



BUSINESS PAPER  
ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL

To be held on

Wednesday, 19 December 2018

Commencing at

**2:00pm**

at

Walcha Council Chambers

Members:

Mayor – Councillor Eric Noakes  
Deputy Mayor – Councillor Clint Lyon  
Councillor Peter Blomfield  
Councillor Kevin Ferrier  
Councillor William Heazlett  
Councillor Jennifer Kealey  
Councillor Scott Kermode  
Councillor Rachael Wellings

Quorum – 5 Members to be Present

AGENDA

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Submitted to Council: 19 December 2018

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Dear Mayor & Councillors

You are requested to attend the Ordinary Meeting of the Walcha Council to be held at Walcha Council Chambers, 2W Hamilton Street, Walcha on **Wednesday, 19 December 2018 commencing at 2:00pm.**

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jack O'Hara'.

Jack O'Hara  
GENERAL MANAGER

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**10. Committee Reports**

- 10.1 Minutes of the Rural Women’s Gathering Meeting held at the Council Chambers, Hamilton Street, Walcha on Monday, 12 November 2018.  
WI/2018/014285
- 10.2 Minutes of the Walcha Council Tourism Advisory Committee Meeting held at the Council Chambers, Hamilton Street, Walcha on Tuesday, 27 November 2018.  
WO/2018/02633

**11. Delegates Reports**

- 11.1 Delegate Report from Clr WJ Heazlett – New South Wales Public Libraries Switch 2018 Conference held in Coffs Harbour from Wednesday, 28 November 2018.  
WI/2018/15027

**12. Committee of the Whole**

Resolution to adjourn the Ordinary Meeting and to move into Committee of the Whole and to exclude the Press and the Public from the entire proceedings of the Committee Meeting.

Resolution to move into Open Council.

Resolution to adopt Committee of the Whole Report and Recommendations.



**Present:**

**Apologies:**

**Confirmation of the Ordinary Meeting Minutes held on Wednesday, 28 November 2018:**

**Matters arising from the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Wednesday, 28 November 2018:**

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## ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL

held on

Wednesday, 28 November 2018

at

2:35pm

at

Walcha Council Chambers

**PRESENT:** Clr EH Noakes (Chairman) Mayor together with Councillors PR Blomfield, KW Ferrier, JM Kealey, SJ Kermode, CM Lyon and RL Wellings.

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Mr JG O'Hara, General Manager and Mr DJM Reeves, Director – Engineering Services.

**1. APOLOGIES:**

76 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Lyon and Ferrier that the apology received from Clr Heazlett, being away at the Library Conference, be **ACCEPTED**.

MINUTES



**2. CONFIRMATION OF THE ORDINARY MEETING MINUTES HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 31 OCTOBER 2018:**

77 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Kealey and Wellings that the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Wednesday, 31 October 2018, copies of which have been distributed to all members, be taken as read and confirmed a **TRUE** record.

**3. BUSINESS ARISING**

Nil.

**4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

**Item 8 – Matters of Urgency – Walcha Energy Project**

Clr Blomfield declared an interest in this matter as he is a landholder in the development.

**5. MAYORAL MINUTE**

**6. SENIOR OFFICERS REPORT**

78 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Kealey and Ferrier that the Senior Officers’ Reports be **RECEIVED** for further consideration.

**6.1 Working Funds 2017 – 2018 Annual Financial Statements**

**WO/2018/02490**





Before the Council Meeting commenced, Council’s Auditor, Forsyths, addressed the Council with a presentation on the Financial Reports for 2017 – 2018.

It was **MOVED** Clr Lyon **SECONDED** Clr Wellings that the unused portion of the \$20,000 carry over for the swimming pool upgrade be reallocated to the Walcha & District Beautification & Tidy Towns Committee.

79 On being put to the **VOTE** the Motion was **CARRIED**.

A **FORESHADOWED MOTION** by Clr Kealey that the unused portion of the \$20,000 carry over for the swimming pool upgrade be used to help finance the lighting upgrade at the Peter Fenwicke Oval.

It was **MOVED** Clr Lyon **SECONDED** Clr Blomfield that the Report be **NOTED** by Council **FURTHER THAT** the following amounts be transferred to Restricted Assets:

-  \$750,000 to the Infrastructure Replacement
-  \$550,000 to Plant Replacement
-  \$100,000 to Employer Leave Entitlements
-  \$100,000 to Project Development



✚ \$500,000 to a Restricted Asset to fund Gravel Resheeting and/or Seal Extension subject to a further report from the Director – Engineering Services. ON being put to the **VOTE** the **Motion** was **LOST**.

It was **MOVED** Clr Lyon **SECONDED** Clr Wellings that a Division be called.

FOR: Lyons, Wellings and Blomfield.

AGAINST: Ferrier, Kermode, Kealey and Noakes.

It was **MOVED** Clr Kealey **SECONDED** Clr Kermode that the Report be NOTED by Council **FURTHER THAT** the following amounts be transferred to Restricted Assets:

- ✚ Infrastructure Plant - \$1,000,000
- ✚ Plant Replacement - \$750,000
- ✚ Employee Leave Entitlement - \$150,000
- ✚ Project Development - \$100,000

80 On being put to the **VOTE** the **Motion** was **CARRIED**.

81 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Mayor Noakes that Council formally record their congratulations to the management and finance staff on the outstanding audit result.

**6.2 Walcha Bowling Club Fishing Club – Request for Annual Financial Assistance** **WO/2018/02470**

82 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Lyon and Ferrier that Council agree to give a \$500 annual contribution towards the collection and distribution of trout fingerlings and attending the New England Trout Acclimatisation Society (NETAS) Meetings four times a year by the Walcha Bowling Club Fishing Club.

**6.3 Request for Financial Support for a Waste to Energy Comprehensive Feasibility Study from Country Mayors Association of NSW** **WO/2018/02510**

83 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Lyon and Kealey that Council are unable to agree to the request for financial support of \$15,000 for the Waste to Energy Comprehensive Feasibility Study, at this time.

**6.4 2017 – 2018 Annual Report for Notation** **WO/2018/02523**

84 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Lyon and Ferrier that Council note the 2017 – 2018 Annual Report.

**7. NOTICE OF MOTION**

Nil.



**8. MATTERS OF URGENCY**

**Walcha Energy Project**

85 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Lyon and Wellings, and the Chairman, that Council consider the Walcha Energy Project as a matter of urgency.

Clr Blomfield declared an interest in this matter and left the Chambers and took no part in the debate.

86 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Kealey and Wellings that Council write to Mirus Wind and Energy Estate advising that Council welcomes the Walcha Energy Project and gives full support in principle **FURTHER THAT** Council looks forward to working with the developers as the project unfolds.

Clr Blomfield returned to the Meeting and was advised of the resolution.

**Afternoon Tea**

Council adjourned for afternoon tea at 3:30pm and resumed the Meeting at 3:58pm.

**9. MANAGEMENT REVIEW REPORTS**

**WO/2018/**

87 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Kealey and Blomfield that items included in the Management Review Report, numbered 1 to 9 inclusive, be **NOTED** by Council.

**10. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Nil.

**11. DELEGATE REPORTS**

**11.1 Confirmed Minutes of the New England Tablelands (Noxious Plants) County Council Meeting held on Tuesday, 21 August 2018 WI/2018/12472**

**11.2 Minutes of the Country Mayors Association of NSW Annual General Meeting held at Parliament House, Sydney on Friday, 2 November 2018.**

**WI/2018/13262**

**11.3 Minutes of the Country Mayors Association of NSW General Meeting held at Parliament House, Sydney on Friday, 2 November 2018. WI/2018/13262**

**11.4 Delegates Report from Clr WJ Heazlett – Central Northern Regional Libraries (CNRL) Annual General Meeting and General Meeting NOTES held at Tamworth Regional Council on Wednesday, 14 November 2018.**

**WO/2018/02514**

**12. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

88 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Lyon and Kealey that, in accordance with the provisions of Section 10 of the Local Government Act, 1993, the matters of:





- ✚ Request to Purchase Council Land Lot B DP 316085;
- ✚ Possible Purchase of Land by Council;
- ✚ Walcha Oval Lighting Upgrade Update; and
- ✚ Exemption from Tendering for the Showground Function Centre Contract – Drought Communities Programme

be referred to be discussed in Committee of the Whole for the reason that they would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the Council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business.

89 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Lyon and Kealey that Council resolve into Committee of the Whole and that the press and public be excluded from the entire proceedings of the Meeting of the Committee of the Whole for the reason that they relate to information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the Council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business.

90 The Meeting resumed in **OPEN** Council on the Motion of Councillors Kealey and Lyon.  
The Mayor reported whilst in Committee of the Whole the following matters were discussed.

**PRESENT:** Present and IN Attendance were the same as listed in the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting with the exception of the press and the public.

**12.1 Request to Purchase Council Land Lot B DP 316085**

**WINT/2018/04511**

The Committee **RECOMMENDED** on the Motion of Lyon and Kermode that Council decline the request to purchase Council Land Lot B DP 316085.

**12.2 Possible Purchase of Land by Council**

**WINT/2018/04536**

The Committee **RECOMMENDED** on the Motion of Lyon and Blomfield that Council authorise the General Manager to negotiate the purchase of the block of land.

**12.3 Walcha Oval Lighting Upgrade Update**

**WINT/2018/04608**

The Committee **RECOMMENDED** on the Motion of Lyon and Kealey that Council approve the additional allocation of \$59,301 for the Walcha Oval Lighting Upgrade.



**12.4 Exemption from Tendering for Showground Function Centre Contract –  
Drought Communities Programme WINT/2018/04652**

The Committee **RECOMMENDED** on the Motion of Kealey and Blomfield that in accordance with Section 55(3)(i) of the Local Government Act, 1993, Council not tender for the Walcha Showground Function Centre due to *extenuating circumstances*.

**ADOPTION OF COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

91 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Lyon and Blomfield that the Report and Recommendations of the Meeting of the Walcha Council Committee of the Whole held on Wednesday, 28 November 2018 be **ADOPTED** by Council.

**THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE CHAIRMAN DECLARED THE MEETING CLOSED AT 4:35PM.**



Item 5:

Mayoral  
Minute

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**Item:** 5.0 **Ref:** WO/2018/02512  
**Title:** Mayoral Minute – Save our Recycling campaign  
**Author:** Mayor of Walcha  
**Previous Items:** Not Applicable  
**Attachment:** No

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**Report:**

I am calling on Councillors to support Local Government NSW in its advocacy to all those contesting the State election to reinvest 100% of the waste levy collected each year into waste management, recycling and resource recovery in NSW.

The *Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997* (POEO Act) requires certain licensed waste facilities in NSW to pay a contribution to the NSW Government for each tonne of waste received at the facility. Referred to as the ‘waste levy’ the contribution aims to reduce the amount of waste being landfilled and promote recycling and resource recovery.

The waste levy applies in the regulated area of NSW which comprises the Sydney metropolitan area, the Illawarra and Hunter regions, the central and north coast local government areas to the Queensland border as well as the Blue Mountains, Wingecarribee and Wollondilly local government areas.

In 2016/17, the NSW Government collected \$726 million from local government, community, businesses and industry via the waste levy, but only committed to use \$72 million through its Waste Less Recycle More initiative – or 10% - on waste minimisation and recycling in 2017/18.

Overall the NSW Government’s *Waste Less Recycle More* initiative allocates \$801 million over 8 years (2013-2021) to waste and recycling, however the waste levy collected over that same period will be over \$4.62 billion.

At a Local Government level, just 18% of the \$300 million collected from the local government sector each year is reinvested in recycling and waste management.

Regardless of how you look at it, the principle remains the same – very little of the waste levy is currently used to support waste minimisation, recycling and resource recovery. The remainder is returned to NSW Government’s consolidated revenue.

The reinvestment of the waste levy to support waste and resource recovery infrastructure, develop markets and innovative solutions, and undertake other initiatives to encourage reuse and recycling also offers wide-ranging benefits to our communities’ right across NSW. There is the potential for economic growth, new infrastructure, new technology and new jobs, particularly in our regional areas.

