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December 04, 2020

## ORDINARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL MEETING

TO BE HELD

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 09, 2020

**SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA NO.1** 

JAMES RONCON GENERAL MANAGER

## **FURTHER BUSINESS**

1.	MAYORAL MINUTE NO. 13/20 - DATED DECEMBER 04, 2020 - BROKE HILL TO ADELAIDE AND MILDURA COACH SERVICE (11/291)	_
2.	BROKEN HILL CITY COUNCIL REPORT NO. 178/20 - DATED DECEMBER 03, 2020 - CORRESPONDENCE REPORT - GOVERNMEN COVID-19 STIMULUS PACKAGES (11/175)	
3.	BROKEN HILL CITY COUNCIL REPORT NO. 179/20 - DATED DECEMBER 03, 2020 - INVESTMENT REPORT FOR NOVEMBER 2020 (17/82)	
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## ORDINARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

December 4, 2020

## ITEM 1

## MAYORAL MINUTE NO. 13/20

SUBJECT: BROKEN HILL TO ADELAIDE AND MILDURA COACH SERVICE
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## **Summary**

Following questions raised at the October 2020 and November 2020 Council Meetings, staff have enquired about the continuation of both the Broken Hill to Adelaide and the Broken Hill to Mildura coach service, now that both borders have re-opened to New South Wales residents, and whether these services will continue permanently.

Both coach services were operating under trial conditions with the Broken Hill to Adelaide coach service operating during the South Australian border closure and continues to operate two days per week.

The Broken Hill to Mildura coach service was "paused" during the COVID-19 pandemic Victorian border closure. The service was prior to this, operating under trail conditions with concession passes. The trial period ended in May 2020 and was operating in an extension period when the COVID-19 pandemic outbreak in Melbourne caused the Victorian border closure. The coach service was then "paused" pending the re-opening of the border.

Once the Victorian Government announced that the border would re-open on 23 November 2020, contact was made with Transport NSW to enquire about the reinstatement of the Broken Hill to Mildura coach service. Transport NSW advised:

### Broken Hill to Mildura coach service

NSW TrainLink has made the difficult decision to temporarily suspend this service.

NSW TrainLink will assess the needs of the community and available funding when deciding whether to reinstate the service in its existing form, or whether an alternative service offering would be more suitable.

The Broken Hill to Mildura service was run by a local operator whose contract was scheduled to end ended on 30 September in line with the end of the trial. NSW TrainLink will offer a new contract to a local provider of an appropriate service when the trial resumes.

NSW TrainLink remains committed to working with our Transport for NSW partners to develop the best transport options for the region.

NSW TrainLink is committed to keeping our customers informed and we will work closely with community groups and local media to ensure that the community is made aware of the future of the service.

When I receive further information I will pass it on.

The General Manager followed up on this matter with Transport NSW and was advised that the Broken Hill to Mildura coach service will not be reinstated.

This decision is very disappointing given that there has not been any attempt by Transport NSW to consult with the Broken Hill community to gauge the importance of the service especially to access specialist medical care.

As Councillors know, Mildura is our closest population centre providing specialist medical services not currently available in Broken Hill. Broken Hill patients are constantly being referred to these specialists for treatment and care for serious medical conditions.

An affordable bus service to Mildura is vitally important to our community and I urge Councillor to support my motion to lobby for the reinstatement of the Broken Hill to Mildura bus service.

## **Recommendation**

- 1. That Mayoral Minute No. 13/20 dated December 4, 2020, be received.
- That Council writes to Transport NSW advising of Council's disappointment in the cancellation of the Broken Hill to Mildura coach service without any prior community consultation.
- 3. That Council advocates strongly, urging that TransportNSW reconsider their decision and reinstate the coach service as an affordable transport option for the community of Broken Hill and Far West Region to access specialist medial services in Mildura which are not available in Broken Hill, for recreational purposes, and a link to air services to capital cities in Australia.
- 4. That Council writes to the Minister for Transport, the Minister for Regional NSW and the State Local Member asking for their assistance to reinstate the Broken Hill to Mildura bus service for the community of Broken Hill and the Far West Region.

## **Attachments**

There are no attachments for this report.

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## ORDINARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

December 3, 2020

## ITEM 2

## BROKEN HILL CITY COUNCIL REPORT NO. 178/20

SUBJECT: CORRESPONDENCE REPORT - GOVERNMENT COVID-19
STIMULUS PACKAGES 11/175

## **Recommendation**

- 1. That Broken Hill City Council Report No. 178/20 dated December 3, 2020, be received.
- 2. That correspondence dated 26 November 2020 from The Hon Mark Coulton MP, Minister for Regional Health, Regional Communications and Local Government and Federal Member for Parkes, in reply to Council's correspondence regarding the financial impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on Broken Hill City Council, be received.

## **Executive Summary:**

Council received correspondence dated 26 November 2020 from The Hon Mark Coulton MP, Minister for Regional Health, Regional Communications and Local Government and Federal Member for Parkes. The correspondence is in reply to Council's correspondence regarding the financial impact of COVID-19 on Broken Hill City Council.

The reply correspondence outlines all NSW Government grants, financial assistance and business subsidies awarded to NSW Councils and available to NSW businesses during the COVID-19 pandemic. (see attached)

## **Attachments**

1. U Correspondence from The Hon Mark Coulton MP

JAMES RONCON GENERAL MANAGER



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## THE HON MARK COULTON MP

Minister for Regional Health, Regional Communications and Local Government Federal Member for Parkes

Ref: MC20-005178

Cr Darriea Turley AM Mayor Broken Hill City Council PO Box 448 BROKEN HILL NSW 2880

### Dear Mayor

Thank you for correspondence providing an update on the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on Broken Hill City Council. I apologise for the delay in responding.

Let me assure you that the Australian Government highly values the critical work that local governments do to deliver essential services and ensure the quality of life for communities across Australia. The 2020-21 Federal Budget confirms the Australian Government's steadfast commitment to supporting and working with local governments, delivering a record investment in and via the sector to help councils play their part in the national recovery from COVID-19, delivering local jobs, through local projects, for a sustained recovery.

This year councils have been allocated \$2.6 billion under the Financial Assistance Grant program. This funding is untied in the hands of local governments, which means it could be allocated to their local priorities.

