



## **MINUTES OF COMMUNITY SERVICES AND PLANNING COMMITTEE**

**Held on Thursday 10 March 2022**

**Commencing at 9:00 am**

**in the Roxy Conference Room**

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**Present**

**Members:** Cr John Coulton (Mayor), Cr Catherine Egan (Deputy Mayor), Cr Marilyn Dixon OAM, Cr Jim Moore, Cr Geoff Smith (Arrived 9.27 am), Cr David Coulton, Cr Tiffany Galvin, Cr Chris Matthews and Mrs Leeah Daley

**Staff:** Max Eastcott (General Manager), Helen Thomas (Manager Finance) and Alex Eddy (Manager, Engineering Services)

**Public:** Nil

**Visitors:** Nil

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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 Mulligan

## **3 CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES**

### **COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL:**

**THAT the Minutes of the Community Services and Planning Committee held on 14 October 2021 as circulated be taken as read and CONFIRMED.**

**(Moved Cr Galvin, Seconded Cr Egan)**

### **CARRIED**

**For: Cr J Coulton, Cr Egan, Cr D Coulton, Cr Dixon OAM, Cr Galvin, Cr Matthews, Cr Moore, Cr Smith and Leeah Daley**

**Against: Nil**

## **4 PRESENTATION**

Nil

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

Nil

## **6 ADDITIONAL/LATE ITEMS**

Nil

## **7 COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE - CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS**

**THAT the Committee resolve into Confidential Session, Committee of the Whole and that in the public interest and in accordance with Section 10A (2) 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 Galvin, Seconded Cr Egan)**

### **CARRIED**

**For: Cr J Coulton, Cr Egan, Cr D Coulton, Cr Dixon OAM, Cr Galvin, Cr Matthews, Cr Moore, Cr Smith and Leeah Daley**



**Against: Nil**

**7.1 Adoption of the Recommendations of the Confidential Session**  
**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS TO COUNCIL:**

**THAT the recommendations of the Confidential Session, namely:**

Organisation and Community Development Confidential Report

THAT the report be received.

Councillors' Reports

THAT the reports be received.

**are adopted.**

**(Moved Cr Egan, Seconded Cr D Coulton)**

**CARRIED**

**For: Cr J Coulton, Cr Egan, Cr D Coulton, Cr Dixon OAM, Cr Galvin, Cr Matthews, Cr Moore, Cr Smith and Leeah Daley**

**Against: Nil**

**8 MAYORAL MINUTE**  
Nil.

**9 DEFERRED ITEMS**

Nil.

## 10 OFFICERS' REPORTS

### 10.1 Executive Services Report

**File Reference:** Nil

#### Delivery Program

**Goal:** 5. Organisational management

**Outcome:** 5.1 Corporate management

**Strategy:** 5.1.5 Provision of responsible internal governance

**Author:** 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 January and February 2022:

No.	Property Description	Development/ Work	\$	D/A	s96
28/2013	Johnstone Concrete & Quarry Pty Ltd Lot 52 & 53 DP 751093 530 Gil Gil Creek Road Pallamallawa	Modification of existing approval from 300,000 tonnes/yr to 499,000 tonnes/yr for a period of 5 years and the extension of approved haulage routes to include the whole of Gil Gil Creek Road	\$0	-	✓
44/2021	A G Anderson Lot 1 DP 1273860 943 Moreena Mail Road Bangheet	Dwelling	\$422,027	✓	-
46/2021	DA & CJ Marquett Lot 1 DP 1129457 894 Whitlow Road Whitlow	Shed	\$60,000	✓	-
47/2021	N Hardy Lot 1 DP 1276872 Bora Link Road Dinoga	Premanufacture dwelling	\$86,000	✓	-
48/2021	B E Leadbeatter Lot A DP 414194 56 Finch Street Bingara	Additions and alterations to existing service station – being a new front awning and illuminated price sign	\$50,000	✓	-
49/2021	R & P Karr	Demolition of existing	\$18,000	✓	-

	Lot 24 DP 621937 9 Bowen Street Bingara	sheds and construct new garage			
50/2021	P E Cupitt Lot 28 DP 754856 2838/ Eulourie Road Pallal	Private Cemetery / Burial Site	\$7,000	✓	-
52/2021	I S Thomson Lot 5 Section 12 DP 758471 6 Railway Avenue Gravesend	Garage	\$25,000	✓	-
53/2021	C & K Gilkison Lot 8 DP 529882 82 High Street Warialda	Attached Carport	\$4,000	✓	-
01/2022	L Turvey & B Leehy Lot 17 DP 1202798 Burundah Drive Warialda	Shed with attached carport and a bathroom	\$15,000	✓	-
02/2022	J & M Hendriks Lot 7 DP 843033 6 Olive Pyrke Terrace Warialda	Dwelling	\$80,000	✓	-
03/2022	S & R Gill Lot 22 DP 714356 169 Melrose Estate Road Warialda	Dwelling	\$90,000	✓	-

The following Development (D/A) and Development Modification (s96) applications remain outstanding at the end of February 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	✓	-
34/2021	Regional Quarries Australia Pty Ltd / Ground Works Plus / Doolin Minilya Pty Ltd 427 Minilya Road North Star - 490,000 tonne/ year quarry for 5 years and then a 150,000 tonne/year quarry for a further 10 years	Preparing report for Regional Planning Panel	✓	-
45/2021	B K Coulton 1767 Getta Getta Road North Star - Feedlot	Under Assessment	✓	-
04/2022	N Wearne 3 Ridley Street Bingara - 3 Lot Urban Subdivision, Attached Dual Occupancy Dwelling	Being notified and exhibited for 14 days	✓	-

	and a Single Dwelling			
05/2022	J J De Beer 6 Frazer Street Bingara - Dwelling	Being notified and exhibited for 14 days	✓	-
06/2022	R S Turnbull 3164 Eulourie Road Upper Horton - Private Cemetery / Burial Site	Being notified and exhibited for 14 days	✓	-
07/2022	P Gosdschan 6 Bandalong Street Bingara - Garage	Being notified and exhibited for 14 days	✓	-
08/2022	D Shepherd 65 Hope Street Warialda - Urban Subdivision	Being notified and exhibited for 14 days	✓	-
09/2022	S A Deer 21 Long Street Warialda Garage	Awaiting payment of fees	✓	-

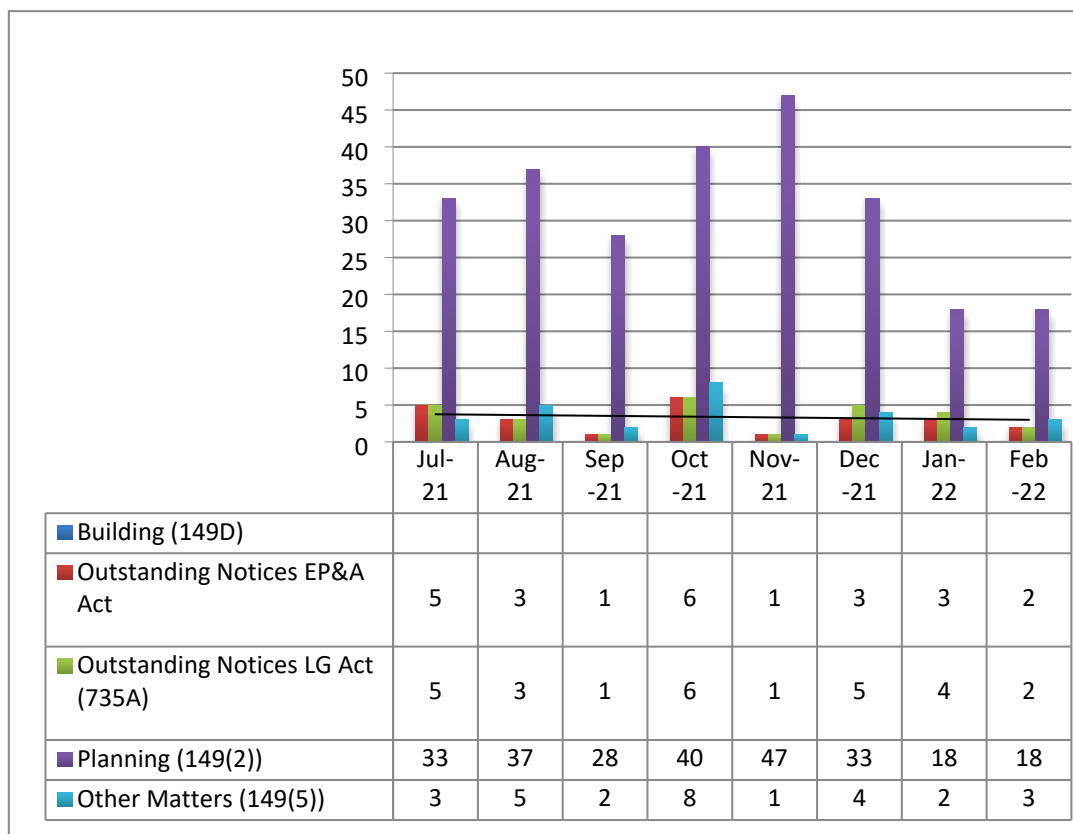
There were no Development (D/A) or Development Modifications (s96) applications approved and not previously reported to Council for the months of January and February 2022.

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

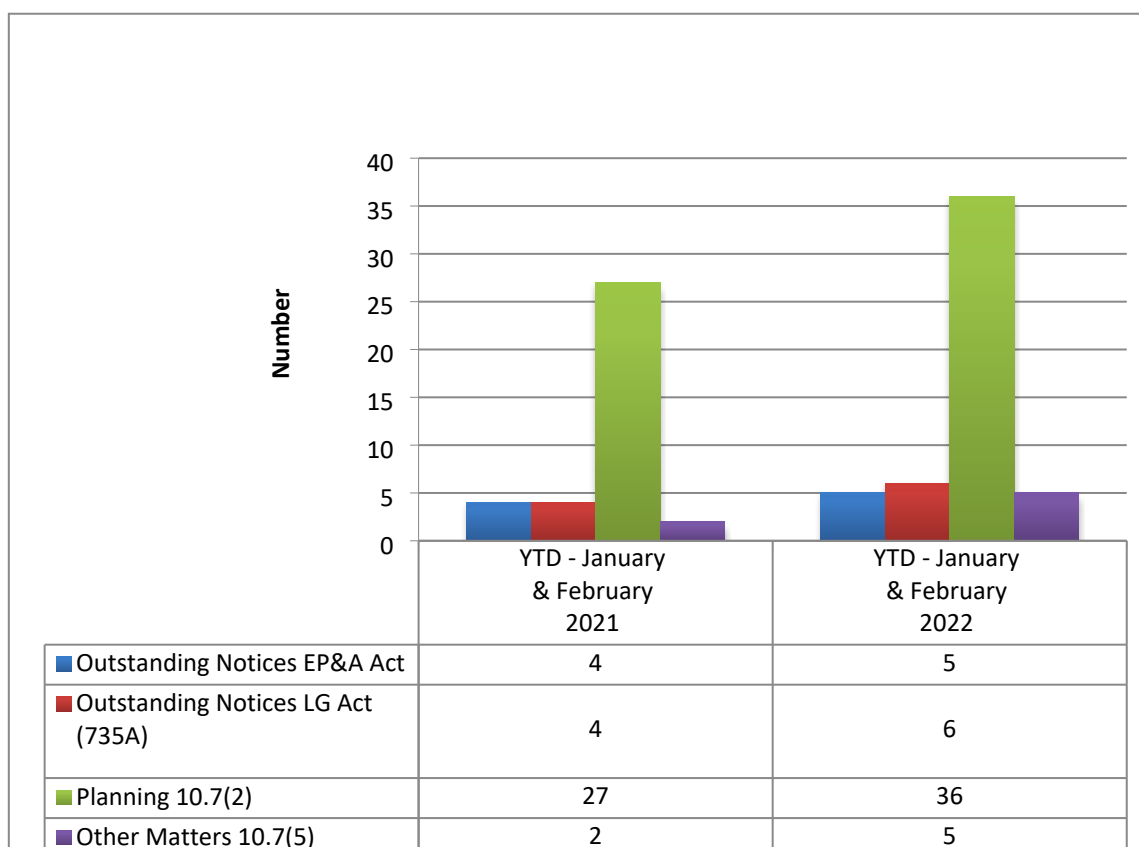
There were no Development (D/A) applications determined where there has been a variation in standards under clause 4.6 of the Gwydir Local Environmental Plan 2013 during the months of January and February 2022.