It should be noted that the following motion was unanimously endorsed at the Local Government NSW 2018 Conference:

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*That the NSW Government be called upon to ensure that 100% of the levy arising from Section 88 of the Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997 be used for waste infrastructure and programs, predominantly by local government and the waste sector, for initiatives such as:*

- ◆ *Development of regional and region-specific solutions for sustainable waste management (eg: soft plastic recycling facilities, green waste, waste to energy).*
- ◆ *Support innovative solutions to reduce waste and waste transport requirements.*
- ◆ *Protect existing and identify new waste management locations.*
- ◆ *Local community waste recovery and repair facilities.*
- ◆ *Funding a wider range of sustainability initiatives, such as marketing and strategies, that promote and support a circular economy.*

This motion covered motions proposed by Blacktown City Council (Resource recovery locations); Central Coast Council (Waste Levy revenues); Cessnock City Council (Recycling crisis – funding support); City of Ryde (Revenue raised by the waste levy); Federation Council (Waste resource); Gwydir Shire Council (Tyre recycling); Hornsby Shire Council (Increase in grant funding for waste levy program); Leeton Shire Council (Increase of waste levy distribution); and Shoalhaven City Council (POEO Levies). Related motions were also submitted by Tweens Shire Council (Recycled products and procurement); Lake Macquarie Council (Support for recycle end markets, reusable, recyclable or compostable packaging); and Orange City Council (Waste management).

As previously noted, this is not a party political issue: the advocacy initiative calls on all parties and candidates to commit to the 100% hypothecation of the Waste Levy to the purpose for which it is collected.

I am recommending that we support this campaign by the NSW local government sector and Local Government NSW and call on all political parties to commit to the reinvestment of 100% of the Waste Levy collected each year by the NSW Government into waste management, recycling and resource recovery.

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Item 6:  
Senior Officers'  
Reports

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<b>Item:</b>	6.1	<b>Ref:</b> WO/2018/02718
<b>Title:</b>	Request for Sponsorship – Bobby Jacks Festival Inc	
<b>Author:</b>	General Manager	
<b>Previous Items:</b>	Not Applicable	
<b>Attachment:</b>	Bobby Jacks Festival Inc Budget, Marketing Plan & Feedback	

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*CSP Ref: 2.1.2 – Develop and market tourism products targeting identified markets*  
*CSP Ref: 2.1.3 – Develop activities that encourage increased visitation frequency and stay length.*

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**Introduction:**

Council have received a letter from the organising committee of the Bobby Jack’s Festival requesting financial assistance for next years Festival. Last year, Council contributed \$1,500.

**Report:**

Bobby Jacks Festival is an original music and performing arts festival for all ages with quality food stalls and creative workshops. It will be held at the Walcha Showground on Saturday, 13 April 2019 from 11am to 11pm and will showcase, promote and foster local talent.

The main stage will have nine acts performing, with the current line-up including Dughutti Dancers, Alyce & Heath Forsyth, Goldheist, Gostwyck, Donna, The Warts, Tamborine Girls, Fritz and headliner William Crighton. Crighton, a respected and rising indie musician, performed at the Byron Bay Bluesfest this year to great acclaim.

The second stage, named “Get out of your Garage” will host seven acts giving the lesser known artists and young musicians a chance to perform to an appreciative audience. This stage provides a terrific platform for emerging talent and the committee have already received applications from all over the country.

For the first Festival only the headline act was paid, however this year we are looking to pay all artists on the main stage a fee for their time. All the artists are established with a good following and paying them will assist the Festival to keep attracting quality acts to perform into the future. A copy of the budget, marketing plan and the feedback from the initial Festival is attached for your information.

Event Feedback – Attachment C – clearly shows that the majority of attendees were not from Walcha (74%). Patrons were counted on the door which amounted to 600 people with an estimated 150-200 children (under 12).

**RECOMMENDATION:**

**That Council agree to sponsorship of \$1,500 towards the Bobby Jack’s Festival with the cost to be funded from the Tourism vote.**

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**Attachment A - Budget**

BOBBY JACK'S FESTIVAL INC. 13 April 2019 INCOME and EXPENSES PROJECTIONS									
INCOME									
TICKET TYPE	Price	Target Qty Sales by Type	Total PAX	Total Sales	Target Income	Notes			
Full Admission	\$30.00	300	1 300	1 300	\$9,000.00				
Student Discount	\$25.00	300	1 300	1 300	\$7,500.00				
Family (2A2C)	\$60.00	60	4 240	2 120	\$3,600.00				
Children under 12 (accompanied by adult)		100	1 100	0 0	\$0.00				
Early bird Adult	\$25.00	150	1 150	1 150	\$3,750.00				
Early bird Student	\$20.00	200	1 200	1 200	\$4,000.00				
Early bird Family	\$50.00	40	4 160	2 80	\$2,000.00				
Comps		40	1 40	0 0	\$0.00				
Average ticket price per ticket =	\$25.00		1490	1150		Based on 100% increase in 2018 sales			
Averaged ticket price based on type =	\$25.96		<b>Total Box Office</b>		<b>\$29,850.00</b>				
Camper Single Friday	\$10.00	20	1 20	40	\$200.00				
Camper Family Friday	\$30.00	5	4 20		\$150.00				
Camper Single Saturday	\$10.00	62	1 62	150	\$620.00				
Camper Family Saturday	\$30.00	22	4 88		\$660.00				
<b>Total Camping</b>					<b>\$1,630.00</b>				
Stall fees					\$500.00	Based on 2018 sales with increase in stall holders			
Merch Profit					\$700.00	Based on 2018 sales adjusted for 2019 target and better margin			
Bar Commissions					\$8,625.00	Based on 2018 sales adjusted for 2019 target and new supplier			
Sponsorship					\$3,750.00	Based on 2018 sponsorship level			
<b>Total Target</b>					<b>\$45,055.00</b>				
INCOME SCENARIOS									
	<b>100%</b>	<b>90%</b>	<b>80%</b>	<b>70%</b>	<b>60%</b>	<b>50%</b>			
	\$45,055.00	\$40,549.50	\$36,044.00	\$31,538.50	\$27,033.00	\$22,527.50			

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EXPENSES	Cost	Notes
<b>Artists</b>		
Headline - William Crighton	\$5,000.00	
Support - The Fumes	\$2,500.00	
Others - 7 Bands @ \$500 each	7 \$3,500.00	500
<b>Artists Total</b>	<b>\$11,000.00</b>	
Staging - Mobile Stage Truck - Big Red	\$7,800.00	email confirmation
Staging - High Country - 25' x 10'	\$1,740.86	quote received
Sound / Light - Audio 4 Events	\$6,314.00	quote received
Backline	\$0.00	supplied by Hugh Cook, confirmed
Stage dressing	\$238.00	as per 2018
Crew Food and Rider	\$800.00	assumed increase from \$345.00
APRA	\$100.00	assumed increase from \$82.50
Venue Hire	\$440.00	as per 2018, confirmed
Power	\$500.00	assumed increase from \$408.10
Water	\$80.00	assumed increase from \$69.00
Public Liability Insurance	\$946.00	Paid in full, CoC received
Venue toiletries	\$300.00	assumed increase from \$285.30, some 2018 stock remainig
Security x4 (1800-2300)	\$1,200.00	as per 2018
Artwork - logo, posters, flyers, banners	\$0.00	sponsored by Alternation, confirmed
Printing - posters	\$247.34	as per 2018
Banners	\$352.00	as per 2018
Wristbands	\$300.00	assumed increase from \$161.7
Advertising - Apsley Advocate	\$299.00	as per 2018
Publicity	\$0.00	Vanessa Arundale, confirmed
Digital Marketing	\$0.00	committee members
Web Site	\$0.00	sponsored by Alternation, confirmed
Bedouin Tent - Outdoor Adventure Camps	\$5,500.00	quote received
Lawn games	\$320.00	as per 2018
Face painting	\$250.00	as per 2018
Funtastic	\$2,920.00	quote received
Genny & 3phase - Hubbard Hire	\$276.00	as per 2018

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General Expenses	\$900.00	assumed increase from \$801.59				
Photographer (fuel only)	\$70.00	as per 2018				
<b>Total Projected Expenses</b>	<b>\$42,893.20</b>					
<b>PROFIT / LOSS (100% of target)</b>	<b>\$2,161.80</b>					
<b>Break Even</b>	<b>95.20%</b>					
<b>PROFIT / LOSS Scenarios</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>90%</b>	<b>80%</b>	<b>70%</b>	<b>60%</b>	<b>50%</b>
	\$2,161.80	-\$2,343.70	-\$6,849.20	-\$11,354.70	-\$15,860.20	-\$20,365.70
<b>Current Bank Balance</b>	<b>\$3,379.24</b>					
<b>PROFIT / LOSS Scenarios (balance \$0.00)</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>90%</b>	<b>80%</b>	<b>70%</b>	<b>60%</b>	<b>50%</b>
	\$5,541.04	\$1,035.54	-\$3,469.96	-\$7,975.46	-\$12,480.96	-\$16,986.46

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**Attachment B**  
**MARKETING & MEDIA STRATEGY**

*Bobby Jack's Festival*  
*Saturday 13 April 2019*

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The Showground will again play host to the Bobby Jack's Festival, an outdoor original music festival that will include creative workshops, quality food stalls, free kids' activities and a bar run by Welders Dog Brewery on Saturday 13 April 2019. There will be a main stage for established acts as well as a smaller stage for aspiring artists, called *Get out of your Garage*. This year the stages will be run alongside each other. Income will be generated from the sale of tickets to the event and a percentage acquired from the bar takings. We have again kept ticket prices low so the event will be well attended by visitors and locals and have deliberately chosen a date that again falls during school holiday time so families from further afield will attend. Expenses will be paid for from ticket sales, bar commission income and sponsorship. A small dedicated voluntary organising committee are passionate about the ongoing success and growth of this great little music festival. Members include: Hugh Cook, Stefanie Cook, Lisa Kirton, Michael Luchich, Adam Iuston, Vanessa Arundale, Tess Dawson, Kit Dawson, Oscar Waugh, Katy Walsh and Adrian Walsh. With widespread promotion, the event will again attract visitors from out of town to the area, to stay over and camp or utilise the accommodation on offer in Walcha.

**AIM**

Bobby Jack's Festival Committee (BJFC), through marketing and media, aim to attract people of all ages to Walcha for the Bobby Jack's Festival. A well supported event will increase visitation to Walcha, provide economic benefits to local tourism providers and provide a cultural event for music lovers, aspiring young musicians and supporters.

**TARGET MARKETS**

- Music enthusiasts
- General interested public
- Families
- Media

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**MARKETING & MEDIA STRATEGY**

*Bobby Jack's Festival  
Saturday 13 April 2019*

▪ **ACTION PLAN / ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION**

ITEM	ACTION	DETAIL	COMMENTS	TIMEFRAME (Completion Date)	BUDGET / COST	WHO	STATUS
A	<b>Confirm Running Order &amp; details of the day</b>	Ensure all details, times, ticket prices are agreed upon and correct	Input required by all relevant parties.	Jan 15	Nil	BJFC	In progress
B	<b>Roles of relevant parties</b>	Confirm roles of relevant parties		Jan 30	Nil	BJFC	In progress
C	<b>Confirm Festival Arrangements</b>	Ongoing meetings regarding any necessary arrangements.	Send email minutes to relevant parties confirming details of event organization.	Jan 30	Nil	BJFC	In progress
D	<b>Confirm Catering &amp; Venue Arrangements</b>	Discuss & confirm details of music acts, food options, bar and wet weather plan.	Bar - Welders Dog Food stalls kids activities, workshops Wet weather plan?	Jan 30	Nil	BJFC	In progress
E	<b>Update website, design posters</b>	Include date, time, venue, details, cost, contacts and booking details	Alternation	Feb 10		Alternation	In progress
F	<b>Taking Bookings</b>	Set up online booking site for online bookings.	Use online event booking site or Paypal through Bobby Jack's Festival website.	Feb 10	Try booking charge 30c per ticket & a 2.1% c/card processing fee	Alternation Mish	To do
G	<b>Develop / Consolidate Databases</b>	Develop / consolidate databases of target audiences to directly promote the BJF  Utilise relevant parties' contacts / databases	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Committee contacts</li> <li>• Music and creative businesses contacts</li> <li>• Rural and general media</li> </ul>	Feb 15	Nil	Lisa / Hugh	To do
H	<b>News Net / Media Wire</b>	Utilise News Net for media release distribution service to particular media	Access various media lists on New Net and current media list.	Use when distributing Releases	\$9.60 per "send"	Lisa	To do
I	<b>Advertising</b>	Investigate advertising options: The Land/Country Leader ABC Radio NENW Radio	See advertising / media options below  Liaise with relevant parties	Varies	Determined by individual ads	Lisa / Stef	To do

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**MARKETING & MEDIA STRATEGY**

