



POLICY COMMITTEE

28 May 2014

His Worship the Mayor & Councillors

Notice of Policy Committee Meeting of Bathurst Regional Council - Wednesday, 4 June 2014

I have to advise that a **Policy Committee Meeting** will be held in the Council Chambers on Wednesday, 4 June 2014 commencing at 6.00 pm.

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D J Sherley
GENERAL MANAGER

BUSINESS AGENDA

POLICY COMMITTEE

TO BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 4 JUNE 2014

1. 6:00 PM - MEETING COMMENCES

2. APOLOGIES

3. REPORT OF PREVIOUS MEETING

* MINUTES - POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING - 7 MAY 2014

4. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

To assist the Councillors and committee members in their correct consideration of business before them at the meeting, please give consideration to Section 451 of the Local Government Act, in relation to Declaration of Interest at meetings.

5. RECEIVE AND DEAL WITH DIRECTORS' REPORTS

* DIRECTOR ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING & BUILDING SERVICES' REPORT

* DIRECTOR CORPORATE SERVICES & FINANCE'S REPORT

* DIRECTOR CULTURAL & COMMUNITY SERVICES' REPORT

6. GENERAL BUSINESS

7. DISCUSSION FORUM - DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION SUBMISSIONS - Nil

8. DISCUSSION FORUM OTHER - Nil

9. MEETING CLOSE

MINUTE

1 MEETING COMMENCES

Present: Councillors Rush (Chair), Aubin, Coote, Hanger, Jennings, Morse, North, Westman.

MINUTE

2 **MINUTE SILENCE**

The Mayor observed a minute silence to honour the passing of former Engineer, Peter Gannon.

MINUTE

- 3** **APOLOGIES**
 MOVED: Cr M Coote SECONDED: Cr I North

RESOLVED: That the apology from Cr Bourke be accepted and leave of absence granted.

REPORT OF PREVIOUS MEETING AND MINUTES

POLICY COMMITTEE

1 MINUTES - POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING - 7 MAY 2014 (07.00064)

Recommendation: That the Minutes of the Policy Committee Meeting held on 7 May 2014 be adopted.

Report: The Minutes of the Policy Committee Meeting held 7 May 2014, are attached.

Financial Implications: N/A

Bathurst 2036 Community Strategic Plan - Objectives and Strategies

- Objective 32: To ensure Council is supported by an adequate workforce and appropriate governance procedures. Strategy 32.2

MINUTE

- 4 **Item 1 MINUTES - POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING - 7 MAY 2014 (07.00064)**
MOVED: Cr G Westman SECONDED: Cr W Aubin

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Policy Committee Meeting held on 7 May 2014 be adopted.

MINUTES OF THE POLICY COMMITTEE
HELD ON 7 MAY 2014

MEETING COMMENCES

1 MEETING COMMENCES 6:00 PM

Present: Councillors Rush (Chair), Aubin, Bourke, Coote, Hanger, Jennings, Morse, North, Westman.

APOLOGIES

2 APOLOGIES
MOVED Cr I North and **SECONDED** Cr B Bourke

That Council note the advice of late arrival to the meeting received from Cr Hanger and that leave of absence be granted.

REPORT OF PREVIOUS MEETING

3 Item 1 MINUTES - POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING - 2 APRIL 2014 (07.00064)
MOVED Cr B Bourke and **SECONDED** Cr W Aubin

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Policy Committee Meeting held on 2 April 2014 be adopted.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST

4 DECLARATION OF INTEREST 11.00002
MOVED Cr M Coote and **SECONDED** Cr I North

RESOLVED: That the following Declaration of Interest be noted.

