



AGENDA

EXTRA ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL

TO BE HELD AT

THE ADMINISTRATION CENTRE, LITHGOW

ON

22 JANUARY 2018

AT 5:30pm

AGENDA

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

APOLOGIES

PRESENT

DECLARATION OF INTEREST

COMMEMORATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PUBLIC FORUM – Nil

MAYORAL MINUTES

STAFF REPORTS

General Managers Reports

Economic Development and Environment Reports

Operation Reports

Finance and Assets Reports

Organisational Development and Community Reports

NOTICES OF MOTION

Portland Pool Water Account – Councillor McAndrew

Tourism Signage for Portland and Wallerawang – Councillor McAndrew

BUSINESS OF GREAT URGENCY

as identified by Clause 241 of the Local Government (General) Regulations 2005

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GENERAL MANAGERS REPORTS

ITEM-1 GM - 22/1/18 - ALGWA CONFERENCE MARCH 2018

REPORT BY: GENERAL MANAGER

SUMMARY

The Australian Local Government Women's Association is holding their 2018 annual conference "Celebrating Rural Women" on 15th March 2018 to 17th March 2018. It is being held in Gundagai, NSW.

COMMENTARY

In March 2018 Gundagai will be hosting the annual ALGWA NSW Conference. ALGWA NSW is the state's peak representative body supporting women who are in any way involved in local government. The ALGWA conference provides a fantastic opportunity for delegates to exchange ideas, network, debate and engage in cross-council collaboration on issues affecting women in local government. The conference is an opportunity for Lithgow City Council's female elected representatives to network and promote issues important to the Lithgow community.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Nil

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- Budget approved – \$163,567.35
- Cost centre - 1059
- Expended to date - \$84,588
- Future potential impact – Nil

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil

ATTACHMENTS

1. Correspondence from Australian Local Government Women's Association NSW Branch

RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council authorise the following Councillors to attend the ALGWA 2018 annual conference "Celebrating Rural Women" on 15th March 2018 to 17th March 2018, to be held in Gundagai, NSW.

ITEM-2 GM - 22/01/18 - JOINT ORGANISATIONS

REPORT BY: GENERAL MANAGER

SUMMARY

On 1 December 2017, the Office of Local Government (OLG) wrote to Council inviting it to nominate to form a Joint Organisation, and encouraged Council to join with other Councils that have a similar community of interest. Centroc has been engaged in a pilot Joint Organisation for over 12 months and there have been four other pilot Joint Organisations trialled throughout NSW during that same period. Membership of Joint Organisations is voluntary and this paper recommends that Lithgow Council decline the invitation to nominate to form a Joint Organisation because of increased costs, a remote community of interest, and concern that the objectives set for the Joint Organisation in NSW state legislation can be changed legislatively by successor State Governments, with no right of resignation from the Joint Organisation by the participating Councils. There also appears to be a disconnect between the positive results of the pilot projects advanced by the State Government and some of the survey results and comments by the contractor (KJA engaging solutions) used to survey the pilot participants and which is used as the basis for the State Government's commentary.

COMMENTARY

The OLG has advised that the criteria for setting Joint Organisation boundaries should be as follows:

- demonstrate clear community of interest between member Councils and Regions
- align with strategic growth planning boundaries
- not adversely impact other Councils
- be based around a strong Regional centre
- be of appropriate scale and capacity to partner with the NSW Government.

The OLG has indicated that Membership of Joint Organisations will be voluntary, however once a Council becomes a member, under the legislation introduced, member Councils **will not** be able to withdraw from membership.

Key aspects of the Joint Organisations model listed in the OLG background paper prepared by the OLG include-

- Joint Organisations are aligned with State Government strategic planning boundaries.
- Member organisations will fund the ongoing functions of the Joint Organisation.
- There is debate about whether Joint Organisations constitute a fourth tier of Government.
- Joint Organisations will have a role in jobs, education, housing, roads, and infrastructure.
- Joint Organisations will have legal status and legislative powers to undertake functions on behalf of member councils.
- Joint Organisations will be able to tender, employ staff and apply for grants.
- Joint Organisations will be able to manage income, expenditure, staff and assets, potentially through JO - formed corporations and other entities.

