



BUSINESS PAPER

Ordinary Meeting of Council

Council Chambers
31 May 2023

6.30pm

BROKEN HILL
CITY COUNCIL

**AUSTRALIA'S FIRST
HERITAGE LISTED CITY**

Notice is hereby given, in accordance with the provisions of the *Local Government Act 1993*, that an Ordinary Meeting of the Broken Hill City Council will be held in the Council Chambers on **Wednesday 31 May 2023** commencing at **6:30pm** to consider the following business:

AGENDA

1	Opening the Meeting
2	Apologies
3	Leave of Absence Applications
4	Prayer
5	Acknowledgement of Country
6	Acknowledgement of Broken Hill's Mining History
7	Public Forum Session
8	Minutes for Confirmation
9	Disclosure of Interest
10	Mayoral Minute(s)
11	Notice of Motion
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13	Reports from Delegates
14	Committee Reports a) Recommendations of Works Committee meeting held Monday, 22 May 2023 b) Recommendations of Health and Building Committee meeting held Tuesday, 23 May 2023 c) Recommendations of Policy And General Committee meeting held Wednesday, 24 May 2023
15	Further Reports
16	Questions Taken on Notice from Previous Council Meeting
17	Questions for Next Meeting Arising from Items on this
18	Public Forum Session
19	Confidential Matters
20	Conclusion of the Meeting

STATEMENT OF ETHICAL OBLIGATIONS

All Councillors undertook an Oath or Affirmation at the beginning of their term of office and declared to undertake the duties of the office of Councillor in the best interests of the people of the Broken Hill Local Government Area and the City of Broken Hill; and that they will faithfully and impartially carry out the functions, powers, authorities and discretions vested in them under the *Local Government Act 1993* or any other Act to the best of their ability and judgment.

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JAY NANKIVELL
GENERAL MANAGER

MINUTES FOR CONFIRMATION

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council meeting held Wednesday, April 26, 2023.

Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of the Council meeting held Wednesday, May 24, 2023.

MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE BROKEN HILL CITY COUNCIL HELD
APRIL 26, 2023

Meeting commenced at 6:30pm

PRESENT:

Councillor T. Kennedy (Mayor) Councillor J. Hickey (Deputy Mayor),
Councillors B. Algate, M. Boland, M. Browne, A. Chandler, D. Gallagher,
H. Jewitt and D. Turley.

General Manager, Chief Assets and Projects Officer, Chief Corporate and
Community Officer, Chief Financial Officer, Manager Communications and
Marketing, Executive Manager Planning and Community Safety, Executive
Officer and Executive Assistant.

Media (2), Members of the Public (4)

APOLOGIES:

Councillor R. Page.

RESOLUTION

Minute No. 47173 - Council Resolution

Councillor D Gallagher moved
Councillor A Chandler seconded

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Resolved

That the apology submitted on behalf of
Councillor Page be accepted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

APPLICATIONS:

Nil

PRAYER

Councillor Boland delivered the prayer.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

Councillor Gallagher delivered the Acknowledgment of Country.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF BROKEN HILL'S MINING HISTORY

Councillor Jewitt delivered the Acknowledgment of Broken Hill's Mining History.

PUBLIC FORUM

Civic Centre Redevelopment Legal Matter

Mr Bob Coulls requested an update on the progress of the Civic Centre Redevelopment legal matter and asked whether Council is expecting a break-even result or whether Council may incur costs? Mr Coulls also enquired whether the public will be advised of the details of the settlement?

The Mayor advised that it will be a couple of months until the legal matter is finalised and once settled the community will be advised of the outcome of the legal proceedings; and that there is a requirement for the matter to remain confidential for the duration of the legal proceedings.

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Redevelopment of the Line of Lode Precinct and Café

Mr Coulls referred to the redevelopment of the Line of Lode Precinct and Café and advised that the community are of the belief that the precinct is owned by Council and Council undertook the redevelopment, and also that the redevelopment would not attract a tenant. Mr Coulls asked for clarification of the ownership of the Line of Lode Precinct and Café.

The Mayor advised that the State Government owns the Line of Lode Precinct and Café and that at the last Council Meeting, Council unanimously resolved to write to the State Government Crown Lands Department expressing Council's disappointment with the overall redevelopment of the precinct and in particular that the café kitchen only contains a cool room and is void of a commercial kitchen fit-out, and that Council is also disappointment with the design of the outdoor alfresco area.

The Crown Lands Department have advised that they will seek funding to install a full commercial kitchen before seeking a lessee for the building.

Waste Management Facility

Ms Ghislaine Barbe referred to the Community Strategic Plan, section 3 – Our Environment, objective 3.1.1 – Implement measures to reduce the city's carbon footprint and enhance the circular economy by educating and demonstrating the use of renewable resources; and objective 3.1.2 – Educate the community on measures to avoid waste and reduce littering and waste to landfill.

Ms Barbe advised that she sorts her rubbish before taking it to Council's Waste Management Facility although people in the community has advised her that it is a waste of time as all rubbish ends up in landfill. Ms Barbe asked if this is correct and stated that Council needs to do more to educate the community on how Council recycles waste suggesting that an article be published in the next community newsletter regarding Council's recycling practices at the Waste Management Facility and in particular the recycling of cardboard and glass containers.

Supplementary Agenda

Ms Barbe referred to the last page of the supplementary agenda which is a page full of ink and that this is a waste of Council resources.

The General Manager advised that this is a dividing page and indicates the end of the document. The General Manager advised that Council has vastly reduced the number of hard copies provided at Council Meetings with the introduction of tablets for the public to use, being a reduction in costs and a reduction in the use of paper and Council resources.

MINUTES FOR CONFIRMATION

RESOLUTION

Minute No. 47174

Deputy Mayor J Hickey moved)
Councillor D Gallagher seconded)

Resolved

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council of the City of Broken Hill held March 29, 2023 be confirmed.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

Mayor Kennedy declared:

- a non-pecuniary interest in Confidential Item 3 (Report No. 66/23) as the applicant is a personal friend and advised that he will leave the Council Chambers whilst the item is considered.

MAYORAL MINUTES

**ITEM 1 - MAYORAL MINUTE NO. 7/23 - DATED APRIL 26, 2023 - SOUTHERN CROSS
AUSTEREO'S SPENCER GULF NIGHTLY NEWS**

D23/21200

RESOLUTION

Minute No. 47175

Mayor T Kennedy moved)
Councillor D Turley seconded)

Resolved

1. That Mayoral Minute No. 7/23 dated April 26, 2023, be received.
2. That correspondence be sent to Mark Coulton MP and the appropriate Minister outlining the concerns that the Broken Hill City Council and the community have about Southern Cross Austereo's recent decision to cease Spencer Gulf Nightly News and requests that the government introduce licence conditions that require regional broadcasters to produce regional content.
3. That correspondence is sent to the Spencer Gulf Mayors supporting their action to reinstate local news services and endorse the correspondence received from them.
4. That correspondence be sent to Southern Cross Austereo outlining our objections and concerns at the lack of public consultation before ceasing the local news bulletin.
5. That a late motion be submitted to the National General Assembly regarding Southern Cross Austereo's decision to cease the Spencer Gulf Nightly News and request that the government introduces licence conditions that require regional broadcasters to produce regional content; and that the Spencer Gulf Mayors be advised of Council's late motion and request their support.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

NOTICES OF MOTION

Nil.

Councillor Browne requested that a motion be heard as a matter of urgency to seek Council's endorsement of her nomination as an Executive Member of the Murray Darling Association Region 4.

The Mayor accepted Councillor Browne's request and sought a motion for the matter to be heard.

RESOLUTION

Minute No. 47176 - Procedural Motion

Councillor R Algate moved)
Councillor D Turley seconded)

Resolved

That a matter of urgency be heard, prior to the Public Forum Session, regarding Councillor Browne's nomination as an Executive Member on the Murray Darling Association Region 4.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

NOTICES OF RESCISSION

Nil.

REPORTS FROM DELEGATES

Nil.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

WORKS COMMITTEE

**ITEM 2 - BROKEN HILL CITY COUNCIL REPORT NO. 63/23 - DATED OCTOBER 12, 2022 -
DRAFT CEMETERY MANAGEMENT POLICY** D22/54084

RESOLUTION

Minute No. 47177

Councillor M Boland moved)
Councillor R Algate seconded)

Resolved

1. That Broken Hill City Council Report No. 63/23 dated October 12, 2022, be received.
2. That Council endorses the draft revised Cemetery Management Policy for the purpose of public exhibition.
3. That the draft revised Cemetery Management Policy be exhibited for public comment for a period of 28 days.
4. That a report be presented to Council at the conclusion of the public exhibition period, outlining the public submissions received and any recommended amendments arising, with a view to adopt the draft revised Cemetery Management Policy.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

HEALTH AND BUILDING COMMITTEE

**ITEM 3 - BROKEN HILL CITY COUNCIL REPORT NO. 62/23 - DATED APRIL 05, 2023 -
MINUTES OF THE FRIENDS OF THE FLORA AND FAUNA OF THE BARRIER RANGES
COMMUNITY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD 14 MARCH 2023** D23/18176

RESOLUTION

Minute No. 47178

Councillor M Browne moved)
Councillor H Jewitt seconded)

Resolved

1. That Broken Hill City Council Report No. 62/23 dated April 5, 2023, be received.

2. That the minutes of the Friends of the Flora and Fauna of the Barrier Ranges Community Committee Meeting held 14 March 2023 be received.
3. That Council endorses and acknowledges in writing the resignation of Mr. Dean Fletcher from the Friends of the Flora and Fauna of the Barrier Ranges Community Committee after 20 years of volunteer work and expresses its gratitude and appreciation for Mr. Fletcher's contribution to the Committee and the community.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

POLICY AND GENERAL COMMITTEE

**ITEM 4 - BROKEN HILL CITY COUNCIL REPORT NO. 67/23 - DATED FEBRUARY 28, 2023 -
REVIEW OF COUNCIL'S POLICY REGISTER** D23/10964

RESOLUTION

Minute No. 47179

Councillor R Algate moved)
Councillor M Boland seconded)

Resolved

1. That Broken Hill City Council Report No. 67/23 dated February 28, 2023, be received.
2. That Council notes that an initial review of Council's Policy Register has been undertaken which has identified a number of outdated/superseded policies that require removal from Council's Policy Register, for the various reasons outlined in this report.
3. That the following policies be rendered obsolete and removed from Council's Policy Register and from publication on Council's website:
 - a) Child Protection Employment Screening Policy
 - b) Child Protection Mandatory Reporting Policy
 - c) Conduct of Government Instrumentality Functions Policy
 - d) Community Consultation Policy
 - e) General Permits and Street Activities Policy
 - f) Gifts and Benefits Policy
 - g) Legionnaires Disease Policy
 - h) Logo and Brand Mark Policy
 - i) Motor Vehicle Pool System and Private Lease Policy
 - j) Nuclear Waste Policy
 - k) Residential Buildings Conservation

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- Policy
l) Shorty O'Neil Village Liquidity
Management Policy
m) Statement of Ethical Principles Policy
n) Waiving of Notice Preparation Fees
Protection of the Environment
Operations Act Policy

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**ITEM 5 - BROKEN HILL CITY COUNCIL REPORT NO. 68/23 - DATED APRIL 06, 2023 -
ADOPTION OF REVISED BROKEN HILL FILM POLICY** D23/18357

RESOLUTION

Minute No. 47180

Councillor M Boland moved)
Councillor A Chandler seconded)

Resolved

1. That Broken Hill City Council Report No. 68/23 dated April 6, 2023, be received.
2. That the draft Broken Hill Film Policy be adopted as a Policy of Council.
3. That Council notes that adoption of the draft Broken Hill Film Policy will render the 2001 Film Making within the Broken Hill City Council Area Policy obsolete.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**ITEM 6 - BROKEN HILL CITY COUNCIL REPORT NO. 69/23 - DATED APRIL 06, 2023 - DRAFT
SPONSORSHIP POLICY FOR PUBLIC EXHIBITION** D23/18429

RESOLUTION

Minute No. 47181

Councillor R Algate moved)
Councillor D Gallagher seconded)

Resolved

1. That Broken Hill City Council Report No. 69/23 dated April 6, 2023, be received.
2. That Council endorses the draft revised Sponsorship Policy for the purpose of public exhibition.
3. That the draft revised Sponsorship Policy be exhibited for public comment for a period of 28 days.
4. That a report be presented to Council at the conclusion of the public exhibition period, detailing submissions received and any recommended amendments arising, with a view to adopt the draft revised Sponsorship Policy.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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**ITEM 7 - BROKEN HILL CITY COUNCIL REPORT NO. 70/23 - DATED APRIL 11, 2023 -
INVESTMENT REPORT FOR MARCH 2023** D23/18841

RESOLUTION

Minute No. 47182

Councillor M Boland moved)
Councillor R Algate seconded)

Resolved

1. That Broken Hill City Council Report No. 70/23 dated April 11, 2023, be received.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**ITEM 8 - BROKEN HILL CITY COUNCIL REPORT NO. 71/23 - DATED APRIL 11, 2023 -
NOMINATION FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVE TO SECTION
355 COMMUNITY COMMITTEE** D23/18758

RESOLUTION

Minute No. 47183

Councillor D Gallagher moved)
Councillor R Algate seconded)

Resolved

1. That Broken Hill City Council Report No. 71/23 dated April 11, 2023, be received.
2. That Council appoint Mr Bryan Williamson as a community representative on the ET Lamb Memorial Oval Community Committee.
3. That Mr Bryan Williamson be advised of his appointment and advice also be sent to Councillor Delegate/Chairperson of Committee.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**ITEM 9 - BROKEN HILL CITY COUNCIL REPORT NO. 72/23 - DATED APRIL 06, 2023 -
MINUTES OF THE AUDIT, RISK AND IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD 16
MARCH 2023** D23/18544

RESOLUTION

Minute No. 47184

Councillor R Algate moved)
Deputy Mayor J Hickey seconded)

Resolved

1. That Broken Hill City Council Report No. 72/23 dated April 6, 2023, be received.
2. That minutes of the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee meeting held 16 March 2023 be received and noted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**ITEM 10 - BROKEN HILL CITY COUNCIL REPORT NO. 73/23 - DATED APRIL 11, 2023 -
MINUTES OF THE BROKEN HILL HERITAGE COMMITTEE MEETINGS HELD 28 FEBRUARY
2023 AND 30 MARCH 2023** D23/18799

RESOLUTION

Minute No. 47185

Councillor D Turley moved)
Councillor M Browne seconded)

Resolved

1. That Broken Hill City Council Report No. 73/23 dated April 11, 2023, be received.

2. That the minutes of the Broken Hill Heritage Committee Meetings held 28 February 2023 and 30 March 2023 be received.
3. That Council congratulates West Darling Arts for the conduct of GlamFest held during the 2023 Heritage Festival.
4. That Council staff be congratulation on the conduct of the 2023 Heritage Festival.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

FURTHER REPORTS

ITEM 11 - BROKEN HILL CITY COUNCIL REPORT NO. 74/23 - DATED APRIL 19, 2023 - ALTERATION TO THE WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING DATE FOR MAY 2023 D23/20300

RESOLUTION

Minute No. 47186

Deputy Mayor J Hickey moved)
Councillor D Gallagher seconded)

Resolved

1. That Broken Hill City Council Report No. 74/23 dated April 19, 2023, be received.
2. That Council's Health and Building Committee Meeting scheduled for Tuesday 23 May 2023 be brought forward by one day to be held Monday 22 May 2023, following the Works Committee Meeting and information contained in the Council Meeting section of Council's website be updated accordingly.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ITEM 12 - BROKEN HILL CITY COUNCIL REPORT NO. 75/23 - DATED APRIL 04, 2023 - DEPUTY MAYOR ATTENDANCE AT THE OFFICIAL OPENING OF THE MILDURA HEALTH ICON CANCER CENTRE D23/17892

RESOLUTION

Minute No. 47187

Councillor R Algate moved)
Deputy Mayor J Hickey seconded)

Resolved

1. That Broken Hill City Council Report No. 75/23 dated April 4, 2023, be received.
2. That Council endorses the Mayor's urgent approval for Deputy Mayor Hickey (on behalf of the Mayor) to travel from Pooncarie to Mildura return to attend the official opening of the Mildura Health Icon Cancer Centre on Monday 3 April 2023.
3. That Council congratulates Mildura Health and The ICON Group for developing the Mildura Health ICON Cancer Centre which can be utilised by Mildura, regional Victoria, regional South Australia and Far West NSW communities.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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ITEM 13 - BROKEN HILL CITY COUNCIL REPORT NO. 76/23 - DATED APRIL 11, 2023 - MINUTES OF THE GATEWAY SIGNAGE ADVISORY GROUP PROJECT STEERING GROUP MEETING HELD 23 MARCH 2023 D23/18851

RESOLUTION

Minute No. 47188

Councillor R Algate moved)
Deputy Mayor J Hickey seconded)

Resolved

1. That Broken Hill City Council Report No. 76/23 dated April 11, 2023, be received.
2. That the minutes of the Gateway Signage Advisory Group Project Steering Group meeting held on 23 March 2023 be noted.
3. That the PowerPoint Presentation of the Gateway Signage Advisory Group Project Steering Group meeting held on 23 March 2023 be noted

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ITEM 14 - BROKEN HILL CITY COUNCIL REPORT NO. 77/23 - DATED APRIL 18, 2023 - MINUTES OF THE LOCAL TRAFFIC COMMITTEE - MEETING NO.434, HELD ON TUESDAY, 4 APRIL 2023 D23/20075

RESOLUTION

Minute No. 47189

Councillor M Browne moved)
Councillor R Algate seconded)

Resolved

1. That Broken Hill City Council Report No. 77/23 dated April 18, 2023, be received.
2. That the Minutes of the Local Traffic Committee – Meeting No.434, held on Tuesday, 4 April 2023 be endorsed.
3. That the Local Traffic Committee (LTC) – Terms of Reference be adopted.
4. That Item No.431.6.1 – That Council reinstate faded line marking and replace ‘Children Crossing’ signage in Gossan Street, between Wolfram and Cobalt Streets.
5. That Item No.431.6.4 – That Council install rumble bars and line marking at the base of the banner poles in Argent Street, between Bromide and Iodide Streets and Patton Street, between Comstock and South Streets.
6. That Item No.433.7.4 – That Council reinstate the 4-hour timed parking signage at the parking spaces that are not sign posted in the Kintore Reserve.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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ITEM 15 - BROKEN HILL CITY COUNCIL REPORT NO. /23 - DATED APRIL 19, 2023 - ACTION LIST REPORT D23/20353

RESOLUTION

Minute No. 47190

Councillor D Gallagher moved)

Councillor H Jewitt seconded)

Resolved

1. That dated April 19, 2023, be received.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

QUESTIONS TAKEN ON NOTICE FROM PREVIOUS COUNCIL MEETING

Nil.

QUESTIONS FOR NEXT MEETING ARISING FROM ITEMS ON THIS AGENDA

2024 Heritage Festival

Councillor Turley requested that the 2024 Heritage Festival includes the lighting up of the Town Hall and other historical buildings.

The General Manager took the question on notice.

Status of the Museum Adviser position

Councillor Turley requested an update on the status of the Museum Adviser position.

The General Manager advised that the position had not changed and that a Councillor Briefing was being organised for an update to be provided by the Museum Advisor.

Lack of an Electric Vehicle Recharging Station at Yunta

Councillor Turley referred to the lack of vehicle recharging station at Yunta and asked that Council writes to the Premier of South Australia and the South Australian government to request the installation of an electric vehicle recharge station at Yunta.

The Mayor accepted Councillor Turley's request and sought a motion for the matter to be heard.

RESOLUTION

Minute No. 47191 - Procedural Motion

Councillor D Turley moved)

Councillor M Browne seconded)

Resolved

That a matter of urgency be heard, prior to the Public Forum Session, regarding the lack of an electric vehicle recharge station at Yunta.

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REX and Qantas Passenger Numbers

Councillor Browne if REX and Qantas Passenger Numbers can be provided to Councillors.

The General Manager advised that this information can be found on the Councillor HUB in the Infrastructure Monthly Activity Reports.

Safety Concern regarding the littering of used syringes in the CBD area

Councillor Boland advised of the vast number of used syringes in Crystal Lane and nearby carparks in the CBD area which is a safety concern for the community. The Broken Hill Community Health Centre on the corner of Crystal Street and Sulphide Streets has a 24 hour needle dispensary service which appears to be contributing to the issue. Councillor Boland suggested that a meeting be arranged with NSW Health to discuss options to resolve this matter.

The Mayor accepted Councillor Boland's request and sought a motion for the matter to be heard.

RESOLUTION

Minute No. 47192 - Procedural Motion

Councillor M Boland moved)

Deputy Mayor J Hickey seconded)

Resolved

That a matter of urgency be heard, prior to the Public Forum Session, regarding seeking a meeting with NSW Health to discuss the Broken Hill Community Health Centre's 24 hour needle dispensary service and the safety concern regarding the littering of used syringes in the CBD area, and the options available to combat this community issue.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MATTERS OF URGENCY

ITEM 16 - MATTER OF URGENCY - NOMINATION AS AN EXECUTIVE MEMBER OF MURRAY DARLING ASSOCIATION REGION 4 (GB5/23)

11/501

RESOLUTION

Minute No. 47193

Councillor D Turley moved)

Councillor R Algate seconded)

Resolved

That Council endorses Councillor Browne's nomination as an Executive Member on the Murray Darling Association Region 4.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ITEM 17 - MATTER OF URGENCY - LACK OF ELECTRIC VEHICLE RECHARGE STATIONS AT YUNTA, SA (GB6/23)

11/161

RESOLUTION

Minute No. 47194

Councillor D Turley moved)

Councillor A Chandler seconded)

Resolved

That Council writes to the Premier of South Australia and the South Australian government to request the installation of an electric vehicle recharge station at Yunta for people travelling through the Far West NSW region into South Australia.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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**ITEM 18 - MATTER OF URGENCY - LITTERING OF USED SYRINGES IN THE CBD AREA
(GB7/23)**

11/161

RESOLUTION

Minute No. 47195

Councillor M Boland moved)

Deputy Mayor J Hickey seconded)

Resolved

That Council writes to NSW Health to request a meeting to discuss the 24 hour needle dispensary service at the Broken Hill Community Health Centre and the safety issues of used syringes being littered in the CBD area, in order to seek a solution to the matter.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

PUBLIC FORUM SESSION

Minutes of the Broken Hill Traffic Committee

Mr Peter Beven referred to the re-election of Mr Roy Butler MP as Member for Barwon and that Mr Beven is Mr Butler's representative on the Broken Hill Traffic Committee. Mr Beven asked that minutes of the Committee meetings also be forwarded to Mr Butler's office.

BHP Chimney

Mr Beven referred to the BHP chimney which has been preserved as an historical tourist attraction and asked that directional signage to the BHP chimney be installed for tourists

The Mayor advised that Council is currently undertaking the Way Finding project which will include directional signage with extensive information for tourists and QR codes to further information. The signage is currently being manufactured and a sign to the BHP chimney site is included in the project.

Removal of Dead Tree

Mr Beven referred to a dead tree that overhangs the Barrier Highway near the Burke Ward School and asked for the tree to be removed.

The Mayor advised that Council is commencing a program to remove all dead trees around Broken Hill and will include this tree in the program.

BHP Chimney

Mr Coulls concurred with Mr Beven's comments regarding the need for directional signage to the BHP chimney and advised that many tourists ask for directions to the site.

Spencer Gulf Nightly News

Mr Coulls referred to the axing of the Spencer Gulf Nightly News and advised that several years ago members of the local media would complain about forwarding Broken Hill news articles to Southern Cross Austereo but the news articles would not be included in the nightly news bulletin. Mr Coulls agreed with the Mayoral Minute to request a change to broadcasting licence conditions to include local content.

RESOLUTION

Minute No. 47196 - Procedural Motion

Councillor R Algate moved)

Councillor D Gallagher seconded)

Resolved

That the meeting be closed to the public in accordance with Section 10A(2) of the *Local*

Government Act 1993 whilst Council considers the confidential matters.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Member of the media and public left the Council Chambers at 7:32pm.

CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS

**ITEM 19 - BROKEN HILL CITY COUNCIL REPORT NO. 64/23 - DATED APRIL 11, 2023 - T22/12
REQUEST FOR TENDER - BROKEN HILL LIBRARY AND ARCHIVES PROJECT -**

CONFIDENTIAL

D23/18730

(General Manager's Note: This report is deemed confidential under Section 10A(2) (c) (d) of the Local Government Act, 1993 which provides for information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the Council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business; AND which provides for 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).

RESOLUTION

Minute No. 47197

Councillor M Boland moved)
Councillor R Algate seconded)

Resolved

1. That Broken Hill City Council Report No. 64/23 dated April 11, 2023, be received.
2. That Council note that due to the shortfall in available funding despite all efforts being taken with value engineering and project staging, that the current Library and Archive design and tender package cannot be completed.
3. That in accordance with Section 55 3(i) of the *NSW Local Government Act 1993*, and *NSW Local Government (General) Regulation 2021* Div. 4, section 178 (3e), Council approves to enter into direct negotiations due to extenuating circumstances being remoteness and the unavailability of competitive tenderers as well as previous knowledge, information and expertise surrounding the project with the preferred tenderers being Neeson Murcutt Architects Pty Ltd for design and North Construction & Building Pty Ltd construction
4. That Council enter into a Design and Construct contract with North Building & Construction Pty Ltd and Neeson Murcutt Architects Pty Ltd to redesign and construct a Library and Archives building for an all-inclusive budget of \$14,500,000.00 excluding GST, whilst adhering to specific funding guidelines and the scope

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requirements for a fit for purpose Library & Archive to service the Broken Hill City.

5. That Council thanks the General Manager and staff on their negotiations to ensure a successful outcome for the Library and Archives project.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ITEM 20 - BROKEN HILL CITY COUNCIL REPORT NO. 65/23 - DATED FEBRUARY 22, 2023 - T22/11 - REQUEST FOR TENDER FOR THE PURCHASE OF JETPATCHER - CONFIDENTIAL
D23/9832

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RESOLUTION

Minute No. 47198

Councillor A Chandler moved)
Councillor D Gallagher seconded)

Resolved

1. That Broken Hill City Council Report No. 65/23 dated February 22, 2023, be received.
2. That that Council purchase the plant package tendered by AUSROAD for the total price of \$547,524.50 (incl. GST).

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ITEM 21 – BROKEN HILL CITY COUNCIL REPORT NO. 66/23 – DATED MARCH 06, 2023 – CEMETERY OPERATIONS – PUBLIC EXHIBITION OF COUNCIL'S INTENTION TO GRANT A WAIVER OF INTERMENT RIGHT FEE FOR A VACANT GRAVE AT THE BROKEN HILL CEMETERY – CONFIDENTIAL
D23/12430

(General Manager's Note: This report considers personal details around financial management of an interment right and is deemed confidential under Section 10A(2) (b) of the Local Government Act, 1993 which contains matters that will involve the discussion of the personal hardship of any resident or rate payer).

The Mayor declared an interest in Item 21 and left the Council Chambers at 7:39pm.

The Deputy Mayor assumed the Chair for the duration of Item 21.

RESOLUTION

Minute No. 47199

Councillor A Chandler moved)
Councillor R Algate seconded)

Resolved

1. That Broken Hill City Council Report No. 66/23 dated March 6, 2023, be received.
2. That Council notes that public exhibition (as per Section 356 of the *Local Government Act 1993*) of Council's intention to grant a waiver of the Interment Right fee of \$833.00 (Inc GST) to Mr Stephen Dewsbery in respect of the ownership of a vacant grave

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located at the Broken Hill Cemetery in Presbyterian D, row 11, grave 13 was conducted from 8 March 2023 to 6 April 2023 seeking submissions from any person having evidence of ownership of the subject grave or having an objection to the waiver of the Interment Right fee.

3. That Council notes that nil submissions were received during the public exhibition period.
4. That Council grants a waiver of the Interment Right fee of \$833.00 (inc GST) to Mr Stephen Dewsbery and undertakes all processes to thereby grant ownership of the vacant grave in Presbyterian D, row 11, grave 13 to Mr Stephen Dewsbery.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Mayor returned to the Council Chambers at 7:41pm and resume the Chair.

The Deputy Mayor advised the Mayor that Council has resolved to adopt the recommendation of Item 21.

RESOLUTION

Minute No. 47200 - Procedural Motion

Councillor M Browne moved)
Councillor H Jewitt seconded)

Resolved

That the meeting resumes in open session.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Members of the media and public returned to the Council Chambers at 7:43pm.

At the Mayor's invitation the General Manager reported on Council's resolutions made in closed session.

CONCLUSION OF THE MEETING

There being no further business to consider, the Mayor closed the meeting at 7:46 p.m.

THE FOREGOING MINUTES WERE READ)
AND CONFIRMED AT THE ORDINARY)
MEETING OF THE BROKEN HILL CITY)
COUNCIL HELD ON 31 MAY 2023.)

CHAIRPERSON

MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF THE BROKEN HILL CITY COUNCIL HELD
MAY 24, 2023

Meeting commenced at 5:51pm

PRESENT:

Councillor T. Kennedy (Mayor) Councillors B. Algate, M. Boland,
M. Browne, A. Chandler, D. Gallagher, H. Jewitt, R. Page and D. Turley.

General Manager, Chief Corporate and Community Officer, Chief Financial
Officer, Manager Communications and Marketing, Executive Officer and
Executive Assistant.

Media (nil), Members of the Public (nil).

APOLOGIES:

Nil.

**LEAVE OF ABSENCE
APPLICATIONS:**

Councillor J. Hickey (Deputy Mayor) submitted a Leave of Absence
application with the reason "*recreational leave and Council duties Friday
26 May in Sydney*".

RESOLUTION

Minute No. 47201 - Procedural Motion
Councillor D Gallagher moved)
Councillor R Page seconded)

Resolved

That the application submitted by Councillor
Hickey be received and a Leave of Absence
granted for this meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

PRAYER

Councillor Boland delivered the prayer.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

Councillor Gallagher delivered the Acknowledgment of Country.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF BROKEN HILL'S MINING HISTORY

Councillor Browne delivered the Acknowledgement of Broken Hill's Mining History.

PUBLIC FORUM

Nil.

DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

Councillor Turley declared:

- a non-pecuniary conflict of interest in Mayoral Minute 8/23 as she is the President of Local Government NSW and the recommendation of the Mayoral Minute is to write to the President of Local Government NSW, and advised that she will leave the Council Chambers whilst the item is considered.

MAYORAL MINUTES

**ITEM 1 – MAYORAL MINUTE NO. 8/23 – DATED MAY 22, 2023 – DAMAGING INCREASE IN
EMERGENCY SERVICES LEVY COSTS** D23/25719

Councillor Turley declared an interest in Item 1 and left the Council Chambers at 5:54pm.

RESOLUTION

Minute No. 47202

Mayor T Kennedy moved)
Councillor R Page seconded)

Resolved

1. That Mayoral Minute No. 8/23 dated May 22, 2023, be received.
2. That Council writes to the Treasurer, the Minister for Emergency Services, the Minister for Local Government and local State Member(s):
 - a. Expressing Council's strong opposition to the NSW Government's last minute decision to impose an enormous Emergency Services Levy (ESL) cost increase on councils for 2023/24 by scrapping the ESL subsidy for councils and at a time after Council has publicly advertised its Operational Plan and annual budget to the community;
 - b. Noting that as a consequence of the unannounced 73% increase in the State Emergency Service budget and an 18% increase in the Fire and Rescue NSW budget, Council's 3.7% rate increase to provide essential community services and infrastructure has been significantly eroded.
 - c. Advising that the Government's decision may/will lead to a reduction in important local services and/or the cancellation of necessary infrastructure projects;
 - d. Calling on the NSW Government to take immediate action to:
 - i. restore the ESL subsidy in 2023/24
 - ii. urgently introduce legislation to decouple the ESL from the rate peg to enable councils to recover the full cost

iii. develop a fairer, more transparent and financially sustainable method of funding critically important emergency services in consultation with local government.

3. That Council writes to the Chair of the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal (IPART) advising that Council's forced emergency services contribution is manifestly disproportionate to the 2023/24 rate cap, which has resulted in additional financial stress.
4. That Council writes to the President of LGNSW seeking the Association's ongoing advocacy to bring about a relief in the burden of Councils' emergency services contribution.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Councillor Turley returned to the Council Chambers at 6:01pm.

The Mayor advised Councillor Turley that Council had adopted the report recommendation of the Mayoral Minute.

REPORTS

ITEM 2 - BROKEN HILL CITY COUNCIL REPORT NO. 92/23 - DATED MAY 03, 2023 - DRAFT DELIVERY PROGRAM 2022-2026 INCORPORATING DRAFT OPERATIONAL PLAN 2023/2024, INCLUSIVE OF THE STATEMENT OF REVENUE POLICY AND DRAFT SCHEDULE OF FEES AND CHARGES 2023/2024 D23/17744

Motion

Councillor M Boland moved)
Councillor D Gallagher seconded)

Recommendation

1. That Broken Hill City Council Report No. 92/23 dated May 3, 2023, be received.
2. That Council endorse the Draft Delivery Program 2022-2026 incorporating the Draft Operational Plan 2023/2024, inclusive of the Statement of Revenue Policy and Draft Schedule of Fees and Charges 2023/2024 for the purpose of public exhibition for community comment for a 28-day period.
3. That Council receives a further report at the conclusion of the exhibition period, outlining submissions received and any recommendation for changes arising, with a view to adopting the Draft Delivery Program 2022-2026 incorporating the Draft Operational Plan 2023/2024, inclusive of the Statement of Revenue Policy and Draft

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Schedule of Fees and Charges 2023/2024 for implementation on 1 July 2023.

Amendment

Councillor D Turley moved)
Councillor M Browne seconded)

1. That Broken Hill City Council Report No. 92/23 dated May 3, 2023, be received.
2. That Council endorse the Draft Delivery Program 2022-2026 incorporating the Draft Operational Plan 2023/2024, inclusive of the Statement of Revenue Policy and Draft Schedule of Fees and Charges 2023/2024 for the purpose of public exhibition for community comment for a 28-day period.
3. That Council receives a further report at the conclusion of the exhibition period, outlining submissions received and any recommendation for changes arising, with a view to adopting the Draft Delivery Program 2022-2026 incorporating the Draft Operational Plan 2023/2024, inclusive of the Statement of Revenue Policy and Draft Schedule of Fees and Charges 2023/2024 for implementation on 1 July 2023.
4. That Council investigates options for the funding of a Curator for the Heritage Festival to be incorporated into the Delivery Program 2022-2026 incorporating the Operational Plan 2023/2024.

LOST

For: Councillors Turley and Browne

Against: Councillors Page, Gallagher, Algate, Boland, Chandler, Jewitt and Mayor Kennedy.

The original motion was put.

RESOLUTION

Minute No. 47203

Councillor M Boland moved)
Councillor D Gallagher seconded)

Resolved

1. That Broken Hill City Council Report No. 92/23 dated May 3, 2023, be received.
2. That Council endorse the Draft Delivery Program 2022-2026 incorporating the Draft Operational Plan 2023/2024, inclusive of the Statement of Revenue Policy and Draft Schedule of Fees and Charges 2023/2024 for the purpose of public exhibition for community comment for a 28-day period.
3. That Council receives a further report at the conclusion of the exhibition period, outlining submissions received and any recommendation for changes arising, with a view to adopting the Draft Delivery Program 2022-2026 incorporating the Draft Operational Plan 2023/2024, inclusive of the

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Statement of Revenue Policy and Draft
Schedule of Fees and Charges 2023/2024 for
implementation on 1 July 2023.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**ITEM 3 - BROKEN HILL CITY COUNCIL REPORT NO. 93/23 - DATED MAY 17, 2023 - DRAFT
LONG TERM FINANCIAL PLAN 2024-2033** D23/24707

RESOLUTION

Minute No. 47204

Councillor R Algate moved)
Councillor D Gallagher seconded)

Resolved

1. That Broken Hill City Council Report No. 93/23 dated May 17, 2023, be received.
2. That Council endorse the Draft Long Term Financial Plan 2024-2033 for public exhibition.
3. That that Draft Long Term Financial Plan 2024-2033 be placed on public display for 28 days in accordance with legislation.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

QUESTIONS FOR NEXT MEETING

Auditor's Fees

The General Manager took a question on notice from Councillor Turley regarding how much Council's Auditor's Fees had increased for the conduct of the 2022/2023 Audit of Council's Financial Statements?

2023/2024 Draft Schedule of Fees and Charges – Hire of Norm Fox Sporting Complex

The General Manager took a question on notice from Councillor Algate regarding the large increase in fees proposed for 2023/2024 for the hire of the Norm Fox Sporting Complex and how the proposed new fees were calculated?

PUBLIC FORUM

Nil.

CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS

Nil.

CONCLUSION OF THE MEETING

There being no further business for Council to consider, the Mayor closed the meeting at 6:21p.m.

THE FOREGOING MINUTES WERE READ)
AND CONFIRMED AT THE ORDINARY)
MEETING OF THE BROKEN HILL CITY)
COUNCIL HELD ON 31 MAY 2023.)

CHAIRPERSON

MAYORAL MINUTES

1. MAYORAL MINUTE NO. 9/23 - DATED MAY 23, 2023 - 60-DAY
DISPENDING OF PBS MEDICINES (D23/25935).....25

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ITEM 1MAYORAL MINUTE NO. 9/23SUBJECT: 60-DAY DISPENSING OF PBS MEDICINES D23/25935**Summary**

I believe the Federal Government should be commended for its efforts to reduce prescription costs under the 60-day dispensing scheme, however closer inspection of the scheme raises concerns that the new legislation may offer little help to the most vulnerable Australians, and potentially impact services in regional areas.

The scheme will allow patients to purchase 60 days' worth of medicine as opposed to the current 30-day limit, thereby halving pharmacist disbursement fees and reducing prescription costs.

While this appears to be a positive move in theory, closer inspection of the savings reveal that the most vulnerable patients, concession card holders, will save just \$43.80 (11c per day) per year per medicine. If a patient takes more than 3 PBS medications then the amount of savings reduce for that patient. If they and their spouse happen to take 6 or more medications combined then there is no financial benefit whatsoever. By contrast, customers without a concession card will save up to \$180 per year per medicine.

These modest savings must also be considered against the impact on pharmacies' service delivery, particularly in regional areas.

While larger metropolitan chains may be able to absorb cuts to disbursement fees, the impact on smaller regional pharmacies who service smaller customer bases and operate on a much smaller budget will be far greater.

I have no doubt the new scheme will result in the cutting of opening hours and job losses at pharmacies in regional communities such as Broken Hill, and may even result in pharmacy closures. This potential loss of service and employment would far outweigh any small savings generated by the scheme.

Regional pharmacists have also expressed concern around supply shortages due to 60-day dispensing which I believe must be considered. The supply chain to regional pharmacies will never match that of city counterparts, and stock shortages in isolated communities will present far more serious consequences than in metropolitan areas.

I also have concerns around the potential dangers associated with patients receiving 60-day stockpiles of medicine. While this will offer an element of convenience for some customers, it will also increase the risk of suicide, accidental overdose, and lost/wasted prescriptions. I believe this will be particularly evident in aged and disabled patients who take multiple prescriptions and can easily become confused or are suffering dementia.

Again, I acknowledge the Federal Government for their efforts to make medicines more affordable but cannot support the scheme as I do not believe the unique challenges faced by regional and isolated communities have been fully considered.

I suggest Council write to our State and Federal Members, along with The Hon Mark Butler MP (Minister for Health and Aged Care) and The Hon. Anne Ruston (Shadow Minister for Health and Aged Care) requesting that the Far West region be exempted from 60-day dispensing of Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS) medicines.

The Modified Monash Model

Council must again lobby the Government for reclassification under the Modified Monash Model, which governs the level of health support (including pharmacies) an area receives from the Government based on its remoteness and population size.

Broken Hill is currently in Category 3 (MM3) under the system, placing it in the same category as eastern centres such as Goulburn, Nowra, and Bathurst. All three locations boast significantly larger populations than Broken Hill and are within two hours of major cities such as Sydney and Canberra.

Meanwhile towns such as Lithgow and Singleton are classed in Category 4 (MM4), meaning they are considered more remote than Broken Hill. These towns enjoy the Government benefits of being an 'isolated community' despite being just 150km from Sydney and 80km from Newcastle respectively.

I believe all Councillors will agree that this is not a fair outcome for Broken Hill given our isolation and our role as a service hub for other isolated and vulnerable communities such as Menindee and Wilcannia.

I suggest that Council write to our State and Federal Members, along with The Hon Mark Butler MP (Minister for Health and Aged Care) and The Hon. Anne Ruston (Shadow Minister for Health and Aged Care) requesting that Broken Hill be reclassified to Category 6 (MM6) under the Modified Monash Model. This would put Broken Hill in line with other isolated regional centres such as Alice Springs (MM6).

The reclassification would significantly benefit the city regarding pharmaceutical support, aged care support, and other health outcomes.

Recommendation

1. That Mayoral Minute No. 9/23 dated May 23, 2023, be received.
2. That Council writes to Broken Hill's Federal and State Members along with Federal and Shadow Ministers for Health requesting that the Far West region be exempted from 60-day dispensing of Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS) medicines.
3. That Council writes to Broken Hill's Federal and State Members along with Federal and Shadow Ministers for Health requesting that Broken Hill be reclassified to Category 6 (MM6) under the Modified Monash Model.

Attachments

There are no attachments for this report.

T. KENNEDY
MAYOR

RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING HELD MONDAY, 22 MAY 2023

1. BROKEN HILL CITY COUNCIL REPORT NO. 82/23 - DATED APRIL 20, 2023 - CORRESPONDENCE REPORT - MENINDEE FISH KILL EVENT (D23/20675)29

Recommendation

1. That Broken Hill City Council Report No. 82/23 dated April 20, 2023, be received.
2. That reply correspondence dated 20 April 2023, from Mr Roy Butler MP regarding the Menindee Fish Kill event, be received and noted.
3. That reply correspondence dated 13 April 2023 from The Hon Mark Coulton MP regarding the Menindee Fish Kill event, be received and noted.
4. That Council thanks the State Member, The Hon Mark Coulton MP, and the Local Member, Mr Roy Butler, for their prompt responses.

2. BROKEN HILL CITY COUNCIL REPORT NO. 83/23 - DATED MAY 12, 2023 - MINUTES OF THE PROJECT CONSULTATIVE GROUP PROJECT STEERING GROUP MEETING HELD 9 FEBRUARY 2023 AND 9 MAY 2023 (D23/24214)33

Recommendation

1. That Broken Hill City Council Report No. 83/23 dated May 12, 2023, be received.
2. That the minutes of the Project Consultative Group Project Steering Group from 9 February 2023 be noted.
3. That the PowerPoint Presentation of the Project Consultative Group Project Steering Group from 9 February 2023 be noted.
4. That the minutes of the Project Consultative Group Project Steering Group from 9 May 2023 be noted.
5. That the PowerPoint Presentation of the Project Consultative Group Project Steering Group from 9 May 2023 be noted.

6. That the minutes of the Project Consultative Group Project Steering Group meeting held 9 February 2023 be amended on page 6 to clarify which (if any) existing structures will be demolished at the Alma Oval and Norm Fox Oval due to the development of new changerooms at the ovals.

3. BROKEN HILL CITY COUNCIL REPORT NO. 84/23 - DATED MAY 16, 2023 - MINUTES OF THE PICTON OVAL SPORTSGROUND COMMUNITY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD 3 MARCH 2023 (D23/24537)
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Recommendation

1. That Broken Hill City Council Report No. 84/23 dated May 16, 2023, be received.
2. That the minutes of the Picton Oval Sportsground Community Committee meeting held 3 March 2023 be received.

WORKS COMMITTEE

April 20, 2023

ITEM 1

BROKEN HILL CITY COUNCIL REPORT NO. 82/23

SUBJECT: CORRESPONDENCE REPORT - MENINDEE FISH KILL EVENT
D23/20675

Recommendation

1. That Broken Hill City Council Report No. 82/23 dated April 20, 2023, be received.
2. That reply correspondence dated 20 April 2023, from Mr Roy Butler MP regarding the Menindee Fish Kill event, be received and noted.
3. That reply correspondence dated 13 April 2023 from The Hon Mark Coultan MP regarding the Menindee Fish Kill event, be received and noted.

Executive Summary:

Council at its meeting held 29 March 2023, considered Mayoral Minute No 5/23 and resolved the following:

ITEM 2 - MAYORAL MINUTE NO. 5/23 - DATED MARCH 29, 2023 - MENINDEE LAKES FISH KILLS
D23/16597

RESOLUTION

Minute No. 47144

Mayor T Kennedy moved)
Councillor R Algate seconded)

Resolved

1. That Mayoral Minute No. 5/23 dated March 29, 2023, be received.
2. That Council sends correspondence to the State and Federal Water Ministers and Shadow Ministers, MP Roy Butler and MP Mark Coultan asking for action and acknowledgment of fish kills in and around Menindee Lake, that is a result of eutrophication of water bodies caused by excess phosphorus and nitrogen likely from runoff from irrigation; and that the correspondence also raises Council's concerns regarding the volume of water currently being released from Lake Menindee in a bid to re-oxygenate the water and mitigate further mass fish kills in the Menindee Lakes System.
3. That Council notes excess nitrogen and phosphorus can be washed from farm fields and into waterways during rain events and can also leach through the soil and into groundwater over time. High levels of nitrogen and phosphorus can cause eutrophication of water bodies. Eutrophication can lead to hypoxia ("dead zones"), causing fish kills and a decrease in

aquatic life. Excess nutrients can cause harmful algal blooms in freshwater systems, which not only disrupt wildlife but can also produce toxins harmful to humans. Farmers apply nutrients on their fields in the form of chemical fertilisers and animal manure, which provide crops with the nitrogen and phosphorus necessary to grow and produce our food or fibre. However, when nitrogen and phosphorus are not fully utilised by the growing plants, they can be lost from the farm fields and negatively impact downstream water quality.

4. That Council rejects the concept that the Eutrophication that led to hypoxia (“dead zones”), was part of a normal flooding event and is of the opinion it was directly caused by excess fertilisers washing from farms used for crops which increased algal blooms that ultimately caused the dead zones, and that all governments take immediate action by way of a parliamentary enquiry to ensure we never experience a fish kill of the magnitude we face now.
5. That all mentioned parliamentarians are directed to the many similar cases of Eutrophication that led to hypoxia (“dead zones”) on the Mississippi River and around the world.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Report:

As per Council’s resolution, Mayoral correspondence dated 12 April, was sent to the Federal Ministers responsible for Water, the Federal Member for Parkes and the State Member for Barwon.

A response has been received from the Member for Barwon, Mr Roy Butler dated 20 April 2023 advising of the Premier’s visit to Menindee and a parliamentary inquiry into what led to the fish kill event, the emergency response and the long term consequences of the event.

An acknowledgement email was received from the Hon Mark Coulton MP on 13 April 2023 advising that the State Water Minister is best placed to respond to Council’s correspondence as the management of water falls within the remit of the State Government.

Responses from the Federal Minister for Water and the State Minister for Water have not yet been received.

Attachments

1. [↓](#) Correspondence from Mr Roy Butler MP
2. [↓](#) Email from The Hon Mark Coulton MP

LEISA BARTLETT
EXECUTIVE OFFICER

JAY NANKIVELL
GENERAL MANAGER



ROY BUTLER MP

INDEPENDENT MEMBER FOR BARWON

REF: RB4854

20 April 2023

Thomas Kennedy
Mayor
Broken Hill City Council
384 Oxide Street
BROKEN HILL 2880

Dear Mayor

Re: Menindee Fish Kill Event

Thank you for your correspondence on behalf of the Broken Hill community regarding the recent Menindee Lake fish kill event. The extent of this mass fish kill in the Darling River has been distressing and the largest that this area has ever experienced.

After being informed of the numbers of dying fish, I spoke with Police Assistant Commissioner Brett Greentree as the NSW Police Emergency Operations controller to request a multi-agency response. An Emergency Operations Centre was established on the 18 March 2023 to coordinate the removal and disposal of the dead fish and to ensure a fresh and clean water supply was maintained to the Menindee township.

After the Election I visited Menindee with the new Premier Chris Minns for a briefing with Agencies dealing with the aftermath. I advocated for an independent inquiry with the Premier, so that we have a clear understanding of what has led to this event to ensure that a fish kill of this magnitude is never experienced again. The inquiry has been taken up by the Minister for Environment Penny Sharpe and will cover three components: what led to the fish kill, the emergency response and the long term consequences of this event. I have also asked the Minister to ensure that the community and agencies are given equal footing with the inquiry.

Representations have also been made to the Minister for Water, Rose Jackson asking her to follow up the concerns raised by Broken Hill City Council. My office will contact you when a response is received.

I appreciate you taking the time to inform me of the Broken Hill community's concerns.

Yours sincerely,



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RE: Menindee Lakes Fish Kills



Coultou, Mark (MP) <Mark.Coultou.MP@aph.gov.au>
To ○ Tom Kennedy; ○ Broken Hill City Council

Dear Tom

Thank you for your correspondence: Council minutes – reference No. L23/843 – 11/501 TK:LB.

I have noted your concerns relating to the most recent fish kills in the Darling River at Menindee.

I note also that Council has sent correspondence to the State Water Minister, who is best placed to respond to any questions you may have regarding this issue, as the management of water falls within the remit of the State Government.

Regards

Mark

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WORKS COMMITTEE

May 12, 2023

ITEM 2**BROKEN HILL CITY COUNCIL REPORT NO. 83/23**

SUBJECT: MINUTES OF THE PROJECT CONSULTATIVE GROUP PROJECT STEERING GROUP MEETING HELD 9 FEBRUARY 2023 AND 9 MAY 2023 D23/24214

Recommendation

1. That Broken Hill City Council Report No. 83/23 dated May 12, 2023, be received.
2. That the minutes of the Project Consultative Group Project Steering Group from 9 February 2023 be noted.
3. That the PowerPoint Presentation of the Project Consultative Group Project Steering Group from 9 February 2023 be noted.
4. That the minutes of the Project Consultative Group Project Steering Group from 9 May 2023 be noted.
5. That the PowerPoint Presentation of the Project Consultative Group Project Steering Group from 9 May 2023 be noted.

Executive Summary:

In accordance with the *Local Government Act 1993* and the Integrated Planning and Reporting Framework, Council is required to prepare several documents to facilitate the integration of long-term planning and implementation of Council activities. Core documents include the 4-year Delivery Program and the annual Operational Plan.

The Delivery Program is designed as the single point of reference for all principal activities undertaken by Council during its term of office. All plans, functions, projects, activities, and funding allocations must be directly linked to this Program. Supporting the Delivery Program is the annual Operational Plan, which identifies the projects and actions that will be undertaken during the year to achieve the commitments made in the Delivery Program. Councils Projects Delivery Team refer to this as the Annual Capital Works Program.

Report:

To ensure strong project governance throughout the duration of Council's Annual Capital Works Program, at the Ordinary Council meeting held on 23 February 2022, Council endorsed a Governance Framework for the creation of and appointment of members to the Project Consultative Group Project Steering Group (PSG), complete with a Terms of Reference for the PSG. Further at the Ordinary Council meeting held on 27 April 2022, nominations for membership were endorsed by Council.

The inaugural meeting of the PSG was held on 29 September 2022.

Further meetings have been held on 9 February 2023 and 9 May 2023.

This report is to provide the Works Committee with a copy of the minutes and presentation from the PSG meetings held on 9 February 2023 and 9 May 2023.

It is important to note that for both presentations, some images and plans have been removed from what was presented at the meeting prior to being issued to the PSG, as these images and plans have not been approved for circulation at this time.

Community Engagement:

Membership of the PSG consists of:

- Minimum of two (2) Councillor Representatives – Mayor Kennedy and Deputy Mayor Hickey
- Six (6) External Stakeholders – Community Representatives

Non-voting Ex-officio members: (Will provide advice and information to the voting members):

- One (1) Project Director – General Manager
- One (1) Community Engagement representative – Manager Communications.
- One (1) Project Management – Chief Assets and Projects Officer
- One (1) Council Contact Officer – Project Officer
- One (1) Heritage Committee Member – Heritage Advisor

Council's Projects Engineer and Leader Innovation and Business Improvement have been invited to each of the meetings to present on projects they are involved in.

Strategic Direction:

Key Direction:	4	Our Leadership
Objective:	4.1	Openness and transparency in decision making
Strategy:	4.1.1	Foster relationships with key community sector leaders
Measure	4.1.1.2	Invite key community sector leaders to participate in various working groups/meetings regarding major issues facing the City

Key Direction:	4	Our Leadership
Objective:	4.4	Our community is engaged and informed
Strategy:	4.4.2	Facilitate meetings between community and elected representatives
Measure	4.4.2.1	Provide support for community meetings between Councillors and the public as required
Measure	4.4.2.2	Facilitate community engagement sessions regarding major projects and initiatives as required

Relevant Legislation:

Local Government Act 1993

Financial Implications:

Nil financial implications of the administration of the PSG.

Attachments

1. [↓](#) Project Consultative Group PSG - Minutes - 09.02.2023
2. [↓](#) Project Consultative Group - PSG Issued Redacted Presentation - 09.02.2023
3. [↓](#) Project Consultative Group PSG - Minutes - 09.05.2023
4. [↓](#) Project Consultative Group - PSG Issued Redacted Presentation - 09.05.2023

CODIE HOWARD
CHIEF ASSETS AND PROJECTS OFFICER

JAY NANKIVELL
GENERAL MANAGER

MINUTES OF THE PROJECT CONSULTATIVE GROUP PSG – 09.02.2023

MEETING DETAILS

Facilitator	Mayor Tom Kennedy
Minutes	Rebecca McLaughlin – Projects Officer
Meeting Venue	Council Administrative Building, Second Floor Meeting Room
Meeting Date	Thursday, 9 February 2023
Meeting Start Time	4:02pm
Meeting End Time	4:39pm

ATTENDANCE REGISTER

Role	Section	Name
Chair	Mayor	Mayor Tom Kennedy
Council	Councillor	Deputy Mayor Hickey
Project Sponsor	BHCC General Manager	Jay Nankivell
Project Manager	BHCC Chief Assets & Projects Officer	Codie Howard
Council Contact Officer	BHCC Projects Officer	Rebecca McLaughlin
Council Officer	BHCC Projects Engineer	Asad Nizamani
Council Officer	BHCC Leader Innovation and Business Improvement	Anne Johansson
Communications	BHCC Manager Communications	Darrin Manuel
Heritage	BHCC Heritage Advisor	Liz Vines
Project Steering Group	Community Representative	Ashley Byrne
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3	Action Items from last meeting	Chair
4	Project Updates	Chief Assets & Projects Officer, Project Team Members
5	Questions	Chair

1. Welcome

2. Apologies

- Bernard Williams, Community Representative
- Paul Thomas, Community Representative

3. Action Items from Previous Meetings

Meeting Date Raised	Action	Responsible Officer	Status
29.09.2022	Arrange meeting between Bernie and Assets Team to investigate garden bed as potential cause of basement leak.	Projects Officer	Complete
29.09.2022	Arrange meeting between Bernie, Asad, and Assets Team to discuss asbestos registers.	Projects Officer	Complete
29.09.2022	Arrange a site tour for PSG at the Library.	Projects Officer	Complete
29.09.2022	Arrange a site tour for PSG at the Warnock Street Yard.	Projects Officer	Pending
29.09.2022	Issue copy of Aerial view of new library and car park.	Projects Officer	Complete
29.09.2022	Issue copy of Images of banners to be installed on end banner poles.	Projects Officer	Complete

4. Project Updates

- **Library and Archives Project**
 - **Preparations and Logistics (Anne Johansson)**
 - Anne presented a PowerPoint presentation
 - Archive operations & part of the Archive collection have been relocated to the Council Administrative Building First Floor
 - The remainder of the Archives is now ready to be moved
 - Packing continues at the Library
 - A second storage space has been created in the children's area of the Library
 - A general clean up and disposal is underway in the storage room
 - Obsolete furniture from the Administrative Building has been disposed of or donated
 - The Second Floor Print Room has relocated to another area on the Second Floor
 - The space designated for the Library Team has commenced set up for Library Team to relocate
 - This area will also be used by People & Culture & Risk during the ground floor refurbishment works
 - Customer Relations staff who operated the Call Centre on the Ground Floor have relocated to the First Floor
 - Anne advised that packing and removal of items from the library is being paced at this stage as to not reduce too much of the service before the tender process has been approved.

- **Temporary Library and Car Park Works (Rebecca McLaughlin)**
 - Rebecca presented a PowerPoint presentation
 - The Development Application for the is Ground Floor Refurbishment works and Car Park works has been approved.
 - A Private Accredited Certifier has been appointed - Group DLA. A Construction Certificate Checklist has been received and we currently working through this to ensure all requirements are met.
 - A contractor has been engaged to complete the Car Park Works – GTE. A commencement date is pending the construction certificate process being finalised.
 - Refurbishment works for the Ground Floor have been included in the Tender for the new construction and being managed through this process.
 - Following issues identified with water entering the basement, and a meeting between Council's Asset team and Bernie Williams (PCG Community Representative), the Assets Team arranged for the building downpipes to be cleared through to the road gutters. Contractors are planning to return to place a camera through the downpipes to ensure that pipes are not damaged and if damage is found, a quote for any additional works will be provided. Following the cleaning process, no water has entered the basement during recent episodes of rain.
- **New Library Construction (Asad Nizamani)**
 - Asad presented a PowerPoint presentation
 - The modified Development Application was approved in December 2022
 - The construction tender is currently under a process of checks and value engineering with a preferred supplier to identify potential cost savings aimed to be completed in time for Council's February General Meeting.
 - A Principal Certifying Authority (PCA) is ready to be appointed.
 - **General Discussion / Questions**
 - Mayor Kennedy asked about the timeline for works to commence. Rebecca advised that car park and ground floor works will commence as soon as possible following construction certificate process and tender approval. General Manager confirmed that new library tender will be presented to Council at the February meeting and works would be expected to commence in March.
- **CBD Redevelopment Project (Asad Nizamani)**
 - **Banner Poles**
 - Asad presented a PowerPoint presentation
 - Major site works were completed in 2022.
 - The road safety treatments for the end poles are under way with a report sent to the Local Traffic Committee on 7 February 2023
 - The electrical commissioning is estimated to be completed on 17 February 2022
 - The pole lighting design is underway with consultant firm JJ Ryan Consulting.
 - **General Discussion / Questions**
 - Mayor Kennedy asked about lights. Asad advised that we are waiting on the design to be returned to Council and then we will be able to cost this project.

- General Manager also mentioned that JJ Ryan Consulting completed a lighting audit when they were in Broken Hill and once this is received a report will be provided to Council.
- **Wayfinding Project**
 - Asad presented a PowerPoint presentation
 - A signage supplier visited Broken Hill in January 2023 for site checks and discussions on installations
 - Signage designs and shop drawings being produced in February 2023
 - Fabrications are expected to commence March / April 2023
 - Works are expected to be completed August 2023.
 - **General Discussion / Questions**
 - Heritage Advisor asked how this project relates to the Master Plan. Asad confirmed that it is mentioned briefly in the overall Master plan and also in addition to works completed through Neeson Murcutt.
 - General Manager noted that this has been identified through the concept plans for the CDB Redevelopment, and now this is moving more into the in-depth projects.
 - Heritage Advisor asked about the Master Plan tree planting inclusions for Argent Street mid-block and intersection. General Manager confirm that tree planting is not included in this project. Projects have been selected from the Master Plan and in addition this project also identified through Neeson Murcutt and library project.
 - Mayor Kennedy noted that not all projects included in the Master Plan will be completed, although did confirm trees are important and will be included where relevant.
 - Chief Assets and Projects Officer confirmed once we are in the stakeholder consultation phase, the Project Consultative Group will be involved.
 - Heritage Advisor asked of the old Master Plan doubled up. General manager confirmed the Master Plan has been provided to the Consultant.
- **Town Square and Argent Street Paving Upgrades**
 - Asad presented a PowerPoint presentation
 - The Tender for design consultant closed January 2023
 - Preferred design consultant selected with final compliance and reference checks is currently underway
 - It is expected that the start on design consultations and design works will occur in March 2023
 - A Development Application is not required for these works as the Town Square is still classified as a road reserve.
- **Airport Master Plan & Funding (Asad Nizamani)**
 - Asad presented a PowerPoint presentation
 - A specialist Airport Planning company Landrum & Brown Worldwide have been engaged to carry out works for the Airport Master Plan 2023

- The previous Master Plan (2008 / 2010) requires updates to align with the current requirements of the Airport and the funding received to carry out priority works
- Four options are currently under review
- Council has been successful in receiving two rounds of State and Federal funding to carry out much needed airside upgrades, including the Regular Public Transport (RPT) apron expansions, RFDS apron works, Taxiway Bravo upgrades, and the Unsealed Runway 14/32 upgrade
- Works will commence with technical designs followed by construction works over a period of 24 months.
- **General Discussion / Questions**
 - General Manager confirmed that the Master Plan covers both non-aviation and aviation. He also spoke to the long-term planning and vision (20 years) to move towards a more commercial based site and accommodate larger aircrafts. Opens up land for industrial use as limited land is available in the industrial area, and also increases the RFDS opportunities. This vision is a similar goal to what Karratha Airport has achieved. Karratha Airport is taking in an \$8m profit each year
 - Mayor Kennedy asked if the current unsealed runway is sealed, is it for the same plane use. Asad confirmed that it is the same planes, but the benefit will be enabling all weather access.
 - Chief Assets and Projects Officer made mention that funding was achieved due to Asad's work and funding application and commended him on a job well done.
 - Deputy Mayor Hickey asked what runway will be used while the works are being undertaken. General Manager confirmed that the works will be completed in sections – end, middle and end, and that the runway can be continued to be used while works are being completed as the runway is quite long and aircraft carriers only require 1km of runway which is achievable with some sections closed.
- **Warnock Street Yard (Codie Howard)**
 - Codie presented a PowerPoint presentation
 - Site investigations were completed in December 2022
 - Stage One Concept Designs (30%) were received on 6 February 2023 and focused on Architectural set, Undergoing internal council stakeholder reviews, and Consultant review thereafter
 - Stage Two Technical Designs (70%) to be started by March 2023
 - Once the design process has reached Stage Two Technical Designs, the Project Consultative Group will be consulted.
 - **General Discussion / Questions**
 - Heritage Advisor mentioned that one of the long-term recommendations from the Heritage Committee is to re-use materials / keep a depository area for heritage items (store etc.). Jay confirmed this is a different site – although it is referred to as the Depot, it is the Warnock Street Yard where the outdoor staff and equipment are based, whereas the Depot that is being questioned is the Waste Management Facility and this recommendation will filter through to the Waste Strategy.

- **Alma Oval & Norm Fox Oval Changeroom (Codie Howard)**

- Codie presented a PowerPoint presentation
- Council was successful in receiving \$942,000 worth of funding, through Round 5 of the 'Stronger Country Communities Fund', to reconstruct both the Alma Oval and Norm Fox Oval changerooms.
- The project will see existing structures being demolished and modern facilities being built to meet current standards for accessibility, useability and inclusiveness for female participants.
- The next phase of the project will be to hold stakeholder engagement sessions to prepare for tender process.
- **General Discussion / Questions**
 - Mayor Kennedy asked if this was opportunity to include change room in current Soccer Under 6 playing field as discussed through the E.P. O'Neill Memorial Park Redevelopment Project. Codie and Rebecca will confirm details.

5. General Discussion

- Ashley Byrne asked if funding for the Alma Oval and Norm Fox Oval Changerooms will be enough. Codie advised that costings were received in 2022 and based on modular buildings, which is a more affordable option, and Council are confident the funding will be sufficient. Glenelg Oval have recently undertaken modular building upgrades and received good feedback.
 - Ashley also asked what will happen to the timekeeper's box and Codie advised that tis will be par of the stakeholder consultation as AFL have also raised the issues with the timekeeper's box. Stakeholder consultation will include the PCG and Alma Oval s355 Committee, South Broken Hill Football Club, AFL Broken Hill, Barrier District Cricket League, Alma Public School.
- Heritage Advisor asked if a copy of the Power Point can be provided. This is possible, although a redacted version will be issued so as no confidential design plans are circulated.
Action: Projects Officer will issue this to all members.
- Ghislaine Barbe asked if the walk from the Train Station to Town Square is included in the CBD Project. Codie advised that it is, and Mayor Kennedy confirmed that the best part of being involved with the Project Consultative Group is that the Group will inform the design through the consultation phase.

6. Next Steps

- Council's Project Officer will:
 - Issue the redacted Power Point presentation to all members of the PSG.
 - Issue a calendar invite for next meeting to be held on Tuesday, 9 May 2023

7. Meeting Close

- There being no further business the Chair closed the meeting at 4:39pm.

NEXT MEETING – confirmed

Date	Tuesday, 9 May 2023
Venue	Second Floor Meeting Room, Council Administrative Building
Start Time	4pm
End Time	5pm



Project Consultative Group

**Project Steering Group
Meeting No. 2
Thursday, 9 February 2023**



Meeting Agenda

1. Welcome
2. Apologies
3. Project Updates
4. Questions
5. Next Meeting





Project Update – Library and Archive Project

The Library and Archives Project is part of the wider Broken Hill CBD Master Plan to revitalise the City’s Central Business District as a modern and welcoming destination for locals and visitors.





Library and Archive Project - Logistics and Staff Movements

Anne Johansson, Business Systems Analyst

Archives:

- Archive operations & part of the Archive collection relocated to 1st floor during shutdown
- The remainder of the Archives is now ready to be moved



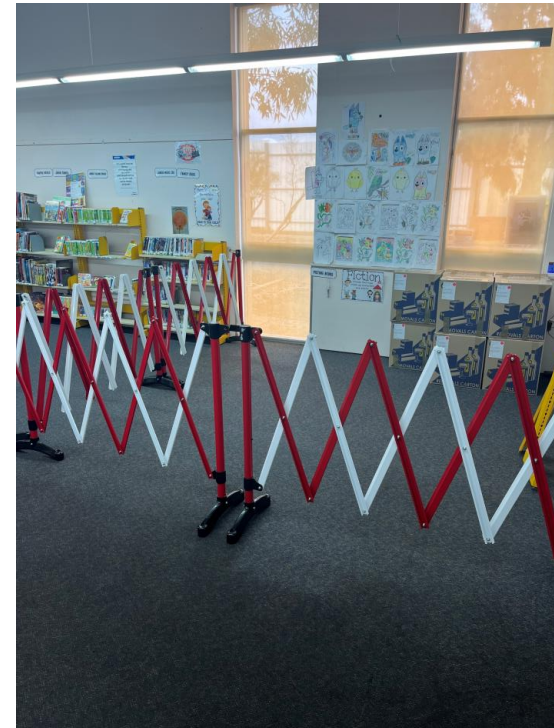


Library and Archive Project - Logistics and Staff Movements

Anne Johansson, Business Systems Analyst

Library:

- Packing continues at the Library
- A second storage space has been created in the children's area
- General clean up and disposal underway in storage room



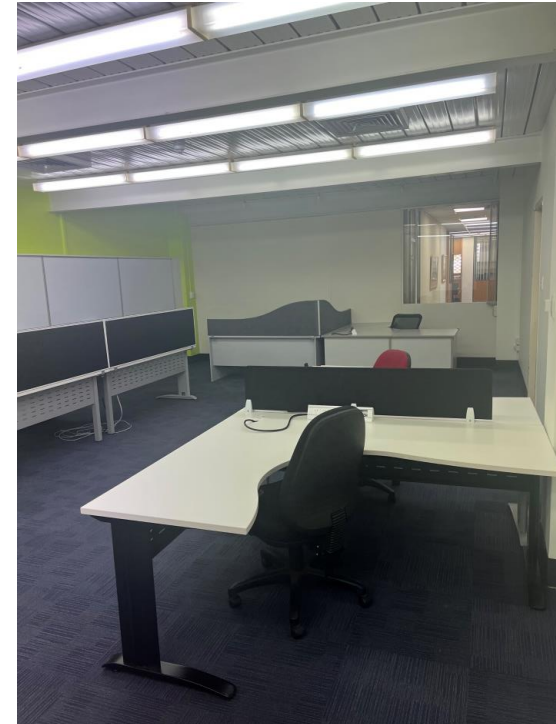


Library and Archive Project - Logistics and Staff Movements

Anne Johansson, Business Systems Analyst

Admin Building:

- Obsolete furniture disposed of or donated
- Print Room moved to new on 2nd floor
- Commenced setting area up for Library Team
- This area will also be used by People & Culture & Risk during the ground floor works
- Call Centre relocating to 1st floor next week





Library and Archive Project

Stage One: Temporary Library & Car Park Works

- Rebecca McLaughlin, Projects Officer

- **Ground Floor Development Application – Approved**
- **Construction Certificate – In Progress**
 - Private Accredited Certifier appointed - Group DLA
 - Checklist received 1 February and we currently working through this to ensure all requirements are met.
- **Car Park Works – Pending**
 - Contractor appointed – GTE
 - Start Date to be determined based on Construction Certificate requirements.
- **Ground Floor Refurbishment – Pending**
 - Refurbishment works are included in the Tender for the new construction and being managed through this process.



Library and Archive Project

Stage One: Basement Water Concerns

- Rebecca McLaughlin, Projects Officer

- Council's Assets Team recently arranged for the building downpipes to be cleared to the road gutters.
- Contractors are planning to return to place a camera through the downpipes to ensure that pipes are not damaged.
- Once camera has been through downpipes, a quote for any additional works will be provided.



Library and Archive Project Stage Two: New Library Construction - Asad Nizamani, Projects Engineer

- Modified DA Application approved in December 2022
- The construction tender is currently under a process of checks and value engineering with a preferred supplier to identify potential cost savings aimed to be completed in time for Council's February General Meeting.
- Principal Certifying Authority (PCA) ready to be appointed - Group DLA

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Project Update – CDB Redevelopment Projects

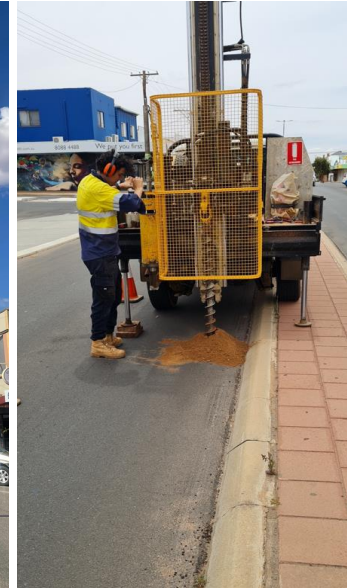
- Asad Nizamani, Projects Engineer

Introduction

The CBD Redevelopment Projects form part of Council's strategy to revitalise the CBD for all demographic groups and promote the City of Broken Hill as a national heritage identity.

Key Projects

- CBD Banner Poles Project
- Wayfinding Stage 1
- Town Square Redevelopment





Banner Poles Project

- Asad Nizamani, Projects Engineer

- Major site works completed in 2022
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Wayfinding Project – Stage 1

- Asad Nizamani, Projects Engineer

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- February 2023: Signage designs and shop drawings being produced
- March / April 2023: Start fabrications
- Estimated completion: August 2023

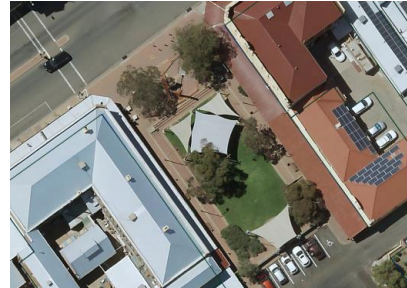
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Town Square & Argent Street Paving Project

- Asad Nizamani, Projects Engineer

- January 2023: Tender for design consultant closed
- February 2023: Preferred design consultant selected with final compliance and reference checks underway
- March 2023: start on design consultations and design works
- Note: DA not required





Airport Master Plan & Funding

- Asad Nizamani, Projects Engineer

- Background: specialist Airport Planning company Landrum & Brown Worldwide have been engaged to carry out works the Airport Master Plan 2023
- Objective: the previous master plan (2008 / 2010) requires updates to align with the current requirements of the Airport and the funding received to carry out priority works
- Status: four (4) options currently under review

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Airport Master Plan & Funding

- Asad Nizamani, Projects Engineer

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Warnock Street Redevelopment - Codie Howard, Chief Assets & Projects Officer

- December 2022: Site investigations
- Stage 1 Concept Designs (30%) – received on 6th February 2023
 - Architectural set
 - Undergoing internal council stakeholder reviews
 - Consultant review thereafter
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Warnock Street Redevelopment

- Codie Howard, Chief Assets & Projects Officer

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- Codie Howard, Chief Assets & Projects Officer

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Questions?





Next PSG Meeting

The next meeting will be held:

Date: Tuesday, 9 May 2023

Time: 4pm

Location: Second Floor Meeting Room, Council Administrative Building



MINUTES OF THE PROJECT CONSULTATIVE GROUP PSG – 09.05.2023

MEETING DETAILS

Facilitator	Mayor Tom Kennedy
Minutes	Rebecca McLaughlin – Projects Officer
Meeting Venue	Council Administrative Building, Second Floor Meeting Room
Meeting Date	Tuesday, 9 May 2023
Meeting Start Time	4:00 pm
Meeting End Time	5:00 pm

ATTENDANCE REGISTER

Role	Section	Name
Chair	Mayor	Mayor Tom Kennedy
Council	Councillor	Deputy Mayor Hickey
Project Sponsor	BHCC General Manager	Jay Nankivell
Council Contact Officer	BHCC Projects Officer	Rebecca McLaughlin
Council Officer	BHCC Projects Engineer	Asad Nizamani
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1. Welcome

2. Apologies

- Deputy Mayor Hickey, Councillor
- Codie Howard, Chief Assets & Projects Officer
- Liz Vines, Heritage Advisor
- Ashley Byrne, Community Representative

Moved: Ghislaine Barbe **Seconded:** Bernard Williams

3. Action Items from Previous Meetings

Meeting Date Raised	Action	Responsible Officer	Status
29.09.2022	Arrange a site tour for PSG at the Warnock Street Yard.	Projects Officer	Pending
09.02.2023	Redacted version of Power Point Presentation from meeting on 09.02.2023 to be issued to PSG (<i>redacted version so as no confidential design plans are circulated</i>)	Projects Officer	Complete

4. Project Updates

- **Library and Archives Project**
 - **Library Tender Update (Jay Nankivell)**
 - There has been a significant increase in costs. Tender price received was approx. 80% higher than original expected costs (from \$13m to \$22m), due to increase in costs for materials and labor.
 - Council had worked with Neeson-Murcutt Architects and North Construction to reduce costs, through re-evaluating and refining scope and inclusions. The value engineering process between Council and North Construction reduced costs to \$18.5m, which was still too high. The project was not feasible.
 - There is no additional Council, State or Federal Funding available.
 - At the April Council meeting Councillors voted in favour of working with Neeson-Murcutt Architects to formulate a new design for the City's new library, with a total budget of \$14m.
 - Neeson Murcutt Architects and North Construction engagement will be retained due to their history with the project and knowledge of local conditions and requirements.
 - **General Discussion / Questions**
 - Bernard asked how the budget of \$12m originally came about and what happened with the mine funding. General Manager confirmed \$8.8m Federal and \$3.9m State. Approximately 3 years ago the funding from BHP was removed due to changes in how their donations were managed.

- Matthew asked if there is any chance the costs will reduce. General Manager confirmed indications are costs will stabilise but not reduce.
 - Matthew asked if it will be completed in Stages, such as Stage A and Stage B. Mayor and General Manger said this had been considered, but the savings would be minimal, so a completed project is being considered.
 - Ghislaine asked if the redesign would cost more money. General Manager confirmed the cost of a redesign has been included in the new total budget of \$14m.
 - Bernard said it would be better to knock the building down and build a new building as upgrading the existing building would be costly. General Manager advised this is being considered and Mayor confirmed that anything worth saving would be saved (bricks etc.).
- **Preparations and Logistics (Anne Johansson)**
 - Anne presented a PowerPoint presentation.
 - The Archives Collection has been relocated to the Council Administrative Building Basement.
 - Packing of books has been paused at the Library so as not to reduce the existing service too much.
 - So far:
 - 245 boxes recently relocated to the Alma Institute Building
 - Approx 550 boxes remaining to be packed & moved to storage
 - Approx 620 boxes to be packed for temporary library
 - **General Discussion / Questions**
 - Nil.
 - **Temporary Library and Car Park Works (Rebecca McLaughlin)**
 - Rebecca presented a PowerPoint presentation
 - The Development Application has been Approved.
 - The Construction Certificate is in Progress. A Private Accredited Certifier has been appointed. Council staff are currently collating required documents and information to process the Construction Certificate.
 - Car Park Works are Pending. The Contractor has been appointed but a start date cannot be confirmed until the Construction Certificate requirements are met.
 - Council Staff met with North Construction to clarify the scope of works. A revised costing will be submitted by end of May and works are expected to commence in July.
 - During construction, Customer Relations staff will be relocated temporarily to the Visitor Information Centre.
 - **General Discussion / Questions**
 - Bernard stated the importance of ensuring an Occupation Certificate has been approved prior to occupying the building.
 - **New Library Construction (Asad Nizamani)**
 - Asad presented a PowerPoint presentation.
 - Update per Jay Nankivell.

- The project will be based on the 2019 Cultural Framework and Synopsis Report with Neeson Murcutt + Neille Architects and North Construction & Building Pty Ltd to arrive at a functional newly upgraded library space for the entire Broken Hill Community.
- Design works will start in May 2023.
- **General Discussion / Questions**
 - Nil.
- **CBD Redevelopment Project (Asad Nizamani)**
 - **Banner Poles**
 - Asad presented a PowerPoint presentation.
 - Major site works were completed in 2022.
 - End poles: road safety treatments with reinstatement of road surfaces with road line marking and rumble bar blisters.
 - Electrical commissioning: completed, final circuit board to be installed after the damaged pole at Chloride St is reinstated.
 - Pole lighting: 60% design due by 12 May. ASP Level 3 carried out site visit in March.
 - **General Discussion / Questions**
 - Nil.
 - **Wayfinding Project**
 - Asad presented a PowerPoint presentation.
 - Shop drawings are supported and approved by Council's Project Team including engineering input.
 - Fabrication of signs and sculptures is underway with installation expected in June 2023.
 - Estimated completion: August 2023.
 - **General Discussion / Questions**
 - Nil.
 - **Town Square and Argent Street Paving Upgrades**
 - Asad presented a PowerPoint presentation.
 - There have been three consultations sessions undertaken to date:
 - Council internal key staff
 - Elected Council
 - Neighbouring businesses
 - Key concepts taken from the consultation sessions include:
 - Increase foot traffic and tourism appeal
 - Families, children, lunch time workers
 - More attractive car park
 - Open up the view along Chloride Street
 - Concept designs are underway for a wider community event in July 2023.
 - **General Discussion / Questions**
 - Mayor spoke about the wall at the rear of the Town Square and potential to retain the wall but remove the water tank to enable

the area to open this up. Bernard asked why we would not remove the wall completely. From community consultation undertaken, people wish to retain it as it acts as a windbreak.

- Bernard asked if the sunken lawn area would be removed. Mayor and General Manager both confirmed that while this was originally considered, consultation to date has found that people want to keep the sunken lawn area, especially families, as it provides a method to slow down children from running away from the area.
 - Bernard mentioned the stormwater and concerns with pavers on the existing stairs. General Manager said that all pavers will be removed and replaced with an appropriate material.
 - Ghislaine asked what was meant by a more attractive car park. General Manager said this is an identified shared zone similar to other communities where you might see red pavers indicating this, along with reduced speed shared zone traffic signs.
 - Matthew asked if speed changes can be made at Crystal Street as it is a highway. General Manager confirmed it can but needs to be presented to the Local Traffic Committee.
 - Paul asked if more tables were going to be added to the footpaths in Town Square as it is already quite congested. General Manager said that this is included. There may be opportunity to install tables and lease these tables to the businesses to use so that any income from this is then used to maintain the area.
 - Mayor spoke of potential for sculptural play equipment to be installed in Town Square for play activity as an alternative to traditional swings and play equipment. As this would not be classed as public art there is no concern with children climbing on these.
 - Bernie asked if the stage would be retained and if yes, stated a handrail might need to be installed for safety. Paul agreed that he had witnessed a fall. Mayor said that it will be looked at in the design, but consensus so far has been that people wish to retain this.
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- **Airport Master Plan & Funding (Asad Nizamani)**
 - Asad presented a PowerPoint presentation.
 - Background: specialist Airport Planning company Landrum & Brown Worldwide have been engaged to carry out works for the Airport Master Plan 2023.
 - Seven options for the master plan concept have been considered with option 7 approved in April 2023.
 - The master plan report is underway with engineering input and a cost estimate.
 - Planning works have begun on the Airside Pavements Upgrade project:
 - Council's Project Team formed
 - Final scope of inclusions being assessed under 2023 prioritisations
 - Consultant team being formed for design services
 - Geotechnical tests
 - Planning for tendering for a principal contractor
 - Works will commence with technical designs followed by construction works over a period of 24 months.

▪ **General Discussion / Questions**

- Bernard asked exactly what is happening at the Airport. Asad spoke about works are based on a 20-year plan with short, medium, and long timeframes. Short term plans include an expansion of the terminal building due to security requirements, strengthening the runway, adding a second taxiway, expansion of the car park. Longer term includes expansion to RPT apron in readiness for expanded population. Expanded commercial shown in plans but this will be completed when demand requires.
- Bernard noted that the water is on one connection at present and asked if this would be subdivided. General Manager said that planning for a subdivision upgrade for water and electrical supply has been included and that the Airport Master Plan will inform the subdivision plan.
- Bernard noted that the firefighting capability will need to be upgraded. General Manager said that this has already been upgraded to meet regulations.
- Bernard asked if the runway lights would be included to be updated. General Manager confirmed this has already been completed.
- Matthew asked if there is opportunity for Council to undertake the runway works internally. General Manager confirmed that capability wise yes, but time and resource wise it is a no due to the size of the works. Contractor is preferred. Mayor noted that the runway is long enough so that one end can be completed, and the other end remains operational, and then switch over.
- Matthew asked about the terminal expansion. Asad clarified this on the site plan shown, it is located next to the existing terminal where the existing grassed area is located. This will be the departure area and the existing café space will need to be relocated.
- Paul asked who pays for staffing etc. General Manager confirmed this is funded by the airlines. Mayor and General Manager spoke about security upgrades being required depending on the number of passengers and the size of aircraft.
- Paul asked about the car park and what can be done to improve parking availability as currently the hire cars are filling the car park. General Manager confirmed that he had recently met with the car hire companies re arrangements.
- Paul asked about commercial site availability at the Airport. Mayor and General Manager spoke about having a similar vision to Karratha Airport and what they have achieved with opening up commercial space and taking in \$8m profit each year. Both confirmed that there has been a lot of demand for commercial space in Broken Hill.
- Bernard asked if the runway expansion would move into non-Council land. General Manager confirmed that it is not a length expansion, it is a width expansion. Asad spoke of the existing foundations having been assessed as good and all that is required is an overlay of the existing runway to enable the load bearing of larger aircraft.