Cr Bourke
Item #2 of the Director Corporate Services & Finance's report

RECEIVE AND DEAL WITH DIRECTORS' REPORTS

Director Corporate Services & Finance's Report

5 Item 1 GOVERNANCE - PAYMENT OF EXPENSES AND PROVISION OF FACILITIES FOR COUNCILLORS (11.00008, 41.00089)
MOVED Cr M Coote and **SECONDED** Cr W Aubin

RESOLVED: That Council:

- (a) Adopt the policy as outlined in the report.
- (b) Note that as there is no changes proposed to the policy that Council does not need to place the policy on public display and seek submissions

6 **Item 2 COMMUNITY GARDEN LAND - LEASE, CHURCH LANE (22.02574)**
MOVED Cr M Coote and **SECONDED** Cr J Jennings

Cr Bourke declared a non-pecuniary interest in this item, left the Chamber and took no part in discussion or voting.

Reason: Volunteer Manager, Community Op Shop

RESOLVED: That Council provide the area known as Lot A DP157645 and Lot C DP157645 to be used as a Community Garden and that Council enter into a 1 year Lease with the Bathurst Opportunity Shop Inc.

Cr Hanger arrived at 6.04 pm.

GENERAL BUSINESS

7 **Item 1 COMMUNITY GARDENS (04.00034)**

Cr North - asked can we actively pursue more market gardens around the area? Spoke to recent development of a market garden in the area. Could a report be prepared for Council on land possibly available for this activity?

8 **Item 2 CAR PARKING (04.00008)**

Cr North - asked could a report be commissioned on establishing a multi-storey carpark at Carrington oval.

9 **Item 3 CCTV (07.00106)**

Cr North - asked could a report be prepared on the costing of CCTV cameras for Bathurst, to include; how could be structured, funding options, etc.

10 **Item 4 LOCAL NEWSPAPER ADVERTISING (16.00137)**

Cr North - requested report on what Council spends on advertising and what it would cost to produce council's own document,

11 **Item 5 STAFF STRUCTURE (11.00016)**

Cr North - asked when will we look at the structure of Council.

The General Manager advised will start reviewing the structure in late June, early July as part of the 2015/2016 Budget process.

12 **Item 6 WILLIAM STREET HERITAGE POLES (28.00014)**

Cr Aubin - asked could we look at painting and tidying up the heritage poles in William Street.

13 **Item 7 IPWEA - GRANT TO ROAD SAFETY OFFICER TO TRAVEL TO JAPAN (28.00002)**

Cr Aubin - requested a letter of thanks be sent to the Institute of Public Works Engineering Australasia for the grant they provided for the Road Safety Officer to travel to Japan.

14 **Item 8 HILL END ORGANIC FARM (13.00022)**

Cr Aubin - queried what was happening in this matter, understands there has been some issues.

15 **Item 9 CCTV (07.00106)**

Cr Coote - advised has his own CCTV for his business in William Street. Council does not need to spend masses of money in the city. Spoke of concerns in other areas of the city. Council could look at a partnership.

16 **Item 10 FOG LINE, LIMEKILNS ROAD (25.00066)**

Cr Coote - advised had concerns raised about needing a fog line out in this area. Could this be reviewed?

17 **Item 11 RESTROOM, ST PATS, CARRINGTON PARK (04.00008)**

Cr Coote - asked where is this matter up to.

The Director Corporate Services & Finance advised negotiations appear to have been finished, works will occur as soon as possible.

18 **Item 12 WINBURNDALE DAM HOUSE (33.00650)**

Cr Coote - asked was the Winburndale Dam house insured, if so how much received.

The Director Corporate Services & Finance gave details of the insurance coverage and vandalism re windstorm damage. Received around \$70,000 to \$90,000.

19 **Item 13 WAGES 2014/2015 BUDGET (16.00137)**

Cr Coote - queried why wages have gone up in budget, yet positions have been reduced.

20 **Item 14 MEETING WITH COMMUNITY GROUPS/WORKING PARTIES (11.00019)**

Cr Coote - disappointed Council did not take opportunity to utilise last couple of Wednesdays for working sessions.

21 **Item 15 LAND AVAILABLE IN PRESTIGIOUS ESTATES (20.00009)**

Cr Westman - advised people have expressed concern at lack of land in "prestigious estates". Could Council look at developing some land to meet this demand?

