



# AGENDA

## INFRASTRUCTURE, COMMUNITY AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

### 10 SEPTEMBER 2018

MEMBERSHIP: Councillors J Diffey, V Etheridge, D Grant, D Gumley, A Jones, S Lawrence, G Mohr, K Parker, J Ryan and B Shields.

The meeting is scheduled to commence at .

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## **Report of the Infrastructure Community and Recreation Committee - meeting 13 August 2018**

**AUTHOR: Administration Officer - Governance**  
**REPORT DATE: 28 August 2018**

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The Committee had before it the report of the Infrastructure, Community and Recreation Committee meeting held 13 August 2018.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

**That the report of the Infrastructure, Community and Recreation Committee meeting held on 13 August 2018, be noted.**



**REPORT**  
**INFRASTRUCTURE, COMMUNITY AND**  
**RECREATION COMMITTEE**  
**13 AUGUST 2018**

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**PRESENT:** Councillors J Diffey, V Etheridge, D Grant, A Jones, S Lawrence, G Mohr, K Parker and B Shields.

**ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:**

The Chief Executive Officer, the Executive Manager Governance and Internal Control, the Governance Team Leader, the Community Support Officer, the Director Corporate Services, the Director Economic Development and Business, the Communications Coordinator, the Director Infrastructure and Operations (S Carter), the Director Planning and Environment, the Manager Environmental Control, the Trainee Planner, the Director Community and Recreation, the Social Justice Coordinator and the Youth Development Officer.

Councillor S Lawrence assumed chairmanship of the meeting.

The proceedings of the meeting commenced at 5.30pm.

Clause ICRC18/70 was brought forward for consideration and was dealt with at this juncture.

**ICRC18/70 YOUTH COUNCIL PRESENTATION (ID18/1108)**

The Committee reports having met with Sharika-Maree Howard and Emily O'Dea of the Dubbo City Youth Council regarding this matter.

Moved by Councillor B Shields and seconded by Councillor A Jones

**MOTION**

**That the presentation by the Dubbo City Youth Council be noted.**

**CARRIED**

At this juncture the meeting adjourned, the time being 5.46pm.

The meeting recommenced at 5.50pm.

**ICRC18/69 REPORT OF THE INFRASTRUCTURE COMMUNITY AND RECREATION COMMITTEE - MEETING 9 JULY 2018 (ID18/1233)**

The Committee had before it the report of the Infrastructure, Community and Recreation Committee meeting held 9 July 2018.

Moved by Councillor J Diffey and seconded by Councillor D Grant

**MOTION**

**That the report of the Infrastructure, Community and Recreation Committee meeting held on 9 July 2018, be noted.**

**CARRIED**

**ICRC18/71 DECLARATION OF DUBBO REGIONAL COUNCIL LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA AS A FOSSICKING DISTRICT (ID18/1254)**

The Committee had before it the report dated 31 July 2018 from the Executive Manager Governance and Internal Control regarding Declaration of Dubbo Regional Council Local Government Area as a Fossicking District.

Moved by Councillor B Shields and seconded by Councillor V Etheridge

**MOTION**

- 1. That the proposal to gazette the Dubbo Regional Council Local Government Area as a fossicking district be placed on public exhibition for a period of 28 days inviting comment from the public.**
- 2. That it be noted that approval not be granted for Council owned operational sites and construction sites to be subject to fossicking activities.**

**CARRIED**

**ICRC18/72 ANNUAL PLANT REPORT 2017/2018 (ID18/737)**

The Committee had before it the report dated 31 July 2018 from the Manager Fleet Services regarding Annual Plant Report 2017/2018.

Moved by Councillor K Parker and seconded by Councillor A Jones

**MOTION**

**That the information contained within this report by the Manager Fleet Services dated 31 July 2018 be noted.**

**CARRIED**

**ICRC18/73 BODANGORA COMMUNITY BENEFIT FUND ROUND 2 (ID18/1242)**

The Committee had before it the report dated 31 July 2018 from the Director Community and Recreation regarding Bodangora Community Benefit Fund Round 2.

Moved by Councillor A Jones and seconded by Councillor J Diffey

**MOTION**

1. That the information contained within the report of the Director Community and Recreation dated 31 July 2018 be noted.
2. That the following projects be allocated funding from the Bodangora Wind Farm Community Benefit Fund:
  - Twin River's Fishing Club \$3,000
  - Burrendong Botanic Garden and Arboretum \$3,500
  - Wellington Lions Club \$2,300
  - Wellington Warriors Football Club Incorporated \$4,800
  - Wellington Arts Centre Inc \$3,000
  - Wellington Amateur Theatrical Society Incorporated \$4,768.37
  - The Salvation Army Orana-Wellington NSW \$1,113.63
  - Mount Arthur Reserve Trust \$2,518
3. That all applicants be advised of the outcomes of their funding application and unsuccessful applicants be advised as to other opportunities to obtain funding.
4. That Round 3 of the Bodangora Community Benefit Fund call for submissions in December 2018 with the available pool being \$25,000 and the upper limit of grant applications being \$5,000.
5. That community members of the Bodangora Wind Farm Community Consultative Committee be invited to participate in the presentation to successful community groups.

**CARRIED**

*Councillor D Grant declared a pecuniary, significant interest in the matter now before the Committee and left the room and was out of sight during the Committee's consideration of this matter. The reason for such interest is that Councillor D Grant is the treasurer of the Mount Arthur Reserve Trust who have been recommended to receive funding through the benefit fund and he is also a member of the Wellington Warriors Football Club Incorporated.*

**ICRC18/74 LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

Requests for leave of absence were received from Councillors D Gumley and J Ryan who were absent from the meeting for personal reasons.

Moved by Councillor A Jones and seconded by Councillor D Grant

**MOTION**

**That such requests for leave of absence be accepted and Councillors D Gumley and J Ryan be granted leave of absence from this meeting.**

**CARRIED**

The meeting closed at 5.54pm.

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CHAIRMAN



## **REPORT: Community Services Fund 2018/2019 - community benefit funding in accordance with Section 356 Local Government Act 1993**

**AUTHOR:** Director Community and Recreation  
**REPORT DATE:** 7 August 2018  
**TRIM REFERENCE:** ID18/1268

### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

As an element of considering the draft 2018/2019 Budget, Council at the Budget Review Workshop determined that community groups previously funded by the former Dubbo City and Wellington Council's shall be required to apply through a public process available to the wider community for any donation they wish to receive from Council that enables them to deliver services to the community.

The framework under which Council considers and determines donations relates to the requirements of Section 356 of the Local Government Act 1993 whereby Council may contribute money or otherwise grant financial assistance to persons for the purpose of exercising its functions.

Council allocated funding for total discretionary donations of \$625,636 over the four years of the budget with the first year being 2018/2019 with an available sum of \$150,996. Also being reviewed as an element of the annual community donation review is the previous allocation of \$160,000 for the Dubbo Neighbourhood Centre per annum.

For the 2018/2019 financial year, Council invited submissions from community based organisations for a donation that enables that organisation to deliver services to the community. To be successful for funding, community organisations projects must meet the following criteria:

- 1) Deliver social, cultural or environmental benefits to the communities of the Local Government Area;
- 2) Address an identified community priority;
- 3) Demonstrate how the funding shall enable the community based organisation to deliver a service to the community; and
- 4) The organisation must demonstrate the capacity to manage funds and deliver the project.

There can only be one application per organisation.

There were 22 applications totalling \$283,754.00 for an available pool of approximately \$310,996.00. Given this a new approach to long held Council community donations and there is a large number of community focused grants put before the community in recent months



it is likely some previous recipients of Council funding did not apply due to confusion between funding streams. However all groups were afforded the same opportunity to apply to a publicly advertised grant application process.

Council held a workshop on Monday 3 September 2018 to review applications against the Community Service Fund guidelines. The outcome of the workshop is reflected in the recommendation to fund specific community groups in accordance with legislative requirements.

### **ORGANISATIONAL VALUES**

Customer Focused: The Community Services Fund provides funding to successful organisations to enable them to provide services to the community.

Integrity: All applications were considered in a transparent manner with regards to the funding criteria contained within the funding application.

One Team: Council is working with community based organisations to deliver services to the wider community through an equitable and transparent grant funding program.

### **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

The budget has been allocated in the forward four year budget. In addition \$30,000 per annum is still available for the community focused Financial Assistance Grants in two rounds of \$15,000.

### **POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

There are no policy implications arising from this report.

RECOMMENDATION

1. That the information contained within the report of the Director Community and Recreation dated 7 August 2018 be noted.
2. That Council allocate to the community based organisations the following funds in accordance with Section 356 of The Local Government Act 1993:

a) Central West Leadership Academy	\$5,300.00
b) Dubbo & District Pipe Band	\$1,500.00
c) University of the Third Age, Dubbo Chapter Inc	\$3,197.00
d) Orana Support Service Inc	\$2,654.00
e) Oriscon Inc	\$700.00
f) Life Education NSW	\$7,400.00
g) Wellington Information & Neighbourhood Services Inc	\$20,000.00
h) Orana K9 Training Club Inc	\$3,536.00
i) Dubbo Neighbourhood Centre	\$160,000.00
j) Western Region Academy of Sport	\$2,847.00
k) Dubbo and District Preschool Kindergarten Inc	\$4,000.00
l) City of Dubbo Eisteddfod Society Inc	\$10,000.00
m) Walan Wirringah Women's Group - Community Garden	\$10,000.00
n) Orana Early Childhood Intervention and Education Project Inc	\$2,500.00
o) Victims and Witnessess of Crime Court Support (VWCCS)	\$6,000.00
p) Lifeline	\$15,000
3. That all applicants be advised of the outcomes of their funding application and unsuccessful applicants be advised as to other opportunities to obtain funding from either other Council funding streams or external opportunities. Other Council funding streams include:
  - a) Event Development Fund,
  - b) Major Event Sponsor Program
  - c) Chief Executive Officer's Sponsorship Fund
  - d) Financial Assistance Grant
4. That Council continue the Financial Assistance Grants totalling \$30,000 to be released in two separate tranches of \$15,000.

*Murray Wood*

Director Community and Recreation

**BACKGROUND**

Funding has previously been allocated for regular annual donations for each year with the following list identifying which group and the funding provided.

Dubbo Rescue Squad

To offset operational costs such as insurance, maintenance of depot and purchase of new equipment \$11,300

Life Line

To offset operational costs of providing a telephone service to Dubbo LGA residents \$10,000

Dubbo Merino and Sheep Show and Sale

Sponsorship of this annual event held at the Dubbo Showground \$500

University of the Third Age

To offset the cost of hiring rooms at the Western Plains Cultural Centre to conduct classes \$385

Dubbo Golf Club

To sponsor the Mayor's annual golf trophy tournament \$400

Western Region Poll Hereford Association

Sponsorship of this annual event held at the Dubbo Showground \$500

Rawsonville Hall Trust

To offset operational costs such as insurance and maintenance and repairs to the community hall \$650

Orana Toy Library

To offset the cost of purchasing new toys and insurance \$665

Ballimore and District Progress Association

To offset the costs of maintaining the Ballimore Hall \$700

East Dubbo Girl Guides

To offset operational costs and maintenance of the Guides Hall \$380

Orana Country Music Association

To offset costs to conduct the annual Country Music Festival in Dubbo \$500

Dubbo Grey Hound Racing Club

To sponsor an annual Mayor's Cup race event at Dawson Park, Dubbo \$3,000

Dubbo Harness Racing Club

To sponsor an annual Mayor's Cup race event at the Showground Paceway \$2,000

Eumungerie Coboco RSL Sub Branch

To offset costs of maintaining the Eumungerie Hall \$440

Orana Early Childhood Intervention

To offset operational costs such as insurance, purchasing new equipment and centre maintenance \$2,350

Dubbo Artz

To produce 800 coloured copies of a bimonthly cultural newsletter distributed to the community. \$3,000

Dubbo Neighbourhood Centre

To offset the costs of premise rental and operational costs of the centre such as insurance and electricity \$160,000

Dubbo Neighbourhood Centre

For seniors' activities \$5,000

Orana Mobile Life Education Van

To offset the operational costs of the Van which visits schools in the Dubbo LGA \$6,168

Royal Flying Doctor Service

To cover landing fees for use of the Dubbo City Regional Airport \$27,500

Multi Cultural Festival

To offset the costs of conducting an annual Multi Cultural Festival \$15,000

Dubbo Eisteddfod

To offset hire fees at the Dubbo Regional Theatre and Convention Centre for the annual Eisteddfod \$8,000

Macquarie Philharmonia Orchestra

To offset costs of the Orchestra conducting musical performances throughout the Central West of NSW \$5,000

Carols By Candlelight

To offset the hire fees and other charges to use Victoria Park Number 1 Oval for this annual community event \$2,500

Dubbo and District Concert Band

To offset the cost of new instruments, music, uniforms and insurance for the for the Band's assets \$4,662

Dubbo Pipe Band

To offset the cost of new instruments and music for the Band \$1,300

Western Region Academy of Sport

A per capita contribution to the Academy for young people to participate in high level sports coaching \$2,366

As an element of considering the draft 2018/2019 Budget, Council at the Budget Review Workshop determined that community groups previously funded by the former Dubbo City and Wellington Council's shall be required to apply through a public process available to the wider community for any donation they wish to receive from Council that enables them to deliver services to the community.