- **Warnock Street Yard (Asad Nizamani)**
 - Asad presented a PowerPoint presentation.
 - Stage 1 Concept Designs (30%) – received on 29 March 2023
 - Stage 2 Technical Designs (70%) underway with the following received:
 - Traffic report
 - Concept cost report
 - Project phasing plans
 - Development Application estimated to be lodged in May 2023
 - Stage 2 estimated completion is July 2023
 - A site plan dated 29 March 2023 was presented reflecting the overall layout of the new site.
 - **General Discussion / Questions**
 - Bernard asked where painters will be located as previous advice from Fire Fighters was to relocate painters and paints due to fumes, lights, potential of sparks, fires etc. General Manager said that trades have been included under the one roof line but in separate areas. This will be noted though to discuss with designer. **ACTION: Projects Engineer to confirm safety requirements for location of painter and paints in Warnock Street Yard design.**
 - Matthew asked about box gutters as this seems to be architects preferred design for aesthetics. Asad confirm a skillion roof has been included at this stage. All agreed to avoid box gutters wherever possible.
 - Asad advised that GHD (designer) will be providing licenses for Council to be able to access 360° views of buildings. This hasn't been provided yet so has not been able to be included for this meeting. This will hopefully be available in the near future.

5. General Discussion

- Ghislaine will be an apology for the next meeting.
- Ghislaine asked if we could obtain a pointer to use in meetings to easily point out details on presentation slides when needed. **ACTION: Projects Officer to investigate.**
 - Although unrelated to the projects discussed today, Paul raised concern about daily running water from Civic Centre past Toyota and down the laneway behind Toyota. **ACTION: Projects Officer will enter a CRM to investigate and notify Essential Water.**

6. Next Steps

- Council's Project Officer will:
 - Issue the redacted Power Point presentation to all members of the PSG.
 - Issue a calendar invite for next meeting to be held on Tuesday, 8 August 2023.
 - Investigate the purchase of a laser pointer.
 - Enter a CRM and contact Essential Water regarding running water in Beryl and Chloride Streets (near Civic Centre).
- Council's Projects Engineer will:
 - Confirm safety requirements for location of painter and paints in Warnock Street Yard design.

7. Meeting Close

- There being no further business the Chair closed the meeting at 5:00pm.

NEXT MEETING – confirmed

Date	Tuesday, 8 August 2023
Venue	Second Floor Meeting Room, Council Administrative Building
Start Time	4pm
End Time	5pm



Project Consultative Group

**Project Steering Group
Meeting No. 3
Tuesday, 9 May 2023**



Meeting Agenda

1. Welcome
2. Apologies
3. Project Updates
4. Questions
5. Next Meeting





Project Update – Library and Archive Project

Jay Nankivell, General Manager

- There has been a significant increase in costs.
- Council had worked with Neeson-Murcutt Architects and North Construction to reduce costs, through re-evaluating and refining scope and inclusions.
- The project was still not feasible.
- At the April Council meeting Councillors voted in favour of working with Neeson-Murcutt Architects to formulate a new design for the City's new library.
- Neeson Murcutt Architects and North Construction to be retained due to their history with the project and knowledge of local conditions and requirements.





Library and Archive Project - Logistics and Staff Movements

Anne Johansson, Business Systems Analyst

Archives Collection:

- Archive collection has been moved to Admin Building Basement



Library:

- Packing continues at the Library
- 245 boxes recently relocated to the Alma Institute Building
- Approx 550 boxes remaining to be packed & moved to storage
- Approx 620 boxes to be packed for temporary library





Library and Archive Project

Stage One: Temporary Library & Car Park Works

- Rebecca McLaughlin, Projects Officer

- **Ground Floor Development Application – Approved**
- **Construction Certificate – In Progress**
 - Private Accredited Certifier appointed - Group DLA
 - Checklist received 1 February and we currently working through this to ensure all requirements are met.
- **Car Park Works – Pending**
 - Contractor appointed – GTE
 - Start Date to be determined based on Construction Certificate approval.
- **Ground Floor Refurbishment – Pending**
 - Council Staff met with North Construction to clarify the scope of works.
 - A revised costing will be submitted by end of May.
 - Works are expected to commence in July.
 - Customer Relations staff will be relocated temporarily to the Visitor Information Centre during construction.



Library and Archive Project

Stage Two: New Library Construction

- Asad Nizamani, Projects Engineer

- Per update from Jay.
- The project will be based on the 2019 Cultural Framework and Synopsis Report with Neeson Murcutt + Neille Architects and North Construction & Building Pty Ltd to arrive at a functional newly upgraded library space for the entire Broken Hill community
- Design works: starts May 2023

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Project Update – CDB Redevelopment Projects

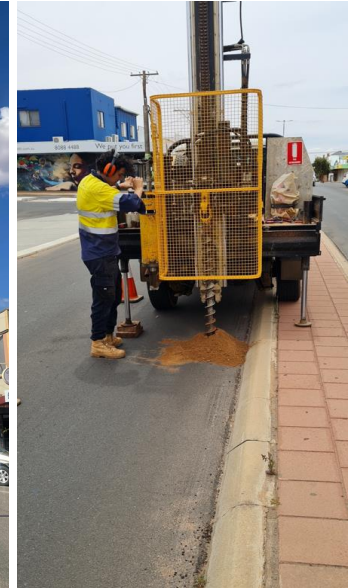
- Asad Nizamani, Projects Engineer

Introduction

The CBD Redevelopment Projects form part of Council's strategy to revitalise the CBD for all demographic groups and promote the City of Broken Hill as a national heritage identity.

Key Projects

- CBD Banner Poles Project
- Wayfinding Stage 1
- Town Square Redevelopment





Banner Poles Project

- Asad Nizamani, Projects Engineer

- Major site works completed in 2022
- End poles: road safety treatments with reinstatement of road surfaces with road line marking and rumble bar blisters.
- Electrical commissioning: completed, final circuit board to be installed after the damaged pole at Chloride St is reinstated.
- Pole lighting: 60% design due by 12th May. ASP Level 3 carried out site visit in March.





Wayfinding Project – Stage 1

- Asad Nizamani, Projects Engineer

- Shop drawings supported and approved by Council’s project team including engineering input.
- Fabrication of signs and sculptures underway with installations in June 2023.
- Estimated completion: August 2023

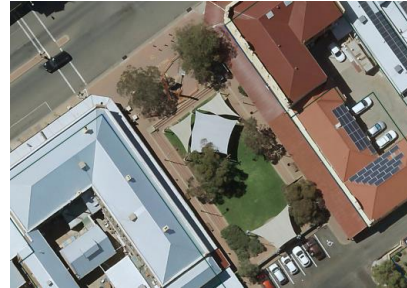
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Town Square & Argent Street Paving Project

- Asad Nizamani, Projects Engineer

- Three rounds of consultations carried out:
 - Council internal key staff
 - Council's Mayor and Councillors
 - Neighbouring businesses
- Key concepts from the consultations:
 - Increase foot traffic and tourism appeal
 - Families, children, lunch time workers
 - More attractive car park
 - Open up the view along Chloride St
- Concept designs underway for a wider community event in July 2023





Airport Master Plan & Funding

- Asad Nizamani, Projects Engineer

Background: specialist Airport Planning company Landrum & Brown Worldwide have been engaged to carry out works the Airport Master Plan 2023

Seven options for the master plan concept have been considered with option 7 approved in April 2023

Master plan report underway with engineering input and a cost estimate

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Airport Master Plan & Funding

- Asad Nizamani, Projects Engineer

Planning works have begin on the Airside Pavements Upgrade project:

- Council's project team formed
- Final scope of inclusions being assessed under 2023 prioritisations
- Consultant team being formed for design services
- Geotechnical tests
- Planning for tendering for a principal contractor

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Works will commence with technical designs followed by construction works over a period of 24 months.



Warnock Street Redevelopment - Asad Nizamani, Projects Engineer

- Stage 1 Concept Designs (30%) – received on 29th March 2023
- Stage 2 Technical Designs (70%) underway with the following received:
 - Traffic report
 - Concept cost report
 - Project phasing plans
- DA estimated to be lodged in May 2023
- Stage 2 estimated completion July 2023

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Warnock Street Redevelopment

- Asad Nizamani, Projects Engineer

- Site plan – 29th March 2023
- This shows the overall layout of the new site.
- Admin and amenities with coordination facilities are grouped at the top right.
- The site flows from the admin area down southwards and westwards for operational facilities.

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Questions?





Next PSG Meeting

The next meeting will be held:

Date: Tuesday, 8 August 2023

Time: 4pm

Location: Second Floor Meeting Room, Council Administrative Building



WORKS COMMITTEE

May 16, 2023

ITEM 3

BROKEN HILL CITY COUNCIL REPORT NO. 84/23

SUBJECT: MINUTES OF THE PICTON OVAL SPORTSGROUND
COMMUNITY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD 3 MARCH 2023
D23/24537

Recommendation

1. That Broken Hill City Council Report No. 84/23 dated May 16, 2023, be received.
2. That the minutes of the Picton Oval Sportsground Community Committee meeting held 3 March 2023 be received.

Executive Summary:

Council has received minutes of the Picton Oval Sportsground Community Committee meeting held 3 March 2023 for endorsement by Council.

Report:

As per Council’s Section 355 Asset Committee Framework Manual and the Constitution of the Picton Oval Sportsground Community Committee (both adopted March 2022), the Committee is required to provide Council with a copy of their meeting minutes following each Committee meeting.

Accordingly, the Picton Oval Sportsground Community Committee has submitted minutes from its meeting held 3 March 2023 for Council’s endorsement.

Community Engagement:

Community representatives participate on the Section 355 Picton Oval Sportsground Community Committee.

Strategic Direction:

Key Direction:	4	Our Leadership
Objective:	4.1	Openness and transparency in decision making
Strategy:	4.1.5	Support the organisation to operate its legal framework

Relevant Legislation:

Section 355 of the *Local Government Act 1993*.
 Picton Oval Sportsground Community Committee operates under Council’s 355 Asset Committee Framework which includes the Section 355 Asset Committee Manual and the Picton Oval Sportsground Committee Constitution (both adopted 30 March 2022).

Financial Implications:

Nil.

Attachments

1. [↓](#) Minutes of the Picton Oval Community Committee Meeting held 3 March 2023

SIMON BROWN
CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

JAY NANKIVELL
GENERAL MANAGER

PICTON OVAL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

MINUTES

MONDAY, 3rd MARCH 2023

Present: N. Hannigan, C. Adams, P. Adams, T. Rynne, D. Gallagher (Councillor).

Apologies: Nil

Meeting Commenced: 5:30p.m.

Matters Arising:

1. Dave to follow up with Memorial Management Oval Committee for payment of Ride On Mower. They have not had a Treasurer for a while
2. Rubber seal in lady's toilets is still leaking but not as bad (Work order 2887). HWS still needs to be taken out.
3. Picton Oval sign needs to be replaced with recycle plastic sign to identify Picton Oval (Work order 2888). Dave to follow up with Council. Still have not heard anything
4. Canteen/Toilets still needs to be sprayed for spiders. A matter of urgency as the oval will have high use over the next few months especially by school groups. This was noted in last minutes. Paul will spray change rooms and surrounding areas for the time being.
5. Paul also raised concern of the number of bushes being slashed around the oval. Noel to follow up.

Correspondence In: Police re: Use of oval
Morgan Street Public School – School Sport
PSSA – Schools Athletics Carnivals

Correspondence Out:

Financial Report:

Term Deposit \$26,259.55
Noel moved a motion that a third signatory should be included for cheques.

Nominated: Chris Adams Seconded: Noel Hannigan Motion Moved

General Account \$31,753.60
Cheque paid to GTE – work completed on Long Jump pit \$5,445.00

General Business:

1. Jump pit is coming along nicely. The soft fall still needs to be laid over the asphalt.
2. Noel to contact Dominique (Little A's Representative) to join committee.
3. Noel met with Council to review maintenance work that has/need to be completed.
4. Chris suggested that the committee can plant more trees along Kaolin Street. Discussion took place. Committee will look into it.
5. Chain mesh around oval still needs to be attended to especially around the Kaolin Street goal area. The loose wire is becoming a major concern and danger to oval users.

Meeting closed: 5:55p.m.

Next Meeting: **Monday, 8th May** @ 5:30p.m. at Sacred Heart Parish School

RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE HEALTH AND BUILDING COMMITTEE MEETING HELD MONDAY, 22 MAY 2023

1. BROKEN HILL CITY COUNCIL REPORT NO. 79/23 - DATED MAY 08, 2023 - CORRESPONDENCE REPORT - ACCESS TO THE AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL DATABASE AND ARCHIVES - TROVE (D23/23285)89

Recommendation

1. That Broken Hill City Council Report No. 79/23 dated May 8, 2023, be received.
 2. That reply correspondence dated 2 May 2023 from The Hon Mark Coulton MP regarding access to the Australian National Database and Archives – Trove, be received and noted.
 3. That Council thanks the State Member, The Hon Mark Coulton MP, for his reply correspondence.
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2. BROKEN HILL CITY COUNCIL REPORT NO. 80/23 - DATED MAY 08, 2023 - CORRESPONDENCE REPORT - FUNDING TO MAINTAIN AND UPGRADE HISTORICAL GRAVES AT LOCAL CEMETERIES (D23/23327)92

Recommendation

1. That Broken Hill City Council Report No. 80/23 dated May 8, 2023, be received.
2. That reply correspondence dated 27 April 2023 from The Hon Catherine King MP, Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government regarding funding to maintain and upgrade historical graves at local cemeteries, be received and noted.
3. That Council thanks the Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government, The Hon Catherine King MP, for her reply correspondence.

HEALTH AND BUILDING COMMITTEE

May 8, 2023

ITEM 1

BROKEN HILL CITY COUNCIL REPORT NO. 79/23

SUBJECT: CORRESPONDENCE REPORT - ACCESS TO THE AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL DATABASE AND ARCHIVES - TROVE D23/23285

Recommendation

1. That Broken Hill City Council Report No. 79/23 dated May 8, 2023, be received.
2. That reply correspondence dated 2 May 2023 from The Hon Mark Coulton MP regarding access to the Australian National Database and Archives – Trove, be received and noted.

Executive Summary:

At the Ordinary Council Meeting held 1 March 2023, Council considered a Matter of Urgency regarding access to the Australian National Database and Archives – Trove and resolved as follows:

ITEM 12 - MATTER OF URGENCY - ACCESS TO THE AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL DATABASE AND ARCHIVES - TROVE (GB1/23) 11/161

RESOLUTION

Minute No.47132

Councillor M Browne moved)
Councillor R Algate seconded)

Resolved

That correspondence be sent to the Federal Minister for Communications, and the Federal Member for Parkes stating Council's concerns that the online research tool – Trove, may not be adequately funded in the forthcoming budget and that it may no longer be made available free of charge to local Councils and individual users.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Report:

As per Council's resolution, Mayoral correspondence was sent to The Hon Michelle Rowlands MP, Federal Minister for Communications and The Hon Mark Coulton MP, Federal Member for Parkes.

Council has received reply correspondence from the Federal Member for Parkes, advising that the Federal Government has announced that the National Library of Australia will receive funding in the 2023-2024 Federal Budget, securing Trove's future.

A reply from the Minister for Communications has not yet been received.

Attachments

1. [↓](#) Access to the Australian National Database and Achives - Trove

LEISA BARTLETT
EXECUTIVE OFFICER

JAY NANKIVELL
GENERAL MANAGER

From: Coulton, Mark (MP) <Mark.Coulton.MP@aph.gov.au>
Sent: Tuesday, 2 May 2023 10:40 AM
To: Executive Support
Subject: CM: RE: Access to the Australian National Database and Archives – TROVE

Categories: [REDACTED]
Record Number: D23/22747

Dear Mayor Kennedy

You recently contacted me regarding the future of Trove.

In January, I wrote to the Hon. Tony Burke MP, Minister for the Arts, expressing my concerns about Trove's future. Despite the fact that I have yet to receive a response from Minister Burke, I am writing to inform you that the Federal Government has announced that the National Library of Australia will receive funding in the 2023-24 Federal Budget, securing Trove's future.

I welcome this funding and recognise the significance of services such as Trove in providing historical and cultural resources to regional communities in the Parkes Electorate.

Regards
Mark



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for Regional Australia

The Hon.
Mark COULTON MP
The Nationals Federal Member for Parkes
The Nationals Chief Whip

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Web markcoulton.com.au

From: Executive Support <Executive.Support@brokenhill.nsw.gov.au>
Sent: Thursday, 16 March 2023 11:37 AM
To: Coulton, Mark (MP) <Mark.Coulton.MP@aph.gov.au>
Subject: Access to the Australian National Database and Archives – TROVE

Dear Mr Coulton

Please find attached correspondence from Broken Hill City Council's Mayor Tom Kennedy in relation to access to the Australian National Database and Archives – TROVE.

Many thanks

HEALTH AND BUILDING COMMITTEE

May 8, 2023

ITEM 2

BROKEN HILL CITY COUNCIL REPORT NO. 80/23

SUBJECT: CORRESPONDENCE REPORT - FUNDING TO MAINTAIN AND UPGRADE HISTORICAL GRAVES AT LOCAL CEMETERIES
D23/23327

Recommendation

1. That Broken Hill City Council Report No. 80/23 dated May 8, 2023, be received.
2. That reply correspondence dated 27 April 2023 from The Hon Catherine King MP, Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government regarding funding to maintain and upgrade historical graves at local cemeteries, be received and noted.

Executive Summary:

Council at its meeting held 1 March 2023, considered a Matter of Urgency regarding funding to maintain and upgrade historical graves at local cemeteries and resolved as follows:

ITEM 23 – MATTER OF URGENCY - FUNDING TO MAINTAIN AND UPGRADE HISTORICAL GRAVES AT LOCAL CEMETERIES (GB2/23) 11/161

RESOLUTION

Minute No. 47133

Councillor D Gallagher moved)
 Councillor M Browne seconded)

Resolved

That correspondence be forwarded to the relevant Federal Minister and Shadow Minister and the Federal Member for Parkes seeking funding for regional and rural Councils for the maintenance and upgrade of historical graves in local cemeteries.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Report:

As per Council’s resolution, Mayoral correspondence dated 15 March 2023, was sent to the Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government, Minister for Regional Development, Territories and Local Government, Minister for Veterans’ Affairs, Shadow Minister for Veterans’ Affairs, Minister for Environment and Water, Shadow Minister for Regional Development, Local Government and Territories.

Reply correspondence has now been received from The Hon Catherine King MP, Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government advising Council is eligible for a grant under Phase 4 of the Local Roads and Community Infrastructure program and is attached to this report.

Responses from the Minister for Regional Development, Territories and Local Government, Minister for Veterans’ Affairs, Shadow Minister for Veterans’ Affairs, Minister for Environment

and Water, Shadow Minister for Regional Development, Local Government and Territories has not yet been received.

Attachments

1. [↓](#) Correspondence from The Hon Catherine King MP

LEISA BARTLETT
EXECUTIVE OFFICER

JAY NANKIVELL
GENERAL MANAGER

**The Hon Catherine King MP**

**Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government
Member for Ballarat**

Ref: MC23-060107

Mr Tom Kennedy
Mayor
Broken Hill City Council
PO Box 448
BROKEN HILL NSW 2880

via: council@brokenhill.nsw.gov.au

Dear Mayor

Thank you for your letter of 15 March 2023 regarding funding for local councils to maintain historical graves at local cemeteries.

The Local Roads and Community Infrastructure (LRCI) Program supports councils to deliver priority local road and community infrastructure projects as they prioritise, including maintaining historical graves such as the one you reference. To continue this support, the Government has committed an additional \$250 million to Phase 4 of the LRCI program, on top of the previously announced \$500 million – taking the total Australian Government commitment to the program to \$3.25 billion.

Under Phase 4 of the LRCI program, Broken Hill City Council will be eligible for a grant under the program. Project identification, planning and delivery of projects under this program rest with local governments which are encouraged to prioritise projects that provide the best outcomes or improvements for their residents. Further information on the LRCI program can be found on my Department's website at www.infrastructure.gov.au.

Additionally, you will be aware that in New South Wales (NSW), graves and cemeteries are the responsibility of Cemeteries and Crematoria NSW, and heritage matters are the responsibility of the NSW Department of Planning and Environment. These organisations may also be able to assist your council with further information.

Thank you for taking the time to write to me on this matter.

Yours sincerely



Catherine King MP

27 / 4 / 2023

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RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE POLICY AND GENERAL COMMITTEE MEETING HELD WEDNESDAY, 24 MAY 2023

1. BROKEN HILL CITY COUNCIL REPORT NO. 85/23 - DATED MAY 08, 2023 - CORRESPONDENCE REPORT - NEW REQUIREMENTS FOR AGED CARE FACILITIES (D23/23283).....99

Recommendation

1. That Broken Hill City Council Report No. 85/23 dated May 8, 2023, be received.
2. That reply correspondence dated 1 May 2023, from the Hon Mark Coulton MP regarding staffing issues at Broken Hill Aged Care Facilities, be received and noted.
3. That further correspondence be sent to the Federal Minister for Aged Care along with the Local Members requesting consideration of Broken Hill being reclassified to Category 6 (to correctly reflect Broken Hill’s population and remoteness) under the Modified Monash Model, which governs the level of health support an area receives from the Government based on its remoteness and population size. Broken Hill is currently in the same category as Goulburn, Nowra and Bathurst which all boast a significantly larger population than Broken Hill and all are within two hours of capital cities (Sydney and Canberra). Reclassification of Broken Hill to the correct category will allow the local aged care facilities to be eligible for the government’s one-off 12 month exemption from the new aged care facility staffing requirements for facilities in Categories 5-7 under the Modified Monash Model.

2. BROKEN HILL CITY COUNCIL REPORT NO. 86/23 - DATED MAY 17, 2023 - CORRESPONDENCE REPORT - FUNDING FOR A BARIATRIC AMBULANCE FOR BROKEN HILL (D23/24857)102

Recommendation

1. That Broken Hill City Council Report No. 86/23 dated May 17, 2023, be received.
2. That reply correspondence dated 17 May 2023, from NSW Ambulance regarding funding for a Bariatric Ambulance be received and noted.

3. BROKEN HILL CITY COUNCIL REPORT NO. 87/23 - DATED MAY 11, 2023 - ANNUAL FEES - MAYOR AND COUNCILLORS (D23/23916).....104

Recommendation

1. That Broken Hill City Council Report No. 87/23 dated May 11, 2023, be received.
2. That Council notes that the Local Government Remuneration Tribunal determined that there be a three percent increase to the minimum and maximum fees applicable to Councillors and Mayors in each existing category for the financial year commencing 1 July 2023.
3. That Council also notes that the current annual fees paid to Broken Hill City Council’s Mayor and Councillors is below the maximum fees determined for the category of “Regional Rural”.
5. That allocation of a fee for the Deputy Mayor when acting in the role as Mayor, being the daily fee based on the annual additional Mayoral fee; with the fee so payable deducted from the Mayor’s fee, be reaffirmed.
6. That a community poll be conducted and advertised in the next community newsletter for the community to vote on the performance of Councillors as to whether the Mayor and Councillors should receive the 3% increase in fees (as determined by the Local Government Remuneration Tribunal); and that a further report be presented to Council on the outcome of the poll for Council to determine whether an increase be applied to the current fees for the Mayor and Councillors for the 2023/2024 financial year.

4. BROKEN HILL CITY COUNCIL REPORT NO. 88/23 - DATED MAY 09, 2023 - RE-ESTABLISHMENT OF CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT ALCOHOL-FREE ZONE (D23/20859).....155

Recommendation

1. That Broken Hill City Council Report No. 88/23 dated May 9, 2023, be received.
2. That Council re-establish the Central Business District Alcohol-Free Zone as described in the final Proposal attached to this report, for a period of four years from 25 June 2023 to 25 June 2027, that is:

 Council re-establish the Alcohol-Free Zone in the area generally bounded as follows:
 A zone comprising the Central Business District in an area generally bounded by Crystal, Iodide (Wolfram), Mica, Gossan, Talc (Mercury), Graphite, Wills, Gypsum and Gaffney Streets and South Road, with the exception of businesses within the Alcohol-Free Zone, with approved liquor licence and approved outdoor dining.
3. That the necessary signage be installed showing operation of the zone from 25 June 2023 to 25 June 2027.
4. That re-establishment of the Central Business District Alcohol-Free Zone be advised to the public by way of media release and advertisement in the Barrier

Truth. That the advertisement also confirms that all other existing alcohol-free zones in Broken Hill remain in force.

5. That Council thank the Barrier Police District for its ongoing support of alcohol-free zones in Broken Hill.

5. BROKEN HILL CITY COUNCIL REPORT NO. 89/23 - DATED MAY 10, 2023 - PROPOSAL TO RENAME SOUTH COMMUNITY CENTRE TO 'FRED JOBSON SOUTH COMMUNITY CENTRE' (D23/23765)164

Recommendation

1. That Broken Hill City Council Report No. 89/23 dated May 10, 2023, be received.
2. That the Broken Hill City Council Asset Naming Committee Meeting Minutes dated 28 April 2023, be received.
3. That the proposal to rename the South Community Centre to the 'Fred Jobson Community Centre' be revised to the 'Fred Jobson South Community Centre' to align with Council's Renaming of Parks and Community Facilities Policy (General Principles item 3).
4. That the proposal to rename the South Community Centre to the 'Fred Jobson South Community Centre' be advertised with signage, at or on the property or facility and in the local newspaper for public comment for 21 days prior to the presentation of a final report to Council for its consideration (Naming after an Individual or Family item 4).
5. That the Patton Village Broken Hill Association Inc. be advised by correspondence of any ongoing processes and expected timelines.

6. BROKEN HILL CITY COUNCIL REPORT NO. 90/23 - DATED MAY 10, 2023 - QUARTERLY BUDGET REVIEW STATEMENT FOR PERIOD ENDED 31 MARCH 2023 (D23/23665)211

Recommendation

1. That Broken Hill City Council Report No. 90/23 dated May 10, 2023, be received.
2. That the 3rd Quarterly Budget Review Statement and recommendations be adopted.
3. That Council note the projected 2022/23 operating deficit (before capital) of \$2,061,000.
4. That Council note the 2021/22 projected net capital budget expenditure of \$22,968,000.

7. BROKEN HILL CITY COUNCIL REPORT NO. 91/23 - DATED MAY 15, 2023 - INVESTMENT REPORT FOR APRIL 2023 (D23/24456)234

Recommendation

1. That Broken Hill City Council Report No. 91/23 dated May 15, 2023, be received.

POLICY AND GENERAL COMMITTEE

May 8, 2023

ITEM 1BROKEN HILL CITY COUNCIL REPORT NO. 85/23

SUBJECT: CORRESPONDENCE REPORT - NEW REQUIREMENTS FOR
AGED CARE FACILITIES D23/23283

Recommendation

1. That Broken Hill City Council Report No. 85/23 dated May 8, 2023, be received.
2. That reply correspondence dated 1 May 2023, from the Hon Mark Coulton MP regarding staffing issues at Broken Hill Aged Care Facilities, be received and noted.

Executive Summary:

Council at its meeting held 29 March 2023, considered the Minutes of the Ageing Well Advisory Committee Meeting and resolved Minute Number 47160:

“That Council send correspondence to the Federal Ministers for Aged Care along with the local members, voicing its concern regarding the new requirements for Aged Care Facilities and its impact on aged care places in Broken Hill due to the lack of Registered Nurses in the City, and that the reluctance for Registered Nurses to work in Aged Care is partly due to the delay in the Aged Care Award pay increases for staff. “

Report:

As per Council’s resolution, Mayoral correspondence dated 20 April 2023 was sent to the Hon Mark Butler MP, Federal Minister for Health and Aged Care, the Federal Member for Parkes and the Local Member for Barwon.

Reply correspondence dated 1 May 2023 has been received from the Hon Mark Coulton MP, and is attached to this report.

An acknowledgement email was received from the Local Member, Roy Butler MP advising that Aged Care was the responsibility of the Federal Government.

A response from the Federal Minister for Health and Aged Care has not yet been received.

Attachments

1. [↓](#) New Requirements for Aged Care Facilities

LEISA BARTLETT
EXECUTIVE OFFICER

JAY NANKIVELL
GENERAL MANAGER



jw/mc

The Hon Mark Coulton MP

Federal Member for Parkes

1 May 2023

Mayor Tom Kennedy
Broken Hill City Council
PO Box 448
BROKEN HILL NSW 2880

Dear Mayor Kennedy

Thank you for your letter of 20 April 2023.

I too share your concerns regarding the impact of the Labor Government's requirement that all aged care homes must have a Registered Nurse on-site 24 hours a day 7 days a week from 1 July 2023.

Whilst I support the recommendation from the Royal Commission into Aged Care Quality and Safety, the Government's deadline of 1 July 2023 is not realistic nor achievable. This is due to the current health care workforce shortage in regional and remote parts of my electorate. This unrealistic deadline has created a great deal of uncertainty for facilities that face potential closure if they are unable to recruit registered nurses for this purpose.

The Federal Minister for Aged Care, Anika Wells, has since acknowledged that the Government's legislated policy is not deliverable due to the impacts of the workforce crisis, however vulnerable aged care homes remain in a state of uncertainty about what will happen to them if they cannot meet the current or any future deadlines imposed.

The Department of Health have announced that a one-off 12 month exemption from the requirement will be available to small residential aged care facilities with 30 or less approved beds within Modified Monash Model (MMM) 5-7 areas; however Broken Hill is classified as MMM3. I have called on the Government to provide a guarantee that these facilities will not be closed if it cannot fill this requirement by 1 July. The Department is considering alternative arrangements should facilities be unable to recruit sufficient registered nurses due to workforce shortages.

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It is hoped that the 15 percent pay increase for aged care workers awarded in 2022 by the Fair Work Commission will attract more workers to the sector when it takes effect from 30 June 2023.

With regards to your request for Australian Defence Force personnel to support local aged care facilities, the provision of ADF personnel in 2022 as a surge workforce was an extreme measure brought about by numerous outbreaks of COVID-19.

I have requested a meeting with the Minister to discuss a range of aged care issues in my electorate and will provide you with up update should the Minister agree to meet with me.

Yours sincerely

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Mark Coulton

POLICY AND GENERAL COMMITTEE

May 17, 2023

ITEM 2

BROKEN HILL CITY COUNCIL REPORT NO. 86/23

SUBJECT: CORRESPONDENCE REPORT - FUNDING FOR A BARIATRIC
AMBULANCE FOR BROKEN HILL D23/24857

Recommendation

1. That Broken Hill City Council Report No. 86/23 dated May 17, 2023, be received.
2. That reply correspondence dated 17 May 2023, from NSW Ambulance regarding funding for a Bariatric Ambulance be received and noted.

Executive Summary:

Council at its meeting held 1 March 2023 considered a late Mayoral Minute and resolved Minute Number 47110 as follows:

ITEM 1 - FUNDING FOR A BARIATRIC AMBULANCE FOR BROKEN HILL (MM3/23) 11/161

RESOLUTION

Minute No. 47110

Mayor T Kennedy moved)
 Councillor R Algate seconded)

Resolved

That Council writes to the relevant Ministers and Shadow Ministers seeking funding support for a bariatric ambulance for the Broken Hill Ambulance Service.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Report:

Mayoral correspondence dated 19 April 2023 was sent to the Minister for Health and a response has been received from NSW Ambulance on behalf of the Minister for Health.

Correspondence has not been sent to the Shadow Minister to date as the NSW Shadow Ministry has only recently been announced.

Attachments

1. [↓](#) Correspondence from NSW Ambulance

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Document: M23/1782
Your ref: L23/551 – 11/61

Mayor Tom Kennedy
Broken Hill City Council
Email: council@brokenhill.nsw.gov.au

Dear Mayor

Thank you for writing about bariatric ambulance vehicles. Minister Park has asked me to respond.

I acknowledge your concerns and appreciate your advocacy on this matter.

NSW Ambulance operates two 500kg patient capacity bariatric ambulances, which are currently located in the Sydney metropolitan area. There are also 10 multi-purpose bariatric ambulances at locations around NSW, with a patient capacity of up to 318kg. The 500kg and 318kg bariatric ambulances have specialised equipment and specialised paramedic training requirements.

Broken Hill Ambulance Station has an Intensive Care Unit (ICU) ambulance, which has the same specialised lifting equipment, including 318kg hydraulic power stretcher capacity with 'stretcher wings' as the multi-purpose bariatric ambulance. This lifting equipment reduces the risk of injury to the patient, and ensures the safety of patients and paramedics during patient transport. The other eight emergency ambulances located at Broken Hill Ambulance Station are also equipped with the 318kg hydraulic stretcher and specialised lifting equipment.

NSW Ambulance fluidly deploys paramedics and ambulance vehicle fleet to where they are needed most, helping deliver the best possible out-of-hospital care for the community.

Please be assured that NSW Ambulance has a local Policy which informs the transport of bariatric patients and includes guidance on conducting a risk assessment on each occasion a bariatric patient is transported, considering a number of factors in relation to the likelihood and associated risk to patients and staff. This includes but is not limited to patient factors such as pain, weight, mobility, privacy, comfort, and dignity. Mitigation of identified risks is undertaken prior to patient movement for the safety of the patient, NSW Ambulance staff, and others.

For bariatric patients that require transport, paramedics are highly trained and equipped to assess patients, stabilise them, and request resources to support transport requirements. If the patient requires urgent care or transport, NSW Ambulance has access to alternative options, such as air transport, or dispatching a NSW Ambulance Critical Care Doctor to provide out-of-hospital clinical care, while awaiting availability of a bariatric capable vehicle to transport the patient.

NSW Ambulance monitors factors such as demographics and population growth, as well as proximity to existing services and general ambulance coverage, when making decisions about future ambulance services. NSW Ambulance will continue to monitor demand in the Broken Hill area for future decisions about new services.

Thank you again for writing. For more information, please contact Mr David Dutton, Executive Director Clinical Operations, NSW Ambulance, at david.dutton@health.nsw.gov.au or on 9779 3849.

Yours sincerely



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POLICY AND GENERAL COMMITTEE

May 11, 2023

ITEM 3BROKEN HILL CITY COUNCIL REPORT NO. 87/23SUBJECT: ANNUAL FEES - MAYOR AND COUNCILLORS D23/23916**Recommendation**

1. That Broken Hill City Council Report No. 87/23 dated May 11, 2023, be received.
2. That Council notes that the Local Government Remuneration Tribunal determined that there be a three percent increase to the minimum and maximum fees applicable to Councillors and Mayors in each existing category for the financial year commencing 1 July 2023.
3. That Council also notes that the current annual fees paid to Broken Hill City Council's Mayor and Councillors is below the maximum fees determined for the category of "Regional Rural".
4. That Council determines whether an increase be applied to the current fees for the Mayor and Councillors for the 2023/2024 financial year.
5. That allocation of a fee for the Deputy Mayor when acting in the role as Mayor, being the daily fee based on the annual additional Mayoral fee; with the fee so payable deducted from the Mayor's fee, be reaffirmed.

Executive Summary:

The Local Government Remuneration Tribunal has made determinations under Sections 239 and 241 of the *Local Government Act 1993* in respect of the annual fees paid to the Mayor and Councillors effective from 1 July 2023 (see attachment).

The Local Government Remuneration Tribunal has determined that a three (3) percent increase be applied to the minimum and maximum fees applicable to each existing category for the 2023/2024 financial year.

As per Section 239 of the *Local Government Act 1993* which requires a review of the categories and allocation of councils into each category at least once every three (3) years the Local Government Remuneration Tribunal have undertaken the review taking into consideration submissions received from Councils, and as a result have introduced two (2) new categories and reclassified a number of Councils into these categories.

The new categories do not alter Broken Hill City Council's classification as "Rural Regional" in respect of Councillor and Mayoral fees.

Report:

The *Local Government Act 1993* ("the Act") provides for the establishment of a Local Government Remuneration Tribunal to determine categories for Councils, together with

annual fees payable to Mayors and Councillors. The Tribunal, in accordance with Sections 239 and 241 of the Act, must determine no later than 1 May each year the minimum / maximum fees payable for Councillors and Mayors for each category.

As per Section 239 of the *Local Government Act 1993* which requires a review of the categories and allocation of councils into each category at least once every three (3) years the Local Government Remuneration Tribunal have undertaken the review taking into consideration submissions received from Councils, and as a result have introduced two (2) new categories and reclassified a number of Councils into these categories.

The new remuneration categories being:

- Metropolitan Major; and
- Rural Large

The Tribunal have also varied the criteria of several existing categories and as a result of the creation of the two new categories and changes to the criteria of some of the existing categories, the Tribunal has re-categorised twenty six (26) Councils into a higher existing category or into a new category.

The Tribunal have determined that Broken Hill City Council's categorisation remains unchanged with Broken Hill falling into the "Regional Rural" category although Broken Hill's population is under 20,000 it aligns more closely with the other eligibility criteria of this category rather than the "Rural" category for areas with a population less than 20,000 due to Broken Hill being:

- a major town of the Far West of NSW;
- provides services to its surrounding townships;
- provides a full range of higher-order services including business, office and retail uses with arts, culture, recreation and entertainment centre;
- has a principal referring hospital, tertiary education services and a major regional airport;
- and Broken Hill also attracts large visitor numbers to established tourism ventures and events.

The Tribunal have indicated that there is merit in a comprehensive review of the framework for Mayor and Councillor remuneration given the issues raised in submissions (which are outlined in the 2023/2024 Determination Report attached) and that this will be considered as part of the Government's examination of the broader issues facing local government.

Council is required under the Act to determine the fees to be paid to the Mayor and Councillors and Section 248 of the *Local Government Act 1993* stipulates that a Council must pay each Councillor an annual fee in accordance with the Tribunal's determinations, the annual fee is to be the same for each Councillor and Council is able to pay that fee having regard to the category established by the Tribunal.

In setting the fee Council may fix a fee that is equal to or greater than the minimum fee but not greater than the maximum fee for the appropriate category. When a Council declines to fix a fee, it must pay the appropriate minimum fees as determined by the Tribunal.

The Local Government Remuneration Tribunal has determined that a three (3) percent increase be applied to the minimum and maximum fees applicable to each existing category for the 2023/2024 financial year.

Pursuant to Section 241 of the *Local Government Act 1993*, the annual fees to be paid in each of the categories to Councillors, Mayors of Councils, and Members and Chairpersons of County Councils effective on and from 1 July 2023 are determined as follows (**Note: Broken Hill City Council falls into the “Regional Rural” category**):

General Purpose Councils - Non-Metropolitan

Councillor/Member Annual Fee (\$) effective 1 July 2023

Category	Minimum	Maximum
Major Regional City	19,760	34,330
Major Strategic Area	19,760	34,330
Regional Strategic Area	19,760	32,590
Regional Centre	14,810	26,070
Regional Rural	9,850	21,730
Rural Large	9,850	17,680
Rural	9,850	13,030

Mayor/Chairperson Additional Fee* (\$) effective 1 July 2023

Category	Minimum	Maximum
Major Regional City	41,960	106,960
Major Strategic Area	41,960	106,960
Regional Strategic Area	41,960	94,950
Regional Centre	30,820	64,390
Regional Rural	20,980	47,420
Rural Large	15,735	37,925
Rural	10,490	28,430

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

Relevant Legislation:

The Local Government Act 1993 Division 4 Sections 235-247 and Division 5 Sections 248-251 and the annual determination of the Local Government Remuneration Tribunal for 2023/2024.

Financial Implications:

The current fees paid to Councillors and the Mayor in the 2022/2023 financial year are below the maximum fee allowable at \$17,982.60 for the Councillor Fee, and \$39,234.60 for the Mayoral Fee.

Allowance has been made in the 2023/2024 Budget for Mayoral and Councillor fees with an increase of three (3) percent, which reflects \$18,522.08 per Councillor Fee and the Mayoral Fee being \$40,411.64.

Attachments

1. [↓](#) Local Government Tribunal Annual Determination Report 2023/2024

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**Local Government
Remuneration Tribunal**

Annual Determination

Report and determination under sections
239 and 241 of the Local Government Act
1993

27 April 2023



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Executive Summary

The *Local Government Act 1993* (the LG Act) requires the Local Government Remuneration Tribunal (the Tribunal) to report to the Minister for Local Government by 1 May each year on its determination of categories of councils and the maximum and minimum amounts of fees to be paid to mayors, councillors, and chairpersons and members of county councils.

Categories

Section 239 of the LG Act requires the Tribunal to determine the categories of councils and mayoral offices at least once every 3 years.

In accordance with the LG Act the Tribunal undertook a review of the categories and allocation of councils into each category as part of this review.

Accordingly, the revised categories of general purposes councils are determined as follows:

Metropolitan	Non-Metropolitan
Principal CBD	Major Regional City
Major CBD	Major Strategic Area
Metropolitan Major	Regional Strategic Area
Metropolitan Large	Regional Centre
Metropolitan Medium	Regional Rural
Metropolitan Small	Rural Large
	Rural

Fees

The Tribunal determined a 3 per cent per annum increase in the minimum and maximum fees applicable to each category.

For the new categories, the Tribunal has determined fees having regard to the relevant factors and relativities of remuneration ranges for existing categories.

Twenty six (26) councils are recategorised into a higher existing category or placed in a new category.

Section 1 – Introduction

1. Section 239 of the LG Act requires the Tribunal to determine the categories of councils and mayoral offices at least once every 3 years. The Tribunal last undertook a significant review of the categories and the allocation of councils into each of those categories in 2020.
2. Section 241 of the LG Act provides that the Tribunal determine the maximum and minimum amount of fees to be paid to mayors and councillors of councils, as well as chairpersons and members of county councils for each of the categories determined under section 239.
3. Section 242A(1) of the LG Act requires the Tribunal to give effect to the same policies on increases in remuneration as those of the Industrial Relations Commission.
4. The Tribunal can also determine that a council can be placed in another existing or new category with a higher range of fees without breaching the Government's Wages Policy as per section 242A (3) of the LG Act.
5. Natural disasters have a significant impact on the way mayors in particular work. There is an increase on time demands from the community, and media during these events as well as an increase in workloads. Whilst it is worth noting these issues, it is not within the Tribunal's authority to determine additional remuneration in recognition of the increasing demands on a mayor's time for these events.
6. The Tribunal's determination takes effect from 1 July each year.

Section 2 – 2022 Determination

7. In 2022, the Tribunal received eight (8) submissions, which included five (5) requests for recategorisation. Three of these requests sought the creation of new categories.
8. The Tribunal found that the current categories and allocation of councils to these categories remained appropriate but noted that some councils may have a case for recategorisation at the next major review of categories in 2023.
9. The Tribunal determined that fees would increase 2 per cent in the minimum and maximum fees applicable to each category from 1 July 2022.

Section 3 – 2023 Review

2023 Process

10. The Tribunal's annual review commenced in October when it wrote to all councils inviting submissions regarding fees, categorisation and any other general matters. The invitation noted that it is expected that submissions are endorsed by the respective council.
11. The Tribunal also wrote to the President of Local Government NSW (LGNSW) inviting a submission.
12. The Tribunal received 18 written submissions, of which 15 were from individual councils, 1 submission from LGNSW, 1 from Australian National University academic, Associate Professor Tanya Jakimow, and 1 from the United Services Union (USU).
13. The Tribunal notes that 12 of the 15 council submissions were endorsed by the representative councils.
14. The Tribunal acknowledges and thanks all parties for their submissions.
15. Noting its comments in its reports of 2021 and 2022, the Tribunal met Central NSW Joint Organisation member representatives in Orange, and Far South West Joint Organisation member representatives in Broken Hill. The Tribunal also gave an overview of its work to a meeting of the Country Mayors' Association in Newcastle. While in Broken Hill the Tribunal met with LGNSW representatives.
16. The Tribunal and Assessors met as required to discuss submissions, review category criteria and allocation of councils

Categories

17. Section 239 of the LG Act requires the Tribunal to determine the categories of councils and mayoral offices at least once every three years. The Tribunal last reviewed the categories in 2020.
18. In determining categories, the Tribunal is required to have regard to the following matters that are prescribed in Section 240 of the LG Act:
- *the size of areas;*
 - *the physical terrain of areas;*
 - *the population of areas and the distribution of the population;*
 - *the nature and volume of business dealt with by each council;*
 - *the nature and extent of the development of areas;*
 - *the diversity of communities served;*
 - *the regional, national and international significance of the council;*
 - *such matters as the Remuneration Tribunal considers relevant to the provision of efficient and effective local government; and*
 - *such other matters as may be prescribed by the regulations.*
19. The 2020 Determination established the following categories:

Metropolitan	Non-Metropolitan
Principal CBD	Major Regional City
Major CBD	Major Strategic Area
Metropolitan Large	Regional Strategic Area
Metropolitan Medium	Regional Centre

Metropolitan Small	Regional Rural
Rural	

20. For its 2023 review, the Tribunal undertook an extensive examination of the categories, criteria and allocation of councils into each of the categories.
21. The Tribunal examined statistical and demographical data, with population data sourced from Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) 2021 Census (the latest available data).
22. Having regard to section 239 of the LG Act, information examined and provided through submissions, the Tribunal has determined the categories of general purpose councils as follows:

Metropolitan	Non-Metropolitan
Principal CBD	Major Regional City
Major CBD	Major Strategic Area
Metropolitan Major	Regional Strategic Area
Metropolitan Large	Regional Centre
Metropolitan Medium	Regional Rural
Metropolitan Small	Rural Large
Rural	

23. In reviewing the current model, the Tribunal sought to improve consistency of criteria.
24. In examining the criteria for each of the categories, the Tribunal is of the view that non-resident population criteria should also be included for consistency in the following categories:

- Major Strategic Area
- Regional Strategic Area
- Regional Centre
- Regional Rural

25. Three (3) councils will be reclassified as a result of meeting criteria thresholds into an existing category.
26. The Tribunal has determined the creation of two (2) new categories, being Metropolitan Major and Rural Large.
27. In determining the 2 new categories the Tribunal gave significant consideration to section 239 of the LG Act, statistical data, the existing categories and relativities between each category.
28. It was determined that the existing Rural category did not differentiate between large and small rural councils, in population, size, and terrain. Evidence demonstrated that a number of Rural councils are large in geographic area, requiring great distances to be covered. The Tribunal also examined a range of data that it believes goes to the delivery of efficient and effective local government.
29. Hence a new category Rural Large is created. The determination is amended to reflect the new category and criteria that includes a population greater than ten thousand, and a councillor to resident ratio of 1 to 1200. The Tribunal notes there are a number of Rural councils on the cusp of this new category.
30. The revised category also shows more clearly the differences for large rural and remote councils. It is becoming apparent these councils require

different considerations regarding the role Mayors and Councillors in servicing the community across such large distances.

31. Evidence reviewed established the need to differentiate between some Large Metropolitan councils. Comparison data reviewed included population, operating revenue, and submission evidence relevant to section 239 of the LG Act. This examination further exposed the gap between Metropolitan Large and Major CBD categories, thus resulting in the Tribunal establishing a new category to bridge the gap.
32. The determination is amended to reflect a new category, Metropolitan Major, with a population criteria threshold of 400,000 (including non-resident).
33. Accordingly, the Tribunal has identified a number of councils that will be recategorised into these new categories.
34. Given the relativities in population threshold criteria, the Tribunal is of the view that the population criteria for Regional Strategic Area be adjusted from 200,00 down to 100,000.
35. As a result, three (3) councils will be reclassified as Regional Strategic.
36. Whilst the Tribunal did explore additional criteria points that may go to efficient and effective local government, within the bounds of statutory provisions no further changes to the criteria could be determined in this review.
37. The category County Councils remain unchanged, retaining the categories of Water and Other.

38. **Appendix 1 Criteria that apply to categories** has been amended to reflect changes outlined above.

Submissions Received – Categorisation

39. Nine (9) submissions received from councils requested recategorisation and five (5) of these requested the creation of new categories.
40. A summary of matters raised in submissions and the Tribunal's consideration of those matters is outlined below

Request for New Categories

41. Requests were received for the creation of new categories namely, Metropolitan Large Growth Area, Metropolitan Major, Metropolitan Medium Growth and Regional Growth.
42. Blacktown City Council again requested the creation of a new category, Metropolitan Large - Growth Area. Council stated its current categorisation in Metropolitan Large "*does not reflect the complexities of servicing their rapid rate of growth and economic influence*".
43. Blacktown City Council contends that a new category would allow a criteria to be set that reflects:
- Size
 - Rate of growth
 - Economic influence
 - Operational budget

- Complexities of remaining financially sustainable whilst maintaining services and providing new infrastructure
44. Penrith Council reiterated previous submissions, again requesting the creation of a new category, Metropolitan Large Growth Centre. Council argues they are unique compared to other similar sized councils, providing significant regional services to Greater Western Sydney.
45. Penrith Council contends its claim for creation and inclusion in a new category is enhanced through their leading role in the region demonstrating the exponential growth that will occur in the Penrith Local Government area. Council submits they are playing a leading role in several significant city-shaping projects and initiatives such as:
- Western Sydney Airport
 - Western Sydney Priority Growth Area
 - Penrith Health and Education Precinct
 - The Greater Sydney Commission District planning process
 - National Growth Areas Alliance
 - Sydney Science Park
 - Defence Industries Precinct and
 - South Creek Corridor
46. While the Tribunal understands that areas of Western Sydney are developing rapidly, not least with the new airport and associated infrastructure it is not persuaded to create a new category, Metropolitan Large - Growth Area/Centre. These councils are experiencing growth and will in the future have populations of residents and non-residents that meet the thresholds for recategorisation. It is not within the Tribunal's legislative

remit to anticipate growth. However as dealt with earlier in this determination, the Tribunal acknowledges the need for a new Metropolitan category to reflect increasing population and bridge gap between current categories, Metropolitan Large and Major CBD.

47. Canterbury Bankstown Council proposed the creation of a new category, Metropolitan Major, that would sit in between current category of Metropolitan Large and Major CBD.
48. Council based its argument for a new category on the following grounds:
 - Categories need to have consistent criteria
 - A new category of Metropolitan Major would capture increased population and workloads post amalgamation process
 - New criteria should be based on population size and councillor to resident ratio
 - Councils size, with a current population of 372,322 across five wards
 - Population and distribution of population
 - Councils' area and physical terrain
 - Diversity of communities served
 - Nature and volume of business dealt with by Council
49. Council proposed a new criteria could include population threshold and councillor to resident ratio, with thresholds being 350,000 and 1 to 24,000.
50. The Tribunal considered the suggested criteria of a councillor to resident ratio for all categories. Whilst the Tribunal has included this criteria for

Rural Large category, it has not included it for all categories. It may warrant further consideration for other categories in future reviews.

51. The Tribunal is persuaded to include a new category, Metropolitan Major, with a population criteria threshold of 400,000 in the determination.
52. Camden Council's submission requests the creation of a growth category for Metropolitan Medium councils. They argue the proposed new category would allow criteria to be established to better reflect their growth rate, economic influence and complexities involved in servicing growth.
53. Council proposes the new category be called Metropolitan Medium – Growth Area. Council submits that its inclusion into this new category is based on the following:
 - Population growth
 - Development corridors
 - Growing assets and major infrastructure
 - Major services and institutions
54. The Tribunal has already determined a new metropolitan category, taking into account population and relatives in population between existing categories. It is not persuaded to include another new metropolitan category.
55. Maitland City Council requested the creation of a new category, Regional Growth Area to bridge the gap between Regional Centre and Regional Strategic.
56. Council based its argument for a new category on the following grounds:

- Maitland is the fastest growing regional city in NSW
- significant role in accommodation growth
- Council being an emerging health centre, with the \$470 million investment in the new Maitland Hospital
- Significant role in delivery of state goals, including Greater Newcastle Metropolitan Plan 2036 and a state partner in infrastructure delivery including roads and facilities

57. Council also contends the current categorisation model for non-metropolitan is inadequate. It argues that the application of the population criteria is flawed as increments initially rise by 20,000 before leaping up by 160,000.

58. The current population criteria thresholds for non-metropolitan councils are outlined in the table below:

Category	Population Criteria
Rural	<20,000
Regional Rural	>20,000
Regional Centre	>40,000
Regional Strategic Area	>200,000
Major Strategic Area	>300,000

59. The Tribunal has considered the issues raised in Council's submission but is not persuaded for reasons noted earlier for anticipation of growth versus actual population, to create a new category, Regional Growth Area.

60. The Tribunal acknowledges the point made in Council's submission regarding incremental increases for non-metropolitan categories population criteria.
61. As outlined earlier the Tribunal has determined to change the population criteria for Regional Strategic from 200,000 to 100,000. This will result in Maitland Council being reclassified.

Requests for Recategorisation

62. The Tribunal received four (4) requests for recategorisation. Liverpool, Byron, Tweed and Burwood Councils put forward individual cases for recategorisation for the Tribunal's consideration.
63. A summary of council's requests and the Tribunal's findings are outlined in the paragraphs below.
64. Liverpool Council requested to be reclassified from their current classification of Metro Large to Major CBD category. Liverpool Council's case to be included in Major CBD category is based on the following grounds:
- Population forecast to grow by 59.23% in the next 20 years from 242,817 to 386,646
 - A GDP estimated at \$13.03 billion, with 91,000 jobs in the LGA
 - Significant development in the LGA that includes new council offices and chambers, new city library, childcare facility, and the \$106 million Liverpool Quarter development consisting of retail, commercial, food and beverage spaces

- Liverpool being an integral part of Western Sydney Deal to deliver transformative change
 - Liverpool being home to several significant infrastructure projects, including Western Sydney Airport, Western Sydney Infrastructure plan, Holsworthy Barracks and Liverpool Hospital upgrades
 - Diversity of population
65. The Tribunal notes that the current criteria for Major CBD remains unchanged. It includes being a major provider of business and government services, and secondary CBD to metropolitan Sydney.
66. Having regard to section 239 of the LG Act, the criteria, the submission put forward, and for reasons outlined earlier in regard to anticipated growth versus actual growth, the Tribunal is not persuaded to include Liverpool Council in Major CBD category.
67. Byron Shire Council requested to be reclassified from their current category of Regional Rural into Regional Centre.
68. Council noted, based on ABS 2021 census data, with a population of 36,077, it is on the cusp of reaching the population threshold of 40,000 residents.
69. Council believes they meet several other additional criteria that supports their case for reclassification. Council's request is based on the following grounds:
- Non-resident population of 4,817 travel from surrounding locations to work in the LGA

- A population growth increase of 7.2% over the last 5 years, which is above the state increase of 5.3%
- Proximity to Gold Coast and Ballina/Byron airports
- Byron being home to internationally renowned Hinterland region
- Byron being home to a large number of festivals and events

70. As outlined earlier in this determination, the criteria for Regional Centre has been amended to include non-resident population as a criteria point.

71. This result is Byron Shire Council will be reclassified to Regional Centre.

72. Tweed Shire Council once again requested reclassification from Regional Centre to Regional Strategic Area on the following grounds:

- Proximity to Sydney via Gold Coast airport
- Proximity to Brisbane and Gold Coast
- Tweed being a major city centre and population centre for Northern Rivers Joint Organisation
- Tweed being the largest employer and strongest growth area in the Northern Rivers
- The construction of new state of the art Tweed Valley Hospital due to open in late 2023

73. Tweed Shire Council will be reclassified as a result of changes to Regional Strategic Area criteria outlined earlier in this determination.

74. Burwood Council requested to be reclassified from their current classification of Metropolitan Small to Metropolitan Medium. Council acknowledged that they do not currently meet the population criteria to be

placed into the requested category. The criteria as outlined in the 2022 Determination, Appendix 1 of the criteria that apply to categories states

“Councils categorised as Metropolitan Medium will typically have a minimum residential population of 100,000.”

75. If Burwood Council’s non-resident working population was included, the total population would be 53,435 well short of exceeding the population threshold for Metropolitan Medium.
76. Further examination demonstrates that Burwood council does not meet the broader criteria for Metropolitan Medium. Accordingly, Burwood Council will remain in current classification of Metropolitan Small.
77. The matters raised generally in submissions of Berrigan, Cowra, Inner West, Kur-ring-gai, Singleton and Temora Councils are outside of the scope of the Tribunal statutory functions, but in the view of the Tribunal are worthy of further consideration. These matters relate to the current remuneration principles and structures that apply to mayors and councillors in NSW and the potential impacts of these constraints. These are discussed further below.

Section 4 – 2023 Fees

78. In determining the maximum and minimum fees payable in each of the categories, the Tribunal is required by section 242A of the LG Act, to give effect to the same policies on increases in remuneration as those that the Industrial Relations Commission is required to give effect to under section 146C of the *Industrial Relations Act 1996* (IR Act), when making or varying awards or orders relating to the conditions of employment of public sector employees.
79. Pursuant to section 146C (1) (a) of the IR Act, the current government policy on wages is expressed in the Industrial Relations (Public Sector Conditions of Employment) Regulation 2014 (IR Regulation). The IR Regulation provides that public sector wages cannot increase by more than 3 per cent per annum and the tribunal therefore has the discretion to determine an increase of up to 3 per cent per annum.
80. Four (4) submissions received addressed the issue of the fees quantum increase. These submissions sought an increase of 2.5% or greater.
81. The LGNSW submission requested that the Tribunal increase fees by the maximum 3 per cent, but further argued that the maximum increase is *“inadequate and does not address the historic undervaluation of work performed by elected representatives and the substantial responsibility associated with local government.”*
82. LGNSW used economic and wage data to support their argument, that included:
- Consumer Price Index (CPI)
 - National and State Wage cases
 - Market comparability

83. LGNSW in their meeting with The Tribunal and Assessors, further emphasised that remuneration for Councillors and Mayors has been reduced in real terms due to impacts of inflation and capping of remuneration increases.
84. The Tribunal received a late submission from the USU, advocating for the maximum increase to be applied. The USU argued that all work carried out in local government needed to be fairly remunerated and reflect the rise in cost of living.
85. Whilst only five of the eighteen submissions received addressed the issue of quantum increase of fees, more than half of the submissions provided commentary on a range of remuneration issues.
86. Submissions suggested that the current remuneration structure is inadequate and requires further review. It has been suggested that the current remuneration structure does not adequately reflect:
- Role, responsibilities, and commitment required to perform functions successfully
 - Workloads
 - Complexity of role
 - Commitment and skills required
 - Fairness
87. Furthermore, it has been suggested that the low level of remuneration is a barrier to encouraging participation and diversity of candidates that reflects communities.

88. Associate Professor Jakimow of the Australian National University provided a detailed submission outlining the negative impacts of inadequate remuneration. The substance of the submission is that current remuneration levels do not adequately reflect the hours and complexity of work. Furthermore, low remuneration is a barrier to participation and diversity.

89. Associate Professor Jakimow argues that:

“inadequate pay has significant negative consequences: low quality local democracy, an unacceptable burden on councillors and their families, and poor councillor diversity.”

90. A number of submissions provided comparison data to demonstrate that the current remuneration principles and structure are not reflective of time, skills and competencies required to effectively perform the roles of councillor and mayor.

91. Comparisons were made to State and Federal parliamentary members, councillors and mayors in the Queensland and Victorian local government jurisdictions, average remuneration of a chairperson of a board, not for profit organisations and national minimum wage. The basis of the argument is that NSW mayor and councillors are paid below these organisations.

92. One submission noted that legislative change would be required to change remuneration model.

93. The Tribunal acknowledges issues raised in submissions regarding remuneration principles, structure and potential impacts. Many of these issues are worth serious consideration, they are however not currently

within the Tribunal's remit. The Tribunal concludes these matters should be given further investigation and consideration.

94. The Tribunal has considered key economic indicators, including the Consumer Price Index and Wage Price Index, and has determined that the full 3 per cent increase will apply to the minimum and maximum fees applicable to existing categories.
95. As an initial determination, the ranges for new categories are not subject to the wages policy. Future increases in those categories, as is the case for existing categories, will be subject to wages policy in accordance with section 242A(4) of the LG Act.
96. The minimum and maximum fees for the new categories have been determined having regard to the relativities of existing categories

Time for Fresh Thinking

97. Submissions made to the 2023 review and the Tribunal's own conclusions from evidence it has examined, suggest that there are significant issues underlying the concerns raised about mayor and councillor remuneration. It is apparent to the Tribunal that those issues which include a lack of diversity in representation, changing nature of work required to be undertaken and changed community expectations cannot be easily resolved under the existing framework. In the Tribunal's view, there would be merit in a comprehensive review of the framework for mayor and councillor remuneration.
98. The criteria under which the Tribunal makes these determinations has

been in existence since 1994 and at that time NSW had 177 Councils. Much has changed over the past 30 years, but the criteria has not.

99. As noted earlier in this determination the Tribunal and Assessors met with two Joint Organisation member representatives. While much of what was discussed has been dealt with in this determination it is worthy for the record to restate the view of LGNSW of the “*need for major reform*”.
100. Key themes and issues raised during discussions by mayors, councillors and general managers with the Tribunal and Assessors include:
- Changes to ways of working including expectations of increased use of social media and online platforms (“always on” expectations from constituents)
 - Impacts of future development
 - Impact of changes to legislation and regulation on workload
 - Serving constituents in regional centres, country areas regional areas, rural and remote areas
 - Remuneration principles
 - Natural Disasters including floods, fires, mice, locusts and tragedies generally
 - Confusion in roles and responsibilities – need for compulsory and consistent training of candidates prior to election and induction of those elected

- Popularly elected mayors and two-year mayoral terms and the role of the Deputy Mayor when a mayor is absent, as distinct from temporarily unavailable
- Questioning whether the guidelines by the Office of Local Government for the payment of expenses and the provision of facilities for mayors and councillors that were issued in 2009 are still fit for purpose. There appears to be significant variation in the interpretation of the guidelines and subsequent council policies
- The optional payment of superannuation being used for political purposes
- Paid parental leave for councillors
- Is remuneration holding back quality candidates or are behavioural issues – both in and out of meeting environment
- Parity in the payment differential in existing categories between councillors and mayors
- A possible alignment in categories of councillor to resident and ratepayer ratios and rateable property ratios
- Clarity in the payment of fees for chairpersons and voting members of Joint Organisations for additional workloads

101. Diversity was a strong theme heard by the Tribunal, both diversity of communities served and diversity of representation. We heard that

younger people, women, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and members of culturally and linguistically diverse communities among others, are underrepresented in many councils.

102. The Tribunal acknowledges that it is not within its authority to address many of the issues that were raised in submissions.
103. The Tribunal is not suggesting a fundamental review of the role of councillors and notes that people enter local government representation from a sense of civic service rather than for remuneration.

Conclusion

104. The Tribunal is of the view that a broader consideration is required of the matters raised in this determination. If the Minister decided to refer these matters under section 238 (2) of the LG Act the Tribunal would be willing to assist noting that it would require considerable consultation with the sector and access to suitable resources from Government.
105. The Tribunal's determinations have been made with the assistance of the Assessors Ms Kylie Yates, Gail Connolly PSM (in her role as Acting Deputy Secretary) and Mr Brett Whitworth.
106. It is the requirement of the Tribunal that in the future all submissions have council endorsement.
107. Determination 1 outlines the allocation of councils into each of the categories as per section 239 of the LG Act.
108. Determination 2 outlines the maximum and minimum fees paid to



councillors and mayors and members and chairpersons of county councils as per section 241 of the LG Act.

109. The Tribunal acknowledges and thanks the secretariat for their excellent research and support in completing the 2023 determination.



Viv May PSM

Local Government Remuneration Tribunal

Dated 27 April 2023

Section 5 – Determinations

Determination No. 1 – Allocation of councils into each of the categories as per section 239 of the LG Act effective 1 July 2023

General Purpose Councils – Metropolitan

Principal CBD (1)

- Sydney

Major CBD (1)

- Parramatta

Metropolitan Major (2)

- Blacktown
- Canterbury-Bankstown

Metropolitan Large (10)

- Bayside
- Cumberland
- Fairfield
- Inner West
- Liverpool
- Northern Beaches
- Penrith
- Ryde
- Sutherland
- The Hills

Metropolitan Medium (8)

- Campbelltown
- Camden
- Georges River
- Hornsby
- Ku-ring-gai
- North Sydney
- Randwick
- Willoughby

Metropolitan Small (8)

- Burwood
- Canada Bay
- Hunters Hill
- Lane Cove
- Mosman
- Strathfield
- Waverley
- Woollahra

General Purpose Councils - Non-Metropolitan

Major Regional City (2)

- Newcastle
- Wollongong

Major Strategic Area (1)

- Central Coast

Regional Centre (23)

- Albury
- Armidale
- Ballina
- Bathurst
- Blue Mountains
- Byron
- Cessnock
- Clarence Valley
- Coffs Harbour
- Dubbo
- Eurobodella
- Hawkesbury

Regional Strategic Area(4)

- Lake Macquarie
- Maitland
- Shoalhaven
- Tweed

- Lismore
- Mid-Coast
- Orange
- Port Macquarie-Hastings
- Port Stephens
- Queanbeyan-Palerang
- Shellharbour
- Tamworth
- Wagga Wagga
- Wingecarribee
- Wollondilly

Regional Rural (12)

- Bega
- Broken Hill
- Goulburn Mulwaree
- Griffith
- Kempsey
- Kiama
- Lithgow
- Mid-Western
- Nambucca
- Richmond Valleys
- Singleton
- Snowy Monaro

Rural Large (18)

- Bellingen
- Cabonne
- Cootamundra-Gundagai
- Cowra
- Federation
- Greater Hume
- Gunnedah
- Hilltops
- Inverell
- Leeton
- Moree Plains
- Murray River
- Muswellbrook
- Narrabri
- Parkes
- Snowy Valleys
- Upper Hunter
- Yass

Rural (38)

- Balranald
- Berrigan
- Bland
- Blayney
- Bogan
- Bourke
- Brewarrina
- Carrathool
- Central Darling
- Cobar
- Coolamon
- Coonamble
- Dungog
- Edward River
- Forbes
- Gilgandra

- Glen Innes Severn
- Gwydir
- Hay
- Junee
- Kyogle
- Lachlan
- Liverpool Plains
- Lockhart
- Murrumbidgee
- Narrandera
- Narromine
- Oberon
- Temora
- Tenterfield
- Upper Lachlan
- Uralla
- Walcha
- Walgett
- Warren
- Warrumbungle
- Weddin
- Wentworth

County Councils

Water (4)

- Central Tablelands
- Goldenfields Water
- Riverina Water
- Rous

Other (6)

- Castlereagh-Macquarie
- Central Murray
- Hawkesbury River
- New England Tablelands
- Upper Hunter
- Upper Macquarie

Determination No. 2 - Fees for Councillors and Mayors as per section 241 of the LG Act effective from 1 July 2023

The annual fees to be paid in each of the categories to Councillors, Mayors, Members and Chairpersons of County Councils effective on and from 1 July 2023 as per section 241 of the *Local Government Act 1993* are determined as follows:

Table 4: Fees for General Purpose and County Councils

General Purpose Councils – Metropolitan

Councillor/Member Annual Fee (\$) effective 1 July 2023

Category	Minimum	Maximum
Principal CBD	29,610	43,440
Major CBD	19,760	36,590
Metropolitan Major	19,760	34,590
Metropolitan Large	19,760	32,590
Metropolitan Medium	14,810	27,650
Metropolitan Small	9,850	21,730

Mayor/Chairperson Additional Fee* (\$) effective 1 July 2023

Category	Minimum	Maximum
Principal CBD	181,210	238,450
Major CBD	41,960	118,210
Metropolitan Major	41,960	106,960
Metropolitan Large	41,960	94,950
Metropolitan Medium	31,470	73,440
Metropolitan Small	20,980	47,390

General Purpose Councils - Non-Metropolitan

Councillor/Member Annual Fee (\$) effective 1 July 2023

Category	Minimum	Maximum
Major Regional City	19,760	34,330
Major Strategic Area	19,760	34,330
Regional Strategic Area	19,760	32,590
Regional Centre	14,810	26,070
Regional Rural	9,850	21,730
Rural Large	9,850	17,680
Rural	9,850	13,030

Mayor/Chairperson Additional Fee* (\$) effective 1 July 2023

Category	Minimum	Maximum
Major Regional City	41,960	106,960
Major Strategic Area	41,960	106,960
Regional Strategic Area	41,960	94,950
Regional Centre	30,820	64,390
Regional Rural	20,980	47,420
Rural Large	15,735	37,925
Rural	10,490	28,430

County Councils

Councillor/Member Annual Fee (\$) effective 1 July 2023

Category	Minimum	Maximum
Water	1,960	10,870
Other	1,960	6,490

Mayor/Chairperson Additional Fee* (\$) effective 1 July 2023

Category	Minimum	Maximum
Water	4,200	17,850
Other	4,200	11,860

*This fee must be paid in addition to the fee paid to the Mayor/Chairperson as a Councillor/Member (s.249(2))

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Appendices

Appendix 1 Criteria that apply to categories

Principal CBD

The Council of the City of Sydney (the City of Sydney) is the principal central business district (CBD) in the Sydney Metropolitan area. The City of Sydney is home to Sydney's primary commercial office district with the largest concentration of businesses and retailers in Sydney. The City of Sydney's sphere of economic influence is the greatest of any local government area in Australia.

The CBD is also host to some of the city's most significant transport infrastructure including Central Station, Circular Quay and International Overseas Passenger Terminal. Sydney is recognised globally with its iconic harbour setting and the City of Sydney is host to the city's historical, cultural and ceremonial precincts. The City of Sydney attracts significant visitor numbers and is home to 60 per cent of metropolitan Sydney's hotels.

The role of Lord Mayor of the City of Sydney has significant prominence reflecting the CBD's importance as home to the country's major business centres and public facilities of state and national importance. The Lord Mayor's responsibilities in developing and maintaining relationships with stakeholders, including other councils, state and federal governments, community and business groups, and the media are considered greater than other mayoral roles in NSW.

Major CBD

The Council of the City of Parramatta (City of Parramatta) is the economic capital of Greater Western Sydney and the geographic and demographic centre of Greater Sydney. Parramatta is the second largest economy in NSW (after Sydney CBD) and the sixth largest in Australia.

As a secondary CBD to metropolitan Sydney the Parramatta local government area is a major provider of business and government services with a significant number of organisations relocating their head offices to Parramatta. Public administration and safety have been a growth sector for Parramatta as the State Government has promoted a policy of moving government agencies westward to support economic development beyond the Sydney CBD.

The City of Parramatta provides a broad range of regional services across the Sydney Metropolitan area with a significant transport hub and hospital and educational facilities. The City of Parramatta is home to the Westmead Health and Medical Research precinct which represents the largest concentration of hospital and health services in Australia, servicing Western Sydney and providing other specialised services for the rest of NSW.

The City of Parramatta is also home to a significant number of cultural and sporting facilities (including Sydney Olympic Park) which draw significant domestic and international visitors to the region.

Metropolitan Major

Councils categorised Metropolitan Major will typically have a minimum residential population of 400,000.

Councils may also be categorised Metropolitan Major if their residential population combined with their non-resident working population exceeds 400,000. To satisfy this criteria the non-resident working population must exceed 50,000.

Other features may include:

- total operating revenue exceeding \$300M per annum
- the provision of significant regional services to greater Sydney including, but not limited to, major education, health, retail, sports, other recreation and cultural facilities
- significant industrial, commercial and residential centres and development corridors
- high population growth.

Councils categorised as Metropolitan Major will have a sphere of economic influence and provide regional services considered to be greater than those of other metropolitan councils.

Metropolitan Large

Councils categorised as Metropolitan Large will typically have a minimum residential population of 200,000.

Councils may also be categorised as Metropolitan Large if their residential population combined with their non-resident working population exceeds 200,000. To satisfy this criteria the non-resident working population must exceed 50,000.

Other features may include:

- total operating revenue exceeding \$200M per annum
- the provision of significant regional services to greater Sydney including, but not limited to, major education, health, retail, sports, other recreation and cultural facilities
- significant industrial, commercial and residential centres and development corridors
- high population growth.

Councils categorised as Metropolitan Large will have a sphere of economic influence and provide regional services considered to be greater than those of other metropolitan councils.

Metropolitan Medium

Councils categorised as Metropolitan Medium will typically have a minimum residential population of 100,000.

Councils may also be categorised as Metropolitan Medium if their residential population combined with their non-resident working population exceeds 100,000. To satisfy this criteria the non-resident working population must exceed 50,000.

Other features may include:

- total operating revenue exceeding \$100M per annum
- services to greater Sydney including, but not limited to, major education, health, retail, sports, other recreation and cultural facilities
- industrial, commercial and residential centres and development corridors
- high population growth.

The sphere of economic influence, the scale of council operations and the extent of regional servicing would be below that of Metropolitan Large councils.

Metropolitan Small

Councils categorised as Metropolitan Small will typically have a residential population less than 100,000.

Other features which distinguish them from other metropolitan councils include:

- total operating revenue less than \$150M per annum.

While these councils may include some of the facilities and characteristics of both Metropolitan Large and Metropolitan Medium councils the overall sphere of economic influence, the scale of council operations and the extent of regional servicing would be below that of Metropolitan Medium councils.

Major Regional City

Newcastle City Council and Wollongong City Councils are categorised as Major Regional City. These councils:

- are metropolitan in nature with major residential, commercial and industrial areas
- typically host government departments, major tertiary education and health facilities and incorporate high density commercial and residential development

- provide a full range of higher order services and activities along with arts, culture, recreation, sporting and entertainment facilities to service the wider community and broader region
- have significant transport and freight infrastructure servicing international markets, the capital city and regional areas
- have significant natural and man-made assets to support diverse economic activity, trade and future investment
- typically contain ventures which have a broader State and national focus which impact upon the operations of the council.

Major Strategic Area

Councils categorised as Major Strategic Area will have a minimum population of 300,000. To satisfy this criteria the non-resident working population can be included.

Other features may include:

- health services, tertiary education services and major regional airports which service the surrounding and wider regional community
- a full range of high-order services including business, office and retail uses with arts, culture, recreation and entertainment centres
- total operating revenue exceeding \$250M per annum

- significant visitor numbers to established tourism ventures and major events that attract state and national attention
- a proximity to Sydney which generates economic opportunities.

Currently, only Central Coast Council meets the criteria to be categorised as a Major Strategic Area. Its population, predicted population growth, and scale of the Council's operations warrant that it be differentiated from other non-metropolitan councils. Central Coast Council is also a significant contributor to the regional economy associated with proximity to and connections with Sydney and the Hunter Region.

Regional Strategic Area

Councils categorised as Regional Strategic Area are differentiated from councils in the Regional Centre category on the basis of their significant population and will typically have a residential population above 100,000. To satisfy this criteria the non-resident working population can be included.

Other features may include:

- health services, tertiary education services and major regional airports which service the surrounding and wider regional community
- a full range of high-order services including business, office and retail uses with arts, culture, recreation and entertainment centres
- total operating revenue exceeding \$250M per annum

- significant visitor numbers to established tourism ventures and major events that attract state and national attention
- a proximity to Sydney which generates economic opportunities.

Currently, only Lake Macquarie Council meets the criteria to be categorised as a Regional Strategic Area. Its population and overall scale of council operations will be greater than Regional Centre councils.

Regional Centre

Councils categorised as Regional Centre will typically have a minimum residential population of 40,000. To satisfy this criteria the non-resident working population can be included.

Other features may include:

- a large city or town providing a significant proportion of the region's housing and employment
- health services, tertiary education services and major regional airports which service the surrounding and wider regional community
- a full range of high-order services including business, office and retail uses with arts, culture, recreation and entertainment centres
- total operating revenue exceeding \$100M per annum
- the highest rates of population growth in regional NSW

- significant visitor numbers to established tourism ventures and major events that attract state and national attention
- a proximity to Sydney which generates economic opportunities.

Councils in the category of Regional Centre are often considered the geographic centre of the region providing services to their immediate and wider catchment communities.

Regional Rural

Councils categorised as Regional Rural will typically have a minimum residential population of 20,000. To satisfy this criteria the non-resident working population can be included.

Other features may include:

- a large urban population existing alongside a traditional farming sector, and are surrounded by smaller towns and villages
- health services, tertiary education services and regional airports which service a regional community
- a broad range of industries including agricultural, educational, health, professional, government and retail services
- large visitor numbers to established tourism ventures and events.

Councils in the category of Regional Rural provide a degree of regional servicing below that of a Regional Centre.

Rural Large

Councils categorised as Rural Large will have a residential population greater than 10,000, and a councillor to resident ratio of at least 1 to 1200.

Other features may include:

- one or two significant townships combined with a considerable dispersed population spread over a large area and a long distance from a major regional centre
- a limited range of services, facilities and employment opportunities compared to Regional Rural councils
- local economies based on agricultural/resource industries.

Rural

Councils categorised as Rural will typically have a residential population less than 10,000.

County Councils - Water

County councils that provide water and/or sewerage functions with a joint approach in planning and installing large water reticulation and sewerage systems.

County Councils - Other

County councils that administer, control and eradicate declared noxious weeds as a specified Local Control Authority under the Biosecurity Act 2015.

POLICY AND GENERAL COMMITTEE

May 9, 2023

ITEM 4BROKEN HILL CITY COUNCIL REPORT NO. 88/23

SUBJECT: RE-ESTABLISHMENT OF CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT
ALCOHOL-FREE ZONE D23/20859

Recommendation

1. That Broken Hill City Council Report No. 88/23 dated May 9, 2023, be received.
2. That Council re-establish the Central Business District Alcohol-Free Zone as described in the final Proposal attached to this report, for a period of four years from 25 June 2023 to 25 June 2027, that is:

Council re-establish the Alcohol-Free Zone in the area generally bounded as follows:
A zone comprising the Central Business District in an area generally bounded by Crystal, Iodide (Wolfram), Mica, Gossan, Talc (Mercury), Graphite, Wills, Gypsum and Gaffney Streets and South Road, with the exception of businesses within the Alcohol-Free Zone, with approved liquor licence and approved outdoor dining.
3. That the necessary signage be installed showing operation of the zone from 25 June 2023 to 25 June 2027.
4. That re-establishment of the Central Business District Alcohol-Free Zone be advised to the public by way of media release and advertisement in the Barrier Truth. That the advertisement also confirms that all other existing alcohol-free zones in Broken Hill remain in force.
5. That Council thank the Barrier Police District for its ongoing support of alcohol-free zones in Broken Hill.

Executive Summary:

At the March 2023 Policy and General Standing Committee Meeting, Council considered a report regarding the proposed re-establishment of the Central Business District (CBD) Alcohol-Free Zone.

The draft Proposal to Re-establish the Alcohol-Free Zone was placed on public exhibition for a twenty-eight-day period closing 7 May 2023, during which time Council received one submission from the Barrier Police District.

This submission is in support of the re-establishment of the CBD Alcohol-Free zone and is attached for further information.

Report:

The expiry date for the current CBD Alcohol-Free Zone is the 25 June 2023 and in accordance with the requirements of the *Local Government Act 1993* and the Ministerial Guidelines 2009, a proposal for the re-establishment of the alcohol-free zone for a further four years was prepared for consultation.

It should be noted that all other existing alcohol-free zones in Broken Hill remain in force and are unaffected by this proposal.

Council currently has five Alcohol-Free Zones as per the *Local Government Act 1993 (the Act)* (Part 4 Street Drinking s644, s644A, s644B, s644C) supplemented by Ministerial Guidelines on Alcohol-Free Zones 2009 and Amendments to the Act. Prohibitions on Parks and Ovals, ranging from skateboarding, dogs off leash and drinking are defined by Council under s632A of the Act and are not the subject of this report; though the two sections of the Act work in tandem to achieve control of drinking in public spaces.

The Alcohol-Free Zone areas, as named in past reports to Council, are:

1. The Central Business District Zone bounded by Crystal, Iodide (Wolfram), Mica, Talc (Mercury), Graphite, Wills, Gossan, Gypsum, Gaffney Streets and South Road.
2. The Shell Memorial Zone bounded by Oxide Street, Thomas Street, Bromide Street and Mica Street.
3. The South Broken Hill Zone bounded by Bonanza, Patton, Central and Hebbard Streets.
4. The E.T.Lamb Memorial Oval Zone bounded by South, Boughtman, Comstock and Jamieson Streets.
5. Creedon Street Zone bounded by Rakow and Wills Streets.

Purpose of Alcohol-Free Zones

The purpose of these Zones is to create a safe environment in which individuals may move about without interference due to irresponsible street behaviour due to the effects of alcohol.

Alcohol-Free Zones apply specifically to public roads, laneways, footpaths and public car parks.

The Zones operate 24 hours a day, seven days per week.

Exceptions for street dining, complying with the appropriate licencing authorities, is catered for in the drafted Alcohol-Free Zone proposal.

Duration of Alcohol-Free Zones

According to the Ministerial Guidelines, Alcohol-Free Zones have a four year term whereupon they are due for review of ongoing applicability. There is no provision for automatic renewal. Of Council's five Alcohol-Free Zones, the CBD Zone expires on 25 June 2023. All the remaining Zones expire on 9 November 2023.

Given these timelines, the process of review using the evaluation steps outlined in the Ministerial Guidelines was commenced.

Preliminary discussion was undertaken with the Barrier Police District, with the review including an examination of the value of re-establishment of the Zone, the impact of new premises opening and the need to review the appropriateness of the streets currently within the Zone.

Cancellation or suspension of a Zone

Under s645 of the Act, Council has the power to suspend or cancel a Zone or to hold specific community events. Council is required to do so via Council resolution and must publish a notice of suspension in a newspaper circulating in the area. Prior to cancellation or suspension, Council is required to liaise with the Police prior to and after Council resolution.

Enforcement

Alcohol-Free Zones in Broken Hill are enforced by the Police. 'Tip-out' powers were introduced by Amendment to the Act to apply in both Prohibited Zones (such as Parks and Ovals) and Alcohol-Free Zones (public streets, laneways, footpaths and public car parks) in order to achieve aligned enforcement practice.

Proposal for establishment of an Alcohol-Free Zone

The Ministerial Guidelines state that any person living or working within an area, the local police or a local community group may ask a council to establish an alcohol-free zone and must in all cases be supported by evidence that the public's use of those roads, footpaths or public car parks has been compromised by street drinking such as malicious damage to property, littering, offensive behaviour or other crimes.

A proposal must be prepared in respect of every proposed Alcohol-Free Zone, consultation must occur with the Barrier Police District about the appropriate number and location of the Zones before and after a Council resolution, the Zone should be as small as possible rather than a 'whole of town' approach and should be primarily located adjacent to outlets supplying alcohol where drinkers congregate.

