

NOTICE OF MEETING

NOTICE is hereby given that a **Meeting of the Community Services and Planning Committee** will be held in the Roxy Conference Room, on **Thursday 14 October 2021** (commencing at **9am**) to discuss the items listed in the Agenda.

Your attendance is respectfully requested.

Yours faithfully,

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Max Eastcott General Manager

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GWYDIR SHIRE COUNCIL

BUSINESS PAPER

AGENDA

COMMUNITY SERVICES AND PLANNING COMMITTEE October 14, 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, August 12, 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. Confidential Organisation & Community Services

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) (d) of the Local Government Act, 1993, on the grounds that the report contains personal matters concerning particular individuals; AND the report contains commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed (i) prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it; or (ii) confer a commercial advantage on a competitor of the Council; or (iii) reveal a trade secret.

MAYORAL MINUTE (If any)

DEFERRED ITEMS – Nil

OFFICERS' REPORTS (As listed)

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – OPEN

Councillors' Reports

Community Services and Planning Committee - 14 October	Gwydir Shire
2021	Council

Item 1 Initial classification and categorisation of Crown Land appointed to Council as Crown Land Manager

 FILE REFERENCE
 21/25568

DELIVERY PROGRAM

- GOAL: 1. A healthy and cohesive community
- OUTCOME: 1.1 WE HAVE HEALTHY AND INVITING SPACES AND PLACES
- STRATEGY: 1.1.3 Provide the right places, spaces and activities OCD external
- **AUTHOR** General Manager

STAFF DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST Nil

IN BRIEF/ SUMMARY RECOMMENDATION

Under the Crown Land Management Act 2016 (CLM Act), the Council has been appointed the *'Council Crown Land Manager'* of a number of Crown Reserves.

As a result, the Council is required to classify those Crown Reserves as either Community or Operational land. Council is then required to categorise those Crown reserves classified as Community land as either:

- Natural Area (subcategory watercourse, bushland, escarpment, wetland and foreshore)
- Sportsground
- Park
- Area of cultural significance
- General Community Use

It is recommended that Council:

Notify the Minister administering the Crown Lands Management Act 2016 of the initial categorisation assigned to Crown Land appointed to Council, as Crown Land Manager, and detailed in Attachment 1.

Make an application for Ministerial consent to classify and manage Crown Land currently appointed to Council, as Crown Land Manager, and detailed in Attachment 2, as operational land under the Local Government Act 1993.

TABLED ITEMS

Nil

BACKGROUND

Under the Crown Land Management Act 2016 (CLM Act), the Council has been appointed the 'Council Crown Land Manager' of a number of Crown Reserves.

From 1 July 2018 the statutory reserve trusts which applied to Crown reserves were abolished and Council is now a Crown Land Manager of Crown reserves subsequently vested in it.

The CLM Act authorises Council to manage Crown Land, appointed to Council as Crown Land Manager, as if it were *public land* under the Local Government Act 1993 (NSW) (LG Act). Management of the land includes categorising the land and preparing a Plan of Management.

The CLM Act provides that Crown Land, managed by Council as *public land*, must be managed as if it were *Community Land* unless the Minister administering the CLM Act, has given written consent to classifying the land as Operational.

Classification of Crown Reserves

Section 25 of the LG Act stipulates that all public land must be classified.

There are two classifications as set out at Section 26 of the LG Act, i.e., Community and Operational.

Community Land is intended to be managed for use by the community for purposes including environmental protection, recreational, cultural, social and educational activities.

Community land may only be leased or licenced for up to 21 years without the Minister's consent or up to 30 years with the Minister's consent. It cannot be sold and its use is restricted to the above purposes or the purpose for which the Crown Land was reserved.

With classification as *Operational Land*, Council will have all the functions under the LG Act. However, Council cannot sell the land without further Minister's consent, nor do anything that contravenes:

- Any condition of Council's appointment as a Crown Land Manager;
- The Crown Land Management Regulation 2018;
- Any applicable Crown land management rule;
- Any applicable Plan of Management adopted under Division 3.6 of the CLM Act.

In accordance with Section 3.22 (5) of the CLM Act, Ministerial consent to manage crown land as Operational will only be granted where Council can demonstrate that either the land:

• Does not fall within any of the categories for community land under the LG Act, or

• Could not continue to be used and dealt with as it currently can, if it were required to be used and dealt with as Community land

Examples include works depots, rubbish tips, emergency services such as RFS and sanitary purposes.

Categorisation of Crown Reserves

Section 3.23(2) of the CLM Act requires that Crown land is to be categorised consistent with the LG Act. Council must assign a category or categories, referred to in Section 36 of the LG Act, which Council considers to be most closely related to the purposes for which the land is dedicated or reserved. The categories described in the LG Act for community land are:

- Natural Area (subcategory watercourse, bushland, escarpment, wetland and foreshore)
- Sportsground
- Park
- Area of cultural significance
- General Community Use

The following have been taken into consideration when applying a category to those Crown reserves where Council has been appointed as Crown Land Manager:

- **Reserve Purpose** ensure the land is used for the purpose for which it was originally set aside by its dedication or reservation.
- **Current/existing use of the reserve** categorisation based on current/existing use of the reserve only. The initial categorisation cannot be based on proposed or future use. Any change to the categorisation to support a future use should be altered via a plan of management.

Characteristics of the land

Attachment 1 details the categorisation proposed to be applied to each Crown Community land reserve based on the above methodology. Upon adoption of the categories, the Council must give notice of the initial categorisation to the Minister for approval. The Minister or the Department may require Council to change an assigned category if they consider:

- That the category is not the most closely related to the purpose for which the is dedicated or reserved
- Managing the land under the assigned category is likely to materially harm the use of the land for any of the purposes for which it is dedicated or reserved.

Once the Council receives the Department's acknowledgement of an assigned categorisation or the Department's direction to assign a specific

categorisation, Council may proceed to develop and adopt a LG Act Plan of Management for the land.

Attachment 2 details the ten Crown reserves proposed to be classified as Operational land. These are Crown land reserved for Bush Fire Brigade purposes, rubbish depot purposes, night soil depot purposes and a former Depot reserved for Local Government purposes.