By now you should have received advice about Broken Hill City Council's allocation of \$5,059,667 Financial Assistance Grant for 2020-21, \$2,593,322 of which was pre-paid to you in May. I trust this funding boost, coupled with your initial Local Roads and Community Infrastructure allocations of \$310,580 and \$666,521 will provide your council with some much needed capacity to offset your revenue shortfalls and commence some economy-boosting infrastructure projects.

Local governments play a particularly important role in regional Australia. To ensure the economic and community benefits of this record investment are realised, it will be critical that the local government sector has the capacity and capability to deliver for their communities. This Budget is supporting employers, including eligible local governments, to take on up to 100,000 new apprentices through the new \$1.2 billion Boosting Apprenticeship Commencements wage subsidy.

Parliament House Canberra ACT 2600 Telephone (02) 6277 7495 This measure will pay a 50 per cent wage subsidy to employers who take on new or recommencing apprentices from 5 October 2020 to 30 September 2021, for wages paid in that period. Local government organisations that meet the eligibility criteria, as outlined in the Australian Apprenticeships Incentives Program Guidelines, will be able to access the wage subsidy.

The Government has also established a \$1 billion COVID-19 Relief and Recovery Fund (the Fund), managed by the Deputy Prime Minister, to support regions, communities and industry sectors that have been disproportionately affected by the COVID-19 crisis. The initiatives that have been announced under the Fund are providing support for a number of industries, including agriculture, the arts, fisheries, tourism, transport and regional partnerships. Information on the assistance measures provided through the Fund is available at <a href="https://www.regional.gov.au/regional/programs/covid-19-relief-and-recovery-fund.aspx">www.regional.gov.au/regional/programs/covid-19-relief-and-recovery-fund.aspx</a>. We are also investing \$200 million for an additional round of the Building Better Regions Fund, which we discussed in July. These investments reflect our deep commitment to working with all levels of government to rapidly deliver targeted, initiatives to deliver jobs, economic recovery and economic diversification for our regions.

In spite of the very challenging year we are having, it is encouraging to see every level of government in Australia pulling together to protect our citizens and the economy from the effects of COVID-19. I commend Broken Hill City Council's constructive and well considered approach to supporting your staff and community through this period. I am confident that your actions will cushion the worst of the financial impacts and position your local government area for a strong recovery.

I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely

Mark Coulton MP

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## ORDINARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

December 3, 2020

## ITEM 3

## BROKEN HILL CITY COUNCIL REPORT NO. 179/20

SUBJECT: INVESTMENT REPORT FOR NOVEMBER 2020 17/82

## Recommendation

1. That Broken Hill City Council Report No. 179/20 dated December 3, 2020, be received.

## **Executive Summary:**

The Local Government (General) Regulation 2005 (Part 9, Division 5, Clause 212), effective from 1 September 2005, requires the Responsible Accounting Officer of a Council to provide a written report setting out details of all monies that have been invested under Section 625 (2) of the Local Government Act 1993, as per the Minister's Amended Investment Order gazetted 11 March 2011. The Responsible Accounting Officer must also include in the report, a certificate as to whether the investment has been made in accordance with the Act, the Regulations and the Council's Investment Policy.

As at 30 November 2020, Council's Investment Portfolio had a current market valuation of \$30,410,285 or principal value (face value) of \$30,397,067 and was compliant with policy and legislative requirements as per the below table.

## Report:

Council's investments as at 30 November 2020 are detailed in Attachment 1.

Portfolio Summary		
Portfolio Performance vs. RBA Cash Rate	✓	Council's investment performance did exceed benchmark.
Investment Policy Compliance		
Legislative Requirements	✓	Compliant with policy
Portfolio Credit Rating Limit	✓	Compliant with policy
Institutional Exposure Limits	Χ	Non-Compliant with policy
Term to Maturity Limits	<b>√</b>	Compliant with policy

## Market Review

## **Global issues**

In the US, the presidential election provided plenty of entertainment but had little impact on the financial markets. The markets had largely already priced in a Biden victory with a return of a Republican held Senate providing a check and balance on large scale spending programs over the next two years at least. Senate seat runoffs in Georgia in January may cause more market reaction if the Democrats end up winning – swinging power in the upper house to the Democrats. While daily Covid-19 cases and deaths have surged to new heights in the US and Europe over the past couple of months, the prospect of vaccines being rolled out in December has provided optimism to the markets and hope for all. In Asia, both China

and Japan showed positive signs of economic recovery as Japan's September quarter GDP was up 5.5% from the previous quarter and China recorded strong increases in industrial production and retail sales. Despite these promising signs, overall global recovery remains dependent on ongoing support from governments' fiscal and monetary policy stimulus packages. Hours worked in most countries remain well below pre-pandemic levels and inflation levels are below most central bank targets.

## **Domestic issues**

In Australia, the RBA has noted that the economic recovery is under way and recent data has generally been better than expected. Latest monthly employment growth data showed strong gains, over 178,000, despite the unemployment rate increasing to 7% as more people started looking for work. Further rises in the unemployment rate are expected in the coming months but then slowly decline over the course of the next two years to be around 6% at the end of 2022. Australia's overall economic recovery is expected to be uneven and drawn out and remains dependent on significant policy support. The RBA's economists are predicting GDP to grow by around five per cent next year and four per cent over 2022. The Australian share market (ASX200) ended the month up approximately 10% and the AUD/USD closed out November at 0.73c up from 0.70c at October month end.

## **Interest rates**

At its November meeting, the RBA cut the official cash rate target from 0.25% to 0.10% and also lowered the target yield on 3yr Government bonds to 0.10%. These measures are aimed at lowering the financing cost to borrowers to help kickstart spending across the economy. The central bank has stated that it does not expect to raise the official cash rate for at least the next 3 years.

## **Investment Portfolio Commentary**

Council's investment portfolio posted a return of 5.03%pa for the month of November versus the bank bill index benchmark return of 0.09%pa. For the past 12 months, the investment portfolio returned -1.30%pa, underperforming the bank bill index benchmark's 0.44%pa by 1.74%pa.

During November, Council's investment portfolio had \$2.5m between a 2 month and 5 month term deposit mature which averaged a rate of 0.61%pa. Council reinvested the \$2.5m across a range of five 3 to 6 month deposits at an average rate of 0.66%pa.