After a proposal is prepared, consultation must be undertaken via advertisement in a newspaper circulating in the area, copies sent to the Barrier Police District and Officer in Charge of the police station nearest the Zone, liquor licensees and secretaries of registered clubs whose premises border on or adjoin or are adjacent to the proposed Zone, any known organisation representing or able to speak on behalf of an identifiable Aboriginal or culturally and linguistically diverse group within the local area with comments sought within 30 days of notice.

This process informs the final character and establishment of the Zone, followed by appropriate signposting, also after consultation as to location, with Police.

Proposal for Re-establishment of Alcohol-Free Zone in the CBD Area

Given that the Ministerial Guidelines require the preparation of each Zone as a separate entity, the first Zone for consideration for re-establishment is the CBD area which expires on 25 June 2023.

Consultation with Barrier Police District

Consultation with the Barrier Police District commenced in March 2023, to undertake a preliminary evaluation of the Zone in accordance with the Guidelines, with feedback received advising of no objections with the proposed re-establishment of the CBD Alcohol-Free Zone.

Written feedback from the Broken Hill Crime Manager, stated no objection to the proposed dates for the 4-year period of the AFZ and supported the continued CBD Alcohol-Free Zone implementation.

The Draft Proposal to Re-establish the Alcohol-Free Zone was placed on public exhibition for a twenty-eight-day period, closing 7 May 2023. Council received one submission from the Barrier Police District, supporting the re-establishment of the Central Business District Alcohol-Free Zone.

This report and attached final Proposal for Re-Establishment of the Central Business District Alcohol-Free Zone is now presented to Council for formal adoption to re-establish the CBD Alcohol-Free Zone for the period 25 June 2023 to 25 June 2027.

A copy of the correspondence received from the Broken Hill Crime Manager, endorsing the reinstatement of the CBD Alcohol-Free Zone, is also attached.

Strategic Direction:

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| Key Theme: | 4. Our Leadership |
| Objective: | 4.1 Openness and transparency in decision making |
| Strategy: | 4.1.5 Support the organisation to operate within its legal framework |

Relevant Legislation:

The re-establishment of the Alcohol-Free Zones must be in accordance with the *Local Government Act 1993 and Ministerial Guidelines 2009 on Alcohol-Free Zones*.

Financial Implications:

Placement of the required advertisements and updating of existing signs. Funds are within existing budgets.

Attachments

1. Proposal to Re-establish CBD Alcohol-Free Zone - 25.06.2023-2027
[↓](#)
2. CBD AFZ reestablishment submission - Barrier Police District - 05.04.2023 -
[↓](#) Redacted

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PROPOSAL TO RE-ESTABLISH ALCOHOL-FREE ZONE

CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT (CBD) ZONE – BOUNDED BY CRYSTAL, IODIDE (WOLFRAM), MICA, TALC (MERCURY), GRAPHITE, WILLS, GYPSUM AND GAFFNEY STREETS AND SOUTH ROAD

1. INTRODUCTION

Alcohol-Free Zones established by Council have now been operating in Broken Hill since 2002 and promote the use of public roads, laneways, footpaths and car parks in safety.

Alcohol-Free Zones are established with Police consultation and are aimed at assisting community security and safety by preventing irresponsible consumption of alcohol in public places. Any person observed to be drinking in an Alcohol-Free Zone may have the alcohol in their possession immediately seized and tipped out or otherwise disposed of.

The following outlines Council's recommendation for the largest of its current Alcohol-Free Zones, the Central Business District (CBD) Alcohol-Free Zone, to be re-established upon expiry in June 2023. The City's other Alcohol-Free Zones remain in force.

A period of consultation with interested stakeholders and the general public closed on Sunday, 7 May 2023.

2. BACKGROUND

Council proposed to re-establish an existing Alcohol-Free Zone in Broken Hill, known as the Central Business District (CBD) Alcohol-Free Zone. The proposed Alcohol-Free Zone is as follows:

- A Zone comprising the Central Business District (CBD) in an area generally bounded by Crystal, Iodide (Wolfram), Mica, Talc (Mercury), Graphite, Wills, Gypsum, Gaffney Streets and South Road; except for businesses within the Alcohol-Free Zone, with an approved liquor licence and approved outdoor dining. The responsible consumption of alcohol in these areas will only be permitted to the patrons of those businesses.

3. REASONS FOR RE-ESTABLISHING THE ZONE

3.1 Views of the Barrier Police District

The Barrier Police District (which encompasses Broken Hill) remains supportive of the operation of Alcohol-Free Zones in Broken Hill. The zones are a valuable tool for Police to maintain the peace and good order of public places, by utilising the powers found in the *Local Government Act 1993*.

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3.2 Council's Views

Council is concerned with maintenance of public order and the protection of the property of both residents and ratepayers. Council wishes to continue to provide the Barrier Local Area Command of the New South Wales Police Force, with a potentially effective means of control over such offences.

Council has no objections to the responsible consumption of alcohol. Unfortunately, alcohol can be associated with crime, violence, anti-social and offensive behaviour. This can lead to assaults, property damage and excessive noise, which can seriously affect the lives of individuals and the community.

Council is concerned about the possibility of alcohol related interference with the use of public areas by members of the community and of alcohol related damage to ratepayer's premises. In addition, it is concerned for the safety and maintenance of the neighbourhood amenity in the public areas, near a number of retirement villages in this zone.

The re-establishment of Alcohol-Free Zones is an opportunity for Council, the Police and the Community, to focus again on any community problems associated with irresponsible alcohol consumption and the range of strategies that can be implemented to address these problems. Alcohol-Free Zones are essentially a short term measure, as they operate for a defined period and in many instances a zone will achieve the desired objectives and outcomes within its operational period.

The success evidenced by the zoning of the current area as an Alcohol-Free Zone should be continued and Council now proposes that the Alcohol-Free Zone be re-established for a period of four years.

4. DURATION OF ZONE

Council proposed to re-establish the Zone for a further four year period, from 25 June 2023 to 25 June 2027.

5. SUSPENSION OF THE ZONE FOR SHORT PERIODS

The Guidelines and legislation enable the suspension of Alcohol-Free Zones, for short periods during special events, via liaison between Police, Council and the Local Traffic Committee. Notification of any such suspension of the Alcohol-Free Zone will be published in the local newspaper.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT

In accordance with the requirements of the *Local Government Act 1993* comments on the proposal were sought from:

- a) the general public;
- b) the Officer in Charge of the Broken Hill Police;
- c) holders of liquor licences under the *Liquor Act 2007*, for premises which border on, adjoin, or are adjacent to the proposed zones;
- d) the secretaries of Registered Clubs under the *Registered Clubs Act 1976*, which border on, adjoin, or are adjacent to the proposed zones;
- e) any known organisation representing or able to speak on behalf of an identifiable Aboriginal, or culturally and linguistically diverse groups within the local area.

The period for comment closed on Sunday 7 May 2023, with full support to re-establish the CBD Alcohol-Free Zone received from the Barrier Police District.

7. PARKS AND RESERVES

It should be noted that Section 632A of the *Local Government Act 1993*, provides Council's with the power to declare any public place, (or any part of a public place) in the council's area, to be an **alcohol prohibited area**. Council has advised the public by signposting in Sturt Park for many years that intoxicating liquor shall not be brought into or consumed within the reserve (Sturt Park). Council introduced the same restriction at Patton Park in 2005. The same prohibition has also been introduced by Council at the Queen Elizabeth Park, Norm Fox Sportsground, E.T. Lamb Memorial Oval and at the Gasworks Reserve.

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The ban on alcohol consumption remains, the only difference is that two Sections of the *Local Government Act 1993* are in force.

8. RE-ESTABLISHMENT OF THE ZONE

Following the closure of the period for public comment, Council considered re-establishment of the zone at its ordinary meeting held 31 May 2023 and resolved minute no. **xxxx**, to adopt the re-establishment of the Central Business District Alcohol-Free Zone, for a period of four years from 25 June 2023 to 25 June 2027.

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We acknowledge the traditional owners of the land on which we live and work, and pay our respects to their elders past, present, and emerging.

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I have no objection to the dates and we support the continued AFZ implementation.


D/A/Inspector
Broken Hill Crime Manager
5 April 2023

POLICY AND GENERAL COMMITTEE

May 10, 2023

ITEM 5BROKEN HILL CITY COUNCIL REPORT NO. 89/23

SUBJECT: PROPOSAL TO RENAME SOUTH COMMUNITY CENTRE TO
'FRED JOBSON SOUTH COMMUNITY CENTRE' D23/23765

Recommendation

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Council resolved at its Ordinary Meeting held 30 July 2014:

That Patton Village Committee Inc. be appointed to operate the South Community Centre Library under the same terms as the current operator, the Riverina Diocesan Trust.

That Council congratulate the Patton Village Committee Inc on their commitment to the residents of South Broken Hill through this initiative.

That documents relating to this matter be executed under Council's Common Seal as required.

As such, an agreement to operate the South Community Centre Library between South

Community Centre and Alma Institute Reserve Trust, a corporation established, constituted and appointed, in terms of Section 92, *Crown Lands Act 1989*, as Trustee of Reserve 1014148 and Patton Village Committee Inc. commenced on 1 September 2014 and expires on 31 October 2024.

Reserve 1014148 was previously known as the 'South Community Centre and Alma Institute Reserve Trust'; however this name was abolished with the commencement of the new Crown Land Management Act on 1 July 2018. This reserve is now identified as Reserve 1014148 and Broken Hill City Council as the Crown Land Manager. The renaming of the building can be facilitated by Council without any consent from the Department of Crown Lands.

Council 'Naming of Parks and Community Facilities Policy'

Council's current policy, 'Naming of Parks and Community Facilities Policy', details the asset naming requirements, specifically the process and supporting documents required to name an Asset.

The Naming of Parks and Community Facilities Policy defines the following notable principles;

- General Principles
 2. A name which has historical significance is acceptable.
 3. Community facilities will generally be named after the general area of the City in which they are located.
- Naming after an Individual or Family
 1. Naming a park or community facility after a person or family will only be considered where a person or family member is deceased and:
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 - b) Has a recognised historical link with the locality or is generally acknowledged as having made a significant contribution to the social, economic, sporting or cultural development of the community; and
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 2. The nominated person has widespread community support.
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- Renaming a Facility
 6. The renaming of a facility will only be considered if it can be demonstrated that the name is no longer appropriate in historical or geographical terms or is likely to cause distress to members of the community.

In accordance with Council's 'Naming of Parks and Community Facilities Policy', the proposal to rename the facility is recommended to be advertised with signage, at or on, the property or facility for public comment for twenty-one days prior to the presentation of a final report to Council for its consideration (Naming of an Individual or Family item 4).

There is no legislation specific to the naming of Council assets as there is with roads. The format of the NSW Geographical Names Board however, is recommended as an approach to factors regarding the naming of assets.

The ‘NSW Addressing User Manual’ (AUM) has been developed by the NSW Geographical Names Board to provide a common approach to place naming, reserve naming, addressing and road naming throughout New South Wales, which is based on legislative obligations and addressing standards.

NSW Geographical Names Board Place Naming Policy – July 2019

7.1 Personal Names

The names of deceased persons are suitable for the naming of reserves. Such persons shall have had a long-term association with the area or have made a significant contribution to the area of the proposed park or reserve. To assist local governments in determining the suitability of a name the GNB offers the following guidelines regarding association or contribution:

- *Two or more terms of office on the governing local government council.*
- *Twenty or more years association with a local community group or service club.*
- *Twenty or more years of association or service with a local or state government or organisation. NSW Geographical Names Board Place Naming Policy 5*
- *Action by an individual to protect, restore, enhance or maintain an area that produces substantial long-term improvements for the community.*
- *The death of a person within a place is not solely to be considered sufficient justification for commemoration.*
- *Local residents of note*

Community Engagement:

Should the Council resolve to place the proposal to rename the South Community Centre to the ‘Fred Jobson South Community Centre’, the proposal will be placed on public exhibition for submissions to be received for a period of 21 days.

Strategic Direction:

Key Direction:	4.	Our Leadership
Objective:	4.1.	Openness and transparency in decision making
Strategy:	4.1.5	Support the organisation to operate within its legal framework

Relevant Legislation:

- *Geographical Names Act 1966*
- *Local Government Act 1993*

Associated Documents:

- Broken Hill City Council’s Naming of Parks and Community Facilities Policy
- NSW Geographical Names Board
 - The NSW Addressing User Manual (AUM)
 - Geographical Names Board Guidelines and Policies
 - Geographical Names Board of NSW Policy – Place Naming

Financial Implications:

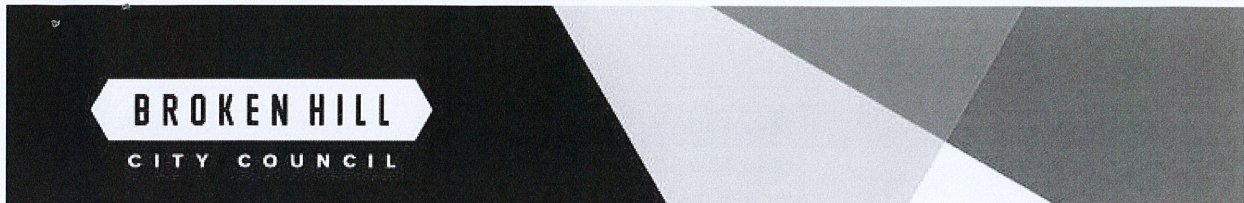
Existing project and operational budgets allow for signage maintenance. Any budgetary implications to change of name of the airport would need further assessment.

Attachments

1. Asset Naming Committee Meeting Minutes - Meeting held 28.04.2023 - Proposal to
[↓](#) Rename the South Community Centre to Fred Jobson South Community Centre
2. Asset Naming Committee Report - Suggestion to Rename the South Community
[↓](#) Centre to Fred Jobson Community Centre
3. Acknowledgement Letter - Suggestion to rename the South Community Centre -
[↓](#) Patton Village Broken Hill Association
4. Geographical Names Board Place Naming Policy
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5. Naming of Parks and Community Facilities Policy
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JAY NANKIVELL
GENERAL MANAGER



MINUTES OF THE ASSET NAMING COMMITTEE MEETING HELD 28 APRIL 2023

Date	Friday, 28 April 2023	Time Meeting opened: 3:04pm	Time Meeting closed: 3:15pm
Location	Ground Floor Meeting Room, Council Administrative Centre, 240 Blende Street		
Chairperson	Councillor Bob Algate		

AGENDA ITEM		DISCUSSION	MOVED BY	SECONDED
1.	Present	Councillor Bob Algate Chief Corporate and Community Officer, Razija Nu'man Chief Assets and Projects Officer, Codie Howard Strategic Asset Management Coordinator, Aaron Troy Corporate Support Officer, Jodie Brealey (Minute Taker)	Razija Nu'man	Codie Howard
			All unanimous - Carried	
2.	Apologies	Councillor Alan Chandler Councillor Hayley Jewitt Councillor Darria Turley AM (by email) Chief Financial Officer, Simon Brown	Razija Nu'man	Codie Howard
			All unanimous - Carried	
3.	Disclosure of Interests	NIL	N/A	N/A
4.	Receipt of Asset Naming Committee Report dated 21/04/2023	<u>Recommendation to Committee</u> 1. That the Broken Hill City Council Asset Naming Committee Report "Suggestion to rename the South Community Centre to 'Fred Jobson Community Centre', be received. • Asset Naming Committee Report - Suggestion to rename the 'South Community Centre' to ' Fred Jobson Community Centre' and associated attachments provided to Committee including letter and supporting documentation suggesting 'South Community Centre' be renamed 'Fred Jobson Community Centre' - Acknowledgement letter to applicant - Geographical Names Board of NSW Policy – Place Naming - Naming of Parks and Community Facilities Policy	Codie Howard	Razija Nu'man
			All unanimous - Carried	

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	<p><u>Recommendation to Committee</u></p> <p>2. That the Broken Hill City Council Asset Naming Committee consider the suggestion received to rename the South Community Centre to the 'Fred Jobson Community Centre' and report its recommendation to Council for determination.</p> <p><u>Discussion</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Committee acknowledged a lot of time and thought had gone into the request submitted, which included documented history showing a definite contribution to the community by the late Fred Jobson. • The request content was reviewed against Council's Naming of Parks and Community Facilities Policy and the Geographical Names Board of NSW Policy – Place Naming and meets all policy requirements. • The request submitted on behalf of The Patton Village Community Association Inc, included documented support by a family representative and four community groups, all validated by a statutory declaration signed by the applicant. This meets Council requirements, being support from a minimum of three parties required. • The Committee also acknowledged that Fred Jobson was a well-accepted character in south Broken Hill and generally around the City and therefore considered by the Committee, a worthy recipient for renaming of the facility. • The Committee noted the South Community Centre is located on a Crown Reserve and that the name change can be facilitated without obtaining permission from Crown Lands. • The Committee noted that the Geographical Names Board (GNB) of NSW Policy – Place Naming Item 9.10 Renaming of facilities within reserves does not require formal approval from the GNB. However, renaming notification to the GNB is required to align with the policy. Therefore, the GNB is to be notified of the change once adopted by Council. • Recommendation regarding GNB notification to be placed in final report to Council. 	Razija Nu'man	Codie Howard
		All unanimous - Carried	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Committee noted that Emergency Services notification will also be required and to be placed in final report to Council Council's Naming of Parks and Community Facilities "General Principles Item 3 states - Community facilities will generally be named after the general area of the City in which they are located", therefore the Committee agreed the facility should be renamed "Fred Jobson South Community Centre", which aligns with Council policy and that the recommendation to Council should also detail this. 		
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5.	General Business	Nil	N/A	N/A
6.	Next Meeting	To be advised	N/A	N/A
7.	Meeting Closed	There being no further business the Chairperson declared the meeting closed at 8:15pm.	N/A	N/A
Signature of Chairperson:			DATE:	9.05.23

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12/7

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Council resolved at its Ordinary Meeting held 30 July 2014:

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That Council congratulate the Patton Village Committee Inc on their commitment to the residents of South Broken Hill through this initiative.

That documents relating to this matter be executed under Council's Common Seal as required.

As such, an agreement to operate the South Community Centre Library between South Community Centre and Alma Institute Reserve Trust, a corporation established, constituted and appointed, in terms of Section 92, *Crown Lands Act 1989*, as Trustee of Reserve 1014148 and Patton Village Committee Inc. commenced on 1 September 2014 and expires on 31 October 2024.

Reserve 1014148 was previously known as the 'South Community Centre and Alma Institute Reserve Trust', however this name was abolished with the commencement of the new *Crown Land Management Act* on 1 July 2018. This reserve is now identified as Reserve 1014148 and Broken Hill City Council as the Crown Land Manager. The renaming of the building can be facilitated by Council without any consent from the Department of Crown Lands.

Council 'Naming of Parks and Community Facilities Policy'

Council's current policy, 'Naming of Parks and Community Facilities Policy', details the asset naming requirements, specifically the process and supporting documents required to name an Asset.

The Naming of Parks and Community Facilities Policy defines the following notable principles;

- General Principles
 2. A name which has historical significance is acceptable.
 3. Community facilities will generally be named after the general area of the City in which they are located.
- Naming after an Individual or Family
 1. Naming a park or community facility after a person or family will only be considered where a person or family member is deceased and:
 - a) Is widely known and respected within the local community;
 - b) Has a recognised historical link with the locality or is generally acknowledged as having made a significant contribution to the social, economic, sporting or cultural development of the community; and
 - c) Is of good repute and not likely to be subject of controversy.
 2. The nominated person has widespread community support.
 6. To apply, applicants must submit a written statement for the nominee(s). This must be supported by a minimum of three (3) parties, one of whom must be a community group. Documentation must be validated by Statutory Declaration and signed by a Justice of the Peace or Commissioner of Declarations. Applicants will be given careful consideration by the Asset Naming Committee prior to being presented to Council for its consideration and decision.
- Renaming a Facility
 6. The renaming of a facility will only be considered if it can be demonstrated that the name is no longer appropriate in historical or geographical terms or is likely to cause distress to members of the community.

In accordance with Council's 'Naming of Parks and Community Facilities Policy', the proposal to rename the facility is recommended to be advertised with signage, at or on, the property or facility for public comment for twenty-one days prior to the presentation of a report to Council for its consideration.

There is no legislation specific to the naming of Council assets as there is with roads. The format of the NSW Geographical Names Board however, is recommended as an approach to factors regarding the naming of assets.

The '*NSW Addressing User Manual*' (AUM) has been developed by the NSW Geographical Names Board to provide a common approach to place naming, reserve naming, addressing

and road naming throughout New South Wales, which is based on legislative obligations and addressing standards.

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7.1 Personal Names

The names of deceased persons are suitable for the naming of reserves. Such persons shall have had a long-term association with the area or have made a significant contribution to the area of the proposed park or reserve. To assist local governments in determining the suitability of a name the GNB offers the following guidelines regarding association or contribution:

- *Two or more terms of office on the governing local government council.*
- *Twenty or more years association with a local community group or service club.*
- *Twenty or more years of association or service with a local or state government or organisation. NSW Geographical Names Board Place Naming Policy 5*
- *Action by an individual to protect, restore, enhance or maintain an area that produces substantial long-term improvements for the community.*
- *The death of a person within a place is not solely to be considered sufficient justification for commemoration.*
- *Local residents of note*

Strategic Direction:

Key Direction:	4.	Our Leadership
Objective:	4.1	Openness and transparency in decision making
Strategy:	4.1.5	Support the organisation to operate within its legal framework

Relevant Legislation:

- *Geographical Names Act 1966*
- *Local Government Act 1993*
- *Crown Lands Act 1989*

Associated Documents

- NSW Geographical Names Board
 - The NSW Addressing User Manual (AUM)
 - Geographical Names Board Guidelines and Policies
 - Geographical Names Board of NSW Policy – Place Naming
- Broken Hill City Council's 'Naming of Parks and Community Facilities Policy'
 1. Naming a park or community facility after a person or family will be considered where a person or family member has deceased and:
 - a) Is widely known and respected within the local community;
 - b) Has a recognised historical link with the locality or is generally acknowledged as having made a significant contribution to the social, economic, sporting or cultural development of the community; and
 - c) Is of good repute and not likely to be subject of controversy.
 2. The nominated person has widespread community support.

3. A family who is nominated should have made a significant contribution to the community over two (2) or more generations.
4. The proposal to the name a park or facility should be advertised with signage, at or on, the property or facility for public comment for twenty-one days prior to the presentation of a report to Council for its consideration.
5. Council will determine whether a request will be granted taking into consideration the advice of the General Manager and the outcomes of the community consultation.
6. To apply, applicants must submit a written statement for the nominee(s). This must be supported by a minimum of three (3) parties, one of whom must be a community group. Documentation must be validated by Statutory Declaration and signed by a Justice of the Peace or Commissioner of Declarations.

Applicants will be given careful consideration prior to being presented to Council for its consideration and decision.

7. Where Council grants a request to have a park named after a person an inscription will be included within the "Park Name" sign. The inscription will acknowledge the nature of the person's contribution to the community.
8. Where Council grants a request to have a community facility (infrastructure) named after a person, the naming will be for the life of the facility. Should the facility be subject to damage or removal, Council is no longer under obligation to replace the facility or name another facility in its place. The plaque attached to the facility will be in proportion with the facility.

Financial Implications:

Existing operational budgets allow for signage. Any budgetary implications to change of name to the South Community Centre would need further assessment.

Attachments

1. Submission correspondence suggesting 'South Community Centre' be renamed 'Fred Jobson Community Centre'
2. Acknowledgement Letter to Applicant
3. Geographical Names Board of NSW Policy – Place Naming



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Attention: Mr Larry Angell

Dear Mr Angell

Suggestion to rename the South Community Centre

Council thanks you for your correspondence received 28 March 2023, suggesting that the South Community Centre be renamed the 'Fred Jobson Community Centre'.

Your correspondence and background information has been forwarded to Council's Asset Naming Committee. Council's Asset Naming Committee will consider the proposal and make its recommendation to Council. A report will then be prepared for Council's consideration.

Should you require further information in relation to Council's asset naming processes or the status of your proposal, please contact Council's Corporate Services Coordinator, Michelle Rolton on 08 80803360 or alternatively email corporateservices@brokenhill.nsw.gov.au

Yours faithfully



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Repeals and Review

The policies identified in this document are consistent with national and international best practice. They repeal all existing Geographical Names Board of NSW (GNB) policies and guidelines in respect to geographical naming in NSW, apart from those included in the NSW Addressing User Manual, which are complementary to these policies. They do not apply retrospectively, and any arrangements that predate these rules are not necessarily subject to its terms.

Recognition of any existing NSW geographical name that does not conform to these policies does not establish a precedent for any future naming proposal.

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1 Scope

This policy applies to the operations of the GNB and its Secretariat.

2 Responsibilities

Geographical Names Board

The GNB is responsible for the governance of this policy.

Department of Customer Service (DCS)

DCS is responsible for the administrative management, technical support and promotion of the policy under the auspices of the GNB.

3 Glossary

Act	<i>Geographical Names Act 1966 No 13</i>
CGNA / PCPN	Committee of Geographic Names of Australasia - now renamed the Permanent Committee on Place Names. Part of ICSM
GNB / Board	Geographical Names Board of NSW as constituted under the Act
DCS	Department of Customer Service
Gazetteer	List of geographical names. In NSW the Geographical names gazetteer is stored in the Geographical Names Register database.
Geographical name	The name of a place as determined by the provisions of the Act and been notified in the Gazette as a geographical name, but does not include a name which has ceased to be a geographical name under the Act.
GNB (the GNB)	Geographical Names Board as constituted under the Act
ICSM	Intergovernmental Committee on Surveying and Mapping
Place	Defined by the Act as <i>'any geographical or topographical feature or any area, district, division, locality, region, city, town, village, settlement or railway station or any other place within the territories and waters of the State of New South Wales but does not include any road, any area (within the meaning of the Local Government Act 1993) or area of operations of a county council (within the meaning of that Act), any electoral district under the Parliamentary Electorates and Elections Act 1912, any school or any place or place within a class of places to which the provisions of this Act do not apply by virtue of the regulations.'</i>
Recorded name	Defined by the Act as <i>'the name of a place as it appears on a Lands Department map or, where the name of a place appears differently on two or more such maps, the name of that place as it appears on whichever of those maps was published later than the other or others.'</i>
Road / Road Naming Authority	Road and Road Naming Authority are defined under the <i>Roads Act 1993</i> and summarised in section 5.3 of the <i>NSW Address policy</i>
Secretariat	GNB secretariat appointed in accordance with section 4 of the Act
Spatial Services	A division of the Department of Customer Service (DCS). Spatial Services is the government body responsible for the implementation of the Geographical Names Act.

4 Introduction

Consistent use of accurate place names is an essential element of effective communication worldwide, and supports socio-economic development, conservation and national infrastructure. (Permanent Committee on Place Names)

Department of Customer Service, Spatial Services and the GNB have statutory responsibility to establish, update, preserve and publicise place naming in New South Wales.

The *Geographical Names Act 1966* recognises the importance of unambiguous and official place names. Place names reflect the relationship between people and place and create a link that forms the basis for communication, location and addressing. Clear and unambiguous place names are essential for emergency services, postal and service delivery as well as professional and personal navigation.

The GNB is committed to recognising our Aboriginal cultural heritage by registering place names given by Aboriginal people so that they can be assigned as geographical names alone or used alongside existing non-Aboriginal names.

The GNB is committed to open and transparent practices and procedures in the selection of place names. This document brings together the policies adopted by the GNB and enables all interested parties to understand why specific names are selected.

The policies detailed in this document are consistent with national and international policies, guidelines and practices.

5 Legislation and Authority

As set out in the *Geographical Names Act 1966* (Section 5), the GNB has the following powers and functions:

- assign names to places
- approve that a recorded name of a place shall be its geographical name
- alter a recorded name or a geographical name
- determine whether the use of a recorded name or a geographical name shall be discontinued
- adopt rules of orthography, nomenclature and pronunciation with respect to geographical names
- investigate and determine the form, spelling, meaning, pronunciation, origin and history of any geographical name
- the application of any geographical name with regard to position, extent or otherwise
- compile and maintain a vocabulary of Aboriginal words used or suitable for use in geographical names and to record their meaning and origin
- compile and maintain a dictionary of geographical names with a record of their form, spelling, meaning, pronunciation, origin and history
- publish a gazetteer of geographical names
- inquire into and make recommendations on any matters relating to the names of places referred to it by the Minister

The GNB may compile, maintain and publish a list of road names.

6 Policy – Universal Naming Principles

The following principles shall apply for all new geographical names in New South Wales.

6.1 Language

- 1 Geographical names shall be written in standard Australian English or a recognised format of an Australian Aboriginal language local to the area of the geographical name.
- 2 Diacritical marks (symbols such as ´ in é, ¸ in ç or : in ö) are not used in Australian English names, and shall be omitted from names drawn from languages that use such marks.
- 3 Geographical names shall be easy to pronounce, spell and write, and preferably not exceed three words (including any designated term) or 25 characters. An exception to this is in the use of Aboriginal names when it is accepted that a traditional name may at first appear to be complex but will, over time, become more familiar and accepted by the community.
- 4 The following types of punctuation as used in Australian English shall not be included as part of a geographical name: period (.), comma (,), colon (:), semi-colon (;), quotation marks (“”), exclamation mark (!), question mark (?), ellipsis (...), hyphen (-), solidus (/) and parenthesis (()). For surnames or other names that include a hyphen, the hyphen shall be omitted when used for a geographical name.
- 5 An apostrophe mark shall not be included in geographical names written with a final 's', and the possessive 's shall not be included e.g. Georges River not George's River. Apostrophes forming part of an eponymous name shall be included (e.g. O'Connell Plains).
- 6 A geographical name shall not include a preposition e.g. Avenue of the Allies.
- 7 Geographical names shall not include the definite article (the) as the sole name element of a place name e.g. The Reserve is not acceptable.
- 8 A geographical name shall not be abbreviated or contain an abbreviation, initial or acronym e.g. Point, not Pt except that St shall be used for Saint. An exception may be where an abbreviation may have become widely accepted by the community. Eg CWA for Country Women's Association.
- 9 For the purposes of consistency, names starting with Mc or Mac shall not have a space included between the Mc or Mac and the rest of the name.
- 10 A geographical name shall not include Arabic numerals e.g. 3 or 4th or Roman numerals e.g. IV or X. Where numbers are included in a geographical name they shall be written in full e.g. Fourth Top Ridge, Eleven Mile Creek.
- 11 A geographical name shall not include initials e.g. A F Wyatt Reserve.
- 12 The spelling of geographical names derived from the same source shall be uniform in spelling. e.g. Mount Kosciuszko is now spelt with z to be consistent with original spelling.
- 13 Postnominals and titles shall not be included in geographical names.eg John Smith not John Smith AO. An exception is the use of 'VC'.

Justification

The principles identified above ensure consistency thereby reducing the potential for confusion. These principles are consistently applied throughout Australia and commonly adopted internationally. They also facilitate reliable electronic searching essential for navigation systems, service delivery and public safety.

6.2 Form and Character of Names

Place names shall be recognisable words or acceptable combinations of words and shall be appropriate to community sensitivities.

Discriminatory or derogatory names are not acceptable. Such names are those perceived, at a given point in time, to be offensive, demeaning, or harmful to the reputation of individuals, or to social, ethnic, religious or other groups. It is recognised that the perception of 'discriminatory' or 'derogatory' may vary through time and from place to place. In response to requests from the public, the GNB will investigate the appropriate status of any names deemed to be discriminatory or derogatory.

Commercial and business names shall not be used for geographical names, particularly where the name can be construed to be promoting a business. However, business names no longer in use which promote the heritage of an area are acceptable.

Use of club, society, association or special interest group names is discouraged. Such association may change their focus or for some reason lose community support. Community based associations, particularly those philanthropic associations, may be acceptable (eg Rotary, Lions, Apex).

7 Policy - Commemorative Names

Commemorative names are those that commemorate a person, event or place. Acts of bravery, community service and exceptional accomplishments are typical grounds for this recognition. The name of persons who gave their lives in service for their country are often used as commemorative names.

The person commemorated should have contributed significantly to the area around the geographic feature or locality.

When such a name is applied, it shall be given posthumously, at least one year after the decease of the person. Names of living persons are by their nature subject to partisan perception and changes in community judgement and acceptance.

Commemorative names shall not be used to commemorate victims of, or mark the location of, accidents or tragedies. Ownership of land is not in itself grounds for the application of an owner's name. Names of persons holding public office shall not be used.

Personal names, including those of persons still living, may be used for built features e.g. pavilions and grandstands etc., however these features are not formally assigned by the GNB and are not covered by the Act.

7.1 Personal Names

The names of deceased persons are suitable for the naming of reserves. Such persons shall have had a long term association with the area, or have made a significant contribution to the area of the proposed park or reserve. To assist local governments in determining the suitability of a name the GNB offers the following guidelines regarding association or contribution:

- Two or more terms of office on the governing local government council.
- Twenty or more years association with a local community group or service club.
- Twenty or more years of association or service with a local or state government or organisation.

- Action by an individual to protect, restore, enhance or maintain an area that produces substantial long term improvements for the community.
- The death of a person within a place is not solely to be considered sufficient justification for commemoration.
- Local residents of note.

Justification

Using the name of a living person is unacceptable (nationally and internationally) as it may lead to favouritism and/or inappropriate naming. There are examples where people commemorated have later proven to be of poor character or otherwise thought to be unworthy.

8 Policy - Duplication of names

8.1 Duplication of place names

In accordance with the NSW Addressing User Manual (6.8.1 Uniqueness, Duplication), no new locality name shall be duplicated within NSW or any other state or territory in Australia.

Duplication includes identical or similar spelling and/or pronunciation.

8.2 Place names other than localities

Uniqueness is the most essential quality to be sought in proposing a new place name. Duplication should be avoided wherever possible, but new place names may be duplicated provided there is no duplication of the name within the local government or adjoining local government.

Place names with a different designation value are not considered to be duplications. For example, Jenolan River and Jenolan Caves are acceptable.

The GNB encourages efforts by local governments to change or modify duplicate names wherever ambiguity or confusion is likely to occur. Such name changes should be coordinated with the GNB.

Justification

The purpose of place names is primarily to provide unambiguous direction and reference to identify geographical entities. Duplication of locality names is to be avoided because of the confusion this will cause, particularly in the dispatch of emergency services, which is now often coordinated from call centres. Duplication of locality names used for addressing purposes can result in delays in arrival of essential services.

Duplication can also cause personal difficulties such as failed parcel and service delivery and difficulty for tourists and visitors.

Where duplication occurs inter State or Territory, the respective authorities should liaise in order to attempt to arrive at an acceptable solution.

9 Policy – Place Naming Process

9.1 General

This policy is for the application of place names within the territories and waters of New South Wales including reserves under the management of local government.

The Department of National Parks and Wildlife Services has a separate policy for the naming of national parks under its management.

- All proposals for place naming shall conform to the GNB's Naming Principles.
- All place name proposals shall include a map or diagram clearly defining the extent of the feature proposed to be named.
- Proposals for place naming shall be submitted to the GNB for consideration and formalisation process.
- Private ownership of the land on which a geographical or physical feature is located does not confer any naming right to the land owner or manager. This is also true in respect to land under the various forms of public management, including national parks and reserves.
- Place names (excluding localities) shall not be duplicated within the same LGA or locality or in an adjoining LGA or locality.

9.2 Selection of names

- Aboriginal names are encouraged as the name to be used for any feature that currently does not have a name recognised by the GNB.
- Names acknowledging the multicultural nature of NSW are encouraged.
- Names associated with the heritage of an area are encouraged, especially the names of early explorers, settlers, naturalists, events.
- A name suggested for any place that owes its origin to the peculiarity of the topographic feature designated such as shape, vegetation, animal life etc. may be accepted.
- Gender diversity in names is encouraged.
- The multiplication of names for different parts of the same topographical feature such as a stream or mountain range shall be avoided, and the one name applied to a stream or mountain range throughout its entire length. However, an Aboriginal name may apply to a limited section of a feature.
- The naming of forks, arms and branches of a river as North Branch and South Branch is not supported. Unique names shall be assigned to river branches.
- When a choice is offered between two or more names for the same place, locality or feature, all supported by local usage, the GNB may adopt one of such names as is considered appropriate in accordance with its principles and policies.
- The use of cardinal points of the compass as a prefix or suffix to an existing name shall not be used.
- The changing of long established place names is to be avoided except where necessary to avoid ambiguity or duplication.
- The GNB may approve a first or given name as part of a geographical name only where it is necessary to appropriately honour the person referred to or where it is necessary to avoid ambiguity.

9.3 Changing names

Where names have been changed or corrupted by long established local usage, it is not usually advisable to attempt to restore the original. Changes are discouraged unless the change has been deemed to be in the public interest or for safety reasons. Changing well established names can lead to address or location confusion, especially to electronic navigation services.

9.4 Correct designation values

The GNB has compiled a Glossary of Designation Values in the Geographical Names Register in order to assist in determining the correct designator to be applied to place names at the time of naming.

New names proposed for place names shall include the designation value appropriate to the nature of the feature.

The Glossary of Designation Values is attached as Appendix A.

9.5 Council resolutions to identify community support

When Council submit a naming proposal, it should be supported by a Council resolution. Council should also supply evidence that they have sought community feedback on the proposal. This could include advertising and inviting comment using:

- Local newspapers.
- Relevant web site.
- Local council facilities (eg offices, libraries etc).
- Notices to residents in the area surrounding the feature of the proposed name.
- Notices to local progress associations.

9.6 Naming of Cross Border Features

The name for any feature that crosses the State boundary shall be the same on both sides of that boundary. The basis for the selection of a name for such a feature should be the consensus between relevant authorities. Primary responsibility for obtaining consensus should rest with the authority within which the majority of the feature is located. Any matters regarding naming or renaming of features that cross the state border shall be referred to the Cross Border Commission.

9.7 Referring names to Local Government

Where a submission proposing a name is received by the Secretariat, that submission must be referred to the relevant Local Government and the submitter notified of this action.

9.8 Generic reserve names

The GNB has classified a number of reserve names as "generic", and when one of these names is proposed it shall also include the name of the locality within which the reserve is located. For example, Volunteer Park is a generic name, and if this name is proposed in Muswellbrook, it shall be proposed as Muswellbrook Volunteer Park.

The following park names have been classified as “generic” by the GNB

ACACIA PARK	ANZAC PARK
APEX PARK	BI-CENTENARY PARK
BI-CENTENNIAL PARK	CENTENARY PARK
CENTENNIAL PARK	CENTRAL PARK
CIVIC PARK	GALLIPOLI PARK
HERITAGE PARK	JUBILEE PARK
KINGS PARK	LIONESS PARK
LIONS PARK	MEMORIAL PARK
OLYMPIC PARK	PEACE PARK
PIONEER PARK	PRESIDENT PARK
PRINCE PARK	PRINCESS PARK
QUEENS PARK	QUOTA PARK
REMEMBRANCE PARK	RIVERSIDE PARK
ROTARY PARK	SESQUI CENTENARY PARK
SESQUI CENTENNIAL PARK	VOLUNTEER PARK
WAR MEMORIAL PARK	

9.9 Use of the name Anzac

The use of the name Anzac is protected by Commonwealth regulations, and may only be used for the naming of a road or park in which, there is situated a public memorial relating to the war which commenced on the fourth day of August 1914, or the war which commenced on the third day of September 1939. (Commonwealth ‘Protection of the word ‘Anzac’ regulation.’)

9.10 Naming of facilities within reserves

Facilities within an officially assigned reserve, such as a pavilion, grandstand, garden, buildings etc. may also be named according to this policy, but do not require the formal approval of the GNB. However, the GNB shall be notified of such names to ensure the name, position and origin is recorded in the Spatial Services’ Digital Topographic Database and the name shown on maps, where relevant.

9.11 Renaming of reserves

Names chosen for reserves are expected to be enduring, and the renaming of these features is confusing and disruptive and is discouraged. If the renaming of a reserve is proposed, evidence of community support for the name change must be provided. The GNB will then evaluate the merits of the proposal before making a decision.

9.12 Naming of properties and homesteads

The GNB does not officially assign names of properties or homesteads. However names of properties and homesteads may be recorded in the NSW Digital Topographical Database (DTDB).

10 Policy – Recognition and use of Aboriginal names

10.1 Background

The names we give to places convey their significance through a sense of history, identity and connection between people and a place. The land is seamless with spirituality and identity for Aboriginal people. A key manifestation of this connection are the names given to features on the land that relate to the ancestors, histories, law and lore of its people.

For Aboriginal people connection with 'Country' is intrinsically connected to identity. Country is the area where an Aboriginal community is connected by language, cultural practices and long held relationships between people and the land. Countries are said to own people whereas for non-Aboriginal people land is owned through a range of legal titles. Country and people are inseparable for Aboriginal communities.

This policy is designed to encourage and promote recognition of Aboriginal place names and to foster the more frequent and official use of these names, particularly for places where the names have not been assigned as geographical names. The policy also provides, where it is possible, for the reinstatement of an Aboriginal place name through the dual naming process.

The NSW Government is committed to continuing the recognition of our Aboriginal cultural heritage by registering the original place names used by Aboriginal people to identify geographical features. Where a feature is identified by a non-Aboriginal name and that name is well established, an Aboriginal name put forward for the feature can be assigned as a dual name and sit alongside the existing non-Aboriginal name.

The GNB prefers the use of Aboriginal names for geographical features. Where a feature currently has a non-Aboriginal name, it may be considered for a dual name provided that documentary or oral evidence of the Aboriginal name is provided.

10.2 Recognition and use of Aboriginal names

- Aboriginal place names are preferred for the name of any place that does not have an assigned geographical name.
- Prior to submitting an Aboriginal name for consideration by the GNB, the proponent should consult the Local Aboriginal Land Council and Aboriginal communities on all matters concerning Aboriginal place names occurring in their area of current occupation and traditional association, in line with self-determination policies. This includes any proposals to assign new names, alter spellings of existing names or assign dual names.
- A name nominated by a Local Government Council will not be accepted by the GNB unless the Local Aboriginal Land Council and relevant Aboriginal communities have been consulted. The GNB Secretariat can provide guidance.
- Aboriginal place names which have been assigned as geographical names shall not be amended in form, spelling, extent or position without the consent of the relevant Local Aboriginal Land Council or Community.
- A dual naming system may be used for the naming of a physical and environmental place[s] of significance to the local Aboriginal Land Council or Community when a non-Aboriginal assigned geographical name already exists. Dual naming shall not apply to localities, towns or roads.

- A dual name can only be assigned where there is plausible historical evidence in the form of documentary or oral sources, that the feature has an existing Aboriginal name and that some authority or authenticity can be attributed to the source or sources for the form, origin, spelling, history and meaning of the name. The name cannot be a new name assigned for the purpose of a tribute etc.
- Signs or notices explaining the origins of Aboriginal place names should also identify the name of the language group from which the name originated. For example, the name '...' means '.....' from the '...' Aboriginal language group.
- The GNB endorses and supports the Permanent Committee on Place Names "Guidelines for the Use of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Names" which is included in the PCPN's "Guidelines for the Consistent Use of Place Names".
- The GNB does not have a role in the determining naming, spelling or determination of boundaries of Aboriginal Countries or Nations.

11 Policy - Infrastructure

11.1 Railway Stations

Railway stations shall be named after its locality or area of interest unless to do so would lead to a duplicated station name. In these cases a name that identifies the area or location of the station should be used. For example Town Hall Station and Martin Place Station are situated in Sydney where multiple stations are in one locality.

Justification

Railway station names assist in location and navigation and are particularly important for visitors and other travellers.

11.2 Other infrastructure

The GNB does not have specific statutory responsibility for formally naming infrastructure (other than Railway Stations and Post Offices), schools, private estate names or building names.

Nevertheless, naming any prominent feature should follow the accepted practice for naming as detailed in this policy.

Justification

Infrastructure such as buildings and sporting facilities are generally not used for addressing purposes however there is a high likelihood that they may be used for location including emergency services. Unique names for all infrastructure will assist in ensuring their location for emergency services.

11.3 Bridge Naming

The GNB does not name bridges, however, it encourages all bridge naming to follow the guidelines as set out in this policy.

The naming of bridges and other structures on roads does not have a formal legislative basis. However, the same procedures for road naming applies to bridges and other road infrastructure:

- RMS is responsible for the naming of bridges and other structures on freeways.
- Local councils initiate the naming of bridges on local, regional and state roads (other than freeways). RMS to approve these proposals.

RMS will approve a naming proposal for a bridge or structure provided that:

- The name has wide community support.
- An Aboriginal name has the support of local Aboriginal groups.
- Consideration has been given to National and State commemorative initiatives involving the naming of new of key road infrastructure.
- The name is consistent with GNB place name criteria.
- The design of the name plaque accords with RMS requirements.

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Appendix A



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Glossary of designation values in the Geographical Names Register

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ABORIGINAL RESERVE

Crown land set aside for Aborigines, where they may continue their traditional lifestyle away from the influence of white Australians and access to which is controlled by federal or state authorities or by Aboriginal Land Councils.

AERODROME

All licensed aerodromes and government aerodromes maintained by the Federal Airports Corporation, other than those designated 'airports'.

AIRFIELD

A landing or taking-off area for aircraft.

AIRPORT

An aerodrome that handles regular schedules of passengers and freight.

AMPHITHEATRE

Basin shaped hollow, particularly one having steep sides. Considerable variation in size.

ANABRANCH

A distributary of an anastomosing river which links up with other distributaries and sometimes with the parent stream.

ARM

A comparatively long, narrow and natural waterway extending from a larger body of water.

ARTESIAN BORE

A hole bored perpendicularly into strata, producing a constant supply of water at the surface without pumping.

BACKWATER

A body of stagnant water connected to a river.

BASIN

1. The tract of country drained by a river and its tributaries, or which drains into a particular lake or area.

2. A circumscribed formation in which the strata dip inward from all sides to the centre; the stratified deposit, especially of coal, lying in such a depression.

3. An area of water limited in extent and nearly enclosed by structures alongside which vessels can lie. A non-tidal basin is one closed by caisson or gates to shut off from open water, so that a constant level of water can be maintained in it. Also called a 'wet dock'. A tidal basin is one without gates in which the level of the water rises and falls with the tide. Sometimes called an 'Open Basin'.

BAY

A well-marked indentation made by the sea or a lake into a coastline, whose penetration is in such proportion to the width of its mouth as to contain land locked waters and constitutes more than a mere curvature of the coast.

BEACH

The sloping shore along a body of water that is periodically washed by waves or tides and is usually covered with sand or gravel.

BIGHT

A crescent-shaped indentation in the coastline usually of large extent and not more than a 90 degree sector of a circle. See 'Bay' and 'Gulf'.

BILLABONG

An efflux from a stream, usually an old bend in the stream, which has been cut off by erosion and deposition. When the fall of a stream is only a few centimetres per kilometre channel is usually incapable of clearing flood waters, which overflow into this efflux. As the water recede the efflux or billabong becomes a pool or a series of pools, which in dry periods may completely dry up.

BLUFF

A spur or ridge terminating in a steep, rocky face.

BORE

A deep vertical hole of a small diameter drilled to obtain water. Designation includes 'Artesian Bore'.

BOUNDARY

That which serves to indicate the limits of a particular area. Various types of boundaries which may be encountered are:

1. UNCLASSIFIED BOUNDARIES; those drawn by the compiler prior to classification to delineate a change in surface characteristics.
2. INTERNATIONAL BOUNDARIES; those defining the territorial sovereignty of a country.
3. STATE OR TERRITORY BOUNDARIES; those defining the major administrative or political divisions within a country.
4. ADMINISTRATIVE AREA BOUNDARIES; those defining areas of common local or regional administration.
5. PROHIBITED AREA BOUNDARIES; those defining the limits of an area into which entry is prohibited, without prior permission from a controlling authority, for security or safety reasons.

BREAKWATER

A natural or artificial structure along a coast capable of checking the force of the waves, thereby reducing beach erosion. The designation includes 'groyne', 'training wall' and 'levee'. The latter two are to restrict rivers to a defined course.

BROOK

A small stream or rivulet.

BUTTE

A small residual of a mesa. The level top being the upper surface of the hard stratum but little lowered by erosion. The slopes on all sides are escarpments and its maximum horizontal dimension in any one direction is about 400 metres.

BUTTRESS

A very steep spur projecting from a hill, mountain, plateau, range etc., having the appearance of supporting it.

CAMP

A place where tents, cabins, etc. are erected for the use of military troops, etc.

CANAL

A large artificial watercourse used for irrigation or navigation.

CANYON

A gorge, relatively narrow but of considerable size, bounded by steep slopes. It has often been formed by a river cutting through the soft rocks of an arid region; the scantiness of the rainfall prevents denudation of the canyon walls, and so maintains their steepness. The walls of a large canyon, however, rarely approach the vertical, and their irregularity of slope is due to inequalities in the hardness of the rock.

CAPE

A piece of land jutting into the sea; a projecting headland or promontory.

CATCHMENT AREA

The region which drains all the rain water that falls on it, apart from that removed by evaporation, into a river or stream, which then carries the water into the sea or a lake; it may thus coincide with the 'River Basin'. Its boundary is defined by the ridge beyond which water flows in the opposite direction - away from the basin.

CAUSEWAY

A raised roadway of solid structure built across low or wet ground or across a stretch of water.

CAVE

A hollowed-out chamber in the earth, especially a natural cavity with an opening to the surface.

CEMETERY

A place or area for burying the dead.

CHANNEL

1. An artificial watercourse used for drainage or irrigation purposes.
2. A comparatively deep and narrow waterway affording a passage for vessels. The waterway may be natural or dredged and can occur in a river, harbour or sea.

CHASM

A particularly narrow portion of a gorge or ravine where the width is notably exceeded by the depth and the sides are vertical or nearly so.

CITY

A centre of population, commerce and culture with all essential services; a town of significant size and importance, generally accorded the legal right to call itself a city under, either, the Local Government Act, the Crown Lands Act or other instruments put in place by government.

CIVIC PLACE

A pedestrian area or open space, especially a square or plaza, within an urban environment which is frequented by citizens for a variety of purposes including public activities. It may be a place of commemoration. It does not include areas specifically created for commercial or business purposes. It is not to be used in an official address.

CLEARING

An area of ground within a forest, where less than 15% of the ground is covered by trees or scrub. Clearings within areas of dense vegetation may be manmade or naturally occurring.

CLIFF

A perpendicular or steep face of rock considerable in height, either inland or along the coast.

COLLEGE

An establishment for technical or vocational education usually post secondary.

COMMON

A tract of land which belongs to the local community as a whole, and is open to common use.

COUNTY

Territorial division of the state for administrative purposes.

COVE

A small indentation in a coast, usually sheltered.

COWAL

A small lake or dam.

CRATER

A bowl shaped cavity, in particular, at the summit or on the side of a volcano. And from which smoke and steam may emanate if the volcano is active. Craters of extinct volcanoes may contain crater lakes. The word crater is applied to other depressions especially those caused by the fall of large meteorites onto the earth's surface. Volcanic craters are sometimes called calders.

CREEK

A natural watercourse that is usually a tributary of a river or another creek. It may be perennial or non-perennial and in some areas its course may become indefinite or even peter out.

CROSSING

A place where a street, railway, stream, etc., may be crossed.

CUTTING

An open excavation through high ground, generally for a transportation system.

DAM

1. A barrier built across a stream to impound its water for any purpose.
2. An earthen structure built to contain water for stock purposes.

DEPRESSION

A depressed or sunken place.

DESERT

An almost barren tract of land in which precipitation is so scanty or spasmodic that it will not adequately support vegetation.

DIP

A place for controlling ticks on cattle.

DISTRICT

1. Territory marked off for special administrative purposes.
2. A tract of country, up to about 1600 sq. kms in area, distinguished by certain common characteristics, natural or cultural.

DOCK

An artificial structure in which ships are built or repaired.

DRAIN

A channel, man made or natural, by which liquid is drained or gradually carried away.

DUNES

Mounds or ridges of sand formed, either in a desert or along the sea coast, through transportation by the wind.

ESCARPMENT

A more or less continuous line of cliffs or steep slopes terminating any generally level upland surface, and is due to erosion or faulting.

ESTUARY

The tidal mouth of a river, where the tide meets the current of fresh water; more commonly, an arm of the sea at the lower end of a river.

FALLS

A sudden, more or less perpendicular, descent of water over a natural step in the bed of a river or stream.

FAULT

A fracture in the earth's crust along which movement has taken place, and where the rock strata on the two sides therefore do not match.

FLAT

A relatively level piece of ground within an area of greater relief; a tract of country without hills and smaller than a plain. In river valleys they may be Valley or River Flats, along the foreshores and subject to tidal action they are Tidal Flats and according to the nature of the surface they may be Mud, Stony or Sandy Flats.

FLORA RESERVE

Crown land set aside for the protection of flora, and access to which is controlled by federal or state authorities.

FORD

The shallow part of a stream or other body of water, where it may be crossed by vehicle or by wading. The crossing may be natural or improved, but not by bridging.

FOREST

An area of land proclaimed to be a forest under a Forest Act.

GAOL

A place for the confinement of persons convicted and sentenced to imprisonment or of persons awaiting trial.

GAP

A low point or opening between hills or mountains or in a ridge or mountain range.

GLEN

A narrow, wooded valley with a stream flowing at its bottom. Its sides being generally steep.

GOLF COURSE

An area of ground laid out for the playing of golf.

GORGE

A valley deep in proportion to its width, usually with precipitous or very steep sides. Generally a feature of some magnitude, relative to the surrounding base.

GRADIENT

A noteworthy gradient inclination or slope of the surface of the ground on the side or end of an elevated relief feature.

GRAVEYARD

A place for graves; a burial ground, esp. a small one or one in a churchyard.

GULF

Large valleys in mountain ranges OR an area of sea partly enclosed by land; usually of larger extent, and greater relative penetration than a bay, that is, Gulf of Carpentaria.

GULLY

A natural watercourse formed in the earth's surface, especially a hillside, by the action of water. It only carries water after rain and its sides are generally steep. Usually one of the smallest branches of a drainage system, and often associated with erosive action.

HARBOUR

A natural or artificially improved stretch of water where vessels can anchor or secure to buoys or alongside wharves etc and obtain protection from sea and swell. The protection may be afforded by natural features or by artificial works. The place may be provided with terminal and transfer facilities for loading and discharging cargo or passengers.

HEAD

A comparatively high promontory of land projecting into the sea with a steep face. An un-named head is usually described as a 'Headland' when a specific name is assigned, it becomes a 'Head'.

HEADLAND

A narrow area of land jutting out into a sea, lake, etc.

HILL

A small portion of the earth's surface elevated above its surroundings, of lower altitude than a mountain. Generally its altitude is less than 300 metres above the surrounding country but this can change in areas of low relief.

HILLOCK

A small hill or mound.

HISTORIC AREA

An area or precinct containing no or minimum present activity, but which at one time was an area of recognised name and purpose.

HISTORIC SITE

A specific place or site which has at one time been the site of an event or purpose.

HISTORICAL LOCALITY

An area or precinct containing no or minimum present activity, but which at one time was an area of recognised name and purpose.

HISTORICAL RECONSTRUCTION

An area or precinct which at one time was an area of recognised name and purpose and has now been redeveloped to recognise its past.

HOLE

An area hollowed out in or an opening in the ground.

INLET

A narrow indentation in the coastline or in the lake or river by which the water penetrates into the land.

ISLAND

A piece of land usually completely surrounded by water.

ISLET

A comparatively small insular landmass. Smaller than an Island but larger than a Cay.

KNOB

Rounded projection from a surface.

KNOLL

A small rounded Hill.

LAGOON

An enclosed area of water separated from the open sea or from a stream by some more or less effective, but not complete, obstacle such as low sandbanks.

LAKE

An extensive sheet of fresh or saltwater, natural or artificial, enclosed or nearly enclosed by land. It may or may not have in and out-flowing water, and in dry areas may even dry up at times.

LAKE BED

The area of a lake which is under water or once was under water.

LANDING PLACE

The act of coming to land. A place of disembarkation.

LANDMARK

A prominent or well known object in or feature of a particular landscape. A boundary marker. A large continuous area of land, as opposed to seas or islands.

LANDSCAPE FEATURE

This designation is used for a feature of the landscape, whether natural or cultural, which does not fit comfortably in any other designation and the number (actual and expected) of such places in NSW does not warrant a specific separate designation.

LIGHTHOUSE

A distinctive structure on or off the Coast, exhibiting a major light designed to serve as an aid to navigation.

LOCALITY

A bounded area within the landscape that has a 'Rural' Character.

LOCK

A section of a canal or river that may be closed off by gates to control the water level and the raising and lowering of vessels that pass through it.

LOOKOUT

A natural scenic viewpoint on elevated ground. Works or structures within the immediate vicinity of the view point improving the safety, amenities or view may be evident.

LOOP

A railway branch line which leaves the main line and rejoins it after a short distance.

MARINA

A docking facility for yachts and other pleasure boats accessible for private patrons only.

MARSHES

Low poorly drained land that is sometimes flooded and often lies at the edge of lakes etc.

MESA

A flat table-like upland, which falls away steeply on all sides (escarpments). It is larger in area than a 'butte' but smaller than a 'plateau'.

MONOLITHS

Large block of stone or anything that resembles one in appearance, intractability, etc. A statue, obelisk, column, etc, cut from one block of stone. A large hollow foundation piece sunk as a caisson and filled with concrete.

MOOR

A tract of unenclosed ground, usually covered with heather, coarse grass, bracken, and moss.

MOUNT

A natural elevation of the earth's surface rising more or less abruptly from the surrounding level, and attaining an altitude which, relative to adjacent elevations, is impressive or notable. In general the elevation of a mountain is more than 300 metres from foot to summit, but this distinction is arbitrary. For reasons of euphony and local usage 'Mount' is usually used when the generic term precedes the specific term and 'Mountain' when it succeeds it.

MOUNTAIN

A large natural elevation of the earth's surface.

MOUNTAIN LAKES

A lake created by an extinct volcanic crater.

MOUNTAIN PEAK

A prominent point of a hill or mountain. The separately named summits on a range of hills or mountains.

MOUNTAIN RANGE

A series or line of mountain or hill ridges with or without peaks, in which the crests are relatively narrow. Its minimum length is about 16 kilometres.

NAVAL ESTABLISHMENT

An institution, pier or building specially designed and equipped for use by the Navy.

NECK

A narrow strip of land; peninsula or isthmus.

NEIGHBOURHOOD

The immediate environment; surroundings. A district where people live. The people in a particular area. Living or situated in and serving the needs of a local area.

OBSERVATORY

An institution or building specially designed and equipped for observing meteorological and astronomical phenomena. Any building or structure providing an extensive view of its surroundings.

OCEAN

A very large stretch of sea. The vast body of water on the surface of the globe that surrounds the land.

PARISH

Territorial division of the state for administrative purposes.

PASS

A depression or gap in a range of mountains or hills permitting easier passage from one side to the other.

PASSAGE

A comparatively deep and narrow waterway affording a passage for a vessel.

PEAK

A prominent point of a hill or mountain. The separately named summits on a range of hills or mountains.

PENINSULA

A piece of land almost surrounded by water, especially one connected with the mainland by only a narrow neck of land or isthmus.

PICNIC AREA

A location to which people bring food to be eaten in the open air.

PINNACLE

The highest point. A towering peak, as of a mountain.

PIT

A large usually deep opening in the ground.

PLAIN

A tract of country the general surface of which is comparatively flat or slightly undulating. In extent generally not less than 2,500 hectares and sparsely, if at all timbered.

PLATEAU

An elevated tract of comparatively flat or level land, having a large part of its total surface at or near the summit level. Its local relief may be very great in cases where it is cut by gorges, or it may have a small local relief like a plain in cases where erosion has not been severe. Its minimum horizontal dimension in any direction generally exceeds 1.6km.

POINT

A location, spot, or position. Point of land. A small promontory.

POND

A pool of still water, often artificially created.

POOL

A small body of still water, usually fresh. A deep part of a stream or river where the water runs very slowly.

PORT

A town or place alongside navigable water with facilities for the loading and unloading of ships.

POST OFFICE

A local office for receiving, distributing and transmitting mail, providing telecommunication services etc.

POWER STATION

An electrical generating station.

PRISON

A place to which persons are legally committed, either while awaiting trial or for punishment.

PUBLIC WATERING PLACE

An artificial waterhole.

RACECOURSE

A place which has been licensed by government for the holding of horse races.

RAILWAY

A permanent track composed of a line of parallel metal rails fixed to sleepers for transport of passengers and goods in trains.

RAILWAY CUTTING

An excavation in a piece of high land for a railway.

RAILWAY LOOP

A short branch off a railway track, often connected at both ends to the main track where trains can pass on a single line stretch of railway. In some cases freight may be handled at these sidings. This designation includes 'Railway Siding'.

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A short branch off a railway track, often connected at both ends to the main track where trains can pass on a single line stretch of railway. In some cases freight may be handled at these sidings. This designation includes 'Railway Loop'.

RAILWAY STATION

A structure beside a railway line with facilities for passengers and freight.

RAMP

An area set aside for the launching of small water craft, usually paved.

RANGE

A series or line of mountain or hill ridges with or without peaks, in which the crests are relatively narrow. Its minimum length is about 16 kilometres.

RAPIDS

Portions of a stream with accelerated current where it descends rapidly without a break in the slope of the bed sufficient to form a waterfall.

RAVINE

A deep narrow steep sided valley.

REACH

A comparatively straight part of a river or channel between two bends.

REEF

A ridge of rocks or coral lying near the surface of the sea, which may be visible at low tide, but is usually covered by water.

REGION

A region is a relatively large tract of land distinguished by certain common characteristics, natural or cultural. Natural unifying features could include same drainage basin, similar landforms, or climatic conditions, a special flora or fauna, or the like. Cultural determining features could include boundaries proclaimed for administrative purposes, common land use patterns etc.

REGULATOR

Any of various mechanisms or devices such as a governor valve, for controlling fluid flow, pressure, temperature, etc.

RESEARCH STATION

An institution, farm or building specially designed and equipped for carrying out agricultural research.

RESERVE

An area proclaimed to be a public reserve by government legislation.

RESERVOIR

An artificial lake or structure storing water for domestic or other uses.

RIDGE

A long and narrow stretch of elevated ground. It generally has a length less than 16 kilometres.

RIFLE RANGE

An area used for target practice with rifles.

RIVER

A major natural stream in a large catchment basin, carrying water to another river, a lake or the sea. Usually perennial, but not necessarily so in arid areas.

RIVER BEND

A curve in the course of a stream. This designation includes 'meander'.

RIVER CROSSING

A place where a river may be crossed.

RIVER FLAT

A relatively level piece of ground within an area of greater relief; a tract of country without hills and smaller than a plain, caused by the laying down of sediment by a river.

RIVER MOUTH

The area at which a river makes contact with the sea.

RIVULET

A small stream.

ROAD BEND

A bend in a road.

ROADS

An open way, usually surfaced with tarmac or concrete, providing passage from one place to another.

ROADSTEAD

An open anchorage for ships, which may be sufficiently sheltered to give protection from seas, usually by reefs, sandbanks, or islands.

ROCK

A prominent or isolated out crop of rock, or even a single large stone. This designation includes 'boulder' 'crag' 'needle' 'pillar' and 'tor'.

ROCK FACE

An area of exposed rock, generally in a vertical position.

RURAL PLACE

A place, site or precinct in a rural landscape, generally of small extent, the name of which is in current use.

SADDLE

A col or pass or any land form recalling in shape a saddle.

SANDBANK

A bank of sand in a sea or river that may be exposed at low tide.

SANDBAR

A ridge of sand in a river or sea, built up by the action of tides, currents, etc, and often exposed at low tide.

SANDHILL

A mound, ridge or hill of drifted sand either in a desert or along a sea coast, formed by the action of wind.

SANDRIDGE

Sand drifts in long ridges tending parallel to and elongating in the direction of the prevailing winds.

SCHOOL

An establishment for primary or secondary education created by the Education Act.

SCRUB

A vegetation consisting of stunted trees, bushes, and other plants growing in an arid area. An area of arid land covered with such vegetation.

SEA

One of the divisions of the oceans, especially if partly enclosed by land.

SHOAL

A ridge of sand or of rocks just below the surface of the sea or of a river and therefore dangerous to navigation.

SPORTSGROUND

A reserve used for sporting fixtures.

SPRING

A flow of water issuing naturally out of the ground, either continuously or intermittently.

SPUR

A minor linear projection off a range, ridge, mountain, tableland, hill or plateau being generally not more than 2 kilometres in length and decreasing in altitude from the parent feature.

STATE

A major administrative or political division within a country.

STATION

A structure beside a railway line with facilities for passengers and freight.

STEEPS

The very steep and deep sides of a mountain or high plateau.

STRAIT

A comparatively narrow passage connecting two seas or two large bodies of water.

STREAM

Small river, brook. Any steady flow of water or other fluid.

SUBURB

A bounded area within the landscape that has an 'Urban' Character.

SURF BREAK

A permanent obstruction such as a reef, bombyra, rock or sandbar which causes waves to break thus making conditions conducive to surfing.

SWAMP

A tract of land normally saturated with water, having little or no drainage and characterised by a growth of grass or reeds. This designation includes 'marsh'.

SYPHON

A tube/pipe placed with one end at a certain level in a body of water and the other in a body of water below this level.

TABLELAND

An elevated tract of land with a generally level surface of considerable extent, generally with a minimum area of 2,500 hectares.

TANK

An artificial waterhole forming a reservoir for rainwater and adjacent run-off.

TERMINAL

A reception or departure building at the terminus of a bus, sea or air transport route.

TERRACE

A level or nearly level strip of land, usually narrow and bordering the sea, a lake or river, lying between a slope upwards to hills on one side and a slope, often abrupt, downwards on the other.

TOPS

The top of a hill

TOWER

A tall usually square or circular structure, sometimes part of a larger building and usually built for a specific purpose.

TOWN

A commercial nucleus offering a wide range of services and a large number of shops, often several of the same type. Depending on size, the residential area can be relatively compact or (in addition) dispersed in clusters on the periphery.

TRACK

A formed and/or marked track that is used by people either walking, cycling or riding a horse. This designation includes 'trails'.

TRAINING WALL

See 'Breakwater'.

TRIG. STATION

A point on the ground, the geographic position of which has been determined by geodetic survey.

TUNNEL

An underground passageway, esp. one for trains or cars. Any passage through or under something.

UNIVERSITY

An institution of higher education having authority to award bachelor and higher degrees, usually having research facilities.

URBAN LOCALITY

Not now recommended, see 'Urban Place'.

URBAN PLACE

A place, site or precinct in an urban landscape, the name of which is in current use, but the limits of which have not been defined under the address locality program.

URBAN VILLAGE

A cohesive populated place in an urban landscape, which may provide a limited range of services to the local area.

VALLEY

Long depression in the land surface, usually containing a river, formed by erosion or by movements in the earth's crust. Any elongated depression resembling a valley.

VILLAGE

A cohesive populated place in a rural landscape, which may provide a limited range of services to the local area. Residential subdivisions are in urban lot sizes.

WATER AERODROME

All licenced aerodromes and government aerodromes maintained by the Federal Airports Corporation, other than those designated 'airports' which have landing facilities on water for sea planes etc.

WATER FEATURE

A feature within water.

WATER SYPHON

See 'Syphon'

WATERFALL

A sudden descent of water over a step in the bed of a stream, the fall being much steeper than in the designation 'rapids'. In place names frequently shortened to 'Fall' or 'Falls'. This designation includes 'cascade' and 'cataract'.

WATERHOLE

A natural hole or hollow containing water, often in the dry bed of an intermittent river.

WEIR

A barrier, erected across a stream to impound and raise the water level for the purpose of maintaining it at the level required for irrigation or navigation purposes.

WELL

A hole or pit dug in the ground to obtain water.

WHARF

A platform alongside of which ships may be secured for loading or unloading cargo or passengers. This designation includes 'pier', 'quay', 'jetty', and 'marina' for those marinas that only have public access.

NAMING OF PARKS AND COMMUNITY FACILITIES POLICY

Purpose

To ensure that all Council parks and community facilities are named in accordance with the approved:

- Assessment criteria and principles; and
- Application process.

Scope

The provisions of this policy apply to the naming of all parks and community facilities within the City of Broken Hill.

This policy does provide for the naming of roads.

Definitions

Facility shall mean any building, structure, room, plaza or other property under the care and control of the Broken Hill City Council.

Park shall mean any open space or landscaped area under the care and control of the Broken Hill City Council.

General Principles

1. Parks, as a matter of general principle will be named after the street in which they are located, or a nearby geographical feature of the park or its surroundings, unless named by resolution by Council.
2. A name which has historical significance is acceptable.
3. Community facilities will generally be named after the general area of the City in which they are located.
4. A name will not be adopted which duplicates or closely resembles a name already in use in the city of Broken Hill.

5. Real property boundaries will delineate the area of a named park to assist asset management. Where a park is made up of more than one property it is preferred each property be linked to the name which most clearly identifies that park in its entirety, unless boundaries of such area are clearly delineated by natural or artificial features.

Naming after an Individual or Family

Requests to name a park or community facility after a person or family will be the exception as a general rule, and all proposals will be presented to Council for consideration.

1. Naming a park or community facility after a person or family will only be considered where a person or family member is deceased and:
 - a. Is widely known and respected within the local community;
 - b. Has a recognised historical link with the locality or is generally acknowledged as having made a significant contribution to the social, economic, sporting or cultural development of the community; and
 - c. Is of good repute and not likely to be subject of controversy.
2. The nominated person has widespread community support.
3. A family who is nominated should have made a significant contribution to the community over two (2) or more generations.
4. The proposal to the name of the park or facility should be advertised with signage, at or on, the property or facility for public comment for twenty one days prior to the presentation of a report to Council for its consideration.
5. Council will determine whether a request will be granted taking into consideration the advice of the Asset Naming Committee and the outcomes of the community consultation.
6. To **apply**, applicants must submit a written statement for the nominee(s). This must be supported by a minimum of three (3) parties, one of who must be a community group. Documentation must be validated by Statutory Declaration and signed by a Justice of the Peace or Commissioner of Declarations.

Applicants will be given careful consideration by the Asset Naming Committee prior to being presented to Council for its consideration and decision.
7. Where Council grants a request to have a park named after a person an inscription will be included within the "Park Name" sign. The inscription will acknowledge the nature of the person's contribution to the community.

8. Wording of the plaque will be determined in consultation with the closest living relative.
9. Where Council grants a request to have a community facility (infrastructure) names after a person, the naming will be for the life of the facility. Should the facility be subject to damage or removal, Council is no longer under obligation to replace the facility or name another facility in its place. The plaque attached to the facility will be in proportion with the facility.

Naming a after a Community Organisation or Service Club

The naming of a park or facility after a community organisation / service club is not the favoured option, unless the organisation or service club has made or is committed to making a significant contribution to the development and improvement of the facility.

1. Such name must include a geographic components to distinguish it. An alternative may be to install suitable inscriptions / plaques to acknowledge the contribution of the group / club to the park, facility or specific structure.
2. To **apply**, applicants must submit a written statement for the nominee(s). This must be supported by a minimum of three (3) parties, one of who must be a community group. Documentation must be validated by Statutory Declaration and signed by a Justice of the Peace or Commissioner of Declarations. Applicants will be given careful consideration by the Asset Naming Committee prior to being presented to Council for its consideration and decision.
3. Where Council grants a request to have a park named after a community organisation / service club an inscription will be included within the "Park Name" sign. The inscription will acknowledge the nature of the groups contribution to the community.
4. Wording of the plaque will be determined in consultation with the community group.
5. Where Council grants a request to have a community facility (infrastructure) names after a community organisation / service club, the naming will be for the life of the facility. Should the facility be subject to damage or removal, Council is no longer under obligation to replace the facility or name another facility in its place. The plaque attached to the facility will be in proportion with the facility.

Renaming a Facility

6. The renaming of a facility will only be considered if it can be demonstrated that the name is no longer appropriate in historical or geographical terms or is likely to cause distress to members of the community.

Placing of Plaques

7. The placing of memorial plaques in honour of persons in parks or on infrastructure will not be supported. Council will consider memorial tree plantings (exclusive of plaques) to occur, subject to Council's direction with respect to species and location. The full cost and implementation of tree planting and establishment (including replacement if required) is to be borne by applicant.

Associated Policies & Documents

Nil

Policy Details

File Reference No.: 12/14
Adopted: 26 April 2012
Minute No.: 43283
Amended: 27 March 2013
Minute No.: 44287
Review Date: April 2014
Responsible Officer: Group Manager, Business Improvement & Corporate Services

POLICY AND GENERAL COMMITTEE

May 10, 2023

ITEM 6BROKEN HILL CITY COUNCIL REPORT NO. 90/23

SUBJECT: QUARTERLY BUDGET REVIEW STATEMENT FOR PERIOD
ENDED 31 MARCH 2023 D23/23665

Recommendation

1. That Broken Hill City Council Report No. 90/23 dated May 10, 2023, be received.
2. That the 3rd Quarterly Budget Review Statement and recommendations be adopted.
3. That Council note the projected 2022/23 operating deficit (before capital) of \$2,061,000.
4. That Council note the 2021/22 projected net capital budget expenditure of \$22,968,000.

Executive Summary:

The Quarterly Budget Review Statement (QBRS) presents a summary of Council's financial position at the end of the second quarter for the financial year ended 30 June 2023.

The quarterly budget review process is the mechanism through which Council and the community are informed of Council's progress against the Operational Plan (annual budget), together with recommendations for changes and reasons for budget variations.

In accordance with the adopted 2022/23 Operational Budget, Council is reviewing each quarter in fine detail to ensure the financial impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic and global and national economic difficulties are being managed in a financially sustainable way. This includes continuing to make opportunities for refined operating models for continuous efficiency and improvement but also increase service delivery and resources where required.

The March Quarterly Budget Review shows a reduction in the projected 2022/23 operating deficit (before capital items) of \$264,000 to an overall projected operating deficit at 30 June 2023 of \$2,061,000.

Budgeted capital expenditure will increase by \$254,000 increasing the expected net capital expenditure to \$22,968,000.

Report:***Budget Review:***

In accordance with s203 of the *Local Government (General) Regulations 2005*:

- (1) Not later than 2 months after the end of each quarter, the responsible accounting officer of a Council must prepare and submit to the Council a budget review statement that shows, by reference to the estimate of income and expenditure set out in the Council's Revenue Policy included in the Operational Plan for the relevant year, a revised estimate of the income and expenditure for that year.
- (2) A budget review statement must include or be accompanied by:

- (a) A report as to whether or not the responsible accounting officer believes that the statement indicates that the financial position of the Council is satisfactory, having regard to the original estimate of income and expenditure; and
- (b) If that position is unsatisfactory, recommendation for remedial action.

In accordance with s211 (*Authorisation of expenditure*) of the *Local Government (General) Regulations 2005*:

- (1) A council, or a person purporting to act on behalf of a council, must not incur a liability for the expenditure of money unless the council at the annual meeting held in accordance with subclause (2) or at a later ordinary meeting:
 - (a) has approved the expenditure, and
 - (b) has voted the money necessary to meet the expenditure.

The QBRS appears as Attachment 1 and has been produced in accordance with the guidelines and standards issued by the Office of Local Government.

Operational Budget Result:

The March Quarterly Budget Review shows a reduction in the projected 2022/23 operating deficit (before capital items) of \$264,000 to an overall projected operating deficit at 30 June 2023 of \$2,061,000.

This result reflects the following movements:

- \$464,075 increase in grant revenue following receipt of a non-recurrent grant under the Regional and Local Roads Repair Program.
- \$200,000 addition to Materials and Services budget to fund ongoing litigation to complete the Cost Assessment process for the Civic Centre. These costs are also deemed recoverable during the process.
- \$50,000 increase in grant revenue and expenditure following receipt of a non-recurrent grant under the Youth Opportunities Program an Immersive Youth Creation project.
- \$153,820 increase in revenue and expenditure following receipt of a Community Development Fund grant to undertake a First Nations Oral History Project.

Capital Budget Result:

Budgeted capital expenditure will increase by \$254,000 increasing expected net capital expenditure to \$22,968,000.

This result reflects the following movements:

- Additional \$60,000 to replace airport fire equipment found to be non-compliant and beyond repair during the current upgrade project.
- Additional \$11,500 to upgrade the Christmas bauble to improve access and reduce the risk of damage during installation and removal.
- Reduction of \$ 90,300 due to the deferral to future years of the following projects:
 - Civic Centre air conditioner - No1 chilled water pump replacement - \$10,400
 - Civic Centre air conditioner - No1 chiller replacement - \$37,900

- Admin Building air conditioner - No1 Chiller OH/Replacement - \$42,000
- Addition of \$83,400 to replace the Administration Building atmospheric boiler which has failed and can't be repaired. This is reinstatement of a project that was deferred to future years in the Q1 budget review.
- Reduction of \$241,000 for the removal of the Civic Centre office construction project.
- Additional \$22,000 for Security system upgrades:
 - Warnock Depot - \$14,500
 - Visitor Information Centre - \$7,500
- Additional \$122,400 for repairs to the O'Neil Park Tennis Court lighting hardware.
- Reduction of \$15,400 due to cancellation of the Material Recycling Facility design project.
- Additional \$24,000 to replace compressors in the hydro pool air exchange system at the Aquatic Centre.
- Additional \$18,000 to repair pipework for slide at the Aquatic Centre.

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 organization to operate its legal framework

Relevant Legislation:

Local Government Act 1993

Clause 203(1) of the Local Government (General) Regulations 2021.

Clause 211 of the Local Government (General) Regulations 2021.

Financial Implications:

The projected operating deficit for 30 June 2023 (before capital items) has reduced by \$264,000 to \$2,061,000 in the March quarter.

The after effects of the COVID-19 pandemic combined with the effects of the Ukraine war are continuing to impact supply chains and the cost of materials and services. Inflation has continued to be a major impact on council's costs in the third quarter. The Reserve Bank has indicated that inflation has peaked however it will take 18 months to two years to return to the target range.

Projected cash availability as at end of year will be subject to change, as it assumes all capital projects will be expended in their entirety during the financial year. As you would reasonably expect, large capital projects will run over multiple years and therefore not all capital committed will be expended, resulting in a larger cash holding than is projected. As the projects are completed in subsequent financial years, projected cash holdings and actual cash holdings will begin to even out.

Full details of the financial implications of this quarter's Quarterly Budget Review Statement are contained within the attached report.

Attachments

1. [↓](#) Quarterly Budget Review Statement for the period ended 31 March 2023

2. [↓](#) Long Term Financial Plan 2023-32

SIMON BROWN
CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

JAY NANKIVELL
GENERAL MANAGER

Broken Hill City Council

Quarterly Budget Review Statement
for the period 01/01/23 to 31/03/23

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Report by Responsible Accounting Officer

The following statement is made in accordance with Clause 203(2) of the Local Government (General) Regulations 2005:

31 March 2023

It is my opinion that the Quarterly Budget Review Statement for Broken Hill City Council for the quarter ended 31/03/23 indicates that Council's projected financial position at 30/06/23 will be satisfactory at year end, having regard to the projected estimates of income and expenditure and the original budgeted income and expenditure.

Signed: _____



date:

12/05/2023

Simon Brown
Responsible Accounting Officer

Broken Hill City Council

Quarterly Budget Review Statement
for the period 01/01/23 to 31/03/23

Income & Expenses Budget Review Statement

Budget review for the quarter ended 31 March 2023

Income & Expenses - Council Consolidated

(\$000's)	Original Budget 2022/23	Approved Changes					Revised Budget 2022/23	Variations for this Mar Qtr		Notes	Projected Year End Result	Actual YTD figures
		Carry Forwards	Other than by QBRS	Sep QBRS	Dec QBRS	Mar QBRS						
Income												
Rates and Annual Charges	19,816			-			19,816	-			19,816	19,893
User Charges and Fees	3,586			-			3,586	-			3,586	2,997
Interest and Investment Revenues	802			-			802	-			802	906
Other Revenues	464			220			684	-			684	585
Grants & Contributions - Operating	7,132			489	87		7,708	668			8,376	3,448
Grants & Contributions - Capital	8,023	14,233		(128)	10,000		32,128	-	1,3 Capital Budget		32,128	3,909
Net gain from disposal of assets	-						-				-	
Total Income from Continuing Operations	39,823	14,233	-	581	10,087	-	64,724	668			65,392	31,738
Expenses												
Employee Costs	14,628			227			14,855				14,855	11,543
Borrowing Costs	778			-	-		778	-			778	511
Materials & Services	9,703			888	59		10,650	204	3,4		10,854	8,132
Depreciation	6,259			-	-		6,259	-			6,259	5,534
Legal Costs	248			620	300	200	1,368	200	2		1,568	1,301
Consultants	124			-	-		124	-			124	70
Other Expenses	863			25	-		888	-			888	804
Net Loss from disposal of assets	-			-	-		-	-			-	
Total Expenses from Continuing Operations	32,602	-	-	1,760	359	200	34,921	404			35,325	27,893
Net Operating Result from Continuing Operation	7,221	14,233	-	(1,179)	9,728	(200)	29,803	264			30,067	3,845
Discontinued Operations - Surplus/(Deficit)							-				-	
Net Operating Result from All Operations	7,221	14,233	-	(1,179)	9,728	(200)	29,803	264			30,067	3,845
Net Operating Result before Capital Items	(802)	-	-	(1,051)	(272)	(200)	(2,325)	264			(2,061)	(64)

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Income & Expenses Budget Review Statement

Budget review for the quarter ended 31 March 2023

Income & Expenses - Council Consolidated

(\$000's)	Original Budget 2022/23	Approved Changes					Revised Budget 2022/23	Variations for this Mar Qtr		Notes	Projected Year End Result	Actual YTD figures
		Carry Forwards	Other than by QBRs	Sep QBRs	Dec QBRs	Mar QBRs						
Income												
Our Leadership	22,853			220			23,073	-			23,073	19135
Our Community	10,149	14,233		261			24,643	87	3		24,730	6196
Our Economy	1,583			100			1,683	-			1,683	1702
Our Environment	5,238			-			5,238	10,000	Capital Budget		15,238	4707
Total Income from Continuing Operations	39,823	14,233	-	581	-	-	54,637	10,087			64,724	31,739
Expenses												
Our Leadership	19,018		-	900			19,918	300	2		20,218	15,571
Our Community	7,917			724			8,641	59	1		8,700	6,795
Our Economy	3,086			136			3,222	-			3,222	2,763
Our Environment	2,580			-			2,580	-			2,580	2,766
Total Expenses from Continuing Operations	32,602	-	-	1,760	-	-	34,361	359			34,720	27,895
Net Operating Result from Continuing Operations	7,221	14,233	-	(1,179)	-	-	20,276	9,728			30,004	3,845
Net Operating Result before Capital Items	(802)	-	-	(1,051)	(272)	(200)	(2,325)	264			(2,061)	(64)

Broken Hill City Council

Quarterly Budget Review Statement
for the period 01/01/23 to 31/03/23

Income & Expenses Budget Review Statement
Recommended changes to revised budget

Budget Variations being recommended include the following material items:

Notes Details

1	\$464,075 increase in grant revenue following receipt of a non recurrent grant under the Regional and Local Roads Repair Program.
2	\$200,000 addition to Materials and Services budget to fund ongoing litigation to complete the Cost Assessment process for the Civic Centre. These costs are also deemed recoverable during the process.
3	\$50,000 increase in grant revenue and expenditure following receipt of a non recurrent grant under the Youth Opportunities Program an Immersive Youth Creation project.