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

THAT the report be received

THAT Council notify the Minister administering the Crown Lands Management Act 2016 of the initial categorisation assigned to Crown Land appointed to Council, as Crown Land Manager, and detailed in Attachment 1.

THAT Council applies for Ministerial consent to classify and manage Crown Land currently appointed to Council, as Crown Land Manager, and detailed in Attachment 2, as operational land under the Local Government Act 1993.

ATTACHMENTS

- AT- Attachment 1
- **AT-** Attachment 2



Written notice of assigned categorisation

Council Crown land managers should use this form to notify the minister administering the *Crown Land* Management Act 2016 of the initial categorisation assigned to Crown land, as referred to in section 36 of the Local Government Act 1993.

Important information

Please refer to the accompanying *Guideline—initial categorisation of Crown land managed by council Crown land managers* for further information.

Contact us

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Fax: 02 4925 3517 Email: council.clm@crownland.nsw.gov.au Web: reservemanager.crownland.nsw.gov.au/who-we-are/who-manages-crownland/council-crown-landmanager

Lodgement

Email the completed form to: council.clm@crownland.nsw.gov.au

or

Mail to:

NSW Department of Industry Attn: Council Crown land management PO Box 2155 DANGAR NSW 2309



Applicant details

Table 1. Applicant details

Council Crown land manager	Gwydir Shire Council
Postal address	Locked Bag 5 Bingara NSW 2404
Contact	Carmen Southwell, Community Assets Manager. Mob: 0428 241 542
Email	csouthwell@gwydir.nsw.gov.au

Declaration

- I [Name] [Position], in accordance with section 3.23 of the Crown Land Management Act 2016, hereby provide
 written notice of initial categorisation applied to Crown land under the management of the above Crown land
 manager as listed in the below schedule.
- I declare and affirm that the information provided on this form is accurate to the best of my knowledge and belief.
 I declare that I am authorised by the Council to make this application.

Name:	Max Eastcott			
Position:	General Manager			
Signature:		Date:		

Schedule

Particulars of reserves

Council is required to assign a category or categories that most closely relates to the reserve purpose. Council should provide detailed description of the activities and characteristics of the land in the table below to justify the assigned categorisation. Where multiple categories are assigned, please provide a map, delineating the areas of the reserve to which the categories will apply.



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Table 2. Categorisation

Reserve/Dedication	Purpose(s)	Categorisation	Justification for assigned category
1000404	Public Recreation	Sportsground and Park	Gwydir Oval
			Reserve has a long-established use as a sportsground and as a park.
			Sportsground
			applying to the area of the reserve used for structured active recreation/sportsground. Facilities include playing fields, grandstand, cricket practice nets and amenities block.
			Park
			applying to the area of the reserve which is used mainly for passive recreation and social pursuits. Facilities include playground, toilet block and BBQ facilities.
1000697	Public Park	Park	Heritage Park Warialda
			The reserve is known as Heritage Park. It is an open maintained area consisting of grass and a few trees. There is a Memorial Wall but no facilities.



Reserve/Dedication	Purpose(s)	Categorisation	Justification for assigned category
1001371	Environmental Protection; Public Recreation	Natural Area – Foreshore and General Community	Gwydir Riverside Camping Area (North side of river)
		Use	Natural Area – Foreshore
			Applying to the foreshore of the Gwydir River in order to provide for community use in such a manner as will minimise and mitigate any disturbance caused by human intrusion.
			General Community Use
			Applying to the balance of the Reserve, including the free form camping area, as the area meets the current and future needs of both the local and wider community in relation to accessing public recreation and social pursuits.
1014368	Community Purposes; Public Recreation	Park and Area of Cultural Significance	Gwydir Riverside – South side of river)
			Park
			Applying to the improved areas as this most closely aligns with the category objectives that provide for passive recreational activities and to improve the land to promote and facilitate its use
			Area of Cultural Significance
			Applying to the area of land set aside for the burial of the remains of an aboriginal man who died over 170 years ago. His remains were returned by the Australian Museum for burial on this site in December 2017.
			Meeting the objective of retaining and enhancing the Aboriginal significance of the area because it is of significance and interest because of their traditional culture and Aboriginal associations.

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160038	Community Purposes; Heritage Purposes	General Community Use	Bingara Court House Reserve is currently used to provide Federal and State Government agency services, such as Service NSW and Services Australia (Centrelink), to the local community. The Reserve is also used for ongoing support to the local community through the Bingara Neighbourhood Centre and the Youth Service.
37818	Camping; Travelling Stock; Heritage Purposes; Community Purposes S121A	Area of Cultural Significance and General Community Use	Myall Creek Memorial Site Area of Cultural Significance Applying to the area placed on the National Heritage List on 2 June 2008 as the site has the National Heritage values specified in the Schedule, pursuant to section 324JJ of the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999. The area also meets the objective of management of the land to retain and enhance the Aboriginal cultural significance of the land for past, present or future generations by the active use of conservation methods. General Community Use Applies to the remaining area of the land, including the amenities block.



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47979	Public Recreation	General Community Use/Park	Bingara caravan park, swimming pool and park
			General Community Use applying to the caravan park and swimming pool areas which provide facilities to meet the current and future needs of the local community and of the wider public in relation to public recreation.
			Caravan Park facilities include amenities block, cabins, caravan and camping sites and covered BBQ area with tables and seats.
			Swimming Pool facilities include swimming pool, splash pool, amenities block, pump and storage shed
			Park
			applies to the area of the reserve used for passive recreational and social activities.
			Facilities consist of a picnic area with seating, playground area and toilets and is a popular stopping off point for the local community and the travelling public.