There were no Subdivision Certificates issued during the months of January and February 2022 or in the previous six months:

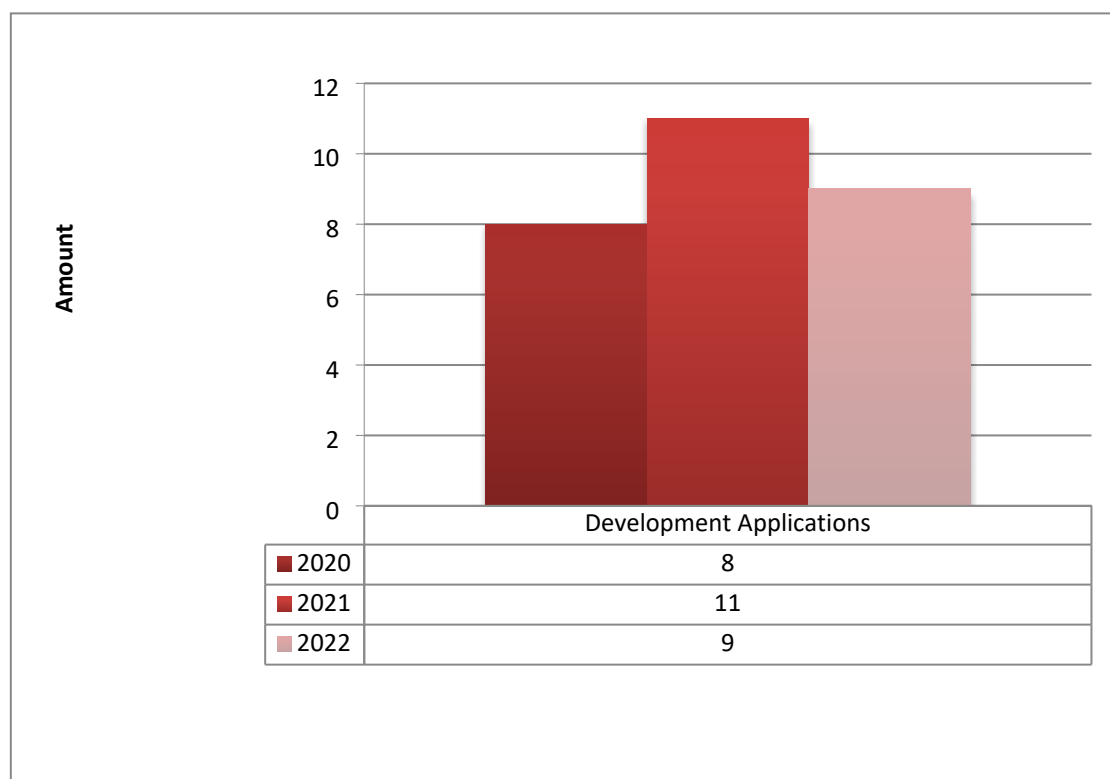
The following graph shows the Conveyancing Certificates issued during the months of January and February 2022 compared to the previous six months:



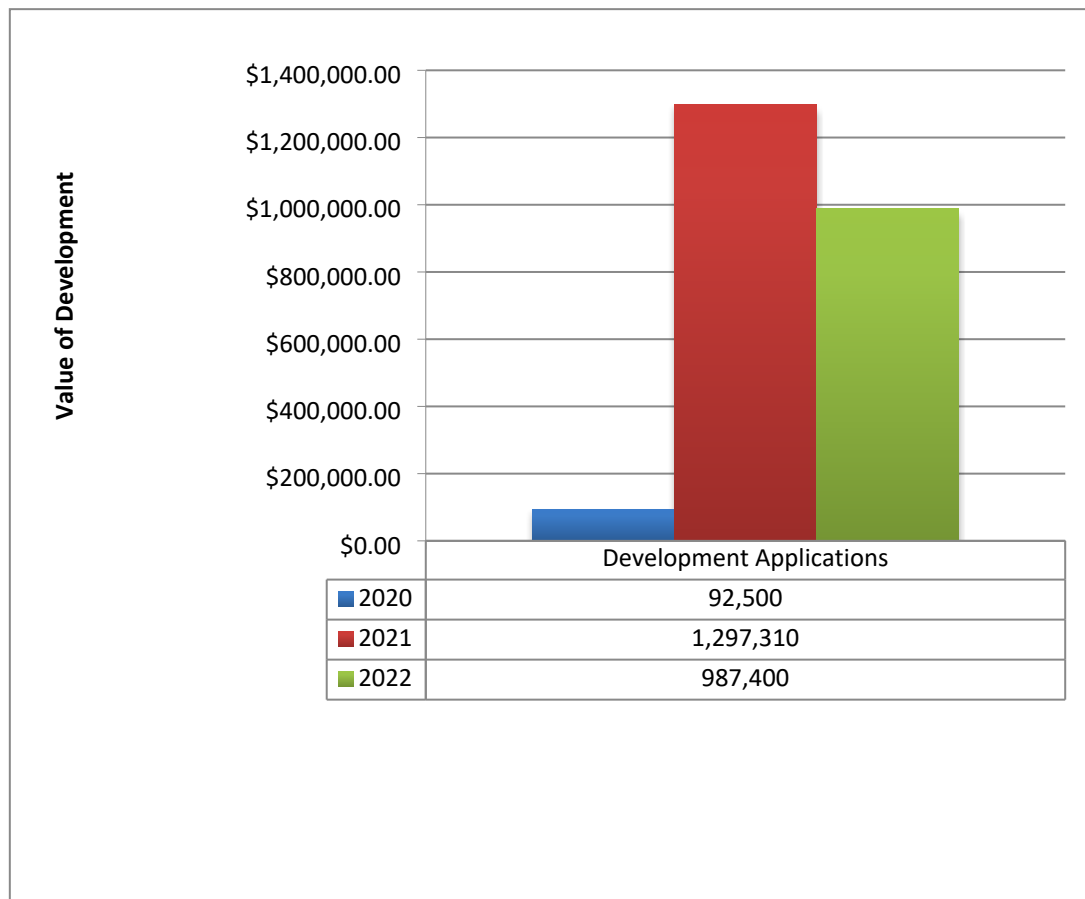
The following graph shows the Conveyancing Certificates issued up to and including the month of February 2022 compared with the same period in 2021:



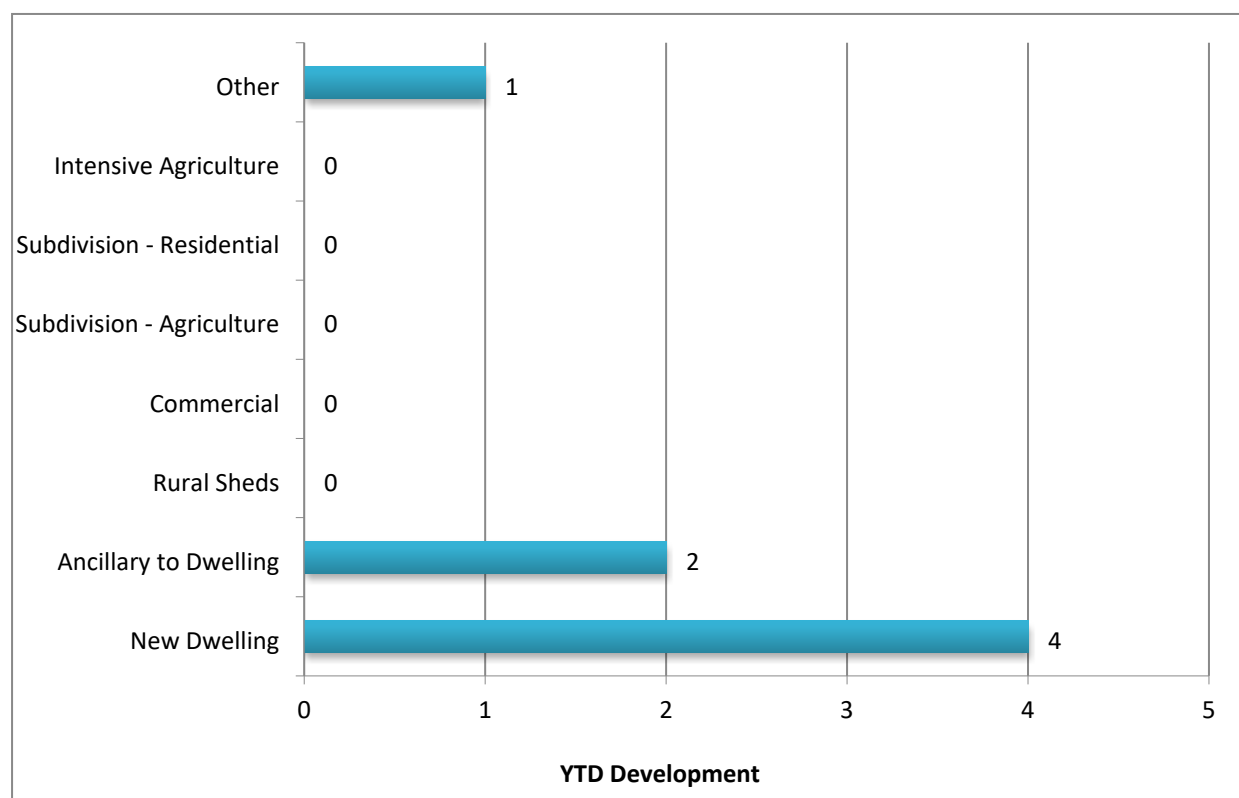
The table below shows a comparison between total applications lodged during the months of January and February 2022 compared to the same period in the previous two years:



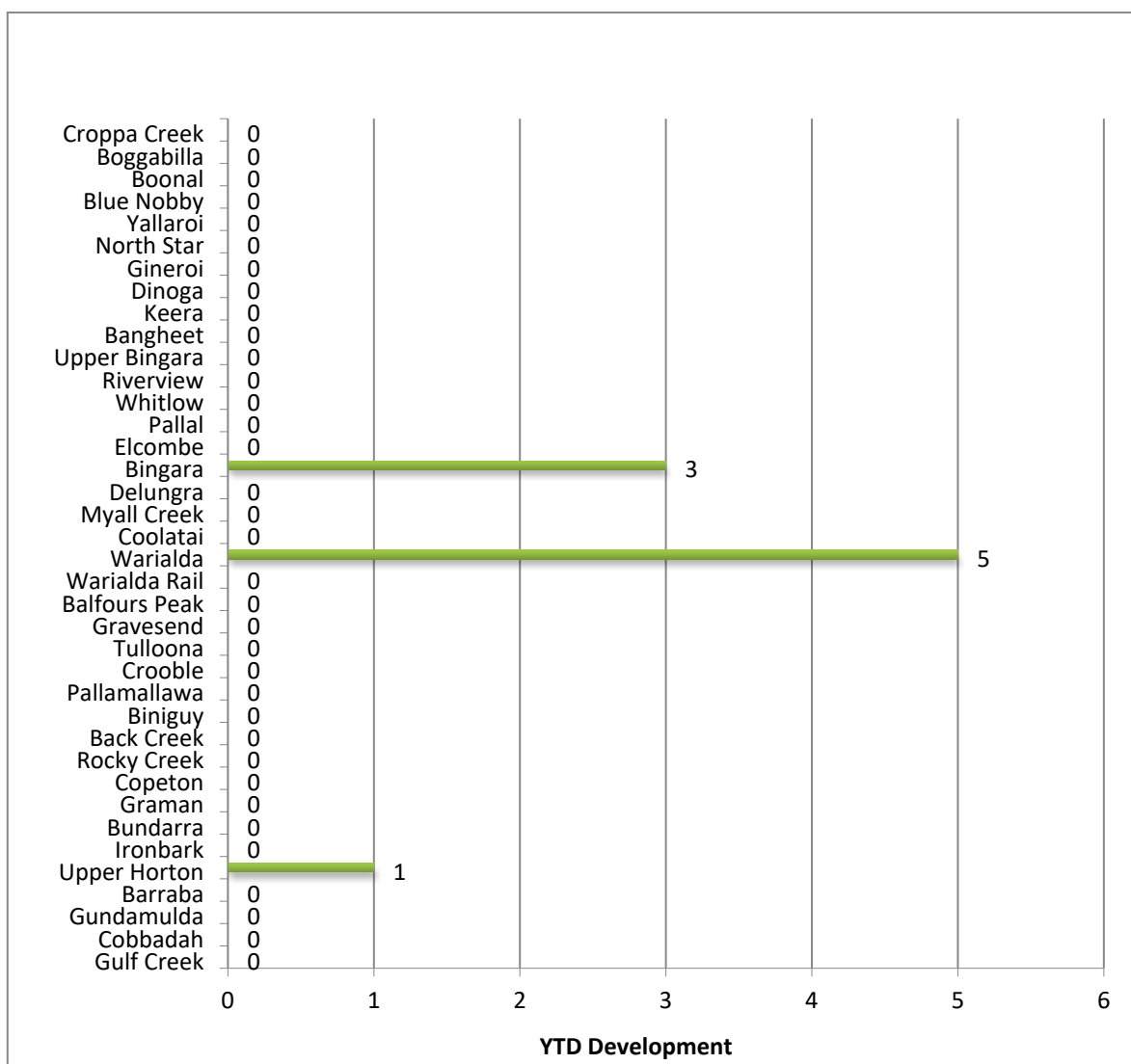
The table below shows a comparison between total value of applications lodged during the months of January and February 2022 compared to the same period in the previous two years:



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

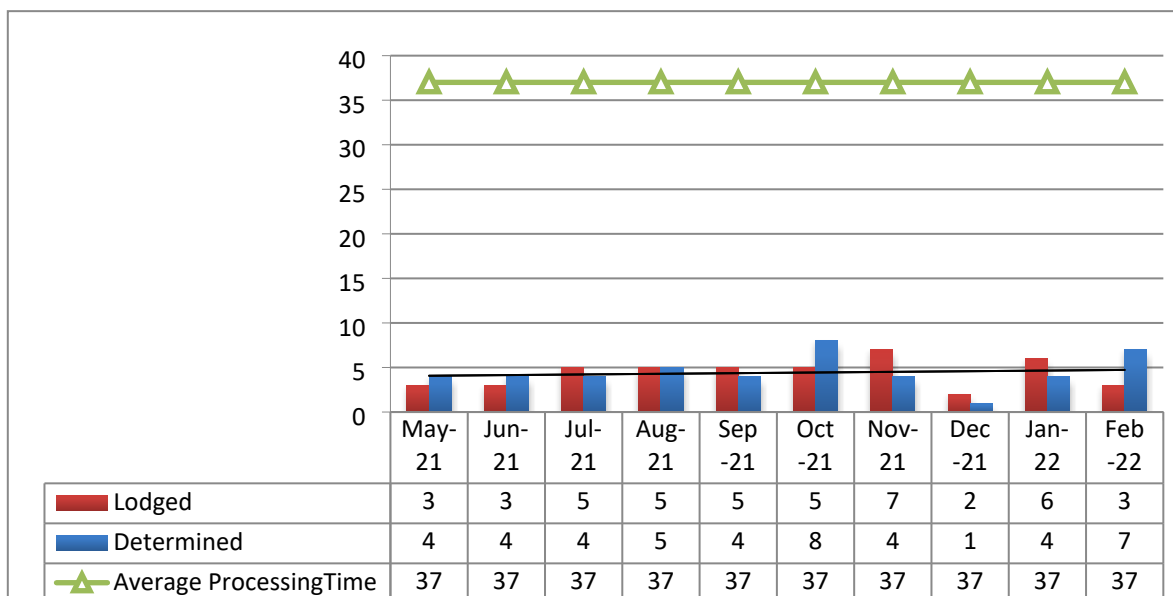


Development Applications received for the year by locality – YTD February 2022:



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





## Town Services Monthly Report for December 2021 and January 2022

### Water and Sewer

Water and Sewerage operators attended 39 service line repairs, 17 repairs to water mains, installed 12 new water meters and repaired 13 sewer blockages during December 2021 and January 2022.

Other work was undertaken at the Bingara Showground and Caravan Park, The Living Classroom, Gwydir Oval, Warialda Caravan Park and Truckwash, Bingara Showground and Cunningham Park, Nicholson Oval and off leash dog park in Warialda, Yallaroi Hall, Bingara and Warialda cemeteries, Warialda Memorial Pool, All Nations Hill and pontoon on Gwydir River in Bingara.

In January the water crew carried out all the trenching for underground power at Bingara Showground, Gwydir Oval and Nicholson Oval. Over 1200m of trenching was undertaken for the three projects.

Bingara water supply was placed on a Boiled Water Alert on 08 December which was lifted on 23 December 2021. The water treatment plant couldn't produce water quality to meet the Australian drinking water guidelines, in particular the turbidity parameters. The problem was intermittent and difficult to track and required the assistance of Department of Planning, Industry and Environment officers both onsite and by zoom conference meeting. The issue was resolved via a process of elimination. The issue is repaired but needs further modification to prevent it from happening in the future.

### Warialda Truckwash

The truckwash facility was used by 82 trucks during December with an average wash down time of 48 minutes and total water used was 282KL. The estimated income for December is \$3,942 less monitoring fees.

The truckwash facility was used by 49 trucks during January with an average wash down time of 52 minutes and total water used was 186KL. The estimated income for January is \$2,547 less monitoring fees.

### **Grant Projects**

Federal Drought Program

Cunningham Park pathways and pool fencing – Completed

New bore at Upper Horton was drilled and cased in January, now there is only the solar bore pump to be installed to complete the project.

All Abilities Park Shade sails are complete. The Terracing of All Abilities Park has been delayed due to the availability of the contractor.

State Drought Program

Cunningham Park toilet block is completed.  
Cunningham Park BBQ and shelters – completed.

Covid Stimulus Funding

Batterham's Lookout – the new guardrail and fencing was installed in the car park area of the lookout during January. The guardrail installation on the roadside is delayed due to the availability of the contractor.



*New guardrail at Batterham's Lookout*

Showground Stimulus Funding

Part of Phase 2 Showground Stimulus Funding included the erection of a new amenities block on the eastern side of Bingara Showground. After many delays, this project is now completed with the recent laying of turf adding the final touch.



*New amenities at Bingara Showground*

The installation of LED light towers at the Bingara Showground was completed during November. The power cables have been installed underground during January and the lights have now been connected to power and tested. The installers will attend the site in February with a cherry picker truck to finalise focusing of the lights.



*Lights at Showground now connected and operating*

The refurbishment of the Bingara Showground grandstand is also part of the Phase 2 Showground Stimulus funding however completion of this work has been delayed by the Contractor.

#### Parks and Gardens

All parks and gardens continue to be maintained. Council undertakes weekly inspections of playgrounds and cleaning of handrails and touch areas. Mowing, weed control, irrigation, hedging, and trimming were routinely undertaken during December and January. Council continues to mark and maintain the fields for the community groups using Council's ovals. Myall Creek and the Glacial area are inspected on a weekly basis.

More trees were planted in Maitland Street and Link Street Bingara during December. The trees are currently being watered manually each week.





*New trees planted in Maitland St and Link St Bingara – Tristaniopsis laurina - water gum*

#### Workshops and Depots – December 2021 and January 2022

<b>Workshops – services and jobs</b>	<b>Dec</b>	<b>Jan</b>
Total number of services in Workshops	16	15
Total number of jobs in Workshops	112	73

Repairs and maintenance undertaken in the Workshops during December and January included:

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- P1081 – tractor – repairs to drive coupler and shaft
- P1889 – Hilux ute – replace rear brakes, drums and wheel cylinders
- P1686 – Medium truck fit new front brake pads, install rear window
- P1081 – tractor – fit new PTO sensor and repair diff lock switch
- P1446 – jetpatcher – repair wiring on auxiliary motor
- P1662 – water cart – new governor valve and repairs

- P1713 – jetpatcher – calibrate back hopper belt
- P1318 – water pump – repairs to engine and drive coupler

Council purchased a new tractor and truck tyre changer which aids in reducing manual effort required in the workshop for changing bigger tyres.



*Tyre changer in Warialda workshop*

Plant Replacement - Council's plant replacement program has secured the following plant during December and January:



*New grader based in Bingara depot*





*P2022 New Kia van for use by Bingara CHSP (previously HACC)*



*Tri axle dolly based in Warialda*



*Road train side tipper – based in Warialda*

Plant Disposal - Council sent a Kia Carnival to Pickles Auctions in Tamworth which was sold for \$16,500.

## BUILDING SERVICES – FEBRUARY 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

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

No.	Property Description	Development/Work	\$	C/C	CDC	BIC	S68
37/2021	4186 Elcombe Road Bingara	Barn style shed (with proposed future development to include conversion of part of shed to a dwelling)	\$200,000	✓			
43/2021	3949 Elcombe Road Bingara	Shed	\$20,000	✓			
44/2021	943 Moreena Mail Road Bangheet	Dwelling	\$422,027	✓			
49/2021	9 Bowen Street Bingara	Shed and Demolition of Existing Small Sheds	\$18,000	✓			
2/2022	378 Wearnes Road Bundarra	Whole House – legalise dwelling built without consent				✓	

## NO. OF COMPLAINTS/INSPECTIONS February 2022

Type	No.	Yr. to Date	Actioned	Pending
Building	23	232	226	6

## 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 February 2022:

- Planning is well underway for the rebuilding of the Bingara Council Offices. Draft plans have been received from Struxi Design for review.
- Unit 1 Plunkett Street – Renovation of bathroom and general repairs and maintenance.
- Construction has commenced on the new Animal Impounding Facility and the slab has been completed with building work to commence.



*Animal Impounding Facility – construction of the slab and foundations*

## **COMMUNITY ASSETS**

### **Councillor Induction Workshop**

Attached is a transcript of the Community Assets Manager's Councillor Induction Workshop presentation.

### **Caravan Parks**

#### **Bingara Caravan Park**

Council staff have inspected the new combined residence/office and provided details of all faults. These will be fixed by the contractor before handover. In addition, the contractor engaged and paid Council to thoroughly clean the building in readiness for the handover of the building.

One of the permanent sites at the Bingara Caravan Park has been sold and a new permanent resident has moved in.

### **Swimming Pools**

Early morning swimming continued during February, three mornings per week, at the Bingara Pool and is still popular.

Bingara Swimming Club has training each week which includes a barbecue for children and their families.

The Bingara Pool hosts Aquafit classes three mornings a week. This program is run by staff from the Bingara Multi-Purpose Service. Over 30 clients have been assessed and recommended to attend the classes for weight loss and fall preventions.

The Warialda Pool Water Workout sessions are held every Monday. Squad training runs every workday afternoon with children travelling from Inverell, Moree and Murrumbidgee to participate. Over 20 squad members have qualified for the PSSA State Swimming Championships.

Both pools have hosted several school swimming learn to swim programs and carnivals this month including schools from Moree, Yetman and Inverell.

### **Cranky Rock**

<b>Month</b>	<b>Powered sites</b>	<b>Unpowered sites</b>	<b>Total</b>
December 2021	53	21	74
January 2022	63	14	77
February 2022	50	49	99

The lawn mower at Cranky Rock Reserve was serviced during the reporting period.

### **Myall Creek**

Council, together with the Friends of Myall Creek Committee have received a grant in the sum of \$85,000 (excl GST). This is a grant through the Murray-Darling Healthy Rivers Program for the control of weeds and revegetation of the site.

During the reporting period, Council staff attended two Friends of Myall Creek Committee meetings.

Also of interest is that the General Manager attended a session called 'Bridging the Gap' at the recent LGNSW (Local Government New South Wales) Special Conference in Sydney and this Council's cooperation with the local Indigenous Community in developing and maintaining the memorial site was used as a case study outlining an example of positive local government engagement.

### **Gwydir Libraries**

<b>Statistics</b>	<b>Bingara</b>	<b>Warialda</b>	<b>Gwydir</b>
Door count	1209	922	

Loans	1860	670	
New members	8	4	
E-resource users			140
Downloads			680
PC usage	191	55	
WIFI usage	325	118	
Programs	21	20	
Adult program	53	91	
Children program	196	125	
Home delivery	28	6	
Institution delivery	8	1	
Seniors Be Connected	5	3	
Community Support Hub	10	6	

### **Bingara Library**

- Be Connected internet tutorials are hosted twice a week in the library, on-line and by phone.
- Gwydir Planning and Development staff continue to utilise the library to meet with clients.
- After School programs have been well attended with every day at capacity. Lego is the hero program followed closely by Book Club. The Toy Library After School program is proving to be very successful in the library activity space.
- The First Friday Book Group met for the first time earlier in the month.
- Home delivery continues to be a necessity for quite a few seniors as they are still hesitant to visit due to the masks.
- Delivery to Touriandi aged care facility continues. Items are dropped at the office. Unfortunately, the iPad and talking book tutorials have been suspended at Touriandi.

### **Warialda Library**

- Home delivery to residents at Naroo hostel continue with items dropped off at the front office.
- Senior programs such as Meet and Greet, and Golden Oldie Craft will resume.
- Be Connected tutorials resumed and are well attended.
- After school programs are held three afternoons and are fully booked.

### **Training**

Both staff members attended the Regional Library staff meeting and training day in Tamworth on February 17, completed Local Studies for Small Libraries online

training offered by the State Library and attended the Gwydir Shire Council's Workcover training.

The Bingara Librarian has completed the four modules of Dementia within the community course with Dementia Training Australia, which is a component of becoming a Dementia friendly Community.

The Bingara Librarian has completed Unattended Children in the Library training through the State Library. The Warialda and casual Librarians will complete the training in the coming weeks.

### **Casual staff**

A new casual library staff member commenced on February 23.

### **Library Plans and Programs for 2022**

Outreach programs across the Shire will resume in March. The plan for 2022 will be to visit each preschool quarterly and work closely with the educators and Tharawonga mobile resource staff to implement library/reading programs. The Library Services Coordinator will meet with Tharawonga staff to discuss the Outreach library program.

