



NOTICE OF MEETING

NOTICE is hereby given that a **Meeting of the Community Services and Planning Committee** will be held in the Roxy Meeting Room, on **Thursday 8 July 2021** (commencing at **9am**) to discuss the items listed in the Agenda.

Your attendance is respectfully requested.

Yours faithfully,

Max Eastcott
General Manager

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GWYDIR SHIRE COUNCIL

B U S I N E S S P A P E R

AGENDA

COMMUNITY SERVICES AND PLANNING COMMITTEE July 08, 2021 9am

OFFICIAL OPENING AND WELCOME – MAYOR

APOLOGIES

CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT the Minutes of the Confidential and Ordinary Community Services and Planning Committee held on Thursday, May 13, 2021 as circulated be taken as read and CONFIRMED.

PRESENTATION

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

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE - CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

1. Monthly Organisation and Community Services Report

It is recommended that the Council resolve into Committee of the Whole with the press and public excluded to allow consideration of this item, as provided for under Section 10A(2) (a) of the Local Government Act, 1993, on the grounds that the report contains personal matters concerning particular individuals.

2. Possible Long Day Care Warialda

It is recommended that the Council resolve into Committee of the Whole with the press and public excluded to allow consideration of this item, as provided for under Section

10A(2) (c) of the Local Government Act, 1993, on the grounds that the report contains information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the Council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business.

MAYORAL MINUTE (If any)

DEFERRED ITEMS – Nil

OFFICERS' REPORTS (As listed)

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – OPEN

Councillors' Reports

Item 1 Monthly Organisation and Community Services Report

FILE REFERENCE 21/15750

DELIVERY PROGRAM

GOAL: 5. Organisational Management

OUTCOME: 5.1 CORPORATE MANAGEMENT

STRATEGY: 5.1.3 Administrative functions - GM - internal

AUTHOR Organisational and Community Services 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 June 2021

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

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.

S355 Committees

Council staff continue to assist the committees to apply for funding and to manage the projects that are ongoing.

Centrelink

Centrelink was closed for the public holiday on 14 June and continued normal operations throughout the remainder of this month.

Youth Services

Funding body – NSW Department of Communities and Justice

Youth Council

On Wednesday 16 June, the Youth Council held a meeting to discuss the events they will be holding during the school holidays. Both events will run for the duration of the holidays. One event will be a Treasure Hunt, this involves finding 12 historical or iconic locations in both Bingara and Warialda and gathering the information that will be at these locations. The second event is a Photo Challenge, each day participants have a topic that they will need to capture a photo relating to. Both events are wonderful opportunities for the whole community to get involved.

Youth Mentoring Program

Month	Number of Participants
April	1
May	3
June	4

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

Bingara Toy Library

Funding body – NSW Department of Communities and Justice

Particulars	APRIL 2021	MAY 2021	JUNE 2021
Total daily attendance count for children who utilised the service for the month	61	89	101
Full borrowing memberships New/renew	0	0	0
Non borrowing memberships New/renew	2	2	3
Casual borrowing memberships. New/renew	0	0	0
Commemorative Birth Certificate - voucher memberships	0	0	0
Toys returned	0	8	2
Toys borrowed	3	6	3
Children & Groups using toys	1	5	3
Tuesday 4 play sessions	10	23	20
Wednesday 4 play sessions	15	16	33
Thursday 4 play sessions	2	5	2
KSK Program 8 Sessions	32	45	46

Various new items were kindly donated to the service for the purpose of running a fundraising raffle. The items were divided into six prizes in total. \$1 per ticket. Drawn on 29 July 2021. 1st Coffee pod machine with three packets of pods, 2nd pink towel set of seven items, 3rd handbag from Nutrimerics, 4th ZinGo game, 5th Puzzle with John Deer tractor toy and 6th 2 x John Deer tractor toys and a small puzzle. Funds raised will go towards items for the backyard, for summertime.

On offer each morning for the children attending the service were various activities to build fine motor skills, hand/eye coordination, listening, language, problem solving, creative, sensory, and gross motor skills. Staff had multiple tables set up each session, with activities the children were prompted to take turns participating with the knowledge that they could then go and play freely using their imaginations with the toys in the room afterwards.



Families attending this month conveyed their gratitude of being able to come from a cold home to the warmth of the toy library whilst enjoying company, meeting new families, and allowing the children to learn while playing.

9 June. There was an ear health presentation by the Department of Education and all aspects of hearing and ear health were discussed with lots of questions from attendees being answered. Information was given on how to blow noses and to keep ears clear. Handouts were available and emailed out. The children attending were engaged in active free play whilst the talk was on.

17 June 2021 Local *Scentsy* consultant gave a presentation on the *Scentsy* range. A donation of a room scent rose was given at the end of the session. Families in attendance doubled for the morning due to the interest in these products. The children were able to have a smell and a feel of the products which provided a great sensory experience for them. This session allowed our service to support working mums and show families you can be both, without comprising the time they spend with their children.

Kool Skool Kids Program

The after-school groups enjoyed cooking, movie with popcorn, loom bands, open craft, Lego, painting, card games, movie and mini pizzas, puzzles and relaxing.

This program sees the older children interacting with the smaller children in such a heartwarming way. Supporting the children to have a go, which they would not normally be doing during a day at school.

The children were consulted and engaged in the process to plan what activities they did for this month.

Supported Playgroup Development Worker

Funding body – NSW Department of Communities and Justice

Warialda Toy Library	April 2021	May 2021	June 2021
Total daily attendance count for children, (calculating each child, each day over the month –total points of contact).	132	151	159
Full borrowing members (new)	0	0	0
Non borrowing members (new and/or renew)	0	1	2
Casual borrowing members (new or renew)	0	0	2
Commemorative Birth Certificate applications received	2	0	2
Toys returned	6	2	4
Toys borrowed	2	4	6
Groups using the service (FDC Carer Pharmacy)	2	2	2
Monday group activity morning 3 sessions	37	28	14
Tuesday group activity morning 3 sessions	32	21	40
Wednesday 1 session (Families week celebration)	-	16	n/a
Thursday group activity morning sessions 4 sessions	42	48	56
Friday group activity morning 2 sessions	21	38	49

During the month of June, Warialda Toy Library continued to provide morning service sessions four days a week between the hours of 10am and 12pm. Families were encouraged to visit the service with their children and engage in the program activities available. All the activities catered for, strive to enrich all facets of early childhood development. Family referral and advocacy services continued to be catered for as required, ensuring families are supported as early, and as best as possible.

Group Activity Sessions

Information morning sessions regarding how parents can best support their child's communication skills and anxiety in children were catered for over two separate service sessions. Families were provided with information during these sessions on services available to them to best support these areas of concern if required.

On Tuesday 1 June, playdough and feathers provided for the children promoted fine motor enhancement and sensory play exploration.

Thursday 3 June encouraged social and cognitive skills as children worked alongside each other to create a recipe book, followed by engaging in a cooking experience.

Creativity was encouraged on Friday the 4th of June as children were provided with a variety of craft materials to create their own placemat for meals at

home. These experiences relied upon not only creative skills, but fine motor control to execute the activity.

Story time and, a bird and feathers craft morning, encouraged literacy and communication skills on Tuesday 8 June.

Construction play worked on emerging children's fine motor, creative and hand and eye coordination skills on Thursday 10 June.



On Friday 11 June, sensory play was provided to the children attending the service. On this morning shaving foam with small sea creatures provided hours of exploration, as the children remained engaged at this table experience for some time discussing the texture with their peers and parents alike. Information was shared with parents surrounding the importance of sensory play.

Water paints with pipette droppers encouraged fine motor control on Thursday 17 June. Children worked hard to manipulate their hands and fingers to collect the water colours into the pipettes, before squeezing the end of the pipettes to release the water paint onto the absorbency paper. This activity supported creative, social and cognitive skills, as the children were encouraged to discuss the varying colours made whenever differing colours met on the paper.