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50440	Public Recreation	Park	Elcombe Road near Corada Road turnoff
			The Reserve is in a rural area and is bounded by farmland, Elcombe Road and the Horton River. The land itself is cleared grassland. There is evidence of previous use of a section of the land as a tennis court. This comprises an old timber shelter shed and the remains of a length of high wire fencing and a gate.
			There is anecdotal evidence that the land was also used as for race meetings and other sporting activities. However, no infrastructure, other than the shed and the wire fencing, remains.
55457	Public Recreation	Sportsground	Warialda Rail Recreation Ground
			Reserve has a long-established use as a multi-purpose sportsground. Facilities include a sports oval and tennis courts, lighting, covered playground and a club house including amenities
560018	Public Recreation; Racecourse; Showground	General Community Use	Bingara Showground/Racecourse
			Reserve has a long-established use as a Showground and a Racecourse. Facilities include the showground, racecourse, pavilions, cattle yards, cattle stalls and sheds, grandstand, stables, offices, camp draft arena and yards, cross country course, camping, storage sheds, and vehicle parking.



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560021	Public Recreation	Sportsground and Park	Warialda Recreation Ground and Captain Cook Park
			Sportsground
			applying to the area of the reserve used for structured active recreation/sportsground. Facilities include rugby league field, indoor sports complex, amenities buildings, tennis courts, netball courts and lighting. as these most closely align with the category objectives encompassing use for organised and informal sporting activities and games.
			Park
			applying to the playground, skatepark, toilet block, covered picnic table and seats and BBQ, playground, skate board area and outdoor fitness equipment as these most closely align with the category objectives that provide for passive recreational games or pastimes.
65761	Public Recreation	Sportsground	Coolatai sportsground Facilities comprise a playing field surrounded by pipe fencing, clubhouse, toilets and other miscellaneous sheds, cattle pens and loading ramp.



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69856	Preservation Of Native	Natural Area - Bushland	Koorilgur Nature Reserve.
	Flora and Fauna		Koorilgur Nature Reserve provides an example of the changes to the Northern Inland region landscape since European settlement.
			The Reserve contains both thinned and untouched areas. It contains many different varieties of native vegetation. It also provides a haven for fauna.
			The Reserve has a number of walking tracks through it.
70834	Resting Place	General Community Use	Reserve/Cross Country Course Pony Club
			Reserve is located on a fairly level cleared area on the outskirts of Warialda township
			Facilities include a number of jumps and hurdles.
73975	Public Recreation	Sportsground	Bingara Golf Course and Bowling Greens.
			Reserve has a long-established use as a golf course and two bowling greens. Facilities include an amenities block and a machinery and equipment storage shed.
77800	War Memorial (Hall Site)	General Community Use	Crooble Memorial Hall
			Reserve has a long-established use as a Community Hall, Facilities include a Hall, toilet block, storage shed, covered shelter and enclosed playground area for the Mobile Daycare Service.



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79797	War Memorial	General Community Use	Croppa Creek Memorial Hall.
			Reserve has a long-established use as a Community Hall. Facilities include a Hall with a covered verandah, toilet block and water tank. Also swings and cubbyhouse for the Mobile Daycare Service.
81241	Public Recreation	Sportsground	Gravesend Recreation Reserve
			Reserve has a long-established use as a multi-purpose sportsground.
			Facilities include a sports oval, amenities block, tennis courts, netball courts, cricket practice nets, covered seating area and lighting.
83055	Homes For The Aged	General Community Use	Holden Street Warialda
			Reserve has a long-established use as units for independent living by elderly people. There are six units on the site.
83140	Public Hall; Public	General Community Use	Gulf Creek Hall
	Recreation		Reserve has a long-established use as a Public Hall and Tennis Courts.
			Facilities include a Public Hall, water tanks, toilets, two tennis courts, chain wire fencing, parking and a players' shelter shed.
84385	Resting Place	General Community Use	Cobbadah Rd near Oaky Creek
			Reserve has a long-established use as a resting area. The area has no facilities and primarily contains low lying vegetation and trees.



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Reserve/Dedication	Purpose(s)	Categorisation	Justification for assigned category
85949	Public Recreation	General Community Use	North Star caravan park
			Reserve has a long-established use as a caravan park. Facilities consist of powered sites and an amenities block.
86261	Public Baths	General Community Use	Warialda Swimming Pool
			Reserve has a long-established use as a swimming pool. Facilities include dressing sheds and toilets, covered seating area, storage, equipment and pumping sheds.
86320	Public Recreation	General Community Use	Upper Bingara Roadside
			Reserve has a long-established use for free form camping, fossicking and picnics. There are no facilities. Consists of cleared land with level grassy areas
86866	Public Hall	General Community Use	Upper Bingara Hall
			Reserve has a long-established use as a Public Hall.
			Facilities include a Public Hall, water tanks and toilets
87406	Public Recreation	Park	Apex Park Warialda
			Reserve is a long-established rest area alongside the Gwydir Highway.
			Facilities include a toilet block and covered picnic table and seating, covered BBQ and car parking area. Earlier farming equipment is also displayed in four wire caged enclosures.



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Reserve/Dedication	Purpose(s)	Categorisation	Justification for assigned category
87886	Public Recreation	Natural Area/ General Community Use	Cranky Rock Natural Area - Bushland applying to the bushland areas General Community Use applying to the camping areas, amenities block, playground, road, BBQ/picnic area and caretaker's cottage/office as these facilities meet the needs of the local community and of the
88245	Public Recreation	Sportsground	wider public for public recreation. Nicholson Oval Warialda Reserve has a long-established use as a sportsground. Facilities include playing fields, cricket practice nets, amenities
88449	Public Recreation	Sportsground	block, spectator seating and lighting. Coolatai tennis courts Reserve has a long-established use as tennis courts. Facilities include six tennis
89462	Kindergarten	General Community Use	courts and lighting. Warialda Pre-school Reserve has a long-established use as a Preschool that meets the needs of the local community. Facilities include a preschool
90987	Caravan And Camping Park	General Community Use	building, covered playground areas and sheds. Warialda Caravan Park Reserve has a long-established use as a caravan and camping park. Facilities include cabins, amenities block, access road and BBQ area which meet the needs of the community.