Let's Read Gwydir Shire Rats program resumes in April 2022. Invitations to participate will be sent to all preschools and playgroups across the Shire. The invitation to participate will be placed into the Gwydir News and on all Council social media pages.

### **Promotions**

Council will begin promoting the library in March to all areas of the Shire. Promotional packs and information sessions will be hosted in each village when the library visits.

### **Property Management**

The tenant at 113 Long Street Warialda vacated the property during the reporting period. Council's Building Services will now assess the house for maintenance requirements before the property is again leased.

A long-term tenant at the Plunkett Street Warialda Units also vacated during the reporting period. Council Building Services staff will inspect and assess the unit for any required renovations before the property is again leased.

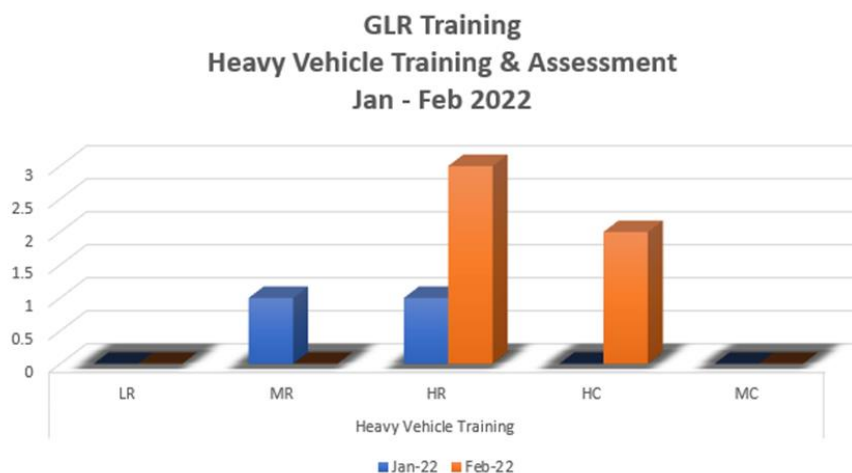
### **Cleaning**

Cleaning staff attended Workers Compensation training during the reporting period.

One of the Council's cleaning staff members has been assisting Naroo with various cleaning tasks whilst aged care employees are on sick leave this month. Other casual cleaning staff have been working more hours at Council sites to fill this void.

## Gwydir Learning Region Training

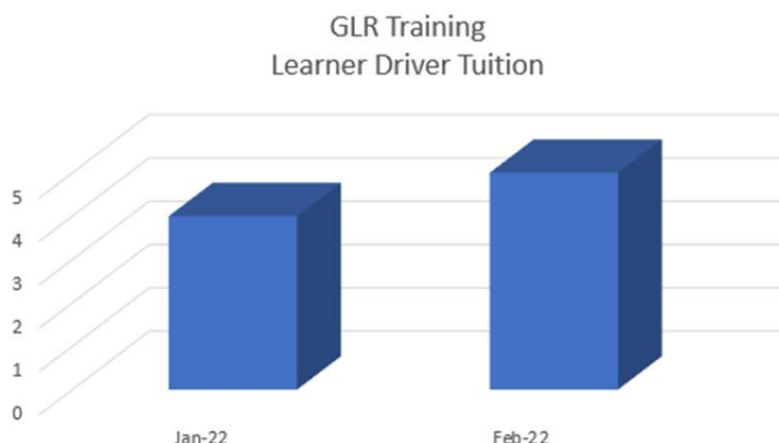
### Heavy Vehicle Training and Assessment



Five clients have completed heavy vehicle training and assessment in February, one funded client passed their Heavy Rigid (HR) training and assessment, and one paying client completed their Medium Rigid (MR) training and assessment.

There are currently 13 clients with funding approval waiting for training dates. Four new enquiries were received, of which two have funding approvals pending and two are paying clients of Jobs Australia.

Council's trainer is now dual aligned with both ACTM Training and CORE Driving School. CORE is based in Campbelltown and are an accredited heavy vehicle training and assessment registered training organisation. The new alignment was required to facilitate the application of High-Risk Variations (HRV) to allow Council's trainer to perform both the training and assessment component of the unit of competency when an alternate assessor is unavailable. ACTM Training do not allow HRVs.



## Media and Communications

### Gwydir Tourism Website

The Media and Communications department have been working to collate content for the new Gwydir Shire Tourism website. This has been happening while the design agency appointed to build the structure of the website has been completing the final stages of design, ready to hand over to Council for content input. It is anticipated that the site will go live at the end of March.

### **Bingara Fire Station Recruitment**

Council, in conjunction with the Bingara Fire Brigade, hosted a meet and greet evening at the Bingara Oz tag competition on Thursday 17 February in the hopes of recruiting additional on call firefighters. The evening consisted of a BBQ and a visit by Superintendent Tom Cooper, Zone Commander for the New England and North-West Regional Office, accompanied by members of neighbouring fire stations, who handed out flyers and answered questions. There was a promising response to the evening with nine people registering their names. Four have already signed up and the other five are making a time to complete the paperwork.

As a follow up, a public meeting involving the Fire Brigade, SES and RFS will be held on Monday 7 March in conjunction with the Gwydir Shire Council public meetings to discuss the staffing shortages they are experiencing across all services and to look at ways of overcoming this.



*Bingara Fire Brigade meet and greet evening 17 February*

### **Media**

#### **On-call Firefighter Initiative**

A media release regarding the shortage of on-call firefighters was sent to all local and regional media. This release was covered by Prime 7 News on Thursday 17 February 2022 and on ABC New England on breakfast on Friday 18 February 2022.

#### **Bushfire Response Funding**

Interview coordinated for ABC New England breakfast on 17 February 2022.

#### **Bypass Update**

Interview coordinated with the Mayor for ABC New England on 22 February 2022.

#### **The Roxy 2022 Program**

A media release regarding the launch of the 2022 program was sent to all local and regional media and selected specialty publications. The story was picked up by GoRV, Australia's premier recreational vehicle media group, for use on their online platforms and print publications (date to be confirmed), Inverell 2NZ news item, Destination NSW for inclusion in their e newsletter and Australian Community Media

for use in The Armidale Express, The Inverell Times, Tenterfield Star, Moree Champion, and Glen Innes Examiner (dates to be confirmed).

### **The Living Classroom (TLC)**

After a year of COVID-19 enforced cancellations, schools have re-commenced booking for visits to TLC. These include small school groups from Yetman, Bonshaw, and Cape Byron Steiner School's Year 7 camping trip for 3 days.

An Australian Rural Leadership Foundation Youth Camp with 40 participants has also been booked for late March.

The Carbon Farm and Northern Slopes Landcare Association's Farm Planning Workshop with Kim Deans was conducted at TLC. The workshop used The Carbon Farm site and the property 'Wongalea' as canvases for the planning exercises.

### **Tourism and Events**

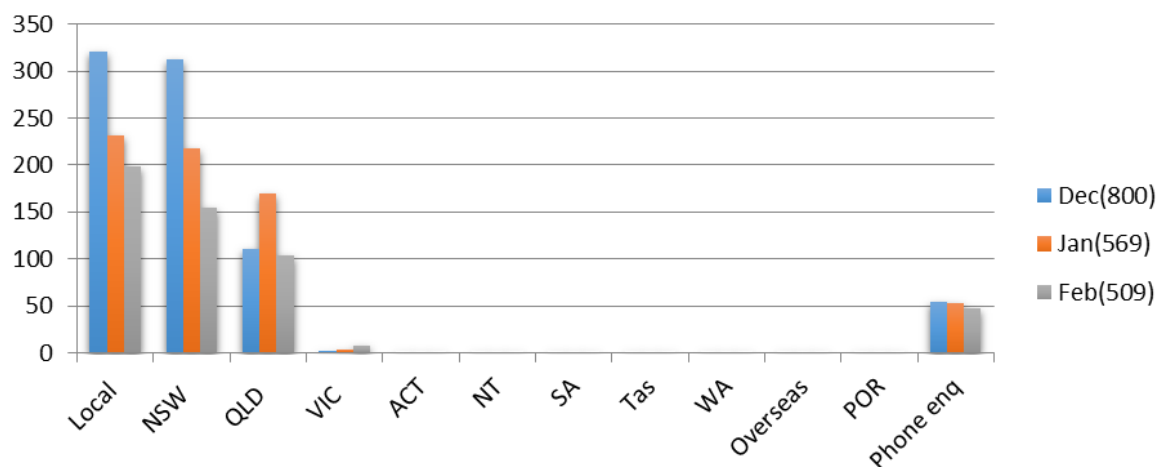
#### **Warialda Visitor Information Centre (VIC)**

<b>December 2021</b>	<b>January 2022</b>	<b>February 2022</b>
Opening Hours = 131.5	Opening Hours = 150	Opening Hours = 127.5
Volunteering Hours = 13.5	Volunteering Hours = 10	Volunteering Hours = 14

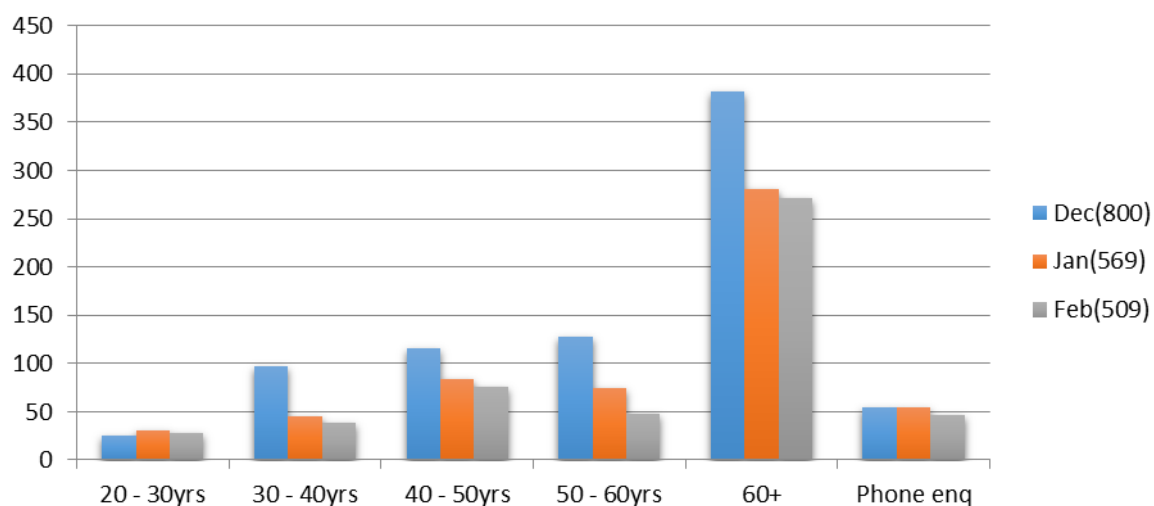
<b>Income</b>	<b>December</b>	<b>January</b>	<b>February</b>
Centre Hire	0	0	0
Merchandise sales	\$1774.50	\$854.52	\$897.72
<b>Total Monthly Income</b>	<b>\$1774.50</b>	<b>\$854.52</b>	<b>\$897.72</b>

<b>Visitors at Warialda VIC</b>	<b>December</b>	<b>January</b>	<b>February</b>
Visitors	132	124	462
RMS	203	163	144
Cafe	384	229	154
Phone Visitor/Service NSW enquires	81	53	47
<b>Total</b>	<b>800</b>	<b>569</b>	<b>509</b>