**REPORT**

For the Community Services Fund 22 applications for funding were received requesting a total of \$283,754. Criteria for applying for the funding was included on the application form.

Councillors were provided copies of all applications submitted by community groups and a scoring spreadsheet to independently assess each submission against 4 criteria. They were:

1. Deliver social, cultural or environmental benefits to the communities of the Local Government Area;
2. Address an identified community priority;
3. Demonstrate how the funding shall enable the community based organisation to deliver a service to the community; and
4. The organisation must demonstrate the capacity to manage funds and deliver the project.

Subsequently a workshop was held for Councillors to discuss the results of their individual assessments and to determine the successful submissions.

A summary of the successful projects are as follows:

Central West Leadership Academy \$5,300

To run a series of gifted education extension holiday camps to service gifted students from the regions. To buy STEM equipment and develop modules that allow holiday extension programs on an ongoing basis. To purchase Discovering STEM engino physics sets and Little Bits sets plus extraneous materials for engineering. The curriculum to suit students in years 4-8 and to offer a week of low cost extension days.

University of the Third Age, Dubbo Chapter Inc \$3,197

Funds to assist with running the classes and to offset costs of WPCC room hire.

Orana Support Service Inc \$2,654

To purchase a small indoor/outdoor cinema system that consist of a pull up screen, project and powered speakers. Cinema will be used to provide school aged children with access to weekly movies, YouTube music/dance/arts, karaoke, computer base displays of the children's achievements and other communication types that overcome numeracy and literacy barriers

in children. This cinema will further be used in adult and parent gatherings where visual display media is seen to address the participants' communication barriers.

Oriscon Inc \$700

The funds will be used to hire the Pipe Band Hall for their regular meetings. These meetings are usually monthly but prior to large events a couple of meetings are required. Meetings are critical to good project management of events as well as building cultural knowledge and understanding.

Life Education NSW \$7,400

To provide Life Education's preventative health program, take home workbook and parent handouts to children in the Dubbo Regional Council area. The target is to reach 1,850 children. At \$4 per child will provide the take home workbook and parent's handout.

Wellington Information and Neighbourhood Services Inc \$20,000

To assist in meeting the number of fixed costs such as rent at around \$16,000 pa., gas and electricity costs approximately \$12,000 pa. Financial assistance with those fixed costs, WINS would be able to offer further and better services to the people of Wellington including expanding the programs we offer. The service needs to broaden its scope in order to survive as well as continue providing the assistance it currently does. The staff and Board are committed to doing just this.

Marathon Health \$13,090

In honour of this year's NAIDOC theme; Marathon Health seeks funding to provide the #eatspeak program, an invaluable health service for 202 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island (ATSI), young women (years 8-12) from Dubbo high schools across, Delroy, South and Senior Campuses in partnership with the Girls Academy.

Dubbo Neighbourhood Centre \$160,000

Funding to go towards the running costs of rent and overheads and administration fees

Dubbo Harness Racing Club \$3,000

To assist with running the Dubbo Carnival of Cups which is held each year in conjunction with the Dubbo Show.

Western Region Academy of Sport \$2,847.00

This funding will offset the cost of the programs run by WRAS for AFL, basketball, cycling, golf, hockey, lone star, high performance, para-sports and netball athletes.

City of Dubbo Eisteddfod Society Inc \$10,000

To provide the forum for performance in the disciplines of Dance, Instrumental, Vocal & Choral and Speech and Drama the Eisteddfod Society relies completely on income from entry fees, sponsorship, donations and community funding. The cost of running the Eisteddfod each year exceeds \$70,000. The costs are made up of: prize money; trophies; adjudicator fees; accommodation; travel and meals; venue hire; hire of equipment; printing costs; and insurance cover.

Orana Early Childhood Intervention and Education Project Inc \$2,500

Given the increasing number of premature birth within our area such a significant gap in services to babies under 12 months of age who are "at risk" of developmental delays as a result of prematurity, is very concerning. OEI would like to be able to continue to offer and provide a regular monthly monitoring service where the babies are assessed, reviewed by the team and families are provided with a home program. The grant would contribute to the cost of purchasing resources including staffing and any administration cost, associated with providing individual therapy session with each baby and their family.

Victims and Witnesses of Crime Court Support (VWCCS) \$6,000

VWCCS has recruited and commenced training six volunteer court support officers who will assist Dubbo Police with victims and witnesses of crime. This initiative is supported by the NSW Attorney General's Department. These volunteers will join the current 130 VWCCS volunteers who provide services in Sydney and other regional locations. The funds would be used to enable the six newly recruited Court Support Volunteers based in Dubbo to attend 2 refresher professional development and training days in Sydney in 2019. It is essential that the Volunteers remain up to date on current government policies, changes in laws and maintain their skills and knowledge to provide quality court support. The funds would be used to cover the travel costs of the 6 Volunteers to attend two of the regular training days held in Sydney at NSW Parliament House.

Stuart Town Advancement Association \$1,000

The amount applied will cover the Council Rates, electricity and various running costs of the Stuart Town School of Art Hall.

Lifeline \$15,000

To assist with operating our services which include, mental health, domestic violence, drug and alcohol abuse. These form the fastest growing grouping of issues to affect our society.

Projects that were considered not strongly aligned to the Community Services Fund guidelines and therefore not approved for funding were:

Songwriters and Original Musicians Association Dubbo Inc \$7,750

Funds to assist with practice space rental for 1 year: \$2,600 and for a covered trailer: \$5,155

Orana K9 Training Club Inc \$3,536

This is a community project teaching owners of dogs responsible dog ownership, dog obedience, dog social behaviours and companionship. This funding would go towards payment to DRC for use of the Showground.

Aspire Netball Club Dubbo Inc \$3,000

To subsidize registration and uniform costs. To develop the skill level of all players and through targeted coaching courses to develop the skill level of the volunteer coaches. To subsidize all uniforms for all athletes who are new to the sport to encourage new participants. To assist in purchasing of netball equipment such as kit bags, balls, ball pumps and playing patches.



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## REPORT: Dubbo Neighbourhood Centre Biannual Activities Report

**AUTHOR:** Manager Social Services  
**REPORT DATE:** 20 August 2018  
**TRIM REFERENCE:** ID18/1325

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Dubbo Neighbourhood Centre (DNC) is required to submit a biannual report on its activities as a condition of Council funding the organisation. **Appendix 1** shows the DNC report for the period 1 January 2018 to 30 June 2018. **Appendix 2** shows the current DNC Organisation Chart.

### ORGANISATIONAL VALUES

Customer Focused: The DNC provides a wide range of invaluable community services to the socially and economically disadvantaged, frail aged, children, youth, women, the socially isolated and those affected by disabilities both physical and mental. Council's funding assists the DNC to provide these services in accordance with Section 365 of the Local Government Act.

Integrity: The expenditure of the funding provided to the Neighbourhood Centre and the community outcomes produced by the expenditure are reported to Council and the public via public biannual reports and presentations to Council meetings.

One Team: Dubbo Regional Council and the Dubbo Neighbourhood Centre act in a partnership arrangement to provide the best possible outcomes for the residents of the Local Government area. Funding by Council assists the Neighbourhood Centre to deliver vital services which the Council itself does not have the staff resources to provide.

### FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The annual donation to the Dubbo Neighbourhood Centre is being considered by Council under a separate report.

### POLICY IMPLICATIONS

There are no policy implications arising from this report.



**RECOMMENDATION**

**That the information contained within the report of the Manager Social Services, dated 20 August 2018 be noted.**

*John Watts*  
Manager Social Services

## REPORT

Council provides significant funding to the Dubbo Neighbourhood Centre (DNC) to enable the organisation to function. For 2017/2018, Council provided the DNC with \$160,000 ex GST for rent and operations and \$5,000 for seniors' activities. When Council determined to provide DNC with funding, a condition was imposed on the DNC to provide biannual reports of its activities to Council to enable Council to gauge the level of benefit to the community from the funding provided.

The appended report for the period 1 January 2018 to 30 June 2018 indicates that the DNC has been particularly active in providing services to the community. Of particular note in the DNC biannual activities report of the Neighbourhood Centre is:

- the opening of the Help Our People Evolve Program (H.O.P.E). H.O.P.E is a trauma based team servicing the Dubbo community;
- a new migrant support worker employed, Denise Olmi;
- the ongoing success of the Wingewarra Activities Centre (WAC);
- the ongoing success of the Community Transport Program and the Community Activities Program;

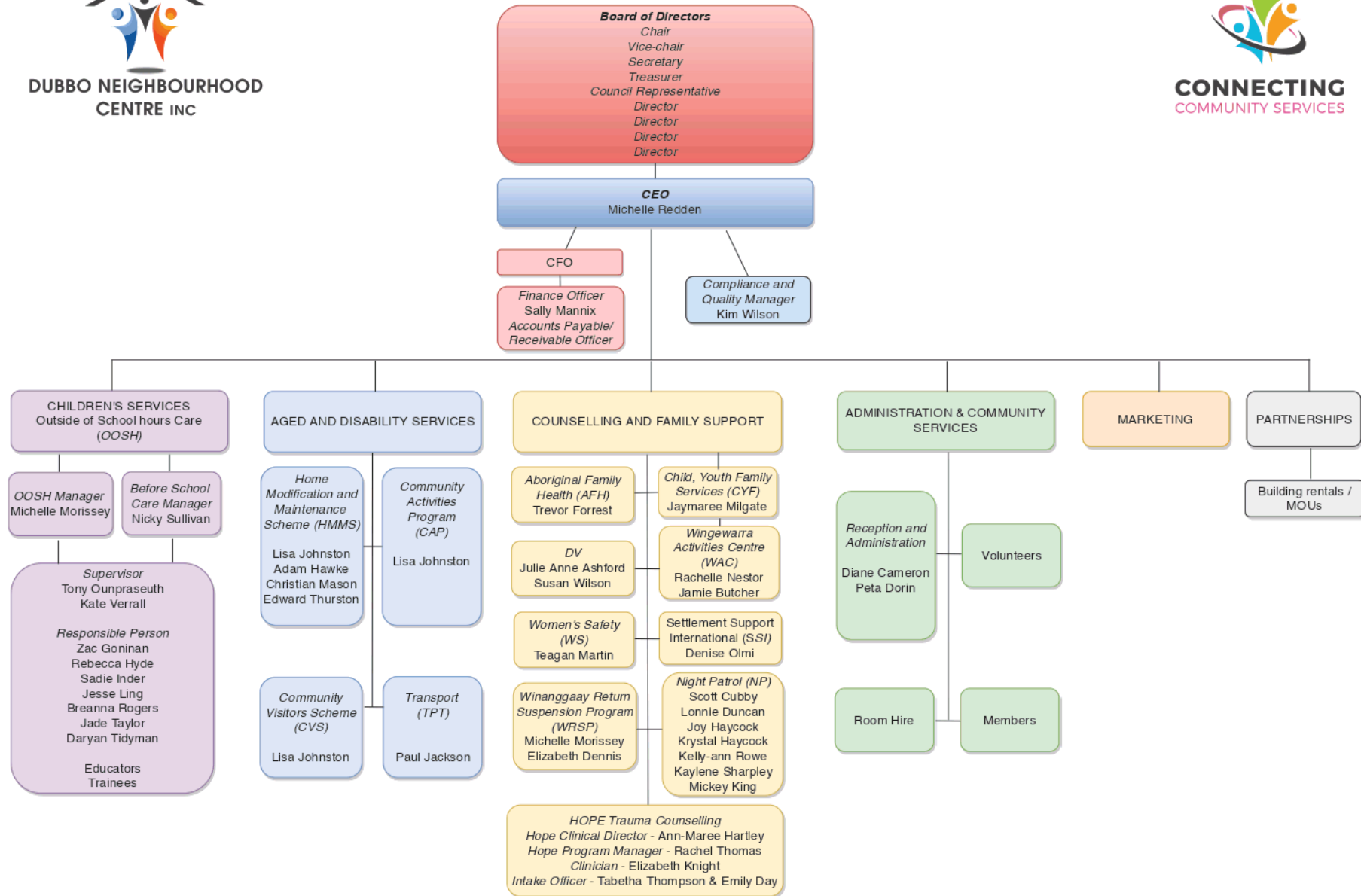
With 77,943 services provided during the six (6) months period, the Dubbo Neighbourhood Centre continues to provide vital social and community services to the community. Aboriginal Family Health (4,896 services), Women's Safety Project (5,083 services), Settlement Services (1,417 services), Child Youth and Family Services and WAC (3,080 services), Help Our People Evolve Program (H.O.P.E) (7,528 services), Out of School Hours Care (41,666 services) and Domestic Violence Counselling (2,701 services) remain particularly sought after services within the community.