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Reserve/Dedication	Purpose(s)	Categorisation	Justification for assigned category
91739	War Memorial	Area of Cultural	Warialda Rail
		Significance	Reserve did contain a War Memorial that was originally located on Allan Cunningham Road. A short distance past View Street heading North.
			According to local records the Memorial was initially located on the grounds of the Public School. The Memorial was then moved to the Warialda Rail Recreation Ground when the Public School closed in 1971.
			There is a plaque on the site indicating the land's association with the Memorial.
94632	Preservation Of Historical Sites And Buildings	Area of Cultural Significance/Park	All Nations Hill Bingara
			Area of Cultural Significance
			Reserve was established to preserve a link with the gold mine that was established on the site in 1868 and the multicultural spectrum of workers on site. The Stamper Battery is in place on- site.
			Park
			Grassed area with regeneration of native trees on site.
			Facilities comprise a covered area with tables and seats.
96798	Public Recreation	Park	Gravesend Park (Moffett Park)
			Reserve has a long-established use as a Park.
			Facilities include toilet block, playground, covered picnic table and seats, BBQ and skateboard area.



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Reserve/Dedication	Purpose(s)	Categorisation	Justification for assigned category
98126	Plantation	Natural area - bushland	Elcombe Road between Lovers Lane and Park Lane (left hand side heading North) Reserve consists of three enclosed fenced areas that have been planted with native trees. Probably as a condition attached to a subdivision approval. There are no facilities and there are no means of public access.



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Reserve/Dedication	Purpose(s)	Categorisation	Justification for assigned category



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Reclassification of Crown land as operational land

Council Crown land managers should use this form to apply for ministerial consent to classify and manage Crown land as operational land under the *Local Government Act 1993* (LG Act) or Crown reserves managed by council in accordance with the *Crown Land Management Act 2016* (CLM Act).

Important information

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Email the completed form to: council.clm@crownland.nsw.gov.au

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Mail to: NSW Department of Industry Attn: Council Crown land management PO Box 2155 DANGAR NSW 2309

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Applicant details

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Contact person work number:	Mob: 0428 241 542. Phone 02 6724 2000

Reserve details

Multiple reserves update (complete attached schedule)

Reserve name:		
Reserve address:		
Parish /county:		
Local Government Area (LGA):		
Lot/s:	DP	
Reserve purpose:		

Declaration

l declare and affirm that the information provided on this form is accurate to the best of my knowledge and belief: I declare that I am authorised by the Council to make this application

Name:	Max Eastcott		
Position:	General Manager		
Signature:		Date:	

Office use only – Refer to the Receipting and Referrals Codes Document						
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Schedule 1

Table 1 multiple reserve update

Reserve/dedication	Gazetted purpose	Lot/DP	Parish	County	Suburb/locality	Justification
R97769	Bush Fire Brigade Purposes	Lot 6 DP758471	Gravesend	Burnett	Gravesend	Emergency Services – Gravesend RFS Shed Site facilitates a use that does not satisfy any categorisation or use of community land because the public must be excluded for their safety.
R1014728	Rural Services	Part Lot 7009 DP1121195	Bangheet	Murchison	Bangsheet	Emergency Services – Bangsheet RFS Shed Site facilitates a use that does not satisfy any categorisation or use of community land because the public must be excluded for their safety.
R1038748	Rural Services	Lot 12 DP758192	Warialda	Burnett	Warialda	Emergency Services – Warialda Rail RFS Shed Site facilitates a use that does not satisfy any categorisation or use of community land because the public must be excluded for their safety.



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Reserve/dedication	Gazetted purpose	Lot/DP	Parish	County	Suburb/locality	Justification
R23245	Rubbish Depot	Lot 7010 DP1121853	Warialda	Burnett	Warialda	Closed Rubbish Tip adjacent to Koorilgur Nature Reserve – Site is closed landfill and facilitates a use that does not satisfy any categorisation or use of community land because the public must be excluded for their safety.
R46969	Rubbish Depot	Lot 65 DP751137; Lot 7014 DP1032715	Warialda	Burnett	Warialda	Warialda Rail Rubbish Tip – Currently Used as Waste Depot - Site facilitates a use that does not satisfy any categorisation or use of community land because the public must be excluded for their safety.
R67908	Rubbish Depot	Lots 250, 317 DP754819	Bingara	Murchison	Bingara	Bingara Rubbish Tip – Current Waste Depot - Site facilitates a use that does not satisfy any categorisation or use of community land because the public must be excluded for their safety.



Reserve/dedication	Gazetted purpose	Lot/DP	Parish	County	Suburb/locality	Justification
R86970	Rubbish Depot	Lot 314 DP751137	Warialda	Burnett	Warialda	Old Rubbish Tip at Warialda Rail – Site is closed landfill and facilitates a use that does not satisfy any categorisation or use of community land because the public must be excluded for their safety.
R95763	Local Government Purposes	Lot 2 DP1098009	Warialda	Burnett	Warialda	Old Yallaroi Shire Depot and Halls Ready Mix Plant. Site is currently used primarily as a civil engineering stockpile and storage area. There is a concrete pad, pump shed, town water bore and a toilet on the site The current use does not satisfy any categorisation or use of community land because the public must be excluded for their safety.
R97298	Public Pound	Lot 315 DP751137	Warialda	Burnett	Warialda	Warialda Pound Site facilitates a use that does not satisfy any categorisation or use of



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Reserve/dedication	Gazetted purpose	Lot/DP	Parish	County	Suburb/locality	Justification
						community land because the public must be excluded for their safety.
R49855	Night Soil Depot	Lot 226 DP754819	Bingara	Murchison	Bingara	Old Bingara Night Soil Depot – Operational Land classification provides greater flexibility with regard to any remediation measures that may be required. The site is currently utilised as a civil engineering stockpile area. The former and current use does not satisfy any categorisation or use of community land because the public must be excluded for their safety.



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Note: the above table may be submitted as an excel spreadsheet provided that all the above fields are included.