### Walk in Enquiries by State - Warialda VIC

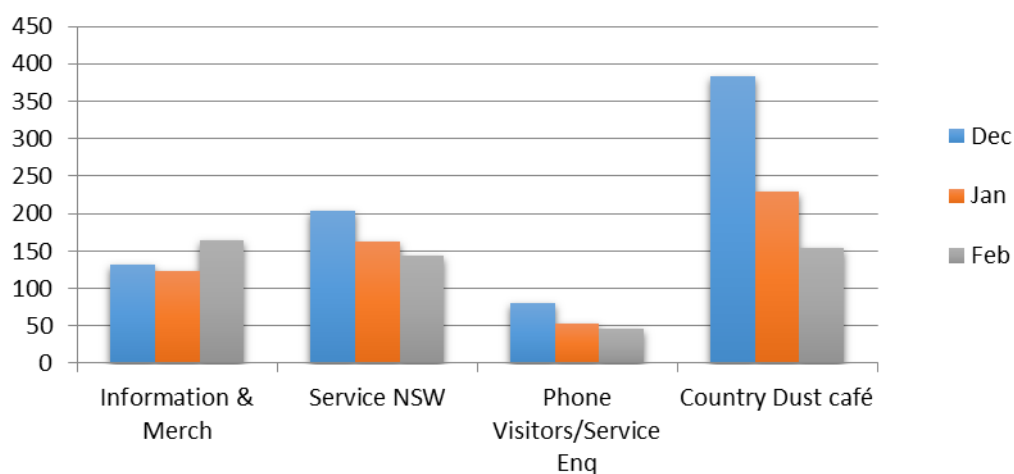


### Walk in Visitors by Age - Warialda VIC





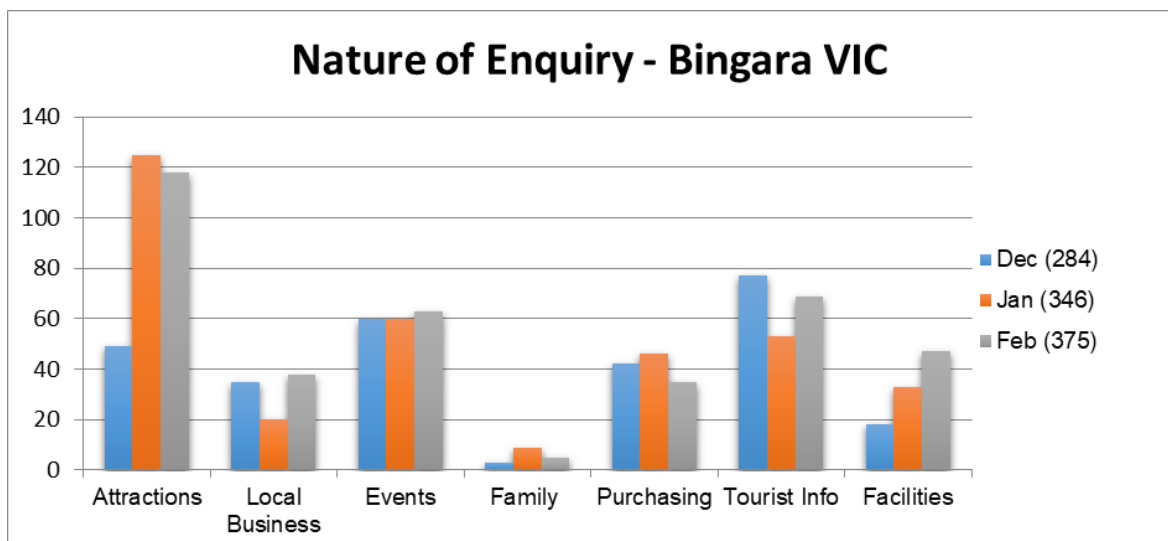
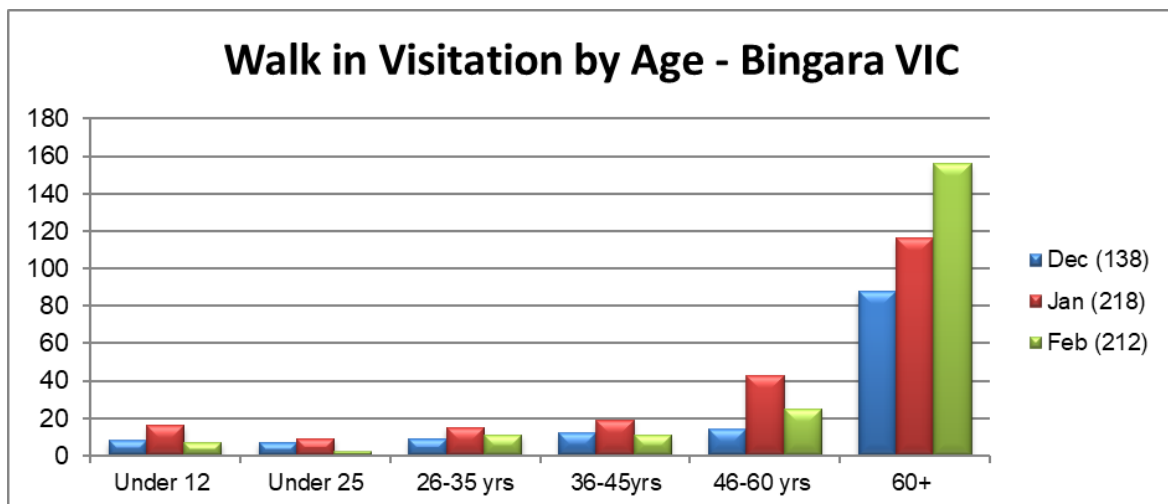
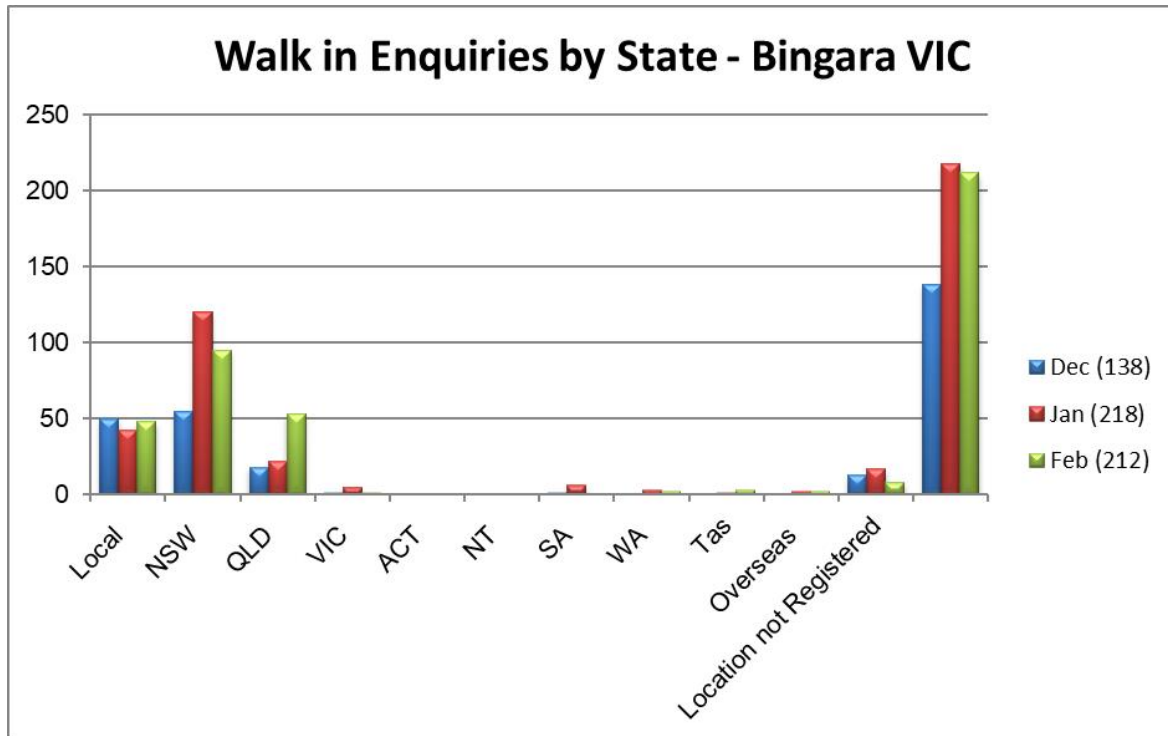
### Nature of Enquiry - Warialda VIC



### Bingara Visitor Information Centre (VIC)

December 2021	January 2022	February 2022
Opening Hours = 146.5	Opening Hours = 147.5	Opening Hours = 130
Volunteer Hours = 22	Volunteer Hours = 30.5	Volunteer Hours = 30

Income – Bingara VIC	December	January	February
Products on Consignment	\$ 12.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 6.00
Merchandise	\$ 574.00	\$ 811.00	\$527.50
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$ 586.00</b>	<b>\$ 811.00</b>	<b>\$533.50</b>
Less payments to consignees	\$ 8.40	\$ 0.00	\$ 4.20
<b>Total Merchandise sales</b>	<b>\$ 577.60</b>	<b>\$ 811.00</b>	<b>\$529.30</b>
<b>Total Monthly Income Bingara VIC</b>	<b>\$ 577.60</b>	<b>\$ 811.00</b>	<b>\$529.30</b>
Roxy Tour Income	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
<b>Visitors at Bingara VIC</b>	<b>138</b>	<b>218</b>	<b>212</b>



## **The Roxy**

North West Theatre Company (NWTC) members and Council staff attended an Arts North West On Tour workshop in Armidale on 9 February regarding stage lighting and sound techniques.

The Roxy hosted a Trivia Night on 12 February for NWTC. The night was well attended (60+ people) and enjoyed by all.

Rehearsals for *Oliver Twist* re-commenced on 20 February.

The NWTC's Film Club began for the year with a showing of *Gandhi* on 27 February.

## **OFFICER RECOMMENDATION**

**THAT the report be received.**

## **ATTACHMENTS**

1. Community Assets - Our Services [10.1.1 - 4 pages]

## **COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL:**

**THAT the report be received.**

**(Moved Cr Egan, Seconded Cr Galvin)**

## **CARRIED**

**For: Cr J Coulton, Cr Egan, Cr D Coulton, Cr Dixon OAM, Cr Galvin, Cr Matthews, Cr Moore, Cr Smith and Leeah Daley**

**Against: Nil**



# COMMUNITY ASSETS OUR SERVICES



## Our Team

Like its staff members the Community Assets Section of Council is eclectic and essential. Within Community Assets there are 14 functional areas.

We each complement each other and have become a cohesive working team. Many staff are cross trained and can move seamlessly from one area to another.

This enables us to provide consistent services to our community and colleagues, examples include: a cleaner can fill in at the caravan park or jump on a mower at The Living Classroom; administration and communications staff can fill in at one of the libraries.



## Cleaning

Council's cleaning team of one part-time and six casual employees deliver high quality services to 22 venues; we clean before, during and after events; after the completion of building works; and, when a tenant vacates a property.



## Property Management

Council leases and manages 53 properties. These include residences, commercial and community premises, 19 units for the aged and disabled, and 14 permanent sites at the Bingara Caravan Park. Council also leases properties to ensure that legal, disability, home care services, and fitness facilities are locally available.

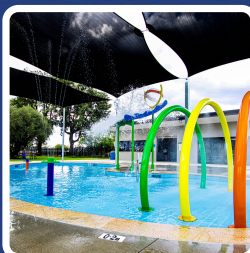
Council staff members are in regular contact with the aged and disabled tenants. These tenants love chatting and the company. This contact has proven beneficial to Council as well, as we receive their requests and can action them in a timely manner.



## Cranky Rock

Another leased asset is Cranky Rock Recreation Reserve. Cranky Rock is a fantastic place to picnic, explore and stay. The Reserve is immaculately presented by the lessee and consistently gains positive feedback. Cranky Rock is a significant indigenous place with ancient rock art. It also has walking trails, a viewing platform and water hole.





### Swimming Pool Complexes

Warialda boasts a 50-metre pool which is structurally sound, does not leak and has not moved. The sand filter is still very effective. Significant works have been undertaken in the last three years - the amenities were renovated; the site's electrical infrastructure completely upgraded; a heating system installed, pool blankets purchased; the rock area fenced off; the pool shell painted; and the acid storage replaced.

The next project is to further renovate, or rebuild the foyer, kiosk, and entry area. When these works are being undertaken, the building's façade will have a mural, or artwork installed and the pool's official name will be highlighted.

The electricity supply to the Bingara Pool Complex will soon be upgraded, and outdoor lighting installed. This is thanks to federal grant funding.

Gwydir residents and rate payers enjoy free entry to both complexes and each are leased.



### Medical Centres and Gwydir Health Alliance

Council owns and leases two Medical Centres; one to the Warialda Family Practice and the other to RaRMS in Bingara. Both arrangements are positive and provide vital services.

Through external funding, the Warialda Medical Centre was fully renovated in collaboration with the practice's doctors and staff.

The Bingara Medical Centre was renovated several years ago and continues to be well maintained and presented.

Council also leases two residences for doctors, locums, and registrars to use. Gwydir Shire's Number 1 Goal is to be a Healthy and Cohesive Community. Council not only provides infrastructure to foster a healthy community, but it joins with community members, medical and allied health professionals and students through the CWA Bush Bursary Program, the Barwon Scholarship, and the Gwydir Health Alliance.

Two medical students had Gwydir placements last December and loved being here. It is hoped that one day they, or others like them, will practice in the bush.

The Gwydir Health Alliance was formed in 2017 and remains a very strong and positive force. Over the next two months the Alliance aims to employ someone who will promote Gwydir as a great place to work and live.



### Caravan Parks

The Warialda Caravan Park is well maintained and run by Council staff. They greet everyone with a smile and are very obliging. A great number of visiting workers choose to stay at the park for long stretches.

The North Star Caravan Park was managed by the North Star Sporting Club, but this arrangement ceased last year. In the coming months it is hoped that an external party will take over the management of the park. This plan has encountered delays due to COVID and because the site's amenities need repairs and renovations. Council staff have been seeking external funding to undertake such works.

Last month, a new building which is a combined office and residence, was installed at the Bingara Riverside Caravan Park. In March, the electricity supply to the site will be upgraded and an outdoor entertainment area constructed. Grant monies were sourced for these.