### Appendices:

- 1 [↓](#) Organisational Chart Dubbo Neighbourhood Centre 14/8/18
- 2 [↓](#) Annual Report from the Dubbo Neighbourhood Centre Inc for the period 1/1/18-30/6/18



**Organisational Chart**



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**Report to Dubbo Regional Council**

**1<sup>st</sup> January 2018 to 31<sup>st</sup> June 2018**

**COMMUNITY AND ADMINISTRATION SERVICES**

During this six month period Dubbo Neighbourhood Centre delivered a total of approximately 77943 occasions of service. These figures are represented against the relevant services as follows:

**SERVICE DELIVERY STATISTICS**

<u>Service</u>	<u>Total</u>
NHC	6463
Executive Officer	194
Operations Manager	587
Finance	98
Settlement Services	1417
Night Patrol	830
Community Activities Program	1533
Community Visitors Scheme	2277
Home Modifications and Maintenance Scheme	777
Child Youth and Family Service and WAC	3080
Aboriginal Family Health	4896
Women's Safety Project	5083
Winaggaay Re-engagement Support Program	49
Out of School Hours Care	41666
Domestic Violence Counselling	2701
Transport	1467
H.O.P.E	7528
<b><u>TOTAL</u></b>	<b><u>77943</u></b>

**The Dubbo Neighbourhood Centre Inc.**

The Neighbourhood Centre hub (including management and internal support services) provides information and referral services to the community. For many people the centre is the main point of contact to get valuable information and help within Dubbo and surrounds.

DNC has officially opened the H.O.P.E Program. The H.O.P.E. Program is a new trauma-based team servicing the Dubbo community, and soon expanding to regional towns as well. Trauma is the emotional, psychological or physical experiences in the short or long term following an overwhelming event or series of events. Trauma can arise from situations including violence, abuse, accidents, workplace events, death, robbery, harassment and medical issues to name a few. The team provides individual and group therapy, GP and Psychiatry assessments and community education to Dubbo and surrounds.

DNC continues to provide a "home" for services such as The DV Prevention Collective, WAGS's, Wambool, Seniors Group, MS Support, Combined Pensioners – just to name a few.

## AGED AND DISABILITY SERVICES

### Community Transport

DNC's transport service is self-funded. This service continues to grow with more clients, we are always seeking funds to ensure the financial viability of the service is upheld. Clients that use the transport service include those that are aged, have a disability, need assisted transport for medical purposes, financially disadvantaged or homeless. The service does a fortnightly bus trip from Wellington, for Wellington and Geurie clients to access services and facilities in Dubbo. Transport also do a monthly bus trip to Orange that gives clients the chance to access services and facilities in Orange, this also gives them the opportunity to access specialist medical appointments.

### Community Activities Program

CAP has had a great year, with numbers for attendances rising from 2017 for bus trips and regular monthly activities. Monday morning and Friday Morning Bowls have been well attended with new shirts being donated by The Athletes Foot Dubbo for the Competition Bowlers. A trip to Tooraweenah and Coonabarabran in May was a great success with our seniors being treated to a tour of the Emu Logic farm and a fabulous meal at Tibuc Gardens at Coonabarabran. There were a few new members joining us on the trip and there was a lot of positive feedback regarding the trip.

### Community Visitors Scheme

The Community Visitors Scheme (CVS) is a national program initiative funded by the Commonwealth Government, Department of Social Services. The CVS assists with the matching of one-on-one, volunteer visitors to residents of Residential Aged Care facilities in the Orana Far West and under the guidelines of clients receiving Home Care Program Packages, we also attend Residential Aged Care facilities to engage residents in Group Visits with activities. One on One at home visits have increased over the past few months, which allows Volunteers to visit our house bound residents in need of a friendly face and some companionship.

We have had a few new volunteers sign up over the past few months, and have the vision of expanding on Home Visits, with the assistance of different Local Home care Package Providers.

To date we are visiting 10 nursing homes on a weekly/fortnightly basis, and have in excess of 35 volunteers (and rising) signed up to the program.

### Dubbo Home Modification and Maintenance Service

The Dubbo Home Modification Service continues to provide excellent service to the community. HMMS provides modification and maintenance work for people who are frail, aged, people with disabilities and their carers so that they may live more independently in the community and remain in their own homes longer.

The Home Modification and Maintenance Service has delivered many services to clients during this six month period, with a majority of these being grab rails installed. This program covers a large area of our community including the townships of Dubbo, Narromine, Wellington, Gilgandra, and the rural areas that surround those towns. Our clients have received a completed HMM services including simple maintenance jobs, numerous handrails and grab rails, ramps, full bathrooms and kitchen modifications.

### **Migrant Services**

The Migrant Support program has delivered 2060 occasions of service during this six month period. Immediate assistance has been delivered to clients new to our region. Nationalities assisted have been: Asian, Chinese, Egyptian and Syrian.

DNC has a new migrant support worker, Denise. Denise is a migrant herself, so knows a lot about it and what problems they can face in Dubbo and the Orana region. Since starting in October Denise has been working with approximately 20 new clients, most having working visas here in the Orana area and nearly 90 per cent of them in the process of getting their permanent residency visa.

## **COUNSELLING AND FAMILY SUPPORT SERVICES**

### **Child, Youth and Family Service**

Child, Youth & Family program is a mediation, referral and support service for children and young people aged(12-17) and/or their family, who are experiencing or at risk of experiencing conflict and disruption within the family. This service delivered 990 occasions of service during the six month period.

### **Wingewarra Activities Centre (WAC)**

WAC is seeing between 30 and 50 youth each Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. The centre provides a place for youth to go with structured activities and the provision of a meal. The attendees are almost 100% indigenous.

Various disclosures have been made from the youth to our case managers which has allowed us to follow up on mandatory reporting and refer both youth and families (where there is engagement) into our counselling programs or onto other services, providing a wraparound of care.

### **Aboriginal Family Wellbeing and Violence Prevention**

Jimmy has been busy by helping to support men and women who are victims and perpetrators of domestic/family violence by attending workshops and counselling services. Jimmy is in the process of running (SAMS) Strong Aboriginal men's program, who will be in a partnership with Catholic care Narromine.

### **Women's Safety Project**

The past six months Women's Safety Project has delivered 5083 occasions of service. The project is coordinated by employee Teagan Martin which involves intensive case-work to support people affected by Domestic and Family Violence. The program is always at capacity with a waitlist.

The last six months Teagan has been away in Sydney completing her Advanced Diploma in Aboriginal Specialist Trauma Counselling through the education centre against violence, Teagan has completed three of the six modules.

### **Domestic Violence Counselling**

The demand for this service continues to grow with the service delivering 2071 occasions of service during the six month period. This service provides culturally sensitive counselling via face to face consultation or telephone to women who have experienced Domestic and/or family violence. We employ two part time counsellors to proactively provide the most appropriate care and compassion to our clients whilst offering choice and ultimately empowerment.

We offer Telephone counselling to regional communities including Wellington, Coonabarabran, Coonamble, Gilgandra, Nyngan and Warren.

### **Safe Aboriginal Youth (S.A.Y program) formerly Community Night Patrol**

Operating hours are 6.00pm to 12.00pm Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday evenings. Hours do change back to 6pm to 11pm when daylight savings is over.

Justice Department, Safe Aboriginal Youth Night Patrol program is continuing to run successfully transporting between 400 and 650 young people every month. Our staff are linking in with many other services within the community including Soup Kitchen, Schools and various support services. The Team continues to work with the Justice Group and Dubbo Police to ensure that any issues in the community are considered. Night Patrol also assist with our Youth Centre (WAC) providing safe transport home for the children after.

### **Help Our People Evolve (H.O.P.E)**

In the last six month the H.O.P.E Program has delivered 7528 occasions of services, and currently has 240 active individual clients.

H.O.P.E has recently completed a group therapy (Turning Into Teens and Cool Kids) and now they are currently working with main schools for ongoing emotional literacy and recidivism prevention group.

H.O.P.E has offsite clinics located at the Dubbo Christian School, South Dubbo Primary School & have recently commenced at Coonabarabran, with a Wellington Clinic commencing mid-term 3.

H.O.P.E's Clinical Staging requirements are being met through MHC & PHN Funding opportunities.

## **CHILDREN SERVICES SECTION**

### **Winanggaay Re-engagement Support Program**

Winanggaay (Wiradjuri translation meaning "To Know, To Think, To Understand) aims to provide intensive support for Aboriginal children aged between 5 and 12 who have been suspended or are at risk of being suspended from School.

The program itself was suspended for terms 1 and 2. The centre commenced in week 6 of term 3 and we have not had high numbers to report. Children attending and we are running it out of WAC.

DNC employ four part time workers including a qualified Teacher, Youth Worker, Social Worker and a trainee Children's Services student. The program was also a platform for student practicum from Charles Sturt University (Social Work) and TAFE (community Services). Early Intervention is essential for:

- Identifying and meeting student's individual needs e.g. Cognitive Therapy, Anger Management, Mindfulness.
- Identifying and meeting cultural needs e.g. building upon a strong sense of belonging, Indigenous guest workshops, 8Ways learning and Indigenous narratives.
- Embedding the blueprint for successful schooling e.g. mind maps, learning plans.
- Improving social and educational outcomes including attendance e.g. Target needs
- Reducing suspension rates e.g. understanding triggers planning for success
- Improve family and parenting support at home.

### **Outside of School Hours Care**

OOSH operates Before School Care 6am - 9.15am dropping the children. After School Care pick the children up from school and take them to their ASC centres which are held at Central DNC Building, North public, West public, South public, St Laurence's, Buninyong public and Macquarie Anglican Grammar from 2.30 - 6.00pm. All transport to and from school is provided by DNCs bus.

DNC employ qualified staff and have a training program in place to continue to build on our team. All centres are accredited through the Department of Education and we offer inclusion support and specialist staff. A rebate from Family Assistance Office is available for all families that qualify.

The After School Care program allows for children to be able to grow within themselves whilst learning in a play based environment. Our After School Care Program offers a weekly activities program to our students which is based on our children's interest and led by our educators.