*Bobby Jack's Festival  
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		Armidale Express/Extra Walcha News Northern Daily Leader Other papers, etc, within & outside region	regarding options				
<b>J</b>	<b>Write Media Release</b>	Develop Media Release outlining details of Event and how to book (email and refer to website).	Liaise with all parties for input / approval. Send to all parties for approval.  (To be distributed twice prior to Event and a 3 <sup>rd</sup> time week prior – tweak this Release)	Varies	Nil	Lisa	To do
<b>K</b>	<b>Print Posters</b>	How many copies? Copies to all relevant parties for distribution		Feb 13		Alternation	To do
<b>L</b>	<b>Website / Booking site</b>	Walcha Tourism to update their website with information regarding the event, including cost. Highlight Early bird tickets and to secure accommodation.  Ensure Bobby Jack's website & booking site is live and ready to receive bookings & payments for the event.  All bookings / enquiries to be directed to email / website / phone			Nil	Alternation Lisa	To do
<b>M</b>	<b>Direct Mail</b>	Email poster to all databases (except Media)		Feb 13	Nil	Lisa	To do
<b>N</b>	<b>Approve Media Release</b>		All parties to approve Release for distribution	Mar 9	Nil	All parties	To do
<b>O</b>	<b>Distribute Media Release (1)</b>	Send to all media databases. Attach poster and image	Use News Net Service & consolidated Media databases	March 1	\$9.60 (News Net)	Lisa	
<b>P</b>	<b>Distribution of flyers</b>	All parties to distribute posters. Post some to outside areas / key locations if required.	Create list of locations where posters are to be posted / piles to be dropped and delegate who to	March 1	Nil unless postage incurred	All parties	To do

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*Bobby Jack's Festival  
 Saturday 13 April 2019*

			do this.				
Q	Check bookings / Numbers	Committee to check numbers from booking site, email, phone		Ongoing	Nil	BJFC	To do
R	Confirm set-up with venue.	Bar? Food stalls? Wet weather plan?		Mar 13	Nil	BJFC	To do
S	Directional Signage	Utilise last years. Organise any new signage required.		Mar 13		Stef	To do
T	Distribute Media Release (2)	Send to all media databases. Attach Flyer and image	Use News Net Service & consolidated Media databases	Mar 13	\$9.60 (News Net)	Lisa	To do
U	Check in with Acts, stalls, workshops	Check to see all arrangements OK for Event. Re-send running order.		Mar 13	Nil	BJFC	To do
V	Email invitation to Media	Invite & Poster		Mar 13	Nil	Lisa	To do
W	Distribute Media Release (3)	Send to all media databases. Attach poster and image	Use News Net Service & Lisa's Media databases	April 7	\$9.60 (News Net)	Lisa	To do
X	Check in with Acts, stalls, workshops	Final confirmation of event arrangements, bar, food, acts etc		April 7	Nil	BJFC	To do
Y	Check bookings / Numbers	Check against booking site, email and phone bookings		April 12	Nil	BJFC	To do
AA	Confirm numbers and details	Hope for fine weather!		April 12		BJFC	To do
BB	Bobby Jack's Festival			April 13		All parties	To do

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Advertising / Editorial Schedule						
<b>1</b>	Focus Magazine	Published monthly. New England, Port Macquarie	Try for free feature – Get into their What's On section			
<b>2</b>	The Land Newspaper (NSW)	Published weekly. Circulation NSW wide x 52,526 copies.	Try for free feature		TBC	
<b>3</b>	Armidale Express  Armidale Extra	A bi-weekly newspaper. The Express reaches more than 10,000 readers in Armidale, Uralla, Guyra and Walcha and is the paper of record for these communities.  Armidale Extra is a weekly colour insert in the Walcha News & Guyra Argis.	Try for free feature – otherwise look at ad options		Full page feature \$635 Half page feature \$375	
<b>4</b>	Country Leader	Inserted weekly into 9 papers: Northern Daily Leader (Tamworth), Armidale Express, Glen Innes Examiner, Inverell Times, Tenterfield Star, Moree Champion, Guyra Argus, Quirindi Advocate, Walcha News.	Try for free feature – otherwise look at ad options		Festival & Events Feature advert \$350	Guaranteed editorial & picture for free
<b>5</b>	Walcha News	A weekly publication which serves the Walcha District. Its 966 circulation into homes gives it nearly total market saturation.	Try for free feature – otherwise look at ad options		Advertise in Armidale Extra (above) – inserted in Walcha News	Should do free editorial for community event.
<b>6</b>	Apsley Advocate	The Apsley Advocate is Walcha's community newspaper, which is delivered free to all households every Wednesday. Circulation is 1790 delivered free to all households in the 2354 postcode which encompasses: Walcha, Niangala, Nowendoc, Kentucky, Yarrowitch, Woolbrook, including some parts of Bendemeer & Uralla.	Try for free feature		Half page ad \$190 A quarter page ad \$110	There is no charge for editorial

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7	Prime	Daily news across the region and beyond	Call re exposure – try for free air time Add event to Event page				
8	NBN	Daily news across the region and beyond	Call re exposure Add event to Event page		Try for free air time		
9	Southern Cross Ten	Daily news across the region and beyond	Call re exposure Add event to Event page		Try for free air time		
10	ABC New England North West Radio	What's On Fridays call between 7.10 – 7.15am Ph: 1300 648 222  Place event details on promotion tab of station's website	Send event info a week prior to Anna Moulder for a story to: <a href="mailto:moulder.anna@abc.net.au">moulder.anna@abc.net.au</a>		Nil		
11	2armFM Community Radio	Place event details on what's on section of station website.	Send event info week prior  Cathy Pageon <a href="mailto:info@2arm.net.au">info@2arm.net.au</a>		Nil		
12	2AD / FM 100.3	Place event details on event calendar on station's website.	Send 45-48 words – station will plug event (12 mentions). 24 hours notice required. Debby <a href="mailto:sales@neb2ad.com.au">sales@neb2ad.com.au</a>		\$66		
13	Super Network Radio	Peter Anderson <a href="mailto:panderson@2sm.com.au">panderson@2sm.com.au</a>	Call re exposure		TBC		
14	New England Home & Lifestyle Magazine	What's on section - events	Call re exposure		Nil		
15	Downtown Magazine	What's on section - events	Call re exposure		Nil		
17	Facebook	Have active presence on Facebook Weekly posting 6 weeks out.			Boosting posts \$200		

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**Attachment C**



**2018 EVENT FEEDBACK**

For our 2018 event we collected postcodes for online bookings.

Based on this data we were able to determine the following attendance:

Walcha Residents	23% of Sales
Out of Walcha	74% of sales
Unspecified	3% of sales

The majority of attendees were not from Walcha, which was great for tourism, and all attendees had a really positive experience at the first event.

Numbers of adult/concession patrons were also counted on the door which amounted to 600 people and an estimate 150-200 children (under 12).

We hope that for the 2019 event, by offering ticket sales online earlier and having an early bird rate, a higher amount of tickets will be sold online, giving us clearer stats of where patrons are coming from. We will also implement separate counters for residents and non-residents at the next festival.

We currently have 481 followers on Facebook, and many five-star ratings for our first event. The recommendations and reviews are as follows....

- A fantastic effort from the amazing committee!! Loved it!!
- Great family friendly event with a fantastic atmosphere.
- What a fantastic event! So much thought and hard work went into making the day amazing. Congratulations to all involved. There really was something for everyone and it showed with so many happy festival goers. I'm already planning to come again next year. Thanks Walcha!
- We had a great day at the festival. Enjoyed the different bands and there were fantastic activities for the kids. Looking forward to next year!
- Awesome time...can't wait for the next one
- Amazing job well done everyone! Can't wait till next year!
- (Love) Bobby Jack's Festival!

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**Item:** 6.2 **Ref:** WO/2018/02711  
**Title:** Request for exemption, Public Gates (Ramps) Policy.  
**Author:** Director – Engineering Services  
**Previous Items:** Nil  
**Attachment:** Yes – A Copy of the Letter will be Provided.

*CSP Ref: 8.1 – Walcha Council will exemplify good leadership, mutual respect and trust by being inclusive, ensuring open information and communication and encouraging active participation at all levels.*

**Introduction:**

Council has been approached in relation to a gate (no ramp) that is located on a Council road accessed by the Winterbourne Road. The gate in question is the first public gate along the road. Council has issued a gate removal letter to the assumed owner, as fencing is already installed along the roadside and gates without ramps are not permitted on public roads, in accordance with the Public Gates (Ramps) Policy.

**Report:**

In accordance with attachment 1 of the ramps policy, the general layout of a public gate will not hinder the access of the public travelling the public road. While the owner leaves the gate open unless handling stock, the closure of a public road requires permission from the road authority, which is Council in this instance.

The assumed owner of the ramp has written to Council requesting an exemption to the general layout, stating that the ramp will service a function by providing a stock barrier when there are stock related duties, such as mustering and transporting stock.

Owners that travel through the set of gates have written in support of the gates being retained.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

**For Councils Consideration**

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**Item:** 6.3 **Ref:** WO/2018/02724  
**Title:** Council decisions on the Administration of September 2020 Local Government Elections  
**Author:** General Manager  
**Previous Items:** Not Applicable  
**Attachment:** No

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*CSP Ref: 8.1 – Walcha Council will exemplify good leadership, mutual respect and trust by being inclusive, ensuring open information and communication and encouraging active participation at all levels.*

**Introduction:**

This report is to determine Council’s decision on the administration of the September 2020 local government elections. Under Section 296AA of the *Local Government Act, 1993*, Councils must make a decision on how their September 2020 ordinary elections are to be administered no later than **11 March 2019**. This report is to inform Council of the model resolutions required to make a decision to engage the New South Wales Electoral Commission (NSWEC) to conduct their elections, referendums and/or polls.

**Report:**

Each Council must resolve either:

- ✚ to enter into an election arrangement with the NSW Electoral Commissioner (NSWEC) to administer all the council’s elections, polls and constitutional referenda OR
- ✚ that the council’s elections are to be administered by the General Manager of the Council.

If a Council fails to resolve to engage the NSWEC to administer its elections by **11 March 2019** it will be required to administer its own elections.

A council should only resolve to administer its own elections if it is confident that it has the capacity to do so. If a council is proposing to engage the NSWEC to administer its elections, it should resolve to do so as soon as possible and notify the NSWEC. The NSWEC has advised that for these decisions to be effective, appropriate wording of the resolutions need to be used and this has been reflected in the resolution for this report.

Financial Implications:

The last ordinary council election held in 2012 was conducted by NSWEC and was deemed very reasonable in price.

**RECOMMENDATION:** That Walcha Council (‘the Council’) resolves:

1. Pursuant to S.296(2) and (3) of the Local Government Act 1993 (NSW) (‘the Act’) that an election arrangement be entered into by contract for the Electoral Commissioner to administer all elections of Council.
2. Pursuant to S.296(2) and (3) of the Act, as applied and modified by S.18, that a council poll arrangement be entered into by contract for the Electoral Commissioner to administer all council polls of the Council.
3. Pursuant to S.296(2) and (3) of the Act, as applied and modified by S18, that a constitutional referendum arrangement be entered into by contract for the Electoral Commissioner to administer all constitutional referenda of the Council.

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**Item:** 6.4 **Ref:** WO/2018/02727  
**Title:** Adoption of Preschool Fees for 2019  
**Author:** General Manager  
**Previous Items:** October 2018 – Committee Reports Preschool Minutes  
**Attachment:** No.

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**Introduction:**

Under the Local Government Act 1993 Council is to public exhibit and then adopt any Fees and Charges it applies.

**Report:**

At the October 2018 meeting Council adopted a draft Preschool Fees for 2019 and placed it on public exhibition for a period of 30 days. No public submissions have been received. It is recommended the Preschool Fees for 2019 now be formally adopted by Council.

The Fees are:

- ◆ Equity children \$ 4.00 per day
- ◆ Non-equity 4 year olds \$13.00 per day
- ◆ Non-equity 3 year olds \$22.00 per day
- ◆ Additional day (3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>) \$30.00 per day
- ◆ Extended Hours 8.00am to 8.30am \$ 6.00 per day
- ◆ Extended Hours 4.00pm to 5.00pm \$12.00 per day
- ◆ Enrolment fee \$25.00 yearly
- ◆ Late Fee (pick up after closing time) \$25.00 per occasion

**RECOMMENDATION:**

**That Council ADOPT the 2019 Preschool Fees below, as advertised.**

- ◆ Equity children \$ 4.00 per day
- ◆ Non-equity 4 year olds \$13.00 per day
- ◆ Non-equity 3 year olds \$22.00 per day
- ◆ Additional day (3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>) \$30.00 per day
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- ◆ Late Fee (pick up after closing time) \$25.00 per occasion

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Ref: WO/2018/02715

**Title:** Management Review Report  
**Author:** General Manager  
**Previous Items:** Not Applicable  
**Attachment:** No

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# Item 9:

# Management Review Reports

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# FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

## 9.1 Listing of Bank Balances for the Month of November 2018

The Cash Book for each Fund has been reconciled with the appropriate Bank Pass sheets for the month of November 2018, and the Reconciliations have been entered in the Cash Book.