### Libraries

Gone are the days of a silent library. Gwydir libraries are the central hubs of our community. The outreach programs connect with our villages and with people in their homes.

It is a place to catch up on the news, share stories, learn, have so much fun, master a new skill, or discover new technologies. People can still lose themselves in a book or even a movie. It is a place for all to belong.



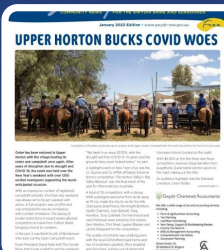
### Economic Development

Economic Development is shared over many areas within Council. Community Asset's role has been to attract people to our area, coordinate the promotion and sale of land, deliver elements of capital projects such as Big River Dreaming and to continually seek more grant funding to add value to our existing assets.



### Statutory Obligations – Native Title, Land Claim and Crown Lands management

Similarly, the statutory obligations are shared across Council. Community Assets' role is to finalise the Crown Land Management Plans, respond to Land Claims as they are received and to prepare for the Federal Court case which involves the Native Title claim by the Gomerioi people. It is not known when this case will commence.



### Communications

Council's Media and Communications team has been working together since last August. We are seeking to improve internal communications so that employees receive important information as needed. The team's priority goal is to enhance the way Council informs the community of what it does, and the quality of its services and projects.

Council owns The Gwydir News which is a monthly publication.



### Gwydir Learning Region (GLR)

GLR staff oversee Council's 15 trainees and three apprentices, the Country Education Fund program and a driving school.

Staff also provide training to clients to gain their truck driving licence. Last year the GLR trained 57 clients which created an income stream for Council of \$80,000.

The GLR's ethos is lifelong learning, and the GLR continually seeks to empower both Council employees and the wider community. Its latest initiative is seeking to address the need for childcare. The GLR is looking to coordinate the delivery of Certificate III in Early Childhood Education and Care. This course will be free to participants.

We seek to grow our own so we can meet the needs of our community.





### Trade Training Centres

Council has three training centres; Hospitality, Automotive and The Living Classroom.

The Hospitality Centre is under utilised, and it is hoped that 2022 will see it open for adult cooking classes, used by community groups for catering preparation and hired by small providore businesses.

The Automotive Centre is used by Warialda High School to deliver their subjects, and by Council staff to deliver TAFE courses.

The Living Classroom is a much-misunderstood beast. Part is leased as a Carbon Farm, and the site showcases how to slow and store water. It has different types of gardens and is all about regenerative agriculture.

But it is also an essential place for school students to learn; some come for the day, others a week, others for the Cattle Club.

Many people attend training here. It is a site which is regularly used for Landcare and similar Field Days. It is a place for the community to undertake projects like growing food for koalas. It is also a unique and popular function centre and meeting hub.

The latest venture which is proving successful, is a nursery growing plants and food. These are being sold locally.



### Myall Creek

In 1838, 28 aboriginal people were massacred at Myall Creek. There were many massacres across the whole of Australia. What is different and unique about Myall Creek is that it was the first-time the perpetrators were found guilty and hanged.

In 2008, the importance of the Site was officially recognised when it was placed on Australia's National Heritage List. It is the 79th site of only 119. On the list are places such as Bondi Beach, the Sydney Opera House, and Port Arthur.

Before COVID, the University of Technology Sydney estimated that the number of visitors to the Site was more than 17,000 each year.

Council has collaborated with the Friends of Myall Creek Massacre Committee for over 20 years and each year there is a commemorative ceremony on the June long weekend.

Myall Creek is an extremely important tourist asset; it is a place of reflection; a place where we can acknowledge our shared history and move forward positively.



## 10.2 Organisation & Community Development Report

<b>File Reference:</b>	Nil
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### Delivery Program

<b>Goal:</b>	5. Organisational management
<b>Outcome:</b>	5.1 Corporate management
<b>Strategy:</b>	5.1.5 Provision of responsible internal governance
<b>Author:</b>	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 February 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

### SOCIAL SERVICES – February

#### 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.

#### Centrelink

*Funding body – Services Australia*

Centrelink continued with normal operational hours throughout February. A new Employee, Sue Smoothy, has commenced in the role of Centrelink agent while Chloe Taylor performs playgroup duties.

#### Youth Services

*Funding body – NSW Department of Communities and Justice*

In February the Social Services Assistant and Social Worker from Bingara Central School worked in together to invite girls from Year 5 and above to participate in the



‘GirlGLOW’ program for 2022. This program is designed for early intervention to support those who may be struggling and having a difficult time at school. This program will cover many topics associated with health and wellbeing that students will benefit from. Numbers for the program are looking positive which may mean groups will have to be split and have more sessions each week to be able to cater to their needs.

On Thursday 24 February the first session of the year was held with the young participants from Years 5 to Year 7. Participants were welcomed and introduced to what was involved for the term and what they hope to achieve from the GirlGLOW program. We played ice breaker games to get the girls comfortable in the group. The girls signed a “pledge”, so they are aware of the aims and rules of attending GirlGLOW. A game was played to work in small groups and communicate with others they might not usually engage with. The girls had a challenge using uncooked pasta and marshmallows to build the tallest strongest tower. They enjoyed this challenge.



## **Youth Council**

On Thursday 17 February, three members of the Youth Council and the Social Services Assistant went to Goulburn to attend the 2022 Youth Council Conference. On Thursday, the day was spent travelling to Goulburn.

On Friday 18 February before the conference began, the group did some sightseeing and visited the Rocky Hill War Memorial. As the young people were looking through the museum, they paid their respects during The Last Post and a Minute Silence. The students appreciated being able to visit a place that recognizes a significant aspect of our history.



At the conference all councils were welcomed by The Hon. Wendy Tuckerman, there was also a smoking ceremony. The Youth Council coordinator attended a Youth Worker PD Session, the other councils also attended this session. It was interesting to find out how the bigger councils conduct and manage their Youth Councils. But what was also interesting, was seeing their reactions when they heard what it was like to be a young person in the rural areas.

Friday afternoon, all attendees participated in a workshop which covered topics on mental health and social media, which are the main areas of concern for Youth at this time. The presenter Rosie Thomas presented strategies, and her project 'Project RockIT' as she hopes to make a change in the world when it comes to bullying and mental health.

During the day, whilst there were breaks, the young people were encouraged to mingle and socialise with the other groups, there were stations around the arena for different things such as affirmation rocks, making badges, a pledge wall, friendship bracelets, mission Australia, make recycling easy, the Army and Navy, a giant game of Jenga, parachute and stilts.



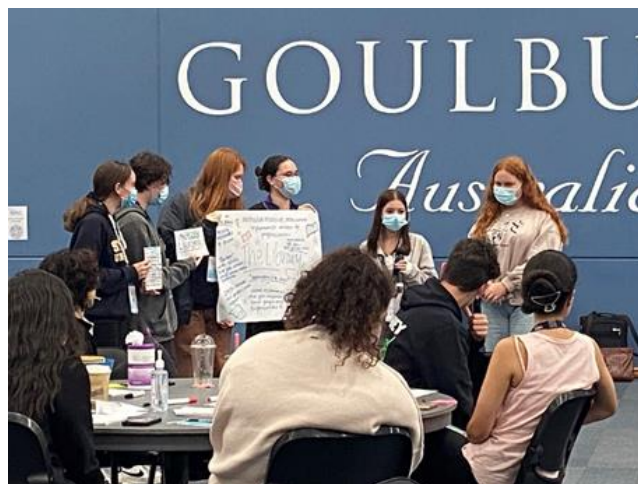
On Friday night, all councils were invited to a Brazilian BBQ dinner. After dinner The Blacktie, who is Australia's number one rated magician provided entertainment. One of our Youth Council members was a part of one of his tricks, in the end, she was

shocked to learn what had been happening whilst she was up on stage. His show was fantastic and very mesmerizing.

After the Magic show had ended the last event of the night was the Lieder Theatre Youth Fire Show, which was a high energy choreographed sequence of fire manipulation with acrobatics and pyrotechnics. This was an eye opener and jaw-dropping experience.



The Hon. Ben Franklin made an address on Day Two; he talked about the support Youth Councils offer Young People. Rosie Thomas then presented a workshop on social media for good. This is where everyone including the mentors were split into randomized groups and had to come up with support services using Social Media Platforms to support the young people. Many great ideas were created, and Rosie from Project RockIT is hoping to use some in the future.



Dr. Arne Rubinstein who is an internationally recognized expert of Childhood Development and Rites of Passage, presented a workshop on Mental Health, this once again involved working with other councils and groups, to create more relationships, and to get to know and support the others.

Laughter Yoga conducted by Benedict Harry. The room was full of giggles and laughter. It was an interesting experience to be a part of. At the commencement of

Laughter Yoga, Kane Sparks another presenter worked alongside Dr. Arne to give more information and support to the Young People.

Saturday Night, the Youth Councils attended the annual Goulburn Vibefest, this was a festival with different stalls, and local bands playing, the young people enjoyed the experience. After the bands had finished, there was a surprise performance by a group from Sydney who did Parkour, and other dancing, but also Stunts. Once again, this was another jaw-dropping experience.



On Sunday the conference wrapped up after lunchtime, during the morning session Kane Sparks made a presentation on how to have a Sustainable Life as a young person. Kane then sat down with all the mentors and answered any questions that they may have had about running Youth Councils and programs. Kane was happy to also make the invitation to any councils who may need assistance to join him in a zoom call to help get things up and running.

Overall, the experience was wonderful, and to be able to tell the city youth what it's like to be a young person in rural and remote areas. We have a lot to take back about mental health and how we can support each other to our new Youth Council members who will be chosen over the next few weeks.





Month	Number of participants
December	2
January	1
February	3

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 Community and Justice*

Our Supported Playgroup Development Worker has taken 12 months' leave and the Social Services Assistant will be providing playgroup support in the interim. Opening days have changed for the Toy Library, it will now be open Tuesday through to Friday.

Sessions for week 2 of the month included sensory play with the children engaging in painting with their hands. The children enjoyed this experience and feeling what paint felt like, but also seeing what they could create with their hands on the paper.

They also engaged in coloured water play, filling up droppers and cups with coloured water and mixing the different colours around.

Warialda Toy Library	Jan 2022	Feb 2022
Total daily attendance count for children, (calculating each child, each day over the month –total points of contact).	34	29
Full borrowing members (new)	0	1
Non borrowing members (new and/or renew)	1	0
Casual borrowing members (new or renew)	1	0
Commemorative Birth Certificate applications received	0	1
Toys returned	0	4
Toys borrowed	1	2
Groups using the service (FDC carer, Pharmacy)	2	0
<b>Monday</b> group activity morning x 1	7	13
<b>Tuesday</b> group activity morning x 4	8	17
<b>Wednesday</b> group activity morning x 3	0	7
<b>Thursday</b> group activity morning x 1	12	11
<b>Friday</b> group activity morning x 1	7	0

Week 3 sessions were quiet, the families that attended were given the opportunity to engage in a scented playdough experience, they had a lot of fun with the playdough and using their sense of smell to try and determine what each colours scent was.



Week 4 sessions included sensory experiences and craft. Children enjoyed painting on a bag where they were able to use their fine motor skills to draw with their fingers on the bags to create a picture in the paint and mix the colours together. The children enjoyed playdough experiences. Sand art was also involved in this week's session, where children were able to use glue and paper plates to create their own creation, and by using their fine motor skills to pinch and sprinkle the sand.



### Bingara Toy Library

*Funding body – NSW Department of Education and Communities*

Particulars	Jan 2022	Feb 2022
Total daily attendance count for children who utilised the service for the month	0	97
Full borrowing memberships (New/renew)	0	1
Non borrowing memberships (New/renew)	0	0
Casual borrowing memberships. New/renew	0	1

Commemorative Birth Certificate - voucher memberships	0	0
Toys returned	0	6
Toys borrowed	0	3
Children & Groups using toys	0	3
<b>TUESDAY</b> x 5 play sessions	0	15
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> x 4 play sessions	0	36
<b>THURSDAY</b> x 4 play sessions	0	0
<b>KSK Program</b> x 9 sessions	0	69

February 2022 saw the Bingara Toy Library reopen to the public after Christmas/New Year break.

The morning sessions were mainly based outside to keep with covid safe environments and families could then be mask free if maintaining a 1.5m distance. During sessions this month children were offered outside equipment free play, Valentine's Day crafts, stories, songs, nursery rhymes, puzzles, water play, ball throwing/catching, sticker/drawing craft, bubble chasing, visit from Rural Outreach Support and tummy time play.



Handouts and conversations to support families were mainly focused on "Munch n Move" healthy eating, less screen time, fussy eaters, "Moving More" information sheets, importance of tummy time with ideas to include this in the child's day, the downfall of W sitting and lunchbox healthy snack ideas.

The afternoon Kool Skool kids' program group is full. The children have enjoyed playdough, Valentine's Day craft, puzzles, games, trainset, jumbo sized game sets, eye spy, who am I, Simon says, colouring in and a movie afternoon.