22 **Item 16 INFRASTRUCTURE - ESTATES (03.00170)**

Cr Westman - requested meeting to discuss infrastructure that is put into estates. Retro fitting is not the answer, eg, major arterial roads.

23 **Item 17 SOFALA - JEW'S CREEK AND OTHER MATTERS (20.00237)**

Cr Westman - advised water was previously run into a Cullen Bullen mine and now not used. Could we find out what is occurring? Queried markings out in the area, what are these for?

The Director Environmental, Planning & Building Services advised not sure, but there has been aerial mapping occurring in this area.

24 **Item 18 GEORGE STREET SCHOOL ZONE (25.00007)**

Cr Morse - spoke to traffic concerns in this area, with the childcare centre now going in. Is the Traffic Committee looking at this and where will the 40km/h zones be going in?

25 **Item 19 SECTION 356 DONATIONS (18.00195)**

Cr Morse - advised need to ensure tourism monies are kept out of donations and should be in the tourism budget. Could a report be prepared on how Council deals with tourism assistance packages.

26 **Item 20 HILL END (18.00199)**

Cr Morse - advised Hill End community are not happy, there are falling tourism numbers, particularly with the Bridle Track closed. Will Council respond to management plan currently on exhibition by National Parks & Wildlife Service (NPWS)? There appears to be conflict with NPWS.

The Director Environmental, Planning & Building Services advised Council will be putting in a submission on the Interpretation Plan.

27 **Item 21 STARLINGS (14.00627)**

Cr Jennings - advised saw an article on use of Falcons to eradicate starlings at Dubbo. Could this be examined for pigeons?

The Director Environmental, Planning & Building Services advised Council will investigate the matter.

28 **Item 22 LIVESTREAMING COUNCIL MEETINGS (11.00005)**

Cr Jennings - advised that Kiama Council will be actioning Livestreaming at their next meeting.

29 **Item 23 ABORIGINAL HERITAGE - CELEBRATION 2015 (20.00153)**

Cr Jennings - raised the following items for consideration for 2015:

1. Aboriginal Reconciliation Action Plan
2. Recognition Campaign
3. Racism stops with me campaign
4. Attraction of Adam Goodes to 2015 celebrations
5. Get Aboriginal author in to speak at 2015 celebrations.
6. Serving our Country program

Asked Council to look at these programs and see if Council can tap into these.

30 **Item 24 PENSIONER CENTRELINK DATA (16.00037)**

Cr Jennings - received a concern from a ratepayer about a letter she received from Council about provision of pension details. Also spoke of risk assessment on data processes.

The Director Corporate Services & Finance spoke to process in place. Pension details must be provided otherwise rebate cannot be obtained. Letter is a standard document used by Council.

31 **Item 25 POLICY COMMITTEE PROCESSES (07.00064)**

Cr Jennings - spoke to operations of General Business and rights of reply at Policy meetings.

The Mayor spoke to relevant protocols in place and behaviours expected.

32 **Item 26 CCTV (07.00106)**

Cr Jennings - supports Cr North's suggestions on CCTV. We could look at setting up a meeting to discuss this and work with Police and businesses on camera types, placement, etc.

33 **Item 27 BUS SHELTER - EVANS PLAINS AREA (AROUND 1400 MID-WESTERN HIGHWAY) (28.00022)**

Cr Jennings - advised residents concerned about speed in this area and would like a bus shelter. Could we look at this? Will get residents to submit a letter.

The Director Engineering Services advised Council would liaise with RMS on this when letter is received. The Bus Shelter is a Council responsibility.

34 **Item 28 SECTION 356 DONATIONS (18.00195)**

Cr Jennings - asked could Council add to the Policy a requirement that organisations must provide details of why they have not provided financial details, where this occurs on donation applications.

35 **Item 29 GREAT WESTERN HIGHWAY TREES - RMS STRATEGY (25.00018)**

Cr Jennings - asked what is happening with the proposal for the tree plantings associated with the Highway upgrade?