	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>
General	\$ 1,236,235.60	\$ 2,068,367.93

The current Interest Rate on the General Fund held with the National Australia Bank is 1.25%.

	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>
Interest Earned (YTD)	\$ 7,229.67	\$ 8,026.33

## 9.2 Investments Local Government (Financial Management) Regulation 1993, Clause 19 (3) (A) for November 2018

Please see the following Report for the investments placed in November 2018.

### **Overdraft Limit**

An Overdraft Limit of \$200,000 has been arranged with the National Australia Bank. When utilised an Overdraft Interest Rate of 8.77% applies.

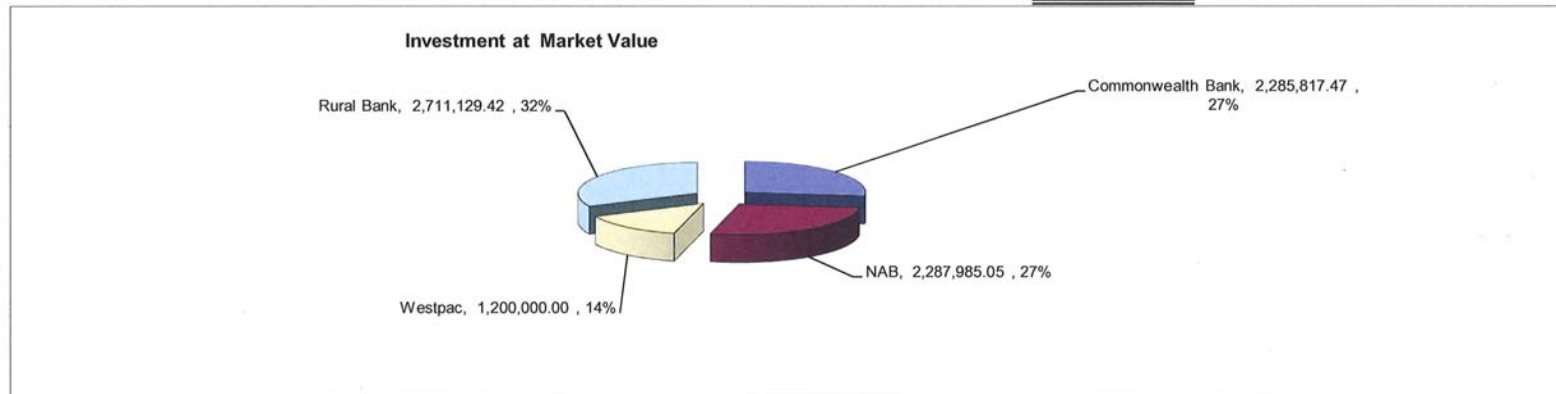
Jack O'Hara  
GENERAL MANAGER



**REGISTER OF INVESTMENTS TO 30/11/2018**

Institution	Type	Placement Date	Term (Days)	Maturity Date	Rate	Est. Interest	YTD Interest	Amount Invested	YTD Redemption	Est. Market Value At 30/11/18	MV % of Portfolio	
National Australia Bank	Term Deposit	19/07/2018	181	19-Jan-19	2.60%	8484.44	8058.22	658,058.22	-	658,058.22	7.76%	
National Australia Bank	Term Deposit	12/09/2018	138	28-Jan-19	2.57%	5830.03	0.00	600,000.00	-	600,000.00	7.07%	
Commonwealth Bank	Term Deposit	17/08/2018	180	12-Feb-19	2.60%	4556.24	7947.38	355,347.65	-	355,347.65	4.19%	
National Australia Bank	Term Deposit	15/05/2018	276	15-Feb-19	2.65%	10019.18	0.00	500,000.00	-	500,000.00	5.89%	
Commonwealth Bank	Term Deposit	10/09/2018	181	11-Mar-19	2.64%	6545.75	0.00	500,000.00	-	500,000.00	5.89%	
Elders Rural Bank	Term Deposit	28/09/2018	180	28-Mar-19	2.65%	12415.07	11972.60	950,000.00	-	950,000.00	11.20%	
Westpac Bank	Term Deposit	18/04/2018	365	18-Apr-19	2.76%	16560.00	8302.69	600,000.00	-	600,000.00	7.07%	
Elders Rural Bank	Term Deposit	31/10/2018	180	28-Apr-19	2.67%	7900.27	8802.74	600,000.00	-	600,000.00	7.07%	
Westpac Bank	Term Deposit	17/05/2018	365	16-May-19	2.72%	16320.00	8316.49	600,000.00	-	600,000.00	7.07%	
Commonwealth Bank	Term Deposit	24/05/2018	365	24-May-19	2.71%	14262.33	0.00	526,285.22	-	526,285.22	6.20%	
National Australia Bank	Term Deposit	28/10/2018	273	28-Jul-19	2.60%	10305.26	6948.45	529,926.83	-	529,926.83	6.25%	
Elders Rural Bank	Term Deposit	15/11/2018	270	15-Aug-19	2.70%	12205.85	0.00	611,129.42	-	611,129.42	7.20%	
Commonwealth Bank	Term Deposit	22/10/2018	365	22-Oct-19	2.71%	24503.40	22243.05	904,184.60	-	904,184.60	10.66%	
Elders Rural Bank	Term Deposit	17/06/2018	180	17-Dec-18	2.65%	7187.67	0.00	550,000.00	-	550,000.00	6.48%	
							<b>157,095.49</b>	<b>82,591.62</b>	<b>8,484,931.94</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>8,484,931.94</b>	<b>100.00%</b>

Capital Value of Portfolio	<b>8,484,931.94</b>
Redeemed Value of Portfolio	-
Market Value of Portfolio 30/11/18	<b>8,484,931.94</b>
Estimated Profit/(Loss) 30/11/18	<b>8,484,931.94</b>



**Responsible accounting Officers Certification Local Government (General) Regulation 2005- Paragraph 212**  
The investments have been made in accordance with the Act, Regulations and Walcha Council's Investment Policy.

Signed Rosemary Strobel (Responsible Accounting Officer)

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**9.3 Tourism Report**

**November 2018**

**Number of visitors to VIC**

NOVEMBER	2018	2017	2016	2015
Walk in's	334	398	707	351
			Garden Days	
Phone enquiries	12	26	48	33
Email enquiries	0	2	0	0
WEBSITE	November	October	September	August
Unique Visits	2,880	3,055	2,689	3,026
Visits	3,894	4,108	3,654	4,020
No of Hits	146,845	233,271	163,300	173,234

**Comments from the Visitors Book – NOVEMBER**

Lovely / Cute / Wonderful / Nice town / A great area / helpful information centre / lovely, helpful centre / Nice little town / Lots of help, thanks / Thanks for the help / Thanks for the information.

**Australian Geographic Short Film**

Australian Geographic have created a short film on the Green Gully Track. We have shared the video on the New England High Country Facebook page and put a link to the video on the Walcha Tourism Website ([walchansw.com.au](http://walchansw.com.au) / Explore / National Parks / .... Listed under WALKS & TREKS WITHIN THE PARKS - OXLEY WILD RIVERS - GRADE 5 Treks.

A fabulous platform to promote the walk and a great way to show off our local natural assets.

**Motorcycle Event**

A large motorcycle event has been confirmed for 15-17 November 2019. The event organisers have secured some major sponsorship as well as funding through DNSW. Most accommodation is already booked out in town, there will be plenty of glamping to accommodate other festival goers. Great news for Walcha.

**Walcha Sculpture Symposium Works**

Three of the Four sculptures created as part of the Walcha Sculpture Symposium have been installed (with the foundation pad for the forth built and setting). They look fabulous in their positions and really ad to the Open Air Gallery.

Susie Crawford  
 Tourism Manager

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**9.4 Grant Information**

**Grants Currently Applied for:**

<b>Name of Grant:</b>	<b>Purpose of Grant:</b>	<b>Amount Requested :</b>	<b>Council Contribution:</b>	<b>Date Outcome Announced:</b>	<b>Outcome</b>
SCCF Round 2	Walcha Community Gym	\$935,160	\$0	November	Successful
SCCF Round 2	Walcha Pool Refurbishment	\$354,100	\$0	November	Successful
SCCF Round 2	Walcha Community Service Clubs Storage Facility	108,815	\$35,766	December	
SCCF Round 2	Upgrade Kiosk / Toilets / Change Rooms at Walcha Oval / Captain Cook Park	\$127,320	\$14,715	December	
SCCF Round 2	Walcha Sporting Fields Lighting Upgrade Stage 2	\$263,000	\$0	December	
2018-21 Council Regional Capacity Building Program	Through Namoi Unlimited employ a Regional Contaminated Lands Project Officer	\$420,000		December	
Regional Cultural Fund	Expansion of Walcha's Open Air Gallery	\$235,000	\$10,000	Late December	
Regional Cultural Fund	Upgrade of MPC	\$87,744	\$8,000	Late December	
Drought Communities Programme	Walcha Showground Function Centre			December	
Drought Communities Programme	Walcha Villages Improvement Projects			December	

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**Grants Currently Being Investigated:**

Name of Grant:	Purpose of Grant:	Closing Date:
Arts Projects – Organisations Community Building Partnership Youth Opportunities Funding Regional Arts NSW website:		Various times

**Website Links:**

- <https://www.liquorandgaming.justice.nsw.gov.au/Pages/about-us/our-initiatives/infrastructure-grants/arts-and-cultural-funding-round.aspx>
- <http://www.lgnsw.org.au/files/imce-uploads/127/cremf-introduction-1.pdf>
- <http://www.communitybuildingpartnership.nsw.gov.au/>
- <http://investment.infrastructure.gov.au/funding/blackspots/>
- <https://www.transport.nsw.gov.au/projects/programs/fixing-country-roads>
- [https://infrastructure.gov.au/infrastructure/pab/active\\_transport/](https://infrastructure.gov.au/infrastructure/pab/active_transport/)
- <https://www.industry.nsw.gov.au/invest-in-nsw/regional-opportunities/stronger-country-communities-fund>
- <https://www.create.nsw.gov.au/funding-and-support/types-of-funding/project-funding-arts-and-cultural-projects/>
- <http://regionalartsnsw.com.au/grants/raf/>
- <http://regionalartsnsw.com.au/grants/casp/>
- <http://www.australiacouncil.gov.au/funding/>
- <https://education.nsw.gov.au/early-childhood-education/operating-an-early-childhood-education-service/grants-and-funded-programs/quality-learning-environments>
- [http://investment.infrastructure.gov.au/infrastructure\\_investment/heavy\\_vehicle\\_safety\\_and\\_productivity.aspx](http://investment.infrastructure.gov.au/infrastructure_investment/heavy_vehicle_safety_and_productivity.aspx)
- <http://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/coasts/floodplain-management-grants-2017-18.htm>
- <http://youth.nsw.gov.au/youth-opportunities/>
- <https://www.create.nsw.gov.au/funding-and-support/regional-cultural-fund/regional-cultural-fund-2/>

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# ENGINEERING SERVICES

## 9.5 Wages & Overtime Summary

Pay Period	Week Ending	Overtime Hours	Amount (\$)
22	25/11/2018	133.25	6,636.21
23	02/12/2018	87.00	4,456.16
24	09/12/2018	107.50	5,741.39
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>327.75</b>	<b>\$16,833.76</b>

## 9.6 Shire Roads Maintenance

### **Local Roads Maintenance:**

*Gravel Re-Sheeting Nowendoc Road:*



Gravel Resheeting continues in the Nowendoc Zone, with the Hawkins trail quarry still being used for the Brackendale Road re-sheeting.

Re-sheeting will be completed prior to staff breaking up for Christmas on 20 December.

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**State and Regional Roads Maintenance:**

*Oxley Highway Reseal Program:*

The Oxley Highway reseal program has now been completed. The program in total included 9,740 lineal meters of resealing on the Oxley Highway alone. The program extended



**Urban Works:**

*Continuation of Streetscape:*

Streetscape works have recently been completed for the first portion of the streetscape project for the 2018-19 financial years. Works will continue to the south in approximately May / June.