### **Vacation Care**

The Vacation Care program offers an inclusive environment for primary school aged children from 4 -12 years. The program is operated from 7:30am to 6pm during school holidays. A rebate from Family Assistance Office is available for all families that qualify.

DNC operated out of two sites during the 9 July to 23 July school holidays servicing 440 children in that period.





## REPORT: Alcohol Free Zones Dubbo

**AUTHOR:** Manager Social Services  
**REPORT DATE:** 16 July 2018  
**TRIM REFERENCE:** ID18/1179

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report deals with the proposed re-establishment of alcohol free zones in the Dubbo CBD, West Dubbo Commercial Area and six (6) Neighbourhood Shopping Centre Precincts to cover public roadways, footpaths and car parks for a four (4) year period for every day of the week, 24 hours per day from 1 January 2019 to 31 December 2022 inclusive. The report also proposes that Council confirm by resolution its policy that an agreement by Council to lease a section of public area for use as a restaurant under Section 125 of the Roads Act 1993 overrides the provisions of an alcohol free zone.

### ORGANISATIONAL VALUES

Customer focused: Council is responsible for the safety and welfare of its citizens and visitors and the provision of alcohol free zones is one crime and anti-social preventative measure which Council can implement to fulfil its responsibilities.

Integrity: Council through its various strategies and plans is committed to the safety and welfare of its citizens and visitors and the implementation of alcohol free zones delivers on this commitment and partially fulfils Council's accountability.

One Team: Alcohol free zones are a partnership between Council and Police to establish and for Police to enforce. The general public and various stakeholders are consulted for comment prior to an alcohol free zone being implemented.

### FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The financial implications of the alcohol free zone include amending the alcohol free zone signs and advertising in the local media at a total cost of approximately \$5,000 which can be covered by the existing budget for 2018/2019.

### POLICY IMPLICATIONS

There are no policy implications arising from this report.

**RECOMMENDATION**

- 1. That the proposed alcohol free zones to cover public roadways, footpaths and car parks as detailed in Appendix 1 attached to the report of Manager Social Services dated 16 July 2018 be adopted.**
- 2. That the period of operation of the alcohol free zones in item 1 above be from 1 January 2019 to 31 December 2022, 24 hours per day.**
- 3. That the crime rates in Dubbo, law and order issues and the low incidences of street drinking as a result of the existing alcohol free zones be used as reasons for the requirement of the alcohol free zones.**
- 4. That the necessary actions in accordance with Section 642 to 646 of the Local Government Act 1993 inclusive be undertaken to establish the proposed alcohol free zones in item 1 above.**
- 5. That an agreement by Council to lease a section of public area for use as a restaurant under Section 125 of the Roads Act 1993 overrides the provisions of an alcohol free zone.**

*John Watts*  
Manager Social Services

## BACKGROUND

The zones located in Dubbo currently expire on 31 December 2018. A copy of the description of the area covered by the alcohol free zones and a map is appended as **Appendix 1**.

The alcohol free zones cover public roads, footpaths and car parks only and does not extend to private property or parks and reserves. Separate legislation exists to cover the consumption of alcohol in parks and reserves. The previous zones excluded those designated footpath areas which were leased by Council to licensed restaurants and other licensed premises. Alcohol free zones may be enforced by any officer of the NSW Police Force or an enforcement officer. An enforcement officer means an employee of a council authorised by the Commissioner of Police for the purpose of section 642 of the Local Government Act. Dubbo Regional Council does not have any such enforcement officers.

The establishment of alcohol free zones is covered by Sections 642 to 649 inclusive of the Local Government Act 1993 and Ministerial Guidelines issued by the Department of Local Government under Clause 646 (1) of the Local Government Act. Requirements under these Sections of the Act and Guidelines include the need to advertise the proposed zone in the local media and invite public submissions for a period of 14 days; forward letters to all licensed premises within the proposed zone and the Local Police and allow 30 days for written submissions/comments on the proposal; and forward a letter to the Anti-Discrimination Board allowing 40 days for written comment on the proposal. Following the close of written submissions and comments, Council needs to consider any submissions in making its final determination on the proposed zoning and then advertise the adopted alcohol free zone in the local media for 7 days prior to introducing the zone.

In February 2009, new Ministerial Guidelines on Alcohol Free Zones were issued by the Department of Local Government. A new provision was that alcohol free zones could no longer be automatically renewed; new proposals for alcohol free zones had to be considered and zones re-established. Also, the period of operation of the zones was extended from three (3) to four (4) years. The removal of the renewal condition means in effect that Councils need to follow the full procedures and process and address the same conditions to re-establish zones every four (4) years.

## REPORT

The February 2009 Ministerial Guidelines on Alcohol Free Zones states that every proposal for an alcohol free zone must address the following matters:

- Reasons to Support an Alcohol Free Zone
- Location of an Alcohol Free Zone
- Duration of an Alcohol Free Zone
- Consultation with the Police

### Reasons to Support an Alcohol Free Zone

The alcohol free zones have operated successfully in the Dubbo CBD and West Dubbo commercial areas since 1 January 2002 and the six (6) Neighbourhood Shopping Centre Precincts since 1 April 2011. Police have previously indicated when the zones were being renewed that they are an effective tool in dealing with anti-social behaviour and criminal activity. The Police have more recently again provided verbal support to all the zones being maintained. The zones together with the CBD Safety Cameras are tools to improve safety in the CBD.

When Council originally established the zones, it used the relatively high crime figures in these areas as justification for the need for the measure. Whilst crime rates in Dubbo have fallen over recent years, the rates are still sufficiently high to continue with measures to lower the rates even further. Dubbo Regional Council area is still ranked high in the State for malicious damage, non-domestic violence related assault and domestic violence related assault- all crimes which can be generally linked to alcohol consumption.

Police report that the incidences of their enforcement of the alcohol free zones have been relatively low in the past few years. However, whilst this indicates that the zones are being adhered to by people, it should not be automatically concluded that the education process has worked and that the zones are no longer required. To maintain the current low incidence of street drinking it is recommended that the alcohol free zones be maintained.

### Location of an Alcohol Free Zone

As per the Local Government Act, the proposed alcohol free zones only cover public roadways, footpaths and car parks. The specific areas to be covered are described and shown on maps in **Appendix 1**.

### Duration of an Alcohol Free Zone

The alcohol free zones are proposed to operate 24 hours per day, 7 days a week from 1 January 2019 to 31 December 2022.

### Consultation with the Police

Dubbo Police have been verbally informed of the proposal and that they would be formally notified in writing of the proposal inviting their comment should it be adopted by Council. Initial indications are that the Police are in agreement with the re-establishment of the alcohol free zones in the areas proposed.

There are currently 189 signs advertising the alcohol free zones. Whilst it is true that the majority of signs are on the extremities of the zones to warn people as they enter the zones, there are 19 signs within the zone in the CBD and others within the Neighbourhood Shopping Centre Precincts in close proximity to shop premises. These signs were predominantly attached to existing poles back in 2002 and 2011 when the zones were first established to

save on costs. By law, the signs must exhibit the dates of commencement and expiry of the four (4) year period that the zone is resolved to cover. More signs could be erected but this would be costly and there are currently only sufficient funds to amend the existing signs in the 2018/2019 budget. In addition, the argument could be mounted for stencilling the footpaths within the area covered by the alcohol free zones. However, it is considered that stencilling the footpaths is an option that would be unattractive aesthetically and would not be recommended. Due to budget constraints, it is not recommended to install additional alcohol free zone signs.

When the first alcohol free zones were established back in 2002, Council also made a policy that the service and consumption of alcohol in association with footpath dining should not be overridden by the alcohol free zones to enable outdoor dining to continue and increase.

It is also recommended that Council confirm by resolution its policy that an agreement by Council to lease a section of public area for use as a restaurant under Section 125 of the Roads Act 1993 overrides the provisions of the alcohol free zones.

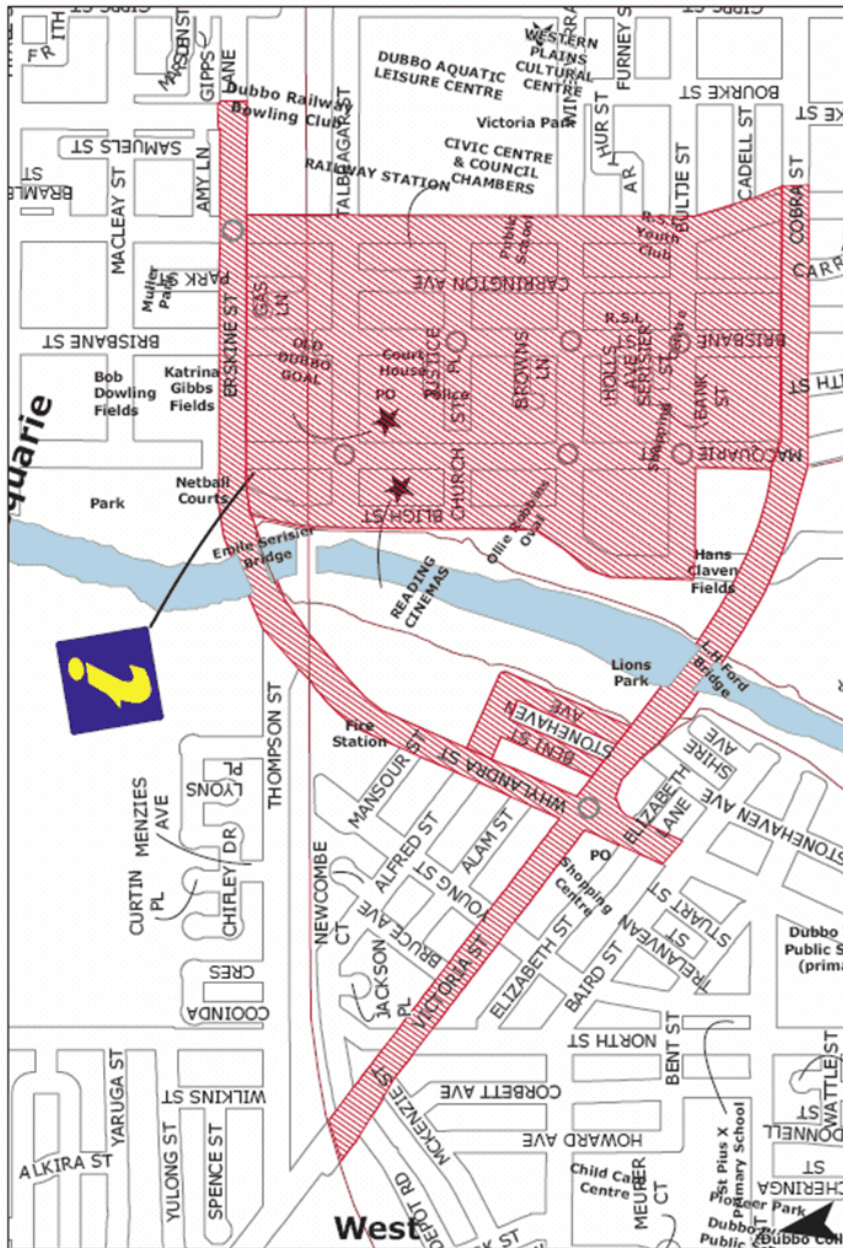
Appendices:

[1](#) Description of Neighbourhood Shopping Centre Alcohol Free Zones 17/7/18

## DUBBO ALCOHOL FREE ZONE

All the public roads, footpaths and public car parks in the following designated area :-

- (a) Whylandra Street (Newell Highway) from its northern intersection with Baird Street to the Emile Serisier Bridge, the Emile Serisier Bridge, and Erskine Street from the Emile Serisier Bridge to its western intersection with Bligh Street.
- (b) Victoria Street (Mitchell Highway) from its eastern intersection with the main western railway line to the western end of the L H Ford Bridge.
- (c) The LH Ford Bridge
- (d) The area bounded by the following, starting from a point at the NW corner of Bligh and Erskine Streets, south along Bligh Street to Talbragar Street, east along Talbragar Street to the NW corner of Talbragar and Macquarie Streets, the north along Macquarie Street to the NW corner of Macquarie and Erskine Streets, then east along Erskine Street to the NE corner of Erskine and Bourke Streets, then south across Erskine Street to the SE corner of Bourke and Erskine Streets, then west along Erskine Street to the SE corner of Erskine and Darling Streets, then south along Darling Street to the SE corner of Darling and Cobra Streets, then west along Cobra Street to the SW corner of Cobra and Macquarie Streets then north along Macquarie Street to the SW corner of Macquarie and Bultje Streets, then west along Bultje Street to the SW corner of Bultje and Bligh Streets, then north along Bligh Street to the point of commencement being the NW corner of Bligh and Talbragar Streets.
- (e) The car park area bounded by but not including Macquarie Lions Park, Macquarie, Talbragar and Bligh Streets.
- (f) The area bounded by the following starting from a point at the NE corner of the intersection of Alfred and Whylandra Streets, east along Alfred Street to Stonehaven Avenue, south along Stonehaven Avenue to Victoria Street, east along Victoria Street to its eastern end, west along Victoria Street to Beni Street and north along Beni Street to Alfred Street.