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Item 2 Organisation & Community Services

FILE REFERENCE 21/25334

DELIVERY PROGRAM

GOAL: 5. Organisational Management

OUTCOME: 5.1 CORPORATE MANAGEMENT

STRATEGY: 5.1.4 Workforce planning - OCD - 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 July 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

NAROO FRAIL AGED HOSTEL

The Residents have been kept busy this month with Wattle Day picking fresh wattle from around town and drawing some awesome pictures. We also had Jersey Day where staff and residents could show off their footy team colours. But the biggest event this month was the 100th Birthday celebration of Noelie Hatcher. Noelie enjoyed a beautiful BBQ lunch and day with residents. She received many cards and well wishes from the community but the biggest of all would be her acknowledgement from The Queen.

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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 public through advocacy and referral to other services.

Centrelink

Centrelink continued normal operating hours throughout September. However, some changes were made when COVID-19 restrictions were put in place on Saturday 14 August 2021. Centrelink temporarily changed to a selfservice access point up until Saturday 11 September when restrictions for our LGA were lifted. Service returned to normal.

Youth Service

Funding body – NSW Department of Communities and Justice

The program for girls in conjunction with Bingara Central School continued via Zoom until Saturday 11 September when COVID -19 restrictions were lifted. As there was only one week of school remaining for the term the program continued via Zoom and will return to normal operation when Term 4 commences on Tuesday 5 October 2021.

Youth Council

During September the Youth Council continued to communicate via social media, texting and emailing. A meeting was arranged for Wednesday 29 September. At this meeting the Youth Council discussed options for an end of year event which they think would be a great idea to end another stressful year. The ideas that were raised were a colour run, movie night, or a Christmas Pool Party in Bingara. We have created a poll for the members to let us know their thoughts on which event would be best suited. They also discussed other ways to communicate with the community about the survey that has been generated and agreed that it would be a good idea for the schools to get involved. An email has been sent to the Principals at Warialda High School and Bingara Central School to ask for their help with engaging students in the survey so that the Youth Council are able to get as much feedback as possible. The survey will continue to circulate during October. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 13 October.

Youth Mentoring Program

Month	Number of participants
July	3
August	3
September	2

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

Vacation Care

Funding Body - NSW Department of Education

Total Point of Contact 20 - 21, 23 - 24 September	74
Number of children & families enrolled for Holiday Activities	27 Families 47 Children 22 Girls 25 Boys
Number of children & families enrolled for Holiday Activities Bingara	13 Families 22 Children 13 Girls 9 Boys 35 Point of Contact
Number of children & families enrolled for Holiday Activities Warialda	14 Families 25 Children 9 Girls

16 Boys
39 Points of Contact

Vacation Care was held on Monday 20 September and Tuesday 21 September at Warialda Sport and Recreation Ground, and on Thursday 23 September and Friday 24 September at the Gwydir Oval in Bingara.

This program was focused on team building, communication skills and physical activity. Activities that were provided for the children were games such as tribes and territories, pac man, golden child, touch football, tug-a-war, free play on the ovals with balls, hoops, and ropes, dancing, free colouring and drawing, and collage craft was also available to the children. It was interesting to see as the older children showed initiative and set up games and organised the children into teams. They all listened to each other and worked together.



Supported Playgroup Development Worker

Funding body – Dep of Community and Justice

Warialda Toy Library		September 2021
Total daily attendance count for children, (calculating each child, each day over the month –total points of contact).	61	113
New full borrowing members	0	0
New and renew non borrowing members	1	1
New and renew casual borrowing members	0	0
Commemorative Birth Certificate applications received	3	2
Toys returned	3	0
Toys borrowed	0	0
Groups using the service (FDC carer, Pharmacy)	2	2

Monday group activity 3 sessions	10	23
Tuesday group activity 3 sessions	12	27
Thursday group activity 3 sessions	18	32
Friday group activity 2 sessions	21	31

On Monday 13 September 2021 the Toy Library was able to welcome families back into the service with the children participating in a playdough making morning, utilising their hands to manipulate the dough. Following this the children then engaged in a listening activity game whereby their cognitive and receptive listening skills were called upon as they attempted to identify animal sounds and link these sounds to pictures on a card in front of them.

On Tuesday 14 of September, families gathered in the backyard with their children and participated in a story time activity before having morning tea and concluding their play indoors for the second half of the session.

Construction play was catered for on Thursday 16 September. Here children were required to work together in a social setting to construct an indoor cubby house and forte. Problem solving skills were prompted as they discussed what materials to use and how to balance the equipment to create the perfect cubby.



On Friday 17 September, an ocean themed activity morning took place with water and sand being made available outside. Shells, sticks and native bush flowers were used encouraging a sensory play concept while children displayed their imaginative play skills through play and discussion with their peers and parents, as they engaged in this experience.

Cooking took place on Monday 20 September with children using pastry, vegemite and cheese to make cheesy mite scrolls. This activity encouraged exploration of food and required the children to sit and attend enabling them to follow instructions, while using numbers to measure ingredients.

Spot and stick the dot, took place on Tuesday 21 September. This activity provides children with colourful round dot stickers and a picture template with circles for the dots to be placed on. This experience requires the use of fine

motor manipulation skills and is caters as a sensory activity as the children peel the stickers off the page and attempt to stick them purposely onto the picture card.

Music and movement took place on Thursday 23 and Monday 27 September. Gross motor and spatial awareness skills were optimised throughout this experience.

Chia seeds and water with cocoa and farm animals were set up along with shaving cream for the children to explore on Tuesday 28 and Thursday 30 September. This activity provided two separate sensory play experiences. Discussions were promoted regarding the difference between the two textures, this facilitating both expressive and receptive language and communication skills while supporting sensory exploration.



Bingara Toy Library

Funding body – NSW Department of Education and Communities

	July 2021	August 2021	September 2021
Total daily attendance count for children who utilised the service for the month	105	67	69
Full borrowing memberships New/renew	1	0	1
Non borrowing memberships New/renew	1	0	0
Casual borrowing memberships New/renew	1	0	0
Commemorative Birth Certificate	0	0	0
Toys returned	1	0	6
Toys borrowed	3	1	1
Children & Groups using toys	2	1	1

Community Services and Planning Committee - 14 October 2021			Gwydir Shire Council	
Tuesday 1 play session	37	12	6	
Wednesday 3 play sessions	40	19	35	
Thursday 1 play session	2	0	4	
KSK Program 4 sessions	6	48	41	

During the lockdown period, staff continued to call, text and email families to check in each day and offer support on current situations they may have been facing, parenting information, and general support so they knew staff were their if they needed support. Staff also sent out craft packs via post to the rural families, and others were able to collect their packs from the front of the service at their own leisure. Not only were emails sent to the families of playgroup members, but they were also sent out to the families who participate in the Kool Skool Kids program so if they wished, craft packs could be sent out to them.