A soundtrack listening activity provided for the children on Thursday 24 June, encouraged emergent social, receptive, and expressive listening skills. Children worked hard to listen to the sounds presented in the soundtrack, discussing the sounds, and then setting out to find the corresponding picture to the sound being heard. This activity required parent engagement, patience and exhausted cognition as the children worked hard to execute this activity.

Bingara Preschool

Funding Body – Early Childhood Education and Care Directorate

NSW Department of Education.

Days	May 2021
Tuesday	22
Wednesday	25
Thursday	26
Friday	27

Staff Training

This month there has been the following training completed.

- An educator has completed a webinar on 'Natural Play Environments'.
- An educator has completed an online training course on 'Behaviour Management'.
- The Preschool team of educators, completed a 'Key Word Sign' all day workshop.
- An educator has completed a practical block, as required for their study of the Diploma of Education and Care. The educator had a TAFE Assessor come and visit on Tuesday 22nd of June to assess their written and practical skills whilst at Bingara Preschool.

Transition to Bingara Central School (BCS)

This month the preschool children have attended three transition excursions to Bingara Central School. During one of these transition excursions, the preschool children were able to participate in the formal opening of Bingara Central School's 'Yarning Circle'. The preschool children also participated in the Smoking Ceremony and attended a contemporary cultural dance session.

Support Services

The Capacity Building Facilitator from PEDAL attended the Bingara Preschool's policy review meeting on Monday 21 June. At the meeting, the Bingara Preschool team of educators and the Capacity Building Facilitator reviewed the service's Behaviour Management Policy.

Family Day Care Visits

The local Family Day Care visited frequently on a Tuesday during June. This time is used for the educators to network and for the children to experience the preschool environment.

Community Involvement

Bingara Preschool attended an excursion to the Bingara MPS on Wednesday 2 June, where the children performed the dances: Tooty Ta, Baby Shark and the Wombat Wobble. The children then shared morning tea with residents.



Cr Marilyn Dixon visited Bingara Preschool on Tuesday 15 June to cook biscuits with the children. Cr Dixon donated all the ingredients for this activity. The children learned to mix, roll, decorate and cook the biscuits.

Bingara Preschool attended an excursion to the Bingara Library on Wednesday 16 June. The children listened to stories, danced and then each borrowed a book.

Bingara Preschool attended the Infants Frolic on Thursday 24 June at Bingara Central School. The children dressed up as their favourite book character. The preschool children performed the dance: 'Freeze'. They also paraded in a circle, showcasing their costumes.

Bingara Preschool attended the Annual Orange Picking Ceremony on Friday 25 June. The children listened to the ceremony and then picked the oranges.



Bingara Preschool attended the Orange Festival. The children dressed up in orange or green and then performed the dance: 'Baby Shark'. The educators, children and their families then participated in the Orange Festival Parade.

Tharawonga Mobile Resource Unit

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

Days and Venues	April 2021
Monday at Yetman	8
Tuesday at North Star	12
Wednesday at Yallaroi	6 (2 Casual)
Thursday at Gravesend	9
Friday at Crooble	6 (1 casual)

Staff Training and Development

The Tharawonga Director has provided the educators with information for Speech and Language training for Early Childhood on the (7 July 2021) 10.30am to 3pm at the Bingara Preschool. This will be a collaborative event for our services.

Staff

Tharawonga has farewelled an educator working at the service on a casual basis.

National Reconciliation Week

On Wednesday 2 June Yallaroi children were involved in an art and craft provocation of an Aboriginal flag created using crunched up crepe paper. This provocation promoted the children's fine motor development and skills.

On Thursday 3 June the Gravesend children were involved in a group time experience of reading "How the Kangaroo got their tails" and "The Kangaroo and Porpoise"; the children also had a provocation of Indigenous art using cotton tips and various paints to make their own creations. The children had their feet traced then they decorated and cut out their own footprints to make a "We all walk as one window display. The children were also provided with Indigenous puzzles and Australian animal threading.

Community Collaboration

Monique Winter contacted the service to schedule vision screening across the five venues in Term 3. The service educators participated in the annual Orange Festival ceremony and picking in Bingara.

Yetman

The children at Yetman have been focusing on sustainability through planting their own vegetable seedlings to later transplant into the garden at the venue. The children have taken a very positive interest in pretend play opportunities including the kitchen home corner area which is building the children's social development and imaginative play skills.



North Star

The children at North Star initiated their own learning with educator support about safe risk and resilience concepts such as block tower building. The children are participating in school readiness activities which are promoting and extending key learning concepts. The educators have introduced white boards and markers into the children's outdoor self-selected play opportunities. The children have engaged in this experience with enthusiasm and curiosity. A community member donated some vegetable seedlings to the

service and the children have been planting these seedlings into the garden beds at the venue.



Yallaro

The educators have introduced pretend play opportunities through a vet clinic with animal puppets, shopping trolleys and lawn mowers which is building the children's social development and imaginative play skills. Based on the service philosophy the educators have informed their program using the children's voices and ideas to implement picnic morning teas, cooking experiences, Old McDonald stories, puzzles, and familiar children's stories. There will be (1) one family that will not continue at this venue due a school readiness program starting at North Star School. There are (4) four extra children enrolled as casuals at this venue.



Gravesend

At Gravesend, the educators have been implementing experiences with the children that focus on building their sense of belonging to the Preschool and incorporating respecting diversity through stories and group experiences such as Yoga, ball games and musical chairs. Weekly intentional teaching is incorporated into the program which is scaffolded by the educators which focuses on cognitive development and school readiness skills such as cutting, puzzles, number, and shape recognition. To encourage the children to explore all the intentional teaching activities the educators have created an award system which enables the children to actively participate in all of their designated intentional teaching learning.



Crooble

At Crooble, the educators are focusing on implementing a routine to support children from 2-5 years old. The children have been engaged in Yoga and Doggy Doggy Where Is My Bone for group experiences. The educators have introduced pretend play opportunities through a dress up area and hair salon which is building the children's social development and imaginative play skills. A family had an orientation morning on 18 June with two children. The family will be starting with the service in Term 3.



COMMUNICATIONS, MARKETING and TOURISM and ROXY THEATRE COMPLEX

Service NSW

Due to some delays the RFQ for the relocation of Service NSW in Bingara to the main Council building will now be completed in July with works to hopefully start in September after the annual financial audit process has been completed, to minimise disruption to staff.

Communications

Community Newsletter

Due to feedback from the community, it was decided to continue the July issue of the newsletter as a hard copy. Going forward from then it will be on a subscription basis and if people want a hard copy, they will need to pay a minimal fee for postage. Overall feedback is positive, and people are enjoying the layout and content of the newsletter.

Events

The Orange Festival held on 26 June, was a resounding success and we just managed to scrape in before new restrictions hit.

The change of road closure received a lot of positive feedback, and this will be taken back to the committee and Council. Staff are still to go around all business houses to get their feedback on the day, however this will be done and put into the debrief around the festival. Congratulations are to go to staff and committee.