The Mayor spoke to meeting with RMS and Greening Bathurst representatives last week to discuss this matter. RMS endeavouring to get the best for the community. Discussions held included the View Street to Littlebourne Street section. The Mayor advised details of what RMS is proposing.

36 **Item 30 WHITE ROCK PROGRESS ASSOCIATION - GO KART TRACK**

This is page 6 of Minutes of the Policy Committee held on 7 May 2014.

(2014/0146)

Cr Bourke - enquired about concerns that have been raised by the Association. Could officers provide an update on this to Councillors.

37 **Item 31 VILLAGE MEETING RAGLAN AND ENGINEERING SUPPORT**
(20.00177)

Cr Aubin - congratulated staff on their assistance provided in resolving issues.

MEETING CLOSE

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The Meeting closed at 7.02 pm.

CHAIRMAN: _____

Date: _____ **(21 May 2014)**

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- 5** **DECLARATION OF INTEREST 11.00002**
 MOVED: Cr W Aubin SECONDED: Cr G Westman

RESOLVED: That the Declaration of Interest be noted.

**DIRECTOR ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING & BUILDING SERVICES' REPORT AND
MINUTES**

POLICY COMMITTEE

4 JUNE 2014

1 SUNNY CORNER – CONTAMINATED LAND POLICY (41.00089 & 13.00008)

Recommendation: That Council:

- (a) place the draft Sunny Corner – Contaminated Land Policy (Amendment No. 1) on public exhibition for a period of 30 days;
- (b) notify the owners of Lot 10, DP 873545, 1226 Sunny Corner Road to inform them of the Draft Sunny Corner – Contaminated Land Policy (Amendment No. 1) and the applicable exhibition period;
- (c) if no submissions are received, adopt the Policy; and
- (d) delegate the authority to the General Manager to transfer properties between categories of notification of land on a Section 149 certificate as outlined in the policy in accordance with the outcomes of appropriate geotechnical investigations.

Report: Mining activities have occurred in the Sunny Corner area for more than one hundred years. In 2003 community concerns over the possibility of heavy metal contamination on residential lots in the village and surrounds resulted in the Premiers Department awarding a grant of \$50,000 to the community for soil testing on residential lots. The former Evans Shire Council (ESC) agreed to coordinate the testing on behalf of the community.

In response to the risk of land contamination the former ESC received advice as to their notification obligations under Section 149 of the Environmental, Planning and Assessment Act 1979. On the basis of the advice received from the Local Government and Shires Association, the former ESC placed a notation on all the section 149 planning certificates in the Sunny Corner area, noting the possibility of heavy metal contamination in the area.

In mid 2007 Council representatives met with the residents and landowners in Sunny Corner to seek feedback on whether the community wished to implement the project for testing of land in the area. From the meeting all residents were asked to complete a feedback sheet determining whether or not they wished to participate in the investigations. The grant from the Premiers Department required that the community reach a consensus on the implementation of the project. Feedback was also sought from the Department of Environment and Climate Change (DECC) regarding the implementation and results of the project, in response to a number of questions from the community.

Twenty-eight landholders agreed to participate in the project. In mid-2008 Council engaged Barnson Pty Ltd to undertake the soil testing project. Over a period of several months, a "Preliminary Site Investigation" was undertaken on each participating property in accordance with the DECC guidelines. In December 2008 each landowner received a report detailing the results for their property.

Policy Creation and Adoption

Subsequent to the testing Council sought advice from its solicitors in regard to the status of the notation on the Section 149 planning certificates. Council's solicitor recommended that a policy be prepared specifically for the Sunny Corner area in relation to land contamination. A policy was subsequently prepared and Council adopted the "Sunny Corner – Contaminated Land Policy" at its Ordinary Meeting held 18 August 2010. In essence the policy defines the appropriate notation for land on a Section 149 certificate in three basic categories:

- Land which has been tested and no contamination has been found.

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- Land which no testing has been undertaken.

The existing policy does not address the scenario where a property that was previously identified as contaminated is subsequently remediated. That is the policy requires an additional category to cover this eventuality.