Once out of lockdown the Kool Skool Kids Program children enjoyed free fun for their last week of sessions with an invitation to two planned movie afternoons in the school holidays on both Wednesdays.

On Tuesday 14 September those families who did book for the morning sessions, engaged in conversations about how it was nice to be able to attend the service again, and how much they appreciated the craft packs and support that was offered over the lockdown period. Feedback was also provided to staff via email, text, and call, about how it was all greatly appreciated. Restrictions on numbers allowed to visit and the covid protocols are still in place with families being notified that the ruling on no jab no play is coming into force soon.

During the school holidays, the Service was only open on each Wednesday due to families only making bookings for these days.

Bingara Preschool

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

Days	September 2021
Tuesday	24
Wednesday	27
Thursday	27
Friday	28

Educator Training

On Wednesday 29 September, the Educators attended a training workshop 'Learning Language and Loving It'. This training was facilitated by the Central Northern Library Speech Pathologist. The training is an eight-session course which builds the Educator's capacity in relation to literacy and the early years.



COVID-19

Bingara Preschool opened again to all children for Week 10, Term 3. Bingara Preschool is working under a strict COVID safe plan, where visitors and family access to the service is restricted. Communication is still readily accessible through the service's social media platforms, telephone, and email. During lockdown, Bingara Preschool remained opened for essential worker children only. An online and distance program was still facilitated for the other children who were unable to attend during that timeframe.

Pirate Day Dress Up

On the last day of Term 3, the children at Bingara Preschool dressed up as a pirate, to celebrate: International Talk Like a Pirate Day. The Educators facilitated many activities based on pirates, including walking a pretend plank, designing their own pirate flag, and following a treasure map.



Tharawonga Mobile Resource Unit

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

Days and Venues	September 2021	
Monday at Yetman	8	
Tuesday at North Star	10	
Wednesday at Yallaroi	4 (3 casual)	
Thursday at Gravesend	8	
Friday at Crooble	6	

Change of Venue – The Crooble venue is no longer operational due to the Inland Rail project and depot located across from the hall. This service has had to relocate to Croppa Creek and will be operational from the local school.

COVID-19 - For the last few weeks learning has been remote and digitally sent to the families. The families received learning packages in the mail. We have ensured that effective communication with families has been continued. Some of the families took the option of connecting with the educators via face-to-face connections. We do have an essential working family attending the Gravesend venue. In Week 10, Term 3 we were able to resume and could attend North Star, Yallaroi and Gravesend venues. We were unable to attend Yetman and Croppa Creek due to the community use agreements being suspended.

Community Visits

The Gravesend service had a visit from Monique Wynter who conducted the StEPs screening. The StEPS program is an initiative of NSW Health and offers all 4 years old children a free vision screening. The StEPS program is designed to identify childhood vision problems which cannot be detected by observation, behaviour, family history or vision surveillance.

Yetman, North Star and Yallaroi

The families shared pictures of their children at Yetman engaging in the home learning and experiences that the educators planned. The children engaged in experiences which promoted gross motor, sensory exploration, school transition, art and craft, cooking & gardening experiences, and transitional learning opportunities. Science Week was a focus for the children to participate in simple experiments.



Gravesend – At Gravesend we continued our preschool learning with most of it being conducted via face-to-face online seasons with the children and families that requested this option. The children participated in listening to the educator read "The Big Green Frog", "The Three Billy Goats Gruff", "The Very Itchy Bear" and "Thelma the Unicorn. To simulate our normal transitions at Preschool the children did colour and number recognition, identifying opposites and feelings. The children engaged and demonstrated a growing attention span while listening to multiple stories one after the other. For the child attending they were able to engage with the educators in making a new garden around the outside area in the large playground.



Crooble/Croppa Creek

At Crooble, to continue to promote positive social skills this term, part of the hall has been converted into a shop. This learning experience is promoting learning through play and sourcing their own learning. The children are taking ownership of the inside experiences when arriving at Preschool as they help the educators set up before moving onto outdoor experiences. This is building the children's sense of belonging to their Preschool.

CUSTOMER SERVICE REQUESTS (CRMs)

CRMs carried forward from:

Department	Outstanding at 1 September 2021	Completed since 1 September 2021	Outstanding as at 1 October 2021
Technical Services	29	14	15
Environment and Sustainability	21	14	7
Town Utilities Parks and Gardens	10	6	4
Building Services	5	2	3
Total Outstanding	65	36	29

CRM's - 1 September to 1 October 2021:

Department	Received during September 2021	Completed during September 2021	Outstanding as at 1 October 2021
Technical Services	31	15	16
Environment and Sustainability	13	1	12
Town Utilities Parks and Gardens	18	10	8
Building Services	12	10	2

Executive	0		0
Organisation and Community Services	3	0	3
Totals	77	36	41

CRMs received since 1 September 2021 and still outstanding as at 1 October 2021:

Department	Open
Technical Services	31
Environment and Sustainability	19
Town Utilities Parks and Gardens	12
Building Services	5
Executive	0
Organisation and Community	2
Services	5
Total	70

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 Development Department are in line with the 2021/2022 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 2021/2022 Operational Plan.

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

THAT the report be received

ATTACHMENTS

There are no attachments for this report.

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FILE REFERENCE 21/25365

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 NII

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 September 2021.