Tourism

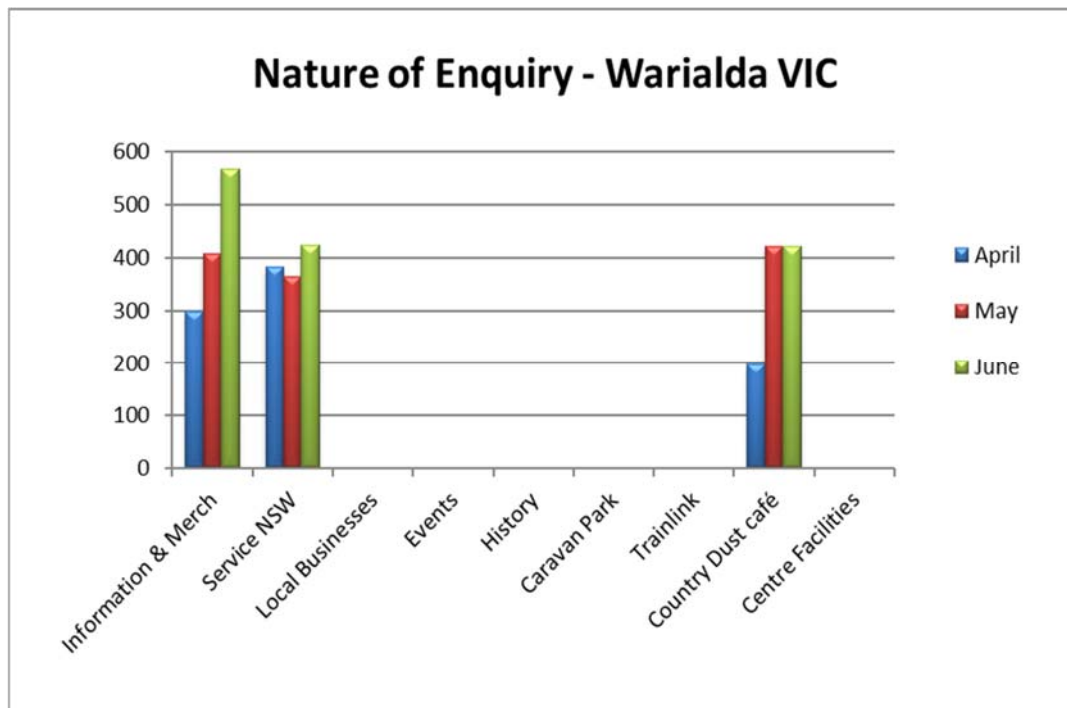
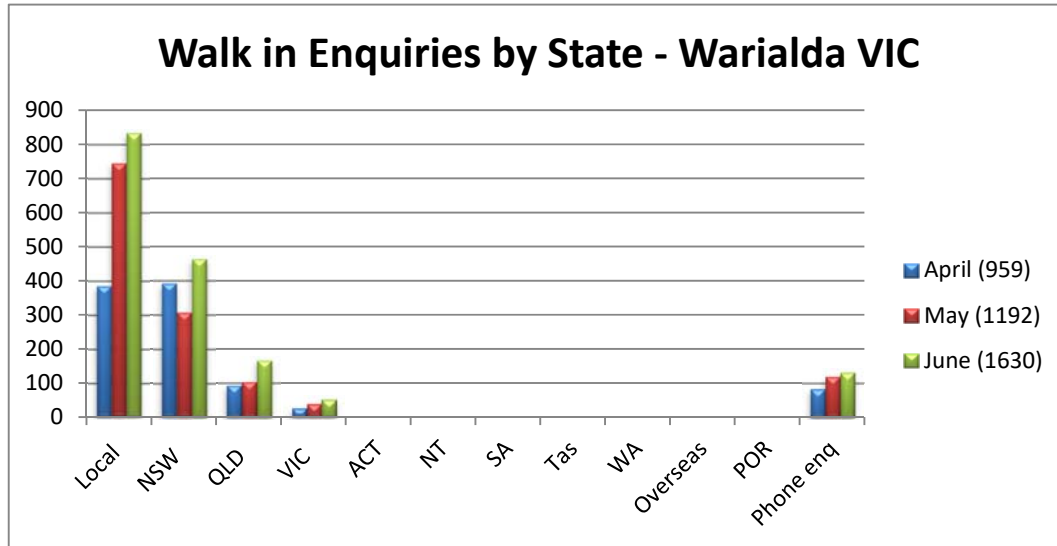
Warialda Visitor Information Centre

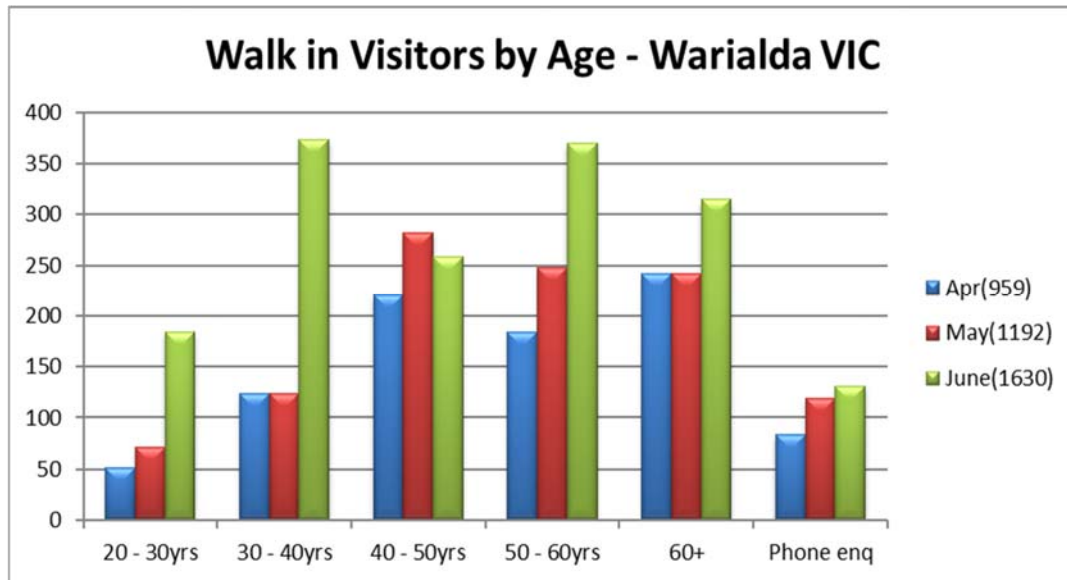
April 2021	May 2021	June 2021
Opening Hours = 157.5	Opening Hours = 165	Opening Hours = 165
Volunteering Hours = 29	Volunteering Hours = 28	Volunteering Hours = 30.5

Income:	April	May	June
Centre Hire	0	0	0
Merchandise sales	\$818.50	\$1,558.51	\$1,773.00
Subtotal	\$818.50	\$1,558.51	\$1,773.00
Total Monthly Income	\$818.50	\$1,558.51	\$1,773.00

Visitors at Warialda VIC	April	May	June
Visitors	297	408	568

RMS	382	363	423
Cafe	197	421	520
Phone Visitor /Service NSW enquires	83	119	131
Total	959	1311	1642

