Signpac – based in Hornsby NSW

Specification	Pixels	Construction	Price
Single Sided – 2,560mm (w) x 1,440mm (h)	Can be either 512 x 288 or 256 x 144 pixels – price remains the same	Full LED on RHS poles	Price - \$56,540.00 inc. GST
Single Sided – 2,880mm (w) x 1,600mm (h)	Can be either 512 x 288 or 256 x 144 pixels – price remains the same	Full LED on RHS poles	Price - \$63,140.00 inc. GST

Leading Edge Innovations – based in Tamworth NSW

Specification - Premium Option	Screen details	Construction	Price
Single Sided – 55” screen 910mm (w) x 1,800mm (h)	2500 nit high brightness, high-TNI HD display (Screen)	Kiosk Style Screen	Price - \$73,969.50 inc. GST
Single Sided – 65” screen 910mm (w) x 1,800mm (h)	2500 nit high brightness, high-TNI HD display (Screen)	Kiosk Style Screen	Price - \$79,324.30 inc. GST

Annual Fees (based on 2 displays) include: -

- CMS License – self managed (12mths) - \$380 ex GST
- Network – 4G plan (12mths) - \$998 ex GST
- NOC Proactive Remote Monitoring and Phone Support (12mths) - \$1,926.86 ex GST

Premium Screen



SUREVISION

Specification – Budget Option	Screen details	Construction	Price
Single Sided – 55” screen 850mm (w) x 2,000mm (h)	2500 nit high brightness, LCD HD display (Screen)	Kiosk Style Screen	Price - \$63,781.30 inc. GST
Single Sided – 65” screen 1,010mm (w) x 2,100mm (h)	2500 nit high brightness, LCD HD display (Screen)	Kiosk Style Screen	Price - \$67,855.70 inc. GST

Annual Fees (based on 2 displays) include: -

- CMS License – self managed (12mths) - \$380 ex GST
- Network – 4G plan (12mths) - \$998 ex GST
- NOC Proactive Remote Monitoring and Phone Support (12mths) - \$1,926.86 ex GST

Budget Screen



Note: - Prices are indicative only. Final price confirmed upon site inspection and engineers' assessment.

- **Proposal is valid for 30 days only.**

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council purchase Information Boards for both Warialda and Bingara to be located at:

- **2 Geddes Street Warialda (the customer service/VIC)**
- **33 Maitland Street Bingara (in front of the Council office).**

FURTHER that the Information Services Team Leader to work with the companies who have provide quotations to determine the most appropriate product, value for money and best fit for the locations identified.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

COUNCIL RESOLUTION:

THAT Council purchase Information Boards for both Warialda and Bingara to be located at:

- **2 Geddes Street Warialda (the customer service/VIC)**
- **33 Maitland Street Bingara (in front of the Council office).**

FURTHER that the Information Services Team Leader to work with the companies who have provide quotations to determine the most appropriate product, value for money and best fit for the locations identified.

(Moved Cr Smith, Seconded Cr Egan)

CARRIED

For: Cr J Coulton, Cr Egan, Cr D Coulton, Cr Dixon OAM, Cr Galvin, Cr Matthews and Cr Smith

Against: Nil

9.10 Quarterly Budget Review Statement

File Reference:	NA
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Delivery Program

Goal: 5. Organisational management
Outcome: 5.1 Corporate management
Strategy: 5.1.1 Financial Management and accountability systems
Author: Helen Thomas, Chief Financial Officer

STAFF DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST Nil

IN BRIEF/SUMMARY RECOMMENDATION

This report recommends that the September Quarter Budget Review Statement be noted and that the September Quarter budget adjustments be approved.

TABLED ITEMS Nil

BACKGROUND

This report is required under the Local Government Act and associated Regulations.

COMMENT

The commentary in this report is directed at overall results. The impact on individual business units and by implication the associated service levels has not been assessed - this is the responsibility of individual directors and managers.

Changes requested in the September Quarterly review have mostly been attributed to grant funded projects and the ability to now accurately assess what funding will be received and the works able to be carried out during the financial year.

While the adjustments have a slightly negative impact on the bottom line, Council will ensure that throughout the year expenditure will be matched to as much grant funded works as possible. This will be a benefit to Councils cash position and ensure our Contracted Liability at the end of the financial year is as low as possible.

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

Local Government Act 1993 and associated regulations. A quarterly budget review is due within 2 months of the end of each quarter under the requirements of Clause 203 of the Local Government (General)

Regulation 2005:

203 Budget review statements and revision of estimates

1. Not later than 2 months after the end of each quarter, the responsible accounting officer of a council must prepare and submit to the council a budget review statement that shows, by reference to the estimate of income and expenditure set out in the management plan that the council has adopted for the relevant year, a revised estimate of the income and expenditure for that year.
2. A budget review statement must include or be accompanied by:
 1. a report as to whether or not the responsible accounting officer believes that the statement indicates that the financial position of the council is satisfactory, having regard to the original estimate of income and expenditure, and
 2. if that position is unsatisfactory, recommendations for remedial action.
3. A budget review statement must also include any information required by the Code to be included in such a statement.