Lot 10, DP 873545, 1226 Sunny Corner Road

The owners of Lot 10, DP 873545, 1226 Sunny Corner Road have voluntarily engaged a contractor to undertake the remediation of contamination previously identified by Barnson Pty Ltd in the *Preliminary Site Investigation Report: Sunny Corner Contamination Study (2008)*.

Policy Amendment

The proposed amendment (see section 13 of the draft amended policy) introduces a new category for notification of land on a Section 149 certificate to deal with the scenario where land previously identified as being contaminated with concentrations of arsenic and lead above the health based investigation levels has been remediated to accommodate residential use.

Lot 10, DP 873545, 1226 Sunny Corner Road will necessarily transfer into this new category. In the future there will, from time to time, be circumstances where properties may need to transfer from one category to another. For example where investigation reveals that a property is contaminated or in this case where remediation occurs. It is therefore proposed that authority be delegated to the General Manager to amend the notations applicable to individual properties based upon appropriate geotechnical investigations.

The draft amended Policy is provided at **attachment 1**. It is recommended that the policy be publicly exhibited and adopted if no submissions are received.

Financial Implications: Nil.

Bathurst 2036 Community Strategic Plan - Objectives and Strategies

- Objective 22: To improve community safety. Strategy 22.11
- Objective 28: To plan for the growth of the region and the protection of the region’s environmental, economic, social and cultural assets. Strategy 28.8

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Yours faithfully



D R Shaw
DIRECTOR
ENVIRONMENTAL, PLANNING & BUILDING SERVICES

DIRECTOR CORPORATE SERVICES & FINANCE'S REPORT AND MINUTES

POLICY COMMITTEE

4 JUNE 2014

1 APPOINTMENT OF INDEPENDENT COMMITTEE MEMBER - AUDIT AND RISK MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE (07.00096)

Recommendation: That Council appoint Mr Phillip Burgett from 1 July 2014 as an Independent member on the Bathurst Audit & Risk Management Committee (ARMC).

Report: The Audit & Risk Management Charter outlines terms of tenure for ARMC members. Members are allowed to serve on the Committee for a period not exceeding five years. The current independent members are Andrew Fletcher (Chairman of the Committee) and Grahame Marchant. Grahame Marchant's term of office has now expired.

Applications were recently called (jointly with Orange City Council) for expressions of interest for independent membership on the Bathurst and Orange Audit & Risk Management Committee (ARMC). Applications closed on 7 March 2014 with 6 applications being received. All but one of the applicants applied for the position on both Councils ARMC. Each Council conducted its own selection process.

To avoid a potential delay of three months the ARMC Meeting held on 18 March 2014 resolved to deal with this matter as a late item and following consideration of the matter resolved

That the Committee delegate to the Chairman and the Mayor the authority to select and recommend a candidate to Bathurst Regional Council for appointment as an independent member to the ARMC.

The Chairman of the Committee and the Mayor subsequently met and considered the applications submitted. The selection committee resolved to recommend to Council that Council appoint Mr Phillip Burgett from July 1 as an Independent member on the Bathurst ARMC

Financial Implications: Funding for this item is contained within existing budgets.

Bathurst 2036 Community Strategic Plan - Objectives and Strategies

- Objective 28: To plan for the growth of the region and the protection of the region's environmental, economic, social and cultural assets. Strategy 28.8
- Objective 32: To ensure Council is supported by an adequate workforce and appropriate governance procedures. Strategy 32.2
- Objective 33: To be and develop good leaders. Strategy 33.5

MINUTE

7 Item 1 APPOINTMENT OF INDEPENDENT COMMITTEE MEMBER - AUDIT AND RISK MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE (07.00096)

MOVED: Cr M Morse SECONDED: Cr J Jennings

RESOLVED: That Council appoint Mr Phillip Burgett from 1 July 2014 as an Independent member on the Bathurst Audit & Risk Management Committee (ARMC).