Map Depicting Alcohol Free Zones

Description of Neighbourhood Shopping Centre Alcohol Free Zones

Tamworth Street Shopping Centre

All the public roads, footpaths and public car parks in the following designated area:-

The area bounded by the following, starting from a point at the NW corner of Fitzroy Street and Tamworth Street, east along Tamworth Street to the NW corner of Tamworth Street and Taylor Street, south across Tamworth Street to the SW corner of Tamworth Street and Taylor Street, west along Tamworth Street to the SE corner of Tamworth Street and Sterling Street, south along Sterling Street to the NE corner of Sterling Street and Hutchins Avenue, west across Sterling Street to the NW corner of Tamworth Street and Sterling Street, north along Sterling Street to the SW corner of Tamworth Street and Sterling Street, west along Tamworth Street to the SE corner of Tamworth Street and Jubilee Street, south along Jubilee Street to the NE corner of Jubilee Street and Hutchins Avenue, west across Jubilee Street to the NW corner of Jubilee Street and Hutchins Avenue, north along Jubilee Street to the SW corner of Jubilee Street and Tamworth Street, west along Tamworth Street to the SW corner of Tamworth Street and Fitzroy Street and north across Fitzroy Street to the point of commencement being the NW corner of Tamworth Street and Fitzroy Street.

Boundary Road Shopping Centre

All the public roads, footpaths and public car parks in the following designated area:-

The area bounded by the following, starting from a point at the SW corner of Fitzroy Street and Naman Street, south along Fitzroy Street to the SW corner of Fitzroy Street and Boundary Road, east along Boundary Road to the SW corner of Boundary Road and Tink Avenue, north across Boundary Road to the NW corner of Boundary Road and Tink Avenue, west along Boundary Road to the NE corner of Boundary Road and Jubilee Street, north along Jubilee Street to the SE corner of Jubilee Street and Sanderson Street, west across Jubilee Street to the SW corner of Jubilee Street and Sanderson Street, south along Jubilee Street to the NW corner of Jubilee Street and Boundary Road, west along Boundary Road to the NE corner of Boundary Road and Fitzroy Street, north along Fitzroy Street to the SE corner of Fitzroy Street and Naman Street and west across Fitzroy Street to the point of commencement being the SW corner of Fitzroy Street and Naman Street.

Orana Mall Shopping Centre

All the public roads, footpaths and public car parks in the following designated area:-

The area bounded by the following, starting from a point at the NW corner of Wheelers Lane and Birch Avenue, south along Wheelers Lane to the SW corner of Wheelers Lane and Cobra Street, east along Cobra Street to the SW corner of Cobra Street and Royal Parade, north across Cobra Street and Windsor Parade to the NW corner of Windsor Parade and Royal Parade, north along Windsor Parade to the NE corner of Windsor Parade and Birch Avenue, west along Birch Avenue to the point of commencement being the NW corner of Wheelers Lane and Birch Avenue.



Minore Road Shopping Centre / Delroy Park Precinct

All the public roads, footpaths and public car parks in the following designated area:-

The area bounded by the following, starting from a point at the NW corner of Carnegie Avenue and Baird Drive, south along Baird Drive to the SW corner of Baird Drive and Minore east along Minore Road to the SE corner of Minore Road and Pinehurst Avenue, north across Minore Road to the NE corner of Minore Road and Pinehurst Avenue, west along Minore Road to the NE corner of Baird Drive and Minore Road, north along Baird Drive to the SE corner of Baird Drive and Torvean Avenue, east along Torvean Avenue to the SW corner of Torvean Avenue and Dalbeattie Crescent, north across Torvean Avenue to the NW corner of Torvean Avenue and Dalbeattie Crescent , west along Torvean Avenue to the NE corner of Baird Drive and Torvean Avenue and west across Baird Drive to the point of commencement being the NW corner of Baird Drive and Carnegie Avenue.

Myall Street Shopping Centre

All the public roads, footpaths and public car parks in the following designated area:-

The area bounded by the following, starting from a point at the NW corner of Braun Avenue and Houston Drive, south along Braun Avenue to the SW corner of Myall Street and Braun Avenue , east along Myall Street to the SE corner of John Glenn Place and Myall Street, north across Myall Street to the NE corner of Myall Street and John Glenn Place, north along John Glenn Place to the SE corner of John Glenn Place and Voyager Way, west across John Glenn Place to the SW corner of John Glenn Place and Voyager Way, south along John Glenn Place to the NW corner of John Glenn Place and Myall Street, west along Myall Street to the NE corner of Braun Avenue and Myall Street, north along Braun Avenue to the NE corner of Braun Avenue and Houston Drive and west across Braun Avenue to the point of commencement being the NW corner of Braun Avenue and Houston Drive.

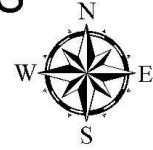
Bourke Street Shopping Centre

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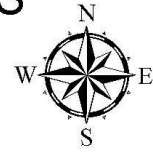
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# PROPOSED ALCOHOL FREE ZONES

Zone 2 - Boundary Road Precinct



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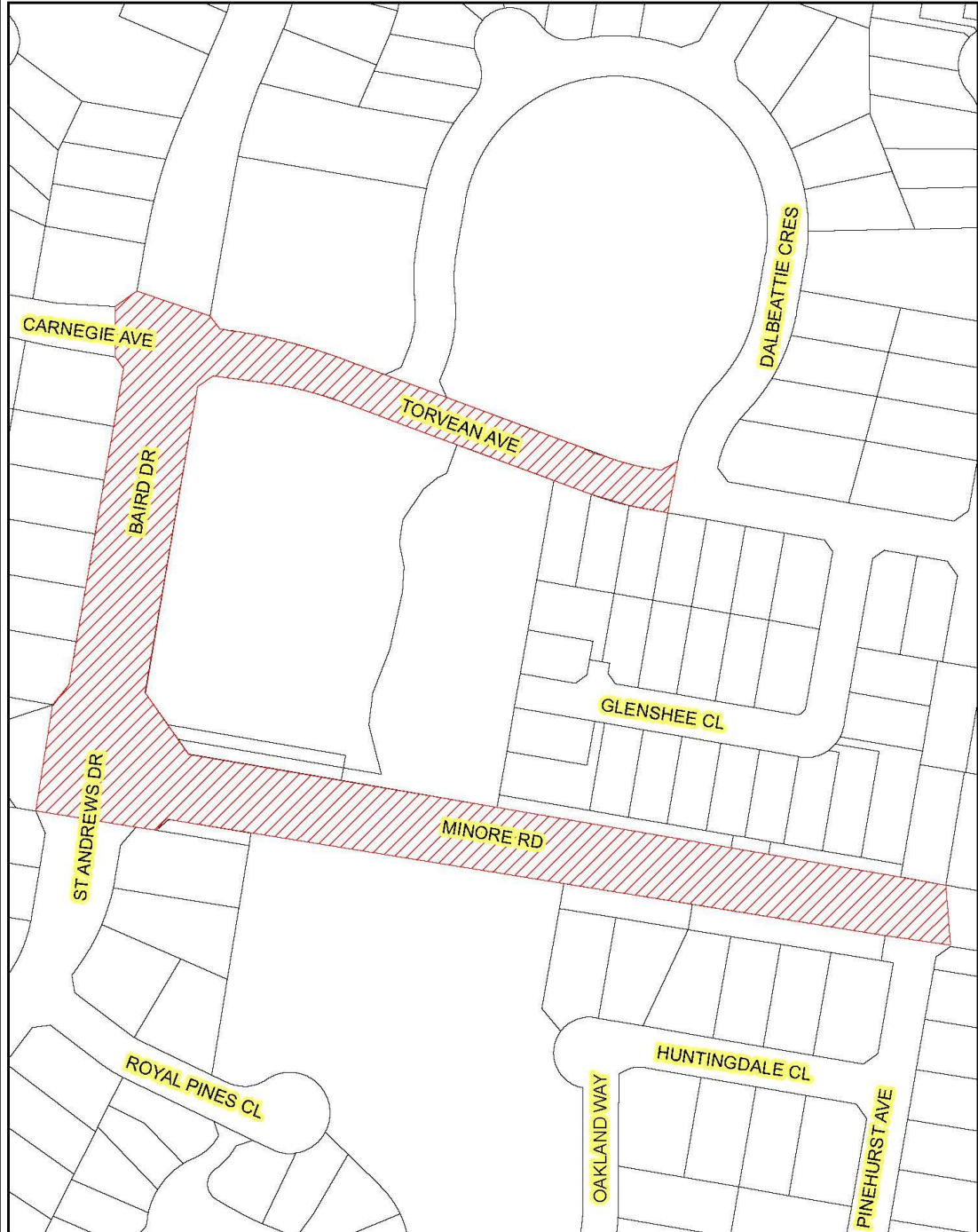
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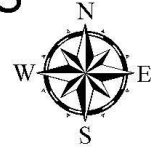
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Zone 4 - Delroy Park Precinct