The Inverell Rural Outreach Service visited on Wednesday 23 introducing their service, the programs and support they offer in Inverell and Bingara. They discussed healthy eating/snacks, checking in on how parents are managing and advised the intention of demonstrating some yummy lunchbox recipes during their next month's visit on 30 March.



### Bingara Preschool

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

<b>Days</b>	<b>February 2022</b>
Tuesday	21
Wednesday	23
Thursday	22
Friday	17

### Enrolments at Bingara Preschool

Bingara Preschool commenced this year with twenty-eight children enrolled. Each family received a letter of confirmation of enrolment from the service. This letter outlines the days of enrolment, what to bring each day and important information about Bingara Preschool. The children and Educators have settled back into routine



well and the service is looking forward to another engaging year, full of exploring, learning, and discovering. All children have been allocated to a key focus Educator and the programming cycle has commenced for 2022.



### **Staff Performance Reviews and Training Plans**

During the month of February all Educator's staff performance reviews were completed. Each Educator and the Director work collaboratively to assess their performance against the elements of their role within the service. The Director encouraged each Educator to self-assess their own performance first and then together, as this seems to be much more beneficial. The Director's staff performance review was held in collaboration with the Social Services Manager and the same process followed. From each of the performance reviews conducted, an individual training plan was developed. The Director encouraged the Educators to identify one goal they would like to achieve. The other goal that is identified is a collaborative goal, which is developed with the Educator and the Director. Each Educator and the Director have a current and up to date training plan developed for 2022. This is part of the self-assessment process which is an integral part of the operations of an early childhood service.

### **Learning and Development**

#### **Lunar New Year**

The children at Bingara Preschool have been learning about the Lunar New Year. As documented in the Bingara Preschool Philosophy, diversity and inclusion is embedded into the curriculum. The Educators offered a range of experiences where the children could explore and learn about what happens during the Lunar New Year. Some of the experiences on offer included: decorating fans, cutting paper lanterns, and engaging in a range of small world experiences.



### Discovering Frogs

The children were very excited when they discovered a frog in one of the watering cans. The Educators spoke to the children about frogs and where they live. They also discussed what they could do, to build some homes in the Preschool Garden for the frogs to live. The children brought in some pipes from home and then together they placed them in the boardwalk garden for the frogs to explore.



### Tharawonga Mobile Resource Unit

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

Days and Venues	February 2022
Monday at Yetman	4
Tuesday at North Star	10
Wednesday at Yallaroi	7 (2 casual)
Thursday at Gravesend	2
Friday at Croppa Creek	6

### Staff Training and Development

Staff have participated in and updated their CPR and First aid training (3 February 2022) at the Gravesend Hall with Anne East.

### Yetman

Making play dough was a highlight for the children at Yetman. Children were given autonomy in adding and mixing ingredients, exploring the texture and feel of them individually and mixed, and in voting for the colour. In a group experience each child may find different learning from numeracy in measuring and counting, to fine motor development in kneading and rolling the dough, to cooperation and patience in working as a team.



Children are developing their identities and culture through dramatic play - cooking and baking in the home corner kitchen area and the children are engaged in shared play experiences with other children and educators, learning to create scripts using language with purpose and meaning.

Children are initiating and contributing to their own play experiences with enthusiasm. They are exploring patterns and texture with playdough, experimenting with colours through painting experiences, and engaging with sensory play with natural and built materials.

In the water tray, children are guided by their inquiry and wonder for tipping, pouring, and measuring. The children have been curious to see who the water wheel works as the water is poured.

Educators are intentionally teaching colour and shape identification and recognition. Educators are promoting the children's sense of identity and name recognition by implementing transitions that focus on these concepts. We are establishing a daily routine and high expectations for children.





### North Star

Children are developing their identities and culture through dramatic play - cooking and baking in the mud kitchen and on the BBQ, fishing in the water tray, mustering cattle on the balance bikes, and making cups of tea and washing up in the home corner. Children engage in shared play experiences, learning to negotiate roles, create scripts using language with purpose and meaning, and share aspects of their home culture.



Children are resourcing their own learning and play through connecting with natural and processed material. Mixing water and sand, with the addition of other loose natural parts sourced from the yard like gum nuts, twigs, and leaves, provides open-ended play and room for children to innovate and create. We went on a walk through the yard collecting natural items that children used in the sensory tray and to make a collage. Children are supported to show respect for the natural environment and notice and respond to change. Children thought critically about water use in the sand pit and captured the water from the mud kitchen sink to reuse and help wash toys during pack away.

Children are initiating and contributing to their own play experiences with enthusiasm, energy, and concentration. They are exploring patterns and texture with

playdough, experimenting with colours and brush strokes with medium and fine brush painting, and engaging with sensory play with natural and built materials.

Educators are intentionally teaching colour and shape recognition and identification, getting to know each person at preschool and their names, and independent self-help skills. We are establishing a daily routine and high expectations for children. We engaged in group discussions about our families and particularly new babies, as many children have new babies at home or on the way and this is a big transition for everyone.



## **Yallaroi**

Making play dough proved a highlight at Yallaroi. Children were given autonomy in adding and mixing ingredients, exploring the texture and feel of them individually and mixed, and in voting for the colour. In a group experience each child may find different learning from numeracy in measuring and counting, to fine motor development in kneading and rolling the dough, to cooperation and patience in working as a team.

In the water tray, children are guided by their inquiry and wonder tipping, pouring and measuring. They are experimenting with cause and effect and trial and error, demonstrating an increasing understanding of measurement, and using vocabulary to describe volume and length.



Children linked the dramatic spaces inside becoming taxi drivers driving passengers to the shops and café; the cafe and shop keepers making lunches and coffee and tea; header drivers harvesting corn until they experienced a break down and had to become the mechanics and fuel station attendants. Children are interacting with each other to explore ideas and concepts and share understanding about their world. They are using language and emerging collaboration skills to participate in group dramatic play guided by their interests and home culture.

Children are exploring the purpose and function of a range of tools in the dramatic spaces - using hammers, wrenches, chisels, and screw drivers to build, take apart and imagine. Tools are used functionally to hammer the waffle blocks together and imaginatively to repair headers and machines.

Educators are intentionally teaching colour and shape identification and recognition. They model inclusive behaviour and language to support negotiation, sharing, taking turns and expressing emotions and feelings. We read a story about becoming friends and initiated discussion around how to be a good friend and what actions we can take to be nice and kind to each other. We are establishing a daily routine and high expectations for children.



**Gravesend**

At Gravesend We have welcomed a new enrolment this month.

At Gravesend for term 1 of 2022 the program will focus on the children's developmental checklists key focus areas and educators will be implementing experiences from ball skills, physical abilities, language introduced through stories, transitions and group learning experiences and cognitive development.

Making play dough was a highlight for the children at Gravesend. Children were given autonomy in adding and mixing ingredients, exploring the texture and feel of them individually and mixed, and in voting for the colour. In a group experience each child may find different learning from numeracy in measuring and counting, to fine motor development in kneading, adding scissors and rolling the dough.



Educators are intentionally teaching number, shape, object and colour identification and recognition. The children are developing their emotional development through educators reading feelings stories. Provocation experiences are being implemented to promote an understanding of body part recognition. We engaged in group discussions about our families and particularly new babies, the children have a new baby at home, and this is a big transition for everyone. We are establishing a daily routine and high expectations for children.

The children have expressed wonder and interest in showing respect and caring for their environment through watering the garden that the children planted in late 2021.





### Croppa Creek

At Croppa Creek we have welcomed 4 new enrolments this month. There has also been further interest from other families looking at the possibility of enrolling at the service.

At Croppa Creek for term 1 of 2022 the program will focus on the children's developmental checklists key focus areas and educators will be implementing experiences from ball skills, physical abilities, language introduced through stories, transitions and group learning experiences and cognitive development.

Children are resourcing their own learning and play through connecting with natural and processed material. By exploring sensory experiences of mixing water and sand to make soup. To further extend the children's learning and interest educators have implemented a mud kitchen in the sandpit and read the story "Wombat Stew".



Educators are intentionally teaching colour identification and recognition, number ordering and recognition, shape matching and recognition, pattern matching, and similarities and differences. The children are developing their emotional development through educators reading feelings stories. Provocation experiences are being



implemented to promote an understanding of body part recognition. We are establishing a daily routine and high expectations for children.



Making play dough was a highlight for the children at Croppa Creek. Children were given autonomy in adding and mixing ingredients, exploring the texture and feel of them individually and mixed, and in voting for the colour. In a group experience each child may find different learning from numeracy in measuring and counting, to fine motor development in kneading, adding scissors and rolling the dough.

#### CUSTOMER SERVICE REQUESTS (CRMs)

CRMs carried forward from:

Department	Outstanding as at 1 December 2021	Completed since 1 January 2022	Outstanding as at 1 January 2022
Technical Services	30	25	5
Environment and Sustainability	20	20	0
Town Utilities Parks and Gardens	9	8	1
Building Services	4	4	0
<b>Total Outstanding</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>6</b>

CRM's - 1 January 2021 to 1 February 2022:

Department	Received during January 2022	Completed during January 2022	Outstanding as at 1 February 2022
Technical Services	30	25	5
Environment and Sustainability	20	8	12
Town Utilities Parks and Gardens	17	17	0
Building Services	4	3	1
Executive	0	0	0
Organisation and	5	1	4

Community Services			
<b>Totals</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>22</b>

CRMs received since 1 December 2021 and still outstanding as at 1 February 2022:

<b>Department</b>	<b>Open</b>
Technical Services	10
Environment and Sustainability	12
Town Utilities Parks and Gardens	1
Building Services	1
Executive	0
Organisation and Community Services	4
<b>Total</b>	<b>28</b>

## **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**

Nil

## **COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL:**

**THAT the report be received.**

**(Moved Cr Smith, Seconded Cr Moore)**

## **CARRIED**

**For: Cr J Coulton, Cr Egan, Cr D Coulton, Cr Dixon OAM, Cr Galvin, Cr Matthews, Cr Moore, Cr Smith and Leeah Daley**

**Against: Nil**

### **COUNCILLORS' REPORTS**

**Cr D Coulton provided the meeting with an update and the issue of the inadequate back-up batteries at the Telstra site on Bingara Lookout.**

**Cr Dixon OAM reminded the Manager Engineering Services that the Bombelli Street issues remain an issue and that the Shade Cover at the Warialda Rail Recreation Ground has disappeared and could this be investigated?**

**Cr Moore advised the meeting that the White Sage Shop has closed in Warialda and that the Football Season will be kicking off on 1st April 2022.**

**The General Manager advised the meeting that the issue of poor TV reception in Bingara has been referred to The Hon. Barnaby Joyce's office for investigation and also requested feedback from the Councillors on the future use of the Interpretive Centre at The Living Classroom.**

## 11 COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

### Councillors Activity Reports

November & December 2021		
Councillor	Event	Date
Cr J Coulton (Mayor)	Bingara RFS Office – staffing issues – The Roxy Conference Room Bingara	3 <sup>rd</sup> Nov.
	Country Mayors Meeting via Teams	5 <sup>th</sup> Nov.
	Meet the Candidates – Local Government Elections- The Roxy Theatre Bingara	16 <sup>th</sup> Nov.
	Meet the Candidates – Local Government Elections – Warialda Memorial Hall	18 <sup>th</sup> Nov.
	Teams meeting with The Hon Melinda Pavey	19 <sup>th</sup> Nov.
	Council Meeting – The Roxy Conference Room - Bingara	25 <sup>th</sup> Nov.
	Australian Citizenship Ceremony – The Roxy Theatre - Bingara	25 <sup>th</sup> Nov.
	Service Awards luncheon – The Roxy Theatre Bingara	25 <sup>th</sup> Nov.
	Councillors end of term dinner - TLC Bingara	26 <sup>th</sup> Nov.
	NEJO Mayors & GM Dinner - Uralla	28 <sup>th</sup> Nov.
	NEJO Board Meeting – Uralla Shire Council	29 <sup>th</sup> Nov.
	Local Government Elections	4 <sup>th</sup> Dec.
	RFS catch up – Warialda Council Chambers	9 <sup>th</sup> Dec.
	Warialda Christmas Carnival	11 <sup>th</sup> Dec.
Cr Catherine Egan (Deputy Mayor)	Bingara RFS Office – staffing issues – Roxy Conference Room Bingara	3 <sup>rd</sup> Nov.
	Adam Marshall MP photo - Getta Getta Road, North Star	5 <sup>th</sup> Nov.
	Warialda Youth Hub Opening	5 <sup>th</sup> Nov.
	Bingara Showground User Group Meeting	9 <sup>th</sup> Nov.
	Bingara Fire Station	11 <sup>th</sup> Nov.
	Meet the Candidates – Local Government Elections – The Roxy Theatre Bingara	16 <sup>th</sup> Nov.
	BCS Fundraiser – Community Comfort	18 <sup>th</sup> Nov.
	Meet the Candidates – Local Government Elections – Warialda Memorial Hall	18 <sup>th</sup> Nov.
	Special Events Meeting – Bingara Court House	24 <sup>th</sup> Nov.
	Council Meeting – The Roxy Conference Room Bingara	25 <sup>th</sup> Nov.
	Citizenship Ceremony The Roxy Theatre Bingara	25 <sup>th</sup> Nov.
	Service Awards luncheon – The Roxy Theatre Bingara	25 <sup>th</sup> Nov.
	Councillors End of Term dinner – TLC Bingara	26 <sup>th</sup> Nov.
	Launch the Literacy collection – Bingara Library	1 <sup>st</sup> Dec.
	Bingara Christmas Carnival	3 <sup>rd</sup> Dec.
	Local Government Elections	4 <sup>th</sup> Dec.
	Bingara Toy Library Birth Certificate	7 <sup>th</sup> Dec.