Yours faithfully



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**DIRECTOR
CORPORATE SERVICES & FINANCE**

DIRECTOR CULTURAL & COMMUNITY SERVICES' REPORT AND MINUTES

POLICY COMMITTEE

4 JUNE 2014

1 BATHURST LIBRARY - NSW PUBLIC LIBRARY FUNDING (16.00030)

Recommendation: That Council provide support to the campaign mounted by the NSW Public Library Associations for increased State funding to local government for public libraries.

Report: The NSW public library funding situation is an historic issue and the funding level has now reached a crisis point. The key issues are:

- NSW receives the lowest per-capita funding for public libraries from the State Government of all states in Australia;
- State Government expenditure on public libraries has decreased as a proportion of total public library expenditure from 23% in 1980 to 7% in 2013.
- NSW Local Government councils are currently paying 93% of the costs to operate public libraries in NSW (which are governed by state legislation);
- The current NSW Public Library Funding Strategy includes three components:
 - Per capita subsidy (legislated at \$1.85 per NSW resident) - \$13,503,243 in 2012/2013,
 - Disability & Geographic Adjustment (DGA) - includes a component of population-based payments and a proportion of payments based on five disability factors developed by the NSW Local Government Grants Commission (pre-school children; people over 65; people from a NESB; population distribution; isolation) - \$6,551,966;
 - Library Development Grants - \$549,996 (this amount has reduced from \$3.3M in 2005/2006)
- The NSW Public Library Funding Strategy is not indexed to population growth or the consumer price index (CPI). This means that:
 - Funds have been taken from the Library Development Grant pool over a number of years to meet the increased per capita subsidy costs (and the per-capita component of the Disability and Geographic Adjustment fund) as the NSW population increases each year. If the government had not provided an “additional” \$2M to maintain the Country Public Libraries fund contribution in 2013/2014, there would be no funding left for Library Development Grants; and
 - If the current funding situation is not addressed urgently, NSW councils will suffer a reduction in their Disability and Geographic Adjustment payments to meet the increase in legislated per-capita subsidy costs for additional NSW population.

ACTION TO DATE

During 2011 there was an undertaking to carry out a comprehensive review of the quantum and allocation of funding for NSW public libraries. To date there has been no significant action to meet this commitment.

In the absence of any government action the Library Council of NSW convened a committee of representatives from the Public Libraries NSW Association (representing regional and rural councils and libraries), the NSW Metropolitan Public Libraries Association (representing metropolitan councils and libraries), and the State Library of NSW, to develop an evidence-based submission about public library funding.

The Library Council of NSW then provided a submission to the State Government called *Reforming Public Library Funding* in October 2012. The evidence-based submission recommended a fairer, simplified and more transparent method for the distribution of funds.

The following principles for a new approach were recommended:

- Establish a base level of funding for councils with populations below 20,000 people (a safety net for small councils);
- Grant a modest increase in per capita allocations for all councils to recognise cost movements since 1994;
- Address disadvantage transparently through the application of appropriate disability factors;
- Phase out anomalies in current allocations due to former council amalgamations;
- Ensure sustainability by providing that no council receives less recurrent funding than 2012/2013; and
- Build and maintain infrastructure via a substantial capital fund, entitled the *Building Library Infrastructure Program*.

The Library Council recommended that recurrent public library funding to councils be adjusted from the current \$26.5M to \$30M per annum from 2013/2014 and indexed from the following year. This would be allocated as follows: 68% (\$20.4M in 2013/2014) to councils by population with a base level of funding for councils with fewer than 20,000 residents, 17% (\$5.1M) to councils by NSW Local Government Grants Commission (LGGC) disability factors to explicitly address disadvantage and 15% (\$4.5M) applied to Statewide Programs.

In addition, a *Building Library Infrastructure Program* of \$30M per annum for building and maintaining infrastructure was recommended to replace the now defunct provision of grants from operating funds. This program would enable councils to renew library buildings, systems, collections and equipment in regional, urban and growth areas. It was proposed that this be phased in, rising to \$30M over the four years from 2013/2014 and indexed thereafter. Many NSW councils wrote to the Minister for the Arts during 2012, urging the State Government to adopt *the Reforming Public Library Funding* strategy. To date the review recommendations have not been implemented.