- Once joined, all councils in the Joint Organisation are members of one Joint Organisation for core functions defined as-
 - Regional strategic planning and priority setting.
 - Intergovernmental collaboration.
 - Regional leadership and advocacy.
- The State Government will be an associate member of each Joint organisation-
 - The regional coordinator of the Department of Premier and Cabinet will attend Joint Organisation board meetings.
 - The Joint Organisations will employ a Chief executive Officer and recruit staff.
 - The NSW Government will provide a once off fixed amount of \$300,000 for the establishment of the Joint Organisation, with participant councils responsible for the ongoing operational costs under a formula to be determined by the participant Councils.
 - The Joint Organisation will be constituted as a Body Corporate and have the capacity to undertake the functions of a Council in its own right.
 - The Executive Officer of the Joint Organisation will be a member of Regional Leadership Group set up and controlled by the Department of Premier and Cabinet.
 - The OLG has suggested a State Government tool to help build collaborative relationships which includes-
 - The Public Service Commission’s collaboration blue print.
 - Guidance for recruiting Executive Officers of Joint Organisations.
 - Tools for development of KPI’s for collaborative participation for senior staff of both Joint Organisations and State Agencies and
 - Model MOU’s or agreements.
 - The State Government has emphasised that the success of Joint Organisations will necessarily “require mature relationships based on shared information and a culture of collaboration, negotiation and trust”.
 - It is to be noted that the Joint Organisation concept was developed concurrently with Local Government reforms which are now not proceeding.
 - Joint Organisations are promoted by the State Government as forums to deliver jobs, education, housing, roads and transport .It should be noted however, that jobs, education, housing and transport are the jurisdiction of either Federal or State governments who have both the policy and funding responsibility to deliver tangible services to the Australian and State Communities.
 - Local Government needs to be wary of any attempt by either Federal or State tier to require contributory amounts for these “tier responsibilities”. There continues to be a role for Local Government re roads, rates and rubbish, though it is admitted that local Government’s capability in this area has been severely diminished by successive and long term State Government policy now acknowledged by IPART following its recent review.

Comments- Summary Report produced by KJA engaging solutions (KJA).

KJA undertook an “end pilot” evaluation of the five pilot Joint Organisations based on 161 returned surveys and interviews. The list of survey participants was provided by the Office of Local Government based on known key stakeholders for each JO Pilot. Care needs to be exercised in relying on the “percentages” used to justify the reported outcomes from such a targeted and low sample base. For example, the statement that 71% of participants indicated that the pilot was valuable, translates to 44 people of 62 respondents, which is a particularly confined sample size. If you included the 4 people who did not return the survey, the figure of 71% drops to 66%.

Results- JO Pilot Schemes.

Interestingly, Central NSW, according to KJA, was most critical of the Pilot and evaluation process. The five Pilot JO projects focused on the Hunter, Namoi, Illawarra, Riverina and Central NSW. The outcomes attributed to those Pilot JO Projects are listed as follows-

1. **Hunter.** The JO Pilot focused on regional Tourism. The Pilot JO worked with Tourism Hunter, reviewed existing strategies and agreed a regional position and provided a submission to the review of regional tourism organisations in NSW conducted by Destination NSW in 2015. It is suggested that the work undertaken by the Pilot JO could have easily been undertaken by an existing ROC or Council and in that context, the outcome does not justify the creation of a new bureaucracy with associated costs.
2. **Riverina.** The JO Pilot focused on enhancing freight transport planning and industrial land development and built on earlier work by REROC in response to a need for a mapping solution to help the region cope with approx. 41 million tonnes of freight passing through its roads each year. Coolamon Shire prepared an interactive map for the project and the outcome for the project was the enhancement of the Regional Freight Transport Plan underpinned by the work undertaken by Coolamon Shire Council on the interactive mapping platform. Again, there is nothing to suggest that the outcome could not have been achieved by either REROC or a Council and of note, the project simply built on existing work already undertaken by REROC and Coolamon Shire. To suggest that the Pilot JO should be responsible for outcome alone given REROC and Coolamon Shires previous input would possibly be problematic.
3. **Namoi.** The JO Pilot worked with RDA Northern Inland in 2015 to undertake a cost benefit analysis to inform a business case to advocate funding for Main Road Manilla to Boggabri Rangari Road. Council's and ROC's throughout NSW and indeed other states have been undertaking cost/benefit analyses for some years, and would have been able to conduct the analysis and collaborative efforts in this matter and not require another level of bureaucracy and cost in the writers view.
4. **Illawarra.** The Illawara JO Pilot is partnering with the NSW and Commonwealth Governments to deliver a Youth employment action plan. A joint tender process was undertaken to develop the plan and the University of Technology Sydney Centre for Local Government excellence was appointed to develop the plan and broker commitments to address youth unemployment across the region. There is some question as to whether it is efficient to have discussions between tiers of Government to appoint a contractor via tender to deliver a plan to seek non-binding commitments from prospective employers. One cannot help think that the cost of the process undertaken in this project would have been better translated into direct funding of employment generating projects in the area. In any event, there is no evidence that the work undertaken in this area could not have been executed by either a ROC or Council alone.
5. **Central NSW.** The Central NSW JO Pilot “developed a multi-criteria infrastructure assessment tool to determine alignment with State and Federal Funding priorities”. In lay terms, each council provides advice on local and regional priority infrastructure projects which is fed into a spreadsheet that ranks the projects in a priority order informed by criteria from State and Commonwealth funding programs. Again, such a tool could be developed by either a ROC or Council and there is no evidence to suggest the outcome achieved is a direct result of the capability alone of a JO. Of