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

THAT the September Quarter Budget Review Statement be noted.

FURTHER that the September Quarter budget adjustments be approved.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Quarterly Review [9.10.1 - 9 pages]

COUNCIL RESOLUTION:

THAT the September Quarter Budget Review Statement be noted.

FURTHER that the September Quarter budget adjustments be approved.

(Moved Cr Egan, Seconded Cr Dixon OAM)

CARRIED

For: Cr J Coulton, Cr Egan, Cr D Coulton, Cr Dixon OAM, Cr Galvin, Cr Matthews and Cr Smith

Against: Nil

10 COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

Cr Galvin

Cr Galvin reported that she attended a meeting of the Regional Joint Library Committee at Qurindi and advised the meeting that the layout of the Qurindi Library building could be a good model for the new Bingara Council Chambers.

Cr Galvin also advised that she and Cr Egan attended the Vision 2020 AGM. John Bishton was elected President and Meg Stammer was elected Vice President.

Cr D Coulton

Cr D Coulton advised the meeting that he has passed onto Council some information about the Pioneer Cemetery Park at Warialda. The meeting was advised that a full report about this location will be tabled at the December Ordinary Meeting.

Cr Dixon OAM

Cr Dixon expressed her concern that Prime TV ran a story about new businesses in Gwydir Shire but only displayed businesses in Bingara, which was regrettable.

Cr Matthews

Cr Matthews advised the meeting that he has been requested to pass on to Council some suggested options for increased disabled parking sites and more footpath crossings. These suggestions were passed on.

Cr J Coulton

Cr J Coulton advised the meeting that he attended the most recent Country Mayors Meeting and gave a brief report outlining the following issues:

Port of Newcastle. Mr Craig Carmody made a presentation regarding the use of the port for transporting containers;

The ALGA President, Cr Linda Scott, gave an update regarding Federal Government Grants;

The LGNSW President, Cr Darriea Turley AM, made a presentation;

The IPART Chair, Carmel Donnelly PSM, made a presentation; and;

Finally Cr Jamie Chaffey was elected Chair and Cr Rick Firman OAM was elected Deputy Chair.

Cr Coulton and Mr Eddy also updated the meeting on the current discussions with ARTC.

11 COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE - CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

COUNCIL RESOLUTION:

THAT the Council resolve into Confidential Session, Committee of the Whole and that in the public interest and in accordance with Section 10A (2) (a) and (c) of the Local Government Act, 1993, the public and press be excluded from the meeting to consider Item(s) listed on the Agenda.

(Moved Cr Smith, Seconded Cr D Coulton)

CARRIED

For: Cr J Coulton, Cr Egan, Cr D Coulton, Cr Dixon OAM, Cr Galvin, Cr Matthews and Cr Smith

Against: Nil

11.1 Adoption of the Recommendations of the Confidential Session

The meeting was re-opened to the public at 12 noon.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION:

THAT the recommendations of the Confidential Session, namely:

Community Services & Planning Report

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

THAT the report be received.

Warialda Solar Farm Lease

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Council enter a 30-year lease with NSW Community Renewables (Warialda) Pty Ltd over Lot 2 in Deposited Plan 1222620 (Part of the Land described as Solar Farm 1 on Deposited Plan 1287738).

FURTHER that Item 5.3 of the draft lease be amended to read 'The Rent is to be reviewed annually throughout the Term on the dates and in the manner set out in Schedule 3 with a market review of the rent if the Grant of Option is exercised under Item 3.5.'

Temporary Occupation & Acquisition Of Council Roads For The Inland Rail Project

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council execute the Licence to perform works on a public road - Section 138 Roads Act 1993 (NSW) with ARTC via an Authorised Delegate.

FURTHER that Council finalise and execute the Deed of Compulsory acquisition by agreement - Section 29 Land Acquisition (Just Terms Compensation) Act 1991 (NSW) with TfNSW via an Authorised Delegate, once the inclusion (or not) of Forrest Creek Road is confirmed by ARTC and TfNSW.

FURTHER that this report be accepted.

Councillor Reports

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Councillor Reports are noted.

are adopted.

(Moved Cr Galvin, Seconded Cr Egan)

CARRIED

For: Cr J Coulton, Cr Egan, Cr D Coulton, Cr Dixon OAM, Cr Galvin, Cr Matthews and Cr Smith

Against: Nil

12 CLOSURE

The meeting closed at 12.03 pm.