The TCorpIM MT Growth Fund rose 2.7% in November. Hopes of a vaccine, removal of US election uncertainty, and looser domestic monetary policy all helped the Australian share market have its best month in 30 years, up 10.2%. Energy (+16.1%) was the best performing sector as the price of oil surged 27% while Financials (+16.1%) and Real Estate (+12.9%) also benefitted. Defensive stocks such as Consumer Staples (-0.7%) and Utilities (+1.5%) were the worst performing sectors. Overseas markets also surged with the US S&P 500 (+10.9%), European S&P350 (+14.2%), Japanese S&P 500 (+12.0%), and Chinese S&P 300 (+5.2%) also posting solid gains.

## **Investments Outside of Policy**

Due to the introduction of Council's new Investment Policy, Council's term deposits held with AMP exceeded its new policy's limits. Council's new investment policy has introduced more conservative limits, reducing BBB rated banks' institution limit from 25% to 5%. This has caused Council's AMP investments to exceed policy by \$480,147(or by one \$500,000 investment). Council's next term deposit with AMP will mature on 09/12/2020, which at maturity will be moved to another institution to bring Council's portfolio within the institutional exposure limit. Whilst Council had the option to withdraw the AMP investment early to meet the new policy constraints, it would be counterproductive as it would cause Council to lose interest earnt on the deposit as well as paying a break fee.

## Council's Portfolio by Source of Funds – November 2020

As at 30 November 2020, Council's Investment Portfolio had a current market valuation of \$30,410,285 or principal value (face value) of \$30,397,067 and was compliant with policy and

legislative requirements as per the table above.

	Source of Funds	Principal Amount
GENERAL	Operating Capital & Internal Restrictions	\$25,903,067
Fund	Royalties Reserve	\$723,000
	Domestic Waste Management Reserve	\$1,296,000
	Grants	\$2,475,000
	TOTAL PORTFOLIO	\$30,397,067

## Certificate by Responsible Accounting Officer

All investments have been placed in accordance with Council's Investment Policy, Section 625 of the *Local Government Act 1993* (as amended), the Revised Ministerial Investment Order gazetted 11 February 2011, Clause 212 of the *Local Government (General) Regulations 2005*- and Third-Party Investment requirements of the then Department Local Government Circular 06-70. Council continues to obtain independent financial advice on its investment portfolio in accordance with the then Department of Local Government Circular of 16 September 2008.

## **Community Engagement:**

Nil

## **Strategic Direction:**

Key Direction 4: Our Leadership

Objective 4.1: Openness and Transparency in Decision Making

Action 4.1.1 Maintain good governance and best practice methods and ensure

compliance with various guidelines and legislation.

## **Relevant Legislation:**

This report is provided for Council's consideration in compliance with the requirements of *Part 9, Division 5, Clause 212 of the Local Government (General) Regulations 2005.* 

## **Financial Implications:**

The recommendation has no financial impact.

## **Attachments**

1. UNION November 2020 Investment Report

JAY NANKIVELL
CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

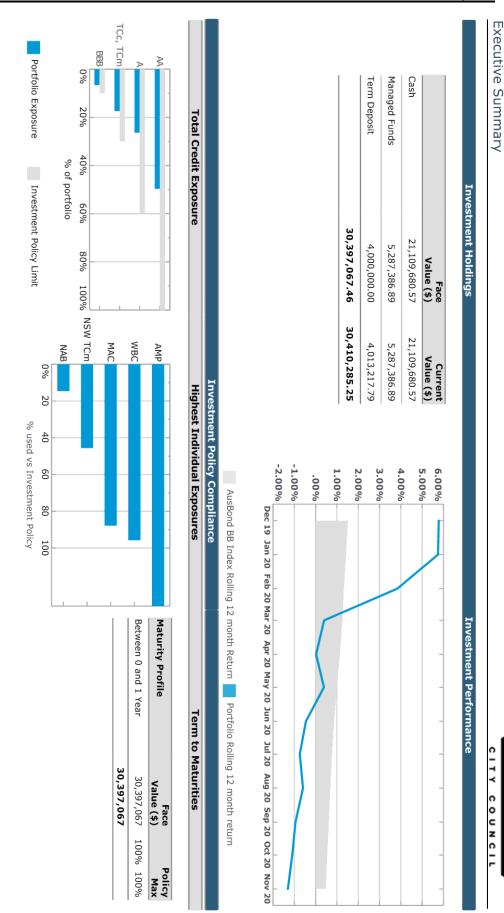
<u>JAMES RONCON</u> GENERAL MANAGER





November 2020







# Broken Hill City Council

Investment Holdings Report

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At Maturity	191.78	540562	500,191.78	11-Nov-20	500,000.00	BBB	AMP Bank	0.7000%	500,000.00	12-May-21
At Maturity	6.16	540618	500,006.16	30-Nov-20	500,000.00	AA-	National Australia Bank	0.4500%	500,000.00	14-Apr-21
At Maturity	6.16	540617	500,006.16	30-Nov-20	500,000.00	AA-	National Australia Bank	0.4500%	500,000.00	31-Mar-21
At Maturity	6.16	540616	500,006.16	30-Nov-20	500,000.00	AA-	National Australia Bank	0.4500%	500,000.00	17-Mar-21
At Maturity	6.16	540615	500,006.16	30-Nov-20	500,000.00 30-Nov-20	AA-	National Australia Bank	0.4500%	500,000.00	3-Mar-21
At Maturity	2,972.60	539971	502,972.60	29-Jun-20	500,000.00	BBB	AMP Bank	1.4000%	500,000.00	3-Feb-21
At Maturity	3,694.52	539914	503,694.52	10-Jun-20	500,000.00	BBB	AMP Bank	1.5500%	500,000.00	9-Dec-20
At Maturity	6,334.25	539526	506,334.25	4-Mar-20	500,000.00	BBB	AMP Bank	1.7000%	500,000.00	2-Dec-20
Coupon Reference Frequency	Accrued Interest (\$)	Deal No.	Current Value (\$)	Purchase Date	Purchase Price (\$)	Credit Rating	Institution	Rate (%pa)	Face Value (\$)	Maturity Date
									osits	Term Deposits
			5,287,386.89						5,287,386.89	
		536441	4,161,227.88	rowth Fund	Medium Term Growth Fund	TCm	NSW T-Corp (MT)	2.6732%	4,161,227.88	
		535329	1,126,159.01	Cash Fund		TCc	NSW T-Corp (Cash)	0.0506%	1,126,159.01	
Reference		Deal No.	Current Value (\$)	Fund Name	ħ	Credit Rating	Institution	Monthly Return	Face Value (\$)	
									Funds	Managed Funds
			21,109,680.57					0.4344%	21,109,680.57 0.4344%	
Cheque		473409	7,694,015.19			AA-	Westpac Group	0.0000%	7,694,015.19	
90d Notice		535442	5,406,815.90			AA-	Westpac Group	0.8000%	5,406,815.90	
Accelerator		540354	8,008,849.48			A+	Macquarie Bank	0.6050%	8,008,849.48	
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# **Broken Hill City Council**Accrued Interest Report -