interest, the Bell's line of Road project has been listed for a significant period of time using this method and it has not succeeded in being included in the State Governments Infrastructure plan for the future which was recently released publicly, so the desired outcomes are not being achieved through this JO pilot project.

Community of Interest.

Lithgow City Council does not have a strong community of interest with CENTROC, apart from lobbying for the Bells line of Road which when implemented will benefit regional NSW generally. Recently Lithgow's "stand alone" community of interest was acknowledged by the Department of Premier and Cabinet through their Centre for Regional Economic Development which is working with Lithgow Council to develop its own "Functional Economic Review" and Regional Economic Strategy. The Centre for Regional Economic Development has identified that Lithgow is more commercial /industrial and less agricultural in economic nature than other regional LGA's.

Office of Local Government.

The Office of Local Government (OLG) has advocated strongly for Councils to become members of the Joint Organisations, though they do point out that the decision is one for Councils to make and is purely voluntary. A copy of relevant correspondence from the OLG is attached for information.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Nil. OLG has indicated that membership of Joint Organisations is voluntary. In such situations no penalty can apply for Council exercising its right to not join at this time. Should Council join the Joint Organisation, it would not be able to resign its membership and would potentially be subject to changes it may not agree with if the State Government of the day amended JO legislation.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- Budget approved – None approved
- Cost centre -
- Expended to date – CENTROC membership is currently \$ per annum
- Future potential impact – Should Council join the JO, there would be additional ongoing operational costs associated with the running of the Joint Organisation. Council is reminded of the recent attempt by CENTROC to seek additional funds from member Councils to run Central west Tourism which entity CENTROC agreed to take over.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil. OLG has indicated that membership of Joint Organisations is voluntary. In such situations no penalty can apply for Council exercising its right to not join at this time. Should Council join the Joint Organisation, it would not be able to resign its membership and would potentially be subject to changes it may not agree with if the State Government of the day amended JO legislation.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Fit for the Future- Background Paper Joint Organisations- Towards a new model of regional collaboration
2. Joint Organisation Pilot Evaluation Summary report- KJA engaging solutions.
3. Correspondence OLG dated 1 December 2017.
4. Correspondence OLG dated 20 December 2017.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council:

1. Not seek membership to any Joint Organisation at this time and
2. Advise the Office of Local Government of its decision.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENT REPORTS

**ITEM-3 ECDEV - 22/01/18 - PLANNING AGREEMENT FOR SUBDIVISION
 DA225-16 1 LOT INTO 25 KIRKLEY STREET SOUTH BOWENFELS**

REPORT BY: DIRECTOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENT

REFERENCE

Min no. 17 – 263 Ordinary meeting 25 September 2017

SUMMARY

To seek endorsement of the Draft Voluntary Planning Agreement with Tri-Firma Pty Ltd for DA225/16 subdivision 1 into 25 at Kirkley Street, South Bowenfels NSW 2790.

COMMENTARY

Development Application DA225/16 was supported for a subdivision of 1 lot into 25 at Kirkely Street South Bowenfels at Council meeting on 25 September 2017. The application was subsequently approved after the gazettal of Amendment No. 2 of Lithgow Local Environmental Plan 2014, on 13 October 2017.

The applicant proposed an offer for a Voluntary planning Agreement on the 27 July 2017 for the following:

- \$138,000 in total being \$6,000 (per residential lot) to go toward community facilities and open space; and
- \$4,500 of works in kind for the construction of a concrete cycle path 3m wide at the end of the road servicing the sewer pump station to the northern boundary.