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Capital Budget Review Statement

Budget review for the quarter ended 31 March 2023

Capital Budget - Council Consolidated

(\$000's)	Original Budget 2022/23	Approved Changes					Revised Budget 2022/23	Variations for this Mar Qtr	Notes	Projected Year End Result	Actual YTD figures
		Carry Forwards	Other than by QBRS	Sep QBRS	Dec QBRS	Mar QBRS					
Capital Expenditure											
New Assets											
- Plant & Equipment	30			40		70	-		70	30	
- Land & Buildings	1,944					1,944	210	3	2,154	21	
- Roads, Bridges, Footpaths			-			-	-		-		
- Other						-	-		-		
Renewal Assets (Replacement)											
- Plant & Equipment	1,362	3,008		65	45	4,480	110	1	4,590	1,313	
- Land & Buildings	2,725	13,518		(676)	-	15,567	(241)	4,5,6,7, 9	15,326	1,086	
- Roads, Bridges, Footpaths	4,150	2,397	720	6	90	7,363	-		7,363	3,604	
- Other	11,414	4,673	36	220	10,015	26,358	175	2,8,10, 11	26,533	1,160	
Total Capital Expenditure	21,625	23,596	756	(345)	10,150	-	55,782		56,036	7,213	
Capital Funding											
Capital Grants & Contributions	8,023	14,233	940	(128)	10,000	33,068	-		33,068	3,909	
Total Capital Funding	8,023	14,233	940	(128)	10,000	-	33,068		33,068	3,909	
Net Capital Funding - Surplus/(Deficit)	(13,602)	(9,363)	184	217	(150)	-	(22,714)		(22,968)	(3,304)	

Broken Hill City Council

Quarterly Budget Review Statement
for the period 01/01/23 to 31/03/23

Capital Budget Review Statement
Recommended changes to revised budget

Budget Variations being recommended include the following material items:

Notes	Details
1	Additional \$110,000 to replace airport fire equipment found to be non compliant and beyond repair during the current upgrade project.
2	Additional \$11,500 to upgrade the Christmas bauble to improve access and reduce the risk of damage during installation and removal.
3	Additional \$210,000 to purchase 176 Beryl Street for future medium density housing project.
4	Reduction of \$ 90,300 due to the deferral to future years of the following projects: *Civic Centre air conditioner - no1 chilled water pump replacement - \$10,400 *Civic Centre air conditioner - no1 chiller replacement - \$37,900 *Overhaul/Replacement Administration Building Air Conditioner No1 Chiller - \$42,000
5	Addition of \$83,400 to replace the Admin building atmospheric boiler which has failed and can't be repaired. This is reinstatement of a project that was deferred to future years in the Q1 budget review
6	Reduction of \$241,000 due to cancellation of the Civic Centre office construction project
7	Additional \$22,000 for Security system upgrades * Warnock Depot - \$14,500 * Visitor Information Centre - \$7,500
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10	Additional \$24,000 to replace compressors in the hydro pool air exchange system at the Aquatic Centre
11	Additional \$18,000 to repair pipework for slide at the Aquatic Centre

Broken Hill City Council

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for the period 01/01/23 to 31/03/23

Cash & Investments Budget Review Statement

Budget review for the quarter ended 31 March 2023

Cash & Investments - Council Consolidated

(\$000's)	Original Budget 2022/23	Approved Changes			Revised Budget 2022/23	Variations for this Mar Qtr	Notes	Projected Year End Result	Actual YTD figures
		Sep QBRS	Dec QBRS	Mar QBRS					
Externally Restricted ⁽¹⁾									
Developer Contributions - General	-			-			-	-	
Domestic Waste Management	2,839			2,839			2,839	2,786	
Royalties	635			635			635	584	
Specific Purpose Unexpended Grants	-			-			-	8,583	
Total Externally Restricted	3,474	-	-	-	3,474		3,474	11,953	
<small>(1) Funds that must be spent for a specific purpose</small>									
Internally Restricted ⁽²⁾									
Employee Leave Entitlements	956			956			956	956	
Plant Purchase Reserve	1,000			1,000			1,000	482	
T-CORP Loan	-			-			-	5,234	
General Projects Reserve	6,000			6,000			6,000	6,000	
Commercial Waste Management	2,633			2,633			2,633	2,752	
Other	240			240			240	208	
Total Internally Restricted	10,829	-	-	-	10,829		10,829	15,632	
<small>(2) Funds that Council has earmarked for a specific purpose</small>									
Unrestricted (i.e.. available after the above Restrictions)	173	-	-	-	173		173	2,408	
Total Cash & Investments	14,476	-	-	-	14,476		14,476	29,993	

Projected cash availability as at end of year will be subject to change, as it assumes all capital projects will be expended in their entirety during the financial year. As you would reasonably expect, large capital projects will run over multiple years and therefore not all capital committed will be expended, resulting in a larger cash holding than is projected. As the projects are completed in subsequent financial years, projected cash holdings and actual cash holdings will begin to even out

Broken Hill City Council

Quarterly Budget Review Statement
for the period 01/01/23 to 31/03/23

Cash & Investments Budget Review Statement

Comment on Cash & Investments Position

Not Applicable

Investments

Investments have been invested in accordance with Council's Investment Policy.

Cash

This Cash at Bank amount has been reconciled to Council's physical Bank Statements.
The date of completion of this bank reconciliation is 31/03/23

Reconciliation Status

The YTD Cash & Investment figure reconciles to the actual balances held as follows: **\$ 000's**

Cash at Bank (as per bank statements)	5,929
Investments on Hand	24,064

less: Unpresented Cheques	(Timing Difference)
add: Undeposited Funds	(Timing Difference)

less: Identified Deposits (not yet accounted in Ledger)	(Require Actioning)
add: Identified Outflows (not yet accounted in Ledger)	(Require Actioning)

less: Unidentified Deposits (not yet actioned)	(Require Investigation)
add: Unidentified Outflows (not yet actioned)	(Require Investigation)

Reconciled Cash at Bank & Investments	29,993
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Balance as per Review Statement:	29,993
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Difference:	0
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Recommended changes to revised budget

Budget Variations being recommended include the following material items:

Notes Details

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Broken Hill City Council

Quarterly Budget Review Statement
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Key Performance Indicators Budget Review Statement

Budget review for the quarter ended 31 March 2023

(\$000's)	Current Projection		Original Budget 22/23	Actuals Prior Periods	
	Amounts	Indicator		21/22	20/21
	22/23	22/23			

NSW Local Government Industry Key Performance Indicators (OLG):

1. Operating Performance

Operating Revenue (excl. Capital) - Operating Expenses	-	2,061	-6.2 %	-2.5 %	1.5 %	-1.5 %
Operating Revenue (excl. Capital Grants & Contributions)		33,264				

Benchmark - Greater than 0%

This ratio measures Council's achievement of containing operating expenditure within operating revenue.

2. Own Source Operating Revenue

Operating Revenue (excl. ALL Grants & Contributions)	24,888	38.1 %	61.9 %	64.6 %	72.4 %
Total Operating Revenue (incl. Capital Grants & Cont)	65,392				

Benchmark - Greater than 60%

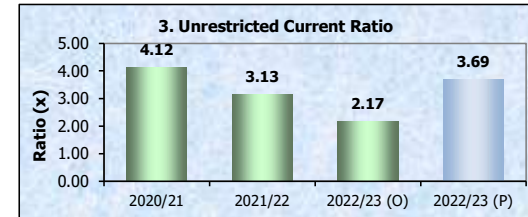
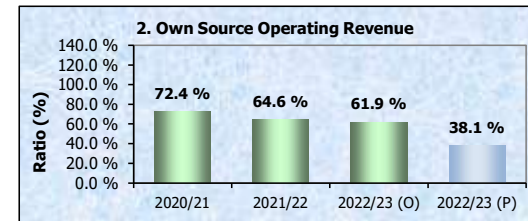
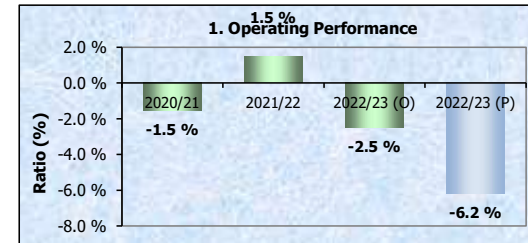
This ratio measures fiscal flexibility. It is the degree of reliance on external funding sources such as operating grants & contributions.

3. Unrestricted Current Ratio

Current Assets less all External Restrictions	15,675	3.69	2.17	3.13	4.12
Current Liabilities less current provisions as per Operation:	4,243				

Benchmark - Greater than 1.5

To assess the adequacy of working capital and its ability to satisfy obligations in the short term for the unrestricted activities of Council.



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Key Performance Indicators Budget Review Statement

Budget review for the quarter ended 31 March 2023

(\$000's)	Current Projection		Original Budget 22/23	Actuals Prior Periods	
	Amounts	Indicator		21/22	20/21
	22/23	22/23			

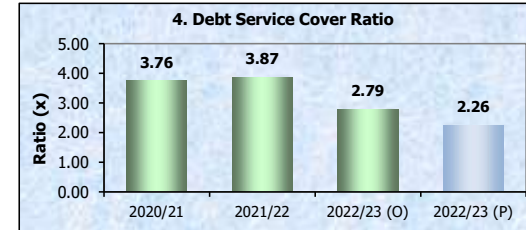
NSW Local Government Industry Key Performance Indicators (OLG):

4. Debt Service Cover Ratio

Operating Result before Interest & Dep. exp (EBITDA)	4,976	2.26	2.79	3.87	3.76
Principal Repayments + Borrowing Interest Costs	2,206				

Benchmark - Greater than 2.0

This ratio measures the availability of operating cash to service debt including interest, principal and lease payments.

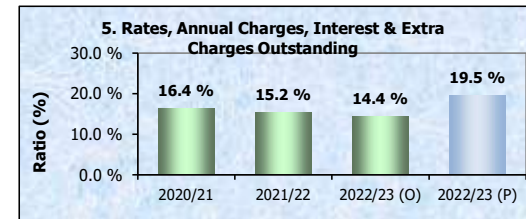


5. Rates, Annual Charges, Interest & Extra Charges Outstanding

Rates, Annual & Extra Charges Outstanding	3,889	19.5 %	14.4 %	15.2 %	16.4 %
Rates, Annual & Extra Charges Collectible	19,893				

Benchmark - Less than 10%

To assess the impact of uncollected rates and annual charges on Council's liquidity and the adequacy of recovery efforts.

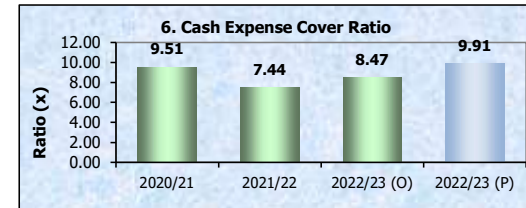


6. Cash Expense Cover Ratio

Current Year's Cash & Cash Equivalents (incl. Term Deposits)	29,993	9.91	8.47	7.44	9.51
Operating & financing activities Cash Flow payments	3,027				

Benchmark - Greater than 3 months

This liquidity ratio indicates the number of months a Council can continue paying for its immediate expenses without additional cash inflow.



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	Amounts	Indicator		21/22	20/21
	22/23	22/23			

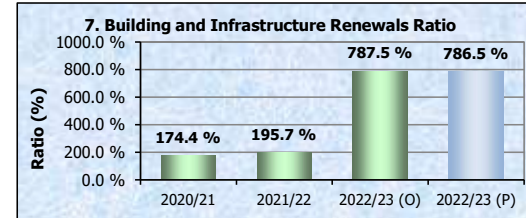
NSW Local Government Infrastructure Asset Performance Indicators (OLG):

7. Building and Infrastructure Renewals Ratio

Asset Renewals (Building, Infrastructure & Other Structures)	49,222	786.5 %	787.5 %	195.7 %	174.4 %
Depreciation, Amortisation & Impairment	6,259				

Benchmark - Greater than 100%

To assess the rate at which these assets are being renewed relative to the rate at which they are depreciating.

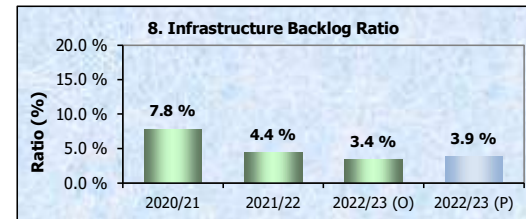


8. Infrastructure Backlog Ratio

Estimated cost to bring Assets to a satisfactory condition	11,503	3.9 %	3.4 %	4.4 %	7.8 %
Total value of Infrastructure, Building, Other Structures & depreciable Land Improvement Assets	296,798				

Benchmark - Less than 2.0%

This ratio shows what proportion the backlog is against the total value of a Council's infrastructure.

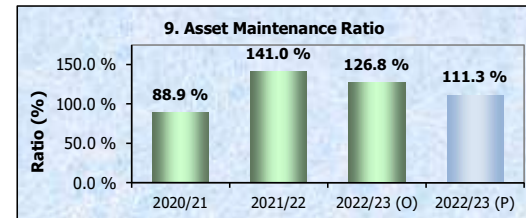


9. Asset Maintenance Ratio

Actual Asset Maintenance	7,098	111.3 %	127 %	141.0 %	88.9 %
Required Asset Maintenance	6,379				

Benchmark - Greater than 1.0

Compares actual vs. required annual asset maintenance. A ratio above 1.0 indicates Council is investing enough funds to stop the Infrastructure Backlog growing.



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Key Performance Indicators Budget Review Statement

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(\$000's)	Current Projection		Original Budget 22/23	Actuals Prior Periods	
	Amounts	Indicator		21/22	20/21
	22/23	22/23			

NSW Local Government Infrastructure Asset Performance Indicators (OLG):

10. Cost to bring assets to agreed service level

Estimated cost to bring assets to an agreed service level set by Council

Estimated cost to bring assets to an agreed service level set by Council	11,503	2.7 %	1.7 %	2.7 %	4.7 %
Gross replacement cost	432,071				

This ratio provides a snapshot of the proportion of outstanding renewal works compared to the total value of assets under Council's care and stewardship.

11. Capital Expenditure Ratio

Annual Capital Expenditure	56,036	9.0	1.3	2.3	1.7
Annual Depreciation	6,259				

Benchmark - Greater than 1.1

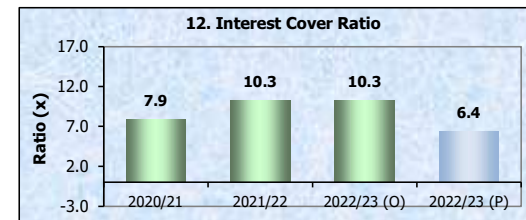
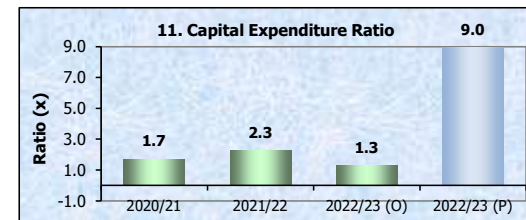
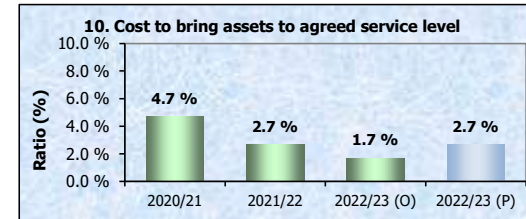
To assess the extent to which a Council is expanding its asset base thru capital expenditure on both new assets and the replacement and renewal of existing assets.

12. Interest Cover Ratio

Operating Results before Interest & Dep. exp (EBITDA)	4,976	6.4	10.3	10.3	7.9
Borrowing Interest Costs (from the income statement)	778				

Benchmark - Greater than 4.0

This ratio indicates the extent to which a Council can service (through operating cash) its interest bearing debt & take on additional borrowings.



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Contracts Budget Review Statement

Budget review for the quarter ended 31 March 2023

Part A - Contracts Listing - contracts entered into during the quarter

Contractor	Contract detail & purpose	Contract Value	Start Date	Duration of Contract	Budgeted (Y/N)	Notes
L & B Worldwide Australia Pty Ltd	The development of a Master Plan (2023) for the Broken Hill Regional Airport.	141,800	24/01/23		Y	
Komatsu Forklift Australia	Purchase of a Komatsu Counterbalanced Forklift with	48,860	25/01/23		Y	
Balmoral Group Australia Pty Ltd	Airport Business Case	90,213	01/02/23		Y	
Far West Auto Pty Ltd	Supply of 350L LWD FWD High Roof Carline Ford Transit	73,096	06/02/23		Y	
Jensen PLUS	Design Consultant Services for the Broken Hill Town Square Redevelopment Project	142,500	02/03/23		Y	
AV Integration Pty Ltd	Upgrade AV Equipment in Broken Hill Civic Centre Function Rooms 2 and 3.	89,613	06/03/23		Y	

1. Minimum reporting level is 1% of estimated income from continuing operations of Council or \$50,000 - whatever is the lesser.
2. Contracts listed are those entered into during the quarter being reported and exclude contractors on Council's Preferred Supplier list.
3. Contracts for employment are not required to be included.

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Consultancy & Legal Expenses Budget Review Statement

Consultancy & Legal Expenses Overview

Expense	YTD Expenditure (Actual Dollars)	Budgeted (Y/N)
Consultancies	69,921	Y
Legal Fees	1,300,573	Y

Definition of a consultant:

A consultant is a person or organisation engaged under contract on a temporary basis to provide recommendations or high level specialist or professional advice to assist decision making by management. Generally it is the advisory nature of the work that differentiates a consultant from other contractors.

Comments

Expenditure included in the above YTD figure but not budgeted includes:

Details

LONG TERM FINANCIAL PLAN - 2023-2032												
INCOME STATEMENT												
\$ '000	2021	2023	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032
	Actual	Original Budget	Revised Budget Q3	Forecast	Forecast	Forecast	Forecast	Forecast	Forecast	Forecast	Forecast	Forecast
Income from Continuing Operations												
Revenue:												
Rates & annual charges	19,013	19,816	19,816	20,549	21,063	21,590	22,129	22,683	23,250	23,831	24,427	25,037
User charges & fees	3,325	3,586	3,586	3,676	3,768	3,862	3,958	4,057	4,159	4,263	4,369	4,478
Interest & investment revenue	573	802	802	664	630	551	612	788	881	990	1,146	1,333
Other revenues	4,867	464	684	701	718	736	755	774	793	813	833	854
Grants & contributions for operating purposes	6,771	7,132	8,376	8,544	8,715	8,889	9,067	9,248	9,433	9,622	9,814	10,010
Grants & contributions for capital purposes	3,910	8,023	18,839	3,260	3,342	3,408	3,476	3,546	3,617	3,689	3,763	3,838
Other Income:												
Net gains from disposal of assets	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Net share of interests in joint ventures	300	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL INCOME FROM CONTINUING OPERATIONS	38,759	39,823	52,103	37,393	38,235	39,036	39,998	41,095	42,132	43,207	44,353	45,552
Expenses from Continuing Operations												
Employee benefits & costs	13,475	14,563	14,855	15,338	15,836	16,232	16,638	17,054	17,481	17,918	18,365	18,825
Borrowing costs	958	678	678	645	593	529	467	409	366	320	278	244
Materials & contracts	10,438	10,139	12,546	11,050	11,099	11,149	11,199	11,250	11,300	11,351	11,402	11,454
Depreciation & amortisation	7,904	6,259	6,259	6,384	6,412	6,440	6,468	6,497	6,525	6,554	6,583	6,612
Impairment	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other expenses	2,822	963	987	991	996	1,000	1,005	1,009	1,014	1,019	1,023	1,028
Net losses from disposal of assets	503	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Net share of interests in joint ventures	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL EXPENSES FROM CONTINUING OPERATIONS	36,100	32,602	35,325	34,408	34,936	35,351	35,778	36,220	36,686	37,161	37,652	38,162
OPERATING RESULT FOR THE YEAR	2,660	7,221	16,778	2,986	3,298	3,685	4,220	4,876	5,446	6,046	6,701	7,390
NET OPERATING RESULT FOR THE YEAR BEFORE GRANTS & CONTRIBUTIONS FOR CAPITAL PURPOSES	(1,251)	(802)	(2,061)	(274)	(43)	277	744	1,330	1,829	2,357	2,938	3,552
NET OPERATING RESULT FOR THE YEAR EXCLUDING EXTRAORDINARY ITEMS BEFORE GRANTS & CONTRIBUTIONS FOR CAPITAL PURPOSES	(1,251)	(802)	(2,061)	(274)	(43)	277	744	1,330	1,829	2,357	2,938	3,552
Assumptions												
Rate Peg	2.60%	2.30%	2.30%	3.70%	2.50%	2.50%	2.50%	2.50%	2.50%	2.50%	2.50%	2.50%
General Index	2.50%	2.50%	2.50%	2.50%	2.50%	2.50%	2.50%	2.50%	2.50%	2.50%	2.50%	2.50%
Employee Cost Index	2.75%	2.70%	4.00%	3.25%	3.25%	2.50%	2.50%	2.50%	2.50%	2.50%	2.50%	2.50%
Grant Index	2.00%	2.00%	2.00%	2.00%	2.00%	2.00%	2.00%	2.00%	2.00%	2.00%	2.00%	2.00%
Investment Interest rate	2.00%	1.50%	1.50%	3.00%	3.00%	3.00%	3.00%	3.00%	3.50%	3.50%	3.50%	3.50%
Overdue rates interest rate	6.50%	6.00%	6.00%	6.00%	7.00%	7.00%	8.00%	8.00%	8.00%	8.00%	8.00%	8.00%
Efficiency gain on Materials & Contracts	-2.00%	-2.00%	-2.00%	-2.00%	-2.00%	-2.00%	-2.00%	-2.00%	-2.00%	-2.00%	-2.00%	-2.00%

LONG TERM FINANCIAL PLAN - 2023-2032												
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION												
\$ '000	2021	2023	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032
	Actual	Original Budget	Revised Budget Q3	Forecast	Forecast	Forecast	Forecast	Forecast	Forecast	Forecast	Forecast	Forecast
Assets												
Current Assets:												
Cash & cash equivalents	25,747	11,305	11,476	12,509	12,843	12,643	12,948	13,573	14,648	16,074	19,377	22,323
Investments	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	4,000	6,000	8,000	10,000	12,000	15,000	17,000	20,000
Receivables	4,722	5,653	5,653	6,007	6,253	6,329	7,125	7,337	7,636	8,000	8,400	8,799
Inventories	133	136	136	140	143	147	150	154	158	162	166	170
Other	406	416	416	427	437	448	459	471	483	495	507	520
Non-current assets classified as 'held for sale'	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	34,008	20,510	20,681	22,082	23,676	25,566	28,683	31,535	34,925	39,730	45,450	51,812
Non-Current Assets:												
Investments	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Receivables	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Inventories	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Infrastructure, property, plant & equipment	252,386	267,752	277,384	278,023	278,664	279,308	279,955	280,605	281,257	281,913	282,571	283,232
Investments accounted for using the equity method	1,144	1,144	1,144	1,144	1,144	1,144	1,144	1,144	1,144	1,144	1,144	1,144
Investment property	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Intangible assets	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS	253,530	268,896	278,528	279,167	279,808	280,452	281,099	281,749	282,401	283,057	283,715	284,376
TOTAL ASSETS	287,538	289,406	299,209	301,249	303,484	306,018	309,782	313,284	317,326	322,787	329,165	336,189
Liabilities												
Current Liabilities:												
Payables	3,779	1,902	1,902	1,603	2,815	2,775	3,231	3,817	4,026	4,547	4,944	5,309
Income Received in Advance	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Contract Liabilities	2,352	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Borrowings	1,443	2,084	2,363	2,452	2,467	2,452	2,451	2,151	2,084	1,015	1,015	1,015
Provisions	4,115	3,829	3,829	3,809	3,782	3,640	3,617	3,532	3,450	3,396	3,312	3,244
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES	11,689	7,816	8,095	7,864	9,064	8,867	9,299	9,501	9,559	8,957	9,271	9,568
Non-Current Liabilities:												
Payables	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Borrowings	19,794	18,143	19,498	17,687	15,813	13,883	11,895	10,134	8,411	6,657	5,647	4,870
Provisions	9,607	12,262	12,262	13,261	14,640	15,766	17,061	18,243	19,500	20,708	21,948	23,167
TOTAL NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES	29,401	30,404	31,760	30,948	30,453	29,649	28,955	28,378	27,911	27,365	27,595	28,037
TOTAL LIABILITIES	41,090	38,220	39,855	38,812	39,517	38,517	38,254	37,878	37,471	36,322	36,867	37,604
NET ASSETS	246,448	251,186	259,354	262,437	263,967	267,502	271,528	275,405	279,855	286,465	292,298	298,584
Equity												
Retained earnings	108,741	113,479	121,647	124,730	126,260	129,795	133,821	137,698	142,148	148,758	154,591	160,877
Revaluation reserves	137,707	137,707	137,707	137,707	137,707	137,707	137,707	137,707	137,707	137,707	137,707	137,707
Council equity interest	246,448	251,186	259,354	262,437	263,967	267,502	271,528	275,405	279,855	286,465	292,298	298,584
Non-controlling interest	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL EQUITY	246,448	251,186	259,354	262,437	263,967	267,502	271,528	275,405	279,855	286,465	292,298	298,584
Assumptions												
General Index	2.50%	2.50%	2.50%	2.50%	2.50%	2.50%	2.50%	2.50%	2.50%	2.50%	2.50%	2.50%
No impact from revaluation of assets												
No restricted cash												

LONG TERM FINANCIAL PLAN - 2023-2032												
STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS												
\$ '000	2021	2023	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032
	Actual	Original Budget	Revised Budget Q3	Forecast	Forecast	Forecast	Forecast	Forecast	Forecast	Forecast	Forecast	Forecast
Cash Flows from Operating Activities												
Receipts:												
Rates & annual charges	18,813	19,222	19,222	19,933	20,431	20,942	21,466	22,002	22,552	23,116	23,694	24,286
User charges & fees	2,713	3,478	3,478	3,565	3,655	3,746	3,840	3,936	4,034	4,135	4,238	4,344
Investment & interest revenue received	482	465	465	541	507	548	610	785	878	987	1,143	1,330
Grants & contributions	12,489	15,155	27,215	11,804	12,056	12,297	12,543	12,794	13,050	13,311	13,577	13,849
Bonds, deposits & retention amounts received	14	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other	5,582	450	663	680	697	714	732	751	769	789	808	828
Payments:												
Employee benefits & costs	(13,133)	(14,126)	(14,410)	(14,878)	(15,361)	(15,745)	(16,139)	(16,543)	(16,956)	(17,380)	(17,814)	(18,260)
Materials & contracts	(12,274)	(9,835)	(12,170)	(10,718)	(10,766)	(10,815)	(10,863)	(10,912)	(10,961)	(11,011)	(11,060)	(11,110)
Borrowing costs	(645)	(678)	(678)	(645)	(593)	(529)	(467)	(409)	(366)	(320)	(278)	(244)
Bonds, deposits & retention amounts refunded	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other	(807)	(934)	(957)	(962)	(966)	(970)	(975)	(979)	(984)	(988)	(992)	(997)
NET CASH PROVIDED (OR USED IN) OPERATING ACTIVITIES	13,234	13,197	22,828	9,320	9,660	10,188	10,746	11,424	12,016	12,639	13,316	14,026
Cash Flows from Investing Activities												
Receipts:												
Sale of investment securities	13,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sale of infrastructure, property, plant & equipment	664	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Deferred debtors receipts	31	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other investing activity receipts	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Payments:												
Purchase of investment securities	(10,000)	-	-	-	(1,000)	(2,000)	(2,000)	(2,000)	(2,000)	(3,000)	(2,000)	(3,000)
Purchase of infrastructure, property, plant & equipment	(13,454)	(21,625)	(31,257)	(7,022)	(7,053)	(7,084)	(7,115)	(7,147)	(7,178)	(7,210)	(7,241)	(7,273)
Deferred debtors & advances made	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
NET CASH PROVIDED (OR USED IN) INVESTING ACTIVITIES	(9,759)	(21,625)	(31,257)	(7,022)	(8,053)	(9,084)	(9,115)	(9,147)	(9,178)	(10,210)	(9,241)	(10,273)
Cash Flows from Financing Activities												
Receipts:												
Proceeds from borrowings & advances	10,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Payments:												
Repayment of borrowings & advances	(1,255)	(1,482)	(1,310)	(1,264)	(1,273)	(1,305)	(1,326)	(1,652)	(1,763)	(1,004)	(771)	(806)
NET CASH PROVIDED (OR USED IN) FINANCING ACTIVITIES	8,745	(1,482)	(1,310)	(1,264)	(1,273)	(1,305)	(1,326)	(1,652)	(1,763)	(1,004)	(771)	(806)
NET INCREASE/(DECREASE) IN CASH & CASH EQUIVALENTS	12,220	(9,909)	(9,738)	1,034	334	(200)	305	625	1,075	1,425	3,303	2,947
<i>plus: CASH & CASH EQUIVALENTS - beginning of year</i>	<i>13,527</i>	<i>21,214</i>	<i>21,214</i>	<i>11,476</i>	<i>12,509</i>	<i>12,843</i>	<i>12,643</i>	<i>12,948</i>	<i>13,573</i>	<i>14,648</i>	<i>16,074</i>	<i>19,377</i>
CASH & CASH EQUIVALENTS - end of year	25,747	11,305	11,476	12,509	12,843	12,643	12,948	13,573	14,648	16,074	19,377	22,323
Additional Information												
plus: Investments on hand - end of year	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	4,000	6,000	8,000	10,000	12,000	15,000	17,000	20,000
TOTAL CASH, CASH EQUIVALENTS & INVESTMENTS - end of year	28,747	14,305	14,476	15,509	16,843	18,643	20,948	23,573	26,648	31,074	36,377	42,323
Assumptions												
Rates & charges recovery rate	97.00%	97.00%	97.00%	97.00%	97.00%	97.00%	97.00%	97.00%	97.00%	97.00%	97.00%	97.00%
Debtor recovery rate	97.00%	97.00%	97.00%	97.00%	97.00%	97.00%	97.00%	97.00%	97.00%	97.00%	97.00%	97.00%
General index	2.50%	2.50%	2.50%	2.50%	2.50%	2.50%	2.50%	2.50%	2.50%	2.50%	2.50%	2.50%
Investment interest rate	2.00%	1.50%	1.50%	3.50%	3.00%	3.00%	3.00%	3.50%	3.50%	3.50%	3.50%	3.50%
Overdue rates interest rate	7.50%	6.00%	6.00%	6.00%	7.00%	7.00%	8.00%	8.00%	8.00%	8.00%	8.00%	8.00%
No restricted cash												

LONG TERM FINANCIAL PLAN - 2023-2032												
FINANCIAL RATIOS												
	2021	2023	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032
	Actual	Original Budget	Revised Budget Q3	Forecast	Forecast	Forecast	Forecast	Forecast	Forecast	Forecast	Forecast	Forecast
Operating Ratio												
<i>This ratio measures Council's ability to contain operating expenditure within operating revenue</i>	-3.59%	-2.52%	-6.19%	-0.80%	-0.12%	0.78%	2.04%	3.54%	4.75%	5.96%	7.24%	8.52%
<small>Benchmark - Greater than 0% (operating revenue excl. capital grants and contributions - operating expenses) / operating revenue excluding capital grants and contributions</small>												
Cash Expense Cover Ratio												
<i>This ratio indicates the number of months Council can continue paying for its immediate expenses without additional cash inflow</i>	13.99	3.94	7.39	8.11	8.10	7.88	7.88	8.01	8.32	8.75	9.89	10.86
<small>Benchmark - Greater than 3.0 months (current year's cash and cash equivalents / (total expenses - depreciation - interest costs)) * 12</small>												
Current Ratio												
<i>This ratio represents Council's ability to meet debt payments as they fall due. It should be noted that Council's externally restricted assets will not be available as operating funds and as such can significantly impact Council's ability to meet its liabilities.</i>	2.91	2.58	2.55	2.81	2.61	2.88	3.08	3.32	3.65	4.44	4.90	5.42
<small>Benchmark - Greater than 1.5 current assets / current liabilities</small>												
Unrestricted Current Ratio												
<i>To assess the adequacy of working capital and its ability to satisfy obligations in the short term for the unrestricted activities of Council.</i>	2.91	2.39	2.38	2.46	2.25	2.46	2.69	2.94	3.29	4.07	4.56	4.95
<small>Benchmark - Greater than 1.5 current assets less all external activities/ current liabilities, less specific purpose liabilities</small>												
Own Source Operating Revenue												
<i>This ratio measures the level of Council's fiscal flexibility. It is the degree of reliance on external funding sources such as operating grants and contributions. Council's financial flexibility improves the higher the level of its own source revenue</i>	72.44%	76.43%	47.77%	68.43%	68.47%	68.50%	68.64%	68.87%	69.03%	69.19%	69.39%	69.60%
<small>Benchmark - Greater than 60% rates, utilities and charges / total operating revenue (inclusive of capital grants and contributions)</small>												
Debt Service Cover Ratio												
<i>This ratio measures the availability of cash to service debt including interest, principal, and lease payments</i>	3.53	2.84	2.45	3.54	3.73	3.95	4.28	3.99	4.10	6.97	9.34	9.91
<small>Benchmark - Greater than 2.0 operating result before interest and depreciation (EBITDA) / principal repayments + borrowing interest costs</small>												
Interest Cover Ratio												
<i>This ratio indicates the extent to which Council can service its interest bearing debt and take on additional borrowings. It measures the burden of the current interest expense upon Council's operating cash</i>	7.94	10.62	7.19	10.47	11.74	13.70	16.44	20.11	23.84	28.88	35.23	42.68
<small>Benchmark - Greater than 4.0 operating result before interest and depreciation (EBITDA) / interest expense</small>												
Capital Expenditure Ratio												
<i>This ratio indicates the extent to which Council is forecasting to expand its asset base with capital expenditure spent on both new assets and replacement and renewal of existing assets</i>	1.70	1.15	4.99	1.10	1.10	1.10	1.10	1.10	1.10	1.10	1.10	1.10
<small>Benchmark - Greater than 1.1 annual capital expenditure / annual depreciation</small>												

POLICY AND GENERAL COMMITTEE

May 15, 2023

ITEM 7**BROKEN HILL CITY COUNCIL REPORT NO. 91/23****SUBJECT:** **INVESTMENT REPORT FOR APRIL 2023** **D23/24456****Recommendation**

1. That Broken Hill City Council Report No. 91/23 dated May 15, 2023, be received.

Executive Summary:

The *Local Government (General) Regulation 2021* (Part 9, Division 5, Clause 212), effective from 1 September 2021, 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 April 2023, Council's Investment Portfolio had a current market valuation of \$29,654,373 or principal value (face value) of \$29,526,971 and was compliant with policy and legislative requirements as per the below table.

Report:

Council's investments as at 30 April 2023 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	✓	Compliant with policy
Term to Maturity Limits	✓	Compliant with policy

Market Review**Global issues**

- In the US, inflation has fallen to 5% with a sharp slowing in annual energy and goods price inflation leaving it well down from its high of 9.1% in mid-2022.
- However, the market remains sceptical that the US Federal Reserve will be able to avoid a recession as the US yield curve remains inverted (short term rates higher than long term rates). Like here in Australia, the market expects the central bank's next rate move will eventually be a cut.

- The International Monetary Fund also believes the world economy is at an increased risk of a hard landing and warns of “a significant risk that the recent banking system turbulence will result in a sharper and more persistent tightening of global financial conditions.”
- On a positive note, US quarterly corporate earnings are mostly better than expected so far in the current reporting period. With more than half of the S&P 500 companies reporting, 80% have surprised on the upside, well above the December quarter and above the long term average.
- Global share markets had another good month in April as the threat of further rate hikes from the central banks appeared to be largely over. Japanese and European shares were up over 2.7% while the US and Australian markets gained 1.6% and 1.8%, respectively.
- Commercial real estate trusts recovered some of their losses from March with a gain of over 5% in April. The Industrials and IT sectors also recorded solid results, both up over 4% for the month.

Domestic issues

- There has been only a small effect on Australian banks’ funding costs from the higher risk premiums in global markets due to the lingering bank issues in the US and Europe. Spreads on domestic banks’ bonds have risen slightly, and by much less than had been seen during the pandemic or the global financial crisis, suggesting a high level of confidence in markets about the creditworthiness of Australian banks.
- The Australian jobs market remains surprisingly strong. Latest data showed employment rose by another 53,000, participation rose to a near record high, and unemployment was unchanged at 3.5%.
- The latest monthly consumer price index release fell again, now at 6.3% versus its high of 8.4% in December. The more widely referenced quarterly inflation data is expected to largely follow suit despite services prices remaining stubbornly high.
- Some economists, as well as the financial markets, are anticipating a steady fall in inflation by the end of the year due to the slowdown in goods prices, early signs of weakening job openings and high recession/downturn risks due to the surge in interest rates over the year.

Interest rates

- At its April meeting the RBA kept the cash target unchanged at 3.60%, but made it clear that monetary policy may need to be tightened at subsequent meetings and that the purpose of pausing was to allow time to gather more information, from both home and abroad.
- At the end of April, the market was still pricing in 3.60% as the peak cash rate in this cycle with the next move being a rate cut, possibly in early 2024. At the start of May, the RBA surprised the market and most economists, with a hike of 0.25% to take the cash rate to 3.85%. The market is now pricing in a peak of 4%:
- In April, average term deposit rates were largely unchanged from March with rates between 4.50% - 4.70% for terms of 4 months out to 5 years:

Investment Portfolio Commentary

Council’s investment portfolio returned 4.81%pa (0.39% actual) for the month on a marked-to-market basis versus the bank bill index benchmark’s 3.77%pa return. For the past 12 months, the investment portfolio has returned 2.35%pa versus the bank bill index benchmark’s 2.37%pa.

During April, Council had \$1m between a 4 month and a 12 month deposit mature paying an average 3.10%pa. Council reinvested the \$1m proceeds and a further \$4m among a wide range of 4-12 month deposits at an average rate of 4.48%pa.

Share and bond markets performed well again in April as long term market rates fell due to ongoing expectations that central banks are closer to pausing or at least decelerating further rate hikes.

The NSW TCorpIM Medium Term Growth Fund recorded a gain of 0.86% (actual), reflecting the positive movements in the share and bond markets over the month.

Council has a well-diversified portfolio invested predominantly among a range of term deposits from highly rated Australian banks. Council also has exposure to a wide range of asset classes, including senior ranked fixed and floating rate notes, listed property and international and domestic shares via the NSW TCorp Medium Term Growth Fund. It is expected that Council's portfolio will achieve above benchmark returns over the medium/long term with prudent investment selection.

Council's Portfolio by Source of Funds – April 2023

As at 30 April 2023, Council's Investment Portfolio had a current market valuation of \$29,654,373 or principal value (face value) of \$29,526,971 and was compliant with policy and legislative requirements as per the table above.

	Source of Funds	Principal Amount
GENERAL Fund	Operating Capital & Internal Restrictions	\$14,196,318
	Royalties Reserve	\$600,443
	Domestic Waste Management Reserve	\$2,943,330
	Grants	\$11,786,880
	TOTAL PORTFOLIO	\$29,526,971

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. [↓](#) April 2023 Investment Report

SIMON BROWN
CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

JAY NANKIVELL
GENERAL MANAGER



Investment Summary Report
April 2023



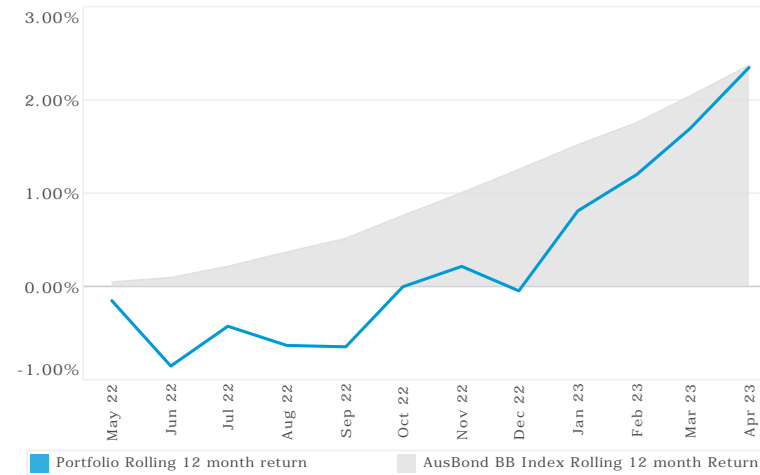
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Investment Holdings

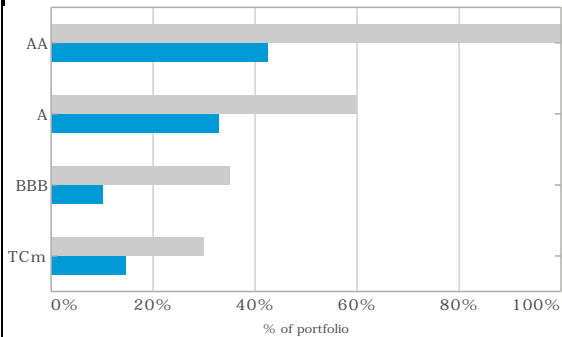
	Face Value (\$)	Current Value (\$)
Cash	12,193,889	12,193,889
Managed Funds	4,322,972	4,322,972
Term Deposit	13,010,110	13,137,512
	29,526,971	29,654,373

Investment Performance

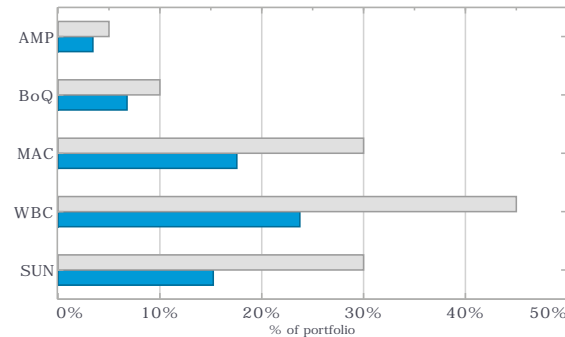


Investment Policy Compliance

Total Credit Exposure



Individual Institutional Exposures



Term to Maturities

	Face Value (\$)	Policy Max
Between 0 and 1 years	29,526,971	100% a
	29,526,971	

Specific Sub Limits

Between 5 and 10 year.	0	0%	30%	a
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Portfolio Exposure Investment Policy Limit

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Cash Accounts

Face Value (\$)	Current Rate (%)	Institution	Credit Rating	Current Value (\$)	Deal No.	Reference
1,382,310.88	0.0000%	Westpac Group	AA-	1,382,310.88	473409	Cheque
5,183,407.29	3.2634%	Macquarie Bank	A+	5,183,407.29	540354	Accelerator
5,628,171.23	4.8000%	Westpac Group	AA-	5,628,171.23	535442	90d Notice
12,193,889.40	3.6027%			12,193,889.40		

Managed Funds

Face Value (\$)	Monthly Return (%)	Institution	Credit Rating	Funds Name	Current Value (\$)	Deal No.	Reference
4,322,972.41	0.8555%	NSW T-Corp (MT)	TCm	Medium Term Growth Fund	4,322,972.41	536441	
4,322,972.41	0.8555%				4,322,972.41		

Term Deposits

Maturity Date	Face Value (\$)	Current Rate (%)	Institution	Credit Rating	Purchase Price (\$)	Purchase Date	Current Value (\$)	Deal No.	Accrued Interest (\$)	Next Interest Date	Reference
10-May-23	500,000.00	3.9000%	National Australia Bank	AA-	500,000.00	8-Mar-23	502,884.93	543911	2,884.93	At Maturity	
6-Jun-23	500,000.00	4.1500%	Bank of Queensland	BBB+	500,000.00	6-Dec-22	508,300.00	543625	8,300.00	At Maturity	
15-Jun-23	500,000.00	4.2500%	National Australia Bank	AA-	500,000.00	15-Feb-23	504,366.44	543829	4,366.44	At Maturity	
21-Jun-23	500,000.00	4.3100%	National Australia Bank	AA-	500,000.00	22-Dec-22	507,675.34	543674	7,675.34	At Maturity	
4-Jul-23	1,000,000.00	3.9000%	ME Bank	BBB+	1,000,000.00	30-Jun-22	1,032,589.04	542914	32,589.04	At Maturity	
18-Jul-23	1,000,000.00	4.4700%	Suncorp Bank	A+	1,000,000.00	11-Jan-23	1,013,471.23	543695	13,471.23	At Maturity	
19-Jul-23	500,000.00	4.3200%	Suncorp Bank	A+	500,000.00	20-Jan-23	505,976.99	543714	5,976.99	At Maturity	
26-Jul-23	500,000.00	4.2600%	Suncorp Bank	A+	500,000.00	27-Jan-23	505,485.48	543724	5,485.48	At Maturity	
8-Aug-23	500,000.00	4.4600%	Suncorp Bank	A+	500,000.00	6-Apr-23	501,527.40	543997	1,527.40	At Maturity	
16-Aug-23	500,000.00	0.6200%	National Australia Bank	AA-	500,000.00	18-Aug-21	502,174.25	541757	2,174.25	Annually	
5-Sep-23	500,000.00	4.4800%	Suncorp Bank	A+	500,000.00	6-Apr-23	501,534.25	543998	1,534.25	At Maturity	
19-Sep-23	500,000.00	4.4000%	Bank of Queensland	BBB+	500,000.00	16-Nov-22	510,005.48	543561	10,005.48	At Maturity	
22-Sep-23	510,109.59	4.6500%	AMP Bank	BBB	510,109.59	22-Mar-23	512,709.05	543948	2,599.46	At Maturity	
25-Sep-23	500,000.00	4.5000%	AMP Bank	BBB	500,000.00	23-Sep-22	513,561.64	543323	13,561.64	At Maturity	

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Maturity Date	Face Value (\$)	Current Rate (%)	Institution	Credit Rating	Purchase Price (\$)	Purchase Date	Current Value (\$)	Deal No.	Accrued Interest (\$)	Next Interest Date	Reference
27-Sep-23	500,000.00	0.6300%	National Australia Bank	AA-	500,000.00	29-Sep-21	501,846.85	541935	1,846.85	Annually	
3-Oct-23	500,000.00	4.5000%	Suncorp Bank	A+	500,000.00	6-Apr-23	501,541.10	543999	1,541.10	At Maturity	
10-Oct-23	500,000.00	4.6600%	National Australia Bank	AA-	500,000.00	8-Mar-23	503,447.12	543912	3,447.12	At Maturity	
23-Oct-23	500,000.00	4.5200%	National Australia Bank	AA-	500,000.00	26-Apr-23	500,309.59	544036	309.59	At Maturity	
7-Nov-23	500,000.00	4.5000%	Suncorp Bank	A+	500,000.00	6-Apr-23	501,541.10	544000	1,541.10	At Maturity	
28-Nov-23	500,000.00	4.5100%	National Australia Bank	AA-	500,000.00	27-Apr-23	500,247.12	544038	247.12	At Maturity	
5-Dec-23	500,000.00	4.5000%	Suncorp Bank	A+	500,000.00	6-Apr-23	501,541.10	544001	1,541.10	At Maturity	
5-Mar-24	500,000.00	4.4700%	National Australia Bank	AA-	500,000.00	5-Apr-23	501,592.05	543995	1,592.05	At Maturity	
9-Apr-24	1,000,000.00	4.4700%	National Australia Bank	AA-	1,000,000.00	5-Apr-23	1,003,184.11	543996	3,184.11	At Maturity	
	13,010,109.59	4.0877%			13,010,109.59		13,137,511.66		127,402.07		

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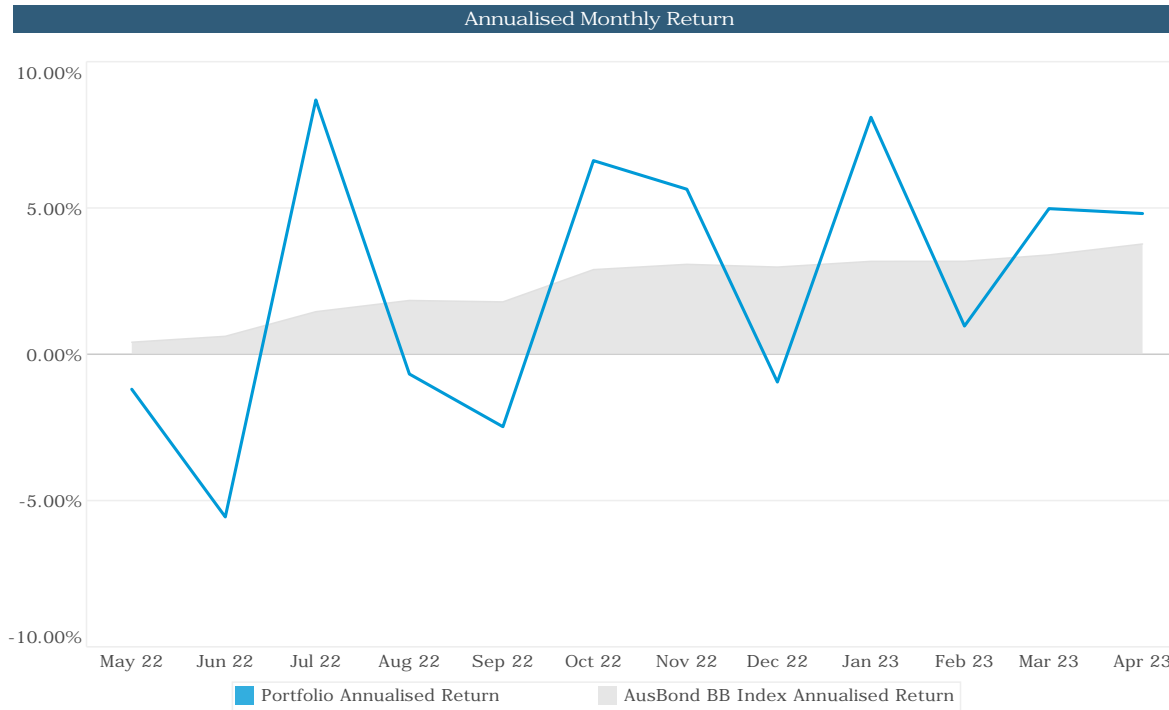
Investment	Deal No.	Comments	Face Value (\$)	Settlement Date	Maturity Date	Interest Received (\$)	Days	Interest Yield Accrued (\$)	Interest Yield (% pa)
Cash									
Macquarie Bank	540354					13,663.12	0	13,663.12	3.26%
Westpac Group	473409					0.00	0	0.00	0.00%
Westpac Group	535442					20,647.97	0	20,647.97	4.80%
						34,311.09		34,311.09	3.56%
Managed Funds									
NSW T-Corp Defensive Cash Funds	535329				1-Jul-22	0.00	0	0.00	
NSW T-Corp Medium Term Growth Fund	536441				1-Aug-23	0.00	0	36,668.42	10.92%
						0.00		36,668.42	10.92%
Term Deposits									
National Australia Bank	542701		500,000.00	27-Apr-22	27-Apr-23	10,750.00	26	765.75	2.15%
National Australia Bank	543675		500,000.00	22-Dec-22	26-Apr-23	6,934.93	25	1,386.98	4.05%
National Australia Bank	543911		500,000.00	8-Mar-23	10-May-23	0.00	30	1,602.74	3.90%
Bank of Queensland	543625		500,000.00	6-Dec-22	6-Jun-23	0.00	30	1,705.48	4.15%
National Australia Bank	543674		500,000.00	22-Dec-22	21-Jun-23	0.00	30	1,771.23	4.31%
National Australia Bank	543829		500,000.00	15-Feb-23	15-Jun-23	0.00	30	1,746.58	4.25%
ME Bank	542914		1,000,000.00	30-Jun-22	4-Jul-23	0.00	30	3,205.48	3.90%
Suncorp Bank	543695		1,000,000.00	11-Jan-23	18-Jul-23	0.00	30	3,673.97	4.47%
Suncorp Bank	543714		500,000.00	20-Jan-23	19-Jul-23	0.00	30	1,775.35	4.32%
Suncorp Bank	543724		500,000.00	27-Jan-23	26-Jul-23	0.00	30	1,750.69	4.26%
National Australia Bank	541757		500,000.00	18-Aug-21	16-Aug-23	0.00	30	254.80	0.62%
Suncorp Bank	543997		500,000.00	6-Apr-23	8-Aug-23	0.00	25	1,527.40	4.46%
AMP Bank	543323		500,000.00	23-Sep-22	25-Sep-23	0.00	30	1,849.31	4.50%
AMP Bank	543948		510,109.59	22-Mar-23	22-Sep-23	0.00	30	1,949.59	4.65%
Bank of Queensland	543561		500,000.00	16-Nov-22	19-Sep-23	0.00	30	1,808.22	4.40%
National Australia Bank	541935		500,000.00	29-Sep-21	27-Sep-23	0.00	30	258.90	0.63%
Suncorp Bank	543998		500,000.00	6-Apr-23	5-Sep-23	0.00	25	1,534.25	4.48%

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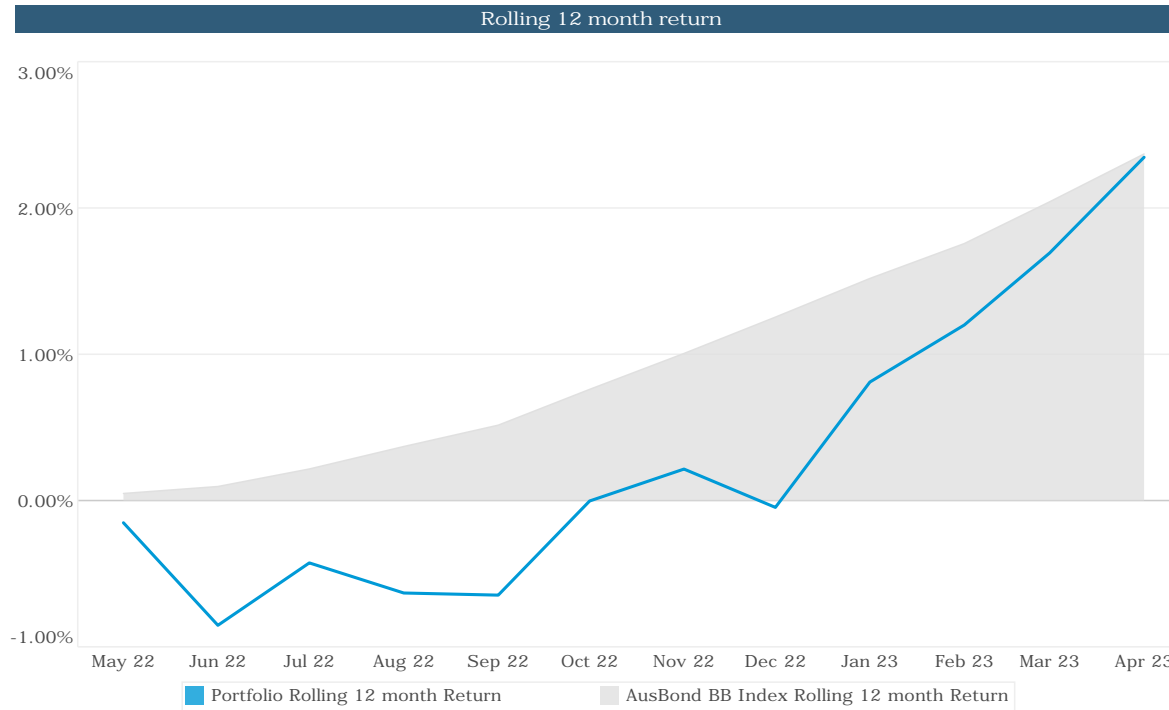
Investment	Deal No.	Comments	Face Value (\$)	Settlement Date	Maturity Date	Interest Received (\$)	Days	Interest Yield Accrued (\$)	Interest Yield (% pa)
National Australia Bank	543912		500,000.00	8-Mar-23	10-Oct-23	0.00	30	1,915.07	4.66%
National Australia Bank	544036		500,000.00	26-Apr-23	23-Oct-23	0.00	5	309.59	4.52%
Suncorp Bank	543999		500,000.00	6-Apr-23	3-Oct-23	0.00	25	1,541.10	4.50%
National Australia Bank	544038		500,000.00	27-Apr-23	28-Nov-23	0.00	4	247.12	4.51%
Suncorp Bank	544000		500,000.00	6-Apr-23	7-Nov-23	0.00	25	1,541.10	4.50%
Suncorp Bank	544001		500,000.00	6-Apr-23	5-Dec-23	0.00	25	1,541.10	4.50%
National Australia Bank	543995		500,000.00	5-Apr-23	5-Mar-24	0.00	26	1,592.05	4.47%
National Australia Bank	543996		1,000,000.00	5-Apr-23	9-Apr-24	0.00	26	3,184.11	4.47%
						17,684.93		40,437.96	3.97%
Grand Totals						51,996.02		111,417.47	4.81%

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Investment Performance Report - April 2023



Historical Performance Summary (% pa)			
	Portfolio	Annualised BB Index	Outperformance
Apr 2023	4.81%	3.77%	1.04%
Last 3 months	3.64%	3.45%	0.19%
Last 6 months	3.91%	3.26%	0.65%
Financial Year to Date	3.53%	2.75%	0.78%
Last 12 months	2.35%	2.37%	-0.02%

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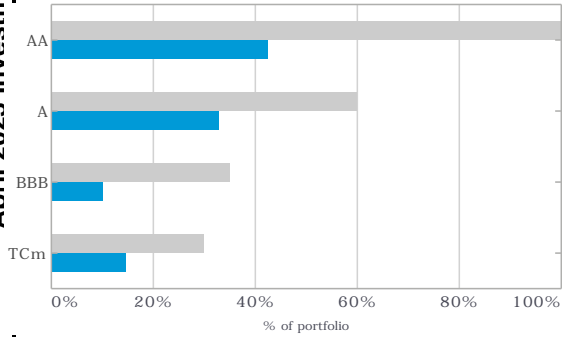


Historical Performance Summary (% actual)			
	Portfolio	Annualised BB Index	Outperformance
Apr 2023	0.39%	0.30%	0.09%
Last 3 months	0.88%	0.83%	0.05%
Last 6 months	1.92%	1.60%	0.32%
Financial Year to Date	2.93%	2.28%	0.65%
Last 12 months	2.35%	2.37%	-0.02%

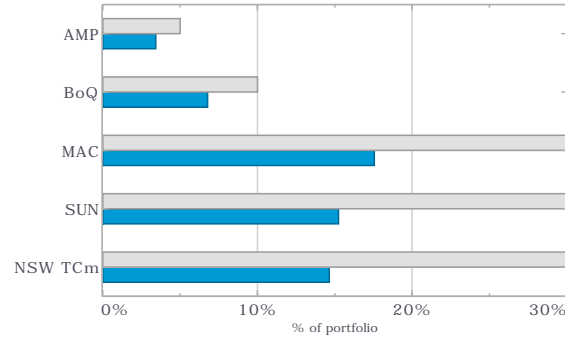
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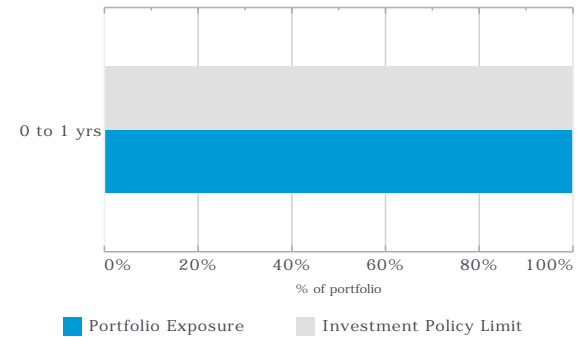
Total Credit Exposure



Individual Institutional Exposures



Term to Maturities



Credit Rating Group	Face Value (\$)	Policy Max
AA	12,510,482	42% 100% a
A	9,683,407	33% 60% a
BBB	3,010,110	10% 35% a
TCm	4,322,972	15% 30% a
	29,526,971	

Institution	% of Investment portfolio	Policy Limit
AMP Bank (BBB)	4%	5% a
Bank of Queensland (BBB+)	8%	10% a
Macquarie Bank (A+)	21%	30% a
Westpac Group (AA-)	29%	45% a
Suncorp Bank (A+)	18%	30% a
NSW T-Corp (TCm)	18%	30% a
National Australia Bank (AA-)	23%	45% a

	Face Value (\$)	Policy Max
Between 0 and 1 years	29,526,971	100% 100% a
	29,526,971	

Specific Sub Limits	Face Value (\$)	Policy Max
BBB+	2,000,000	7% 35% a
BBB	1,010,110	3% 10% a

Specific Sub Limits	Face Value (\$)	Policy Max
Between 5 and 10 years	0	0% 30% a

Credit Rating	Current Longest Maturity (years)	Policy Max
AA+, AA, AA-	0.94	5.00 a
A+, A, A-	0.60	3.00 a
BBB+	0.39	3.00 a
BBB	0.41	1.00 a

a = compliant
r = non-compliant

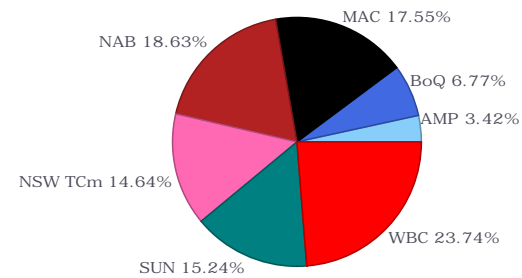
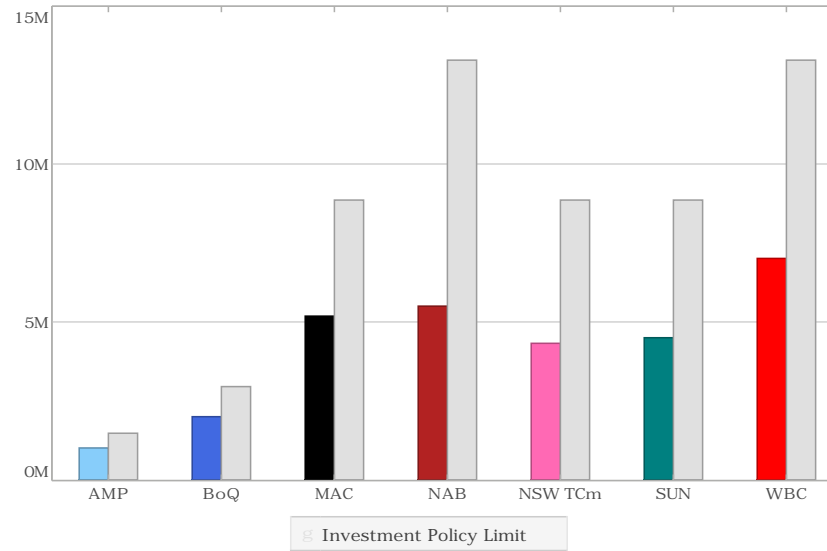
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Individual Institutional Exposures

Individual Institutional Exposure Charts

	Current Exposures		Policy Limit		Capacity
AMP Bank (BBB)	1,010,110	3%	1,476,349	5%	466,239
Bank of Queensland (BBB+)	2,000,000	7%	2,952,697	10%	952,697
Macquarie Bank (A+)	5,183,407	18%	8,858,091	30%	3,674,684
National Australia Bank (AA-)	5,500,000	19%	13,287,137	45%	7,787,137
NSW T-Corp (TCm)	4,322,972	15%	8,858,091	30%	4,535,119
Suncorp Bank (A+)	4,500,000	15%	8,858,091	30%	4,358,091
Westpac Group (AA-)	7,010,482	24%	13,287,137	45%	6,276,655
	29,526,971				



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Cashflows Report - April 2023



Actual Cashflows for April 2023

Date	Deal No.	Cashflow Counterparty	Asset Type	Cashflow Description	Amount
5-Apr-23	543995	National Australia Bank	Term Deposit	Settlement: Face Value	-500,000.00
				<u>Deal Total</u>	<u>-500,000.00</u>
5-Apr-23	543996	National Australia Bank	Term Deposit	Settlement: Face Value	-1,000,000.00
				<u>Deal Total</u>	<u>-1,000,000.00</u>
				Day Total	-1,500,000.00
6-Apr-23	543997	Suncorp Bank	Term Deposit	Settlement: Face Value	-500,000.00
				<u>Deal Total</u>	<u>-500,000.00</u>
6-Apr-23	543998	Suncorp Bank	Term Deposit	Settlement: Face Value	-500,000.00
				<u>Deal Total</u>	<u>-500,000.00</u>
6-Apr-23	543999	Suncorp Bank	Term Deposit	Settlement: Face Value	-500,000.00
				<u>Deal Total</u>	<u>-500,000.00</u>
6-Apr-23	544000	Suncorp Bank	Term Deposit	Settlement: Face Value	-500,000.00
				<u>Deal Total</u>	<u>-500,000.00</u>
6-Apr-23	544001	Suncorp Bank	Term Deposit	Settlement: Face Value	-500,000.00
				<u>Deal Total</u>	<u>-500,000.00</u>
				Day Total	-2,500,000.00
26-Apr-23	543675	National Australia Bank	Term Deposit	Maturity: Face Value	500,000.00
		National Australia Bank	Term Deposit	Maturity: Interest Received/Paid	6,934.93
				<u>Deal Total</u>	<u>506,934.93</u>
26-Apr-23	544036	National Australia Bank	Term Deposit	Settlement: Face Value	-500,000.00
				<u>Deal Total</u>	<u>-500,000.00</u>
				Day Total	6,934.93
27-Apr-23	542701	National Australia Bank	Term Deposit	Maturity: Face Value	500,000.00
		National Australia Bank	Term Deposit	Maturity: Interest Received/Paid	10,750.00
				<u>Deal Total</u>	<u>510,750.00</u>
27-Apr-23	544038	National Australia Bank	Term Deposit	Settlement: Face Value	-500,000.00

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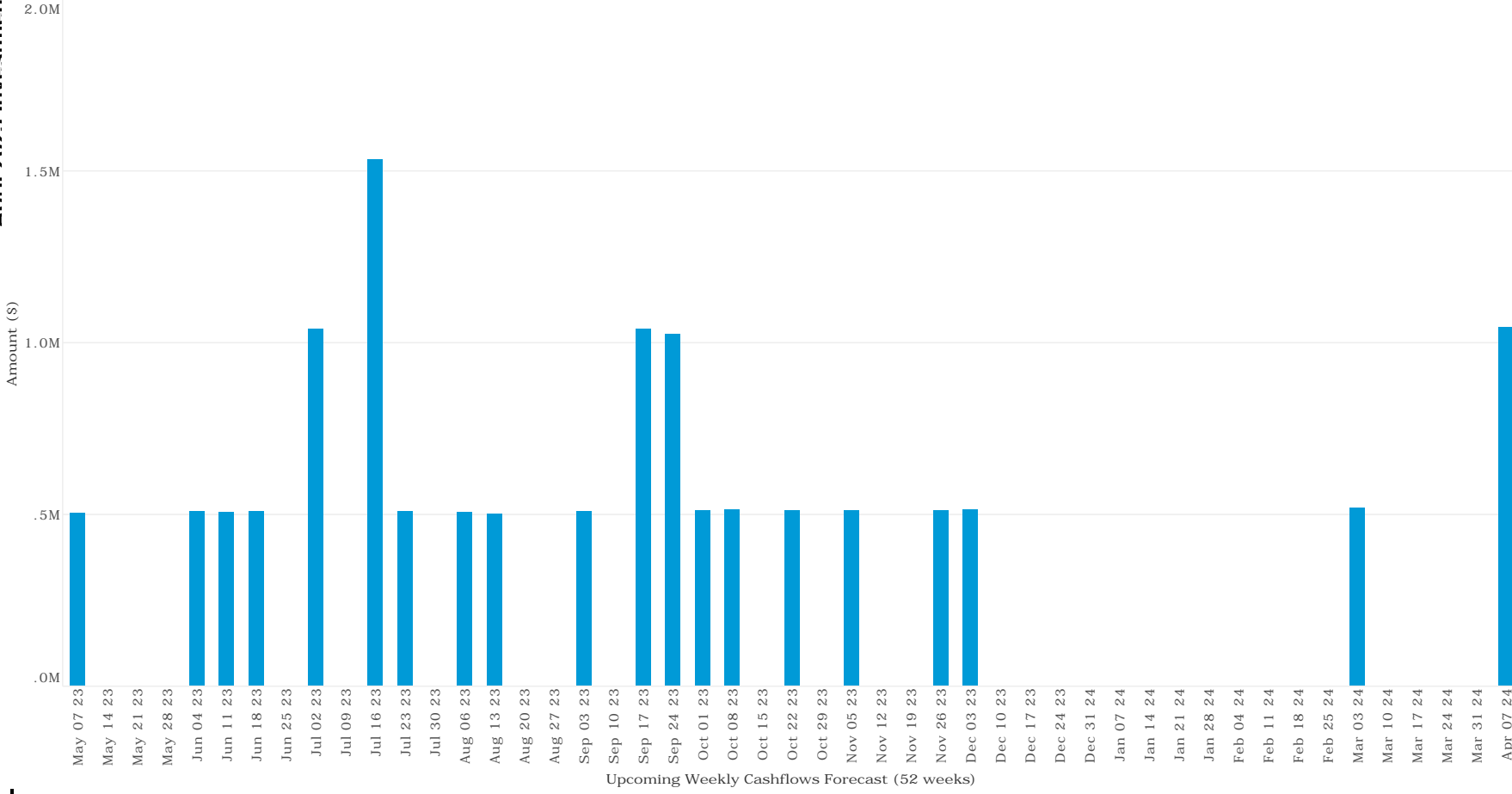


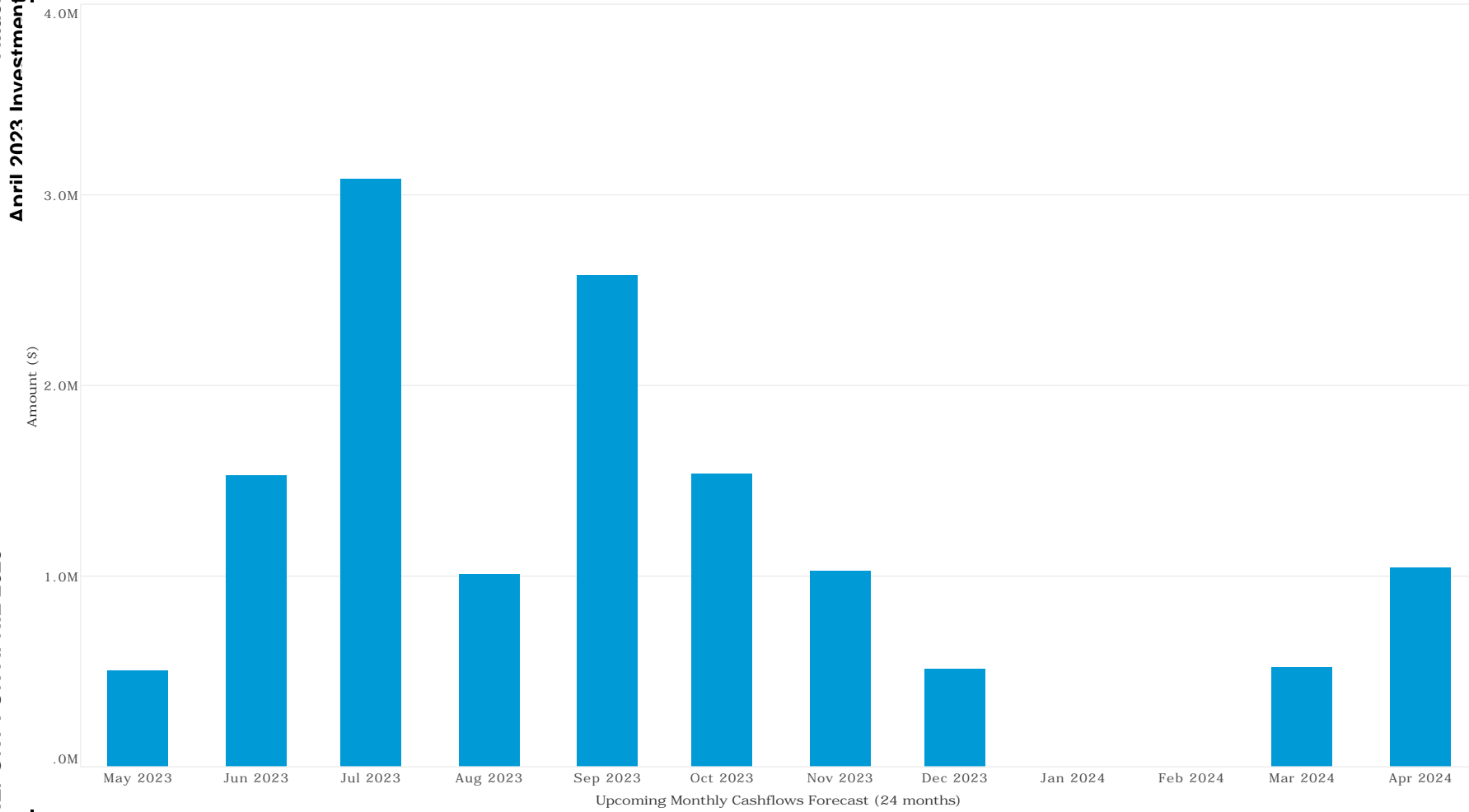
Date	Deal No.	Cashflow Counterparty	Asset Type	Cashflow Description	Amount
<u>Deal Total</u>					-500,000.00
<u>Day Total</u>					10,750.00
<u>Total for Month</u>					-3,982,315.07

Forecast Cashflows for May 2023

Date	Deal No.	Cashflow Counterparty	Asset Type	Cashflow Description	Amount
10-May-23	543911	National Australia Bank	Term Deposit	Maturity: Face Value	500,000.00
		National Australia Bank	Term Deposit	Maturity: Interest Received/Paid	3,365.75
<u>Deal Total</u>					503,365.75
<u>Day Total</u>					503,365.75
<u>Total for Month</u>					503,365.75

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ORDINARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

May 25, 2023

ITEM 1

BROKEN HILL CITY COUNCIL REPORT NO. 94/23

SUBJECT: CORRESPONDENCE REPORT - FUNDING TO MAINTAIN AND UPGRADE HISTORICAL GRAVES AT LOCAL CEMETERIES
D23/26514

Recommendation

1. That Broken Hill City Council Report No. 94/23 dated May 25, 2023, be received.
2. That reply correspondence received 25 May 2023 from the Department of Climate Change, Energy and the Environment and Water, regarding funding to maintain and upgrade historical graves at local cemeteries, be received and noted.

Executive Summary:

Council at its meeting held 1 March 2023, considered a Matter of Urgency regarding funding to maintain and upgrade historical graves at local cemeteries and resolved as follows:

ITEM 23 – MATTER OF URGENCY - FUNDING TO MAINTAIN AND UPGRADE HISTORICAL GRAVES AT LOCAL CEMETERIES (GB2/23) 11/161

RESOLUTION

Minute No. 47133

Councillor D Gallagher moved)
 Councillor M Browne seconded)

Resolved

That correspondence be forwarded to the relevant Federal Minister and Shadow Minister and the Federal Member for Parkes seeking funding for regional and rural Councils for the maintenance and upgrade of historical graves in local cemeteries.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Report:

As per Council’s resolution, Mayoral correspondence dated 15 March 2023, was sent to the Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government, Minister for Regional Development, Territories and Local Government, Minister for Veterans’ Affairs, Shadow Minister for Veterans’ Affairs, Minister for Environment and Water, Shadow Minister for Regional Development, Local Government and Territories.

Reply correspondence from The Hon Catherine King MP, Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government advising Council is eligible for a grant under Phase 4 of the Local Roads and Community Infrastructure program was reported to the May 2023 Health and Building Committee.

Reply correspondence from the Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water on behalf of the Minister was received 24 May 2023 and is attached to this report.

Responses from the Minister for Regional Development, Territories and Local Government, Minister for Veterans' Affairs, Shadow Minister for Veterans' Affairs, Shadow Minister for Regional Development, Local Government and Territories have not yet been received.

Attachments

1. [↓](#) Funding to maintain and upgrade Historic graves

LEISA BARTLETT
EXECUTIVE OFFICER

JAY NANKIVELL
GENERAL MANAGER



Australian Government
**Department of Climate Change, Energy,
the Environment and Water**

MC23-020195

Mr Tom Kennedy
MAYOR
BROKEN HILL CITY COUNCIL
PO Box 448
BROKEN HILL NSW 2880

Executive.Support@brokenhill.nsw.gov.au

Dear Mr Kennedy

Thank you for your letter of 15 March 2023 to the Minister for the Environment and Water, the Hon Tanya Plibersek MP providing Broken Hill City Council's motion to seek funding from the Australian Government for the maintenance and upgrade historical graves in local cemeteries. I also thank you for providing Council's subsequent draft motion to the 2023 National General Assembly of Local Government on the same matter. Minister Plibersek has asked me to thank you for your correspondence and to reply on her behalf.

The Australian Government has responsibility for places included in the World, National and Commonwealth Heritage Lists, along with heritage on Commonwealth-managed land.

Funding is provided through the Australian Heritage Grants program to improve recognition, conservation, preservation and access to the National Heritage values of National Heritage-listed places.

As you are aware, the City of Broken Hill is included on the National Heritage List. However, the Broken Hill Cemetery is not included as part of the values of the National Heritage listing and therefore is not eligible for Australian Government funding.

Other cemeteries may be included in the National Heritage values of other National Heritage-listed sites, but this would need to be investigated on a case-by-case basis.

I encourage you to contact the New South Wales Government through Heritage NSW to determine whether there may be any funding available for restoration of the Broken Hill Cemetery. They can be contacted via email at heritagemailbox@environment.nsw.gov.au.

In addition, you may wish to apply for the Broken Hill Cemetery to be considered for inclusion on the National Heritage List. Nominations are called for annually and may be submitted by any interested party. Information can be found at www.dcceew.gov.au/parks-heritage/heritage/about/national.

DCCEEW.gov.au
John Gorton Building - King Edward Terrace, Parkes ACT 2600 Australia
GPO Box 3090 Canberra ACT 2601 ABN: 63 573 932 849

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Thank you again for bringing your request to the Government's attention.

Yours sincerely



Erin Dampney
Branch Head (A/g)
World and National Heritage Branch

ORDINARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

May 23, 2023

ITEM 2BROKEN HILL CITY COUNCIL REPORT NO. 95/23

SUBJECT: CORRESPONDENCE REPORT - NEW REQUIREMENTS FOR
AGED CARE FACILITIES D23/25962

Recommendation

1. That Broken Hill City Council Report No. 95/23 dated May 23, 2023, be received.
2. That reply correspondence dated 22 May 2023 from the Department of Aged Care regarding the new requirements for Aged Care Facilities, be received and noted.

Executive Summary:

Council at its meeting held 29 March 2023, considered the Minutes of the Ageing Well Advisory Committee Meeting and resolved Minute Number 47160:

“That Council send correspondence to the Federal Ministers for Aged Care along with the local members, voicing its concern regarding the new requirements for Aged Care Facilities and its impact on aged care places in Broken Hill due to the lack of Registered Nurses in the City, and that the reluctance for Registered Nurses to work in Aged Care is partly due to the delay in the Aged Care Award pay increases for staff. “

Report:

As per Council’s resolution, Mayoral correspondence dated 20 April 2023 was sent to the Hon Mark Butler MP, Federal Minister for Health and Aged Care, the Federal Member for Parkes and the Local Member for Barwon.

Reply correspondence dated 1 May 2023 has been received from the Hon Mark Coulton MP, and an acknowledgement email was received from the Local Member, Roy Butler MP advising that Aged Care was the responsibility of the Federal Government was reported to the May Policy and General Committee Meeting.

A response has now been received from the Department of Health and Aged Care on behalf of the Federal Minister for Health and Aged Care and is attached to this report.

Attachments

1. [↓](#) Inwards correspondence - New requirements for Aged Care Facilities

LEISA BARTLETT
EXECUTIVE OFFICER

JAY NANKIVELL
GENERAL MANAGER



Australian Government
Department of Health and Aged Care

Ref No: MC23-008143

Mayor Tom Kennedy
Broken Hill City Council
council@brokenhill.nsw.gov.au

Dear Mayor Kennedy

Thank you for your correspondence of 18 April 2023 to the Minister for Health and Aged Care, the Hon Mark Butler MP regarding staffing issues at Broken Hill Aged Care Facilities. The Minister has asked me to reply. I apologise for the delay in responding.

I acknowledge your concerns regarding staffing levels in Broken Hill aged care facilities and your request for the Australian Government's assistance. The Government is committed to improving the care of our older Australians and supporting the dedicated workforce who care for them.

I encourage Broken Hill aged care facilities to access the Workforce Advisory Service. This service is free, independent, confidential and is available to support providers with practical advice, resources, and links to available programs that can be accessed or implemented immediately to support critical workforce challenges. The service provides advice and support to implement medium to longer-term strategies to improve human resourcing processes and develop strategies to attract, retain and grow the skills of their workers. You can find more information on the service at: www.pwc.com.au/health/aged-care-workforce-advisory.html.

The Government's mandatory care minutes reform will increase the level of care provided to people living in residential aged care. As Australia's population is ageing, it is vital that we support aged care providers, and the workforce, to deliver best practice care for some of the most vulnerable people in our community.

The Government is delivering a range of solutions to grow, train and support workforce numbers, including a significant investment in fee-free TAFE to support training for new and existing aged care workers; scholarships for personal care workers and nurses to gain additional qualifications in gerontological nursing; and delivery of free online learning modules to support direct care workers with knowledge on key aged care topics.

Additionally, the Government has committed \$148.7 million towards a payment that rewards the clinical skills and leadership of registered nurses who work for the same aged care provider over a six- or 12-month period. This funding will be rolled out over two years and will put money straight into the pockets of aged care nurses.

GPO Box 9848 Canberra ACT 2601

The Government acknowledges there are critical workforce shortages in aged care, which have been exacerbated by the closure of the international border for an extended period. The Government has introduced an Aged Care Industry Labour Agreement to help streamline the recruitment of overseas workers into aged care. The Labour Agreement will allow aged care providers to use sponsored skilled visas to fill vacancies in direct care occupations. It will provide protections and support for migrant workers while ensuring providers continue to support existing local workers and recruit from the domestic workforce. Further information is available on the Department of Home Affairs website at: immi.homeaffairs.gov.au using the search term 'aged care'.