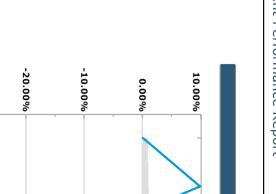
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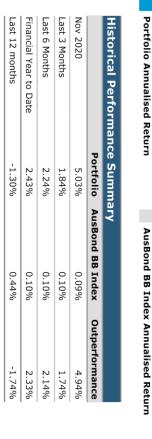
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Investment	Deal No.	Ref	Face Value (\$)	Settlement Date	Maturity Date	Interest Received (\$)	Days	Interest Accrued (\$)	Percentage Return
Cash									
Westpac Group	473409	Cheque	7,694,015.19			0.00	30	0.00	.00%
Westpac Group	535442	90d Notice	5,406,815.90			3,981.81	30	3,981.81	.87%
Macquarie Bank	540354	Accelerator	8,008,849.48			3,980.61	30	3,980.61	.61%
Cash Total						7,962.43		7,962.43	.47%
Managed Funds									
Cash Fund	535329		1,126,159.01	29-May-17			30	569.06	.62%
Medium Term Growth Fund	536441		4,161,227.88	12-Feb-18			30	108,341.26	37.85%
Managed Funds Total								108,910.32	28.77%
Term Deposits									
AMP Bank	539917		500,000.00	10-Jun-20	11-Nov-20	2,953.42	10	191.78	1.40%
National Australia Bank	540343		2,000,000.00	30-Sep-20	30-Nov-20	1,804.93	29	858.08	.54%
AMP Bank	539526		500,000.00	04-Mar-20	02-Dec-20		30	698.63	1.70%
AMP Bank	539914		500,000.00	10-Jun-20	09-Dec-20		30	636.99	1.55%
AMP Bank	539971		500,000.00	29-Jun-20	03-Feb-21		30	575.34	1.40%
National Australia Bank	540615		500,000.00	30-Nov-20	03-Mar-21		1	6.16	.45%
National Australia Bank	540616		500,000.00	30-Nov-20	17-Mar-21		1	6.16	.45%
National Australia Bank	540617		500,000.00	30-Nov-20	31-Mar-21		1	6.16	.45%
National Australia Bank	540618		500,000.00	30-Nov-20	14-Apr-21		н	6.16	.45%
AMP Bank	540562		500,000.00	11-Nov-20	12-May-21		20	191.78	.70%
Term Deposits Total						4,758.35		3,177.24	.97%
						12,720.78		120,049.99	5.03%





Annualised Monthly Return (Marked to Market %pa)





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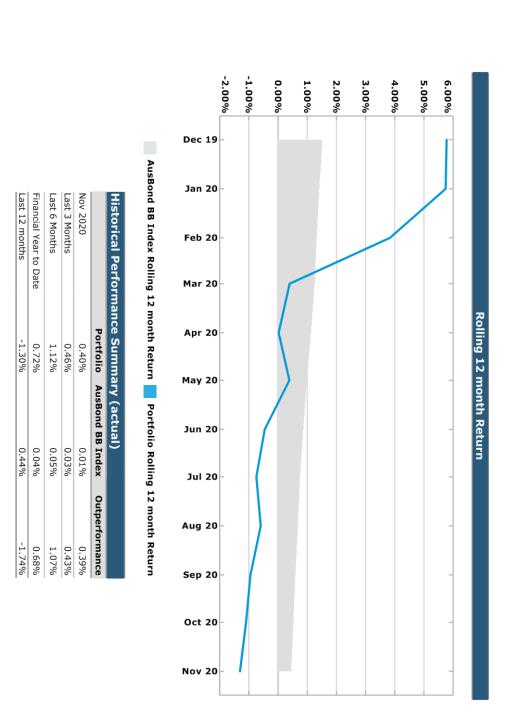
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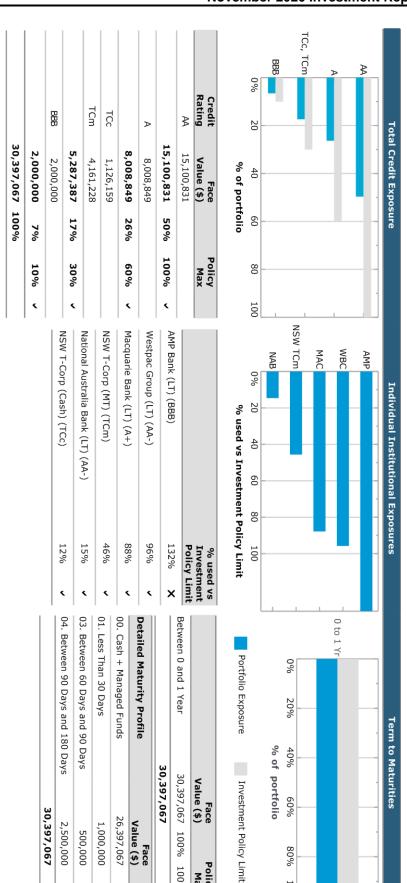


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X = non-compliant = compliant

## **Broken Hill City Council**

**Investment Policy Compliance Report** 





30,397,067

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500,000

26,397,067 Face Value (\$)

87%

100%

Policy Max 100%

80%

100%

1,000,000

3% 2%

NSW TCm 13.69%

WBC 43.10%

NAB 6.58% NSW TCc 3.70%

MAC 26.35%

AMP 6.58%

Westpac Group (AA-)

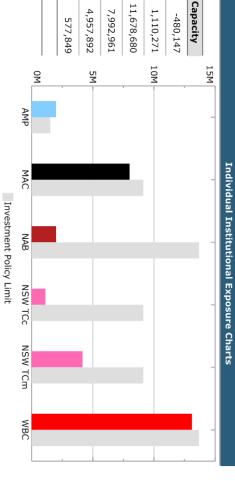
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13,678,680 45%

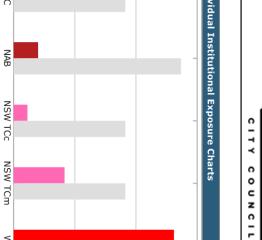
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Individual Institutional Exposures Report