No.	Property Description	Development/ Work	\$	D/A	S96
11/2021	P R & J R Tonkin Lot 26 DP 751090 671 Kirkton Road Pallamallawa	Minor modification of existing development approval for a 29,000 tonne/year quarry	\$10,000	-	~
30/2021	D A & F G Coulson Lot 43 DP 43346 226 Mt Jerrybang Road Gravesend	216m ² Garage/Storage Shed	\$114,240	~	-
31/2021	N T Wearne Lot 6 Section 1 DP 758111 3 Ridley Street Bingara	84m ² Garage/Storage Shed	\$27,000	~	-
32/2021	K R Turner Lot 6 DP 946719 14 Kelly's Gully Road Warialda Rail	216m2 Garage/Storage Shed	\$84,210	~	-
33/2021	D K & C L Barwick Lot 1 Section 14 DP 759052 20 Water Street Warialda	72m ² Garage & 84m ² Garage/Storage Shed	\$15,000	~	-

The following Development (D/A) and Development Modification (s96) applications remain outstanding at the end of September 2021.

No	Property Description and Description of Work	Reason	D/A	S96
28/2013	Johnstone Concrete & Quarries Pty Ltd 530 Gil Gil Creek Road Pallamallawa - Modification of existing approved	Being referred, advertised, notified and exhibited for 21 days	-	~

	300,000 tonnes per year quarry to a			
	499,000 tonnes per year for a period of 5 years and to extend the			
	haulage route north along Gil Gil Creek Road			
49/2016	Ceres Ag 'Gunyerwarildi' 1470 North Star Road Warialda - Continued occupation/use of rural worker accommodation being the installation of a number of premanufactured cabins	Approved in principal awaiting compliance certification or engineering certification for the cabins	~	-
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	\checkmark	-
25/2021	S R Standerwick / Gwydir Shire Council Warialda Road Warialda - Animal Impounding Facility	Request for additional information	\checkmark	-
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	Being referred, advertised, notified and exhibited for 28 days	~	-
35/2021	J Williams/R D & C Smyth 10-12 Narrabri Road Bingara - Deck and Detached Garage	Being notified and exhibited for 14 days	~	-
36/2021	J Williams/J N Delaforce 10-12 Narrabri Road Bingara - Small Dwelling	Being notified and exhibited for 14 days	\checkmark	-
37/2021	J L Goldsmith 4186 Elcombe Road Bingara - Dwelling	Being notified and exhibited for 14 days	\checkmark	-
38/2021	S Butler/ K B & G Butler 22 Frazer Street Bingara - Covered Deck	Being notified and exhibited for 14 days	~	-
39/2021	W & M J Grover 8 Hill Street Bingara - Dwelling Additions being extension to existing sunroom and small deck	Being notified and exhibited for 14 days	\checkmark	-

There were no Development (D/A) or Development Modification (s96) applications approved and not previously reported to Council for the month of September 2021.

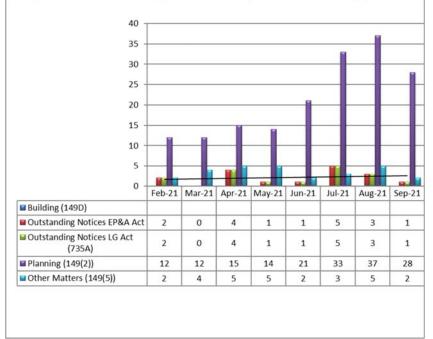
There were no Development (D/A) or Development Modification (s96) application/s refused(R)/ withdrawn (W)/ Cancelled (C) during the month of September 2021.

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 month of September 2021.

The following Subdivision Certificates were issued during the month of September 2021 and in the previous seven (7) months.

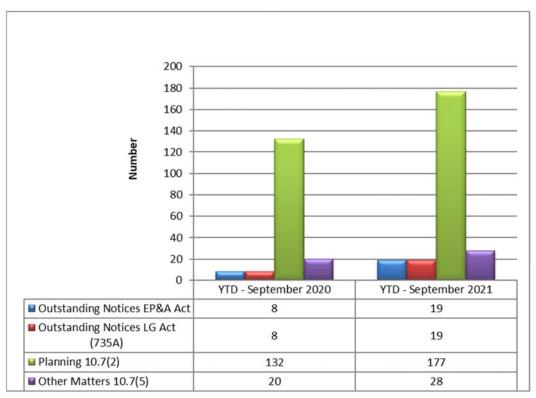


The following graph shows Conveyancing Certificates were issued during the month of September 2021 compared to the previous seven (7) months

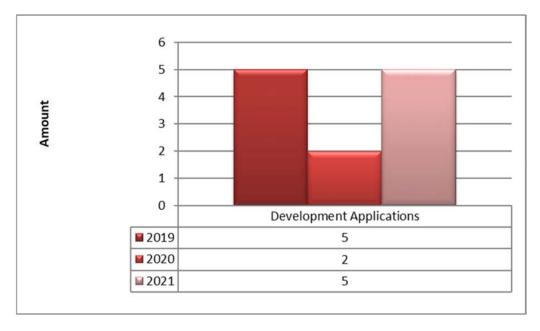


The following graph shows the number of Conveyancing Certificates issued up to and including the month of September 2021 compared with the same period in 2020.



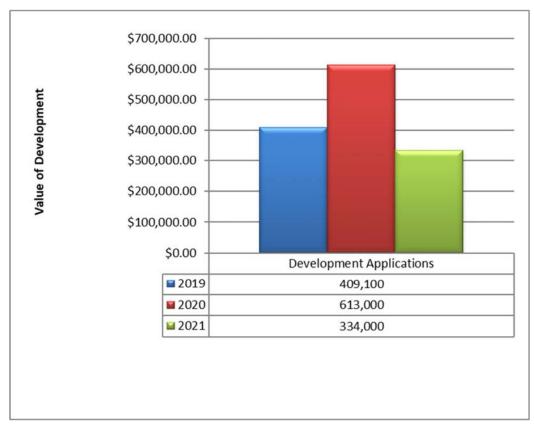


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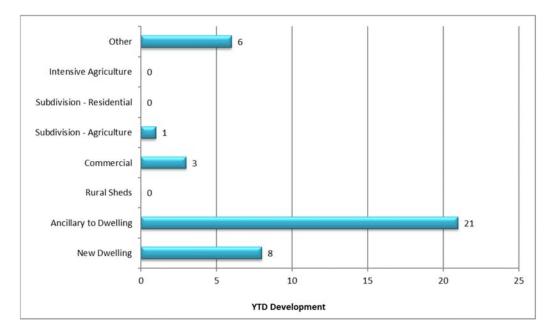


The table below shows a comparison between total value of applications lodged during the month of September 2021 compared to the same period in the previous two years.