A Draft Planning Agreement has now been prepared for endorsement so the required public notification process may proceed.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Policy 7.10 – Planning Agreements applies. The Policy provides that a draft VPA is to be reported to Council for approval to be placed on public exhibition and also for final endorsement, following exhibition.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- Budget approved - NA
- Cost centre - NA
- Expended to date - NA
- Future potential impact – The endorsement of a Voluntary Planning Agreement will assist Council to provide facilities which will be of benefit towards a public purpose.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

The legislative basis for the Planning Agreement is incorporated in the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* (EP&A Act) (Sections 93F – 93L) and the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulations 2000* (Clauses 25B – 25H). Section 935 of the EP&A

Act provides that public notice must be given of a proposed Planning Agreement for at least 28 days before it can be entered into.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Draft Voluntary Planning Agreement with Tri-Firma Pty Ltd

RECOMMENDATION

THAT:

1. Council endorse the Draft Voluntary Planning Agreement proposed by Tri-Firma Pty Ltd for DA225/16 being for \$138,000 in total being \$6,000 (per residential lot) to go toward community facilities and open space and \$4,500 of works in kind for the construction of a concrete cycle path 3m wide at the end of the road servicing the sewer pump station to the northern boundary
2. The Draft Voluntary Planning Agreement for the Tri-Firma Pty Ltd for DA225/16 be placed on public exhibition for a period of 28 days.

FINANCE AND ASSETS REPORTS

ITEM-4 FIN - 22/01/18 - COUNCIL INVESTMENT REPORT - NOVEMBER 2017

REPORT BY: CHIEF FINANCIAL & INFORMATION OFFICER

REFERENCE

Min No 17-352: Ordinary meeting of Council held on 27 November 2017

SUMMARY

To advise Council of investments held as at 30 November 2017 and to note the certification of the Responsible Accounting Officer that funds have been invested in accordance with legislation, regulations and Council policy.

COMMENTARY

Council’s total investment portfolio, as at 30 November 2017 when compared to 31 October 2017, has increased by \$1,400,000.00 from \$30,300,000.00 to \$31,700,000.00. Cash in Council’s bank account increased by \$893,506.86 from \$212,616.31 to \$1,106,123.17.

There is an overall increase in cash and investments of \$2,293,506.86 since 31 October 2017, mainly due to cash inflows from the payment of rating instalments.

If the movement in the bank account is negative, this is shown as a net redemption. If the movement in the bank account is positive this is shown as a net new investment.

The movement in Investments for the month of November 2017 were as follows:

Opening Balance of cash and investments as 01 November 2017	\$30,512,616.31
Plus New Investments – October 2017	\$9,293,506.86
Less Investments redeemed – October 2017	-\$7,000,000.00
Closing Balance of cash and investments as at 30 November 2017	\$32,806,123.17

A large proportion of Council’s investments are held as restricted assets for specific purposes. Restricted assets may consist of externally restricted assets which must be spent for the purpose for which they have been received (e.g. Water, Wastewater, Stormwater, Domestic Waste, Parking) or internally restricted assets which have been set aside by Council resolution. Some internal restrictions are held to fund specific liabilities such as employee leave entitlements and bonds and deposits.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Investments are held in accordance with the Lithgow City Council's Investment Policy at the date of investing funds. On 14 August 2017, Council adopted a revised Investment Policy which includes the Minister’s Investment Order of 12 January 2011.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- Budget approved - \$233,454 (investment income)

- Cost centre - 3259
- Received to date - \$282,046
- Future potential impact – Nil

Interest is paid on the maturity date of the investment. The budget for interest income is determined by the average level of funds held and the rate of return. Adjustments to the budget estimate are processed through Council's Quarterly Budget Review process. Interest Returns are determined by average funds invested and the rate of interest return.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

Investments are held in accordance with the Lithgow City Council's Investment Policy at the date of investing the funds. On 14 August 2017 Council adopted a revised Investment Policy and investments comply with this Policy.

CERTIFICATION OF THE RESPONSIBLE ACCOUNTING OFFICER

I hereby certify that the investments listed in the report have been made in accordance with Section 625 of the Local Government Act 1993, clause 212 of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2005 and Council's Investments Policy.

Ross Gurney

Chief Financial and Information Officer (Responsible Accounting Officer)

ATTACHMENTS

1. Investment Register 2017/18

RECOMMENDATION

THAT:

1. Investments of \$31,700,000.00 and cash of \$1,106,123.17 for the period ending 30 November 2017 be noted.
2. The enclosed certificate of the Responsible Accounting Officer be noted.