	presentations	
	Adam Marshall - Bingara Tennis Courts	14 <sup>th</sup> Dec.
Cr David Coulton	Bingara RFS Office staffing issues – The Roxy Conference room	3 <sup>rd</sup> Nov.
	Gwydir LEMC teams meeting	5 <sup>th</sup> Nov.
	Remembrance Day - Captain Cook Park Warialda	11 <sup>th</sup> Nov.
	Meet the Candidates – Local Government Elections – The Roxy Theatre Bingara	18 <sup>th</sup> Nov.
	Gwydir LEMC teams meeting	19 <sup>th</sup> Nov.
	Council Meeting – The Roxy Conference Room Bingara	25 <sup>th</sup> Nov.
	Citizenship Ceremony – The Roxy Theatre Bingara	25 <sup>th</sup> Nov.
	Service Awards luncheon – The Roxy Theatre Bingara	25 <sup>th</sup> Nov.
	Councillors End of Term dinner – TLC Bingara	26 <sup>th</sup> Nov.
	Gwydir LEMC Teams meeting	3 <sup>rd</sup> Dec.
	Local Government Elections	4 <sup>th</sup> Dec.
	St Joseph's School Presentation day	7 <sup>th</sup> Dec.
	Dance demonstration Bingara library Xmas party – The Roxy Theatre	21 <sup>st</sup> Dec.
Cr Geoff Smith	Meet the Candidates – Local Government Elections – The Roxy Theatre Bingara	16 <sup>th</sup> Nov.
	Meet the Candidates – Local Government Elections – Warialda Memorial Hall	18 <sup>th</sup> Nov.
	Council Meeting – The Roxy Conference Room Bingara	25 <sup>th</sup> Nov.
	Citizenship Ceremony – The Roxy Theatre Bingara	25 <sup>th</sup> Nov.
	Service Awards luncheon – The Roxy Theatre	25 <sup>th</sup> Nov.
	Councillors End of Term dinner – TLC Bingara	26 <sup>th</sup> Nov.
	Local Government Elections	4 <sup>th</sup> Dec.
Cr Stuart Dick	Bingara RFS Office staffing issues – The Roxy Conference Room	3 <sup>rd</sup> Nov.
	Gwydir LEMC teams meeting	12 <sup>th</sup> Nov.
	Moree, Narrabri and Gwydir combined Service Level Agreement meeting and Namoi/Gwydir Management meeting – Bingara Fire Control Centre	15 <sup>th</sup> Nov.
	RFS Senior Meeting - Coonabarabran	16 <sup>th</sup> Nov.
	Gwydir LEMC teams meeting	19 <sup>th</sup> Nov.
	Council Meeting – The Roxy Conference Room	25 <sup>th</sup> Nov.
	Citizenship Ceremony – The Roxy Theatre Bingara	25 <sup>th</sup> Nov.
	Service Awards luncheon – The Roxy Theatre Bingara	25 <sup>th</sup> Nov.
	Councillors End of Term dinner – TLC Bingara	26 <sup>th</sup> Nov.

Cr Dixon OAM	Council Meeting – The Roxy Conference Room Bingara	25 <sup>th</sup> Nov.
	Citizenship Ceremony – The Roxy Theatre Bingara	25 <sup>th</sup> Nov.
	Service Awards luncheon – The Roxy Theatre Bingara	25 <sup>th</sup> Nov.
	Councillors End of Term dinner – TLC Bingara	26 <sup>th</sup> Nov.
	Local Government Elections	4 <sup>th</sup> Dec.
Cr T Galvin	CEF Gwydir AGM and Ordinary Teams meeting	8 <sup>th</sup> Nov.
	Meet the Candidates – Local Government Elections – The Roxy Theatre Bingara	16 <sup>th</sup> Nov.
	Meet the Candidates – Local Government Elections – Warialda Memorial Hall	18 <sup>th</sup> Nov.
	Local Government Elections	4 <sup>th</sup> Dec.
Cr J Moore	Bingara RFS Office – Staffing issues– The Roxy Conference Room Bingara	3 <sup>rd</sup> Nov.
	Meet the Candidates – Local Government Elections – The Roxy Theatre Bingara	16 <sup>th</sup> Nov.
	Meet the Candidates – Local Government Elections – Warialda Memorial Hall	18 <sup>th</sup> Nov.
	Council Meeting – The Roxy Conference Room Bingara	25 <sup>th</sup> Nov.
	Citizenship Ceremony – The Roxy Theatre Bingara	25 <sup>th</sup> Nov.
	Service Awards luncheon – The Roxy Theatre Bingara	25 <sup>th</sup> Nov.
	Councillors End of Term dinner – TLC Bingara	26 <sup>th</sup> Nov.
	Local Government Elections	4 <sup>th</sup> Dec.
Cr F Young	Bingara RFS Office – Staffing issues– The Roxy Conference Room Bingara	3 <sup>rd</sup> Nov.
	Gwydir Shire LEMC Committee via teams	5 <sup>th</sup> Nov.
	Remembrance Day – Bingara Memorial Gardens	11 <sup>th</sup> Nov.
	Gwydir LEMC teams meeting	12 <sup>th</sup> Nov.
	Meet the Candidates – Local Government Elections – The Roxy Theatre Bingara	16 <sup>th</sup> Nov.
	Meet the Candidates – Local Government Elections – Warialda Memorial Hall	18 <sup>th</sup> Nov.
	Gwydir LEMC teams meeting	19 <sup>th</sup> Nov.
	ANW Strategic Advisory Council Meeting via Teams	22 <sup>nd</sup> Nov.
	Council Meeting – The Roxy Conference Room Bingara	25 <sup>th</sup> Nov.
	Citizenship Ceremony – The Roxy Theatre Bingara	25 <sup>th</sup> Nov.
	Service Awards luncheon – The Roxy Theatre Bingara	25 <sup>th</sup> Nov.
	Councillors End of Term dinner – TLC Bingara	26 <sup>th</sup> Nov.
	Launch the Literacy Collection – Bingara Library	1 <sup>st</sup> Dec.
	Local Government Elections	4 <sup>th</sup> Dec.

January & February 2022		
Councillor	Event	Date
Cr J Coulton (Mayor)	Ordinary Council Meeting – The Roxy Conference Room Bingara	11 <sup>th</sup> Jan.
	Citizenship Ceremony – Warialda Memorial Hall	10 <sup>th</sup> Feb.
	BROC Meeting – The Living Classroom Bingara	11 <sup>th</sup> Feb.
	Councillor Inductions – The Living Classroom Bingara	14 <sup>th</sup> & 15 <sup>th</sup> Feb.
	LGNSW Mayoral Meeting – Teams Meeting	16 <sup>th</sup> Feb.
	Namoi Roads and Transport Network Meeting Transport for NSW Conference room - Tamworth	18 <sup>th</sup> Feb.
	Media Event – Warialda Bushfire Resilience	21 <sup>st</sup> Feb.
	Ordinary Council Meeting – The Roxy Conference Room Bingara	24 <sup>th</sup> Feb.
	LG NSW Special Conference – The Hyatt Regency - Sydney	28 <sup>th</sup> Feb – 2 <sup>nd</sup> Mar.
Cr Catherine Egan (Deputy Mayor)	Ordinary Council Meeting - Roxy Conference Room Bingara	11 <sup>th</sup> Jan.
	Australia Day Judging – The Roxy Green room, Bingara	18 <sup>th</sup> Jan.
	Australia Day Awards – The Roxy Theatre	26 <sup>th</sup> Jan.
	Bingara Showground User Group Meeting	8 <sup>th</sup> Feb.
	CNRL AGM	9 <sup>th</sup> Feb.
	Citizenship Ceremony – Warialda Memorial Hall	10 <sup>th</sup> Feb.
	Councillor Inductions – The Living Classroom Bingara	14 & 15 <sup>th</sup> Feb.
	Ordinary Council Meeting – The Roxy Conference Rom	24 <sup>th</sup> Feb.
	LG NSW Special Conference – The Hyatt Regency - Sydney	28 <sup>th</sup> Feb – 2 <sup>nd</sup> Mar
Cr David Coulton	Ordinary Council Meeting - The Roxy Conference room	11 <sup>th</sup> Jan.
	Australia Day Awards - Warialda	26 <sup>th</sup> Jan.
	Gwydir LEMC Teams Meeting	3 <sup>rd</sup> Feb.
	BFMC Meeting	7 <sup>th</sup> Feb.
	Citizenship Ceremony – Warialda Memorial Hall	10 <sup>th</sup> Feb.
	Councillor Inductions – The Living Classroom Bingara	14 <sup>th</sup> & 15 <sup>th</sup> Feb.
	LEMO Teams Meeting	22 <sup>nd</sup> Feb.
	Ordinary Council Meeting – The Roxy Conference room.	24 <sup>th</sup> Feb.
	LG NSW Special Conference – The Hyatt Regency - Sydney	28 <sup>th</sup> Feb – 2 <sup>nd</sup> Mar
Cr Geoff Smith	Ordinary Council Meeting – The Roxy Conference Room	11 <sup>th</sup> Jan.



	Councillor Inductions – The Living Classroom Bingara	14 <sup>th</sup> & 15 <sup>th</sup> Feb.
	Ordinary Council Meeting – The Roxy Conference Room Bingara	24 <sup>th</sup> Feb.
Cr Chris Matthews	Ordinary Council Meeting – The Roxy Conference Room	11 <sup>th</sup> Jan.
	Councillor Inductions – The Living Classroom Bingara	14 <sup>th</sup> & 15 <sup>th</sup> Feb.
Cr Dixon OAM	Ordinary Council Meeting – The Roxy Conference Room Bingara	11 <sup>th</sup> Jan.
	Australia Day judging – Imperial Hotel Conference Room	18 <sup>th</sup> Jan.
	Australia Day Awards – The Roxy Theatre	26 <sup>th</sup> Jan.
	Councillor Inductions – The Living Classroom Bingara	14 <sup>th</sup> & 15 <sup>th</sup> Feb.
	Warialda Disability Access Meeting – Warialda Council Chambers	17 <sup>th</sup> Feb.
	Ordinary Council Meeting – The Roxy Conference Room Bingara	24 <sup>th</sup> Feb.
Cr T Galvin	Ordinary Council Meeting – The Roxy Conference Room Bingara	11 <sup>th</sup> Jan.
	Photo Opportunity – Adam Marshall Bingara Gwydir Oval Netball Courts	25 <sup>th</sup> Jan.
	Zoom Meeting – Namoi Unlimited Industry Steering Committee	19 <sup>th</sup> Feb.
	Councillor Inductions – The Living Classroom Bingara	14 <sup>th</sup> & 15 <sup>th</sup> Feb.
	Warialda Disability Access Meeting – Warialda Chambers	17 <sup>th</sup> Feb.
	Ordinary Council Meeting – The Roxy Conference Room Bingara	24 <sup>th</sup> Feb.
	LG NSW Special Conference – The Hyatt Regency - Sydney	28 <sup>th</sup> Feb – 2 <sup>nd</sup> Mar.
Cr J Moore	Ordinary Council Meeting - The Roxy Conference Room Bingara	11 <sup>th</sup> Jan.
	Citizenship Ceremony – Warialda Town Hall	10 <sup>th</sup> Feb.
Cr J Moore	Councillor Inductions – The Living Classroom Bingara	14 <sup>th</sup> & 15 <sup>th</sup> Feb.
	Warialda Historical Society Meeting	17 <sup>th</sup> Feb.
	Ordinary Council Meeting – The Roxy Theatre Bingara	24 <sup>th</sup> Feb.
Cr Lyndon Mulligan	Ordinary Council Meeting - The Roxy Conference Room Bingara	11 <sup>th</sup> Jan.
	Councillors Inductions – The Living Classroom Bingara	14 <sup>th</sup> & 15 <sup>th</sup> Feb.
	Ordinary Council Meeting – The Roxy Conference Room Bingara	24 <sup>th</sup> Feb.

## 12 CLOSURE

The meeting closed at 11.20 am.