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*Artwork Installations:*

The artwork produced from the recent symposium has been installed in the locations selected by the Walcha Council Arts Advisory Committee.

The installation process was supervised by James Rogers and Council Staff, with the process being a success overall.



*Urban Re-Seal Program:*

The Urban Reseal Program is now complete; reseals were completed on Oxley Drive and Hill, South, Lagoon, Derby and Croudace Streets.

The urban program was also a success, with favourable weather conditions for sealing aiding in the success of the project.



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<b>Local Roads</b>	
Maintenance Grading:	Roads:
	St Leonards Creek
	Kangaroo Flat
	Blomfield
Bitumen Patching	Roads:
	Moona Plains
	Wollun
Gravel Re-Sheet	Road:
	Nowendoc
	Brackendale
<b>State &amp; Regional Roads</b>	
Oxley Highway Maintenance:	Tasks:
	Sign Maintenance & Repair
	Drainage Works
	Servicing Rest Areas
	Slashing
Regional Roads:	Tasks:
	“Ezy Street” Pothole Patching
	Service Rest Areas
	Guidepost Maintenance
<b>Urban Roads</b>	
Urban Maintenance:	Tasks:
	Sporting Ground Maintenance
	Footpath Maintenance
	Town Street Cleaning
	Street Tree Maintenance
	Parks and Garden Maintenance
	Pool Maintenance

Shire Roads:

- ✚ Completion of gravel re-sheeting on Nowendoc and Brackendale Roads.
- ✚ Grading to occur on Tops, Nuggety Gully, Logie, Walcrow Mummel, Wild Cattle Creek, Mooraback, Clonmel Roads.

State & Regional Roads:

- ✚ Maintenance:
  - Pothole Patching.
  - Vegetation Maintenance.
  - Drainage Works

Works In Town:

- ✚ Streetscape Maintenance.
- ✚ Sporting grounds maintenance.
- ✚ Town Mowing - parks, gardens and cemeteries.
- ✚ Town Garden Maintenance.
- ✚ Pool Maintenance and Operation.

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**9.7. Water**

Level 4 (Very High) Water Restrictions were rolled back to Level 3 after almost two weeks of being in force. Usage during the two weeks at Level 4 dropped to 234 Litres/Person/Day from a high of 302 Litres/Person/Day for the week of 14 November 2018. Level 3 target usage is again 190-230 Litres/Person/Day.

At the time of writing a few days of wet weather has been forecast, as such the Drought Management Committee will reassess Water Restriction Levels for the Christmas period post the predicted rainfall events the week commencing 17 December.

**9.8 Sewer**

Sewer Treatment Plant (STP) Upgrade

As previously reported Stage 1 of the upgrade project is complete. Council has sought a variation approval from Infrastructure NSW to spend the remaining funds (approximately \$500k) on upgrade works to the treatment plant infrastructure; this variation request is awaiting approval.

**9.9 Waste**

Landfill Master Plan

The Concept Masterplan was presented to the Waste Committee on Wednesday 28 November. As a result of the boundary discussions a licence application has been submitted to Crown Lands to formalise the use of the Crown Land parcel and initial discussions have been had with the adjacent private land owner.

Waste Education

During the month, primary schools in the Walcha LGA participated in Keep Australia Beautiful NSW's EnviroMentors program. A total of 200 students participated in the 'In the Bin' module in three schools over two days, raising awareness of acting sustainably and waste related solutions.

All Walcha schools were given the opportunity to have the program run at their school. The schools that participated were:-

Date	Time	School	Grade
Mon 26 Nov	9.30-1030	St Patricks Primary School	3-6
	11.00-12.00	Walcha CS	2-6
	12.30-1.30	Walcha CS	2-6
Tues 27 Nov	9.30-10.30	St Patricks Primary School	K-2
	11.00-11.45	Walcha Central School	K
	11.45-12.30	Walcha Central School	K
	1.30-2.30	Woolbrook PS	K-6

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**EnviroMentors Report Extract:-**

**“Conclusion**

EnviroMentors is always well received in the council area. The program is aligned with the NSW ACARA Curriculum and supports six different curriculum areas. ...The program was a great success during the visit, stimulating and motivating participants. Students’ enthusiasm and responses to the issues raised indicated their interest in the workshops. Discussion with teachers revealed an appreciation of the program being hosted by Walcha Council...”

(A copy of the full report may be requested – Council Ref: WI/18/14770)



Tess Dawson  
Senior Manager - Water, Sewer & Waste

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# COMMUNITY SERVICES

## 9.10 Walcha Council Community Care

### Groups

October 2018

### Women's Group and Wanderer's Group

7 November 2018 – 18 clients from the Women's Group and the Wanderer's Group attended morning tea at the Community Day Centre Rooms.

21 November 2018 - 11 ladies attended the Women's and Wanderer's Group trip. The first visit for the day was to Kentucky where the ladies enjoyed morning tea at the Kentucky General Store. The group then continued onto Woolbrook where the Woolbrook School P&C cooked a sausage sizzle and the children entertained everyone playing the marimbas.



The group enjoying lunch in the school rooms



Hope Strudwick and Doreen Murray



Marie Cox and Pat Laurie

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The ladies chatting to some of the Woolbrook school students



Ethel Henry and Ollie Wall



The Woolbrook School students during the Women's Group trip to the school



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The Woolbrook School students entertaining the ladies during their visit to the school



**Wanderer’s Group**

14 November 2018 – The group got together for morning tea held in the Community Day Centre Rooms.

28 November 2018 - The Wanderer’s Group travelled to Moonbi and Kootingal for their day out in November. The group visited the Moonbi Lookout along the way to Kootingal and spent some time sight seeing around Kootingal before having lunch at the Kootingal Bowling Club.



Dennis Anderson and Pat Lockwood having a great time on the bus



**Men's Group**

13 November 2018 – 8 gentlemen attended morning tea held in the Community Day Centre Rooms.

27 November 2018 – 18 gentlemen met for lunch at the Commercial Hotel. The men enjoyed the get together and the lovely meal.

**WCCC Mixed Group Trip – 12, 13 & 14 November 2018**

Monday 12 November, 28 clients set off from the Community Day Centre car park at 7.30am for the trip to Toowoomba. The trip was made possible with funding for the coach made available by Transport for NSW, Transport Access Regional Partnership Grants Program (TARPS).

The first stop during the trip was morning tea in a park at Glen Innes. Lunch was further along in the journey held at the Criterion Hotel at Warwick. With a quick look at some of the beautiful old buildings and the park in the main area of Warwick, the group headed off again for the last leg of their trip, arriving at our place of residency for the next 2 nights, The James Street Motor Inn. Everyone had a little free time to settle in and grab a cuppa before we visited Queens Park and the Botanical Gardens. The group really enjoyed the stroll through the lovely gardens and a bit of exercise after the long trip. Dinner was held at the restaurant at the Motel.

Tuesday morning began with breakfast at the motel before beginning the days adventures in and around Toowoomba. The first place to visit was Picnic Point Lookout. The State heritage-listed parklands provided breathtaking panoramic views eastward to Table Top Mountain and the Lockyer Valley. The gardens surrounding the lookout itself were amazing. Leaving Picnic Point Lookout, we then travelled out to visit Toowoomba Wellcamp Airport. The guided tour of the airport was an incredible experience, as the guide talked about the history of the airport, how the airport came to completion and how it successfully operates as an international airport today. Parts of the visit to the Airport that was more memorable included watching the jet be loaded with chilled beef exports for Hong Kong and leave the Airport and the process of getting us all through the security checks to enter the main section. Many of the clients had hardly been to an Airport much less go through a security check and body search. We found all of those people who had fake or spare body parts, much to our amusement. Leaving the Airport, we then stopped in at the Down Steam Tourist Railway and Museum. The group were fascinated with the old trains that had been restored and now function as a hire out dining car for private functions. The group continued on to The Cob and Co Museum where we all had a beautiful lunch and a guided tour of the Museum. The display of horse drawn coaches and memorabilia were well worth seeing. The group met for dinner was once again held in the restaurant at the Motel.

Wednesday morning began with breakfast and leaving the motel. The first stop for the day was at the Toowoomba Japanese Gardens. These gardens were incredible and were such a joy to walk through. Even though the drought conditions have taken its toll on the gardens they were still extremely well presented and immaculately kept. After the gardens we travelled back towards home with a stop off at the Darling Downs Zoo. When we first arrived we were a little dubious about the smallness of the zoo, however once inside the

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grounds everyone was astounded at how many animals and birds were on display and how well they were cared for. The guided tour included feeding times at selected animal enclosures and it was great to see the animals so up close. The group all enjoyed a barbeque lunch at the Zoo before heading back to Walcha.

The trip was a wonderful 3 days with everyone having a fabulous time. Many thanks to Ron Denham and Davina Young for their hands on assistance during the trip.



Heading off to Toowoomba on the coach



Ollie Wall, Claire Brazel and Syreen Kitchener enjoying a stroll through Queen's Park



A group photo taken at Picnic Point Lookout

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John Payne, Lloyd Levingston and Col Rvan at Picnic Point Lookout



Burgh Blomfield and Col Ryan enjoying the views at Picnic Point Lookout



Hope Strudwick, Mary Haines, Syreen Kitchener and Lilly Chung in the beautiful gardens at Picnic Point Lookout



A group photo with the coach taken at Picnic Point Lookout

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Lilly Chung at the Japanese Gardens



Elaine Murray, Ethel Henry and Ollie Wall relaxing in the beautiful Japanese Gardens



Doreen Murray and Ida Hoy at the Japanese Gardens



George Lawrence, Lloyd Levingston, Joy Hayes, Rob Hayes and Eric O,Keefe found a substitute lounge chair while watching the jet being loaded with chilled beef at the Wellcamp Airport

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The group enjoying the guided tour at Wellcamp Airport



The jet being loaded with meat to be exported to Hong Kong



Inside Wellcamp Airport waiting area

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The visit to Down Steam Tourist railway and Museum



Some of the horse drawn coaches on display

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The Darling Downs Zoo



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**Transport – November**

Medical drives – 17 clients utilized the service with 34 trips during the month.

Access bus – 9 clients used the service making 36 trips during the month.

Bus to Tamworth – 1 client used the service on 30 November 2018

Bus to Armidale numbers for November were as follows:

- ◆ 6 November 2018 – 6 clients
- ◆ 13 November 2018 – 6 clients
- ◆ 20 November 2018 – 10 clients
- ◆ 27 November 2018 – 8 clients

Taxi Vouchers – 12 clients used the Taxi Vouchers with Walcha Taxi Service and Walcha Community Transport in November with a total of 99 Taxi Vouchers returned.

**Meals on Wheels**

For the period of November there were 16 clients who received hot main meals with 4 of those clients also receiving frozen meals for the weekend. There were 6 clients who received frozen meals. The total number of meals for the month of November was:

- ◆ 258 Hot meals,
- ◆ 136 frozen meals and
- ◆ 195 desserts

**Rural and Remote Exercise Groups**

Nil to report for the month of November 2018.

**Feedback, Suggestions and Complaints**

Nil to report for the month of November 2018.

**Meetings and Training / Community Rooms**

6 November 2018 – Cathy visited “Eastgate” over 55 retirement village at Walcha to talk to the new residents who are living in the village about the services available to them in our community.

15 – 16 November 2018 – Walcha Council pool training.

8 November 2018 – Dementia Support Group meeting held at the Community Day Centre Rooms.

15 November 2018 – Walcha Hospital Auxiliary meeting held in the Community Day Centre Rooms

29 November 2018 – Walcha Support Group meeting held in the Community Day Centre Rooms

23 – 30 November 2018 – “Cuppa on Council” afternoon tea held in the Community Day Centre Rooms

Cathy Noon  
Community Care Coordinator

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**9.11 Library**

**October 2018**

This months statistics:

- ◆ Loans: 536
- ◆ Returns: 500
- ◆ Reservations placed: 46
- ◆ New members: 5
- ◆ Door count: 988
- ◆ Wi-fi use: 30
- ◆ Computer use: 58

November has been a steady month in the library. The library book club met for the last time in 2018 this month. They will be having a break over December and January to allow some time for maintenance on the book club kits. When they meet again next year they will also have some new kit selections, which is always exciting for them.

Lots of preparation has been done for the school holidays. The school holiday program should be released early-mid December. As usual, there are some exciting events in the pipeline.