The Government also recognises that addressing low pay is critical to recruiting the workforce needed to provide safe, quality care to the growing number of older Australians. That is why the Government is investing \$11.3 billion to fund the Fair Work Commission's decision for a 15 per cent increase to award wages. The Government is working with providers and unions to implement the funding arrangements. The award rate changes will take effect from the employee's first full pay period that starts on or after 30 June 2023.

Thank you for writing on this matter.

Yours sincerely



Stephanie Kaiser
Acting Assistant Secretary, Aged Care Workforce Branch
22 May 2023

ORDINARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

May 10, 2023

ITEM 3**BROKEN HILL CITY COUNCIL REPORT NO. 96/23**

SUBJECT: **ADOPTION OF THE DRAFT REVISED CIVIC AND CEREMONIAL
FUNCTIONS AND REPRESENTATION POLICY** **D23/23772**

Recommendation

1. That Broken Hill City Council Report No. 96/23 dated May 10, 2023, be received.
2. That Council adopts the draft revised Civic and Ceremonial Functions and Representation Policy as a Policy of Council.
3. That Council notes that the adoption of the draft revised Civic and Ceremonial Functions and Representation Policy will supersede the 2017 Civic and Ceremonial Functions and Representation Policy.

Executive Summary:

Council's Civic and Ceremonial Functions and Representation Policy was adopted by Council in 2017 and has been reviewed as part of an organisation wide review of Council's Policy Register, currently underway to ensure that all Council strategic policies are updated to comply with current legislation and industry model codes, guidelines and best practice and also reflect any changes in technology or service delivery.

The draft Policy was presented to the March 2023 Council Meeting where Council resolved (Minute No. 47152) that a Councillor Workshop be held to review the draft revised Civic and Ceremonial Functions and Representation Policy.

A Councillor Briefing was held on 2 May 2023 where some further amendments were suggested to the draft Policy. This report outlines all amendments made and re-presents the draft Policy for Council's consideration of adoption.

Report:

Council's Executive Leadership Team has commenced a review of Council's Policy Register to ensure strategic policies comply with current legislation and align with the Office of Local Government's (OLG) model codes, guidelines and best practice for Local Government and reflect any changes in technology or service delivery.

Council's Civic and Ceremonial Functions and Representation Policy (last adopted in 2017) which outlines the various type of events hosted by Broken Hill City Council and the protocols and procedures involved, along with the role of the Mayor/Deputy Mayor and elected representatives at these functions and events as well as at external events held within the Broken Hill Local Government area where representation from Council is required.

The policy also provides clear direction and guidance for Council's communication and engagement processes.

The following amendments have been made to the Policy:

- Update the policy to reflect that the Mayor or Mayor’s delegate in consultation with the General Manager will approve civic events and determine their format.
- Include the reference to “Civic Receptions” as an event type.
- Update staff titles throughout the Policy.
- Include that the Mayor can approve the wearing of the Mayoral Chains by other persons.
- Include that Traditional Owners be invited to perform a Welcome to Country at the commencement of official events at no financial cost to Council.
- Update the Acknowledgement of Country to the current wording used at Council events.
- Provide a link to the online application form for the Mayor’s attendance at external functions and remove the previous hard copy form.

The draft revised Civic and Ceremonial Functions and Representation Policy is now presented to Council for consideration of adoption, which if adopted will supersede the 2017 Civic and Ceremonial Functions and Representation Policy.

Community Engagement:

Due to the amendments being of a minor nature and which reflect current adopted practice, it is recommended that the Policy be adopted as per Section 335(d) of the *Local Government Act 1993*.

Strategic Direction:

Key Direction:	4	Our Leadership
Objective:	4.1	Openness and transparency in decision making
Strategy:	4.1.5	Support the organisation to operate its legal framework

Relevant Legislation:

Local Government Act 1993 Sections 226, 231 and 335(d)
Australian Citizenship Act 2007 (Cth)
Australian Citizenship Regulations 2007(Cth)

Financial Implications:

Nil.

Attachments

1. [↓](#) draft revised Civic and Ceremonial Functions and Representation Policy

LEISA BARTLETT
EXECUTIVE OFFICER

JAY NANKIVELL
GENERAL MANAGER



DRAFT CIVIC AND CEREMONIAL FUNCTIONS AND REPRESENTATION POLICY

QUALITY CONTROL		
FORACTIONS REFERENCES	12/14 – D17/35399	
RESPONSIBLE POSITION	General Manager	
APPROVED BY	Council resolution	
REVIEW DATE	March 2025	REVISION NUMBER 2
EFFECTIVE DATE	ACTION	MINUTE NUMBER
26 July 2017	Public Exhibition	45585
27 September 2017	Adopted	45637

1. INTRODUCTION

This policy outlines the civic and ceremonial functions and events hosted by Broken Hill City Council and the protocols and procedures that surround them. The policy details the role of the Mayor and elected representatives at these functions and events as well as at external events held within the Broken Hill Local Government Area where representation from Council is required.

This policy aims to provide clear direction and guidance for Council's communication and engagement processes.

2. POLICY OBJECTIVE

Civic and ceremonial functions and events foster positive relationships between the community and Council, connect the community in celebration, recognise and celebrate individual and community achievements, and promote community pride and spirit.

This policy identifies considerations in the management of Council functions and receptions or when requesting the presence of the Mayor or a Councillor representative at an external function or event.

3. POLICY SCOPE

This policy applies to all events organised by Broken Hill City Council staff and its representatives.

4. DEFINITIONS

Civic and ceremonial functions - official events/functions that are held for celebratory, ritual, recognition or commemorative purposes.

Mayoral representation - occasions when the Mayor represents, or is requested to represent, Council at events and functions.

5. POLICY STATEMENT

Throughout the year, Council hosts a number of civic and ceremonial functions, as well as other functions and receptions as the need arises. These occasions seek to foster strong relationships between the community and Council, recognise and celebrate individual and community achievements and promote community pride and connection.

~~Council's General Manager has the delegated authority to determine the format of the functions and all other arrangements for functions, receptions and ceremonies in liaison with the Mayor or the Mayor's delegated representative.~~

~~The Mayor or the Mayor's delegated representative has the authority to determine the format of the functions in consultation with Council's General Manager. The Council's General Manager will be responsible for all other arrangements for functions, receptions, and ceremonies in liaison with the Mayor or the Mayor's delegated representative.~~

Broken Hill City Council's Civic Reception program includes, but is not limited to, the following:

- **Citizenship** will be conducted on three times per year, January (Australia Day), May and September (Citizenship Day) (or as required) in accordance with the Australian Citizenship Ceremonies Code.
- **Australia Day** celebrations and activities include a Citizenship Ceremony and the Australia Day Civic Awards. The Australia Day Awards recognise individuals and organisations in the Broken Hill Local Government Area that have made outstanding contributions to the community and/or have had significant achievements.
- **Broken Hill City Council Awards** are part of the Community Assistance Grants Policy and is provided to all local schools to put towards presentation night academic awards. The Mayor and/or Deputy Mayor are invited to present these awards.
- **Flag Raising Ceremonies** are held to acknowledge and show respect to either a country's national day or to a nationality on a significant day relevant to them.
- **Ministerial and other Official Government Delegations** Council may host visits to the Broken Hill Local Government Area by State and Federal Government Ministers. The Mayor, in consultation with the General Manager, may decide to host a Ministerial visit. The Mayor in consultation with the General Manager will approve a program that fulfils the objective of the visit.

- **Civic Receptions, Official Openings and Launches** will be hosted by the Mayor to commemorate openings and launches of Council services, parks, facilities, exhibitions and other activities as determined by the Mayor in consultation with the General Manager. The invitation list shall be at the discretion of the Mayor and General Manager.

Council's ~~functions and civic~~ events are organised by Council's ~~Events Team~~ Executive Support Team and it is standard protocol for ~~them to issue~~ invitations to ~~be issued to~~ Federal and State Members of Parliament, the Mayor, General Manager, Councillors and Executive Leadership Team. The nature, purpose and size of the occasion will indicate the categories of persons who should be included on the guest list. The Mayor ~~in consultation with the~~ ~~and~~ General Manager will have final approval.

Invitations should, ideally, be sent at least three weeks before the event. Invitations generally include partners when the function/event is outside normal business hours, or involves guests accompanied by partners.

~~Council's Event Plan is available from Council's Events Team.~~

~~8.6.~~ CEREMONIAL REQUESTS TO THE MAYORAL OFFICE

From time to time, requests are received for the Mayor to preside, or represent the Council, at public ceremonial functions and events. The Mayor will review all requests in consultation with the General Manager.

To request the Mayor's attendance, the Broken Hill City Council Mayoral Request Form is to be completed and submitted to the Executive Support ~~Officer~~ Team. The Mayoral Request Form is available from the Executive Support ~~Officer~~ Team or Council's website. The form should be received at least one month before the event to allow for sufficient preparation.

~~9.7.~~ MAYORAL REPRESENTATION

It is the role of the Mayor to carry out the civic and ceremonial functions of the Mayoral Office. The Mayor may choose to wear the Mayoral chain when representing the Office of the Mayor. Acceptance of invitations is at the Mayor's discretion.

The Mayor can request that another Councillor undertake the civic and ceremonial functions of the Mayoral Office as his/her representative.

The Mayoral chain is not to be worn by other elected Councillors, Council staff or citizens, ~~unless approved by the Mayor~~, with the exception of the Deputy Mayor, if standing in for the Mayor and the Mayor for the Day nominated student.

The Mayoral chain will be stored in a secure location at the direction of, and as determined by the General Manager.

The General Manager will be responsible for ensuring the maintenance of the Mayoral chain and for arranging the necessary delivery to, and collection from the Mayor promptly after use.

The Mayoral chain must not be left unattended when not stored in a secure Council location.

~~10.8.~~ SPEECHES

The Mayor ~~is should be~~ given the opportunity to be the first speaker. An indication of the time available and the subject matter should be noted on the Mayoral Request Form, which includes a section dedicated to speech requirements. If the Mayor is not expected to speak, the speaker(s) should acknowledge his/her presence.

All speech requests must be submitted via the Broken Hill City Council Mayoral Request Form at least one month prior to the event to Council's Executive Support ~~Officer~~Team. The event/function running order and a list of attending dignitaries will be required one week before the event. Speech writing, distribution and approvals are coordinated through the General Manager's Office.

11.9. PRECEDENCE OF THE MAYOR

The Office of the Mayor is that of the First Citizen of Broken Hill and representative of the people of the area. In recognition of that role, where applicable, the Mayor should be included in the official party and official seating.

The Mayor of the area in which the function is being held takes precedence over both Federal and State Members of Parliament. At such an event, the Mayor presents both Members to visitors to the area. However, the Mayor may take lower precedence where the function is not a formal event.

12.10. ABORIGINAL CEREMONIES AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Local Government acknowledges Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people as the traditional owners of their lands by including Aboriginal people in official Council ceremonies using local customary protocols such as 'Welcome to Country' and by encouraging the flying of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander flags.

The traditional custodians of the land of the Broken Hill Local Government Area are the Wilyakali People of the Barkindji Nation ~~who and they will be invited to perform a Welcome to Country in the format approved by the Mayor at no financial charge to the Broken Hill City Council.~~

~~The invitation to perform a~~ *Where possible, Welcome to Country will should* be included at official events *organised by the Council and* attended by members of the public, representatives of governments and/or the media, *it will including (but not limited to);* commemorations and major festivals, major launches of Government policies and programs, conferences held or sponsored by government agencies, international events held in Australia of which a government agency is an organiser or sponsor, Citizenship ceremonies and major and international sporting events.

A Welcome to Country occurs at the beginning of a formal event and can take many forms including singing, dancing, smoking ceremonies or a speech in traditional language or English. *The form of the A-Welcome to Country at any organised Council event must be approved by the Mayor in consultation with the General Manager. A Welcome to Country* is delivered by Traditional Owners, or Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people who have been given permission from Traditional Owners, to welcome visitors to their Country.

Acknowledgement of Country is where other people acknowledge, and show respect for, the Traditional Custodians of the land on which the event is taking place. This acknowledgement is a sign of respect and should be conducted at the beginning of a meeting, event or ceremony. Acknowledgement of Country may also take place when traditional Elders are not available to provide an official Welcome to Country. ~~The~~*For* appropriate wording ~~to be~~ *for use at civic events is;* ~~seek advice from the General Manager's Office.~~

"We pay respect to the Traditional Owners of the Broken Hill region, the Wilyakali People, on whose land we live and work upon. We acknowledge, pay respect and celebrate the ongoing cultural traditions and contributions to Broken Hill and the surrounding region by Aboriginal people. We acknowledge their Elders past, present and emerging."

"We acknowledge the traditional owners of the land upon which we meet today and pay our respects to their elders past and present!"

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The Smoking Ceremony is to be conducted by Aboriginal people with specialised cultural knowledge. The ceremony aims to cleanse the space in which the ceremony takes place. Given the significant nature of the ceremony, smoking ceremonies are usually only performed at major events.

13.11. RELEVANT LEGISLATION :

- Australian Citizenship Act 2007 (Cth)
- Australian Citizenship Regulations 2007 (Cth)
- Section 226, Local Government Act 1993
- Section 231, Local Government Act 1993

14.12. RELATED POLICIES AND PROCEDURES:

- Media Relations Policy
- Community Assistance Grants Policy
- [Special Request for the Mayor's Attendance – Online Application Form \(D19/6273\)](https://www.brokenhill.nsw.gov.au/Council/Forms/Special-Request-for-the-Mayors-Attendance)
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ORDINARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

April 26, 2023

ITEM 4

BROKEN HILL CITY COUNCIL REPORT NO. 97/23

SUBJECT: ADOPTION OF DRAFT BROKEN HILL LIVEABILITY STRATEGY
D23/21489

Recommendation

1. That Broken Hill City Council Report No. 97/23 dated April 26, 2023, be received.
2. That Council notes the two submissions received regarding the Draft Broken Hill Liveability Strategy and the Broken Hill Liveability Strategy-Background Paper from the public during the public exhibition period.
3. That Council adopts the Draft Broken Hill Liveability Strategy as a Strategy of Council.
4. That the Broken Hill Liveability Strategy and the Broken Hill Liveability Strategy-Background Paper be published on Council’s website.

Executive Summary:

Council considered the Draft Broken Hill Liveability Strategy at its Ordinary Meeting held 29 March 2023 and resolved (Minute Number 47156) to place the Draft Strategy on public exhibition for a 28 day period.

The Draft Strategy was placed on public exhibition concluding 30 April 2023 during which time Council received 2 submissions from members of the public. The submissions are summarised below:

Submission received	Amendment made
<p><i>In relation to strategy</i></p> <p>Introduce “green building” standards and “greening initiatives” as part of new housing development</p>	<p>Sustainability measures and building standards can form part of the work programs to deliver on priority actions under Liveability Indicator 1: Access to diverse and affordable housing.</p> <p>Through the collective impact model for implementation, specific goals around green building standards and initiatives can be set as part of the approach to delivery</p> <p><i>No amendment made to strategy at this stage</i></p>

<p>Identify green economic opportunities as priority areas for jobs growth and diversification</p>	<p>To be considered as part of implementing the Economic Development Strategy 2022-2027.</p> <p>Refer to Business and Industry Objective 3.2: Attract new renewable industries to Broken Hill.</p> <p><i>No amendment made to strategy at this stage</i></p>
<p>Council should set targets for its community to meet</p>	<p>Implementation of the Liveability Strategy applying the collective impact model that involves organisations and groups across the community and evoking a sense of shared goals and responsibilities to deliver.</p> <p><i>No amendment made to strategy at this stage</i></p>
<p>Set targets for water quality improvement, tree shade coverage, decrease in waste collected in local tips</p>	<p>Through the collective impact model for implementation, specific targets can be set as part of the approach to delivering and furthering the priority actions listed under Liveability Indicator 7: Broken Hill is a healthy and resilient city.</p> <p>Council's Sustainability Strategy 2018-2023 sets actions for Council to deliver in relation to these issues, and development of further actions and targets could be considered in the next revision of the Sustainability Strategy.</p> <p><i>No amendment made to strategy at this stage</i></p>
<p>Convert under-utilised public land to community parks</p>	<p>Liveability Indicator 9: There is access to quality open spaces for all – Priority Action: Develop an Open Space (Recreation) and Community Facilities Strategy to identify opportunities to activate and improve Community land.</p> <p>Opportunities and approaches to convert under-utilised public land should be investigated as part of the scope of developing the Strategy.</p> <p><i>No amendment made to strategy at this stage</i></p>

<p><i>In relation to background study</i></p> <p>Submission was made addressing a comment made by a member of the public in the background information. The comment stated "...rental market becomes so tight due to mining companies bought all houses for their employees..."</p> <p>Submission stated that this quote was unsubstantiated and without proof and should be removed</p>	<p>The Broken Hill Liveability Strategy – Background Paper page 32 has been amended to remove the sentence "The large number of vacant houses (not available in the market) and the shortage of available accommodation (mostly taken by the mining companies for their employees)"</p> <p>The section "<i>What we heard from you...</i>" on page 32 has been amended to include an additional quote regarding the difficulty of young people finding homes to purchase, and recommending the construction of new homes and apartment buildings.</p>
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Report:

Broken Hill is entering an exciting new era of growth and Council is planning for an anticipated surge in population and industrial development. Collaboration with key stakeholders and government agencies during the past few years has confirmed that to successfully grow the population and enhance the liveability qualities of the city, a dedicated and centralised strategy to address the housing and longer-term liveability issues is crucial to success.

The Draft Broken Hill Liveability Strategy builds on opportunities for sustainable growth over time while promoting and protecting the environment and creating an equitable welcoming community that celebrates diversity. Looking forward over the next 20 years, the Broken Hill community can grow and change in different ways. This Strategy describes three horizons of growth that reflect plausible future scenarios that will shape Broken Hill’s population and demographics, economy, and work, and needs and expectations of current and future residents.

Given its location, Broken Hill cannot rely on other towns to manage overflow in the needs for housing and services when the population peaks. This Strategy supports Broken Hill to create redundancy in services and housing and ensure adequate supplies of rental housing stock as part of the way for people to make the initial move to Broken Hill, enjoy the lifestyle the city has to offer, and encourage more permanent decisions to stay.

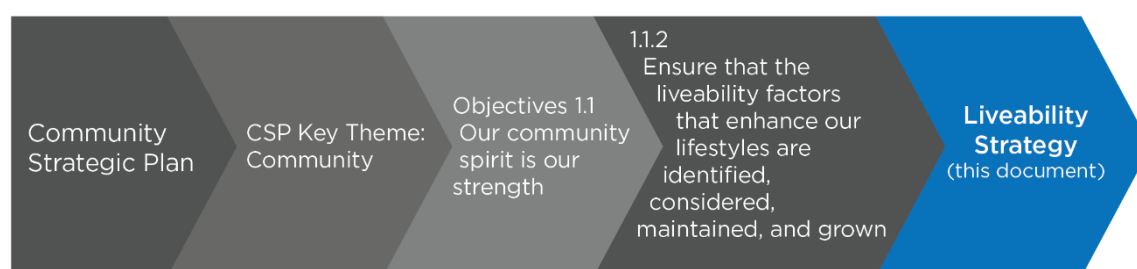
Council has led the development of this Strategy, with input from the community and stakeholders. The Strategy serves as a guiding document for community members and stakeholders that contribute to liveability in Broken Hill. Priority actions are defined for each liveability indicator and liveability measures will be monitored to track progress and impact of the Strategy. Establishment of a Collective Impact Model will enable shared responsibility for the coordinated and collaborative implementation of this Strategy.

It was recognised by Council the importance of liveability for the community of Broken Hill, and importantly how the wider liveability concept could be used to further enhance existing strengths and use those strengths to promote the opportunities that Broken Hill could provide to new residents. This concept was further enhanced when Council undertook the development of the Community Strategic Plan and associated Integrated Planning and Reporting document suite.

As part of the 15-month engagement process in preparation of the Community Strategic Plan 2040, Council identified a common theme of liveability factors, the importance of the quality of life and the need to plan for the future.

In June 2022 Council adopted the Community Strategic Plan (CSP) “Your Broken Hill 2040” which identified four key themes to shape councils future planning and service provision, Our Community, Our Economy, Our Environment and Our Leadership.

Specifically, the Broken Hill Liveability Strategy 2043 delivers on the Community Strategic Plan Objective 1.1 *Our community spirit is our strength* and Action 1.1.2 *Ensure that the liveability factors that enhance our lifestyles are identified, considered, maintained, and grown*.



The CSP strongly highlights the inter-connectivity between community wellbeing, the natural and built environments and economic prosperity and the role that plays in creating a liveable community. The development of the Broken Hill Liveability Strategy 2043, incorporating strategies to address housing availability, and the priority placed by the community on the key factors of liveability and provides Council a framework and action plan towards improving liveability Broken Hill.

Defining the community’s collective liveability priority allows Council to identify the factors that are of most importance to the happiness and quality of life for its residents and ensure that future planning and policies are aligned to continuously improve the liveability of Broken Hill.

In developing this Broken Hill Liveability Strategy 2043, Council, together with local stakeholders and the community, is defining a vision for a future where the relationship between people and place is strongly connected.

This Strategy takes a 20-year view of the future and sets a focus on 12 liveability indicators and priority actions that will enhance liveability – supporting people to stay in Broken Hill to live happy and healthy lives; and attracting people to come to Broken Hill to support a growing economy and create new opportunities.

The liveability indicators are:

Liveability indicator 1 - Access to diverse and affordable housing

Liveability indicator 2 - There is growth and diversity in jobs

Liveability indicator 3 - Broken Hill is connected

Liveability indicator 4 - There is access to education and training

Liveability indicator 5 - There is access to quality healthcare for all stages of life

Liveability indicator 6 - There is diversity in retail, services, and industries

Liveability indicator 7 - Broken Hill is a healthy and resilient city

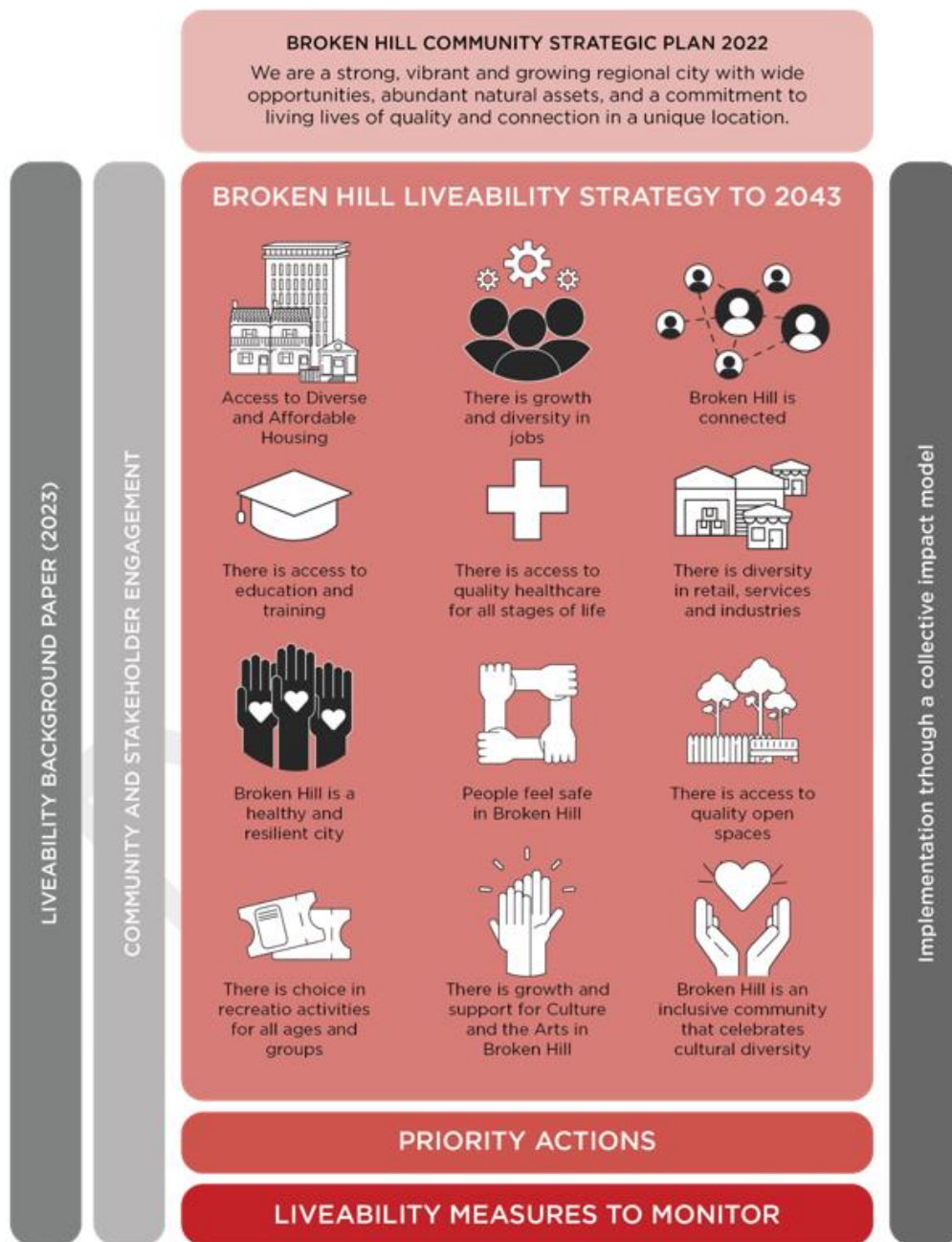
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Liveability indicator 12 - Broken Hill is an inclusive community that celebrates cultural diversity.



This Strategy builds on opportunities for sustainable growth over time while promoting and protecting the environment and creating an equitable welcoming community that celebrates diversity.

Looking forward over the next 20 years, the Broken Hill community can grow and change in different ways. This Strategy describes three horizons of growth that reflect plausible future scenarios that will shape Broken Hill’s population and demographics, economy, and work, and needs and expectations of current and future residents.

Community Engagement:

In developing this Strategy, Astrolabe and Council engaged with over 320 individual community members and stakeholders of all ages to ensure a comprehensive collection of insights and ideas about the current state and future of Broken Hill.

This included a broad range of community members to understand the different needs across the lifespan and included those who were born and raised in Broken Hill, those who moved to Broken Hill several years ago and those who have moved to the city recently.

The engagement activities were undertaken both online and in-person and included:

- Government agencies and targeted organisations that provide healthcare services (e.g., mental health services and services for people with disabilities)
- Not-for-profit organisations that promote art and culture
- Key industry representatives such as those in the mining and construction sectors to hear about the challenges and opportunities in developing these industries in the future
- Two facilitated community drop-in sessions (separate sessions for adults and youth)
- Eight individual interviews
- Three focus groups
- An online survey that was run through the Broken Hill Council's website (290 responses), focusing on the community's insights about:
 - what makes Broken Hill a great place to live
 - the existing issues and challenges
 - the changes and improvements that the community wants to see, and
 - the desirable future for the city.
 - liveability postcards (distributed among the youth) to understand their hopes for Broken Hill in 2042.

Engagement provided ideas and supported development of four overarching domains to set and direct the strategies and actions, including:

- Community (e.g., connection, inclusion, and safety)
- Housing (e.g., diversity, affordability, and preferences)
- Work and the economy (e.g., new industries, job opportunities, skills gaps, training, and education), and
- Environment (e.g., social infrastructure, natural and built environment).

The community's insights related to each domain helped to define the key liveability indicators that are used to:

- Shape the strategic directions of future developments
- Track the progress of change and development in Broken Hill
- Measure the intended changes and improvements, and
- Realise the benefits of the developments for the community.

Public Exhibition of Draft Broken Hill Liveability Strategy

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A table summarising the submissions received is included in the Executive Summary of this report and outlines any resultant amendments made to the Draft Strategy.

Strategic Direction:

Key Direction:	1	Our Community
Objective:	1.1	Our community spirit is our strength
Strategy:	1.1.2	Ensure that the liveability factors that enhance our lifestyles are identified, considered, maintained, and grown

Relevant Legislation:

Section 358 of the Local Government Act 1993

Local Government (General) Regulations 2021

Financial Implications:

Activities will be budgeted for in Council's annual budgets as required.

Attachments

1. [↓](#) Draft Broken Hill Liveability Strategy
2. [↓](#) Broken Hill Liveability Strategy - Background Paper - amended
3. [↓](#) Submission 1
4. [↓](#) Submission 2

JAY NANKIVELL
GENERAL MANAGER



BROKEN HILL LIVEABILITY STRATEGY 2043

March 2023

QUALITY CONTROL

KEY THEME	1. Our Community		
OBJECTIVE	1.1 Our community spirit is our strength		
STRATEGY	1.1.2 Ensure that the liveability factors that enhance our lifestyles are identified, considered, maintained, and grown		
FILE REFERENCE No	22/137	EDRMS No	D23/12294
RESPONSIBLE OFFICER	Executive Manager Growth and Investment		
REVIEW DATE	March 2027		
DATE	ACTION	MINUTE No	

Acknowledgement

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This Strategy was compiled by Broken Hill City Council.

Council acknowledges Astrolabe Group, a change management consultancy, who has supported the development of this Strategy.

Copies of this Strategy can be viewed on-line at www.brokenhill.nsw.gov.au

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MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR



Hello and thank you for taking the time to consider our Liveability Strategy 2043.

The term 'liveability' can ultimately mean different things to different people, so please allow me to briefly outline how it is expressed in this document.

We believe a liveable place is one that is safe, attractive, socially cohesive and inclusive, and environmentally sustainable. It should offer affordable and diverse housing linked by convenient public transport, walking, and cycling infrastructure to employment, education, public spaces, shops, health and community services, and other key features of the city.

We believe Broken Hill achieves many of the aspects listed above, however we know there is always room for significant improvement.

Broken Hill's Community Strategic Plan calls for all sectors of our community to work together to enhance quality of life in Broken Hill, and this Liveability Strategy provides a 20-year view of the future and sets a focus on 12 liveability indicators and priority actions that will help us achieve these goals.

We already know that a lack of housing is currently a barrier to people coming to and staying in Broken Hill, and that solutions are needed to support new economic and growth opportunities.

This key issue is a focus of the Strategy, along with a range of other important issues such as inclusivity, provision of services, education and healthcare opportunities, facilities and infrastructure, our environment and open spaces, and much more.

This Strategy provides an initial roadmap where Council will facilitate and lead through collaboration to tackle our liveability issues, however all sectors of our community must work together if we are to achieve the goals outlined within.

I would like to thank everyone who has informed and helped shape this Strategy, and I call on our community and stakeholders to partner with Council to help deliver on this Strategy and provide a better Broken Hill for generations to come.

Sincerely,

Tom Kennedy
Broken Hill Mayor

1. LIVEABILITY IN BROKEN HILL

Broken Hill needs to be a large, thriving and viable regional city to provide support services to communities across the Far West region. The lands around Broken Hill have been home to many generations over many millennia and are cared for by the Wilyakali Traditional Owners. Since the discovery of ore in the 1880s, the presence of natural resources has attracted people to the region and led to the establishment of and growth of Broken Hill – Australia's longest-lived mining city.

Today, the City continues to support mining as the key local industry, is home to a well-known and growing outback arts and culture industry and is a regional hub for important health, education, government and retail services for surrounding communities and the broader Far West region. Broken Hill attracts people to visit and locate to this unique City for a different lifestyle, employment opportunities and to join an inclusive community.

In developing this Strategy, Council together with local stakeholders and the community, is defining a vision for a future where the relationship between people and place is strongly connected.

This Strategy takes a 20-year view of the future and sets a focus on 12 liveability indicators and priority actions that will enhance liveability – supporting people to stay in Broken Hill to live happy and healthy lives; and attracting people to come to Broken Hill to support a growing economy and create new opportunities.

Broken Hill has a rich history that is strongly shaped by its strengths in industry, natural resources and location in Far West NSW. Into the future, Broken Hill can position itself as a City on the global stage with the opportunity to be a key supplier of resources that are in high demand across international markets. These factors shape the characteristics of its residential population, its needs, and the nature of housing that is required.

The City needs to both cater for a stable residential population and a component of the population that is cyclical (or dynamic) in nature that services the peak workforce needs of the significant mining industry as well as healthcare, tourism and arts and culture. Therefore, the City must have a response that caters for these stable and dynamic needs otherwise there is a risk that residents, visitors and workers are not offered what they desire on an ongoing basis. As Broken Hill grows through the opportunity presented by investment in economic industries it has a responsibility to grow its population serving capabilities, which critically includes enabling people to find housing that is safe and affordable.

Given its location, Broken Hill cannot rely on other towns to manage overflow in the needs for housing and services when the population peaks. This Strategy supports Broken Hill to create redundancy in services and housing and ensure adequate supplies of rental housing stock as part of the way for people to make the initial move to Broken Hill, enjoy the lifestyle the City has to offer, and encourage more permanent decisions to stay.

WHAT MAKES A LIVEABLE PLACE?

A liveable place is defined as one that is “safe, attractive, socially cohesive and inclusive, and environmentally sustainable; with affordable and diverse housing linked by convenient public transport, walking and cycling infrastructure to employment, education, public open space, local shops, health and community services, and leisure and cultural opportunities”.¹



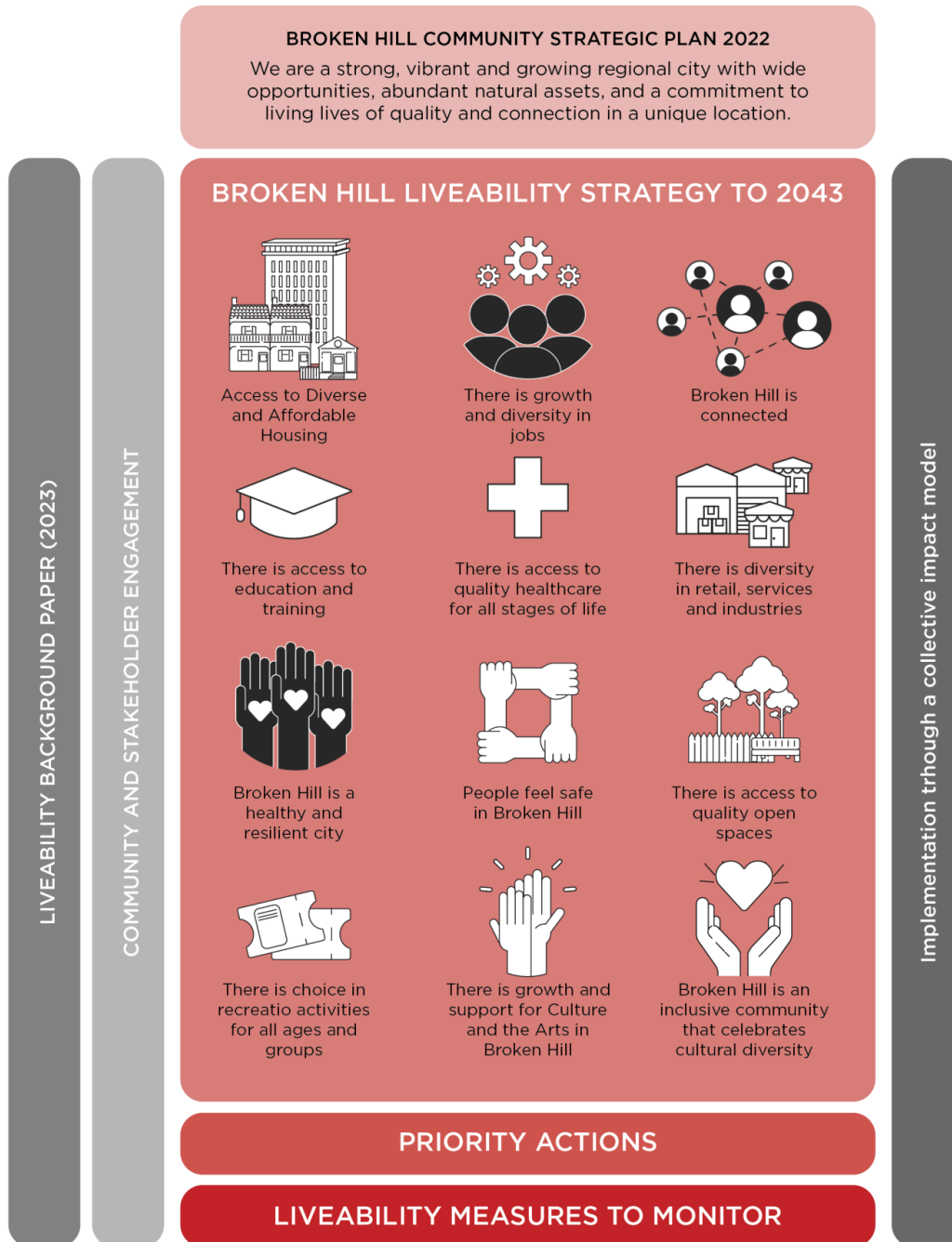
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¹ Lowe M, Whitzman C, Badland H, Davern M, Aye L, Hes D, et al., 2015, Planning healthy, liveable and sustainable cities: How can indicators inform policy? Urban Policy and Research. 33(2): 131–44. <<https://doi.org/10.1080/08111146.2014.1002606>>

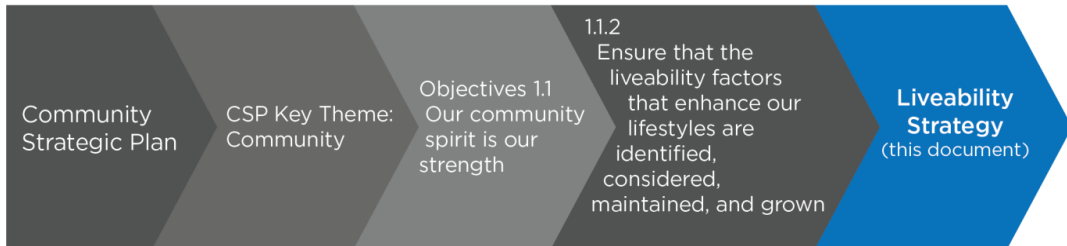
The Liveability Strategy Background Paper accompanies this Liveability Strategy. The Paper outlines research and engagement outcomes that have shaped the liveability indicators and priority actions in this Strategy.



Delivering the Community Strategic Plan 2022

The Broken Hill Community Strategic Plan 2022 defined an important focus on the quality of life for the Broken Hill community and the need to plan for the future. During engagement on the Community Strategic Plan, community members raised that factors that relate to liveability were particularly important.

Specifically, this Strategy delivers on the Community Strategic Plan Objective 1.1 *Our community spirit is our strength* and Action 1.1.2 *Ensure that the liveability factors that enhance our lifestyles are identified, considered, maintained and grown*.



Relationship to other strategies

This Strategy operates alongside other Council plans and strategies as the actions, activities and decisions defined in these documents also influence and contribute to liveability outcomes. The priority actions presented in this Strategy address additional actions, with a focus on liveability outcomes, which are not currently defined in other plans and strategies.

Community	Economy	Environment	Leadership
Cultural Plan 2021-2040	Economic Development Strategy 2022-2027	Local Strategic Planning Statement (LSPS)	Advocacy Strategy 2022
Disability Inclusion Action Plan 2022-2026	Airport Masterplan 2023	Active Transport Plan	Reconciliation Action Plan
		Sustainability Strategy 2018-2023	
		Heritage Strategy 2020-2023	

PLANNING FOR OUR FUTURE

Broken Hill today

OUR COMMUNITY

Total Population
17,588

Largest Age Cohort
60-64 years

Most significant decrease in age group
40-59 years

The greatest driver of population change is domestic migration, as more people move out of Broken Hill than to it. This has led to a decrease in population. Net internal migration between 2016 and 2021 was as follows:

- 2016-17: **-242**
- 2017-18: **-186**
- 2018-19: **-265**
- 2019-20: **-180**
- 2020-21: **-80**

Population born in Australia
15,119 | 89%



Population born overseas

- Philippines | 1%
- United Kingdom | 0.8%
- New Zealand | 0.4%

OUR HOUSING

Number of householdes
7,308

Number of occupied dwellings
7,308

Number of unoccupied dwellings:
1,528

Dominant dwelling type
Separate house
95% of all dwellings



Average rental cost (2022)
\$280 weekly

- One bedroom **\$180 weekly**
- Two bedroom **\$270 weekly**
- Three bedroom **\$300 weekly**
- Four bedroom **\$415 weekly**

Average house price (2022)
\$173,000

OUR ECONOMY

Total number of jobs in 2021
7,575

Number of local jobs by industry (top 5)

Mining **1,676**

Health Care and Social Assistance **1,326**

Retail Trade **797**

Education and Training **627**

Accommodation and Food Services **621**

Number of registered businesses by industry (top 5)

Construction **162**

Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing **142**

Retail Trade **92**

Accommodation and Food Services **91**

Other Services **84**

Today Broken Hill is a community of 17,588 people (ABS 2021 Census). It is a City built off the back of the mining industry and thriving from its rich social fabric and strong commitment to community. The City is a welcoming place with a strong arts, culture and events sector, fuelled by the unique landscapes that surround it. The community is proud of their City, its strengths and values and want to ensure that its future is planned for, and its unique strengths are enhanced.

Future scenarios – the road to success

The creation of a more liveable Broken Hill requires a commitment across stakeholders to incremental changes and investment in activities and projects that lead to impact across multiple liveability indicators.

The future of Broken Hill as a community and City can evolve along different pathways. However, maintaining and supporting liveability needs to be at the core of all future scenarios and underpin how Council, the community and stakeholders respond and leverage the opportunities ahead.

The following scenarios describe different horizons of growth, the impacts to people and place and the role and range of interventions that would be needed to support liveability across these different contexts.



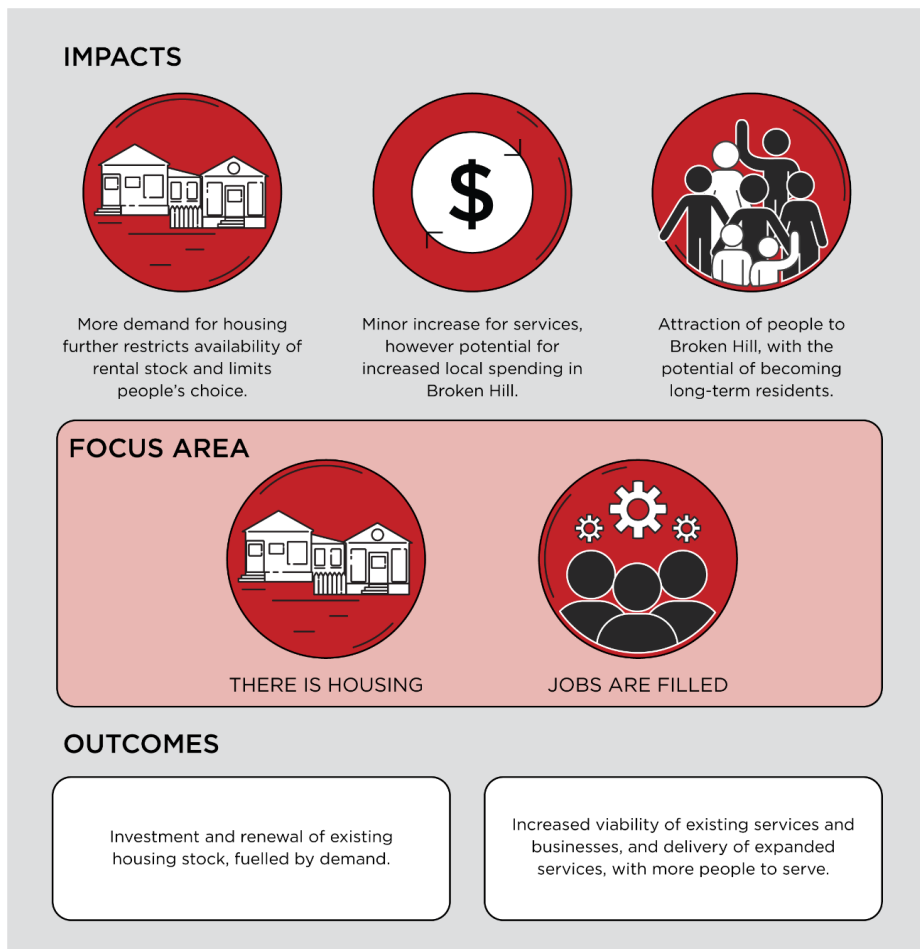
Image 1: Local Children Participate in the Totem Skate Workshop

Horizon 1 – Filling our shape

Broken Hill has a high number of jobs to working population, indicating that there are more jobs available in Broken Hill compared to the number of working people living in Broken Hill. Filling vacant positions requires attraction and accommodation of job seekers to the City.

Attracting and more importantly retaining people long term to Broken Hill, through work, will increase the residential population and potentially spur further growth as new residents generate demand for additional services, infrastructure, and the need for more population serving jobs to be filled (such as health care workers, teachers and hospitality workers).

Housing and providing access to a range of accommodation options will be critical to attracting and enabling new residents to locate to Broken Hill to fill available work opportunities.



Horizon 2 – Extending our reach

Following minor increases in population and housing/services demand described in Horizon 1, Broken Hill City receives investment in Smart Infrastructure connecting the community to the national/international markets and workforce. Since the Covid-19 pandemic there has been a global shift towards more flexible hybrid and remote working opportunities. This shift has increased the labour pool available to employers and provided employees the opportunity to live where they want to live, not where they work.

Improving Broken Hill's digital connectivity to the world will open a range of opportunities for working and learning remotely, as well as improved capacity to acquire and deliver services such as counselling and triage medical services and interventions. The increase in connectivity and the support of remote working as seen record numbers of capital city residents abandon the fast-paced live for the slower pace of Australia's regional towns seeking affordable housing, reduced commutes, and the opportunity to be part of a connected community.

IMPACTS



Demand for more diverse housing types.



Increased demand and need for diverse recreational activities and entertainment.



Attraction of new industries and professions to Broken Hill.



Demand for more children's and youth services with increase of families.

FOCUS AREA



THERE IS HOUSING



DIVERSITY IN RECREATION CHOICES



WE ARE CONNECTED



THERE ARE JOBS

OUTCOMES

Investment in existing and new housing to create more diverse options.

Improved commercial viability for new recreation and hospitality businesses.

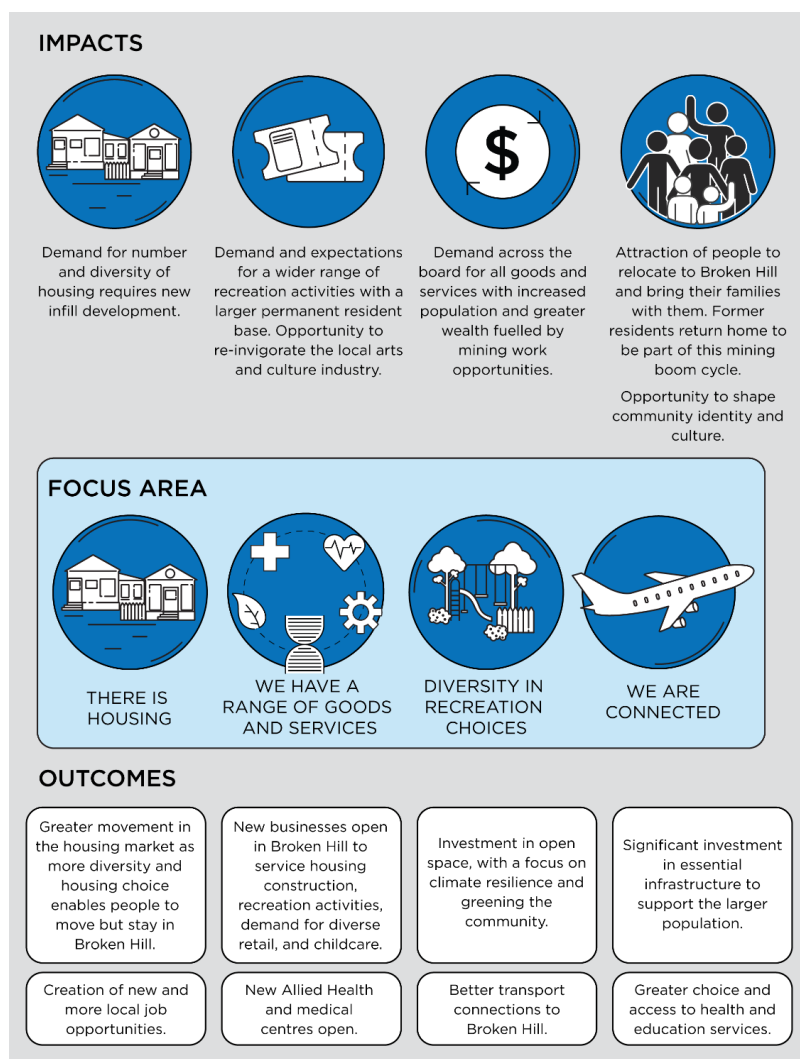
Creation of a regional hub for professional services.

Opening of new childcare centres in Broken Hill.

Horizon 3 – Making big bold moves and aspirational change





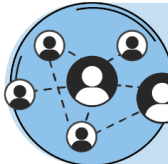







Having realised growth and change in the community described in Horizons 1 and 2, the building blocks are in place for the City to capture opportunities associated with aspirational change. This aspirational scenario describes a future where the mining industry resurges and the commencement of new mining operations in and around the City attracts a new residential workforce and their families to come to Broken Hill.

This scenario is ignited and driven by the mining industry. To achieve this, new mining operations will need to be supported, approved and operational. Mining operators will need to see investment potential and advantages to supporting a residential workforce over a fly-in, fly-out workforce.




2. LIVEABILITY INDICATORS

The Liveability Strategy is structured around 12 Liveability Indicators.

 <p>LIVEABILITY INDICATOR 1 Access to Diverse and Affordable Housing</p>	 <p>LIVEABILITY INDICATOR 7 Broken Hill is a healthy and resilient city</p>
 <p>LIVEABILITY INDICATOR 2 There is growth and diversity in jobs</p>	 <p>LIVEABILITY INDICATOR 8 People feel safe in Broken Hill</p>
 <p>LIVEABILITY INDICATOR 3 Broken Hill is connected</p>	 <p>LIVEABILITY INDICATOR 9 There is access to quality open spaces</p>
 <p>LIVEABILITY INDICATOR 4 There is access to education and training</p>	 <p>LIVEABILITY INDICATOR 10 There is choice in recreation activities for all ages and groups</p>
 <p>LIVEABILITY INDICATOR 5 There is access to quality healthcare for all stages of life</p>	 <p>LIVEABILITY INDICATOR 11 There is growth and support for Culture and the Arts in Broken Hill</p>
 <p>LIVEABILITY INDICATOR 6 There is diversity in retail, services and industries</p>	 <p>LIVEABILITY INDICATOR 12 Broken Hill is an inclusive community that celebrates cultural diversity</p>

These indicators are presented through report cards that explain why the indicator is important, the relevant current challenges and opportunities, and priority actions that are required to address identified gaps and opportunities. The report cards also identify how we measure the indicators to ensure that we are progressing towards improved liveability outcomes.

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LIVEABILITY INDICATOR 6: THERE IS DIVERSITY IN RETAIL, SERVICES AND INDUSTRIES

The diversity of services and industries is a significant component of liveability as it can improve the community's access to a range of essential services and goods and respond to the needs of a wide range of community groups. Such a diversity can reduce Broken Hill's reliance on regional centres and dependence on transport and consequently, reduce the sense of isolation in the region.

Furthermore, a diversified economy can provide the community with a wide range of employment opportunities in various industries.

There are 12 liveability indicators that represent the different factors that make Broken Hill a liveable City.

Opportunities and challenges

What we heard from you...

"Shopping and products [are] very limited. Entertainment is limited."

"Once the children have finished school, we plan to move somewhere there is more opportunity for them and access to services and employment not available here."

"The availability of childcare for children before they start school. This is a limiting factor in me being able to return to work."

The mining industry is a backbone of Broken Hill's economy. However, the significance of having new industries such as Renewable Energy (solar and wind), Manufacturing (e.g.,

There are unique challenges and **opportunities and community** perspectives that shape our priority actions for each liveability indicator.

Priorities

Action	Action type	Growth horizon/Priority
Undertake a retail and services audit and identify gaps in service provision or opportunities to expand services.	Planning	Immediate (Horizon 1 - Filling our shape)
Engage with childcare providers to encourage creation of additional spaces in within Broken Hill.	Advocacy and partnership	Immediate (Horizon 1 - Filling our shape)

Priority actions contribute to enhancing liveability in Broken Hill and fill gaps that existing strategies and action plans do not address.

There are four types of priority actions, reflecting different approaches to implementation:

- **Advocacy and partnership:** Facilitate relationships and seek support from stakeholders to lead
- **Engagement and communication:** Build awareness and educate on issues and ways of contributing
- **Funding:** Investigate and secure funding to deliver
- **Planning:** Conduct further studies to understand an issue and confirm actions to be taken

How do we measure this and know it is improving?

Measure	Data sources
There is sufficient capacity in childcare services locally.	Count of children aged 0-4 (ABS Census 2021, id population forecasts) Count of childcare spaces in local centres (childcare providers)
There is diversity in local retail and fresh food offerings.	Count of business types (local businesses)

Priority actions contribute towards different **horizons of growth** and are categorised by how immediately they need to be completed:

- more **immediate actions** address *Horizon 1 - Filling our shape* and the current state of liveability in Broken Hill
- **medium term** foundational projects contribute towards achieving a future described in *Horizon 2 - Extending our reach* and provide a platform for change
- **longer term** projects actively shape a future described in *Horizon 3 - Making big bold moves and aspirational change*

Measures provide a way to monitor and track whether there has been progress made and impact generated from delivering priority actions. Regular monitoring of measures will inform how successful actions have been and whether changes to actions are needed.

Data sources and potential data custodians for each measure.



LIVEABILITY INDICATOR 1: ACCESS TO DIVERSE AND AFFORDABLE HOUSING

Access to a range of quality housing options that are affordable and well located is an integral component to an individual's quality of life and the wider liveability proposition within Broken Hill. Housing shortages or housing design or type that does not suit multiple stages of life, differing family dynamics and socio-economic status can lead to individuals leaving the area to seek more appropriate and housing options. It will also serve as a deterrent to those seeking to relocate to Broken Hill.

Opportunities and challenges

What we heard from you...

"[I] would love to have the opportunity to downsize to something smaller and new – my house is too big."

There are diverse housing need and preferences across the community. While some people are looking for opportunities to downsize, others moved to Broken Hill for the larger blocks and lifestyle of having a larger house. Thus, the provision of housing diversity (e.g., dwelling size, number of bedrooms) is one of the key opportunities for catering for different needs.

However, the low rate of vacant properties available on the rental market, the poor quality of housing available for rental and purchase, and a considerable number of properties identified as uninhabitable are the major challenges for housing.

The number of rental properties in Broken Hill needs to be significantly increased to accommodate the higher proportion of the community that lives in Broken Hill temporarily, compared to other places in NSW due to the nature of employment opportunities and the unique characteristics and location of the City. Whilst there are opportunities to purchase properties in the City, enabling people that have a 'try before you buy' accommodation option in Broken Hill creates a greater attraction to locate to Broken Hill temporarily with the opportunity to make a more permanent move in the future.

Priorities

Action	Action type	Growth horizon/Priority
Investigate establishment of an investment program for long term rental housing. Initiate an EOI to identify and convene potentially interested participants in a scheme.	Advocacy and partnership	Immediate (Horizon 1 - Filling our shape)
Develop precinct revitalisation plans for Broken Hill, to enhance the urban amenity and increase liveability. Focus on South Broken Hill and the CBD fringe.	Planning	Medium term (Horizon 2 – Extending our reach)
Complete an employment lands study to understand land requirements for employment to complement precinct planning for residential.	Planning	Immediate (Horizon 1 – Filling our shape)
Develop a communications program to highlight development opportunities and pathways.	Engagement and communications	Immediate (Horizon 1 – Filling our shape)
Investigate incentives program for reintegrating vacant properties back into the rental supply chain.	Funding	Immediate (Horizon 1 – Filling our shape)
Advocate to the State Government to provide funding and resourcing support to maintain a pipeline of housing and expand the spectrum of housing (social, affordable, rental, for purchase) to support Broken Hill as a regional city in the Far West.	Advocacy and partnership	Immediate (Horizon 1 – Filling our shape)

How do we measure this and know it is improving?

Measure	Data sources
The diversity of housing stock within Broken Hill increases.	Audit of existing housing typologies (ABS Census 2021)
The ratio of housing to residents increases.	Count of residents (ABS Census 2021) Count of dwellings, existing and newly created (ABS Census 2021) New water connections to residential premises (Essential Water)
There are less unoccupied dwellings in Broken Hill.	Residential premises with little or no water consumption for a period of 6 months or longer (Essential Water)
Housing is affordable.	Household income (ABS Census 2021) Housing purchase and rental prices (NSW Rent and Sales reports, Real estate listings)



LIVEABILITY INDICATOR 2: THERE IS GROWTH AND DIVERSITY IN JOBS

Economic prosperity is a key component of a liveable place as it enables people to purchase essential goods and services needed for liveability and an improved quality of life.

To achieve long term economic viability and resilience, it is important that Broken Hill has growth and diversity of employment opportunities across various industries and sectors.

Diversity of employment opportunities also enables Broken Hill to retain local talent and will form a basis to attract people to relocate to Broken Hill for the professional opportunities it offers, subsequently helping to increase population. A stable economic base will be a vital element to attract future investment into the City which will in turn create an increase in commercial viability for small businesses.

Opportunities and challenges

What we heard from you...

“[We] need opportunity for larger corporate retail businesses to invest in Broken Hill and create employment opportunity for our youth”.

There is a need for ensuring the growth in employment opportunities and providing diversity in the types of new jobs created in Broken Hill. While continuing to support mining is significant, the need to target new industries and technologies is also important to ensure that Broken Hill is economically resilient into the future.

The City also needs to support opportunities for new local businesses to grow and succeed in Broken Hill, which creates job opportunities for locals as well as enabling the community to access a greater range of services and retail.



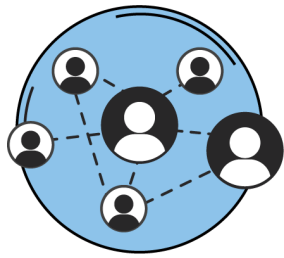
Image 2: Background Photography from the filming of 'Awake In Fright' – courtesy Channel 10

Priorities

Action	Action type	Growth horizon/Priority
Develop an investment prospectus, branding and 'Invest in Broken Hill' campaign.	Engagement and communications	Immediate (Horizon 1 - Filling our shape)
Investigate opportunities to develop a Co-Work Hub or incubator in Broken Hill.	Planning	Medium term (Horizon 2 - Extending our reach)
Establish a commercial floorspace audit.	Planning	Medium term (Horizon 2 - Extending our reach)
Develop a small business toolkit to support start-ups and existing small business.	Engagement and communications	Immediate (Horizon 1 - Filling our shape)
Develop a Twilight economy action plan.	Planning	Medium term (Horizon 2 - Extending our reach)

How do we measure this and know it is improving?

Measure	Data sources
The number of jobs per capita increases in Broken Hill.	Count of residents (ABS Census 2021) Count of jobs (Economy id., sourced from National Institute of Economic and Industry Research (NIEIR))
The number of new businesses in Broken Hill increases.	Count of new businesses registered (Australian Business Register Statistics)
Job vacancy rates.	Count of advertised jobs (online job listings, Australian Government Far West Orana Labour Market Data Dashboard)



LIVEABILITY INDICATOR 3: BROKEN HILL IS CONNECTED

Connectivity plays a key role in the wider liveability of a place, from being connected physically via transportation and pedestrian or share path networks to digital connectivity providing access to a wide range of services, and the ability to connect to the world with a click of a button.

With the geographic location of Broken Hill, connectivity to other regional centres would provide increased access to a broader workforce and range of goods and services. Internally within Broken Hill, the sense of connectivity via safe and accessible network of pathways, can increase incidental activity, and reduce the reliance on private vehicles. Incidental exercise is one of the key influences on an individual's health and wellbeing.

Lack of connectivity can lead to a sense of isolation for the wider community and create supply issues for industries operating within the City, and potentially deter other industries/businesses from relocating to Broken Hill. An increase in connectivity for Broken Hill can influence a number of liveability factors.

Opportunities and challenges

What we heard from you...

“[we need] more improvements in transport options and better affordability.”

“Broken Hill isn’t particularly walkable outside of the main CBD, especially during the heat, and private transport options are unreliable and expensive for people on low incomes / mobility issues.”

“Establishment of a fast NBN internet service that would support Broken Hill become the digital Hub for rural and remote towns.”

The aging transport infrastructure (e.g., roads and airport) and the lack of diverse and affordable public transport options to other regional centres and capital cities are the major challenges for physical connectivity in Broken Hill. The uneven distribution of services across the City (i.e., distance from services for outer suburbs) and poor quality of footpaths are barriers for using active transport. To ensure a stable digital connectivity, the internet networks need to be improved.

Priorities

Action	Action type	Growth horizon/Priority
Investigate opportunities for greater utilisation of community transport and on demand transport services within Broken Hill.	Planning	Medium term (Horizon 2 - Extending our reach)
Investigate viability of piloting shared mobility services in Broken Hill, such as car share or bike share programs.	Advocacy and partnership	Medium term (Horizon 2 - Extending our reach)
Implementation of the Shared Path Network as identified in the Active Transport Plan.	Planning	Immediate (Horizon 1 - Filling our shape)
Continue direct advocacy with airlines regarding opportunities for increased flights to Broken Hill.	Advocacy and partnership	Immediate (Horizon 1 - Filling our shape)
Advocate for improving digital connections that support businesses, health and education services, as well as the households' digital connections.	Advocacy and partnership	Medium term (Horizon 2 - Extending our reach)

How do we measure this and know it is improving?

Measure	Data sources
There is a growth in public and shared transport usage across Broken Hill.	Public transport patronage (service providers) Shared transport patronage (service providers)
There is an increase in premises connected to the National Broadband Network (NBN).	NBN connections by technology types (Commonwealth Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Communications)
There is an increase in the kilometres of share/bike paths connecting the City.	Length of paths managed, and new paths built (Broken Hill City Council)
There is an increase in number of air passengers flying to Broken Hill.	Number and capacity of air services to/from Broken Hill Airport (Broken Hill City Council) Number of passengers alighting/ disembarking at Broken Hill Airport (Broken Hill City Council)



LIVEABILITY INDICATOR 4: THERE IS ACCESS TO EDUCATION AND TRAINING

The access to education and training plays a critical part in the Broken Hill's liveability story. It can ensure that employers access the skills and talent needed to operate within Broken Hill. Such as access to education and training can help to retain residents within the City, who wish to seek higher or alternate education activities. Furthermore, it can ensure providing an ongoing learning and development opportunities at all stages of life.

Lifelong learning is also an important element of an individual's happiness as it provides opportunities for personal development, social inclusivity and active participation within the community.

Opportunities and challenges

What we heard from you...

"The City has fallen behind similar sized cities in NSW, [for] health and education facilities."

"[need] further education beyond high school and vocational training."

"Broken Hill is a good place to raise young children, but I question how it will be in the future for education, health and the general living."

There is a need to improve the quality of education opportunities and also increase opportunities for further upskilling and training to support people find jobs relevant to their skills.

The lack of diversity in training opportunities is contributing to the loss of residents who need to travel outside of Broken Hill to receive their training and qualifications. This issue is particularly relevant with younger people and school leavers.



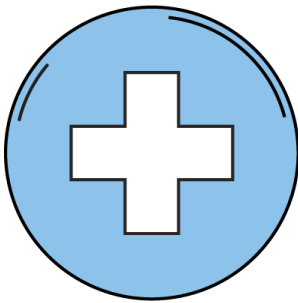
Image 3: Graduating Class at Country Universities Centre Far West 2022

Priorities

Action	Action type	Growth horizon/Priority
Investigate opportunities for the provision of learning through Council's Library.	Planning	Immediate (Horizon 1 - Filling our shape)
Investigate opportunities for the provision of uniquely Broken Hill training and education opportunities.	Advocacy and partnership	Medium term (Horizon 2 - Extending our reach)
Investigate with education partners designing and growing graduate and placement programs with industry in Broken Hill.	Advocacy and partnership	Medium term (Horizon 2 - Extending our reach)
Investigate opportunities to utilise a co-work hub as an online regional learning centre for the Far West.	Planning	Medium term (Horizon 2 - Extending our reach)
Facilitate annual forum for regional education advocacy across the broad education sector.	Engagement and communications	Medium term (Horizon 2 - Extending our reach)

How do we measure this and know it is improving?

Measure	Data sources
There is an increase in the number of tertiary and vocational courses training available in Broken Hill.	Count of courses accessible to local residents (NSW TAFE) Count of the number of students enrolled at the Country Universities Centre in Broken Hill (Country Universities Centre Far West)
There is an increase in the industries/sectors to which training is available.	Count of residential internships or work placements hosted in Broken Hill (University of Sydney, healthcare organisations, mining operations)



LIVEABILITY INDICATOR 5: THERE IS ACCESS TO QUALITY HEALTHCARE FOR ALL STAGES OF LIFE

Access to affordable and specialist healthcare services is essential for the community's quality of life and wellbeing, particularly for the vulnerable groups such as the older people, and individuals with serious health conditions, disabilities, or mental health issues. Providing quality healthcare can encourage the temporary and short-term workers to choose to live in Broken Hill for long term and prevent the locals from leaving the City.

Opportunities and challenges

What we heard from you...

“Increase in healthcare facilities and equipment.”

“More jobs and better health services so there is no need to travel.”

“Ageing and remote medical, dental and hospital services mean being flown way for treatment and end of life care.”

Telehealth services, which have been more widely used since the COVID-19 pandemic, are beneficial to the Broken Hill community and reduce limitations to accessing healthcare.

A main concern for the community is the availability of healthcare services such as access to General Practitioners (GPs) and specialist treatment, long waiting lists, insufficient home care packages, limited affordable aged care services as well as the insufficient technologies and devices for medical tests. The lack of continuity of care provided with by health professionals on short term contracts is another challenge.

Priorities

Action	Action type	Growth horizon/Priority
Develop a suite of evidence to assist in advocating for an increase in the range of healthcare services available in Broken Hill.	Advocacy and partnership	Immediate (Horizon 1 - Filling our shape)
Continue to work with NSW Health, the Public Health Network and other key stakeholders to improve health services within the Far West Region.	Advocacy and partnership	Immediate (Horizon 1 - Filling our shape)
Investigate with NSW Health opportunities to expand on digital and virtual healthcare for Broken Hill and the wider region.	Advocacy and partnership	Medium term (Horizon 2 - Extending our reach)

How do we measure this and know it is improving?

Measure	Data sources
There is an increase in the number of GPs and specialists per capita.	Count of people employed in general practice and specialities (local healthcare clinics)
There is an increase in aged care beds and homecare packages available.	Count of spaces available and homecare packages (local aged care providers)
There is an increase in the diversity of services accessible locally such as specialist medical, allied health, tele or remote services, dental or mental health services.	Audit of services (Far West Local Health District, local healthcare clinics)



LIVEABILITY INDICATOR 6: THERE IS DIVERSITY IN RETAIL, SERVICES AND INDUSTRIES

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Opportunities and challenges

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"Once the children have finished school, we plan to move somewhere there is more opportunity for them and access to services and employment not available here."

"The availability of childcare for children before they start school. This is a limiting factor in me being able to return to work."

The mining industry is a backbone of Broken Hill's economy. However, the significance of having new industries such as Renewable Energy (solar and wind), Manufacturing (e.g., steel), and the Circular Economy is recognised by the community as opportunities to make Broken Hill an industrial hub for the Far West as well as a hub for Arts and Tourism.

An increase in childcare services, further support for the small businesses, and a more even distribution of services across the City, particularly in South Broken Hill, are priorities expressed by the community and opportunities for future development.



Image 4: First Nations Story Poles in the Central Business District

Priorities

Action	Action type	Growth horizon/Priority
Undertake a retail and services audit and identify gaps in service provision or opportunities to expand services.	Planning	Immediate (Horizon 1 - Filling our shape)
Engage with childcare providers to encourage creation of additional spaces in Broken Hill.	Advocacy and partnership	Immediate (Horizon 1 - Filling our shape)

How do we measure this and know it is improving?

Measure	Data sources
There is sufficient capacity in childcare services locally.	Count of children aged 0-4 (ABS Census 2021, id population forecasts) Count of childcare spaces in local centres (childcare providers)
There is diversity in local retail and fresh food offerings.	Count of business types (local businesses) Time of day and average length of local business operation hours (local businesses)
Increase in number of businesses and diversity.	Count of number of businesses, by industry (Australian Business Register Statistics)
Stability in the number of approved food venues.	Count of food venues (Broken Hill City Council)



LIVEABILITY INDICATOR 7: BROKEN HILL IS A HEALTHY AND RESILIENT CITY

The environmental health of the City and planning to combat environmental issues and impacts such as climate change are a key component of a liveable place. For the City of Broken Hill, this is particularly important as the City is subject to a range of weather extremes, and susceptible to environmental impacts emanating from historic mining practices.

The environmental health of the City such as soil, water and air quality can have significant impacts on the health of residents. Improving these factors can lead to improved health outcomes for residents, now and into the future.

This indicator also considers the resilience of the City against changes in environmental and climatic conditions. Planning to increase the resilience of the City will ensure that it continues to be a valued and liveable place into the future.

Opportunities and challenges

What we heard from you...

"I like living close to the natural environment."

"I love my home here. I enjoy the community and the quiet."

"We need a much greater and more active focus on sustainability and environmental health issues."

"Increase the number of trees, large and medium size, street verges and car parks given global warming they need to be natives of this part of the world."

The residents of Broken Hill value the environment highly as what makes the City liveable. However, there is a need to proactively plan to improve the environmental health of the City and ensure that climate change and severe weather events are planned for. The issues of recycling as well as soil contamination by Lead are other areas of focus for the community to protect the health of the environment.

Priorities

Action	Action type	Growth horizon/Priority
Investigate opportunities to implement a network of smart monitors around the City.	Planning	Medium term (Horizon 2 - Extending our reach)
Investigate opportunities to use low-impact and recycled materials in any council construction work.	Planning	Longer term (Horizon 3 - Making big bold moves and aspirational change)
Develop a system to consider sustainability as part of Council's Capital Works Program.	Planning	Medium term (Horizon 2 - Extending our reach)
Undertake a review of recycling within the City and investigate opportunities to improve re-use and recycling.	Advocacy and partnership	Medium term (Horizon 2 - Extending our reach)
Develop a program of annual planting to increase trees in public places.	Funding	Immediate (Horizon 1 - Filling our shape)

How do we measure this and know it is improving?

Measure	Data sources
There is an improvement in water quality across the City.	Water Quality Monitoring (Essential Water)
There is an increase in the number of trees and tree canopy coverage across the City.	Count in trees (Broken Hill City Council)
There is a decrease in waste being collected in local tips	Volume of waste collected (Broken Hill City Council)



LIVEABILITY INDICATOR 8: PEOPLE FEEL SAFE IN BROKEN HILL

Safety is a critical part of a liveable place. It contributes strongly to a sense of belonging and sense of community. A sense of safety also influences the community's willingness to be in public places and participate in community activities, particularly after dark. Key factors that can influence people's safety can include the actual occurrence of crimes, or the perceived threats against safety.

Often the built environment can influence the perception of safety in public places. For example adequate street lighting and maintaining clear lines of sight can make people feel safer. Improving the perception and actual safety of a community will lead to improved community wellbeing and participation. It will also support and enable more night-time economy activities in the City.

Opportunities and challenges

What we heard from you...

"Safety is good but there is a huge distance from everywhere."

"Nothing for my teenagers to do in Broken Hill besides sport... The town should have more activities and areas kids can go. Like a drop-in centre/youth club."

Broken Hill is experienced and perceived by the community to be a safe place to live. However, there is a growing concern about the use of drugs in the City and the impact this could have on community safety into the future. Concerns around crime is also closely linked to a lack of non-alcohol recreation activities available within the City particularly after dark.

According to the NSW Bureau Of Crime Statistics and Research (BOCSAR) 2021, there is a reported increase in Domestic Violence related offences, intimidation, stalking and harassment in Broken Hill.



Image 5: Broken Hill New Year's Eve Celebrations

Priorities

Action	Action type	Growth horizon/Priority
Develop an annual program of Safer by Design Audits for all Council Assets.	Planning	Medium term (Horizon 2 - Extending our reach)
Work with key stakeholders to promote Domestic Violence Support and awareness programs.	Advocacy and partnership	Immediate (Horizon 1 - Filling our shape)

How do we measure this and know it is improving?

Measure	Data sources
The rate of crime in Broken Hill decreases.	Incidences of crime (Bureau of Crime Statistics and Research (BOCSAR)).
There is an improved sense of community safety.	Community satisfaction (Community survey, Broken Hill City Council).



LIVEABILITY INDICATOR 9: THERE IS ACCESS TO QUALITY OPEN SPACES FOR ALL

Access to quality open spaces is an important part of a liveable place. It can influence community pride and cohesiveness, correlates to physical activity and therefore, influences a community's overall wellness.

Importantly, access to open spaces must be equitable for all groups and abilities, ensuring that share paths, parks and playgrounds are accessible and welcoming spaces. Improved

access and quality of open spaces will see a positive increase in the number of people accessing spaces for incidental and passive play.

Opportunities and challenges

What we heard from you...

“We need upgrades on parks for more shade and picnic areas.”

“All parks are just parks, except Patton Park has the rocket, Sturt Park has the skate park and North Park has the train - Imagine how great [it would be if] our kids enjoy all the parks. The North Family Park near the pool could have a scooter track, etc.”

Broken Hill has several parks and lots of open spaces which play a significant role in the lifestyle and liveability within the City. However, there is a need to improve some open space areas including pathways to connect recreation areas, parks and playgrounds. Improving the quality of open spaces, including provision of shade, ensuring spaces are accessible and enabling different activities, will also maximise usage and allow people to enjoy the spaces more and more often.

Priorities

Action	Action type	Growth horizon/Priority
Develop an Open Space (Recreation) and Community Facilities Strategy to identify opportunities to activate and improve Community land.	Planning	Immediate (Horizon 1 - Filling our shape)

How do we measure this and know it is improving?

Measure	Data sources
The community is satisfied with the quality and access to open spaces in Broken Hill.	Community satisfaction (Community survey, Broken Hill City Council).



LIVEABILITY INDICATOR 10: THERE IS CHOICE IN RECREATION ACTIVITIES FOR ALL AGES AND GROUPS

The provision of recreation activities is a significant component of a liveable City as it improves the quality of life and impacts the community's health and wellbeing. The diversity of such activities and their availability for all ages and groups not only responds to the needs of all cohorts but also provide the community with a sense of inclusion.

Opportunities and challenges

What we heard from you...

"I am raising children here and I find that there is not a whole lot for older children/teens to do. Sporting facilities are lacking severely."

"The recreation facilities for children need updating. The town needs more programs focused on the youth of the town to be more attractive and to retain young families."

"Imperial lakes and Umberumberka Reservoir/and Stephens Creek need to be opened/developed as recreation areas, which would help to alleviate the large amount of domestic violence and mental health/child welfare issues which is alarmingly high."

Public recreational facilities are ageing in Broken Hill. The range of activities in the City is also limited and do not cater to all people in the community, for example individuals with disabilities or mental health issues, different age cohorts (particularly youth). Upgrading existing facilities, increasing the number of facilities and activities and attracting providers to open and manage new facilities in the City, particularly for youths, is a priority for the community.

Priorities

Action	Action type	Growth horizon/Priority
Undertake an audit of commercial recreation offerings in the City to identify gaps and opportunities in provision.	Planning	Immediate (Horizon 1 - Filling our shape)
Undertake a review of existing play spaces and identify opportunities to diversify play equipment and designs to attract all age groups to play.	Planning	Immediate (Horizon 1 - Filling our shape)

How do we measure this and know it is improving?

Measure	Data sources
There is an increase in the number and variety of recreation activities available (commercial and free).	Audit of recreation activities (local businesses, community organisations, Broken Hill City Council).
Range of activities based on being suitable for specific age cohorts or groups of people.	Audit of recreation activities (local businesses, community organisations, Broken Hill City Council).



LIVEABILITY INDICATOR 11: THERE IS GROWTH AND SUPPORT FOR CULTURE AND THE ARTS IN BROKEN HILL

The promotion of culture and arts in Broken Hill is an opportunity to make Broken Hill liveable for its community. It demonstrates the acknowledgement of the heritage, history, and cultural values of Broken Hill's local community as well as the First Nations community's significant contribution. Supporting the culture and arts and representing that in events and festivals will provide the community with a stronger sense of identity and belonging to their City and increases the social inclusion among them.

Moreover, promoting the arts and culture through events and festivals or commodification of arts and culture will attract tourists and develop the cultural tourism.

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Opportunities and challenges

What we heard from you...

"I would see greater support for the arts and culture in Broken Hill."

Broken Hill has a history, art and cultural heritage which are significant for its community. However, the insufficient funding is a barrier for promoting arts and culture and maintaining the cultural assets. Secure funding and resourcing are required to ensure longevity of arts and cultural programs, including attractive strong visitation to events, to ensure that programs and events are sustainable and continue into the future.

Promoting the cultural events and festivals, branding the City as a hub for arts and culture and developing the cultural tourism are a number of priorities for the community and opportunities for future development.

Priorities

Action	Action type	Growth horizon/Priority
Work with the local artists network to develop a program of arts education opportunities.	Advocacy and partnership	Immediate (Horizon 1 - Filling our shape)
Develop evidence base to advocate for increased and ongoing arts funding.	Engagement and communications	Immediate (Horizon 1 - Filling our shape)
Identify opportunities to strengthen and showcase the arts and cultural networks across the broader Far West Region.	Engagement and communications	Medium term (Horizon 2 - Extending our reach)

How do we measure this and know it is improving?

Measure	Data sources
There is an increase in the number of events held.	Number of events held by the Broken Hill Council (Broken Hill City Council)
There is an increase in the identified number of artists and performers in Broken Hill.	Artist register data (Arts and culture organisations)
There is an increase in funding for the arts in Broken Hill.	Grants and Council budget across 12 months (Broken Hill City Council)
There is an increase in the number of training and education opportunities in arts and culture.	Number and capacity of opportunities (Arts and culture organisations)



LIVEABILITY INDICATOR 12: BROKEN HILL IS AN INCLUSIVE COMMUNITY THAT CELEBRATES CULTURAL DIVERSITY

An inclusive community that celebrates diversity creates a welcoming environment, a sense of place and belonging. These are all key components to what makes Broken Hill a liveable place now and into the future. Diversity and inclusion relate to gender, age, ethnicity, race, cultural background, disability and religion.

One of the key strengths of Broken Hill is its sense of community, and that it is welcoming to new residents from all backgrounds and cultural diversities. As the City grows in population and more new residents call Broken Hill home, it will be essential that this sense of community and celebration of cultural diversity is built upon to maximise opportunities.

As Broken Hill grows as a City that celebrates and supports cultural diversity, it could provide opportunities for new business and professional services seeking to operate in a community with these values. This could also influence key sectors such as the Arts and Culture sector as new artists and art types emerge.

Opportunities and challenges

What we heard from you...

“I enjoy living in Broken Hill because it is a caring, supportive community which respects individuality and diversity. It is affordable and has a relaxed pace of living. There is a good variety of sporting, cultural and community groups to enhance people’s lives.”

There is a strong sense of community in Broken Hill and the people feel welcomed and accepted. The community acknowledge the significant role that multiculturalism has played in Broken Hill and the contribution that it can have to make the City a liveable place. There is a desire to continue to nurture a culture of inclusiveness and embracing diversity so that Broken Hill is known to be a place that is welcoming to all.

Priorities

Action	Action type	Growth horizon/Priority
Investigate opportunities to expand services and resources to assist non-English speaking persons.	Engagement and communications	Immediate (Horizon 1 - Filling our shape)
Support arts and other events highlighting inclusion and cultural diversity.	Engagement and communications	Immediate (Horizon 1 - Filling our shape)

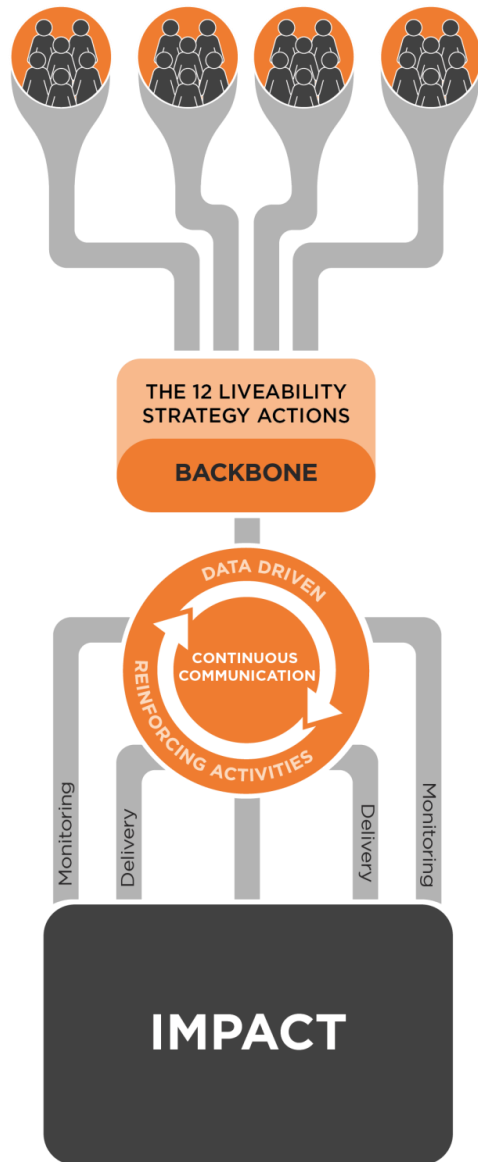
How do we measure this and know it is improving?

Measure	Data sources
There is an increase in the number of community groups or members of groups increases.	Number of community groups (Broken Hill City Council) Membership of community groups (community-based organisations)
There is an increase in persons moving to the area from CALD backgrounds.	Diversity indicators (ABS Census)
There is an increase in events and activities to celebrate inclusion and diversity.	Number of locally held events (Broken Hill City Council)

3. WHERE TO FROM HERE?

DELIVERY THROUGH A COLLECTIVE IMPACT MODEL

COLLECTIVE IMPACT



Enhancing liveability in Broken Hill requires support and participation from different stakeholders. A Collective Impact Model enables delivery of this Strategy involving all organisations and groups across the community that have an interest and contribution to make.

Collective impact is a framework that applies a critical lens to a specific place to progress a complex problem at scale.

Collective impact is about enabling, equipping and leveraging the many organisations and activities already in place and filling any gaps that may exist. In some instances, existing entities may be competing with one another, and this can be counterproductive to the solution they're trying to affect. While leveraging existing providers/initiatives it is important to also consider is it the right way and the best way – or is there a better way.