CAMPAIGN

The NSW Public Library Associations (NSWPLA), representing country and metropolitan libraries, are now coordinating a targeted campaign to bring the situation to the attention of politicians and funding decision makers to address the problem.

Local Government NSW (LGNSW) and the Australian Library and Information Association (ALIA) are assisting NSWPLA in this campaign and information will be provided to councils and public libraries on an ongoing basis from these bodies throughout the campaign. In addition, local supporters of public libraries including Friends of the Library groups and library users will be engaged in the campaign to lobby State Members.

Given that 44% of the state's population are library users, it is anticipated that there will be strong support for the campaign in the community. Research also highlights the high value placed on public libraries by users and non-users alike. There will be high level media engagement and local and national champions of public libraries will be advocating for funding reform.

CONCLUSION

There is currently a high degree of uncertainty as to the level of ongoing funding for public libraries in NSW. The intent of the NSW Library Act in 1939 was for equal funding from state and local governments to provide library services. Since that time local government has increasingly carried the funding burden and the situation has deteriorated significantly over the past few decades. Without urgent action from local government and NSW Public Library Associations, this situation will continue and local councils will once again be forced to pick up the funding shortfall.

Financial Implications: Libraries are funded through Local and State Governments.

Bathurst 2036 Community Strategic Plan - Objectives and Strategies

- Objective 20: To provide a range of cultural facilities, programs, activities and events and to support and enhance cultural and social activities across the community. Strategy 20.1
- Objective 23: To encourage a supportive and inclusive community. Strategy 23.3
- Objective 26: To encourage and support the provision of a range of opportunities for life long education across the Bathurst community. Strategy 26.1

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- 8 **Item 1 BATHURST LIBRARY - NSW PUBLIC LIBRARY FUNDING (16.00030)**
MOVED: Cr M Morse SECONDED: Cr I North

RESOLVED: That Council provide support to the campaign mounted by the NSW Public Library Associations for increased State funding to local government for public libraries.

Yours faithfully



Janelle Middleton
ACTING DIRECTOR
CULTURAL & COMMUNITY SERVICES

GENERAL BUSINESS

POLICY COMMITTEE

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9 Item 1 KEPEL STREET BUS STOP (25.00039)

Cr North - asked could this area be looked at for being made as public parking on a Saturday morning?

The Director Environmental, Planning & Building Services spoke to processes required to review parking restrictions, including involvement of the Traffic Committee.

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10 Item 2 2015 EVENT DAY GAZETTAL (20.00153)

Cr North - asked has this been approved for 2015?

The General Manager advised will get back to Cr North on this matter.

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11 Item 3 SIGNAGE NEW SUBDIVISIONS (23.00045)

Cr North - advised has received representations about street signage not installed in residential areas. Council should have a policy on when signs are to be installed.

The Director Engineering Services spoke to processes involved and requested details of areas of concern.

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12 Item 4 SECURITY COMPANY MSS (07.00106)

Cr North - has held discussions with representatives of this group regarding issues at Stockland Centre and other places. Spoke to action plan at Nowra with youth and how well it worked, will forward details of this plan. The security company is keen to talk with Council. Would like Council to sit down with the community and discuss CCTV and various safety issues.

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13 Item 5 COMMUNICATION STRATEGY (11.00003)

Cr North - expressed frustration about how sometimes the message going out is betrayed. Feels Council needs a strategy to be developed.

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14 Item 6 CARPARK ENQUIRY - CARRINGTON PARK (20.00116)

Cr North - spoke to item raised last month about a carpark in the Carrington Park precinct. Referred to prior history.

The General Manager advised of status of this matter, a report is being prepared.

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**15 Item 7 DISABILITY SERVICES - LAND DISABILITY INCLUSION BILL
(18.00152)**

Cr North - noted legislation is going through that requires Councils to have an Inclusion Plan in place. Asked where is this at?