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Individu	Individual Institutional Exposures	xposui	'es	
	Current Exposures	ures	Policy Limit	Ŧ
AMP Bank (BBB)	2,000,000 7%	7%	1,519,853 5%	5%
Macquarie Bank (A+)	8,008,849 26%	26%	9,119,120 30%	30%
National Australia Bank (AA-)	2,000,000 7%	7%	13,678,680 45%	45%
NSW T-Corp (TCc)	1,126,159 4%	4%	9,119,120 30%	30%
NSW T-Corp (TCm)	4,161,228 14%	14%	9,119,120 30%	30%







# **Broken Hill City Council**Cash Flows Report

Current Month Cashflows				
Transaction Date Deal No.	Cashflow Counterparty	Asset Type	Cashflow Description	Cashflow Received
11-Nov-20 539917	AMP Bank	Term Deposits	Maturity Face Value - Received	500,000.00
	AMP Bank	Term Deposits	Interest - Received	2,953.42
			<u>Deal Total</u>	502,953.42
540562	AMP Bank	Term Deposits	Settlement Face Value - Paid	-500,000.00
			Deal Total	-500,000.00
			Day Total	2,953.42
<b>30-Nov-20</b> 540343	National Australia Bank	Term Deposits	Maturity Face Value - Received	2,000,000.00
	National Australia Bank	Term Deposits	Interest - Received	1,804.93
			Deal Total	2,001,804.93
540615	National Australia Bank	Term Deposits	Settlement Face Value - Paid	-500,000.00
			Deal Total	-500,000.00
540616	National Australia Bank	Term Deposits	Settlement Face Value - Paid	-500,000.00
			Deal Total	-500,000.00
540617	National Australia Bank	Term Deposits	Settlement Face Value - Paid	-500,000.00
			<u>Deal Total</u>	-500,000.00
540618	National Australia Bank	Term Deposits	Settlement Face Value - Paid	-500,000.00
			<u>Deal Total</u>	-500,000.00
			Day Total	1,804.93
			Net Cash Movement for Period	4,758.36
Next Month Cashflows				
Transaction Date Deal No.	Cashflow Counterparty	Asset Type	Cashflow Description	Cashflow Due
<b>2-Dec-20</b> 539526	AMP Bank	Term Deposit	Maturity Face Value - Received	500,000.00
	AMP Bank	Term Deposit	Interest - Received	6,357.53
			<u>Deal Total</u>	<u>506,357.53</u>
			Day Total	506,357.53
<b>9-Dec-20</b> 539914	AMP Bank	Term Deposit	Maturity Face Value - Received	500,000.00
	AMP Bank	Term Deposit	Interest - Received	3,864.38



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**Next Month Cashflows** 

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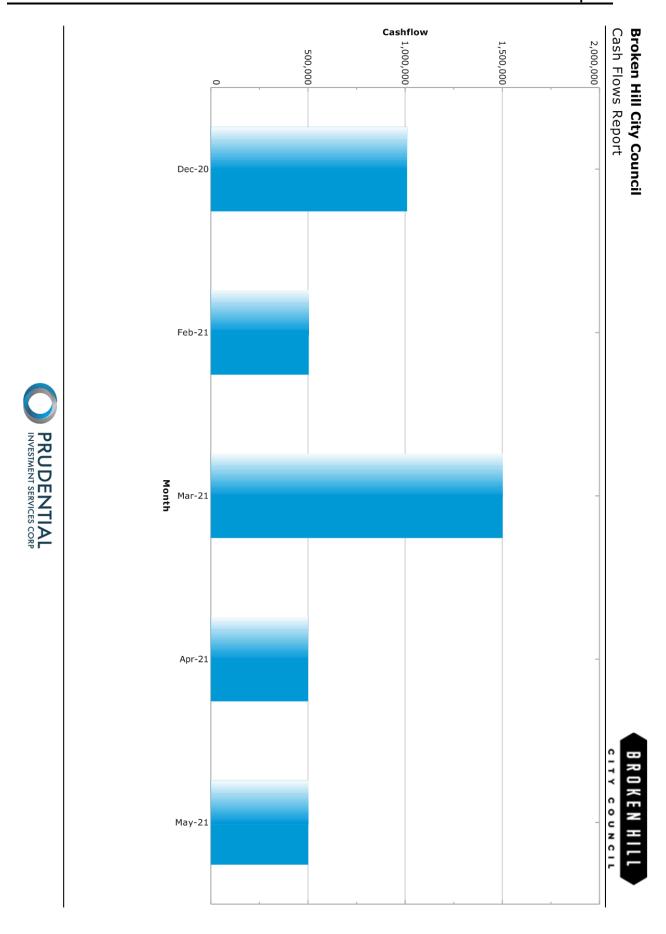
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Cashflow Due



## ORDINARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

December 4, 2020

## ITEM 4

## BROKEN HILL CITY COUNCIL REPORT NO. 180/20

SUBJECT: 2021 NATIONAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF LOCAL

**GOVERNMENT - CALL FOR MOTIONS** 

11/304

## **Recommendation**

- 1. That Broken Hill City Council Report No. 180/20 dated December 4, 2020, be received.
- 2. That Council determine motions to the 2021 National General Assembly of Local Government in line with the Assembly's eligibility principles; at either the December 2020 Council Meeting or the February 2021 Council Meeting and such motions be submitted to the Australian Local Government Association by March 26, 2021 along with a copy of the supporting Council resolution.

## **Executive Summary:**

The National General Assembly (NGA) brings together hundreds of delegates from Councils across Australia to debate issues of national significance to local government. It provides an opportunity for local Councils to develop and express a united voice on core issues affecting their communities with access to influential decision-makers of the federal government, at both the political and departmental levels.

This report is presented to Council to consider submitting Notice of Motions to the Conference which must be in line with the Assembly's eligibility principles (see attached).

## Report:

The 2021 National General Assembly will be held in Canberra from Sunday 20 June to Wednesday 23 June, 2021.

Attendance at the Assembly is an opportunity for our elected members to meet Federal Government Ministers and Shadow Ministers to discuss various matters of concern to the City. This face to face interaction is invaluable as a follow up to Council's letters/submissions to Ministers regarding current matters of high importance to the City and advocating Council's position on these matters.

The Australian Local Government Association Board is calling for motions for the 2021 National General Assembly under this year's theme "Working Together for our Communities".