ORGANISATION DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNITY

ITEM-5 COMM - 22/01/18 - STATUS UPDATE ON COUNCIL GRANT APPLICATIONS

REPORT BY: MANAGER COMMUNITY AND CULTURE

SUMMARY

This report provides an update on the status of a number of recent grant applications submitted by Council.

COMMENTARY

The following table details the status of a number of grant applications submitted to various State Government grant programs.

Funding Program	Amount requested and Council Contribution	Status
Regional Cultural Fund		
Union Theatre upgrade Enhanced facilities and equipment to cater for local and visiting performances.	\$775,664 request plus \$350,000 Council contribution from Building Reserve Fund.	Council's application has been shortlisted to proceed to full application stage, to be submitted by 3 April 2018
Community Building Partnership Program		
Portland and Wallerawang skatepark enhancements Construct new skateparks and associated works at Portland and Wallerawang	\$100,000 request (\$50,000 per skatepark) plus \$200,000 Council contribution (\$100,000 per skatepark in current year budget)	Unsuccessful, however funding to be sought through Liquor and Gaming Infrastructure Grants in May 2018.
CCTV upgrades Upgrade CCTV at Tony Luchetti sportsground and install additional camera in lower end of Main St between Library and Queen Elizabeth park	\$16,000 request Plus \$16,000 Council contribution	Application successful for \$10,000.
Lithgow Girl Guides Hall improvements Asbestos Removal	\$17,925 request Plus \$17,925 Council contribution	Unsuccessful
Lithgow Tennis Club improvements	\$115,000 request	Unsuccessful

Funding Program	Amount requested and Council Contribution	Status
Construct 4 new hotshot courts (smaller tennis courts) and a new practice hitting wall.		
Rydal Toilets Construct new accessible public toilets in Rydal	\$60,000 request Plus \$90,000 Council contribution in reserve.	Unsuccessful
Tourism Demand Driver Infrastructure Program 2017/18		
Blast furnace Toilets and Lighting Install carpark and pathway lighting, lighting of heritage features and provide power for events. Install dual self-cleaning toilet.	\$240,000 request Plus \$240,000 approved Council contribution from Building Reserve Fund.	Application shortlisted and awaiting formal advice.
Stronger Country Communities Fund		
Adventure Playground Construct adventure playground in Endeavour Park Lithgow	\$1,042,308 funding request Plus \$327,000 Council contribution from Centennial Coal Community Contribution	Awaiting outcome
Lithgow Tennis Club improvements Construct 4 new hotshot courts (smaller tennis courts) and a new practice hitting wall.	\$109,110 funding request Plus \$20,000 Council contribution	Awaiting outcome
Lithgow Basketball Court Improvements Replacement of clocks, scoreboards, backboards and rings, seating bays, lighting systems and the refurbishment of flooring to bring facilities in-line with national sporting standards.	\$225,198 request Plus \$20,000 Council contribution and \$9,500 contribution by Lithgow Basketball Association	Awaiting outcome
Farmers Creek Masterplan Construction of environmental and recreational works along Farmers Creek.	\$400,000 request Plus \$120,000 Council contribution	Awaiting outcome

Funding Program	Amount requested and Council Contribution	Status
Restart NSW (Resources for Regions Fund)		
Stage 2 CBD Revitalisation Works Council has applied to Resources for Regions for contributing funds for the implementation of Stage 2 of the Lithgow CBD Revitalisation Action Plan. Stage 2 works involve the replacement of paving on Main Street from Cook Plaza to Bridge Street, revitalisation of Pioneer Park and improvements to the pedestrian crossing adjacent to Pioneer Park.	\$1,159,600 request Plus \$1,246,492 Council Contribution	An EOI has been submitted to Resources for Regions Fund and Council has now been shortlisted to proceed to the full application stage. The next stage of the application is due for submission on 22 January.
Cullen Bullen Waste Water Collection and Treatment System	\$4,800,000 request plus \$2,000,000 Council contribution	Successful
Regional Sporting Infrastructure Fund		
Wallerawang Stadium Upgrade works	\$1,628,602 request Plus \$50,000 Council contribution	Awaiting advice
EPA Waste Less Recycle More Program		
Construction of Resource Recovery Centre (RRC) for Lithgow Solid Waste Facility	\$1,000,000 request plus \$1,500,000 Council contribution.	Awaiting advice
Community Recycling Centre for Lithgow Resource Recovery Centre (RRC).	\$148,000 request	Successful application. Will be constructed in coordination with the RRC
Landcare NSW Landcare Officer	Fully funded 0.5 FTE position from June 2016 to June 2019.	Successful \$175,000 awarded.
Public Reserve Management Fund Program	Continuation of weed control works within Hassan's Walls Reserve.	Successful \$30,000 awarded.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

NIL

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- Budget approved – Council's matching contributions detailed in table above.
- Cost centre -
- Expended to date -
- Future potential impact -

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

NIL

RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council note the report on the status of recent grant applications submitted by Council.