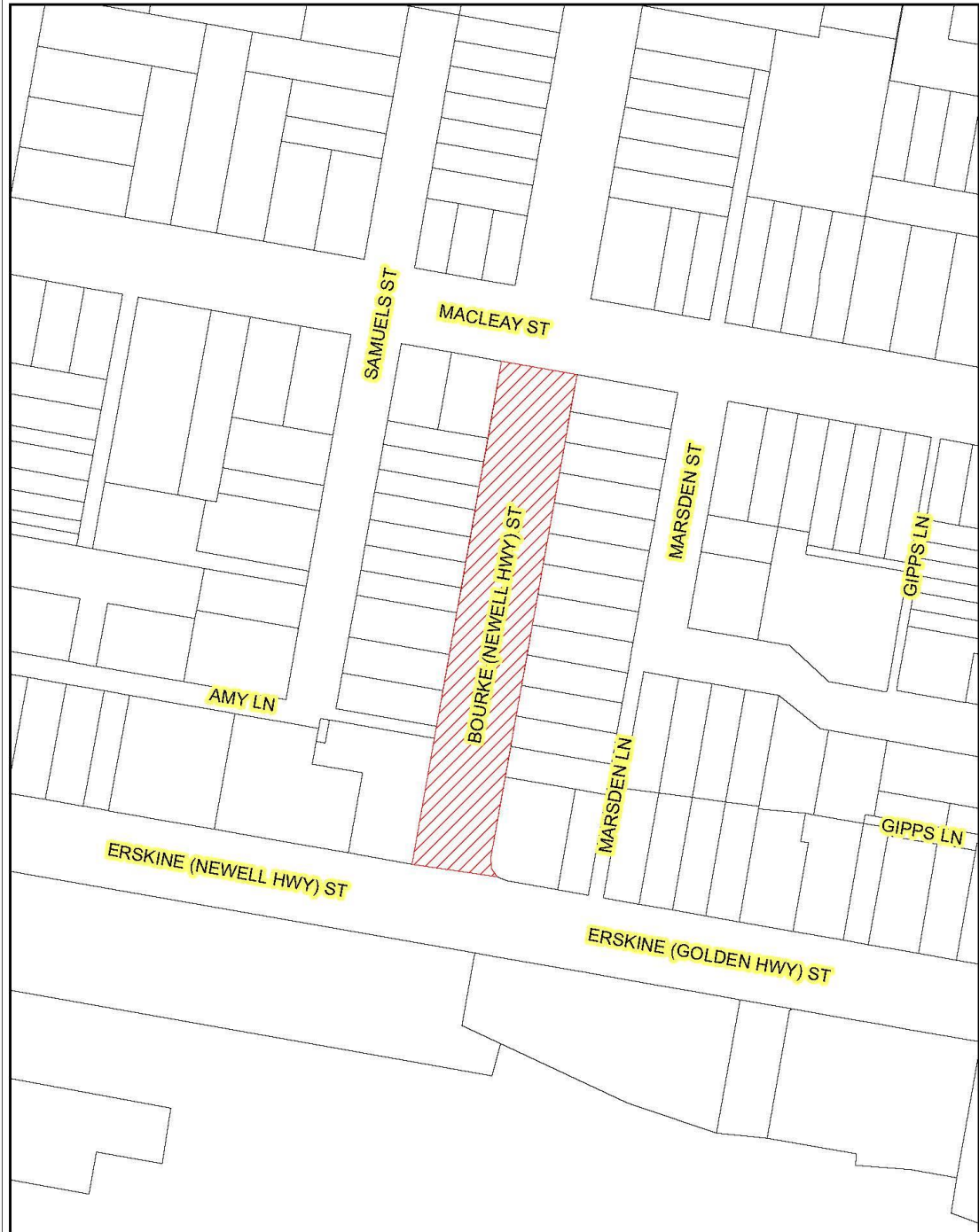
# PROPOSED ALCOHOL FREE ZONES

Zone 5 - Myall Street Precinct



# PROPOSED ALCOHOL FREE ZONES

Zone 6 - Bourke Street Precinct





DUBBO REGIONAL  
COUNCIL

## REPORT: Draft Collective Impact for Social Change Policy

**AUTHOR:** Social Justice Project Coordinator  
**REPORT DATE:** 28 August 2018  
**TRIM REFERENCE:** ID18/1344

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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Ms Crockett’s submission is attached in **Appendix 1**.

The Collective Impact for Social Change Policy is attached in **Appendix 2**.

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### ORGANISATIONAL VALUES

Customer Focused: The focus on addressing inter-generational disadvantage addresses customers of Council who may not typically be able to proactively raise concerns with the organisation beyond the positive interactions they have with frontline staff.

Integrity: Council has focused on gathering relevant and up to date industry information in considering how to move forward with social change.

One Team: Council has involved state government, federal government, Non-Government Organisations (NGOs) and the not for profit sector in the initial phases of its social justice body of work.



**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

There are no financial implications arising from this report.

**POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

That Council endorse and adopt the Collective Impact for Social Change Policy.

**RECOMMENDATION**

- 1. That Council formally adopt the Collective Impact for Social Change Policy.**
- 2. That the Department of Family and Community Services be formally advised of Councils resolution in this matter.**

*Jason Yelverton*  
Social Justice Project Coordinator

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*Would have liked to have seen an overview of the “Justice Reinvest” “Burnie Works” and “Logan Together” initiatives/programs to incorporate into feedback.*

The Collective Impact for Social Change Policy applies to the functional areas of Council that are resourced to interact at grass roots community level and to work collaboratively with agencies and the NGOs in the community development and services sector. This Policy also commits the elected body of Council to work collaboratively with other levels of government to achieve positive change to areas of long-term disadvantage in the community.

It commits Council to ensure that bodies of work that relate to addressing long term disadvantage are:

1. Community driven;
2. Use collective models to draw together all players to develop shared vision and goals;
3. Focus on the systemic structural reform required for lasting change;
4. Have a rigorous commitment to data and outcomes measurement;

5. Are part of a long-term strategy to bring about sustainable change.

The Policy states:

*That Council recognise that there is no ultimate solution to the complex inter-related elements of long term social disadvantage rather a key tenet of addressing complex problems is to focus on creating effective rules for interaction. As such a key element to successful programs that are achieving transformation of social outcomes for communities is co – designing with community as an equal. This is part of creating a “Common Agenda”. In this regard Council shall abide by the following Community Consultation and Engagement Principles (based on The Australian Centre for Social Innovation (TACSI) review of The Southern Initiative NZ):*

The Policy document also commits Council building on data and evidence to openly and transparently explain progress to stakeholders and community. This is particularly powerful in an adaptive management context whereby rapid learnings are applied and actions refocused as success requires.

The Policy also defines that ‘Mutual Accountability’ is a mechanism by which partners can work together and ensure commitment is maintained to common and shared objectives.

The Collective Impact for Social Change Policy is attached in **Appendix 2**.

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Key activities in Mr Yelverton’s position include working in the following areas:

- Undertake and the development and implementation of social justice initiatives.
- Establishment of Business models for the delivery of an AOD rehabilitation centre in the Dubbo Regional Council area.
- Act in partnership with relevant stakeholders to achieve better outcomes for the target population.

Appendices:

- 1 [Department Of Family and Community Services - Draft Collective Impact Policy Submission 18/6/18](#)
- 2 [Council Policy - Collective Impact](#)

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**From:** Margaret Morris |  
**Sent:** Monday, 18 June 2018 11:52 AM  
**To:** John Watts  
**Cc:** District Director MFW & WNSW  
**Subject:** FW: DUBBO CS INPUT - Draft Collective Impact Policy

**On Behalf Of** District Director MFW & WNSW

Good morning John,  
Please find feedback below from FACS:

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Endorsed.

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# COUNCIL POLICY

## Collective Impact for Social Change

**Date**

**Council Resolution Date**

**Clause Number**

**Responsible Position** Director Community and Recreation

**Branch** Social Services

**Division** Community and Recreation

**Version** 1

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**Review Date**

**Consultation** Social Justice and Crime Prevention Committee; Public consultation (10/5/18 - 8/6/18)

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## POLICY

### PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to define how Council shall work together with community, government and the Non-Government Organisations (NGO) sector to deliver transformative outcomes for communities that have high levels of incarceration within the criminal justice system and in particular the over representation of Aboriginal people, high rates of drug and alcohol addiction, high levels of unemployment and other areas of over representation in measures of social disadvantage.

### BACKGROUND AND RELATED LEGISLATION

At its Ordinary Meeting held on 23 October 2017, Council resolved in part the following:

*“4. That Council endorse the principles of the ‘justice reinvestment’ concept and notes the trial currently being conducted in Bourke.*

*5. That Council notes the work being undertaken by local government in Burnie, Tasmania in identifying and addressing social problems.*

*6. That the General Manager be requested to provide a report to Council in December 2017 on the ‘Burnie Works’ initiative, and other similar regional initiatives, underway, summarising and analysing*

- What work is occurring,*
- What role local government is playing; and*
- Whether and how the initiative could be adapted to the Dubbo region.*

*7. That a Social Justice and Crime Prevention Working Party comprising the Mayor, five Councillors and relevant staff be established to formulate a draft policy document detailing how Council can lead in addressing entrenched social problems in our community.”*

At its Ordinary Meeting held on 18 December 2017 Council considered programs that address long term disadvantage on regional centres of Australia. Community efforts such as Burnie Works that were the result of long term and entrenched collaborative activity that was designed to assist the community to address complex and entrenched social issues. Typically a community has an event or circumstance that galvanise the broader community to act in a collaborative manner. In the case of Burnie the issue that created the sense of urgency for the Burnie community was when the pulp mill closed in 2010, resulting in approximately 2000 people losing their jobs. The issue in Logan that triggered collaboration, so Council has been informed, were riots in areas of social disadvantage within Logan City.

Community led programs are described as using the ‘Collective Impact’ model. Collective Impact uses five core principles to create change in communities:-

1. Common Agenda
2. Shared measurement systems
3. Mutually reinforcing activities
4. Continuous communication
5. Backbone support organisations.

Successful Collective Impact programs show that Council should not run any committee type body or program rather they enable success by providing administrative support and having a presence on the backbone team known as the Local Enabling Group. A Council based committee such as the Social Justice and Crime Prevention Committee should be regarded as an internal Council Committee that provides the strategic direction of Council and guides the organisations input into a Collective Impact program.

The various groups that sit within Burnie Works are chaired by business and community leaders. It is structured this way so that it is driven by those in the community that can influence and drive sustainable outcomes.

A number of case studies have identified five key enabling factors for communities that have had success in making the case for change and ultimately obtaining stakeholder support to successfully implement a change program that addresses long term disadvantage. Those five key enabling factors are:

1. Community driven and 'owned'
2. Use collective models to draw together all players to develop shared vision and goals
3. Focused on the systemic structural reform required for lasting change
4. Rigorous commitment to data and outcomes measurement
5. Long-term strategy and investment

Another major learning was the need to build trust across community and stakeholders such as government agencies and NGOs. This is critical in future success and potentially takes 18 to 24 months before all stakeholders are truly collaborating with a genuinely shared agenda. Furthermore creating sustainable inter-generational change in outcomes for community and community members is described by independent experts as a long term process of up to 10 -15 years. Part of the success of collective impact models is building understanding across all stakeholders that funding cycles and electoral cycles across all levels of government are not necessarily consistent with achieving long term outcomes.

## **SCOPE**

This Policy applies to the functional areas of Council that are resourced to interact at grass roots community level and to work collaboratively with agencies and the NGOs in the community development and services sector. This Policy also commits the elected body of Council to work collaboratively with other levels of government to achieve positive change to areas of long-term disadvantage in the community.

It commits Council to ensure that bodies of work that relate to addressing long term disadvantage are:

1. Community driven
2. Use collective models to draw together all players to develop shared vision and goals
3. Focus on the systemic structural reform required for lasting change
4. Have a rigorous commitment to data and outcomes measurement
5. Are part of a Long-term strategy to bring about sustainable change.

## POLICY

That Council recognise that there is no ultimate solution to the complex inter-related elements of long term social disadvantage rather a key tenet of addressing complex problems is to focus on creating effective rules for interaction. As such a key element to successful programs that are achieving transformation of social outcomes for communities is co – designing with community as an equal. This is part of creating a “Common Agenda”. In this regard Council shall abide by the following Community Consultation & Engagement Principles (based on The Australian Centre for Social Innovation (TACSI) review of The Southern Initiative NZ):

- Asking community how we might make the process the most convenient.
- Asking community what we can bring.
- Taking time to contact and potentially meet community members prior to interviews/consultation sessions.
- Inviting other members of community to participate.
- Starting the interview in a relaxed manner, with a focus on getting to know each other.
- Asking community to set the “rules of engagement”
- Removing barriers for participation
- Thinking about how community can have decision making power in the process
- Acknowledging community as experts in their lived experience and in their communities.
- Acknowledging the potential to learn from community – stepping away from the expert model.
- Not being afraid of creating a model testing and trialling it and if it doesn’t work starting the process again (not seeing a failure as failing but learning).

### Stakeholder Interaction

Collective Impact means that through mutual understanding and trust, stakeholders such as the differing levels of government, community and NGOs shall recognise, complement, collaborate and add value to what is already happening on the ground. In this regard Council, rather than replicating or competing with other organisations and/or programs, shall:

- Work with community and stakeholders to identify and seek to fill gaps;
- Advocate for coordination and linkages across the systems;



- Provide direct support in areas identified with stakeholders as a strength of Council's capacities, Council's community relationships and within Council's available resources.

For collective impact to be successful it needs to remain politically nonaligned as if it is seen an initiative of a particular political grouping or political party are it significant risk of being defunded if an opposing government is elected. This has been the case in a number of jurisdictions in Australia.

### **Shared Outcomes Measurement**

Council commits to the premise that addressing transformation of social outcomes for community builds on data and evidence. Any plan arising from community and sector consultation that targets transformative outcomes shall put forward a measurement and tracking framework that will openly and transparently explain progress and act as a prompt for scaling up and/ or changing activities and strategies.