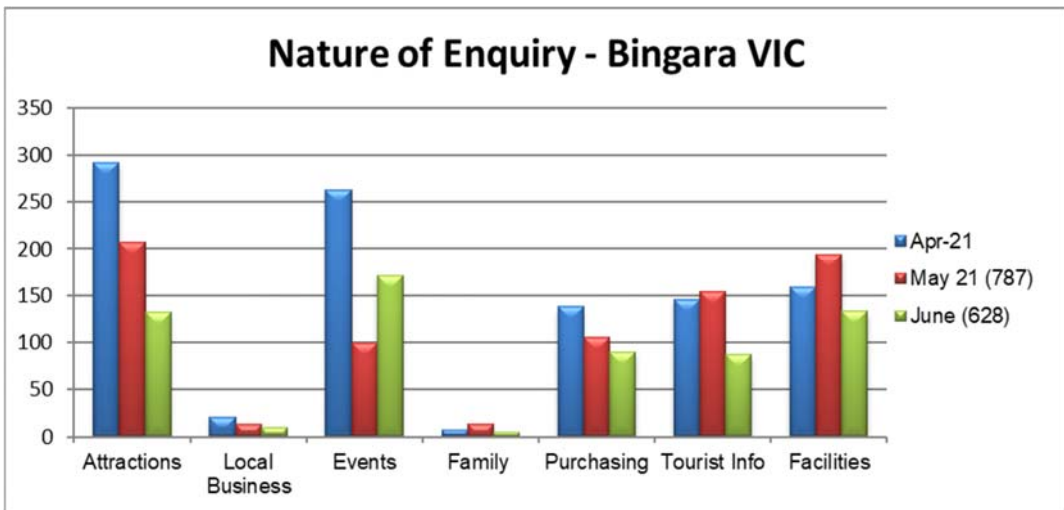
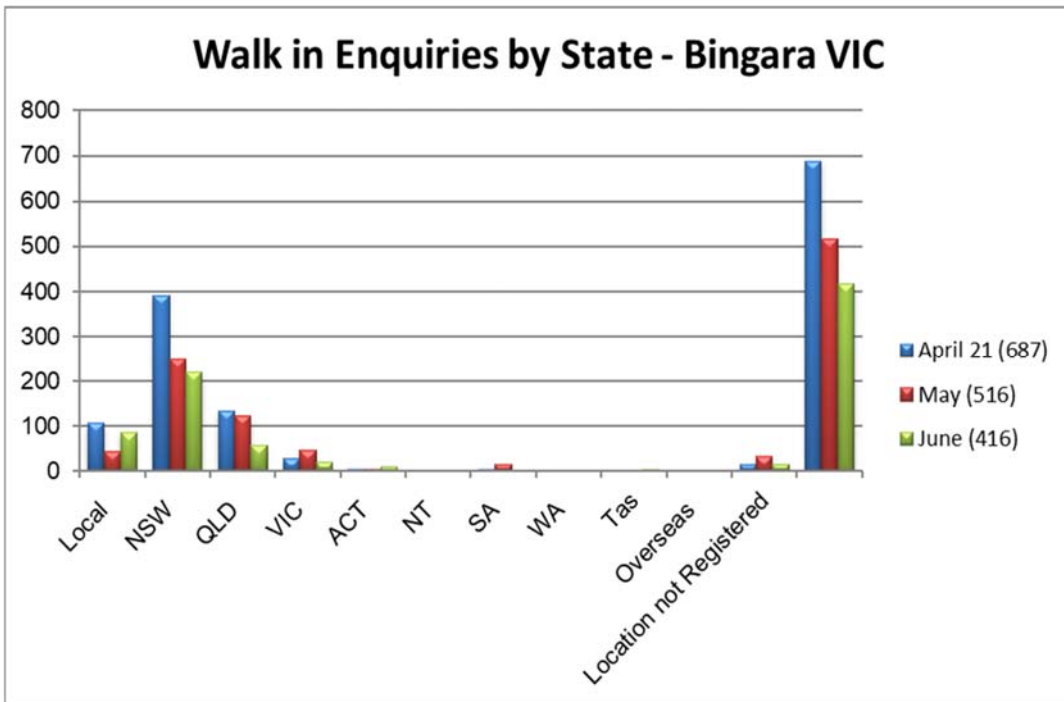


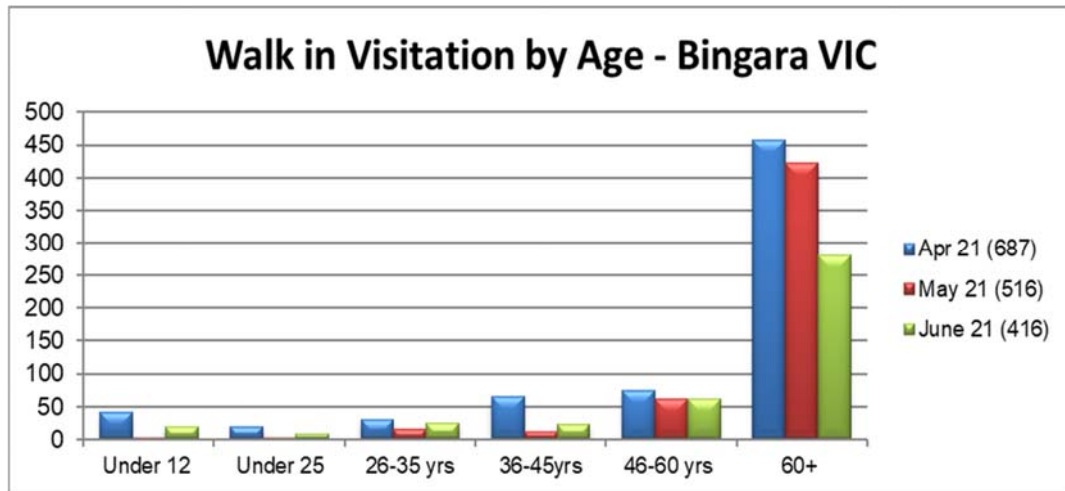


Bingara Visitor Information Centre

April 2021	May 2021	June 2021
Opening Hours = 154	Opening Hours = 173.5	Opening Hours = 165.5
Volunteer Hours = 24	Volunteer Hours = 37	Volunteer Hours = 29

Income – Bingara VIC	April	May	June
Products on Consignment	\$ 12.00	\$ 3.00	\$ 12.00
Merchandise	\$1770.00	\$1122.00	\$ 835.00
Subtotal	\$1782.00	\$1125.00	\$ 847.00
Less payments to consignees	\$ 8.40	\$ 2.10	\$ 8.40
Total Merchandise sales	\$1773.60	\$1122.90	\$ 838.60
VIC Commission received on Event bookings undertaking on behalf of Community Groups – sub total			
Total Monthly Income Bingara VIC	\$1773.60	\$1122.90	\$ 838.60
Roxy Tour Income	\$ 695.00	\$ 845.00	\$ 534.65
Visitors at Bingara VIC	687	516	416





Roxy

Date	Purpose	Numbers
June	Funeral Service	Approx. 100
June	NWTC – Rehearsals for Oliver Twist production – Thursdays & Sundays	Approx. 25

Conference Room – 1 booking for June

Roxy Trade Training Kitchen – no bookings for June

Roxy Theatre Green Room - 1 booking for June

Roxy Café – no bookings for June

AGED CARE SERVICES

Naroo Frail Aged Care Hostel

Occupancy

34/36 – 4 of these Residents are currently on Respite with possibility of one becoming permanent. Another possible respite is expected in a couple of weeks. We have had two residents pass away in June.

Budget

Remains stable. Revenue as per Medicare statement attached for month of June. Budget reviewed with ACM and Finance.

June Meetings

Resident Meeting – 10 June 2021

Residents are happy with the reduction in mice numbers and the continuing maintenance of the facility. Updated COVID-19 advice and alerts were discussed and the mandatory requirements of flu vaccination effective from 1 June 2021. It was also noted to residents, for the provision of travel costs to be invoiced, and for staff members to charge transport based on their hourly rates. Carers are encouraged to assist with transport where possible to reduce any financial burdens. Residents did not report any adverse side effects after receiving the 2nd Pfizer vaccination.

Staff Meeting – 11 June 2021

SIRS – Mandatory reporting of incidents and elder abuse was discussed, and the processes involved. As well, the Aged Care Manager is to be notified immediately. Management thanked staff for their teamwork during this challenging time with many high care/palliative residents. Extra staff were rostered to assist with the extra work. Grief counselling for residents to be investigated with OPAN (Older Persons Advocacy Network) due to the high number of resident deaths in the facility and the ongoing effect on our residents that remain in the facility.

Quality Report 1st June to 30 June 2021

Falls – Total of 7 Resident falls – nil serious injuries sustained.

Pressure Injury – One pressure injury reported – resident on end-of-life care came to the facility with a Stage 3 pressure injury. All strategies in place such as air mattress, high protein fluids and repositioning to assist with the prevention of pressure injury.

Restraint – please see below letter received from the Aged Care Quality and Safety Commissioner

Please ensure a copy of this letter is forwarded to the Board Chair and CEO of your organisation

28 June 2021

Dear Board Chair and CEO

Re: Important changes relating to the use of restrictive practices

I am writing to advise all Board Chairs and CEOs of residential aged care approved providers of important changes regarding the use of restrictive practices. These changes have been introduced by the Australian Government in response to the findings and recommendations of the Royal Commission into Aged Care Quality and Safety.

From 1 July 2021, approved providers have more specific responsibilities under the Aged Care Act 1997 and the Quality of Care Principles 2014 relating to the use of any restrictive practice in

care setting.

The Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission (the Commission) has issued a [Regulatory Bulletin](#) which sets out your new responsibilities and provides important information for you and your staff to help you ensure that your care and services accord with the changed requirements.