NOTICE OF MOTION

ITEM-6 NOTICE OF MOTION - 22/01/18 - PORTLAND POOL WATER ACCOUNT

REPORT BY: COUNCILLOR W MCANDREW

COMMENTARY

Portland Pool is operated and maintained by a not for profit group of local Portland volunteers and has been operating for many years.

Portland Pool provides swimming and social facilities and activities to our Portland and nearby residents and ratepayers.

It is a great supplement to our main Lithgow Aquatic Centre.

As can be seen from the attached invoice, the water bill for 81 days last year amounted to \$9,593.76, the majority of which fell into the business tier two level of \$4.74/kl.

This, in my strong view is far too onerous a cost on a not for profit volunteer group providing an important asset for our community.

As the bill has already been paid to Council, I propose the following recommendation.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Portland Pool water/sewerage usage account dated 12/12/2017

RECOMMENDATION

THAT:

1. Council by way of donation refund the amount of \$9,593.76 to the Portland Olympic Pool Ass Inc.
2. The Mayor, Deputy Mayor and General Manager meet with the Portland Olympic Pool Ass Inc. as soon as possible to discuss options regarding future water usage costs at the Pool.

Management Comment:

That Council note that there has been a contribution paid by Council in recent years to assist with Portland pool's operating costs. In 2017/18, the annual contribution paid by Council was increased from \$30,000 to \$35,000.

**ITEM-7 NOTICE OF MOTION - 22/1/18 - TOURISM SIGNAGE FOR PORTLAND
AND WALLERAWANG**

REPORT BY: COUNCILLOR MCANDREW

COMMENTARY

It has been brought to my attention that Portland and Wallerawang are both lacking visible Tourist Destination Signs on both the Castlereagh and Great Western Highways.

Large signs indicating “Towns of Yesteryear”, “Historic Sites”, Camping and Fishing etc would be a huge advantage in pulling people off the highways into both towns for a visit and stay.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT That Council pursue State and Federal Funding opportunities for Tourist Destination Signs for entrances to the towns of Portland and Wallerawang from both the Castlereagh and Great Western Highways.

CONFIDENTIAL COUNCIL

**ITEM-8 CONFIDENTIAL - CLOSED COUNCIL - OPER - 22/01/18 -
 CARETAKERS DEED - RENEWAL OF CONTRACT BETWEEN LCC
 AND LAKE LYELL RECREATION PARK LTD**

REPORT BY: DIRECTOR OPERATIONS

Reason for Confidentiality

This report is **CONFIDENTIAL** in accordance with Section 10A (2) (d) (i) of the Local Government Act 1993, which permits the meeting to be closed to the public for business relating to the following:

- (d) Commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed:
 - (i) Prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it.

SUMMARY

A request has been received from the Lake Lyell Recreation Park Pty Ltd to exercise an option of continuing the caretakers' role as detailed in the Caretakers Deed that was signed between Council and representatives of the Lake Lyell Recreation Park Pty Ltd in February 2013.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council consider the report in relation to Caretakers Deeds – Renewal of Contract Between Lithgow City Council and Lake Lyell Recreation Park Ltd in closed council in accordance with Section 10A (2) (d)(i) of the Local Government Act 1993.

ITEM-9 CONFIDENTIAL COUNCIL - FIN - 22/01/18 - ASSET MANAGEMENT SOLUTION

REPORT BY: CHIEF FINANCIAL AND INFORMATION OFFICER

Reason for Confidentiality

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- (d) commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed:
 - (i) prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it.

SUMMARY

To advise Council of plans to implement an Asset Management Solution and to recommend the appointment of a preferred technology provider to implement the solution.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council consider the report in relation to Asset Management Solution in Closed Council in accordance with Section 10A (2) (d) of the Local Government Act 1993.

BUSINESS OF GREAT URGENCY

In accordance with Clause 241 of the Local Government (General) Regulations 2005 business may be transacted at a meeting of Council even though due notice of the business has not been given to the Councillors. However, this can happen only of:

- a) *A motion is passed to have the business transacted at the meeting; and*
- b) *The business proposed to be brought forward is ruled by the Chairperson to be of great urgency.*