Motions to the Assembly (along with the respective Council resolution) should be submitted electronically and should be received by the Australian Local Government Association no later than 11:59pm AEST on Friday 26 March, 2021.

To assist Councils in preparing motions, a discussion paper is available on the National General Assembly website (see attached copy).

To be eligible for inclusion in the National General Assembly Business Papers motions must follow the principles and must also be accompanied by a Council resolution:

- 1. Be relevant to the work of local government nationally.
- 2. Not be focussed on a specific location or region unless the project has national implications. You will be asked to justify why your motion has strategic importance and should be discussed at a national conference.
- 3. Be consistent with the themes of the National General Assembly.
- 4. Complement or build on the policy objectives of your state and territory local government association.
- 5. Be submitted by a Council which is a financial member of their state or territory local government association.
- 6. Propose a clear action and outcome i.e. call on the Australian Government to do something.
- 7. Be a new motion that has not already been debated at an National General Assembly in the preceding two years; and
- 8. Not be advanced on behalf of external third parties which may seek to use the National General Assembly to apply pressure to Board members or to gain national political exposure for positions that are not directly relevant to the work of, or in the national interest of, local government.

This report is presented to Council to consider submitting Notice of Motions to the National General Assembly Conference.

## **Community Engagement:**

Nil.

## **Strategic Direction:**

Key Direction:	4	Our Leadership
Objective:	4.1	Openness and transparency in decision making
Strategy:	4.1.1	Support the organisation to operate its legal framework

## **Financial Implications:**

Nil financial implications for the submission of motions. A separate report is presented to the February 2020 Council Meeting to consider attendance at the conference which carries financial implications.

## **Attachments**

- 1. Under Correspondence from the Australian Local Government Association
- 2. Unational General Assembly Call for Motions Discussion Paper

<u>JAMES RONCON</u> GENERAL MANAGER



- 3 DEC 2020

27 November 2020

Broken Hill City Council PO Box 448 BROKEN HILL NSW 2880

To the Mayor, Councillors and CEO (please distribute accordingly)

The Australian Local Government Association (ALGA) is now calling for Notices of Motions for National General Assembly 2021 (NGA).

The NGA provides a platform for Local Government to address national issues and advocate to the federal government on critical issues facing our sector.

The theme for the 2021 NGA is 'Working Together for our Communities'. This theme acknowledges the need to come together and with other partners, including the Federal Government, to deliver for our communities.

ALGA received significant feedback on the motions process and topics from the 2018 and 2019 NGA. In response to the feedback received, ALGA has prepared a discussion paper that explores data that identifies critical areas local government needs to consider now and into the future.

To inform the submission of motions, please read the discussion paper (included with this letter) and ensure motions meet the identified criteria.

To be eligible for inclusion in the NGA Business Papers, and subsequent debate on the floor of the NGA, motions must meet the following criteria:

- 1. be relevant to the work of local government nationally;
- 2. be consistent with the themes of the NGA;
- complement or build on the policy objectives of your state and territory local government association;
- 4. be from a council which is a financial member of their state or territory local government association;
- 5. propose a clear action and outcome; and
- not be advanced on behalf of external third parties that may seek to use the NGA
  to apply pressure to Board members or to gain national political exposure for
  positions that are not directly relevant to the work of, or in the national interests
  of, local government.

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All motions require, among other things, a contact officer, a clear national objective, a summary of the key arguments in support of the motion, and endorsement of your council. Motions should be lodged online at alga.asn.au no later than 11:59pm on Friday 26 March 2021.

Any administrative inquiries can be directed to ALGA by calling 02 6122 9400.

Included with the Discussion Paper is an invitation to register for the 2021 National General Assembly for Local Government, which will be held in Canberra on 20-23 June. The Regional Forum will be held onsite in Canberra on 20 June 2021. At this time it is unclear whether COVID-19 restrictions will still be in force in June 2021, but if this is the case the NGA may also include virtual participation and attendance. Lastly, Stilmark has recently become a major sponsor for the Australian Local Government Association events and we have included a brochure outlining how they wish to partner with Councils to improve the resilience of telecommunications for your community.

Yours sincerely

Adrian Beresford-Wylie

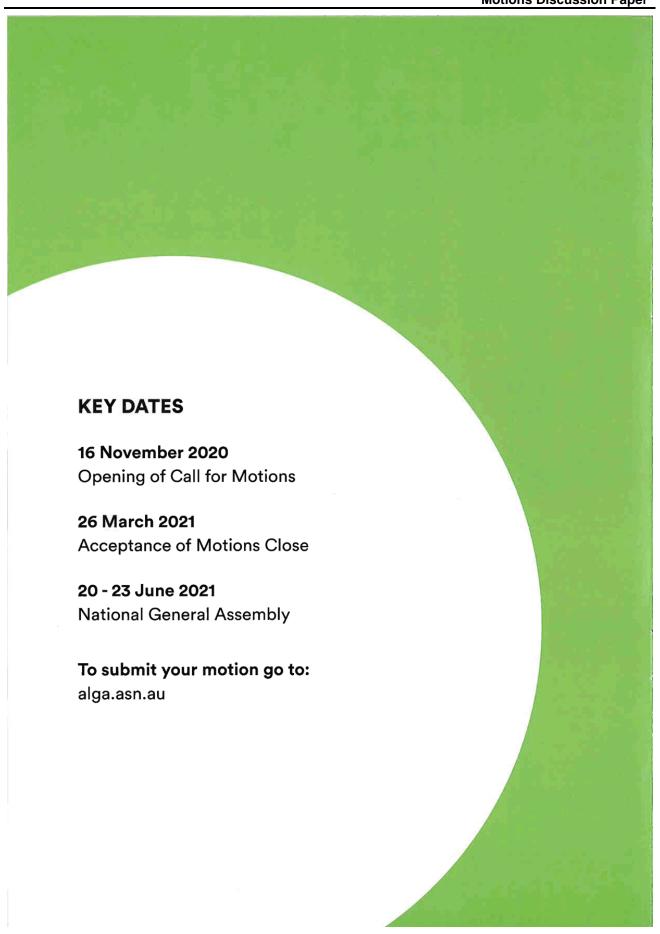
**ALGA CEO** 



## **Call for Motions**

20 - 23 June 2021
National Convention Centre Canberra







## SUBMITTING MOTIONS

The National General Assembly of Local Government (NGA) is an important opportunity for you and your council to influence the national policy agenda.