There shall need to be a culture and commitment to the measurement framework across all partners and supporters of any Collective Impact based Plan. It is important to note that a shared measurement framework operates in the spirit of a collective commitment to achieving outcomes rather than as a contractual mechanism for compliance and/or an opportunity for denigrating the performance of others.

### **Mutual Accountability**

Effective collective impact is a platform that encourages all parties to keep each other accountable for taking actions in line with the shared agenda for change. Partners are empowered to respectfully challenge a particular stakeholder should they be viewed as moving away from the shared goals.

## **RESPONSIBILITIES**

The Director Community and Recreation has the responsibility to ensure this policy applies to all Council programs and work packages that relate to the purpose of this Policy.



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## **Report of the Social Justice and Crime Prevention Working Party - meeting 20 August 2018**

**AUTHOR: Administration Officer - Governance**  
**REPORT DATE: 4 September 2018**

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The Committee had before it the report of the Social Justice and Crime Prevention Working Party meeting held 20 August 2018.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

**That the report of the Social Justice and Crime Prevention Working Party meeting held on 20 August 2018, be adopted.**



**REPORT  
SOCIAL JUSTICE AND CRIME PREVENTION  
WORKING PARTY  
20 AUGUST 2018**

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**PRESENT:** Councillors V Etheridge, D Grant, A Jones, S Lawrence, J Ryan and B Shields.

**ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:**

The Chief Executive Officer, the Director Community and Recreation, the Manager Social Services, the Social Justice Coordinator and the Administration Officer Community and Recreation.

Councillor B Shields assumed chairmanship of the meeting.

The proceedings of the meeting commenced at 5.30pm.

**SJCP18/13 BUSINESS CASE FOR ALCOHOL AND OTHER DRUG REHABILITATION FACILITY  
IN THE DUBBO REGIONAL COUNCIL LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA (ID18/1291)**

The Working Party had before it the report dated 14 August 2018 from the Manager Social Services regarding Business Case for Alcohol and Other Drug Rehabilitation Facility in the Dubbo Regional Council Local Government Area.

**RECOMMENDATION**

**That members of the press and public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of this item, the reason being that the matter concerned information that would, if disclosed, prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it (Section 10A(2)(d)(i)).**

**RECOMMENDATION**

1. That the information contained within the report of the Manager Social Services dated 14 August 2018 be noted.
2. That Council endorse the Residential Drug Rehabilitation Business Case noting that:
  - a) The Executive Summary be revised to include more detail surrounding the capital and operational costs of the proposed facility.
  - b) A Business Case summary document be made available for public information.
3. That Council invite separately the Member for Dubbo, the Hon. Troy Grant MP and the Member for Parkes the Hon. Mark Coulton MP to a meeting that presents the

- findings of the Business Case and formally hands over the detailed Business Case documentation.
4. That a communications strategy be developed that also includes information from existing residential rehabilitation facilities in regional NSW such as the Weigelli Centre.
  5. That the Mayor seek confirmation from the Member for Dubbo, the Hon. Troy Grant MP as to when a determination on funding would be communicated to Council after the formal hand over of the detailed Business Case.
  6. That a covering letter and appropriate Business Case documentation be provided to the Premier, relevant Ministers (NSW), Leader of the Opposition (NSW), relevant Shadow Ministers (NSW) and the Regional Coordinator of the Department of Premier and Cabinet. The correspondence shall emphasis the need for a rehabilitation centre as critical to enable the roll out of a Drug Court in Dubbo.
  9. That the people and organisations that were consulted in the development of the Residential Drug Rehabilitation Business Case be invited to an information session that in part thanks them for their contribution and provides them with relevant and publicly available details.
  10. That any documents or considerations in relation to this matter remain confidential to the Council with the exception of items produced as an element of recommendations 2b) and 4.

The meeting closed at 6.30pm.

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CHAIRMAN



## REPORT: Wellington Memorial Swimming Pool 2018/2019 Season Proposal (Geurie Pool)

**AUTHOR:** Recreation Coordinator  
**REPORT DATE:** 28 August 2018  
**TRIM REFERENCE:** ID18/1353

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Wellington Memorial Swimming Pool Redevelopment construction is scheduled to commence in October 2018 and continue through until October 2019. During this time the Wellington Memorial Swimming Pool will be closed to the public. To help accommodate the swimming needs of the Wellington community during this period it is proposed to utilise the Geurie Pool more effectively.

A meeting was held with the Wellington Memorial Swimming Pool user groups on Wednesday 13 June 2018, 6pm at Council's Wellington Office to discuss the initial proposal provided by Council as a result of the Wellington Memorial Swimming Pool being closed for the 2018/2019 season.

The Wellington Memorial Swimming Pool Closure 2018/2019 proposal was placed on public exhibition from Monday 16 July 2018 and closed on Friday 17 August 2018.

During this public exhibition period a community meeting was held at Geurie Hall on Tuesday 24 July 2018, 6pm and a further meeting at Council's Wellington Office on Tuesday 31 July 2018, 5pm.

As a result of the feedback received through user group meetings and the online submissions received amendments were made to the initial draft proposal including:

- Wellington Diggers Point Score to run on a Tuesday from 6.30pm – 7.30pm
- Wellington Aqua Aerobics to run from 10am to 11am on a Thursday and Friday and 5.30pm – 6.30pm on a Wednesday evening during the school term.
- Increase in early morning lap swimming to four mornings Monday to Friday and a designated lap swimming lane on a Saturday and Sunday morning from 9am – 10am.

In summary it is recommended that Council adopt the finalised Wellington Memorial Swimming Pool Closure 2018/2019 Season Proposal that accommodates the needs of the Wellington swimming community at Geurie, and that the usage of the Geurie Swimming Pool be assessed and monitored throughout the season with changes to the proposal made if required.

### ORGANISATIONAL VALUES

Customer Focused: Council staff have meet with the key stakeholders and user groups of the Wellington Memorial Pool to ascertain their requirements for the 2018/2019 swimming season. Council staff have also meet with the Geurie community to discuss the proposal of using the community pool at the village to help accommodate the aquatic recreational needs of the Wellington community.

Integrity: Council is transparent in its communications with the Wellington and Geurie communities in regards to the sharing of the Geurie Pool for the upcoming 2018/2019 swimming season.

One Team: Recreation and Open Space staff have worked with staff from Communications and Stakeholder Engagement in preparing information on the proposal for promotion and distribution.

### FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no financial implications arising from this report.

### POLICY IMPLICATIONS

There are no policy implications arising from this report.

### RECOMMENDATION

- 1. That Council adopt the finalised Wellington Memorial Swimming Pool Closure 2018/2019 Season Proposal that accommodates the needs of the Wellington swimming community at Geurie.**
- 2. That the usage of the Geurie Swimming Pool be assessed and monitored throughout the season with changes to the proposal made if required.**

*Tracey Whillock*  
Recreation Coordinator

## BACKGROUND

The Wellington Swimming Pool Redevelopment construction will commence in October 2018 and continue through until October 2019. During this time the Wellington Swimming Pool will be closed to the public.

## REPORT

A meeting was held with the Wellington Swimming Pool user groups on Wednesday 13 June 2018, 6pm at Council's Wellington Office to discuss the initial proposal provided by Council as a result of the Wellington Swimming Pool being closed for the 2018/2019 season. Attached are the minutes of the meeting. As a result of feedback received from this meeting the following amendment was made to the proposal:

- The Wellington Diggers Swimming Club point score competition to run from 6.30pm – 7.30pm on a Tuesday night to allow travel time to Geurie after work.

A request to consider private learn to swim and swimming coaching programs at Geurie Swimming Pool was also raised. However due to the limited amount of space at Geurie Swimming Pool, and the issues with trying to accommodate a possible four private coaches, the proposal remained unchanged in regard to no lane hire for private coaching/lessons being made available.

Following this initial consultation the Wellington Swimming Pool Closure 2018/2019 Proposal was placed on public exhibition from Monday 16 July 2018 and closed on Friday 17 August 2018 with online submissions available as well as hard copy submissions at Council's Wellington Office and the Geurie General Store.

During this public exhibition period a community meeting was held at Geurie Hall on Tuesday 24 July 2018, 6pm and a further meeting at Council's Wellington Office on Tuesday 31 July 2018, 5pm. The concerns raised at these community meetings was predominantly in regard to the early morning swimming from 6am – 7am. The initial proposal offered two morning sessions being a Tuesday and Thursday from 6am – 7am. In previous years the early morning swimming availability was 7 days a week but with a very low take-up by the community. A further six online submissions received also indicated community concerns with the reduction in early morning swimming.

As a result of the feedback received the proposal was amended to include four (4) 6am-7am early morning openings from Monday to Friday and on a Saturday and Sunday between 9am – 10am a lap lane would be made available.

A submission was also received from the NSW Health, Wellington Health Facility the organisers of the Wellington Aqua Aerobics program in regard to the times available for the program. The Aqua Aerobics organiser requested the Geurie Swimming Pool be made available at an earlier time than 11.30am – 2.30pm due to the elderly not liking exercising during the heat of the day and that the possibility of one evening program. Due to the

feedback received the Aqua Aerobics was offered 10am – 11am on a Thursday and Friday morning and as a trial a Wednesday evening from 5.30pm – 6.30pm during the school term.

A submission received asked for the Geurie Swimming Pool to be open from 6am – 7.30pm, 7 days a week for the season due to the pool being inundated during the limited hours. Based on the fact that the actual usage on the Geurie Swimming Pool as a result of the Wellington Swimming Pool being closed is unknown the proposal includes a commitment to monitor and assess the usage during the season and should changes be needed to the proposal these will be made as required.

A submission received asked what would be options for smaller schools from Dubbo who use the Wellington Swimming Pool to hold their annual swimming carnival due to the affordable admission fees. These schools will be offered the opportunity to use Geurie Swimming Pool.

A submission received asked whether Council would be providing buses for Wellington schools to bus their students to Dubbo for their school carnival and whether a bus service from Wellington to Geurie during the school holidays and weekends would be available. Schools were requested to contact Council if the provision of a bus would assist the school in the running of learn to swim, PE/sport classes or swimming carnivals. To date only one school has enquired in regard to bus transport and they have been requested to provide an email indicating their request. A bus from Wellington to Geurie was considered too high of a risk for Council for a number of reasons. These included:

1. What happens if children under the 10 get on the bus and then can't get into the pool as they have no accompanying adult?
2. What if a child is removed from the pool and banned due to not following pool rules and then can't get back to Wellington as came on the bus.

Two submissions received also identified the risk and dangers of children in Wellington swimming in the local rivers with one submission calling for strategies to be put in place to teach kids the risks with swimming at rivers and highlight some safer areas to swim. Formal advice received from Dubbo Regional Council's previous Risk Manager, Mr Harry Whiteside advised that:

*'The DAMP section C13 sets out the policy for Natural Swimming Location Assets.....looking at a designated swimming area this brings a whole different amount of legislation and risk particularly in regard to adherence to World Health organisation and NSW Health regulations in regard to water quality'.*

## SUMMARY

In summary it is recommended that Council adopt the finalised Wellington Swimming Pool Closure 2018/2019 Season Proposal (as attached), that accommodates the needs of the Wellington swimming community at Geurie, and that the usage of the Geurie Swimming Pool be assessed and monitored throughout the season with changes to the proposal made if required.



Appendices:

- 1 [↓](#) Minutes - Wellington Swimming Pool User Group - 2018 2019 Season Meeting  
13/06/2018
- 2 [↓](#) Wellington Memorial Pool Closure 2018/2019 Proposal



## Wellington Swimming Pool User Group – 2018/2019 Season Meeting

Wednesday 13 June 2018, 6pm

Council's Wellington Office

### Minutes

Attendees: Tracey Whillock, Murray Wood, Kate Austin, Donna Cosier, Anne Styles, Neil Miller, Janelle Frappell, Nick Knowles, Wayne Rich

Meeting opened: 6.01pm

18/1 – Apologies

Rebecca O'Donnell, Terry Dray, Ian McAlister, Pip Smith

18/2 – Wellington Swimming Pool Redevelopment Update

The Wellington Swimming Pool Development Application was approved and Facility Design Group were awarded the contract to complete the full design for the Wellington Swimming Pool. The full design will hopefully be finished by mid-August and the tender for construction go out late August. Currently working on a very tight timeframe in order to be able to meet the deadline of opening the new facility by October 2019.