Bill and I were incredibly lucky this month to attend the NSW Public Libraries Association (NSWPLA) SWITCH 2018 Conference. As usual it was wonderful to be there again with library and council colleagues, being inspired by library stories and encouraging each other to do all we can within our communities. Dallas Trout, NSW PLA’s president reminded us that we are the community spaces building social and emotional health, as well as literacies of many kinds. A lot was mentioned about digital inclusion and the question was raised ‘are we learning as fast as the world is changing?’.

Continuing on with digital inclusion, programs such as Tech Savvy Seniors teach the basics in a structured way, however learners want more. We need to help people discover, explore and be enriched by their online experiences. To do this we need to provide learning experiences in a non-threatening and supportive environment. Given that we have received funding for the Tech Savvy Seniors program, this particular speech has given me a lot to think about in regards to the way I will deliver our Tech Savvy Seniors program next year.

Each year we attend the conference, library funding is always a big topic for discussion. We began day 2 of the conference with an acknowledgement from the Labor Party about how important libraries are, as well as recognition of the grim funding situation. Labor promises to address this situation. Libraries were acknowledged as places that bring the community together, therefore we need to continually find ways to connect people with knowledge and each other.

Thank you council for the opportunity to attend this inspiring conference. I hope I’ll be able to use the knowledge gained at this event to make our library an even better place.

Madison Garrad  
Library Coordinator/Youth Worker

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**9.12 Preschool**

**November/December 2018**

**Life Cycle Work**

This term one of the hens in the coop was sitting on eggs, a rooster was bought in to preschool to that the eggs could be fertilised. After several weeks and an amazing amount of interest from the children the hen hatched three chicks from the eggs she was sitting on. Due to the interest of the children some fertilised eggs were put into Emma’s incubator so the children could watch the process happen in the classroom as well as watching the hen hatch her own eggs.



**Preparing for the Build**

To prepare for the new building there has been a lot of exciting work going on at preschool. In particular the sheds being craned away and the slabs being removed were very entertaining to the children. This is now beginning to come out in the children’s play with the children building cranes and excavators out of Lego. More trees were also taken out to make room for the builders and the new building.



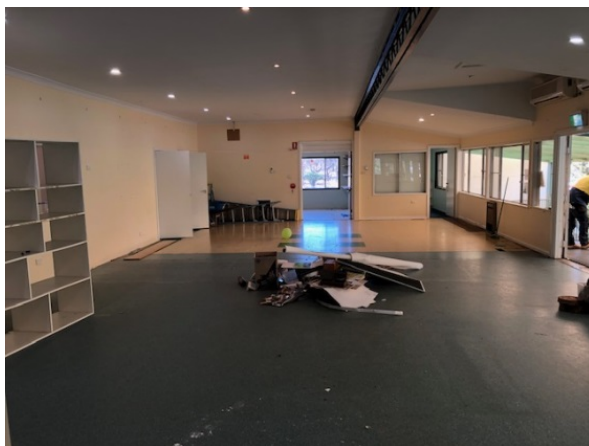
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**Moving Day**

The approval came in and preschool was finally allowed to move into the temporary buildings, it was a massive effort and a few really big days but it was done and the educators, children and families are now all settling into our new rooms and routines. A big thank you to all of the council employees who made it happen and the preschool team who put in extra hours.



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**Assessment and Rating**

Preschool is still waiting to hear back from ACECQA regarding the result from our assessment and rating.

Zoe Herbert  
Preschool Nominated Supervisor

**RECOMMENDATION: That items included in the Management Review Report, numbered 9.1 to 9.12 inclusive, be NOTED by Council.**

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Item 10:  
  
Committee  
Reports

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# Walcha Council Tourism Advisory Committee Meeting

held on

Tuesday, 27 November 2018

at

9:30am

at

Walcha Council Chambers

**PRESENT:**

Clr Jennifer Kealey (Chairperson), Casper Ozinga, Jane Morrison, Lisa Kirton (Tourism Officer) and Susie Crawford (Tourism Manager). Vanessa Arundale, Aaron Simmon (NPWS), Neil Smith,

**1. APOLOGIES:**

Louise Clarke,  
Special Guest: Mark Davies (Amaroo)

**2. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 21 FEBRUARY 2018:**

The Committee **RESOLVED** on the motion of Kirton and Morrison that the minutes of the meeting of the Walcha Council Tourism Advisory Committee held at Walcha Council Chambers, Wednesday 13 June 2018, copies of which were distributed to all members, be taken as read and confirmed a **TRUE** record.

Committee Minutes



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**3. BUSINESS ARISING:**

**3.1 Ingleba Glamping Experience – Special Guest Mark Davies (Amaroo)**

Deferred until Mark Davies (Amaroo, Aboriginal Lands Council CEO) makes contact with the Tourism Advisory Committee. Remove item from agenda.

**3.2 Heritage Near Me - update**

The deadline to acquit the Heritage Near Me funding is 30 June 2019. It is proposed to engage with a consultant, through Heritage Near Me, as soon as possible. It is anticipated that we will have engaged with a consultant by early 2019. It is thought that this will leave enough time to create a strategic plan and meet the acquittal deadline.

**3.3 Soundtrails - Update**

Walcha Quota Club have offered a donation of \$6,000 to go towards a Sound Trails project, in the view of receiving further funding towards the program. It is believed that the Sound Trails project, or a like, should be incorporated into the Heritage Near Me strategic plan and therefore that needs to be completed before any action is taken towards realising a Sound Trail project. Ideally grants would be applied for to fund this project after the Heritage Near Me strategic plan is in place.

**3.4 Apsley Falls Entrance and Signage Upgrade - Update**

Aaron Simmon (NPWS) reported that Patrick Luprica (NPWS) and Dylan Reeves had conducted a site visit to establish boundaries between Walcha Council, National Parks and RMS.

Lower Apsley Landcare Group will be approached to engage in the project.

National Parks will go through a funding application process to try and acquire funding for their share of the project however this can not be conducted until the project design proposal is in place.

**ACTION: Aaron Simmon (NPWS) and Dylan Reeves (Director – Engineering Services) to have a conversation about where the APSLEY FALLS ENTRANCE and SIGNAGE project planning is up to and report back.**

**3.5 ANZAC Memorial Park QR Codes and Signage**

The QR Code project was a proposal by Walcha Central School Primary Teacher, Brenda Watkins. This project was an idea that came with the school projects affiliated with the John Oxley Bicentenary Celebrations. Susie Crawford had not had any further conversations on the QR Code project with Brenda Watkins. It was discussed that this project could be incorporated into the Heritage Near Me / Soundtrails concept.

**3.6 Autumn Tree Signage / Brochure**

Dylan Reeves (Director – Engineering Services) has forwarded a planting list to Susie Crawford on enquiry. **ACTION: The Tourism staff, Lisa Kirton and Susie Crawford, to liaise with Steph Sweeney (Parks and Gardens Manager) to identify and map tree species in popular Autumnal streets.**

A brochure to be formed from there after.



#### **4. GENERAL BUSINESS**

##### **4.1 Anzac Park Cenotaph**

Expected to be completed by ANZAC Day 2019.

##### **4.2 Walcha Sculpture Symposium Sculptures Installation**

This will be done as soon as possible however the ANZAC Cenotaph has been prioritised. The Sculpture installation will be planned after the Cenotaph project is complete.

##### **4.3 Hema Map for New England High Country**

Susie Crawford reported on the creation of the motorcycle specific Hema Map for New England High Country (NEHC). This was an initiative of NEHC and Adventure Group Holdings partnership. The map was launched on 14 November 2018 at Parliament House, Sydney with Adam Marshall, Nigel Harvey (BMW Motorrad Marketing Manager), Mayors and Councillors from NEHC LGA's, journalists for several print media companies, TV presenters, photographers, videographers, Hema Maps, Garmin, and DNSW. The following day and array of 8 brand new BMW motorcycles were supplied by BMW for a famil-tour starting from Port Macquarie, heading up to Walcha, they then toured for 4 days through NEHC including Uralla, Inverell, Tenterfield, Glen Innes, Guyra and Armidale before heading back down the Waterfall Way to Coffs Harbour and Port Macquarie. BMW Motorrad Marketing Manager, had the NEHC Hem Map re-printed with images shot on the tour, showcasing the BMW bikes. This newly printed map was on display at the BMW stand at the 2018 Moto Expo in Melbourne on 23-25 November.

##### **4.4 Freak Show Festival of Motorcycles**

A proposed event for Walcha in November 2019. It is anticipated that this event will attract many visitors to the region.

##### **4.5 Irish Town – Concerns**

Concerns have been raised from visitors, historical society members and locals about preserving Irish Town.

**RECOMMENDATION to Council to consider erecting stock exclusion fencing around Irish Town. If approved permission will need to be sought from property owner, Jim Nivison.**

##### **4.6 Mobile Billboard proposal**

Rod Dale of 6D Designs (Walcha) has offered Walcha Tourism the use of his Pantex truck sides to print a Walcha promotional billboard onto. 6D Designs refurbishes and fit out resorts and motels. Their trucks are spotlessly clean and kept that way as it is part of their image they value. 6D Design are always on the roads up the east coast and often stop in one place (resorts) for weeks or months at a time. Rod has offered us this opportunity at no cost other than to print the sides of his truck. Rod currently has three trucks;

- two soft sides,
- one soft side / one hard side
- two soft sides

\*\*Appendix A: Quote to print truck sides in Tamworth.

**RECOMMENDATION to Council that the offer, of Rob Dale, 6D Design to print promotional signage on their Pantex trucks, be considered either within the existing tourism budget or with additional Council Funding.**



**4.7 Update on National Parks & Wildlife Service – By Aaron Simmon**

**4.7.1 2019 marks the 25 year celebration of Gondwana Rainforests** of Australia World Heritage Area's. Oxley Wild Rivers National Park is part of this area. Celebrations include a calendar of events throughout the year including guided walks, open days at Apsley & Wollomombi Falls and Dorrigo National Park, tag-a-long 4WD tours, Bushwalking Magazine has done the Green Gully Track as well as Australian Geographic who have done a short film on it. (this has been shared on the NEHC facebook page and put on Walcha tourism website).

**ACTION: Susie Crawford to send contact details of David Waugh to Aaron Simmon regarding the idea of potentially running an ultra-marathon out at Youdales Hut / Cedar Creek.**

**4.7.2 New England Glamping** (Kentucky based company) have successfully applied for licences to set up in parts of the National Parks, Budds Mare is one of their Walcha designated locations.

**4.7.3 Mooraback Hut.** NPWS are creating a business plan to open Mooraback Hut up to the public, looking at promoting 3-day bookings with the walks and drives available in the area. They will employ the local cleaner who presently looks after Cedar Creek Cottage (Green Gully Track)

**4.7.4 New Employment.** Leah Pippas as been employed as a tourism team leader – great to have a designated tourism person on the NPWS team. Katie Robertson is in the Walcha office. **ACTION: invite Leah Pippas and Katie Robertson to the next Tourism Advisory Committee meeting.**

**4.7.5 Cells River signage.** NPWS have had funding approved to improve the Cells River signage. There is no proposal to close the area.

**4.8 Walcha tourism brochures down at Cedar Creek Cottage.**

Lisa Kirton (Tourism Officer) asked Aaron Simmon (NPWS) to have a stock of Walcha tourism brochures down at Cedar Creek Cottage (and Mooraback Hut when it opens) for people visiting the region to browse through and see what Walcha has to offer. Some tourists would enter those parts of the National Parks from the Port Macquarie side and may not be aware of what Walcha has to offer.

**5. NEXT MEETING**

Tuesday, 5 March 2019 – 9:30am

Walcha Council Chambers

2019 Meeting Dates

9.30am - Tuesday, 5 March 2019

9.30am – Tuesday, 6 August 2019

9.30am – Tuesday, 5 November 2019 (after CWA Rural women's gathering)

**THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE MEETING CLOSED AT 11:15am**



# QUOTE

Walcha Tourism

**Date**  
9 Oct 2018

Lloyd Sign Co  
PO Box 1014  
TAMWORTH NSW 2340  
AUSTRALIA

**Expiry**  
31 Oct 2018

**Quote Number**  
QU-0387

**ABN**  
98 368 704 829

Description	Quantity	Unit Price	GST	Amount AUD
Supply & install full colour printed vinyl graphics to truck sides:				
Truck 1. Soft Tarp both sides 2@ 7500x2500mm	1.00	4,049.09	10%	4,049.09
Truck 2. Soft Tarp @ 7500x2500mm Hard Side @ 4800x2500mm	1.00	3,435.45	10%	3,435.45
Truck 3. Hard Sides 2@ 4800x2500mm	1.00	2,581.82	10%	2,581.82
			Subtotal	10,066.36
			TOTAL GST 10%	1,006.64
			<b>TOTAL AUD</b>	<b>11,073.00</b>

## Terms

50% Deposit is required on acceptance of quote, unless an account has been established.