The 2020 NGA "Working Together for Our Communities" was unfortunately cancelled due to COVID-19 but the ALGA Board has decided to retain the theme and emphasise the importance of partnerships to building and maintaining resilience in our councils and our communities.

To assist you to identify motions that address the theme of the 2021 NGA, the Australian Local Government Association (ALGA) Secretariat has prepared this short discussion paper. You are encouraged to read all the sections of the paper but are not expected to respond to every question. Your motion/s can address one or more of the issues identified in the discussion paper.

Remember that the focus of the NGA is on partnerships, working together, and resilience so your questions could focus on how local governments can work in partnership with the Australian Government to address the challenges our communities face, or the opportunities that are arising to build back better.

## Criteria for motions

To be eligible for inclusion in the NGA Business Papers, and subsequent debate on the floor of the NGA, motions must meet the following criteria:

- 1. be relevant to the work of local government nationally;
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- 5. be submitted by a council which is a financial member of their state or territory local government association;
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## OTHER THINGS TO CONSIDER

Motions should generally be in a form that seeks the NGA's support for a particular action or policy change at the Federal level which will assist local governments to meet local community needs. Motions should commence as follows: This National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to restore funding for local government Financial Assistance Grants to a level equal to at least 1% of Commonwealth taxation revenue.

To ensure efficient and effective debate where there are numerous motions on a similar issue, the ALGA Board NGA Subcommittee will group the motions together under an overarching strategic motion. The strategic motions have either been drafted by ALGA or are based on a motion submitted by a council which best summarises the subject matter. Debate will focus on the strategic motions. Associated sub-motions will be debated by exception only.

Motions should be lodged electronically using the online form available on the NGA website at: www.alga.asn.au. All motions require, among other things, a contact officer, a clear national objective, a summary of the key arguments in support of the motion, and the endorsement of your council. Motions should be received no later than 11:59pm AEST on Friday 26 March 2021.

Please note that for every motion it is important to complete the background section on the form. The background section helps all delegates, including those with no previous knowledge of the issue, in their consideration of the motion. There is a word limit of 150 for the motion and 200 for the national objective and 300 for the key arguments.

All motions submitted will be reviewed by the ALGA Board's NGA Sub-Committee, as well as by state and territory local government associations to determine their eligibility for inclusion in the NGA Business Papers. When reviewing motions, the Sub-Committee considers the importance and relevance of the issue to local government and whether the motions meet all the criteria detailed above.

Please note that motions should not be prescriptive in directing how the matter should be pursued.

With the agreement of the relevant council, motions may be edited before inclusion in the NGA Business Papers to ensure consistency. If there are any questions about the substance or intent of a motion, the ALGA Secretariat will raise these with the nominated contact officer.

Any motion deemed to be primarily concerned with local, state or territory issues will be referred to the relevant state or territory local government association and will not be included in the NGA Business Papers.

There is an expectation that any council that submits a motion will be present at the National General Assembly to move and speak to the motion.

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## INTRODUCTION

2020 has been a year like no other. A year that many individuals and organisations, including councils, would wish to forget. While the drought lessened its hold on parts of the country to be replaced by floods, more than 110 local government areas were severely impacted by the Black Summer (2019-20) bushfires - and no one was spared the effects of the battle against COVID-19. The 2020-21 storm and fire season may add to the sense that it was a year of disasters.

Friedrich Nietzsche said: "That which does not kill us, makes us stronger." So how can councils become stronger after 2020? How can we ensure that our communities are stronger and more resilient? How do we work together and with our partners to ensure that we build back better from the series of unprecedented events that have marked 2020?

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## **COUNCIL RESILIENCE**

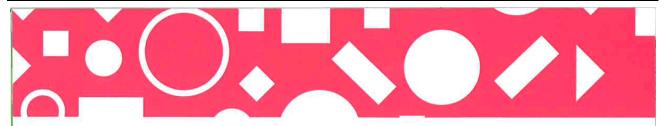
In the first quarter of 2020, state and territory Governments closed facilities where people gathered in numbers to reduce the probability that hospitals would be overwhelmed by a rise in COVID-19 cases. This included a substantial number of council owned and operated revenue generating facilities which had flow-on effects for other revenue- generating enterprises such as paid parking. Major funding gaps rapidly emerged in many councils that typically generated significant amounts of own revenue.

Councils that cannot generate significant amounts of the own revenue are typically dependent on grant funding from other levels of government, including Financial Assistance Grants from the Australian Government. These councils tend to service rural, regional and remote communities that are often large in area but small in terms of population. The capacity of these councils to deliver all their required services and infrastructure can be severely strained at any time.

With local government funding under pressure across the nation, and other levels of government facing fiscal constraints, councils may need to do more with less in the near term and be innovative with both budgeting, service delivery, balancing competing demands and longer term financial planning. Services may need to be scaled down or delivered in innovative ways. Asset management and maintenance programs may need to be varied. Working collaboratively with neighbouring councils or forming alliances may be a way of achieving efficiencies and enhancing service delivery along with fostering innovation, cutting red tape, and working in partnership with third parties may be others.

Digital service delivery and working from home - adopted during the height of the pandemic - may become the new norm. This may increase opportunities for councils to innovate, work together and share resources, and fill long term skill gaps. New challenges may emerge including how staff are supported and how productivity, collaboration and motivation maintained. There may be significant consequences for local democracy and council's ability to engage authentically with their communities. Digital transformation and technology modernisation will be essential for some councils. Even already well-established adopters of digital technology may need to rethink their approach.





## COMMUNITY RESILIENCE

Community resilience is the capicity of communities to respond to, withstand, and recover from adverse situations including natural disasters, persistent drought, pandemics, fluctuations in global trade, recession, and a rise in inequality. In some circumstances in response to these pressures and stresses, local communities are not able to recover to their previous state. Instead they need to adapt to cope with long term stresses. But ideally, we want all communities to not only survive but thrive.

Local governments play a critical role in building resilient and sustainable communities and helping to buffer people and places against social, economic, and environmental disruptions and overcome adversity. One critical area is through the provision of resilient infrastructure. Councils' infrastructure should meet the community's current and future demand, be built to contemporary standards, be affordable for both the council and the user, and be reliable with appropriate asset management practices in place to ensure maximum return on investment.

In addition to physical infrastructure, social infrastructure is also vital for resilience. Social infrastructure is broader than just buildings, it includes the individuals and groups, places, and institutions, including councils, that foster community cohesion and social support. Communities and individuals with good social networks and connections demonstrate greater resilience.