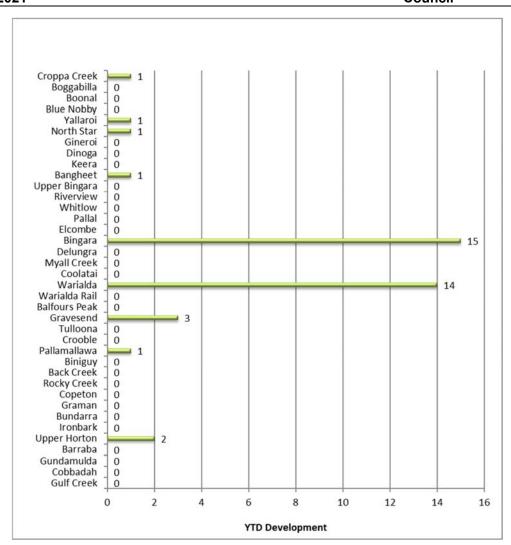




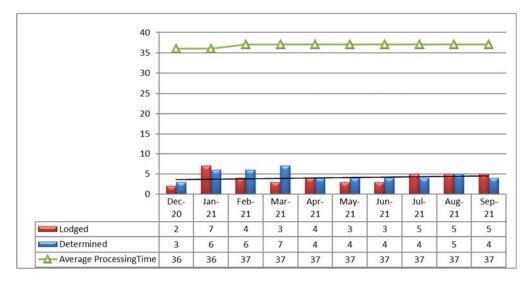
Development Applications received for the year by type – YTD September 2021



Development Applications Received for the year by locality – YTD September 2021



Development Application Analysis – for the nine (9) months up to the end of September 2021



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Water and Sewer

Water meters were read during the first two weeks of September. Water and Sewerage operators attended five service line repairs, six water mains, replaced 22 water meters and repaired three sewer blockages during the month.

Council routinely replaces old meters with new in the replacement water meter program.

Other work was undertaken at the Bingara Showground, Bingara Caravan Park, Bingara works depot, Warialda truckwash, Cunningham Park and Oregon Road and Adams Scrub Road culverts.

The Annual NSW Performance reports for Water and Sewerage were completed and submitted to Department of Planning, Industry and Environment during September.

Warialda Truckwash

The truckwash facility was used by 100 trucks during September with an average wash down time of 41 minutes and total water used was 400KL. The estimated income for September is \$4,076.00 less monitoring fees.

Grant Projects

Federal Drought Program

Upper Horton water upgrade is 50% complete with the remaining work to drill and construct a new bore being delayed due to lack of availability of drilling contractor.

Cunningham Park improvements under the Federal drought program are nearing completion with the site prepared for turf to be laid during October.

The installation of the shade sail poles over the new playground was completed at All Abilities Park, Warialda during September. The shade sails are under construction and will be erected when received providing relief from the summer heat. The terracing of All Abilities Park has been delayed by wet weather and availability of the local contractor.



Installation of the poles for shade shelters in All Abilities Park, Warialda

State Drought Program

Work is nearing completion on the upgrade of Cunningham Park under State Drought Program. The new amenities block is complete with privacy screens fitted during September. The new block will be opened once landscaping has been completed and the existing amenities block will be removed. The upgrade included new BBQ and shelters which were installed earlier in the year.



New Amenities Block, Cunningham Park

Covid Stimulus Funding

As part of the Batterham's Lookout improvements a new frame has been fabricated for signage and installed at the entrance to Batterham's Lookout, Bingara.



Batterham's Lookout Signage

A third shelter, table and chairs were installed on the Gwydir River foreshore during September.



Gwydir foreshore shelter and table setting

Showground Stimulus funding

Phase 2 funding included the refurbishment of the Bingara Showground Grandstand with the external cladding with colourbond now completed. The internal asbestos removal and cladding is scheduled to be completed in October, along with the replacement of the original stairs which were noncompliant.

Also included in Phase 2 Showground Stimulus funding is the erection of a new amenities block on the eastern side of Bingara Showground. Wet weather has caused some delays, however much progress was made during September and the project is now nearing completion.



New amenities block at Bingara Showground nearing completion

Bingara Showground

Bingara Showground hosted one of four vaccination clinics conducted by the Rural Flying Doctor Service in Gwydir during September. A total of 176 persons received their vaccination at the Showground. Figures to hand indicate 60 were vaccinated in North Star, 222 in Warialda and 80 in Upper Horton – a total of 538 in Gwydir.

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 September. 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.



Planting new trees - Bingara Cemetery

The garden beds are a vision of colour with the onset of Spring and help beautify our streets and parks.



Maitland Street gardens, Bingara



CWA Monument and flower bed

Workshops and Depots - September 2021

Total number of services in Workshops for September	
Total number of jobs in Workshops for September	133

Major repairs and maintenance undertaken during September included:

- P1933 Volvo truck repairs to steering, brakes and scales
- P1955 grader repairs to engine control unit
- P1662 water truck electrical repairs
- P1713 Jetmaster fit solenoid
- P1789 backhoe fabricate and fit hydraulic hoses
- P1081 tractor fit new alternator
- P1859 grader replace bent steering arm
- P1464 grader electrical repairs (blade locking pin)

The old stairs from the Bingara Showground Grandstand have been relocated to the Bingara depot for repairs and painting and will be used to access the mezzanine floor in Bingara workshop.



Workshop stairs, Bingara

<u>Plant replacement</u> – a new mower was purchased for use in Bingara.



P2005 – new mower for use in Bingara

<u>Plant Disposal</u> - three replaced slashers were sold through Pickles Auctions during September.

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