# Item 11:

# Delegate Reports

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**“CREATING A NATURAL HIGH”**

2019 Rural Women’s Gathering – Walcha Organising Committee Meeting  
Incorporating a 355 meeting

**12 November 2018**  
Walcha Council Chambers

**MINUTES**

- Meeting open: Meeting declared open at 7:00pm and members welcomed by Dale Webber
- Attendances: Dale Webber, Aurora Reilly, Jane Morrison, Chloe Hoy Don Murchie, Anna Barwick, Jen Kealey, Rachael Wellings and Karen Brown
- Apologies: No apologies received
- Jen Kealey advised that the 355 attendees will take back high level information to Council as well as Anna’s Treasurer’s report.
- Reports: Karen Brown gave a report on the Merimbula Gathering - attached  
The gift bags from the Merimbula Gathering were on display, as well as the Walcha Gathering bags, banners and scarves.
- Anna Barwick presented the Treasurer’s Report.  
Anna advised that our break even number of attendees at \$250 per person would be 150.  
We now have a bank account within Council for the seed money and grant to be deposited.
- Dale Webber suggested that we have another public information night in February 2019. All agreed.
- Another 355 meeting will be held on 11 February, with the public information night being held on the following Monday, 18 February.

*Action List from Previous Meeting (September):*

- Walking Tour of Historic Buildings Brochure: Susie Crawford from Walcha VIC created original brochure and confirmed to Karen that we could update it, and she suggested that the photos could be improved. Due to time constraints, it was decided that brochure wouldn’t be included in the Walcha handout bag at Merimbula and therefore it wasn’t necessary to update brochure.
- Pioneer Cottage Brochure: A quantity of 250 of the new brochure were printed in time to be taken to Merimbula.
- Accommodation: Immediate area only for handout in Walcha bag at Merimbula.  
Website check – amendments were made to website links that were broken
- Pop up Art Show: Dale is keeping in touch with Linda Lockyer, who advised that she can borrow hanging frames to use at the Gathering from an art society in Port Macquarie/Bonny Hills. To view the hanging frames, go to [www.lindalockyerart.com](http://www.lindalockyerart.com), then click on ‘Exhibitions’, then scroll down to ‘Bonny Hills Artists @ the Surf Club’ exhibition. The Pop up art show will be held in the Youth Hall and will have art, sculptures, jewellery etc for sale.

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### *Moving towards 2019:*

- RWN/ Walcha RWG Agreement:** We are waiting on the Agreement from RWN. It should arrive this week and will be given to Jack O'Hara, Walcha Council, for signing.
- Website:** Purchased Conferpress for the theme and Damien needs photos, which will be taken tonight and sent to him tomorrow.  
Walcha Tourism photos – Jack O'Hara has approved that we can use them.  
Proof reading of the website will occur prior to going live later this month.
- Facebook:** Chloe and Dale will be administrators once the Facebook page is handed over to Walcha from Merimbula.  
The name of the Facebook page will be 'Walcha Rural Women's Gathering 2019'.  
We hope to gather some testimonials for use on the Facebook page and the website.
- Promotional Bags:** Our promotional bags at Merimbula were well received and the leftover bags were taken by the RWN ladies and distributed to people at the National Field Day in Orange.
- Any Walcha Committee members who are travelling through other rural towns are asked to distributed bags to Visitor Information Centres in areas such as Armidale, Uralla, Glen Innes, Port Macquarie etc, as well as places frequented by tourists such as Go Create at Kentucky and possibly Lorna Egli (Regional Director of Quota) could be asked to distribute them on her travels around her region.
- It was suggested that one of our banners be erected at the Walcha Visitor Information Centre and that we have a stand at the Walcha Show. Other suggestions are the Food and Wine Festival at Uralla and the Country Music Festival in Tamworth in January.
- We received 500 magnetic whiteboards – some were included in the bags at Merimbula and the remainder will be included in the white promotional bags and also the participants' bags given out at the Gathering.
- Media Release:** Media Releases stating that Walcha will be hosting the Gathering in 2019 will be provided to local and state wide newspapers.  
Radio community noticeboards will also be given a blurb,  
The offices of Adam Marshall, Kevin Anderson and Barnaby Joyce will be sent a copy of the media release and asked to include it in their regular newsletters,  
The media plan in the Event Kit will be reviewed.
- Promotions:** Gathering Bags - Dale brought a sample of a bag to show the committee. It was agreed by everyone that it was suitable. Colour to be decided.
- Office area / Storage:** Dale advised that she will start investigating free, secure spaces for storage of our paperwork, promotional items and office space for the Committee to use. Jane suggest that we contact Landmark and Pitt Sons to ask if they knew of any available office space.
- Sponsorship and In-Kind:** Anna is working on a request letter to be sent to potential corporate sponsors.  
A form will be given to donors of in-kind support and an interactive response PDF for major sponsors.
- Service Clubs:** It was suggested that when we approach local service clubs, by letter at a later date, that we let them know what we need and would like them to do to assist, in terms of in-kind support.



Invitation to be sent to Service Club committees to attend the Community information night.

Town and Country Club will be handling Friday evening food and beverage at Langford

- Food stations, bamboo plates
- Licencing – Town and Country to organise
- Signature cocktails – beer – canapés
- Harpist – Elain Delahunty

Catering:

UNE will be catering the Gala Dinner on Saturday night at the MPC.

Jane advised that closer to the date she will organise a familiarisation walk-through with a representative from UNE.

Dale suggested that we contact 'Little Fish Productions' in Armidale to speak to them about the transformation of the main pavilion at the Armidale Show Grounds into a Speak Easy Bar for their production of 'Chicago', with a view to having something similar at the Gathering.

Chloe suggested young local designer, Jordan Young, may be willing to assist also.

Dinner en blanc – Merimbula attendees who spoke to Dale and Karen were very excited about our idea of the theme for the gala dinner. Any committee members with ideas for the theme please share them with the rest of the committee.

*Correspondence:*

Incoming

1. Email from RWN forwarding a lovely thank you email from Karen Weller who attended the Merimbula Gathering
2. Email from RWN suggesting Rachel Clements, Director of Psychological Service, Centre for Corporate Health as a workshop facilitator
3. Email from Janet Maughan, Treasurer of Merimbula RWG Committee requesting an invoice for the seeding fund

Next meeting: 10 December 2018

Meeting closed: 9:45pm

REPORT TO WALCHA RURAL WOMEN'S GATHERING ORGANISING COMMITTEE

12 NOVEMBER 2018

**RURAL WOMEN'S GATHERING – MERIMBULA OCTOBER 2018**

**PROGRAM**

**Friday afternoon**

Registration and Barefoot Bowls on their beautiful undercover greens. It was great fun for those who joined in, although some chose to have a look around Merimbula.

**Friday evening**

Fantastic 'At the Beach' theme, decorations, canapés, guest speakers -

1. Sue McIntyre (oyster business) and
2. Jenny Robb (Wilderness Tours)
3. Background singer/guitarist – very young girl Felicity Dowd.

**Saturday morning**

Official Opening –Three guest speakers –

1. Jillian Kilbey (2018 Agrifutures Rural Women's Award winner)
2. Natalie Goward (Cruise Manager, Port Authority of NSW)
3. Melissa Pouliot (Author and missing person advocate)

DPI representative Bronnie Taylor bungled the announcement of Walcha hosting 2019 Gathering.

**Saturday lunch**

Couldn't find the place on the map provided so didn't have lunch!!!!

**Saturday afternoon**

Workshops – **transport** to venues was not clear – I got a lift to my venue with a volunteer who didn't know how the participants were getting to and from venues, so she drove me there. Later the other participants arrived in a bus. *We need to make sure our volunteers and committee members are well informed of all arrangements.*

Workshops – **variety** there was a variety offered, however due to lower numbers than expected, numerous tours and workshops had to be cancelled. Participants, where possible, were put into their second and third preferences. A couple of ladies who did a workshop with me were not very happy about missing their chosen workshop, but enjoyed the one they did.

*It is IMPERATIVE that all workshop and tour facilitators are aware that there is the possibility that their workshop MAY be cancelled. We need to be clear of their minimum numbers and let them*

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*know clearly and often, and possibly in writing, that this could be an outcome. Participants need to be made aware of this as well.*

### **Saturday night**

Gala Dinner – Decorated effectively in ‘Under the Sea’ theme – must have been a lot of work from the dinner committee; we were rushed to be seated straight away; we were seated separately; food was delicious; unnecessary guest speaker (Jane Cay – founder of Birdsnest online fashion) – went on for too long and audio visual equipment for the speaker played deafeningly loud; great band and entertainment – first song and people were dancing; drink voucher and two bottles of wine on each round table of eight people – couldn’t talk to people on the table due to size of table and centrepiece.

*Not sure if we need to have a guest speaker at the Gala Dinner.*

### **Sunday morning**

Rural Women’s Network session including their Drive Your Own Health workshop for all participants. Well run and enjoyed by participants.

Workshops – didn’t do any

### **Closing Ceremony and Handover**

April, Chair of Merimbula Committee, handed the official candle over to Dale.

Extremely enjoyable and uplifting singing session which left all participants with a great memory.

### **Sunday lunch**

I ordered Bistro lunch thinking that Paul would be able to join me, however, partners were NOT encouraged! A lot of people ordered takeaway lunch, which would’ve been better.

OVERVIEW –

Positive –

- amazing venues;
- beautiful food at gala dinner
- very friendly committee members
- successful young women speakers
- Merimbula is a very picturesque place with beautiful modern venues and plenty of accommodation options.
- Walcha is a very different place. We have a lot to offer that is very different from Merimbula, but similar no doubt to previous hosts in rural country towns.

Concerns - Things to REALLY think about – Negative?? –

- lack of knowledge of the event in the town;
- lack of communication between committee – volunteers – participants regarding workshop transport;
- Saturday morning session in the same auditorium as the gala dinner so it was stressed that everyone had to be out of the auditorium to enable the dinner committee to decorate the venue;
- Friday night was the same – stall holders INCLUDING MAJOR SPONSORS were hurried to pack up and move out as the room was being used by someone else the next morning;
- Guest speakers - Corporate v. Real Life Stories - Fine line between inspirational stories and blowing their own trumpet ... too much corporate jargon from the speakers prompting comments from attendees that they were made feel 'dumb';
- no breakfast provided
- I think our Partners Program should be more welcoming for the partners than Merimbula's was.
- A number of attendees commented that they were disappointed that the Merimbula Gathering didn't have craft / souvenir stalls from them to make purchases to take home – which they look forward to.
- Minimal Waste Event – recyclable coffee cups in plastic bags ... used recyclable coffee cups at the Coffee Shop and they put them in disposable cups to label our order, then made the coffees in the recyclable then threw the disposable cups away.
- Between Friday night and Sunday morning, rumours had started that Walcha had a committee of 30 people. On Friday, a Walcha Visitor Information Centre volunteer was contacted by someone from Gunnedah who is interested in coming to the Walcha Gathering. The lady told the volunteer that she had heard that ALL the accommodation in Walcha had already been booked out.

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- We need to make sure that all these things are communicated via our Facebook page and our Website – CLEARLY and OFTEN – to ensure rumours don't deter people.
- Our main focus should be to get LOCAL women interested in either being involved or attending our Gathering. It must be marketed to them, from now, that it is FOR THEM FIRST and then visiting rural women.
- We need to make sure that there is plenty of information around the town of Walcha and possibly have posters and welcome signs out for all Rural Women's Gathering attendees. (WELCOME signs and maps in store fronts)
- My belief is that our Gala Dinner and our closing session need to be OUTSTANDING, MEMORABLE and BREATHTAKING.
- Vouchers in gift bag – not really useful for people while the Gathering is on or unless attendees are staying in Merimbula for a period of time after the Gathering.