The [Regulatory Bulletin](#) outlines the requirements that must be met before and during the use of any restrictive practice and the resources to support providers to meet these requirements. It also outlines how the Commission will monitor compliance and manage any identified non-compliance with these requirements, as well as a provider's performance against the Aged Care Quality Standards.

The Commission will continue to monitor providers' use of restrictive practices through complaint handling processes, responding to notifications made under the Serious Incident Response Scheme, and as part of quality assessment and monitoring activities, including accreditation audits.

Providers who are currently compliant with their legal obligations with respect to restrictive practices are well placed to address the new requirements. In other words, if you already have in place systems, procedures, staff training and care practices that are aimed at minimising restraint, this is the best starting point for your implementation of the new arrangements.

I strongly encourage you to review and carefully consider the changed requirements, and to support your staff in ensuring the safety and wellbeing of the older people in your care.

Yours sincerely,

J. M. Anderson

Janet Anderson PSM
Aged Care Quality and Safety Commissioner

A [printable copy of this letter can be downloaded from our website](#).

Accreditation

The Aged Care Manager has submitted the application for re-accreditation. Naroo can expect an unannounced surveyor's visit, and this may occur at any time. Naroo's current accreditation expires in December 2021.

Resident Outings

Bingara RSL was the destination for the next culinary experience with a tasty Asian influenced menu.



International Nurses Day - 2021

Nurse and care staff at Naroo celebrated International Nurses Day, this day we remember and recognize the amazing work that each of us do, especially during the Covid epidemic.



Pet Therapy

Being around animals makes the residents happy, here at Naroo animals are always welcome. Specific benefits include fewer visits to the doctor, lower cholesterol and helps dealing with stressful situations.





Bingara CHSP

Volunteers

Bingara CHSP was supported by 10 volunteers with 468 hours of services during June by way of Out-of-Town Transport, Centre based daycare 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 was busy with 172 trips for the month servicing 37 clients.

The Access Bus made two trips to Inverell in June. The Bus was again used for some out-of-town trips to medical appointments when both other vehicles were fully booked.

Social Support

Group Social Support met as usual every Tuesday in the Linger longer room. The Ladies were treated with a meal by another guest master chef this month. The monthly trip which was to be held on 30th June was cancelled due to the new COVID restrictions

The Local Transport service has again been busy during June. The Covid19 vaccinations are continuing with many local clients needing transport to and from the Centre.

The monthly Birthday Party was held on Tuesday 29th of June for all those who celebrated their Birthdays in June.

Food Service - Meals on Wheels remained the same in June, maintaining 12 clients.

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

Bingara CHSP June Report	June
Day Centre	
Total Active Clients	21
Clients Receiving Service	10
Total Meals	34
Hours Clients Receive in Centre	175
Social Support	
Number of Clients	49
Individual Hours	293
Group Hours	175
Total Hours Received	468
Food Service (Meals on Wheels)	
Clients	12
Meals	227
Transport	
Number of Clients	37
Number of Trips	172
Transport (Youth)	
Number of Clients	0
Number of Trips	0
Access Bus - Inverell	
Number of Clients	6
Number of Trips (per month)	2
Volunteers	

Number of Volunteers	10
Number of Hours	468

Warialda/Delungra CHSP

Advisory Committee Meeting:

Next Advisory Committee meeting scheduled for 17 August 2021.

Volunteers

Volunteers provide service for MOW, transport by car or bus they also attend Warialda and Delungra Day Centres, this also includes attending any outings.

Transport and Trips

Transport has been a quiet this month.

The community bus to Inverell had a total of two trips this month.

Social Support

COVID guidelines are being followed for clients and visitors entering the CHSP building by signing in, wearing masks and social distancing.

Clients attended Warialda Day Centre on Mondays for morning tea, bingo, and Lunch.

Delungra clients have Day Centre every Wednesday for morning tea and bingo, and every third Wednesday for lunch.

Food Service

Monday Day Centre clients enjoy a home cooked meal and dessert.

The Meals On Wheels client numbers have gone up to five.

Meals on Wheels meals are provided by the local Hospital.

Clients are given a monthly menu to choose from.

Volunteers distribute meals to clients daily.

Warialda/Delungra CHSP Monthly Report - June 2021		
Day Centre	Delungra	Warialda
Total active clients	20	95
Clients receiving service	11	43
Total Meals	43	108

Hours Clients Receive in Centre	103	204
Social Support		
Number of Clients	11	43
Individual Hours	1	48
Group Hours	102	156
Total Hours Received	103	204
Food Service (Meals on Wheels)		
Clients	0	5
Meals	0	57
Transport		
Number of Clients	1	10
Number of Trips	4	59
Transport (Youth)		
Number of Clients	0	0
Number of Trips	0	0
Access Bus - Inverell		
Number of Clients	1	7
Number of Trips (per month)	4	4
Volunteers		
Number of Volunteers	1	32
Volunteer Hours	20	353

COMMUNITY ASSETS

Caravan Parks

The recent grant application under the Murray-Darling Basin Economic Development Program (Round 3) has been approved in the sum of \$300,000. This application an overhaul and upgrade of the electricity supply to the caravan park and adjacent pool and the installation of overhead sporting lights for the 25-metre pool.

Cranky Rock

Month	Powered sites	Unpowered sites	Total
April 2021	158	59	217
May 2021	76	47	123
June 2021	93	42	135

Myall Creek

Month	Visitors who signed book	Comparison 2020/21
April 2021	538	3
May 2021	333	19
June 2021	tbc	281

Gwydir Libraries

Statistics	Bingara	Warialda	Gwydir
Door Count	1613	1338	
Loans	1056	365	
New Members	23	8	
E-resource Users			128
Downloads			368

PC usage	263	60	
WIFI usage	420	180	
Programs	42	30	
Adult Program	154	58	
Children Program	346	155	
Home Delivery	12	8	
Institution Delivery	4	2	
Seniors Be Connected	12	8	

Bingara Branch Activities

- U3A met in the Activities Room for a History Session.
- Residents of Touriandi Aged Care facility regular visit.
- Volunteers from the local Opportunity Shop meeting held in the library on the third Monday of each month.
- Gwydir Ark host their meeting in the library each month enabling the group to invite members from the outer villages to participate via zoom using the library laptop.
- Home schoolers visit each week to participate in programs.
- After school programs, Book Club, Be Connected and Golden Oldie craft sessions.
- Staff from Manilla and Barraba libraries (TRC) visited the Bingara branch to observe after school programs, learn more about Be Connected and programs currently hosted for seniors.
- Bingara Preschool visited the library for a very special session.
- Bingara Playgroup/Toy Library visited. The Librarian spoke about the importance of reading to your child. 'There is no app to replace your lap'.
- Mary Poppins visited the Bingara Central School fancy dress parade!



Mary Poppins' (aka Bingara Librarian) special visit to Bingara Central School.

Warialda Branch Activities

- After school programs.
- Meet, greet, and chat group every fortnight.
- Be connected tutorials weekly.
- Storytime in partnership with the Toy Library.

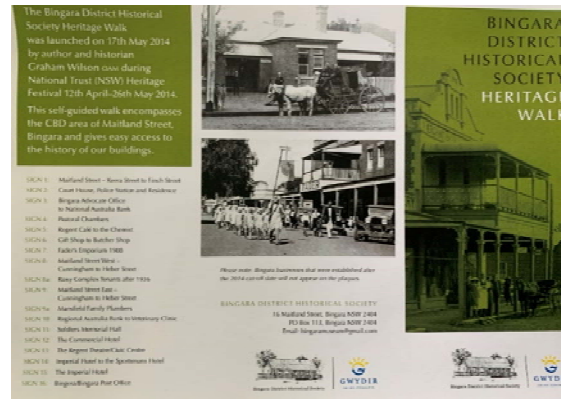
Bingara Library received funding from the local opportunity shop. The funds will be help build the Books in the Bush collection which is a specialist collection of books parents can borrow to assist children with literacy and speech.