Unlike most collaborations, collective impact harnesses a unique operating model that establishes a backbone that includes a centralised infrastructure, a dedicated staff, and a structured process that leads to a common agenda, shared measurement, continuous communication, and mutually reinforcing activities among all participants.

Council will take a leading role to establish a Collective Impact Model with participants to conduct activities, make investments and contribute to liveability and housing in Broken Hill to implement this Strategy.

ROADMAP FOR IMPLEMENTATION

Council will convene and facilitate implementation of the Liveability Strategy, with support from stakeholders.

The initial actions Council will take are:

1. Establish the 'Housing our future' program as an initial priority to progress Liveability Indicator 1 – Access to diverse and affordable housing, recognising housing as a critical issue in Broken Hill and housing as an enabler for Broken Hill to sustain a population and services to service the Far West region.
2. Engage the NSW Government and advocate for funding support to enable Council to establish and facilitate delivery of the backbone infrastructure to support Council and its partners.
3. Appoint a lead for the project, which can be a member of staff within Council or appointed and funded through stakeholder support.

Appointment of a project lead is important as they will oversee the development of the implementation plan and approach, including convening stakeholders. Responsibilities and accountabilities include:

- Setting direction
 - Develop a project plan for the 'Housing our future' program – define shared goals, accountabilities, milestones for delivering, budget requirements.
 - Define terms of reference for the project, including establishing governance arrangements and the collective impact approach which involves defining participant roles and accountabilities, approach to information sharing and project selection.
- Resourcing activities
 - Convene stakeholders that will participate in the program and execute participation agreements.
 - Participants could include Broken Hill City Council, NSW Government, Business Far West, Foundation Broken Hill, key mining operations, Far West Local Health District, Home in Place, Local Real Estate agents.
- Initiating actions
 - Define and agree on the first five projects for delivery, based on the priority actions of this Liveability Strategy. Initial actions could focus on connecting people looking for accommodation with people that have space available and developing a communication pack for the current community, investors and people looking to move to Broken Hill.
 - Develop an agreed funding approach with participants for delivery, including agreed project milestones and performance measures.
 - Establish an approach to information collection, sharing and maintenance so that the program is informed by an accurate database of what houses are occupied and their tenure.

Establishing and funding an initial 2-year program would enable the testing and maturation of the Collective Impact Model and review of the effectiveness of activities and the approach to implementation.

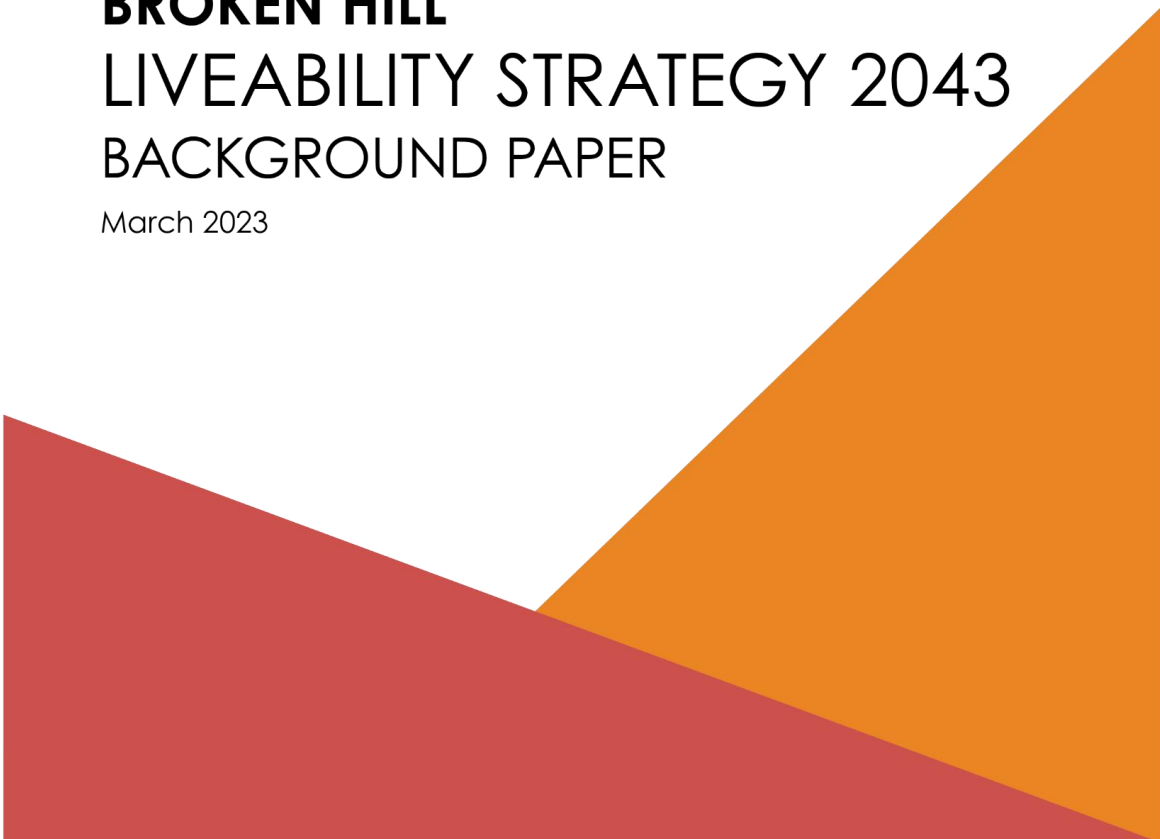


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BROKEN HILL LIVEABILITY STRATEGY 2043 BACKGROUND PAPER

March 2023



QUALITY CONTROL

KEY THEME	1. Our Community		
OBJECTIVE	1.1 Our community spirit is our strength		
STRATEGY	1.1.2 Ensure that the liveability factors that enhance our lifestyles are identified, considered, maintained, and grown		
FILE REFERENCE No	23/137	EDRMS No	D23/26442
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Acknowledgement

We pay respect to the Traditional Owners of the Broken Hill area - the Wilyakali People - on whose land we live and work upon. We acknowledge, pay respect and celebrate the ongoing cultural traditions and contributions to Broken Hill and the surrounding region by Aboriginal people. We acknowledge the Elders past, present and emerging.

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1. INTRODUCTION

This Background Paper is a supporting document for the Broken Hill Liveability Strategy 2043. The Paper provides further details on the framework and research that has been applied to develop the Strategy, liveability indicators and the priority actions.

This Paper has four parts:

1. **A definition and description of liveability** which forms the foundation for the Liveability Strategy, based on research and a review of other government liveability frameworks.
2. **A snapshot of Broken Hill** and overview of the current state of the City. This snapshot is organised by five themes:
 - a. Community
 - b. Housing
 - c. Services and facilities
 - d. Economy and employment, and
 - e. Place and environment.
3. **An overview of engagement outcomes**, including a report on engagement activities undertaken and targeted groups. The engagement outcomes reflect on stakeholders' insights and visions for developing Broken Hill over the next two decades and highlights the strength, opportunities and required improvements from the stakeholders' viewpoint to achieve the desired vision.
4. **Map of liveability indicators** showing how they relate to one another, including direct and indirect impacts, and alignment with other Council strategies and plans.

2. PLANNING FOR LIVEABILITY

2.1 LIVEABILITY CONCEPT AND ITS SIGNIFICANCE

The concept of 'liveability' is not new, 'liveability' is the collective term for the factors that contribute to a community's and individual's quality of life. A liveable place is defined as one that is "safe, attractive, socially cohesive and inclusive, and environmentally sustainable; with affordable and diverse housing linked by convenient public transport, walking and cycling infrastructure to employment, education, public open space, local shops, health and community services, and leisure and cultural opportunities".¹

Liveability focuses on a place, community and a person's quality of life and everyday experience of the urban environment. The influences on quality of life may change throughout a person's life. What is most important for a teenager may be different for a retiree, therefore all these influences need to be considered when thinking about liveability for a community.

Aligning to the UN Sustainable Development Goals

The concept of 'liveability' is encompassed on a global scale by the UN Sustainable Development Goals. The Sustainable Development Goals was adopted in 2015 as part of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. The Goals provide a roadmap for all countries to work towards a better world by implementing actions to address poverty, set an agenda for climate change, inequality, sustainable business and innovation.



Source: <https://www.un.org/en/sustainable-development-goals>.

The Broken Hill Liveability Strategy 2043 aligns to the broader global goals for Sustainable Development, with a specific focus on the areas such as Health and Wellbeing (Goal 3), Quality Education (Goal 4), Economic Growth (Goal 8), Industry, Innovation and Infrastructure (Goal 9), Sustainable Cities and Communities (Goal 11), and Responsible Consumption and Production (Goal 12).

The Strategy is a local action plan to build on the unique strengths and advantages of Broken Hill, focusing on liveability factors to achieve a more liveable Broken Hill. The Strategy will build on opportunities for sustainable growth overtime while promoting and protecting the environment and creating an equitable welcoming community that celebrates diversity.

¹ Lowe M, Whitzman C, Badland H, Davern M, Aye L, Hes D, et al., 2015, Planning healthy, liveable and sustainable cities: How can indicators inform policy? Urban Policy and Research. 33(2): 131–44. <<https://doi.org/10.1080/08111146.2014.1002606>>

2.2 ENHANCING LIVEABILITY IN BROKEN HILL

In 2020 the NSW Government published *Liveability and Local Government, a guide to embedding liveability within Councils Strategic planning processes*². The document published in conjunction with the NSW Ministry of Health, Active Living NSW and the Heart Foundation recognised the importance of embedding liveability into Council's wider strategic planning framework, and the roles that Councils can play in promoting and influencing liveability.

Broken Hill today and in the future

A key driver for population changes in Broken Hill is the migration of people into the City and moving away. Broken Hill was previously a larger City with a population of 31,387. It was built to sustain a larger population and with a larger population it will thrive – generating more and greater opportunities for everyone.

Broken Hill needs to be a large, thriving and viable regional city to provide support services to the Far West region and for the communities across the region. Thus, enhancing liveability will help the City to retain and grow its population.

Broken Hill City Council recognises the importance of liveability for the community of Broken Hill, and importantly how the wider liveability concept could be utilised to further enhance existing strengths and leveraging these strengths to promote the opportunities that Broken Hill could provide to new residents. This concept of liveability is entrenched in the Broken Hill Community Strategic Plan 2022.

2.3 LIVEABILITY DOMAINS

The Broken Hill Liveability Strategy aims to provide a holistic view of liveability. The Broken Hill Liveability Strategy 2043 is informed by comprehensive research on a wide range of academic and practice-based publications (both national and international)³ around the liveability concept and its domains.

A thematic analysis of the key literature on the liveability concept resulted in developing a framework that presents the most common and influential domains of liveability that are practiced globally and aligned with the environmental, social, and economic context of Broken Hill.

² NSW Government, 2020, *Liveability and Local Government – Embedding liveability within Councils' Strategic Planning Processes: A stakeholder guide*, available at <https://irp.cdn-website.com/541aa469/files/uploaded/Liveability_and_Local_Government__Active_Living_NSW_2020.pdf>

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Figure 1 presents the liveability domains that underpin the Broken Hill Liveability Strategy 2043.

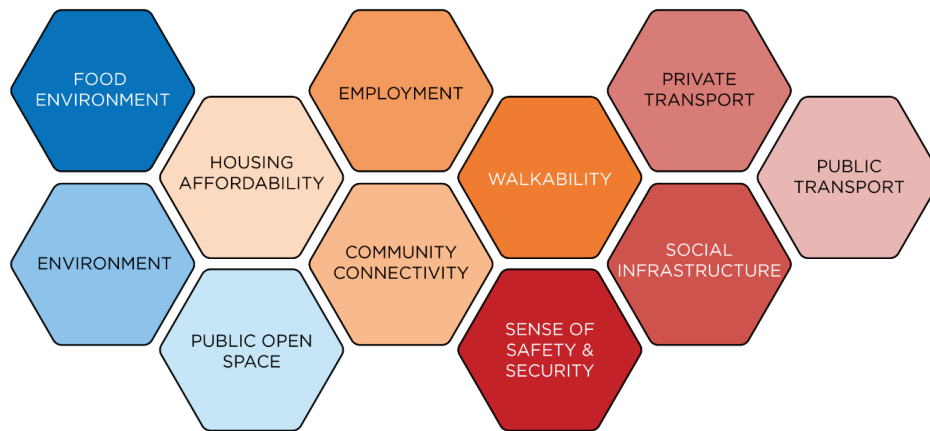


Figure 1 Liveability domains

Designing the Broken Hill Liveability Strategy

The Broken Hill Liveability Strategy is structured around 12 liveability indicators that contribute to making Broken Hill a liveable City. These indicators are based on the liveability domains and generally grouped into key pillars of community (safety, connection and inclusion), housing (diversity and affordability), employment and the economy (skills gaps, employment opportunities, training and education, new industries), and environment (open spaces, walkability, social infrastructure as well as the physical environment).

Success of the Broken Hill Liveability Strategy 2043 will require collective participation and implementation across a range of stakeholders and key industries within Broken Hill and beyond. Success will range in scale from largescale projects and investments to smaller changes in practices and policy shifts. Importantly, a liveability focus shows how connections between each change contributes to greater and more significant successes and impacts for the community.

For example, a project that created improved economic prosperity and employment opportunities, would provide opportunities for residents looking for work to stay in Broken Hill and could also attract new residents to town which will impact a range of liveability factors including, housing, and service provision.

An increase in demand for housing triggered by new investment could create a shift in viability for an increased diversity of housing stock, triggering small scale infill housing redevelopments and renovations, new smaller housing stock and influence a shift towards downsizing. Success would mean housing is affordable, fit for purpose and having diversity in stock available to meet all stages of life, and socio-economic statuses.

On a smaller scale liveability could influence an individual directly, for example a new play space is designed that celebrates the local history of Broken Hill integrating the heritage and story of the town into a series of inclusive all abilities play spaces. This small change could trigger a change in liveability for an individual where they now feel accepted welcomed and part of the community.

3. SNAPSHOT OF OUR CITY

3.1 PEOPLE

Population size

Broken Hill has a population of 17,588 people (as at the ABS 2021 Census).

The size of the population has previously been larger, sustained by a significant workforce supporting large mining operations. The City's population peaked in the 1960s at around 30,000. Since then, Broken Hill's population has been slowly decreasing in size, shaped by the local mining industry and changes in workforce needs.

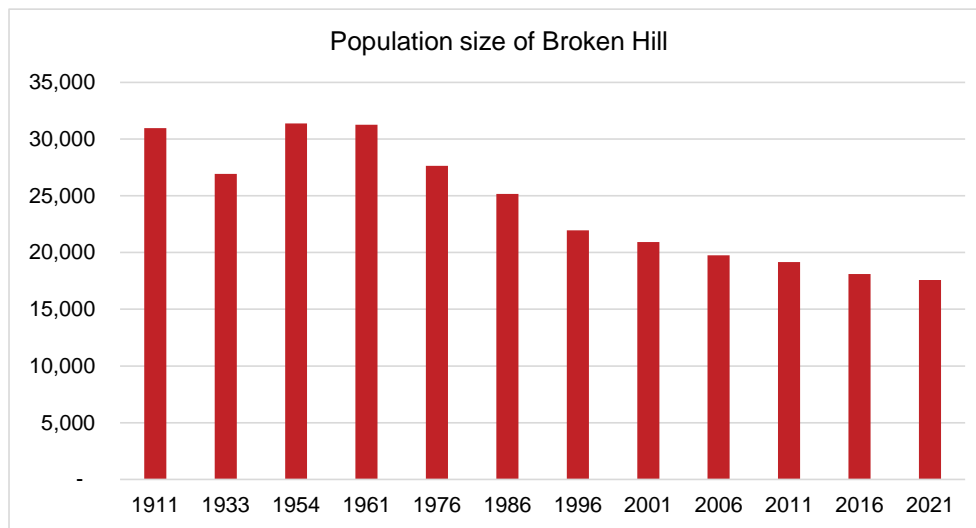


Figure 2 Historic population size of Broken Hill. Source: ABS Historical Population

The City has experienced a considerable internal migration from the City to the other cities over the last five years, particularly among the younger age cohorts.

The population in Broken Hill is projected to grow slightly over the next 20 years to 18,556 people (id. population forecasts), fuelled by new mining operations anticipated to commence in the coming years.

Drivers of population change

Population change in Broken Hill is driven primarily through migration. The decrease in the City's population in recent years is attributed to more people leaving the City than people moving to the City and natural increases (more people being born than dying), combined. Refer to Figure 3.

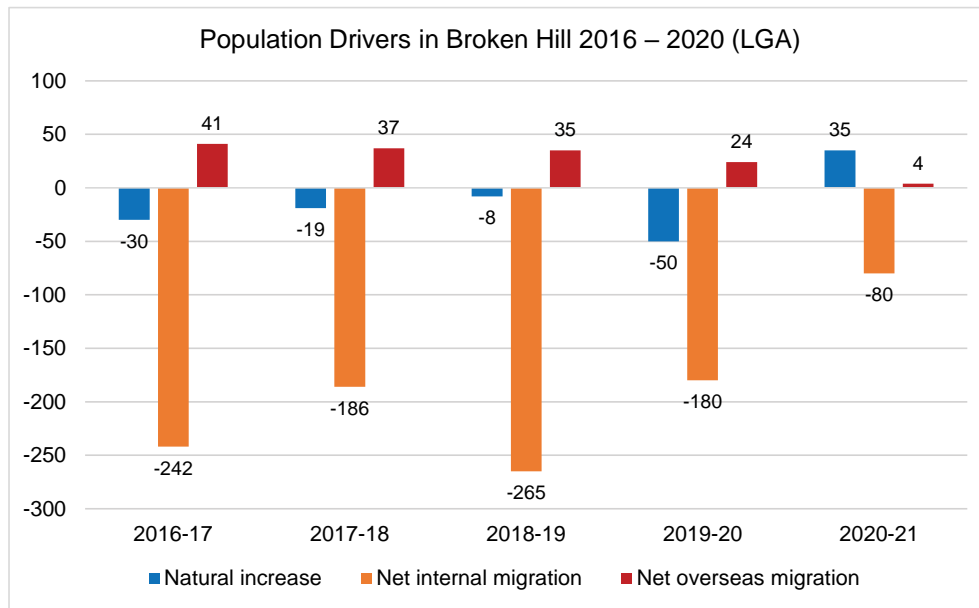


Figure 3 Population drivers for Broken Hill. Source: ABS Regional Population

The ABS 2021 Census shows cohorts that have had the largest number of people move away are those at the age that are likely seeking education, training and new employment opportunities (early adulthood), groups that may be families with older children relocating for lifestyle or other opportunities (teenagers and adults aged 45 to 54), and those in retirement age.

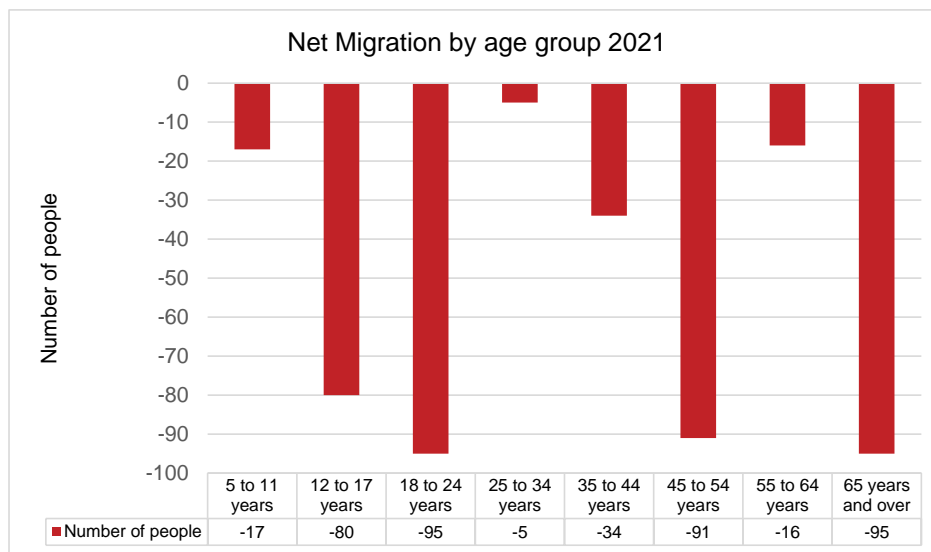


Figure 4 Net migration by age group 2021. Source: id. referencing ABS 2021 Census

Figure 5 shows net migration of people moving into and out of Broken Hill between the 2016 and 2021 Census periods, and shows the top places where people moved to and from. It is common for people to be moving to and from large regional centres and there are strong linkages of migration to regional areas in Victoria and South Australia, as well as to other parts of NSW.

Figure 5 Net migration to and from Broken Hill, 2016 to 2021. Source: ABS 2021 Census

The attraction of further employment opportunities and access to more education and lifestyle opportunities than what's on offer in Broken Hill may be influencing decisions to move to these other areas. The specific employment opportunities in the local mining industry may be a key driver for people moving to Broken Hill from overseas and from other regions in Australia.

Diversity

Almost 10% of the Broken Hill community identifies as being Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander.

The majority of the community (89%) was born in Australia, however the community identifies to have ancestry from England, Ireland, Scotland, Germany and Italy (top ancestries identified in ABS 2021 Census).

Of the 11% of the community that was born overseas, top countries of birth include the Philippines (1 per cent), England (0.8 per cent), New Zealand and India (0.4 per cent).

Approximately 8% of the population living in Broken Hill require assistance with day-to-day activities. This compares to the 6.8% of the population across the average for Regional NSW. This demonstrates the importance of the healthcare and social assistance sector in Broken Hill in providing people access to care and services within the Far West region.

Safety

The most reported crime within Broken Hill across the 12-month period 2021 was breach of bail conditions and malicious damage with 318 and 300 recorded offences respectively. Overall, the crime statistics point towards an increase in Domestic Violence related offences with the LGA ranking 4th in LGAs across NSW. Broken Hill also saw an increase in intimidation, stalking and harassment with a 22.6% increase across the 60-month period.

Table 1 Crime trends in Broken Hill

Offence	Trend	Comment
Drug offences	Stable	The rate of drug offences has remained stable across the Broken Hill LGA since 2017. The possession and use of cannabis and methamphetamine are the most prolific drug offences during the last 12 months with 70 and 35 incidents respectively.
Domestic violence	↑ 7.1%	The incidence of reported domestic violence incidents across the Broken Hill LGA has seen a 7.1% increase across the 60-month period from 2017. For the 2021 period there was a total of 242 incidents.

Offence	Trend	Comment
Break and enter	↓7.6%	The incidents of Break and Enter (dwelling and non-dwelling) declined 7.6% (non-dwelling) across the period. For 2021 there was 203 recorded Break and Enter (dwelling and non-dwelling). Overall, the trend has remained constant across the 2017-2021 reporting period.
Malicious damage to property	Stable	Malicious damage to property recorded the highest rate of offence for the last 12 months with 300 incidents recorded, ranking Broken Hill 4th across NSW LGAs. The rate of offence has remained stable across the 60-month period of reporting.
Steal from motor vehicle	↓12.1%	The incidence of steal from motor vehicle cases declined by 12.1% across the reporting period with a total of 99 incidents during 2021.
Intimidation, stalking and harassment	↑22.6%	There was a 22.6% increase over the 60 months of intimidation, stalking and harassment. This is the largest offence category increase.

Source: NSW Bureau Of Crime Statistics and Research 2021

3.2 HOUSING

Dwelling typology

Broken Hill is a City of 7,308 households (ABS 2021 Census). Approximately 95% of dwellings in the City are detached houses, with 2.2% identified as semi-detached/terrace housing and 2.5% flats or apartments. The number of 3-bedroom houses is 3,956 (54%) and the average household size is 2.2 persons per household.

Vacancies or unoccupied dwellings

The 2021 ABS Census estimates that Broken Hill also has a high number of unoccupied dwellings with 1,528 dwellings or 18% unoccupied. The high number of unoccupied dwellings can be due to a proportion of the population living in Broken Hill only for parts of the year. Recent data obtained by Council showed that there is an estimate of at least 500 dwellings in the City that have no one living in them, based on low water usage.

Tenure and affordability

About 33% of households own their homes outright and 23% of households are paying a mortgage on their home. The average mortgage monthly payment was \$867 for homeowners in Broken Hill in 2021.

Almost 20% of households in Broken Hill are renting, either on the private rental market (17%) or via a government or community housing provider (2%). The average rental cost for a 3-bedroom home in Broken Hill was \$300/week and the median cost to purchase a detached dwelling was \$173,000 according to the NSW Rent and Sales reports for the June 2022 quarter.

Particularly for housing purchases, Broken Hill is relatively affordable when compared other regional cities. Analysis of household income in Broken Hill indicates that there are few households that are likely to be experiencing mortgage stress, however the number of households likely to be experiencing rental stress is higher.

According to household incomes in Broken Hill in the 2021 ABS Census, and rental and purchase prices listed in the NSW Rent and Sales reports for the June 2022 quarter:

- approximately 30% of households in Broken Hill that are renting find average rents unaffordable (approximately 515 households). About 25% of these households would find that rents are either extremely or severely unaffordable.
- approximately 6% of households with a mortgage experience mortgage stress (approximately 142 households).

Whilst house sale prices have remained relatively stable over the past five years, rental prices have increased significantly in Broken Hill.

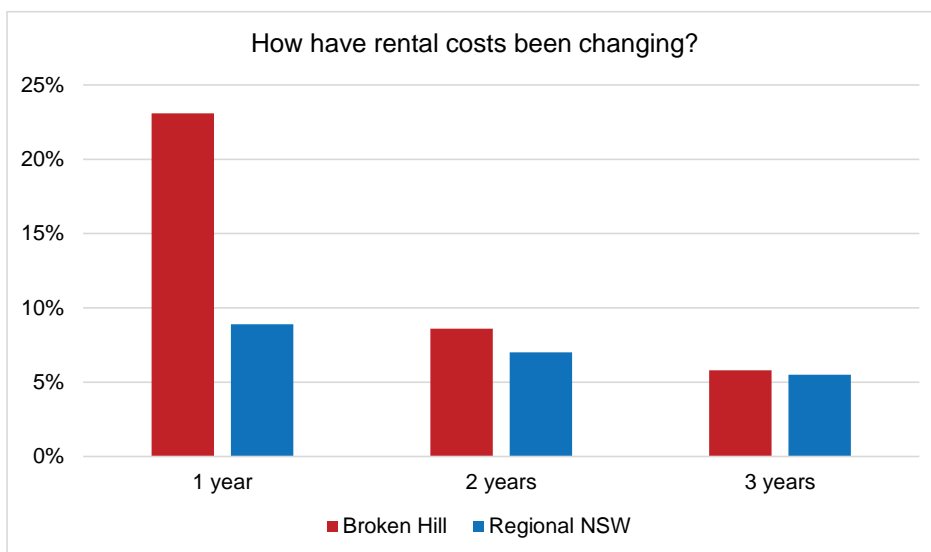


Figure 6 Annual average change in median rental listing, June 2017 to June 2022. Source: id. Housing Monitor, referencing PropTrack (REA group housing listings, updated twice annually)

Ongoing monitoring of housing rents and sale prices will help to identify where there are significant impacts on liveability being experienced by residents and to ensure that strategies employed are helping to address and ease these impacts.

There is currently demonstrated demand for rental properties in Broken Hill. A review of property listings in early February 2023 showed there were 89 properties listed in Broken Hill. Of these properties there are only 8 properties for rent, compared to 81 properties for sale (which includes 9 lots of vacant land). Coupled with the trends in increasing rents, this indicates a tight rental market and evidence of high demand. Local real estate agents have reported very low availability of rental housing in Broken Hill and waitlisting prospective tenants to notify when rental properties become available.

Housing demand and supply gap

Table 2 provides a breakdown of the estimate of housing needs to be met and comparison to the existing housing supply available in Broken Hill. Estimates are based on assumptions

developed through research and analysis on the local context in Broken Hill and are to be used as an indication of what changes are needed.

The analysis indicates a need to make all existing housing stock available for access in order to meet current anticipated needs across the community. Further population growth fuelled by strong immigration of people to Broken Hill will create additional pressure on existing housing stock to meet the needs of the community. Estimates presented are subject to further refinement and monitoring of changes experienced in the City over time.

Table 2 Estimate of gap between demand for housing and current supply

	Estimated need for housing	Estimated supply potential	Information source
Existing permanent population	17,588		ABS 2021 Census
New mining workforce	1,500		Potential number of new employees, at least at the initial phases of construction and operation, needed for new local mining operations. This is informed through discussion with industry. There is a preference and strong support for new employees to live locally in Broken Hill. Further analysis required and confirmation through workforce planning.
Potential additional residents	159		Estimate of additional key workers needed to fill job vacancies (review of job listings on seek.com)
People in temporary housing	59		Estimate of rough sleepers (NSW Department of Communities and Justice), Social housing waitlist (NSW Family and Community Services)
Subtotal for demand (households)	9,022		Estimate of 19,306 people, and assuming an average household size of 2.14 people (ABS 2021 Census)
Existing number of occupied dwellings		7,308	ABS 2021 Census
Estimate of unoccupied dwellings		1,528	ABS 2021 Census
Demand and supply gap	1,714 additional dwellings required (based on currently occupied dwellings)		
	186 additional dwellings required (if unoccupied dwellings are made available)		

Due to its location, environmental constraints and challenges around extending urban infrastructure services, there are limited opportunities for the City to expand its urban boundary to accommodate new housing development. Leveraging existing stock and looking for renewal and redevelopment opportunities within the existing City urban area will enable quicker development of new housing.

It is important to consider that not all groups within the community will be looking for the same type or tenure of housing. Supporting delivery of a mix of housing, such as more rental stock for new residents relocating to Broken Hill to access, social housing for those that are currently sleeping rough or in temporary housing arrangements, as well as housing for purchase is important.

3.3 SERVICES AND FACILITIES

Education and training

Broken Hill benefits from the education and training facilities that are presented in Table 3. The distribution of these facilities is presented in Figure 7.

Table 3 Education facilities in Broken Hill

Facility	Count
Early childhood education and care (overall 280 approved places)	8
Vacation care and before/after school care (overall 120 approved places)	2
Primary school	7
High school	2
Broken Hill TAFE	2 campuses
Tertiary training, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Charles Stuart University • The Country Universities Centre (provides a facility for students enrolled in tertiary education courses in an Australian university by distance) • University of the Third Age (provides affordable learning facilities for seniors) • The Broken Hill University Department of Rural Health (provides education and training for rural and remote health workers) 	4
Other training facilities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Robinson College (Vocational Education and Training) • School of the Air (distance education centre that caters predominately for the geographically isolated students within a radius of approximately 300km from Broken Hill) 	2

Source: Broken Hill Local Strategic Planning Statement 2020 -2040

Note: The overall approved capacity of childcare services is 400. However, the population of under 4 years old age cohort was 927 in 2021 (ABS 2021 Census). Further to this, the number of children aged under 4 years old is forecasted to increase to approximately 1,000 by 2046 (id. Population forecast). This demonstrates a potential gap in the provision of childcare services in Broken Hill if families are seeking access to services.

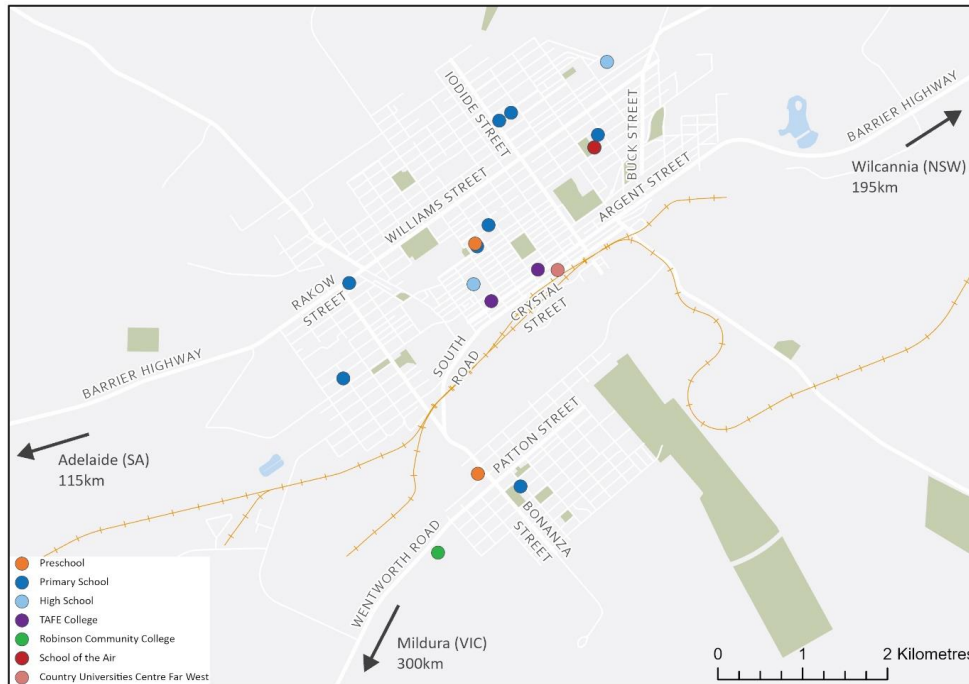


Figure 7. Education and training facilities in Broken Hill

Health services

Table 4 presents the health services and facilities and Figure 8 shows their distribution across the Broken Hill City.

Table 4 Health services and facilities in Broken Hill

Facility/service	Count
Emergency and Hospital Services (including Broken Hill Base Hospital and Broken Hill Community Health Centre)	2
Medical Services (Maari Ma Health Aboriginal Corporation and the Royal Flying Doctor Service (RFDS) Medical Service)	2
Clinics (general)	10
Dental clinics	6
Retirement villages	3
Aged care	3
Disability support and care centre (National Disability Insurance Scheme - NDIS)	1

Source: Welcome to Broken Hill and Far West Region, Regional Development Australia (Far West Region), <https://docslib.org/doc/8504132/welcome-to-broken-hill-and-the-far-west-region-of-nsw>

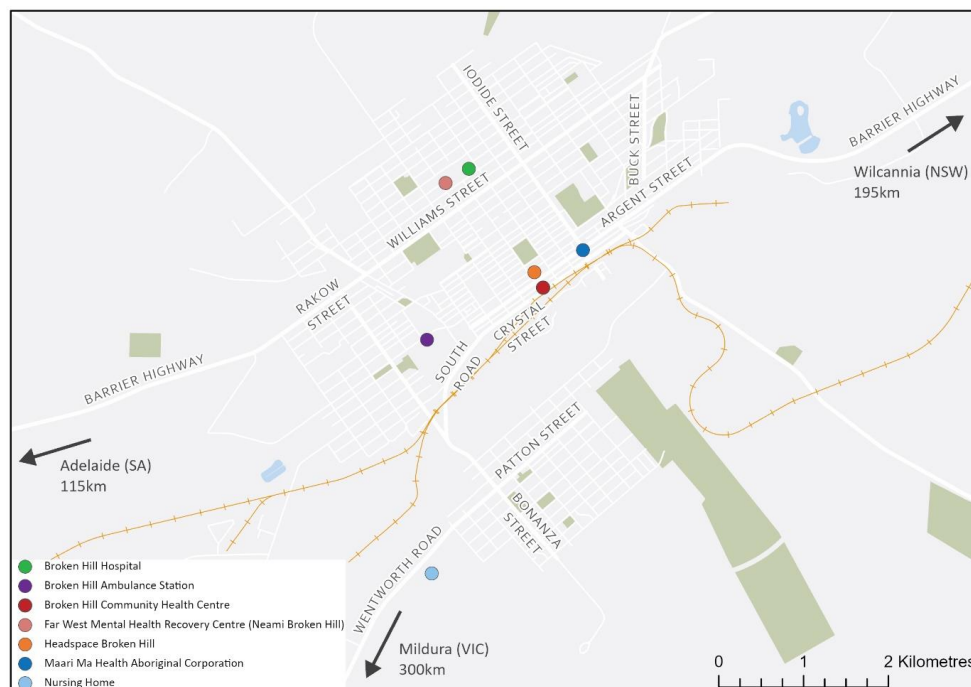


Figure 8 Health services and facilities in Broken Hill

Recreation facilities

Broken Hill has a range of recreational facilities including the regional aquatic centre, Police Citizens Youth Clubs NSW (PCYC), 2 x golf clubs, several football clubs (soccer, Australian Rules and Rugby League), tennis facilities, lawn bowling, YMCA Fitness Centre and other gym and fitness facilities. Figure 9 presents the distribution of these facilities across the City. These facilities are in addition to the sporting and passive open space options such as parks and ovals that are identified in Table 9.

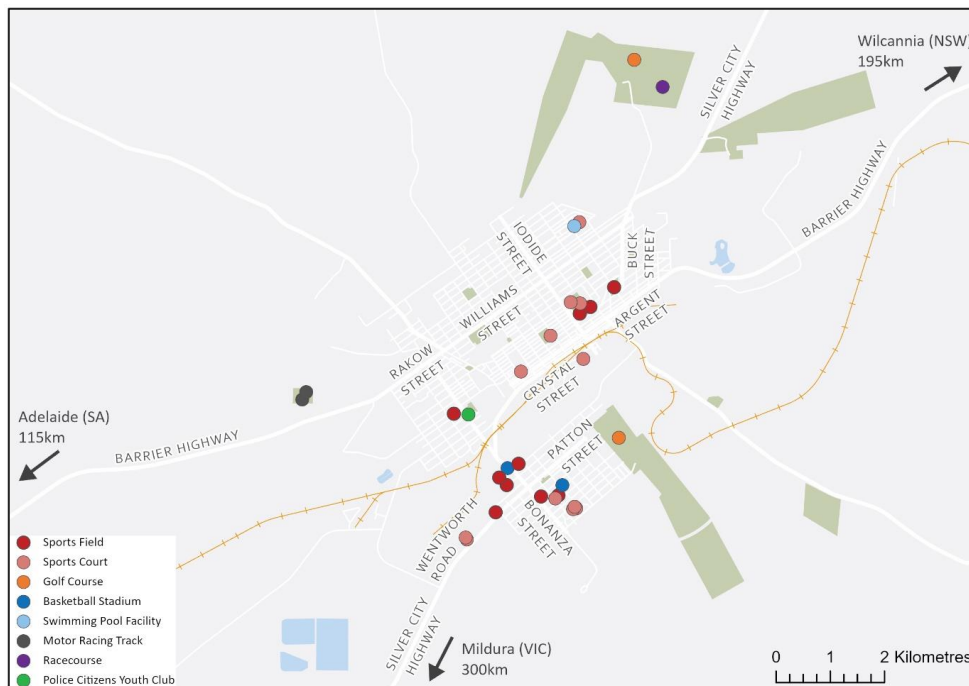


Figure 9 Recreation facilities in Broken Hill

Arts and cultural facilities

The City of Broken Hill has an extensive arts, culture and events scene that provide various opportunities for formal recreation opportunities. The existing arts and cultural facility offerings are limited in diversity of choice and for varying age groups particularly after dark. Table 5 and Figure 10 present the count and distribution of these facilities.

Table 5 Community and cultural facilities in Broken Hill

Facility	Count
Theatres / cinemas	1
Civic / performance centre	1
Museums	11
Art galleries	27
Live music and performance venues (excl. Pubs)	3
Community groups and organisations	+60
Council and community events and programs	+74

Source: Broken Hill Cultural Plan 2021-2040

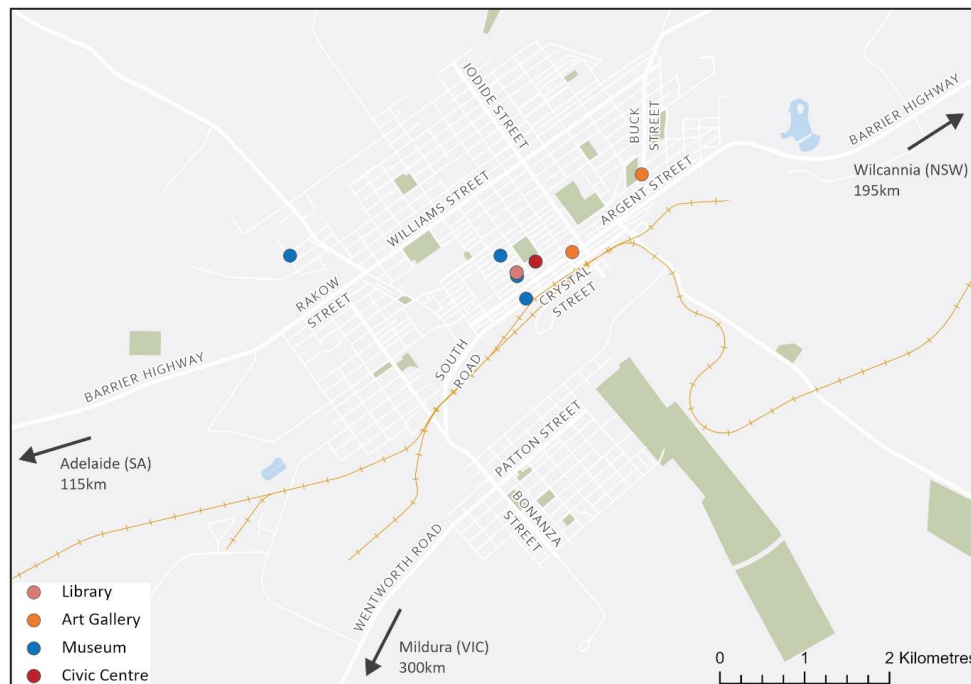


Figure 10 Arts and cultural facilities in Broken Hill

3.4 ECONOMY AND EMPLOYMENT

Retail, services and industries of businesses

In 2021, the industries such as Construction, Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing, and Retail Trade were the top three industries based on the number of businesses. The share of population serving industries (33%), and health and education industries (29%) was more than the others.

The City's Gross Regional Product (GRP) was \$0.86 billion in 2021⁴ with the mining industry having the largest output, generating \$450 million and Health Care and Social Assistance accounting for an output of \$173 million⁵.

Table 6 and Figure 11 indicate the count and distribution of the community facilities in Broken Hill. Most retail, services and businesses (including supermarkets) are located centrally and to the north of the City.

Table 6 Community facilities in Broken Hill

Facility	Count
Library	1
Visitor information Centre	1
Community centres, halls and meeting spaces	4
Cemetery	1
Youth services, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Broken Hill City Youth Council, representing the voice of the Broken Hill Youth Broken Hill Youth Accommodation and Support Service Inc. Reconnect Broken Hill, a federally funded and community-based program supporting young people between 12-18 who are experiencing homelessness or are at risk of becoming homeless, and Headspace provides easy, seamless and discreet support to young people experiencing mental health issues and wellbeing. 	4

Source: Broken Hill Cultural Plan 2021-2040

⁴ <https://economy.id.com.au/broken-hill/gross-regional-product>

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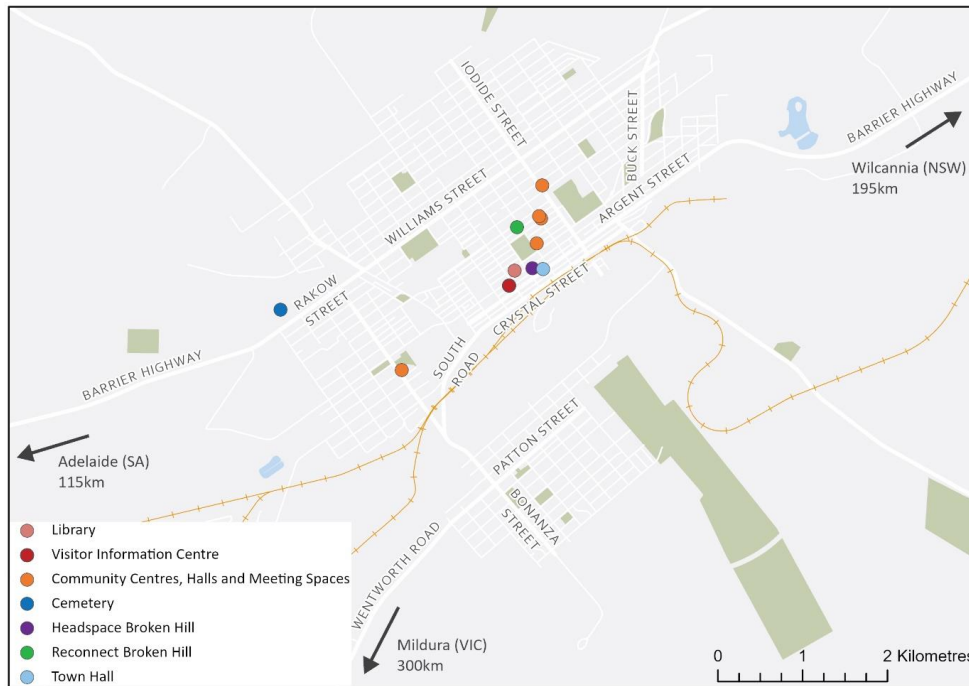


Figure 11 Community facilities in Broken Hill

Employment

There were an estimated 7,575 jobs in Broken Hill (in 2021). There has been a small decline in the number of jobs, with an estimated 7,593 jobs in the City in 2016. Mining and healthcare and social assistance are the top industries of employment in Broken Hill, which is reflective of Broken Hill's history and connection to mining and its role as a regional city in the Far West and provider of tertiary healthcare services. Table 7 shows the top 10 industries of employment, by number of jobs for 2021.

Table 7 Top 10 industries of employment

Industry	Number of jobs (2021)	Proportion of jobs in Broken Hill (2021)
Mining	1,676	22.1%
Health Care and Social Assistance	1,326	17.5%
Retail Trade	797	10.5%
Education and Training	627	8.3%
Accommodation and Food Services	621	8.2%
Public Administration and Safety	490	6.5%
Construction	432	5.7%
Other Services	287	3.8%
Transport, Postal and Warehousing	249	3.3%
Administrative and Support Services	185	2.4%

Source: Economy id., referencing National Institute of Economic and Industry Research (NIEIR) 2021

Of the working population in Broken Hill, about 62% worked full-time and 30% part-time. However, the unemployment rate is 5.5%.

The overall local jobs-to-resident workers ratio was 1.03 in 2021. Indicating that there are more jobs available in Broken Hill compared to the number of working people living in Broken Hill. A review of online job advertisements (posted on seek.com) in early February 2023 found there were 159 jobs advertised that are based in Broken Hill. Job advertisements indicate vacancies in roles and where potentially additional people need to move to Broken Hill to support additional staffing.

Health care and social assistance has a significantly higher proportion of job vacancies compared to other industries and most of these positions are with the NSW Government. Mining follows as the industry with the second highest number of job vacancies. Refer to Figure 12.

Monitoring job vacancies over time can indicate whether there is a local labour shortage and whether strategies to address this has been successful. A lower number of job vacancies each month, and shorter timeframe where jobs remain vacant, indicate that there are people suited to the skills needed and jobs are being filled.

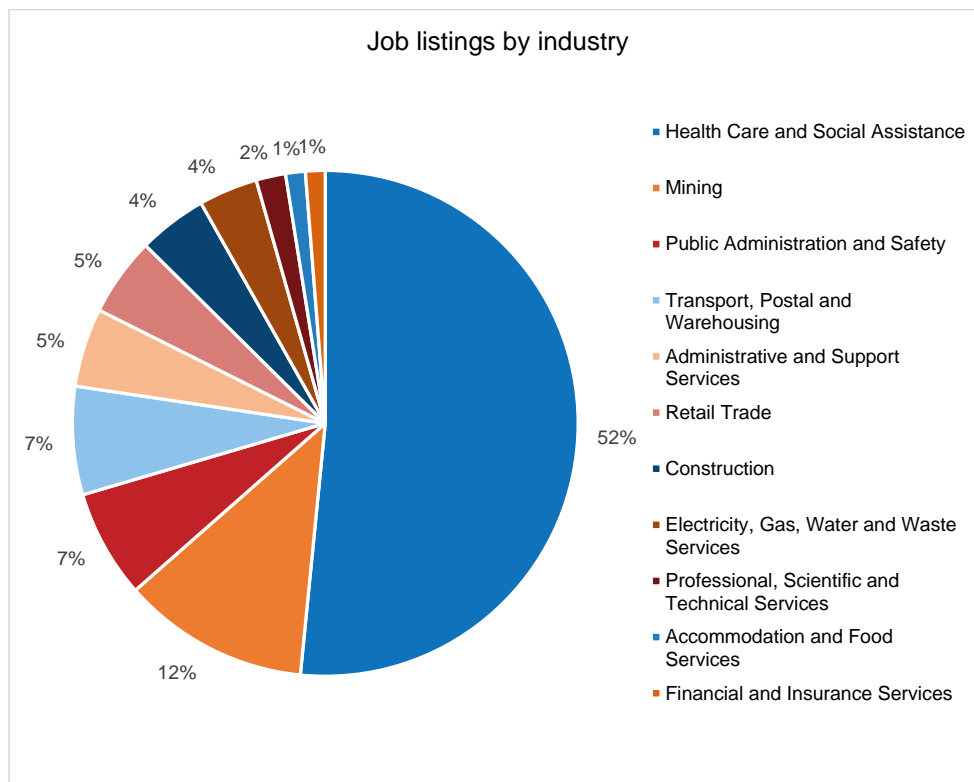


Figure 12 Top industries currently advertising for vacant roles. Source: Seek.com, Data captured on 3 February 2023

The Australian Government’s Labour Market Data Dashboard provides key indicators for regional labour markets. The December 2022 dashboard shows that over the past five years, the number of job ads for positions based in the Far West Orana region⁶ has increased and almost tripled.

⁶ This extends to an area beyond Broken Hill, however, indicates a trend for the area



Figure 13 Trend in online job advertisements for the Far West Orana region. Source: Australian Government Labour Market Data Dashboard, referencing Job and Skills Australia, Internet Vacancy Index

The dashboard also shows that over the past two and a half years, there has been an increase in employment in the Far West Orana region in the health care and social assistance industry. This indicates the high need for people working in the region to support health care and particularly in Broken Hill where tertiary health services for the region are located.

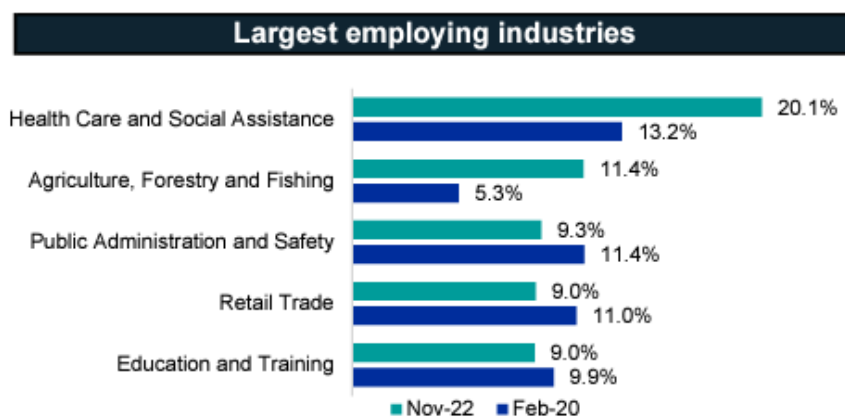


Figure 14 Largest employing industries and comparison to previous years. Source: Australian Government Labour Market Data Dashboard, referencing ABS Labour Force Survey

3.5 PLACE AND ENVIRONMENT

Connectivity

Broken Hill is connected to its surrounding regional areas and other cities through the air, road, rail and active transport networks that are presented in Figure 15.

Broken Hill Regional Airport is a major regional airport providing air transport links to South Australia, New South Wales and Victoria, including daily passenger and freight delivery services, Royal Flying Doctor Service (RFDS), air charter operations and General Aviation (GA). Further funding and upgrades would be needed to for the Airport to service larger aircraft and receive further funding for its upgrade.

The City has access to daily bus services connecting to the Sydney Express Passenger Train (XPT). The rail network also connects Broken Hill to Sydney, Adelaide and Perth (via the Indian Pacific train line from Sydney to Perth), Port Pirie in South Australia, Inland Railway and Parkes National Logistics Hub in Central West NSW.

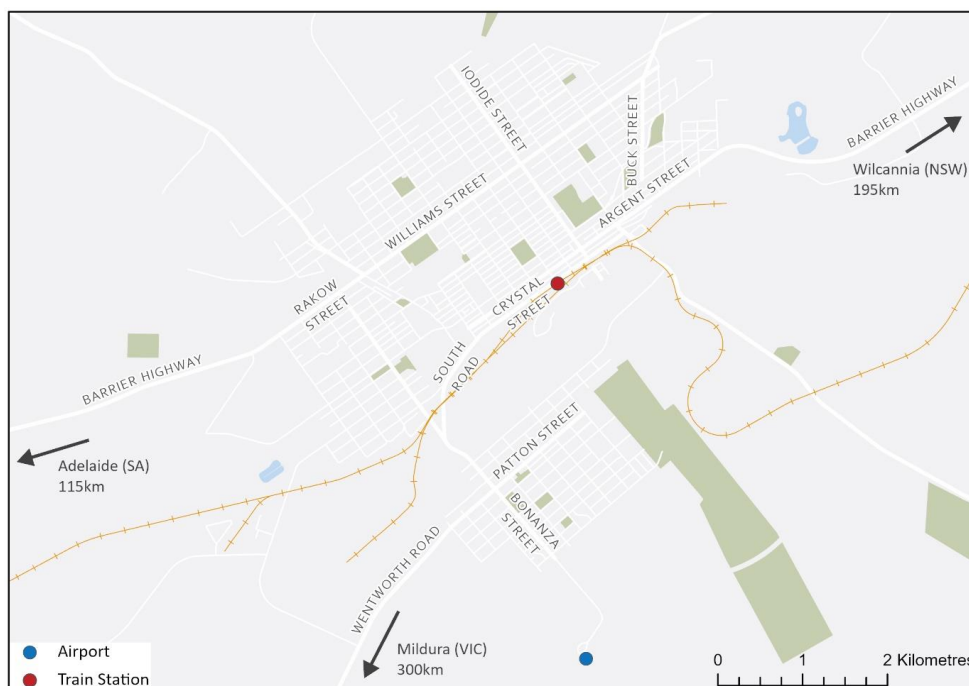


Figure 15 Broken Hill's connectivity networks and transport infrastructure

Aging infrastructure and unsealed regional roads are key challenges for road connectivity between the City and other surrounding towns. The projects such as sealing the Silver City Highway in 2020, which connects Broken Hill to Tibooburra, is significant for providing a safer route and easier access to the adjacent towns and attracting wider range of travellers.

Challenges for the pedestrian network include lack of footpaths outside of the City centre, segmented pedestrian network towards the outskirts of the City, accessibility issues particularly for mobility scooters, prams, and walkers, lack of street lighting, as well as impacts of weather events (e.g., heat waves, dry dust storms, heavy rains and flooding). There is also

a need for improved built environment design to provide better environmental comfort in public spaces.

Digital connectivity can also play a significant role in connecting Broken Hill to other areas across Australia. However, limited digital connectivity has been a challenge with poor internet connection and numerous telecommunications blackspots. In response to this issue, Broken Hill was selected for an NBN satellite ground station that plays a crucial role in providing Australians in isolated areas with access to fast broadband.

Environment health

National and State Parks

Broken Hill benefits from its proximity to 728,000 hectares of national/state parks, including:

- Sculptures and Living Desert Sanctuary, located 12km from Broken Hill
- Mutawintji National Park, located 130km north-east of Broken Hill
- Kinchega National Park, located 100km south-east of Broken Hill
- Mungo National Park, located 110km north-east of Mildura
- Paroo-Darling National Park, located 80km north of Wilcannia, and
- Sturt National Park, located 330km north of Broken Hill.

The location of these parks is shown in Figure 16. These national/state parks have important environmental and cultural values and contribute to the unique landscape of the area. Broken Hill is a visitor hub for people to visit these parks.

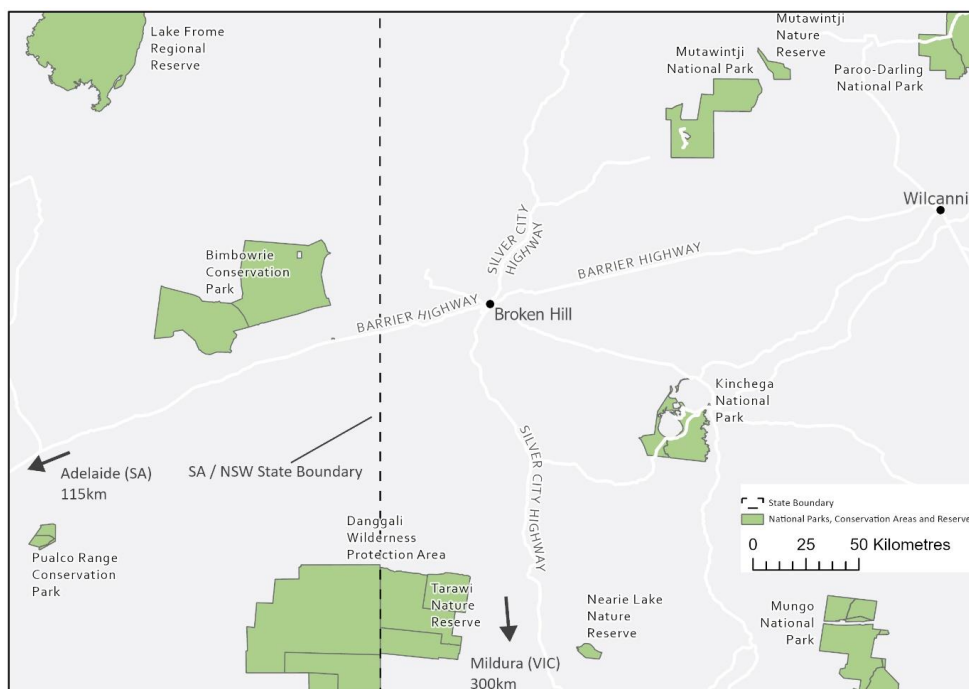


Figure 16 Neighbouring national and state parks

Public open space

The City of Broken Hill has several formal parks, sporting facilities, tourist areas and a Civic Space/Town Square. The locations of these are shown in Figure 17 and these places are listed in Table 8.

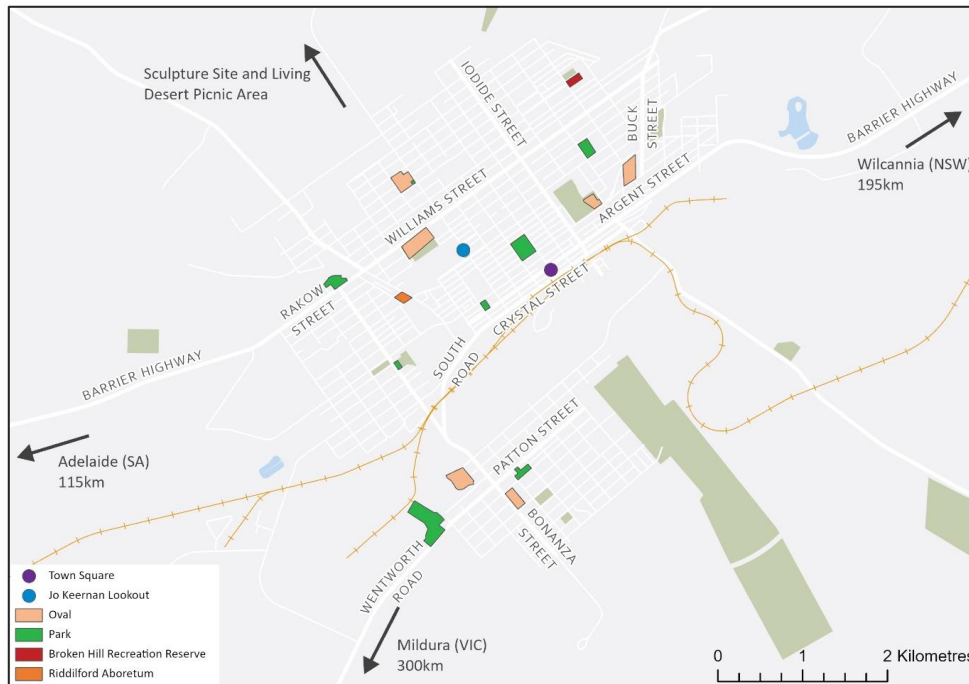


Figure 17 Public open spaces in Broken Hill

Table 8 Public open spaces in Broken Hill

Facility	Count
Parks, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sturt Park • Queen Elizabeth Park • E.P. O'Neill Memorial Park • Zinc Lakes • AJ Keast Park • Duff Street Park • Patton Park • Duke of Cornwall Park • Riddiford Arboretum 	9
Ovals, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Memorial Oval • Lamb Oval • Picton Oval • Alma Oval • Zinc Oval • Norm Fox Oval • Jubilee Oval 	7
Tourist areas, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Joe Keenan Lookout • Sculpture Site and Living Desert Picnic Area • Line of Lode • Rotary Park and RV Parking Area opposite the visitor's centre 	4
Town Square	1

4. ENGAGING WITH OUR COMMUNITY: VISIONS FOR THE FUTURE

4.1 WHO WE ENGAGED WITH

In developing the Broken Hill Liveability Strategy 2043, over 320 individual community members, business and industry stakeholders were engaged to ensure a comprehensive collection of insights and ideas about the current state and future of Broken Hill.

Engagement was conducted with a wide range of people, including those who were born and raised in Broken Hill, those who moved to Broken Hill several years ago and those who moved to the City only recently. We spoke with youth, older residents and people representative of the different cultural backgrounds to understand the needs of different age cohorts and diverse perspectives.

In addition to engagement with government agencies, the following organisations were targeted:

- healthcare service providers (e.g., mental health services and services for people with disabilities)
- not-for-profit organisations that promote art and culture
- key industries such as the mining and construction sectors.

4.2 WHAT WE DID

Consultation was undertaken over across November and December 2022. Activities were undertaken both online and in-person, including:

- two facilitated community drop-in sessions (separate sessions for adults and youth)
- eight individual interviews
- three focus groups
- an online survey hosted on Broken Hill Council's website (290 responses), focusing the community's insights about:
 - what makes Broken Hill a great place to live
 - the existing issues and challenges
 - the changes and improvements that the community wants to see, and
 - the desirable future for the City.
- liveability postcards (distributed among the youth) to understand their hopes for Broken Hill in the next 20 years.

Engagement provided ideas and supported development of four overarching domains to set and direct the strategies and actions, including:

- Community (connection, inclusion, and safety)
- Housing (diversity, affordability, and preferences)
- Work and the economy (new industries, job opportunities, skills gaps, training and education), and
- Environment (social infrastructure, natural and built environment).

Our strength

The community highlighted their sense of belonging to Broken Hill and strong social ties which along with affordability, employment opportunities, and their lifestyle make Broken Hill a great place for them to live. As a result of these strengths, a considerable number of survey participants expressed their interest to live in the City over the long term.

The community and stakeholders acknowledged the heritage and cultural values in Broken Hill and the significance of cultural and natural resources in attracting visitors to the City. According to the participants, the strong mining industry is a backbone for existing and future developments in Broken Hill.

What we heard from you...

"Unless something drastically changes in my life or opportunities arise elsewhere, I will be staying in Broken Hill. Broken Hill has a laid-back lifestyle with friendly locals. It is great [to be able to] live affordably and due [to] the proximity of all its services, it enables great work and personal lifestyle balance."

"People living here look to each other for help, support, friendship [and] welcoming newcomers. Broken Hill residents readily exchange information and assistance... Broken Hill celebrates its unique landscape, its artistic community, its heritage, its sporting and community offerings and, of course, its industry. Offering a diverse [and] rich culture, residents find much to interest and engage them."

Our opportunities

Housing developments

The community discussed the opportunity in focusing on the existing areas across the City for housing developments, due to having a large number of vacant houses, rather than expanding the City. With a current tendency to downsize housing amongst the community and considering innovation in future developments, there would be opportunities to increase the housing supply in Broken Hill.

A diverse economy and employment

Apart from the opportunities for capitalising on the mining industry, the community highlighted the significance of having new industries such as renewable energy for the economic development in Broken Hill and for providing diverse employment opportunities. Creating an attractive brand for the City was discussed to attract people to live in Broken Hill and make it a destination.

According to the community, there is an opportunity to make the City as an arts hub and promote cultural tourism with a significant contribution from the First Nations community and youth.

Improved healthcare services

Relying on the experience of benefiting from telehealth services during the COVID-19 pandemic, the community highlighted the opportunity for expanding that to service a wide range of community members remotely. The collaboration between the health and education sectors was also emphasised as another opportunity.

Environment

Focusing on environmental sustainability, providing water security and improving waste management were a number of opportunities discussed by the community and stakeholders. They also referred to the benefits of improving the built environment through a standard urban design.

What we heard from you...

"We need a recycling plan [to] enforce waste management rules... [a] collection centre for paper in schools. And school can guide children being well-wishers of environment by asking them to collect and get recyclable material to school and earn rewards. Together we can make Broken Hill a beautiful place on earth."

"The number of recyclable containers that have to be sent to landfill pains me. Perhaps we don't have the facilities to make this happen, but perhaps look at sending it to the nearest facility. We want to look towards having a "sustainable Broken Hill" but that can't happen until we are able to facilitate recycling properly."

What needs to be improved

Housing affordability

While housing is not an issue for most of the established residents, those who have recently moved to Broken Hill (e.g., essential workers) and the younger generation expressed their concern about affording to buy or rent a house. The large number of vacant houses (not available in the market) and the shortage of available accommodation, particularly housing for rent, were expressed as reasons why the City is experiencing increasing housing prices. Decreasing affordability and availability of housing in Broken Hill are reasons why some people thought they might leaving Broken Hill in the future.

What we heard from you...

"I have struggled a lot to continue surviving in Broken Hill as there was no permanent accommodation to stay and I had to leave Broken Hill. Rental market becomes so tight ... And there were no good houses to buy. [Only] 100 [years] old houses. I wish the City Council or government would build some houses for essential workers to stay longer in Broken Hill."

"I'm 22 years old and have no idea how I'm going to be able to buy a house... Broken Hill needs a new residential area built to include 100s of new houses and also an apartment building so young adults, doctors, teachers can easily have a place to live, which is one of the main reasons BH struggles to get these workers"

The poor housing quality in Broken Hill in comparison with the housing standards in capital cities, where the workers come from, was referred to as another restriction in attracting essential workers and professionals to stay in Broken Hill. The community and stakeholders emphasised the high cost of housing renovation and the lack of builders in the City which add to the housing challenge.

Connectivity

The community discussed the ageing transport infrastructure (roads and airport) and lack of diverse and affordable public transport options to other regional centres and capital cities, as reasons for the increasing travel costs.

Community members expressed a preference for private transport over public transport for a commute across the City, as there are limited bus services which are also not available after 5pm. While the community was interested in active transport, they referred to the long distances from services, uncomfortable weather during some seasons, and poor quality of footpaths as discouraging factors, particularly for people with disabilities and elderly people.

The necessity of improvements to internet connection and the telecommunications network was another issue the community and stakeholders raised that can improve the digital connectivity of Broken Hill to the rest of the world.

What we heard from you...

"The challenges of the distance to travel to capital cities, with the expense of air travel and car fuel likely to exponentially increase. Air service to Broken Hill is increasingly becoming unaffordable and unreliable, with uncertain flight schedules. For road transport, a massive roll out of electronic vehicle fast charging stations is essential so as to provide an alternative to the unsustainable cost of diesel and lessen the impact on the environment."

Economy and employment

Limited land availability was a concern for some of the community members as the City is land-locked by Crown land. Stakeholders also argued the insufficient funding for not-for-profit organisations, lack of diversity in retail (particularly in the southern part of the City), and lack of support for small businesses.

What we heard from you...

"There is not enough family activities or things to do for kids. Not being able to shop for certain things you need as we are limited to what shops we have in town."

"There is inadequate competition within the town amongst trades consequently it comes back to hours and availability and complacency in customer service in comparison to trade availability and customer service for example in other major cities and regional centres."

The limited job opportunities was a major concern for the community and a main reason for young people and families with children for leaving Broken Hill. Difficulties in getting apprenticeships and traineeships and lack of career aspirations among the younger generation and students were other key issues. While the community acknowledged the significance of TAFE courses, they emphasised the need for a wider range of face-to-face upskilling courses and vocational training. The issue of underemployment was also discussed as a result of insufficient childcare services and limited employment opportunities for people with disability.

Social infrastructure

Insufficient healthcare services, particularly for older persons, was another main concern in the community. The limited access to specialist treatments, shortage of GPs who are also being replaced frequently, and long waiting lists were examples of the current issues.

Insufficient home care packages and limited affordable aged care services were also discussed.

What we heard from you...

"Broken Hill does not have the services required for an ageing population and good management of Hospital and Health facilities."

According to the community, improving the quality of education, attracting skilled teachers, developing education facilities (i.e., tertiary education) and having more childcare facilities are the priorities.

While the participants referred to the aging infrastructure (e.g., cinema and parks), they expressed their concern about the lack of activities for families and youth (e.g., cultural activities and events).

What we heard from you...

"It lacks services that would attract families [such as] childcare centres, vets, doctors, and work retention of young people job opportunities."

"I would like to continue living in Broken Hill, however my main concerns are childcare, access to healthcare, quality of education received at a primary and high school level and options for things for families and children to do around town."

Community cohesion and safety

Aging population and difficulties in retaining the younger generation were mentioned as the two main reasons for the declining population in Broken Hill. The poor living standards for people with disabilities were also discussed as a barrier to the inclusion and support of this group within the community. In addition, crime, drug, and alcohol issues were other concerns for the community.

What we heard from you...

"The ongoing drug and alcohol scene for teenagers concerns me. The town should have more activities and areas kids can go. Like a drop-in centre [or] youth club."

Environmental sustainability

The community addressed the impacts of environmental issues such as climate change, global warming, water security and increasing water costs on the residents' quality of life. The concern about the lead issue and soil contamination was also raised by the stakeholders.

What we heard from you...

"[I] am concerned about the lead levels for raising children. Would like to see more done about the lead levels. Remediation of soil and more awareness spread about this."

Open spaces

By acknowledging the available open spaces and parks across Broken Hill, the community argued the necessity of maintaining and improving these spaces to provide a better landscape and place for them to interact and socialise.

5. LIVEABILITY INDICATORS: LINKS AND ALIGNMENT

The Broken Hill Liveability Strategy includes 12 Liveability Indicators:

- Liveability Indicator 1 – Access to diverse and affordable housing
- Liveability Indicator 2 – There is growth and diversity in jobs
- Liveability Indicator 3 – Broken Hill is connected
- Liveability Indicator 4 – There is access to education and training
- Liveability Indicator 5 – There is access to quality healthcare for all stages of life
- Liveability Indicator 6 – There is diversity in retail, services and industries
- Liveability Indicator 7 – Broken Hill is a healthy and resilient City
- Liveability Indicator 8 – People feel safe in Broken Hill
- Liveability Indicator 9 - There is access to quality open spaces for all
- Liveability Indicator 10 – There is choice in recreation activities for all ages and groups
- Liveability Indicator 11 - There is growth and support for culture and the arts in Broken Hill
- Liveability Indicator 12 – Broken Hill is an inclusive community that celebrates cultural diversity.

5.1 LINKS BETWEEN LIVEABILITY INDICATORS

The liveability indicators are linked to each other, therefore, an improvement in one indicator can impact several other indicators and initiate improvements in other liveability domains.

Table 9 presents the role of each indicator within the wider liveability context and identifies the linkages among the indicators.

Table 9 Key linkages among the liveability indicators

	Indicator 1: Housing	Indicator 2: Jobs	Indicator 3: Connections	Indicator 4: Education	Indicator 5: Healthcare	Indicator 6: Businesses	Indicator 7: Resilience	Indicator 8: Safety	Indicator 9: Open space	Indicator 10: Recreation	Indicator 11: Arts and culture	Indicator 12: Inclusivity
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Indicator 12: Inclusivity												

5.2 ALIGNMENT WITH OTHER COUNCIL STRATEGIES AND PLANS

Council is already implementing a number of strategies and plans which are relevant to and contributing to the implementation of the liveability indicators and priority actions in the Broken Hill Liveability Strategy. Table 10 presents links between the liveability indicators and other Council strategies and plans.

Table 10 Key links between the liveability indicators and other strategies and plans

Liveability indicators	Supporting strategies and plans	Relevant directions
Liveability Indicator 1 (Access to diverse and affordable housing)	Community Strategic Plan 2040	Identifies the need for a greater mix in diversity of housing stock that is affordable.
Liveability Indicator 2 (There is growth and diversity in jobs)	Local Strategic Planning Statement 2020-2040	Identifies need to incentivise the revitalisation of housing stock and to undertake a review of the Broken Hill Local Environmental Plan 2013.
	Advocacy Strategy 2022	Highlights investment attraction, advocacy for improved technology and infrastructure to support industry growth and attraction.
	Economic Development Strategy 2022-2027	Highlights the need to review availability of industrial land for development, advocate for creative industries, support small and medium business, attract renewable industries to Broken Hill.
	Local Strategic Planning Statement 2020-2040	Advocates for employment of local residents in mining operations in and around Broken Hill.
	Economic Development Strategy 2022-2027	Advocates for developing opportunities to continue to grow the visitor economy in Broken Hill.

Liveability indicators	Supporting strategies and plans	Relevant directions
Liveability Indicator 3 (Broken Hill is connected)	Active Transport Strategy	Identifies actions to improve shared path network and encouraging more active transport participation within Broken Hill.
	Advocacy Strategy 2022	Advocates for connectivity more broadly, including physical connectivity and digital connectivity.
	Local Strategic Planning Statement 2020-2040	Focuses on transport connectivity, roads, rail and Broken Hill Airport.
	Sustainability Strategy 2018-2023	Identifies benefits of active transport within the wider Sustainability model.
Liveability Indicator 4 (There is access to education and training)	Advocacy Strategy 2022	Focuses on improving access to services and profiles the City's education and training opportunities.
	Economic Development Strategy 2022-2027	Identifies skills gaps within the City and working towards reducing the reliance on an external workforce.
	Local Strategic Planning Statement 2020-2040	Advocates for existing schools, investigating opportunities for the creation of a higher education hub for the regional and ensuring the education and training needs of the mining sector are catered for.
Liveability Indicator 5 (There is access to quality healthcare for all stages of life)	Advocacy Strategy 2022	Focuses on growth of healthcare services and promoting the health, safety and amenity benefits for residents.
	Community Strategic Plan 2040	Focuses on provision of quality and specialist services to meet the needs of a wide range of community groups (i.e., disability services, mental health services, and rehabilitation services).
	Local Strategic Planning Statement 2020-2040	Advocates for upgrades to health services and aged care facilities and focus on investigating the opportunities for establishing Broken Hill as a healthcare hub for Far West NSW.

Liveability indicators	Supporting strategies and plans	Relevant directions
Liveability Indicator 6 (There is diversity in retail, services and industries)	Advocacy Strategy 2022	Focuses on the investment on creative industries, tourism marketing, renewable energy and technology related projects, as well as the provision of infrastructure for emerging industries.
	Community Strategic Plan 2040	Focuses on growing access to social services, providing flexible and co-located community services and facilities, collaboration and innovation in business and industry, attracting new industries, and ensuring adequate supply of industrial land.
	Cultural Plan 2021-2040	Advocates for supporting and promoting the film industry and ecotourism to boost the attraction of Broken Hill to visitors.
	Economic Development Strategy 2022-2027	Advocates for supporting the small to medium businesses and focuses on a unified regional approach to growing the visitor economy.
	Heritage Strategy 2020-2023	Focuses on the economic reactivation on Argent Street by encouraging businesses to locate there and improve the overall amenity of the street.
	Local Strategic Planning Statement 2020-2040	Advocates for land management, developing mining industry and opportunities to further diversify the City's economy through new industries.
Liveability Indicator 7 (Broken Hill is a healthy and resilient City)	Advocacy Strategy 2022	Focuses on increasing the City's resilience to climate change and extreme weather events and working towards 100% renewables by 2030.
	Community Strategic Plan 2040	Advocate for affordable, sustainable water and food security, access to reliable utilities, reducing the City's carbon footprint, enhancing the circular economy, minimising impacts associated with mining activity and pursuing opportunities to scale renewable energy.
	Sustainability Strategy 2018-2023	Focuses on renewable energy, and increased sustainability in planning for waste and water, and enhancing natural flora and fauna in the City.

Liveability indicators	Supporting strategies and plans	Relevant directions
Liveability Indicator 8 (People feel safe in Broken Hill)	Active Transport Plan	Highlights lighting along pathways, road safety, and road user education.
Liveability Indicator 9 (There is access to quality open spaces for all)	Active Transport Plan	Focuses on opportunities to enhance green spaces and shared paths.
	Cultural Plan 2021-2040	Focuses on utilising open spaces to support arts and cultural programs and enhancing open space and the community's connection to space.
	Local Strategic Planning Statement 2020-2040	Focuses on master planning public spaces, including civic and recreation spaces, and identifies maintenance programs.
Liveability Indicator 10 (There is choice in recreation activities for all ages and groups)	Active Transport Plan	Advocates for having a Broken Hill duathlon event.
	Community Strategic Plan 2040	Focuses on creating opportunities for people to participate in active and healthy recreational activities and making vibrant spaces and inclusive facilities to increase access to active and passive recreational facilities.
	Cultural Plan 2021-2040	Focuses on recognising the importance of sport in the provision of social and emotional health and wellbeing as well as an avenue for physical activity and plan accordingly to promote the benefits of sporting activity.
	Disability Inclusion Action Plan 2022-2026	Focuses on increasing accessibility and inclusion of places of entertainment, recreation, learning and leisure.

Liveability indicators	Supporting strategies and plans	Relevant directions
Liveability Indicator 11 (There is growth and support for culture and the arts in Broken Hill)	Advocacy Strategy 2022	Focuses on promoting Broken Hill as the centre of social, community and cultural services and facilities for the Far West.
	Community Strategic Plan 2040	Focuses on supporting a diverse range of events, activities, and festivals, as well as preserving the importance of the social capital, built heritage and history.
	Cultural Plan 2021-2040	Focuses on visibility of Aboriginal culture, arts and practice in the City, improving marketing about Broken Hill's cultural offerings, and increasing economic opportunities for cultural tourism.
	Heritage Strategy 2020-2023	Focuses on maintaining a register of assets with heritage significance and encouraging appropriate change of use for heritage buildings.
	Local Strategic Planning Statement 2020-2040	Focuses on construction of the Broken Hill Cultural Precinct, protecting Broken Hill's national heritage values and promoting the City as an asset of outstanding heritage value to the nation.
	Reconciliation Action Plan	Emphasises on understanding, value and recognition of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures, histories, knowledge and rights through cultural learning.
	Economic Development Strategy 2022-2027	Promotes cultural tourism and supports the development of indigenous tourism product and experiences.
Liveability Indicator 12 (Broken Hill is an inclusive community that celebrates cultural diversity)	Community Strategic Plan 2040	Promotes and supports reconciliation and inclusion with the Aboriginal community.
	Cultural Plan 2021-2040	Focuses on increasing acknowledgement, recognition and visibility of Aboriginal culture, arts and practice in the City.
	Disability Inclusion Action Plan 2022-2026	Focuses on ensuring inclusion of access for all residents and raising awareness of different groups and social needs.
	Reconciliation Action Plan	Focuses on establishing and maintaining mutually beneficial relationships with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander stakeholders and organisations.



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To: Broken Hill City Council
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Draft Broken Hill Liveability Strategy

Mr Jay Nankivell,
General Manager,
Broken Hill City Council

Dear General Manager,

[Broken Hill's Liveability Strategy 2023-43:](#) [REDACTED]

This email is to be taken as the formal submission of [REDACTED], commenting of Council's draft Liveability Strategy.

Council is to be congratulated on taking the initiative to prepare its draft Liveability Strategy. It will be excellent for Council to adopt a Liveability Plan that will lay the foundations for increasing the city's liveability over the next 20 years – to 2043. Sadly, [REDACTED] questions whether this draft Strategy is sufficient, let alone ambitious enough, to achieve the inherent liveability vision which it purports to seek.

We note that a liveable place is defined as one that is *"safe, attractive, socially cohesive and inclusive, and environmentally sustainable; with affordable and diverse housing linked by convenient public transport, walking and cycling infrastructure to employment, education, public open space, local shops, health and community services, and leisure and cultural opportunities"*.

The draft Strategy is structured around 12 Liveability Indicators which broadly traverse different areas such as education, connectivity, housing and jobs. As drafted just three Indicators could be said to directly focus on the environment. Although we understand that this contained mode of referencing environmental considerations has been common in the past, it is now generally considered to be an outmoded approach. We believe that nearly all Indicators could have been cast so as to more comprehensively embrace environmental considerations. Consider for instance Indicator 1 dealing with housing. In the current era where communities throughout Australia are focussed on the multiple benefits of sustainable development, best practice in the development of housing policies is to require the development of housing to achieve the highest level of liveability by incorporating 'green building' standards and an approach to urban design that incorporates a range of 'greening' initiatives. Such initiatives may, for instance, mandate pocket parks or more public open space, or a significant increase in canopy trees to address urban heat - as a concurrent primary feature of new housing development, not as a secondary afterthought. Why should this draft Strategy be silent on these considerations? Why should the Strategy for the next 20 years show no ambition to embrace cutting-edge housing practices and policies?

Indicator 2, focussed on growth and diversity in jobs, is another instance where a blinkered or limiting approach has been adopted. The draft Strategy, in essence, calls for generic increase in investments and jobs, but fails to grab the opportunity to take a leadership stance by identifying priority areas which are emerging in other places which are determinedly focussed on many new green economic opportunities. Innovation in waste management and recycling, repurposing buildings and materials, and focussing on renewable energy hub opportunities – these are just three examples of innovative opportunities in this economic growth space. [REDACTED] is aware that Council is already interested in promoting some these areas, however the draft Strategy is entirely silent on these opportunities, when in fact it is when a foundation is being laid for the next 20 years that it is most critical to be

proactive and unambiguously state that when it comes to growth and diversity in jobs there are preferences and priorities which Council wishes to embrace.

On the basis of the foregoing, although all the Liveability Indicators are important, in this submission [REDACTED] is only going to comment on those in relation to which we are most qualified or experienced, given that the other Indicators have been generally cast to ignoring environmental considerations.

[REDACTED] is focusing firstly on **Liveability Indicator 7: "Broken Hill is a healthy and resilient city"**. The Strategy acknowledges that the environmental health of the city and planning to combat environmental issues and impacts such as climate change are a key component of a liveable place. For Broken Hill, this is particularly important as the city is subject to a range of weather extremes and environmental impacts from historic mining practices. The environmental health of the city such as soil, water and air quality can have significant impacts on the health of residents. Improving these factors can lead to improved health outcomes for residents, now and into the future. This indicator also considers the resilience of the city against changes in environmental and climatic conditions. Planning to increase the resilience of the city will make sure that it continues to be a valued and liveable place into the future.