18/3 – 2018/2019 Season Proposal Overview

- The Geurie Swimming Pool will open on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> October 2018 and close Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2019 which is equal to the 22 weeks the Wellington Swimming Pool is normally open for.
- Daily Operating Hours at the Geurie Swimming Pool be as follows: 6am – 7am Tuesday and Thursday, 9am – 7pm school holidays, 12pm – 7pm school term and 9am – 12pm during the school term as booked and reviewed by Council.
- Admission fees for Geurie Swimming Pool as per the 2018/2019 Dubbo Regional Council Revenue Policy will apply
- Dubbo Regional Council will not provide bus transport to and from Geurie Swimming Pool due to the potential high risk if a child younger than 10 years getting on the bus in

Wellington and then can't get into the pool without an adult, a child who has caught the bus gets kicked out of the pool and then can't get back to Wellington until the bus turns up etc.

- There will be no designated lanes for lap swimmers and those wishing to undertake lap swimming would be encouraged to do so during the early mornings.
- No private swimming lessons or private squad coaching will be allowed at Geurie Swimming Pool. If the Wellington Swimming Club want to have training could possible look at one lane of an afternoon.
- Aqua Aerobics would be offer 11am – 1pm during the school terms and during school holidays 9am – 1pm. No afternoon bookings for aqua aerobics will be allowed.
- Wellington Swimming Club will be offered 6pm – 8.30pm at Geurie Swimming Pool on a Friday night on a weekly basis for their point score competition.
- Wellington Diggers Swimming Club will be offered 6pm – 7pm at Geurie Swimming Pool on a Tuesday night on a weekly basis for their point score competition.
- The Wellington Schools will be offered the Dubbo Aquatic Leisure Centre to run their school swimming carnivals in Term 1 2019 and will need to book in with Jemma Hall the Secretary of the Dubbo and District PSSA. An email has been sent to Dubbo and District PSSA, Western Region and Bathurst Diocesan requesting that consideration be given to holding all regional school swimming carnivals from week 6 if possible to allow enough days to accommodate all Dubbo and Wellington School Swimming Carnivals.
- Wellington Swimming Club will be offered the Dubbo Aquatic Leisure Centre to run their Nat Barton Swimming Carnival.
- School learn to swim/sport programs will be able to be ran in the Geurie Swimming Pool. An email to all the Wellington schools to offer Geurie Swimming Pool and notify of the application opening and closing dates. There will be a cut-off date for bulk school bookings for learn to swim and sport programs to be booked in by in order to try and accommodate everyone and ensure adequate lifeguarding.

#### 18/4 - Wellington Swimming Club

- Nat Barton Carnival – Wellington Swimming Club are thinking they would still like to run their Nat Barton Carnival potentially in February at the Dubbo Aquatic Leisure Centre. Asked for consideration in regard to the carnival hire fee at Dubbo Aquatic Leisure Centre. Also considering running a Development carnival for Under 12's at Geurie Swimming Pool.
- Point Score – Wellington Swimming Club are still considering options for point score and will consider weekly, fortnightly or monthly basis. Club are thinking they will put out a survey and see how many children would actually be willing to attend. Potential to also invite the Geurie point score kids to join in as well. Could be a potential issue with registration fees if running less weeks. The club will contact Swimming NSW and see whether there is an option for a cheaper fee if running less weeks due to the circumstances.
- Learn to Swim/Squad Training – Wellington Swimming Club is not looking to run learn to swim or squad training.

#### 18/5 - Diggers Swimming Club

- Point score – The Diggers are keen to run their point score nights every Tuesday however have asked that consideration be given to a 6.30pm – 7.30pm timeslot to allow members to finish work and travel to Geurie. Diggers have asked for exclusive use of the pool being all 4 lanes. Diggers have also asked for consideration in regard to additional costs if they wish to run from 6.30pm – 7.30pm (half hour past normal close time) and if go over 7.30pm.

#### 18/6 - Private Learn to Swim/Squad Coaches

No private coaches/instructors were in attendance however feedback has been emailed in from one private swim coach/instructor who has asked for consideration to be given to private coaches/instructors being able to utilise Geurie Pool on a couple of afternoons.

#### 18/7 - Aqua Aerobics

No representative from Aqua Aerobics was in attendance. Council will make contact with this group and seek their feedback.

#### 18/8 - Schools

- School Swimming Carnivals – Wellington Public School are looking to combine with Dubbo North Public School for their swimming carnival and are considering just taking their swimmers. Anne will talk to the school in regard to whether the provision of a bus to transport the children to the carnival would allow the school to take more children to the carnival.
- Learn to Swim Programs/ Sport/ PE – Wellington Public School are not looking to run learn to swim, PE or sport programs at the Geurie Pool due to logistics of bus transport and instructors. Anne will discuss with school in regard to whether the provision of a bus to transport the children, a subsidised fees and/or provision of learn to swim instructor would allow learn to swim programs to run at Geurie Pool.

No representatives from any other schools attended. Council will make contact with other school groups and seek their feedback.

#### 18/9 – General Business

During the construction the Wellington Swimming Club will be able to access the clubhouse via the door from the Council car park. Under no circumstance will the club be allowed to open the doors opening into the pool as this will be a construction site.

If the user groups require storage areas at Geurie Swimming Pool please let Kate or Tracey know so this can be considered.

With the pool set to open in October 2019 please keep this in mind in regard to holding an event like a swimming carnival which could be used as the official opening eg. Nat Barton held in October 2019.

During the construction of the pool there will be opportunities for the user groups and/or community to do a walk through. Generally look at offering 3 or 4 walk through opportunities.

#### Geurie Swimming Pool – DRC Revenue Policy 2018/2019

- Family Daily Pass \$8
- Summer School Holiday Family Season Pass \$55
- Family Season Pass \$159
- Adult Daily Pass \$3.50
- Adult Season Pass \$95.00

- Child Daily Pass \$2.50
- Child Season Pass \$70
- Child Under 2 Free
- Pensioner/Concession/Senior Daily Pass \$2.50
- Pensioner/Concession/Senior Season Pass \$70
- Group Rates (schools) - \$2.20 per child
- Discount books of 10 tickets Adult \$30
- Discount books of 10 tickets Child \$20

## WELLINGTON MEMORIAL POOL CLOSURE 2018/2019 SEASON PROPOSAL



Dubbo Regional Council realise that the closure of Wellington Memorial Pool for a season due to the construction of a new aquatic centre will be an inconvenience to the community, and are seeking feedback on the proposed arrangements detailed below.

Council would like to thank the community for their understanding and cooperation in regard to the Wellington Memorial Pool Development and subsequent closure.

The Geurie Swimming Pool will open on Saturday 13th October 2018 and close Sunday 17th March 2019. Daily operating hours at the Geurie Swimming Pool:

6am – 7am	Four mornings per week – days to be determined
9am – 7pm	Weekends and school holidays
12pm – 7pm	Monday – Friday during the school term
9am – 12pm	During the school term for bookings approved by Council

Admission fees for Geurie Swimming Pool will be as per the 2018/2019 Dubbo Regional Council Revenue Policy:

Daily Adult Admission	\$3.50	Family Season Pass	\$160
Daily Child Admission	\$2.50	Adult Season Pass	\$95
Daily Family Admission	\$8	Child Season Pass	\$70
Daily Pensioner/Senior/ Concession Admission	\$2.50	Pensioner/Senior/ Concession Season Pass	\$70
Child Under 2	Free	Discount book of 10 tickets Adult	\$30
School group rate per child	\$2.20	Discount books of 10 tickets Child	\$20





- There will be no designated lanes for lap swimmers except on a Saturday and Sunday morning from 9am – 10am. Those wishing to undertake lap swimming would be encouraged to do so during the early mornings.
- No private swimming lessons or private squad coaching will be allowed at Geurie Swimming Pool.
- Aqua Aerobics would be offered 10am – 11am on a Thursday and Friday morning throughout the season. Aqua aerobics will be offered a Wednesday afternoon from 5.30pm – 6.30pm during the school terms on a trial basis.
- Wellington Swimming Club will be offered 6pm – 8.30pm at Geurie Swimming Pool on a Friday night on a weekly basis to conduct a point score competition.
- School learn to swim/sport programs can be booked in at Geurie Swimming Pool.
- Wellington Diggers Swimming Club will be offered 6.30pm – 7.30pm at Geurie Swimming Pool on a Tuesday night on a weekly basis to conduct a point score competition.
- The Wellington Schools will be offered the Dubbo Aquatic Leisure Centre to run their school swimming carnivals in Term 1 2019.
- Wellington Swimming Club will be offered the Dubbo Aquatic Leisure Centre or Geurie Swimming Pool to run their Nat Barton Swimming Carnival.
- Usage of the Geurie Swimming Pool will be monitored and assessed during the season. Should changes be required to the proposal these will be made as required.
- A storage area will be made available for the clubs and aqua aerobics to store equipment if required.

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## **Report of the Street Tree Advisory Committee - meeting 4 September 2018**

**AUTHOR: Administration Officer - Governance**  
**REPORT DATE: 5 September 2018**

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The Committee had before it the report of the Street Tree Advisory Committee meeting held 4 September 2018.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

**That the report of the Street Tree Advisory Committee meeting held on 4 September 2018, be adopted.**





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**REPORT  
STREET TREE ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
4 SEPTEMBER 2018**

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**PRESENT:** Councillors V Etheridge, J Ryan and B Shields, the Director Infrastructure and Operations, the Director Planning and Environment, Mr M Gardner (Community Representative), and Mrs B Sutherland (Community Representative).

**ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:**

David Moir (Moir Landscape Architecture Pty Ltd), the Manager Recreation and Open Space and Administration Officer – Infrastructure.

**STC18/21 PRESENTATION ON STREET SCAPE OF WINDSOR PARADE/COBRA STREET AREA (ID18/1398)**

The Committee will received a presentation regarding this matter.

**RECOMMENDATION**

**That the Manager Recreation and Open Space prepare a report on the costings for the development, including purchase of Phoenix Palms, Plain Trees and irrigation for the trees, in the Windsor Parade/Cobra Street Pocket Park for the November 2018 Street Tree Advisory Committee meeting.**

**STC18/22 DISCUSSION ON PROPOSED WORKSHOP FOR OCTOBER MEETING (ID18/1399)**

The Committee discussed this matter.

**RECOMMENDATION**

**That a workshop for proposed tree plantings in Dubbo be held at the October 2018 Street Tree Advisory Committee.**

**STC18/23 GENERAL BUSINESS (ID18/1400)**

The Committee discussed the following items of General Business:

1. Mrs B Sutherland tabled a flyer from the University of Melbourne on the Urban Forestry Development Program to be held from 11 November 2018 to 16 November 2018.

The Committee resolved that discussions be held with the Chief Executive Officer and the Director of Community and Recreation on the possibility of sending a representative from Council.

2. The Manager Recreation and Open Space advised that he had received advice from Mark McDonald of Energy Service that the cost of moving the electricity on the southern side of the Mitchell Highway, near Keswick Estate, underground would cost approx. \$500,000 (this price does not include trenching). In addition it would cost approx. \$100,000 to re-establish the street lights.

- The Committee resolved that due to the cost involved in having the electricity underground that this proposal not would proceed.

3. The Manager Recreation and Open Space advice that the footpath tree located at 59 Holmwood Drive Dubbo would be relocated.

- The Committee resolved that the information be noted.

**STC18/24 LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

Requests for leave of absence were received from the Chief Executive Officer, the Director Community and Recreation, Mrs B Edmondson (Community Representative) and Mrs N Grant (Community Representative) who were absent from the meeting for personal reasons. Such leave of absence were accepted by the Committee and the members concerned were granted leave of absence for this meeting.

The meeting closed at 6.49pm.

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CHAIRMAN