Property Management

Interviews for potential tenants for the Plunkett Street units in Warialda were conducted on Thursday 17 June. The successful applicants will be moving into the two vacant units over the next 4 to 6 weeks.

Bingara District Historical Society Heritage Walk

The Bingara Historical Society Heritage Walk was launched at the opening of the Orange Festival Carnival on Saturday 26 June. A presentation was made to Ted Sparke for his tireless research into the history of the buildings in Maitland Street. Council staff had assisted the Historical Society complete this project and compiled a tourist brochure to provide guidance of the location of these signs.



The Bingara District Historical Society Heritage Walk brochure.



Launch of the Bingara District Historical Society – Heritage Walk at the Orange Festival.

Myall Creek

Council staff submitted a funding application on behalf of the Friends of Myall Creek Memorial Committee for \$186,315 in the Landcare Led Bushfire Recovery Grants 2021. It is expected that Council will be notified at the end of July as to the submission outcome.

Additionally, Council was successful in obtaining a Federal Government grant of \$30,000 to assist in the running of this year's annual Myall Creek Memorial Ceremony and the hosting of the Sounds of Country concert at Gwydir Oval. The grant was through the Bushfire Tourism Recovery Initiatives Program.

Over the long weekend the Friends of Myall Creek Committee organised and held a Sounds of Country concert at the Gwydir Oval, Bingara, and the Annual Ceremony onsite. Over 400 people attended the concert on a very bleak and cold Saturday afternoon, and over 600 attended the ceremony on Sunday.



The annual Myall Creek Memorial ceremony was held at the new amphitheater on site



The Sounds of Country Concert was moved to the Gwydir Oval on Saturday 12 June due to the wet conditions.

Stronger Country Communities Funding – Round 4

Council staff submitted three projects for Round 4 of the Stronger Country Communities Funding. These included: \$178,552 - Bingara Sporting Club for the installation of four synthetic tennis courts; \$496,649 - Nicholson Oval for the construction of new amenities; and, \$110,000 The Roxy Complex for renovations.

Purchase of 20 Maitland Street Bingara

Council has now exchanged Contracts for the purchase of the Salvation Army building, 20 Maitland Street Bingara. This property will allow the Bingara Historical Society to better store and display historical items.

Attract, Connect, Stay Pilot Program

In May Council was approached by Dr Cath Cosgrave (PhD) with an opportunity to address the healthcare challenge of attracting and retaining health professionals.

Council hosted a workshop on 8 June 2021 which was delivered by Dr Cosgrave. Nineteen stakeholders attended and at the end of the evening the room resolved to submit an Expression of Interest to be considered a pilot community for the 'Attract, Connect, Stay program which is funded through the Foundation for Rural and Regional Renewal.

The Expression of Interest was lodged on 16 June 2021.

GOVERNANCE

Declarations of Interest – there were Nil Declarations for June

Customer Service Requests (CRM)

CRMs carried forward

Department	Outstanding as at 1 June 2021	Completed since 1 June 2021	Outstanding as at 1 June 2021
Technical Services	25	19	6
Environment and Sustainability	21	9	12
Town Utilities Parks and Gardens	6	5	1
Building Services	5	3	2
Total Outstanding received prior to 1 March 2021	57	36	21

CRM's - 1 June 2021 to 1 July 2021

Department	Received during June 2021	Completed during June 2021	Outstanding as at 1 July 2021
Technical Services	30	14	16
Environment and Sustainability	17	0	17
Town Utilities Parks and Gardens	12	4	8
Building Services	14	4	10
Executive	0	0	0

Organisation and Community Services	2	1	1
Totals	75	23	52

CRMs received since 1 June 2021 and still outstanding as at 1 July 2021

Department	Open
Technical Services	22
Environment and Sustainability	29
Town Utilities Parks and Gardens	9
Building Services	12
Executive	0
Organisation and Community Services	1
Total	73

CONSULTATION

Consultation has occurred within the Organisation and Community Development Directorate.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Policy implications are those relating to the 2020/2021 Operational Plan and the Policies of Gwydir Shire Council.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The activities carried out by the Organisation and Community Development Department are in line with the 2020/2021 Operational Plan.

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

The activities undertaken by the Organisation and Community Development Department regarding social and environmental factors are targeted in line with the 2020/2021 Operational Plan.

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

THAT the report be received

ATTACHMENTS

There are no attachments for this report.

Item 2 Executive Services Monthly Report**FILE REFERENCE** 21/16338**DELIVERY PROGRAM****GOAL:** 5. Organisational Management**OUTCOME:** 5.1 CORPORATE MANAGEMENT**STRATEGY:** 5.1.3 Administrative functions - GM - internal**AUTHOR** General Manager**STAFF DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST** Nil**IN BRIEF/ SUMMARY RECOMMENDATION**

This report is for notation.

TABLED ITEMS Nil**BACKGROUND**

This is an abbreviated Executive Report due to the limited time between meetings.

The only items are the notation of the attached minutes from the following Community Meetings:

Warialda Rail;
North Star;
Croppa Creek; and;
Gravesend.

Overall the meetings were positive.

It is important that these meetings, when possible, are held in order for the residents to know that they have an opportunity to express their views directly to Councillors and staff.

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION**THAT the Community Meeting Minutes for Warialda Rail, North Star, Croppa Creek and Gravesend and noted.****ATTACHMENTS**AT- Minutes



Minutes

Warialda Rail Community Meeting

Wednesday 9 June 2021 at 4.30pm

Attending from Council

Cr John Coulton (Mayor); Cr Catherine Egan (Deputy Mayor); Cr Geoff Smith; Cr Stuart Dick; Cr Marilyn Dixon; Cr Jim Moore; Cr David Coulton; Cr Tiffany Galvin; Cr Frances Young; Max Eastcott (General Manager); Leeah Daley (Deputy General Manager); Carmen Southwell; Robyn Phillips; Alex Eddy; Andrew Cooper; Colin Cuell.

Apologies None

Meeting opened at 4.30pm with 8 in attendance (+ Councillors and Staff)

Welcome by Mayor Cr John Coulton

Outlined this meeting is for the Council to deliver important information to the public; complaints to be dealt with via contact with Council office during business hours. Comments and questions welcomed.

Proposal for the provision of a Warialda Rail water scheme

Speaker Max Eastcott.

Resident Response: If the Warialda Rail Water Scheme went ahead and the Residents who did not require the service still received it and didn't use it they would still be required to pay for the service. The drought was the only time recently when the residents needed to buy water as many of the bores ran dry. Many Residents use Bore water so the need for the provision of the scheme was low.

Grant funds expended in Warialda Rail

Speaker Mayor John Coulton.

Resident Response: They agreed that they appreciated the supply of 'free' electricity to the Recreation Ground Club House.

Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program (LRCI)

Speaker Alex Eddy

Resident Response: Better amenities were essential. Cr Marilyn Dixon agreed with the Residents suggesting the current facilities were a 'disgrace'.

Significant Grant Funded Roadworks

Speaker Alex Eddy.

Council's Integrated Planning and Reporting Documents (2021/22 Budget)

Speaker Max Eastcott.

Stronger Country Communities Round 4

Speaker Max Eastcott. The Grant will be submitted by 25 June 2021 cut-off date with the funding focus female amenities. There will be applications for funding for the Roxy, the Jockey Club female changing rooms and Nicholson Oval female changing rooms.

Questions

Stuart Dick	Can a new amenities be considered to be built near the fire station rather than on the main rd as more traveller friendly.
Resident	There is a need for toilets at the playground/park.
Resident	Can signage be increased to send travellers in to the town.
Resident	There appears to be erosion of the slab at the sports ground since the rain.
Resident	The creation of a Silo Trail
Resident	Sealing of Gineroi Rd

Further Information

Speaker Mayor John Coulton. Informed Residents to expect a rise in their Rates Notice as the State Government has reintroduced the Emergency Services Levy.

Tip Issues

Warialda residents are using the Warialda Rail Tip

The gate is not effective

Install speed signs: Larger signs, tactile markings (suggested by Alex Eddy), smiling/frowning signage (suggested by Carmen Southwell)

Suggested considering lodging requests with RMS.