After quoting from citizen submissions, the Strategy observes that the residents of Broken Hill value the environment highly as it makes the city liveable. However, it is correctly observed that there is a need to plan to improve the environmental health of the city and make sure that climate change and severe weather events are planned for. The issues of recycling as well as soil contamination by lead are other areas of focus for the community to protect the health of the environment. **Council is to be congratulated on these fine intentions.**

The Strategy identifies the following priorities for this Indicator 7 as: Investigation of opportunities to implement a network of smart monitors around the City; investigation of opportunities to use low-impact and recycled materials in any council construction work; development of a system to consider sustainability as part of Council's Capital Works Program; Council undertaking a review of recycling within the city and investigating opportunities to improve, re-use and recycle; Council developing a program of annual planting to increase shade trees in public places. Again, these priorities are fine, as far as they go, so Council is to be commended for them.

In [REDACTED] opinion, these priorities are a **reasonable start** but they could be significantly strengthened. The Council seems to primarily focus on its own actions with respect to its own operations. Without a doubt, a Council must be seen to lead from the front, but what about setting priority targets for the city as a whole, for all citizens. Comparing Council's draft Strategy to those of other councils across Australia, the most forward looking, those with the best strategies, set proactive targets for all their citizens to meet. So rather than just being satisfied with Council "investigating" the use of low-impact materials in its own construction work, why not challenge all those in the construction industry in Broken Hill to follow the Council's lead and so adopt the same practices? This is just one example to make the point.

In short, the draft Liveability Strategy falls short of the standard for such policies that [REDACTED] would expect and which the community should seek. The draft Strategy fails to adopt the approach of dozens of other Councils around Australia with respect to such strategies. A primary flaw is to focus on just its own actions and performance, rather than determining an inclusive strategy for the whole Broken Hill community, encouraging every citizen, every business and every organisation to work together to achieve specified targets. The Council should set targets for its community to meet; it should devise incentive schemes to encourage the community and businesses to transform their ways, to embrace practices that will increase the liveability of the city.

Another priority worth focusing on is the proposal "to develop a program of annual planting to increase shade trees in public places". [REDACTED] agrees that this priority is worthwhile, indeed critically important, but there is more than enough scientific evidence to say that **we must increase shade in all places**, not just public places. In short, everyone should be challenged to work together to increase tree cover, after all, leaving aside the Common and Regeneration Reserve, there is probably more private property than public places in town.

There are dozens of examples of other councils proactively encouraging their citizens to green their neighbourhoods, many providing incentives, many setting up council run plant nurseries for their citizens, etc. [REDACTED] message for this draft Strategy: expand its scope to cover all the land area of Broken Hill and seek to

engage all the people of the city. The rural Victorian City of Greater Bendigo, for instance, has a tree replacement policy that for every public tree lost there is a requirement to calculate its amenity value - what it would take to equal its lost contribution to the environment. So depending upon its age, size, species, canopy spread and growth characteristics, it may be a large tree lost will require the payment to Council of fees which would see 20, 50 or more new trees planted. This is a mandatory requirement impacting all works that might have caused a tree to be removed. On private property, if trees are permitted to be removed for a development, permit approvals will usually require replacement by more than simple numerical equivalents.

All indicators need measurement and review, so the Strategy identifies three KPIs for the Indicator 7. First, an improvement in water quality across the city; secondly, an increase in the number of trees and tree shade coverage across the city; and thirdly a decrease in waste being collected in local tips. All good, as a start, but in 20 years' time in 2043, will we look back and say "we could have been more ambitious". The words "an increase in the number of trees" could strictly be interpreted as any increase in the number of trees planted. How about adopting an approach in the Strategy, of calling for a tenfold, or twenty-fold, increase in trees. When devising a strategy for the next 20 years, now is the time to be ambitious, to set aspirational targets

is also focused on **Liveability Indicator 9: "There is access to quality open spaces for all"**. The Strategy highlights that access to quality open spaces is an important part of a liveable place. It can influence community pride and cohesiveness, correlates to physical activity and therefore, influences a community's overall wellness. Importantly, access to open spaces must be equitable for all groups and abilities, ensuring that share paths, parks and playgrounds are accessible and welcoming spaces. Improved access and quality of open spaces will see a positive increase in the number of people accessing spaces for incidental and passive play.

Broken Hill has several parks and lots of open spaces which play a significant role in the lifestyle and liveability within the city. However, there is a need to improve some open space areas including pathways to connect recreation areas, parks and playgrounds. Improving the quality of open spaces, including provision of shade, ensuring spaces are accessible and allow different activities, will also maximise usage and encourage people to enjoy the spaces more and more often. The Strategy identifies Council' priority is to develop an Open Space (Recreation) and Community Facilities Strategy to identify opportunities to activate and improve community land.

The Strategy states that the way the Council will measure this and know it is improving, (the KPI for this Indicator), when the community is satisfied with the quality and access to open spaces in Broken Hill and this will be determined by community surveys. Community satisfaction is an amorphous concept: the better approach is for Council to show leadership, set an aspirational ambitious target on behalf of its community, and then strive to see it achieved.

Many would be concerned to read in this draft Strategy that the sole action priority with respect to Open Space, is to have another strategy written. is pleased to read that the next strategy will look to improve community land, but there is a need right now for greater ambition to be boldly stated. would like to see Council follow the lead of many other municipalities across Australia by setting a target to proactively convert under-utilised public land into community parks, even small pocket parks, often single blocks on the corner of streets. And, so as to make maintenance viable, these councils have then facilitated the establishment of a system of friends groups for each pocket park, indeed every park, often constituted by those people who live in the immediate vicinity or around the park's perimeter, to help plant and maintain it.

Lastly, is focussed on **Liveability Indicator 10: "There is choice in recreation activities for all ages and groups"**. The provision of recreation activities is a significant component of a liveable city as it improves the quality of life and impacts the community's health and wellbeing. The diversity of such activities and their availability for all ages and groups not only responds to the needs of all groups but also provides the community with a sense of inclusion. Public recreational facilities are ageing in Broken Hill. The range of activities in the city is also limited and do not cater to all people in the community. For example: people with disabilities or mental health issues, different age groups (particularly youth). Upgrading existing facilities, increasing the number of facilities and activities and attracting providers to open and manage new facilities here, particularly for youths, is a priority for the community.

[REDACTED] In the draft Strategy, community comment is noted calling for Umberumberka Reservoir and Stephens Creek Reservoir to also be opened up as recreational areas.

The draft Strategy proposes the following priorities for this Indicator. First, to undertake an audit of commercial recreation offerings in the city to identify gaps and opportunities in provision; and secondly, to undertake a review of existing play spaces and identify opportunities to diversify play equipment and designs to attract all age groups to play. The Strategy suggests that the means by which to know whether things are improving, will be whether: there is an increase in the number and variety of recreation activities available (commercial and free); and whether the range of activities include those that are suitable for all groups of people, irrespective of age or ability.

[REDACTED] comment is that with respect to this Indicator 10, Council should build in more ambition to achieve specific targets, which should be visionary. To call for a simple increase in recreational facilities, may be achieved a simple increase of one facility. This could be minimal. Rather, it should be impressive.

Kind regards,

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[REDACTED] Broken Hill, NSW, 2880

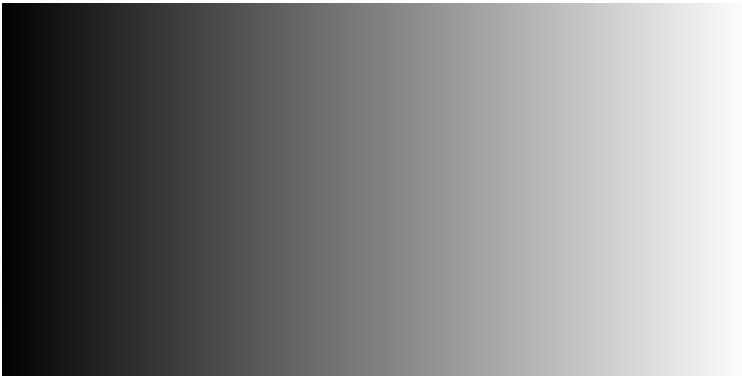
Leisa Bartlett

To: Leisa Bartlett
Subject: FW: Liveability - Background doc

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, 13 April 2023 2:34 PM
To: Anne Andrews [REDACTED]
Subject: Liveability - Background doc

Anne
Hope this finds you well.
In the background doc this comment is a quote but its unsubstantiated. While it might reflect the opinion of the person who mentioned it, I don't think it adds value without the facts behind it. Can it be removed and replaced? le
Did the mining companies really buy all the houses?
Let's talk soon 😊

"I have struggled a lot to continue surviving in Broken Hill as there was no permanent accommodation to stay and I had to leave Broken Hill to find a house to stay. Rental market becomes so tight due to mining companies bought all house for their employees. And there were no good houses to buy. [Only] 100 [years] old houses. I wish the City Council or government would build some houses for essential workers to stay longer in Broken Hill."



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ORDINARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

May 23, 2023

ITEM 5**BROKEN HILL CITY COUNCIL REPORT NO. 98/23**

SUBJECT: **APPLICATION FOR LICENCE FOR PUBLIC FOOTWAY (PUBLIC DINING) - THE DELI, 7-9 CHLORIDE STREET (TOWN SQUARE)**
D23/26087

Recommendation

1. That Broken Hill City Council Report No. 98/23 dated May 23, 2023, be received.
2. That Council determine an Application for Licence for an additional table and seating (up to additional 10 seats) for public footway dining, for The Deli at the Town Square, Broken Hill.

Executive Summary:

Council has received a request from the owner/proprietor of The Deli (gourmet grocer and café) to install an additional table and seating on the public footpath to be used as a “footway restaurant”.

The application is in addition to the already approved footway settings, and proposes an additional table with seating for 10 people.

The placement of the additional table and seating would require approval on the basis that it does not comply with all current provisions of Council’s Footway Restaurant Settings Policy.

It is noted that the outdoor footway dining has been a popular feature of The Deli in this location, and has created a positive activation of the Town Square space. However, the approval of footway dining settings at the front of an adjoining premises would set somewhat of a precedence in the CBD area.

Furthermore, these arrangements will also be reviewed as part of the broader CBD Renewal and Town Square upgrade, which could potentially look at permanent dining tables and chairs for lease from surrounding cafes and shops.

Report:

The Deli Gourmet Grocer is a business located on the Town Square. It sells gourmet grocery items and also café food and coffees.

In September 2022, approval to operate a Footway Restaurant was granted for the business to have 2 tables and associated seating, to accommodate up to 20 people.

In March 2023, the proprietor of The Deli applied for an additional table and seating on the footway area. Council staff noted at the time that the placement of the setting would not be in accordance with the relevant Policy. In particular, the table and seating would encroach

upon the adjoining business' footway frontage, and not remain within the boundaries of The Deli's frontage.

The proprietor was provided an opportunity for the additional setting to be installed for a trial period (before an official approval could be granted). During this trial period, Council received a number of complaints from the public relating to restricted public access of the footway in front of The Deli, and also concern with the setting being placed in front of the adjoining business (Denture clinic). Council staff notified the proprietor of the nature of the complaints.

During May 2023, Council staff invited the proprietor to submit a proposal to Council for consideration and determination. It should be noted that the extra setting and chairs have remained in place (without encroaching on the adjoining business), up until the date of this report.

The submission provided notes that permission from the operator of the Denture Clinic has been given to the table and chairs to encroach their frontage, but only on days when the Denture Clinic is not operating. This would see The Deli utilise part of the adjoining frontage every day, other than Wednesday. On Wednesdays, whilst the Denture Clinic is operating, the Deli would "slightly modify" the arrangement to ensure that the settings are wholly within their own frontage.

Under the provisions of Council's Footway Restaurant Settings Policy, the relevant clauses by which this arrangement, would not fully comply state:

- *That the outdoor furniture and/or any other facilities shall be kept strictly within the area designated as described in this policy, and shall not be permitted to encroach upon the adjoining footway at any time.*
- *A footway restaurant setting shall not be placed on a footpath:*
 - o *in such a position or in such circumstances that the safety of any user of the road or footpath is at risk*
 - o *other than within the boundaries of the business frontage.*

Other provisions of the Policy would be able to be complied with, and all Approvals do include conditions which ensure compliance with matters such as minimum width provided for pedestrians to safely walk, valid public liability insurance and so on.

A copy of Public Liability insurance, to the amount of \$20million has been provided by the proprietor. The Insurance agrees to indemnify "Broken Hill City Council in respect of liability arising from your business and only in relation to the permit described below: The Deli Gourmet Grocer; in respect of the footpath and town square grass area being used for tables and chairs".

It is noted that the outdoor footway dining has been a popular feature of The Deli in this location, and has created a positive activation of the Town Square space. However, the approval of footway dining settings at the front of an adjoining premises would set somewhat of a precedence in the CBD area.

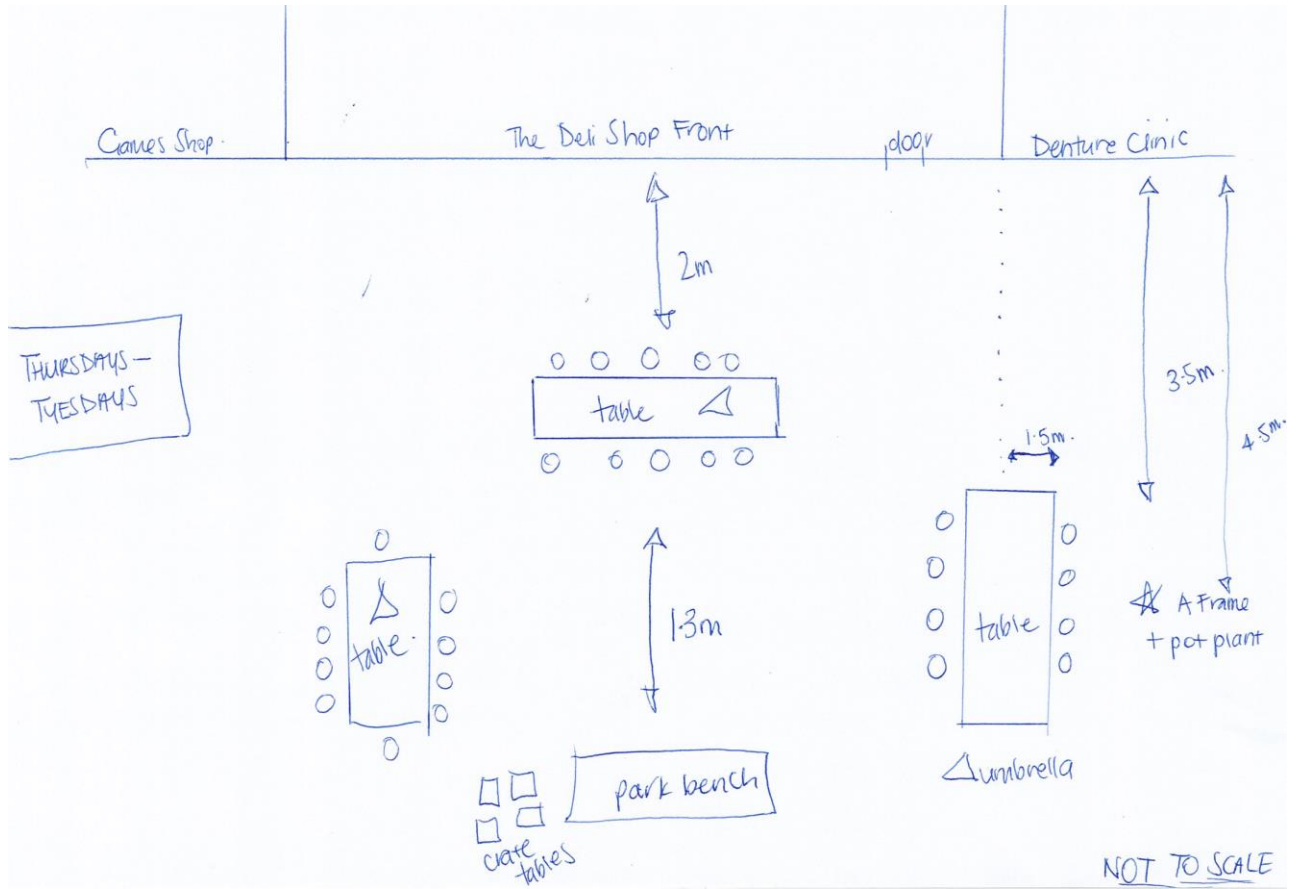
Furthermore, these arrangements will also be reviewed as part of the broader CBD Renewal and Town Square upgrade, which could potentially look at permanent dining tables and chairs for lease from surrounding cafes and shops.

Following are layouts of the footway area, as provided by the proprietor, and also a photograph showing the style of setting being used.

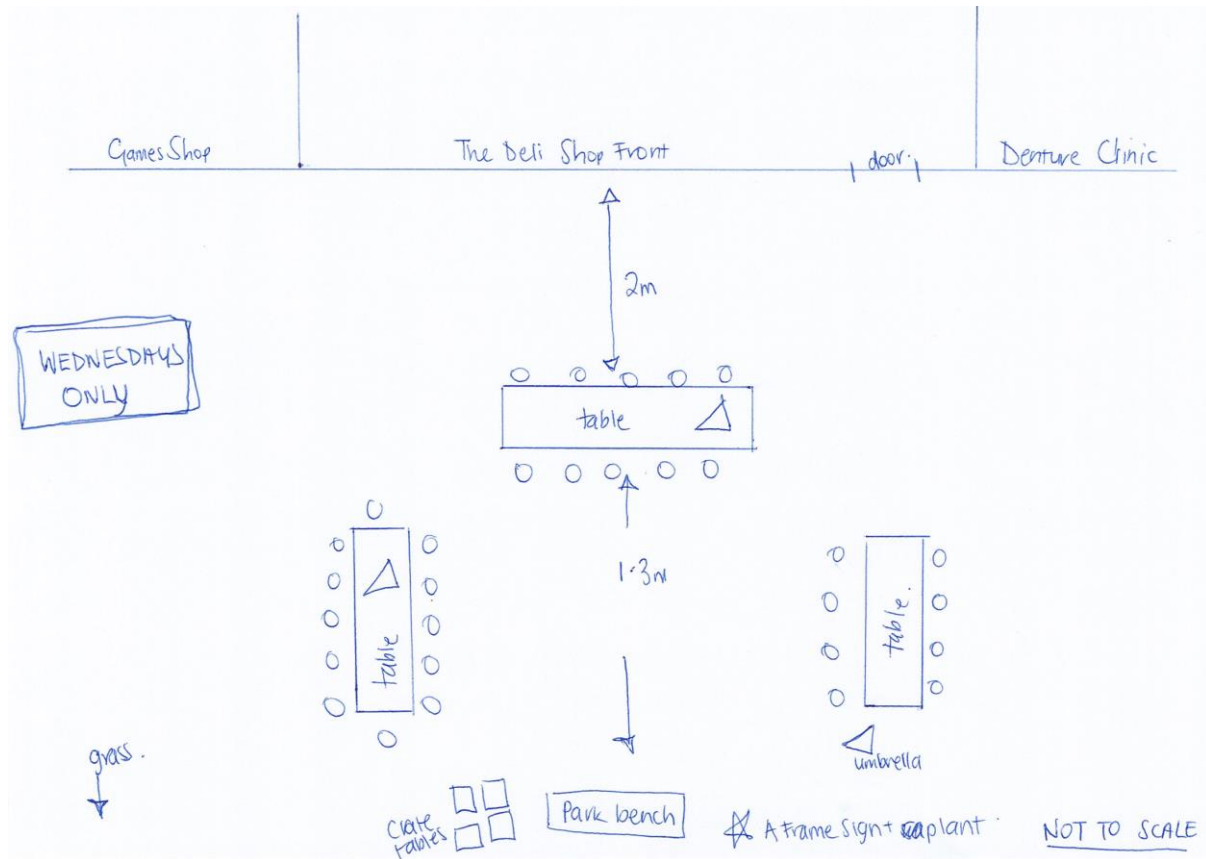
Settings in place at the front of The Deli:



Proposed layout (6 days per week):



Proposed layout (Wednesdays):



Community Engagement:

Copy of letter provided by Representative of the Argent Denture Clinic, accepting the proposal for The Deli to utilize the footpath space for their dining customers seating and tables. The letter states “this is to exclude Wednesdays when our clinic operates”.

Strategic Direction:

Key Direction:	2	Our Economy
Objective:	2.1	Our economy is strong and diversified and attracts people to work, live and invest
Strategy:	2.1.7	Advocate for incentives and initiatives that support business and industry to expand

Relevant Legislation:

Section 125 Roads Act 1993

Financial Implications:

Nil

Attachments

1. [↓](#) Footway Restaurant Settings Policy

JAY NANKIVELL
GENERAL MANAGER



FOOTWAY RESTAURANT SETTINGS POLICY

Purpose

1. To encourage street activity and corresponding social contact that will improve the City's image.
2. To encourage tourism as a contributor to the economy of the City.
3. To encourage and promote the expansion of activities which will contribute to economic well being and expanded employment opportunities within the City.

Scope

These guidelines have been prepared and adopted by Council as a general policy to foster, promote and control the establishment, approval and operation of footway restaurants.

The requirements of this policy will apply generally however, each application will be determined on its merits. For this purpose Council reserves the right to depart from the requirements of the policy whenever it deems that such departure is in the interest of the City or is necessary to protect the amenity of the neighbourhood.

The provisions of the Roads Act 1993, the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act, 1979, and the Local Government Act, 1993, and Regulations shall apply in all respects where not specifically provided for in this policy and no approval shall be granted unless the proposal complies with the provisions of the Acts and approval.

General Principles

1.0 DEFINITIONS

"Authorised Officer" an employee of a council generally or specially authorised by the council to be an Authorised Officer under the provisions of the Local Government Act 1993.

"Business frontage" means the ground level property alignment of the business premises to the footpath.

“**Business premises**” means the premises from which a business, trade or calling is conducted.

“**Carriageway**” means an area that is open to or used by the public and is developed for, or has as one of its main uses, the driving or riding of motor vehicles.

“**Footpath**” means an area open to the public that is designated for, or has as one of its main uses, use by pedestrians and includes but not limited to a road reserve and nature strip.

“**Footway restaurant setting**” means, but is not limited to, any table or chair, or any other thing placed on a footway for the use of the public to sit at, whether or not that person eats or drinks.

“**Intersection or junction**” means the area where 2 or more roads (except any road-related area) meet, and includes:

- (a) any area of the roads where vehicles travelling on different roads might collide, and
- (b) the area of any slip lane where the roads meet.

“**Kerb**” means the area at the junction of the carriageway and the footpath whether it is a formed kerb or not.

“**Setting**” means: - footway restaurant setting, consisting of one table with not more than 4 chairs per table.

2.0 APPLICATIONS

- 2.1 All applications for footway restaurants shall be dealt with by approval under Section 125 of the Roads Act 1993.
- 2.2 All footway restaurants require approval from the Broken Hill City Council prior to any setting is placed on the footpath or road reserve.
- 2.3 Applications for approval are to be made on the required form and accompanied by the appropriate fee and details of the public risk insurance policy which covers the footway restaurant setting. Application for renewal or alterations to details of an existing approval will be dealt with as for a new approval upon payment of the appropriate fee.

- 2.4 Public risk insurance in concurrence with Council's set level of coverage is to be taken out by the applicant/holder of the approval and maintained for the period of the approval. All insurance policies shall include the following co-insurance clause:-

"It is hereby agreed that the indemnity given by this policy is extended to the Broken Hill City Council in respect to the placement of a footway restaurant setting or any other thing on the footpath or road reserve."

- 2.5 The applicant / holder of the approval shall lodge a copy of the insurance policy with Council prior to the issue of an approval. A certificate of currency needs to be furnished at the expiration of insurance and with each renewal application.
- 2.6 The holder of the approval will indemnify Council in writing against any action taken against it by persons aggrieved by the use, and liability for damage to, or loss of any setting, from the approved footpath or road reserve in the form of a signed declaration located within the application form.

3.0 FEES

A fee pursuant to the annual Schedule of Fees and Charges, for consideration of each application, shall be applied.

4.0 DURATION OF LICENCE

- 4.1 Unless revoked earlier an approval shall remain in force until the 31st December of the current calendar year.
- 4.2 The maximum period allowed shall be one (1) year.

5.0 HOURS OF OPERATION

The hours of operation of an approved area shall be restricted to the hours of operation of the host premises but shall be generally no later than twelve midnight.

Council reserves the right to review the hours of operation, if, at any time in the opinion of Council, injury is being caused to the amenity of the neighbourhood due to the creation of a noise nuisance or otherwise.

6.0 GENERAL CONDITIONS

All approvals will be subject to the following general conditions:

- 6.1. That the outdoor furniture and/or any other facilities shall be placed on the footway in accordance with any directions and to the satisfaction of an Authorised Officer.

- 6.2 That the outdoor furniture and/or any other facilities shall be kept strictly within the area designated as described in this policy, and shall not be permitted to encroach upon the adjoining footway at any time.
- 6.3 That the outdoor furniture shall not be fixed to the pavement unless directed to be so fixed or otherwise approved by Council and then only in the manner so directed.
- 6.4 All outdoor furniture and any other facilities and the pavement, shall be kept at all times clean and free of food scraps and/or any other form of litter.
- 6.5 That the Traders shall clean the pavement if so directed by an Authorised Officer of Council.
- 6.6 That the outdoor furniture and/or any other facilities shall at all times be maintained in a physically sound and visually pleasing condition to the satisfaction of an Authorised Officer.
- 6.7 That the Traders shall be responsible for any damage caused to Council's footway by the installation and/or removal, and maintenance of any outdoor furniture and/or any other facilities on the footway. Such damage shall be repaired by Council at full cost to the approval holder.
- 6.8 That no additional advertising materials shall be placed in the area or upon any outdoor furniture or any other facility without the prior consent of Council.
- 6.9 That no entertainment shall be provided within the licenced area unless specifically authorised by Council.
- 6.10 That Council may terminate the arrangements made upon one months notice in writing if, at any time, in the opinion of Council injury is being caused to the amenity of the neighbourhood due to the creation of a noise nuisance, undue inconvenience or disruption to pedestrian and/or vehicular traffic or otherwise.
- 6.11 That the Traders shall release Council from any liability for damage which may be caused to any outdoor furniture and/or facility by any public utility authority.
- 6.12 That the style and type of furniture shall be approved of by Council.

7.0 SPECIFIC CONDITIONS

7.1. Conditions for Footway Restaurants

A footway restaurant setting shall not be placed on a footpath:-

- a) unless the business to which it relates is open (unless authorised by Council).
- b) in such a position or in such circumstances that the safety of any user of the road or footpath is at risk.
- c) during the hours of darkness unless it is clearly visible.
- d) unless approval has been obtained.

8 LOCATION

8.1 Footway Restaurant Setting Location

8.1.1 A footway restaurant setting shall not to be placed on a median strip, traffic island or carriageway.

8.1.2 A footway restaurant setting shall not be placed on a footpath:-

- a) other than within the boundaries of the business frontage;
- b) where the width of the footpath is less than 3 metres;
- c) within 1.8 metres of the business frontage;
- d) within 600mm of the kerb of the road;
- e) within one metre of a ramp or disabled crossing;
- f) where the business is located in a corner property, within two (2) metres of the corner of the building.

9 REMOVAL OR RELOCATION

9.1 Removal or Relocation of Footway Restaurant Settings at the request of an Authorised Officer

9.1.1 A footway restaurant setting must be removed or relocated at the request of an Authorised Officer if, in the opinion of that Authorised Officer and notwithstanding compliance with this policy, there is any hazard or obstruction or is likely to be a hazard or obstruction arising out of the location of the setting.

9.1.2 A footway restaurant setting must be removed or relocated at the request of an Authorised Officer if so required by the Authorised Officer for the purpose of special events, parades, road or footpath works or any other exigency which, in the opinion of the Authorised Officer, requires relocation or removal of the same.

9.2 Removal or Impounding of Unauthorised Footway Restaurant Settings by Authorised Officers

9.2.1 Under the provisions of the Impounding Act an Authorised Officer may remove or impound from any public streets, road or footpath, any setting, display, sign or any other thing that has been placed in contravention of this policy.

9.2.2 If a footway restaurant setting is removed and impounded under subparagraph 1) and is not claimed within thirty days of such removal the authorised person may sell, destroy or otherwise dispose of the footway restaurant setting as the Authorised Officer thinks fit.

10 PENALTIES

10.1 A person who places a footway restaurant setting or any other thing on a public street, road or footpath otherwise than in accordance with this policy is guilty of an offence.

10.2 Under the provisions of the Local Government Act 1993 an Authorised Officer may issue an infringement notice to the owner of a setting, or any other thing that is placed on a footpath, road or street in contravention of this policy.

11 FOOTWAY RESTAURANT SETTINGS APPROVAL DETAILS

1. An approval may be revoked at any time when the conditions applying the approval have not been satisfactorily complied with.
2. Council may delete, amend or add further conditions to any approval to suit changing circumstances at its discretion.
3. Council reserves the right to remove or order the removal of any footway restaurant setting, or any other thing which it deems offensive.
4. Persons placing footway restaurant settings on the footpath shall produce a copy of the approval to an Authorised Officer of the Council upon request.

Policy Details

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Responsible Officer: Group Manager Sustainability

ORDINARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

May 9, 2023

ITEM 6

BROKEN HILL CITY COUNCIL REPORT NO. 99/23

SUBJECT: MINUTES OF THE LOCAL TRAFFIC COMMITTEE - MEETING
NO.435, HELD ON TUESDAY, 2 MAY 2023 D23/23531

Recommendation

1. That Broken Hill City Council Report No. 99/23 dated May 9, 2023, be received.
2. That the Minutes of the Local Traffic Committee – Meeting No. 435, held on Tuesday, 2 May 2023 be endorsed.
3. That in relation to item 427.6.1, Council develops a concept plan, including sight distances for the relocation of the ‘Bus Stop,’ on Blende Street adjacent to the Con Crowley Retirement Village.
4. That in relation to item 427.6.1, Council contact Southern Cross Care management to determine if there are any ongoing issues with residents from Con Crowley Retirement Village, when crossing Blende Street to access the Coles complex.

Executive Summary:

Under Guidelines published in March 2009 by the Roads and Traffic Authority (now known as Transport for NSW), entitled ‘A guide to the delegation to councils for the regulation of traffic states’:

‘The Local Traffic Committee (LTC) has no decision-making powers and is primarily a technical review committee. It only advises the Council on matters for which the Council has delegated authority, being certain prescribed traffic control devices and traffic control facilities.

The Council must refer all traffic related matters to the LTC prior to exercising its delegated functions. Matters related to State Roads or functions that have not been delegated to the elected Council must be referred directly to Transport for NSW or relevant organisation. Such matters must not be referred to the LTC.

Council is not bound by the advice given by its LTC. However, if Council does wish to act contrary to the unanimous advice of the LTC or when the advice is not unanimous, it must notify Transport for NSW and the NSW Police and wait 14 days before proceeding.’

Report:

This report is to provide Council with the minutes and action list of the Local Traffic Committee meeting, held on Tuesday, 2 May 2023 which details recommendations to Council for consideration of adoption.

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

Relevant Legislation:

- *Road Transport (Safety and Traffic Management) Regulation 1999*, and
- Road Rules 2008
- A guide to the delegation to councils for the regulation of traffic (guidelines)

Financial Implications:

Financial implications for any of the recommendations to Council will be detailed in the LTC minutes, if relevant.

Attachments

1. Minutes of the Local Traffic Committee - Meeting No.435, held on Tuesday, 2 May
[↓](#) 2023

CODIE HOWARD
CHIEF ASSETS AND PROJECTS OFFICER

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LOCAL TRAFFIC COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF MEETING No.435

Meeting held on Tuesday, 2 May 2023 at 2.05pm

Location: Ground Floor Meeting Room, Council Administrative Centre, 240 Blende Street Broken Hill and via Teams

435.1 Acknowledgment of Country

Faisal Salah, Council's Projects Engineer, Faisal Salah chaired the meeting and welcomed all representatives present and performed the 'Acknowledgment to Country.'

435.2 Present

Jenene House	Associate, Community and Safety Partner – Far West Precinct, Transport for NSW (TfNSW) – via Teams
Chris Wallace	Acting Inspector, NSW Police – via Teams
Peter Beven	Local Member Delegated Representative
Councillor Marion Browne	Councillor Delegate (Observer)
Faisal Salah	Council's Projects Engineer (Observer)
Tanya Ralph	Council's Administration Officer, Tanya Ralph (Minute Taker)

435.3 Apologies

Codie Howard	Council's Chief Assets and Projects Officer
David Vant	Road Safety and Traffic Management, Transport for NSW (TfNSW)
Barry Walker	Council's Compliance Officer (Observer)

435.4 Absent

435.5 Disclosure of Interest - NIL

435.6 Adoption of Previous Minutes

The minutes from the previous meeting held on **Tuesday, 4 April 2023** were confirmed and approved.

All in favour Moved: Peter Beven Seconded: Chris Wallace

435.7 Council Resolutions

The Committee Recommendations below were adopted by Council at its meeting held on **Wednesday, 26 April 2023.**

ITEM 14 - BROKEN HILL CITY COUNCIL REPORT NO. 77/23 - DATED APRIL 18, 2023 - MINUTES OF THE LOCAL TRAFFIC COMMITTEE - MEETING NO.434, HELD ON TUESDAY, 4 APRIL 2023 D23/20075

RESOLUTION

Resolved

Minute No. 47189

Councillor M Browne moved)
Councillor R Algate seconded)

1. That Broken Hill City Council Report No. 77/23 dated April 18, 2023, be received.
2. That the Minutes of the Local Traffic Committee – Meeting No.434, held on Tuesday, 4 April 2023 be endorsed.
3. That the Local Traffic Committee (LTC) – Terms of Reference be adopted.
4. That Item No.431.6.1 – That Council reinstate faded line marking and replace ‘Children Crossing’ signage in Gossan Street, between Wolfram and Cobalt Streets.
5. That Item No.431.6.4 – That Council install rumble bars and line marking at the base of the banner poles in Argent Street, between Bromide and Iodide Streets and Patton Street, between Comstock and South Streets.
6. That Item No.433.7.4 – That Council reinstate the 4-hour timed parking signage at the parking spaces that are not sign posted in the Kintore Reserve.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

435.8 Correspondence In

Item No.	EDRMS No.	Details
435.8.1	D23/21533	Notification of Reconciliation Week – March – 29/05/2023 – Council – Council's Events Coordinator

435.9 Correspondence Out

Item No.	EDRMS No.	Details
434.8.1	D23/20976	Committee Response – Item No. Request for line marking of parking spaces adjacent to Morgan Street Public School – School Principal, Scott Sanford
433.7.4	D23/21615	Committee Response – Item No. 433.7.4 - Parking concerns in Blende Street and in Kintore Reserve – Christine Wellings

435.10 General Business

Item No.	EDRMS No.	
435.10.1		Request for removal of dead trees
		<p>Local Member delegated representative Peter Beven reported safety concerns relating to dead trees on the nature strip on Rakow Street, between Gypsum and Nicholls Streets.</p> <p>Council's Projects Engineer inspected the trees following the meeting. Council's Operations team requested to remove the dead trees as shown in the photo below. Reference No. CRM 51653/2023.</p> <div> </div> <div> </div> <div> </div> <p>The tree in the photo above is subjected to falling on the road and Council's Project Engineer has arranged to have the tree removed as soon as possible.</p> <p>This matter will be included on the agenda for the next scheduled committee meeting.</p>

Item No.	EDRMS No.	Details
434.11.2		Williams Street and McCulloch Street Roundabout follow-up
		<p>The committee were advised the broken concrete at the Williams and McCulloch Street roundabout was inspected following the previous meeting and arrangements are being made for the kerb to be repaired by Council.</p> <p>An inspection of the roundabout and the measurements taken by Council identified the kerbing distance is in accordance with standards and there are no engineering solutions required for the roundabout.</p> <p>No further action required by the Local Traffic Committee (LTC).</p>

435.11 Action Item List

Date	Item Details
April 2022	Request for additional disability parking adjacent the Regional Aquatic Centre – June Page – Regional Aquatic Centre
Item No.	423.8.3
EDRMS No.	D22/7513
CRM No.	N/A
Responsible Officer	Council's Chief Assets and Projects Officer
Current Status	Ongoing
Date	Council Committee Recommendation
April 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> That traffic counters be placed in the Regional Aquatic Centre carpark to identify the speed of vehicles. That correspondence be forwarded to the respondent advising of the committee's decision and inform that the area does not warrant the installation of a pedestrian crossing and that the area does not qualify for a speed zone reduction.
Action Date	Running Actions
April 2022	<p>Correspondence has been received from June Page expressing her concerns in relation to matter relating to the Regional Aquatic Centre.</p> <p>She has asked that the Local Traffic Committee review the number of disability parking spaces available at the Regional Aquatic Centre for people with a disability, stating there are currently two disability parking bays near the front doors of the Regional Aquatic Centre, with the remainder located near the public toilets. June Page is a volunteer at the Aquatic Centre and has requested that two additional disability parking bays be installed across from the existing two spaces, near the entrance to the Regional Aquatic Centre.</p>

	<p>Another concern highlighted by was the speed of motorists in the car park area, including a suggestion that a speed hump be installed to stop people driving too fast. It was also requested that speed limit signage be installed in the carpark area and that a pedestrian crossing be considered.</p> <p>Council's Assets Officer, Paul Bezzina inspected the carpark area and advised the committee that there are currently six disability parking spaces in the carpark area, with a disability access ramp near the entrance to the Regional Aquatic Centre. Australian Standards requires two disability parking spaces, to every four standard parking spaces.</p> <p>The committee agreed that there are sufficient disability parking spaces available in accordance with the Australian Standards requirements.</p>
June 2022	<p>Transport for NSW representative, David Vant suggested that Council could place traffic counters to collect data of speeding vehicles in the area. The data would record the number and speed limits reached. Data collected would also inform any requirements for a pedestrian crossing.</p> <p>Transport for NSW representative, David Vant informed the committee, that the volume of traffic in the area would not warrant a pedestrian crossing and the suggestion for speed humps would be a consideration for Council.</p> <p>Recommendations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>That traffic counters be placed in the Regional Aquatic Centre carpark to identify the speed of vehicles.</i> • <i>That correspondence be forwarded to the respondent advising of the committee's decision and inform that the area does not warrant the installation of a pedestrian crossing and that the area does not qualify for a speed zone reduction.</i> <p>Moved: Codie Howard Second: Paul Bezzina</p>
July 2022	<p>Disabled parking has been installed at the Regional Aquatic Centre carpark. The line marking of the parking bays will be completed in August 2022. The committee were informed that the traffic counters have not yet been installed, as the counter requires new batteries and once received by Council, the traffic counter will be placed to collect the required data.</p>
August 2022	<p>The committee were advised that disability stencils for line marking and hatching in the carpark adjacent to the Regional Aquatic Centre will be completed from the 8-10 September 2022.</p>
September 2022	<p>New traffic counters are being purchased by Council and will be put in place when they are available.</p> <p>Update to be provided to the committee at the next meeting.</p>
October 2022	<p>Traffic counters to be installed across the Regional Aquatic Centre carpark and the data from the counters to be presented to the committee at the next scheduled committee meeting.</p>

November 2022	The new traffic counters have arrived. Council is planning for these to be installed, with data collected to be presented to the committee at the next meeting.
December 2022	The new traffic counters have been received, calibrated and are ready to be placed. These will be installed by Council. The traffic counters will be placed for a period of seven days.
February 2023	The traffic counters have been placed and the data is currently being collated by Council's Information Services. The data will be available for the committee at the next meeting.
March 2023	The traffic counts are completed, however there are issues extracting the data. Council's Information Services department are working on the issue. When the data is available Council's Chief Assets and Projects Officer will arrange presentation of the data to the committee.
April 2023	Traffic counter data not available for this meeting. The data will be extracted and provided to the committee at the next meeting.
May 2023	<p>When this matter was first addressed, there were several issues identified by the complainant. The key issues addressed by the committee were the request for speed humps to be installed in the carpark to stop speeding motorist and for additional accessible carparks to be installed.</p> <p>The committee recommended that traffic counters be installed in the area to capture the speed of motorist before a decision could be made. The traffic counters were only recently placed. The data collected over a two-week period showed there were a small number of vehicles travelling at a maximum speed of 35km/h, being 12% of the total counts collected.</p> <p>The committee determined there are sufficient accessible parking spaces available for patrons of the Regional Aquatic Centre.</p> <p>Recommendation:</p> <p><i>That correspondence be forwarded to the complainant advising of the committee's decision, and that from the data collected from traffic counters installed does not support a requirement for speed humps in the area.</i></p> <p>Moved: Chris Wallace Second: Peter Beven All in favour</p>
Date	Item Details
August 2022	Traffic and pedestrian safety concerns, Blende Street for residents of Con Crowley Village – Ron Jeffrey
Item No.	427.6.1
EDRMS No.	D22/34844 and D22/345053

CRM No.	N/A
Responsible Officer	Council's Chief Assets and Projects Officer
Current Status	Ongoing
Date	Council Committee Recommendation/s
August 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • That traffic counter/classifiers data be collected to determine the speed of vehicles travelling along Blende Street between the two roundabouts. • That the bus company be consulted to see if they have issues with the Bus Stop being relocated to an area outside of the Con Crowley Village gates further along Blende Street.
September 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • That traffic counters be placed across Blende Street, between Gossan and the Galena Street roundabout, to determine the volume of traffic and for the width, adjacent to Con Crowley Village, to be measured to see if it would allow enough space for the bus to park in the area requested adjacent to the Con Crowley Resident's Hall.
May 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • That Council develop a concept plan for the relocation of the 'Bus Stop,' including the sight distances. • Council contact Southern Cross Care management to determine if there is still an issue with residents from Con Crowley Village crossing Blende Street to access Coles.
Action Date	Running Actions
August 2022	<p>Council's Chief Assets and Projects Officer, met with Ron Jeffery from Con Crowley Village on Thursday, 28 July 2022 to discuss his complaint.</p> <p>Mr Jeffery expressed his concerns with the elderly residents not being able to cross Blende Street safely from their residence to the Coles Shopping Complex. He would like a traffic light crossing or something similar implemented in the middle of Blende Street to allow safe passage across the street.</p> <p>Council's Chief Assets and Projects Officer explained that there are traffic blisters near the roundabout at Gossan Street in place for this reason. Mr Jeffery mentioned that cars approaching the roundabout are turning left out of Gossan Street and taking the corner very quickly. During his meeting with Mr Jeffrey, Council's Chief Assets and Projects Officer witnessed a car turning the corner too fast.</p> <p>There are current traffic counters in this area, placed for another purpose, however Council can use this data to inform its investigation in this matter.</p> <p>Transport for NSW representative, David Vant explained that there would be certain standards required to warrant a crossing.</p> <p>The gate at the Con Crowley Village is located near the main hall and residents are crossing the road at this point and not crossing at the blister near the roundabout.</p> <p>Mr Jeffery also requested that the bus shelter on the corner of Galena and Blende Streets be relocated.</p>

	<p>These issues can be reviewed and considered by the committee. If the bus stop can be moved, it could be moved near the hall for village residents.</p> <p>This 'Bus Stop' was in place before the perimeter fencing was installed at Con Crowley Village. Consultation will be required with the bus company before any decisions can be made.</p>
	<p>Recommendations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • That traffic counter/classifiers data be collected to determine the speed of vehicles travelling along Blende Street between the two roundabouts. • That the bus company be consulted to see if they have issues with the Bus Stop being relocated to an area outside of the Con Crowley Village gates, further along Blende Street.
September 2022	<p>Council's Asset Officer, Paul Bezzina liaised with the Bus Company, and they have advised that they do not have any concerns or objections, for the bus stop to be relocated to the gates at the Resident's Hall at Con Crowley village, Blende Street.</p> <p>Refer to Item 428.6.3 - D22/44823 - Request to relocate the bus stop to further down the road adjacent the Residents Hall at Con Crowley Village, Blende Street – CDC Broken Hill – Adrian Rouse.</p> <p>Correspondence from the Bus Company received by the committee requesting the relocation of the bus stop.</p> <p>Recommendations:</p> <p><i>That traffic counters be placed across Blende Street, between Gossan and the Galena Street roundabout, to determine the volume of traffic and for the width, adjacent to Con Crowley Village to be measured to see if it would allow enough space for the bus to park in the area requested, adjacent to the Con Crowley Resident's Hall.</i></p>
October 2022	<p>Traffic counters to be installed across Blende Street and for the data from the counters to be presented to the committee at the next scheduled committee meeting.</p>
November 2022	<p>Traffic counters have now been received and arrangements will be made for the counters to be put in place. The data/statistics collected to be provided to the committee at the next scheduled committee meeting.</p>
December 2022	<p>Traffic counters to be installed by Council and the data will be discussed with the committee at the next meeting.</p>
February 2023	<p>The traffic counters have been placed and the data is currently being transferred by Council's Information Services department.</p> <p>The data will be available for the committee at the next meeting.</p>
March 2023	<p>The traffic counts are completed, however there are issues extracting the data. Council Information Services department are working on the issue and as soon as the data is available Council's Chief Assets and Projects Officer will present the data to the committee.</p>
April 2023	<p>Traffic counter data was not available for this meeting. The traffic counter data will be extracted and provided to the committee at the next meeting.</p>

May 2023	<p>The data from the traffic counters placed across Blende Street adjacent to the Con Crowley Village identified the maximum speed motorist travelled was 94km/h and the average speed was 71km/h.</p> <p>NSW Police representative, Chris Wallace explained that these vehicles could be emergency service vehicles as they all use Blende Street.</p> <p>Council's Project Engineer, Faisal Salah will check to see what the speed limit was set at for the traffic counters, being the data shows the percentage number for the speed over 60km/h.</p> <p>The committee were reminded this issue was raised following the new fence being stalled at Con Crowley Village and the gate for the residents is located near the hall and rather than the residents walking down to the refuge at the roundabout, they are attempting to cross Blende Street access the Coles Complex.</p> <p>Recommendations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • That Council develop a concept plan for the relocation of the 'Bus Stop,' including the sight distances. • Council contact Southern Cross Care management to determine if there is still an issue with residents from Con Crowley Village crossing Blende Street to access Coles. <p>Moved: Jenene House Second: Peter Beven All in favour</p>
Date	Item Details
August 2022	Request from a member of the public to review the traffic management of the KFC drive-through
Item No.	427.9.1
EDRMS No.	N/A
CRM No.	N/A
Responsible Officer	Council's Chief Assets and Projects Officer
Current Status	Ongoing
Date	Council Committee Recommendation/s
December 2022	<i>That Council design a concept plan for the area, for discussion by the committee at the February 2023 meeting.</i>
Action Date	Running Actions
August 2022	Cars are backing up daily in the drive through of KFC out into Lane Street, blocking the Oxide Street roundabout and the southern lane of Lane Street. Please discuss viable options to alleviate this issue.

September 2022	Council's Chief Assets and Projects Officer has spoken with the Manager of KFC, Broken Hill, who will pass the concerns onto KFC's Regional Manager.
	<p>Council will continue to communicate with the local Manager of KFC in relation to any options to alleviate the traffic issues that have been caused due to the overflow of cars accessing the drive-through.</p> <p>Traffic is congesting the intersection of the KFC driveway and the exit to the roundabout at the intersection of Oxide and Lane Streets.</p> <p>Police representative, Matt McCarthy will communicate the traffic matter onto Highway Patrol to schedule additional patrols of the area and for the area to be monitored more frequently. An option would be for KFC to redesign their carpark area.</p>
October 2022	<p>Council's Chief Assets and Projects Officer informed the committee that he had not yet received a response from KFC's Regional Manager.</p> <p>It was decided at the previous meeting that a 'No Left Turn' sign be erected near the entrance to the KFC carpark to eliminate the congestion and cars banking across the intersection on the roundabout. There would then be no parking for the indented area on the opposite side of Lane Street, to allow for through access and flow of traffic, with the inclusion of right turning lane to enter the KFC carpark.</p> <p>Transport for NSW representative, David Vant suggested that KFC's Regional Manager be advised that Council are proposing to construct a concrete median in the middle of the road, to run from the bore of the roundabout to the end of the exit driveway, to stop motorists turning right into the driveway and hatch first 10m to 20m on the left side. This would ensure customers exit from the other side and would require redesign of the KFC driveways and carpark. It is suggested that this information would encourage a response from KFC's Regional Manager to commence consultation.</p> <p>It was suggested that the original Development Application be sourced to confirm approved conditions in relation to parking arrangements. The business on occasion is closed for walk in customers, increasing the traffic flow. Transport for NSW representative, David Vant outlined that by changing the access to the business and only having the driveway available for customers, could indicate they have modified the original consent conditions with the approved number of vehicles in the drive through, at any one time.</p> <p>Investigations required to determine the original consent conditions, and any amendments to the original consent.</p> <p>Council's Chief Assets and Projects Officer will liaise with the Council's Planning and Compliance department in relation to the original development application conditions and provide an update to the committee at the next meeting.</p>
November 2022	The conditions of original Development Application will be reviewed to investigate if KFC may be in breach of the consent conditions. Council's Acting Chief Assets and Project Officer advised she would liaise with Council's Chief Assets and Projects Officer to ensure information is available to the committee at the next meeting.

<p>December 2022</p>	<p>Council has attempted to contact KFC's Regional Manager on a number of occasions without success.</p> <p>Recommendation:</p> <p><i>That Council design a concept plan for the area to present to the committee at the February 2023 meeting.</i></p>
<p>February 2023</p>	<p>At a previous meeting, the committee resolved that if Council had not received a response from management of KFC, then Council would develop a concept plan of proposed changes in the area (shown below).</p> <p>The width of Lane Street adjacent to KFC is 20m from kerb to kerb as there are two cut out parking bays on either side of the street. On the northern side to the centre line 10.5m to the centre line and 9.5 on the southern side.</p> <p>Council's Road Engineer inspected the site and has drawn a concept plan in accordance with Australian Standards, ensuring clearance for a turning lane into KFC and provision of a lane on the opposite side of the road to alleviate the back up of vehicles accessing KFC.</p> <div> </div> <p>Associate Community and Safety Partner, Transport NSW, Jenene House enquired if there are any obstructions in relation to the sight distance on the roundabout, for vehicles turning left. Council's Chief Assets and Projects Officer advised that the inlets are flat and there are no hills or rises, however there are shrubs on the corner.</p> <p>Council researched the allowances or specifications of driveways into an intersection, AusRoads Standards for road design indicated that there is no minimum or maximum standard; it states to be mindful. The only other option would be to remove the roundabout and install traffic lights at the intersection.</p> <p>Associate Community and Safety Partner, Transport NSW, Jenene House suggested that installing a permanent structure in the middle of the road, like a median strip would prohibit vehicles turning right out of the driveway onto Lane Street.</p> <p>Council's Chief Assets and Projects Officer advised that the cost for installing the signage on the concept plan would be minimal, and that this cost would be covered under Council's maintenance budget.</p> <p>If a median strip was to be implemented, then the cost would be considered under Council's capital works budget.</p>

	<p>Initially, when this matter was first raised with the committee, NSW Police representative, Chris Wallace advised that additional patrols of the area will be undertaken by the Police.</p> <p>The committee have been asked to review the concept plan and provide any comments or suggestions to the Secretary of the committee by Wednesday, 15 February 2023, for inclusion on the agenda for the March Committee meeting.</p>
March 2023	<p>Associate Community and Safety Partner, Transport NSW, Jenene House provided feedback of the concept plan, enquiring if the original Development Application (DA) was available for inspection to determine the original conditions of consent. The feedback stated that the concept plan would not stop the queuing issue and suggested that Council consider making the current entry redundant, with the current exit an entry as well; and installing an island to ensure only left turn entry and only left turn exit.</p> <p>This design would impact the parking on the property. Council's Chief Assets and Projects Officer will arrange for the development of a further concept plan. Council's Chief Assets and Projects Officer questioned Council's authority to close the entry driveway, and Associate Community and Safety Partner, Transport NSW, Jenene House suggested the original DA requirements may assist with a determination.</p> <p>Recommendation: <i>Council's Chief Assets and Projects Officer to update the concept plan and discuss the issues with KFC Management.</i></p>
April 2023	<p>The committee decided that this matter be carried forward to the next meeting. Council will review development applications for the property to clarify if there were any conditions relating to the driveway access for the redevelopment of the KFC building, and investigate when the driveways were first constructed on the Lane Street side.</p>
May 2023	<p>The committee agreed to defer this matter to the next meeting, when further details can be provided by Council's Chief Assets and Projects Officer .</p>
Date	Item Details
September 2022	Road safety concerns adjacent to the Willyama High School – Skye Chan-McBeth
Item No.	428.6.1
EDRMS No.	D22/42548
CRM No.	N/A
Responsible Officer	Council's Chief Assets and Projects Officer
Current Status	Completed
Date	Council Committee Recommendation/s

September 2022	<i>Traffic counters will be placed on Murton Street adjacent to the Willyama High School to collect data and to determine the speed of motorists during school hours.</i>
Action Date	Running Actions
September 2022	<p>The committee received correspondence expressing concerns with the lack of road safety on the road adjacent to the Willyama High School, reporting there are a large number of speeding cars during school hours. The respondent has requested that the road be reviewed and for the road to be made safer, with speed humps and a pedestrian crossing being installed to make it safe for school children to cross the road.</p> <p>The respondent had not identified the road in the request. The committee assume that the road in question is Murton Street with speeding motorists.</p> <p>Transport for NSW, Jenene House informed the committee that she is currently doing traffic and pedestrian observation. Jenene mentioned that this is part of her role with Transport for NSW and includes school zone road safety.</p> <p>Jenene will investigate this matter further. Jenene has a meeting planned with the Road Safety Education Consultant to discuss other matters and will mention the concerns raised at the Willyama High School during this meeting and provide the committee an update at the next committee meeting.</p> <p>Council's Chief Assets and Projects Officer suggested that Council contact the respondent to find out further information that will help with the investigation and raise the matter of speeding and compliance with the Police to monitor.</p> <p>Recommendations:</p> <p><i>Traffic counters will be placed on Murton Street adjacent to the Willyama High School to collect data and to determine the speed of motorists during school hours.</i></p>
October 2022	Traffic counters to be installed across Murton Street and for the data from the counters to be presented to the committee at the next scheduled committee meeting, to help with the committee decision for a recommendation.
November 2022	<p>Traffic counters have now been received and arrangements will be made for the counters to be put in place. The data/statistics collected be provided to the committee at the next scheduled committee meeting.</p> <p>Council's Chief Assets and Projects Officer advised Jenene from Transport NSW that he will complete a concept plan for the main entrance in Radium Street for the Willyama High School, as a part of the Traffic and Pedestrian observation process.</p>
December 2022	<p>Council will place traffic counters across Murton Street for a period of seven days along Murton Street adjacent to the Willyama High School to collect data on the speed of motorist during the school zone times.</p> <p>A concept design plan will be completed by Council for the proposed changes to the parking arrangement at the front of the school off Brooks Street. Both will be discussed at the next committee meeting in the new year.</p>
February 2023	The traffic counters have been placed across Murton Street adjacent to the Willyama High School and the data is currently being transferred by Council's Information Services. The data will be available for the committee at the next meeting.

March 2023	The traffic counts are completed, however there are issues extracting the data. Council Information Services department are working on the issue and Council's Chief Assets and Projects Officer will present the data to the committee when available.
April 2023	The committee provided traffic counter statistics collected in McCulloch Street adjacent to the Willyama High School. These statistics show the speed of vehicles travelling along McCulloch Street but does not determine the time of day when the speeds were detected. That an updated traffic counter report be generated to determine the times of day and reported to the committee for review at the next meeting. The initial complaint outlined the speed of vehicles during the school drop off and pick up times.
May 2023	The committee reviewed the data collected from the traffic counters that were placed across Murton Street and determined there was not an issue with speeding motorists during the school zone times. This matter will be referred to the Police to investigate and to continue patrols of the area during school drop off and pick up times. No further action required by the LTC.
Date	Item Details
December 2022	Transport for NSW update and outcome of school traffic and pedestrian observations – Burke Ward Public School, Alma Public School and Railway Town Public School – Associate Community and Safety Partner, Transport for NSW, Jenene House
Item No.	431.8.4
EDRMS No.	
CRM No.	N/A
Responsible Officer	Council's Chief Assets and Projects Officer
Current Status	Ongoing
Date	Council Committee Recommendation/s
December 2022	<i>That Council place traffic counters across Boughtman Street to collect two weeks of data on the volume of traffic and speed of motorist during school drop off and pick up times. The data from the traffic counters to be presented to the committee at the next scheduled meeting.</i>
April 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council to survey and measure the width of Gypsum Street adjacent to the Burke Ward Public School and report back to the committee at the next meeting. • That this item be merged with Item No. 43310.1 as these updates relate to both observations conducted by TfNSW.

Action Date	Running Actions
December 2022	<p>Associate Community and Safety Partner, Transport for NSW, Jenene House informed the committee that she has completed Traffic and Pedestrian Observations at Alma Public School on the 9 September 2022, following a speeding issue raised at a previous committee meeting.</p> <p>Alma Public School – The observation identified the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vehicles speeding in Boughtman Street where students are crossing during the school pick up and drop off times. • There were a number of vehicles doing U-turns within the school zone, and whilst doing a U-turn is not illegal; it is discouraged as it is not safe. • Unaccompanied students crossing the road. • Lack of helmets being used by children riding bikes. • Vehicles double parking. • During the school drop off times, students were exiting vehicles on the roadside, instead of the footpath side, making it unsafe. <p>Associate Community and Safety Partner, Transport for NSW, Jenene House and Council's Chief Assets and Projects Officer to arrange a meeting with the Alma School Principal to discuss the behaviours that were observed within the school zone.</p> <p>Recommendations:</p> <p><i>That Council place traffic counters across Boughtman Street to collect two weeks of data on the volume of traffic and speed of motorist during school drop off and pick up times. The data from the traffic counters to be presented to the next scheduled meeting.</i></p> <p>Burke Ward School – Traffic and Pedestrian counts taken on Gypsum Street, where the refuge is located. Associate Community and Safety Partner, Transport for NSW, Jenene House expressed that the volume of traffic was surprising with over 300 vehicles in the morning and over 400 in the afternoon. Associate Community and Safety Partner, Transport for NSW, Jenene House was advised that Gypsum Street was a detour for works being conducted in the area, hence the large volume of traffic.</p> <p>Considering that the traffic count was not a true indicator, Associate Community and Safety Partner, Transport for NSW, Jenene House will complete another traffic count in the new year when school resumes, to collect a more accurate indication of traffic volumes in the area.</p> <p>Other matter relating to the Burke Ward Public School were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Newton Lane <p>An inspection was completed in Newton Lane to the side of the Burke Ward Public School with a high volume of traffic using the lane as a drop off and pick up area for students. There was also conflict between motorist and pedestrians. Council's Chief Assets and Projects Officer to arrange a meeting with Principal of the school to address this issue and to discuss the observations.</p> <p>Signal Phasing to be extended in Rakow Street.</p>

	<p>Associate Community and Safety Partner, Transport for NSW, Jenene House stated that this would not be a high priority now that the emergency evacuation site has been relocated to Harvy Street. Transport for NSW team, who manages the phasing are still working on this and there is still potential for the phasing to be extended and only during school times. If there are other peak times identified when children are crossing the street frequently, then the matter will be readdressed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mobile Speed Cameras <p>NSW Police representative, Acting Inspector Chris Wallace stated that a mobile speed camera would be deployed to the area. A submission will then need to be submitted to the Centre for Road Safety via their website or the Police can make a submission through their liaison channels.</p> <p>Broken Hill is not currently an area that is scheduled for these vehicles to be deployed. They can deploy to Broken Hill, supporting Broken Hill Police operations, however not normally positioned in school zones. Deployment would require Centre for Road Safety approval.</p>	
February 2023	<p>Associate Community and Safety Partner, Transport for NSW, Jenene House will be visiting Broken Hill and will meet with the Burke Ward School Principal to discuss the matter. Council's Chief Assets and Projects Officer has been invited to join the meeting.</p> <p>Councillor Marion Browne informed the committee that the matter relating to the line marking at the Burke Ward School was raised and discussed at the previous Council meeting.</p> <p>Burke Ward Public School</p> <p>Councillor, Marion Browne, stated that one of the Councillor's at the last Council meeting expressed concerns with the children crossing in an uncontrolled way on Gypsum Street, when the gates are unlocked and that if the school were to lock the gate it would not be a concern.</p> <p>Associate Community and Safety Partner, Transport for NSW, Jenene House advised that she would observe the traffic and pedestrian behaviours on the Gypsum Street side of the Burke Ward Public School during her planned visit, scheduled for the week commencing 6 March 2023 and that this matter will be progressed. During Associate Community and Safety Partner, Transport for NSW, Jenene House's visit to Broken Hill, she will be meeting with the Principal of the Burke Ward School to discuss traffic and pedestrian behaviours. Council's Chief Assets and Projects Officer has been invited to attend this meeting.</p> <p>Council's Acting Chief Assets and Projects Officer informed the committee that a quotation for line marking had been received and the works were scheduled to be arranged.</p> <p>The Burke Ward School requested that the phasing for the traffic signals had been extended. Associate Community and Safety Partner, Transport for NSW, Jenene House to communicate with the Principal of Burke Ward School in relation to the timing of the phasing. The timing for the lights is set up for vulnerable pedestrians and children and should give enough time for a group of children to cross safely. Associate Community and Safety Partner, Transport for NSW, Jenene House explained that the green light means that pedestrians can cross, and the red-light means do not cross the road. Associate Community and Safety Partner, Transport for NSW, Jenene House will provide information to the school to be included in the school's newsletter.</p>	

	<p>The geometry of the crossing itself, is very constrained, and the pedestrian access ramp is narrow in width. The ramps are not the full width of the crossing. Associate Community and Safety Partner, Transport for NSW, Jenene House will collaborate with the school so that students in groups are more visible for the staff when using the crossing.</p> <p>Associate Community and Safety Partner, Transport for NSW, Jenene House advised the committee that she had kept the Department of Education's Work Health and Safety Adviser up to date on these matters. The Department of Education also has a Road Safety Consultant in this area, whom will be included in the meeting and consultations.</p> <p>Alma Public School</p> <p>Issues found while completing the traffic and pedestrian observations will be discussed with the Alma Public School Principal.</p> <p>Railway Town Public School</p> <p>Associate Community and Safety Partner, Transport for NSW, Jenene House received communication from the Alma School advising that there is not a parking space suitable for use by a student with disability, requiring the use of a wheelchair. Associate Community and Safety Partner, Transport for NSW, Jenene House will forward the email correspondence to Council's Chief Assets and Projects Officer so that Council can inspect the area prior to meeting with the Alma Public School Principal.</p> <p>An update will be provided to the committee at the next meeting.</p>
<p>March 2023</p>	<p>Broken Hill Youth Travel Pass – A scheme where Youth (15- 20 age bracket) travel free on buses around Broken Hill, Menindee and Wilcannia during school holidays. Council is promoting the scheme. This will be the second trial of the scheme during school holidays. During the last school holidays Council supported a 'Win a Swag' promotion that youth could enter via a bar code displayed on the bus. Unfortunately, there were no entries. TfNSW are hoping Council will support this promotion again during the next school holidays.</p> <p>Transport for NSW Traffic and Pedestrian Observations</p> <p>Associate Community and Safety Partner, Transport for NSW, Jenene House and Community and Safety Support Officer, Community and Place Partner Regional and Metropolitan Transport for NSW, Amy Robinson meet with CAMHS (Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service) to build their connections within the community and determine where there is transport disadvantages in the City.</p> <p>TfNSW has access to a Transport Access Regional Partnerships programme, which is a grant programme to provide funding for transport. They were advised transport is sporadic, taxis are unreliable. A suggestion received for a shuttle bus from the CBD to the hospital. Agencies are requested to advise Associate Community and Safety Partner, Transport for NSW, Jenene House if there are any transport issues.</p> <p>Councillor Browne advised that there is no bus service after 12 noon on Saturday's, extremely limited public transport in the City on weekends. Associate Community and Safety Partner, Transport for NSW, Jenene House will endeavour to liaise with CDC, the bus company, during her visit to Broken Hill. Local Member delegated representative, Peter Beven confirmed that the taxi service is very sporadic. Associate Community and Safety Partner, Transport for NSW, Jenene House will meet with Live Better to discuss community transport. TfNSW can advocate for improvements and may feed the information to a higher-level for discussion within the Department.</p>

	<p>Associate Community and Safety Partner, Transport for NSW, Jenene House and Community and Safety Support Officer, Community and Place Partner Regional and Metropolitan Transport for NSW, Amy Robinson have arranged to meet with The Hub operators in Creedon Street to discuss road safety.</p> <p>Associate Community and Safety Partner, Transport for NSW, Jenene House and Community and Safety Support Officer, Community and Place Partner Regional and Metropolitan Transport for NSW, Amy Robinson are meeting with the Burke Ward School Principal on Wednesday, 9 March to discuss road safety. Associate Community and Safety Partner, Transport for NSW, Jenene House to forward a letter from the school community to the committee.</p> <p>Local Member delegated representative, Peter Beven asked for the dead trees next to the pedestrian crossing to be inspected at the Burke Ward Public School.</p> <p>Associate Community and Safety Partner, Transport for NSW, Jenene House has contacted the Alma Public School Principal regarding the issue of speeding motorists, and scheduled a meeting for Wednesday, 9 March. Associate Community and Safety Partner, Transport for NSW, Jenene House will advise Council's Chief Assets and Projects Officer of the outcome.</p> <p>Department of Education WHS Adviser, Emily MacBeth, raised the issue of parents driving onto school grounds near the School of the Air next to North Public School. Associate Community and Safety Partner, Transport for NSW, Jenene House will meet with Department of Education WHS Adviser, Emily MacBeth and the Burke Ward School Principal on Thursday 10 March.</p> <p>Associate Community and Safety Partner, Transport for NSW, Jenene House to visit Railway Town Public School, following up on a disabled parking space request. Associate Community and Safety Partner, Transport for NSW, Jenene House researched the area, with results identifying a pram ramp in Harris Street. This area may be a suitable space for a disabled parking space.</p> <p>TfNSW will liaise with Headspace regarding transport disadvantages.</p> <p>Associate Community and Safety Partner, Transport for NSW, Jenene House advised the committee that she had a suggestion from a resident that Council have a Suggestion Box where people can leave written suggestions on paper.</p> <p>Traffic counters to be placed across Boughtman Steet near the Alma Public School.</p>
<p>April 2023</p>	<p>Alma Public School</p> <p>Traffic counter data collected from Boughtman Street adjacent to the Alma Public School was provided to the committee to review.</p> <p>An updated traffic counter report to be generated to identify the traffic volumes and speed travelling against the time of day and presented to the committee. The initial complaint related to the speed of vehicles during the school drop off and pick up times in Boughtman Street.</p> <p>Burke Ward Public School</p> <p>Traffic and pedestrian observations were completed on Gypsum Street adjacent to the Burke Ward School by TfNSW, Associate Community and Safety Partner, Transport for NSW, Jenene House and Community and Safety Support Officer, Community and Place Partner Regional and Metropolitan Transport for NSW, Amy Robinson. The following observations were identified.</p>

	<p><i>Wednesday, 8 March 2023:</i></p> <p>The observation conducted during the morning school zone times, from 8am – 9.30am determined there was one accompanied and one unaccompanied student that used the pedestrian facility. There were 332 light vehicles and 20 heavy vehicles.</p> <p><i>Thursday, 9 March 2023:</i></p> <p>Observations conducted during the afternoon school zone times, from 2.30pm to 4pm determined there were six accompanied and three unaccompanied students that used the pedestrian facility. There were 365 light vehicles and 11 heavy vehicles.</p> <p>There are behavioural components that can be addressed to assist with safe drop off and pick up of students, including;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • student dropped on corner – crossed back to opposite side, then back again and did not use the pedestrian facility. • Students dropped off on the school side of the Gypsum Street intersection with Barrier Highway, in 'No Stopping' area. • U-turn on double barrier lines close to the intersection of Barrier Highway. • Parent helped two students out of the vehicle, did not use safety door (footpath) side, pedestrians crossed Gypsum Street and did not use the pedestrian facility. • Parent and student crossed Gypsum Street and did not use the pedestrian facility. • Unaccompanied students crossed Gypsum Street and did not use the pedestrian facility. • Parent accompanied student across Gypsum Street and did not use the pedestrian facility. • Two scooter riders used the school side path. • School bus stopped to pick up students in No Stopping area on the school side near intersection of Barrier Highway. <p>Council's Chief Assets and Projects Officer and Associate Community and Safety Partner, Transport for NSW, Jenene House and Community and Safety Support Officer, Community and Place Partner Regional and Metropolitan Transport for NSW, Amy Robinson met with the Burke Ward Public School Principal to discuss the findings from the observations and discussed the following matters:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The clearing of tree branches to increase visibility of the traffic lights on Barrier Highway, Rakow Street. The branches at the traffic lights are recommended to be trimmed at the earliest opportunity. These works have been scheduled by Council. • An application to have the traffic signal phasing adjusted for peak periods during the school day. The Burke Ward School to provide TfNSW, the days and times that the school requires use of the pedestrian signals. • Pedestrian refuge signs entering Gypsum Street, suggestion to install an additional sign on the right-hand side of the street. TfNSW to review. • Painting the refuge concrete blisters with the white glass beaded paint, to increase visibility, and re-marking the current stop lines on Rakow Street. • No Entry signs may not be visible in Newton Lane. Council to review.
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For the benefit of tradespeople attending the Burke Ward School, the installation of a 'Left Turn Only' sign at the carpark exit is recommended, due to the one way only traffic flow. Council to review. <p>Council's Projects Engineer, Faisal Salah is seeking quotations for line marking, in particular for the faded and cracked signals at the pedestrian crossing near the traffic lights. TfNSW has been consulted as this is a state highway and costs will be covered under the RMCC contracts.</p> <p>It was suggested that an usher be arranged by the Burke Ward School to monitor children at the crossing during school drop off and pick up times on the Gypsum Street side.</p> <p>Council's Chief Assets and Projects Officer informed the committee that when the school initially requested the installation of a pedestrian crossing, Council forwarded correspondence to the Burke Ward School suggesting teachers monitor the students on the Gypsum Street side of the school during the school zone times morning and afternoon.</p> <p>NSW Police suggested that either a fence be installed on the footpath to stop the children crossing or consider a median strip in the middle of the road in Gypsum Street, including a fence with an opening only at the crossing point.</p> <p>Road Safety and Traffic Management, Transport for NSW, David Vant advised the committee that TfNSW would not allow a fence to be installed on a medium strip on a state road.</p> <p>Vehicle classification would be required to assess if heavy vehicles access the Gypsum Street roadway. Council will investigate the deflection of the road and consider how much of the centre of the road would be required to be used for the construction of a medium strip.</p> <p>Recommendations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council to survey and measure the width of Gypsum Street adjacent to the Burke Ward Public School and report back to the committee at the next meeting. • That this item be merged with Item No. 43310.1 as these updates relate to both observations conducted by TfNSW. <p><i>Moved: Codie Howard</i></p> <p><i>Second: Peter Beven</i></p> <p><i>All in favour</i></p>
<p>May 2023</p>	<p>Gypsum Street</p> <p>Councillor, Marion Browne stated the issue regarding the Burke Ward Public Schools request for a pedestrian crossing to be installed on Gypsum Street was raised at the April Council meeting by members of the community and Councillors.</p> <p>Council's Projects Engineer, Faisal Salah informed the committee Gypsum Street is 15m wide and Rakow Street's width is 14.3m.</p> <p>A request for quotation has been developed to engage a contractor to install thermo line marking along Rakow Street adjacent to the Burke Ward School. It is anticipated this process will be completed by late May 2023, and the works then included in Council's works program. These works will reinstatement the faded line marking and dragon teeth.</p>

	<p>Associate Community and Safety Partner, Transport for NSW, Jenene House provided the findings of the inspection of the refuge on the Gypsum Street side of the Burke Ward School. The findings identified that the blisters were installed many years ago and are not now to current standard. Associate Community and Safety Partner, Transport for NSW, Jenene House suggested that the blister be repainted white to be more visible for motorist and for the signage to be updated.</p> <p>There are no stopping distance signs currently at the refuge and the kerb ramps do not align with the refuge island. Council to review. The infrastructure requires fixing of the signage and line marking to meet current standards.</p> <p>Associate Community and Safety Partner, Transport for NSW, Jenene House advised from the data previously collected from the traffic counters placed across Gypsum Street, that a pedestrian crossing is not warranted.</p> <p>Further investigation to be completed by Council and an update provided to the committee at the next meeting.</p>
Date	Item Details
February 2023	Cummins and Zebina Streets – Complaint regarding traffic – R.D and C.F Andrews
Item No.	432.7.1
EDRMS No.	D23/2233
CRM No.	N/A
Responsible Officer	Council's Chief Assets and Projects Officer
Current Status	Pending
Date	Council Committee Recommendation/s
February 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>That traffic counters to be placed across Zebina Street prior to the Zebina and Cummins Street intersection, to capture the speed of motorist at the crest of the hill.</i> • <i>That the data collected from the traffic counters be forwarded to the NSW Police, to assist in investigating the complaint and observing the area.</i> • <i>That a Council Officer liaise with residents in the area to identify any concerns/issues.</i>
Action Date	Running Actions
February 2023	Two residents, one from a Zebina Street property and another from a Cummins Street property are concerned that motorists travelling at speed up the hill in Zebina Street prior to the Zebina and Cummins Street intersection are not able to see vehicles reversing from these properties onto the roadway. Residents reversing from these properties cannot see oncoming traffic until it breasts the hill, risking a collision.

	<p>The residents have requested that Council erect signage to alert oncoming traffic to vehicles reversing onto the roadway (as per the preceding school zone signage).</p> <p>Associate Community and Safety Partner, Transport for NSW, Jenene House suggested that traffic counters be placed across Zebina Street to collect data for the speed of vehicles and for the matter to then be referred to the NSW Police to monitor and observe speeding vehicles in the area.</p> <p>Any additional information available, specifically relating to accidents involving reversing vehicles in the area may assist with the investigation.</p> <p>A question was raised - Are the residents reversing into the travel lane on Zebina Street or are they crossing the double white lines?</p> <p>Council's Compliance Officer, Barry Walker advised the committee that drivers are permitted to cross the double white line to enter or exit a property.</p> <p>Recommendations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • That traffic counters to be placed across Zebina Street prior to the Zebina and Cummins Street intersection the capture the speed of motorist at the crest of the hill. • That the data collected from the traffic counters be forwarded to the NSW Police for observation and monitoring of the area. • That a Council Officer liaise with residents in the area to identify and issues/concerns. <p>Move: Codie Howard Second: Jenene House All in favour</p> <p>Local Member delegated representative, Peter Beven declared he had a conflict of interest, being that he is an acquaintance of the complainant; withdrawing from any decision making/recommendations on the matter.</p> <p>It was raised that the committee are not able to make any decisions or recommendations without a NSW Police representative present.</p> <p>All actions and recommendations are to be approved by both the Transport for NSW and NSW Police before any action can be taken by Council relating to traffic matters.</p> <p>This matter and correspondence will be forwarded to the NSW Police representative to review and provide comments.</p>
March 2023	Traffic counters to be installed.
April 2023	Traffic counters to be installed and data provided to the committee at the next meeting.
May 2023	Council's Projects Engineer, Faisal Salah informed the committee the two-week period for placement of the traffic counters across Zebina Street will conclude on Wednesday, 3 May 2023 and the data collected will presented to the committee at the next scheduled meeting.
Date	Item Details

May 2023	Notification of Reconciliation Week – March – 29/05/2023 – Council's Events Coordinator
Item No.	435.8.1
EDRMS No.	D23/21533
CRM No.	N/A
Responsible Officer	Council's Chief Assets and Projects Officer / Associate Community and Safety Partner, Transport for NSW
Current Status	Completed
Date	Council Committee Recommendation/s
Action Date	Running Actions
May 2023	<p>Associate Community and Safety Partner, Transport for NSW, Jenene House advised that she would investigate the proposed routes for the march to inform approval.</p> <p>The remaining members of the committee had no objections for the rolling road closures, consisting of the placement of temporary barricades at each intersection, to allow the march to travel down Argent Street.</p> <p>NSW Police have been engaged to provide patrol cars at both the front and rear of the march procession.</p> <p>No further action required by LTC.</p>

429.9 Next Meeting Date: Tuesday, 6 June 2023

429.10 Meeting Close 3.26pm

ORDINARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

May 23, 2023

ITEM 7**BROKEN HILL CITY COUNCIL REPORT NO. 100/23****SUBJECT:** **ACTION LIST REPORT****D23/25968****Recommendation**

1. That Broken Hill City Council Report No. 100/23 dated May 23, 2023, be received.

Executive Summary:

The purpose of this report is to ensure that Council and the community are informed on the status of actions required by previous Council resolutions.

Report:

A new format Action List was presented to the June 2017 Council Meeting to provide Councillors with a clearer way of reporting on the progress of outstanding Council resolutions. As per Minute No. 45570, the Action List has been produced in the new colour coded format and shows the progress of Council' outstanding decisions (Green – completed, Yellow – in progress and Red – not yet commenced).

The Action List attached to this report covers decisions at Ordinary Council Meetings, is for information only and will be provided to Council on a monthly basis.

Discussions have been held with staff regarding the long outstanding items on the Action List, most of which are leasing/licencing matters. Staff will be working to finalise these items as a priority and/or request Council to rescind resolutions where circumstances have changed.

Community Engagement: Nil.

Strategic Direction:

Key Direction:	4	Our Leadership
Objective:	4.1	Openness and transparency in decision making
Strategy:	4.1.5	Support the organisation to operate its legal framework

Relevant Legislation: *Local Government Act 1993*

Financial Implications: Nil

Attachments

1. [↓](#) Action List Report

LEISA BARTLETT
EXECUTIVE OFFICER

JAY NANKIVELL
GENERAL MANAGER

For Action	Division: Ordinary Council	Date From: 1/04/2018
	Committee:	Date To: 24/05/2023
Action Sheets Report	Officer:	
	Further Report Required: Including Further Reports	Printed: Wednesday, 24 May 2023 2:01:44 PM

Meeting	Officer/Director	Section	Subject
Ordinary Council 26/04/2018	Mason, Michael Nankivell, Jay	Reports	COMPULSORY ACQUISITION OF WARNOCK GOSSAN STREET ROAD RESERVE
Resolved:			
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> That Broken Hill City Council Report No. 59/18 dated April 6, 2018, be received. That Council make an application to the Minister and Governor for approval to acquire the sections of Warnock and Gossan Street traversing Crown Land in Lot 7469 in Deposited Plan 1182254, under Section 177 of the <i>Roads Act 1993</i> and Section 186 of the <i>Local Government Act 1993</i>. That the acquisition be undertaken in accordance with the requirements of the <i>Land Acquisition (Just Terms Compensation) Act 1991</i>. That upon acquisition, Council to undertake required actions to open the subject road by registration of a plan in accordance with Section 7 of the <i>Roads Act 1993</i>. 			
16 May 2018 9:45am Bartlett, Leisa In progress.			
15 Aug 2018 3:32pm Bartlett, Leisa MPDC advised - OLG advised that the land is subject to a Native Title Claim and that compulsory acquisition cannot go ahead at this stage. Council is waiting for further advice from OLG.			
11 Sep 2018 4:40pm Bartlett, Leisa No change, awaiting advice from OLG.			
09 Oct 2018 5:08pm Bartlett, Leisa Awaiting OLG advice			
13 Nov 2018 9:26am Bartlett, Leisa Awaiting OLG advice due to Native Title.			
06 Feb 2019 1:51pm Bartlett, Leisa In discussions with Crown Lands regarding Native Title.			
07 Mar 2019 1:55pm Bartlett, Leisa No change, awaiting response from Crown Lands.			
15 May 2019 10:41am Falkner, Georgina Crown Lands have advised they have no objection to receiving Proposed Acquisition Notices. Investigating budget and Native Title prior to making application to OLG.			
14 Jun 2019 3:27pm Bartlett, Leisa no change in status			
04 Jul 2019 1:51pm Bartlett, Leisa no change in status			
20 Aug 2019 3:39pm Misagh, Anthony Acquisition is on hold and most likely will not be going ahead at this point. It holds native title and it is getting somewhat expensive.			
17 Oct 2019 9:54am Bartlett, Leisa Discussions being held with month with the Department of Crown Lands.			
14 Nov 2019 4:35pm Bartlett, Leisa Seeking legal advice from Council's Solicitors			
12 Feb 2020 12:12pm Bartlett, Leisa Legal advice received. Matter in progress.			
07 Apr 2020 10:14am Bartlett, Leisa 11/03/2020 - Matter in progress.			
08 Apr 2020 11:16am Bartlett, Leisa In progress.			
08 May 2020 11:58am Bartlett, Leisa Matter in progress.			
10 Jun 2020 2:35pm Bartlett, Leisa Matter in progress.			
15 Jul 2020 1:45pm Bartlett, Leisa Matter in progress.			
12 Aug 2020 9:41am Bartlett, Leisa Matter in progress.			
17 Sep 2020 3:05pm Bartlett, Leisa Matter on hold until the Federation Way Acquisition is complete.			
16 Oct 2020 8:42am Bartlett, Leisa Matter on hold.			