The Acting Director Cultural & Community Services spoke to current status of the legislation. Council is awaiting guidelines to assess impact and allow scheduling of a response within resources that are available.

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16 Item 8 MOUNT PANORAMA BUSINESS PLAN (04.00009)

Cr Aubin - noted a number of conferences have been held at Rydges. Why aren't Mount Panorama facilities being used more often? Is the use of Council facilities increasing at this time?

The Mayor spoke about some recent events.

The General Manager noted working relationship between Rydges and Council.

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17 **Item 9** **BUSINESS AFTER HOURS (18.00027)**

Cr Coote - congratulated Council on this program.

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18 Item 10 SECOND RACING CIRCUIT LAND PURCHASE (20.00278)

Cr Coote - asked where is this at?

The Mayor spoke to strategy of purchasing land and current status of this matter.

The General Manager noted current land purchasing process and engagement with the land owner. Further, Council in the near future will be engaging a consultant to undertake a noise study.

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19 Item 11 NETBALL DA - SIGNAGE (04.00013)

Cr Coote - has heard there is an issue with a signage DA for the Netball Association .

The Director Environmental, Planning & Building Services is unaware of any DA issue, will investigate and advise.

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20 Item 12 TRESS CUT DOWN IN GEORGE STREET (25.00007)

Cr Coote - advised trees have recently been cut down in George Street. Why were these trees cut down?

The Director Engineering Services will investigate the matter and advise Cr Coote.

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21 Item 13 WATER DISRUPTION GEORGE STREET (32.00013)

Cr Coote - spoke to advice being provided to ratepayers about water outages in this area.

The Director Engineering Services will investigate the matter and advise Cr Coote.

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22 Item 14 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME (11.00005)

Cr Morse - spoke to conduct of public question time and the issues being raised. Feels a good concept for these sessions is that questions should be based on agenda items only. Requested a report be provided on possible options for public question time for the Council.

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23 Item 15 LIBRARY WALL REMOVAL (22.09965)

Cr Morse - would like that a report be prepared for Council on the removal of the library wall proposal.

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24 Item 16 AGED CARE (09.00040)

Cr Morse - referred to prior issues about lack of Aged Care in the city. Noted Council has recently received \$21 million worth of Development Applications for Aged Care developments, this is good news.

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25 Item 17 DESTINATION NSW FUNDING (37.00421)

Cr Jennings - noted next round of funding has been opened. Will Council apply for projects and when will the Destination Management Plan (DMP) be completed?

The Director Environmental, Planning & Building Services advised Council is waiting to see the grant guidelines, will work with Central NSW Tourism. Not sure if the DMP will be ready within the required timeline.

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**26 Item 18 VICTORS WALK REDEVELOPMENT AND V8 ACTIVITIES IN 2015
(20.00153 & 04.00001)**

Cr Jennings - noted previously raised this matter. Have any advances occurred with respect to this? Also V8 actions for 2015, could an update be provided?

The General Manager advised will need to research and will contact Cr Jennings with respect to the Victor's Walk matter.

The Mayor advised on discussions held with V8 Supercars and various proposals for 2015.

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27 Item 19 CHARLES NEW (18.00004)

Cr Jennings - received a letter from Mr New, a student im Bathurst who is going to Euro-Science forum. Has sought assistance from Council, seeking \$300.

The General Manager advised a report will be prepared for Council.

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28 Item 20 BATHURST ARTS TRAIL (20.00020)

Cr Jennings - advised the Bathurst Arts Trail is interested in getting support from Council for their TV program? Is Council taking any action?

The Mayor advised will be speaking to the Minister for Arts in the near future on this proposal.

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29 Item 21 CSU 2015 PROJECT WITH BRC - PR STUDENTS (20.00153)

The Mayor - spoke to presentations recently given on 2015 projects by the students. It was a great evening and the ideas were excellent. The proposals will be developed during the next semester and two internships will occur at Council. Projects included a lantern theme.

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30 MEETING CLOSE

The Meeting closed at 6.43 pm.

CHAIRMAN: _____

Date: _____ **(18 June 2014)**