Speeding is an ongoing issue on the tip rd

Inland Rail

Speaker John Coulton. Advised Residents of the new jobs opening up at all levels and encouraged them to apply if interested and to inform anyone they know of too.

Elections

Speaker Catherine Egan. Reminded Residents that Council Elections were coming up and to encourage people to apply if interested and encourage someone they think will be suitable to apply.

Warialda Rail Recreation Ground

Speaker Carmen Southwell.

Resident Response: Would like to remove trees that are brittle and drop branches during bad weather.

They would like to pull the fence down to create a larger parking area and a space for amenities.

Replace a storage shed.

Lawnmower. After some discussion it was decided to consider selling the lawnmower and use the profits of sale to improve the Club.

The establishment of a bore at the Club to water the grounds and be used for the toilets.

The Residents would like to make the Club house more 'openplan' and install a new sink and bench in the recently renovated area and remove the current old kitchen cabinetry.

Meeting Closed at 5.10pm



Minutes

North Star Community Meeting

Tuesday 15 June 2021 commencing at 6.15 pm

Attending from Council

Cr John Coulton (Mayor); Cr Catherine Egan (Deputy Mayor); Cr Geoff Smith; Cr Marilyn Dixon; Cr Jim Moore; Cr David Coulton; Cr Tiffany Galvin; Max Eastcott (General Manager); Leeah Daley (Deputy General Manager); Carmen Southwell, Alex Eddy and Carl Tooley

Apologies

Cr Stuart Dick, Cr Frances Young, Colin Cuell and Andrew Cooper

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Welcome by Mayor Cr John Coulton

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Grant funds expended in North Star

The following grant of \$92,579 for installation of Solar Panels and Outdoor Lighting to the North Star Sports Club has been received and expended within this community over the last 2 years.

Noted

Significant Grant Funded Roadworks

The following significant road works are being funded under various grants and cover construction occurring over both the Financial Years of 2020/21 and 2021/22:

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Horton Road Sealing 16 Klms	\$5,880,000		\$800,000	\$6,680,000
Totals 75.28 Klms	\$17,210,000	\$10,180,000	\$3,165,975	\$30,555,975

Over and above these projects the finalisation of the Warialda Heavy Vehicle By-pass will be completed in 2021/22.

These roadworks were met with some enthusiasm, especially when it was confirmed that the I Bore Road upgrade would commence in September 2021.

Mention was made of the condition of Mungle Road, which comes off I B Bore Road. Mungle Road was badly impacted by storm damage and urgent remedial work is required and this will be addressed.

Residents present who live around IB Bore Road indicated that water would be available locally to support the proposed roadworks.

The Mayor also pointed out that if the Council's pending storm/flood damage claim is fully approved that will be an additional approximate \$13,552,000. (Mungle Road has \$283,000 allocated toward storm/flood damage repair under this claim).

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Noted

Emergency Services Levy

Gwydir Shire Council is liable for the payment of the Emergency Services Levy each year. The next financial year this levy is \$412,448.48 made up of the following components:

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Noted

Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program (LRCI)

Gwydir Shire has been allocated \$2,364,448 under Phase 3 of this program.

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The community members present discussed a number of potential projects such as additional work on the Memorial Hall, Silo art project, North Star Club security, promotional signage or improved playground equipment.

The Mayor encouraged the community to get together a requested list of works for Council's consideration.

September 2021 Local Government Elections

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Saturday 4 th September 2021	Election Day

Noted

Stronger Country Communities Round 4

The Council is about to submit the following projects for funding under this program.

The guidelines for this grant included a minimum allocation of \$50,000 and that preferably each Local Government Area is strongly encouraged to dedicate up to 50 percent of their allocated funding to projects relating to female sport either through enhanced infrastructure or relevant programs. The focus on female sports applies to both adult and youth sporting activities.

The submitted project	Cost	Focus on female sport participation
New amenities complex for Nicholson Oval Warialda. This will better accommodate the increased use of the oval by female sporting teams. There are at present no dedicated female facilities. The Warialda Sports' Council will contribute \$10,000	\$525,201	Yes
Bingara Jockey club – building – rebuild to include female jockey changing room and show office. At present no dedicated female change room.	\$150,000	Yes
Roxy Complex painting façade, maintenance to awning, replace	\$110,000	No

lights with LED globes and internal building maintenance.		
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Noted

Questions

Issues	Discussion
Inland Rail	There was concerns raised about the possible future of the North Star public toilet and park located on rail land together with the proposed 5 metre earth wall to reduce noise disturbance. Questions were also asked about the likelihood of a construction camp being located locally and hat legacy assets could be left for the local community. The meeting was advised about what little the Council knew about these issues.
Tharawonga	Will the lost day at North Star be returned? The meeting was advised that if the Council can attract the required staff for the service the previous level of the pre-school provision will be returned.
Water security	Why level 1 water restrictions were applied to the village of North Star when there appeared to be sufficient water? It was explained that the minor restrictions were put in place across all the Council's water supply areas to acknowledge the need to save water where possible. The meeting was also advised that North Star does not have a high security water licence at the moment, which is a concern that the Council is trying to address.
Greenhouse proposal at Warialda	Following a question the meeting was advised that the preparation of a Development Application, which could if approved then be sold on, was progressing.
Untidy yards within the village	Concern was expressed about the condition of some yards within the village and what could be done to address this issue. The Village will be inspected to establish what action the Council could reasonably take to address this issue.

North Star playground equipment	The condition of the equipment was a concern to some residents present. The playground will be inspected to determine what maintenance is required.
North Star Caravan Park	The ongoing operation of this facility was raised. The Council will shortly be advertising for any interested parties to submit proposals for the ongoing management of the facility.
ARTC Funding	The residents is attendance were reminded that there are small grants available from the ARTC for community projects although some members indicated that they had already accessed this source of funding.

Meeting Closed at 7.21 pm



Minutes

Croppa Creek Community Meeting

Wednesday 16th June 2021 commencing at 6.00 pm

Attending from Council

Cr John Coulton (Mayor); Cr Catherine Egan (Deputy Mayor); Cr Geoff Smith; Cr Marilyn Dixon; Cr Jim Moore; Cr David Coulton; Cr Tiffany Galvin; Max Eastcott (General Manager); Leeah Daley (Deputy General Manager); Alex Eddy and Carl Tooley

Apologies

Cr Stuart Dick, Cr Frances Young, Colin Cuell, Carmen Southwell and Andrew Cooper

Meeting opened at 6.30 pm with 5 in attendance (+ Councillors and Staff)

Welcome by Mayor Cr John Coulton

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Grant funds expended in Croppa Creek

The Croppa Creek Hall received a grant of \$50,000 plus a contribution from Council of \$20,300 for much needed improvements over the last 2 years.

A grant of \$53,248 was also allocated for improvements to the Crooble Hall.

Significant Grant Funded Roadworks

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Storm Damage Approval Pending	\$13,552,000			\$13,552,000
Totals	\$30,762,000	\$10,180,000	\$3,165,975	\$44,107,975

Over and above these projects the finalisation of the Warialda Heavy Vehicle Bypass will be completed in 2021/22.

Discussion:
Oregon Rd

IB Bore Rd:
Gwydir Shire Council is working to convince Moree to seal their half of the road using the Fixing Country Roads scheme.

County Boundary Rd:
County Boundary Rd from 5 ways south

Warialda Bypass:
There is 1.7 km left to complete. Council are ready to start as soon as the letter sent from Moree Lands Council.

Inland Rail:
Inland Rail are not contributing directly to roads 'MURDER' conduct dilapidation surveys. The roads are already being damaged.
The gravel quarry trucks are excluded with s94 contribution which covers dilapidation of roads from use.