## RWG - Treasurers Report

Walcha RWG 2019			
Financial Report as at 12 November 2018			
<b>Income</b>			
TBC	DPI		\$ -
TBC	Merimbula Seed Funding		\$ 30,000.00
			\$ 5,000.00
<b>Expenditure</b>			
8/14/2018	TickDone Pty Limited	Custom Logo Deposit	\$ 150.00
8/20/2018	TickDone Pty Limited	Website Deposit	\$ 250.00
10/2/2018	Promo Shop	White Bard - <i>save the date</i>	\$ 630.00
10/2/2018	Promo Shop	Banner	\$ 217.50
10/2/2018	Promo Shop	Freight	\$ 62.00
10/24/2018	Sew On Embroidery	Digitise Logo	\$ 65.00
10/24/2018	Sew On Embroidery	Embroidery of Scarves	\$ 27.00
11/1/2018	Paperware Distributors	Bags	\$ 234.95
<b>Total</b>			<b>\$ 1,636.45</b>

## ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Hosted by the New South Wales Public Libraries Association (NSWPLA)

SWITCH 2018, was held at the C.ex Coffs, Coffs Harbour NSW



### Day One

**A wonderful mix of library and council colleagues, being inspired by library stories, and encouraging each other to be ALL we can in our communities within our budgets.**

Welcome from Dallas Tout, NSWPLA's president, State libraries show continued increases in program attendance, collection use, and Wi-Fi sessions. We are the community spaces building social and emotional health, along with literacy's of many kinds within our communities.

State Librarian Dr Vallance spoke(via Video Link)on efforts in advocacy and professional development support. He encouraged us to find ways of uniting all library voices, to strengthen our links with the State Library, and to be creative and daring in the ways we meet our communities' needs. We are very much looking forward to the State Library's special collections travelling around to our branches.

Local member Andrew Fraser MP was absent and his speech read out acknowledging the role of public libraries in communities, and we look forward to that being backed up with the Doubling, Indexing and Protecting of library funding. DIG. Our Libraries platform for the State election./

Keynote Speaker

SUSAN BENTON - President & CEO Urban Library Council (USA & Canada)

Libraries are about change - need political leaders to guide this. In the USA they are trying to solve problems of Education & Digital inclusion. **Education.** Young children cannot read (70%) this effect bad for everything. How can Libraries be in Education in an active way? One suggested solution is to HIRE an educator (like Maddie) as an Librarian. It is important to track people coming into libraries.

As a Library see ourselves in Education. When going into USA schools they did not see Libraries in Education. How to change this? Get a L. Card in the hands of all Kids. Set about getting all to agree, to all levels, to work together (Federal, State, Mayors, Schools). Now

have 60 cities onboard. A MOU developed and used. The North American experience is also ours; our public libraries tend to be passive as education organisations BUT they need to be the backbone of literacy programs, Storytime and Summer Reading Club, to make a positive impact on learning, with joy and fun.

**Digital:** 2011 selected as a benchmark for digital use. Availability of Infrastructure and use of it. Provide a picture of where you are at. This provided a reason to get infrastructure happening. In NSW Digital inclusion is a common problem for metropolitan and regional libraries, but communities do differ in terms of what they need. What we need is leadership to help us navigate inevitable changes to libraries and communities. Susan's suggested leadership attributes are cross-boundary leadership – working on relationships with others in our community to meet shared goals, innovative leadership that takes risks, and having a voice to take our libraries' stories beyond our users.

Susan left us with the challenge: 'Are we learning as fast as the world is changing?'

Then a Panel urged us to think differently, take risks, challenge norms, and ask why? We need to speak the language of the rest of council, work together on shared priorities, and connect council with the communities we engage with each day. Councils spending a lot of money so need to provide the service but are we learning as fast as the World is Changing. What do you think?

LIZ GRIFFITHS - Service Delivery Librarian, Willoughby. "Connections that count" - She shared the learning from Willoughby library that supports peer-led, or group-led, learning in digital literacy programs. One thing older, particularly retired, Australians tend not to have access to, is informal learning about digital tools, which leads to more effective use of those tools.

Programs like Tech Savvy Seniors teach the basics in a structured way, but learners want more. Technology evolves, and learning needs to be continuous and varied. We need to help people discover, explore, and be enriched by their online experiences, and to do this, we need to provide varied learning experiences in non-threatening, supportive and social environments.

Some Questions: Is it enough to be a to a competent user. (Like Bill). Should we know more? Perhaps to use more of the attributes of the Technology? Is continual learning required? How to do this? Experience dictates personal follow up (reinforcement) required  
Pilot program - started that was learner driven to grow digital learning. It resulted in learners wanting to grow ; facilitator tops - Did not know what to ask!!!  
This technique could be applied to all; the program can help all; need right staff as it joins digital and social interaction. They found that learners want to know why something is useful to them, and they are happy to be exposed to other devices, and people at different levels of learning. We need to **move from being instructors** in what we think they need to know, to **facilitators and partners in learning**, giving people the opportunity to ask questions, and to have ongoing support with trouble-shooting.



This is going to be difficult, especially for smaller libraries, so we need to know what other avenues are available in the community, so we can work together to meet our users' digital literacy needs in a way which suits them, and will therefore have the best results. We must also remain committed to building the digital literacy of our staff, and understanding its importance for all community members.

BOLINDA - Main sponsor - how to produce talking books.

JOHN ROBERTSON: from Foodbank shared some frightening statistics about people in our communities, with their struggles to put food on the table. Do they know what we have to offer?

DARREN RODRIGO: How to Develop & Presenting a Great Community Campaign

What is a campaign? It involves getting people to act. Gave some insider tips on Government  
1. Most Governments survive. 2. Governments Listen to what is said. They Monitor the media.  
3. Best time when the G is in trouble or seems to be.

The aim is to use the issue (Library funding) to split the Government from the Community. The issue has wide community support so promises made so show political support and increase their popularity. SWOT - (analysis used) Strength; Weakness; Opportunity; Threat  
Did it Work? Yes: 1 More Political support (money promises). 2. Clear goals set 3. Strong Planning. 4. Strong public support.

This talk showed to depth of research, hard work, and knowledge that has gone into the Renew Our Libraries (ROL) campaign. It must continue after the State election

Darren's presentation also gave us some great tips applicable for the types of campaigns we might undertake: Research is critical; Get the community onside; So too are commitment and clear, achievable goals.

PANEL of public librarians talked about how they support refugee communities. Councillors missed this as we were asked to attend a -

COUNCILLORS PANEL : President Dallas called this to discuss the Funding Campaign with Darren Rodrigo. About 30 councillors (only 1 from the city)present. Emphasis was on getting the widest possible support from every council through personal approaches. Unanimous agreement.

## Day Two

**We began the day with the Labor Party's acknowledgement of the importance of our libraries, and recognition of the dire funding situation. Labor's promises to address that situation are a great start, and we look forward to their next offers with hopeful anticipation.**

PAULA KELLY PAULL : Manger Learning Communities. Hobsons Bay Library.

She outlined the pleasure and pain of partnerships in creating a Technology Hub. The first project was to build a makerspace with a social purpose initially helping young men because of high suicide rates.

A partnership approach to Developing a Creative Technology "Play to Learn" Outreach Space. The vision is based on the fact that we live in a knowledge economy so it will provide space for entrepreneurship and innovation, a playful approach to learning new skills, and opportunities for skill sharing for the many disengaged youth, and older people who need reskilling.

My interpretation of what was proposed is make a space in the community (possibly in the Library) that offers lots of things across a great mix of people to build community. The benefits are that it allows people to develop skills in a new way. Culture-strategy-culture is the sandwich but bring our staff along with the changes. Be prepared for change. Like looking at Libraries as Spaces and how to best use them.

Council funding might take much too long to fund our innovative ideas, so seek partners with similar goals elsewhere, and share with them the stories of your intended audience, and what the impact your project will have in your community.

KATE ROFFEY: Director - Deals, Investments and Major Projects, Wyndham City

Wyndham City is a suburb of Melbourne and it is a growing place - cannot meet growth. So Council is planning its growth as a dormitory. Wanted to copy USA who develop the infrastructure first, then shops, last houses. World's top Cities Singapore, London, Barcelona are built so that customer experience and engagement are the most important factor for the whole of council's technology systems. Councils should plan to providing good experiences.( services ) for those who live in our communities,

To make big changes they need to be a strategic priority, have cross-divisional collaboration, invest in capability, and be open-minded and resilient.

Libraries play a big part in the liveability of our towns and cities, and we need to be smart and think ahead in terms of the ways we provide library services, but be careful – (following technology trends without strategy). Use technology and innovation thoughtfully. We don't have to do what has always been done. Let's use what we have creatively, and show our value.

GAVIN CARNIGIE (brilliant library name). "Making the most of your opportunity"

Change brings opportunity, and by saying yes (while being smart about it), following our interests, and being deliberate, we can become comfortable with change and make the most of it. Changing is often thwarted by fear. "In the middle of difficulty lies opportunity " Albert Einstein. To be proactive the opportunity must be used. Industry examples: Corning ware were making light bulbs changed to corning ware and now changes now corella; SAAB - planes to cars to education; STARBUCKS - All these saw the opportunity of change and acted How to improve? Try Gavin's tips: 1. Take small steps (work up to reading a book in one sitting). 2. Explore the challenges so we can deal with them, and find the opportunities they present. 3. Join forces with people who can help refine and consolidate our ideas (we have a great

network of NSW public librarians, let's use it). 4. Focus on giving – find out what our users and non-users need, and how we can adapt to meet those needs. 5. Try new things. 6. Embrace imperfection.

Libraries are not the only keepers of knowledge, OR the only place that brings the community together, so we need to continually find easy and intuitive ways to connect people with knowledge, and with each other.

PANEL: of Librarians:

Philip Edney from Canada Bay shared The Connection,(a new building) a beautiful community space, including the Learning Space. A bookless library – open and flexible, providing access to eResources, programs galore, co-working spaces, and space for the types of partnership events that perfectly meet the needs of their particular community, as shown by the statistics.

Theresa Jude from Lachlan Shire Library Service – what a woman! Condobolin is a place that is doing it tough. Theresa arrived at that less-than-lovely library and filled it with new events and services, and she got out into the community, joined everything, and clearly showed them that they deserved the extended and refurbished library, twenty years after the land was purchased.

Jenn Martin told us about the great opportunity the City of Sydney has had to build, almost from scratch, a completely new village. The people there live in flats, so their new library is a living room and garden. It is full of flexible spaces, a music room, non-traditional collections, creative opportunities, and programs.

Kathryn Baget-Juleff and Margie Kirkness have also built a library where there wasn't one before, with civic and cultural heart. Playful, flexible, climbable, inside and outside, community-led experiences, and collections.

The entire panel stressed the importance of consultation with all stakeholders to make their libraries the community spaces that they deserve and want.

ANNIE HENSLEY Architects

Showed photos of stunning library buildings, and more importantly, the stories of the impact of those buildings on regional towns. Design excellence makes a community feel valued, reminds them of the beauty of their place, creates connection, and makes them feel there are no boundaries between the library and the community.

Place making is important; aspire to great things, and hang in there if you are waiting for a new library.

Great libraries do for communities what Anh Do does for us – bring happiness and hope. How many people like Anh and his mum are visiting our libraries to find their love of reading and learning? What greater purpose can we have?

BILL'S THOUGHTS

Thanks to Council for the opportunity to attend with Maddison our Librarian. Thanks to Amy Heap for the helpful summary of each day. 3 of 5 CNRL councils attended.

Of great value is the personal friendships renewed (Robert Atchison, et.al.).

Of far greater value is the recharging of self to stimulate enthusiasm, gain ideas and on return be an agent of thoughtful change.

State organisation of conference. better or worse? International speakers essential stimulation. Because of \$ campaign State Parliamentarian's spoke (value??); For Councillors who only sit in one community it would be great to have a councillors session - possibly how other Councils are structured ( G.M. - \$, engineering, others??? like how do their Libraries sit in their structure).

Personally feel that Libraries are not getting full value from the State Library/ Library Council.

Vision/Goals for Libraries. In my lifetime seen Libraries change from books only (sssh quiet) to internet provider (now waning - mobile Phones & Google). Where to for Libraries of tomorrow?? What **services**?? Obviously what the community needs (this is constantly changing & by an large, an unknown). One suggestion - tickets (licences) are needed for almost everything eg. chainsaw use through to University degrees. Can Libraries be the vehicle to make us a SMARTER community? This could involve Australian, State and Local Governments working together. Win Win.

Implementation of ideas - Library conferences are essential stimuli BUT personally have only tried to implement a few of the ideas ( community polling & books on proscription) and failed (so far!!). Could this be a part of future conferences (What has worked? difficulties encountered). One other suggestion - could one session be deliberately mixed up attendees so meet others.

One again a wonderful conference. See you next year.