<p>For Action</p> <p>Action Sheets Report</p>	<p>Division: Ordinary Council</p> <p>Committee: Ordinary Council</p> <p>Officer:</p> <p>Further Report Required: Including Further Reports</p>	<p>Date From: 1/04/2018</p> <p>Date To: 24/05/2023</p> <p>Printed: Wednesday, 24 May 2023 2:01:44 PM</p>
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<p>10 Nov 2020 4:11pm Bartlett, Leisa Matter on hold.</p> <p>30 Nov 2020 2:06pm Bartlett, Leisa Matter on hold.</p> <p>12 Feb 2021 10:00am Bartlett, Leisa Matter on hold until Federation Way Acquisition is complete</p> <p>18 Mar 2021 4:38pm Bartlett, Leisa In progress.</p> <p>16 Apr 2021 10:41am Bartlett, Leisa In progress.</p> <p>12 May 2021 12:10pm Bartlett, Leisa On hold until Federation Way acquisition is complete.</p> <p>15 Jul 2021 12:13pm Bartlett, Leisa On hold until Federation Way acquisition is complete.</p> <p>12 Aug 2021 3:03pm Bartlett, Leisa On hold.</p> <p>16 Dec 2021 11:49am Bartlett, Leisa On hold.</p> <p>18 Jan 2022 2:54pm Butcher, Lacey On hold</p> <p>21 Mar 2022 3:44pm Bartlett, Leisa no change in status.</p> <p>19 May 2022 11:21am Bartlett, Leisa no change in status.</p> <p>22 Jun 2022 11:03am Guerin, Emily No change in status</p> <p>18 Jul 2022 3:05pm Guerin, Emily No change in status</p> <p>24 Aug 2022 3:28pm Bartlett, Leisa No change in status.</p> <p>07 Sep 2022 3:23pm Guerin, Emily - Reallocation Action reassigned to Mason, Michael by Guerin, Emily</p> <p>20 Sep 2022 12:16pm Guerin, Emily No change in status.</p> <p>18 Oct 2022 9:36am Guerin, Emily No change in status</p> <p>16 Nov 2022 8:25am Guerin, Emily No change in status</p> <p>17 Jan 2023 11:18am Guerin, Emily No change in status</p> <p>13 Feb 2023 11:43am Guerin, Emily No change in status</p> <p>21 Mar 2023 1:29pm Guerin, Emily No change in status</p> <p>18 Apr 2023 11:19am Guerin, Emily No change in status</p> <p>23 May 2023 8:48am Butcher, Lacey No change in status</p>	
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Meeting	Officer/Director	Section	Subject
Ordinary Council 29/07/2020	Mason, Michael Nankivell, Jay	Confidential Matters	WILLYAMA COMMON TRUST LICENCE OF PART LOT 7315 DP 1183447 TO BROKEN HILL SPEEDWAY CLUB
Resolved			
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That Broken Hill City Council Report No. 105/20 dated July 1, 2020, be received. 2. That Council (as Trust Manager for the Willyama Common Trust) lease Part Lot 7315 in Deposited Plan 1183447 to the Broken Hill Speedway Club for the purpose of a motocross track extension and associated access. 3. That the lease term be 25 years and the annual rental be the minimum Crown Lands rental. 			

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4. That the Mayor and General Manager be authorised to sign and execute any documents under the Common Seal of Council, the absence of a Trust Seal.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

12 Aug 2020 10:00am Bartlett, Leisa

Solicitors are drawing up the licence agreement.

17 Sep 2020 3:09pm Bartlett, Leisa

Draft lease being finalised.

16 Oct 2020 9:20am Bartlett, Leisa

Draft lease with Solicitors.

10 Nov 2020 4:26pm Bartlett, Leisa

Licence is with the Broken Hill Speedway Club for signature.

30 Nov 2020 2:11pm Bartlett, Leisa

Licence with Speedway Club for signature.

12 Feb 2021 10:04am Bartlett, Leisa

Licence signed by all parties and is now with the Minister for approval.

18 Mar 2021 4:40pm Bartlett, Leisa

In progress.

16 Apr 2021 10:42am Bartlett, Leisa

In progress.

12 May 2021 12:14pm Bartlett, Leisa

In progress.

17 Jun 2021 4:55pm Bartlett, Leisa

Waiting on response from Local Aboriginal Land Council.

15 Jul 2021 12:15pm Bartlett, Leisa

Solicitor is awaiting a response from the Local Aboriginal Land Council.

12 Aug 2021 3:04pm Bartlett, Leisa

Council's Solicitor is awaiting a response from the Local Aboriginal Land Council.

15 Sep 2021 9:06am Bartlett, Leisa

Council staff following up with Local Aboriginal Land Council.

14 Oct 2021 4:12pm Bartlett, Leisa

Awaiting response from Local Aboriginal Land Council.

11 Nov 2021 9:02am Bartlett, Leisa

Awaiting response from the Local Aboriginal Land Council.

16 Dec 2021 11:51am Bartlett, Leisa

Awaiting response from Local Aboriginal Land Council.

18 Jan 2022 2:55pm Butcher, Lacey

Awaiting response from Aboriginal Land Council

15 Feb 2022 10:58am Bartlett, Leisa

Awaiting response from Aboriginal Land Council.

23 Mar 2022 2:42pm Bartlett, Leisa

No change in status.

19 May 2022 11:23am Bartlett, Leisa

No change in status.

22 Jun 2022 11:04am Guerin, Emily

No change in status

18 Jul 2022 3:07pm Guerin, Emily

No change in status

24 Aug 2022 3:28pm Bartlett, Leisa

No change in status.

07 Sep 2022 3:24pm Guerin, Emily - Reallocation

Action reassigned to Mason, Michael by Guerin, Emily

20 Sep 2022 12:16pm Guerin, Emily

No change in status.

18 Oct 2022 9:36am Guerin, Emily

Still awaiting response from Aboriginal Land Council. Further follow up with LALC to again occur.

16 Nov 2022 8:25am Guerin, Emily

No change in status

13 Dec 2022 8:56am Guerin, Emily

No change in status

17 Jan 2023 11:16am Guerin, Emily

No change in status

13 Feb 2023 11:43am Guerin, Emily

No change in status

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21 Mar 2023 1:29pm Guerin, Emily
No change in status
18 Apr 2023 11:20am Guerin, Emily
No change in status
23 May 2023 8:48am Butcher, Lacey
No change in status

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Ordinary Council 9/12/2020	Mason, Michael Nankivell, Jay	Confidential Matters	WILLYAMA COMMON TRUST LICENCE TO NEXTGEN NETWORKS PTY LTD

Resolved

1. That Broken Hill City Council Report No. 175/20 dated November 24, 2020, be received.
2. That the Willyama Common Trust amend the existing licence to Nextgen Networks Pty Ltd in accordance with the attached plan, being part Lot 7302 DP 1181129.
3. That the Willyama Common Trust renew the amended licence for a further period of 10 years (in accordance with the existing renewal option) and rent be set at \$2500 per annum.
4. That the Mayor and General Manager be authorised to sign and execute any relevant documents under the Common Seal of Council, in the absence of a Trust Seal.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

12 Feb 2021 10:12am Bartlett, Leisa
Processes have commence to issue licence.
18 Mar 2021 4:41pm Bartlett, Leisa
Nextgen progressing draft licence.
16 Apr 2021 10:47am Bartlett, Leisa
Draft deed is with the Solicitor.
12 May 2021 12:17pm Bartlett, Leisa
Draft deed with Solicitors - in progress.
17 Jun 2021 5:24pm Bartlett, Leisa
Draft deed with the Solicitors.
15 Jul 2021 12:19pm Bartlett, Leisa
In progress.
12 Aug 2021 3:06pm Bartlett, Leisa
In progress.
15 Sep 2021 9:09am Bartlett, Leisa
In progress.
14 Oct 2021 4:15pm Bartlett, Leisa
Awaiting information from applicant to be able to progress further.
11 Nov 2021 9:02am Bartlett, Leisa
Potential amendments being discussed.
16 Dec 2021 11:51am Bartlett, Leisa
Amendments being discussed.
18 Jan 2022 2:56pm Butcher, Lacey
Amendments being discussed
15 Feb 2022 10:59am Bartlett, Leisa
Amendments in progress.
23 Mar 2022 2:42pm Bartlett, Leisa
No change in status
19 Apr 2022 11:33am Bartlett, Leisa
Licence with Solicitors for amendments.
19 May 2022 11:24am Bartlett, Leisa
Amendments in progress.
18 Jul 2022 3:07pm Guerin, Emily
No change in status
07 Sep 2022 3:25pm Guerin, Emily - Reallocation
Action reassigned to Mason, Michael by Guerin, Emily

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<p>20 Sep 2022 12:16pm Guerin, Emily No change in status.</p> <p>18 Oct 2022 9:45am Guerin, Emily No change in status</p> <p>16 Nov 2022 8:25am Guerin, Emily No change in status</p> <p>13 Dec 2022 8:56am Guerin, Emily No change in status</p> <p>17 Jan 2023 11:17am Guerin, Emily No change in status</p> <p>13 Feb 2023 11:43am Guerin, Emily No change in status</p> <p>21 Mar 2023 1:29pm Guerin, Emily No change in status</p> <p>18 Apr 2023 11:22am Guerin, Emily No change in status</p> <p>23 May 2023 8:48am Butcher, Lacey No change in status</p>
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Ordinary Council 31/03/2021	Howard, Codie Nankivell, Jay	Notice of Motion	STREET LIGHTING
Resolved			
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> That Motions of Which Notice has been Given No. 8/21 dated March 19, 2021, be received. That Broken Hill City Council prepares a report to be tabled at the May 2021 Council Meeting regarding the installation of street lighting on Holten Drive, McGillivray Drive and Federation Way. That at the end of the roll-out of the Southern Lights project, an assessment be undertaken of any further need for street lighting including the lighting to the roads mentioned in part 2 (Holten Drive, McGillivray Drive and Federation Way). 			
			CARRIED
<p>16 Apr 2021 10:53am Bartlett, Leisa Report being prepared for the May Council Meeting.</p> <p>12 May 2021 4:35pm Bartlett, Leisa Awaiting advice on public lighting code requirements, prior to report being finalised.</p> <p>20 Jul 2021 1:45pm Bartlett, Leisa Report still being completed. Meeting with Essential Energy delayed due to COVID-19.</p> <p>12 Aug 2021 3:07pm Bartlett, Leisa Meeting with Essential Energy delayed due to COVID-19.</p> <p>14 Sep 2021 4:36pm Bartlett, Leisa Meeting with Essential Energy delayed due to COVID-19.</p> <p>12 Oct 2021 11:09am Bartlett, Leisa Meeting with Essential Energy delayed due to COVID-19.</p> <p>11 Nov 2021 9:03am Bartlett, Leisa Discussions being held with Southern Lights Group around long term ownership of street lights and installation of new poles.</p> <p>16 Dec 2021 11:52am Bartlett, Leisa Discussions ongoing.</p> <p>18 Jan 2022 2:57pm Butcher, Lacey Discussions ongoing</p> <p>15 Feb 2022 11:00am Bartlett, Leisa Discussions ongoing</p> <p>21 Mar 2022 3:15pm Bartlett, Leisa Discussions ongoing.</p> <p>19 Apr 2022 3:01pm Bartlett, Leisa Southern Lights Project still being carried out by South West joint organisation, with discussions ongoing.</p> <p>19 May 2022 11:25am Bartlett, Leisa Engagement of lighting engineer commenced for assessment of current lighting and requirements to meeting the public lighting code.</p> <p>22 Jun 2022 9:43am Guerin, Emily No change in status</p>			

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18 Jul 2022 1:34pm Guerin, Emily
Request for Quotation for street lighting assessment have been sent out and are awaiting response

24 Aug 2022 3:25pm Bartlett, Leisa
Quotations have been received and are currently being evaluated.

14 Sep 2022 10:53am Guerin, Emily
Awaiting schedule from contractors on when works can be completed

18 Oct 2022 9:27am Guerin, Emily
No change in status

21 Nov 2022 2:20pm Guerin, Emily
Assessment currently being completed

13 Dec 2022 11:51am Guerin, Emily
No change in status

16 Jan 2023 2:23pm Guerin, Emily
Report from assessment due in February 2023

13 Feb 2023 2:07pm Guerin, Emily
No change in status

23 Mar 2023 9:49am Guerin, Emily
Assessment has been completed and data recieved. Report will be prepared and presented to April Works Committee for comment.

19 Apr 2023 11:25am Guerin, Emily
Data is still being interpreted and integrated into Council's GIS System

24 May 2023 8:36am Butcher, Lacey
Data transfer is ongoing

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Ordinary Council 26/05/2021	Mason, Michael Nankivell, Jay	Reports	UPDATE ON PROPOSED ACQUISITION OF FEDERATION WAY
Resolved			
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> That Broken Hill City Council Report No. 75/21 dated April 27, 2021, be received. That Council note the progress update on the proposed acquisition of Federation Way. That Council seek to negotiate an Indigenous Land Use Agreement (ILUA) with the Barkandji Corporation, to allow Council to acquire the Crown Land while preserving the Barkandji's Native Title rights and interests. That the Mayor and General Manager be authorised to negotiate the terms and conditions of the proposed Indigenous Land Use Agreement (ILUA) with the Barkandji Corporation; and that at the finalisation of negotiations, a report be provided to Council advising the outcome of the negotiations for Council's approval to enter an ILUA with the Barkandji Corporation. 			
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY			
18 Jun 2021 3:31pm Bartlett, Leisa All parties agreed to extension of acquisition timeline. Native Title negotiations to commence in July.			
15 Jul 2021 12:23pm Bartlett, Leisa In progress - Solicitors working out date for negotiations.			
12 Aug 2021 3:09pm Bartlett, Leisa Meeting re negotiations delayed due to COVID-19.			
26 Aug 2021 3:27pm Falkner, Georgina - Completion Action completed by Bartlett, Leisa			
15 Sep 2021 9:10am Bartlett, Leisa Meeting likely to be organised remotely due to COVID-19. Solicitors are currently trying to organise potential dates.			
14 Oct 2021 4:16pm Bartlett, Leisa Meeting proposed for early November 2021.			
11 Nov 2021 9:05am Bartlett, Leisa Initial meeting held, further negotiations to continue.			
16 Dec 2021 11:57am Bartlett, Leisa Further negotiations continuing.			
18 Jan 2022 2:59pm Butcher, Lacey Further negotiations continuing			
15 Feb 2022 11:07am Bartlett, Leisa			

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Negotiations continuing.

23 Mar 2022 2:43pm Bartlett, Leisa
No change in status.

19 Apr 2022 10:14am Bartlett, Leisa
An update report regarding the progress of this matter is provided to the April 2022 Health & Building Committee Meeting.

19 May 2022 11:26am Bartlett, Leisa
On hold, pending further discussion with Crown Lands as per the April 2022 Council Meeting Resolution.

22 Jun 2022 11:28am Guerin, Emily
Correspondence sent to Crown Lands

18 Jul 2022 3:08pm Guerin, Emily
No change in status

24 Aug 2022 3:31pm Bartlett, Leisa
No change in status.

07 Sep 2022 3:25pm Guerin, Emily - Reallocation
Action reassigned to Mason, Michael by Guerin, Emily

20 Sep 2022 12:16pm Guerin, Emily
No change in status.

18 Oct 2022 9:46am Guerin, Emily
No change in status

16 Nov 2022 8:26am Guerin, Emily
No change in status

13 Dec 2022 8:56am Guerin, Emily
No change in status

17 Jan 2023 11:17am Guerin, Emily
No change in status

13 Feb 2023 11:43am Guerin, Emily
No change in status

21 Mar 2023 1:30pm Guerin, Emily
No change in status

18 Apr 2023 11:23am Guerin, Emily
No change in status

23 May 2023 8:49am Butcher, Lacey
No change in status

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Ordinary Council 12/01/2022	Nankivell, Jay Nankivell, Jay	Council Resolution	Council Resolution
<u>Resolved</u>			
1. That the Mayoral Minute 2/22 dated the 12/01/22 be received.			
2. That an Ordinary Council Meeting be held on the 27/01/2022 at 6.30pm.			
3. That a workshop be held on Wednesday 19/01/2022 at 5.30pm to organise amendments to Council's Code of Meeting Practice, so that the public forum will be part of Councils Ordinary and Extraordinary Meetings. Other amendments to the Code of Meeting Practice will also be made, that the amendments discussed will be put in a draft form for adoption at the January Council Meeting on Thursday 27/01/2022.			
4. That Council immediately advertises for community groups interested in hosting public meetings to discuss Council matters. The public meetings will be held monthly and business forums bi-monthly; that a report will be presented to the February 2022 meeting of Council about potential arrangements for public meetings.			
5. That at the February 2022 meeting of Council, Councillors are to be presented with the required policies, with amendments included, that will allow for cash payments to be accepted at all Council operated facilities.			
6. That a workshop will be held to discuss amendments to the following policies, The Code of Conduct, Compliance			

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and Enforcement Policy, Debt Recovery Policy, Local Orders Policy, Media Relations Policy, Social Media Policy and Tree Management Policy.

7. That all expenditure, plans and actions related to the development of the Council's Library hub be abandoned and that the General Manager be invited to present a report to the Council Meeting on 27/1/2022 outlining the use of federal grant money for a purpose built archive that is located in the proposed position of the Library hub. The report will include staffing requirements.
8. That the General Manager be invited to advertise for expressions of interest for a community group to facilitate the removal and replacement of the gateway signage, that Councillors are presented with a report at the February 2022 Council Meeting detailing the cost of replacing one of the gateway signs with a sign chosen by Deanna Spicer from her designs.
9. That the General Manager be invited to provide a report to Council with options on how to manage a complaints committee that is operated locally, the committee will deal with disputed fines and disputed orders.
10. That the General Manager be invited to provide a report to March 2022 Ordinary Council Meeting that details the structure and operations of the former 355 committee known as "The Regional Tourism Association" with a view to re-establish the committee. The goal of the committee will be to market tourism and encourage migration to the city.
11. That the General Manager be invited to provide a report to Council detailing the requirements for dedicated full time Council employed staff to maintain footpaths and nature strips.
12. That the over \$6M collected from waste disposal from the Wentworth to Broken Hill pipeline is removed from the Library hub project reserve and placed into a general projects reserve.
13. That Council forms a 355 committee that deals with all matters that affect our senior citizens and that the formation of the committee is to be advertised to the community for membership and expressions of interest.
14. That Council forms a 355 committee that has the role to bring projects and services to the city that benefit young children, teenage children and young adults and that the formation of the committee will be advertised and expressions sought.
15. That the General Manager be invited to provide a report to Council detailing what amendments need to be made to the constitutions of all Council 355 committees as to provide more autonomy to the committees to operate and manage Council facilities.
16. That the Mayor be invited to organise a meeting with the Local Member Roy Butler and Essential Water as early as possible to significantly accelerate the process to open the Imperial Lake. That a site visit is organised with Essential Energy for Councillors to view the Imperial Lake. That the General Manager be invited to obtain an independent engineers report into the safety of the dam wall. Expressions of interest are advertised immediately for community representation on a working group to facilitate volunteers and the opening of the Lake and that Landcare and RANA are contacted to gauge interest.
17. That options to increase street lighting be referred to the Policy and General committee.

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18. That the General Manager be invited to immediately advertise for expression of interest from the community to form a working party to provide Council with advice on projects that Council undertakes, with a view to reduce the Council's reliance on consultants.
19. That the General Manager be invited to hold a workshop to explain to Councillors how line budgets will be implemented for the 2022/23 budget.
20. That the Mayor be invited to host a meeting with the Local State Member Roy Butler and the Local Federal Member Mark Coulton and that John Lynch, and a representative from the RFDS are invited to discuss proposals and options for an airport upgrade and options.
21. That options to increase childcare be referred to the Policy and General committee.
22. That the Works committee discuss and provide options for the removal of residential waste gate charges, this will also apply to commercial businesses that are disposing of residential rubbish, the committee will also discuss greenwaste and other recycling options. Any findings will be discussed at a number of public meetings.
23. That the General Manager be invited to provide the Council with a report detailing the legal expenditure to defend against the Ombudsman's report into the Occupation Certificate and Civic Centre usage. The report will detail any decision to expend funds to mount such defence. This report will be provided to the February 2022 meeting.
24. That the General Manager be invited to hold a workshop on 24/01/2022 at 5.30 pm to provide Councillors with all reports and information pertaining to the Civic Centre litigation.
25. That the Policy and General committee consider proposals to reduce commercial and industrial rates and to make residential rates more equitable.
26. That the General Manager be invited to advertise for expressions of interest to paint murals and provide other street art and that a report be provided at the January 27th 2022 meeting explaining why the proposed mural in Argent Street from the Country Women's Association was rejected and options to invite them to resubmit their application.
27. That the Policy and General committee investigate the cost for Council to provide more focus on applying for grant funding and the opportunity to apply for grants for local organisations as a fee for service.
28. That the Mayor be invited to send correspondence to the Local State Member Roy Butler asking that he make representations to the State Government on behalf of the Broken Hill community to have a permanent Wentworth pipeline subsidy implemented. That the State Member be asked to facilitate a meeting with the appropriate Minister to meet with himself and the Mayor to discuss the subsidy.
29. That the General Manager be invited to provide Council with a report at the on the progress of the Netball, Norm Fox redevelopment and a tour is organised for Councillors to see all Council parks, ovals and sporting facilities.
30. That the General Manager be invited to organise a meeting with IPART and Essential Energy to discuss options to increase water usage at a lower cost so that the city can be greened.

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31. That the Mayor be invited to send correspondence to the Local Member Roy Butler to ask him to organise a meeting with the appropriate Ministers to discuss the management of the Menindee Lakes and the Darling River.
 32. That General Manager be invited to immediately advertise for expressions of interest from the community to remove dead trees.
 33. That the Works committee investigate options to plant different tree species that are asset friendly and fast growing.
 34. That the General Manager be invited to provide Councillors with a report on options to address the issues of roaming dogs and cats. That a meeting be organised of the committee that was formed to address this issue and the findings referred to the Policy and General committee.
 35. That the General Manager be invited to provide a report about the process to get funding for a mining, truck, car and motorbike museums. The report will include previous reports on the matters and the offer made by Perilya a number of years ago about mining assets.
 36. That the General Manager advertise for expressions of interest to form a working group to address the homeless issue, drug and alcohol use and suicide prevention.
 37. That the General Manager be invited to provide a report to Council detailing options to facilitate a truck wash and truck stop.
 38. That the General Manager be invited to provide a report to the January meeting about any positions in the employee structure that remain unfilled and the expense to date for wages compared to the budgeted amount. Also the expected wage amount to year end with only the current positions filled.
 39. That the General Manager be invited to contact the appropriate Aboriginal organisations to facilitate communication for the purpose of establishing a green space at the rear of Creedon Street.
 40. That the General Manager provides a report to the January 27 2022 Ordinary Council Meeting outlining timelines for the implementation of the resolutions of Mayoral Minute No. 2/22.
- CARRIED
- 21 Jan 2022 5:25pm Bartlett, Leisa

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2. - COMPLETE, 3. - COMPLETE. Draft for public exhibition presented to the January Council Meeting., 4. - Report to be presented to the February Council Meeting., 5. - Report to be presented to the February Ordinary Council Meeting, 6. - Workshops to be scheduled during February to enable consideration of amended policies at the March Committee meetings., 7. - Report presented to the January Council Meeting., 8. - Report to be presented to the February Council Meeting., 9. - Report to be presented to the March Policy & General Committee Meeting., 10. - Report to be presented to the March Ordinary Council Meeting, 11. - Workshops to be held with Council through the development of the 2022/23 Operational Plan and Resourcing Strategy, with a report provided to the April 2022 Policy & General Committee., 12. - Internal transfer of reserves has been completed. An updated internal reserve table will be presented as part of the December Quarterly Review Report., 13. - A workshop will be held with Councillors in March to formulate a TOR for presentation to the March Committee Meetings., 14. - A workshop will be held with Councillors in March to formulate a TOR for presentation to the March Committee Meetings., 15. - Report to be presented to the March Works Committee meeting., 16. - Site visit being arranged with Essential Water for the week commencing 31 January 2022., 17. - Options to be presented at the April Works Committee meeting., 18. - Projects Steering Group Terms of Reference to be formulated and presented to the February Ordinary Council Meeting., 19. - Workshops to be held during March 2022 as part of the 2022/23 budget process., 20. - Meeting to be scheduled for February 2022., 21. - Further consultation with Foundation Broken Hill is recommended during February 2022 with options for Council support to be presented to the March Health and Building Committee Meeting., 22. - to occur during March 2022 as part of the 2022/23 budget process., 23. - Report to be presented to the February Council Meeting., 24. - Workshop held on 24 January 2022., 25. - to occur during March 2022 as part of the 2022/23 budget process., 26. - Report presented at this Council Meeting. EOI for murals and street art in accordance with Council's Public Art Policy to be advertised in February 2022., 27. - This will be workshopped with Council through the development of the 2022/23 Operational Plan and Resourcing Strategy, with a report provided to the April Policy and General Committee meeting., 28. - Letter being drafted., 29. - Report presented to January Council Meeting with site visits and further workshops scheduled for February., 30. - Meeting to be organised for February 2022., 31. - Letter being drafted., 32. - EOI to be advertised during February 2022 following the results of the tree audit to identify high priority areas of removal in the first instance., 33. - Tree Management Policy and Tree Management Plan to be workshopped with Councillors during February 2022 for presentation to the March Works Committee Meeting., 34. - Report will be provided to Councillors in March 2022, following the commencement of Council's recently appointed Executive Manager Planning and Community Safety., 35. - Priority projects and funding to be discussed and workshopped as part of the development of the 2022/23 Operational Plan and Resourcing Strategy., 36. - Working Groups Terms of Reference to be developed in consultation with the appropriate stakeholders and presented to the April Health and Building Committee Meeting., 37. - Report to be presented to the February Council Meeting for further consideration to occur as part of the 2022/23 budget process., 38. - Report presented to the January Council Meeting - COMPLETE, 39. - Contact and further investigation to occur during February 2022 when appropriate Officers return from leave., 40. - Report presented to January Council Meeting - COMPLETE

11 Feb 2022 5:02pm Bartlett, Leisa

2 - COMPLETE. 3 - Code of Meeting Practice Policy placed on public exhibition-COMplete. 4 - Report prepared to February Council Meeting regarding Business Meetings. 5 - Report prepared to February Council Meeting - COMPLETE. 6 - Workshops scheduled for 7&9 March 2022. 7 - Report presented to 27/01/22 Council Meeting - COMPLETE. 8 - Report presented to February Council Meeting tracking of further action will continue with that report resolution - COMPLETE. 9 - Report to be presented to March Policy and General Committee Meeting. 10 - Report prepared for February Council Meeting and tracking of further action will continue with that report resolution - COMPLETE. 11 - to be included in Budget Workshops with a report to April Policy & General Committee. 12 - Funds moved, adjustments to be made in Quarter 3 budget review report. 13&14 Report to February Council Meeting and tracking of further action will continue with that report-COMplete. 15 - Report to be presented to March Works Committee. 16 - Site visit has been held. 17 - Report to be presented to April Works Committee. 18 - Report to February Council Meeting and tracking of further action will continue with that report resolution - COMPLETE. 19 - Budget workshops to be held in March. 20 - Meeting scheduled for 21/02/22. 21. Meeting being scheduled with Foundation Broken Hill. 22 - To be discussed during Budget workshops in March. 23 - Report prepared for February Council Meeting - COMPLETE. 24 - Councillor Briefing has been held - COMPLETE. 25 - To be included in Budget workshops in March. 26 - Report presented to February Council Meeting and advertising to occur in February. 27 - To be workshopped with Operational Plan 2022/23 and a report to the April Policy & General Committee. 28 - Draft Letter with Mayor for signature. 29 - Report was presented to 27 January Council Meeting, site visit scheduled for 25/2/22. 30 - Meeting being scheduled. 31 - Draft Letter with Mayor for signature. 32 - EOI to be advertised following completion of the Tree Audit. 33 - Policy workshop being scheduled. 34 - Report to be presented to March Policy and General Committee. 35 - To be included in Operational Plan 2022/23 workshop. 36 - Report prepared to February Council Meeting. 37 - Report prepared to February Council Meeting and further tracking will be included with resolution of new report - COMPLETE. 38 - Report presented to 27 January Council Meeting - COMPLETE. 39 - Report prepared to February Council Meeting and further tracking will be included with the resolution of the new report - COMPLETE. 40 - Report presented to 27 January Council Meeting - COMPLETE.

23 Mar 2022 3:05pm Bartlett, Leisa

2-COMplete, 3-COMplete, 4-report regarding public meetings to be presented to Council, 5-COMplete, 6- Code of Conduct, Media Relations Policy and Social Media Policy have been workshopped. Workshops to be arranged for the Compliance & Enforcement Policy, Debt Recovery Policy, Local Orders Policy and Tree Management Policy. 7-COMplete, 8-COMplete, 9-Report to be presented to Council following the Policy Workshop on the Local Orders Policy. 10-COMplete, 11- report to be presented to the April Policy & General Committee following the budget workshop. 12-adjustments made in quarter 3 budget review report-COMplete. 13&14-COMplete, 15-report presented to March Policy and General Committee-COMplete, 16-Site visit held and investigations ongoing, 17-report to be presented to April Works Committee, 18-COMplete, 19-Budget workshops to be held in March, 20-Meeting held COMPLETE, 21-Report presented to March Health and Building Committee-COMplete, 22-to be discussed at budget workshops in March, 23-COMplete, 24- COMPLETE, 25-to be discussed at budget workshops in March, 26-included in Public Art Policy Workshop held on 10 March and policy updated as per resolution-COMplete, 27-to be workshopped with operational plan and a report to April Policy & General Committee, 28-letter sent-COMplete, 29-Site visit scheduled-COMplete, 30-meeting being scheduled. 31-letter sent-COMplete, 32-EOI to be advertised following completion of the tree audit, 33-Policy workshop being scheduled, 34-report to be presented to Council. 35- to be included in operational plan workshop, 36-interagency group formed-COMplete, 37-COMplete, 38-COMplete, 39-COMplete, 40-COMplete

13 Apr 2022 2:40pm Bartlett, Leisa

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2-COMplete, 3-COMplete, 4-Public Forums introduced to Council Meetings and Foundation Broken Hill to commence community meetings, Business Forums already being held-COMplete, 5-COMplete, 6-Councillor Workshop to consider the remaining policies scheduled for 10 May 2022-COMplete, 7-COMplete, 8-COMplete, 9-To be considered at Councillor Workshop on 10 May 2022-COMplete, 10-COMplete, 11-Report to be provided following the Councillor Budget Workshop, 12-COMplete, 13-COMplete, 14-COMplete, 15-COMplete, 16-Councillor Briefing by Landcare scheduled for 28/4/22 regarding the Imperial Lakes Nature Park Project-COMplete, 17-Report to be presented to Council following the Councillor Budget Workshop scheduled for 26/4/22, 18-COMplete, 19-part of full-day Councillor Budget Workshop scheduled for 26/4/22-COMplete, 20-COMplete, 21-COMplete, 22-to be considered at an Extraordinary Council Meeting along with the 2022/23 budget-COMplete, 23-COMplete, 24-COMplete, 25-included in Councillor Budget Workshop and will be included in budget report to Extraordinary Council Meeting-COMplete, 26-COMplete, 27-To be considered at an Extraordinary Council Meeting along with the budget report-COMplete, 28-COMplete, 29-COMplete, 30-meeting to be scheduled, 31-COMplete, 32-EOI to be advertised following completion of the Tree Audit, 33-Tree Management Policy currently being reviewed and provided to Council Meeting, 34 report to be presented to Council, 35-to be included in Councillor Budget Workshop scheduled for 26/4/22-COMplete, 36-COMplete, 37-COMplete, 38-COMplete, 39-COMplete, 40-COMplete

19 May 2022 11:38am Bartlett, Leisa
6-Councillor Workshop to consider the remaining policies re-scheduled for 15 June 2022-COMplete, 9- Councillor Workshop scheduled for 15 June 2022-COMplete, 17-Report to be presented to Council following the adoption of the Budget in May 2022, 1, 30-meeting to be scheduled, 32-EOI to be advertised following completion of the Tree Audit, 33-Tree Management Policy currently being reviewed and provided to Council Meeting, 34 report to be presented to Council

15 Jun 2022 1:28pm Nankivell, Jay - Completion
Action completed by Bartlett, Leisa

22 Jun 2022 10:26am Guerin, Emily
17. No change in status. 30. Representatives of the Broken Hill City Council will attend a public hearing for the Essential Water and WaterNSW Pipeline reviews in September 2022 (date TBC). 32- EOI to be advertised following completion of the Tree Audit, 33 - No change in status 34. Nominations for Working Group closed 17/6/22. Community Members to be determined by General Manager. First meeting will be held in due course.

19 Jul 2022 9:48am Guerin, Emily
17. No change in status. 30. Council briefing has been organised for Councillors to review IPART draft report into the review of Water NSW prices for thed Murray River to Broken Hill pipeline, being held Tuesday, 9 August 2022. 32. No change in status. 33. No change in status. 34. Community Representatives appointed by General Manager, welcome letters sent to Committee Members beginning of July. First meeting date TBC.

24 Aug 2022 3:34pm Bartlett, Leisa
17. Quotations for street lighting assessment have been received and are currently being evaluated. 30. - COMplete, 32. Advertising to occur in September, conversations iwht suppliers held in August. 33 - COMplete, 34 - First meeting of the Working Group to be arranged.

24 Aug 2022 3:56pm Butcher, Lacey
17. No change in status 30. Complete 32. Advertising to occur in September, Conversations held ith suppliers in August. 33 Complete. 34 Complete.

19 Sep 2022 1:18pm Guerin, Emily
17. Contractors awarded, awaiting works schedule. 32. No change in status

20 Oct 2022 1:07pm Guerin, Emily
17. No change in status 32. No change in status

21 Nov 2022 2:05pm Guerin, Emily
17. No change in status 32. No change in status

13 Dec 2022 11:55am Guerin, Emily
17. No change in status 32.No change in status

16 Jan 2023 2:25pm Guerin, Emily
17. No change in status 32. No change in status

13 Feb 2023 11:47am Guerin, Emily
17. No change in status 32. No change in status

22 Mar 2023 11:54am Guerin, Emily
17. No change in status 32. No change in status

23 May 2023 3:16pm Butcher, Lacey
Item - 17.No change in status Item 32. EOI to go out in the last week of May.

Meeting	Officer/Director	Section	Subject
Ordinary Council 27/01/2022	Nankivell, Jay Nankivell, Jay	Confidential Matters	PROPOSED TRANSPORT OPTIONS
Resolved			
1. That Broken Hill City Council Report No. 25/22 dated January 21, 2022, be received and noted.			
2. That Council negotiate the introduction of a new airline service as proposed by the 'Subject Airline' and as outlined in the report, in accordance with the proposed Air Services Agreement; and that Council receives an undertaking from the 'Subject Airline' that services are expanded should an opportunity present.			

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<p>3. That Council negotiate any commercial incentive provided to the "Subject Airline" with our current provider to ensure fairness and equity.</p>
CARRIED
<p>11 Feb 2022 3:22pm Bartlett, Leisa Negotiations have commenced as per the Council resolution.</p> <p>24 Mar 2022 5:38pm Bartlett, Leisa Continuing. Air Services Agreement to be finalised.</p> <p>19 May 2022 11:43am Bartlett, Leisa Air Services Agreement with Qantas for finalisation.</p> <p>20 Jul 2022 4:06pm Guerin, Emily Awaiting response from Qantas</p> <p>24 Aug 2022 4:02pm Butcher, Lacey Followed up with Qantas</p> <p>20 Sep 2022 9:58am Guerin, Emily Followed up on 19/09/22 - Negotiating passenger head tax charges</p> <p>20 Oct 2022 1:07pm Guerin, Emily Followed up with Qantas</p> <p>21 Nov 2022 1:53pm Guerin, Emily Qantas Service Agreement has been finalised and awaiting final sign off from Qantas Head of Commercial.</p> <p>07 Dec 2022 9:37am Guerin, Emily Escalated to Qantas link CEO</p> <p>17 Jan 2023 11:23am Guerin, Emily ASA signed by Council. Awaiting final signature from Qantas. All details have been confirmed.</p> <p>14 Feb 2023 1:43pm Guerin, Emily Being completed - next 5 years being negotiated.</p> <p>21 Mar 2023 1:50pm Guerin, Emily 5 year agreement received and being reviewed prior to sign off</p> <p>18 Apr 2023 2:09pm Guerin, Emily No change in status</p> <p>23 May 2023 3:18pm Butcher, Lacey Amendments have been made and sent to the Qantas for final sign off.</p>

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Ordinary Council 23/02/2022	Nankivell, Jay Nankivell, Jay	Confidential Matters	LEGAL EXPENDITURE - CIVIC CENTRE OMBUDSMAN'S REPORT
Resolved			
<p>1. That Broken Hill City Council Report No. 54/22 dated February 15, 2022, be received.</p> <p>2. That the General Manager be invited to contact the Auditor General to investigate the legality of the expenditure to defend the Ombudsman's report in the absence of Council's approval to do so.</p>			
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY			
<p>24 Mar 2022 5:35pm Bartlett, Leisa Communication initiated with the Audit Office to commence the investigation and the best course of action.</p> <p>19 May 2022 11:47am Bartlett, Leisa No change in status.</p> <p>20 Jul 2022 4:05pm Guerin, Emily No change in status</p> <p>24 Aug 2022 4:05pm Butcher, Lacey Awaiting advice from Audit Office</p> <p>19 Sep 2022 11:32am Guerin, Emily No change in status</p> <p>21 Nov 2022 2:29pm Guerin, Emily No change in status</p> <p>07 Dec 2022 9:37am Guerin, Emily</p>			

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Ongoing
17 Jan 2023 11:22am Guerin, Emily Nothing further
14 Feb 2023 1:43pm Guerin, Emily Ongoing
21 Mar 2023 1:50pm Guerin, Emily Ongoing
18 Apr 2023 2:09pm Guerin, Emily Ongoing
23 May 2023 3:19pm Butcher, Lacey Ongoing

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Ordinary Council 27/04/2022	Andrews, Anne Nankivell, Jay	Council Resolution	Council Resolution
Resolved			
That Council thanks all event organisers and volunteers for assisting in the conduct of the 2022 Broken Hill Heritage Festival; and Council also thanks the community for their attendance at festival activities.			
That Council recognises the importance of the Broken Hill Heritage Festival and seeks government funding to support a Heritage Festival Curator to assist with the growth of the Festival to become a major event for the City celebrating Broken Hill's National Heritage Listing.			
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY			
13 May 2022 4:19pm Bartlett, Leisa	Letters of appreciation have been sent to event organisers and volunteers for their assistance with the conduct of the 2022 Broken Hill Heritage Festival. Funding for a Heritage Festival Curator being investigated with State Government.		
20 Jun 2022 12:40pm Guerin, Emily	Monitoring for funding opportunities		
18 Jul 2022 2:00pm Guerin, Emily	No change in status		
20 Sep 2022 11:18am Guerin, Emily	Ongoing		
21 Nov 2022 2:47pm Guerin, Emily	Ongoing		
06 Dec 2022 12:59pm Andrews, Anne	Ongoing		
12 Jan 2023 4:31pm Butcher, Lacey	Ongoing		
15 Feb 2023 9:19am Guerin, Emily	No change in status		
15 Mar 2023 9:03am Andrews, Anne	Part of ongoing funding advocacy - COMPLETE		
19 Apr 2023 9:48am Guerin, Emily	Ongoing		
23 May 2023 3:04pm Butcher, Lacey	Completed as part of the budget process		

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Ordinary Council 27/07/2022	Falkner, Georgina Nankivell, Jay	Confidential Matters	WILLYAMA COMMON TRUST LEASE TO SILVER CITY ARCHERS
Resolved			
1. That Broken Hill City Council Report No. 167/22 dated June 22, 2022, be received.			
2. That Council (as the Willyama Common Trust) enter into a new 20 year lease agreement with Silver City Archers, for lease of their existing site on the Willyama Common (Part Lot 7388 Deposited Plan 1200953).			

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<p>3. That the rent remain \$250 per annum.</p> <p>4. That in the absence of a Trust Seal, the lease documents be executed by the Mayor and General Manager under the Common Seal of Council.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY</p> <p>25 Aug 2022 1:02pm Butcher, Lacey Council's solicitors are preparing the draft lease</p> <p>20 Sep 2022 11:29am Guerin, Emily Continuing use as currently arranged while new template is being reviewed.</p> <p>18 Oct 2022 9:35am Guerin, Emily Template being reviewed. Current lease ongoing</p> <p>16 Nov 2022 8:26am Guerin, Emily Lease under review</p> <p>13 Dec 2022 8:56am Guerin, Emily Draft lease sent to Silver City Archers for review</p> <p>17 Jan 2023 11:17am Guerin, Emily No change in status</p> <p>13 Feb 2023 11:44am Guerin, Emily No change in status</p> <p>21 Mar 2023 1:30pm Guerin, Emily Solicitors are making minor amendments to lease document</p> <p>18 Apr 2023 11:23am Guerin, Emily Amendments made and lease to be sent to Silver City Archers for review and signing</p> <p>22 May 2023 3:50pm Butcher, Lacey lease is now with Council for signing</p>
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Ordinary Council 31/08/2022	Brown, Simon Nankivell, Jay	Health and Building Committee Reports	SALE OF COUNCIL OWNED LAND AT 245-247 IODIDE STREET
Resolved			
<p>1. That Broken Hill City Council Report No. 179/22 dated August 5, 2022, be received.</p> <p>2. That That Council engage a real estate agent through a competitive quotation process to sell the Council owned land at 245-247 Iodide Street (Lot 2 in Deposited Plan 181218 and Lot 3 in Deposited Plan 1181476)</p> <p>3. That General Manager be authorised to negotiate and finalise the sale of land at 245-247 Iodide Street.</p> <p>4. That the Mayor and General Manager be authorised to sign and execute any documents related to the sale under the Common Seal of Council.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY</p> <p>19 Sep 2022 1:23pm Guerin, Emily Quotations being sought from local real estate agents to sell the land</p> <p>18 Oct 2022 11:50am Guerin, Emily Contracts are being drawn up</p> <p>16 Nov 2022 8:23am Guerin, Emily No change in status</p> <p>06 Dec 2022 2:56pm Guerin, Emily No change in status</p> <p>16 Jan 2023 2:16pm Guerin, Emily Ray White real estate Quote selected. Contract to be finalised and auction date set in January.</p> <p>14 Feb 2023 12:39pm Guerin, Emily No change in status</p> <p>21 Mar 2023 2:53pm Guerin, Emily No change in status</p>			

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18 Apr 2023 10:29am Guerin, Emily
Property sold under auction conditions 6/4/2023 for \$25,000. Settlement process underway.
23 May 2023 9:21am Butcher, Lacey
COMPLETE - Settled on 19/5/2023

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Ordinary Council 28/09/2022	Bartlett, Leisa Nankivell, Jay	Further Reports	CORRESPONDENCE REPORT - WENTWORTH TO BROKEN HILL PIPELINE SUBSIDY
Resolved			
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> That Broken Hill City Council Report No. 210/22 dated September 5, 2022, be received. That reply correspondence from The Hon Kevin Anderson MP, Minister for Lands and Water dated 30 August 2022 advising that the NSW Government will continue paying the subsidy to cover the regulated costs of the Broken Hill pipeline throughout IPART's 2023-2026 price determination period. That Council invites the Minister for Lands and Water and Shadow Minister for Lands and Water along with all State Election candidates to attend a future Council Meeting to address Council on the matter of a permanent government subsidy for the construction and maintenance costs of the Wentworth to Broken Hill pipeline. 			
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY			
17 Oct 2022 2:55pm Bartlett, Leisa Letters of invitation sent to Minister and Shadow Minister. Letters of invitation to be sent to State Election candidates once their details are uploaded to the NSW Electoral Commission website.			

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Ordinary Council 28/09/2022	Howard, Codie Nankivell, Jay	Further Reports	MINUTES OF THE LOCAL TRAFFIC COMMITTEE - MEETING NO. 428, HELD ON TUESDAY, 6 SEPTEMBER 2022
Resolved			
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> That Broken Hill City Council Report No. 225/22 dated September 15, 2022, be received. That the Minutes of the Local Traffic Committee Meeting No 428, held on Tuesday, 6 September 2022, be received. Item No. 417.6.1 - That Council supply and install the 'Bus Zone' parking signs adjacent to Live Better located at 475 Argent Street. Item No. 425.6.1 - That Patton Lane direction of traffic be changed to one-way, between Bonanza Street and the Rainbow Preschool, for a trial period of six months with council continuing to communicate with residents that access the back of their properties from the access lane. That the Preschool be asked to communicate the changes to conditions in their newsletter to parents. That Council place a notification in the local newspaper to inform the community of the six-month trial period to change to the direction of traffic in Patton Lane, between Bonanza Street and the Rainbow Preschool. Item No. 427.6.1 – That traffic counters be placed across Blende Street, between Gossan and the Galena Street roundabout to determine the volume of traffic and for the width adjacent to Con Crowley Village be measured to see if it would allow enough space for the bus to park in the area requested adjacent to the Con Crowley Resident's Hall. 			

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<p>6. Item No. 428.6.1 – That traffic counters be placed on Murton Street adjacent to the Willyama High School to collect data and to determine the speed of motorist during the school hours.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY</p> <p>18 Oct 2022 9:32am Guerin, Emily Item 3. Completed Item 4. Signage on order Item 5 & 6. Traffic counters have been purchased and traffic counts being completed</p> <p>21 Nov 2022 2:16pm Guerin, Emily No change in status</p> <p>13 Dec 2022 11:49am Guerin, Emily Item 4. Signage to be installed and trial period to begin in the new school year February 2023. Item 5 & 6 currently being completed.</p> <p>16 Jan 2023 2:23pm Guerin, Emily No change in status</p> <p>13 Feb 2023 2:08pm Guerin, Emily Item 4. installed and trial period started Item 5. Completed Item 6. Counters currently in place</p> <p>23 Mar 2023 9:47am Guerin, Emily No change in status</p> <p>19 Apr 2023 11:23am Guerin, Emily Data for item 5 to be presented to Local Traffic Committee May meeting.</p>
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Ordinary Council 28/09/2022	Howard, Codie, Nankivell, Jay	Works Committee Reports	UPDATE FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A COMMUNITY GARDEN AT THE FORMER ALMA POOL SITE
Resolved			
<p>1. That Broken Hill City Council Report No. 202/22 dated September 9, 2022, be received.</p> <p>2. That Council formulate a Community Gardens Policy with associated Guidelines for presentation to the community for input and consultation.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY</p> <p>18 Oct 2022 9:31am Guerin, Emily No change in status</p> <p>21 Nov 2022 2:51pm Guerin, Emily No change in status</p> <p>13 Dec 2022 11:52am Guerin, Emily Policy currently being created.</p> <p>16 Jan 2023 2:24pm Guerin, Emily No change in status</p> <p>13 Feb 2023 2:08pm Guerin, Emily No change in status</p> <p>23 Mar 2023 9:50am Guerin, Emily No change in status</p> <p>19 Apr 2023 11:25am Guerin, Emily No change in status</p> <p>23 May 2023 3:24pm Butcher, Lacey No change in status</p>			

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Ordinary Council 28/09/2022	Brown, Simon, Nankivell, Jay	Works Committee Reports	MINUTES OF THE MEMORIAL OVAL COMMUNITY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD 2 AUGUST 2022
Resolved			
<p>1. That Broken Hill City Council Report No. 207/22 dated August 22, 2022, be received.</p>			

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<p>2. That minutes of the Memorial Oval Community Committee Meeting held 2 August 2022 be received.</p> <p>3. That the Memorial Oval caretaker's vehicle be disposed of in accordance with Council's Disposal of Assets Policy.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY</p> <p>19 Oct 2022 3:00pm Guerin, Emily Council to discuss with Memorial Oval Management Committee at the next meeting scheduled for 07/11/2022.</p> <p>22 Nov 2022 10:43am Guerin, Emily Discussions with Committee ongoing</p> <p>06 Dec 2022 2:57pm Guerin, Emily No change in status</p> <p>16 Jan 2023 1:34pm Guerin, Emily No change in status</p> <p>13 Feb 2023 11:51am Guerin, Emily No change in status</p> <p>15 Mar 2023 10:08am Guerin, Emily No change in status</p> <p>18 Apr 2023 10:29am Guerin, Emily No change in status</p> <p>23 May 2023 9:22am Butcher, Lacey No change in status</p>

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Ordinary Council 30/11/2022	Nu'man, Razija Nankivell, Jay	Further Reports	MINUTES OF THE BROKEN HILL HERITAGE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD 27 SEPTEMBER 2022
Resolved			
<p>1. That Broken Hill City Council Report No. 269/22 dated October 17, 2022, be received.</p> <p>2. That minutes of the Broken Hill Heritage Committee Meeting held 27 September 2022 be received.</p> <p>3. That the Heritage Committee in conjunction with Councils Event Team develop an event/s to celebrate the 140th Anniversary celebration to be held on/near September 5, 2023.</p> <p>4. That, subject to recommendation three, the scope of the event be developed and costed for inclusion in the 2023/24 budget.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY</p> <p>06 Dec 2022 1:03pm Andrews, Anne Item 3 and 4: In progress.</p> <p>12 Jan 2023 4:27pm Butcher, Lacey No change in status</p> <p>15 Feb 2023 9:22am Guerin, Emily Item 3 and Item 4 - Planning in progress</p> <p>15 Mar 2023 9:05am Andrews, Anne Item 3 and 4: Planning ongoing</p> <p>19 Apr 2023 9:49am Guerin, Emily Item 3 & 4 - Ongoing</p> <p>23 May 2023 3:05pm Butcher, Lacey Item 3 and 4 - Planning ongoing</p> <p>23 May 2023 3:07pm Butcher, Lacey - Reallocation Action reassigned to Nu'man, Razija by Butcher, Lacey</p>			

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Ordinary Council 30/11/2022	Howard, Codie	Works Committee Reports	RENEWABLE ENERGY ACTION PLAN STAGE 2

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Nankivell, Jay
Resolved
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> That Broken Hill City Council Report No. 246/22 dated November 11, 2022, be received. That Council adopt and proceed with Stage II of the Renewable Energy Action Plan incorporating the pre-feasibility stage of a Mid-Scale Solar Array. That subject to recommendation two, Council notes the General Manager will identify budgetary adjustments and impacts in the September Quarterly Budget Review. That subject to recommendation two, Council commence the process with Crown Lands to either lease or acquire the land and obtain Ministerial Consent dependent on the most financially feasible and time appropriate process.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
<p>13 Dec 2022 11:52am Guerin, Emily Purchase order to be raised.</p> <p>16 Jan 2023 2:23pm Guerin, Emily No change in status</p> <p>13 Feb 2023 2:10pm Guerin, Emily No change in status</p> <p>23 Mar 2023 9:48am Guerin, Emily No change in status</p> <p>19 Apr 2023 11:25am Guerin, Emily No change in status</p>

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Ordinary Council 30/11/2022	Mason, Michael Nankivell, Jay	Notice of Motion	BUSY KIDS CHILDCARE CENTRE
Resolved			
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> That Motions of Which Notice has been Given No. 3/22 dated November 14, 2022, be received. That the General Manager be invited to correspond with Crown Lands to urgently seek a solution to expedite the process of extinguishing Native Title on the 4048m² allotment at Lot 4444/DP757298, being 123 Bagot Street; and for the allotment to be made freehold with a change of land use to enable a purchaser to establish a childcare centre on the allotment. 			
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY			
<p>13 Dec 2022 8:53am Guerin, Emily Letter to Crown Lands being drafted</p> <p>17 Jan 2023 11:17am Guerin, Emily Letter to Crown Lands has been sent</p> <p>13 Feb 2023 11:44am Guerin, Emily No change in status</p> <p>21 Mar 2023 1:31pm Guerin, Emily No change in status</p> <p>18 Apr 2023 11:23am Guerin, Emily Crown Lands seeing alternate avenues.</p> <p>23 May 2023 8:50am Butcher, Lacey No change in status</p>			

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Ordinary Council 21/12/2022	Howard, Codie	Works Committee Reports	GYP SUM STREET TREE HEALTH ARBORIST REPORT

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Nankivell, Jay
Resolved
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> That Broken Hill City Council Report No. 280/22 dated December 6, 2022, be received. That Council approve the removal and replacement of five (5) street trees located in Gypsum Street due to tree health concerns.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
<p>16 Jan 2023 2:21pm Guerin, Emily Work has been referred to Parks and Open Spaces Team, removal planned for late January to early February</p> <p>13 Feb 2023 2:12pm Guerin, Emily 2x trees at 111 & 117 Gypsum Street have been removed. x3 trees at 59 Gypsum Street are waiting on Essential Energy to cut clearances before work can be carried out.</p> <p>23 Mar 2023 9:46am Guerin, Emily Remaining trees are waiting on Essential Energy to cut clearances for Council staff to continue removing.</p> <p>19 Apr 2023 11:22am Guerin, Emily No change in status</p> <p>23 May 2023 3:25pm Butcher, Lacey No change in status</p>

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Ordinary Council 24/01/2023	Nankivell, Jay Nankivell, Jay	Confidential Matters	LAND ACQUISITION
Resolved			
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> That Broken Hill City Council Report No. 15/23 dated January 18, 2023, be received. That Council authorise and delegate to the General Manager to pursue the purchase of 'the subject' land via either private treaty or at the upcoming Sale of Land for Unpaid Rates Auction to be held on 15 & 16 February 2023. That the General Manager be delegated authority to increase Council's purchase bid by up to 50% in order to secure the purchase of 'the subject' land via either private treaty or at the upcoming Sale of Land for Unpaid Rates Auction to be held on 15 & 16 February 2023. That Council authorise the General Manager to engage a consultant to develop and prepare a feasibility study, preliminary concept designs and a business case for the development of multi-story residential apartment buildings on 'the subject land' specifically for the accommodation of key workers in the City. That following initial discussions with Ministers and key stakeholders within NSW Government, the General Manager proceeds with formal negotiations to secure a Memorandum of Understanding and Partnership Agreement for the development of key worker housing apartments. 			
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY			
<p>14 Feb 2023 1:44pm Guerin, Emily Contract for sale signed awaiting settlement</p> <p>18 Apr 2023 2:32pm Guerin, Emily No change in status</p> <p>23 May 2023 3:20pm Butcher, Lacey No change in status</p>			

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Ordinary Council 24/01/2023	Howard, Codie	Further Reports	MINUTES OF THE LOCAL TRAFFIC COMMITTEE MEETING No. 431, HELD ON TUESDAY, 6 DECEMBER 2022

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Nankivell, Jay
Resolved
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> That Broken Hill City Council Report No. 9/23 dated December 19, 2022, be received. That the Minutes of the Local Traffic Committee Meeting No.431, held on Tuesday, 6 December 2022 be endorsed. That Item No. 416.6.1 – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Council installs signage along Union Street in accordance with the signage concept plan developed. That correspondence be forwarded to the Principal of the Morgan Street Public School advising of the LTC’s decision and that a copy of the concept design for installation of signage be provided to school for inclusion in its newsletter to educate parents on parking regulations. That Item No. 430.6.1 - That Council installs ‘No Right Turn’ signs at either side of Wolfram Lane at the intersection of Sulphide Street to divert traffic from turning right into Sulphide Street. That Item No. 431.6.2 - That Council line mark and installs a sign for a designated parking space adjacent to the North Post Office in McCulloch Street to allow parking of postal vehicles from Monday to Friday, between 9.30am to 12.30pm.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
<p>13 Feb 2023 2:13pm Guerin, Emily Item 3. Completed Item4. Completed Item 5. Sign on order and line marking contractor being procured</p> <p>23 Mar 2023 9:48am Guerin, Emily No change in status</p> <p>19 Apr 2023 11:24am Guerin, Emily Item 5 to be complete when council have engaged a contract line marker. Line marking tasks are currently out for quotation.</p> <p>24 May 2023 8:37am Butcher, Lacey Line marking contractor engaged to complete works second week of June, pending weather conditions</p>

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Ordinary Council 1/03/2023	Nu'man, Razija Nankivell, Jay	Health and Building Committee Reports	CORRESPONDENCE REPORT - CLASSIFICATION OF BROKEN HILL
Resolved			
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> That Broken Hill City Council Report No. 24/23 dated February 2, 2023, be received. That reply correspondence from the Premier of NSW regarding Broken Hill's classification by the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) be received and noted. That reply correspondence from the Department of Health and Aged Care dated 1 February 2023 regarding Broken Hill's classification by the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) be received and noted. That reply correspondence from the Hon Mark Coulton dated 20 January 2023 regarding Broken Hill's classification by the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) be received and noted. That Council continues to advocate for the review of Broken Hill's classification by the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) and sends further correspondence to relevant Ministers as required. 			
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY			
<p>14 Mar 2023 3:10pm Guerin, Emily Letters drafted, will send letters after the NSW Government Election is held in March.</p>			

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18 Apr 2023 2:21pm Guerin, Emily
No change in status

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Ordinary Council 29/03/2023	Nu'man, Razija Nankivell, Jay	Further Reports	DISABILITY INCLUSION ACTION PLAN 2022-2026 - KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS PROGRESS REPORT FOR PERIOD ENDING 31 DECEMBER 2022
Resolved			
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That Broken Hill City Council Report No. 57/23 dated March 16, 2023, be received. 2. That Council note the Disability Inclusion Action Plan 2022-2026 –Key Performance Indicators Progress Report for the reporting period ending 31 December 2022. 3. That the Disability Inclusion Action Plan 2022-2026 – Key Performance Indicators Progress Report for the reporting period ending 31 December 2022 be placed on Council's website. 4. That Council sends correspondence to the relevant Minister and the NSW Electoral Commissioner raising concerns that the locations used as polling places in Broken Hill do not have adequate disabled parking spaces; and suggesting that future government contracts for the provision of election services include the requirement for disabled parking spaces to be made available adjacent to polling places in Broken Hill. 			
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY			
<p>04 Apr 2023 2:42pm Brealey, Jodie COMPLETE - DIAP progress report uploaded to website. Letter to Electoral Commissioner and Minister drafted, signed by Mayor and sent to addressees</p>			

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Ordinary Council 29/03/2023	Nu'man, Razija Nankivell, Jay	Policy And General Reports	MINUTES OF THE S355 AGEING WELL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD 15 FEBRUARY 2023
Resolved			
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That Broken Hill City Council Report No. 55/23 dated March 4, 2023, be received. 2. That the minutes of the S355 Ageing Well Advisory Committee meeting held 15 February 2023 be received. 3. That Council consider funding opportunities for the upgrade and installation of new ramps in the City's Central Business District (CBD). 4. That Council prepare and send correspondence to Regional Development Australia (RDA) to enquire if funding is available for disability ramps. 5. That Council prepare and send correspondence to Maari Ma Health to enquire if funding is available in the Aged Care sector. 6. That Council encourage and invite service organisations and providers to participate as committee members to assist in the breadth of the aged sector being represented. 7. That Council endorses and acknowledges in writing the resignation of Dr J R Mitchell and Ms Jodie McInnes from the Ageing Well Advisory Committee and express its gratitude and appreciation for their contribution to the Committee and the community. 			

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8. That Council notes that due to the 2023 Aged Care Reform requirements, from 1 July 2023 all Aged Care Facilities must have a Registered Nurse onsite and on duty 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, that Broken Hill is at risk of experiencing another aged care crisis due to a lack of Registered Nurses in the City and the possibility of elderly residents having to leave Broken Hill if they can no longer stay in their home and need to go into an Aged Care Facility.

That Council sends correspondence to the Federal Ministers for Aged Care along with the local members, voicing its concern regarding the new requirements for Aged Care Facilities and its impact on aged care places in Broken Hill due to a lack of Registered Nurses in the City, and that the reluctance for Registered Nurses to work in Aged Care is partly due to the delay in the Aged Care Award pay increases for staff.

That the correspondence also requests that the government urgently provides nurses to aged care facilities in Broken Hill to assist with the shortage of Registered Nurses, and to avoid the repeat of an aged care crisis in the City.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

18 Apr 2023 2:26pm Guerin, Emily
Correspondence prepared and sent to Regional Development Australia on 5 April 2023., Correspondence prepared and sent to Maari Ma on 5 April 2023., Correspondence prepared and sent to Australian Unity, Black Sheep Services, LiveBetter, Meals on Wheels and Hammond Care on 6 April 2023 – invitation for the service provider to join committee. , Correspondence prepared and sent to Dr JR Mitchell and Ms J. McInnes on 5 April 2023., Ministerial letters sent by Executive Support team - COMPLETE

Meeting	Officer/Director	Section	Subject
Ordinary Council 29/03/2023	Brown, Simon Nankivell, Jay	General Business	MATTER OF URGENCY - COUNCIL CHAMBERS BUILDING
Resolved			
That handrails be considered as part of the 2023/24 budget for the steps to the public galleries in the Council Chambers building to assist members of the public when attending Council Meetings.			
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY			
18 Apr 2023 10:34am Guerin, Emily To be considered as part of budget workshops held in May			
23 May 2023 9:23am Butcher, Lacey Handrails being assessed by the Assets team			

Meeting	Officer/Director	Section	Subject
Ordinary Council 29/03/2023	Howard, Codie Nankivell, Jay	Further Reports	MINUTES OF THE LOCAL TRAFFIC COMMITTEE - MEETING NO.433, HELD ON TUESDAY, 7 MARCH 2023
Resolved			
1. That Broken Hill City Council Report No. 58/23 dated March 17, 2023, be received.			
2. That the Minutes of the Local Traffic Committee – Meeting No.433, held on Tuesday, 7 February 2023 be endorsed.			
3. That Council approve Item No. 430.6.1 and 431.6.1:			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> That Council line mark the driveway adjacent to the property at 554 Argent Street for a visual boundary as a deterrent for trucks. 			
4. That Council approve Item No.431.6.3:			

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> That Council install 'No Parking' and 'Loading Zone' signs for school days and times and line mark Garnet Street adjacent to the Broken Hill High School as displayed in Council's school zone parking concept plan.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
<p>19 Apr 2023 11:24am Guerin, Emily Line marking tasks are currently out for quotation</p> <p>24 May 2023 8:42am Butcher, Lacey Line marking contractor engaged to complete works second week of June, pending weather conditions</p>

Meeting	Officer/Director	Section	Subject
Ordinary Council 29/03/2023	Nu'man, Razija Nankivell, Jay	Policy And General Reports	RE-ESTABLISH CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT ALCOHOL-FREE ZONE
Resolved			
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> That Broken Hill City Council Report No. 53/23 dated February 28, 2023, be received. That Council endorse the Draft Proposal to Re-establish the Alcohol-Free Zone in the Central Business District (CBD) area bounded by Crystal, Iodide (Wolfram), Mica, Talc (Mercury), Graphite, Wills, Gypsum, Gaffney Streets and South Road. That Council refer the Draft Proposal for comment in accordance with the provisions of the <i>Local Government Act 1993</i> and Ministerial Guidelines (2009) to any known organisation representing or able to speak on behalf of an identifiable Aboriginal or culturally and linguistically diverse group within the local area and all affected licensed premises and registered clubs that border on, adjoin or are adjacent to the proposed alcohol-free zone, for response within thirty days of public notice. That Council invite public comment on the proposal through an advertisement in local newspaper with time for response within thirty days. A further report be submitted to Council upon completion of the consultative process. That Council sends correspondence to the Broken Hill Police to advise of the importance of enforcing the Alcohol-Free Zones established by Council as a tool to combat alcohol related crime and anti-social behaviour in the CBD. 			
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY			
<p>04 Apr 2023 2:36pm Brealey, Jodie COMPLETE - Draft Proposal to Re-establish CBD AFZ with correspondence notifying of public exhibition and inviting comment forwarded to stakeholders, Barrier Liquor Accord, Elders and Police - Action item 6 included in letter to Police and will also be included in adoption notification correspondence to Police. On public exhibition until 7 May 2023.</p>			

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Ordinary Council 29/03/2023	Nu'man, Razija Nankivell, Jay	Health and Building Committee Reports	GAARA ARTS INC - MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
Resolved			
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> That Broken Hill City Council Report No. 44/23 dated February 14, 2023, be received. That Council enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with GARRA Arts Inc permitting exhibitions in 2024, 2026 and 2028. That Council resolve the term of the Memorandum of Understanding with GAARA Arts to remain in effect until 31 December 2028. 			

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CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

06 Apr 2023 3:47pm Bartlett, Leisa
MOU sent to GAARA Arts for signing., Email correspondence sent to GAARA Arts following up the previous request for signed MOU.

24/5/2023 - Received signed copy from Garra Arts Council to sign keep a copy and return a signed copy to Garra Arts

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Ordinary Council 29/03/2023	Nu'man, Razija Nankivell, Jay	Works Committee Reports	MINUTES OF THE MEMORIAL OVAL COMMUNITY COMMITTEE MEETINGS HELD 6 OCTOBER 2022, 6 DECEMBER 2022 AND 7 FEBRUARY 2023
Resolved			
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That Broken Hill City Council Report No. 43/23 dated March 3, 2023, be received. 2. That minutes of the Memorial Oval Community Committee Meetings held 6 October 2022, 7 December 2022 and 7 February 2023 be received. 3. That Council consider the provision of a tablet device for the Memorial Oval Community Committee to assist in administration tasks and providing photographs to accompany work orders. 4. That Council provide the Committee advice on the facility potentially being used as an RV Park. 			
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY			
18 Apr 2023 2:22pm Guerin, Emily Correspondence prepared to Memorial Oval Community Committee outlining the current zoning and reserve restrictions for use as a RV Park. Council's IT team investigating provision of a tablet device.			
24/5/2023 – Committee has been advised of Zoning in writing. Tablet still being investigated by IT			

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Ordinary Council 29/03/2023	Andrews, Anne Nankivell, Jay	Policy And General Reports	PROMOTION OF BROKEN HILL AT CARAVAN AND CAMPING SHOWS
Resolved			
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That Broken Hill City Council Report No. 50/23 dated February 24, 2023, be received. 2. That the report be noted. 3. That Council consider the cost and benefits of attending caravan and camping shows after consultation with the newly formed tourism organisation. 			
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY			
19 Apr 2023 9:52am Guerin, Emily Awaiting consultation			
23 May 2023 3:09pm Butcher, Lacey Complete - aligned to the commencement of the Tourism Organisation			

Meeting	Officer/Director	Section	Subject
Ordinary Council 29/03/2023	Nankivell, Jay Nankivell, Jay	Policy And General Reports	ESTABLISHMENT BROKEN HILL TOURISM ORGANISATION

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<p>Resolved</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That Broken Hill City Council Report No. 49/23 dated February 16, 2023, be received. 2. That the General Manager develop a proposal and business case to establish a member based not-for-profit company limited by guarantee for the purposes of a tourism organisation. 3. That the proposal, including associated documentation required by the Office of Local Government, deliverables, and proposed budget, be presented to Council for consideration prior to being submitted to the Minister via the Office for Local Government as required under Section 358 of the <i>Local Government Act 1993</i>. <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY</p> <p>19 Apr 2023 9:49am Guerin, Emily Proposal being drafted</p> <p>23 May 2023 3:08pm Butcher, Lacey No change in status</p> <p>23 May 2023 3:09pm Butcher, Lacey - Reallocation Action reassigned to Nankivell, Jay by Butcher, Lacey</p>

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Ordinary Council 26/04/2023	Bartlett, Leisa Nankivell, Jay	General Business	MATTER OF URGENCY - NOMINATION AS AN EXECUTIVE MEMBER OF MURRAY DARLING ASSOCIATION REGION 4
<p>Resolved</p> <p>That Council endorses Councillor Browne's nomination as an Executive Member on the Murray Darling Association Region 4.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY</p> <p>09 May 2023 10:50am Butcher, Lacey COMPLETE</p>			

Meeting	Officer/Director	Section	Subject
Ordinary Council 26/04/2023	Bartlett, Leisa Nankivell, Jay	General Business	MATTER OF URGENCY - LACK OF ELECTRIC VEHICLE RECHARGE STATIONS AT YUNTA, SA
<p>Resolved</p> <p>That Council writes to the Premier of South Australia and the South Australian government to request the installation of an electric vehicle recharge station at Yunta for people travelling through the Far West NSW region into South Australia.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY</p> <p>24 May 2023 8:31am Butcher, Lacey COMPLETE - correspondence sent</p>			

Meeting	Officer/Director	Section	Subject
Ordinary Council 26/04/2023	Bartlett, Leisa Nankivell, Jay	Further Reports	DEPUTY MAYOR ATTENDANCE AT THE OFFICIAL OPENING OF THE MILDURA HEALTH ICON CANCER CENTRE
<p>Resolved</p>			

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1. That Broken Hill City Council Report No. 75/23 dated April 4, 2023, be received.
2. That Council endorses the Mayor's urgent approval for Deputy Mayor Hickey (on behalf of the Mayor) to travel from Pooncarie to Mildura return to attend the official opening of the Mildura Health Icon Cancer Centre on Monday 3 April 2023.
3. That Council congratulates Mildura Health and The ICON Group for developing the Mildura Health ICON Cancer Centre which can be utilised by Mildura, regional Victoria, regional South Australia and Far West NSW communities.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

09 May 2023 10:15am Butcher, Lacey
COMPLETE - Correspondence sent

Meeting	Officer/Director	Section	Subject
Ordinary Council 26/04/2023	Howard, Codie Nankivell, Jay	Further Reports	MINUTES OF THE LOCAL TRAFFIC COMMITTEE - MEETING NO.434, HELD ON TUESDAY, 4 APRIL 2023
Resolved			
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That Broken Hill City Council Report No. 77/23 dated April 18, 2023, be received. 2. That the Minutes of the Local Traffic Committee – Meeting No.434, held on Tuesday, 4 April 2023 be endorsed. 3. That the Local Traffic Committee (LTC) – Terms of Reference be adopted. 4. That Item No.431.6.1 – That Council reinstate faded line marking and replace 'Children Crossing' signage in Gossan Street, between Wolfram and Cobalt Streets. 5. That Item No.431.6.4 – That Council install rumble bars and line marking at the base of the banner poles in Argent Street, between Bromide and Iodide Streets and Patton Street, between Comstock and South Streets. 6. That Item No.433.7.4 – That Council reinstate the 4-hour timed parking signage at the parking spaces that are not sign posted in the Kintore Reserve. 			
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY			
24 May 2023 8:43am Butcher, Lacey Works have been scheduled with the Infrastructure Team for completion			

Meeting	Officer/Director	Section	Subject
Ordinary Council 26/04/2023	Howard, Codie Nankivell, Jay	Confidential Matters	T22/11 - REQUEST FOR TENDER FOR THE PURCHASE OF JETPATCHER
Resolved			
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That Broken Hill City Council Report No. 65/23 dated February 22, 2023, be received. 2. That that Council purchase the plant package tendered by AUSROAD for the total price of \$547,524.50 (incl. GST). 			
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY			

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24 May 2023 8:45am Butcher, Lacey
COMPLETE - Purchase order has been raised and delivered to AUSROAD

Meeting	Officer/Director	Section	Subject
Ordinary Council 26/04/2023	Howard, Codie Nankivell, Jay	Confidential Matters	CEMETERY OPERATIONS - PUBLIC EXHIBITION OF COUNCIL'S INTENTION TO GRANT A WAIVER OF INTERMENT RIGHT FEE FOR A VACANT GRAVE AT THE BROKEN HILL CEMETERY
Resolved			
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> That Broken Hill City Council Report No. 66/23 dated March 6, 2023, be received. That Council notes that public exhibition (as per Section 356 of the <i>Local Government Act 1993</i>) of Council's intention to grant a waiver of the Interment Right fee of \$833.00 (Inc GST) to Mr Stephen Dewsbery in respect of the ownership of a vacant grave located at the Broken Hill Cemetery in Presbyterial D, row 11, grave 13 was conducted from 8 March 2023 to 6 April 2023 seeking submissions from any person having evidence of ownership of the subject grave or having an objection to the waiver of the Interment Right fee. That Council notes that nil submissions were received during the public exhibition period. That Council grants a waiver of the Interment Right fee of \$833.00 (inc GST) to Mr Stephen Dewsbery and undertakes all processes to thereby grant ownership of the vacant grave in Presbyterial D, row 11, grave 13 to Mr Stephen Dewsbery. 			
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY			
23 May 2023 9:40am Butcher, Lacey			
Resolution to be amended at the 31 May Council meeting to reflect the correct vacant grave location.			
23 May 2023 9:43am Butcher, Lacey - Reallocation			
Action reassigned to Howard, Codie by Butcher, Lacey			

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Ordinary Council 26/04/2023	Bartlett, Leisa Nankivell, Jay	General Business	MATTER OF URGENCY - LITTERING OF USED SYRINGES IN THE CBD AREA
Resolved			
That Council writes to NSW Health to request a meeting to discuss the 24 hour needle dispensary service at the Broken Hill Community Health Centre and the safety issues of used syringes being littered in the CBD area, in order to seek a solution to the matter.			
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY			
09 May 2023 10:51am Butcher, Lacey			
COMPLETE - Meeting held with NSW Health			

Meeting	Officer/Director	Section	Subject
Ordinary Council 26/04/2023	Howard, Codie Nankivell, Jay	Confidential Matters	T22/12 REQUEST FOR TENDER - BROKEN HILL LIBRARY AND ARCHIVES PROJECT
Resolved			
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> That Broken Hill City Council Report No. 64/23 dated April 11, 2023, be received. 			

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2. That Council note that due to the shortfall in available funding despite all efforts being taken with value engineering and project staging, that the current Library and Archive design and tender package cannot be completed.
3. That in accordance with Section 55 3(i) of the *NSW Local Government Act 1993*, and *NSW Local Government (General) Regulation 2021* Div. 4, section 178 (3e), Council approves to enter into direct negotiations due to extenuating circumstances being remoteness and the unavailability of competitive tenderers as well as previous knowledge, information and expertise surrounding the project with the preferred tenderers being Neeson Murcutt Architects Pty Ltd for design and North Construction & Building Pty Ltd construction
4. That Council enter into a Design and Construct contract with North Building & Construction Pty Ltd and Neeson Murcutt Architects Pty Ltd to redesign and construct a Library and Archives building for an all-inclusive budget of \$14,500,00.000 excluding GST, whilst adhering to specific funding guidelines and the scope requirements for a fit for purpose Library & Archive to service the Broken Hill City.
5. That Council thanks the General Manager and staff on their negotiations to ensure a successful outcome for the Library and Archives project.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

24 May 2023 8:44am Butcher, Lacey
Contract negotiations are on-going and re-design underway

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Ordinary Council 26/04/2023	Bartlett, Leisa Nankivell, Jay	Further Reports	ALTERATION TO THE WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING DATE FOR MAY 2023
Resolved			
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That Broken Hill City Council Report No. 74/23 dated April 19, 2023, be received. 2. That Council's Health and Building Committee Meeting scheduled for Tuesday 23 May 2023 be brought forward by one day to be held Monday 22 May 2023, following the Works Committee Meeting and information contained in the Council Meeting section of Council's website be updated accordingly. 			
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY			
09 May 2023 10:14am Butcher, Lacey COMPLETE			

Meeting	Officer/Director	Section	Subject
Ordinary Council 26/04/2023	Nu'man, Razija Nankivell, Jay	Health and Building Committee Reports	MINUTES OF THE FRIENDS OF THE FLORA AND FAUNA OF THE BARRIER RANGES COMMUNITY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD 14 MARCH 2023
Resolved			
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That Broken Hill City Council Report No. 62/23 dated April 5, 2023, be received. 2. That the minutes of the Friends of the Flora and Fauna of the Barrier Ranges Community Committee Meeting held 14 March 2023 be received. 3. That Council endorses and acknowledges in writing the resignation of Mr. Dean Fletcher from the Friends of the Flora and Fauna of the Barrier Ranges Community Committee after 20 years of volunteer work and expresses its gratitude and appreciation for Mr. Fletcher's contribution to the Committee and the community. 			

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23 May 2023 11:28am Rolton, Michelle
Letter of Appreciation sent to Mr Fletcher.

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Ordinary Council 26/04/2023	Bartlett, Leisa Nankivell, Jay	Policy And General Reports	REVIEW OF COUNCIL'S POLICY REGISTER
Resolved			
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That Broken Hill City Council Report No. 67/23 dated February 28, 2023, be received. 2. That Council notes that an initial review of Council's Policy Register has been undertaken which has identified a number of outdated/superseded policies that require removal from Council's Policy Register, for the various reasons outlined in this report. 3. That the following policies be rendered obsolete and removed from Council's Policy Register and from publication on Council's website: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Child Protection Employment Screening Policy b) Child Protection Mandatory Reporting Policy c) Conduct of Government Instrumentality Functions Policy d) Community Consultation Policy e) General Permits and Street Activities Policy f) Gifts and Benefits Policy g) Legionnaires Disease Policy h) Logo and Brand Mark Policy i) Motor Vehicle Pool System and Private Lease Policy j) Nuclear Waste Policy k) Residential Buildings Conservation Policy l) Shorty O'Neil Village Liquidity Management Policy m) Statement of Ethical Principles Policy n) Waiving of Notice Preparation Fees Protection of the Environment Operations Act Policy 			
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY			
24 May 2023 8:33am Butcher, Lacey COMPLETE - All obsolete policies removed from the website.			

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Ordinary Council 26/04/2023	Bartlett, Leisa Nankivell, Jay	Mayoral Minute	SOUTHERN CROSS AUSTEREO'S SPENCER GULF NIGHTLY NEWS
Resolved			
1. That Mayoral Minute No. 7/23 dated April 26, 2023, be received.			

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<ol style="list-style-type: none"> That correspondence be sent to Mark Coulton MP and the appropriate Minister outlining the concerns that the Broken Hill City Council and the community have about Southern Cross Austereo's recent decision to cease Spencer Gulf Nightly News and requests that the government introduce licence conditions that require regional broadcasters to produce regional content. That correspondence is sent to the Spencer Gulf Mayors supporting their action to reinstate local news services and endorse the correspondence received from them. That correspondence be sent to Southern Cross Austereo outlining our objections and concerns at the lack of public consultation before ceasing the local news bulletin. That a late motion be submitted to the National General Assembly regarding Southern Cross Austereo's decision to cease the Spencer Gulf Nightly News and request that the government introduces licence conditions that require regional broadcasters to produce regional content; and that the Spencer Gulf Mayors be advised of Council's late motion and request their support.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
24 May 2023 8:32am Butcher, Lacey COMPLETE - Correspondence sent

Meeting	Officer/Director	Section	Subject
Ordinary Council 26/04/2023	Bartlett, Leisa Nankivell, Jay	Works Committee Reports	DRAFT CEMETERY MANAGEMENT POLICY
Resolved			
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> That Broken Hill City Council Report No. 63/23 dated October 12, 2022, be received. That Council endorses the draft revised Cemetery Management Policy for the purpose of public exhibition. That the draft revised Cemetery Management Policy be exhibited for public comment for a period of 28 days. That a report be presented to Council at the conclusion of the public exhibition period, outlining the public submissions received and any recommended amendments arising, with a view to adopt the draft revised Cemetery Management Policy. 			
			CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
09 May 2023 10:02am Butcher, Lacey COMPLETE - Policy placed on Public Exhibition until 28 May 2023			

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Ordinary Council 26/04/2023	Nu'man, Razija Nankivell, Jay	Policy And General Reports	NOMINATION FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVE TO SECTION 355 COMMUNITY COMMITTEE
Resolved			
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> That Broken Hill City Council Report No. 71/23 dated April 11, 2023, be received. That Council appoint Mr Bryan Williamson as a community representative on the ET Lamb Memorial Oval Community Committee. That Mr Bryan Williamson be advised of his appointment and advice also be sent to Councillor Delegate/Chairperson of Committee. 			

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23 May 2023 10:14am Rolton, Michelle
Correspondence sent to Mr Bryan Williamson. , Correspondence sent to ET Lamb Memorial Oval Councillor Delegate.

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Ordinary Council 26/04/2023	Nu'man, Razija Nankivell, Jay	Policy And General Reports	MINUTES OF THE BROKEN HILL HERITAGE COMMITTEE MEETINGS HELD 28 FEBRUARY 2023 AND 30 MARCH 2023
Resolved			
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That Broken Hill City Council Report No. 73/23 dated April 11, 2023, be received. 2. That the minutes of the Broken Hill Heritage Committee Meetings held 28 February 2023 and 30 March 2023 be received. 3. That Council congratulates West Darling Arts for the conduct of GlamFest held during the 2023 Heritage Festival. 4. That Council staff be congratulation on the conduct of the 2023 Heritage Festival. 			
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY			
09 May 2023 10:13am Butcher, Lacey COMPLETE - Correspondence has been sent.			

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Ordinary Council 26/04/2023	Bartlett, Leisa Nankivell, Jay	Policy And General Reports	ADOPTION OF REVISED BROKEN HILL FILM POLICY
Resolved			
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That Broken Hill City Council Report No. 68/23 dated April 6, 2023, be received. 2. That the draft Broken Hill Film Policy be adopted as a Policy of Council. 3. That Council notes that adoption of the draft Broken Hill Film Policy will render the 2001 Film Making within the Broken Hill City Council Area Policy obsolete. 			
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY			
09 May 2023 10:03am Butcher, Lacey COMPLETE - Policy adopted			

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Ordinary Council 26/04/2023	Bartlett, Leisa Nankivell, Jay	Policy And General Reports	DRAFT SPONSORSHIP POLICY FOR PUBLIC EXHIBITION
Resolved			
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That Broken Hill City Council Report No. 69/23 dated April 6, 2023, be received. 2. That Council endorses the draft revised Sponsorship Policy for the purpose of public exhibition. 			

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- 3. That the draft revised Sponsorship Policy be exhibited for public comment for a period of 28 days.
 - 4. That a report be presented to Council at the conclusion of the public exhibition period, detailing submissions received and any recommended amendments arising, with a view to adopt the draft revised Sponsorship Policy.
- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
- 09 May 2023 10:07am Butcher, Lacey
COMPLETE - Policy placed on public exhibition until 28 May 2023

QUESTIONS TAKEN ON NOTICE FROM PREVIOUS COUNCIL MEETINGS

1. QUESTIONS ON NOTICE NO. 3/23 - DATED MAY 03, 2023 -
COUNCILLOR QUESTIONS TAKEN ON NOTICE AT THE APRIL 2023
ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING (D23/22767).....440

ORDINARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

May 3, 2023

ITEM 1

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SUBJECT: COUNCILLOR QUESTIONS TAKEN ON NOTICE AT THE APRIL 2023 ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING D23/22767

Summary

The report provides responses to questions raised by Councillors during the April 2023 Council Meetings, which were taken on notice.

Recommendation

1. That Questions On Notice No. 3/23 dated May 3, 2023, be received.

Background

Following are the responses to questions raised by Councillors which the Mayor and/or General Manager took on notice at the April 2023 Council Meetings.

<p>Question:</p>	<p><u>2024 Heritage Festival</u></p> <p><i>Councillor Turley requested that the 2024 Heritage Festival includes the lighting up of the Town Hall and other historical buildings.</i></p> <p>The General Manager took the question on notice.</p>
<p>Response:</p>	<p>The 2024 Heritage Festival budget and additional lighting was discussed at the 2023/24 Councillor budget briefing for further consideration following the 140 year festival.</p>

Attachments

There are no attachments for this report.

LEISA BARTLETT
EXECUTIVE OFFICER

JAY NANKIVELL
GENERAL MANAGER

CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS

1. BROKEN HILL CITY COUNCIL REPORT NO. 81/23 - DATED APRIL 27, 2023 - PROPOSED WILLYAMA COMMON ACCESS LICENCE TO A-CAES NSW PTY LTD - CONFIDENTIAL

(General Manager's Note: This report considers a licence and is deemed confidential under Section 10A(2) (c) of the Local Government Act, 1993 which provides for information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the Council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business).

2. BROKEN HILL CITY COUNCIL REPORT NO. 101/23 - DATED MAY 21, 2023 - CIVIC CENTRE LEGAL MATTER UPDATE - CONFIDENTIAL

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