The loneliness epidemic is challenging social resilience. Research produced before the coronavirus pandemic revealed that one in four adult Australians are experiencing loneliness with over half the nation reporting they feel lonely for at least one day each week. In addition to its impacts on community resilience, feeling lonely can pose a bigger risk for premature death than smoking or obesity and can be associated with depression, poorer cardiovascular health and, in old age, a faster rate of cognitive decline and dementia.

Communities that are more vulnerable to shocks and disasters are often reliant on only one industry, have minimal redundancy or no backups for essential services and infrastructure such as only one source of water, one powerline or one access road. They also often only have few voluntary or charitable organisations working in the community. Often community leadership is weak or fails to inspire, engage, and unleash the power of other leaders and critical social networks.

Community resilience cannot be built and then left to its own devices. It needs to be strengthened continuously, not just in times of crisis. It involves people getting together to create sustainable links within their community and the community and its leaders having the ability to learn from experience and improve over time.

How can councils work in partnership with the other tiers of government to adopt a community development approach that builds resilience? What are the best models available to councils to ensure that our communities thrive and focus on prevention and preparation rather than relief and recovery? How can the Australian Government partner with councils to ensure thriving communities? What actions can councils take, in partnership with others including the Australian Government to promote community resilience and protect against external shocks such as industry closures or natural disasters? Are tools available to assist councils build community resilience or do we need new or different tools?



## **COLLABORATION AND PARTNERSHIPS**

Creating a resilient community and ensuring a resilient and sustainable council requires partners. Councils can work with partners in different ways to find local solutions to local problems. They can partner with a wide range of organisations including other councils, other levels of government, the voluntary and community sector or business and research sector organisations. The aims of these partnerships are typically to improve services and deliver changes to benefit the local area.

Collaboration and partnerships with other councils and public or private organisations can also bring benefit from economies of scale in providing services or purchasing in bulk for example. Procurement partnerships have been a particularly successful example of this. Working in partnership can make a considerable contribution to efficiency improvements, such as through cost savings in back-office functions or sharing of plant and equipment.

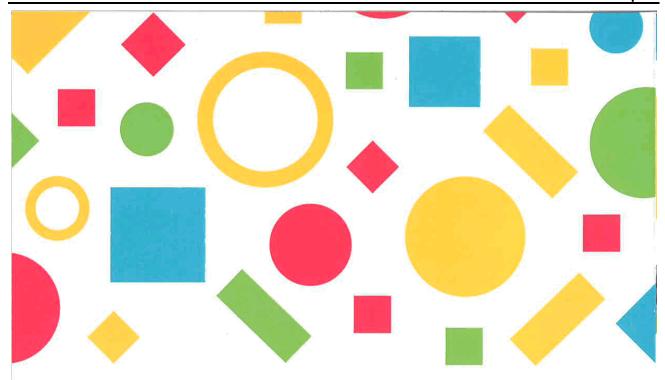
Other benefits associated with partnerships and collaboration include opening the way for local communities to share ideas and connect with others. Partnerships enhance the ability of a council to access innovation, enhance skills development, work across council boundaries to address regional issues, and maximise competitive advantage in the delivery of major infrastructure projects.

Strategic collaboration is not just about savings and sharing resources. It is also about maximising capacity in addressing community expectations, or working with members of the community to overcome challenges and seize opportunities. For example, building and maintaining productive partnerships with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and communities is critical for councils committed to Closing the Gap and involving Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities in decision-making and service development and delivery.

Collaboration and partnerships that work well are underpinned by good governance, an agreed purpose, and mutual benefit.

There is a long history of local government partnering with the Australian Government to deliver projects and programs that benefit local communities, achieve fairness and equity across the nation, and support local delivery of services and infrastructure. In the absence of constitutional change, how do we further build and strengthen this partnership with the Australian Government?

How do we encourage and incentivise councils to embrace partnerships and collaborative arrangements more enthusiastically including those which seek to ensure the development of economic development supporting infrastructure? What are the obstacles to working in partnership with other councils or organisations? Can the Australian Government help overcome these? How do councils, together with their communities, work in partnership to build resilience and entrench it into everyday life?





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## ORDINARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

December 4, 2020

## ITEM 5

## BROKEN HILL CITY COUNCIL REPORT NO. 181/20

SUBJECT: ATTENDANCE AT THE 2021 NATIONAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY

OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT TO BE HELD IN CANBERRA ON 20-23
JUNE 2021. 11/304

## Recommendation

- 1. That Broken Hill City Council Report No. 181/20 dated December 4, 2020, be received.
- 2. That Council be represented at the 2021 National General Assembly of Local Government in Canberra, June 20-23, 2021 by the Mayor, Deputy Mayor and General Manager and any interested Councillors.
- 3. That interested Councillors submit a completed Travel Form to the Executive Support Officer by 19 March 2021.

## **Executive Summary:**

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It is recommended that Council confirm representation to the National General Assembly of Local Government, and that Council prepare motions to the Conference to further pursue significant local government issues.

## Report:

The 2020 National General Assembly will be held in Canberra from Sunday 20 June to Wednesday 23 June, 2021.

Attendance at the Assembly is an opportunity for our elected members to meet Federal Government Ministers and Shadow Ministers to discuss various matters of concern to the City. This face to face interaction is invaluable as a follow up to Council's letters/submissions to Ministers regarding current matters of high importance to the City and advocating Council's position on these matters.

The Conference Program has not yet been released for the National General Assembly. This will be circulated to all Councillors once released.

As per previous experience, Council will need to book accommodation in Canberra early to secure rooms close to the venue and this report is presented to Council for Councillors to advise of their interest to attend the National General Assembly in June 2021.

## **Community Engagement:**

Nil.

## **Strategic Direction:**

Key Direction:	4	Our Leadership
Objective:	4.1	Openness and transparency in decision making
Strategy:	4.1.1	Support the organisation to operate its legal framework

## **Financial Implications:**

registration costs associated with attending the 2021 National General Assembly per person, are as follows:

Early Bird Registration Fee (up to 7 May 2021)	\$989.00
Virtual Conference Registration	\$959.00
Standard Registration Fee	\$1,099.00
Return flights to Canberra (approximate)	\$1,400.00
Accommodation – 4 night's per person	\$1,380.00

Councillors will also be reimbursed for any out-of-pocket travel expenses incurred as per Council's adopted Councillor Support Policy.

## **Attachments**

There are no attachments for this report

JAMES RONCON GENERAL MANAGER