The Newell Highway requires an alternate route in the event of an accident or road closure – consider establishing strategically important roads in the area. Currently a troublesome area for vehicles to travelling one behind another with safety a concern with 5 crossings and 14 km where traffic is forced to slow right down. It is highly unlikely that the road will be realigned as it is a Brownfields corridor (rather than a Greenfields corridor) that is to be left as it is

ARTC – incredible win
Phone service increased between Croppa Creek and North Star as a result of Mark Coulton lobbying.
Storm Damage:
The list of storm damages is in the formulating stage. Over 1000 damages reported. Except for emergency works work on damaged roads will not commence until funding granted. When the storm damages enter the programming stage a list can be made available of roads receiving repairs.

Several of the roads around Croppa Creek including Bristol Rd to the Railway, North Star/Croppa Creek Rd are currently dangerous to drive on.

Truckwash:
The truckwash at Warialda is up and running and can accommodate B Triple trucks.

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Note: Since the printing of the agenda the Bingara Jockey can not produce estimates before closing date so the project has been changed to resurfacing 4 of the 8 tennis courts at Bingara.

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Questions

Issues	Discussion
Inland Rail increasing trucks	Speak/organise Mark Coulton
Storm damage repairs – when?	Put list on website to view when avail
Bristol Rd to Railway dangerous	
North Star/Croppa Creek Road dangerous	
Newell Hwy alt route?	
Improved signage Croppa Creek, North Star	Road signage and services signage eg. Bowling club, etc
Recycling at tip always full	

Cr Galvin: The annual Orange Festival is on 26 June. There is a Gwydir Car Rally being held on 11 July with proceeds going to the Gwydir Branch of Country Education Foundation of Australia.

Mayor J Coulton: Local council elections are fast approaching and he wants to encourage young people to be responsible for their future and consider putting themselves forward as a candidate. This upcoming term is for 3 years.

There is a Self Help Program available through Council regarding sharing the load on road repairs.

A compliment was given regarding the quick response to enquiries and their prompt resolution.

The General Manager thanked residents of Croppa Creek for the uncontaminated recycling.

Meeting Closed at 7.15 pm



**Minutes
Gravesend Community Meeting
Thursday 17th June 2021
6 pm**

Attending from Council

Cr John Coulton (Mayor); Cr Catherine Egan (Deputy Mayor); Cr Marilyn Dixon; Cr Jim Moore; Cr David Coulton; Cr Tiffany Galvin; Max Eastcott (General Manager); Leeah Daley (Deputy General Manager); Carmen Southwell; Andrew Cooper; Jamie Wilson; Colin Cuell; Thais Simpson; Karen Withers

Apologies

Francis Young; Kate & Craig Warby; Geoff Smith; Stuart Dick; Alex Eddy

Meeting opened at 6 pm with 12 in attendance (+ Councillors and Staff)

Welcome by Mayor Cr John Coulton

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Grant funds expended in Gravesend

Speaker: Max Eastcott

The following total funds of \$382,939 (includes grant funds of \$325,122) have been expended within this community over the last 2 years:

- *Stronger Country Communities Fund (SCCF) Round 2* \$120,000
Gravesend Sports Ground Amenities Building
- *Stronger Country Communities Fund (SCCF) Round 3* \$ 60,000
Gravesend Recreation Ground tennis court upgrade
- *Drought Relief Grant* \$145,122
*Reroofing Gravesend Hall, Gravesend Recreation
Ground cricket nets and Installation of Flag Poles & Flags*

Significant Grant Funded Roadworks

Speaker: Jamie Wilson

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Over and above these projects the finalisation of the Warialda Heavy Vehicle By-pass will be completed in 2021/22.

I B Bore Road Sealing will be partially contracted out.

County Boundary Road will be contracted out.

Waiting on permission from Moree Lands Council to finish the Warialda By-pass work.

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Speaker: Max Eastcott

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Resident Response:

Finishing the Hall at a cost of approximately \$80,000.

Gravesend Camp Draft Committee.

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People who would like to work at the September local government elections can now submit an application through the NSW Electoral Commission's 'expression of interest' website located at <https://eoi.elections.nsw.gov.au/EOI?EEID=LG2101>. If you are considering putting yourself forward as a candidate the following are the key dates in this election cycle:

Date	Activity
Monday 28th June 2021	Nominations Online Management System available to prospective candidates
Monday 26th July 2021	Lodgement of nominations open, start of regulated period for electoral material and at 6pm close of roll for the purposes of being a candidate, nominator and roll printing
Tuesday 27th July 2021	Lodgement of postal vote applications open
Wednesday 4th August 2021	At 12 noon the closing of nominations and closing of registration of candidates and groups. Registration of electoral materials open
Thursday 5th August 2021	At 10am the conducting of ballot paper draw
Monday 23rd August 2021	Pre-poll voting period opens
Monday 30th August 2021	At 5pm close of postal vote applications
Friday 3rd September 2021	Close of pre-poll voting period
Saturday 4th September 2021	Election Day

If you have any questions please contact Max Eastcott.

Catherine Egan encourages Residents from every town in the Council to consider nominating themselves as a candidate.

Stronger Country Communities' Fund Round 4

The Council is about to submit the following projects for funding under this program. The guidelines for this grant included a minimum allocation of \$50,000 and that preferably each Local Government Area is strongly encouraged to dedicate up to 50 percent of their allocated funding to projects relating to female sport either through enhanced infrastructure or relevant programs. The focus on female sports applies to both adult and youth sporting activities.

The Submitted Projects	Cost	Focus on Female Sport Participation
New amenities complex for Nicholson Oval Warialda. This will better accommodate the increased use of the oval by female sporting teams. There are at present no dedicated female facilities. The Warialda Sports' Council will contribute \$10,000	\$525,201	Yes
Bingara Sporting Club tennis court upgrade	\$150,000	No
Roxy Complex painting façade, maintenance to awning, replace lights with LED globes and internal building maintenance.	\$110,000	No

The Bingara Tennis court upgrade is an all-weather sports cover.

Resident Response:
Supported.

Customer Requests

The most convenient and quickest way to have an issue that you may have that requires Council's attention is to call the Warialda (02 6729 3000) or Bingara (02 6724 2000) Office and have your request recorded in the Council's Customer Request System.

Questions & Feedback

- \$2.3 million to spread around the Gwydir Shire Council. Please think about what you would like it spent on.
 - Finishing the Hall at a cost of approximately \$80,000. Still to finish is the wall linings, electrical, outdoor extension, windows and painting.
 - Gravesend Camp Draft Committee. Request for lawnmower, automated watering on oval from 22,000 tank and pressure pump and a hot water system.
- The Discover Gwydir Car Rally is Sunday 11 July. All proceeds go to Gwydir branch of Country Education Foundation of Australia. To date everyone who

has applied for the study assistance offered by Gwydir branch of Country Education Foundation of Australia has received funding.

- Feedback: Those Residents who have received a copy of the Gwydir News have found it to be very informative.

The Gwydir News has now released its third edition. It is sent to every resident in the Gwydir Shire Council for free. If you have not been receiving your copy in the mail contact your local post office or if you would like to read it in an magazine style format online please see the 'Issuu' link provided. <https://issuu.com/thegwydirnews> If Residents enjoy using the Gwydir news Facebook page the Issuu link will be put there each month.

- In 2019 the Bill Davies block had a cleanup provided by Council. Unfortunately the ground maintenance inside the fence needs to be revisited by Council.
- A big thank you from Residents for the recent fencing work completed.
- Q. What is happening with the Common across from the school?

A. It is a Dog off Leash Area. The fencing materials have been purchased and the fencing of the area will begin shortly.

- Q. Can some maintenance be carried out on the Historical Grave of Peter Musk? The family are still a part of Gravesend recent history. Perhaps a Historical Marker? The grave is located across the road from the Gravesend Hall.
- The revised Gravesend Campdraft Committee will be holding a Campdraft on August 21. It has been 17 years since the last one. They have held four/five working bees to re-establish the facilities. They hope it will become annual fixture.
- A thank you for the new amenities built at Gravesend.
- The Gravesend 100 Mile Long Lunch is on 28 August and supports the Gravesend school. The Mayor announced that the Council will donate \$5,000 towards the event.

Meeting Closed at 6.45 pm